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Mt. Vernon firefighters were called to the home of Mary Denny on Chestnut Ridge Road on Sunday afternoon around 6:45 p.m. Capt. Bryan Hansel, shown at left, said firefighters were unable to contain the blaze because it was widespread and through the ceiling of the house when they arrived. Mary Denny and her son, Gary, who lived with his mother, lost everything in the fire. The Dennys were gone to church when the fire was discovered.



Lady Rockets Sarah Rowe, left and Sara Hammond, are shown playing defense against Ohio County in the Girls' Sweet 16 in Bowling Green on Wednesday night. The Lady Rockets played hard, but lost again in the first round of the tournament 60-56 to the Lady Eagles. Rowe had 20 points in the game and Hammond grabbed 18 rebounds, which was the fourth highest one game total for rebounds in state tournament history. (See more coverage on page A-10).

RCHS senior killed in auto accident Friday

Extra counselors were at the Rockcastle County High School on Monday to help students cope with the loss of another member of the class of 2008.

Students were mourning the death of 18-year-old senior

Brittany Pruitt, who died in a two vehicle collision on Big Hill Road on Friday night.

According to a release from the Madison County Sheriff's office, Pruitt was killed when her Dodge Avenger and a Chevy van collided head on about 10 p.m., three miles east of Berea.

Madison County Coroner Jimmy Cornelison, who pronounced Miss Pruitt dead at the scene, said it was unclear whether or not she was wearing a seat belt because of the impact of the crash.

Miss Pruitt was heading to her Burnt Ridge Road home, after dining out with her boyfriend, another RCHS senior, Jake Woodall and his parents



Brittany Pruitt

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Father, son among nine indicted Friday

By: Richard Anderkin
A father and son were among nine people indicted Friday by the Rockcastle Grand Jury.

Everett Owens, II, 38, and his son Brian Owens, 18, of

Purr Rigsby Road were both indicted on charges of cultivating marijuana over five plants, first degree, trafficking in marijuana, less than eight ounces,

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Principal pushing schedule change for high school

By: Richard Anderkin
In an effort to improve test scores, Rockcastle County High School may be charting a new course next year, if it implements a new schedule, changing from a semester 4 X 4 block to an alternating, or A/B block.

On the current schedule, which has been in place since

1994, students take four classes in 18 weeks, and then take four additional classes the second semester, for a total of eight classes per year.

On the new, proposed schedule, students would also have eight classes that would run on alternating days, but be

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Court enters into agreement for possible savings at jail

With the Rockcastle County Jail constantly fighting to keep itself afloat financially, the county Fiscal Court entered into an agreement last week with Tichenor and Association to conduct a review of all jail operations with an eye to cutting expenses at the facility.

Bill Tichenor, founder of the company, told the court that his

company would review all jail operations and possibly find additional revenue and areas in which to decrease expenses. Tichenor said that Woodford and Fulton counties had already signed on with his company.

Noting that statewide, jail costs were now taking \$130 million a year out of the gen-

eral funds of county's budgets, Tichenor said that his company would look for areas in which to improve the jail's operation and then working to implement the changes necessary.

Of course, this doesn't come without a price. Tichenor and Associations would be paid

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First in a series of 12 articles

What is Community Economic Development?

By: Jim Holton, Consultant, Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority

Usually, what people think about when they think about community economic development is PURELY job creation. In reality, job creation is THE RESULT of community economic development.

During the course of the next 12 weeks, I will be writing a series of articles to help folks in Rockcastle County better understand community economic development and what it takes to make it happen! I also want to invite people to ask me questions which I can answer to help all of us better understand each other.

If you do not have access to the Internet, then you can write me at the address listed at the bottom of this article next to my e-mail address.

I think we should start this discussion with a very simple definition of the term. Now this is not a definition I looked up in the dictionary or on the web, but what I believe it to be

Approves school calendar for 2008-09 Board gets overview, tour of new technology center

During their regular monthly meeting on Thursday night, the Rockcastle County Board of Education received a tour of the new Rockcastle Area Technology Center and an overview from Principal Ralph Baker.

The board meeting was held in the conference room of the new 51,000 square foot facility, which ajoins Rockcastle County High School.

after being around the "economic development" and marketing business for 25 years of my life. The most basic way I

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Baker told board members the technology center is one of 55 area technology centers in the state. The building is owned and maintained by the Board of Education.

The new facility will open when school begins next school year on August 1st. RATC currently serves 456 stu-

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Miss Kentucky 2007, Kaitlyne Postel, right, of Somerset, shown adjusting her crown, was the guest speaker at the Rockcastle Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday, which was held at the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame in Renfro Valley. Miss Kentucky talked about her work at the U.K. Children's Hospital and her efforts to raise the awareness of juvenile tobacco use. Postel said that winning the Miss Kentucky title helped her to grow up and changed her perspective on life. "I'm much more optimistic about the future, now" she said. Miss Kentucky was introduced by Mrs. Southern Kentucky, Jillian Thomas, also of Somerset. Mrs. Thomas is shown above with her mother, Beverly Huff, center, and Martha Cox. Mrs. Huff and her husband, Marcus, own Huff Building Inc., and live in Mt. Vernon.

Front page photos by: Richard Anderkin





Lincoln's sites aren't worth a cent compared to sights at Bill's place
By: Don White

According to the lyrics of a very old song, you can get your kicks on Route 66.

There's no rhyme or reason you can't also get a jolt out of traveling Route 31E.

The 44 miles of roadway from Martha Layne Collins Bluegrass Parkway at Bardstown to Glasgow is laden with signs proclaiming it a Kentucky Scenic Byway. Along the curvy roadway, more signs direct travelers to such attractions as the Abby of Gethsemane and lots of things Lincoln, including his first school, boyhood home, and a statue of the 16th president in Hodgenville.

But let me be honest with you, Abe.

There are no signs offering directions to some of the most interesting people and places along the way. Take Bill Greenwell, for example.

Except for a brief foray into Louisville when he got married, all his 84 years have been spent near the tranquil village of New Haven in Nelson County. Bill says he has spent much of his time this winter looking out the front door and windows of his "new" red brick home built in 1987. From this perch atop a steep hill he can see the green- ing, peaceful valley and the house in which he was born.

Historians tell him his boyhood home (which he still owns) is the last standing stage-coach stop between Louisville and Nashville, Tennessee.

Also in sight is the home occupied by one of his children, Ed Greenwell and his family. Ed and most of his 13 siblings were born in that house.

The children have grown up and most have moved away, replaced by a farm full of more worldly treasures that Bill has collected for nearly half a century. Passersby can't help but notice the weathered antique tractors and vintage gasoline pumps, some of which show the fuel selling at 26 cents per gallon.

Scattered about are advertising signs of all types and sizes and dozens of soft drink machines standing atop a hill like monuments to a bygone era.

Down by the busy roadway, there are no signs inviting people to stop and browse, but they come anyway, Bill says.

"People stop and ask if they can look around. Then some of them spend hours just walking over the place," says the former aluminum business owner.

Some people get to hear the story of how he started his collection in 1960 with the purchase of a vintage milk truck. "Still got it, too," he proudly points out.

His vast collection also includes an old steam engine and his all-time favorite, a mint-condition 1936 Ford convertible with rumble seat.

Housed in a storage building next to the '36 Ford sits a rare '41 five-passenger Ford coup just like the one he and his bride took on their honeymoon to Louisville in 1948. The car was stolen on their first night in the big city. "Everything we owned was in the boot, so we started out in life with just our bare elbows," he

recalls.

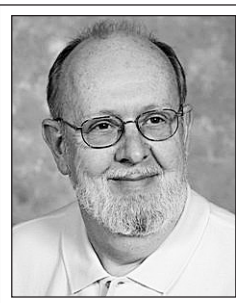
There is nothing on the property to indicate any of Bill's treasures are for sale, but he says he has let a few things go lately because he thinks he is "starting to get old."

There are some gasoline pumps he might be willing to part with, but not the really old five and 10-gallon pumps. He has plans to display them alongside his tall Texaco sign eventually.

Although his collecting has slowed of late, about 12 years ago he thought it was about to come to a complete halt when some local government officials asked to meet with him.

"I figured they were going to tell me to clean my place up, but instead they asked if I would move some of my things closer to the road so tourists could get a better look at them."

Don White is former editor of newspapers in Kentucky and now a columnist published throughout the state. You can reach him at don.kenandtucky@yahoo.com



Rockcastle Memories

By David J. Griffin

My passion for rock-and-roll music began when I was in high school. It was then that I purchased my first reel-to-reel tape recorder – a contraption that I'm certain will only be familiar to those of my generation. I had to have one so that I could record music from my clock radio that sat next to my bed.

The recorder was a tube-type machine that was very large and cumbersome; however, to me it was an electronic marvel. It enabled me to record every song that played on Top 40 radio.

The tape deck was a Webcor Viscount II. I ordered it from Barney Miller's in Lexington. Barney taught me how to attach "alligator" clips to the speaker of my radio and plug the other end of a RCA connector to the recorder. That made it possible to make direct recordings – meaning that it was not necessary to remain quiet when the taping was going on. I thought it was just too cool to make recordings of my beloved music.

In the late 50's, my brother Al and his family moved to

Manassas, Virginia, where he was pastor of a Baptist church. My recorder allowed us to communicate with him in a way that was pretty "high tech" at the time. His weekly sermons were broadcast on the local radio station. Each week his family recorded personal messages on the back side of the tape and mailed it home for us to hear.

And every week our family gathered to listen to his sermon and then to his "electronic letter." We then recorded our own messages and mailed it back to him. Just one more way in which my recorder proved itself quite useful.

In 1962, when I left home to attend UK, my recorder went with me. It was fascinating to my friends to be able to record them and then allow them to hear their own voices. Many a night we would gather in my room to record each other; sometimes they wanted me to record certain songs for them to listen to later.

A couple of the guys played guitar and sang as I recorded their performance. And girls – it was a great way to get their attention. Girls always loved to hear themselves on tape, and I happily accommodated them. It probably need not be told that I occasionally recorded them without their knowledge.

In those days, Barney Miller carried a few pre-recorded tapes of Top 40 singers. Of course, I had to purchase my favorites. I remember having one reel-to-reel tape of Ray Charles. For the time, the quality was "top end."

One afternoon in November 1963, I got out of a class, hopped into my '58 Chevy, and turned on the radio – only to be stunned by what I heard. The announcer declared, "President John Kennedy has been shot in Dallas, Texas." I immediately returned to my room, where I recorded the next four hours of news coverage of the event live from WHAS radio. I still have the tape.

In the late '60's, the reel-to-reel format gave way to 8-track and cassette recordings. Those could actually be installed in your automobile. Sales of pre-recorded tapes hit an all time high. Reel-to-reel recorders became high-end electronic recording devices providing quality stereo separation.

In 1969, I again visited

Points East

By Ike Adams

It's not like learning to swim or riding a bicycle after all.

I discovered, last Saturday morning, that there are some subtleties in the art of killing and butchering chickens that I had lost over the decades that have fallen between the last time I'd performed this chore and the recent week-end's undertaking.

I have a friend who lives way out in back country of rural Madison County and who, like many other of my acquaintances, prefers not to have her name mentioned in my column.

However, one of the things that this friend and I have in common is the satisfaction we get out of raising chickens. I can't do it anymore because coyotes, roaming dogs, weasels and other varmints have found ways to breach the stoutest of enclosures I've erected so I finally gave up trying.

My friend has far better circumstances. So last summer she helped a teenage daughter get into raising chickens as a 4-H project by ordering 50 or so straight-run, mostly Rhode Island Red baby chicks from McMurray Hatchery in Iowa.

The flock has thrived. But when one orders straight run chicks, they are about half cockerels and half pullets. When they reached frying size last fall she butchered several of the young roosters but as of Saturday morning there were 16 or so still on the place.

Said friend had done me a huge, huge favor by spending most of one week-end putting up a new website for me and I owed her one in return. I volunteered to help kill the remaining chickens.

I'd talked another friend/coworker, Layne Hawley (who is not ashamed to be mentioned in my column) into helping out and so, armed with a bucket of coal, a #2 washtub, a huge stock pot, dish pan and an array of knives we arrived in the

Waco, Kentucky backwoods around 11:00 AM.

I started a fire between some cinder blocks while the women filled up the tub and various other buckets and utensils with water.

The wood was wet were wet. My fire hissed more than flamed under the tub from which I planned to scald the roosters. Noontime came and went and finally just after 1:00 PM I judged it hot enough to scald off chicken feathers. By then the rain was coming down pretty hard and the wind had picked up.

Now, let me say that when I was growing up on Blair Branch my Mom and I along with a couple of my aunts could dress out fifty or more fryers on a single afternoon without raising the sweat. But I don't recall ever trying it in the rain.

But notice that I said fryers. My friend's roosters were full

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T.J.'s Journal
by: Tonya J. Cook



Dear Journal:

This past weekend, I had reason to travel to Shepherdsville for a combined service with the Lexington and Louisville congregations of my church. My traveling companion, a girlfriend of mine, and I left before daylight for a 10:30 service. We traveled up Highway 150 through Stanford, Springfield, Danville, and Bardstown. I haven't traveled this area very much, but I've found it to be some of the most beautiful I've ever seen. Some of the areas, especially the Amish country, remind me of some of the areas in New England.

As we drove along, I thought to myself that this would be a wonderful stretch of highway to explore. There's not only the Amish country, where I love to shop; there are a lot of other great sights.

Just take Springfield, for example. I remember about ten years ago, there was a television show, Unsolved Mysteries, hosted by Robert Stack that explored the mysterious and the supernatural. They once had a segment about Springfield. People were coming from all over the country to see the mysterious, brilliant, multi-colored lights. These wonderful, swirling lights could be seen when these spectators went up on a particular mountain and looked toward the sun. They also reported seeing heavenly visions, and the apparition of the Virgin Mary. One overzealous man, who was watching the show in New York, immediately turned off his TV after seeing this segment and headed for Springfield immediately, according to Springfield city hall workers.

Danville, I'm sure, has a lot of sights to be seen. The Pioneer Playhouse is there, and the Norton Center for the Arts. These two places offer a great variety of stage acts.

We traveled on farther to where Highway 150 runs into the Bluegrass Parkway in Bardstown. Bardstown conjures up visions of the Old South. My Old Kentucky Home is there. You can just about imagine southern belles flitting here and there about this plantation-style home, and being wooed by gentlemen of the era in tailcoats and top hats. There's even a play there, The Stephen Foster Story. He, of course, was the writer of My Old Kentucky Home, the state song. I really want to see this play some day.

We drove along what most would call the "Whisky Belt." There were signs here and there directing you to this distillery or that distillery along the way.

We came to Hodgenville, along the Bluegrass Parkway where Abe Lincoln was born. The old Lincoln homeplace would be such a historical place to see. Can you imagine how nice a picnic lunch would be here on the grounds of this old home? We even saw signs in the area for a railway museum. That would be exciting for any train enthusiast, or anyone else wanting to educate themselves about trains.

Each little town and hamlet had its own unique beauty and history. I'm sure it would take several days to see and explore these places and get the full knowledge of each. With the price of gas as high as it's ever been, it makes these little towns and the countryside of central Kentucky that much more appealing. One might even drop in on that notable tourist attraction, the Rooster Run General Store, not far from Shepherdsville.

I, like most Kentuckians, don't really know or have seen that much of our state, in depth. Maybe this is my year to save gas and travel close to home.

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Obituaries



Brittany Pruitt

Brittany Pruitt, 18, of Burnt Ridge, died Friday March 14, 2008 due to injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident. She was born in Madison County to Angela Baker Cole and David Pruitt. She was a senior at Rockcastle County High School where she was a member of the FCA and was employed by the Rockcastle County Hospital Pharmacy and Wal-Mart in Berea.

She is survived by: her mother, Angela (Kevin) Cole and her father, David Wayne Pruitt; one brother, David Mathew Pruitt; maternal grandparents, Cecil and Bonnie Ingram; paternal grandparent, Wanda Mae Pruitt; great grandmother, Anna Ingram; aunts and uncles, Linda Ingram, Tonya and Johnny Hammond, Jay and Valerie Azbill, Jeff and Sherry Osborne; cousins, Megan, Grace, Andrew, Amber, Joel, Jacob, Westin, Jarrod and Grady; and her boyfriend, Jake Woodall.

Brittany was preceded in death by her grandfathers Eugene Webb and Wayne D. Pruitt.

Funeral services were held Tuesday March 18, 2008 at Berea Baptist Church with the burial following in the VanWinkle-Jackson Cemetery on Burnt Ridge Road.

You may send your condolences to www.lakesfuneralhome.com



Chester Ewing Davis

Chester "Curly" Ewing Davis, 71, widower of Ruby Spoonamore Davis of Brodhead and formerly of Cincinnati, OH died Saturday, March 15, 2008.

He was born on August 5, 1936 in Brodhead, a son of the late Stephen C. and Bessie Mae Howard Davis. He was a Christian affiliated with the Brodhead Christian Church, a retired truck driver having worked for Hills Roses Wholesale Florist and Davitt & Hasner Music Co. His hobbies and interests included gardening and hard work.

Those left to mourn his passing include: his brother, Holland Payne Davis and sister, Mary Decker, both of Cincinnati, OH; as well as a host of nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by: two sisters, Lucille Davis and Della Mae Evans; six brothers, Paul, Burtis, Wiley, Marion, George and Perry Davis; two half brothers, Robert Lee Howard and Cecil Carter Davis.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at the Price Hill Church of the Nazarene in Cincinnati, OH with Pastor Ray Grilloff officiating. Burial followed in the Vine Street Hill Cemetery in Cincinnati, OH. Marvyn E. Owens Home for Funerals of Brodhead was in charge of the arrangements.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Notice

Pine Hill Cemetery
Send donations for upkeep of the Pine Hill Cemetery to Lorene Mink Ponder, 314 Jessica Circle, Richmond, Ky. 40475.



