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Next Tuesday

Governor Fletcher will visit Rockcastle

Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher will visit Mt. Vernon next Tuesday to speak at the Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce Luncheon. During the meeting, Governor Fletcher will present checks to local officials for various Rockcastle County community projects, according to his press secretary Jodi Whitaker.

"My administration is committed to building strong communities across the Commonwealth," said Governor Fletcher.

"I look forward to visiting with the Rockcastle Chamber of Commerce and to presenting local leaders with funding for projects that will benefit the community," he added.

The luncheon will be at noon in the conference room of Community Trust Bank on the Hwy. 461 by-pass.

Chamber president Mike Blount said the meeting is open to the public, but those interested in attending should contact Jenny Sweet or Jamie Fain at (606) 256-1111 as soon as possible.

Blount said that seating is limited.



Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher will be in Rockcastle County next Tuesday.

Saturday afternoon Benefit show at Renfro for UNITE Coalition

Renfro Valley Entertainment Center is planning a benefit performance for the Rockcastle UNITE Coalition this Saturday afternoon in the New Barn Theatre at 1 p.m.

All proceeds go to the Un-
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Members of the Brodhead, Western and Mt. Vernon fire departments, along with EMTs from the Rockcastle Ambulance Service, are shown removing RCHS senior Luke Ott from his vehicle, which he wrecked around 7:30 a.m. Thursday morning on the way to school. Officials said he suffered from a concussion and fractures. Ott, who was wearing his seat belt, ran off the road at the bottom of Hall's Hill on Hwy. 150, crossed a creek and hit a tree and the embankment of the creek. Rescue workers Steve Griffin, Matt Martin and Ray Denny, who called the wreck in, are shown above after the jaws of life was used to free Ott. Ott has since returned to school at RCHS.

Thieves steal \$5,900, Corbin man arrested

By: Richard Anderkin

Quick reaction time and being at right place at the right time helped send three members of a Corbin family to jail last Thursday evening.

Around 12:30 p.m. Rockcastle 911 received a call about a robbery at the residence of Wanda Tankersley on Three Links Road.

Mrs. Tankersley, an elderly woman, told police that three

male subjects had taken a considerable amount of cash from her purse after she let them into the residence on the pretense of getting a drink of water and using the bathroom.

According to a news release from Rockcastle County Sheriff Mike Peters' office, after the subjects left Mrs. Tankersley stated she thought something was wrong and, upon checking, found that a large amount of

cash had been taken from her purse which was located in a bedroom, near the bathroom.

Mrs. Tankersley gave 911 a description of the vehicle, the subjects and the direction they were traveling.

"I had 911 contact the Jackson County Sheriff's Department and Kentucky State Police in Richmond to attempt to lo-

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Livingston firefighters along with Chief Sam Stallworth, at the top of the photo and Andy Elder work to extinguish a blaze that broke out around 4 a.m. Friday just South of Livingston on U.S. 25. The blaze destroyed an abandoned building but was spreading into the woods when firefighters arrived. Also at the early morning scene were firefighters Ed Lyle and Robin Lay. Very few forest fires have been reported in Rockcastle County this fire season.

\$5 million facility being built in Richmond

Hospice asks Fiscal Court for help

Representatives of Hospice Care Plus met with members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court at their regular meeting Tuesday to make their plea for a contribution to their new facility which will provide in-house nursing care for terminally ill patients which can't be managed in their own home.

Gale McGinnis, RN, Execu-

tive Director of Hospice Care Plus told the court that the \$5 million facility will be built on land donated by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Isaacs from Richmond adjacent to the Sherwin-Williams factory.

The 12-bed facility will cover a six county area: Rockcastle, Madison, Lee, Estill, Jackson and Owsley and

will be the third facility of its kind in the state and is expected to be completed in late December of early January of 2008.

McGinnis said there was still \$850,000 needed for the difference between construction costs and the grants that have been obtained and a mortgage.

Magistrate William Denny and County Attorney Bill

Reynolds both said their families had had personal experience with Hospice and spoke very favorably of the care extended.

However, no decision was reached on a donation by the court. County Judge/Executive Buzz Carloftis, who is a member of the Hospice board, told

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Miracle admits to possession of counterfeit bills

By Richard Anderkin

A Rockcastle County man is behind bars this week after he admitted to having \$1,600 in counterfeit bills in his possession on Tuesday afternoon.

According to Kentucky State Police Detective Gary Lane, Raymond Miracle, 39, of Lawrence Lane, Mt. Vernon was stopped by Steve Long, a Kentucky State Trooper with the Special Response Team in a routine traffic stop, for erratic driving, on Super Test Hill around 5 p.m.

According to Lane, when Long stopped Miracle he found the \$1,600, which was made up of 56 bills in denominations of \$20s and \$100s. "Raymond said he knew the bills were counterfeit and they belonged to him," Lane said. "He had not passed any of the bills here, but elsewhere," Lane said.

Miracle, who is on federal probation, was placed under a \$250,000 cash bond and is due back in court for a preliminary

hearing next Monday. He was charged with 56 counts of criminal possession of a forged instrument.

Lane said, at press time Wednesday, that police had located the equipment used to make the "fake" money and that other arrests would be made by the end of the day (Wednesday).

Rockcastle County Attorney

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39-year-old Raymond Miracle was arrested for possession of counterfeit money.

Approves school calendar

School board votes for new treatment plant at Roundstone

The Rockcastle County Board of Education voted Tuesday night to completely replace the waste water treatment plant at Roundstone Elementary School at a cost of \$182,000.

Board member Mike Burdette, who represents the Roundstone area on the board, told fellow board members that

the current plant put off a really bad odor and has for a long time.

The plant is located behind the school near the baseball and football fields and the swing sets.

Part of the project will be to

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Grand Jury hands down 17 indictments

17 indictments were handed down last week by a Rockcastle County Grand Jury, primarily for drug-related offenses.

Named in the indictments were:

James L. Hellard, 25, of Mt. Vernon, named in a three count indictment for possession of a controlled substance, first degree/first offense; operating a

motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol/drugs, first offense and no insurance, first offense.

Three Manchester men were indicted on two counts involving robberies in the Freedom School Road area late in January of this year.

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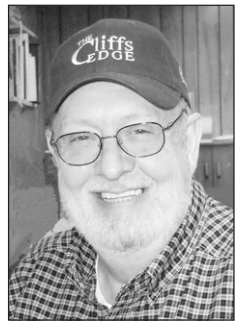
MSgt. Chris Mason presented MVES principal Leon Davidson with a framed flag Tuesday in recognition of the school's participation in sending school supplies to the children of Iraq, through Mason's unit, before Christmas break in 2006. The framed flag was engraved with a message from the 506 Air Expeditionary Group/506 Expeditionary Medical Squadron and the plaque read: Presented to the staff and administration of MVES with grateful appreciation, From the Mason Family. Let it be known that this flag was flown over the free Nation of Iraq in your honor during Operation Iraqi Freedom on the 13th day of December in the year of our Lord 2006.



The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court honored two former members of the court, three term magistrate Fred Mullins, Jr., and one term magistrate David Gibbs at their Tuesday regular monthly meeting. Above from left are: magistrates Jan Stevens, John Holbrook and Billy McKinney, former first district magistrate David Gibbs with son Dalton, County Judge-Executive Buzz Carloftis, former fourth district magistrate Fred Mullins Jr., magistrates William Denny and Ralph Allen and County Attorney Billy Reynolds.

Rockcastle Memories

By David J. Griffin



Ever wonder where the term teenager came from? Apparently, it was 1945 when Time magazine first used the word, defining it as children aged 13 to 19 who had developed their own subculture. From that time on, the subculture of youth has been uniquely its own.

In describing the lifestyle of teenagers, the magazine stated: "What these young people like to do is mess around in soda fountains, fix up old cars, listen to juke boxes, smooch, and worry about their looks." I must agree that teenagers of that day loved to spend their spare time pursuing these interests. However, by the late 50's most of us also had at least one job in order to finance our pleasures.

Each of the categories listed by Time is worth noting though because it is accurate in naming things that consumed our time.

Yes, we did spend lots of time visiting our friends in assorted cafes and soda fountains. We gathered around tables and booths filled with hamburgers and cherry Cokes. We ate potato chips by dipping them in tomato catsup. We talked and laughed while developing very

strong bonds with each other. Many of these friendships have endured over the years.

We could name the make, model, and year of every car that passed by the windows of our favorite "hang-outs". And yes, we did spend lots of time fixing up old cars. We knew which cars were "hip." We drove snazzy customized vehicles.

We spent our money on fender skirts, flipper hub caps, chrome engine parts, and dice that hung from our rear-view mirrors. Many altered their cars to fit the fad of the time. My '58 Chevy had coil springs that I cut in half to make it sit low to the ground, requiring me to slow down to a snail's pace when I needed to cross railroad tracks.

The engine of my Chevy was a six-cylinder so I split the manifold to create the sound of a customized V-8. I also had exhaust cut-outs to bypass the mufflers to get extra horse power. We took great pride in our cars. I probably used gallons of Simonize waxing my black ride. The girls always said that I had the cleanest car

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Points East

By Ike Adams

Last night between 11:30 and midnight I was launching bottle rockets.

Every dog within hearing distance, including my own, decided to get close to their owners' bedroom windows and then have a neighborhood-wide contest to see which one could yowl the loudest.

Normally a single "Screaming Dragon" or a "Flying Dixie Demon" aimed straight up will do the trick. The ones that simply go skyward and explode aren't nearly as effective. I'm absolutely convinced that it's the high pitched whistle that shuts the dogs up because it hurts their ears.

Anyway, it took three bare-foot trips on cold concrete to get the message across last night before I finally quieted them down long enough to fall asleep.

I spent my college summers in the sixties, from mid-May till mid-August, at Camp Shawnee, a Boy Scout facility on Dewey Lake. I lived in the Ranger's cabin because John, the old fellow who normally kept an eye on the place, took warm weather months off to tend his farm. This was a good thing, because he didn't care very much for teen age boys.

It was over three miles from the Camp to the nearest sign of civilization. I'd hear a boat go by once in awhile but that was

about it until camping season began and it only lasted six weeks. I had a vehicle to run into town when I needed. John also left his foxhounds, "Red Man" and "Old Crow" there to keep me company. He'd come out once a week purportedly to check on me, but I suspect he was far more concerned about the welfare of his hounds.

One Spring the U. S Army showed up with a huge truck load of surplus stuff to give the camp. Lumber, cabin tents, and even a 56 Ford pickup were strapped onto the trailer along with miscellaneous items that it would take the rest of this column to list in detail.

Among the miscellaneous stuff was a PA system complete with a turn table, a 2000 watt tube amplifier, and several speakers that weighed upwards of 100 pounds each. I'm not sure whether it was meant for an army installation in Korea or Viet Nam but this thing had never been used. If you've ever watched M.A.S.H. or Good Morning Viet Nam you've seen these things.

I spent a week mounting 4 of the speakers on top of the camp lodge so we could play revile and taps and make the occasional announcement that could be heard 5 miles away. To say that this thing was loud

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T.J.'s Journal

by: Tonya J. Cook



Dear Journal,

Recently, we have learned of the sickness and eventual death of three old friends. I must say that I'm very, very, sorry to learn of their passing.

These friends have been enduring in the time that I have known them. They've been so beautiful and very inspiring, too. These three friends that I am speaking about are the three huge maple trees in our front yard. I know that may sound silly, but I've grown very fond of these stately old trees in the four years that I've been living here.

These trees have shared their beauty for all to see in the ever-changing seasons of each year. In the summer they provide foliage to shade us on hot days, and in the spring their branches anxiously await to bud forth to indicate the warm weather and the beginning of a new planting season. In the fall, they are arrayed in the brilliance of yellow and gold. The winter finds these same branches laden with glistening snow. So, as you can see, they provide a constant

source of beauty and inspiration.

The windy days are particularly my favorite. On windy days, I often find my way to our front porch or if it's too cold outside, I pause and look out of our window. I love to watch the breezes bend their branches like invisible strings attached to the limbs of wooden puppets. My mind will soon be drifting a hundred miles away, thinking of wonderful things from the past, or dreaming of the future.

These trees have been the homes for many varieties of birds down through the years. They, too, will certainly miss these trees, and we will certainly miss the birds. Our playful squirrels are real comedians who live in the trees, as well. They run from bottom to top and back again, scampering about in the search for food. Now they will be in search of new homes.

I'm not looking forward to the day in the future when the trees will have to be cut. It will

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VIEW FROM THE BENCH

Federal Appeals Court Arms Gun Enthusiasts

The most prominent gun control decision rendered by a federal court in the last sixty-five years came last week. In a stunning 2-1 decision, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Co-



Judge David Tapp

lumbia Circuit explicitly held that the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to keep and bear arms.

The U.S. Supreme Court, which may very well choose to review last weeks decision in Parker v. District of Columbia, has not considered the scope of the Second Amendment since United States v. Miller, a 1939 decision. As one court previously noted, Supreme Court guidance on the Second Amendment is "notoriously scant".

That's what makes last week's U.S. Court of Appeals decision so important. Lower federal courts and state courts have differed widely on their interpretation of the 27 words which comprise the Second Amendment: "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed."

At issue was a District of Columbia statute which (1) bars registration of handguns, except for retired D.C. police officers, (2) prohibits the carrying of an unregistered pistol even to the extent that a firearm can not be moved from one room to another within a private residence, and (3) requires that all lawfully owned firearms be unloaded and disassembled. The citizens who brought the suit were two individuals who wanted to possess handguns in their homes for self-defense, an individual who owned a lawful shotgun but wanted to store it in his residence assembled, and a retired District of Columbia special

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Curing Wrinkles

Presented by David Brabon, MD

Everyone has heard that wrinkles are irreversible; once they develop they never go away. This is largely true. A person can not revive and rejuvenate old collagen fibers or make the skin young again.

Although a person cannot revitalize collagen or grow new fibers, he or she can smooth out the wrinkles by having collagen injected. This provides a way of replacing the fibers that have become weakened or lost. The collagen fills in the cracks that have developed in the sun-damaged skin.

The injection of collagen is not permanent, however. The collagen is a foreign substance to the body and it is gradually removed by the immune cells of the body. To keep the wrinkles away, a person may have to repeat the injection every 6-12 months.

There are few side effects from the injection. The main concern is an allergic reaction to the collagen. To avoid this type of allergic reaction, a skin test is applied before the injection.

There is a 1% chance that a person will react to the skin test. This identifies most of the people who will develop an allergy to the collagen, but a few people will not react until after the injection is done.

The reaction, if it occurs, results in a red, itchy area where the injection was given. This is more likely in persons who have other allergies, eczema, or problems with sensitive skin.

The injection is more useful for wrinkles than other types of scars such as acne pits or chicken pox scars. Whether or not collagen may be an answer to your wrinkles and scars can be determined by your doctor.



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I would like to ask you to read James 1:26-27. There the Bible speaks about religion. Fact is in these verses James mentions two types of religion. First in v.2:26 he speaks of a religion that is a religious ritual. This is the religion that Saul of Tarsus practiced. Saul's religion allowed him to persecute, kill and imprison Christians. Our world is like this today. In Gal. 1:13-14 Paul the apostle the former Saul of Tarsus talks about this. He says that he persecuted the church of God beyond measure. Later in 1 Tim.: 1-13 He states that he did it ignorantly in unbelief. His former religion is described by James mere religion is vain, empty, futile and deceiving in these verses. James talks about pure or genuine religion. In v:26 he is telling us that one who is truly religious will demonstrate it by controlled speech. This has to do with conduct. Then in v:27 he says pure religion before God and the father is to visit the fatherless, widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world. This has to do with character. It is clear that God's emphasis is not on ritual but on right living. Pure religion is Christ centered. A clean and undefiled religion is one in which our character and conduct are disciplined according to Gods word. A truly religious person will be committed to Christ. Will serve with compassion and continually obey God's word. A truly religious person will obey the word and do the work of God also.

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Obituaries

Anna Marie Stevenson

Anna Marie Griffin Stevenson, 76, of Germantown, OH, formerly of Kettering, OH, died Saturday, March 3, 2007.

Mrs. Stevens was born July 27, 1930 in Renfro Valley to Bertha Annette Griffin and Claude Griffin, Sr., one of 14 children.

Survivors include her brothers, Claude (Lena) Griffin, Jr. of Dayton, OH, John C. (Dorothy Griffin of Frankfort and George W. Griffin of Houston, TX; her sisters, Ruth Miller, Mt. Orab, OH, Georgene Day of Harnersville, OH, Julia Marker, Sardinia, OH, Martha Knight, Murray and Linda Kessinger, Leitchfield; many nieces and nephews; her very best friend of 55 years, Goldie Cox, and her constant companion/wonderful dog, Sarge, whom she loved dearly.

Besides her parents, Mrs. Stevenson was preceded in death by her loving husband, Fred Stevenson; brothers, Monroe Griffin and Arthur Griffin and sisters Edna Maue, Nanella Shivel and Dorothy Tackett.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 6th at Newcomer Funeral Home, 3940 Kettering Blvd., Kettering, OH with Paul Race officiating. Interment will follow services at David's Cemetery.

To send a special message to the family, please visit www.NewcomerFamily.com.



Sylvia Evans

Sylvia Evans, 83, of Burlington, KY died Monday March 12, 2007 at her home after a long illness. She was born on February 25, 1924 in Sand Springs the daughter of the late Charlie and Lola Stephens Marler. She was a retired factory assembler, enjoyed fishing, gardening, quilting, and was a member of the First Church of Jesus Christ.

Survivors are: three sons, Danny Evans of Burlington, KY, Robert Evans of Brooksville, FL and Junior Evans of Warsaw, KY; two daughters, Mrs. Loretta Edwards of Covington, KY and Mrs. Sue Combs of Morning View, KY; and four brothers, John Frank Marlow of Mt. Sterling, KY, Charles Marlow of Mt. Vernon, Buehl Marler of Mt. Vernon, and Ray Marler of Moorhead, KY. 11 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren, and six great great grandchildren also survive. She was preceded in death by: her husband, Luther Evans, and one son, Charles Evans.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 18, 2007 at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. James Niceley officiating. Burial will be in the Tom Stephens Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be: Travis Evans, Daniel Evans, Kenny Evans, Jonathan Marlow, Frankie Moore, and Jamie Winebrennder.

View the complete obituary at www.coxfuneralhomeky.com

Hazel Wren

Mrs. Hazel Ruth Lunsford Wren, 67, of Brodhead, widow of Morris Wren, died Tuesday, March 13th at Rockcastle Hospital.

Funeral services will be Thursday, March 15th at 2 p.m. (today) at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Wayne Harding officiating. Burial will follow in the Brodhead Methodist Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Mrs. Wren's Burial Fund at P.O. Box 658, Brodhead, Ky.

Condolences to the family at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com. A complete obituary will appear in next week's Signal.

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

March 2007 marks the seventh annual National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. Colorectal cancer, commonly referred to as "colon cancer," is the third leading cause of cancer death in both men and women. It kills more women than ovarian, uterine, and cervical cancers combined. But most of those deaths could be prevented. Colorectal screening tests can find and remove polyps before they turn into cancer, preventing the disease from occurring. And even if cancer is found, when caught early, colorectal cancer has a 90 percent survival rate in the first five years after diagnosis. Unfortunately, only 39 percent of colorectal cancers are detected at this stage.

Despite overwhelming evi-

dence that screening can save lives, many Americans still are not following recommendations from the American Cancer Society and others for early detection. Perhaps the least understood aspect of colon cancer, and the most compelling, is the fact that colon cancer can be stopped before it starts if precancerous polyps are found and removed through screening endoscopy (colonoscopy or flexible sigmoidoscopy), thereby avoiding the disease completely.

Early colon cancer often has no symptoms, which is why testing is so important. Getting tested is especially critical for Americans aged 50 and older as more than 90 percent of colon cancer cases are diagnosed in people in that age group.

