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The mobile home of James and Louise Vanwinkle on Brushy Ridge Road at Climax was completely destroyed by fire Sunday night. The mobile home was completely engulfed in flames when Mt. Vernon firefighters arrived on the scene, around 7:30 p.m. Fire Captain Bryan Hansel said the fire started in the electrical box. Hansel said the Vanwinkle's son, B.J., injured his hand attempting to get into the mobile home and ammunition, which exploded in the fire, went into a car being driven by the Vanwinkle's daughter-in-law while she sat in the passenger's side. (Front page photos by: Richard Anderkin)

County may purchase "Gravel Pit"

By: Perlina M. Anderkin

At Tuesday's meeting of the Rockcastle Fiscal Court, a discussion of purchasing the property on Main Street, between the courthouse's parking lot and South Central Pools, was held.

County Judge/Executive Buzz Carloftis told the court that the lot, owned by the City of Mt. Vernon, had been offered to the county for \$75,000.

Magistrate Bill McKinney said that the lot was being used for parking and that the city could block it or sell it to someone else which would cut out the parking. "There were 24 cars in that lot yesterday (Monday), all by people with business in the courthouse," McKinney told the magistrates.

At one time, the city planned to use the lot for the new fire department building, being built jointly by the city and by Rockcastle County

CSEPP. However, the state has a 125 foot easement from the center of U.S. 25, which runs adjacent to the back of the lot, and wouldn't give up any of the easement so the building could be built there.

The court took no action, except to decide to look into the matter further.

The court also tabled a request by the Rockcastle County Rescue Squad for a separate fuel allowance for their vehicles.

The county presently gives each of the fire departments in the county a \$150 a month gas allowance and the request was for a proportionate amount for the Rescue Squad which makes about a third as many runs as the Mt. Vernon Fire Department.

However, the court decided to table the request, citing a tight budget and the fact that the county is already making a

\$650 a month payment on a rescue squad vehicle.

The court took no action on a request for \$498 to help with expenses for a pauper burial/cremation. Carloftis told the court that the county did not have any funds set aside for this expense and that, if they decided to set aside funds in the future, an ordinance should be created setting out conditions for the county to pay the expense.

A little revenue did come into the county's coffers at the beginning of the meeting, when Forest Ranger Marvin Stone presented the court with a check for \$960. The check was the county's share of suppression costs collected by the Forest Service from property owners who let a fire out on their land which had to be put out by the service.

Stone told the court that 92% of the fires in the county

were arson-related. Out of the 29 fires in the county in 2007, Stone said 22 of them were set by arsonists.

Stone also told the court that, beginning in February of this year, a six man task force would be coming into the eastern district to help with arson cases. He also said the county could expect another \$860 for their share of suppression costs.

And, the county will get a little help financially on paying medical costs of prisoners in the county jail.

County Treasurer Joe Clontz told the court that Jailer James Miller would be able to assist in paying medical bills for prisoners from his commissary fund, which has about \$132,000 in it. The money has to be used for benefit of the prisoners, so Miller cannot pay for day-to-day operation of the jail but the legislature recently enacted a law which allows the

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A Somerset man was seriously injured in a single car accident on I-75 Tuesday night, which closed the southbound lanes of the interstate. Above, Rockcastle County Rescue Squad members work to free James Drake, Jr., 18, of Quail Run Road, Somerset, from the wreckage. State Trooper Tommy Cromer, said Drake lost control of his 2000 Honda Accord near mile marker 63 as he traveled toward Renfro Valley. After dropping off the shoulder, Cromer said Drake's vehicle turned completely around on the interstate and was going backwards when it hit the wall. Drake was taken to the Rockcastle Hospital and then flown to the U.K. Medical Center with several injuries, including a possible concussion. Shown above from left are: EMT Jamie McClure, shown holding Drake's head steady and rescue squad members, Jackie Weaver, Garry Hansel and Bryan Hansel. (Front page photos by: Richard Anderkin).

Farmers-Business Banquet scheduled for January 24th

The 48th annual Farmers-Business Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, January 24th at the Rockcastle County Middle School at 6:00 p.m.

This year's Keynote Speaker will be Jon Carloftis, formerly of Livingston, who owns the Rockcastle River Trading Company with his mother, Lucille.

Carloftis, a well known developer and designer of fine gardens is the author of *Beyond the Windowsill* and *First a Garden*.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at Circuit Clerk Teresa Vanzant's office, Citizens Bank in Brodhead and Mt. Vernon, Livingston Market, the CAP Adult Education Office or from any Kiwanis member.

For more information contact Teresa Vanzant at (606) 256-2581.

Vanzant is new Chairman

Board gives Hammond another year on contract

By: Richard Anderkin

After an evaluation that lasted over two hours on Tuesday night, Rockcastle County School Superintendent Larry Hammond received another one-year extension on his contract.

Hammond, 52, has been superintendent for the past 13 years and is in his 30th year of employment by the school system.

"I certainly appreciate the opportunity I have had to be Superintendent for this school system and the extension on my contract. I look forward to the next three years," Hammond said. "It has been a grand time to have been in administration in the school system, given the success we have had during the past several years," Hammond said, after the meeting.

"I also appreciate the total team effort put forth and all the hard work by everyone in the school system, who put the needs of our students first," he added. "I am looking forward to the work ahead of me."

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Larry Hammond received another one year extension on his contract.

At Tuesday's monthly meeting

Administration team recommends pre-school for all three and four year old county students

By: Richard Anderkin

At Tuesday night's monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County School Board, Superintendent Larry Hammond and Instructional Supervisor David Pensol told the board that the District Administration Team was recommending providing pre-school to all three and four year old children in the county, by the school year 2009-2010.

The move would also allow the local school system to eventually provide all day kindergarten for all students.

Rockcastle County is one of

19 school districts in the state that does not offer a full-day kindergarten program, according to data released in December by the Kentucky Department of Education.

That statistic, and several others including the fact that 25 percent of all Rockcastle children, ages 5-17, live in poverty, was presented to the board by Pensol in a three page hand-out.

According to Pensol, because of the high rate of pov-

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Seven arrested after police find indoor marijuana grow Monday night

Seven men were arrested on Monday night around 11:30 p.m., after police found an indoor marijuana grow on Purr-Rigsby Road.

According to police, the arrests were made after Fifth District Constable David Mason and Rockcastle Deputy Sheriff Roger Pigg received information about an indoor grow, at the home of Everett S. Owens II, 38 and his son, Brian T. Owens, 18.

State Trooper Scottie Pennington said that when officers went to the residence, they knocked on the door, smelled a strong odor of marijuana and observed six men smoking marijuana in a building behind the house. Pennington said all of them admitted to smoking marijuana.

Pennington said police also saw marijuana laying in plain sight and a bright glow coming from a back bedroom of the mobile home.

Everett Owens was at work when police arrived, but his son gave police permission to search the property, Pennington said.

During the search police found 52 marijuana plants, growing lights, eight firearms, digital scales and rolling papers.

The Owens were charged with trafficking in marijuana

less than eight ounces, cultivation of marijuana over five plants and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Both men were being held at press time on Wednesday, in the Rockcastle Detention Center under a \$15,000 cash or property bond.

Both men were also scheduled to be arraigned on

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Local police found an indoor marijuana grow at the home of Everett Owens II on Purr-Rigsby Road Monday night. Shown above, from left with the marijuana, items used for the indoor grow and confiscated weapons are deputy Joe Rush, constable David Mason, deputies, Shannon Franklin and Roger Pigg and Trooper Scottie Pennington.



Everett Owens II



Brian T. Owens

Rockcastle Memories

By David J. Griffin



How did you celebrate the New Year? Going to a party with lots of jubilant friends? Gathering on the courthouse steps to watch fireworks? I suppose my age is dictating how that milestone will be celebrated from now on. My wife and I were in bed by 11:00 on December 31. Does that make me a "fuddy-duddy"? I certainly think not.

I remember celebrating the new year when my mother (Bee) and I lived alone on our little farm in Rockcastle County. I was only ten years old, and my grandfather (Pop) had just purchased my first shotgun a few months before.

Bee and I had already established a ritual for the celebration by making her wonderful fudge that we both enjoyed. We stayed up and "rang in the new year" by toasting each other with a large piece of her fudge. However, by this time that did not seem to be quite enough of a welcome for the New Year. She suggested that I walk out on our front porch and blast my shotgun into the air to start the coming year. Needless to say, I had no disagreement with her celebratory plan.

I loaded my 20 gauge shotgun, put on my winter coat and proceeded to take my position on the porch. That single shot became the tradition for our festivity for years to come.

When my sons (Todd and Andy) were young, the shotgun blast continued to be part of our observance but we added shooting fireworks to the event. While living in Lexington, we

had to stop using the shotgun because it was against the law to discharge a firearm in the city. (What a bummer!) We then threw our efforts and planning into the fireworks.

My wife thought that we should have some midnight snack to be part of our family ritual, so she began to prepare a peel-and-eat shrimp feast for the occasion. Todd was very young when we initiated the shrimp feast, so as he grew older he just assumed that every family in America did the same. He was surprised to learn that everyone did not celebrate New Years Eve with shrimp in the same way that Thanksgiving is celebrated with turkey. We continued celebrating the arrival of the new year with Todd this way until his untimely death.

Over the years, my wife and I have gone to an occasional party to celebrate the coming event. We have even made reservations to hear a band and dance the New Year into existence. Even those parties did not fill the void of the "shotgun blast" in my memory. We eventually developed a very laid-back approach to the whole holiday.

For a few years, we joined Dick Clark as he "rocked" in the New Year while sitting in our living room. This year, however, even that did not attract us. We simply went to bed, wishing each other "Happy New Year, honey!" and went to sleep. Guess what? The New Year marched into existence without our participation. No shotgun blast, no fudge, no shrimp cocktail, no party, and not even Dick Clark was required to bring 2008 into reality.

Maybe it was because we had such a busy year that we didn't care to make a big to-do. Or maybe it's our age. Or maybe you just can't beat a shotgun blast.

How did you celebrate the coming year? Did you have a tradition as a family like we did? I'd love to hear from you about how you commemorate the holiday. Who knows, maybe your kind of celebration might inspire me to become actively involved again - but I wouldn't count on it.

Points East

By Ike Adams

I like to get up early on Saturday mornings and get a column written before Loretta wakes up to make coffee and squinch over her glasses to see what sort of progress she may reasonably expect as I waste the rest of my day on the Honey-do list.

In warm weather I can normally get a column posted and be out the door with a fishing rod at day break before she arises. But this time of year I mostly remain a prisoner sentenced to hard labor and my wife does not consider this column to be much akin to real work.

No sooner had I typed my byline on this one than I noticed that the date looked vaguely familiar. January 5 had a ring to it. By golly it's my birthday!

And, by further golly, I am actually looking forward to tackling several projects posted there on the refrigerator door.

Last night, you see, when I came home late, there was a UPS package propped against the door and it was so heavy that the dogs hadn't even bothered trying to open it for me.

The eagerly awaited present from my pal, Terry Collision who lives there on Twaddle Mill Road in Wilmington, Delaware had arrived.

Upon learning, via last week's column, that I had received, for Christmas, an 18 volt cordless drill but no bits to accommodate it, Terry immediately emailed to let me know that he would ship just what I needed.

Make no attempts to do this on your own," my pal advised. "I am going to send you the ultimate drill bit index from an Amish Hardware Store and you are not going to find anything in Kentucky in its league."

I have a mental image of Amish commuters pulling their buggies off to the side of the road and saluting when they see Terry venturing forth from the confines of the city into the countryside byways of eastern Pennsylvania. Some of them may even bow.

I also have this image of his wife, Helen's, honey-do list flapping about and unattended as he explains, "Sorry Baby. I can't tackle this today. Have to make a run to Amish country to help Loretta Adams lead a better life. It's a real emergency and I know you'll understand," he says, as he tosses the column to her.

Helen takes a cursory glance at my epistle and quickly commiserates. "By all means, Dear, do make haste, because if you hurry, ole Ike will have no excuse to laze around come Saturday, birthday notwithstanding" she says as Terry hurries out the door to spend New Year's Eve in pursuit of his favorite past-time and armed with an excuse to actually make a purchase at one of his several, favorite, Amish stores.

And lo the bits arrived late in the day on Friday. Four pounds of them, arranged by size in a blue, steel box without even a hint of plastic in it. Irwin Industrial Tools it says on

the box. Inside are three, hinged, fold-out, metal racks, containing 28 high grade steel bits arranged by size from 1/64 to 1/2 inch. The whole set and the presentation add new meaning to the term, "industrial art."

I'm reasonably sure that Collision paid more in shipping charges alone than I've ever paid for a set of drill bits in my life. I gawked at these for nearly half an hour.

Terry advised that I toss my shoe box full of odd bits in the trash and I started to do just that until it occurred to me that the big reason I've never owned a complete set of bits for more than 24 hours is that somebody is always wanting to borrow one.

Instead of tossing it, I put it on a shelf out in the garage. Next time someone asks for a loaner I will tell them to see what they can find in the shoe box because nobody is going to touch my new drill index. Don't even think about asking. If I let you see it, I may have to shoot you when you're finished looking.

In fact, now that morning has broken and Loretta has yet to arise, I think I'll venture over to Bluegrass Hardware where I saw some half-ton safe's on sale before Christmas.

The perfect thing, I'm thinking, in which to store my brand new drill and this most excellent set of bits.

Thank you, Terry and Helen, for this wonderful gift.

T.J.'s Journal

by: Tonya J. Cook



Dear Journal:

The snowfall last week, although minute, cause several school closings in the area. About the only attraction of the snow was the slicking of the roads, and there wasn't enough to beautify very much. I did, however, enjoy seeing those big flakes being driven by somewhat of a fierce wind.

The slicking of the roads wasn't that much of an attraction to most of us. We had to face the predicament of trying to travel, but only when necessary. Snow causes a particular excitement when children are involved. Along with the snow comes the almost certain chance that school will be closed for a day, and with any luck at all, even more.

I remember when I was a kid, like most, I enjoyed a snow day here and there even if we had to make it up by going to school through the Fourth of July the next summer. As I got older and was in junior high and high school, I enjoyed writing short stories or even poems, imagining myself being a famous author on a retreat high in the Swiss Alps or another corner of the world for the very purpose of gaining inspiration to complete a multimillion dollar novel. I had quite the imagination.

As the snow fell the other day, I thought about what I would be doing if I was about fifteen and had a snow day. (Say, maybe that's what adults need from time to time.) I knew

that answer-I'd be writing.

I think I'll try my hand at it again if I could think of subject matter. There's an old family story that is actually true, that I think I'll use so the story will be loosely based on it. I'll just add a little here and there for the sake of interest.

The Long Journey

Beautiful, brilliantly-colored leaves floated to the ground. The cool, clear water of Holly Creek rushed over the stones, almost singing as it went. All was quiet except for the crunch of leaves beneath the feet of Becky and her ten children as they went to pay a call on a neighbor who had been ill over on the next ridge in the mountains of North Carolina.

All seemed quiet and peaceful, and a world away from the ravages of the war that was being fought all around their mountain home. There were bursts of laughter from the children, as some of the younger ones played in the creek. Some of the girls picked the last of the wildflowers of summer to give to the Widow Marley, the recipient of their surprise visit. Becky was taking along a basket of fresh bread, a pound of butter, and some of the sweetest apples from their orchard.

The Widow Marley was an elderly, frail woman who only knew too well the miseries of arthritis, but most recently was recovering from a case of the flu. The small mountain village cared for their own, each one taking turns for doing kind and neighborly deeds for each other, especially since most of the young, strong men were away fighting what the history books would later call the "Civil War."

The war was well into the third miserable year. Becky could scarcely make sense of it, and did the best she could to explain something to the children she didn't understand herself. She only knew that she was thankful that none of her sons were old enough to taste the spoils of war. The mere thought of the war gave her a sick and queasy feeling in the pit of her stomach. The war was what had robbed her husband, Jim, of his sight and a portion of his right hand a little over a year before.

The years of battle had made Becky a woman of strong character, and wise beyond her years. She became acquainted with grief and hardship, and finding a way when there seemed to be none.

Soon, this little brood reached the Widow Marley's cabin. Widow Marley welcomed them with a wide smile and a hug. She explained that she was feeling much better, but had learned only that morning that a grandson and three of her nephews were involved in a battle just north, in Virginia. Tears began to run down her wrinkled cheeks. Becky sent the children outside to play, and tried to comfort her as best she could.

The afternoon was swiftly

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Choices...

Submitted by Myrna Childress

I worked in the office of Rockcastle County High School for eight years. My friend and mentor, Mrs. Connie Hamm, retired teacher and Assistant Principal, used to tell the students that came before her regarding a discipline problem, "life is full of choices, it's up to you to make the right ones." That piece of advice has always stuck with me and I have repeated it several times to my own sons as well as to students. I find that in today's world we are guilty of making the wrong choices more often than the right choices. Remember the golden rule, 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you', taken from Matthew 7:12: "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them for this is the law and the prophets." We make the choice daily to hurt someone by taking a life, taking property that doesn't belong to us, talking to our fellow man in anger, being disrespectful, telling lies the list goes on. All this is leading to a story about a mailbox. Yes, a mailbox. It seems my mail carrier, who I call Mr. Postman has made a choice about delivering my mail. He won't.

I grew up being around a lot of people. My family ran a

small rural store for almost 40 years. Then, as I became an adult, my job as a hairdresser and later as a high school secretary put me dealing with the ups and downs of others on a daily basis. I have met so many people over the years and I consider it a blessing. The majority of my acquaintances have been good, caring people. Of course it wouldn't be life if everyone I met observed the golden rule. You have to take the good with the bad. I'm sure that all these people I've met over the years don't feel that I was the nicest person they ever met, especially those who happened to be sitting in my chair getting a haircut at 7:00 in the evening when I had been on my feet ten hours and hadn't had the time for lunch, or the student who came to me with issue number one hundred and seventy five for the day and thought their's was the worst problem ever. I can say that most of the time I try to be decent to others; it's just how I was brought up.

My family has always had our mail delivered to the mailbox across the road. We never lived in town, so we never went to the post office; the post office has always come to us. The first mail man I remember was Mr. Bernard Playforth from Crab Orchard. By the

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Obituaries



William Edward Hunt

William Edward Hunt, 89, of Mt. Vernon died Sunday, January 6, 2008 at the Rockcastle Hospital. He was born on May 1, 1918 in Mt. Vernon the son of the late Virgil and Mae Sigmon Hunt. He was a retired Superintendent for the Dept. of Human

Services for the Bureau of Social Insurance, Army Veteran of WWII, Chairman of the Board of Community Trust Bank, member of the Elmwood Cemetery Board of Directors, elder and member of the First Christian Church, member of the Mt. Vernon Lions Club for 53 years, and was a member of the V.F.W. and KY Retired Teachers Association.

