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Full Emergency-Service in the Line of Duty Ceremony held for fallen EMT

Over 125 emergency personnel from across the state, were among the approximately 200 people who attended the funeral of 35-year-old Chris Hall which was held at the Rockcastle County High School on Thursday. Hall, who was a Garrard County Emergency Medical Service paramedic, was killed in a single vehicle accident on his way home from work on June 21st, after working a 24-hour shift. Above, pallbearers load Hall's coffin into the same Garrard County Ambulance he made his last run in the morning of his death. Hall was laid to rest at Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery in Mt. Vernon. At left, his wife, Jenny Leigh and daughter, Emily, are escorted out of the high school by Jenny Leigh's step-dad Jerry Reynolds. Hall and his family made their home at Houston Point Estates on Hwy. 150. Thursday's funeral was the first ever held at the new high school on the Hwy. 461 bypass.

Photos by: Richard Anderkin

Went into effect on Tuesday New payroll taxes are now being taken out

When workers, who earn their living inside Rockcastle County and the city of Mt. Vernon, get their paychecks this week there will be a little less for them to take home.

That is because the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court is now getting 1.5 percent of every paycheck in the county.

And, if you work inside the city of limits of Mt. Vernon, the city government will take another one percent from each check, up from the 1/2 percent of the past eight years.

The Rockcastle Fiscal Court passed their new tax on June 5th and the Mt. Vernon City Council raised their occupational tax a week later from a half percent to one percent.

The new tax and the tax increase both took effect on Tuesday, July 1st.

The guidelines for the collection of both taxes are the same and applies to all individuals, employers, and businesses in Rockcastle County and the city of Mt. Vernon.

The county's 1.5% and the city's 1% is to be paid on gross wages, salaries and commissions and both taxes also apply to any net profits of every business.

The bottom line is that if you work inside the city limits of Mt. Vernon or own a business inside the city, all wages and/or profits are subject to a total tax rate of 2.5%.

If you work outside the city or own a business outside the city, but in the county, all wages and or profits will be taxed 1.5%.

The fiscal court's new tax was levied to help cover a \$520,000 deficit in this year's operating budget and to help spur economic development in the county.

State officials estimate that the county's new occupational tax will raise about \$1,245,000 each year.

The city of Mt. Vernon's additional half percent tax will

generate about \$250,000 more annually.

Employees in Judge/Executive Buzz Carloftis' office have been collecting business addresses in the past couple of weeks and application forms are being mailed out to businesses, according to County Treasurer Joe Clontz. Clontz said forms would be mailed to businesses each quarter with the first returns being due on October 31st. Returns will be due again on January 31, April 30 and July 31st. The tax on the net profits of businesses is due 105 days after the end of each businesses' fiscal year. "If you operate a business in the county and do not receive an application form, you should call 256-1293," Clontz said.

The county is running another advertisement in this week's Signal which explains the tax collection process.

Those with questions should call the Judge's office at 256-2856.

Josh Bray, who handles the occupational tax collection for the city, said he has already sent out new forms for businesses in the city.

Bray said a business that may not have gotten a form should contact him at 256-3437.

Prosecutor says no charges filed as of yet

Pulaski County Attorney Bill Thompson, who has been appointed as a special prosecutor for a Rockcastle case, said Tuesday that he had not been approached by anyone seeking a warrant in a possible case involving Mt. Vernon Mayor Clarice Kirby and former members of the city's volunteer fire department.

Last week, the Mt. Vernon Council voted to give Kirby authority to take legal action

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Total budget is \$27 million

\$450,000 in school system's budget for fuel this year

The price of gas no doubts effects everyone and everything and the Rockcastle County school system is no exception.

Pongo loans Mt. Vernon fire truck

Last week the city of Mt. Vernon's Volunteer Fire Department got a helping hand from another fire department in the county.

Pongo Fire Chief Kevin Blevins said that after members of the department learned that Mt. Vernon was in need, they offered to lend a fire truck until they (the city) either got the city's truck fixed or bought a

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When the Rockcastle County Board of Education approved their budget for this fiscal year, which began on Tuesday, it included a whopping \$450,000 for fuel costs.

School system finance officer Richard Bray, who presented the \$27 million budget a few weeks ago, said the cost of fuel had increased from \$175,000 just five years ago, to this year's \$450,000. "I hope

that is enough and I think it will be, but you really never know," Bray said.

The total transportation budget for the school system, which includes money for new buses and all salaries related to transportation, is \$1,895,000.

The majority of the \$27 million budget is for the wages of the school systems' 260 classified employees and 240 certified employees.

Bray said salaries and fixed costs, such as insurance, would eat up 70 to 75% of the budget.

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Local man pleads guilty to sex crimes

A Rockcastle County man pled guilty on Friday to two counts of second degree sodomy, involving a child under the age of 14.

Clyde Chasteen, 47, of Hwy. 3245, Brodhead was indicted on 50 counts of sodomy and 50 counts of incest in De-

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Venters among first to announce candidacy for Supreme Court seat

Daniel J. Venters, of Somerset, former Chief Circuit Judge for the 28th Judicial Circuit, comprised of Rockcastle, Pulaski and Lincoln Counties, announced Monday that he is a candidate for the vacant seat on the Kentucky Supreme Court, 3rd District. The seat became vacant when Chief Justice Joseph Lambert of Mt. Vernon, retired last Friday, after 22 years on the state's highest court.

"My experience of over 24 years as a trial judge and nine years in law practice, repre-

sending both plaintiffs and defendants in civil cases, and serving as a prosecutor and defense attorney in criminal cases, uniquely qualifies me to serve as a Justice on Kentucky's highest court," Venters said.

Venters began his legal career in Somerset in 1975 as an assistant to then Commonwealth Attorney, and now United States Congressman Hal Rogers. In 1979 he became a District Court Judge and, in 1983, was elected Circuit Judge. At one point during his 20 years as Circuit Judge in Kentucky,

According to a story in the Courier-Journal on Sunday, Venters is not the only one who will attempt to replace Lambert on the state's highest court, in a special election held during November's General Election.

According to the Louisville newspaper, Rockcastle, Pulaski and Lincoln County Family Court Judge Walter McGuire will also run for the seat as will Robbie Dyche of London, who spent 20 years on the Kentucky Court of Appeals.

According to Leigh Anne Hiatt, Executive Officer of Public Relations with the Administrative Offices of the Courts, said the state's Judicial Nominating Commission is in the process of informing all lawyers in the district of the vacancy. Hiatt said lawyers can

either nominate themselves or another lawyer.

The commission will review those nominations and recommend three names to Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear, who would then have 60 days to choose one of the three.

Judge Maguire told the Courier-Journal that he would not seek an appointment by Beshear.

To accept such an appointment, Maguire said he would have to resign as Family Court Judge and only be assured of serving a few months on the bench before he must face election.

Whomever the Governor chooses will serve until after the November election.

Then whoever wins the election will serve the remainder of Lambert's term, which runs through 2010.



Former Circuit Judge Dan Venters will run for the vacant seat on the Kentucky Supreme Court.



Pongo Fire Chief Kevin Blevins, left, and Mt. Vernon Fire Chief David Bales, shake hands after the Pongo Fire Department loaned Mt. Vernon a fire truck last week. The truck, a 1985 Ford Summit, shown in the background, will help the Mt. Vernon Fire Department, fight city fires.



Tilling the soil a fulfilling life for the Tillerys

It was during the 1970s on a walk with a college friend that Beth Tillery found a career path she never imagined.

"One day, just on the spur of the moment, a classmate and I walked across the street from the Eastern Kentucky University main campus to Stateland Dairy and talked to the farm manager. The cows looked like huge trees to me, but I fell in love with them and farming in general."

Shortly after that fateful visit, she changed her major to agriculture with a focus on dairy herd management.

It was an unexpected move for a young woman who had started college as a drama major and was studying nursing at the time.

Seeing the conditions people were living in at Eastern State Hospital had soured Tillery, the daughter of an undertaker father and mother who was a nurse, on becoming a nurse herself.

"My grandparents had spoken fondly of farming and I thought it looked like a great life," said the native of Independence.

Besides the cows, Beth also fell for a handsome farm boy and fellow agriculture major, Doug Tillery of Jackson County.

Doug's parents owned a 178-acre spread just south of McKee that the newlyweds purchased "with a humongous farm loan," said Beth.