When colon cancer is caught

at an early stage, it has a 90 percent survival rate. Still, fewer than four in 10 (39 percent) of these cancers are discovered at this stage. The American Cancer Society says increasing colon cancer screening among adults 50 and older represents the single greatest opportunity to decrease colon cancer death rates in this country.

The reasons for low testing rates include many misconceptions. One common misperception is that only those with a family history should be tested. While those who have a family history of the disease are at increased risk, the majority of cases occur in people whose only risk factor is their age - so everyone 50 and older should be screened. Others think testing is necessary only once symptoms

arise. Yet symptoms are often a sign that the disease has progressed into more advanced stages. Testing is most effective when a patient has no signs of illness.

"Many people 50 and older do not know that they are at risk and that they need to be screened," said Carolyn D. Runowicz, MD, national volunteer president of the American Cancer Society. "If we can increase awareness and compliance to the level we've achieved with the Pap test and the mammogram, we will have a tremendous opportunity to save thousands of lives through the prevention and early detection of colon cancer."

American Cancer Society efforts to fight colon cancer are made possible in part by support from donations to Relay For Life of Rockcastle. For more information on how to donate or be a part of Relay, contact Melissa Brock at 256-2195.

For more information about colon cancer, call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

RHRCC supports DVT Coalition

Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc. will be supporting the Coalition to Prevent Deep-Vein Thrombosis (DVT) in raising awareness of this commonly occurring medical condition and its potentially fatal complication, pulmonary embolism (PE). According to the American Heart Association, up to 2 million Americans are affected annually by DVT. Yet, most Americans (74%) have little or no awareness of DVT, according to a national survey released by the American Public Health Association (APHA).

You may have seen Melanie Bloom, widow of NBC correspondent David Bloom, serving as the national patient advocate in support of the Coalition's efforts last year on national television programs and in newspaper and magazine stories. Mrs. Bloom's personal commitment to this cause has had tremendous impact in awareness raising efforts both in the national media as well as the public policy forum.

In 2005, DVT Awareness Month was officially recognized by United States Senate Resolution 56 - and we are pleased to join this national effort to raise awareness of this serious, yet preventable condition. For March 2006 - DVT Awareness Month was driven by three simultaneous "Kickline to Kick Off DVT Awareness Month" events in New York City, Miami and Washington, D.C.

In 2007, the Coalition -- which is comprised of more than 40 representatives from nationally known medical societies, patient advocacy groups and other public health organizations -- will again dedicate March to DVT Awareness Month.

DVT Awareness Month is a multi-faceted campaign aimed at raising awareness among consumers, healthcare professionals and policy-makers about DVT and PE on a national and local level. The Coalition to Prevent DVT has spear-

headed DVT Awareness Month efforts since its launch in March 2003.

What is DVT?

DVT is a medical condition that occurs when a thrombus (blood clot) forms in one of the large veins, usually in the lower limbs, leading to either partially or completely blocked circulation. It may be caused by a variety of risk factors and triggering events, including cancer, obesity or restricted mobility due to acute medical illness, stroke, major surgery, previous DVT or respiratory failure. DVT symptoms may include tenderness, pain in the leg, swelling and discoloration or redness. The condition may result in health complications, such as PE and even death if not diagnosed and treated effectively.

Pulmonary embolism can occur when a blood clot or a fragment of it breaks loose from the wall of the vein and migrates to the lungs, where it blocks a

pulmonary artery or one of its branches. Of those who develop PE, up to 200,000 will die, which is more than from breast cancer and AIDS combined. PE signs and symptoms include shortness of breath, chest pain, coughing/coughing up blood, and fainting.

Preventative treatments for DVT include early mobilization (working to get bedridden patients up and moving around), sequential compression devices to promote blood flow, and/or anticoagulants (blood-thinning drugs).

If you think you may be at risk for DVT or PE, it is important to consult your healthcare provider. And if you think you are experiencing the symptoms of DVT or PE, you should seek medical attention immediately. For more information, visit www.dvt.net or www.preventdvt.org.

Bullock honored

Mt. Vernon City Councilman Charles Wayne Bullock was recently honored by The House of Representatives as an Outstanding Citizen.

Bullock received the legislative recognition for "outstanding, dedicated and consistent service to his community" on a motion by Rep. Danny Ford.

Besides his tenure as a city councilman for Mt. Vernon, Bullock is also PRIDE coordinator for Mt. Vernon, president of the All-American Club, an active member of the UNITE Coalition, is active in the Rockcastle Litter Abatement Program and serves as Litter Coordinator for the Rockcastle Fiscal Court.

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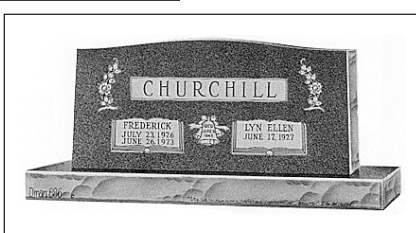
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Rockcastle Hospital presents

Dinner with a DOCTOR

Featuring a catered dinner and a presentation entitled "Health Changes As You Age" by Karen Saylor, M.D.

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The evening will also feature health education exhibits by Rockcastle Hospital, Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center, and the University of Kentucky.

Bring your medicines to our pharmacy booth, and we will answer any questions you may have about them.

Please pre-register (by March 18) by calling Susan Brown at Rockcastle Hospital (606) 256-7746.

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Our Readers Write

Rally in the Valley is March 17th...

Dear Editor,
On behalf of the Rockcastle County Middle School UNITE Club, we would like to thank Renfro Valley Entertainment Center in advance for hosting "Rally in the Valley With the Stars" on Saturday, March 17th at 1 p.m. The 90-minute performance will be held in the historic Old Barn and will feature entertainers from all the shows in Renfro Valley.

We would also like to thank the Rockcastle UNITE Coalition for their support of our school clubs. We believe that education is the key in the fight against substance abuse and the Coalition is doing great things to educate our students and parents. It is an honor to be part of a group that is making a difference.

We hope that everyone in our county takes advantage of the opportunity to attend the "Rally in the Valley With the Stars." Not only will you thoroughly enjoy the show but you will also have a chance to support the efforts of the Rockcastle UNITE Coalition. Advance tickets are only \$10 for adults and \$2 for 18 and under. At the door, the price will be \$12 and \$5. All proceeds go to the Rockcastle UNITE Coalition. Tickets are available at the Circuit Court Clerk's office, County Attorney's office, from the UNITE Clubs: Mt. Vernon Elementary, Roundstone Elementary, RCMS and RCHS, Citizens Bank and KY ASAP office. If you have any questions about the Rally, you may contact Dana Hurt at RCHS, 256-4816.

If you are unable to attend the rally, you may still want to purchase a ticket as a donation to the Rockcastle UNITE Coalition.

Again, thank you to Renfro Valley Entertainment Center for joining with us in the war against drugs. We hope to see you at the Old Barn March 17th.
RCMC UNITE Club
Morgan Hunt
Skylar Holcomb
Carl Sandlin

Severance packages are unfair...

Dear Editor,
As most of you already know, Mt. Vernon Plastics Factory is in the process of closing its doors at the end of April. We, as concerned citizens and employees of Mt. Vernon Plastics, would like the public to know just what this process holds in store for us. Most of us have been there anywhere from 15-25 years. We have worked long hard hours, lots of overtime, missed out on time with our families, time from church and time from other important things in our lives. We have to work to provide for our families and, not only have dedicated our lives to our families but we have dedicated our lives to our work. Now, let us share with you, the dedication that we are being shown from the "wonderful" Alcoa-owned company that we have given a big part of our lives to.

We hourly employees were so-o-o fortunate to get a whole two weeks severance pay for our many years of dedication to our work. If we are good little puppies and sign a document "promising" not to sue the company in the future or hold them liable for anything in the future, then they will be so-o-o generous to us puppies and give us a whole four more weeks of pay. Most of us have families to provide health coverage for, some with serious health issues, small children and pregnant wives and they are being so generous as to give us a whole month of health insurance after we lose our jobs. Aren't we so lucky to have a company who seems to care so much for our needs.

Now, let us share with you what our wonderful employer is doing for the salaried and apparently more important employees. Management, office personnel, Human Resources and supervisors are going to get two weeks of severance pay -- for ever year they have been employed -- along with a full year of health insurance coverage. And, to our knowledge, salaried employees are not being asked to sign a document

"promising" not to sue. To date, our management team, office personnel and Human Resources have not fought for a better severance package for their employees whom they supposedly care so much about.

We do not understand how in good conscious, the management that is supposed to be there for us, can wholeheartedly accept a much better severance package. This doesn't however, come as a big surprise to us. Our poor management team has never been there for the good of its employees, at least not those out on the floor, sweating in the heat, breaking our backs and even losing our limbs.

We have given our lives to a company who think we, at most, only deserve six weeks of pay. We would like to know what those of you reading this think! Do you think we have a right to be upset? Do you think our management should be fighting for our rights? Do you think this is discrimination the way we do? What is it that because we get paid by the hour, we're treated less than those who aren't? We want answers! We deserve them! We will fight for our rights!

Linda Gillium

"Journal"

(Cont. from A2)

make the yard seem so bleak and barren. I guess as we get older, we must accept change and this is just one more page in our history of life.

The change will precipitate us to change, as well. We will need to replant new trees. I suppose we will be looking forward to this when we finally accept the realization that it must be done. We'll be looking for fast-growing shade trees, and maybe some flowering varieties, as well.

I guess the only positive aspect of this is it will be an end to one of Stanley's major worries. He starts to worry about raking the fall leaves in the front yard by mid-July, at least. Maybe on second thought, we'll just go with pines.

"Points East"

(Cont. from A2)

would be an understatement. Suffice to say that the camp covered a couple thousand acres and nobody on the property would have been able to claim that they hadn't heard an announcement or didn't know that it was time to get out of the sack.

Anyway, I was demonstrating the system to Old John one day. One of the records that had come with the turn table was a 33 rpm recording of roosters crowing and his eyes lit up.

He wanted to know if he could borrow the PA system and that particular recording for a couple of days. The system had come with at least a dozen speakers and I had only used four when actually one would have been more than enough to serve the camp's purpose.

John, who actually lived about 25 miles away, had been arguing with his neighbors because their dogs barked all night. He had tried shooting a shotgun into thin air, ringing a dinner bell, and cussing loudly but neither the neighbors nor the dogs paid him any attention.

We loaded up the PA along with a couple of speakers in the back of his truck and he hauled it back to Johns Creek. Four of five days later he showed back up at camp with the system still intact and his eyes were gleaming.

He told me the story as we unloaded and hooked it back up in the lodge office.

John said he had rigged the PA up in his barn and put the speakers on the roof. For three nights straight, he had stayed up into the wee hours. Every time dogs started barking, he would play the rooster crowing record at top volume. He said it was so loud that it shook some shingles off his roof and made the windows rattle in his house.

On the third night, he stared hearing gunshots right after he played the rooster crow but by the fourth night the neighborhood was quiet as death.

"Do you mean the rooster crowing shut the dogs up," I re-

member asking him and thinking that perhaps they'd crawled up under porches, too terrified to bark?

"Nope," he said. "I reckon the neighbors shot most of their dogs and the ones they missed have run away from home."

I don't have a PA system nor a rooster recording and I'm about out of "Screaming Dragons" and "Flying Dixie Demons."

But not to worry. I'm planning a crappie trip to Norris Lake this weekend and I plan on stocking back up while I'm in Tennessee.

"Bench"

(Cont. from A2)

peace officer who was lawfully permitted to carry his firearm at work in the judicial center but was denied a permit to allow him to privately own a handgun.

Two primary views regarding the interpretation of the Second Amendment have emerged in a longstanding debate. "Collective rights theorists" contend that the Second Amendment protects the rights of the states to arm militias. This position is based upon the prefatory language of the Amendment: "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State. . . ." The second view, referred to as the "individual rights theory, which was adopted by the Court, focuses on the operative language of the Amendment: "[T]he right of the People to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed."

The latter approach compares the express language of the Second Amendment to other guarantees contained in the Bill of Rights, such as the Fourth Amendment's language which protects the right of the people to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures.

In sum, the majority decision in Parker holds that the Amendment preserves the right, which existed prior to the formation of the United States government, of individuals to possess firearms for private uses (such as hunting and self-defense) and civic purposes (preservation of the citizen militia). The Court emphasized both: "Despite the importance of the Second Amendment's civil purpose . . . the activities it protects are not limited to militia service, nor is an individual's enjoyment of the right contingent upon his or her continued or intermittent enrollment in the militia."

While this decision sets the stage for continued litigation over the Second Amendment, including the likelihood that the U.S. Supreme Court may soon hear arguments, a recent Kentucky Supreme Court case also expressly recognizes a citizens' right to bear arms.

In November, 2006, the Kentucky Supreme Court issued its opinion in Brewer v. Commonwealth, an appeal from a criminal conviction for organized crime and drug trafficking. At issue in that case was the Commonwealth's efforts to forfeit firearms belonging to the defendant when no evidence linked the firearms to his crimes. While upholding the right of prosecutors to forfeit firearms in appropriate cases, but not automatically upon any drug related conviction, the Kentucky Supreme Court held that "citizens have a constitutional right to bear arms. . . ." That right is derived not only from our state Constitution but the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution as applied to the states through the Fourteenth Amendment.

The national debate is certainly not over. But few could disagree that these recent developments are additional ammunition in the expected battle over the interpretation of the Second Amendment.

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Pictured are the first place finishers from the Automotive, Electricity and Welding programs at Rockcastle County Area Technology Center during the Skills USA regional competition in London, KY on March 2, 2007.

Skills USA Regional Competition at London

48 students from the Automotive, Electricity and Welding programs at Rockcastle County Area Technology Center attended the Skills USA regional competition in London, KY on March 2, 2007. The students competed in various skills and leadership contests against several other schools in the Southeast Region. Students obtained 13 first place medals, 9 second place and 12 third place. The staff at RATC greatly appreciates their dedication and hard work in preparing for the contest. First place winners will have the opportunity to represent Rockcastle County at the State Skills USA Competition April 2-5 in Louisville, KY. The Rockcastle Co. ATC has 5 programs: Automotive, Electricity, Health Science, Office Technology and Welding. Construction is well underway on the new Area Technology Center, located next to RCHS, which is scheduled to open in 2008.

Students placing and receiving medals are as follows:

- Job Interview*
Stephanie Graves – 1st
- Job Demo A* Aaron Graves – 3rd
- Job Demo B* Jacob Renner – 1st
- Tommy Spencer – 2nd
- Action Skills*
Mitchell Weaver – 1st
Josh Ballard – 2nd

Industrial Motor Control

- David Carpenter – 1st
- Justin W. Hensley – 2nd
- Derrick Carpenter – 3rd

Automotive Tech

- Nathaniel Mullins – 2nd
- Outstanding Chapter*
Danielle Alexander – 1st
- Lisa Robinson – 1st

Bulletin Board

- Morgan Campbell – 1st
- Jennifer Horn – 1st

Poster

- Austin Barron – 1st
- Josh Willis – 3rd

Pledge

- Sasha Thrush – 1st

Trade Pin

- Jon Weaver – 2nd
- Chapter Display*
Cody Debord – 1st
- Aaron Edester – 1st

Creed

- Kenny Mason – 2nd
- John Higgins – 3rd

Prepared Speech

- Kenny Hansel – 1st
- Angel Smith – 2nd

Extemporaneous Speaking

- Kirsten Willis – 3rd

Extemporaneous Writing

- Nathan Rada – 2nd

Technical Spelling

- Raj Patel – 1st
- Cheyenne Willis – 2nd

Opening/Closing Team – 3rd

- Amanda Miller
- Bryan Robinson
- Logan Cable
- Kevin Begley
- Max Robbins
- Dakota McFerron
- Nick Doan

Minds in the Middle

The following students and their families were fortunate to be selected as "Mom and Dad Go to College" Gear Up participants. Last Saturday, Kristen Baker, Starla Bond, Josh Trump, Carl Sandlin, Kasey Hopkins, Lester Senters, Catherine Hounshell, Rachel Halcomb, Amelia Smith and Austin McCollum and their families were able to have a very informative visit at Union College.

We wish the best to RCMS 7th grader Sarah Woodall, who will be participating in the state spelling bee competition this Saturday in Louisville. Sarah will represent Rockcastle County as the district winner.

RCMS Unite Club members are selling tickets to Rally in the Valley. The program will be a full 90-minute Renfro Valley Music Show with all proceeds going to the Rockcastle Unite Coalition. Tickets are available from Unite members at the discounted price of \$12.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students. For more information, contact Ms. Cromer or Mrs. Hale at 256-5118.

Congratulations to the members of the RCMS 8th grade band who performed with the District 11 Middle School Honors Band. Tara Baldwin, Dalton Hutton, and Matthew Fields, along with top band members from across the district, gave a concert at Madison Central High School. We also congratulate those band members who performed at the KMEA Solo and Ensemble Festival. Rachel Hensley and Skylar Holcomb scored proficient solo performances and Ethan Miller, Dalton Hutton, and Matthew Fields had distinguished performances.

Next Tuesday will be the Annual RCMS Reality Store. The 7th graders will be going throughout their "reality town" paying their monthly bills with their assigned monthly salary. Salary will be based upon the student's GPA, attendance, and career interest.

Congratulations to Mrs. Donna Roberts' 8th grade Challengers homeroom on winning the weekly attendance race. Mrs. Ritchie's 7th graders came in second place, followed by Mrs. Pam Martin's 8th grade Challengers group in third place.

Congratulations to 8th grader Taylor Anderkin on being chosen for the People to People Student Ambassadors Program. Taylor will have a 20 day exchange in Europe which will consist of meetings with government officials, educational activities, and home stays with host families. What an exciting opportunity for Taylor!

Several RCMS Unite Club members attended the MVES Unite Club meeting on Friday. The students performed a skit which portrayed the harmful effects of using inhalants. The cast included Morgan Hunt, Kara Canterbury, Katie Cowan, Jennifer Hackworth, Hannah Eaton, Hannah Bullock, Marie Poynter, and Emily Clark.

Our 6th grade Reading Bravo students did a fantastic job hosting the Rockcastle Public Library Story Hour on Tuesday. The students per-

formed a play, Denizens of the Deep, for the preschoolers, helped them with crafts and shared snacks with the group. We were thrilled to have them visit our media center and hope to have them back again!

The 8th grade social studies BRAVO students are creating either a MovieMaker presentation or display board featuring an historical event. The students have been researching the event they will feature in their presentation using the wireless lab in the media center. Some of the topics include: Wildcat Mountain's role in the Civil War, how Jefferson Davis and Abraham Lincoln, both native Kentuckians, handled presidency during the Civil War, the beginning of the women's rights movement, and Prohibition. These students are finding fascinating facts to include in their presentations!

Our seventh grade reading BRAVO class is working on Practical/Workplace reading. The students are split into 3 groups: Culinary Talent Development, How-to Demonstrations, and Public Service Announcements. From those categories the students chose a project to focus on. Our chefs will be preparing an Italian theme meal complete with table decorations as a culminating event for the class. We have subgroups in the How-To group; two students are doing a PowerPoint on how to download music to an MP-3 Player. Another group is demonstrating how to dissect a cow eyeball via video, and the final two students are demonstrating sign language basics in a multimedia format. Our PSA group has also subdivided. Three students are creating a website to share with their peers how society can have negative effects on teens. Another group is creating a visual model to demonstrate the need for All-Terrain Vehicle safety, and our last group is informing our school of the risks of abortions via morning announcements. All of the students are hard at work reading Practical/Workplace articles, recipes, manuals, etc. and are having fun!

RCMS cares about our Troops!

Our school will be collecting change to purchase basketballs for our troops stationed in Iraq. Our efforts will be concentrated on the 149th Mountain Warriors from KY. SS David Owens, a Rockcastle County graduate and former teacher, serves with the Mountain Warriors and has been corresponding with the students from the Adventurers Team. Recently, when asked about help with needs, SS Owens requested a basketball and a pump, but we all know we can do more than that! Therefore, students can also bring in bottles of mouthwash, toothpaste and toothbrushes or they can bring in money to purchase these after the expense of the basketballs has been made. Please join our efforts to help out our troops.