Larry E. Coguer

Larry E. Coguer, 68, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at the Rockcastle Health & Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead. He was born in Richmond, IN on April 16, 1939 the son of Raymond and Irene Stevens Coguer. He was a retired funeral director's assistant having worked for Dowell & Martin Funeral Home for over 25 years. He

was a member of the Earlham Heights Presbyterian Church of Richmond, IN and was a US Army veteran.

He is survived by: his son, Jason Coguer and his wife Sara of Mt. Vernon; and three grandchildren, Alaina, Caroline, and Reese Coguer. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Reese Coguer and an infant sister.

Funeral services will be conducted (today) Thursday, March 20th at 3:30 p.m. at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Bruce Ross and Doug Piatt. Burial will follow in the Reese Cemetery at Roundstone. Friends may call at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday.

Pallbearers will be: Joe Allen, Rick Anderkin, Bill Dowell, Vester Maples, Don Reese, Shawn Reese and Dean Byrd. Honorary pallbearers will be: Jack Lawless, Roy Martin, and Steve Martin.

Donations are suggested to the Rockcastle County Middle School Leadership Team Cancer Awareness Fund at PO Box 1730, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456. Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.



Bill McFerron

Bill McFerron, 60, of Mt. Vernon and Ft. Myers, FL, died Wednesday March 12, 2008 at the Sentara General Hospital in Virginia Beach, VA. He was born on July 24, 1947 in Mt. Vernon the son of the late Estel and Zelma Bradley McFerron. He was a truck driver employed by Tennessee Steel Company, an Army Veteran of the Vietnam War, former member of the VFW, enjoyed car racing, golfing, camping, was a member of the Baptist faith and attended the Northside Baptist Church.

Survivors are: one daughter, Glenda Jo McFerron of Mt. Vernon; one brother, Floyd McFerron of Mt. Vernon; two sisters, Mrs. Sue McFerron Taylor and Mrs. Shelia McFerron, both of Mt. Vernon; one grandchild, Isaiah Bowles; one special nephew, Calvin Creech and one special niece, Renee Creech, both of Mt. Vernon; and one stepson, John Helton of Berea.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Chad Burdette officiating. Burial was in the McKinney Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Gary Cromer, Danny Martin, Garlan French, Marvin Fink, Randy Fox and Eric Doan.

Honorary pallbearers were: Benny Doan, Floyd McFerron, Daniel McFerron, Larry Smith and Billy Jack McFerron. Send condolences online at www.coxfuneralhome.com



Marvin Cunagin

Marvin Russell Cunagin, 44, of Mt. Vernon died March 11, 2008, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center. He was born on March 13, 1963 in Cincinnati, Ohio, a son of Elva Lena Marcum and the late Wiley Cunagin, Jr. He was of the Christian faith. His hobbies and interest was the Gateway Club of the Comp. Care.

Those left to mourn his passing include his mother, Elva Lena Marcum of Mt. Vernon; brothers and sisters, Connie Barnes of Port Orange, FL, Michael Wiley (Sharon) Cunagin of Brodhead, Charles Anthony (Teresa) Cunagin of Mt. Vernon, Teresa G. Cunagin of Mt. Vernon, Michael Duane Cunagin, Charles Edward Cunagin, Anthony Wayne Cunagin, Rose Marie Cunagin, and Barbara Ann Cunagin, all of Pittsfield, MA, Larry (Greta) Tompkins of Pine Hill, Steven Tompkins of Mt. Vernon, Garrett (Sherry) Tompkins of Brodhead, Sharon Tompkins Randolph of Mt. Vernon, Derek (Rachel) Tompkins of London, Leona (Chris) Martinof La Follette, TN, and Julie Marcum of Richview, IL. Thirty-seven nieces and nephews, thirteen great nieces and nephews, as well as a host of friends and neighbors also survive.

He was preceded in death by: his father, Wiley Cunagin; two brothers, Roger Lyndon Cunagin and Merle Dee Marcum; two stepfathers, Thurman Tompkins and Danny Marcum; and grandparents, Russell and Christine Payne, Delia Brumett and Wiley Cunagin.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, March 13, 2008 at the Marvyn E. Owens Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Mark Eaton officiating. Burial followed in the Old Roberts Cemetery in Mt. Vernon.

Casket Bearers were Garrett Tompkins, Steve Tompkins, Derek Tompkins, Larry Tompkins, Michael Cunagin, and Charles Cunagin.

Donations in lieu of flowers can be for funeral expenses to the Marvyn E. Owens Home for Funerals at P.O. Box 658, Brodhead, KY 40409

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Virginia Abney

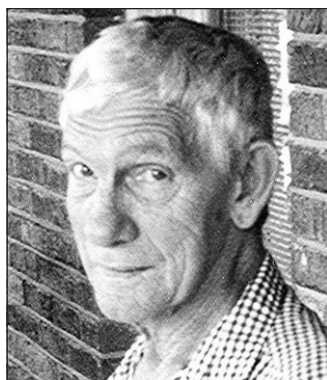
Virginia "Virgie" Abney, 94, of Orlando, died Sunday March 16, 2008 at the Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital in Somerset. She was born on September 21, 1913 in Rockcastle County the daughter of the late Mose and Lula Townsend Mullins. She was a retired food service employee at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, enjoyed quilting, gardening, and was a member of the Flat Rock Baptist Church.

Survivors are: three daughters; Mrs. Barbara Lindsay of Hamilton, OH, Mrs. Brenda Wesley of Somerset, and Mrs. Gini Hautau of West College Corner, IN; 11 grandchildren; and several great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by: her husband, Jesse Abney; two sons, Jesse Wayne, and Danny Abney; one daughter, Reva Farmer; and five siblings.

Services were held Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Larry Burton officiating. Burial was in the Johnetta Cemetery.

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Wayne Jasper

Wayne Jasper, 70, of Brodhead, died Friday March 14, 2008 at his home after a long illness. He was born on May 15, 1937 in Piqua, OH the son of the late Bob and Rose Jones Jasper. He was the former owner and operator of the Mt. Vernon Produce Farm Supply & Feedmill.

Survivors are: his wife, Rosa Lee Gay Jasper of Brodhead; two sons, Mark W. Jasper of Mt. Vernon and Ashley R. Jasper of Brodhead; two brothers, Carroll Gilliland of Louisville and John Jasper of Crab Orchard; two sisters, Mrs. Shelby Poynter of Conway and Mrs. Fannie Wallin of Mt. Vernon; and three grandchildren.

Burial was March 15, 2008 at the Cresthaven Cemetery.

Arrangements made by Cox Funeral Home.



Ila Margaret Smith

Ila Margaret Smith, 76, wife of Herbert Smith of Brodhead, died Wednesday, March 12th, 2008 at her residence. She was born on February 13th, 1932 in Oneida, TN a daughter of the late Olen LeWallen and Resca Choate LeWallen. She was a loving and devoted mother and grandmother, who enjoyed reading, Hummel Figurines.

She was a Surgical Technician for Christ Hospital in Cincinnati, OH for 28 yrs. She was of the Baptist Faith.

She is survived by: her husband, Herbert Carlton Smith of Brodhead; one son, Robert Allan Thompson and wife, Dana Lynn Westler Thompson of Hazard; one grandson, Daniel Phillip Thompson of Hazard; one brother, Kenneth LeWallen of Winchester, IN; two sisters, Faye (Winford) Slaven of Oneida, TN, Phyllis (Fred) Range of Lebanon, OH; and a host of friends and neighbors.

Memorial services were held Saturday, March 15th, 2008 at the Marvyn E. Owens Home for Funerals, with Bro. Eddie Nation officiating.

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

DAR Meeting

Rockcastle's Kentucky Society Daughters of the American Revolution met Tuesday, February 12th at First Baptist Church with seven members in attendance.

Iris Young presented a program, "D.A.R. Today" which was most informative. Mrs. Young and Mrs. Onna Kay Owens provided refreshments.

On March 14th, D.A.R. members met at Rockcastle Steak House with eight members present. Hostesses were Mrs. Norma Eversole and Mrs. Jean Towery.

Mrs. Eversole, literary advocate, compared and contrasted two novels for the group. We look forward to participating in the book discussions at R.C.H.S. on Friday, March 21st at 10:30 a.m.

Contact Iris Young or Onna Owens if you are interested in attending the meetings.

Brodhead Alumni Banquet Saturday

The Brodhead Alumni Banquet will be held Sat., March 22nd, beginning at 7 p.m. at Brodhead School. All alumni invited. Classes to be honored are: 1938, 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968. Make reservations (\$15 per person), by calling 758-8512 or sending to Brodhead Elementary School, P.O. Box 187, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

In Loving Memory



I love you Britt!
3/14/08

Leslie Burdette

I would have never imagined that Friday Would be the last time I would see your face But at least I have relief to know You're seeing God's amazing grace.

We've known each other since we were little And even though we may be apart You will always be my girl And I love you with all of my heart.

You could never have a bad day On your face there was always a smile And although your time here was short You made it all worthwhile.

We never thought we'd see this day Our childhood has become the past But somehow I know you're at peace In God's loving arms at last.

Yes it's going to be hard To walk through those school doors on Monday But I promise you Britt you will live on through us And we'll see you again someday!

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Our Readers Write

Everyone's help was most appreciated...

Dear Editor,

We, James and Louise Vanwinkle and family, want to take this time to send our thanks and all our love to everyone that showed an act of kindness and love toward us when our home was destroyed by fire.

We want first to thank God for sparing our lives in this scary time and being there and seeing us through this ordeal.

We want to thank the fire department for all they did to try and save our home. Thank you Rockcastle Ambulance for taking Jim and myself to the hospital to get us checked out and to the hospital for letting all our family, friends and neighbors stay at the hospital with us.

We also want to thank Bro. David Carpenter, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, for the love offering they gave and for coming out and having prayer and giving us their support and

encouragement. Bro. David, thank you for the beautiful song that you sang. Thanks to New Hope Baptist Church and Bro. David for the benefit singing to help us out and to all the singers a very special thank you. We will forever be thankful for all that has been done for us.

We want to say thanks to our family, friends and neighbors who came together to show their love by going and picking up stuff for us. For all the food, clothes, household furnishing and to all that gave us money to get all of our medicine back. Thanks to those who came by and visited with us to see how we were doing.

We thank God for a loving community that will come together to help a family in need. We want to thank East Salem Baptist Church for all they have done and for all the things they sent. May God always bless great loving people like this.

Thanks to the factories where B.J., Ray and Tanya

work. The truckload of furniture they brought to us, for the food, money and clothes they gave. They will always be in our heart and in our prayers.

A very special thank you to our sons for all they have done to get us a home back and getting it set up for us. They have made many trips taking care of us.

Thanks to all the men who came to help get the electric and water hooked up. A great big thank you to a special friend, Mr. Gene Evans, who came all the way from Henry Co. to show his love and help with the electric. We love you, Gene!

We say thank you to every one from the bottom of our heart.

Thank you God for taking us in Your arms and protecting and watching over us.

Keep us in your prayers. Jim is in bad health. Always remember us and our families. We love everyone and may God richly bless each and everyone.

Jim, Lou and Family

Response to need was overwhelming...

Dear Editor,

Last week, Rockcastle County High School lost a beautiful, precious student in a tragic car accident. Knowing that our staff and students would be deeply affected, we tried to make a plan to address the overwhelming grief issues that so many would experience in the wake of this tragedy.

We asked many local ministers and youth ministers, as well as other counselors in the community, if they could help us in tending to our grief-stricken students. The response, as always, was overwhelming.

We would like to thank each and every one of these individuals who volunteered their time and demonstrated such heartfelt compassion to R.C.H.S.

It is during such difficult times that we realize what a blessing it is to live in this community where so many caring adults will come to help in a time of crisis.

It was truly amazing to come to school Monday morning and see such a large group of concerned, empathetic people offering their support and love to us all. Again, we offer our most heartfelt thanks to each of you.

Sincerely,

Rockcastle County High School Staff

2nd string or bench player athletes...

Dear Editor,

Let me start off by congratulating our 12th Region Champion Lady Rockets. On this note allow me to continue with a reply to an article sent by a parent of a student athlete that didn't get much playing time. I have been working out of state and this is my first chance to read and reply to the aforementioned article. The parent expressed an opinion that their child wasn't getting any game time. I was blessed to have had three children who played for The ROCK. Only one of them was a full time starter. The other two ate pine more than they started. I attended games where my child never even got to play. I also attended practices where my benchwarmer scrimmaged against the starters.

The point I would like to make is that I encouraged my children to participate regardless of playing time. When they became discouraged at not getting to play I pointed out that they were still involved. I told them to ask the Coach what skills they needed to improve on to get into the game. I also pointed out that the 1st string was only as good as the practice they received from the 2nd string.

I understand and sympathize with the parent who doesn't get to see their child play at game time. To this parent I would like to say that I agree it is hard to sit and watch someone else's child play when you have paid to attend an event to see your child perform. But if you will take a moment to watch and enjoy the expression of your child's face as they root and cheer for their teammates it is worth the price of admission.

Encourage your child to continue to play. Drop them off at practice. Stay and watch. After practice talk to the coach and find out what you can do to make them better. Above all project a positive front. Because they are young and will do all they can to please you. Even though we're not as young as we used to be, play with your child and enjoy them. Their only a child once, make their and your memories a pleasant one. The ROCKS winning ways come from the practice field and in my opinion my benchwarmer was in the same team picture with the Trophy as the starter.

Practice squad enthusiast and parent
William K. Blair II

Rockcastle County volunteers sought for 2008 PRIDE Spring Cleanup April 5-19...

Dear Editor,

Another Spring is unfolding across Southern and Eastern Kentucky. As the Redbud trees begin to blossom, I urge all citizens to help in removing unsightly trash from Rockcastle County's roads, streams and hillsides during our annual PRIDE Spring Cleanup, April 5-19. Recruit your friends, family and neighbors to help.

You can help by volunteering for cleanup events already scheduled by your local PRIDE coordinators. A listing of activities near you can be found at www.kypride.org. Or, contact PRIDE Coordinator James Renner at 256-1902. Livingston residents, please call Mayor J.C. Griffin at 453-2061. In Mt. Vernon, call Jill Medley at 256-3437.

If the road or stream you want to clean is not on the current schedule, contact your PRIDE coordinator to plan your own cleanup event. Your coordinator will provide the trash bags and arrange for them to be collected. Free T-shirts will be given to PRIDE Spring Cleanup volunteers, while supplies last.

For the past 11 years, you have taken PRIDE in your region. Just look at what Rockcastle County officials, residents and students have accomplished together since PRIDE began in 1997:

EUR 4,218 volunteers have worked 15,207 hours.

EUR 14,899 bags of trash have been collected.

EUR 102 junk appliances and 1 ton of scrap metal have been recycled. EUR 4,029 old tires have been recovered.

Thank you for continuing to step forward to make a difference. Have PRIDE today for a brighter tomorrow!

Sincerely,
Karen Engle
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"Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

Barney Miller and purchased a Teac A2300S stereo reel-to-reel recorder. The quality was fabulous. The number of pre-recorded tapes was outstanding, and I was hooked.

I filled my den with boxes of recordings of rock and roll. Ray Charles, Neil Diamond, Gladys Knight, The Beatles, Roy Orbison, Elvis, and many others could be found on those shelves. I was convinced that

reel to reel was the wave of the future in music. Oh, how wrong I was!

Today my collection of music is contained on an 80-gig iPod. I have learned my lesson finally and know that in a few months, or years, this method of storing music will also become obsolete. Every format that has come along has also been replaced by another. Digital music is likely only a passing fad of music collection. My only hope is that when the next wave occurs I will have the ability to convert my songs to the new medium.

Frankly, I am leery of the coming changes, but I have saved about 3,500 rock-and-roll songs for the next format that is coming around the bend. My goal is to be able to lie in bed when I hit the nursing-home stage with my rock music available on some kind of player that I can access. Long live rock and roll!

(You can reach me at mtman@mis.net. I appreciated your continued comments. Let me know if you have suggestions for this column.)

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Brodhead Alumni Banquet Note

The Brodhead Alumni Banquet will be held Sat., March 22nd, beginning at 7 p.m. at Brodhead School. All alumni invited. Classes to be honored are: 1938, 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968. Make reservations (\$15 per person), by calling 758-8512 or sending to Brodhead Elementary School, P.O. Box 187, Brodhead, Ky. 40409.

Bookmobile Schedule

Mon., March 24th: Brodhead and Copper Creek. Tues., March 25th: Green Hill, Conway, Fairview, Lambert Road. Also, state and federal tax forms are available at the library. This is a service provided by our library. Hours are 10 to 6 Monday through Friday and 10 to 4 on Saturday.

Parent-Teacher Conference at RCHS

The Parent-Teacher Conferences, originally scheduled for March 18th, will be held Tuesday, March 25th from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Bingo at VFW

Bingo is being held at the VFW Club near the boat dock on Lake Linville on Saturday nights at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m.

Class of 1983 Reunion

The class of 1983 will be meeting March 24th at 6 p.m. at KFC in Mt Vernon to plan the 25th High School Reunion. If you were in this class, please make plans to attend and help us with this event. If you have any questions, ideas or would like to help but can't attend the meeting, please call Jeanine McClure Lawrence at 606-758-9708 or Glenna Reams Settles at 606-758-4941.

Hot Rod Sign-ups

Hot Rod Sign-ups will be held the 1st and 2nd Saturday of April, the 5th and 12th, at Godfather's Pizza from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$25 per child - no checks please. Parent shirts will be available during sign-ups only. Do not call Godfather's Pizza. They do not have any information.

Courthouse Good Friday/Easter Hours

All courthouse offices, except 911, will close at noon on Friday, March 21st in observance of Good Friday and Easter weekend. The permit test will not be given on Friday, March 21st. The offices will also be closed Saturday, March 22nd.