They would spend the next 19 years raising such farm staples as hogs and tobacco while also maintaining a sizeable dairy herd.

The couple also raised two children-Josh, a chemistry major at Bellarmine University, and Jenny, a senior cheerleader at North Laurel High School.

Being able to watch their offspring grow up on the farm has been especially fulfilling for the Tillerys.

"I had great parents, but their work came first. The farm has allowed us to raise our kids like we wanted. They were in the milk house at six weeks old. Doctors told us they were the healthiest kids they had ever seen. They were never sick or in daycare," said the proud mom.

In recent years the family has given up the dairying and tobacco, turning their focus to growing environmentally friendly produce and using sustainable agricultural practices.

All of their animals are raised in a natural stress-free environment and do not consume steroids or hormones.

Tillery says raising tobacco

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Points East

By Ike Adams

I'm rapidly coming to the conclusion that, as far as home gardening goes, a drought is not all that bad.

The fact of the matter is that, even in the driest years we've had in my lifetime, I've always been able to find plenty water in a nearby creek sufficient to keep my plantings healthy.

It is, for sure, bothersome and laborious to haul water and ration it out to thirsty plants and last year, especially, I discovered that my back can't take the lifting that it could twenty years ago without causing some dreadful pain. But still, if gardening is all you have to worry about, finding water for it during a drought is nothing more than a serious aggravation.

On the other hand, I've yet to find a way to dry my garden out when it gets waaaaaay too much rain.

As in, about nine inches over the last 15 days when two would have been about right. Twice already this year I've had to spend hours filling in gullies where sweet corn had been planted two or three days earlier.

Sweet corn that may, right this minute, be sprouting and coming up on a river delta somewhere between Paint Lick and Carrollton. Bodacious sweet corn, at that, and it cost \$6.00 for a little paper bag with enough seed to plant about 200 feet of row. So far I've bought \$12.00 worth at Bluegrass hardware and after Saturday's wash-out here on Lowell Branch I'll have gone back for yet another sack full the time you read this column

I can just see it now. Some of these people who keep little summer cottages where they lie around and drink beer all summer next to the river banks downstream from Madison County are ultimately going to wander down to the shore and discover thick patches of my Bodacious corn growing right there on the bank.

At first they are going to be amused but before the end of August they are going to notice that every stalk has two nice ears and finally, out of sheer boredom, they are going to try boiling a few ears on the cob or tossing some on the barbie just to see what it tastes like. Word is going to spread like wildfire. You are going to see people in leaky old wooden john boats paddling up to remote little bottoms along the river, knocking down the stinging weeds and thistles with razor sharp machetes to see if they can find another stalk or

two of this mysterious sweet corn that tastes better than anything previously known to man, and growing only in the deepest jungles of the Kentucky River Valley.

Rumors will spread. The most common one will be that a flock of elusive snipes flew in and began nesting on the river. Everywhere they pooped there for a week or two, the sweet corn sprouted.

Institutions of higher learning will be trying to figure out the migratory routes of said snipes so they can figure out where the fowl discovered this

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



Dear Journal:

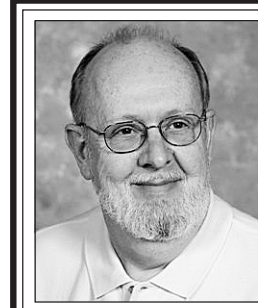
This past Sunday, I finally got involved in something that I had wanted to participate in for a few years now, but for one reason or another didn't. I volunteered to help organize a class reunion. Actually, I have a two-fold purpose. Of course, I would like to help organize this exciting event, but also I have somewhat of a mission this year, to hopefully make a difference in some people's lives. This is our thirtieth year since graduation from Laurel County High School, and I've attended every reunion except the tenth. We have them every five years.

I've always enjoyed attending in the past, and participating in the activities. Our reunions usually turn out to be quite the event, sometimes lasting for two or three days. They're always a lot of fun, and give us a chance to catch up on our lives every five years.

This year's tentative activities begin with a golf scramble at the London Country Club, to begin in the early- to mid-afternoon on Friday. Then later that afternoon, a tailgate party is to begin in the parking lot of the school prior to the football game, if there is one. If there is no game, we'll tailgate anyway. We plan to have an open mike and karaoke, as well.

On Saturday night, we will have the main event. It's a dinner and dance at the London Community Center. We're on the lookout for a good caterer and DJ, preferably one who has a lot of 70s music.

Then, for a farewell finale,



Rockcastle Memories

By David J. Griffin

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Saturday, July 5, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.

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Location: One mile west of the nursing home in Brodhead just off Highway 150. Watch for auction signs.

By order of divorce decree in the Rockcastle Circuit Court, the owners have contracted our firm to sell the property for the high dollar.

This property contains 20 acres more or less and joins the new Highway 150 that is coming through the area. The property has not been surveyed and is being sold by the boundary.

There are approximately 13 acres in grass and a balance in woods with some marketable timber. City water is available.

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Are You Getting Too Much UV-A?

Presented by Dr. David Brabon

You have probably never heard of UV-A, but you are exposed to it every day. It is part of the spectrum of ultraviolet light. It is different from the UV-B light, which is the wavelength that causes skin cancers.

While UV-A light does not contribute significantly to skin cancers, it is the cause of most of the rest of the damage sunlight does to the skin.

There is 1000 times as much UV-A as UV-B, and it is always around. In contrast to UV-B, it is present early in the morning and later in the day, it is present throughout the year (UV-B is primarily in the summer months), and it penetrates glass so you still get some exposure when you are indoors or in your car.

Why is UV-A exposure so important? It is the wavelength of sunlight that causes the aging changes of the skin. It penetrates deeper into the skin and damages the collagen and elastic fibers. As these supportive fibers are damaged and lost, your skin will wrinkle and sag. These are changes that cannot be reversed. Sagging in particular is hard to reverse. Basically, once your skin is old, it stays old forever.

UV-A is also the spectrum of light that causes the majority of drug reactions that are induced by light. Tetracyclines, water pills and many other medicines are much more likely to cause a skin reaction if exposed to this spectrum of light.

Many sun screens do not protect against UV-A, but there are some that do. Check with your pharmacist to be sure you get one with avobenzene or some other UV-A blocker.



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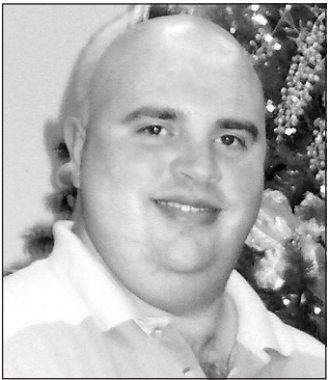
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Obituaries



Christopher Louis Hall

Christopher Louis Hall, 35, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, June 21, 2008 in Lincoln County as a result of an automobile accident. He was born in Lexington, KY on May 27, 1973 the son of James Wallace and Nadine Lillian Weigand Hall. A 1992 graduate of Tates Creek High School, he was an EMT Paramedic for Garrard and Clay Counties and was a member of the Flat Rock Baptist Church. He was a member of the National Registry of EMT-Paramedics, a member of the Bluegrass Sportsman Club, and was a US Navy veteran.

He is survived by: his wife, Virginia Lovell Hall; two daughters, Holly Brooke Cromer and Emily Madison Hall, both of Mt. Vernon; his parents, James Wallace and Nadine Lillian Hall of Lexington; his maternal grandmother, Hazel Baur of Covington; and one sister, Cassandra Leigh Bradley of Lexington. He was preceded in death by a sister, Deanna Rae Hall Hellums.

Funeral services with full EMS honors were conducted Thursday, June 26, 2008 at the Rockcastle County High School by Bros. Larry Burton and Gene Noe. Burial was in the Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were: Colby Arnold (Director), Jay Manley, Justin Bergman, Gary Poynter, Mike Tuggle (Asst. Director), and Tom Shelton, all of Garrard County EMS, and Jimmy Hayre and Preston James of Clay County EMS.