Survivors are: his wife of 63 years, Kathalene Quinn Hunt of Mt. Vernon; two daughters, Miss Mary Alice Hunt, and Mrs. Virginia Darst, both of Mt. Vernon; four sisters, Mrs. Grace Elizabeth Doutaz of High Point, N.C., Mrs. Virginia Irene Jones and Mrs. Dorothy Mae Masters, both of Fairfield, OH and Mrs. Sarah Faye Hamm of Mt. Vernon; and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by: two brothers; John Lee Hunt and Hubert Owen Hunt; and two sisters, Agnes Christine Niceley and Betty Jo Payne.

Services were held Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Bruce Ross officiating. Burial was in the Elmwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Gary Cromer, Steve Owens, Mike Barr, Thomas Atkin, Jeffery Owens and Kevin Hamm.

Honorary pallbearers were: Sam Ford, Joe Clontz, Jim Clontz, Owen Hunt, Lloyd Cain, Tommy McClure, Jack D. Lewis M.D., Paul Thomason, Marvin Mink, L.C. Mink, Scott Mays, Jack Stephens, Bob and Jack Bradley, and James H. and Jerry Cox.

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



Anna Lee Brewer Todd

Anna Lee Brewer Todd, 89, of East Haiti Road, Berea, widow of Green V. Todd, died suddenly Wednesday, January 2, 2008 at St. Joseph Berea of complications following surgery. She was an Owsley County native, born Nov. 15, 1918, former school teacher, business owner, property owner, homemaker, member of Wallace Chapel Church, and she had been a resident of Berea most of her life.

Survivors include: one son, Gary (Arlene) Todd of Berea; one grandson, Jason Green (Sarah) Todd of Blacksburg, Virginia; two special friends, Anna Tyler of Mt. Vernon, and Mabel Todd of Berea. She was the last surviving child of the late Blevins and Emma Peters Brewer having been preceded in death by 11 brothers and sisters. She was preceded in death by: her husband, Green V. Todd; and one son, Kenneth Charles Todd.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008 at Reppert Funeral Home with Rev. Randy Grubbs officiating. Burial was in Berea Cemetery.



Louise Peters

Louise Murphy Peters, 84, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, January 4, 2008 at the Rockcastle Hospital. She was born in Livingston, on January 24, 1923, one of eight children of George and Sarah Clark Murphy. She was of the Pentecostal Faith. At the age of 36, she moved to Covington, KY and went to work for the Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission from where she retired after 22 years. Through this, and numerous other agencies and organizations, she became a force to be reckoned with as she labored on behalf of the less fortunate. She was recognized on numerous occasions by the community, colleagues, and officials at local and state levels. She was honored by having June 9 named as "Louise Peters Day" in Covington. She was made a Kentucky Colonel in 1992. Her devotion to community and church was matched only by her devotion to her family and friends.

She leaves behind with precious memories a loving family including: three sons, George (Becky) Griffin of Brodhead, Paul Peters and Lee (Darla) Griffin, all of Covington; one daughter, Janice (George) Douglas of Jeffersonville; two brothers, George Murphy, Jr. of Lexington and Conn Murphy of Tucson, AZ; and two sisters, Edna Lakes of Mt. Vernon and Jean Mason of Covington. Also surviving are eight grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; and five great-great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: a daughter, Anna Griffin; two brothers, Charles and Lloyd Murphy; and two sisters, Margaret Bowman and Dortha Murphy.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 8 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Bobby Owens, Andrew Botkins and Thomas Jeff Owens. Burial was in the Elmwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: George Griffin II, Lee Griffin, Robert Mink, Joshua McGriffin, Charles Murphy and Paul Peters. Honorary pallbearers were: Mike Botkins, Roger Botkins, Goerge Murphy III and Buck Vance.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.

James J. Chasteen

James J. Chasteen, 68, of Red Lick Rd., Berea died January 5, 2008 at his residence. James was born December 29, 1939 in Jackson County to the late Henry and Arthia Chasteen. He was an employee of Concrete Materials in Richmond until he retired.

Survivors include his wife, Nina Turner Chasteen; a daughter, Tina Chasteen Williams of Berea; a step son, David Satterfield of Red Lick; two step granddaughters, Megan and Britni Satterfield, both of Berea; a wonderful and loving granny Marrie Turner of Red Lick; two brothers, Wilburn Chasteen of Morrill and Charles Chasteen of Owsley Fork; two sisters, Aline Abrams of Conway and Christine Buttry of Bill Hill; his special little boy, Peanut, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Preston Chasteen and a step son Daryl Satterfield.

Services were Wednesday, January 9th at the Red Lick Holiness Church with Bro. Bill Rose, Earmon Turner and Bob Northern officiating. Burial followed in the Red Lick Cemetery.

Register book online at www.lakesfuneralhome.com



James Deatherage

James Edward "Duck Head" Deatherage, 71, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, January 1, 2008 at the Rockcastle Hospital. He was born in Rockcastle County on April 5, 1936 the son of George and Pearl Childress Deatherage. He was a retired Maintenance Utility Worker for Parker Seal, a member of the Masonic Lodge #566 at Brodhead, and a member of the Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ.

He is survived by: his wife, Betty Graves Deatherage of Mt. Vernon; two sons, Eddie Wayne (Sharon) Deatherage of Berea and Rodney (Darlene) Deatherage of Conway; one daughter, Terry (Frank) Rader of Tampa, FL; one step daughter, Tena (Doug) Pigg of Mt. Vernon; one sister, Irene Ross of Mt. Vernon; six grandchildren, Shyla, Jud, Ashley, Rebecca, Dinah and Sarah; three great grandchildren, Alexis, Alex and Zakary; and the mother of his children, Pat Johnson.

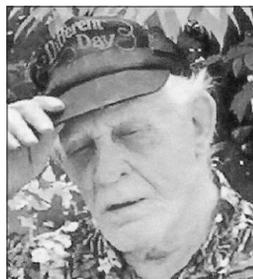
In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by: one sister, Jamie Lynne; and two brothers, Arlis and Bill Deatherage.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 5 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Ovie Baker and Dale McNew. Burial followed in the Elmwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Donald Coffey, Bennett Hamm, Jud Kirby, Enoch Rader and Woody Woodall.

Honorary pallbearers were: Joe Deatherage and Ronald Nicely.

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Capt. Jack Batchelor

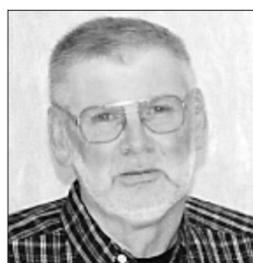
"The Hunter is Home from the Forest, the Sailor is Home from the Sea"

Capt. Jack Texes Batchelor, 86, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, January 6, 2008 at the Rockcastle Health & Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead. He was born in Henderson, KY on August 31, 1921. He was a retired Merchant Marine and was also an Army veteran. He served in World War II and the Vietnam War and was awarded numerous medals. He was very proud to have served his country. He was a member of the Berea Chapter of the American Legion and was of the Catholic Faith.

He is survived by: his loving wife of 53 years, Mary Emma Batchelor; two sons, Jack T. Batchelor of Corbin and Eric J. Batchelor of Mt. Vernon; two daughters, Mary Ellen Lebo of Mt. Vernon and Patricia L. Pollack of Danville; 11 grandchildren, Jannie Lynne Evenson-Depute, Catherine Mary Lebo-Gibson, Shannon Hager-Strauss, Josh Batchelor, Derek Batchelor, Tony Hager, Emma Hager-Newcombe, Melissa Hager, Phillip Batchelor, Audrey Batchelor, and Gabby Batchelor; and 15 great grandchildren. Also surviving are two beloved pets, Chica and Biscuit.

There were no services. Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.



Omer Overbay, Jr.

Omer Overbay, Jr., 64, of Harlan died January 4, 2008 at his home with family by his bedside. He was born September 13, 1943 in Rockcastle County, KY to Omer and Vivian Cottengim Overbay. He was a retired coal miner and a self employed coal truck driver. He was a born again Christian and faithful member of the Victory Baptist Church.

He is preceded in death by: his father Omer, Sr.; a brother, Ronald Overbay; and a sister, Kathleen Overbay.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his loving wife of 43 years, Jewell; his mother, Vivian; two sons, Wayne (Debbie) Overbay, David (Diane) Overbay; a daughter, Renee (David) Hill, all of Harlan, KY; eight grandchildren, Drew and Stephen Overbay, Michael and Jessie Rigney, Dalton and Ashley Overbay, Tori and Brandon Hill; a special cousin, Frank (Shelby) Cottengim of Indiana; and many other relatives and close friends.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008 at Victory Baptist Church in Evarts with Bro. Rodney Freeman, Bro. Bill "Chick" Kelly, and Bro. Jonathon Grills officiating. Graveside services were conducted Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2008 at Piney Grove Cemetery with Bro. Ralph Baker officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family ask memorial be made to the Victory Baptist Church or to Mountain Heritage Hospice in memory of Omer.

Condolences to online registry at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com



Elva Truett Mullins

Elva Truett Mullins, 83, of 27 Bluegrass Lane, Berea, died Sunday, December 23, 2007 following an illness. She was a Henry County, Illinois, native born April 24, 1924, daughter of the late Brack Truett and Emma Wallace Truett, homemaker, member of Fairview Baptist Church, and she had been a resident of Rockcastle County most of her life.

Survivors include: nine children, David L. (Glenna) Mullins of Indiana, Danny E. (Shirley) Mullins of Berea, Debby L. (Melvin) Smith of Berea, Donny R. (Jan) Mullins of Ohio, Captain B. (Donna) Mullins of McKee, Linda M. (Jack) Whisman of Richmond, Jesse L. Mullins of Lexington, Shirley J. (Brian) Gibson of Berea, Darrell W. (Lottie) Mullins of Berea; 17 grandchildren, Amanda, Christy, Sandra, Tim, Wayne, Donyell, Chris, Tina, Amanda, Brack Jr., Josh, Courtney, Dora, Teresa, Conner, Heather and Darrell Jr.; 16 great grandchildren, Michelle, Johnathan, Michael, Logan, Sami, Brittany, Zachary, Lizzie, Lauren, Lindsey, Sara, Jeremy, Brandon, Chelsea, Dalton and McKenzie; two great great grandchildren, Alex and Jaidyn; as well as, numerous relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by: her husband, Lincoln Mullins; one brother, Lester Truett; and one great grandchild, Devon.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 27, 2007 at Fairview Baptist Church with Pastor Vaughn Razor officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Her sons served as pallbearers. Honorary Pallbearers were her daughters, grandchildren, great grandchildren, Kenny Peck, Chris Ponder, Rick Brown and Mark Halcomb.

Willene Bussell

Mrs. Willene Yadon Bussell, 82, widow of Billy Bussell, mother of Billy Bryan Bussell and Kathy Dyehouse of Brodhead, died Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at her residence.

Visitation will be Friday, January 11th from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals. Services will be held Saturday, January 12th at 1 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with burial in Piney Grove Cemetery.

Condolences to the family at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com



Ernie McFerron

Ernie Wendell McFerron, 62, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, January 1, 2008 at his home. He was born in Rockcastle County on October 3, 1945 the son of Estill and Zelma Bradley McFerron and was a retired engineer for Southern Railroad, a truck driver for Phildan Trucking and a Veteran of the US Army having served during the Vietnam War.

He is survived by: his wife, Brenda Woods McFerron of Stanford; one son, Randy (LeeAnn) McFerron of Stanford; three daughters, Pam Singleton and Wendy McFerron, both of Stanford and Patti (George) Lansaw of Waynesburg; two brothers, Floyd (Loretta) McFerron and Bill McFerron, both of Mt. Vernon; two sisters, Sue McFerron Taylor and Sheila McFerron, both of Mt. Vernon; three step sons, Junior Perry of Lancaster, Jeff (Vickie) Perry of Jackson, TN and Robbie (Gina) Perry of Stanford; one step daughter, Kim (J.R.) Gayheart of Nicholasville; eleven grandchildren; two great grandchildren; six step grandchildren; and one goddaughter, Glenda Jo McFerron.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: a sister, Barbara Ann McFerron; and one step grandchild, Breanna Perry.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 4, 2008 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home by Bros. Jason Coulter and Danny Robbins. Burial followed in the Ottawa Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Charlie Brown, Charles Lanham, Billy Jack McFerron, Jeff Perry, Junior Perry, and Dale Brown.

Honorary pallbearers were: Blaise Brown, Collin Brown, Michael Douglas, Bill McFerron, Daniel McFerron and Floyd McFerron.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.

George L. Renner

George L. Renner, 86, of Indianapolis, Indiana, died January 4, 2008. He was born June 12, 1921 in Mt. Vernon to Lewis and Flaura Renner.

Mr. Renner retired from Boise Cascade in 1986 after working there for 34 years as a designing engineer and won numerous awards for his designs.

Survivors include his sons, Sherman (Jewel) Renner, Gary Renner and George Renner, Jr., all of Florida; daughters, Sharon (Ronald) Banks, Carol King and Shirley (David) LeMasters, all of Indiana; a brother, Denver Renner of Mt. Vernon; sisters, Opal Roberts of Eubank, Beulah Brock of Indiana and Alta Spoonamore and Evelyn Seals, both of Mt. Vernon; 20 grandchildren; 30 great grandchildren and 12 great great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 7th at G.H. Herrman Madison Avenue Funeral Home in Indianapolis, Ind. with burial in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

Online condolences may be shared at www.gherrman.com

Gladys Jones

Gladys Albright Jones, 91, died at home in Nashville, TN on Wednesday, January 2, 2008. She was born on Feb. 25, 1916 in Brodhead, the daughter of the late Steven A. and Ida Ellen Thompson Albright. She is predeceased by her beloved husband, Chester Arthur Jones and her oldest son, Terry Jones. She is also predeceased by her brothers and sisters, Clyde, Amanda, a set of twin boys, Willa, Elva, Albert and Ambros. She attended local schools and was graduated from Brodhead High School, class of 1934. She attended Sue Bennett College, London, KY and taught school briefly in Kentucky before moving to Nashville, where her husband was employed with Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company. She was a member of the Woman's club of Nashville and the Hermitage Ladies Association. She has served as a Cub Scout Den Mother and school classroom mother, and for many years she was a volunteer at Midstate Baptist Hospital, where she accrued an extraordinary number of volunteer hours. She attended Woodmont Baptist Church for more than 45 years. There she taught third graders in Sunday school and volunteered in the media library. She was a member of the Radiant Joy Sunday school class.

She is survived by: daughter, Cleta Jones (Ernest) Skoze of Doylestown, PA; son, Chester Albright (Cathleen) Jones of Brentwood, TN; grandchildren, Stephen Albright (Allison) Jones of Franklin, TN; Terry Standford Jones of Tokyo, Japan, Janice Kay Jones (Leslie) Morey of College Station, TX; Candace Paige Jones (Joshua) Laughlin of Brentwood, TN; and Eric Albright Jones of Nashville, TN; and great grandchildren, Harris Albright and Natalie Kay Jones, Charlie and Jack Morey, and Patrick, William, and Samuel Laughlin.

A visitation was held at Woodlawn-Roesch-Patton Funeral Home in Nashville, Tennessee on Friday, January 4, 2008 and a funeral service was held Sat. January 5, 2008.

Local graveside services were Sunday, January 6, 2008 at the Albright-Webb Family Cemetery in Brodhead with Bro. Ralph Baker officiating.

Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals were in charge of local arrangements.

Casket bearers were: Stephen Albright Jones, Terry Stanford Jones, Michael Harrison Morey, Leslie Charles Morey, Eric Albright Jones and Joshua McKnight Laughlin.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society of Woodmont Baptist Church.

John Johnson

John Richard Johnson, 74, of Berea, and formerly of Trenton, OH, died Thursday, January 3, 2008 at the Veterans Hospital in Lexington.

Mr. Johnson was born in Rockcastle County on May 20, 1933, the son of the late Willie and Pearl Forsythe Johnson. John married Lottie Craft, who preceded him in death on September 27, 1984.

He served 20 years in the U.S. Army and then was employed for 17 years with Southwest Ohio Steel as a foreman.

On July 3, 1992, in Fowlers Bluff, Florida, he married Susie L. Barnes.

Mr. Johnson was a member of the Climax Christian Church, a family who enjoyed four-wheeling and camping.

Besides his wife, survivors are three children, William (Karon) Johnson of Trenton, OH, Judith (Roger) Nicol of West Chester, OH and Ronald Johnson of Nashville, TN; a step daughter, Cindy Whitaker and step son, Robert (Melody) Whitaker, all of Florida; eight grandchildren, Danielle, Joshua, Tricia, John, Tommy, David, Melissa and Danielle; six great grandchildren; two brothers, Lester (Helen) Johnson of Trenton, OH and Kenneth (Faye) Mullins of Paint Lick and several nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents and first wife, Mr. Johnson was preceded in death by a son, John Richard Johnson, Jr; brothers, William Robert and James S. Johnson and a sister, Juanita Moreland.

Funeral services were held at Webb Noonan Funeral Home in Hamilton, Ohio on Monday, January 7th with Elder Walter Ballinger officiating. Burial was in the Butler County Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society, 2808 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH 45206.

Our Readers Write

Waterboarding is torture...

Dear Editor,

I saw an article in the paper about water boarding tapes being destroyed. Since the video tapes are gone, I thought we could at least review what really happens to our victims.

First, we tie up our suspect so they are helpless. Then we tie them to a table so they are face up. We tape their nostrils shut, strap their head so it is face up and cannot turn and then stuff our victim's mouth

with rags. Then we take our five gallon bucket of water, with a hose at the bottom, and pour water into the mouth. Keep pouring. Don't stop. The water goes deep into the suspect's lungs. They gage and choke and, just before asphyxiation, we turn the table to evacuate the water. The procedure can be more interesting if we fill our bucket with "filthy water," if you get my drift.

Now repeat, pouring more and more water into your victim's lungs. After the sixth time, it becomes laughably en-

tertaining. We must sear our conscience or else compassion might rear its ugly head.

When the Councils of Blood did this, during the Spanish Inquisition, we called it torture. But now it is us and we want to call it "extreme questioning." Sorry, we've known for 7000 years - the end doesn't justify the means, even if you're president.

Let us hope and pray that our children or grandchildren are never suspected of having information necessary to state security. The extreme measures of one generation becomes the standard operating procedure of the next.

Sincerely,
Bob Coffey

with our stone mailbox, as it matched part of our house, which is also stone. On my way to work one morning, I put several bills and letters in my new mailbox. When I got home that afternoon I was surprised to find they were still in the box as well as a letter from Mr. Postman stating that our mailbox was four inches too low. He went on to say that he wouldn't be able to take the mail out of our box, but he could leave mail in the box. At first I thought it was a joke but it most certainly was not. We didn't know there was a standard height for mail boxes and apparently neither did the stone mason. A website I researched states, "The height of mailboxes is governed by the United States Postal Service which recommends (just recommends) an installation height of 42 to 48 inches, for convenient access by the mail carrier. This is not mandatory, but considered a standard height." Our mailbox is 41 inches from the ground to the top of the lid so we goofed. I thought, Oh well, why sweat the small stuff. I don't want to cause him any inconvenience so we'll just mail our bills at my mom's, which is what we've done since 2002. Recently we've had several substitute mail carriers and I took the opportunity to leave mail for them to just see if they could take it out of the box, and lo and behold, they could. So I guess Mr. Postman must have really short arms, but I feel it's more likely that he has made the choice not to reach in and take out our mail.