The Shooting Stars and Adventurers teams will be sponsoring an after school dance this Friday. Students must have team and parental permission in order to attend and should be picked up at 5:00 p.m.

RCMS Book Review...

By Brittany Boreing

In this *Magic Tree House* adventure, the two kids, Jack and Annie, are trying to find the fourth writing for their friend Morgan's library. She tells them that the writing is in Los Angeles. They open a book about L.A., wish that they could be there, and then they are. After they arrive there, there is an earthquake. They meet two boys and their aunt. The last piece of writing is found when the oldest boy is writing on a piece of wood and he gives it to Jack. My favorite part of the book came at the end when Jack and Annie give the four writings to the king.

I have always loved the *Magic Tree House* series of books. *Earthquake in the Early Morning* is another great, exciting adventure by the awesome author Mary Pope Osborne

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Mt. Vernon Message

School News

The last day of this grading period is Friday, March 16. Report cards will go home on Friday, March 23.

Friday, March 16 is the final day to return forms to the library for Grandparent's Day. Please watch your child's backpack for more information.

Project Wisdom Readers for last week were:

- Monday: Sara Alcorn
 - Tuesday: Heaven Davidson
 - Wednesday: Jonah Pillion
 - Thursday: Abigail Bray
- Project Wisdom quote for this week is: "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."

Family Resource Center News

Family Nutrition Night is scheduled for Monday, March 12 at 6:00.

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 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.



Students at Mt. Vernon Elementary pictured with MSgt. Chris Mason, who presented the school with a framed American flag that was flown over the free Nation of Iraq. The students sent school supplies to the children of Iraq, through Mason's unit, before Christmas break in 2006. MSgt. Mason presented the flag in appreciation of the students' efforts.



Students are shown with a banner they made for MSgt. Mason.

Rockcastle Middle Called School Council Meeting March 20th, 6:00 PM RCMS Media Center

The purpose of the meeting is to receive input from parents about the proposed 8th grade Awards Program for the 2007-2008 School Year

In Mt. Vernon

Central Baptist Church and Christian School

By: Richard Anderkin
 Central Baptist Church has its earliest beginning in 1963 when, under the authority of Bethlehem Baptist Temple of Ludlow, a mission was established in Mt. Vernon. Originally, members of the Bethlehem Baptist Mission assembled in a home. Soon, however a storefront was secured on West Main Street in the Fair-

ground Hill area of the city. On June 5th, 1964, the Bethlehem Baptist Mission was organized into Central Baptist Church with 20 charter members. In September of 1964, the church purchased 1.35 acres on which the church building and parsonage now stand, just off U.S. 25 South at the corner of Maintenance and Central Lanes.

The members and visitors of the Central Baptist Church enjoy church, "the way it used to be," with spirit-filled singing and old fashioned bible preaching," said Pastor Mark Eaton. Currently, Central Baptist directly supports 23 missionaries throughout America and across the world. With missionaries in the United States, Panama, Australia, Argentina,

Germany, the Fiji Islands, West Africa, India, Cuba, Columbia, Mexico, China and the Philippines, to the Nation of Zuni Indians, and two missions in Kentucky. **On Sunday mornings** there are classes for every age and nursery is provided for every service. On Sunday morning, during adult worship, there is junior church for children and on Wednesday evenings the children enjoy the "Patch the Pirate" club. Central Baptist runs three buses for every service, bringing in as many as 40-50 boys, girls, moms and dads and they are currently looking to start a fourth bus route in the northern end of the county.

day, Wednesday and Friday at 11:15 a.m. The church also has a monthly service at the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center and Rockcastle Hospital. Eaton has been Pastor at the church, that he grew up in, since January of 2006. He was joined by Workman, who is also principal of their church school, in June of last year. In the past year the average attendance has grown from 50 people to 125 and over 50 people have been saved.

tral Baptist Christian Academy, a K-12 private school. Eaton said the school uses a combination of ACE and A Beka Curriculum. "Christian education is far more than simply adding Bible study to a regular school. It becomes Christian education when the Bible becomes the foundation for all that is done in the entire program," he said. "It is our belief that all truth is God's truth and we seek to integrate the entire program so that the students receive a world-view, placing God and



Central Baptist Church is located on the corner of Maintenance and Central Lanes, just off U.S. 25, south of Mt. Vernon.



At school at Central Baptist Christian Academy on Friday were front row, from left: Alex Reeves, Kim Alcorn, Isaac Eaton, Crystal Lovell, Madison Workman, Cheri Cunigan, Calel Eaton and Jerred Jordan. Back row, from left: David Lovell, teacher Elizabeth Eaton, Pastor Mark Eaton, Youth Pastor and Principal Justin Workman and teacher Amy Workman.

Besides Pastor Eaton, other bus drivers include his father, John Eaton Jr., Coleman Russell and J.C. Barnett and Youth Pastor Justin Workman. Pastor Eaton said there is a lot for young people at Central Baptist Church, including Vacation Bible School, Teen Camp, Teen Visitation and Soul Winning, monthly youth meetings with churches in surrounding areas and weekly Teen church, presently on Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m.

In addition to the weekly worship services and the mission endeavors, the church ministers in other capacities, including a radio program aired on WRVK 1460 AM every Mon-

day, Wednesday and Friday at 11:15 a.m. The church also has a monthly service at the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center and Rockcastle Hospital. Eaton has been Pastor at the church, that he grew up in, since January of 2006. He was joined by Workman, who is also principal of their church school, in June of last year. In the past year the average attendance has grown from 50 people to 125 and over 50 people have been saved.

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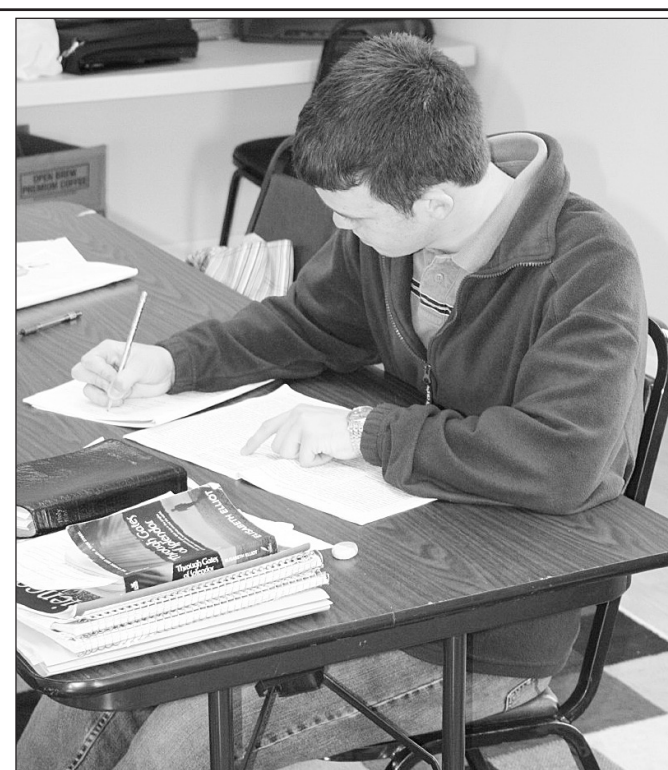
Mark Eaton has been Pastor at Central Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon since January of 2006.

The Christian School
 This year, CBC started Cen-

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The above 34 passenger bus is one of three buses operated by the Central Baptist Church. The school bus is used every day at their Christian School.



David Lovell was hard at work last Friday at the Christian School. The freshman said he enjoys going to school at Central Baptist because he could concentrate much better on his work.

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First Christian Revival

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

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

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

Ronnie Hinson at

Lighthouse Assembly
Ronnie Hinson, nationally acclaimed minister, singer, songwriter will be at Lighthouse Assembly of God Sunday, March 18 at 11 a.m. The church is located on Hwy. 1004 behind Jean's Restaurant.

Tim Hampton, pastor, and congregation invite everyone.

Youth Rally

Calvary Holiness Tabernacle would like to invite everyone to join us March 24th at 7 p.m. for our Youth Rally with Bro. John Morris. Pastor is Bro. Todd Hignite and Youth Pastor is Bro. Dylan Johnson.

Revival Services

Cupps Chapel Holiness Church will have Revival services March 11 through March 18. Bro. Billy Bryant will be the evangelist. Bro. Dwayne Carpenter, pastor, and congregation welcome everyone to attend. Sunday night services start at 6 o'clock and the rest of the week will be at 7 p.m.

Revival at Philadelphia United

Revival services will be held April 5, 6 and 7 at Philadelphia United Baptist Church on Bryant Ridge Road. The Praise Singers will be at the church April 15th also.

The church is now having services on Saturday nights at 7 o'clock.

Bro. Gordon Mink, pastor, and congregation invite everyone to come and join them.

Gospel Singing

McNew Chapel Baptist Church will be having a Gospel Singing this Saturday, March 17th at 7 p.m. with The Humble Heart from Nicholasville.

The congregation and pastor, Jerry Ballinger, welcome everyone.

Gospel Singing

The Carters from Ten Mile, Tennessee will be featured at a Gospel Singing at Union Chapel Pentecostal Church. The church is located on Hwy. 1505, about three miles east of Brodhead.

The singing will begin at 7 p.m.

Pastor Ralph Reynolds and congregation invite everyone to attend.

Weight Loss Support Group

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

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

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

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156 Scenic View Lane
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Sabbath School Sat. 10-11 a.m.
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Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bill Davis
bhpp_7@yahoo.com

Bible Baptist Church

100 Higher Ground (off US 25)
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Church Phone 606-256-5913
e-mail: www.biblebaptist.org
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship/Children's Church 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Video services Tues., Thurs., & Sat. at 11 a.m., 4 p.m. & 9 p.m.
Channel 3 - New Wave Cable Channel 5 in Berea and Richmond 1 p.m. Wednesdays
Pastor: Don Stayton
Youth Pastor/Soulfire Student Ministries: Bro. Miceal Quillman
Kids for Christ Children's Ministries/Kid's Pastor: Bro. Jarrod Amyx
Secretary: Jo Roberts
Music Director: Dan Dull

Blue Springs Church of Christ

7 miles south of Mount Vernon on Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Rd)
Services: Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Preaching Brethren
Zade McClure, Gary Reppert, Coy Cromer, Marcus Reppert
Contact Info:
Marcus Reppert
104 Byrda Way • Mt. Vernon, Ky. 606-308-2794
marcusreppert24@hotmail.com

Brodhead Christian Church

237 W. Main St.
Brodhead, Ky. 40409
606-758-8721
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Tracy Valentine, Pastor
606-758-4076

Climax Christian Church

Hwy. 1912
308-2806 - 256-4138 - 256-5977
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Wade Johnson, Minister

Climax Holiness Church

Bro. Robert Miller
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.
Thursday Nights 7 p.m.
Every third Saturday Night 7 p.m.

Conway Missionary Baptist Church

U.S. 25 between Mount Vernon and Berea
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service and Bible Study 7 p.m.
Youth Meetings:
Sunday 5 p.m. • Wednesday 7 p.m.
Bro. Jim Ritchey, Pastor
859-200-2679/859-228-0342
Sunday School Director
Ronald Sears • 606-256-5709
Church Clerk Brenda Powell
606-256-2829

Dixie Park Cornerstone Baptist Church

700 N. Powell St.
Berea, Ky. 40403
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Doug Collins, Pastor
859-314-1408

Fairview Baptist Church

520 Fairview Loop Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday Services
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Choir 6 p.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.
Sunday Adult Choir 8 p.m.
Wednesday Services
Creative Ministry 6 p.m.
Bible Study 7 p.m.
Youth Ministry QUEST 7 p.m.
RAs and GAs 7 p.m.
Mission Friends 6 p.m.
Vaughn Rasor, Pastor
606-256-3722
email: fairviewbapt@aol.com

Faith Chapel Pentecostal

S. Wilderness Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.
Virgil Bustle, Pastor

First Baptist Church

340 West Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Ky.
606-256-2922
Bro. Eddie Nation, Pastor
website: www.fbcmtvky.org
email: fbcmtnvmon@newwave.net
Sunday Services: 8:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Wednesdays: AWANA and Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Live Broadcast WRVK 140AM Sundays at 11 a.m.
Brodhead on New Wave Cable Channel 3 Tues., Thurs. & Sunday at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. & 8 p.m.

First Christian Church

West Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Ky.
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Bro. Bruce Ross, Pastor
Services
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Kenny Shubert, Youth Pastor

Flat Rock Missionary Baptist Church

504 Maple Grove Rd. Hwy. 1004
Orlando, Ky. 40460
859-925-4048
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Fellowship Hour 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Thursday Night Visiting 7 p.m.
Contact: Doris Brown
606-256-9570
burtonpromos@prodigy.net

Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church

Hwy. 1505 (6 miles from Brodhead)
Brodhead, Ky.
Randal Adams, Pastor
Youth Pastor, Scott Adams
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

Lighthouse Assembly of God

Hwy. 1004 • Orlando, Ky.
Tim Hampton, Pastor
606-256-4884 • 606308-2342
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Tues. Night Intercessory Prayer 7 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 p.m.

Maple Grove Baptist Church

Hwy. 1004 (Big Cave Road)
Orlando, Ky. 40460
606-256-1873
Bro. Jerry Owens, Pastor
Home Phone 606-256-3075
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
WRVK Broadcast 2 p.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

Mount Vernon Church of God

1025 W Main St.
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Bobby Owens, Pastor
859-986-1317

Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church

515 Williams St.
(across from MVES)
Mount Vernon, Ky.
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Mass Times:
Tuesdays at 7 p.m.
Sabbath Mass: Sat., 5 p.m.
Holy Days 5 p.m.

Rev. John C. Curtis, Pastor

Church Facilitator: David Ott

Pine Hill Holiness Church

Rt. 2, Box 85
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456
Allen Hensley, Pastor
453-4801
www.pinehillholinesschurch.com
email: pinehillhc@aol.com
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Thursday Night Worship 7:30 p.m.
Saturday Night Worship 7:30 p.m.
WRVK (1460 AM) Broadcast Noon Sundays
WYGE (92.3FM) 12:30 p.m. Sundays

Providence church of Christ

1 mile off Hwy. 70 on Hwy. 618
Dan McKibben, Minister
758-8524 or 758-9316
Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
2007 Gospel Meeting Schedule:
April 8-13 & October 7-12
email: dan.mckibben@juno.com
website:
www.WhatSaithTheScriptures.com

Wildie Christian Church



1478 Wildie Rd.
Wildie, Ky. 40492
606-256-4494
Kenton Parkey, Minister
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m.
Family Fellowship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Night Cafe 5:15 p.m.
Bible Study 6 p.m.
Ladies Group: 1st Tues. of the mo.
email: wildiecc@aol.com

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The Family Room

By: Dr. Roy Don Whitehead

"My dog is not in this fight." I doubt that this expression originated with my father, though he is the first one I heard use it. I have found it to be a good statement to ponder when wondering whether or not to become involved in an argument.

Sherry's father and sister were always fighting. Even though Sis was 28 years old, Dad still tried to tell her how to run her life. (All characters are fictitious.) Of course Sis contributed her part to the fights, too. She seemed to enjoy getting Dad angry at her, so that she could tell him how he mistreated her and then storm out of the house.

For most of her life Sherry

had put herself in the middle of these fights. As the oldest child she had become the peacemaker in the family. Every time there was an argument, she felt compelled to become involved. Often when she jumped in, both Dad and Sis would become angry with her, and she would have to defend herself. "I'm just trying to help," she would tell them.

Sherry had come for counseling because she was stressed and depressed. As her counselor I asked, "Is your dog in this fight?"

She looked at me as if I were speaking Martian. "What do you mean by that?" she inquired.

"I am not at all sure that this

is your fight," I replied. "It is your father's fight and your sister's fight, but I don't think it is yours. Your dog is not in this fight."

"But, when they argue, I feel like I need to do something," she said insistently.

"I know you feel that way," I told Sherry, "but that's because the family assigned to you the role of peacemaker. Dad and Sis are both grownups now. They can fight their own fights and make their own peace. It's not your fight. Do your attempts to make peace help?"

"No," she said thoughtfully. "Usually they just get mad at me. So you are saying that I don't have to become involved in fights between Dad and Sis?"

"That's right," I answered.

"Your dog is not in that fight."

I have seen the same problem in other situations. Ethel's adult daughters did not have a good relationship. The younger was jealous of the older, and the



Christopher and Tiffany Baker would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Ann Baker. She was born on January 25, 2007 at Pattie A. Clay Hospital in Richmond. Olivia weighed 8 pounds and 3 ounces and was 19 1/8 inches long. She is the first granddaughter of Greg Dargavell, Sandra Dargavell and Edith Peterkin, all of Richmond. She is the niece of Allan Dargavell, Buster and Amanda Dargavell and A.J. Peterkin and Nikki Peterkin, all of Richmond. Olivia is the great granddaughter of Jesse & Hazel Baker (Mt. Vernon), Gertrude Lewis (Waco), Charles Dargavell (Richmond), Louise Ritchie of Frankfort.

older was mad at the younger. Ethel felt obliged to try to patch up their relationship.

"I know it must be partly my fault," Ethel admitted to me. "I raised them, so I must have not done a good job or they wouldn't fight."

Ethel ran into the same problem that Sherry did when she tried to step in. "The fights seem to get worse when I intervene," she told me. "Why can't they get along?"

Her guilt was making Ethel try to fix the relationship between her daughters. "You can't solve the problems in their relationship," I told her. "Your dog is not in that fight."

"But don't I owe them some-

thing, since I obviously didn't raise them right?" she asked.

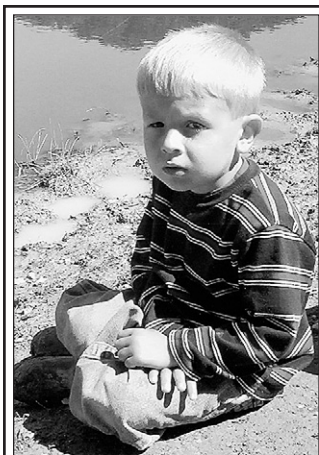
"Did you do the best job you could?" I queried.

"Certainly," she answered quickly.

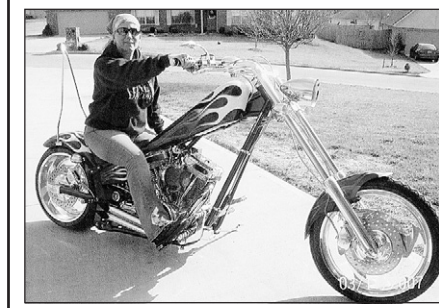
"Then you don't owe them anything," I replied. "They are adults now and will have to handle their own problems in their own ways."

Before you, Dear Reader, plunge into trouble, just ask yourself, "Is my dog in this fight?" The answer may change the way you react.

[If you or someone you love is in violent relationship, call 800-755-5348 and talk to Family Life Abuse Center. They can help.]



Happy birthday Devin Tillett, four years old Saturday, March 17th. From Daddy Nick, Mom & Cody



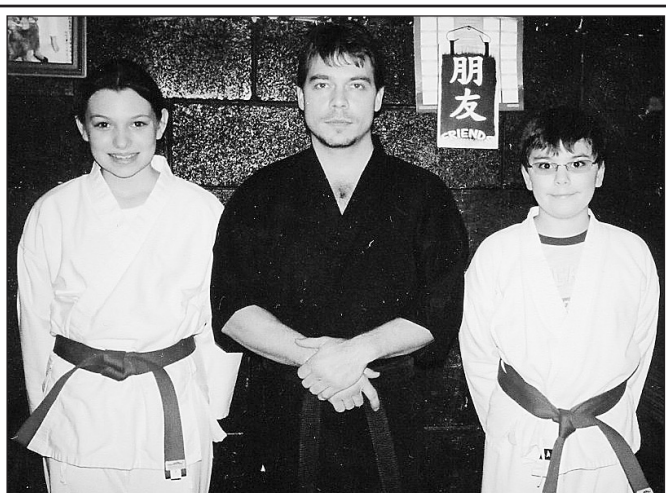
To my love sent from Heaven who is now 37! Happy Birthday Lori Lee from hubby Ronnie Lee I love you!