NAMI Meeting

There will be a NAMI meeting Thursday, March 20th (today) from noon to 1 p.m. at the Comp Care building.

Job Help Available for Youth

Are you age 16-21? Education and Training Resources offers services to you in Rockcastle County: job placement assistance, work readiness skills, job application and resume preparation, interviewing skills, free GED testing and vocational training. Services are free of charge to those who qualify. Call Collect: 606-451-8621.

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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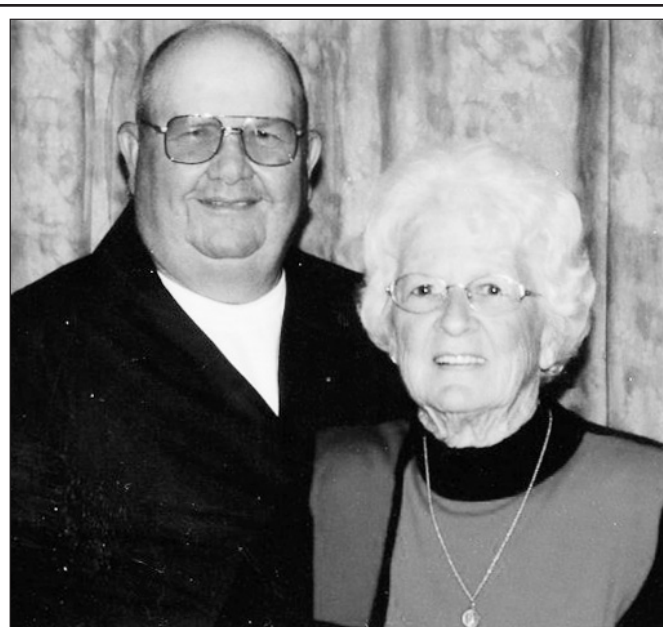
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55th Wedding Anniversary

The gorgeous couple, pictured at left, is Paul and Esther Corene Cummins. The photo was taken in 1953, the year they were married. The Cummins recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary.

Pictured below is a photo of Paul and Esther now with their children and grandchildren. The photo was taken at the Kentucky Derby which has become an annual family outing.



50th Wedding Anniversary

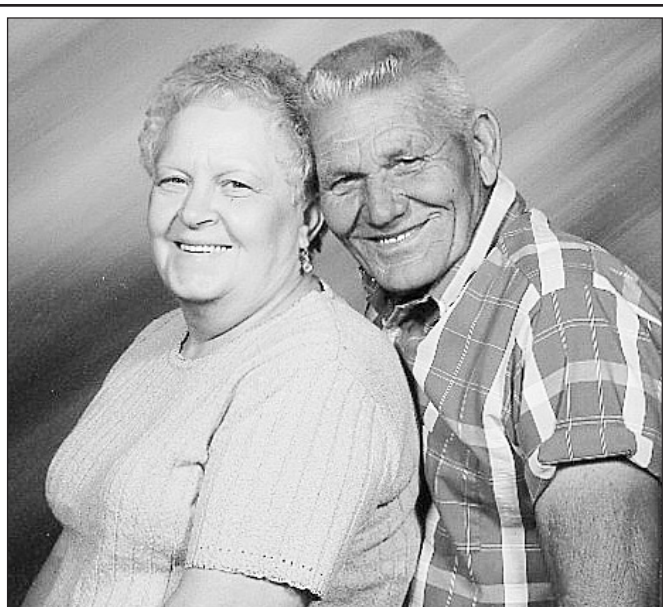
Please help the family of Paul and Janet (Thompson) Blevins celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, April 5, 2008 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Red Barn in Renfro Valley. Paul and Janet were united in marriage on April 5, 1958, in Lockland, Ohio. They are retired now and living in Mt. Vernon; however, for most of the last 30 years they operated a dairy farm in the Bee Lick community of Rockcastle County. All friends and family are asked to join Paul and Janet along with their children—Ernie Blevins, Paula (Keith) Mink and Rusty (Lisa) Blevins and their grandchildren Allie, Adam, Carlee, Marissa, and LeeAnn in celebrating this milestone in their lives. No gifts please.



Catelynn Jane Hellard celebrated her second birthday Saturday, March 15th at her Great Grandma Hazel Bullock's house with an Elmo birthday party. Those who helped her celebrate were her mommy Samantha Jean Hellard, brother Nathan, cousin Andrew - son of Regina and Abe Aster, uncle Ronnie, cousin Rodney and Amber Elam, aunt Gail and cousins Roy, Jennifer with son Adam Bullock. Also present were Grandma Holly and Papaw Harlow Neace.



Michael and Lorae Singleton announce the birth of their baby boy. Thomas Maddox Singleton was born on February 6, 2008 at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital in Somerset. Maddox was 20 inches long and weighed 7 lbs. 5 1/2 ounces. He is the grandson of Doug and Jeannie Singleton of Mt. Vernon and Jim and Jerri Atwell of Somerset. Maddox was also eagerly welcomed by several aunts, uncles, and cousins. He looks forward to meeting other friends and family.



50th Wedding Anniversary

Melvin and Lela Harrison, of Mt. Vernon, will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on March 29, 2008. At the Hickory Grove Church fellowship hall on March 29th from 2 to 5 p.m., we will celebrate this special occasion. Their children—Gayle DeBorde (Michael), Tim Harrison (Beverly) and their granddaughter Ashley invite all family and friends to come.



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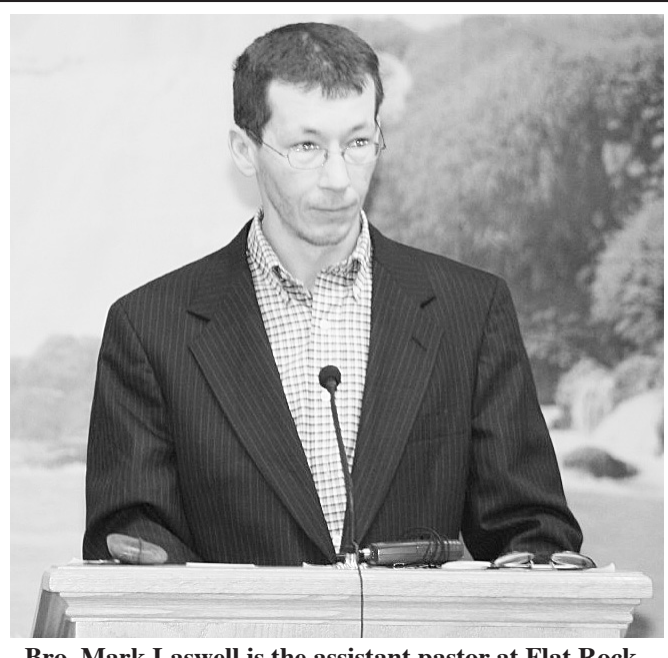
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Flat Rock Missionary Baptist Church on Maple Grove Road is one of the oldest Baptist Churches in the county.

Sunday morning, church members gathered at their beautiful country church to hold another worship service in their recently refurbished building, which was also added onto in the summer of 2006.

During the construction of a 20 x 32 addition to the front of the church in June of 2006, an electrical fire occurred which caused church services to have to be moved to another building on the church grounds for a few months.

The church had insurance and construction of the addition continued after the clean-up of the fire. Most of the clean-up from the fire was done by church members as was some of the work on the addition.

The damage to the church was held to a minimum thanks to the quick reaction time of the 17 Mt. Vernon volunteer firefighters who responded to the fire.

A lot of the materials for

the church and the landscape were donated by church members. "It was truly a congregational effort," said member Debbie Whitehead, who also serves as assistant treasurer.

The new addition was dedicated during homecoming services on September 24th of 2006.

Flat Rock has approximately 150 members on the rolls and an average Sunday morning attendance of about 60.

Dr. Larry Burton, who is also a well known gospel recording artist, began his seventh year as Pastor at the church in January. He is assisted by Bro. Mark Laswell.

Money Ed Cummins and Perry Montjoy are the Deacons at Flat Rock and Montjoy also serves as Sunday School Superintendent.

Doris Brown is the Church Clerk, Nell Wanda Reynolds is the treasurer and Linda Montjoy is the church secretary.

Sunday School teachers are: Mrs. Reynolds, Mark Laswell, Regena Hellard, Betty Jo Laswell, Shayla Brown and Nola Holt.

Tina Brock and David Laswell serve as bus drivers and Pete Stamper is the church's sound technician. David Lee Laswell is Stamper's assistant. Nola Holt and Betty Jo Laswell help with visual aides at the church and Kayla Stewart is the piano player.

Darla Reams coordinates the Youth Activities and Vacation Bible School and Karen Renner is the Ladies Activities Coordinator.

Mrs. Renner stepped in to help out after Pastor Burton's wife, Judy, became ill last year.

(Cont. to A8)



Pastor Larry Burton began his seventh year at Flat Rock Missionary Baptist Church in January.



Kim Brock and Estil Clifford shake hands during the meet and greet time at Flat Rock on Sunday morning.



Longtime members at Flat Rock Baptist, Nell Wanda Reynolds, left and daughter, Debbie Whitehead, at Sunday morning's worship service.



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Sunday Adult Choir 8 p.m.
Wednesday Services
Creative Ministry 6 p.m.
Bible Study 7 p.m.
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Vaughn Raser, Pastor
606-256-3722
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Fairground Hill Community Holiness Church
Friday Worship 7 p.m.
Sunday Worship 6 p.m.
Pastor: Benton Hurd

Faith Chapel Pentecostal
S. Wilderness Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
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First Baptist Church
340 West Main Street
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606-256-2922
Bro. Eddie Nation, Pastor
website: www.fbcmky.org
email: fbcmtvernon@newwave.net
Sunday Services: 8:30 a.m.,
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First Christian Church
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606-256-2876
Bro. Bruce Ross, Pastor
Services
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Kenny Shubert, Youth Pastor

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

Freedom Baptist Church
Freedom School Rd.
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Discipleship Training 6 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Prayer
Meeting & Youth/Children
Classes 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Albert McKinney

God's Church of Zion
35 McFerron St.
Mt. Vernon, KY
Wed. Night 7 p.m.
Sunday School 2 p.m.
Sunday Worship 3 p.m.
Pastor: Fred Hecker

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

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

Little Country Church
Jarber Rd.
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Jack Weaver, Pastor
Sunday 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

Livingston Baptist Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Adult & Youth Classes Available
Worship Service 11 a.m.
Bro. Steve McKinney, Pastor
606-758-4097
email: stevemc64@alltel.net

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

Mareburg Baptist Church
2617 New Brodhead Rd.
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
Wayne Harding, Pastor
Phone: 256-8844
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Discipleship Training
6 p.m.
Sunday Youth Missions 6 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
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Mt. Vernon Church of God
1025 W Main St.
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Bobby Owens, Pastor
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Mt. Vernon Church of the Nazarene
40 Fair Street • Mt. Vernon
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wallace Thornton, Sr., Pastor

New Hope Baptist Church
Jct. 1797 New Hope Tower Rd. Orlando
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Bro. David Carpenter, Pastor
Northside Baptist Church
777 Faith Mountain Rd.
(Off 461 bypass) Mt. Vernon
606-256-5577
www.nbcnet.org
Sunday
Sunday School 10 a.m.
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Hispanic Services 4 p.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.

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Youth Pastor: Bro. Jon Burdette
Hispanic Strategist: Bro. Ken Roberts
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Ottawa Baptist Church
1074 Ottawa Rd. • Brodhead
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 10 a.m.
Sunday Discipleship Training/
Youth Mission Groups 6 p.m.
Wednesday Services
Youth Choir 6 p.m.
Children's & Youth Bible Study
6:45 p.m.
Service 7 p.m.
Jim Craig, Pastor
758-8453
ottawabaptist@windstream.net

Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church
515 Williams St.
(across from MVES)
Mount Vernon, Ky.
606-256-4170
Mass Times:
Tuesdays at 5 p.m.
Sabbath Mass: Sat., 5 p.m.
Holy Days 5 p.m.
Father Nick Pagano, Pastor
Sister Joyce Moeller,
Pastoral Associate

Philadelphia United Baptist Church
834 Bryant Ridge Rd.
Brodhead, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.
Gordon Mink, Pastor
606-256-9724

Pine Hill Holiness Church
Rt. 2, Box 85
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456

Allen Hensley, Pastor
453-4801
www.pinehillholinesschurch.com
email: pinehillhc@aol.com
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Thursday Night Worship 7:30 p.m.
Saturday Night Worship 7:30 p.m.
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Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church
81 Limeplant Hollow Road
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456
Contact: Casey McClure
606-308-4570
email: jemclure@aol.com
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
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email: dan.mckibben@juno.com
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Rose Hill Church
Pastor: Bobby Barnett
Sunday School 10 a.m.
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Sunday Night 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Sand Springs Baptist Church
Directions: Take Highway 1249,
go exactly 5 miles, church sets
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Bob Bradley, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

Wildie Christian Church
1478 Wildie Rd. • Wildie
606-256-4494
Kenton Parkey, Minister
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m.
Family Fellowship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Nite Cafe 5:15 p.m.
Bible Study 6 p.m.



Singing at Mareburg
The Singing Gabbard Family will be In Concert at Mareburg Baptist Church, on Hwy. 150, on Sunday, March 30th at 7 p.m. There will be fellowship after church. The public is cordially invited.

Benefit Singing and Sunrise Service
Maple Grove Baptist Church will have a Benefit Singing on Saturday, March 22 at 7 p.m. Featured singers will be Roy and Kay Himes of Lighthouse
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Regena Hellard, left, and Helen Sakkinen were all smiles before church services at Flat Rock Baptist on Sunday morning. (Photos by: Richard Anderkin).



Anna Clifford sang a special on Sunday morning at Flat Rock.



Tommy Falin and Janice Mason talked before church services on Sunday morning at FlatRock Baptist Church. Falin is the second oldest member of Flat Rock Baptist.

Flat Rock Baptist

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The oldest members of the church are Mrs. Irene Reams and Tommy Falin, who are both 92. Mrs. Reams is actually about a week older. Both were in attendance on Sunday morn-

ing. Sunday School is held each week at 10 a.m. with Fellowship Hour at 11 a.m. Sunday night services are at 7 p.m. and Wednesday night services are also at 7 p.m. The church has a visiting service on Thursday nights at 7 p.m.

For more information call (859) 925-4048 or 256-9570.



Money Ed Cummins and Gladys Mason head back to their seats after the meet and greet portion of Sunday morning's worship service.



Judy Burton, left, talks with Doris Brown and Tasha Brock, during the meet and greet time at Flat Rock.



Leonard Barton takes offering from Ronnie and Shirley Mason on Sunday morning.



Deacon and Sunday School Superintendent Perry Montjoy gave the Sunday School report on Sunday morning.



Doris Brown greeted Carter Renner on Sunday morning at Flat Rock Missionary Baptist Church. Mrs. Brown is the church clerk and was passing out bulletins before church services.



Nola Holt, left, and Betty Jo Laswell took care of the visual aids for Sunday morning's service at Flat Rock.

Church News

(Cont. from A7)

Baptist Church and Gift of Grace. All proceeds will go to the ceiling fund. There will also be a Sunrise Service at the church on Sun., March 23 at 6 a.m. Bro. Jerry Owens and congregation cordially invite everyone to attend these events. For more information, call Bro. Owens at 256-3075.

Easter Cantata

Roundstone Baptist Church will present an Easter Cantata entitled "Amen" at 11 a.m. on Sunday, March 23rd. Pastor Rick Reynolds and congregation cordially invite everyone to attend.

Special Easter Series

For our Easter series of sermons this year at First Christian Church, we will be exploring "The Bread of Life: God's Power Toward Us." We will also celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord with a special Sunrise Service at 7:30 on March 23, followed by a breakfast.

You were made for a relationship with God. We'd love to show you how to finally have that relationship of peace and love and joy with your Creator. Join us in our pursuit of His Majesty.

Revival at Valley Baptist

Bro. Bobby Turner will hold revival services at Valley Baptist Church March 23 through the 28th with services at 6 .m. on Sunday and 7 p.m. Monday thru Friday. There will be special music each night. Bro. Tony Shelton, pastor and congregation invite everyone to attend.

Benefit Singing

Maple Grove Baptist Church will hold a Benefit Singing on Saturday, March 22 at 7 p.m. featuring Roy and Kay Himes of Lighthouse Baptist Church and Gift of Grace.

All proceeds will go to the church's ceiling fund.

Bro. Jerry Owens and congregation cordially invite everyone to attend. For more information, call Bro. Owens at 606-256-3075.

Easter Cantata

Pastor Don Stayton and Bible Baptist Church invite everyone to attend their Easter Cantata "Calvary's Lamb." This performance will take place this Saturday, March 22 at 7 p.m. and on Sunday, March 23 at 7 p.m. This event, by the Bible Baptist Church Choir, is also featured with a full drama presentation.

Good Friday Service

Mt. Vernon Church of God will be a special Good Friday Service March 21 at 7 p.m. There will be special singing, a communion service and old-time foot washing. There will also be a Sunrise Service on Easter morning at 6:30, with breakfast following and an Easter Egg hunt for the children after morning services. Everyone welcome.

Easter Services

Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church will have services at 7 p.m. on Holy Thursday and Good Friday, March 20 and 21 and Mass on Easter Sunday, March 23 at 9 a.m.

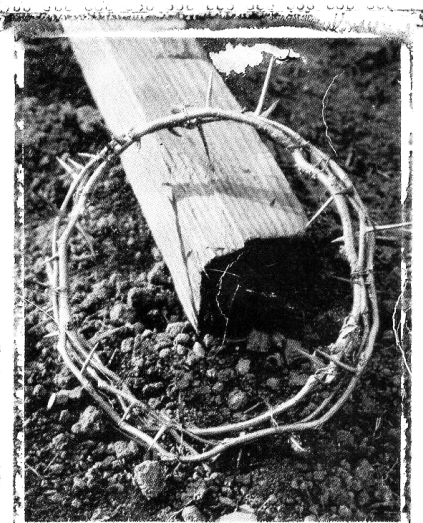
Everyone is welcome. The church is located on Williams St. opposite the elementary school. For more information, call 256-4170.