One funny story happened a few years ago. A new neighbor left a Christmas package for us on the mailbox. I just happened to see it early and get it before the mail ran. My mom wasn't as fortunate. The new neighbor left her a gift on the mailbox also, but the mailman took it for himself. We're still laughing about that five years later.

I had resolved myself that I had to mail my outgoing letters somewhere besides my own box unless we had a substitute. This week, thinking Mr. Postman might be in the holiday spirit, I left money for a book of stamps in my box. What was I thinking? Sure enough, he left the envelope untouched, no stamps were delivered. That's when I got to thinking about how people have changed. How different from Mr. Playforth is my current carrier! What different choices are being made. Mr. Playforth chose to help others, Mr. Postman chooses not to. Seems like no matter how hard I've tried to not sweat the small stuff, my mind keeps dwelling on that stupid short mail box and all the

trouble it has caused. I do get a little satisfaction in that I can't leave Mr. Postman a Christmas gift because he can't take it out of my mailbox.

In the spirit of the season, please make the right choice at least once a day. You never know what impact it may have on someone.

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Blood Drive at First Baptist

The Central Kentucky Blood Center will once again hold a Blood Drive at First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, January 29th from 2 to 7 p.m. Just a reminder: Photo ID is now required in order to be a blood donor.

Bookmobile Schedule

Mon., Jan. 14th: No service. **Tues., Jan. 15th:** Calloway, Red Hill, Livingston, Lamero, Pine Hill. **Wed., Jan. 16th:** Maple Grove, Orlando, Climax, Three Links.

Courthouse Offices Closed

All courthouse offices, except 911, will be closed Sat., Jan. 19th and Mon., Jan. 21st for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

Financial Aid Workshop

A financial aid workshop will be conducted Thursday, Jan. 10th at 6 p.m. in the Rockcastle County High School auditorium. The purpose of the workshop will be to fill out the FAFSA for students who plan to attend college or technical school next year. Seniors at RCHS, and their parents, are highly encouraged to attend. Contact Dale Whitaker at 256-4816 for more information.

Potential Foster/Adoptive Parent Meeting

Are you interested in becoming a Foster or Adoptive Parent? The Cabinet for Health and Family Services will be holding an informational meeting on February 12, 2008 at 6 p.m. at the Rockcastle County DCBS office. For more information, please contact Brandy Baldwin at 606-287-7114.

NA Women's Meeting

The Women's NA Serenity Group of Mt. Vernon meets each Monday at 8 p.m. at the Christian Appalachian Project Community Center, 64 Beiting Lane, Mt. Vernon. Open meeting - non-smoking.

Women's Narcotics Meeting

There will be a Women's Narcotics Anonymous Meeting every Monday evening at 8 p.m. at the Community Center, sponsored by Christian Appalachian Center. For more information, contact the Healing Rain Center at 256-5810.

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Narcotics Anonymous

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

SWAT Team Meetings

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

H.O.P.E. Meetings

H.O.P.E. Support Group Meetings are held Thursdays at 7 p.m. at Northside Baptist Church. HOPE is a support group for anyone who has a friend or family member dealing with addiction or alcoholism. Please come join others who are or have gone through the agony and frustration you are experiencing. Do not suffer alone. It helps to talk with others who understand. Any discussion is kept confidential. Call 256-5577 for more information.

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The cities of Mt. Vernon and Livingston, along with Rockcastle County, earned trophies at the fifth annual Roadside PRIDE competition. Above, Litter Coordinator Wayne Bullock, Mt. Vernon Mayor Clarice Kirby, Rockcastle Solid Waste Coordinator James Renner and Livingston Mayor J.C. Griffin proudly display their trophies won in the competition.

Rockcastle, Mt. Vernon, Livingston wins awards at annual competition

Rockcastle County and the cities of Mt. Vernon and Livingston earned trophies in the fifth annual Roadside PRIDE competition, an anti-litter campaign sponsored by the nonprofit PRIDE organization. Mt. Vernon and Livingston won 1st Place among cities of their size, and Rockcastle County was a 2nd Place winner.

The Roadside PRIDE Awards were presented yesterday at The Center for Rural Development in Somerset. Trophies went to communities that earned the most points for recruiting volunteers, cleaning road miles and collecting trash from Oct. 15 through Oct. 31. Cities and counties competed in population-based classes, with Class 1 being for the smallest populations and Class 4 for the largest.

Mt. Vernon competed in Class 3, which included cities with populations between 1,500 and 3,000. The city recruited 87 volunteers, who worked 225 hours during the two-week period. Along 52 miles of roadway, 600 bags of trash, 15 tires and 5 appliances were picked up.

Livingston competed in Class 1, for cities with populations less than 500. In Livingston, 42 people volunteered for 205 hours. The city cleaned 21 road miles and collected 543 bags of trash and 2 tires.

Rockcastle County competed

against counties with populations between 10,000 and 20,000 in Class 2. The county recruited 110 volunteers, who picked up trash for 268 hours. Along 17 miles of road way, 304 bags of trash and 7 tires were collected.

Across PRIDE's 38-county service area, 1,966 volunteers participated in Roadside PRIDE. They filled 11,214 trash bags and gathered 291 junk appliances and 1,686 old tires along 1,190 road miles.

"PRIDE provided cleanup supplies to volunteers and reimbursed local governments for their trash disposal expenses.

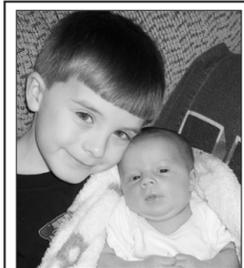
"Clean roads say a lot about a community," said Congressman Hal Rogers (KY-5), who founded PRIDE. "Personally, I feel better about where I live when I see scenic views unspoiled by fast-food bags and tires. It shows me that my neighbors care about our home and want to take care of it. Visitors have the same reaction, and they are more likely to return and spend money here."

"We appreciate the officials and volunteers who showed commitment to a clean environment by joining in Roadside PRIDE," said Karen Engle, PRIDE president and chief ex-

ecutive officer. "PRIDE will continue to support their efforts, especially through education, both in the schools and communities. As more people learn to care for our region's natural beauty, there will be less litter."

PRIDE — which stands for Personal Responsibility In a Desirable Environment — was started in 1997 by Rogers and the late James Bickford, former Secretary of the Kentucky Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet. Their vision was to provide government resources to communities as they worked to clean up the region's environment and promote environmental education. PRIDE is funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

For more information, please call the PRIDE office, toll free, at 888-577-4339 or visit www.kypride.org.



Keaton Lane Renfro would like to announce the birth of his new sister - Ainslee Faith Renfro. She was born at Patty A. Clay Hospital in Richmond on December 7th. Ainslee weighed 6 pounds and was 18 1/2 inches long. The day was even more special to Keaton since his birthday is on December 8th. He has been praying for a brother or sister for a long time and now he finally has one. Keaton and Ainslee's proud parents are Steve and Hope Renfro of Mt. Vernon. Grandparents are Joyce Renfro and Ercel Cromer of Mt. Vernon. Great Grandparents are Gracie Renfro of Richmond and Irene Barnett of Mt. Vernon. Thanks to everyone who made Ainslee's arrival so special!



Happy 30th Birthday to Angela (Collins) Miller. My first love, your mother. Happy birthday to my wife, my love, my best friend, your husband Steve Miller. Happy birthday from your children - Marie, Emily and Dalton - to a mother who has always taught us love. Happy birthday to the exact Mamaw I ask for, love Logan.



Seems like it was just yesterday when you were sitting on the couch all day watching t.v. and stuffing your face. It's amazing how some things never change.

Happy 30th Birthday Love You - Dad, Mom, Michelle, Kyle, Mike & Kids



Pictured are the students that participated in 4-H Sewing Projects after school at Mt. Vernon Elementary, December 10-14. 4-H Sewing will be offered at Brodhead and Roundstone in January. The students are, front from left: Ameila Berryman, Scarlett Eaton, Brianna Carter, Aaron Pevley, (Helper) Janice Hager and (Helper) Eric Jackson. Second row from left: Erica Clouse, Rachel Cain, BJ Whynn, Alaina Coguer, Kayla Cromer, Alexis Lovell, Rakhi Patel and Morgan Miller. Back row from left: (Helper) Vivian Mullins, (Helper) Bessie Hopkins, Hannah Childress, Samantha Callahan, (Helper) Mary Ann Vanwinkle, Courtney Vanwinkle, Hannah Whitaker, Callie Asher and Brianna Mink. Not Pictured: Ethan Mattingly, Shelby Brown and Brooke Morris.

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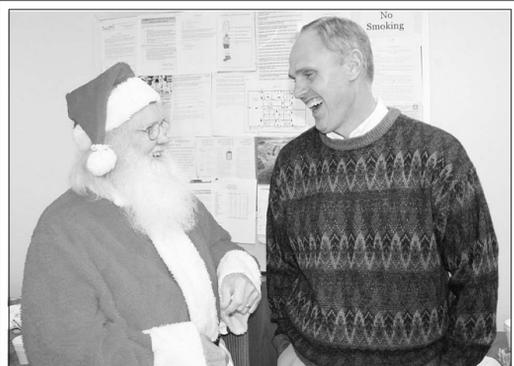
Cumberland River Comprehensive Care Center Director Kathy Ashley Tremaine was honored on December 14th for her commitment and outstanding service of Clinical Direction of the Comprehensive Care Center. Danny Jones, right, Executive Director, presented the plaque to Mrs. Tremaine on behalf of the Cumberland River Mental Health - Mental Retardation Board, at the Mt. Vernon Comprehensive Care Center on Community Day. At left is Carolyn Reppert Morris, Team Manager at the local Comp Care Center.



Lyla Powell, left, a trainer at the Cumberland River Comprehensive Care Center in Mt. Vernon, talks with visitor Holly Bryant at the Center's Community Day in December. A large crowd attended the annual event.



Rockcastle County Third District Magistrate Bill McKinney signed in at the Comprehensive Care Center's Community Day last month. Several local officials were among the visitors to the Center on December 14th.



Santa Claus, aka First District Magistrate John Holbrook, shared a laugh with Eddie Nation, Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon, at the local Comp Care Center's Community Day in December.



Shown above, during the annual Cumberland River Comprehensive Care Center Community Day on December 14th, are from left: Executive Director Danny Jones, Wayne Bullock, President of NAMI and Court of Appeals Judge Mike Caperton of London, who has helped with programs at the center in the past year.

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Library News



Pam Chaliff

It's time for the Fifth Annual Books for Bikes! Books for Bikes is a program for children ages 3-12. Children ages 3-12 can check out age appropriate books from the Rockcastle County Public Library or from their school library. You must register at the Rockcastle County Public Library. Registration started January 7th. After reading each book, children will complete a small form about the book they have read. At the end of Books for Bikes, all participants will be invited to a Reading social at the Public Library. Participants MUST be present to win. At the social the top 10 boy and the top 10 girls in each age group will be put into a basket and have their name drawn for a bike. The age groups for Books for Bikes are 3-5, 6-8, 9-12. If you would like to see the bikes they are on display at the Rockcastle County Public Library and also at all Elementary Schools in the county. If you have any ques-

tions concerning the program please contact Ms. Carla Rowe at 256-2388.

During the Christmas Holiday Mr. Allen Pensol did a program with the story hour children called "Mooseltoe". It was a comical story about a moose that had everything perfectly perfect until he realized he forgot the Christmas tree! Moose went and looked every where for one but had no luck. In the end the children dressed Moose as their own Christmas tree. The children at story hour did just that to Ms. Carla. Ms. Carla became a Christmas tree. Each of the children put an ornament on Ms. Carla, and then for a craft they made a moose out of a candy cane. Also for the Christmas Holiday Santa came to library for story hour. The children told him what they wanted for Christmas and had their picture made with him. The library would like to thank Santa for coming to the library.



Ms. Carla was decorated as a Christmas tree! Mr. Allen Pensol read "Mooseltoe" to the children at story hour.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

COC election results

On December 6, 2007 at 9:00 A.M. CED, Warden Alexander, COC members Charles Mink and Steve Towery, Brenda Parsons, COC Advisor and PT Mary Taylor were present for tabulating the 2007 COC election ballots. Final tabulation of the ballots results were as follows:

- Gary Burdette 127 votes
- C Douglas Brock 53 votes
- Oppie Sowder (write-in) 1 vote

Benton Bullock (invalid write in) 1 vote

Gary Burdette was declared the winner with C Douglas Brock being the 1st alternate. The 2008 COC members will be: Gary Burdette, Charles Mink and Stephen Towery.

Livestock Compensation Program (LCP)

Are you a rancher or livestock producer? Did you suffer feed or livestock losses due to a natural disaster in 2005?

If so, you may be eligible to receive benefits through a new disaster program being offered by the U-S Department of Agriculture.

USDA's Livestock Compensation Program compensates Rockcastle County producers for feed losses February 1, 2005 through November 15, 2005.

Have you signed an application for benefits? If not, sign-up is now underway for USDA's new livestock disaster program.

Visit your local USDA Farm Service Agency Service Center or at the web at: [HYPERLINK "http://www.fsa.usda.gov/"](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/) <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/> for details.

Crop Disaster Program

The National Crop and Livestock Disaster Program in the Iraq Supplemental Appro-

priations legislation provides crop production loss assistance in a manner similar to previous disaster programs for crop losses occurring from natural disaster and related conditions that occurred in 2005, 2006 or 2007. With losses for the 2007 crops only crops planted prior to February 28, 2007 are covered.

Payments for quantity losses are to be provided to the producer which had purchased federal crop insurance (burley tobacco or corn) or NAP coverage through the local FSA office.

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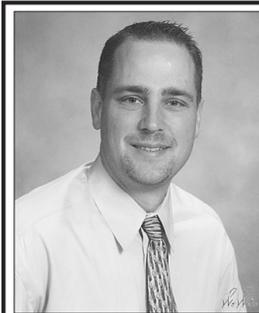
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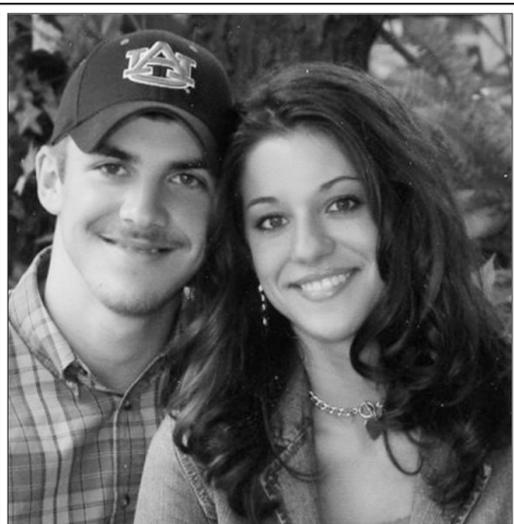
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Congratulations to PFC Tyler Strunk, a member of the London National Guard. Tyler graduates AIT January 17, 2008. He plans to attend ECU, majoring in Physical Therapy. Tyler is the son of Larry and Michele Strunk of Mt. Vernon and grandson of Victor and Millicent Bond of Orlando. Tyler is a graduate of Rockcastle County High School. All his friends and family wish him well and want to say "We are proud of you Tyler!"

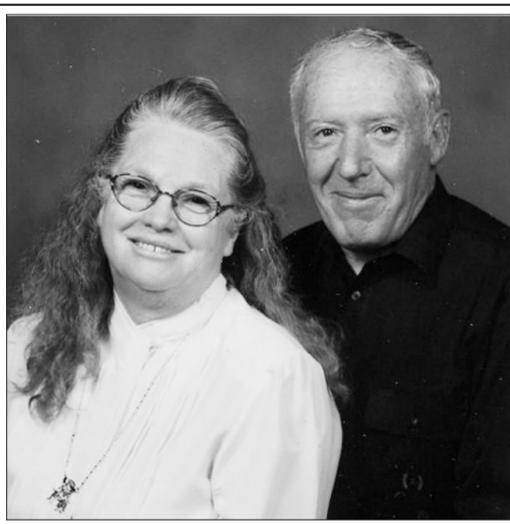


Adams - Pettit

Kenny and Janet Adams of Crab Orchard, along with Terry and Wanda Pettit, also of Crab Orchard, are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Kendra Nicole Adams and Kevin Scott Pettit.

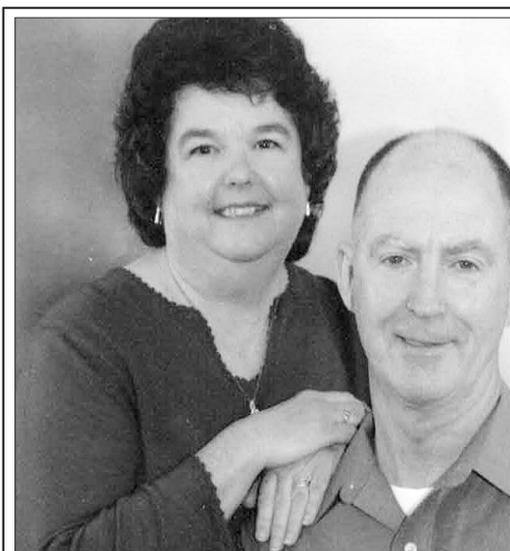
Nicole is a 2006 graduate of Rockcastle County High School and is attending Eastern Kentucky University pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Nursing. Kevin is a 2007 graduate of Lincoln County High School and is attending Eastern Kentucky University pursuing a degree in Veterinary Medicine.

A date is yet to be determined. *We wish them well and give our blessing on this engagement. Kenny, Janet, Kenton and Katie Adams, Terry, Wanda and Greg Pettit.*



50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer and Edith Brooks Burdette will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on January 11, 2008. They will celebrate at the Hickory Grove Church fellowship hall on January 12, 2008 beginning at 4:00 p.m. All family and friends are invited to attend.



40th Wedding Anniversary

Earl and Judy Phillips of Mt. Vernon will be celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, January 20th at First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon. Their children, Paula, Robby, and Billy along with their families invite all family and friends to attend this anniversary celebration between the times of 2 - 4 p.m. in the afternoon at the church. (No gifts necessary.)

In Loving Memories



A Letter From Heaven In Memory of Becky Smith

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below, with tiny lights like Heaven's stars reflecting on the snow.

The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away that tear for I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear but the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas Choir up here.

I have no words to tell you of the joy their voices bring, for it is beyond description to hear the Angels sing.

I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart, for I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I can't tell you of the splendor or the peace here in their place. Can you just imagine Christmas with our Savior face to face?

I'll ask him to lift your spirit as I tell him of your love so then pray for one another as you lift your eyes above.

Please let your hearts be joy-

ful and let your spirit sing, for I am spending Christmas in Heaven and I'm walking with the King.