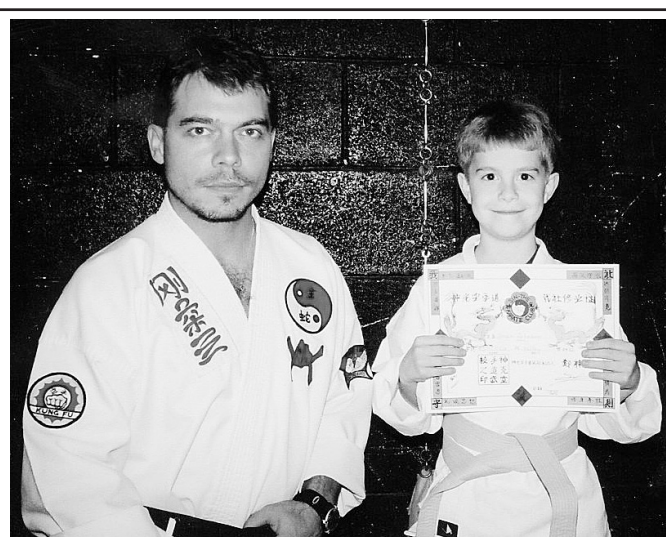
Recently honored for the New Achiever Award at the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture 2007 Ag Winter Event was Matthew Hayes, above left, of the Wilderness Trail Area. A 2005 graduate in Agriculture Education, Communications, and Leadership, he was a member of the Agriculture Education Society and the Dairy Judging Team. Matthew is currently a Dairy Consultant for the Kentucky Dairy Development Council and also co-owns and operates Cedar Springs Dairy, LLC. An active community member, he currently serves as Secretary for the Kentucky Guernsey Breeders Association, a member of the Kentucky Farm Bureau, member of the Rockcastle County Agriculture Fair Board Show Committee, and volunteer for the Rockcastle County High School boys basketball team. Matthew resides in Brodhead and enjoys watching UK basketball, playing church league basketball and exhibiting dairy cattle. He is shown above accepting his award from Ag & HES Alumni Association president Doug Thomas.



On March 8th, Benny Dennison, right, tested before Master Eric Bullock, left, and received his second degree brown belt.



Olivia Caudill, left, and Jeremy Caudill, right, are shown here on March 5th with Master Eric Bullock after passing their tests from yellow belt to blue belt.



On January 8th, at the Mt. Vernon Shaolin Karate Club, Sean Johnson, right, tested before his instructor, Master Eric Bullock. Sean is shown here after passing his test from white belt to yellow belt.

NORMA HOUK ROCKCASTLE COUNTY CLERK

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND EXCESS FEES-- CALENDAR YEAR 2006

RECEIPTS

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| LICENSES, TRANSFERS AND TITLE FEES | \$378,181.13 |
| USAGE TAX | 598,908.72 |
| AD VALOREM- PROPERTY TAX AND PROPERTY TAX LIENS | 884,313.22 |
| APPLICATION FOR TITLES | 3,496.00 |
| RECORDING FEES-- | |
| DEEDS, MORTGAGES, AFFIDAVIT OF DESCENTS CHATEL MORTGAGES, LEASES, POWER OF ATTORNEYS, ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, STATE AND FEDERAL TAXES LIS PENDENS, RELEASES, BAIL BONDS, WILLS AND ORDERS PLATS, NOTARY PUBLIC BONDS, ETC. | 99,730.50 |
| DEED TRANSFER TAX | 23,994.45 |
| MARRIAGE | 4,968.00 |
| OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES | 736.94 |
| DELINQUENT TAXES | 341,431.45 |
| COPIES | 2,291.74 |
| CANDIDATE FILINGS | 2,280.00 |
| POSTAGE | 637.11 |
| HANDICAP PARKING PERMITS | 2,674.00 |
| INTEREST ON SUPER NOW ACCOUNT | 515.98 |
| AUTOMATIC DEPOSITS IN ACCOUNT FROM IRS | 220.00 |
| PAYMENT ON COLD CHECKS | 5,623.54 |
| FROM STATE- PREPARATION OF TAX BILLS, ELECTION EXPENSES | 6,956.20 |
| FROM COUNTY- TAX BILLS, ELECTION COMMISSION, SOCIAL SECURITY | 26,401.16 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | 44.70 |
| OVER/UNDER | - 203.75 |
| OVERPAYMENTS/ REFUNDS | 3,472.53 |
| TOTAL | \$2,386,673.62 |

EXPENSES

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| OPERATIONAL EXPENSES | 271,817.99 |
| USAGE TAX REPORTS | 580,877.62 |
| LICENSE REPORTS | 288,883.51 |
| MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS TO KENTUCKY STATE TREASURER | 432,788.16 |
| HOUSING TRUST FUND | 7,476.00 |
| MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS TO ROCKCASTLE COUNTY | 113,772.48 |
| MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS TO TAXING DISTRICT | 592,141.03 |
| DISBURSEMENTS TO COUNTY ATTORNEY | 50,236.59 |
| DISBURSEMENTS TO SHERIFF | 2,579.39 |
| POSTAGE | 4,932.47 |
| RENTALS, OFFICE SUPPLIES AND PRINTING, ADVERTISING | 18,446.31 |
| BONDS, DUES AND CONVENTION TRAVEL | 4,621.86 |
| TAKEN FROM ACCOUNT- NO CHECKS WRITTEN (COLD CHECKS PRINTING CHECKS) | 5,928.40 |
| REFUNDS | 4,455.01 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$2,378,956.82 |

RECEIPTS: \$2,386,673.62

EXPENSES: 2,378,956.82

EXCESS FEES \$ 7,716.80

Norma Houk
NORMA HOUK, ROCKCASTLE COUNTY CLERK
MARCH 12, 2007



Alcorn - Basham

Ms. Karen Alcorn and Mr. Estill Alcorn, of Mount Vernon proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashlee Lachele, to Wesley Kyle Basham, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Basham of Leitchfield. Ashlee is a graduate of Rockcastle County High School and Cumberland College. She is currently a social worker at Twin Lakes Regional Medical Center in Leitchfield. Wesley is a graduate of Grayson High School and Kentucky Wesleyan College. He is currently a Asst. Vice President of Leitchfield Deposit Bank in Leitchfield.

The wedding will take place May 12, 2007 at Bible Baptist Church in Mount Vernon.



Wedding Announced

David and Kimberly Colson were united in marriage on February 3, 2007 in Sevierville, TN. *Congratulations to both of you!*



Purcell - Kerns

Michelle Purcell and Eugene Puckett, along with Barbara and Lewis Vanwinkle and Mike and Kim Kerns, would like to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children, Stacey Allison Purcell and Christopher Robert Kerns.

The wedding will take place Saturday, March 17, 2007 at 2:30 in the afternoon at the Brodhead Baptist Church. There will be a reception immediately following the ceremony in the fellowship hall. All family and friends are invited to attend.

Legislative Update...

Legislators work towards concurrence on many Bills

By State Representative
Danny Ford

When we adjourned on Friday, March 9, we left Frankfort with only three days remaining in the 2007 General Assembly. Even though the Regular Session has almost concluded, there is still much work to be done.

The bills approved during this final week covered a variety of topics.

The Senate Judiciary Committee approved House Bill 125, which would outlaw the sale or ownership of an alcohol-vaporizer device. Anyone found in possession of the device Alcohol Without Liquid, or AWOL, would face a misdemeanor charge, with the exception of health care institutions. This bill is now headed to the full Senate for their consideration.

Human traffickers would face an increased penalty under Senate Bill 43, which was passed by the House Judiciary Committee. Human trafficking would become a felony offense punishable by five to ten years in prison, or ten to twenty years

if the victim was seriously injured in the process. Those who traffic a minor would face twenty years to life in prison if the child is harmed. Approximately 200,000 American children are potential victims of human trafficking and could be forced into prostitution, sweatshops and other types of labor.

House Bill 50, which received passage on the House Floor, increases the maximum amount of annual expenses for which local school board members can be reimbursed for meetings from \$2,000 to \$3,000. It also removes the distinction for counties containing a city of the first class.

Safety requirements and improvements are provided for coal miners through legislation which unanimously passed the House of Representatives. House Bill 207 would mandate new provisions including providing multi-gas detectors to underground miners, flame-resistant construction of "lifeline cords" to direct miners out of the mines in case of an emergency. Also, criminal background checks would be re-

quired for mine inspectors and certified electricians in certain underground and surface mine situations. Emergency medical technicians (EMT) or mine emergency technicians (MET) must remain on site along with adequate transportation for miners to exit out of a mine during an emergency. Sealing of an abandoned mine must be certified by a foreman or superintendent.

The House voted to allow the gubernatorial runoff election to take place if needed with the passage of House Bill 476. State funds will be distributed to all 120 counties by the State Board of Elections. Approximately \$5.4 million has been appropriated to offset the cost of conducting the special election, which would take place five weeks after the primary.

Senate Bill 83, as amended by the House, specifies which interstates and parkways qualify for the increased speed limit of 70 m.p.h. Sections of I-24, I-64, I-65, I-71, I-75, I-264, and I-275 are included. This increase would also affect The Audubon Parkway, Purchase

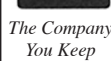
Parkway, Pennyrite Parkway, Western Kentucky Parkway, Cumberland Parkway, Bluegrass Parkway, Natcher Parkway and a section of the Mountain Parkway. The bill passed 69-27 and now goes back to the Senate for approval of the changes.

House Bill 305, which increases the minimum wage was approved by the House. The Senate added a provision that would allow companies involved in economic development projects to pay their employees a minimum of 150 percent of the current federal minimum wage \$5.15 an hour instead of 150 percent of the new state minimum wage as originally proposed. This would be applicable to projects approved through July 2008 by the Cabinet for Economic Development. This legislation returns to the House for concurrence.

Legislation that would allow coal miners from other states to assist in disaster or relief efforts passed the House of Representatives. Senate Bill 47 allows

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"It Is Written"

In Jam. 1:25 we read, "But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed." Let's notice some thoughts about this perfect law of liberty.

First, the gospel, the N.T., is that **law** of liberty. We have some say that we are not under any kind of law under the N.T. order, not so. We are under the law of Christ, Gal.6:2, or as James said the law of liberty. When Paul said we are not under the law but under grace, in Rm.6:14-15, he could be saying we are not under the law of Moses, or we are not under law without pardon, or we are not under law only. All three of these are true.

Notice James said it is a **perfect** law of liberty. This law is complete, whole, full. Jude said we should, "earnestly contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints" Jude 3, one time for all time. Also, it is a perfect law of **liberty** as the text says. It will liberate, give us freedom from sin, to all who will look into it and continue therein. As Paul said in Rm.6:17-18, "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness." Have you looked into this perfect law of liberty?

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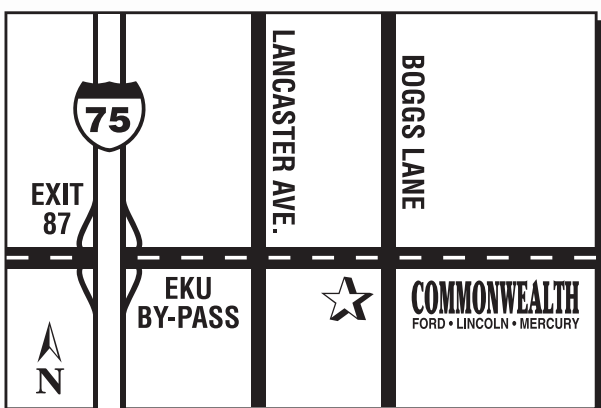
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Library News



Pam Chaliff and Kathy McKibben

Rockcastle County Library started the "Read Across America" celebration by having Michael VanWinkle and Mr. Allen Pensol do a storybook presentation of "Grandma's Cat". We had twenty-nine preschoolers along with P.J.'s Daycare. Ms. Martin's Child Development class was in attendance to share a book, craft, and have snacks with the children. This week the preschoolers are looking forward to a field trip to the Middle School where the students will be presenting a play. More about that in next week's *Signal*.

The Books For Bikes Reading Social is today March 15th at 5:00 p.m. for all of the children that participated in it. We hope to see you here at the library! Someone is going to go home with a bicycle, it might as well be you! We appreciate all who have made the effort to be a participant and the caregivers for bringing the chil-

dren to the library! <>We want to encourage you to come down and sign up for a library card if you haven't already. There are so many resources to be utilized, and changes are always being made. Why not make the connection? Connect @ your library!



Michael VanWinkle played the harmonica for the children. He is a gifted musician and his talents are many.



The preschoolers and caregivers settle in for a great story book presentation.



Mr. Allen Pensol reads "Grandma's Cat" while Michael does sound effects with his guitar. Thanks to all.

4H Summer Camping Fun

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Rockcastle County Extension Office



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"Legislative"

(Cont. from A2)

the Mining Board to enter into a reciprocal agreement with another state. Miners from other states would be allowed to perform similar duties in Kentucky for which he or she is certified in the other state when certain conditions have been met.

One bill which has been delivered to the Governor is House Bill 244. A permanent cap would be placed on a tax that hospitals pay on their revenue. Starting in the middle of 2008, the tax will be based on the revenue that hospitals received in the 2005-06 fiscal year. That

freezes collections from the tax at their current level and protects hospitals from yearly fluctuations. The House approved the measure unanimously last month, and the Senate concurred with its passage.

As we enter into concurrence and veto days, I will continue to keep you updated on our progress. In the meantime, I can be reached at home or through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. Those with hearing impairments may leave a message for me through the TTY Message Line at 1-800-896-0305. If you have internet access, you can e-mail me at danny.ford@lrc.ky.gov or follow the progress of the Legislature through the Kentucky Legislature Home Page:www.lrc.state.ky.us.

Extension Notes...

Farm and Home News

Tom Mills

Rockcastle County Extension Office

Farm Chemical Card

Farmers planning to plant corn this spring may need a Restricted Use Pesticide Card to purchase farm chemicals

for weed control. Conventional broad leaf weed control with restricted use chemicals like Atrazine will require a pesticide card. Pesticide cards

are good for three years and the expiration date is on each card.

Farmers that need a new Restricted Use Pesticide Card can attend training on Thursday, March 29th @ 7:30pm in the Extension Office located on West Main Street in Mt. Vernon.

Farmers Market Meeting

A Farmers Market Meeting update will be held on

Wednesday, March 28th @ 10:00am in the Extension Office. Dr. Terry Jones, U.K. Extension Specialist for Horticulture will present the program. Farmers planning to market vegetables through the WICK and Senior Nutrition Program can sign Department of Agriculture Contracts at this meeting. For more information, contact Noah Campbell or Tom Mills.



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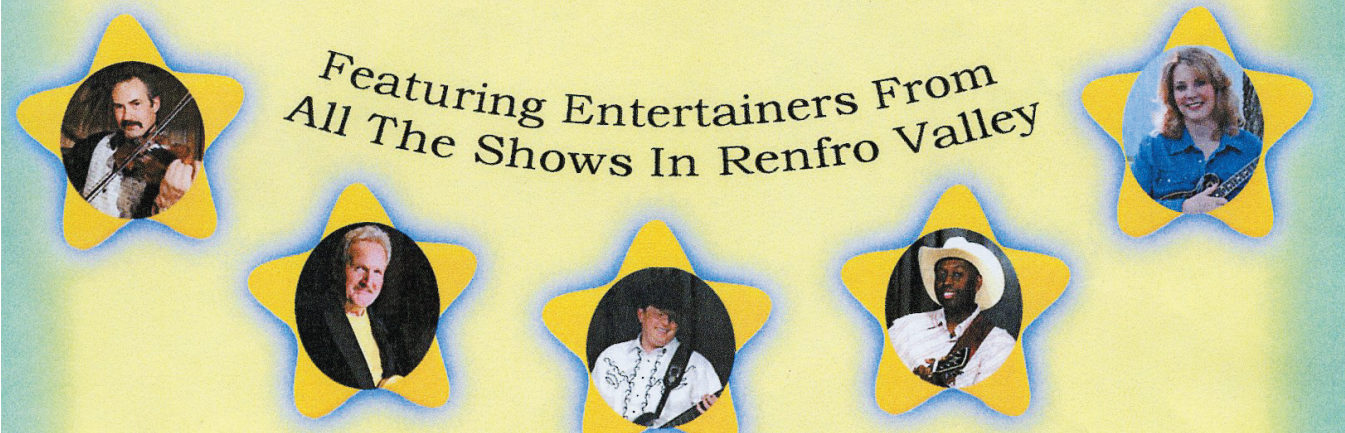
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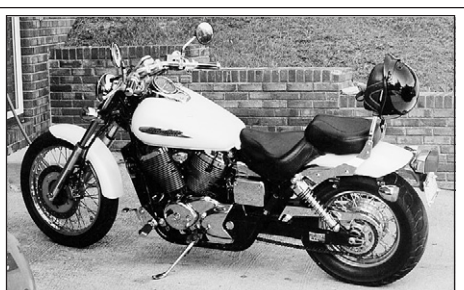
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Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
Beautiful Gardens Among Big Trees

Today let's take a little different approach to discussing trees in our landscapes. Rather than the usual good advice on planting more trees and how to do so properly (and spring and fall are great times to plant trees), let us assume you have some bigger trees but would like to beautify the areas underneath them. I want us to focus on the trees we currently have, not necessarily on what we would like to see beneath them. Big trees are a wonderful part of a landscape. The should, ideally, be healthy trees. They need to be situated appropriately. However, the areas beneath them may be barren of grass and flowers or small shrubs. So, if we have from one to dozens of larger trees, how can we beautify among and underneath them?

First, you may be thinking of getting grass to grow underneath your trees, or thinking of all the pretty flowers you can imagine growing there. Dreaming certainly can be good. Imagining creating beautiful flower gardens, or even hardscapes, amid mature trees is probably best done while the deciduous trees are still bare and leafless.

But, some cautions are in order before you grab a tiller or shovel or climb on a mower.

Will grass in fact actually grow under your mature trees? Will you fatally damage tree roots if you till underneath your big trees? Will your proposed plants actually do well as you imagine they will? Knowing the answers to these and other questions before you expend many dollars and much effort is very sensible and wise.

Start with a plan! Create a master plan. And, if this seems impossible, or you just don't have the time or inclination to educate yourself on this or the

time to see it to fruition, consider obtaining the services of someone who does this sort of thing regularly for a living. Just going shopping randomly for things you might like to plant in the shade of bigger trees on your property may lead to regrets and waste time and money.

Ask yourself, What kinds of trees do I have? How deep is the shade—will there be enough sunlight for successfully establishing the flowers or shrubs you desire to grow? How dry? How fertile? (Big trees, especially if their root systems are mostly at or near the surface of the ground, eat and drink so much that your new plantings will be competing at a distinct disadvantage for food and water.)

Again, plan for wise use of your understory spaces. Then, get a plan to make it happen, either in increments you can get a handle on, or all at once if money is not a problem.

Do you wish to thin or remove any trees? (How about the unhealthy ones?)

Do you possibly have one or more mature trees worth a few hundred dollars or more from a logging/timber perspective? Could the value of the log offset the cost of having it removed...possibly even helping pay for the new landscape materials?

If you want to keep all existing trees, are you willing to remove some of their lower limbs, or even thinning up to a third of their branches, to allow air and light in? (This may cost quite a lot of money, but it can also be money well spent if you want to keep mature trees for the long haul.) Such thinning allows smaller trees to grow, and also removal of excess and diseased limbs are good for the tree. Trees that have had branches thinned survive much better in mWhether you have a dream of

wildflowers, azaleas, and the like in your wooded area, or if you are considering some major additions like a naturalistic stream with waterfalls, paths, a retreat in the woods for relaxation and rejuvenation, maybe a treehouse for the youngsters...considering what modifications to existing trees may be necessary is advisable.