Community Sunrise Service

The Annual Crab Orchard Easter Community Sunrise Service will be held at 7:30 a.m. Easter morning in the Crab Orchard Cemetery. The speaker this year will be Bro. Dan Gutenson from Watts Chapel Baptist Church.

We would like to encourage all area churches to participate, as well as the entire community. The service will be followed by a fellowship (pitch-in) breakfast at the Crab Orchard Christian Church.

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MVES hosts Book Fair

Just in time to fill Easter baskets with "reading goodies", the Mt. Vernon Elementary School library will host a Scholastic Book Fair on Friday, March 21st from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

All parents, grandparents, family members, and community members are invited to attend our Reading Road Trip Book Fair to purchase books for themselves and their children. Selections range from adult titles to preschool books.

On Friday, March 21st from 4:00 to 8:00 pm the classroom with the most parents and family members attending the Reading Road Trip Book Fair will win a pizza party for their class. Come to the book fair to support your child's classroom and to get a great selection of

reading materials from Scholastic Books. These books make great Easter basket gifts or books to read in the car while on spring break.

The Book Fair will offer specially priced books and educational products, including new releases, award-winning titles, children's classics, interactive software, adult books, and current bestsellers from more than 150 publishers. In addition to these great buys, children can have their face painted for just 50 cents!

For questions or more information about the Mt. Vernon Elementary Library Reading Road Trip Book Fair, you may call our Library Media Specialist, Mrs. Sharon Lovell at 256-2953.

Grandparents Day to be held at MVES

In conjunction with our Spring, 2008 Scholastic Reading Road Trip Book Fair, MVES grandparents have been invited to come to Mt. Vernon Elementary to enjoy a nutritious lunch with their grandchild and shop at our spring book fair. Your grandchild should have already turned in a special "Grandparent's Day" form to the school for this event. It was necessary to pre-register for the event in order for our cafeteria staff to order and prepare adequate lunches. If grandparents did not pre-register for the event, they may still attend our special Grandparent's Day but must bring their own lunch.

Since parking is very limited, please carpool if possible. Some parking spaces are available in the Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church parking lot close to the school. The schedule for grandparents to

visit is as follows:

Monday, March 24th—from 9:45 to 10:45 for AM Kindergarten students

Monday, March 24th—from 11:45 to 12:45 for PM Kindergarten students

Tuesday, March 25th—from 10:50 to 12:00 for Primary 1 students

Wednesday, March 26th—from 11:05 to 12:05 for Primary 2 students

Thursday, March 27th—from 11:20 to 12:30 for Primary 3 students

Friday, March 28th—from 11:10 to 12:10 for 4th grade students

Friday, March 28th—from 12:00 to 1:00 for 5th grade students

Grandparents with questions about our book fair may call our Library Media Specialist, Mrs. Sharon Lovell, during school hours at 256-2953.

Mt. Vernon Message

School News

The mobile StarLab will be presented to 3rd and 4th graders by the Woodmen of the World on Thursday, March 20.

Our Spring Book Fair is scheduled for March 24-28. Family Night is scheduled for March 21st from 4:00 until 8:00.

Grandparents Day is as follows: March 24—Kindergarten; March 25—1st Grade; March 26—2nd Grade; March 27—3rd Grade; March 28—4th and 5th Grade.

RCHS Chautauqua will per-

MVES students raise \$1,929 for St. Jude's Hospital

Mrs. Lovell is pleased to announce that MVES students raised \$1,929.65 for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

The class with the most money collected was Mrs. Kathy Price's class with \$256.55. Mrs. Price's class has won the pizza party paid for by Mrs. Lovell. In addition to this prize, Miss Janelle Brown from Mrs. Price's class has won the Hannah Montana DVD from St. Jude's for collecting \$206.55 for cancer research.

We are extremely proud of the kind, caring participation of our MVES students in helping St. Jude's. Mrs. Lovell anticipates that the St. Jude's prizes that the children earned will be here when we get back from spring break. Thanks for helping St. Jude's.

form for 4th and 5th grades on March 26th.

FRC News

FRC Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26 at 11:00a.m. in the FRC room.

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

Project Wisdom

Readers for last week were: Monday: Katelynn Hensley Tuesday: Hannah Allen Wednesday: Cameron Coy Thursday: Alyssa Coffey Friday: Shelley Parkerson, 3rd grade teacher, was our mystery reader.

Our quote for this week is: "No man fails if he does his best."

Parent-teacher conferences at MVES next week

On Thursday, March 27th Mt. Vernon Elementary will hold parent teacher conferences from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Our spring book fair will also be open from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for parents to shop for quality educational books for themselves and their children. Our book fair titles range from preschool to adult titles, representing hundreds of publishers. Please remember to stop by our Reading Road Trip Scholastic Book Fair on Parent/Teacher Conference night to get some "great reads" for spring break!

Jeriah Hamm wins District Spelling Bee

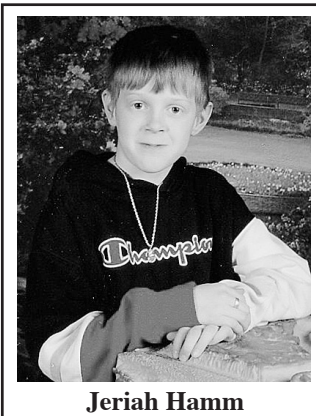
Brodhead Elementary School student Jeriah Konner Hamm was the final contestant competing for first place in the Rockcastle County School's Spelling Bee. Jeriah spelled against winners of Roundstone Elementary, Mt. Vernon Elementary and Rockcastle Middle School and emerged the winner.

This win qualified Jeriah to compete in the Derby Festival Spelling Bee. The sponsorship of Kentucky Farm Bureau and Churchill Downs makes the event possible.

Jeriah spelled in a State Spelling Bee Saturday, March 15th in the Triple Crown Room at Churchill Downs. Jeriah would like to thank Mrs. Trina Bussell and Mrs. Patsy Alcorn for all their support and encouragement.

Jeriah received numerous awards and a much appreciated letter from State Representative Danny Ford.

Jeriah is the son of Kevin Hamm and Beth Pyles and the grandson of J.O. and Sarah Hamm and Anne Miller Hayes, of Mt. Vernon.



Jeriah Hamm

Minds in the Middle

On Tuesday, the Rockcastle Public Library held their weekly story hour at the RCMS media center. Our touring theatre students performed the musical "Aesop's Fables." We greatly enjoyed having the preschoolers visit our school.

The grading period will end this Friday, March 21st. Progress reports can be picked up on Thursday, March 27th at our Parent Teacher conferences after school until 3:00.

We are accepting applications for the Rogers Explorers program. This summer program is a hands-on three day, two night program focusing on defining skills in math and science. The program will be held at the University of the Cumberlands June 1-3. Applications for the program are open to all eighth graders and at least three RCMS students will be chosen. Applications and additional information can be received from Ms. Cromer or Mrs. Hale. The deadline to apply is March 25th.

The 4-H poetry contest will be held on Friday, March 21st. Students can contact Mrs. Mink for more information and should have their poems turned in to Mrs. Mink by Thursday March 20th.

Congratulations to the RCMS students who received blue ribbons in the annual 4-H

Variety Show. Those winners were Alyssa Allen and Tiffany Collins. We wish them the best in their next competition.

The weekly attendance banner now hangs on the door of Mrs. Karen Powell's 7th grade Adventurers homeroom. Coming in second place last week was Mrs. Charlotte Bullock's 6th grade Enterprisers. In 3rd place was Mrs. Donna Roberts' 8th grade Challengers.

The Kentucky State Police will be here on Tuesday and Wednesday with an exhibit of drug information. All students will be able to view the exhibit and receive valuable information about remaining drug free. This past Tuesday we were fortunate enough to have Miss Kentucky, Kaitlyn Postal, share information about tobacco use with us in a very motivational message.

Next Thursday, the 8th grade Comets will be enjoying a trip to Applebee's Park. Thanks to Gear-up for sponsoring this career oriented trip.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mr. Coguer and his family in the loss of his dear father Larry Coguer. Our hearts are also saddened for Matthew Pruitt in the loss of his beautiful sister. We are praying for you both.

"Points East"

(Cont. from A2)

grown, already starting to grow spurs and large enough to do some damage if they'd wanted to put up a real fight. These fowl were more akin to turkeys than any chicken you'll ever see in your grocery store.

I will not bore you with the gory details but in a few short minutes I had three of the roosters ready for hot water. The original plan was that I would cut them up and get them ready for the freezer while the women plucked off the feathers until we'd slaughtered all 16.

By 3:00 PM we had managed to get the feathers off these three and I had two of them cut up and another dressed out whole for baking. By then the rain was coming down hard, the fire was out and the temperature had dropped several degrees.

So Layne and I left the tub sitting on the blocks at our friend's place and decided that we'd come back in a couple of weeks when the weather is warmer and the wood is dry. I believe I counted fifteen roosters that will eat another hundred pounds of feed between now and then.

In the meantime I am content that I at least remembered how to clean and skin a chicken gizzard.

Rockcastle County High School Academic Honor Roll



Rockcastle County High School Senior Emily Renner has a grade point average of 4.2 and is ranked 10th of the 204 seniors in the 2008 graduating class. Emily is the daughter of Danny and Debbie Renner of Orlando. Emily plans to attend Somerset Community College in the fall and is undecided on her major field of study. Emily is a member of FCA and FBLA where she serves as the club's secretary. While at RCHS, Emily has also been a member of UNITE and the Rocket Club. Emily is deeply involved in the Youth Activities at Northside Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon where she is a member of the Leadership Team and she is a co-op student at the Rockcastle Hospital.

Six from Rockcastle named to Dean's List

The University of Kentucky is proud to recognize the outstanding academic performance of its students, including six students from Rockcastle County who were named to the UK Dean's List for the fall 2007 semester.

The students from Rockcastle County on the UK Dean's List are: Daniel Craig Bustle, a junior studying community leadership and development from Brodhead; Joshua Caleb Nation, a freshman studying computer engineering from Mt. Vernon; Hillary Jordan Proctor, a freshman studying career and technical education from Brodhead; Joshua Webber Razor, a sophomore studying in the College of Arts and Sciences from Mt. Vernon; William Matthew Whitaker, a junior studying community leadership and development from Mt. Vernon; and Nicholas Glenn Williams, a junior studying education from Mt. Vernon.

To make a Dean's List in one of the UK colleges, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.6 or higher and must have earned 12 credits or more in that semester, excluding credits earned in pass-fail classes. Some UK colleges require a 3.5 GPA to make the Dean's List.

A total of 4,297 students achieved Dean's List recognition.

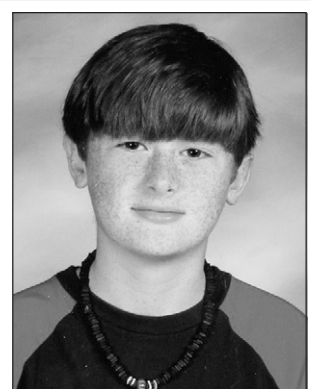
"UK is happy to tout the academic success of its students, such as those who have been named to the fall 2007 Dean's List," said UK President Lee T. Todd Jr. "The success of our students reflects well on them, their parents, the high schools from which they graduated, and our faculty at the university."

Local Student inducted into Honor Society

Genna Marie Cummins of Mt. Vernon was one of the thirteen new members inducted into the Kentucky Beta Chapter at its annual banquet at the Cumberland Inn on February 13. Kathryn DeLozier, chapter president, presided.

The Kentucky Beta Chapter of Kappa Mu Epsilon, a national mathematics honor society, was founded in 1993 and is only the second such chapter in Kentucky. To be eligible to be a member of Kappa Mu Epsilon, a student must have completed 3 semesters, must be in the top 3 percent of their college class, must have completed 3 college-level math courses including at least one semester of calculus, and must have an average of B or higher in all math courses.

For the 2008-2009 school year, the Kentucky Beta Chapter elected Teresa Shaffer as president, Dustin Ursey as vice president, Joshua Ward as secretary, and Andrzej Lenard as treasurer. Dr. John Hymo serves as chapter sponsor, and Dr. Jonathan Ramey serves as corresponding secretary.



Tristan Girod, a fifth grade student at Kingston Elementary School, was presented with a Harry Potter hard cover book set along with The Chronicles of Narnia for academic excellence. He achieved the highest percentage for the AR scores in fifth grade. Tristan maintains a 4.0 average. He also enjoys playing basketball and football. Tristan is the son of Anthony and Doraann Girod of Richmond and is the grandson of the late Dewey and Maggie Gilbert of Livingston.



On Thursday, March 6th, Rockcastle SkillsUSA took 39 students to London for Regional Competition at Somerset Community College. They competed in leadership skills as well as skills in their program area. Those who placed first were: Mitchell Weaver-Action Skills, Beverly Miller and Cody DeBoard- Promotional Bulletin Board, Mary Ella Bryant- Creed, Ashlee Douglas- Job Demo Open, Dakota McFerron and Dakota Mahaffey-Chapter Display, Gary Keith Caldwell-Industrial Motor Control and Angel Smith-Prepared Speech. Second place were: Jacob Jones-Poster, Alan Young- Job Demo Open, Aaron Edester-Technical Related Math, Nathan Mullins- Automotive Technology, Tommy Spencer-Welding Sculpture and Cody Carpenter- Industrial Motor Control. Third place were: Josh Ballard-Action Skills, Blake Saylor- Job Demo A, Katrina Chasteen- Extemporaneous Writing, David Page- Industrial Motor Control, and our Open/Close Team, (Cody Carpenter, Gary Keith Caldwell, Brandon Childress, J.T. Winkler, Thomas McClure, Matt Durham and David Page). First place will advance to state level on April 1-4 in Louisville.

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Fall to Ohio County 60-56

Lady Rockets lose again in first round of Sweet 16

By: Richard Anderkin
 Hopes were high for the Rockcastle County High School Lady Rockets to pick up that first-ever state tournament win last Wednesday night, but it just wasn't in the cards, as the Lady Eagles of Ohio County, defeated the Lady Rockets 60-56 in the first round of the state tournament in Bowling Green.

At times, especially in the first half, the Lady Rockets appeared to have the superior team, leading by as many as ten points and taking an eight point lead into the dressing room at half-time, but it wasn't enough as the Lady Eagles of Ohio County handed the 12th region champs their fifth straight first round tournament loss.

Rockets drew first blood in the third period, jumping out to a ten point lead at 34-24. But, with 5:44 to play in the third period, the Lady Eagles put up 19 unanswered points to go ahead 43-34 at the 2:25 mark of the third period.

The Lady Rockets trailed by four at the end of the third period at 43-39, but fought back to the tie score at 43, just 50 seconds into the fourth period.

The Lady Rockets took the lead at 45-43 and then again at 47 to 45. Their last lead was 49 to 48 with 5:26 left in the contest.

But with 5:16 to play in the fourth the Lady Eagles took the lead at 50-49 and never looked back. The Lady Rockets did manage to tie the game at 52 with 4:12 to play, but they

would never have the lead again, losing by a final of 60-56.

The Lady Rockets outrebounded Ohio County 41-36, but turned the ball over 29 times to Ohio County's 23. Those 29 turnovers resulted in 26 Ohio County points, while the Lady Rockets managed only 11 points off Ohio County's turnovers.

The Lady Eagles also scored 19 points on offensive rebounds while the Rockets managed only ten on second chance points.

The Lady Rocket bench again stepped up, outscoring the subs from Ohio County, 14-3.

The Lady Rockets shot better from three point land, the field and free throw line than

their opponent. Rockcastle was 20 for 48 from the field, two for four from three point range and 14 for 24 from the free throw line. Ohio County was only 23 of 60 from the field, two of 18 from three point range and just 12 of 23 from the foul line. The second chance points were the difference in the game.

The Lady Rockets' leading scorer on the season and only senior, Sarah Rowe had 20 points and five rebounds.

Lady Rocket freshman forward/center, Sara Hammond led her team in rebounds with 18 and she scored eight points on the night.

Hammond's 18 rebounds, five offensive and 13 defensive, was the fourth highest rebounding total for a single game in the history of the girl's Sweet 16.

Junior Morgan Collins accounted for eight of the Lady Rockets' 14 points off the bench, getting all eight in the first half.

Juniors Katy Mattingly and Ashley Robinson each scored seven points and had four rebounds apiece.

Junior point guard Mary Saylor failed to score, but she led her team in assists with a game high nine.

Freshman Angie Lawrence came off the bench to score four points and junior Nicole Locklear also came off the bench to score two.

Ohio County lost in the second round of the tournament by 29 to Butler. Butler would go on to win the tournament.

The Lady Rockets and head coach Chrysti Noble, ended another great season with a mark of 23-9.



Lady Rocket asst. coaches, Derek Dotson, left and Brandy Reynolds, right, look on as freshman Angie Lawrence shoots one of three free throws with three seconds left on the clock. Lawrence had four points off the bench in the 60-56 loss. All total the bench accounted for 14 points.



Junior Ashley Robinson prepares to put up a free throw in the second half of the Lady Rockets' 60-56 loss in the first round of the state tournament. Robinson had seven points and four rebounds in the contest.



Lady Rocket junior Morgan Collins brings the ball up against Ohio County in the first half of the state tournament game last week in Bowling Green. Collins helped her team to a 32-24 halftime lead, after scoring eight points in the half. (Sports photos by: Richard Anderkin).