Honorary pallbearers were the remaining members of Garrard County EMS including: Colby F. Arnold, Jr., Robin Batty, Robert Brashears, Wayne Burkhart, Katie Clark, Benny Colt, Jonathan Coyle, Tommy Cromer, Jody Durham, John Gentry, Terry Herrington, Bella Holt, Eric Jumper, Leslie Kirby, John Lyon, Tim May, Charlie McQueary, Jeff Morgan, Samantha Morgan, Mike Mullins, Jennifer Prather, Will Scott Smith, Joseph Sexton, Lavena Sutton, Freddie Vonlinger, and Christie Weifenbaugh; and the remaining members of Clay County EMS including: Rusty Barger, Chuck Combs, Donna Couch, Michelle Coyt, Diana Hayre, Debbie Hensley, Dewayne Lawson, Revelle Lawson, Amy Martin, Tolman Mills, Ben Proffitt, Carlyn Scott, Darrell Shearer, Kenzie Stephens, Cliff Torrence, Rodney Wagers (Director), William Walker, and David Woods (Asst. Director).

Donations are suggested to the Garrard Co. Ambulance Service at 319 Stanford St. Lancaster, KY 40444 or to the Clay Co. Ambulance Service at 115 Court St. Manchester, KY 40962.

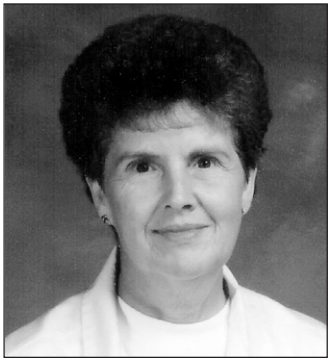
Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.

Viola Moore

Viola Kathryn Moore, 86, of Mt. Vernon, widow of Robert Moore, died Saturday, June 28, 2008 at the Rockcastle Health & Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead with her family by her side.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, July 2, 2008 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Don Stayton. Burial followed in the Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

A complete obituary will appear in next week's Signal. Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.



Gwendolyn Ponder

Gwendolyn Carroll Ponder, 69, of Livingston, died Saturday, June 21, 2008 at the Rockcastle Hospital. She was born in Harlan County, KY on May 2, 1939 the daughter of Roy and Emma Pate Carroll. She worked as a nurse-aide for the Rockcastle County School System, was co-owner of Young Designs clothing store, and was a member of the Eastern Water Association Board of Directors. She was a former committee member of the Livingston Homecoming Committee, the Livingston Ladies Auxiliary, and was a member of Bible Baptist Church.

She is survived by: her husband of 50 years, Dell F. Ponder; one daughter, Cynthia (Robert) Lynn of Versailles; one daughter-in-law, Sharon Ponder of Brodhead; one brother, Cody (Lucy) Carroll of Louisville; and two sisters, Wilma Haire of Livingston and Gladys Dash of Middlesboro. Also surviving are: three grandchildren, James D. Rauch, Joseph Rauch and Douglas Dell Ponder; two step grandchildren, Ryan Lynn and Megan Lynn; and many other family and friends. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her son, Eric Dell Ponder; five brothers, Hugh, Clyde, Glen, Raymond and Tommy Carroll; and two sisters, Della Sparks and Cosba Lou Carroll.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, June 26, 2008 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Don Stayton and Mrs. Becky Isaacs. Burial was in the Red Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Billy Wayne Bryant, Terry Wayne Carroll, Ryan Lynn, Doug Ponder, J. D. Rauch, and Joseph Rauch.

Honorary pallbearers were: Faye Bales, Clifton Bond, Cleo Bryant, Dave Bryant, Helena Bryant, Buzz Carloftis, Lucille Carloftis, Jasper Carpenter, Randy Corry, J. C. Griffin, Lil Griffin, Margaret Martin, Murph Martin, Bobby McClure, Sam Stallsworth, Everett Wagner, and Sharon Wagner.

In memory and honoring the wishes of Mrs. Ponder. Donations are suggested to the Rockcastle Scholarship Committee in care of the Eric Ponder Memorial Fund (please note "Eric Ponder Memorial Fund" on your check), PO Box 1046, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.

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



Coy R. Hamm

Coy R. Hamm, 75, widower of Dorothea Weaver Hamm, of Goshen, KY died Wednesday, June 25, 2008 at Baptist Hospital East in Louisville, KY. He was born on July 22, 1932 in Brodhead a son of the late Devert and Dessie Florence Livesay Hamm. He had been a truck driver for over 50 years having been employed by American Standard, Firestone and Mosler Companies, and was of the Catholic faith. He was a member of the Teamsters Local 100 of Cincinnati, OH, whose interest and hobbies include collecting toy cars and comic books, fishing and yard sales. On April 4, 1949 he was united in holy matrimony to

Dorothea Weaver and from that union came seven children, Mildred, Barbara, Gerald, Gail, Paul, Sandra and Jon.

Those left to cherish his memory are: his children, Mildred Irene Samad of New Castle, KY, Barbara Nichols of Middletown, OH, Gerald Hamm and Gail (David) Frederick, both of Goshen, KY, and Paul (Amy) Hamm of Dayton, OH; 14 grandchildren; six great grandchildren; two brothers, Bill (Carin) Hamm of Goshen, OH and Lee (Carol) Hamm of Williamsburg, OH; a sister, Lola Mae Mitchell of Virginia Beach, VA; an aunt, Avis Benghe of Brodhead; an uncle, Alonzo Hamm of Brodhead; and a host of nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by: two children, Sandra and Jon Hamm; a sister, Betty Jean Brock; a brother, Robert Hamm; and a son-in-law, David Samad.

Services were held Saturday, June 28, 2008 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Father John Agapito officiating.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com



Jackie Marie Rayburn

Jackie Marie Rayburn, 46, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, June 29, 2008 at the Rockcastle Hospital after a long illness. She was born on October 30, 1961 in Lexington, KY the daughter of the late Jack and Margaret Pressley McCormick. She was a former waitress and nurses aide, enjoyed crocheting and sewing and was a member of the Baptist Faith.

Survivors are: two sons, Billy Mills Jr. and Jeremy Mills, both of Barbourville, KY; one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Edwards of Barbourville, KY; four brothers, Raymond and Glenn McCormick, both of Lexington, KY, and John and Jack McCormick, both of Pine Hill; five sisters, Johnna McCormick of Callaway, Phyllis Sutton of Berea, Lola Swinney of Mt. Vernon, Juanita Watkins of Adler, West Virginia, and Tammy Johnson of Irvine, KY; and eight grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, Joyce Hampton.

Services were held Wednesday, July 2, 2008 at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Vernon Doan officiating. Burial was in the McCormick Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Dallas Skinner, Jay Skinner, Clell Swinney Jr., Matthew Burkheart, William Willis, and Richard McCormick

Honorary pallbearers were: Kyle Allen, Kelley Allen, and Jeff Renner

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

In Loving Memory of Broderick Bowman

who would have had a birthday July 4th but God called him home. We love and miss him very much.
Mother and Sister

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Saturday, July 5th
Begins at 2 p.m.
Everyone Welcome

Brenda Dees Card of Thanks

Brenda Crabtree Dees, 60, of Ireland Lane, Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, June 29, 2008 at her home. She is the daughter of Alberta JoAnn Kline Kaylor of Mt. Vernon and the late James Crabtree. She was a member of the Fellowship Baptist Church where we was also the Secretary and Treasurer, Sunday school and Bible School teacher, and she was a member at Clear Creek Baptist Church where she taught Sunday school. She was also a homemaker, mother and book-keeper for the Dees family business.

She is survived by: her mother, Alberta Kaylor of Mt. Vernon; her husband, Donald Dees of Mt. Vernon; three sons, Mathew (Kim) Dees of Berea, David (Shawna) Dees of Berea and Tommy (Jackie) Dees of Mt. Vernon; a sister, Lynn Crabtree of Mt. Vernon; a brother, David Crabtree of Ohio; seven grandchildren, Canon Dees, Chase Dees, Casey Dees, Laney Dees, Ashley Dees, Dalton Dees, and AJ Dees. She was preceded in death by a grandson, Cody Dees.

Funeral services will be (today) Thursday, July 3, 2008 at 2 p.m. at Lakes Funeral Home with Rev. Kenny Queener officiating. Burial will be in the Dees Cemetery.

Online register book at www.lakesfuneralhome.com

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Notice of Special Called Meeting of the members of the Cedar Rapids Recreation Center

Date: Tuesday, July 8, 2008
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Cedar Rapids Dining Room

Purpose

To discuss bids received on pool.



You're invited to a free catered dinner and a presentation entitled:

"Cancers of the Blood" (Leukemia and Lymphoma)

Presented by

Kevin McDonagh, M.D.