Some trees allow for better growing conditions underneath them than do others. A few trees you may be able to grow grass or flowers or flowering shrubs under might include these: red-bud, sassafras, persimmon, ginkgo, blackgum, sourwood, red oak, some pines, American or yaupon holly, persimmon, pecan, horse chestnut, bald cypress, sycamore, shantung maple, ash, honey locust, and especially Kentucky coffee tree and yellowwood.

These trees have either dappled shade or tap roots rather than all surface roots—two important factors in what you can expect to grow successfully beneath bigger trees in your landscape.

If you want to keep all your trees, as well as their limbs and have dark heavy shade, can you still create some planted areas beneath them?

Well, yes you can. But your choices of plants that do well in dry, shaded, infertile locations

may be much more limited and probably less colorful than you hoped. Some viburnum, mahonia (Oregon grape), azaleas/rhododendrons, skimmia, leucothe, hostas, ferns, moss, liriopse, winter creeper, ivy are possible suggestions for these conditions.

Flowering bulbs may do well under deciduous trees as they strut their stuff before the leaves in the canopy overhead fill out. Daffodils, crocus, squill, wind-flowers come to mind. Also, consider carefully adding a few collected wildflowers you may find growing in similarly shaded conditions in the woods or in a neighboring yard. (Get permission though!)

Shrubs planted in shady spots will require more frequent pruning to create a good look. Plants in the shade of other plants will become spindly and may grow one-sided towards the light.

Don't despair of your dream of a lovely woody garden just because you have some larger trees. But do be sure to analyze the situation carefully, perhaps securing expert opinions. And the very best to you as you create a more lovely paradise where large trees currently grow.

The author is a landscaper who specializes in waterfalls. See Max and his work on the web: www.rockcastles.com

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Christ at the center, viewing all else as related to them." Eaton added.

Eaton said some of the basic objectives of the Christian Academy are:

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- 2) To proclaim that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.
- 3) To teach the absolute necessity of being born again by the Spirit of God.
- 4) To encourage Bible reading, prayer and Christian Service.
- 5) To teach the application of Biblical principles in every aspect of life.
- 6) To stress the urgency of personal soul winning and world missions.
- 7) To build godly character.
- 8) To develop citizenship.
- 9) To promote patriotism.
- 10) To achieve discipline.
- 11) To teach and maintain high moral standards.
- 12) To teach respect for parents and authority.

"The Central Baptist Church believes, and acts upon the belief, that the Lord has placed His church on the earth to be "the pillar and ground of truth" and to make from all nations disciples, that is followers of Jesus Christ," Eaton said.

The great commission was given to the local church when Jesus said, *Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.*" Matthew 28: 19-20.

The teachers and principal at the Christian School, Workman, his wife Amy and Eaton's wife Elizabeth, are all college

graduates.

The school receives no state funding and therefore are not monitored by the state in any way.

The school is supported by the church and a small tuition fee paid monthly by the students. All students are provided transportation and lunch is served in the kitchen in the church.

"Please come and enjoy old fashioned singing and preaching at Central Baptist Church," Eaton said.

For more information on the school, church services and activities call the church at (606) 256-2988.

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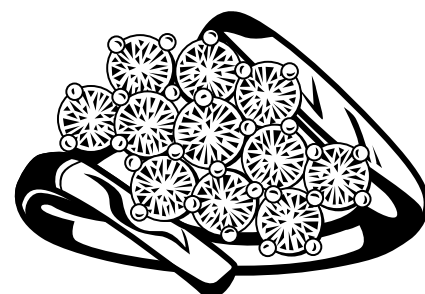
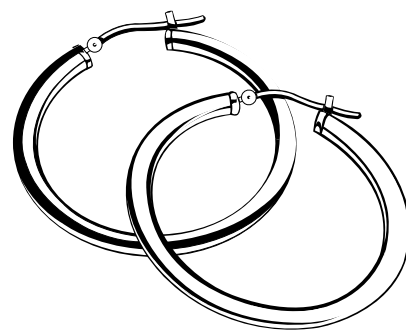
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In regional semi-final

Southwestern too much for Lady Rockets

By: Richard Anderkin

For the first time in four years, the Rockcastle County High School Lady Rockets did not play in the regional championship game.

The Lady Rockets were knocked out of the 12th region in their semi-final game with Southwestern on Friday night, losing 74-64.

From the outset, it was obvious the Lady Rockets would not be able to simply walk away with the same 11 point win they had over Southwestern in February.

The Lady Warriors took a 5-0 lead after only 1:15 seconds and this spurred a time out by Lady Rocket head coach Chrysti Noble.

The 20 second time out must have worked because the Lady Rockets tied the game at 7.

The score was tied a total of six times in the first period, but the Lady Rockets held the lead only twice, one of those times at the end of the first period 17-

15.

The score would be tied six times in the second quarter with the Lady Rockets biggest lead being only three points at 29-26.

The Lady Rockets did manage to take a two point lead into the dressing room at half-time on a putback by Ashley Robinson as time ran out, but it would not be the normal second half of play for the Lady Rockets.

Southwestern tied the game on their first possession and the Lady Rockets found themselves ahead only three times in the third quarter. The two teams were tied four times in the third, but when the quarter ended the Lady Rockets found themselves down by nine, 53-44.

The Lady Rockets would get no closer and, with 3:49 to play in the contest, they were behind by 17 at 65-48.

The Lady Rocket's fourth quarter full court press had no effect on Southwestern, which

had lost 12 games in the regular season. As time ran out, the Lady Rockets were down by 13, but a three pointer by freshman Jackie Alexander made the margin of defeat only 10 points.

"We probably lost to Southwestern for the same reason we lost several of the games we did this season -- a lack on intensity," head coach Chrysti Noble said.

"We have preached it in practice and obviously in the games, but sometimes it just didn't sink in this year," she said.

Noble, who has her entire roster back next season, except for one senior, said she is already trying to instill just how important intensity is.

"I don't care how good you are, if you don't play every second of the ball game hard on both ends of the floor, you're going to lose to teams with lesser talent," she said.

"I told the girls after the game they would probably get tired of hearing the word inten-

sity next year but that is simply our main objective, something to work on, something to strive for," she said.

Noble, whose teams have won four regional crowns at RCHS, was named 12th region coach of the year and will be honored on Friday afternoon at the girl's state tournament in Bowling Green.

Friday night the girls were led in scoring by Sarah Rowe with 20, Ashley Robinson, who played an excellent game off the bench, had 12, Sara Hammond, 10, Mary Saylor, 6, Sonya Lunsford, 5, Katy Mattingly, 4, Jackie Alexander, 3 and Tonya Lunsford 2.

Saylor and Rowe were named to the 12th region all-tournament team.

Southwestern lost to Wayne County in the regional finals on Saturday night in overtime 45-41. Wayne County was also a victim of the Lady Rockets this season.



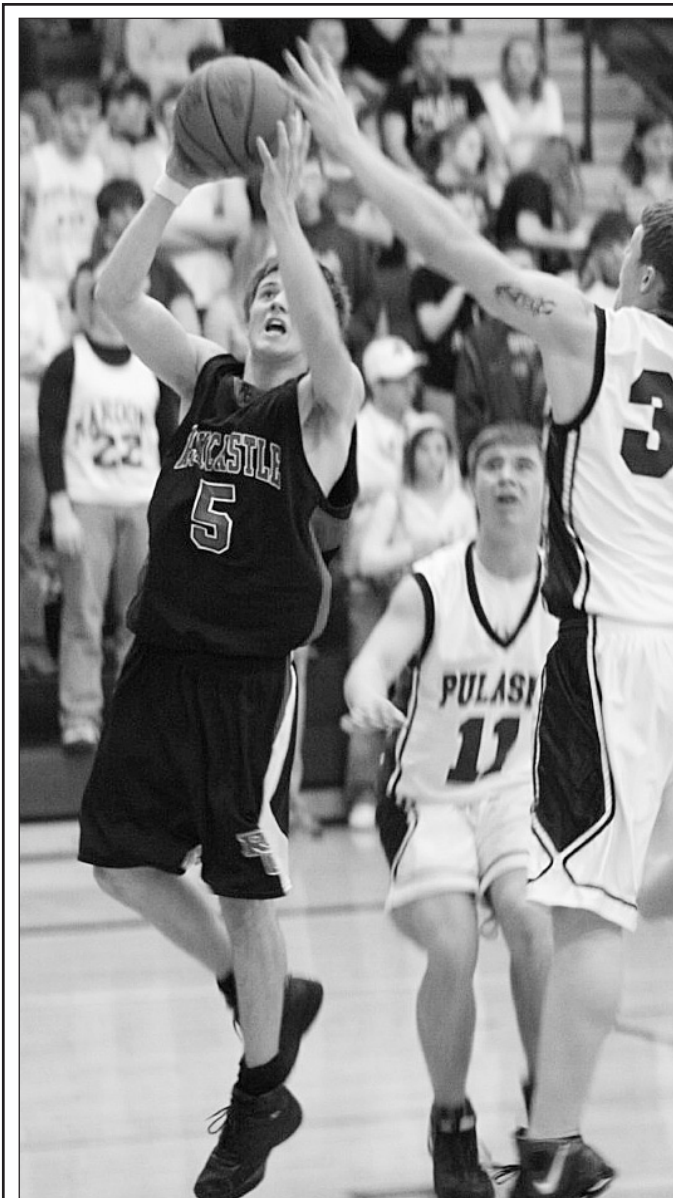
Sophomore point guard Mary Saylor applies pressure to a Southwestern Lady Warrior on Friday night. Saylor was named to the 12th Region All-Tournament Team.



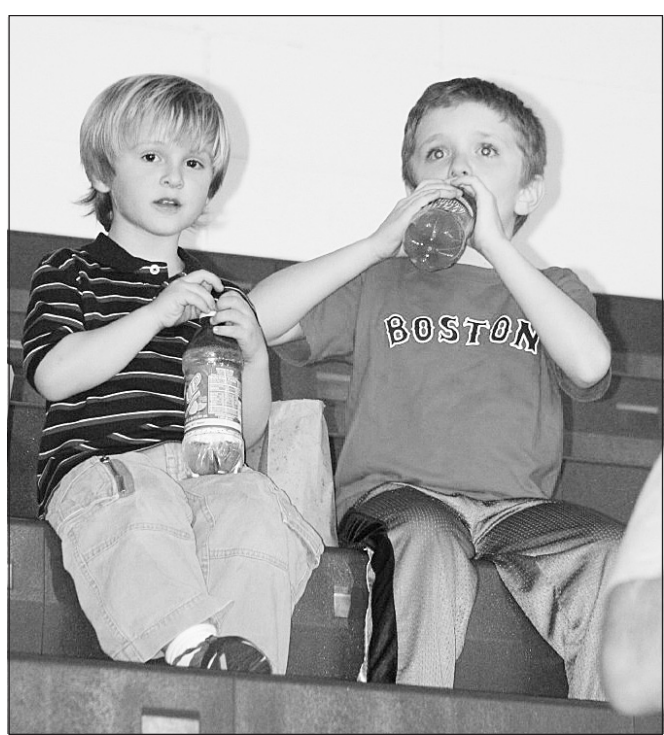
As always members of the RCHS Pep Band were in support of the Lady Rockets at the regional tournament on Friday night. Above, from left are: Devin Davidson and Matt Durham playing the school's fight song.



Junior Sarah Rowe, the Lady Rockets leading scorer this year, had 25 and 20 points in the two regional tournament games at Pulaski County High School. Rowe was named to the all regional tournament team. Also in the background is center Sara Hammond, who also had a great season and tournament for the Lady Rockets.



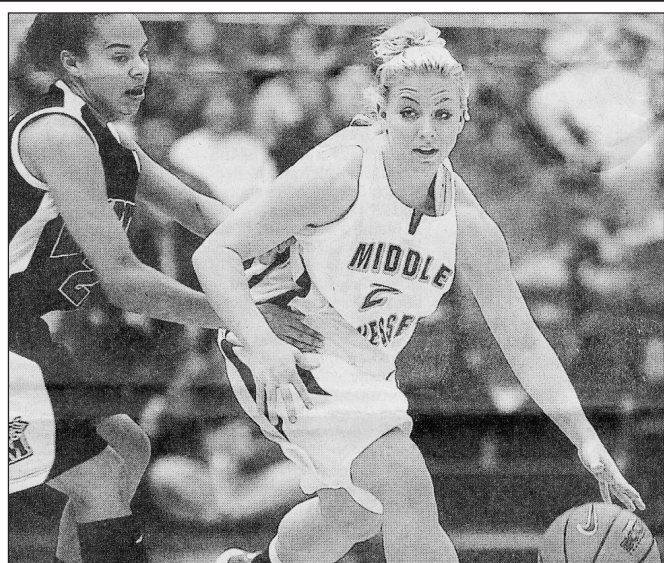
Rockcastle Rocket junior Devin Hasty scored 22 points in the heartbreaking loss to Pulaski County in the district tournament. He was the only Rocket named to the 47th District All Tournament Team.



Two young Rocket fans, Noah Parkey and Robert Davis were enjoying themselves during the first half of the Lady Rocket's game against Southwestern Friday night. The youngsters were a little disappointed the second half.



Four members of the RCHS Pep Band under the direction of Greg Daugherty on hand for the regional tournament were: David Harris, Richard Barron, Megan Nation and Joy Chasteen. The RCHS Band won their first ever regional title in the fall.



Johnna Abney, and her 28-3 Middle Tennessee State Lady Raiders, will play in the first round of the Women's NCAA Tournament in Stanford, California, this Saturday at 8 p.m. The game will be televised over ESPN or ESPNU. The 5th seeded Lady Raiders will play the 12th seed, Gonzaga. Abney, a sophomore at MTSU and starting point guard, is the daughter of Johnny and Penny Abney. She is a 2005 graduate of Rockcastle County High School where she holds numerous records for the Lady Rockets basketball program. The Lady Raiders set a school record this year, winning 26 straight games and going undefeated in their Sun Belt Conference. Should the Lady Raiders advance, they will probably meet #4 seed Ohio State in the second game and then would play the next weekend in Dayton, Ohio.

Shawn Cloud second in nation in table tennis

Micheal Shawn Cloud, formerly of Rockcastle County, is now second in the nation in Table Tennis. Cloud has been asked to play for the United States Table Tennis Association (USTTA) for a team out of Lexington and will travel this summer all over the US.

A full-time student at Eastern Kentucky University, Cloud plans to enroll in UCLA for the

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He is the son of George Cloud of Mt. Vernon and Alice Taylor of Lexington.

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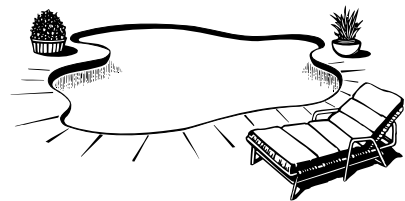
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Livingston sets PRIDE Spring Clean-up for April 7th-21st

The agenda for the regular meeting of the Livingston City Commission was light Friday night.

However, during the meeting, Mayor J.C. Griffin did notify the commissioners that the Livingston PRIDE Spring Clean-up dates would be April 7-21 with trash pick-up days scheduled for eight different times during the period.

On April 7th, from noon to 5 p.m., volunteers will pick up trash along city streets and roads. On April 9, from 1 to 5 p.m., clean-up will be along the Rockcastle River. Volunteers will be on U.S. 25 North on April 12 from 1 to 5 p.m. and, on April 14, from 1 to 5 p.m., on U.S. 25 South. April 16th will see volunteers on Hwy. 490 from 1 to 5 p.m. and Hwy. 1955 will be cleaned up on April 19 from 1 to 5 p.m. The last two days of the clean-up will be April 20th, from 1 to 1 p.m. on the back and front streets of the city and on April 21st, volunteers will return to U.S. 25 North from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Griffin emphasized that "this is our chance to work together and give our community a clean up."

"PRIDE stands for 'Personal Responsibility in a Desirable Environment,' and is about working together to take care of our home place. This is the 10th anniversary of PRIDE and I invite you to join in a decade of difference. Please volunteer," Griffin said.

You may participate in this project by calling City Hall at 453-2061. Free volunteer t-shirts will be handed out while supplies last.

In other business, Griffin gave the council an update on some of the projects in the city, including erecting the first playground equipment in the city park from a grant provided by the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame. Griffin said that if the piece of equipment had been bought already assembled, it would have cost the city \$2,500 but a kit, for the same piece of equipment, was purchased for \$300 and assembled with the help of work release inmates.

Griffin also told the council that the sewer plant was still

taking a lot of time and attention since the main power panel recently burned out, causing the sewage to have to be dumped every two hours manually, until the panel can be restored. He said he expected the panel to be repaired shortly.

Griffin reported that some of the road patching projects had been completed but that others would have to be put off until hot mix could be used.

He also reported that Susan Laws, Tourism Commission Director, had made him aware of a grant available for streetscaping for downtown Livingston. Griffin said the grant could range from \$20,000 to \$100,000 and, since Livingston was the only town in the county to apply, they had a good chance of getting a grant. Griffin said it would involve having a professional landscaper draw up a plan to enhance Main Street. The grant would come through the Southeastern Kentucky Tourist Development Assn. (SEKTD).

Griffin also told the commissioners that Senator Ed Worley had told him the additional \$500,000 needed to complete the first phase of the city's water project was still in committee but that he (Worley), and also Rep. Danny Ford, felt sure it would eventually be approved.

City Clerk Tammy Howard presented the commissioners with the financial report for February and, on question, commented that the city was "getting all the bills paid." Griffin said it would be at least three months before the commission would be able to have enough financial information to know when it would be possible to lower customers' water bills. "We are cutting corners where we can, trying to keep spending as low as possible until we find out for sure where we are financially," Griffin said. "But, some of these roads have to be fixed and we should have enough money in the spring to do a little blacktopping," he added.

The commissioners also voted to change the date for their regular monthly meeting to the second Monday night of each month at 6 p.m.

ATTENTION: Citizens of Rockcastle County

It has come to my attention that illegal dumpster use is a growing problem in Rockcastle County. When a business or apartment complex, or even a household, pays for the use of a dumpster, then that business or homeowner, or the tenant in that particular apartment complex, are the only ones allowed to use that dumpster. Rockcastle County Ordinance 90-3 Section 8 states: *It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit solid waste in any solid waste container other than his own, without the written consent of the owner of such container and/or with the intent of avoiding payment of the service charge hereinafter provided for solid waste collection and disposal.*

This does **not** mean that a resident of an apartment complex can give a nonresident of said apartment complex permission to use their dumpster!

Rockcastle County Ordinance 90-3 Section 11 states: Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance, or any lawful rules or regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five (\$25) dollar, nor more than five hundred (\$500) dollar. Violators of this ordinance may be issued a citation by the Solid Waste Coordinator.

Using a dumpster illegally can be considered theft of services. Any person that is caught illegally using a dumpster may also be taken to small claims court by the persons or business entity that is paying for the dumpster service.

If anyone has any questions about this issue, please call James Renner, Rockcastle County Solid Waste Coordinator, at 606-256-1902.

"School Board"

(Cont. from front)

build the new plant in a wooded area behind the baseball field.

The school system's Facilities Director Doug Mullins told the board that there would be no interruption in service during construction because the current plant would not have to be shut off.

The board also approved a calendar amendment for this school year and also approved next year's school calendar.

As it stands now, the last day for students in 2007 will be on Friday, May 18th.

The board discussed the possibility of having school on Saturday May 19th, if another day is missed because of bad weather, but took no action.

The final break for students this school year will be Spring Break, April 2-6.

School will start next year the same day it did last year for students on August 9th and is scheduled to end on May 21st for students.

Next year's school calendar includes some changes, including a five day weekend for students in October, an extra day for students at Thanksgiving and Christmas and an extra day for Spring Break.

Director of Students Services for the school system, Rose Brown, who also chairs the school system's calendar committee, told the board students would also have 177 instructional days next school year, up from 175 this year.