RCHS Lady Rocket assistant coach Brandy Reynolds gives Sarah Rowe an encouraging pat on the shoulder as she and teammate Mary Saylor led the Lady Rockets onto the floor for warm-ups before their contest with Ohio County in the first round of the Girl's Sweet 16 in Bowling Green. The Lady Rockets lost 60-56, after leading at half-time by eight points.



Lady Rocket fans turned out in force last Wednesday night to cheer on their team. Among those making the trip to the Sweet 16 in Bowling Green on Wednesday night were from left: Amanda Settles, Jordan Taylor, Ashley Marcum, Whitney Fry and Beth Renner.

Rockcastle High School Girls' Linescores

12th Region
 Semi-Finals at Lincoln Co.
 Friday March 7th

Rockcastle 83 - Mercer 42

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCHS	20	18	27	18	83
Mercer	4	11	14	13	42

Scoring - Jackie Alexander 17, Sarah Rowe 14, Ashley Robinson 6, Mary Saylor 13, Sara Hammond 14, Morgan Collins 6, Nicole Locklear 2, Sasha Bullock 2, Chelsey Hensley 2, Sarah McKinney 2, Kristen Abney 5.

Rockcastle 57 - Casey 48

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCHS	6	18	17	16	57
Casey	10	7	15	16	48

Scoring - Mary Saylor 31, Sarah Rowe 17, Sara Hammond 3, Katy Mattingly 3, Angie Lawrence 2, Morgan Collins 1.

Rockcastle 56 - Ohio Co. 60

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCHS	17	15	7	17	56
Ohio	12	12	19	17	60

Scoring - Sarah Rowe 20, Sara Hammond 8, Katy Mattingly 7, Angie Lawrence 4, Morgan Collins 8, Ashley Robinson 7, Nicole Locklear 2.

Rockcastle Co. High School 2008 Baseball Schedule

49th District Champions		2006 & 07 47th District Champions		13th Region Champions	
"93", "94", "98", "00", "01", "02", "03", "04", "05"				"00", "01", "03", "04"	
Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time	Team
March 15	Sat.	Whitley Co. (Scrimmage)	HOME	12:00 pm	V/JV
March 18	Tue.	Madison Southern (Scrimmage)	HOME	5:00 pm	V/JV
March 24	Mon.	OPEN			
March 25	Tue.	OPEN			
March 27	Thurs.	Lexington Dunbar	Away	8:00 pm	V only
March 28	Fri.	Jackson Co.	HOME	5:30 pm	V/JV
March 29	Sat.	Spring Break			
April 4	Fri.	Cocoa Expo	Cocoa, FL	TBA	6 Varsity 8 JV
April 7	Mon.	OPEN			
April 8	Tues.	Pulaski Co.	Away	5:30 pm	JV/Frosh
April 10	Thurs.	Pulaski Co.* (Little League Night)	HOME	5:30pm	V/JV
April 11	Fri.	Rockcastle vs. Campbellsville		7:30pm	V only
April 12	Sat.	Rockcastle vs. Cumberland Gap TN.		12:00pm	V only
		Rockcastle vs. Knox Central		2:00 pm	V only
April 14	Mon.	Casey Co.*	Away	5:30 pm	V/JV
April 15	Tues.	OPEN			
April 17	Thurs.	Somerset*	HOME	5:30 pm	V/JV
April 18	Fri.	Corbin	Away	5:30 pm	V/JV
April 19	Sat.	Mercer Co.	Away	11:00 am	V/JV
April 21	Mon.	Pulaski Co.*	Away	5:30 pm	V/JV
April 22	Tues.	Madison Central	Away	5:30 pm	V only
April 24	Thurs.	Casey Co.*	HOME	5:30 pm	V/JV
April 25	Fri.	Lincoln Co.	HOME	5:30 pm	JV/Frosh
April 26	Sat.	Rockcastle vs. Whitley Co.	Whitley Co.	10:00 am	V only
		Rockcastle vs. Middlesboro	Whitley Co.	12:30 pm	V only
April 28	Mon.	Somerset*	Away	5:30 pm	V/JV
April 29	Tues.	OPEN			
May 1	Thurs.	Boyle Co.	Away	5:30 pm	V/JV
Death Valley Baseball Classic @ Lincoln Co. High School					
May 2	Fri.	Rockcastle vs. Lincoln Co.		5:30 pm	V only
May 3	Sat.	Rockcastle vs. Lafayette		12:30pm	V only
		Rockcastle vs. Franklin Co.		3:00pm	V only
May 5	Mon.	Southwestern	HOME	5:30 pm	V/JV
May 6	Tue.	Henry Clay	Away	5:30 pm	V/JV
May 8	Thurs.	Corbin	HOME	5:30pm	V/JV
May 9	Fri.	Clark Co.	Away	6:00 pm	V only
May 10	Sat.	West Jessamine (JV Tournament)	Away		JV only
May 12	Mon.	Southwestern	Away	5:30 pm	V/JV
May 13	Tue.	North Laurel	HOME	5:30 pm	V/JV
May 15	Thurs.	West Jessamine	HOME	6:00pm	V only
May 16	Fri.	Mercer Co.	HOME	5:30pm	V/JV
May 19 - 24	Mon-Sat	47th District Tournament	Pulaski Co.		(T.B.A.)
May 26 - May 31	Mon-Sat	12th Region Tournament	Boyle Co.		(T.B.A.)
June 4-6	Wed-Fri	Section 6 Semi-State Play-In	10th Region		(T.B.A.)
June 11-14	Wed-Sat	Kentucky Final 8	Applebee's Park		Lexington, KY

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As usual, the RCCHS Pep Band made the trip to Bowling Green for the first round of the Sweet 16 game between the Lady Rockets and the Lady Eagles of Ohio County on Wednesday night. Shown above on the trumpets are Richard Barron, left and David Harris. In the background is Ethan Miller on the tuba and in the foreground is Rachel Hemsley.

“Government should work to grow budget, not the federal budget”

By Senator Mitch McConnell

Passing a budget in Washington is a chance for Congress to show what's more important: increasing the family budget for millions of Americans, or increasing the federal budget to grow government. This year, the liberal Democrats who control Congress picked the wrong answer.

According to the Democrats' own budget documents, their budget proposes to hike annual discretionary spending above the \$1 trillion mark for the first time ever. They would spend \$800 billion from the Social Security surplus, run a deficit of \$400 billion, and increase our national debt by over \$2 trillion. To pay for these massive spending increases, they seek to impose the largest tax hikes in American history.

Liberal Democrats claim they only want to raise taxes on “the rich.” But to them, “rich” means a single worker earning \$34,000 a year, or a married couple earning \$63,000. That means your average single Kentucky schoolteacher, or a police officer married to a nurse and raising a family, will see their taxes go up.

Under their budget, the average American family of four will pay an extra \$2,300 a year to the taxman. That much money could buy groceries for the same family to last over eight months. Or the money could fill up the family car gas tank, and keep the oil changed, for about a year. The record-busting budget endorsed by Washington Democrats will make it harder for families to afford these everyday, necessary items.

In all, 43 million families will suddenly become “rich” thanks to this budget and face higher

taxes. Nearly 20 million seniors will face tax hikes of more than \$2,000 a year. Nearly eight million lower-income workers who currently pay no tax at all would find themselves added to the tax rolls. And tens of millions of small businesses, which create two out of every three new jobs in America, will have to fork over \$4,100 more a year to the government instead of reinvesting that money back into the economy.

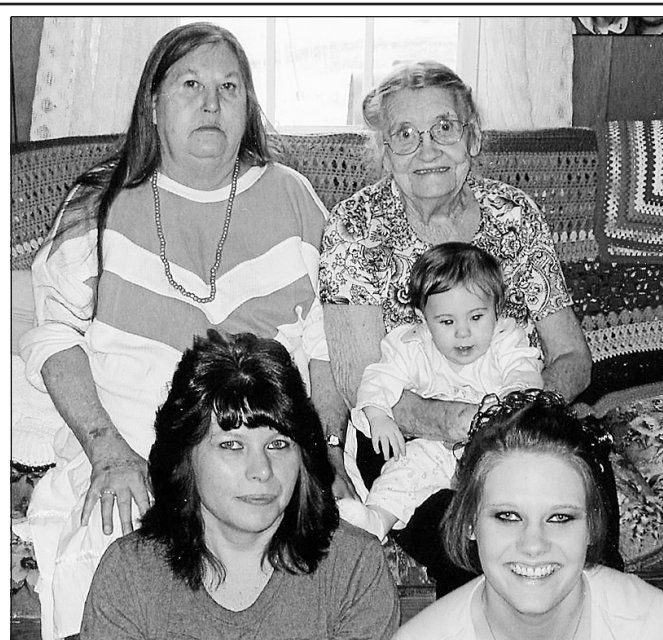
Kentucky will pay its share of the new tax burden, too. Over 250,000 Kentuckians will face higher tax rates on dividends and capital gains, including many seniors who count on this as retirement income. Over 450,000 Kentucky families will pay an income tax marriage penalty, and 380,000 will lose the valuable child tax credit. Over all, more than 1.4 million Kentuckians will see their taxes increase substantially.

When Democrats last controlled Congress over a dozen years ago, they passed a budget with what was then the largest tax hike in history. Astonishingly, it was only about one-third the size of what they propose now.

Republicans recognized that the best economic policy was to lower tax rates and let the great American economy get to work. We did, and created millions of jobs in the process.

The way to stay on this path is not to raise taxes, but to keep them low, control the growth of entitlement spending, and pay down the federal deficit. In short, government should work to grow the family budget, not the federal budget.

**Senator McConnell is the Senate Republican Leader and only the second Kentuckian to lead his party in the U.S. Senate.*



Five Generations

Five generations (all female) of the family of Elsie McFerron Cromer of Mt. Vernon are shown above. Back row on the right is Elsie holding her great great granddaughter, Alexis. On Elsie's left is her daughter, Edith. Bottom row on the left is Edith's daughter, Clara and on the right is Clara's daughter, Savannah, mother of Alexis.

Leadership Rockcastle returns from Retreat

The 2008 Leadership Rockcastle class returned from their opening weekend retreat Saturday, February 16th. The group consisting of (17) community members traveled to Prestonsburg, KY on Friday, February 15th to meet Brushy Fork facilitator, Peter Hille. Sessions were held at the Mountain Arts Center both Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. The Tupelo success story, a movie called “Paper Clips” and testing to find their personality style were part of the agenda.

On Saturday afternoon, the group traveled to Hindman for a series of tours. The first stop was the Kentucky School of Crafts. The tour was given by jewelry instructor, Mr. Doug Harling. This facility also teaches woodworking and in the future will include pottery. The town of Hindman has developed studio incubators and an Artisan Gallery to encourage economic development growth. Graduates from the Kentucky School of Crafts can rent a space to produce their craft and market it in the Artisan Center Gallery. The class toured the recently renovated spaces on Main Street.

The tour ended with the “New Beginnings Early Childhood Development Center” in Hazard. Director, Ms. Gerry Roll gave the tour of this exceptional childcare center.

Leadership Rockcastle 2008 will meet once each month to continue leadership and community topics. Leadership Rockcastle, which began in 2004, has (55) graduates. The

2008 class will now participate in the monthly Leadership Rockcastle Alumni meeting and will bring the total number for that group to (72). The Alumni group discusses, educates, and brings action to the many important issues facing our county.

The participants this year are: Roy Adams, Johnnie Coffey, Joe Cummins, Leon Davidson, Eddie Delaney, Joannie Edgington, Edwina (Eddie) Fields, Robert Fields, Nancy Hale, Matthew Hupp, Joshua Hampton, Shelley Raines Lewis, Sheila Lovell, Kelli Loudermilk, Becky McNabb, Randall Powell and Arielle Reese.

Senate Week in Review...

By Ed Worley
State Senator

For the past two legislative sessions, the General Assembly has sought ways to deal with the Kentucky Retirement Systems' seriously under funded pension plan. This week, we passed the Senate Committee Substitute to House Bill 600 that makes a firm commitment to preserve the retirement plan for all current and retired employees. This does not make any changes to the current employees' plan. However, in order to protect those already in the system, all concerned agree -- there has to be changes in future employee benefits.

If no action is taken to reform our retirement systems within the decade, the retirement systems could be flat broke. This would create an enormous debt that state government could not overcome, thus creating an inability for the state to honor our obligations to Kentucky retirement fund members.

House Bill 600, as amended by the Senate, will now go back to the House of Representatives for their consideration. I will work in a bipartisan way to further improve this bill, which I suspect will end up in a conference committee where it will gain its final draft. I will keep you updated on our progress.

Besides the pension plan, we also addressed a host of other issues this week, including the safety of children. Senate Bill 120 would require children under the age of 7 and shorter than 50 inches to use a booster seat when riding in a car, or the driver would face a \$30 fine. In lieu of paying a fine, violators could show proof they bought a booster seat. Our goal is not to punish parents. We just want to make sure all children are safe when out on our roads.

We also want children to feel

safe at school. For many years, we have worked to make sure all school districts take adequate steps to prevent bullying in our schools. We were pleased that House Bill 91 passed the Senate and look forward to seeing the bill get stronger as it goes back to the House for further consideration.

We also want to protect innocent animals, and we took a step in that direction with Senate Bill 58. This bill would upgrade the punishment for torturing a dog or cat to a felony. Currently, the first offense is a misdemeanor, but research shows light punishment has not been effective against people who would treat our faithful companions so ruthlessly.

Senate Bill 182 would allow Kentuckians to list their emergency contact information when they renew their driver's license. The information would not be printed on the license, but it would be available to officials, including law enforcement, in case of an emergency such as a traffic accident.

Finally, in our ongoing efforts to show veterans our respect, we approved House Bill 227 to create a fund to pay for the burial of veterans whose families cannot afford a decent service. These brave men and women sacrificed a great deal for our freedom and human rights, and this is a small but important way to show that every last one of them are appreciated, right until the end.

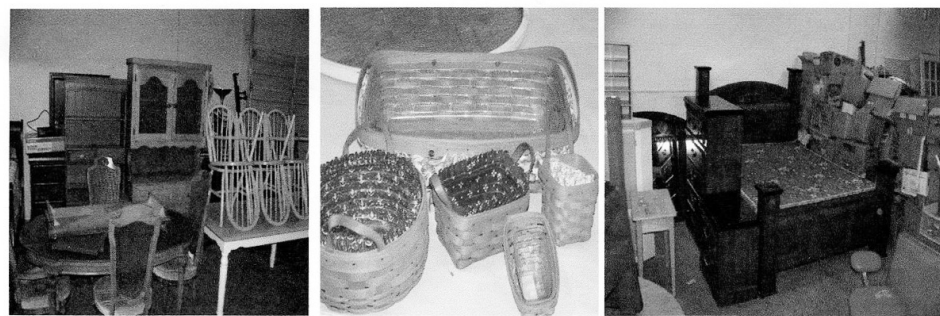
It has been a long session already, but our toughest work is still before us. As the nights get longer, it is more important than ever to stay informed. Follow us online at www.lrc.ky.gov, and if you have an opinion on any bill, call our Legislative Message Line at 1-800-372-7181 or you can e-mail me at ed.worley@lrc.ky.gov.

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Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
"Wood Paves the Way"

Using wood outside of the house is not a new concept. Commonly, porches, decks and fences are constructed of wood. Also, benches, arbors maybe a gazebo are generally wooden.

Today, let's consider using wood in the yard beyond the deck or patio.

Wooden paths, boardwalks, and raised seating or entertaining areas not attached to the house is what I'd like to explore. Maybe expand your views a bit as to uses for wood.

Wooden paths, bridges, roads and piers are not really new. Nor are they really that complicated on the residential size project. I've been asked more than once to design a backyard stream with a bridge to the other side.

Paths, bridges, observation "towers" built of wood can last at least 20 years, often longer. The point that needs emphasis, though, is that the timber should be cedar, redwood, or some other very durable wood, or "pressure treated" with a copper-containing solution.

Pressure treated lumber is available at most building supply stores. Wood actually in contact with wet soil probably should be of the grade treated with a .40% copper solution instead of the standard .25% (ask your lumber store.)

Wood paths and roads are one of the oldest forms of paving. Anciently, the Japanese used wooden paths. In early America, logs were split to form "corduroy" roads for the stagecoaches to travel over soft muddy sections of the way.

Long raised paths can be somewhat more expensive than concrete or stone; but, you'll have a very special path if you build all or part from wood. (You know, like in the Monopoly game, "Boardwalk" is a place of distinction!)

Besides wooden paths, extending from a dock or landing, there are bridges. Then maybe raised observation points along or at the end of the "boardwalk". Perhaps a pier into a waterfeature or lake. Perhaps a tree house or a raised deck around a big tree. Why don't you try dreaming of where a wooden path might lead?

I would submit to you that a wooden path is as easy as concrete or stone and quite durable. And more interesting and user-friendly than either.

Consider a foundation of sound used RR crossies if you want to keep new wood up off the ground. Or, concrete piers for your treated posts.

Don't let this all sound daunting.

If you have a stream, wetland, or valley to cross, consider paving the way with wood for a lovely view.

The author is a landscaper specializing in waterfeatures and stonework. Contact max@rockcastles.com or visit www.rockcastles.com

Gear Up Financial aid for college

I won't qualify.
The application is too hard.
Even with aid, I won't be able to afford school.

Students and parents can list numerous reasons for not applying for financial aid, but high school guidance counselors and college financial aid advisers believe the facts behind the financial aid myths can encourage families to throw away the excuses.

Berea College Financial Aid Director Bryan Erslan, who is also current president of the Kentucky Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, added his thoughts to those of school counselors to dispel the following myths.

Myth: You have to pay the entire cost a university charges for an education.

Fact: Schools reduce the fees based on merit and need, Erslan says. Students can get grants and scholarships based on their academic achievement. They can also receive grants, loans and other cost reduction benefits, like work study, based on their family's financial need.

Myth: You won't qualify for financial aid.