We love and miss you very much (Mom) Lillie, Lindsey, Lisa and Rhonda

"Uncle Tommy"

Even though you built greenhouses out of state and traveled from town to town, You always came back to Three Links, Ky. to rest, relax or just wind down.

Later in life you came home to Aunt Ruby and worked around on your farm.

There has been many a brother, neighbor and friend greeted from your porch with a wave of your right arm.

You roamed through the hills and valleys with your neighbor hunting ginseng because you told me it made your feel young.

You took pride in your children and grandchildren and to find someone with a bad thing to say about you I don't think there was one.

But to say our community has suffered a great loss would hit how we fell right on the mark. Because as I look around at all the saddened faces I know that like me everyone around here will miss you and we love you.

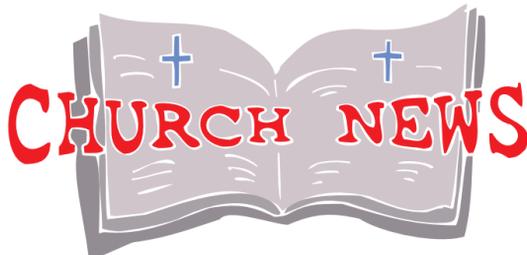
Goodbye Uncle Tommy Clark Written by Tim Willis, Nephew We love and miss you so much, Ruby, Traci, Cheryl Clark Family & Jones Family

In Memory of my husband, George Burton and children, Bennett and Shirley Burton, Barbara B. & Bobby Anglin

When the evening shades are falling And we are setting alone, In our hearts there comes a longing

If only you could come home. When we have our family gatherings, And special days we share, Only God knows our feelings When we see your vacant chair. If we had the world to give We would give it all and more, If we could only see you come, Smiling through the door.

Submitted by Vallie Burton



Bro. Hampton at Bride of Christ

Bro. Larry Hampton from Tennessee will be preaching at the Bride of Christ Church, on High Street in Mt. Vernon, Thursday and Friday, January 10 and 11 at 7 p.m. There will

also be special singing. Everyone welcome.

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Free Bible Correspondence Course. Send your name and address to 3168 Quail Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456



The Greenes will be in concert at Westside Baptist Church at 699 Prince Royal Dr. in Berea on January 13th at 6 p.m.

Card of Thanks

Martha Hacker

We would like to thank everyone for the help and support shown to us during the loss of our precious, wonderful mother and grandma Martha Hacker.

First we want to thank God and Jesus for giving us a wonderful mother. Thank you Dr. Karen Saylor, Dr. David Bullock, all the nurses at Rockcastle Hospital, Home Health, Hospice, all the ambulance drivers, special friends and neighbors.

We would like to give special thanks and love to Cheryl Stone at Home Health for standing beside us until the end, David Collins, Michelle Coffey, Brianna Mullilins,

Graham Fay, Harry Harmon, Charles Bowman, Owens Funeral Home, Rick Reynolds, Henry Baker, Patsy Fletcher, Cecilia Taylor, Teresa Hopkins of Hospice, all the gang at Dari Delite, the Brodhead Fire Department for all the help they have given and the special kindness they showed by escorting her procession.

She will be sadly missed by us here on earth but a beautiful addition to Heaven.

Her daughters, Dolly (L.P.) Taylor and Irene Taylor; Grandchildren, Faye (Coy) Broughton, Jay Johnson, Zack (Patricia), Merle (Heather) and Susie Taylor; great grandchildren, Jon Broughton, Kevin Begley and Christina Taylor

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School News

Rockcastle County Board of Education will meet at MVES on Tuesday, January 15.

FRC News

FRC Hot Topics for Parents is scheduled for Monday, January 14. The topic is Internet Safety—Who Does Your Child Talk to On-Line? This presentation will be at 6:00 in the library.

FRC Jump Rope Club begins Tuesday, January 15 from 3:15 until 4:30.

FRC/CAP GED Classes will be held each Tuesday from 1:00 until 2:15.

FRC Adult Computer Classes are each Monday at 6:00p.m.

Project Wisdom

Readers for the week of December 17 were:

Monday: Brooklyn Cromer, student

Tuesday: Alexis Lovell, student

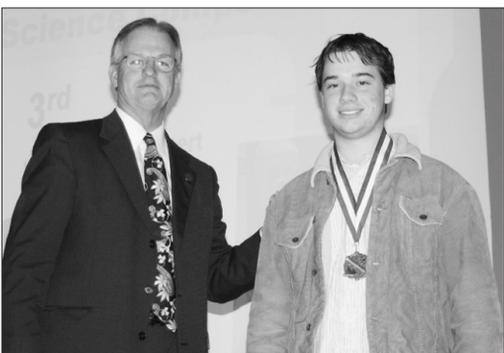
Wednesday: Samantha Teague, student

The mystery reader for Friday, January 4 was Kevin Mullins, fifth grade teacher.

Our quote for this week is: "Attitudes are contagious. Is yours worth catching?"



Christy Napier, Kayla Rowe, Kayla Frederick, 3rd place Physics Team Demonstration.



John Ryan Lambert, 3rd place, Biology Competition.



Katy Mattingly, Mary Saylor and Khyati Patel, 1st place, Spotlight on Science.

Rockcastle County students compete at Cumberlands

Rockcastle County High School students participated in University of the Cumberlands' 2007 Chemistry Symposium and Science Olympiad held on November 30. The annual event spans a wide range of academic individual and team competitions in biology, chemistry, physics and communication and theatre arts.

The following students were recognized for academic excellence:

- John Ryan Lambert, 3rd place, Biology Competition
- Mary Saylor, Khyati Patel, Katy Mattingly, 1st place, Spotlight on Science

• Christy Napier, Kayla Rowe, Kayla Frederick, 3rd place Physics Team Demonstration

The purpose of the Chemistry Symposium and Science Olympiad is to excite young people about science, promote science endeavors in high school, encourage careers in science, reward academic excellence, feature the most versatile and varied science competition in the state and offer the opportunity to see science facilities and meet the University of the Cumberlands' science faculty and students.



Roundstone had its annual Christmas Program on Thursday, December 13. Students from kindergarten through 5th grade performed Christmas music performances. As a finale, all students sang "Go Tell It On The Mountain" and instrumentalists played xylophones, metalophones, dulcimers, and guitars. Students applied knowledge of the elements of music while performing, singing, and playing instruments. A special thanks is extended to Mrs. Sandy Allen, director of the program, and the many family, friends, and community members who attended.

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Jackson Cromer, a student at Roundstone Elementary, recently won second place for his age group in an art contest sponsored by the magazine, *Kentucky Families Today*. Jackson entered a drawing of animals in a savannah.



Mrs. Sharon Lovell, Library Media Specialist, donated \$25 in books to Mrs. Irene Alexander's kindergarten class.

Grandparent's Days held at MVES



Many grandparents turned out at Mt. Vernon Elementary School's recent Scholastic Book Fair "Grandparent's Days". Pictured above are Kylee Fain and Granny Helen. More photos can be found on MVES's website at (www.rockcastle.kyschools.us/mves)



Eli Price with Papa and Granny McClure.



Daniel Mason with Pop and Nan Hudson.



Ms. Karen Adams from Rockcastle County Hospital AHEC (Area Health Education Center) recently presented at Mt. Vernon Elementary's 4th and 5th grade UNITE meetings. She brought in fatal vision goggles that simulate the vision of someone who is under the influence of alcohol.



MVES UNITE Mascot "Drug Buster"



The Rockcastle County High School Chamber Choir recently performed at the Annual Daughter's of the American Revolution Christmas Dinner. Choir members from left to right include: Ms. Amber Thacker, Choir Director, Zach Davis, Daniel Storm, Dalton Hutton, Tyler Vaughn, Catelyn Williams, Carri Hunt, Jaclyn Bullock, Donna Leach.

Minds in the Middle

The RCMS Leadership Teams are continuing to take donations for the Rockcastle Hospital Markey Cancer Center in memory of Mrs. Ruth Coguer. That will end on January 18th. On Wednesday, the 8th grade Leadership Team visited the cancer center to deliver care packages. We appreciate all that those teams have done for this cause throughout this year.

We encourage parents to visit our website to complete the survey regarding homework policies. Our website address is w. We need your input.

Mid-term reports were sent home on Tuesday. Remember that ESS tutoring services are

available after school for students who need additional assistance.

Our teams are gearing up for their spelling bees. A winner will emerge from each team to compete in competition with each other. The school winner will then go on to compete in the district spelling bee on January 30th.

We thank the RCMS staff for helping to make our school wide Christmas dinner a huge success. The food, decorations, entertainment, and fellowship created the perfect seasonal setting. Thanks to all of those who had a part in making our students feel like the special people they are!

RCMS Honor Roll

Second grading period

Honor Entreprisers—Haylee Barker, Kelsey Bullock, Kellan Coffey, Luke Coffey, Charles Cornelius, Ashley Craig, Mackenzie Craig, Raven Davis, Lacey Gastineau, Keeley Goff, Blaine Gray, Brianna Hansel, Robert Kirby, Jared Lake, April Mason, Kelsey Mattingly, Brian Miller, Madison Miller, Jacob Mink, Jalia Parker, Kasey Raines, Robert Renner, Kayla Reynolds, Emily Roark, Makenna Roberts, John Robinson, Tiffany Shafer, Brad Shoopman, Hayley Simmons, Felicia Slusher, Hannah Sowder, Jacob Dean Taylor, Samantha Taylor and Shalynn Winkler.

Voyagers_Lyndsey Abel, Matthew Alexander, Alyssa Allen, Ruby Allen, Sarah Barnett, Lillian Beichler, Nathan Berryman, Kelley Blanton, Megan Boggs, Cody Brown, Travis Bullock, Brianna Burdette, Courtney Caldwell, Andrea Coffey, Samantha Collins, Erica Croucher, Cassidy Daugherty, Kenneth Davidson, Savannah Falin, Joseph Gadd, Thomas Graves, Tyler Harper, Austin Harris, Austin Helton, Meghin Helton, John Hughes, Andrea Isaacs, Bettie Jones, Brandon Jones, Crystin Lawson, Carissa Looney, Kayla Lovell, Hannah McClure, Charles McFerron, Katlyn McGee, Bryan McGuire, Anthony Miller, Britany Moore, Justin Mullins, Rebekah Ponder, Matthew Poyle, Devin Poynter, David Pruitt, Timothy Renner, Zachariah Renner, Bethany Robbins, Jeffrey Lewis Rowe, Paisley Saylor, Alston Snow, Logan Stephens, Andrea Stewart, McKinzie Todd, Samantha Vance, Jacob Watkins, Kaci Wilmott and Lucas Witten.

Adventurers_Charity Adams, Aaron Adkisson, Adam Alcorn, Jonathan Alcorn, Kelly Anderkin, Tiffany Barron, Jonathan Broughton, Hannah Bullock, Olivia Caudill, Derek Clark, Miranda Clark, Heather Clontz, Caleb Coffey, Bryonna Cromer, Kaitlyn Delph, Lauren Denny, Maranda Didonato, Hannah Eaton, Amber Elam, Miranda Harding, Courtney Hasty, Matthew Hasty, Dylan Hensley, Jacob Houk, Justin Houk, Samantha Lawson, Sarah Martin, Damien McDaniel, Emily Mink, Sarah Pigg, Adam Poynter, Mary Robinson, Johnny Shafer, Angel Shelton, Christopher Sowder, Jesse Stallworth, Austin Stewart, Jessica Thacker, Samantha Thompson, Mary Weaver, John Wilson and Adam Young.

Shooting Stars_Sara Adams, Megan Alcorn, Ashton Arvin, Rebecca Barron, Jessica Bentley, Robbie Bradley, Jeremiah Brown, Hazel Bullock, Harley Bullens, Hannah Burdine, Katie Clements, Laiken Coffey, Devin Cook, Holly Cromer, Kayla DeLong, Logan Durham, Matthew Gonzalez, Victoria Griffith, Eli Haddix, Adam Hale, Amie Hale, Bo Harris, Garrett Hasty, Brandon Hatcher, Kennedy Hood, Leah Hughes, Cody Isaacs, Kelsey Jett, Amy Johnson, Rachel Johnson, Austin Jordison, Brianna Keating, Elizabeth Lawrence, Jacob Lawson, Beulah Jean Lear, Chelsea Linville, Elijah Lovell, Rachel Martin, Michaela McFerron, Bethany McKinney, Raychel McKinney, Carlotta Morgan, McKenzie Owens, Samantha Payne, Zach Poynter, Larken Prewitt, Terri Renner, Crystal Reddington, Harley Riddle, Tucker Rose, Boone Saylor, Albert Seals, Tyler Smith, Samantha Smoker, Angel Spurlock, Brandon Stewart, Dylan Stewart, Samantha Vanwinkle, Caitlin Wilson, Chris Wren, Jade Taylor, Mariah Topf and Alexis Young.

Challengers_Kenton Adams, Samantha Adams, Lindsey Brown, Sydney Brown, Tabitha Bullock, Sha Bustle, Skyler Carrillo, Spencer Childress, Emily Clark, Kadi Cobb, Katie Cowan, Samantha Damrell, Joe Daugherty, Tasheena Davidson, Chase Delaney, Lillian Dooley, Holly Ham, Jarrett Hamm, Tyler Holman, Casey Hunt, Ciara Johnston, Nicholas Keathley, Tim Kirby, Ashley Lewis, Andrea Lowery, Anna Ludemann, Alexandra Martin, Megan Martin, Caitlin Mullins, Cody Noe, Jay Patel, Chelsea Payne, Zachary Reams, Adam Reed, Robert Reynolds, Will Reynolds, Clark Rowe, Sarah Saylor, Nathan Singleton, Jamie Stewart, Cassandra Taylor, Steven Thomason, Kaylee Vanwinkle, Zachary Walker, Jordan Whitaker, Kaitlin White and Jaclyn Wolfe.

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Hayley Davis selected to attend Young Leaders State Conference

Hayley Davis, an eighth grader at Rockcastle Middle School, has been selected to attend a National Young Leaders State Conference in Nashville, TN February 14-17, 2008.

The conference will help young scholars take an introspective and highly-personalized assessment of their leadership skills and abilities.

Throughout the four-day program, scholars will build a working "toolkit" of strategies to help them successfully dream, create and implement plans that will change how they view their role as leaders in their community.

"The steps each person takes in discovering his or her own leadership strengths can be a very personal process," said Mike Lasday, executive director of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council (CYLC), the organization that sponsors NYLSC. "The National Young Leaders State Conference will help students get at the heart of their innate talents and skills and will also help them identify how best they can serve within their communities."

The Congressional Youth Leadership Council is a non-

partisan educational organization. Founded in 1985, the CYLC is committed to fostering and inspiring young people to achieve their full leadership potential. Nearly 400 members of the U.S. Congress join this commitment by serving on the CYLC Honorary Congressional Board of Advisors. In addition, more than 50 embassies participate in the CYLC's Honorary Board of Embassies.

Hayley is the daughter of Paula Davis, a kindergarten teacher at Mt. Vernon Elementary and Stephen Davis, accountant and church administrator at Church on the Rock.



Hayley Davis



Gary W. Langford, of Calloway, took this Mountain Lion December 7, 2007 in Fairview, Utah. The lion weighed 100 plus pounds.

Brodhead resident to attend conference

Ben Taylor of Brodhead is one of 30 Eastern Kentucky University students who will have a chance to learn from professional writers and editors while attending a prestigious national conference in January.

In 2008, The Association of Writers & Writing Programs (AWP) will bring its annual conference and bookfair to New York City for the first time in the organization's 40-year history. Best-selling American novelist and Academy Award-winning screenwriter John Irving will present the keynote address at the conference, which will also feature readings by numerous authors, including Yusef Komunyakaa, Sharon Olds, William Kennedy, Louise Glück and Joyce Carol Oates.

The Jan. 30-Feb. 2 conference offers panel discussions, readings, a book fair, and meetings for writers, publishers, teachers, and arts administrators.

It's one of the biggest U.S. events for writers, typically featuring some 250 readings, lectures, panel discussions, and forums, with book signings, receptions, and other literary events, formal and informal.

"This conference showcases so many different elements of the writing profession," said Kathy Flann, assistant professor of English. "Panel sessions will include discussions about the careers related to writing, about the craft of writing, and about the publishing markets. Not only will students have the opportunity to hear professional writers and editors, but they will also sit in the audience with professional writers and editors. Everyone at the conference is in the field in some capacity."

"Being a part of that may embolden students to see themselves as 'real' writers," she added. "The conference trip is funded by Eastern's Student Government Association, Office of the Provost, Honors Program and Graduate

Ashely Jasper earns degree

Ashely Jasper of Brodhead earned a bachelor of arts degree in human and counseling from Lindsey Wilson.

Jasper was among 247 graduates who were awarded degrees - 176 undergraduate degrees and 71 graduate degrees - at the college's 2007 winter commencement, held Dec. 15 in Biggers Sports Center.

Kentucky Hall of Fame journalist Al Smith delivered the commencement address to a crowd of more than 1,500 guests in Biggers Sports Center. In his address, Smith praised the graduates for the obstacles they overcame to earn a degree.

The fight for a second chance, for a fresh start is in the Kentucky DNA, in the legacy from the settlers who crossed the Cumberland Gap, traveled the Wilderness Road with (Daniel) Boone," Smith said.

School."

The mission of AWP is to foster literary talent and achievement, to advance the art of writing as essential to a good education, and to serve the creators, teachers, students, and readers of contemporary literature. AWP is a unique organization in the position to help writers in ways that no other literary organization in the United States can. The commitment of AWP's individual members is crucial to AWP's continued success, new programs, and growth of an endowment to award honoraria to working writers.

Celebrates 93rd Birthday

Mrs. Vallie Burton was 93 years young Sunday, January 6th and celebrated her birthday on Saturday, January 5th in Somerset at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mattie and Danny Petrey.

Those who visited were: Cafic, Sheila, Tatiana and Amina Zenni of Cincinnati, Ohio; Jennifer and Samantha Jones of Bronston; Gary, Kristi, Zack and Morganna Rowe of Eubank; Buford and Nancy Parkerson of Brodhead; Noah and Faye Mullins, Geneva Houston and Jr. and Linda Blanton, all of Mt. Vernon and Gladys Winchester, Al and Charlotte Elliott and John Chapman, all of Somerset. Visiting Monday were Ervin and Fannie Barron.

Mrs. Burton also received calls from friends in Ohio, Tennessee, Florida and even

received a call from her great grandson, Travis Burton, who lives in Washington, D.C.

Vallie wants to thank everyone who visited, called, sent cards and gave her gifts.

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Ag News

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Sign-Up begins December 3rd for Dairy Disaster Aid Program (DDAP-III)

Eligible dairy producers can sign up for the Dairy Disaster Assistance Program (DDAP-III) at local U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency (FSA) service centers beginning Monday, Dec. 3, 2007.