Happy Birthday Curtis Wayne Durham 3-13-07

Today was your birthday. I hope you had a special one. I would have got you a little something for your birthday. I know God had a lot for you this year. You are in Heaven where the streets are gold and the walls of jasper. You're in Heaven with your family. I know your precious Mom was waiting at the gates to welcome you home. You talked so much about her. I know whenever you saw her your face just lit up and you had that blessing smile you always had. My heart was broken the day you left me and it gets lonesome without you here. But, like you told me you are waiting for me in Heaven. I know you're having a great life up in Heaven. You're having no more pain, worries and heartache. I'm waiting on the day when we will be together again to never be separated no more.

Happy Birthday Curtis
Sadly missed by your wife,
Sandra Durham

Rockcastle County Middle School Principal Jason Coguer also gave an hour-long presentation on classroom observations through the use of Personal Digital Assistants, (PDAs).

So far this year, Coguer and his staff, assistant principals Chris Hendrickson, Tammy Miller and Counselor Lesha Cromer have conducted 464 walk-throughs in the classrooms at the middle school.

Coguer said the three to five minute walk-throughs have been very instrumental in gathering data which will help, "shape and guide instruction."

The PDAs help administrators download information from their observations.

"It has helped to know exactly what we are doing in instruction on a daily basis," Coguer said.

"The days of paper and pen seem to be coming to an end," said school superintendent Larry Hammond.

The only other school to have PDAs at their disposal is Rockcastle County High School, but they are not as far along in their implementation of their use as the middle school.

"UNITE"

(Cont. from front)

lawful Narcotics Investigations, Treatment and Education Coalition (UNITE), according to the entertainment center's CEO Connie Hunt.

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

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

Doors will open at 12:30 p.m.

"Miracle"

(Cont. from front)

Billy Reynolds, who wrote the warrant for Miracle, said the money certainly looked real.

"It was extremely difficult to tell it was counterfeit," he said. **Editors Note:** *More information concerning the Wednesday investigation will appear in next week's newspaper.*

Card of Thanks

A thank you goes out to all the members who worked at the Farm Machinery Sale March 3rd. A special thank you to the husbands who assisted the ladies, Bobby Lawrence, Harold Vanhook, Paul Hansel and Don Stevens. Also to Phil Thompson for placing plastic around the food stand. Without this, it would have been a miserable day for those working. And we cannot leave out the young ladies for helping us, Jesse Thompson, Kayla Reynolds and Tiffany Hopkins.

The sale was a great success and would not have been so without the cooperation of everyone.

The Quail Homemakers



The Family Room

By: Dr. Roy Don Whitehead

I love baseball. It is my favorite sport. The basic rule of baseball is "three strikes and you are out." I have discovered that the same is true of marriage.

Norm and Vera (fictitious characters) have major problems in their marriage. Vera was determined to save the marriage and went to counseling. They have been married twenty-one years, and this is the fourth counselor to whom Vera has talked in those years.

"I try but I don't seem to get anywhere," Vera told the counselor. "Norm won't listen to me. Maybe you can talk to him and get him to change."

"I doubt that I can make him change, Vera," the counselor advised, "but tell me what it is he needs to change."

"Norm spends too much time drinking with his friends," she answered. "Every day after work he goes straight to his friend's house and they drink. Sometimes he doesn't get home until after midnight."

The counselor thought to himself, "Strike one." The abuse of alcohol and other drugs is a definite factor in the loss of many marriages. The one who abuses alcohol is not able to function effectively in the relationship. The alcohol affects his mental and emotional state so that he cannot be a good partner or parent. Norm's drinking was the first strike against this marriage.

"So Norm's drinking is the main problem?" the counselor asked Vera.

"It was until a few months ago," Vera continued, "but then I found out he has been having an affair. I found a note from a woman in his truck, and I made a few phone calls. Turns out he has been seeing her for six weeks at least. He finally confessed to it."

The counselor thought, "Strike two." An affair is a violation of trust in the relationship. "I feel betrayed," Vera added. "How could he do this to me?"

"Has he ever had an affair before?" the counselor asked.

"Maybe," Vera reluctantly admitted. "I have heard before that he had been out with someone. Each time he denied it and I believed him. Now I feel foolish."

"His affairs and his alcohol abuse are going to make it very difficult to save the marriage, Vera," the counselor told her. "Are there any other problems in your relationship?"

Vera was silent for a while, then she said, "Sometimes he gets really mad at me. I try not to make him mad, but no matter what I do, I seem to provoke him."

"Has he been abusive to you?" the counselor inquired.

Vera was again silent. "Not too much," she finally replied. "When he is drunk, he hollers at me, and a couple of times he has pushed me up against the wall. Once he blacked my eye. Afterwards he says he is sorry and that it won't happen again. I always forgive him. I guess I am being foolish, aren't I?"

The counselor thought, "Strike three." To Vera he said, "Alcohol, affairs and abuse make for a devastating combination in marriage. There are not many marriages that can withstand those problems. I must tell you that it will be hard to save your marriage. It will take a willingness to change on the part of both you and Norm." The odds that Vera and Norm's marriage can be saved are slim. Three strikes (alcohol, affairs and abuse) may mean that Norm and Vera are out.

[If you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship, call Family Life Abuse Center at 800-755-5348 for help.]



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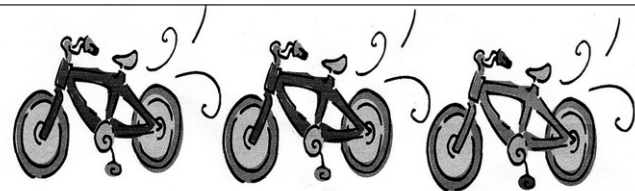
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“Court”

(Cont. from front)

McGinnis that the court would have to look at their budget for the upcoming 2007-08 fiscal year and the matter discussed and voted on by the magistrates. Carloftis also noted that two other board members from Rockcastle County, Mary Singleton and Mary Ponder were attempting to get fund raisers going in the county to benefit the project.

Individual donations are being solicited and are, of course, tax-deductible. \$30,000 has been set as the goal for Rockcastle County. Donations may be made at Citizens Bank.

In other business, the court accepted County Clerk Norma Houk's statement of receipts, disbursements and excess fees for calendar year 2006.

The statement showed total receipts of \$2,386,673.62 and total expenses of \$2,378,956.82 for excess fees of \$7,716.80. However, Mrs. Houk's actual check to the court was \$8,023/25 which includes interest.

Houk's statement showed the majority of her receipts coming from property taxes and property tax liens, \$884,313.22; usage tax, \$598,908.72, licenses, transfers and title fees, \$378,181.13 and delinquent taxes, \$341,431.45. The delinquent tax figure was unusually high this year because private companies bought up unpaid property tax bills, creating a windfall for the county. Houk's office also received \$99,730.50 for recording fees.

On the expense side of the statement, Houk sent \$580,877.62 to the state for usage tax reports; \$288,883.51 for license reports; \$432,788.16 to the Kentucky State Treasurer; \$592,141.03 for monthly disbursements to taxing districts; \$113,772.48 monthly disbursements to Rockcastle County and \$271,817.99 for operational expenses.

The court also approved a road name change, at the request of Joy Dunn, a resident on the road, from Abney Cemetery Road to Gadd Cemetery Road.

First reading for an ordinance, requiring residents of Rockcastle County to connect

to an approved on site wastewater system, or a public sanitary sewer system, if available, was held. The ordinance also sets out penalties for failure to hook onto a system.

Passage of the ordinance is necessary because the City of Mt. Vernon will soon be laying sewer lines around Lake Linville and not all of the area is within the city limits and some of the customers are not city water customers. The ordinance will require residents to hook onto the sewer line "in a timely manner so as not to interrupt the schedule of construction or within three months from the date such sewer line is installed and placed in operation, whichever is more appropriate."

The ordinance will apply to premises which are "deemed accessible to a public sewer if the system's sewer line is located within reasonable proximity of the property boundary, with 'reasonable proximity' determined by the public sanitary sewer system's authority" (the City of Mt. Vernon).

Non-compliance with the ordinance will result in a fine of "not less than fifty (\$50) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500) for each offense." The ordinance goes on to state that that each day the property owner fails to comply with the ordinance shall constitute a separate offense.

Carloftis told the magistrates that passage of the ordinance would be "one of the best things the county could do to help protect the water supply in the county."

A motion to approve first reading of the ordinance was made by Magistrate William Denny and seconded by Magistrate John Holbrook, who lives on the Lake Linville Road. In seconding the motion, Holbrook, known for his dry wit, commented he was seconding the motion because "I'm getting tired of drinking the same water twice."

The court also approved Serena Stratton to a term as a trustee of the Rockcastle County Public Library Board, replacing Corey Craig whose term expired.

Deputy Sheriff Rick Brummett presented the court

with a report of the activities of the sheriff's office for February. The report included: 365 911 calls answered; 48 citations issued; 43 arrests made; 60 civil summons served; 28 warrants served for other agencies; 10 prisoners transported; two DUI arrests made; five arrests made for alcohol intoxication; eight traffic collision worked and 15 incident reports taken.

Brummett also told the court that the department would be receiving three new cruisers next week and asked the county to auction off some old vehicle, once they have been "stripped down." He also noted that he, Deputy John Guilfoil and Sheriff Mike Peters have all now been state certified as vehicle inspectors.

County Treasurer Joe Clontz gave the court the monthly financial statement and all accounts were in the black. The general fund showed a balance of \$236,460.82 at the end of February and, Clontz said, there was \$51,111 in PRIDE funds deposited after that for a balance of over \$287,000 in this fund. Since the general fund had to borrow \$175,000 from the road fund early in the fiscal year, because of huge insurance payments due then, Clontz suggested that now would be a good time to repay some of that money. The court agreed and approved repayment of \$100,000 from the general fund to the road department fund, leaving a balance of \$75,000 due the road department.

“Thieves”

(Cont. from front)

cate the vehicle," Peters said.

Jackson County Sheriff Tim Fee stopped a vehicle, matching the description given by Mrs. Tankersley.

The three men in the vehicle also matched the elderly lady's description and, when police searched the vehicle, they found \$5,900.

After Mrs. Tankersley went to the scene and positively identified the three men, Henry Boswell, 47 and his two sons, Henry Edward Boswell, 23 and Matthew Shane Boswell, 19. They were arrested and taken to the Rockcastle County Detention Center.

District Judge Katie Wood set their bond at \$100,000 cash each, under which they still remain.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for next Wednesday for the three.

Peters said the men had been to other homes in the area Thursday soliciting work sealing driveways and had begun work on Mrs. Tankersley's although she told them she could not afford it.

Mrs. Tankersley told police she had been saving the money that was stolen to pay for her late husband's funeral. The money was returned to Mrs. Tankersley after the Boswells' arrest.

Rockcastle County Attorney Bill Reynolds said Thursday's crime had nothing to do with an armed home invasion in the Spiro Community on February 25th.

That case, Reynolds said, is still under investigation and police have leads.

But Reynolds had plenty to say about last Thursday's arrest.

"We are not going to tolerate the abuse of the elderly. Our people should be able to feel safe in their homes. I'm going to continue to push for no bond reduction in this case and, when it is transferred to Circuit Court, we are going to watch it very closely. They should get the maximum penalty allowed by law," he said.



Henry Boswell, 47, and his two sons were arrested last week for stealing money from an elderly lady at Three Links.

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“Indictments”

(Cont. from front)

The three men were arrested by 5th district Constable David Mason who intercepted the men's truck, following the robbery, from a description provided by residents in the area, on Hwy. 461 and found stolen items valued at over \$1,000.

Indicted were: Tony D. Dezarn, 27, Bobby Sizemore, 20 and Frankie Carpenter, 25 for receiving stolen property, belonging to James Napier and Acree Harris.

Four men were named in a joint indictment for two counts of receiving stolen property.

Lionel Mott, 36 and Mark A. Mott, 41, both of 175 Sawgrass Lane in Mt. Vernon, Jesse R. Adams, 75 of 514 Old State Road, Mt. Vernon and Roland Roberts, 44 of Waco, were all indicted for receiving stolen property, in July and November of 2006, from the residence of Glen Roberts.

Byron Mullins, 39, of Rose Hill Road, Mt. Vernon was indicted for burglary, third degree involving entering a building belonging to D.W. Wilburn Construction Company and theft by unlawful taking of property belonging to the construction company.

Wendell Renner, III, 23 of Maple Grove Road, was indicted on three counts: trafficking in a controlled substance,

first degree; possession of drug paraphernalia and speeding.

Johnna McCormick, 42, of Honey Comb Road, Mt. Vernon, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, first degree and possession of drug paraphernalia, second offense.

Christopher Sagraves, 31, of Crab Orchard, was indicted on possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Shaun M. Underhill, 24, of Rossville, GA was named in a three count indictment for possession of a controlled substance, first degree; possession of drug paraphernalia and operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs.

Terry L. Halstead, 49, of Williamsburg was indicted for flagrant non-support, for failing to provide for minor child/children in the amount of \$6,326.11.

Paul R. Ferrell, 23, of Richmond was also indicted for flagrant non-support in the amount of \$3,573.82.

Janet E. Shearer, 35, of Lancaster, was indicted on three counts -- possession of a controlled substance, first degree; possession of drug paraphernalia and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs.

Carl David Beaty, 31, of New Carlisle, OH was named in a three count indictment for fleeing or evading police, first degree; receiving stolen property and criminal mischief.

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Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, March 15, 2007

The Cumberland Ford-Hackney Corner's Tragedy: Atrocity along the Wilderness Road

"A Grim Warning to Others of their Kind"

By David W. Owens

When reading American Civil War literature, the reader is often enlightened about "Gallant Deeds" of those that died on the field of battle gloriously—modern writers often tend to over dramatize and glorified the affair. As in all histories there is always another side to the matter. Sadly, the war often turned very brutal during what some described as the "Terrible Time." The following account is one such event that demonstrates how regional encounters could turn vicious during the war. The author does not attempt to justify any actions taken by the men involved in this account nor does he think any practicable or logic reasoning can explain away which side was right or wrong. The truth probably lies some where in the middle of both Armies accounts. Therefore, I present to your reading an account that happened here in Kentucky that has long been forgotten but needs to be remembered. "As a grim warning to others of their kind."

Following the bloody battle of Perryville, October 8th, 1862, Confederate General Braxton Bragg decided to retreat back to Tennessee. He chose to take the Wilderness Road turnpike in order to capture much needed Union supplies at Camp Dick Robinson in Garrard County. He then planned to join with Major-General Edmund Kirby-Smith's Army at Byrantsville, follow the trace through; Stanford, Crab Orchard, Mt. Vernon, then across the Rockcastle River on to Cumberland Gap.

During the Kentucky campaign his cavalry troops captured some sixteen Unionists. Among them were some Lincoln County Home Guards under the command of Captain Herbert King including sons William and John. They were captured just before the Perryville battle at Turkey Creek near Crab Orchard by troopers belonging to Colonel Warren Grigsby's Confederate 6th Kentucky Cavalry. Others, apparent Union supporters; William Taylor [who's oldest son was in the Union Army] along with his youngest son John with some of his neighbors were captured at Swiggett's Bluff near Sugar Creek bridge in Marion County by troopers of Colonel John Scott's 1st Louisiana Cavalry. They were accused of bushwhacking. Still others being accused of bushwhacking were captured by General John Hunt Morgan's men near Somerset including Rockcastle native Joseph Dolly, an enlisted soldier of Company E, Union 6th Kentucky Cavalry; home on leave to recover from a battle wound.



Captain Herbert King
Hanged at Cumberland Ford
(Photograph courtesy descendant David Gambrel)

Evidently, prior to the Battle of Perryville there had been some type of intelligence received by Major-General Edmund Kirby-Smith [who previously soundly defeated Brigadier-General William "Bull" Nelson at Richmond] that Union Home Guards were harassing Confederate forces near Crab Orchard. This led to some of their capture, which influenced him to issue the following order to Colonel Warren Grigsby, commander of the 6th Kentucky, CSA Cavalry:

Headquarters Army of Kentucky
[Military dispatches from
Official Record War of Rebellion]
Lexington, Ky, September 6,
1862

Colonel J. Warren Grigsby, C.S. Army,
Lincoln County, Ky
Colonel: I am directed by Major General E. Kirby-Smith to inform

you that you are hereby authorized to parole the home guards in the counties of Boyle, Lincoln, and Mercer on condition that they give up their arms and pledge themselves not to take up arms again or in any way give aid or comfort to the enemies of the Confederate States by giving information or otherwise within the Confederate lines.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H.P. Pratt, Lieutenant and Acting Assistant-General

Later, following Smith's order General Bragg received intelligence that the Home Guards had been actively engaged in bushwhacking missions and issued the following arrest warrant that he sent General Kirby-Smith then at Richmond via his adjutant Major E. Cunningham:

Headquarters Army of Kentucky
September 15, 1862
Commanding Officer
Richmond, Ky

Sir: The major-general commanding directs that you immediately arm the four companies of Colonel Chenault's regiment now at your camp in Richmond. You will then send as many men as you can spare from the camp up into Garrard County, to the Fox or Sugar Hill country, with directions to hunt up and thoroughly disperse or capture the army of Home Guards, bushwhackers, &c. said to be commanded by a man named King, who has been giving much trouble in that section. Every exertion should be made to secure their arms. They are reported about 100 strong.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
E. Cunningham,
Acting Aide-de-Camp

These men [captives] were taken by the Confederates as they marched south to exit Kentucky. When Bragg's command reached Cumberland Ford [present day Pineville] he ordered them to be hung as bushwhacker's thereby denying them any military justice. A Confederate officer Marcus Wright recorded the event in his diary, "Oct 19th, left Barboursville and moved through Flat Lick along the margin of the Cumberland River to Cumberland Ford—distance 16 miles. I here discharged the most unpleasant duty of my military career. Sixteen bushwhackers including the notorious Capt King and two of his sons were hung by [Col. James] Chalmer's brigade, having been taken by our cavalry firing on our troops. Under orders from Col. Chalmer I took a detachment of 20 mounted men and with Lieut. Mann had them decently buried under the cherry tree which they were hung near the river." (1.) Local Pineville historian Charlie Jones informs the author that the men where hung on Gibson Hill, the present site of the Pineville hos-

pital. 1. Diary of Gen. Marcus J. Wright, CSA.

News of the tragedy spread quickly and as one Confederate stated, "As a grim warning to others of their kind." When word got back to Crab Orchard Captain King's brother William was full of wraith as he saw it; the unlawful murder of his brother and two nephews. The word around Crab Orchard was that King and his Home Guards acted on lawful orders engaged in open combat with the rebels and not acting as unlawful bushwhackers.

The author must here note that bushwhackers are defined as local citizens—not a part of any military organization— who fired on troops of both sides during the war. This became so common that both sides—Union and Confederate, issued proclamations that any person caught doing such acts would be executed as an outlaw bushwhacker. Confederate Officer Basil Duke, a Kentuckian of Morgan's Raider's, recorded after the war that, "A bushwhacker was a gentleman of leisure who lives in a wild and, generally mountainous country, does not join the army, but shoots from the tops of hills or from behind trees or rocks at those who are unfortunate as to differ with his politics." (2.) 2. History of Morgan's Cavalry, by Gen. Basil Duke.

John K. McClary, a lawyer from Mt. Vernon then living at Lynn Camp, recalled seeing the sixteen men as rebel prisoners in an article appearing in the *Mount Vernon Signal*, May 19th, 1899: "I shall never forget that night when Uncle George Thompson, sometimes called Hog Eye, Capt Harve King and his sons, and Campbell Dameron, who was an uncle to the Langford boys and others saw me at my store in Lynn Camp, Knox County, and stopped long enough to inform me they had had nothing to eat for two days and were very hungry....eleven miles this side of Barboursville on the Wilderness turnpike at Lynn Camp that I furnished the prisoners who were accused of bushwhacking by CSA with special provision as could be obtained at Mrs. Stephen Colyer's where I boarded.