Deputy Director of UK Markey Cancer Center

July 17, 2008 • 6:00 p.m.
Brodhead Baptist Church

Please RSVP (by July 11) by calling Arielle Reese at Rockcastle Hospital (606) 256-7880.

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Our Readers Write

To: ERWA Assn. Board President

Dear Editor,
The following petition will be presented to the board of directors at the next meeting of the association on Tuesday, July 8th at 8 a.m. at the courthouse.

"We, the undersigned, represent a large number of Eastern Rockcastle Water Association (ERWA) water users and members who are concerned about the operation of the ERWA board and its apparent lack of concern for transparency and accountability to its members and the public. ERWA appears to operate in secret and resists informing properly made inquiries concerning its operations.

ERWA has chosen not to inform the public of its board meetings, its deliberations and actions. Therefore, we request in writing copies of the ERWA board minutes for the past twelve (12) months. Furthermore, we ask that the board conduct its monthly meetings, which the by-laws state should be the second Friday of each month, and that a proper public notice be given of regular board meetings so that ERWA members and members of the news media might attend.

ERWA operates with state and federal monies and payments by users for water service. ERWA performs an important public function of providing safe and potable water for its users and we want to assure that the ERWA board is conducting its affairs, according to accepted rules of operation for public organizations and that the ERWA operates in

such a manner that it continues as a viable organization.

Given the importance of safe and potable water for healthy children and citizens of our community, we must act to guarantee that we have a board for the Eastern Rockcastle Water Association that is both competent and respectful of the public to which it is pledged to serve."

Dr. Joanne K. Guilfoil, Phd
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Barbara Castleberry, Phd
Mary Jo Rodefer
John Rodefer
Conley Rodefer
Garland French
Bill Sexton
Jr. James
Evelyn Lou Mullins

Thanks Rockcastle County...

Dear Editor,
I wanted to take an opportunity to thank Rockcastle County and all those affiliated with the Relay For Life event held on June 20th.

I have been attending the

Relay For Life of Rockcastle County for the past 6 years and mother nature unfortunately has always won out and caused the event to not continue much past midnight. However I think she met her match this year when hundreds of Rockcastle Countians came out to make a stand as a community to fight back against cancer! When I arrived around 1:00 am it was simply a joy to see the teams still at their campsites mingling and the event activities taking place. The music was playing and adolescents, adults and event those young at heart all were enjoying the festivities. It truly was an uplifting, exciting and meaningful event! The activities went well into the wee hours of the morning before the rain moved in and those who hung in there were still having a wonderful time! Rockcastle County residents once again rallied together and came out to show their support of this event which raised \$35,000! Wow!!

Planning for this event doesn't just take place a few weeks in advance, but actually begins almost a year in advance! Relay For Life of Rockcastle County wouldn't be possible without the incredible volunteer committee members and team captains who donate their time, energy and money to the fight against cancer. These volunteers are the backbone of our organization and we truly appreciate all they do for the American Cancer Society and Relay For Life!

Relay For Life of Rockcastle County will help support research to find a cure; prevention and early detection efforts; advocacy projects and services that improve the quality of life of cancer patients and their families. Thank you again for making Relay For Life of Rockcastle County a success!!

Leslie Hammer
402 Coomer St
Somerset, KY 42503
American Cancer Society
Phone: (606) 678-0203

Heartfelt appreciation...

Dear Editor,
I would like to convey my heartfelt appreciation to the community for making our 2008 Relay For Life truly a remarkable victory. On behalf of the American Cancer Society, I would like to thank all the community volunteers that assisted with this year's event. Such an amazing event like this could not be possible without the teams, corporate sponsors, community leaders and businesses that have graciously worked with us during the past several months, the event planning committee who has so

faithfully brought the event to fruition and the army of dedicated volunteers who assisted with the numerous details and activities the evening of the event.

There are far too many participants and volunteers to name them all, but I would like to take this opportunity to publicly recognize and express my gratitude to the members of the 2008 Planning Committee for their hard work and dedication; Betty Purcell, Brandy Bullock, Lisa Smithern, Jeff Smithern, Susan Brown, Arielle Reese, John Hopkins, Jason Brock, Jessica Evans and Steven Renner. I would also like to recognize the 2008 Team Captains for their outstanding commitment and success this year; Maria Hensley, John Hopkins, Jenny Schuler, Cheryl Hood, Kelly McClure, Charlotte Holcomb, Angie Bullock, Denise Parsons, Lisa Smithern, Kristi VanZant, Melanie Reynolds and Beverly Wooton.

I would also like to express my appreciation to the Rockcastle County Schools for allowing us to use the Middle School track and to our corporate sponsors for their tremendous support and commitment to the American Cancer Society's mission. The 2008 Corporate Sponsors include: Rockcastle Hospital, PBK Bank, Citizens Bank and Community Trust Bank. Other important sponsors include: Dowell & Martin Funeral Home, Sparks Flowers and More, Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals, Lisa's Little People Learning Center and Daycare, Pizza Hut, WRVK and the Mt. Vernon Signal. I would also like to thank Roundstone Baptist Church for preparing and serving the Survivors' Celebration Dinner and the 2007-08 Rockcastle Co. Middle School Leadership Team and the JROTC for their participation in the Opening Ceremony.

Special thanks to the following community leaders for their support and participation: Representative Danny Ford, Billy Bryant, Count Attorney Billy Reynolds, Mayor Clarice Kirby, Charlie Napier, Robert Lawson, Jason Cougar and Judge Jeff Burdette. Other vol-

unteers and supporters include: Inspired Image, Bootsie Shepherd, Aletha's Florist, Carla Rowe, Skylar Holcomb, Karen Myers, Kayla Rowe, Norietta Thompson, Delores McClure, Darrell Stephens, Jason Brock, Millie Eaton, Rick Reynolds, Joy Reynolds, Jeremy Reynolds, Jaelyn Bullock, Lora Beth Payne, Becky McNew and Will Reynolds.

Thank you for your continued support—its volunteers and businesses like you that can make a difference in the fight against cancer.

With many thanks,
Melissa Brock, Relay Chair

Rules don't apply to all...

Dear Editor,
OMG! I just finished reading the *Signal* and I can't believe the story about the firefighter's and the mayor. My question is, why isn't she in jail? If that had been one of us, (a regular citizen), we would have been under the jail for pulling the stuff she pulled at a fire scene. Disobeying a firefighter's order's, trying to move someone else's car (car theft), almost running over someone, and then barreling

through the middle of a blocked off fire scene. Any of us would have been arrested, checked to see if we were drunk or what kind of drugs we were on, probably scuffed around, and taken to jail on numerous charges. It's typical for Mt. Vernon. For some people the rules just don't apply.

Michelle Damrell

Mayor responds to criticism...

Dear Editor,
I again ask you to kindly let me, let the people know that some of the things they're hearing out there might not necessarily be true. Some have called me "Crazy", others say, "I'm dangerous", unfair among the other things I wouldn't repeat and none are saying these things to my face. But that's ok. Consider the source I ask you. I'm also asking some other questions. Did any of you wonder when you saw our firemen either in person or in the front page of the paper why that none of these were in turnout gear when the KRS clearly states that you are not allowed to respond to a structure or vehicle

(Cont. to A5)

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“Letters”
(Cont. from A4)

fire without being dressed in turnout gear. Did that not put the firemen that were fighting fire (at least 2 Livingston Fire Department Members) and the citizens nearby in danger not to mention the liability it placed on the City? Where are the traffic ramps we owned and why were they not placed over the hoses that were across roads unnecessarily when a fire hydrant was right by the house on fire? By the way, they still haven't been found along with a long list that hasn't been found.

I asked for a list of equipment from out CCEPP Management overseer who has issued equipment but he has been away and as of this date we still haven't gotten any missing equipment list and it's just giving ex-firemen who resigned more time to get rid of more equipment that wasn't supposed to be taken from the Mt. Vernon Volunteer Fire Department and also they called their account The Fireman's Club but it all was raised in the name of the Mt. Vernon Volunteer Fire Department. I'm again saying I'm sorry for anyone whom the incident of “The Fire” harmed in any way or it made you feel less of me. I meant no harm to anyone and actually didn't know I'd crossed a hose because there were no bumps as I drove down the street.

Also I did not remove anyone from the capacity of any job within the fire department as some say, I appointed Jack Weaver as Chief and he decided the following day without my knowledge to step down and I believe he will tell you the truth about the incident as for he knows it. So why are you putting words in his mouth?