DDAP-III will help dairy producers recover production losses resulting from a variety of adverse weather conditions in the last few years. The program provides \$16 million in benefits to dairy producers for production losses that occurred between

Jan. 1, 2005, and Feb. 28, 2007, because of qualifying natural disasters. The program compensates producers for production losses that resulted from lost herds or dumped milk when dairy plants closed or the natural disaster damaged con-

Daughter born

Charles and Carrie Bullock announce the birth of their daughter, Chloe MaKenna, born December 2, 2007 at Fort Logan Hospital in Danville.

Chloe weighed 7 lbs., 10.8 ozs at birth and was 20 1/4 inches long. She was welcomed home by her brothers, Cameron, 7 and Caleb, 4.

Grandparents are Linda Brummett Baker and Lorene and Kenneth Bullock. Great grandparent is Della Baker of Crab Orchard.

tainment equipment. Additionally, power outages, fuel shortages, and infrastructure damage may have temporarily interrupted the flow of dairy products to markets.

Additional information on Disaster or other FSA programs is available at their local FSA County Office or online at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

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.

Office closure

The USDA Service Center offices (FSA and NRCS) will be closed Monday, January 21st for Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday. The offices will reopen Tuesday, January 22nd during normal business hours.

Important program dates

Conservation Reserve Program Continuous signup continues

Milk Income Contract Program Extensions continues

Disaster Assistance Programs (CDP, LCP,DDAPIII) signup continues

Farm Storage Facility Loan Interest Rate Jan. 2008 = 3.625%

Tobacco Transition Payment Program Maximum Discount Rate

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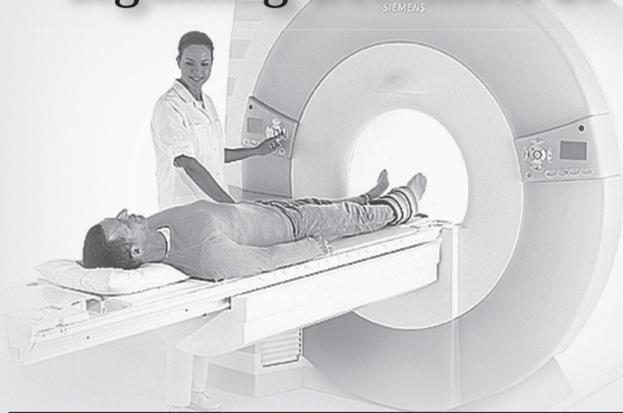
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“Pot Bust”

(Cont. from front)

Wednesday before District Judge Katie Wood.

The other five arrested on Monday night were: Nathan Gibbons, 18, of Mt. Vernon, Wesley C. Miller, 18, of Lake Linville Road, Brad Wesley, 22, of Brodhead, Matthew S. Miller, 18, also of Lake Linville Road and Derek D. McCowan, 18, of Carter Ridge Road.

The five men were charged with possession of marijuana and public intoxication. McCowan was also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, after police found a smoking pipe beside his feet.

McCowan posted a \$200 cash bond, while the Millers and Wesley posted a \$100 cash bond each. Gibbons was still being held in the local detention center on Wednesday under a \$1,000 cash or property bond.

Besides Pigg, Mason and Pennington, sheriff's deputies, Joe Rush and Shannon Franklin also assisted in the arrests.

“Hammond”

(Cont. from front)

However, although Hammond said he received a good evaluation from each board member Tuesday night, board members Mike Burdette and Angie Mink voted against an extension on his contract.

Board members, Terry Burton, Tina Cain and Martin Vanzant voted in favor of

the extension.

Burdette voted against an extension last year and Mink did not vote because she was absent from the meeting a year ago.

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

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

During his 13 year tenure as superintendent, every person to hold an administrative position, including principals at the five county schools, has changed, except for that of finance officer Richard Bray.

Tuesday night's extension runs Hammond's contract through June 30, 2011.

Hammond's current salary is approximately \$124,000 per year.

In the past few years, county student scores on the statewide CATS test have consistently ranked in the top 20 in the state, among all school districts.

In other business, at the beginning of Tuesday's night's board meeting, Martin Vanzant was elected new board chairman and Tina Hasty was chosen vice-chairman.

Vanzant, who was serving as vice-chairman, replaces Terry Burton, who has been chairman for the past four years.

Burton declined to serve as chairman for another year because his daughter, Tara, is planning to marry an employee of the school system in June, which will make Burton ineligible to serve on the school board.

Burton is currently in his 14th year on the board of education and his board seat will be up for election in November.

Burton said Wednesday morning he would resign shortly before the June wedding.

“Pre-School”

(Cont. from front)

erty for children, Rockcastle has a particular need to expand the availability of quality early care and pre-school programs.

“It is the recommendation of the District Administration that we remodel and utilize the old Rockcastle Area Tech-

nology Center, (vocational school) to make pre-Kindergarten available to every three and four year child in Rockcastle County. This plan would be developed and implemented in phases allowing for adequate planning and funding through federal, state and local efforts,” a portion of the hand-out read.

Currently the school system partners with Head Start to serve less than 200 pre-school children or less than half of the three and four year olds in the county.

School finance officer Richard Bray said it would cost approximately \$2.4 million to remodel the current Area Technology Center, which would be designed for the appropriate learning needs of pre-school children.

Bray said the \$2.4 million would come from the sale of bonds, which would be paid off over a 20 year period.

Bray also told the board that another bond issue, as large as the one needed to do the work at the Technology Center, would deplete all excess building funds the board currently receives from the state.

“We certainly would not be able to build or undertake a large remodeling project for quite sometime,” Bray said.

The yearly operation of the new pre-school program would also cost the board an additional \$300,000 annually, mainly because of increased staffing.

If all goes according to plan, the new pre-school program would be in place at the former Tech Center at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year, just over 18 months from now.

According to Pensol's hand-out, as space and funding become available, the school system would move toward changing from the current half-day kindergarten programs to full-day programs. With this plan, full-day kindergarten programs would be located in each of the elementary schools as are the half-day programs now in place.

Although board members indicated they were all in favor of such a plan, no action was scheduled to be taken or was taken on Tuesday night.

It should be noted that if and when the board approves the new pre-school program, children ages three and four will still not be required to attend public school.

“Pit”

(Cont. from front)

jail to “assist with payment of medical expenses for prisoners.” Clontz told the court that in December, the jail had about \$2,700 in medical/pharmaceutical bills for prisoners.

The county got some bad news about the jail also, though. Carloftis told the court that he had been notified by KACo (Kentucky Association of Counties) that the state was cutting a half million dollars from their budget for county jail operation. Carloftis said this would only affect the bed allotment the jail receives. However, Jailer Miller said later that the allotment presently pays for about five beds for county prisoners and that, Tuesday, he had 38 county prisoners.

Carloftis also told the court that there was a chance of possible deep cuts in the county's share of coal severance funds. “With the budget crunch, the state may decide to keep the money for their own use,” Carloftis said.

Deputy Sheriff Derrick Price has been named Emergency Management Director by Judge Carloftis.

Carloftis told the court that CSEPP Director Hal Holbrook had been working 60% of his time for CSEPP and 40% as Emergency Management Director but that CSEPP officials had decided that he must spend 100% of his time with their program.

Price, a court bailiff for the sheriff's department, will continue in that position, along with the Emergency Management Director's job.

County Clerk Norma Houk presented her 2008 budget to the court for approval. Houk expects total revenue in her office of \$2,508,950 with operating expenses of \$2,466,351 with \$42,598 expected in excess fees.

Houk told the court that the county will receive \$60,000 from the recent increase in license fees and she wanted to spend part of that money to index all the county's records for the last 30 years. Houk said she would have to hire someone, to be paid from the \$60,000, to input the data.

The court will have to have a special called meeting within the week to approve the sheriff's budget which must be approved by the 15th of January.

Clearing a path through snow and ice Transportation Cabinet gears up for Winter

The damp, colder weather is reminding us that “Ole Man Winter” will soon be blowing into the Commonwealth. While most people are getting out their scarves, gloves, hats, and winter coats, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) is busy mobilizing its resources to clear a path through snow and ice this winter season.

“While the Governor insists we provide a safe and reliable transportation network for Kentucky families every day of the year, we face our greatest tests during the winter months,” said Transportation Cabinet Secretary Bill Nighbert. “We dedicate all necessary resources to minimize problems and delays for motorists. I'm proud of how our KYTC highway crews in every county meet the challenges created by winter weather.”

Maintenance crews in all 120 counties are prepared to work as long as it takes and as often as required to keep the roads in the best possible condition before, during and after winter weather events. The KYTC has almost 320,000 tons of salt and almost two million gallons of liquid chlorides on hand at numerous locations statewide. The Cabinet will use approximately 1,000 state-owned trucks, more than 175 state-owned loaders, and more than 300 contract snow and ice trucks to keep the roads clear.

“When winter weather impacts travel, whether it's in the middle of the day, night, weekend or holiday period, our dedicated maintenance personnel answer the call,” added Transportation Cabinet Deputy Secretary Crystal Ducker. “We are extremely fortunate to have a team so devoted to clearing a path through snow and ice.”

Road condition reports for major routes in Kentucky are available by calling 511 or by logging on to the 511 travel and traffic information website at <http://511.ky.gov/> or <http://511.ky.gov/>. Road conditions are described in the following manner:

Wet Pavement – The roadway is wet. Ice could form as the temperature drops.

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Mostly Covered – The roadway is mostly covered with snow, slush, or ice. Roadway markers may be difficult to see because of packed snow and rutting conditions.

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roadway is completely covered with snow, slush, or ice. Markings are obscured.

Impassable – Roadway conditions are not suitable for travel unless required by an emergency.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet strives to provide the most descriptive and up-to-date information for motorists so they will know what to expect prior to a trip. Drivers are also reminded that bridges and overpasses are typically the most treacherous under wintry conditions. Of course, motorists should always use extra caution when traveling during a winter weather event.

“The most common causes of crashes during the snow and ice season are the result of a failure to maintain control, excessive speed, and following other vehicles too closely,” concluded Tim Hazlette, Commissioner of the Cabinet's Department of Transportation Safety. “We urge all motorists to buckle up, drive defensively and be alert every time you venture out, especially if you have to drive in less than ideal weather conditions.”

Additional Safety Tips for Travelers during the Snow and Ice Season:

Make sure your vehicle is sufficiently winterized – check the battery, antifreeze level, heater, defroster, wipers, and windshield washers.

Dress warmly for the weather – dress in layers of loose-fitting, lightweight clothing, in anticipation of unexpected winter weather emergencies.

Try to keep your gas tank at least two-thirds full to prevent fuel line freezing and to prepare for possible lengthy delays on the roadway.

Make sure a friend or relative is aware of your travel route.

Carry a cell phone.

Make sure your vehicle has an emergency care kit. The kit should include jumper cables, flares or reflectors, windshield washer fluid, an ice scraper, blankets, non-perishable food, a first aid kit, and traction material.

Check the forecast and call 511 before you leave. If conditions are dangerous, avoid travel, unless it's absolutely necessary.

During significant winter weather events, the KYTC's team of public information professionals will provide media outlets with updated road condition reports throughout the day and night.

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The main office of the Adult Learning Center, located at the top of the hill about a mile north of the Renfro Valley Entertainment Center, will be closed from Monday, January 14th through Friday, January 25th to create a new learning environment for their students. The Center will re-open on Monday, January 28th with fresh ideas, a new classroom appearance and a relaxed student-centered atmosphere. A Grand Re-opening ceremony will be planned for February. Don't worry, if you want to attend classes during the remodel, you can still go to one of their off-site locations. They offer afternoon classes every Monday at Brodhead City Hall from 2-4pm and every Tuesday evening at Livingston City Hall from 5-7pm. Call (606) 256-5307 for directions or to find out how to get started.

The Adult Learning Center and its off-site locations are more than just a place to earn

your GED! Do you know that the Adult Learning Centers' services are free? Do you know they have a wide variety of services available for adults of all ages to choose from?

If you want to learn to read or improve your literacy skills, now is the time! If you don't have your GED and are ready to earn it, they can provide the classes, instruction and resources to help you prepare for it! If you are learning English as a second language and want to attend ESL classes, they offer those, too! Since kids are not born with instruction manuals, you might find their parenting classes both educational and informative. The parenting classes are offered as one component of their family literacy program!

It's never too late to go back to college! A higher education can lead to improved wages, better benefits, and added job security. If you are considering attending college, vocational or technical school and still need to take (or retake) your college or post-secondary entrance exams, such as: ACT, SAT, or Compass; the Adult Learning Center can help you prepare for these exams. The staff at the Center can also assist you with completing the Federal Financial Aid Forms (FAFSA) and college applications that are required to attend college.

The Learning Center is also proud to offer the PACE program, which is a college preparation partnership between the Community College and Kentucky Adult Education. This program offers students the ability to earn college credit hours, at no cost to the student, by attending classes and improving their basic skills at an Adult Education Center prior to ever stepping foot onto a college campus!

Do you know that the Adult Learning Center serves our local workforce, too? If you want to improve your job skills or employability skills and want to learn how to accurately and appropriately complete an employment application or create a professional-looking resume, they can guide and assist you. Do you want to demonstrate to employers that you have a select set of skills they may need? WorkKeys® may be for you! WorkKeys® provides assessments in Reading for Information, Applied Mathematics, and Locating Information and can lead to a Kentucky

Employability Certificate (KEC) signed by the Governor of Kentucky.

Are you intimidated by a computer? Do you want to learn computer skills that are beneficial for your job? How about learning to surf the web, send email and research items using the internet? The Adult Education & Learning Center teaches a variety of computer classes from one day fun classes to more multi-session advanced Microsoft Office Professional classes! They can also partner with local employers to design a class to meet the needs of their employees, at no cost to the employer!

If any of the services have sparked your interest and you are ready to commit to learning and promote adult education in our community in 2008, then you need to call the Adult Learning Center at (606) 256-5307 to learn more about their free services! The Adult Education Center is funded through the Christian Appalachian Project and the Kentucky Department of Post-Secondary Education.

New web site for Kentucky State Park Foundation

A new web site has been established by a non-profit group that is helping to promote and support the Kentucky State Parks.

The Kentucky State Park Foundation was established in February and has 14 board members from across the state. Its purpose is to protect and advocate for the natural, historical and cultural resources of the park system through fundraising and other activities. The foundation will complement the work of the Kentucky Department of Parks.

The new web site is <http://kentuckystateparkfoundation.org/> The site includes news about the foundation, a list of individual park foundations and friends groups, and how people can donate money to the foundation, which is a 501(c)(3) organization independent from state government. Donations have already been made to the foundation.

Parks Commissioner J.T. Miller said the foundation will also help develop education programs for families and children at parks, purchase historic artifacts, purchase land adjacent to parks, create and maintain park trails, and promote volunteer programs at parks. Contributors may designate a specific park they wish to benefit from their donation.



The Family Room
By: Dr. Roy Don Whitehead

The New Year's Celebration is a noisy one. There is usually cheering when the clock strikes twelve, and there is much noise the next day as the family cheers its way through ten or twelve football games on TV.

There is another noise, though - one that begins on January 2 and continues throughout the month. This is the sound that New Year's resolutions make when they are breaking. The clashing and banging as these resolutions break can sometimes be heard for miles around.

I have prepared two lists of resolutions that you may borrow for the New Year. I guarantee that the first list is one you can keep, though I do not recommend it as being good for you. The second list is for those who are more ambitious and want to improve their lives in 2008.

New Year's Resolutions: List #1 (Not Recommended)

1. I will eat plenty of sweets and fatty foods throughout the holidays and on into the New Year.

2. I will seek to gain weight in 2008.

3. I will spend more time on the sofa watching television and exercising my forefinger on the remote control.

4. I will hoard everything I get my hands on and give nothing to anyone.

5. I will not hold the writer of this column responsible for the deterioration of my physical and mental health that will inevitably result from keeping these resolutions.

For those who are actually committed to improving your physical and mental health, I recommend choosing one (or two) of the following resolutions.

New Year's Resolutions: List #2 (Recommended)

1. I will eat more fruits and vegetables in 2008. Medical research has proven again and again that consuming more pears, green beans, carrots,

peaches, etc. helps build your immune system and control your weight. If you currently do not eat these items, pick just one that sounds possibly palatable and give it a try.

2. I will cut down on the amount of sugar I consume. Soft drinks (and even sports drinks) are the source of many of our sugar calories. Consider that a canned soft drink contains approximately 40 grams of sugar and you can see why. Cookies, cakes, pies and candy also help us to gain weight. It is OK to eat some of these but in moderation.

3. I will begin (or continue) an exercise program. The best exercise is still the simplest: walking. You need no special clothing, no club membership and you can begin as soon as you walk out the front door of your house. For extra motivation, buy a pedometer that measures how far you walk each day.

4. I will quit smoking. Talk with your doctor about the best way for you to quit and about medication that may help. Quit for yourself and for those around you: second hand smoke is a killer.

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

Gear Up

Technology boosts skills and self control

Students today live in a battery-driven society - they are surrounded by technology in the form of cell phones, computers, iPods and more. Some of those tools can be helpful in preparing students for the future while others provide distraction.

Janice Miller, guidance counselor at Rockcastle County High School, sees technology as a positive tool in education. "In addition to the internet, which students use for research, they also have access to digital cameras, Power Point, and a number of software programs which may be useful for a particular class (such as the pre-engineering classes). There is also technology available to students who take automotive, electrical, welding and computer classes at the technical center," Miller says.

Using these various forms of technology, Miller believes, helps students better prepare for post-secondary education as well as the workplace. "For example, some of the software that our pre-engineering program, Project Lead the Way, uses is the same as what is used in businesses such as Lexmark. What a wonderful opportunity it is for our students to have hands on experience with this technology before they even graduate!"

As schools have incorporated more types of technology into the school day, they have also created new policies for technology use. The Rockcastle County School District has a computer network usage policy that prohibits viewing inappro-

prate sites and using technology for anything other than school-related projects. All parents and students must sign the policy before using the school's computer technology.

Schools are not as welcoming with "pocket technologies" such as cell phones, beepers and pagers due to limited educational uses, however, students are still bringing them in. Their use is prohibited in the Rockcastle County School District during school hours. Students caught using them will have their phones confiscated. Increasingly, Miller says, the school has seen a problem with students using the text messaging feature on the phone. "We also have had a few students who have viewed inappropriate internet sites, and have had to take disciplinary action against them," she added.

While these forms of technology can cause problems, they also provide students with an opportunity to learn self control and self monitoring to stay on task. In addition, enforcing the technology policies requires close teacher supervision.

While the policies take care of misuse of technology, Miller encourages schools to make the best use of any technology they have access to. "We need to work harder on incorporating different types of technology into the curriculum, rather than just using computers for word processing," Miller says. "We can only help to better prepare our students for the 'next step' by providing access to technology."

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Lady Rockets lose 49-45 to Lady Rebels

The Rockcastle County Lady Rockets dropped their third game of the season on Friday night when the Lady Rebels of Casey County beat them on their home floor 49-45.

It was only the second time all season long, the Lady Rockets had played in front of the home crowd, who turned out in good numbers to watch the highly-touted Lady Rockets play somewhat banged up.

The Lady Rockets, leading scorer, senior Sarah Rowe, played on a bad knee and managed only 11 points in the contest, a season low for her.