Fact: "The need varies at each institution because the costs vary," Erslan says. He encourages families to find out the specific cost details for each school and to fill out the financial aid application to know where they truly stand.

Myth: You can't call a university's financial aid office to ask questions until your child is accepted.

Fact: University financial aid offices are staffed with people who are prepared to answer questions for families. Although they might not be able to give you specific information about what financial aid your child will receive until your child has been accepted and filled out certain paperwork, they can answer questions and point you to other resources.

Myth: Guardians can fill out financial aid forms instead of parents.

Fact: If a student is living with a guardian rather than a parent, the student needs to fill out the form and include financial information from the parent. If it is not possible to get that financial information, a student might be able to get a dependency override, which means he or she wouldn't have to include parental information on the form.

Counselors say one of the biggest mistakes they see is that families miss the priority deadline of March 15 for the FASFA form. Another that Erslan identifies is students saving money in their own name. He explains that student savings is calculated at a higher rate than parent savings, so it's advantageous for a student to save money in his or her parent's name.


High schools typically hold a financial aid information night in January or February to help families through the financial aid process. There are also a number of recommended web sites families can check for assistance, such as: www.kheaa.com, www.fastweb.com, www.KnowHow2Go.com and www.fasfa4caster.ed.gov/.

The FAFSA4caster is especially helpful because it answers questions from "What is federal student aid?" to "How do you apply?"

Parents can use the 4caster even when their children are still in the eighth grade to get an estimate of the kind of aid that might be available for their family. By creating scenarios based on possible future earnings for the family and entering that information into the 4caster, families can get an early estimate of college costs and help creating a college savings strategy. When it's time to fill out the FASFA form, some of the information the family has already entered into the 4caster can be transferred to the FASFA form online so the family doesn't have to enter it again.

"The FASFA is a snapshot of a family's situation," Erslan emphasizes. He recognizes that it's possible for a family to have an unexpected loss of in-

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The Family Room

By: Dr. Roy Don Whitehead

For the past thirteen years I have been working as a counselor with victims of domestic violence. I have often asked them the question, "Which do you think is worse, emotional or physical abuse?" Approximately 80 percent have said, "I would rather be hit than emotionally abused." These are women who have experienced both kinds of abuse, so I consider them to be experts on the subject. At first I was surprised

by their answers, but they stand as a testimony to the power of emotional abuse.

There are several types of emotional abuse.

1. Verbal assault. This means putting her down or making her feel bad about herself, calling her names, making her think she is crazy or playing mind games with her. "The bruises go away," victims tell

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Last week we made the point of the importance of taking the scriptures in context. "rightly dividing the word of truth." Let's give an example: Paul in Rom.3:22 & 28 says, "Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: . . . Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law." Then in Rom.5:1 we read, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Now here is a classic example of how people take things out of context. Folks read the above verses, and then say that we are justified by "faith only". Now the only problem with this idea, is that it is just NOT so! Notice how Paul begins and ends the book of Romans, "By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:" Rom. 1:5; "But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith." So the context shows us that the kind of faith that saves, is an obedient faith. You see how people overlook the context of a book and jump to erroneous and false ideas. Let us handle accurately the word of truth.

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My Pets....

By Myrna Childress

I have had pets all my life. One of the first gifts my father gave me was a gray cat. I've even had boyfriends give me pets for gifts. I've had cats, dogs, fish, hamsters, canaries, mice, lizards, ponies, and calves. The love of animals was passed down to me and I, in turn, have passed it down to my sons. They will tell you that they too have always had a pet. Although I did deny my youngest once when he asked for a monkey, other than that, they've pretty much had their limit of pets and pet responsibilities. I think this dog obsession I have probably started with my great-grandfather, Emmett Parkerson, who bred and sold fox hounds. He bred, bought and sold his dogs. He also hunted, which was a popular sport during that time. I have an old check that he had written in 1930 for a dog. The amount was \$3.00. That was probably a good price for a dog back then. My grandmother told me that on the night her father died, the 25 or more hounds he had all howled at the same time for most of the night. We all love pets so much, that we can turn other non-pet people into pet people. My husband is a good example. His parents never allowed pets at their house. There were nine children to take care of and feed, so feeding a pet was impossible. The table scraps went to the hog that would later provide meat for the table. After we married the dogs and cats started coming and have never stopped.

One morning when my sons were growing up, we looked outside and realized we had a

new dog. Beside the back door lay a handsome collie/shepherd mix that the boys named Cid. Ole Cid was the best dog ever. We never knew where he came from but he lived with us for about ten years. He even survived being poisoned on anti-freeze. I had heard that bacon grease was an antidote to poisoning, so Mike held his mouth open while I poured the bacon grease down him. Apparently it makes the dog vomit to buy him some time until the vet can take over, and in Cid's case, it worked. When we got him to the vet, he determined right away that he'd been poisoned by anti-freeze because he had seen several pets in the county with the same symptoms as Cid. The vet had never heard of the old bacon grease remedy because he asked me how in the world that ole dog got so greasy. Anyhow, I learned that the real antidote to anti-freeze poisoning is pure grain alcohol. So for three days Ole Cid lay up at the vet's place with an IV of Vodka going straight into his veins. The boys and I visited everyday, but Cid was on such a drunk, he hardly knew us. I swear he had this sheepish smile on his face and blood shot eyes. We brought him home where he lived several more years as a member of our family. When we had the snow and ice storm several years back, the boys were afraid Cid would freeze so we brought him in the house. He'd never been allowed that luxury before so he crept around on his dog knees, constantly looking up at the ceiling. I'm sure he expected it to fall on him at anytime. He took himself away one day and we suppose he died with dig-

nity.

In 1994 the neighbor's dog attacked our cat Ollie, breaking her back. She lived a couple days at the vet clinic where I visited twice a day. She didn't make it; her injuries were just too much. It just so happened that there were two kittens at the clinic that had just lost their mother, guess who adopted them? We named them Abby and Rachel. They are still with us today. Both are in good health and still kill mice by the numbers.

In 2001 my oldest son Kyle brought home a gorgeous Siberian husky puppy that he named Jake. In July of that year, he bought Jake a lady friend, Jessie. Huskies are beautiful dogs, but very much pack animals. They travel and don't know when to stop if you let them run free.

Both my sons left home in 2002. First, in July, Neil went off to college and in August Kyle married his high school sweetheart, Melanie. Mike and I had the "empty nest" syndrome, and the cure was a West Highland White Terrier (Westie) we named Jazzy. We bought her in 2003. Neil visited weekends and it was on one of those weekends that he brought home Motorhead, a Saint Bernard. The boys couldn't have pets with them in their apartments so the dogs stayed with us. Here's what we had: Jake, Jessie, Motorhead, Jazzy, Abby and Rachel. You'd think that would be enough, but on Labor Day 2006, I searched the web and found a puppy mill rescue organization located in Burnside, Ky that had a female Yorkshire Terrier ready for adoption. Her story was so sad. I filled out the required application in order to adopt her and passed the test. I brought Miss Pixie home a week later. She was so afraid of us, especially Mike or any male. She had lived her short life outside in an old building with several other Yorkies used only for breeding. She had not been petted, played with, taught tricks or any of the things most people do with dogs. She hadn't had any medical attention and had lost all but two teeth. She also had six mammary tumors and cataracts. The rescue had paid for her to have the tumors removed and her teeth pulled before I got her. She has a tattoo in her ear with the number 25. Even yet, she still won't let anyone near her but me. She is happy and healthy and now has a forever home with us.

Through my love for Pixie, I have become aware of puppy mills. If you go to the website, you can find out more about the rescue and how one lady has rescued hundreds of unwanted, abused small dogs. One of the requirements to adoption was that I join her internet group and I'm so glad I did. I have made so many friends and saw so many doggies rescued and given good homes. Rescue dogs are the best!! Ms. Bobbie runs the rescue out of her home and relies solely on donations and group members who make themselves available to foster. They foster the animals until they are rehabilitated and ready for adoption. People from all over the United States have driven to her home in Burnside to adopt a special small dog. One special dog, Corky, is still at the rescue and has lived there for several years. His story is heartbreaking. He was born in 1999, a gorgeous Yorkie. And because he was so handsome, he was sold to the highest bidder for breeding purposes and money making only. He went to live in one of those terrible outside buildings. He was kicked and beaten every day. He didn't get away from the heavy metal door in time and the door was slammed down on his head, breaking his jaw. He wasn't taken to the vet, but was allowed to lay and suffer for days. He finally got so hungry that he learned to lie on his side and scoop up some food. Fortunately he was rescued and came to live with Bobbie. The head and jaw injury left him unable to keep his tongue in his mouth. Even though he runs around with a wagging tongue all the time, he's actually pretty satisfied and happy. He has not been adopted because he requires a special home, one with no other animals or children. He recently underwent more surgery on his mouth which has made him feel better but he

needs more surgery. We as a group are trying to save enough to get him mended for good.

If you see those adorable puppies at the flea markets or pet stores, they are more than likely puppy mill dogs. Puppy mill owners have even been known to do unthinkable things to defenseless animals. If they bark too much, they de-bark them. This is done by sticking a knife or a sharp object down their throat to cut the vocal cords. This remains one of the most inhumane acts I have ever heard of.

I fell in love with the Yorkie breed and this past spring I found myself wanting a puppy. By this time Kyle and Melanie had built a new home and took Jake, Jessie and a new dog, Bailey, a Weimaraner, with them. I retired from my job with the Board of Education and had plenty time on my hands, so I contacted Bobbie at the rescue about buying a puppy from a reputable breeder, not a mill or pet store. Not too long after that, along came Rowdy. He's a little dude, weighing in at 4 pounds. Motorhead still lives with us and he's grown to over 150 pounds. Jessie went on a run with Jake and never came back. We only hope that someone liked her looks, took her in and are being really, really good to her.

So to sum it up, life is good here for humans and pets alike. My brother-in-law calls me the "crazy dog lady" and a truer statement was never made. I hope that you will take the time to visit the SBRKY website and read about the dogs. You will find the history of the rescue as well as their procedures and policies for adoption. There is also information about making a donation. I also encourage you to go to the Rockcastle County Animal Shelter if you are looking for a pet. They always have a full house. My friend, Cass Ponder, is working to get those dogs adopted to good homes. It has been said that dogs are better than humans because they wag their tails instead of their tongues. But my favorite quote is from Charlie Brown, "Happiness is a warm puppy." I have found this to be very true.

Note-When I wrote this story, I had a very good friend in mind, Mr. Fred Morris. Fred loved my dog stories. He asked me to tell the story about Cid and the anti-freeze antidote many times. Sadly, Fred passed away before this story made it to the Signal, therefore, I would like to dedicate it to his memory. I imagine that Cid met Fred in heaven and that they are walking in the most beautiful, green valley together without a care in the world.

Pioneer Parade will be part of this year's Spring Festival

The City of Mt. Vernon's Spring Festival - Old Fashioned Tradin' Days - will take place on April 25th and 26th and, on Saturday, April 26th, a "Pioneer Parade" will be held.

Members of the community are invited to participate and dress in attire from the 1700s through the 1860's Civil War period. Transportation will be by horse drawn wagon or on foot and the parade will include representation of the American Indians, long hunters, pioneer families and Civil War re-enactors.

Any person or family wishing to participate should contact City Hall at 256-3437 or Lynn Tatum at 256-8007.

Financial Aid

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come or high medical expenses, for example, that make it impossible for that family to meet the expected family contribution. Erslan encourages families in that kind of situation to call the financial aid office. Each office, he says, has some ability to tailor financial aid to a student's specific situation.

Erslan adds: "It can be an overwhelming process, but there's a lot of help out there."

Family Room

(Cont. from A12)

me, "but the scars inside never heal." The scars are from being called "stupid, fat and ugly." The scars come from being told, "No one else would ever have you." Sometimes the abuser denies or minimizes the abuse, "I didn't hit you that hard." Often he blames the victim, "If you hadn't made me mad, I never would have hit you."

2. Isolation. The abuser tries to cut his victim off from outside sources of emotional support. He may alienate her family and friends by treating them badly. He may take away her car keys and destroy her cell phone. He may take her to another state or country where she does not know anyone. He will probably control where she goes and whom she sees.

3. Intimidation. The abuser may intimidate his victim by talking loudly, making threatening gestures or smashing and throwing furniture. She reacts with fear when he gets a certain look in his eyes or a certain tone of voice. He can intimidate her without ever touching her.

4. Economic abuse. The abuser will probably control the money and force her to ask for any that she needs, effectively treating her like a ten year old who has to ask Daddy for her allowance. He may forbid her to work or cause her to lose her job by calling or showing up at her work. If he does allow her to work, he may take her money as soon as she gets paid. If he can make her financially dependent on him, it is harder for her to leave.

5. Using male privilege. The abuser may demand that she obey him because "I am the man of the house. You have to do what I say." He may use religion to justify his demands and even quote Scripture. She may feel obligated to do what he says, even while he treats her like a servant.

6. Threats. He may threaten to hurt her or the children if she ever tries to leave. He may threaten to take the children from her, either in court, by reporting her to social services or by kidnapping them. He may threaten to kill himself if she leaves.

7. Using children. He may try to make her feel guilty about raising the children apart from their daddy. Visitation may become a chance for him to harass and frighten her. He may send messages to her through the children, or tell the children that "it's mommy's fault we aren't a family anymore."

Certainly physical abuse is horrible, but emotional abuse also carries its own pain. The abuser systematically beats down the victim's self esteem in order to control her. It is a kind of brainwashing, and it is very effective.

[Much of this material is from the "Power and Control Wheel," developed by the Duluth Domestic Violence Project. Copies are available from Family Life Abuse Center by calling 800-755-2017.]

Development

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know to describe community economic development is, "creating an environment in a community which promotes investment by businesses inside and outside of the community that stimulates growth and creates jobs."

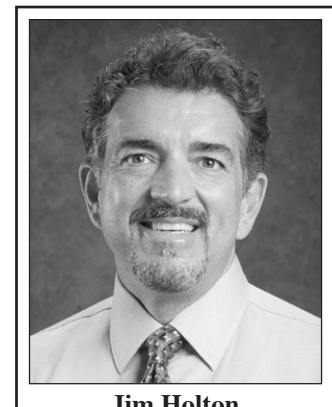
Recently, you may have heard talk about a countywide land use master plan needing to be developed, which would eventually lead to planning and zoning in all of the incorporated cities and the entire county. There has also been discussions with elected officials and community leaders about the need to implement a 2% countywide occupational tax to fund community economic development efforts. These are important issues to be understood and designed so the people of Rockcastle County will know the facts about what it truly takes for community economic development to happen in our county.

There are also many other vitally important projects happening in the county involving tourism, infrastructure improvements and leadership development. Collectively, these projects create the environment for stimulating solid and sustained growth opportunities for Rockcastle County's economy for many years to come.

Now, over the course of the next 11 articles, I will do my best to break down that definition and tell you what I think it means in more detail. Do we want to create jobs for the people of Rockcastle County? The answer is a resounding YES. But in order for us to create jobs, we have NO CHOICE but to create an environment which will sustain our existing jobs, compel outside interests to want to be a part of our community and begin to develop resources in Rockcastle County which will make our economy strong and keep it that way for many years to come.

I look forward to receiving your questions and comments over the course of the next few months.

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Clockwise: Jazzy, Rowdy, Bailey, Pixie, Motorhead and Jake



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Court

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35% of any savings that actually come to fruition for the jail.

Jailer James Miller told the court that he had heard of Mr. Tichenor's services and thought it at least a good idea to have him come and make his presentation to the court.

After listening to the presentation, the court decided it would be worthwhile to have a review of the operation of the jail. "We don't have anything to lose because we always have the option of whether or not we implement any recommended changes," County Judge/Executive Buzz Carloftis told the court. Magistrate Bill McKinney concurred saying that he felt it would be helpful to have someone from the outside looking at the system.

The court approved a contract with Tichenor, subject to approval of the working of the contract by County Attorney Bill Reynolds.

In other business, Madonna Faye Hines of Pleasant View Drive, a road off the Oscar Isaacs Road in northern Rockcastle, asked the court for any advice they might have as to what residents of the private road could do to get it worked on.

Mrs. Hines said that residents were told by the developer, Garla Johnson, when they bought property on the road, that he would maintain it. However, Hines said this had not happened and that there had been two wrecks on the road recently which had totaled the vehicles. "We have no mail service, ambulances have to put chains on in bad weather, there is no mail delivery and school children have to walk out to get on the bus," Hines told the court. "We can't even get a bag of salt and Mr. Johnson is in Florida so we can't even talk to him," Hines added.

She also told the court that Johnson's promise to maintain the road wasn't in writing and that Johnson now claims that he didn't promise to maintain the road.

"We have talked to an attorney about filing suit but we can't afford the cost involved," Hines said.

While sympathizing with Mrs. Hines' plight, the court said they could not possibly work on the road. "If we worked the road we would be trespassing since it is a private road," Carloftis told Hines.

County Attorney Billy Reynolds did suggest that residents might get some help from Legal Aid in Somerset.

The Burnt Ridge Road, also in the northern end of the county, was another subject brought before the court.

Sandra Pigg, a resident of the road, asked the court if it would be possible for the county to enter into an agreement for the Madison County Road Department to come further down the road to clean it off in bad weather.

Pigg said that Madison County presently cleans to a tower, owned by them, on the road and that if they would just come 5/10 or 6/10 of a mile further they would even have a better place to turn their equipment and it would really help residents of the road.

Carloftis said he would be happy to contact officials in Madison County to see if an interlocal agreement could be worked out.

The court also heard a presentation from the state's foster care program.

Jimmy Middleton, a supervisor in the program, told the court that there was a dire need for foster homes in the county. The county presently only has six foster homes, caring for 10 of the over 60 children in the county in need of foster care. As a result, many children from the county have to be placed in homes outside the county, Middleton said. One of the greatest need is for foster families willing to take sibling groups, he added.