If any of you were buying equipment out of your own pockets you should have found out about State Aid and the Fund Raising Money that wasn't being run through the City's accounts but anytime that I was asked to pay a bill I did so for the fire department.

I don't think anything I've done or not done warranted a department resigning trying to put the people in real harms way if they should have needed assistance in an entrapment or had valuable possessions or lives being threatened that first day all night and all day on Thursday those two trucks were removed from availability of use being at one Jason Hansel's' private home and none that resigned had any certification or insurance coverage for workman's comp, life, or insurance to use any equipment in the process of jaws of life, vehicle eradication or a fire of any kind. I was informed by our fine County Judge Buzz Carloftis that was not any of my business. I exploded with a round of words that said yes it is. My tax dollars are paid in to the county government the same as all the others that live in my city and county.

I want to end my letter on behalf of our city council, firemen and myself by saying a great big Thank You to Pongo Fire Department Chief, Assistant Chief and all the Volunteers for one of the Best Gifts anyone could ever receive, a Large Good equipped Fire Truck. This came in to us by these good people who said it was a little too big for their uses. Thank you so much. That's how we're supposed to operate. Help each other and work together for the good of all. If you all ever need us for anything, I feel sure that our present firemen's membership will work with anyone in anyway they can. So will I.

Note: If anyone has knowledge of any missing equipment from the Mt. Vernon Volunteer Fire Department that wasn't there when I checked immediately after receiving resignations, please contact City Hall or the Mt. Vernon Police Department. It's your duty to help serve by helping us find the missing and needed gear: radios, pagers, turnout gear, fire truck who took it from our building? What equipment is gone from it? Cascade Machine needed to fill our O2 Bottles, Masks, Uniforms, Badges and other hardware etc. Any assis-

tance in these things will always be appreciated.

Sincerely,
Mayor Clarice R. Kirby

“Ken & Tucky”
(Cont. from A2)

was difficult for her because “I didn't like working in what I don't believe in,” but she misses the dairy. “I enjoy being around livestock the most. I love watching them eat and how they are able to produce milk.”

She is grateful to tobacco for the fact the settlement money gave farmers the hope for doing other things.

These days, the entire family pitches in to help raise products sold primarily at the Farmer's Market in Lexington. Crops include tomatoes, squash, cabbage, blackberries, blueberries, strawberries, and even fresh cut flowers. Eggs and meat chickens are also sold.

Beth usually makes the 140-mile roundtrip alone while Doug works at a glass factory in Richmond.

Despite all the usual hardships associated with farming, Beth Tillery is glad she switched majors one more time more than 30 years ago.

“My grandparents were right. This is a great life.”
Columnist Don White has served as editor at several Kentucky newspapers. His Kentucky Traveler features are published throughout the state. Contact him at dwhite@theytraveler.com.

“Memories”
(Cont. from A2)

bank.
At first they are going to be amused but before the end of August they are going to notice that every stalk has two nice ears and finally, out of sheer boredom, they are going to try boiling a few ears on the cob or tossing some on the barbie just to see what it tastes like.

Word is going to spread like wildfire. You are going to see people in leaky old wooden john boats paddling up to remote little bottoms along the river, knocking down the stinging weeds and thistles with razor sharp machetes to see if they can find another stalk or two of this mysterious sweet corn that tastes better than anything previously known to man, and growing only in the deepest jungles of the Kentucky River Valley.

Rumors will spread. The most common one will be that a flock of elusive snipes flew in and began nesting on the river. Everywhere they pooped there for a week or two, the sweet corn sprouted.

Institutions of higher learning will be trying to figure out the migratory routes of said snipes so they can figure out where the fowl discovered this wonderful new corn.

The effort that will go into this research will make the search for the origin of the Nile look like folly.

Arguments will be made and papers presented at the highest levels of academia, maintaining that this is nothing but plain old Iowa Chief sweet corn that has been radically altered by the enzymes in elusive snipe digestive tracts.

Before the end of the year, some enterprising retirees with too much time on their hands will have saved a quart or two of seed. They will be selling it on ebay at two bucks per grain and it will be advertised as “the original snipeshit sweet corn”. Millions of dollars will be made by these entrepreneurs but I'd watch out if I were you. There are lots of fakes there on ebay and it's nearly impossible to determine if you are getting the real thing before your hard-earned money is long gone.

What you can do, of course, is trot on over to Bluegrass Hardware and get the real thing if they have any left.

At least that's what I'm going to do. And I'm going to keep planting, no matter how many times it gets washed out, right on up until the first of August.

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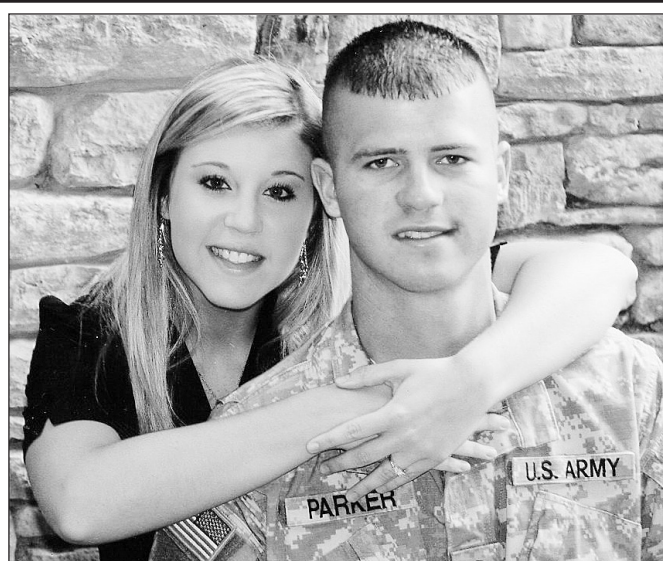


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/s/ Clarice R. Kirby,
Mayor, City of Mount Vernon



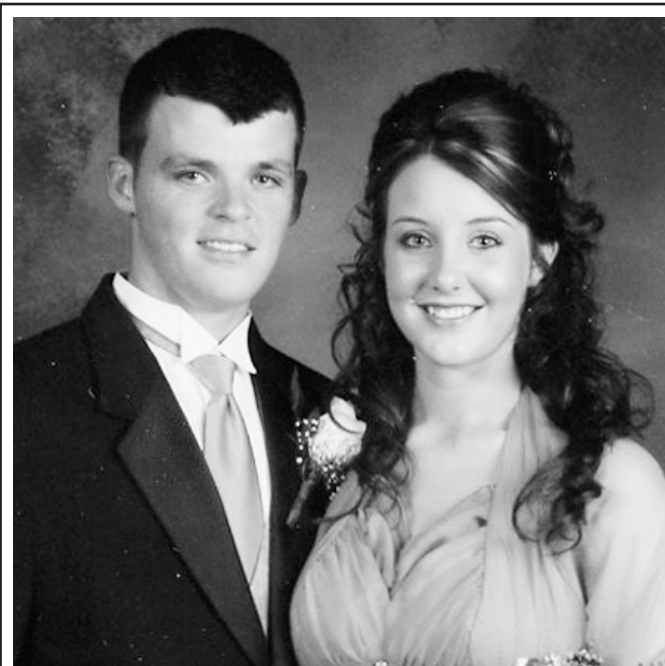
Shearer - Parker

Ronnie and Bonnie Roark and Jeff Parker would like to announce the engagement of their son, Jeffrey Michael Parker of Mt. Vernon to Misty Dawn Shearer, of Berea. Misty is the daughter of Billy Shearer and the late Sheila Spires Shearer. Misty will be attending Georgetown College in the fall while Jeffrey will be completing his military deployment in Iraq.



Delph - Carter

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Delph of Brodhead are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Elizabeth Marie to be married to Jason Neil Carter, son of Ms. Sueko Carter and the late Donald Carter of Brodhead. Elizabeth is also the daughter of the late Joyce Darlene Delph. The wedding will take place at 1:00 p.m., July 3, 2008 at Everlasting Memories in Pigeon Forge, Tenn.



Shemwell - Reed

David Matthew Reed of Bremen, Ky. and Andrea Renae Shemwell of Greenville, Ky. announce their forthcoming wedding on July 8th at 7 p.m. at Nelson Pentecostal Church with Bro. Paul Uzzle, Jr. officiating. David Matthew is the son of Steve and Retha Smith Reed of Bremen, Ky. and the grandson of Earl and Sharon Smith of Brodhead and Betty and the late James Reed of Moorman, Ky. Andrea Renae is the daughter of Lonnie Shemwell of Nelson Creek, Ky. and Barbara Shemwell of Greenville, Ky. All friends and family are invited to attend.