"I was very disappointed in the way our team played Friday night," said head coach Chrysti Noble.

"When one of your better players isn't 100 percent the

rest of your players should step up and take up the slack, but that wasn't the case at all against Casey County," Noble said.

"We just didn't get it done - we played poorly to put it nicely," she added.

Tuesday night the Lady Rockets picked up their 10th win of the season and second district win over Somerset, 55-49.

Rowe, who was sporting a brace on her injured knee, led her team to victory with 17 points. Ashley Robinson had 12, Sara Hammond 8, Katy Mattingly and Jillisa Lay 6 each, Mary Saylor 4 and Nicole Locklear 2.

The Lady Rockets play at Pulaski County on Friday night in a district double header with the boys. The first game is at 6:30 p.m. at Pulaski County High School.



Junior Lady Rocket Jillisa Lay puts up a shot against Casey County on Friday night. The Lady Rockets lost that district game, but beat Somerset on Tuesday night on the road. They play at Pulaski County in a double header with the boys on Friday night.

Rockets capture fourth in a row, beat Casey 70-58

The Rockcastle County High School Rockets won their fourth straight game on Friday night with a 70-58 win over visiting Casey County.

The win was the sixth of the season for the Rockets and evened their district record at 1-1.

The Rockets hit 17 of 20 free throw attempts in the fourth period to hold off Casey County, who never led in the contest.

Senior Jake Woodall, who scored 17 points, made 8 of 8 free throws in the fourth quarter and junior Bryan Clontz hit 5 of 6 from the line. Clontz had 9 points in the game.

Sophomore Matt Bullens turned in his best performance of the season, leading

the Rockets with 24 points and 7 rebounds.

Other Rockets in the scoring column were: Derrick Thacker 11, Spencer Mullins 6, Jamie Todd 2 and Devin Hasty 1.

Tuesday night the Rockets traveled to Somerset for another district game, but came out on the short end of the score, 78-66.

Woodall led his team in scoring with 14, Hasty had 13, Mullins 10, Bullens and Thacker 9 each, Clontz 5 and J.J. Barnett 2.

The Rockets are 6-10 on the season as they head into yet another district contest on Friday night against Pulaski County. That game will be a double header with the girls at Pulaski County High School.



Senior Lady Rocket Sarah Rowe, who played with a very sore right knee against Casey County on Friday night, is shown applying pressure on the press. Because of the injury, Rowe had a season low of 11 points against the Lady Rebels, who defeated the Lady Rockets 49-45.



Spencer Mullins looks for an open man in the Rocket district win on Friday night against Casey County. Mullins had six points against Casey and ten in a losing effort to Somerset on Tuesday night.



Sophomore Center Derrick Thacker puts in two of his 11 points on Friday night in the win against Casey County. The Rockets lost to Somerset on Tuesday night and will travel to Pulaski County for a double-header with the girls on Friday night.



Junior Lady Rocket Katy Mattingly tries to deny a pass against a Casey County Lady Rebel on Friday night. Mattingly had seven points in the district loss. The Lady Rockets play at Pulaski County on Friday night.

Rockcastle High School Girls' Linescores

Jan. 3rd at the ROCK

Freshmen 42 - N. Laurel 15

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCHS	6	10	14	12	42
N. Laurel	6	0	4	5	15

Scoring - Sydney Arvin 2, Ella McQueary 5, Shanlee Burton 8, Sara Adams 2, Katie Cowan 8, Brittany Boreing 5, Katelyn Blair 4, Holly Ham 4, Michaela Hunter 4.

Record 6-3
Jan. 4th at the ROCK

Varsity 45 - Casey Co. 49

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCHS	14	5	12	14	45
Casey	10	13	13	13	49

Scoring - Sarah Rowe 11, Katy Mattingly 7, Ashley Robinson 6, Mary Saylor 4, Sara Hammond 11, Morgan Collins 2, Jackie Alexander 2, Nicole Locklear 2.

Record 9-3
Jan. 5th at Casey Co.

Freshmen 16- Casey Co. 26

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCHS	3	2	4	7	16
Casey	7	6	3	10	26

Scoring - Ella McQueary 5, Shanlee Burton 4, Alivia Bullock 3, Katie Cowan 1, Kadi Cobb 3.

Record 6-4
JV 44 - Casey Co. 24

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCHS	10	13	12	14	44
Casey	8	8	4	4	24

Scoring - Sarah McKinney 5, Sasha Bullock 7, Jackie Alexander 9, Angie Lawrence 5, Kristen Abney 7, Chelsey Hensley 3, Cheyenne Hensley 6, Ella McQueary 2.

Record 9-0
Jan. 7th at the ROCK

Freshmen 36 Southwestern 7

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCHS	9	6	6	13	36
S'West	4	0	2	1	7

Scoring - Sydney Arvin 2, Ella McQueary 9, Brittany Boreing 2, Sara Adams 2, Katie Cowan 4, Holly Ham 8, Michaela Hunter 7.

Record 7-4

Jan. 8th at Somerset

Varsity 55 - Somerset 49

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCHS	12	18	16	9	55
Jumpers	14	11	10	14	49

Scoring - Sarah Rowe 17, Katy Mattingly 6, Ashley Robinson 12, Mary Saylor 4, Sara Hammond 8, Jillisa Lay 6, Nicole Locklear 2.

Record 10-3

Rockcastle High School Boys' Linescores

Jan. 4th at the ROCK

Varsity 70 - Casey Co. 58

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCHS	19	12	17	22	70
Casey	10	14	13	21	58

Scoring - Jake Woodall 17, Devin Hasty 1, Bryan Clontz 9, Spencer Mullins 6, Matt Bullens 24, Derrick Thacker 11, Jamie Todd 2, Dustin Reynolds 2, Dustin Poynter 4.

Record 6-9
Jan. 5th at Casey County

Freshmen 44 - Casey Co. 54

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCHS	11	8	9	16	44
Casey	10	12	19	13	54

Scoring - Brandon Burdette 14, Josh McKinney 5, Travis Carpenter 18, Brandon Proctor 2, Derek Jones 2, Dalton Blevins 2.

Record 3-6
Boy's JV 42-Casey Co. 44

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCHS	10	19	5	8	42
Casey	14	8	3	19	44

Scoring - Grant Burdette 9, Jamie Todd 3, Dustin Reynolds 13, Matt Lunsford 5, , Dustin Bishop 3, Derrick Pittman 6, Dakota Mahaffey 3.

Record 3-4
Jan. 8th at Somerset

Varsity 66 - Somerset 78

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCHS	10	18	19	19	66
Jumpers	17	20	13	28	78

Scoring - Jake Woodall 14, Devin Hasty 13, Bryan Clontz 5, Spencer Mullins 10, Matt Bullens 9, Derrick Thacker 9, J.J. Barnett 2, Jake Riddle 1, Dustin Reynolds 3.

Record 6-10



Lady Rocket junior point guard Mary Saylor tries to go up for a shot in the Lady Rocket loss to Casey County on Friday night. Saylor had four points in the loss, which was the third of the year for the Lady Rockets. However, they bounced back with a 55-49 win over Somerset on the road Tuesday night.



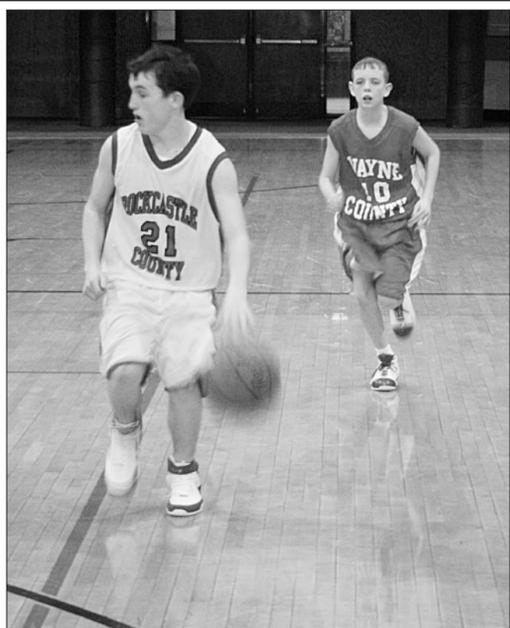
Senior Jake Woodall drives the baseline in the Rockets' win over Casey County on Friday night. Woodall had 17 points in the win and led his team in scoring on Tuesday night with 14 against Somerset. The Rockets are 6-10 after the 78-66 loss to the Briar Jumpers.



Junior Rocket Spencer Mullins sets a pick for sophomore Jamie Todd in the Rockets' 70-58 win over Casey County on Friday night. The win was the fourth straight for the Rockets. (Sports photos by: Richard Anderkin).

More Linescores on A13

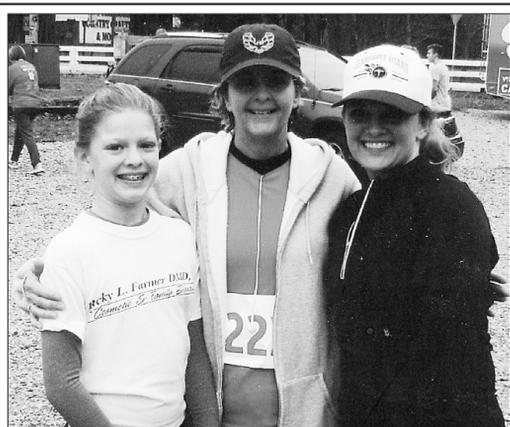
Girls and Boys play district double header at Pulaski County High School Friday night



RCMS 7th grader Tyler Smith brings the ball up in the 7th graders' game against Wayne County on Monday night. The 7th graders lost their ninth game of the season 49-39. The middle school teams had four games on the schedule this week. Linescores from each of their games will appear in next week's *Signal*.



RCMS 8th grader Dustin Cromer led his team in scoring on Monday night with 12 points against Wayne County. The 8th graders lost 56-29.



Three Generations of Runners

Three generations of runners placed in the top three in their respective age divisions in the Jingle Bell 6K. Pictured are Sandy McClure of Mt. Vernon (mother), Julia and Kristen House of Somerset (daughter and granddaughter).



RCMS 6th graders Jake Mink, left, and Brandon Jones apply defensive pressure in the team's 51-12 loss to Wayne County on Monday night.

**Rockcastle Middle School
Rocket Linescores
Jan. 7th at RCMS**

6th grade 12 - Wayne 51

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCMS	2	0	2	8	12
Wayne	18	17	12	4	51

Scoring - Zach Poynter 2, John Hughes 4, Josh Mason 5, Brandon Jones 1.
Record 0-10

7th grade 39 - Wayne 49

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCMS	8	4	12	15	39

Wayne 15 18 10 6 49

Scoring - Blake Jones 23, Ben Allen 6, Zack Poynter 2, Eli Haddix 4, Bryson Amyx 4.
Record 5-9

8th grade 29 - Wayne 56

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCMS	10	2	10	7	29
Wayne	21	13	12	10	56

Scoring - Zack Reams 6, Ben Lake 2, Jordan Whitaker 3, Dustin Cromer 12, Cody Noe 2, Will Reynolds 1, Zack Walker 3.
Record 2-12



Lady Rocket freshman Alivia Bullock looks to pass the basketball in the freshmen's 36-7 win over Southwestern on Monday night. The Lady freshmen are 7-4 on the season.

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**Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II
Civil Action No. 07-CI-00233**

Kentucky Housing Corporation Plaintiff
V.
**Joshua L. Fetters,
Kimberly J. Fetters and
Kentucky Housing Corporation** Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on December 27, 2007, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of SIXTY SEVEN THOUSAND SIXTY DOLLARS AND 44/100 (\$67,060.44) 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, January 25, 2008
Beginning at the Hour of 1:00 p.m.**

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

Being all of Lot Number One and Two in Block A in the Miller Addition to the town of Mt. Vernon, Rockcastle County, Kentucky, as shown by map or plat thereof of record in the Rockcastle County Clerk's Office in Deed Book Number 63, Page 534, this being two lots fronting on Tevis Street, each 25 feet in width and extending back to a lane 220 feet on one side and 221.2 feet on the other side.

Being the same property conveyed to Joshua L. Fetters and Kimberly E. Fetters by deed dated May 6, 2005 and recorded in Deed Book 205, page 55-57 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Court Clerk.

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

1. The property shall be sold together as a whole.
2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
3. 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.
4. Unpaid taxes of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
5. The purchaser shall pay the 2007 local, county and state property taxes.
6. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
7. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
8. In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
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. 07-CI-00257**

MTGLQ Investors, LLP Plaintiff
V.
**Peggy Snyder d/b/a
Peggy R. Snyder** Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on December 17, 2007, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of SIXTY THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY SIX DOLLARS AND 66/100 (\$63,836.66) 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, January 25, 2008
Beginning at the Hour of 1:00 p.m.**

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

Beginning on the Conway-Scaffold Cane Road at a rock corner on the east side of graveyard; thence northeast a straight line to a rock corner in the upper edge of graveyard; thence west to a white oak, the corner of Lafey Lamb; thence northeast 550 feet to a rock corner; thence north 227 feet to two hickories in Bill Peters' line; thence east with said Peters line to a rock and chestnut oak pointers in the line of Arthur Rice; thence south with said Rice's line to the Conway-Scaffold Cane Road; thence north with said road to the beginning, and containing six (6) acres, more or less.

Being the same property conveyed to Peggy Snyder by deed dated October 12, 2001 executed by Ralph Carpenter, et ux. and recorded in Deed Book 186, page 700-702 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Court Clerk.

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

1. The property shall be sold together as a whole.
2. 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 Master Commissioner.
3. 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.
4. Unpaid taxes of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
5. The purchaser shall pay the 2007 local, county and state property taxes.
6. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
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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. 07-CI-00258**

**U.S. Bank, National Association,
as trustee for J.P. Morgan Mortgage
Acquisition Corp. 2005-OPT2 Asset
Backed Pass through Certificates,
Series 2005-OPT2** Plaintiff
V.

**Herman J. Sparks,
Rebecca L. Sparks,
Option One Mortgage Corporation,
Legal Recoveries, Inc. and
Tax Ease Lien Investments 1, LLC** Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on November 26, 2007, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of EIGHTY TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY TWO DOLLARS AND 24/100 (\$82,832.24) 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, JANUARY 25, 2008
Beginning at the Hour of 1:00 p.m.**

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

104 Chestnut Grove Road, Brodhead, KY 40409

Beginning at a 20 inch cedar tree, located in the East right of way of the Brodhead-Chestnut Ridge Road and being a corner to Richard Cheatham; thence with the fence line of Cheatham N 33 degrees 23'35"E, 168.78 feet to a double oak tree, a common corner to Cheatham and Dale Sowder; thence with the fence line of Sowder N 37 degrees 27'00"W, 72.26 feet to an oak tree; thence N 44 degrees 36'39"W, 189.33 feet to an oak tree; thence N 16 degrees 15'27"W, 67.40 feet to a fence post; thence N 08 degrees 43'27"W, 45.11 feet to a fence post; thence N 21 degrees 20'19"E, 100.19 feet to a fence post; thence with a down fence line of Sowder, N 84 degrees 17'04"W, 107.25 feet to a point, located in East right of way of the Brodhead-Chestnut Ridge Road and being a corner to Sowder; thence going with said right of way S 04 degrees 25'54"W, 71.73 feet to a point in right of way; thence S 07 degrees 37'51"E, 102.46 feet to a point in right of way; thence S 14 degrees 35'11"E, 75.89 feet to a point in right of way; thence S 20 degrees 58'05"E, 102.23 feet to a point in the right of way; thence S 15 degrees 28'25"E, 68.49 feet to the point of beginning and containing 1.28 acres.

Being the same property conveyed to Rebecca L. Sparks, et vir., by special warranty deed dated July 23, 2004 of record in Deed Book 201, page 163 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Court Clerk.

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

1. The property shall be sold together as a whole.
2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
3. 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.
4. All real estate taxes due and owing at the time of sale shall be paid from the proceeds, including Tax Ease Lien Investments, 1-LLC.
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 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**



Rockcastle County Forest Ranger Marvin Stone presented the Rockcastle Fiscal Court with a check for \$960 for the court's portion of suppression costs from fires in the county, which were let out by property owners. The check presentation was made Tuesday before the regular monthly fiscal court meeting. Shown above, from left are: Magistrates Jan Stevens, Ralph Allen, William Denny, Bill McKinney, Stone, County Judge-Executive Buzz Carloftis and magistrate John Holbrook.



Officers of the Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce for 2008 were elected during the Chamber's annual meeting on Tuesday. Shown above from left are: Mike Blount, outgoing President, Robert Lawson, vice-president, Jenny Sweet, treasurer, Duane Harris, secretary and Jerry Pensol, 2008 President. The local chamber has 85 members.



At least ten mail boxes on the Chestnut Grove Road and Hwy. 1505, including the two in these photos were destroyed by vandals on Saturday night. It was the second time in recent months mail boxes were destroyed in that area of the county. Residents are asking anyone that may have seen or heard anything Saturday night or early Sunday morning to call the Rockcastle Sheriff's office at (606) 256-2032. (Photos by: Richard Anderkin).



**School Board members honored
January is School Board Appreciation Month**

The five members of the Rockcastle County Board of Education were honored before the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday night. Shown above, from left are: Superintendent Larry Hammond, former board chairman Terry Burton, new board chairman Martin Vanzant, Mike Burdette, Angie Mink and Tina Hasty. Board members were treated to a catered meal and presented a gift and plaque in honor of their service to the students of Rockcastle County. January is School Board Appreciation Month in the State.

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07 Ford Explorer, Eddie Bauer, 4x4, Leather, Roof, 12,000 Miles	\$25,995
02 Ford Ranger XLT, X-Cab, 4 Door, 4.0 V-6, Low Miles	\$10,995
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Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, January 10, 2008

Opening of Plasticware one of top stories in 2007

(Editors Note: Many newsworthy stories in Rockcastle County made the headlines of the *Signal* in the last six months of 2007. Some of those headlines follow. RFA).

In July, after nearly ten days on the lam, a Rockcastle County man who had walked away from a work release detail at Livingston was captured.

Rockcastle County Jailer James Miller and other law enforcement officials apprehended Dallas Clifford, 34, of Mt. Vernon after receiving a tip as to his whereabouts.

The first eight foot quilt block, a Double Wedding Ring pattern, was hung at Heritage Crafts on Hwy. 461, as part of the Rockcastle County Quilt Trail.

Timmy Whiteshell, 35, and Janet Michelle Duncan, 37, of Brodhead, were charged with stealing military gravemarkers

at Piney Grove Cemetery and over 1,500 people attended annual Freedom Celebration at the Rockcastle Fairgrounds in Brodhead, sponsored by the Northside Baptist Church.

Rockcastle County's oldest resident, Benny Anglin, died at the age of 110 and over 250 people attended a fish fry/fundraiser for the Pongo Volunteer Fire Department, where over \$3,100 was raised.

17 people were baptized in an old fashioned baptizing in the Rockcastle River and 16-year-old Dustin Kirby was the overall winner of the Just Horsin' Around Crew's second horseshow of the year.