"We are looking for homes for foster care only and for homes that are looking to adopt children out of the system," Middleton said.

"Our needs are great," he added. "Rockcastle County has the fewest number of fos-

ter homes in the Cumberland Valley Area Development District."

County Attorney Billy Reynolds offered the group the chance to use his radio show "Chatter That Matters," on April 16th. Reynolds said that an interview with an adult who had aged out of the foster care system would be an interesting topic for the program. The group accepted the offer and will appear with Reynolds on the 16th.

The court also approved submitting four grants to the Center for Rural Development on behalf of the Rockcastle County Industrial Authority.

The grants, for \$20,000 each, would cover expenses of the Leadership Rockcastle Training Program, provide funds for the Rockcastle South Industrial Park on old 461 for an environmental study, surveying of the area, etc., funds for a land use/management plan for the county and, fourth, funds to be used toward paying the salary of Jim Holton, consultant of the program. The county presently bears all the cost of Holton's \$3,000 a month salary.

The court approved submission of the grant applications.

In other action, the court approved the transfer of \$5,000 from the general fund to the jail fund and the same amount to 911, if needed for the March 21st payroll. County Treasurer Joe Clontz told the court that the transfers would be dependent on when the jail and 911 received their March checks from the state and the general fund would be reimbursed if the transfers were needed.

Clontz's financial report to court, as of March 11th, showed all funds, except the jail fund, in the black. However, the road fund, with a balance of \$225,551.14 as of March 11th, is still owed \$175,000 by the general fund, which had a balance of \$206,855.63 as of the 11th. The jail fund had a deficit balance of \$60,339.99 as of March 11th.

The court also received the first draft of the jail budget for 2007-08.

The rough draft shows expected receipts of \$928,419 and expenditures of the same amount.

The submission was for the court's information only and no action will be required until the final budget figures are submitted.

Sheriff Mike Peters presented his activity report for February to the court. It showed: 29 bench warrant served, 45 citations issued, one arrest on drug charges, one D.U.I. arrest, nine incident reports filed, 43 vehicles inspected, 10 collision reports written, 79 civil summons served, four new cases opened, seven prisoner transports, 415 911 calls answered, two arrests for alcohol intoxication for 45 total arrests. There will also 10 arrest warrants served, nine criminal summons and two criminal arrests.

RCHS student

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at a Richmond restaurant. She had left her car in Berea where the Woodalls dropped her off around 9:45 p.m., friends said.

The driver of the van, a 51-year-old man from Louisville, was taken to St. Joseph Hospital in Berea with non-life threatening injuries.

Miss Pruitt was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at RCHS and a co-op student in the pharmacy department of Rockcastle Hospital.

"Brittany was an excellent student with positive energy and a beautiful smile. We are going to miss her," said RCHS principal Jennifer Mattingly.

Funeral services for Miss Pruitt were held at the Berea Baptist Church on Tuesday afternoon.

Tragically, Miss Pruitt was the second member of the RCHS Class of 2008 to die in an auto accident.

On September 23rd of 2006, Carl Lee York, 16, died in a single vehicle wreck on the Old Mt. Vernon- Brodhead Road.

Miss Pruitt's complete obituary appears on Page A-3.

Indictments

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first degree and possession of drug paraphernalia, first offense, while in possession of a firearm.

The two were arrested January 7th of this year, along with five other men, after police found an indoor marijuana growing operation inside their mobile home.

At the time of the arrest, police said they also observed Brian Owens smoking marijuana with the five men in a building behind the mobile home.

After a search of the property, police found 52 marijuana plants, growing lights, eight firearms, digital scales and rollings.

Both men are free on district court bonds and are due back in court for arraignment on May 23rd.

Moscoe L. Taylor, Jr., 22, of Brodhead was indicted for a November 17th incident at the home of Debra Lawrence on Strawberry Lane.

Taylor is charged with first degree wanton endangerment, second degree criminal mischief and criminal trespassing, after police say he destroyed or damaged property at the Lawrence residence.

Taylor has not been arrested and an arraignment date of May 23rd has been set.

Douglas E. Lewis, 56, of Livingston, a former work release prisoner at the Rockcastle Detention Center, was indicted on one count of promoting contraband, first offense after he was charged with introducing Oxycodone into the jail on November 16th.

According to court records, after his Friday indictment, Lewis was transferred by the State Department of Corrections to LaGrange.

Lewis, who was also indicted for being a persistent felony offender, is scheduled for a May 9th arraignment.

The other five indictments returned on Friday were all for alleged illegal drug crimes.

Reginald Pennington, 30, of Lake Cumberland Road, was indicted on one count of possession of Oxycodone after he was arrested on July 29th by Rockcastle Deputy Sheriff Joe Rush.

Pennington is being held in the Rockcastle Detention Center on a \$20,000 cash or prop-

erty bond and will be arraigned on April 11th.

Nanette Osborne, 40, of Abway Street, Mt. Vernon was indicted for possession of Oxycodone and Hydrocodone for a March 22, 2007 incident, in which she was also charged with alcohol intoxication by Deputy Rush.

Osborne has not been arrested on the indictment warrant. She is scheduled for a May 23rd arraignment.

Donald Newcomb, 28, of Chestnut Ridge Road, Mt. Vernon was indicted on four counts for an April 10th 2007 incident in which he is accused of possession of Oxycodone, Hydrocodone, Diazepam and drug paraphernalia.

Newcomb has not been arrested and a May 9th arraignment date has been set in Circuit Court. Rush was also the arresting officer in that case.

Allen Wayne Wheat, 31, of Russell Springs, was indicted for possession of Cocaine and Oxycodone on March 27th of 2007.

Wheat was also indicted for being a persistent felony offender and an arraignment date of May 9th has been set. He has not been arrested.

Rebecca Adams, 32, of Mason Lake Road, Berea, was indicted for possession of Methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia on November 21st of last year.

She has not been arrested and is due to be arraigned May 23rd. Her bond was set at \$25,000 cash or property.

School Board

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dents with classes in automotive, electricity, health science, office technology and welding.

RATC has twelve full-time staff members, including Baker and two part-time staff members.

After Baker's overview, the board approved the school calendar for the 2008-09 school year, as presented by Director of Student Services, Rose Brown.

Opening Day in the school system will be on August 1st when only teachers will attend. District Day in the county is set for August 6 and the first day for students will be on Thursday, August 7th.

Students will get their first break on September 1st (Labor Day) and the next will be in

October, the 2nd and 3rd. Then, on November 3rd, only teachers will attend for professional development and everyone will be off for election day on the 4th.

Thanksgiving break will be November 26, 27 and 28 and Christmas break will be December 22nd to January 2, 2009.

School will not be in session January 19th in observance of Martin Luther King Day or on February 16th for PResident's Day.

Spring Break next school year will be March 30th to April 3rd and May 15, 2009 will be the last day of school for students.

Teachers will be out of May 18th.

The calendar has six days, May 21 through the 28th, built in for make-up days.

The calendar encompasses 177 instructional days, four professional development days, one opening day, one closing day and four holidays for a total of 187 days as required by Kentucky statutes.

This school year, Spring Break will be the week of March 31st.

RCHS

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spread out over the course of the year.

RCHS Principal, Jennifer Mattingly, who presented the new proposed schedule to the Site Based Council at RCHS last Thursday, said that there are several reasons for the change, the primary reason being stagnant or declining test scores.

"It is frustrating to us that despite increased attention to curriculum, assessment and instruction, our CATS scores continue to lag behind the other schools in the district. In addition, we are running split-blocks in some classes and not

others, which sometimes forces students to take up to six classes a day each semester. The inconsistencies of our current schedule, accompanied by a dip in scores, provide our school with solid evidence to warrant a change in how we structure our time at RCHS and is only a small part of an overall plan for improving Rockcastle County High School for all students," she said.

Mattingly said additional improvements at RCHS include embedded assistance for struggling students during the school day and increased training for teachers in the areas of assessment and effective teaching within a 90-minute block.

"I am very aware of the need to communicate with the parents of students who attend the high school regarding any big changes we make. To assist parents in understanding the details of the A/B block schedule, I will be holding a couple of informal parent meetings to offer information and answer questions. The dates for those meetings will be advertised in both the *Signal*, on WRVK and the district's website. I would also be happy to speak with any parent during the school day. I am committed to listening to each parent who wishes to speak to me and appreciate any assistance and advice I can get. I care about the students of this county because they are part of my home community and I know that the better educated our students are, the more successful they will be in life," Mattingly said.

"When we have a population of well-educated citizens, then the overall quality of life increases for everyone in Rockcastle County," the principal added.

The website address for the school system is: Rockcastle.kyschools.us. After going to the website click on the high school's site.

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Second Section

Thursday, March 20, 2008



Skills USA officers at the Rockcastle Area Technonology Center hosted a tour of the new Rockcastle Area Technology Center on Thursday night before the Rockcastle County Board of Education meeting. Officers are shown above, from left: David Page, J.T. Winkler, Cody Carpenter, Jacob Jones, Gary Caldwell and Brandon Childress. Principal Ralph Baker, left, introduced the students before they convened their meeting, which was held in the commons area of the new center.



Rockcastle Area Technonology Center Principal Ralph Baker is shown turning a work light on in the Automotive Technology Department of the new school during a tour on Thursday night. Looking on are school board member Terry Burton and chairman Martin Vanzant. The 456 students who attend the Technology Center will have a new home when school begins in the county for 2008-09 on August 1st.

(Find a related story on Page A-1 of this week's edition).



The Rockcastle County Board of Education held their March meeting in the conference room of the new Rockcastle Area Technology Center, which will open this summer on the campus of Rockcastle County High School. Shown above, from left: Superintendent Larry Hammond, board member, Mike Burdette, Chairman Martin Vanzant, co-chairman, Tina Hasty and board member Terry Burton. During the meeting the board approved the school calendar for 2008-09, among other items.



Parents, teachers and school administrators were at the new Rockcastle County Area Technology Center on Thursday night for a tour of the new facility before the monthly board of education meeting. Above from left are: Jenny Sweet Projects Coordinator for the school system, Betty Holt, Resource teacher at the Technology Center, Gerald Hammons, Electricity teacher at the center and Technonology Center principal Ralph Baker. School Superintendent Larry Hammond said an Open House for the new school will be held this summer.



Not long after KU customers in the county lost power on Friday evening, Marvin Mink, owner of Town and Country Chevron in Mt. Vernon, fired up his generator and began to pump gas. His station, and the Shell Station across from Hardees at Renfro Valley, were the only two stations in the city limits of Mt. Vernon that were able to pump gas. In the background is Deputy Sheriff Jason Kirby who said the power outage occurred when a main transmission line on Old Frankfort Pike in Lexington went down. Residents and businesses were without power for about three and a half hours, after the electric went out about 5:40 p.m. KU said between 50 and 60,000 customers in several cities, including Mt. Vernon, Brodhead and Livingston, were without power because of the downed transmission line.



Officers of the Rockcastle County Republican Party were elected for 2008 during party caucuses at the Rockcastle County Courthouse on Saturday morning. Shown above sitting is co-chairman Juanita Davis. Shown standing from left: Brenda McKnight, secretary, John Ford, chairman and Janet Vaughn, treasurer.




Motorists lined up at the northern most Shell Station in Renfro Valley Friday evening, after power for local KU customers was knocked out for about three and half hours. The Shell station was one of only two stations in Mt. Vernon that was able to pump gas. At right, IGA assistant manager Ernie Bradshaw, with flashlight in hand, prepares to go back into the store after he had locked it up because of the power outage. Many customers were in the store when the power went out, but were able to check out within the allotted 15 minutes allowed by the computers. However, some customers had to leave without their grocery items and others had to return to the store on Saturday to pay for groceries they got that night and were unable to pay for. Asst. Manager Rhonda Hensley said the power outage cost the store about \$8,000 in sales.



(Second front photos by: Richard Anderkin).


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Neighborhood Living at it's Best! This vinyl sided ranch style home offers an open living room, Kitchen and Dining area, an Office, Den 3 BR, and 2 BA. The Kitchen has beautiful Maple cabinets and the home is serviced by a heat pump. Wouldn't you want to be a neighbor? M2288

48 Acres... located on Slate Branch Road in Crab Orchard. Nearly new unfinished house with 2 BR, LR, Kit. and Bath. Large pond with 18 acres cleared and some marketable timber. All of this for only \$119,900. M2351

Just Starting Out? Maybe needing a change...Come to this Singlewide Mobile home featuring: Living room, Kitchen/Dining room combo, 3 BR and 2 BA. Other amenities include front and rear porch, electric heat, central air, city water and a septic system. Call for your appointment today! M2308

Drastically Reduced

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. \$119,900. M2300

Reduced

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! \$69,900. M2336

Have Your Own Ponderosa... on this 175 acre farm with custom brick home. This home offers 4 BR, 1 BA, large Kit-Dining area, LR and FR. Home has a full walk-out basement with a large bath. It also has city water and there's access to a spring for livestock, it is serviced by a heat pump with central heat and air. Outbuildings include a milk parlor, loading shed and barns. Owner will consider dividing. Call today for your appointment. M2352

Reduced

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

Immaculate~Move in Ready~Sharp~Affordable! If these words describe the home you've been looking for...look no further. This all brick 3 (could be 4) bedroom, 2 bath home has been maintained. Above ground pool with gorgeous deck and the landscaping is to die for. Nothing to do but move in and enjoy! Security system already in place and all of this for only \$119,500. M2354

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, fireplace, 4 BR, 4 BA, truly a dream home. Only \$399,000. M2334

SALE PENDING

Private Country Setting and Only 1 Mile From Town... this beautiful brick home is situated on 2 lots and offers 3 BR, 2 BA, LR, Kit., DR and utility room. 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

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.

Reduced

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 \$147,500. M2297

Reduced

A Perfect Starter Home for the New Family! If you are looking for a good home at an affordable price...here's your chance! This 3 BR, 1.5 Bath home situated on 2 acres +/- in a secluded area between Mt. Vernon and Livingston. Amenities include: KU Utilities, electric furnace heat, barn, storage building, city water and a great country view. Asking \$33,000. M2286

Opportunity! Brick house and 14 acres located on Old Brothead - 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

Don't Miss Out! If you're looking for an extraordinary, immaculate home then look no further. This 3 BR, 2 BA home is situated on a beautiful lot in Hunters Ridge Subdivision. This property will make your family a great, new spacious home. Amenities include central heat/air, large back deck and landscaping. Priced to sell. M2343.

SALE PENDING

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

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

Hey Folks! In the market for a nice home with a great garage/workshop? Don't pass this beauty by. All brick equals low maintenance in this 3 BR, 1 BA home. Stainless steel appliances complete the BIG KITCHEN and a bonus room is there for you to use as you please. Super location and nice views complete this lovely home. Don't let this one get away! M2356

SALE PENDING

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

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

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

Nature Lover's Retreat! Like new 1991 singlewide mobile home with 2 BR and 1 BA located only 4.5 miles from town. Washer, dryer, stove and refrigerator complete this adorable package. New paint and underpinning this year... Don't hesitate - Priced at \$25,900. M2358

Don't Miss Out! This country home is definitely worth looking at. The home has an open living area with a living room, kitchen and dining room combined on the main level. There's also a master bedroom suite and an extra bath on the main level. The second story has two bedrooms, a bath and a loft that overlooks the living room. The walk-out basement has approximately 1000 sq. ft. and with a restroom that has been plumbed and a wood stove for back-up heat. M2348

Reduced

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. Reduced to \$119,500. M2309

Home Sweet Home! Nice 16x80 singlewide with vinyl siding and shingle roof. Only 7.5 miles off of I-75 this 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 14x20 storage bldg./work shed with electric. Priced at \$52,000 under appraisal value. M2327.