Rebel soldiers had been stopping with us some days and had consumed everything eatable on the premises. I got permission to visit the camp which was located on Robbers Hill about one mile south of Mrs. Colyer and take the boys something to eat. All that could be found was a small quantity of meal and Irish potatoes. These were prepared as best we could and about midnight accompanied by John Colyer, of color, [slave of Stephen Colyer] we took a couple of baskets partly filled with the bread and potatoes and went to the camp without molestation, and found the prisoners

asleep. They were soon awakened and speedily dispatched the meager supply, saying in a voice filled with emotion it was the sweetest bread and potatoes they had even eaten.

After an hour's chat in which they told me that they were charged with being bushwhackers but were innocent, yet feared they would be shot as they had no witnesses, and some parties in the vicinity in which they had been captured had fired into the passing Confederate Army from bushes and thus left suspicion resting on them. I bid them a painful adieu, never expecting to see any of them again, nor have I, except Uncle George who came back in a few days and told me all the others were hung at Cumberland Ford near Pineville on the second day after I saw them. My recollection is that there were sixteen of them. I only remember Capt. King and his sons and Campbell Dameron but it is possible that I knew others.

But I digress, the war with varied successes and reversals continued, and I think a short time after the occurrence of events first mentioned some unfortunate CSA soldiers fell into the hands of Capt. King's friends, who, with one of his brothers as leader, avenged the death of the deceased by hanging six of them to a limb of a certain tree near the old Hackney Tavern Stand two miles north of Livingston. I have no personal knowledge of this hanging but it was currently reported as a fact of the time, and I have had the tree pointed out to me several times since. But enough of this painful reminiscence."

The following appeared in the *Frankfort Tri-Weekly Commonwealth*, Friday November 7th, 1862 page 3, column 3:

Rebel Atrocity-Sixteen Kentuckians Hung by Bragg
A correspondent from Mt. Vernon, under date of the 2nd, says, today a wagon arrived here with three coffins for the remains of Capt King, late of Crab Orchard, and his two sons, who were hanged at Cumberland Ford, with thirteen others, by Bragg on his retreat. They were charged with bushwhacking. Capt King's brother Jack and Will Owsley, a relation of King's living at Hustonville, Lincoln County, with some of the Colyers of Rockcastle, were with the rebels and gave sanction to the charge. The victims were mostly members of Capt. King's Company, raised for the defense of Crab Orchard. The charge of bushwhacking says our correspondent was false. Capt. King was taken prisoner in a charge, at the head of his company, upon Kirby Smith's pickets in the Crab Orchard raid. He, with his sons, were confined in the Danville Jail until after the battle of Perryville. Some of the citi-

zens of Rockcastle, together with citizens from Lincoln and Pulaski Counties arrested a loyal citizen [Private Joseph Dolly] of Rockcastle formerly of the Union Army, and it is said he was hung with King. Our correspondent says significantly, that they will be attended to. It was rumored that John Morgan was in Somerset, on Sunday, with fifteen hundred cavalry, which rumor is credited by some. We call attention of the military authorities of the United States, and of the state of Kentucky, to this atrocious military murder. These men who were hanged claimed to be in the service of Kentucky. They were taken in open fight, and therefore could not be properly called bushwhackers. If it should be proved that they were members of the State Guard, or the Home Guards, under the laws of the State, a dreadful retribution ought to be made. They were engaged in the defense of their homes and firesides and of ours. We hope that some inquiry will be made as to the reliability of the facts stated by our correspondent. Such things are much exaggerated, but we are fearful that these will only prove too true. If they should, our able executive will know what course to pursue.

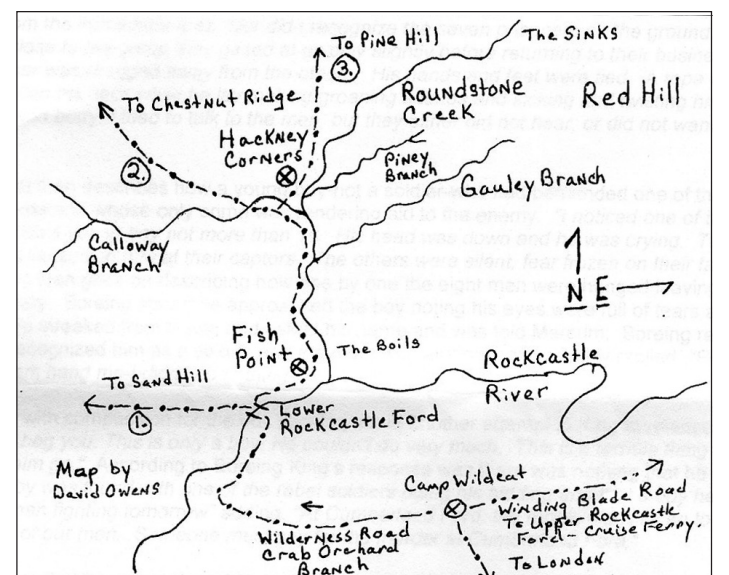
William King then received intelligence reports that local citizens had provided safe houses for Confederate soldiers who for what ever reason had fallen out of the ranks as Bragg's Command marched to Cumberland Gap. He organized a group of local Home Guards from Rockcastle and Lincoln Counties to search from Crab Orchard to London for these rebels and "Get some payback." Along the way they policed up six Confederate soldiers who had fallen out of Bragg's marching column and three other men ac-

cused of being Rebel sympathizers between Crab Orchard and Mt. Vernon.

Early on the morning of November 6th, 1862, while encamped near the Hackney Tavern where Calloway Branch empties into Roundstone Creek just north of present day Livingston, King and his band orchestrated a cruel act of revenge and hanged the nine men with "Hemp neckties" from a long limb of an oak tree. Sergeant Joshua Boreing a school teacher [Boreing taught at Medical Springs School in Rockcastle County] turned soldier in the 3rd Kentucky Infantry was the sergeant of the guard that cold day and in charge of a small security patrol on outpost duty from near by Union Camp Wildcat. Boreing's detachment came upon King and his men and in a letter to his father described what he saw that day. "If I live to be a hundred, I will go to my grave remembering that day. I see all of us reduced to beasts of the jungle... I remember the day was cold. Some snow lay on the north side of the hills as if waiting for more. Almost every day in November there had been snow on the ground, and on many days it had snowed continually...The four of us left camp as soon as it was light enough to see. We rode along the Rockcastle River for a considerable time. It was very cold. After about an hour of riding we stopped, got off the horses, and walked around, stomping our feet in an effort to get warm...I recall we had rode nearly to the crossroads at the [Hackney] Corners when we heard the shots and yells."

Sergeant Boreing noted they were afraid of being fired on by bushwhackers then continues in

(Cont. to B8)



The Three Branches of the Wilderness Road at Fishpoint (Present day - Livingston, Ky.)

1. The High Road went to Sand Hill traveled northwest to Chestnut Ridge and then northeast to Mt. Vernon. 2. The Middle Road forked at Hackney Corner's followed Calloway Branch in a northwesterly direction until it intersected the High Road at Chestnut Ridge. 3. The Low Road also forked at Hackney Corner's then traveled due north to Mt. Vernon via McHarge Springs Road.

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

District Civil Suits

Atlantic Credit Finance, Inc. vs. Kathryn Brown, \$3,409.50 plus claimed due. C-00038.
 Hawker Financial Corp. vs. Wanda Howard, \$2,449.65 plus claimed due. C-00039.
 Lumber King, Inc. vs. Joseph Rowland, \$1,927.19 plus claimed due. C-00040.

Circuit Civil Suits

LHR, Assignee of First Equity Card vs. Donna Brewer, et al, \$13,398.96 plus claimed due. CI-00056.
 Tammy Fletcher vs. James Fletcher, petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00057.
 Leah M. Trucano vs. William S. Moore, complaint for child support. CI-00058.
 Wawanesa Mutual Ins. Co. vs. James Pollitt, \$17,618.46 plus claimed due. CI-00059.

Deeds Recorded

Debbie Todd, property in Rockcastle County, to Willard Todd. No tax.
 Benton and Teresa Bullock property in Dusty Trails Subdv., to Frankie and Lora Baker. Tax \$8.
 Roland and Nancy Mullins, property on Richmond Street, to Matthew and Beulah Shepherd. Tax \$1.50.
 Ralph and Lyla Powell, property in Cedar Point Subdv., to Larry and Glenna Settles. Tax \$3.50.
 William Cash, Jr. and Doris P. Cash, property on Hwy. 461, to Troy D. and Natalie P. Taylor. Tax \$85.

Larry W. Clouse, Sr., property on Freedom School Road, to Gary and Iris Parker. Tax \$5.50.

Stephen and Jill Ponder, property on U.S. 25, to Donald and Gail McKenna and Shawn and Patricia Simmons. Tax \$75.
 Jason L. and Tasha M. Dillingham, property in Rockcastle County, to Laurence Robert and Martha Lynn Cowles. Tax \$140.
 Charles and Claudinnia Cash, property on Cloyd Bowling Rd., to Curtis and Virginia Mink Cash. No tax.
 Ada G. Pittman, property in Hill View Subdv., to Brian K. Pittman and Terrel K. Pittman. No tax.
 Diana Bond, property on Poplar Gap Church Road, to Daniel Bond. Tax \$6.
 J.P. Morgan Chase Bank as trustee, property on Chestnut Hill School Road, to Jack Jacobs. Tax \$12.
 Glen and Lucille Ponder, property on Lambert Road, to Mike and Edith Chaney and Glenys Pulliam. No tax.
 Gregory J. and Tammy Nickle, property on waters of Dry Fork, to Citizens Bank. No tax.

District Court

March 5 - 7, 2007
 Hon. Kathryn G. Wood

Anthony Barnett: Criminal trespass, \$100 fine and costs and 30 days/probated 24 months on condition.
 Speeding: Jonathan T. Adams, Pamela M. Marlowe, paid \$20 fine plus \$128 costs; Jeremy S. Lowrey, Sheri S. Calhoun, Kerri J. Forrester, Eric J. Gifford, Charles L. Jeffries, Stanley M. Lesley, Whitney N. Vance, license suspended for failure to appear; Anthony R. Powers, paid \$20 fine and \$128 costs; James Byers: Speeding, \$30 fine and \$128 costs; failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.
 Richard Caldwell: disorderly conduct, \$250 fine and costs/fine suspended.
 Anthony S. Lawson: one headlight, \$25 fine and costs; disregarding stop sign, \$25 fine.
 Alberto Santiago: no operator/moped license, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.
 Larissa M. Thomas: failure to maintain insurance, \$500 fine and costs/suspended on condition payment of \$800 restitution made.
 Clarence Wilmont: no/expired registration plates, and other charges, license suspended for failure to appear.
 Michael L. Miller: improper use of blue lights and failure to produce insurance card, action slip entered.
 Lonnie J. Perkins: part 395/Fed Safety Regs, license suspended for failure to appear.
 Cheryl Pigg: use/possession drug paraphernalia, \$100 fine and costs and 30 days/suspended 24 months on condition.

costs; Alene Collins, action slip entered; William J. Lykins, Randal W. Owen, paid; Jasmine M. Sconza, paid \$188 total;

Eldon L. Washington: Speeding, and other charges, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Johnny D. Singleton: Harassment, \$50 fine and costs.
 Cody Spoonamore: non-payment of fines, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Ronald Abney: 60 days remainder of sentence/probated 24 months.

Steven Haling: Theft by deception, under \$300, \$200 fine plus costs plus restitution, 180 days/probated 24 months on condition.

Mark E. Mink: No insurance, \$500 fine/suspend fine on condition; fleeing or evading police, \$200 fine and 90 days/probated 24 months on condition.

Cary D. Reed: Operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$350 fine and costs, \$325 service fee, 12 month license suspension and 7 days in jail/credit time served.

Jonathan Adams: DUI, 1st, \$200 fine and costs, \$325 service fee, 30 day operators license suspension; possession of marijuana, 30 days/probated 12 months on condition plus \$100 fine.

Amanda Barnett: Assault, 90 days/conditionally discharged 24 months plus costs.

Kermit K. Bowling: Driving DUI suspended license, \$350 fine and costs, \$325 service fee, 12 month license suspension and 7 days.

James Byers: Speeding, \$30 fine and \$128 costs; failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.

Richard Caldwell: disorderly conduct, \$250 fine and costs/fine suspended.

Anthony S. Lawson: one headlight, \$25 fine and costs; disregarding stop sign, \$25 fine.

Alberto Santiago: no operator/moped license, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

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Clarence Wilmont: no/expired registration plates, and other charges, license suspended for failure to appear.

Michael L. Miller: improper use of blue lights and failure to produce insurance card, action slip entered.

Lonnie J. Perkins: part 395/Fed Safety Regs, license suspended for failure to appear.

Cheryl Pigg: use/possession drug paraphernalia, \$100 fine and costs and 30 days/suspended 24 months on condition.

Pamela C. Alsip: Obstructed vision and/or windshield, dismissed on condition and pay costs.

Clarence G. Bradley: No operators/moped license, \$50 fine plus costs; failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.

Jessica Horn: Operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine plus costs; failure to maintain insurance, \$500 fine/suspend \$450 on condition; probation violation, 60 days in jail.

Cory A. Jackson: No/expired registration plates, \$25 fine plus costs.

Daniel J. Leaf: 23 hours of community service work owed, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Michelle Lewis: No/expired Kentucky registration receipt, and other charges, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Edward J. Coil: no/expired registration plates, and other charges, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

John E. Cummins: faulty equipment, \$25 fine and costs.

Douglas J. Leger: possession of marijuana, \$100 fine and costs and 30 days/probated 24 months on condition.

Andrew T. Ruhe: Fines/fees due (\$937), bench warrant issued for failure to appear/14 days or payment.

James L. Russell: Speeding and failure to produce insurance card, action slip entered.

Joseph Bostic: possession of marijuana, \$100 fine and costs and 30 days/probated 24 months on condition.

months on condition.

Jason P. Allen: Operating on suspended/revoked operators license, 7 days; operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$350 fine plus costs, \$325 service fee, 12 month license suspension/ADE

authorized and 7 days/credit time served; fleeing or evading police, 360 days/probated 24 months on condition.

John H. Sizemore: Theft by deception, 360 days/probated 24 months plus restitution.

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| ACROSS | Powers | River forms |
| 1 KY county a.k.a. "Crapple Capital of the World" | 54 Cross | 29 Swamp |
| 6 Resistance units | 56 Perch | 30 Coin machine |
| 10 Spring mo. | 57 Goofs | 31 Famous Frankfort chocolate factory co-founder |
| 13 Kentuckians | 59 Universe | 33 Abide |
| George Clooney and William Conrad, et al | 63 Kentuckian, Allen Tate's, "___ to the Confederate Dead" | 34 Kentuckian, author Alice Hegan |
| 15 Stable gear | 64 Realm | 36 Old French money |
| 16 Pastureland | 65 Parka | 37 Kentucky's Dix or Little Barren |
| 17 Fabricated | 66 Leavened bread | 38 Kentuckian, concert singer Roland |
| 18 Nevada city | 67 Kentuckian, "First Lady of Country Music" | 39 "500" race |
| 19 Siamese | 68 Laud | 40 Center |
| 20 Regular route | DOWN | 42 Fishing pole |
| 22 Kentuckian, author and artist Harlan | 1 1958 Derby winner, Tim ___, or Scottish cap | 44 Kentuckian's first historian |
| 24 Shoe bottom | 2 Old electronics co. | 45 Clay Co. hamlet, or Iroquoian |
| 26 Unfortunately | 3 Contraction | 46 Decayed |
| 28 Parasites | 4 Appointed Kentucky's governor in 1900 | 47 Home county of Western Kentucky University |
| 29 Pineville, KY is this county's seat | 5 Porridge | 48 Kentuckian, author of "O Ye Jigs and Juleps" |
| 30 Seattle ___, 1977 Horse of the Year | 6 One of KY's first congressmen | 50 Kentuckian, author of "The Gift of Good Land" |
| 31 Kentuckian Darrell Waltrip drove one | 7 Kentuckian Grandpa Jones associated with this old TV show | 51 A Kentucky county lying in the North Bend of the Ohio River |
| 32 Sphere | 8 Subtraction | 53 Mend |
| 33 Wild plum | 9 Prig | 55 Herb |
| 34 Kentucky Derby, a.k.a. "___ for the Roses" | 10 Language group | 58 ___ Francisco |
| 35 Kentuckian, creator of Kinsey Milhone | 11 Kentuckian, author of "Days of Darkness" | 60 Mr.'s wife |
| 37 Kentuckian, folk singer Jean Rodent | 12 One of John Hunt Morgan's band, maybe | 61 Furniture wood |
| 41 Rodent | 14 Famous Grayson Springs, for one | 62 Atmosphere |
| 42 Area in 47 Down, ___ Pond, or ample | 21 Bird claw | |
| 43 Whichever | 23 Mont ___ | |
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Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Power of Attorney

The National Office has advised that handbook regulations pertaining to the Power of Attorney for the execution of CCC-526, Adjusted Gross Income Certification, be amended as follows: An individual may execute CCC-526 on behalf of another only when the grantor provides both of the following:
 •Grantor selects item 7, "Other" under Section B, Transactions for FSA and CCC Programs, of FSA -211, Power of Attorney
 •Item 7, "Other", specifies "Executing CCC-526"

Therefore, persons having signed a FSA-211 on March 18, 2003 or later should review the Power of Attorney to verify if the above items are marked as necessary. If not, the grantor shall sign a new FSA-211.

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.

Women's History Month

Throughout our history, the vision and determination of women have strengthened and transformed America. As we celebrate Women's History Month, we recognize the vital contributions women have made to our country.

The strong leadership of extraordinary women has altered our Nation's history. Sojourner Truth, Alice Stone Blackwell, and Julia Ward Howe opened doors for future generations of women by advancing the cause of women's voting rights and helping make America a more equitable place. In 1855, Dr. Mary E. Walker became one of the first female physicians in the country. Dr. Walker volunteered her medical services during the Civil War and became the only woman in United States history to receive the Medal of Honor. Vivian Malone Jones stood her ground in the face of a great injustice and helped integrate the

University of Alabama, breaking down racial barriers to higher education and becoming the school's first African-American graduate.

Our Nation is a land of great opportunity, and women are seizing that opportunity and shaping the future of America in all walks of life. A record number of women are serving in the halls of Congress, and the number of women-owned businesses continues to grow. The women of our Armed Forces are making a vital contribution to our Nation's security by serving the cause of freedom and peace around the world. And by giving care and guidance, America's mothers are helping to build the foundation for the success of our Nation's children and strengthening the character of our country. This month, we honor the spirit, leadership, and hard work of American women.

Therefore; President George Bush hereby proclaims March 2007 as Women's History Month.

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 bank's 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.

Important program dates

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

Farm Storage Facility Loan Program signup continues

Conservation Reserve Program Continuous signup continues

Milk Income Contract Program Extensions continues

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UNITE is offering two facilitator training classes

Operation UNITE is offering two regional facilitator training sessions for Focus On The Family's "How To Drug Proof Your Kids" parent program. The day-long trainings will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18, at the First Baptist Church on Fifth Street in London, and Friday, April 20, at Allen Baptist Church on U.S. 23 just north of KY 80 in Prestonsburg.

There is no cost to attend the training for residents living within the UNITE service area; for those living outside the area the cost is \$60 per person.

"How To Drug Proof Your Kids" is an education, prevention and intervention parenting program developed as a result of the increasing drug problem among young people and the frustrated attempts by parents to steer their children away from

the harmful use of drugs. The values-based program, rooted in awareness and prevention models, is designed to help parents grasp the reality of drug use and take preemptive action against it. Participants in this training class will be empowered to teach parenting workshops within their community.

UNITE believes parents are one of the strongest forces against drugs, and are looking for individuals who are motivated to making a difference in the lives of children.

In order to have sufficient training materials, please RSVP by Monday, April 9, to Becky Calhoun at 1-866-OP-UNITE (1-866-678-6483) or bcalhoun@centertech.com.