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ERWA Meeting

The July regular meeting for Eastern Rockcastle Water Association will be held Tuesday, July 8th at 8 a.m. on the third floor of the courthouse.

Offices Closed

The RCHS office will be closed Friday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

All courthouse offices (except 911) will be closed Friday, July 4th and Saturday, July 5th for the July 4th holiday week end.

City Wide Yard Sale

There will be a city-wide yard sale July 4th and 5th with spaces available in the city parking lot both days. Spaces must be reserved. For more information, and to reserve your spot, call City Hall at 606-256-3437.

Diplomas Are Ready

Diplomas for 2008 RCHS graduates are ready and may be picked up in the front office between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. each day.

Fish Fry Cancelled for BVFD

The Brodhead Volunteer Fire Dept. WILL NOT have a fish fry on Saturday, July 5 due to the holiday.

Class of 1998 Reunion

The RCHS Class of 1998's reunion will be Sept. 26 and 27. Addresses of alumni are needed. Please contact Alvin-Dale Green at 859-302-6450 or avonberea@gmail.com or Dana Thacker Bullock at 606-308-1472.

Civil War Display

There will be a Civil War Artifact Display and Cannon Firing Sunday, July 6th at the Big Hill Welcome Center from 1 to 6 p.m.

Foster or Adoptive Parent Meeting

Are you interested in becoming a Foster or Adoptive Parent? The Cabinet for Health and Family Services will hold an informational meeting on July 8, 2008 at 6 p.m. at the Rockcastle County DCBS office at the Scott Bldg. on Main Street in Mt. Vernon. New classes will begin on July 17, 2008. For more information, contact Brandy Baldwin at 606-287-7114.

Kiwanis Club Meeting Place Note

Effective Thursday, July 3rd, the Rockcastle Kiwanis Club will be meeting at Renfro Valley Lodge Restaurant at noon. Kiwanis will meet there every Thursday through December.

NAMI Meeting

There will be a NAMI meeting Thursday, June 19 at noon at the Cumberland River Comprehensive Care Center. For more information, call 256-9250.

Historical Society Hours

Rockcastle Historical Society is open Mondays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the RTEC garage building. Regular meeting of the society is on the 4th Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Building in Mt. Vernon.

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.

Historical Society Open on Mondays

The Rockcastle County Historical Society will be open for researchers on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The society's office is located in the RTEC Garage in Mt. Vernon.

Rogers secures funding for Operation UNITE

Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-05) announced today that a key committee in the U.S. House of Representatives has approved \$4.45 million for Operation UNITE to continue its flourishing counter-drug initiative in southern and eastern Kentucky. UNITE employs a successful multi-pronged strategy to tackle the scourge of drug abuse throughout the region using cooperative law enforcement efforts, treatment, and education.

"Operation UNITE's innovative tactics have received accolades at the local, state and national level, and Congress' continued endorsement of this successful program is an indication that we are well-poised to continue the fight against drugs," said Rogers. "Our community has come together like never before, and the numbers speak for themselves. By uniting the manpower and resources of law enforcement officers, citizen groups and medical professionals and educating our young people on the serious dangers of drug use, Operation UNITE is truly making a difference in the battle against drugs."

Operation UNITE, which stands for Unlawful Narcotics Investigations, Treatment and Education, serves 29 counties

in southern and eastern Kentucky. The region-wide program has three main tasks: creating regional drug task forces for interdiction, confiscation and undercover operations; organizing local citizens' groups and coordinating drug treatment programs; and working with educators to expand drug awareness and education programs in local schools. With this funding, Rogers has directed over \$41 million for UNITE.

To date, UNITE detectives have confiscated over \$8 million worth of drugs off the street, including more than 73,300 prescription pills, nearly 20 pounds of cocaine, and over 11 pounds of methamphetamine. Their efforts have led to the arrests of 2,550 drug dealers and a 98% conviction rate. Operation UNITE also provides non-violent offenders and those grappling with addiction with a second chance—over 1,590 non-violent offenders have participated in UNITE drug court programs, and more than 1,170 individuals have received vouchers for treatment. Finally, Operation UNITE continues to educate our youth about the dangers of drug abuse; to date, 64,595 counseling sessions have taken place with UNITE substance

abuse counselors. For more information on UNITE, visit www.operationunite.org or call 866-678-6483.

These funds are included in the FY09 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, which was

approved by the House Appropriations Committee on June 25, 2008. The bill is slated to be considered by the full House of Representatives later this summer. Rogers works to secure valuable funding for important initiatives in the Fifth Congressional District.

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Mr. and Mrs. Prewitt have sold their farm and have authorized our company to sell the following equipment and personal property at absolute auction.

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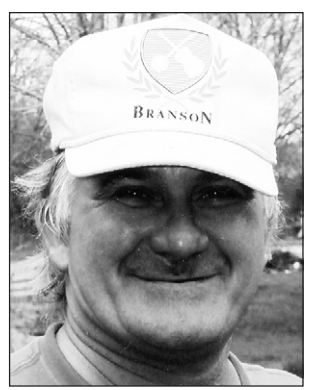
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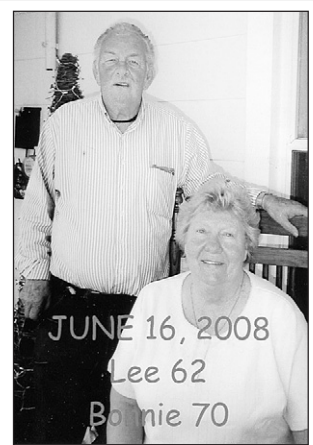
Births and Birthdays



Happy 50th Birthday
Danny Woodall
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Your family and friends

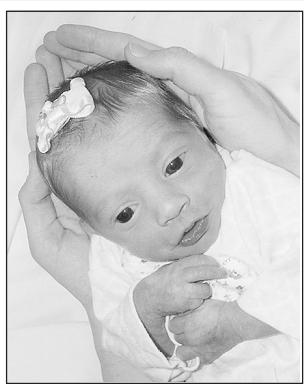


I love you more today
than yesterday,
never as much as
tomorrow.
I love you more every day
Happy Birthday "Piggy"



The double birthdays of Bonnie Burton, who turned 70, and her brother, Roy Lee Roberts, who turned 62, both on June 16, 2008 were celebrated June 14th in Springboro, Ohio at Bonnie's home. Roy Lee lives at Buffalo Hollow in Berea. *May you both have many more happy healthy birthdays.*

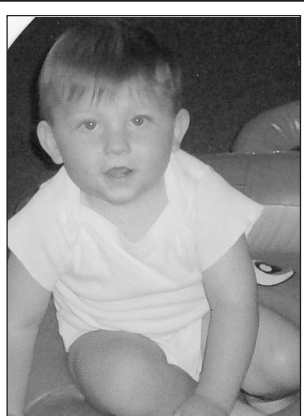
Happy Birthday to Bill Parker on June 27th. My honey bunches of oats!



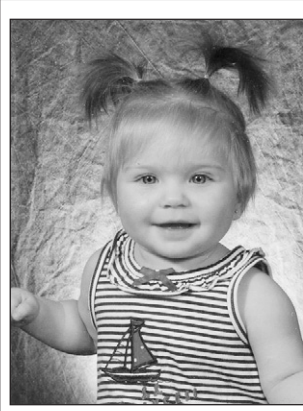
Alex and Rachel Martin of London are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Alexis Nicole Martin. Alexis was born February 17, 2008 at Central Baptist Hospital. She weighed 3 lbs. 12 ozs. and was 18 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Ann and Larry Todd of Broughtontown, Gary Cummins of Bee Lick. Paternal grandparents are Frankie and Patricia Martin of Calloway.

Our grandson, Zachary Kersey of Hustonville will be celebrating his 20th birthday, July 2, 2008.

We love you very much.
*Your grandparents,
Ron and Joyce Rogers
James and Ella Kersey
Wilder*



Hi, my name is Carson Thomas Cameron. I celebrated my first birthday on June 27, 2008 with all of my friends and family. I would like to thank everyone for the gifts I received. My mommy and daddy are Charlie and April Cameron of Brodhead. My grandparents are Bill and Darlene Cameron of Brindle Ridge and Paul and Linda Burton of Mt. Vernon.