In August, because the Little World's Fair in Brodhead was scheduled for a week later than usual in 2007, the county's Agricultural Fair was held at the Rockcastle County High School on August 1st.

266 families participated in the first ever Redi-Fest designed to help parents and students get ready for a new school year and 64-year-old Tommy Clark died in a farming accident at his Three Links farm.

Over 300 people attended the annual Relay for Life at RCMS and the home of John D. Poynter on Doc Adams Road was completely destroyed by fire as the result of arson.

Josh Morgan, 34, of Dusty Trails Subdivision, was found not guilty of assault, after being arrested for the May 16th shooting of Josh Minton and former Fish and Wildlife Officer Steve Isaacs pled guilty to mail fraud.

A crowd of approximately 70 people, mostly area farmers, attended a public meeting at Roundstone School, where

they were told the local Farm Service Agency would likely close in January or February of this year.

The Rockcastle Soil Conservation District Board began a lengthy process of trying to raise property tax rate and Western Water employees helped police apprehend a man, who stole a service truck from their parking lot during business hours.

The Rockcastle County Development Board unveiled their new website and promotional brand as a continued effort to attract new industry to the county.

The Rockcastle County Library Board began a drive to collect 3,000 signatures of local voters, so they could raise the library board tax rate.

64-year-old Barbara Bishop of Rockcastle County, was found in LaFollette TN, after she had been missing for two days and 35-year-old Jeff Pennington, of Mt. Vernon, died in an accident near Terre Haute, Indiana, after his tractor trailer was struck by a train.

The Rockcastle Conservation District board raised their property taxes for the time being and the Mt. Vernon City Council began efforts to impose a 3% restaurant tax.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held at Roundstone Elementary School after completion of a \$3 million renovation project, which included the construction of a new gymnasium.

RTEC, which is based in Mt. Vernon, won the top state award for public transportation

and a Eubank man was arrested for stalking near PJ's Day Care.

Brodhead Police officer John Bellamy resigned after eight months and U.K. football player and former Rocket Jason Leger was a welcomed addition to the Cats' offensive line, where he would eventually be named to the all SEC team as an offensive lineman.

In September, Ed Curtis McHargue was named Citizen of the Year at the Livingston Homecoming and Miss Amanda Thomas was crowned 2007 Homecoming Queen.

Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher was back in the county again, this time to take part in the grand opening of the new Plasticware Plant, which replaced Mt. Vernon Plastics.

A no burning ban was enacted in the county because of the continued summer drought and senior Courtney Bullock was crowned Renfro Valley Jamboree Bowl Queen at RCHS.

64-year-old Dempsey Ray Shepherd of Mt. Vernon died in a house fire on Joyce Street and the proposed tax rate increase for the Soil Conservation Service delayed the mailing of the county's property tax bills about a month.

Mrs. Kay Singleton was presented the annual prestigious Betty Lewis Children's Service Award and the Rockcastle County High School Rockets won their 16th

(Cont. to B8)



Plasticware Executive Vice-President Jacob Deutsch looks on as his plant manager Bob Smith, left, welcomed Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher to the Grand Opening of the new plant in September. Plasticware replaced Mt. Vernon Plastics, which closed in April. The story was one of the top "good" stories of 2007.

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

Marriage Licenses

Peggy Louise Pennington, 67, Pittsburg, Ky., retired to Lloyd Ray Overbay, 60, East Bernstadt, retired. 01/04/08.

Circuit Civil Suits

Community Trust Bank, Inc. vs. Doug Cromer, et ux, \$24,160.01 plus claimed due. CI-00326.
Heather Nicole Davis vs. Glen Davis, petition for dis-

solution of marriage. CI-00001.

District Civil Suits

Capital One Bank vs. Della M. Howell, \$1,468.01 plus claimed due. C-00264.
Arrow Financial Services vs. Franza Caldwell, \$3,066.18 plus claimed due. C-00265.
World Finance Corp. vs. Elizabeth Delph, \$1,061.34 plus claimed due. C-00001.
World Finance Corp. vs. Bobby and Angela Peters, \$3,389.13 plus claimed due. C-00002.

Deeds Recorded

James Dean Harding and Sherry Dean Harding, property on Low Gap Road, to Jeremy and Kathy Colwell Tax \$5.
TKY Acquisition, LLC, property in Rockcastle County, to Fredrik Rosenoern-Lehn. Tax \$444.
Shane and Amanda Newcomb, property in Rockcastle County, to Jack and Dawn Stallsworth. Tax \$3.
Court news taken from public record at the Rockcastle County Courthouse

District Court

January 2, 2008
Hon. Kathryn G. Wood
Speeding: Nicholas Crunnie, paid \$19 fine plus \$128 costs; Mohammed A. Farooqui, sts authorized on payment of \$128 costs; Joshua D. Griggs, \$80 fine plus costs; Sabrina N. Hensley, \$38 fine/suspended on condition attend sts plus payment of costs; Amber Pennington, paid \$19 fine plus costs; Daniel A. Neu, Maria M. Smith, Timothy Stephens, Steven R. Winkler, paid \$32 fine plus \$128 costs;
Julie A. Osborne: alcohol intoxication in public place, \$50 fine and costs.
James J. Gleissner: criminal mischief, violation of Kentucky EPO/DVO and contempt of court, 30 days/each count/concurrent plus costs on criminal mischief.
Johnathon Earl Houk: fines/fees due (\$973 plus arrest fees), 20 days in lieu of fines or payment.
Archie D. Richardson: alcohol intoxication, and three other charges, 5 days each charge/credit four days time served.
Elmer L. Stewart: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine; failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine; possession of marijuana, \$100 fine plus costs; use/possession drug paraphernalia, \$100 fine and 30 days/probated 24 months on condition;
Alan W. Lainhart: oper-

ating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine plus costs, \$325 service fee, 30 day operator license suspension, ADE

authorized.
Jill Davidson: criminal littering, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

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28TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
ROCKCASTLE CIRCUIT COURT
DIVISION I
CIVIL ACTION NO. 03-CI-225

RUBY H. STEWART, individually and as Executrix of the Estate of Wayne Stewart

PLAINTIFF

v. NOTICE OF SALE

KENNETH STEWART and Wife, JUNE STEWART, CITIZENS BANK, CUMBERLAND VALLEY NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF LONDON

DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on July 22, 2005, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment in favor of Citizens Bank against the defendants in the amount of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-TWO CENTS (\$257,765.72), 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, JANUARY 18, 2008
BEGINNING AT THE HOUR OF 10:00 A.M.

PARCEL NO. 1

Tract No. 1 - Beginning at a large sycamore on the bank of Clear Creek; thence down the Creek with its meanders as follows: S 21 _ E 4 poles and 6 links, S 47 E 8 poles, S 24 E 9 2/5 poles, S 53 W 12 poles, S 81 W 9 poles, S 35 W 6 poles, S 10 W 10 poles, S 40 W 27 poles, S 28 E 8 poles and 7 links, S 55 E 20 poles, S 66 _ W 39 poles, S 64 W 48 2/5 poles, N 82 _ W 13 _ poles, S 66 W 16 poles and 4 links to a stone in the right of way of the L & N Railroad; thence with the L & N right of way N 18 E 101 poles to a stone at the edge of the County Road; thence leaving the Railroad S 86 _ E 36 poles to a stone; thence N 20 _ W 29 2/5 poles to a stone by an old stump at the forks of the county road; thence with the road N 11 W 17 2/5 poles to a stake in the road; thence leaving the road N 71 E 4 poles and 18 links to a stone, corner of Sallie Parsons; thence N 11 _ E 30 poles to a stone 3 feet west of a 20 inch maple; thence S 14 E 16 poles to a beech; thence S 38 _ E 16 poles by an old stump at the upper side of an old road; thence with the old road S 16 E 1 _ poles, S 62 E 8 poles, S 30 E 4 poles, S 45 E 8 poles, S 37 E 4 poles, S 27 E 4 poles, S 25 _ E 8 poles, S 79 East crossing the old road 2 poles to a stake by the edge of the road; thence N 43 East 5 poles to a stake; thence N 87 E 2 poles to a stake in the road; thence S 39 E 6 poles to the beginning and containing 60 acres and 130 square rods.

Tract No. 2 - Beginning in the middle of Clear Creek on the south side of the county road leading from William Stewart's to Mt. Vernon and about 100 yards east of said Stewart's dwelling house; thence running with the meanderings of the road N 19 W 8 poles, N 87 W 2 poles, S 43 W 5 poles, S 79 W 2 poles to a stake near Stewart's barn; thence N 27 West crossing County Road, and running with an old road 8 poles, N 37 W 4 poles, N 45 W 8 poles, N 30 W 4 poles, N 62 W 8 poles, N 16 W 1 _ poles to a stump on side of road; thence N 39 W 16 poles to a beech; thence N 14 W 16 poles to a stone; thence N 71 _ E 20 _ poles to a white oak stump; thence N 15 E 45 poles to a dead walnut; thence N 24 E 32 poles to an apple tree; thence N 2 E 13 poles to a stone near a spring; thence N 83 E 4 poles, S 86 E 4 poles, S 78 E 6 poles, S 56 E 28 poles to the middle of Clear Creek; thence running down the middle of the creek with its meanderings S 4 W 12 poles, S 14 E 17 poles, S 35 W 34 poles, S 30 W 32 poles, S 26 W 22 poles, S 22 W 10 poles, S 11 E 25 poles to the beginning, and containing 38 _ acres more or less.

There is excluded from the above .17 acre conveyed to L & N Railroad by deed of conveyance dated April 1, 1930, recorded in Deed Book 51, page 402.

There is further excepted a right of way 60' x 440 to Rockcastle County, Kentucky by deed of conveyance dated June 22, 1973, recorded in Deed Book 94, page 255.

And being the same property which W. S. Stewart obtained by deed dated March 27, 1944, from Dr. R. H. Lewis and wife, Addie Lewis, which said deed is duly recorded in the office of the clerk of the Rockcastle County Court in Deed Book 62, page 255-256.

PARCEL NO. 2

Tract No. 1 - Beginning at a large white oak stump, the beginning corner of the whole boundary; thence N 8 W 69 3/5 poles to a stone; thence N 33 W 39 2/5 poles to a stone in a drain with walnut pointer, a corner to the Phillips heirs; thence N 25 E 19 poles to a stone with ironwood and walnut pointers; thence N 36 _ W 36 poles to a stone with hickory pointers, W. H. Jones corner; thence N 36 E 36 poles to a stone by a white oak stump; thence N 84 _ E 11 1/5 poles to a stone; thence N 1 E 24 poles to a stone by a white oak stump, with white oak pointers; thence N 66 _ E 38 poles to an ash; thence S 83 E 33 poles to a stone at a white oak stump at a cross fence in a field; thence N 6 E 50 poles to a stake with ash and hickory pointers in a cedar bluff; thence S 88 E 45 poles to a stake in an old road with black oak pointers; thence with the old road S 27 E 8 poles, S 13 E 10 poles, S 1 W 12 poles to a stake with maple pointers; thence S 8 E _ poles to a stake with pointers; thence S 26 W 10 poles, S 38 W 24 poles to a stone with pointers, S 45 W 8 poles to a stake with white oak pointers, S 54 W 5 poles to a stake with maple pointers, S 29 W 8 poles, S 31 W _ poles to a stake with hickory pointers; thence leaving the old road S 28 E 5 poles to a large poplar in a drain; thence N 68 E 68 poles to a large white oak; thence S 6 _ E 54 poles to a stone by a branch with white oak and beech pointers; thence S 70 W 54 poles to a stake with black oak pointers; thence S 16 E 22 poles to a sycamore on the west bank of Clear Creek, corner to C. D. Chenault; thence his line up a drain N 53 W 28 poles to a sugar tree; thence N 75 W 6 poles to a large beech; thence N 82 W 8 poles to a stone by a black walnut just below a spring, corner to Tract No. 2; thence with a line to Tract No. 2 N 86 W 2 _ poles including a spring to a bunch of walnuts, just above the spring; thence N _ E 10 poles to a stone; thence S 85 W 49 poles to a stone; thence S 10 _ E 54 poles to a large sugar tree near this spring 3 poles and 17 links N 87 W from head of said spring; thence S 50 W 42 and 2/5 poles to the beginning, containing 155 acres and 53 square rods.

Tract No. 2 - Beginning at stone in the L & N right of way near a bridge and on the bank of Clear Creek; thence down the creek S 49 E _ poles, S 16 W 10 _ poles, S 21 _ W 5 2/5 poles, S 42 W 6 poles 22 links, N 77 _ W 18 _ poles, N 7 _ W 13 poles, N 52 _ W 11 _ poles, N 14 W 18 poles, N 14 E 21 poles, N 67 _ E 16 poles, N 43 _ E 15 poles, N 28 W 5 poles, N 80 W _ poles, N 51 W 3 3/5 poles, N 13 W crossing creek 4 poles to a beech; thence N 6 E 33 4/5 poles to a bunch of lines on the side of the hill above a bend in the county road; thence S 86 _ E 55 3/5 poles to a stone in the county road; and in the L & N right of way; thence with said right of way S 86 E 106 poles to the beginning, containing 33 acres and 50 square rod.

There is excepted from the above .25 acre conveyed to John F. Parsons by deed dated August 1, 1975, recorded in Deed Book 99, page 3.

And being the same property which William Stone Stewart obtained by deed dated January 7, 1924, from the Trustees of Leander T. Stewart, et al, which is duly recorded in the office of the clerk of the Rockcastle County Court in Deed Book 44, page 601-602.

There is EXCLUDED from this sale the following:

- 6 Real property conveyed to John F. Parsons of record in Deed Book 62, page 255 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk;
- 7 Real property conveyed to Carol Ann Stewart Abney, et al. of record in Deed Book 173, page 140 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk;
- 8 Any and all real property which has been conveyed to Rockcastle County and or the Commonwealth of Kentucky Highway Department as may be of record in the Rockcastle County Clerk's Office.

THE PROPERTY SHALL BE SOLD UPON THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. Parcels 1 and 2 shall be sold separately.
2. The real property shall be sold cash or upon a credit of sixty (60) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of twenty-five per cent (25%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of the sale and to secure the balance with a bond with adequate surety bearing interest at twelve per cent (12%) per annum. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall e and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
3. Unpaid taxes or liens of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of sale.
4. Buyer shall pay the 2008 County, State and School taxes on the property.
5. Buyer shall have possession of the premises upon compliance with the terms of sale.
6. In the event Citizens Bank is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of its judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required and the property will be conveyed to purchase in due season upon payment of the expenses of sale.
7. 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".

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Private Country Setting & Close to Town...this vinyl sided home situated on a 1 acre +/- lot features 3 BR, 2 BA, Dining room/Kitchen combo, LR, FR and Utility room. Other amenities include: 24 x 28 detached Garage with unfinished room overhead, city water, septic system, propane fireplace, heat pump and central air. M2294



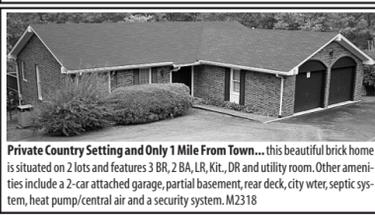
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Well maintained home! This home is very well kept and is ready to be moved into. 3 BR, 2 BA, new insulated windows, wiring updated, new storm doors, nice eat-in kitchen, 9 ft ceilings, great back deck and well landscaped. \$68,900. R66764



Private Country Setting and Only 1 Mile From Town...this beautiful brick home is situated on 2 lots and features 3 BR, 2 BA, LR, Kit., DR and utility closet. Other amenities include a 2-car attached garage, partial basement, rear deck, city water, septic system, heat pump/central air and a security system. M2318



Where Neighbors Are Still Neighbors...you will find this 1994 Doublewide with 2 acres in the country. This 24x60 home features 3 BR, 2 full baths, a formal dining room, kitchen, living room, and a fireplace. There is also a large back deck, and beautiful landscaping. The oven range, refrigerator and two storage buildings stay. Asking price \$85,500. M2187



Move to your own land... This 2002 mobile home is ready to be moved! Features include 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths and approximately 1,056 sq. ft. \$32,000. Call for more details today! M2246



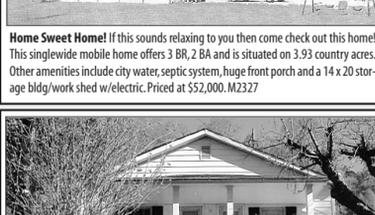
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Opportunity! Brick house and 14 acres located on Old Brodhead - Mt. Vernon Road. Home features 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, new windows, new carpet and a gas fireplace. Acreage could be subdivided or used as farmland. Small barn also on property. M2320



Beautiful Home with a Country Setting! This vinyl sided home situated on 6.07 acres +/- features a LR, DR/Kit combo, 4 BR, 2 BA, office and utility closet. Other amenities include central heat/air, city water, septic system, enclosed porch, detached garage and an above ground pool. M2312



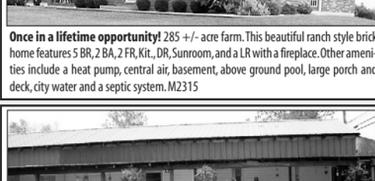
Home Sweet Home! If this sounds relaxing to you then come check out this home! This singlewide mobile home offers 3 BR, 2 BA and is situated on 3.93 country acres. Other amenities include city water, septic system, huge front porch and a 14 x 20 storage bldg/work shed w/electric. Priced at \$52,000. M2327



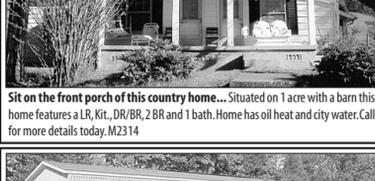
Check out this great buy... 3 bedroom, 1 bath mobile home situated on 3/4 of an acre lot located in the country. Call for more details now...before this gets gone! M2301



Beautifully Decorated! This 3 bedroom, 2 bath beauty is sitting on 1.7 acres and is convenient to schools and the interstate. Home has a security system and storage shed. Home and property have been meticulously maintained - too many extras to mention. Call for details today! M2306



Once in a lifetime opportunity! 285 +/- acre farm. This beautiful ranch style brick home features 5 BR, 2 BA, 2 FR, Kit., DR, Sunroom, and a LR with a fireplace. Other amenities include a heat pump, central air, basement, above ground pool, large porch and deck, city water and a septic system. M2315



Sit on the front porch of this country home... Situated on 1 acre with a barn this home features a LR, Kit., DR/BR, 2 BR and 1 bath. Home has oil heat and city water. Call for more details today. M2314



2000 Mobile Home Located on Burnett Chapel Rd. This mobile home sits on 2.5 acres and features a dining room with fireplace, 3 BR, 2 BA (with a garden tub), kitchen with island and appliances available. Call for more details. M2329