For more information about Operation UNITE visit their website on the internet at www.operationunite.org

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
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:

1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Special Master Commissioner.
2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
3. Unpaid taxes of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2007 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
6. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
7. In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the intervening plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
8. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".

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

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

Flagstar Bank, FSB Plaintiff
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:

1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of twenty 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.
2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
3. Unpaid taxes of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2007 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
6. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
7. In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the intervening plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
8. The 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.
9. 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-00177

Doug Leger, single, individually and as executor of the estate of Delbert Leger; Wayne Leger and wife, Patty Leger; Debbie Napier, single; Mike Leger and wife, Sheila Leger Plaintiff
Citizens Bank (Brodhead, KY); Dowell & Martin Funeral Home; Heights Finance Corporation; Arvin Family Practice, PSC; Appliance Service Center, Inc.; Kenny Adams d/b/a Adam's Feed Supply; and Johnny Deboard d/b/a Deboard Oil Company Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a Final Judgment and Order of Sale entered in this action on January 29, 2007, and an Amended Final Judgment and Order of Sale entered in this action on February 23, 2007, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the Plaintiffs, the estate of Delbert Leger, Wayne Leger, Patti Leger, Debbie Napier, Mike Leger, and Sheila Leger, and the Defendants, Dowell and Martin Funeral Home, Heights Finance Corporation, Arvin Family Practice, Appliance Service Center, Johnny Deboard d/b/a Deboard Oil Company and Kenny Adams d/b/a Adams Feed and Supply, in the amount of FIFTY-ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE DOLLARS AND 79/100 (\$51,535.79), plus interest and costs. 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 30, 2007 Beginning at the Hour of 1:30 p.m.

Said property being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a concrete block set 12 feet west of the center line of Old U.S. Highway #25 and 2 3/4 feet south of the south end of a head wall to a concrete pipe; thence N 83 degrees W 177 feet to a concrete block set in the right of way line on the east side of new U.S. Highway #25; thence with the right of way line, S 6 E 300 feet to a concrete set block; thence a new line through the land of the present owner S 84 E 168 feet to a set concrete block set 17 feet west of the center line of old U.S. Highway #25; thence along the west side of said highway N 4 W 300 feet to the beginning, containing 1.17 acres more or less.

Being the same real property Delbert Leger and wife, Jean Leger, obtained by survivorship deed dated January 21, 1967, from Charles Ball and wife, Hazel Ball, of record in Deed Book 86, Page 272, in the office of the clerk of the Rockcastle County Court, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky. Jean Leger predeceased Delbert Leger.

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

1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond bearing interest of twelve percent (12%) per annum.
2. Unpaid taxes or liens of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
3. The buyer shall pay the year 2006 Local, County, State property taxes and all subsequent years.
4. The buyer shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
5. In the event the defendant, Citizens Bank, is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the defendant's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required and the property will be conveyed to the defendant in due season upon payment of the expenses of sale.

**Tighe A. Estes, Special Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court**

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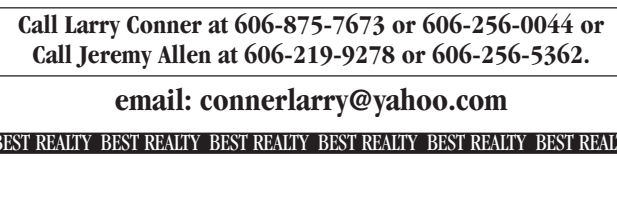
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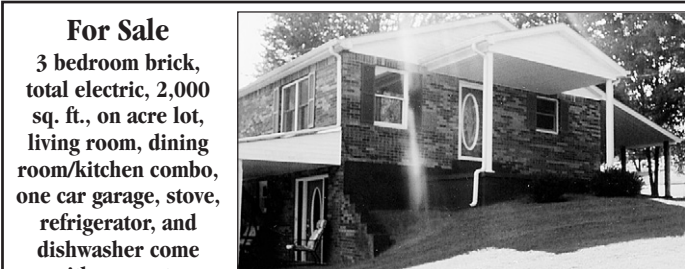
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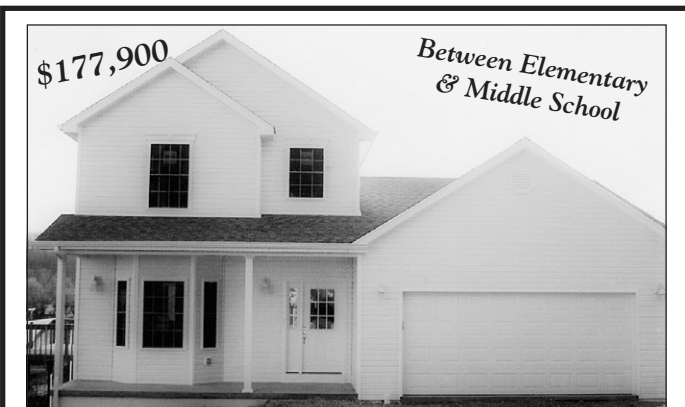


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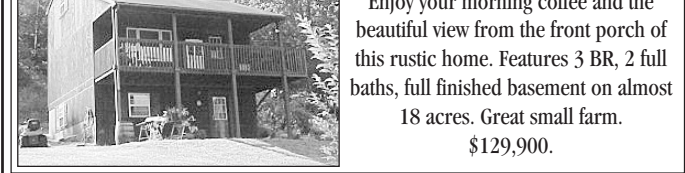
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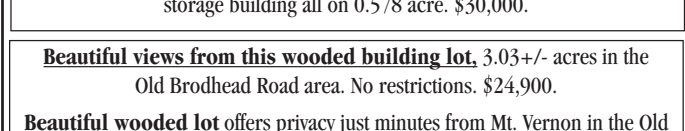


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Notice is hereby given that Robert Lee Banks, jr., 4075 Sweetwater Road, Berea, Ky. 40403 has been appointed executor of the estate of Robert Lee Banks, Sr. on the 19th day of February, 2007. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Robert Lee Banks, Jr. or to Hon. William D. Gregory, 240 East Main St., P.O. Drawer 220, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before August 20, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. 16x3

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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Notice is hereby given that Robert Bisbee, 2003 16th St. Lubbock, TX 79401 has been appointed ancillary administrator of the estate of Betty Payne Bisbee on the 26th day of February, 2007. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law to the said Robert Bisbee or to Hon. John Ford, 45 E. Main St., P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before August 27, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. 18x3

Notice is hereby given that Michael Lee Anderson, 181 Elm St., Versailles, Ky. 40383 has been appointed administrator of the estate of Ella Anderson on the 5th day of March, 2007. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Michael Lee Anderson on or before September 5, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. 18x3

Notice is hereby given that Melanie Daulton, 182 Shoreline Dr., Somerset, Ky. 42503 has been appointed executrix of the estate of Francis R. Johnson on the 26th day of February, 2007. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Melanie Daulton on or before August 27, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. 17x3

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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.

At the hearing, the Coalition members will discuss any plans to modify services devoted to persons with disabilities and the elderly. Persons and groups representing them have an opportunity to comment on current and proposed services. Regulations regarding the disabled and elderly will be complied with. There is no significant environment impact.

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his narrative, "We jumped from our horses and took cover behind rocks that formed a bend in the road. After several minutes of silence, and unable to see anyone, we decided the shots were meant for someone on up the road. We mounted and rode along the twisting road almost to the edge of an open field which allowed a view of Hackney's Corners. We stopped and dismounted. At the far edge of the field several hundred yards away, we saw about 15 armed men near two large trees. Under the trees we saw several men sitting in the snow...I suddenly felt my stomach tighten and my hand shook. It was one of two things, I decided a meeting of bushwhackers or [words not legible.] At that moment we heard a voice. Welcome gentleman, to a hanging party." Evidently the man [probably William King]-described by Boreing as clean shaved but wearing wrinkled, soiled, patched clothes holding a pistol-seeing their blue federal uniforms took them as no threat. Boreing's letter continued, "Who's being hanged? We don't know who they are. We just know they're rebels." Boreing then described how he tried to decide how to approach the matter when he heard a yell and saw a body in the distance swinging from one of the oak trees.

Then three other men joined their leader and formed a semi-circle around Boreing and his men. "I had become calm, knowing that these people were citizens of the county and Union sympathizers. Have these men done wrong? If not, in the name of the United States Army, I ask you to turn the prisoners over to us." Boreing continued describing how he tried to negotiate the release of the men when he was notified that King intended to, "Eliminate them from the war" and to, "Not be foolish enough to interfere with the proceedings." As this exchange occurred Boreing noted he observed another yell and a second man was strung-up and he and his men were ordered to, "Proceed ahead of us on foot." Boreing's account further stated, "When we were near the group we saw all of the men carried guns. I did not recognize any of them, but I felt sure they were all from the immediate area. Nor did I recognize the seven prisoners on the ground. When we came close to the group they gazed at us only slightly before returning to their business. The next prisoner was dragged away from the others. His hands and feet were tied. A rope was thrown around his neck while he lay making groaning sounds and kicking and twisting his shoulders and body. I tried to talk to the men, but they either did not hear, or did not want to be heard.

The account then describes how a young boy-not a soldier-who had befriended one of the rebels near his home and whose only crime was rendering aid to the enemy. "I noticed one of the prisoners was a young boy not more than 16. His head was down and he was crying. Two others were cursing in fury at their captors. The others were silent, fear frozen on their faces. The account then goes on describing how one by one the eight men were hanged leaving only the young boy. Boreing stated he approached the boy noting his eyes were full of tears and his cheeks were streaked from crying and asked his name and was told Marcum. Boreing recorded the youth recognized him as a soldier and a person with authority and meekly replied, "Please sir, don't let them hang me-I didn't do nothing-I've never done nothing."

Over come with compassion for the boy Boreing made another attempt to King to release the boy. "Sir, I beg you. This is only a boy. He couldn't do very much. This is a terrible thing your doing. Let him go." According to Boreing King's response was there was nothing that he could do. "The boy was found with one of the rebel soldiers doing his bidding and that a boy helping today is a man fighting tomorrow" adding, "At Cumberland Ford, the rebels didn't listen to the pleas of 16 of our men...Someone must pay for the murder at Cumberland Ford."

Boreing wrote that he asked King, "And who will pay for the murder at Hackney Corner's?" There was no reply as King and another man grabbed the struggling, screaming boy, threw a rope around his neck and pulled him up into the tree. Boreing observed that young Marcum, "Twisted and squirmed for over six minutes and then became still." King and his men having gotten their revenge then rode off back to Mt. Vernon and Crab Orchard leaving eight men and a boy swinging gently in the cold November breeze. This deed was deemed so vile that locals stopped calling the area Hackney's Corners. To this day it is known as

Calloway-named in honor of Colonel Richard Calloway of Fort Boonsboro fame-whose daughter is buried there about in an unmarked grave lost to history.

If the above account seems particularly gruesome you must know that William King had received a report how his brother was forced to watch the union captives, including his sons, hanged before they put the rope around his own neck. The report was Captain King remained silent while Bragg's men hung his sons-thereby not giving them the satisfaction of seeing his sorrow. King then struggled fiercely with his captors before one rebel soldier using the butt of his weapon struck him in the back of the head then he was strung up. While we don't know the identity of any of the Confederate soldiers that were hung at Hackney Corners research has revealed fourteen names of those hanged at Cumberland Ford. Captain Herbert King, his sons, eighteen year old John and seventeen year old William plus R.M. Singleton and Angden Bridgewater all from Crab Orchard. Noah Taylor and son John, Alexander Coppage, Phillip Wizer, Elkins Murphy, Will Murphy, William Wilcher of Marion County. Also, Campbell Dameron and Private Joseph Dolly who were from Rockcastle County. There was a young boy captured with the Marion County men named John Lanham but they released him and a fellow named Parker who escaped from the Confederates while lodged in the Danville Jail plus another Union soldier George Thompson (Co E, 8th Kentucky Infantry), a citizen of Mt. Vernon who for some reason was not hanged and released by the Confederate in Nashville.

A newspaper article appearing in the *Louisville Daily Courier* published November 13th, 1862 reported the following regarding the burial of the union men at Cumberland Ford:



Private Joseph Dolly, Company E, 6th Kentucky Calvary Rockcastle native was hanged at Cumberland Ford (Photograph courtesy Kentucky Military Museum)

Report of Rebel Atrocity at Cumberland Ford Crab Orchard, Lincoln Co., October 31, 1862

On Saturday, the 25th inst., I started in pursuit of Capt. H. King and his two sons, and R.M. Singleton. I reached Knox County (3.) on Monday, the 27th inst., and there heard that there had been sixteen men hung, at or near Cumberland Ford, by rebels. On the next day I started in search of the place, accompanied by W.M. Polk, Judge of Knox County Courts, John G. Eve, Wm. York, Esq., Milton York, Coroner W.F. Westerfield, U.H. Smith, S.G. Smith, 3rd Regiment Ky Volunteers, co. H.S.M. Smith, A.F. Bangham, Ed Hoame, A. Britton and others. We proceeded in search of the place. About half a mile from the Ford due west, on the south side of the river, near a dead cherry tree, about half way from the river to the woods, we found a pit, removed the slight covering of dirt, and there was presented the most horrible sight that ever human eyes beheld in a Christian land. Sixteen men in one pile, some of them with their hands tied behind them, some with a rope about their neck, some on their backs, some on their faces, some stripped to their shirt and drawers, some with apparently their own clothing on. They were in such a state of putrefaction that they could not be recognized by their features. From appearance of the hair and beard and all other proof, Capt. King and two sons and R.M. Singleton were four of the number in that horrible pile; the others were not recognized by any present. There were three men with black hair smartly gray, two seemed to be large men, one had on gray jeans pants, one with pants that looked like reddish tweed, one tall man with Union cavalry clothes on (*this was probably Private Joseph Dolly.) The most of them were in their sock feet. There was a considerable scar on the top of the head of one of the old men also one of them had on his right



Kentucky Historian Jennings Krahenbuhl, a retired educator, shown at the grave site of Captain Herbert King and sons. Note: Captain King's stone is the one on the left, the stone on the right engraved with his sons' names marks their final resting place. (Photo by author)

little finger a light, plain gold ring, with three letters neatly engraved on the inside, J.W.N.; also X., XII., X, which seem to have been cut with the point of a pen knife. One young man had on his finger, next to his little finger, a cameo ring with a set on it. I suppose it was on R.M. Singleton. After we had made an examination, we cleaned out the pit and placed them back as well as the nature of the case would admit. (4.) We then erected a temporary stone wall around it and filled it up, and rounded it up in the middle so as to make their burial sufficiently deep. They would have been taken up by the good citizens of Knox County and interred in coffins, but the surrounding country was stripped of plank of all kinds, which rendered a more humane burial impossible. The above named rings can be seen at my house in Lincoln County, between the Louisville and Lancaster Turnpike, about five miles from Crab Orchard, or will be sent to any point at the request of any bereaved friends. Also some pieces of clothing may be seen at the residence of Judge Pope, of Knox County. I also refer all inquiring friends to the Judge, who is a patriot and a gentleman. C.E. Hobbs.

3. Cumberland Ford-present day Pineville was in Knox County during the Civil War. Later after the war it became Bell County as it is today.

4. The bodies of King, his two sons and Singleton were taken to Mt. Vernon place in coffins and transported back to Crab Orchard.

Also, when the public received news of the hangings at Hackney Corner it equally disturbed the citizenry. The following article excerpt appeared in the

Louisville Daily Journal, November 18th, 1862 page 2, column 1:

Kirby Smith's troops were guilty of murder in hanging Captain H. King and fifteen other loyal citizens in the neighborhood of Cumberland Gap, and we are constrained to say, that the party of loyal men, who on the 6th instant captured in the same neighborhood nine rebel soldiers, and by the way of retaliation put them to death, were also guilty of murder. The latter murder was less atrocious than the former, for there was much to provoke it, yet still it was murder, and its perpetrators were murders.

If the rebels kill our men who fall into their hands, undoubtedly we must retaliate. Unless we can put a stop to the atrocity by stern remonstrance's and warnings. But, if retaliation must be practiced, if life must be taken for life, let the solemn work be done by the Government and not by irresponsible soldiers or private citizens. The nine rebels executed in revenge by our troops had nothing to do with the hanging of Capt. King and his men, they were, if we are correctly informed, wounded and sick soldiers left behind by the rebel army on account of inability to move with it, and their execution was, notwithstanding the provocation, a horrible proceeding, unworthy of loyal troops, unworthy of human beings. The guilty persons should be brought to justice.

Although the general public was greatly upset at both set of illegal hangings-some evidently felt that the hanging at Hackney Corners was a just cause as evident from the following excerpt from the diary of Frances Peter, a daughter of a Transylvania Professor at Lexington, "Tuesday,

November 18th, 1862-The papers say that several days ago some of our troops hung nine rebels, stragglers they had taken, in retaliation for the murder of Capt. King and the 16 others whom Bragg hung near Cumberland Ford on his way out of the state. They would have hung more than nine if they had had them."

Ironic, as history would have it Captain Herbert King and his two sons are buried in the Crab Orchard Cemetery-just a stone's throw from their final resting place there is a Confederate Monument where thirty rebel soldiers also sleep the eternal sleep. Among those Confederates rest those hanged at Hackney Corner's. No one was ever convicted for either of the illegal hangings.

The Lincoln County Daughters of the Confederacy issued a degree in 1871 that all unclaimed Confederate Soldiers buried within a 50 mile radius of Crab Orchard would be reinterred at the Crab Orchard Cemetery. In November that same year remains of Confederate Soldiers killed at the Battle of Camp Wildcat and those hanged at Hackney Corner's were laid to rest along side ten other Rebel soldiers with full military honors. They were buried around a beautiful ten foot drape sculpted marble obelisk. The inscription on the obelisk reads; "Here off duty till the last reveille, rest the Southern Soldiers, few in number, who were slain in this and in adjoining counties during the War of Secession. They fell among strangers,

unknown, unfriended, yet not un-honored for strangers' hands have gathered their ashes here and placed this shaft above them. That constancy, valor, sacrifice of self, though displaced in fruitless enterprise, may not be unremembered.

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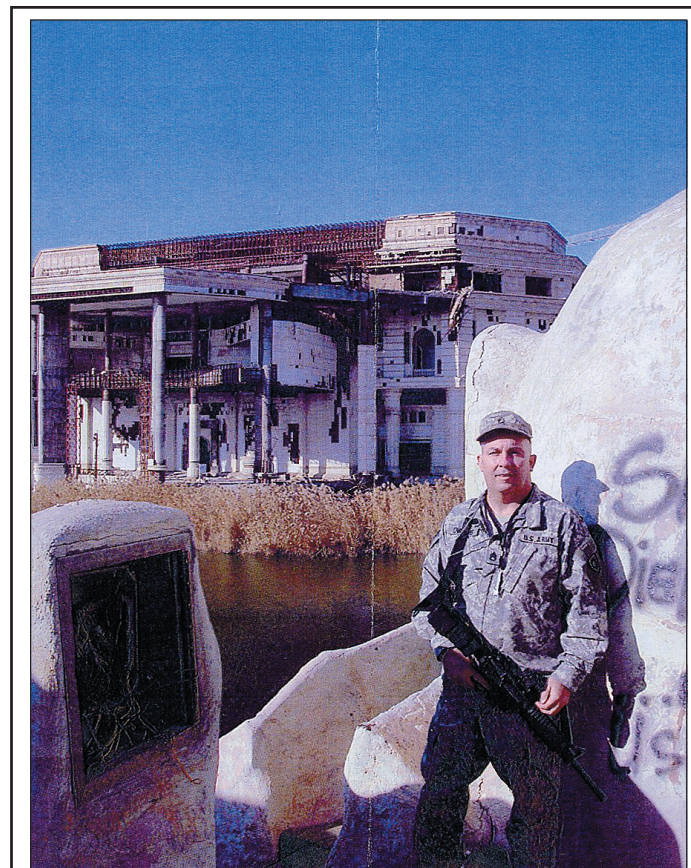
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