Adisynne Wesleigh Lovell celebrated her first birthday on June 9, 2008. Her parents are James Thomas and Johnetta "Susie" Lovell. Her grandparents are Billy and Marcella Lovell and Johnny and Gladys Carpenter. *Happy Birthday Adisynne. We love you!*

will have saved a quart or two of seed. They will be selling it on ebay at two bucks per grain and it will be advertised as "the original snipeshit sweet corn". Millions of dollars will be made by these entrepreneurs but I'd watch out if I were you. There are lots of fakes there on ebay and it's nearly impossible to determine if you are getting the real thing before your hard-earned money is long gone.

What you can do, of course, is trot on over to Bluegrass Hardware and get the real thing if they have any left.

At least that's what I'm going to do. And I'm going to keep planting, no matter how many times it gets washed out, right on up until the first of August.

"Journal"

(Cont. from A2)

on the subject, but I did anyway. It had to do with my mission.

I've noticed in years past, that it's pretty much the same old bunch that attends the reunions every time. I've also noticed that it's pretty much the same ones from back in high school that were the "in crowd," the "haves," the pretty and popular kids. For anyone who has attended high school, you know the ones I mean. It never changes from school to school, or age to age. I think they call it a "pride and vanity" problem, although we were too young and foolish to

know any better or even care years ago.

We started talking about those kids that were teased, taunted, and humiliated unmercifully almost every day, one boy in particular. In any case, there was a group made to feel painfully unwanted and out of place. It's these individuals who, in some cases, have never attended a reunion. Is it any wonder? A reunion only serves as a grim reminder of a very painful time in their past. We, as a class, have made these people's lives miserable, and it's long past time to try to make amends. Although I personally didn't play a part in the taunting in the past, I didn't do anything to stop it, either.

Then there is the saddest case of all: those classmates who have died over the last thirty years. There have been quite a few of our three hundred plus graduating class to pass away. Since the last reunion, I've lost a very good girlfriend to inoperable cancer. She died a few days before Christmas two years ago. Her only son was serving in Iraq at the time. Then, just this weekend, I've learned one classmate has committed suicide a couple of weeks ago. He was always what seemed to be an ideal student, smart, and well-mannered. As far as I can remember, I've never seen him at a class reunion.

I hope this will be the best reunion yet, not just for some but for all. I also hope it will be a time for "mending fences" while we have the chance.

"Points East"

(Cont. from A2)

wonderful new corn.

The effort that will go into this research will make the search for the origin of the Nile look like folly.

Arguments will be made and papers presented at the highest levels of academia, maintaining that this is nothing but plain old Iowa Chief sweet corn that has been radically altered by the enzymes in elusive snipe digestive tracts.

Before the end of the year, some enterprising retirees with too much time on their hands

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SUBJECT: 1.5% OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE TAX

The Rockcastle County Government provides that, effective July 1, 2008, the 1.5% (one & one-half percent) Occupational License Tax (Ordinance No. 23) applies to all individuals, employers, and businesses in Rockcastle County.

The rate is:

- 1.5% of each individual's gross wages, salaries and commissions earned within Rockcastle County.
- 1.5% of the net profits of every business from activities conducted within Rockcastle County.

Additional provisions of the Ordinance are:

- Each employer must withhold 1.5% Occupational License Tax from gross wages, salaries and commissions paid to employees for services performed within Rockcastle County.
- Each business becoming subject to the Ordinance must at that time register for Occupational License Tax. Registration applications may be picked up at the Fiscal Court Clerk's office or call (606) 256-1293 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

The forms for required reporting are:

- The return of Occupational Tax withheld must be used by employers to report Occupational License Tax withheld from employees. This return will be mailed out quarterly and is due on: April 30, July 31, October 31, and January 31.
- The Net Profit License Tax Return must be used by each business to report annually its net profits subject to 1.5% license fee. The return will be mailed out at the end of each business fiscal year and is due one-hundred five days (105) thereafter.

Clearance Sale In Progress

DeBorde's Discount on Main Street in Mt. Vernon, is under new ownership and ALL merchandise is being cleared. *Come out and rummage for some great bargains!!*

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05 DURANGO SLT, 4 rd seat, alloys, white	was \$14,990	SALE \$12,990
05 NEON SXT, 4 dr, alloys, 36 K miles, (up to 28 MPG)	was \$10,990	SALE \$9,990
05 RAM BIG HORN ED. SLT, quad cab, 47 K miles	was \$15,990	SALE \$12,990
05 RANGER EDGE, alloys, 36 K miles	was \$10,990	SALE \$9,990
05 MURANO SL AWD, p. seat, (like new) (local trade)	was \$18,990	SALE \$17,990
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JROTC travels to Rockcastle River

The first Saturday in May saw students from the Rockcastle County JROTC program go on a canoe trip on the Rockcastle River.

The day started with a demonstration by Mr. Sturm on how to prepare ourselves for when we got in the water. Everyone then practiced for a few minutes before setting out through the rapids. The first to flip into the freezing water were Jonathan Alexander and Craig Stewart.

Every few miles, we would take a break and, about half way on our journey, we stopped at a rest area to relax and enjoy a swim. Near the water was a big rock perfect for jumping into the river.

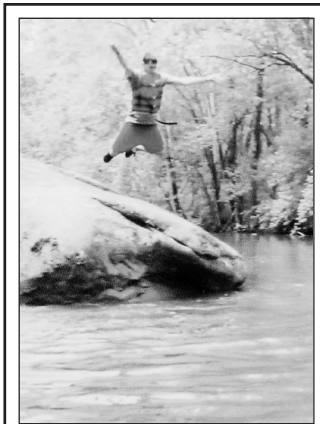
We all enjoyed the 12 mile trip, especially Cpt. Thompson and Mrs. Walker who were dumped by Brook Blount and Samantha Bussell. The two canoes battled it out until one of them finally won.

Toward the end of our destination, a few of the cadets got out of their canoes and lined up in the water and waited there to ambush those behind. Everyone else, in their canoes heading their way, knew exactly what was up and everyone was dumped when they reached the end. The last to get tossed were Josh Cromer and Anthony Smith who put up a fight until the very end.

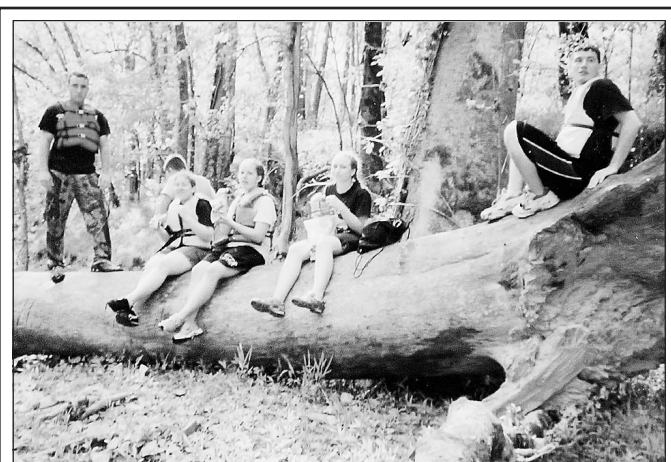
All the tipping was over and it was time for everyone to haul their canoes up the bank to the

canoe livery, change out of their wet clothes, and head home.

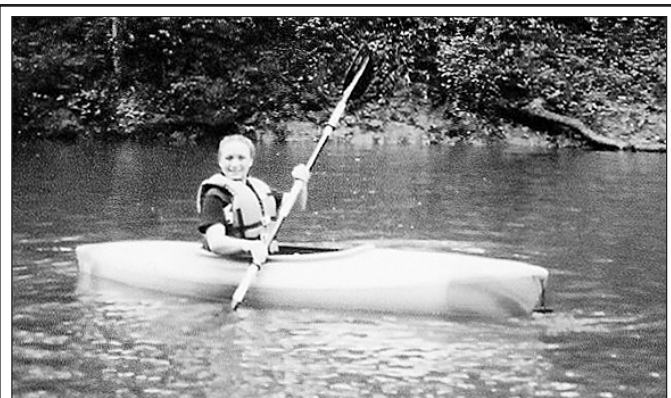
Taking part in the trip were: Jacob Alcorn, Jonathan Alexander, Jesse Artley, Robert Baggett, James Blair, Brook Blount, Susan Boggs, Megan Brumett, Samantha Bussell, Joshua Cromer, Johnathon Dekorte, Ronnie Denny, Charles Dickerson, Michael Doan, Daniel Hayes, Ericka Isaac, David Luncford, James McFerron, Christina Pendry, Mason Phillips, Ben Ratliff, Christopher Robinson, Lester Senters, Anthony Smith, Ashlee Smith, Craig Stewart, Sebrina Sturm, Colton Walker, Benjamin Whitaker, Cullan White and Stephanie Yaeger. Chaperones also attending were: Mrs. Sharon Walker, Mrs. Rebecca Trimbula, SFC Keith Graves and CPT Jeffery Thompson.