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. \$65,500. M2282

SALE PENDING

Great Opportunity! Building lot located in Lear Crest Subdivision. This lot has blacktop roads, city water and underground utilities. Restricted for your convenience. Priced at only \$11,900. M2355

Immaculate! This could be considered an understatement for this beautiful 3 BR, 2 BA home situated on a nice lot in Chestnut Heights Subdivision. This well maintained home has extraordinary laminate hardwood and carpet flooring and a huge living room which would be great for family gatherings. Amenities include central heat/air, 2-car attached garage, sky lights, above ground pool with deck, nicely landscaped, security lights and a fenced yard. Asking only \$127,900. M2361

Reduced

COUNTRY! Take a look at this doublewide with 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, approximately 2,100 square feet, city water, 2 car detached garage. You won't believe the master bedroom and master bath in this one...unbelievable! M2328

70 Acres +/-... This property includes 70 acres of pasture land to enjoy however you please. The property is fenced, has a barn and a spring. City water available. The property would be great for building or developing. Priced at \$299,000... Call today for directions! M2347

SALE PENDING

Very desirable 6.3 acre tract located on the corner of Cedar Ridge Road and US 150. Approximately 1 acre of land is currently being used for a home, business or residential. Restricted to 1,200 sq. ft. home. M2340

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! \$182,000. M2338

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

76 Acre Farm in the Wabed Section of Rockcastle Co... Road frontage on Hwy. 1250 and Doc Adams Road. Barn-silo-city water-creek. Good cattle farm or development possibilities. Owner would consider dividing. Priced at \$289,000. M2333

Let's Go Fishing! 1 acre lot on Boone Road, only one mile from Cedar Creek Lake. Lot has 208 feet of road frontage on a blacktop road. Mature trees with city water available. Doublewides are welcome! Call today and go fishing this summer! \$21,500. M2353

Beautiful Brick Home! This beauty features 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, kitchen, living room and a utility room. Home includes gas fireplace, oak cabinetry, crown molding, built-in microwave and a detached garage. Home is situated on 2 1/2 acres with a beautiful yard. Home has been freshly painted and you get all of this for only \$139,900. M2349

Sycamore Street - Crab Orchard - 1568 sq ft of Living area. 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, Living room, Kitchen, Dining room, electric heat/central air. This Doublewide Mobile Home is in immaculate condition. Block foundation. Situated on a large level lot. Call for your appointment today! M2304

Private... Close to Town... Close to I-75... This 55 acres +/- is mostly woodland and is close to I-75 and only 2 miles from Mt. Vernon. City water is available. M2313

SALE PENDING

2 Mobile Home Lots - These two lots are level to gently rolling containing 0.53 and 0.62 acres. City water available and priced at \$10,500 for both lots. M2350B

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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

Beautiful Home on a Few Acres - This beautiful ranch style brick home features 5 BR, 2 BA, 2 FR, Kit., DR, Sunroom and LR with fireplace. Other amenities include a heat pump, central air, basement, above ground pool, large porch and deck, city water and septic system. This home is situated on 5 acres +/- and could be the perfect place for you! Priced at only \$199,500. M2315

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New Listing! What a Deal! That's the first thought that will come to mind when you step foot inside this 3 Bedroom, 1 Bath Brick home. This home has been well maintained and is situated on a huge lot in the Brothead city limits. Amenities include central heat/air, KU Utilities, 12 x 22 detached Garage, Carport, Patio, and all appliances stay. Priced at only \$79,900. M2358

Reduced

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! \$126,900. M2335

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FUTURE AUCTIONS

Absolute Estate Auction of the Late Mr. Wendell McFerron's Mobile Home and Lot
Saturday, March 22, 2008 - 10:00 a.m. - Quarry Street, Mt. Vernon, Ky

Auction of Mr. and Mrs. Rocky L. Singleton's 48 Acre Farm in Tracts and Personal Property
Saturday, March 22, 2008 - 10:30 a.m. - Bob Johnson Road, Waynesburg

Absolute Estate Auction of the Late Mrs. Christine McKinney's 50 Acre Farm, House, Barns, Equipment & Personal Property
Sat. March 29th, 2008 - 10:30 a.m. - Highway 328, Waynesburg, Ky

Estate Auction Of the Late Ms. Charlotte Lawson's House and Lot, Extra Lot and Personal Property
Saturday, March 29, 2008 - 10:30 a.m. - 83 Macedonia Church Road, London, Ky

Absolute Auction Of Mr. Dennis Large's (formerly) House and approximately 30 acres (In Tracts)
Saturday, March 29, 2008 - 2:00 p.m. - 8498 Hwy 26, Rockholds, (Whitley Co), Ky

Absolute Auction of Mr. Chris Wilson's Mobile Home and Lot, Garage and Personal Property
Friday, April 4th at 5:30 p.m. - Just Behind Burkman Feed on Hwy. 27 (Near Eubank)

Absolute Auction of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Blanton's 65 Acre Farm in Tracts
Saturday, April 5th, 2008 - 10:00 a.m. - Hwy 1948, Waynesburg, Ky

Absolute Estate Auction of the Late Mr. Noland Farmer's House & 113 Acre Farm in Tracts
Saturday, April 5th, 2008 - 10:30 a.m. - Just off Hwy 192, Somerset, Ky

Absolute Auction of Eastern Kentucky University's 10 Acres m/l in Tracts
Saturday, April 5th, 2008 - 2:00 p.m. - Disputanta Section of Rockcastle County, Ky

Absolute Auction of Ms. Beverly Dudder's Personal Property
Friday, April 11, 2008 - 1:30 p.m. - 408 Logan Avenue, Stanford, Ky

Tripleheader Absolute Auction
Saturday, April 12, 2008 - 10:00 a.m.

Auction #1: 11 Building Lots at Lake Linville, Renfro Valley
Auction #2: 4 Acres m/l in Tracts located on Barnett Road, Mt. Vernon

Auction #3: 7.4 Acres located at Intersection of Hwy 461 bypass and State Road 1326 (Old Brothead Road), Mt. Vernon
Sale will be conducted from Auction #1's Location

Absolute Auction of Mr. & Mrs. John Gaskin's 27 Acre Farm in Tracts
Saturday, April 12th, 2008 - 10:30 a.m. - Hwy 790 - Bronston (Pulaski County), Ky.

LOTS FOR SALE

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Lots Available! Now in the Lear Crest Subdivision. There are 8 lots to choose from so hurry to take your pick. M2346

Mobile Home Lots - These two cleared, level lots contain 1/2 acre +/- each, both have 130 feet of road frontage with city water available along Oak Drive. \$6,000 each. M2350A

2 Mobile Home Lots - These two lots are level to gently rolling containing 0.53 and 0.62 acres. City water available and priced at \$10,500 for both lots. M2350B

Nice Lot! - Nice 1/2 acre lot located in Lear Crest Subdivision. \$6,500. M2344

Make this your building site. - Measuring 0.73 of an acre this lot is located in Cedar Point Subdivision. \$6,500. M2345

They're Going Fast! - Conveniently located between I-75 and 461, there is over 100 restricted building lots in the newly developed Rainbow Ridge Subdivision. Newly blacktopped roads - city water - some lake views. Prices range between \$7,900 - \$16,900. M1798

Hwy. 461 - Pulaski County. Easy access to Somerset - Lake Cumberland and I-75. Spacious Lots - Restricted - City Water - Paved Streets - \$11,900 each. M1363

REDUCED! Investment Opportunity! Don't delay starting earning income today! 7 trailer lots in the Mt. Vernon city limits. City water, city sewer and KU electric. Included in this package is a separate lot located on T Street in Mt. Vernon... Lots of potential. Priced at \$50,000. M2169

2 lots on Spring Street in Mt. Vernon with city water and sewer. Lot 8 measures 117x30x125x40 and Lot 9 measures 60x125x35x138. Asking only \$7,500 ea. M2298

2 lots... located in the beautiful Lear Crest Subdivision. Consists of 1/2 acre each and have city water available. The lots are ideal building lots and are convenient to Lake Linville, Mt. Vernon, Brothead and Berea. Priced at \$9,900 each. M2260

Great Building Lots ...if you are looking for a nice building lot in the city limits of Mt. Vernon you have four to choose from! These lots range from 3/10 acre to 0.49 acre. Priced at \$9,000 each. Call for details. M2262

Some Timber. Property joins National Forest. Creek runs through this property. M2203

"A" Rated! Prime and almost perfect is the best way to describe these well-located lots! Located in exclusive neighborhood between Mt. Vernon and Brothead on Highway 150, these restricted lots are ideal for your new dream home! Prices range between \$10,000 and \$14,500. A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity awaits you here! M1941

Lots! Lots! Lots! Several large country lots with a great view - Holbrook Estates in the Brindle Ridge section - Convenient to either Mt. Vernon or Berea. City water - Cable TV - lots range in size from 3/4 acre to 1 acre. Now only \$9,900 to \$13,900. M1796

Lot Located on West Main. Has city water/sewer and is convenient to schools, grocery and banks. M2317

Country living just 2 minutes from town. 4.58 acres, mostly wooded. Priced at \$13,500. Property has just been surveyed. M2321

Commercial PROPERTIES

Renfro Valley, KY 4 acres +/-, an excellent commercial site. There is plenty of road frontage on US 25, property has city water and sewer available. Owners may consider dividing. M2177.

1/2 Mile from I-75 - Tracts ranging from 3/4 acre to 4 acres - good visibility - high traffic count - city water and sewer available. M1772

Great Location! 1.3 acres commercial property, all utilities. Property is located on the 461 bypass across from RCHS. Great visibility and traffic count. M2163

Check it out... **SOLD** by Lake Linville. Great country site.

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Vernon. Call 758-8317 after 4:30 p.m. 18x1p

For Rent: House in country, Livingston area. Serious inquiries only. 859-248-8938 or 606-280-7214. 18x2p

For Rent: Large apartment on West Main Street. Convenient location. Call 256-3819 or 256-4740. 18xntf

For Rent: Office space - Commercial/Retail space. Newly renovated. Free utilities. Approx. 600 sq. ft. Great location on Richmond St. 606-256-3868 daytime or 308-9797 nighttime. 15xntf

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

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Posted: No trespassing on property of John Edwards, located at 560 W. Main St., Mt. Vernon. Violators will be prosecuted. 16x3p

Posted: Absolutely no trespassing on property belonging to Mary Gadd at Lime Plant Hollow at Pine Hill. 16x20p

Posted: No trespassing on Rayme Cummins farm, located on both sides of Hwy. 461, mile marker 5. Violators will be prosecuted. 17x5p

Posted: No hunting/trespassing on property belonging to Farmer Waddle and Clista Spivey heirs on Hwy. 490. Violators will be prosecuted. Not responsible for accidents. 17x25p

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

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

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

Posted: No trespassing on property known as C.B. Owens Farm across from Fairgrounds in Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 25ftn

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on property owned by Doug and Judy Brock known as Brock's North Hill Farm at Maretburg consisting of the Swinney Place, Brock Place, Hensley Farm, Lakes Farm. 3ftn

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Suntrust Mortgage, Inc. Plaintiff

v.

Ashley J. Gleissner a/k/a
Ashley J. Gleissner and
James Gleissner Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on February 7, 2008 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of EIGHTY ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FORTY FOUR DOLLARS AND 02/100 (\$81,444.02) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, March 21, 2008
Beginning at the Hour of 1:00 p.m.

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

24 Water Tank Hill, Brodhead, KY 40409.
A tract of land lying and being in Rockcastle County, Kentucky in Brodhead and being on the south side of Kentucky 1505, Beginning at a set 1/2" steel pin with cap set in the south R/W of Kentucky 1505 and the west R/W of the Water Tank Hill Road. Thence with the west R/W of the Water Tank Hill Road the following calls; Thence South 9 degrees 37 minutes 07 seconds East, 68.72 feet, to a steel pin, Thence South 15 degrees 34 minutes 13 seconds West, 133.05 feet, to a steel pin, Thence South 9 degrees 36 minutes 35 seconds West, 65.79 feet, to a steel pin set, a corner of Calvin Barnett DB 158, page 650. Thence with the line of C. Barnett the following calls, Thence North 84 degrees 58 minutes 27 seconds East, 73.19 feet, to a steel pin, Thence South 88 degrees 14 minutes 13 seconds East, 72.00 feet, to a steel pin, Thence South 4 degrees 15 minutes 17 seconds East, 199.27 feet, to a steel pin, a corner of Paul Day DB 167, Pg. 168, Thence with the fence and line of P. Day the following calls, Thence North 49 degrees 06 minutes 54 seconds East, 133.08 feet, to a steel pin, a corner of Tract 1, Thence with the line of Tract 1 the following calls, Thence North 11 degrees 14 minutes 03 seconds West, 194.09 feet, to a steel pin, a corner of Delbert Harper Db 92, Pg. 482, Thence with the line of D. Harper the following call, Thence North 1 degrees 09 minutes 05 seconds East, 165.18 feet, to a steel pin set in the south R/W of Kentucky 1505, (20' from center) Thence with the south R/W of Kentucky 1505 the following call, Thence North 86 degrees 11 minutes 18 seconds West, 190.99 feet to the point of beginning. Contains 1.511 acres.

Being the same property conveyed to James Gleissner and wife Ashley Gleissner by deed dated May 25, 2007, executed by Tommy Baldwin, et ux., and recorded in Deed Book 216, page 191 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

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

1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of twenty five percent (25%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
3. Unpaid taxes of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2008 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
6. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
7. In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
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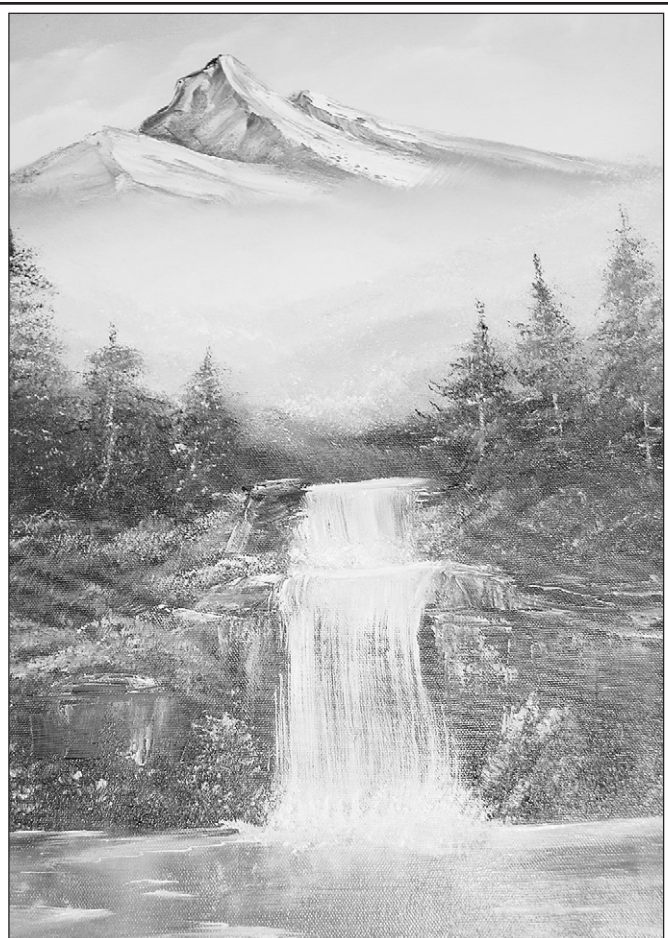
April 2008 is Redbud Month in southern and eastern Kentucky. TOUR SEKY, in partnership with Rockcastle Hospital & Respiratory Care Center, Inc and Mt. Vernon-Rockcastle County Tourism, will be hosting a FREE redbud seedling giveaway and health awareness "Blooming with Good Health" Redbud Walk. The redbud seedling giveaway and walk will take place on April 1, 2008 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. hosted at Renfro Valley, KY. Participants are not required to walk in order to receive the free seedlings.

Registration will be at the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame. With each registration participants will walk along the predetermined path where they will receive health tips and health awareness items (stress balls, pedometers, ink pens, etc) at different stations.

If participants complete the walk they will be provided a FREE healthy lunch (Subway 6" sub, baked chips and sliced apples and a bottle of water). This walk will promote the importance of health awareness along with the Redbud Trails in southern and eastern Kentucky.

For more information about the "Blooming with Good Health" Redbud Walk please contact Jeff Crowe at 606-677-6095 or j

TOUR SEKY is an initiative of Congressman Hal Rogers. The organization's mission is to promote, develop and expand the existing and potential tourism industry throughout southern and eastern Kentucky in an effort to contribute to the economic and cultural growth of the region. For additional information about TOUR SEKY contact 606-677-6099



Juanita Norris of Brodhead is one of 22 featured artists who have paintings on display in a visual arts exhibit at The Center for Rural Development in Somerset. Norris' oil painting titled, "Mountain Stream," may be viewed on the second floor lobby of The Center. The exhibit by the Lake Cumberland Decorative Artists will continue through May 6.

Library News



Pam Chaliff

This past Thursday, the library celebrated its Fifth Annual Books for Bikes. Jeff Burdette began Books for Bikes as a way to honor his mother Charlotte Griffith five years ago. Books for Bikes 2008 was our

most successful year ever. A special thank you to Jeff Burdette, Charlotte Griffith, and Allen Pensol. We would also like to thank our other sponsors: Citizens Bank, Peoples Bank, Community Trust Bank, Corey & Emily Craig, Roger & Rebecca Isaacs, and Darrell & Cloia Collins. Without the help of our sponsors and support of the community none of this would be possible.



Jesse Rodefer received the bicycle for 6-8 boys.



Ben Hamm received the bicycle for 3-5 boys.



Savanna Meadows received the bicycle for 6-8 girls.



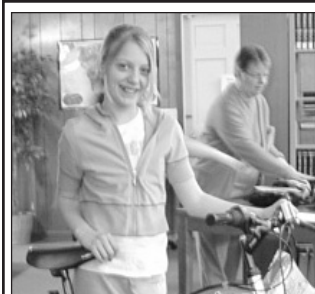
Jaylon Ponder received the bicycle for 3-5 girls.



Bobby Prichett received the bicycle in 9-12 boys.



Laura Beth Saylor received a bicycle for reading the most books out of the age group 3-5.



Cheyenne Gilliam received the bicycle for 9-12 girls.



The 2008 Rockcastle County Relay for Life Planning Committee meets the third Monday of each month at Rockcastle Hospital. If you are interested in attending a meeting or joining Relay for Life in the fight against cancer, contact Melissa Brock at (606) 256-7703. The 2008 Relay for Life will be June 20-21, 2008 at the RCMS track. Pictured above is the 2008 Relay Planning Committee. Seated from left are: Julie Sumner, ACS Staff Partner; Susan Brown, PR Co-chair; and Melissa Brock, Event Chair. Standing from left: Denise Parsons, Team Recruitment Coordinator; Betty Purcell, Luminaries Coordinator; Brandy Bullock, Activities and Entertainment Coordinator; and Lisa Smithern, Team Recruitment Chair. Not pictured are: Jeff Smithern, Sponsorship Coordinator; John Hopkins, Accounting Coordinator; Arielle Reese, PR Co-chair; and Rodney Weaver, Survivorship Coordinator.

Band auction rescheduled

The Rockcastle High School Band Boosters have rescheduled their 3rd annual Theme Party and auction for Friday evening, April 11th in the RCHS cafeteria at 6 pm. It was postponed due to conflicts with other school activities.

This delightful event offers an evening of catered dining and live entertainment by members of the RCHS band. It also features an auction of items of interest during the dinner.

There will also be door prizes and plenty of fun. All proceeds from the event go towards expenses related to the upcoming marching competition season.

Tickets are \$12 and we ask that you reserve your seat in advance by contacting one of these booster members for tickets or information: Anita Nation 606-219-0908; Sherry Harper 606-758-9963 or Ann Craig 606-758-0160.

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