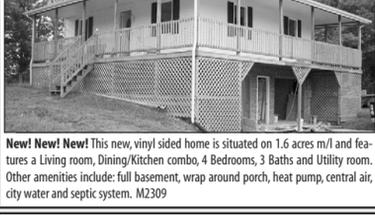
FRESH! Fresh paint, hardwood floors and beautiful crown molding give this house new life! This home offers 3 BR, 2 BA, LR, Kit./Dining room combo, a full walk-out basement w/ Tool room, mature trees for shade and a carport. Call today for your appointment to view... this won't last long! M2326



Economical... Looking for a place to live and work? This may be it - conveniently located to Berea and Mt. Vernon. Home has had updates and building could have several uses. Bring your imagination. Excellent traffic flow for auto or any kind of business. M2323



Looking for Cozy? This cozy singlewide mobile home features a living room, kitchen/dining room combo, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths and a utility closet. Other amenities include front and rear decks, electric heat, central air, city water and septic system. Additional lots may be purchased. M2316



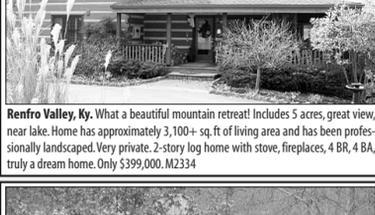
New! New! New! This new, vinyl sided home is situated on 1.6 acres m/l and features a Living room, Dining/Kitchen combo, 4 Bedrooms, 3 Baths and Utility room. Other amenities include: full basement, wrap around porch, heat pump, central air, city water and septic system. M2309



Your Own Country Getaway! Relax in your doublewide situated on 16.5 acres by survey featuring a Living room, Dining/Kitchen combo, Family room, 4 Bedrooms, and 2 Baths. Other amenities include city water, septic system, electric furnace, central air, front and rear porches, permanent foundation, and more. Don't miss your chance for a taste of the country! M2281



Worth the Money! This lovely vinyl sided doublewide situated on a 1/2 acre lot m/l features a dining room/kitchen combo, LR, 3 BR, 2 BA and utility room. Other amenities include city water, city sewer, electric heat, central air and KU utilities. M2325



Renfro Valley, Ky. What a beautiful mountain retreat! Includes 5 acres, great view, near lake. Home has approximately 3,100+ sq. ft of living area and has been professionally landscaped. Very private. 2-story log home with stove, fireplaces, 4 BR, 4 BA, truly a dream home. Only \$399,000. M2334



Excellent Home... just minutes from town. Home has been well maintained and features 4 BR, 1.5 BA, LR/DR combo, kitchen, utility room. Other amenities include: 1 car attached garage, large screened in back porch, KU utilities, city water, storage bldg., a great view, and all kitchen appliances. Asking only \$85,000. M2322



Beautiful Home & Acreage - This brick home is situated on 3 acres m/l and features a living room, dining/kitchen combo, den, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath and a utility closet. Other amenities include electric baseboard heat, city water, septic system, and a pond. Call today before this one is gone! \$95,000. M2279



Expecting More for your Money? This move-in ready, brick charmer is a must see! Updates galore in this 3 (could be 4) BR, 2 BA home. Beautiful hardwood and one-year old appliances complete this package. Don't delay - make your appointment today! \$129,900. M2335



Relax in Private! Relax with privacy and seclusion with 4.6 wooded acres with mature trees surrounding this 1.5 story A-frame home. Features include 2 BR, 1.5 BA, LR with cathedral ceilings and fireplace, DR/Kit. combo, FR, utility room and pantry. There's also a walk-out basement with great room. Enjoy the country view from the large back deck. No restrictions. Priced to sell at \$80,000. M2332



Nice, Affordable Home! This 3 BR, 2 BA doublewide home is situated on 2.93 ac res. Features include: LR, dining area, kitchen, utility and large walk-in closets. This 1,456 sq. ft. home has central heat/air, a great country view, and the asking price is only \$59,900. M2230



Country Living at its Best! This beautiful vinyl sided home is situated on 10 acres +/- and features a LR, Kit./Dining room combo, 3 BR, 2 BA and utility room. Other amenities include 2 car-attached garage, a two-car detached garage, 24x36 shed, 2 pond, central heat/air, wood burner for backup heat, rear deck, front porch, city water, septic system, plus a propane generator for back-up electric. \$129,900. M2267



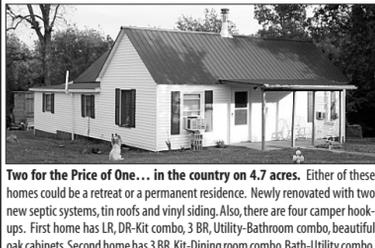
Stunning! Check out this all brick beauty with great farm land views. With over 3,000 sq ft you will have plenty of elbow room. Features include 3 Bedrooms and 2 Baths on the first floor, Kitchen upgraded with all stainless steel appliances. Head upstairs to a large recreation room complete with your own pool table. Too many extras to mention - don't let this one get away. \$185,900. M2273



Great Business Opportunity! Approximately 5.5 commercial acres located in the Conway section of Rockcastle County. Property is visible from I-75 and is accessible from US 25. Property includes flea market, music barn, optional small engine repair shop, 2 BR Apartment, Doublewide, and several other storage buildings. Come and see this property's income potential today! M2338



Quality! If that's what you're looking for then look no further. This vinyl/stone, ranch style home has 3 BR, 2 BA, living room, entry hall and dining room with new hardwood floors, and a kitchen with tile floors. Plus, all the kitchen appliances are included in this package. Plus a 2-car attached garage. Don't miss out...call today for your appointment. M2300



Two for the Price of One... in the country on 4.7 acres. Either of these homes could be a retreat or a permanent residence. Newly renovated with two new septic systems, tin roofs and vinyl siding. Also, there are four camper hook-ups. First home has LR, DR-Kit combo, 3 BR, Utility-Bathroom combo, beautiful oak cabinets. Second home has 3 BR, Kit-Dining room combo, Bath-Utility combo. Fenced field, two new 12x16 bldgs and a shed on the property make for good country living. M2282



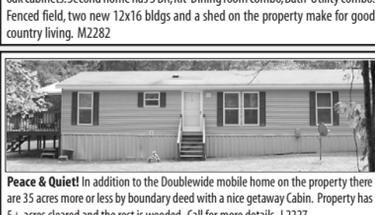
WOW! Almost New! This 2006 model Doublewide mobile home has 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths and includes appliances and washer/dryer and is situated on 1.9 acres. There is a new septic system and central heating and air. This is ready for you to move into! M2336



Check it out... 11.563 acres by survey, less than 1/4 of a mile from Lake Linville. Great countryside property priced at \$39,900. M2337



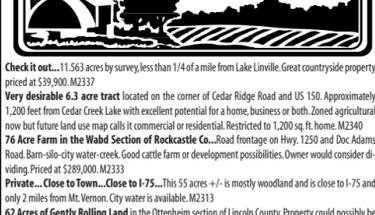
WHAT A FIND... Great location for this terrific home with a nice level lot. Partial fencing helps keep this property private. Home has 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bath, and a Living room, Dining room, Kitchen, Utility room, pantry, study and a Sunroom. Special features include vaulted ceilings, fireplace, a large above ground pool, deck, patio & two-car attached garage. Only \$149,900. M2280



Peace & Quiet! In addition to the Doublewide mobile home on the property there are 35 acres more or less by boundary deed with a nice getaway cabin. Property has 5+ acres cleared and the rest is wooded. Call for more details. L2227



Fully Fenced Lot with a great view! Could be rental property or would make a great lot for your new doublewide. Needs TLC. Can be bought separately or with an additional mobile home on lot. Motivated Sellers... make an offer. M2342



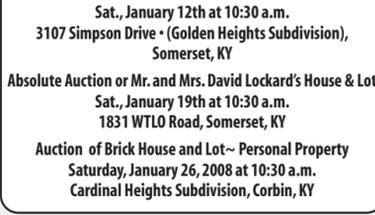
Rental property or a nice place for your home! Mobile home selling as-is. Nice lot. This 2 BR, 1 BA singlewide has had updates. Currently being used as rental property. Owners will consider land contract. Call for your appointment today! M2339



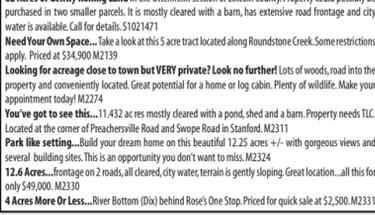
Like New - this modular home is like new and is a nice country home! Situated on 2.34 acres with a nice view. Features include 4 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, a Living room, Kitchen, and a Utility room. Amenities include central heat/air, a large back porch, vinyl and carpet flooring. M2278



Secluded... yet Convenient! This charming 1 1/2 story vinyl home is situated on 4.5 acres +/- Features include: 4-5 BR, 2.5 BA, Kit./Utility room, and Office. Amenities include: Laminate and hardwood flooring, tile, carpet, beautiful oak cabinets, fireplace, attached garage, and a great view! Asking \$156,000. M2297



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Posted: No hunting, camping or horseback riding on property of Clayton and Bobby Singleton, located in Jackson Co., known as Wolf Pen Ridge on 1950 off of Red Hill Rd. 9x4p

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

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

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

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Debra Lambert, P.O. Box 1094, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before June 11, 2008 @ 9:30 a.m. 6x3

Notice is hereby given that Steve Albright, 998 Willailla Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 has been appointed Administrator W.W.A. of the estate of Lloyd G. Shutts on the 10th day of December, 2007. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Steve Albright or to Hon. Jerry J. Cox, P.O. Box 1350, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before June 11, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. 6x3

Notice is hereby given that Junior Debord, 1108 Libert Hill Rd., Washburn, TN 37888 has been appointed administrator of the estate of George B. Debord on the 12th day of December, 2007. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Junior Debord or to Hon. William D. Gregory, 240 East Main St., P.O. Drawer 220, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before June 16, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. 6x3

Notice is hereby Given Elaine Taulbee, 290 Christ-

mas Ridge Rd., Berea, KY 40403 has been appointed Executrix of the estate of William S. Abney on the 12th day of December, 2007. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them

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- ACROSS**
- 1 A lively dance
 - 6 Lurch
 - 10 Cobblers' tools
 - 14 Kentuckian, actor in "The Great Gatsby"
 - 15 Soothe
 - 16 Hat-tipper's word
 - 17 Fort Knox Military Reservation occupies 15,000 acres of this county's land area
 - 18 Ditto
 - 19 UK cheer, "Go Big"
 - 20 Pilgrimage
 - 22 Seaman
 - 23 Gumbo pod
 - 24 Spud
 - 27 Latvia's capital
 - 29 Always, to a poet
 - 30 "Excuse me"
 - 31 ___ polloi
 - 33 Kentuckians, musical brothers Phil and Don
 - 35 Kentuckian, pro baseball player Flannery
 - 36 40 winks
 - 37 Life story
 - 38 Madisonville, KY is this county's seat
 - 41 KY birthplace of Diane Sawyer and Billy Vaughn
 - 45 Arctic
 - 46 Resort hotel, or a Logan Co. area
 - 47 401(k) alternative
 - 48 Carriage
 - 51 Triumphed
 - 52 Enthusiasm
 - 53 Honest ___
 - 54 Fairy tale opener
 - 56 WKU basketball coach from 1922-64
 - 58 Pineville, KY is this county's seat
 - 60 Temper
 - 61 Blackbird
 - 62 Otherwise
 - 63 Look after
 - 65 Book of maps
 - 69 "___ of White Hall"
 - 70 Yemeni port
 - 71 Pet
 - 72 Hourglass contents
 - 73 Kind of bean
 - 74 It's a fact
- DOWN**
- 1 Treasure
 - 2 Reverence
 - 3 Pasture
 - 4 KY county, setting of "The Little Colonel"
 - 5 Skirt fold
 - 6 Caribbean, e.g.
 - 7 Kentuckians, NASCAR brothers Darrell and Michael
 - 8 Very, in music
 - 9 UK product, inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1981
 - 10 Pulpit
 - 11 He named Cumberland Gap
 - 12 KY county; its seat named for London, England
 - 13 Smudgy
 - 21 U of L product, inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1979
 - 24 Trail
 - 25 A state that borders Kentucky
 - 26 Fill-in
 - 28 Shoe brand
 - 32 W. Hemisphere grp.
 - 34 Greek goddess
 - 39 Baby goat
 - 40 U.N. agency
 - 41 Mail place: Abbr.
 - 42 Embellish
 - 43 Kind of exam
 - 44 Diminish
 - 46 Kentuckian, Boston Braves infielder
 - 48 Tags
 - 49 Ornamental shrub
 - 50 KY county; home to Bardstown
 - 52 Kentuckian, Cleanth Brooks, for one
 - 55 Doctrine
 - 57 Unsuitable
 - 59 Extend credit
 - 64 Genetic stuff
 - 66 Kentuckian, Sweet ___ Johnson
 - 67 Play the part
 - 68 "Quiet!"

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Civil Action No. 07-CI-00233

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company,
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of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006-OPT5,
Asset-Backed Certificates,
Series 2006-OPT5 **Plaintiff**

v.

Paul E. McElroy, et al. **Defendants**

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on November 29, 2007, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of FORTY NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTEEN DOLLARS AND 46/100 (\$49,718.46) 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, January 25, 2008
Beginning at the Hour of 1:00 p.m.

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

Beginning on a wood fence post in the south right of way of Dailey Avenue found S 69 degrees 04'00"E 38.39 feet from the center of the intersection of Fish Street and Dailey Avenue said post witnessed by a set 1/2" by 18" iron pin with cap "A & L 2788" lying S 34 degrees 09'35"E, 0.34 feet away, thence S 0 degree 08'03"W 98.16 feet to a wood post witnessed by a set 1/2" by 18" iron pin with cap "A & L 2788" S 28 degrees 46'06"W 0.58 feet away, thence N 88 degrees 59'27"W 114.68 feet to a set 1/2" by 18" iron pin with cap "A & L 2788"; thence N 5 degrees 57'30"W 67.43 feet to a set 1/2" by 18" iron pin with cap "A & L 2788" in the south right of way of Dailey Avenue, thence with said right of way N 87 degrees 29'18"E 128.62 feet to the beginning, containing 0.26 acres by survey conducted by David Altizer, R.L.S. #2778 on March 18, 2000 and April 18, 2000.

The property described above is adjoined on the east by Frank Ramsey (Deed Book 149, Page 57), on the south and west by the parent tract, Floyd Caldwell, Jr. and Lillian Caldwell (Deed Book 178, Page 662) and on the north by Dailey Avenue.

Being the same property conveyed to Paul E. McElroy, single, by deed dated March 24, 2006 executed by Martha Epperson, single, and recorded in Deed Book 209, page 559 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Court Clerk.

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3. 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.
4. Unpaid taxes of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
5. The purchaser shall pay the 2007 local, county and state property taxes.
6. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
7. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
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Over \$3,400 was raised at the annual Cystic Fibrosis Bike-a-thon and a committee was formed to meet the proposed tax increase for the Soil Conservation District.

Between 20 to 25,000 tires were collected during the Waste Tire Amnesty Program sponsored by the State Highway Department and the County Road Department. Retired Rockcastle County School Superintendent Bige Towery, Jr., was named to ECU's Wall of Honor.

41-year-old Kelly Marie Baker of Corbin was killed in a single car accident on Hwy. 150 between Brodhead and Crab Orchard and an armed man held up the Days Inn at Renfro Valley.

Tiffany Smith was crowned RCHS football homecoming queen and Kevin Canterbury was crowned King after the Rockets game with Lincoln County and Mrs. Virginia Hansel of Quail was the only survivor of a three vehicle crash on I-75 that claimed three lives.

The month of October began with County Clerk Norma Houk verifying enough signatures to challenge the proposed tax increase for the Soil Con-

servation District and Leslie Burdette was crowned the first ever Bittersweet Festival Queen.

Dr. Joe Henderson and his wife, Ann, along with longtime Mt. Vernon business woman, Mary Ida Jones, were the Grand Marshals of the Bittersweet Parade and Leslie Rigsby and her son, Cody Kirby won the first ever Bittersweet Amazing Race.

Well known local Bluegrass Entertainer, Dale Ann Bradley, was chosen Female Vocalist of the Year and the Rockcastle Fiscal Court agreed to hire Economic Development Consultant Jim Holton for 12 more months at a salary of \$36,000.

27-year-old Josh Rickles of Brodhead was charged with an armed robbery at Citizens Bank in Brodhead, after he confessed to the crime and the bid on a new water project at Livingston came in at \$278,000.

21-year-old Michael Swiney was killed while cutting firewood on Hurricane Branch Road and 5-year-old Brandi Bishop of Rocky Top Trailer Park was hospitalized in critical condition at the U.K. Med Center after a fire at her family's mobile home.

A Rockcastle Circuit Court jury found a Brodhead man guilty of sodomy and incest. Nick L. Williams, 21, got a 20 year sentence for his crime.

Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher was in Renfro Valley

again in October, this time for a political rally for his re-election bid and Virgil Mullins was inducted in the Livingston School Hall of Fame.

Hundreds attended the Halloween on Main event in Mt. Vernon and someone intentionally set fire to a house on the Old Brodhead-Mt. Vernon road.

November began with 3,701 people going to the polls in the General Election.

Governor Ernie Fletcher won in Rockcastle County but lost statewide by a large margin to opponent Steve Beshear.

The football jersey of former Rockcastle Rocket Jason Leger became the first jersey to be retired at the school and the proposed tax increase for the local library board failed.

Over 200 area Veterans took part in the RCMS Veteran's Day Celebration and six local people were indicted in federal court on drug charges.

The Mt. Vernon Elementary School UNITE Club was named Club of the Year at an awards ceremony in Pikeville and the 2006 RCHS annuals finally arrived at the school.

The Mt. Vernon City Council voted to place four video cameras on Main Street and a Brodhead couple who had been charged with stealing military grave markers at Piney Grove Cemetery earlier in the year, pled guilty.

The Brodhead City Council passed a nuisance ordinance, which carries legal ramifications for property owners who create health hazards or eyesoars and 4.99 inches of rain fell in the county.

Mrs. Shirley Martin served as Grand Marshal at the Brodhead Christmas Parade and Jim and Martha Cox were the Grand Marshals at the Mt. Vernon Parade. Days Inn was robbed again at gunpoint and

40 pints of blood was donated to the Central Kentucky Blood Center.

Dallas Wayne Rigsby, 52, of Orlando, made headlines in December when he escaped serious injury after he lost control of the log truck he was driving on I-75 and Terry Montjoy, 34, of Mt. Vernon was charged with stealing Christmas gifts.

The Rockcastle Fiscal Court tabled a request by the Rockcastle Ambulance Service to help pay for their gas and a Berea businessman was found by rescue workers after he got lost in a rural area of Rockcastle County.

Ninety runners and walkers participated in the fourth annual Jingle Bell 6K Run Walk at Renfro Valley, which raised

over \$2,400 for charity and a large crowd was treated to a bountiful meal at the Livingston Community Christmas Dinner.

130 families and 290 children were treated for Christmas by Toys for Tots and former Fish and Wildlife officer Steve Isaacs was sentenced to six months in federal prison for mail fraud.

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