William Mason jumping off the ROCK!!



From left: Daniel Hayes, Buck Blair, Samantha Bussell, Brook Blount, Sebrina Sturm and Craig Stewart enjoying a nice break.



Sebrina Sturm gliding through the way in the kayak.

Johnson gets FFA scholarship

The National FFA Organization has awarded a \$3,000 Bernie Staller Endowment Scholarship to Dustin Johnson of Rockcastle County High School FFA. The Bernie Staller Endowment Fund, as a special project of the National FFA Foundation, sponsors the scholarship. Dustin plans to use the funds to pursue a degree at Eastern Kentucky University.

This scholarship is one of 1,641 awarded through the National FFA Scholarship Program this year. Currently, 133 corporate sponsors generously contribute more than \$2.2 million to support this program. This is the 24th year that scholarship have been made available through the National FFA Foundation by business and industry sponsors to reward and encourage excellence and enable students to pursue their educational goals.

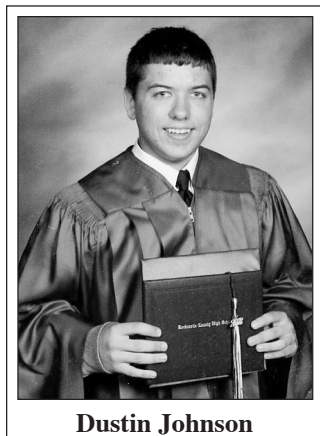
Scholarship recipients were selected from 8,420 applicants from across the country. Selections were based on the applicant's academic record, FFA and other school and community activities, supervised agricultural experience program in agricultural education and future goals.

The National FFA Organization, formerly known as Future Farmers of America, is a national youth organization of 500,823 student members -- all

preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture -- as part of 7,358 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

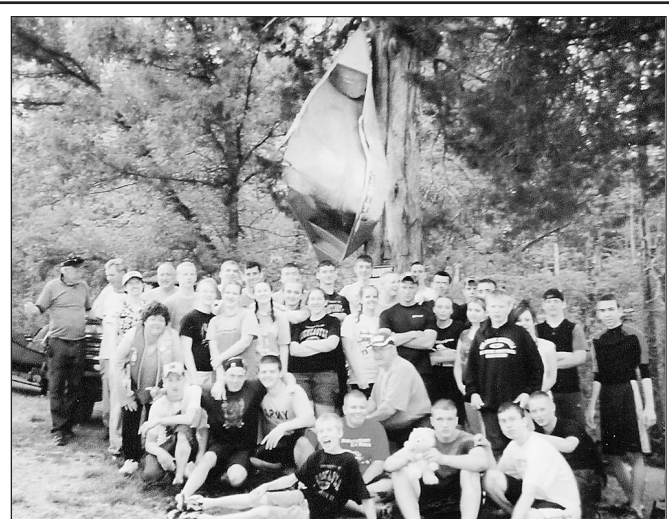
The National FFA Organization changed to its present name in 1988, in recognition of the growth and diversity of agriculture and agricultural education. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

Visit www.ffa.org for more information.



Dustin Johnson

The Signal office will be closed Friday, July 4th



The group poses for the annual shot under a canoe.

At Somerset Community College 26 Rockcastle students earn spot on Dean's List

Twenty-Six (26) students from Rockcastle County earned a place on the Somerset Community College Dean's List for the Spring 2008 Semester. The enrollment at SCC is more than 7,000 students. Only 582 SCC students or slightly more than eight percent (8%) made the SCC Spring 2008 Dean's List.

The Rockcastle County students are:

- Brodhead – Linda Viola Adams, Matthew C. Bray, Brittney Campbell, Deanna Carpenter, Brenda Marteen Cottrell, Marcus Bentley Fultz, Douglas-Dell Stafford Ponder, Becky L. Prewitt, and Jared James Taulbee.

- Crab Orchard– Christopher L. Baldwin.

- Livingston – Tawanna Lynn Hasty.

- Mount Vernon – Crystal Sue Alcorn, Megan H. Alcorn, Ashlee Brooke Bradley, Linda Carol Bryant, Patty Jo Collins, Lisa Ann Cook, Stacey Allison Kerns, Philip M. McFerron, Bessie M. Prickett, Carla R. Rowe, and Shannon Marie Smith.

- Orlando – Justin W. Hensley, Victoria Lea Miller, Wanda T. Navarre, and Angela Dee Owens.

In order to be honored as a member of the SCC Dean's List, a student must maintain a

3.5 Grade Point Average (GPA) and be a full-time student at Somerset Community College. A full-time student must take classes totaling at least 12 credit-hours during a semester, excluding developmental classes.

Somerset Community College is a comprehensive two-year institution of higher education. SCC has campuses in Somerset and London, centers in Clinton, McCreary, Casey and Russell Counties. The website is www.somerset.kctcs.edu. Call for admission and registration information toll free at 1-877-629-9722.

KCTCS serves the Commonwealth through 16 community and technical college districts that form a seamless system of 62 campuses open or under construction. KCTCS colleges change lives by providing accessible and affordable education and training through academic and technical associate degrees; diploma and certificate programs in occupational fields; pre-baccalaureate education; adult, continuing and developmental education; customized training for business and industry; and distance learning. For more information, visit www.kctcs.edu.

Holly Brown receives scholarship at Transy

Holly Brown, a Rockcastle County High School graduate, has been awarded Transylvania University's William T. Young Scholarship. Student applicants participate in a highly competitive process based on grades and test scores, extracurricular activities, a written essay and a personal interview. Each scholarship covers tuition and the general fee 3/4a value in excess of \$90,000 over a four-year period.

The program is named in honor of the late William T. Young, former chairman of Transylvania's board of trustees and a Lexington civic leader and businessman.

In high school, Brown was captain of the academic team, president of the PRIDE Club and French Club, vice president of the book club, treasurer of the National Honor Society/Beta Club and she has earned a

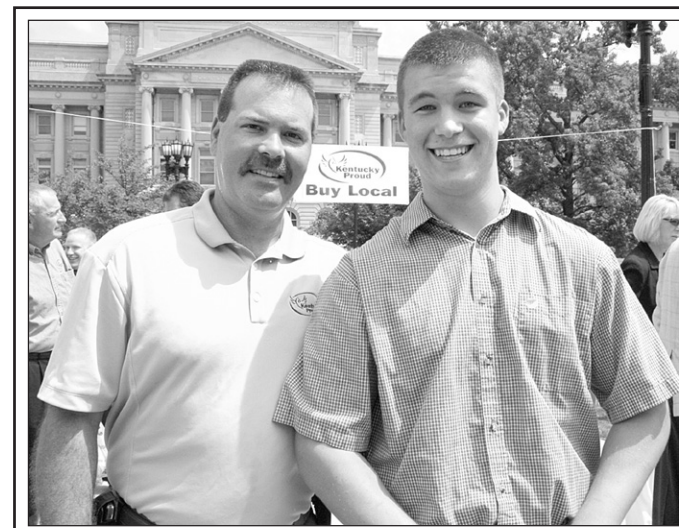
purple belt in karate. She is a 2007 Kentucky Governor's Scholar and a National Merit Commended Scholar.

Brown is the daughter of Michael and Patricia Brown of Brodhead.

Transylvania, founded in 1780, is the nation's sixteenth oldest institution of higher learning and is consistently ranked in national publications as one of the top liberal arts colleges in the country.



Holly Brown



Gordon Garner of Mt. Vernon, right, Boys State commissioner of agriculture, meets his real-life counterpart, Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Richie Farmer, at the ceremonial signing of legislation making Kentucky Proud the state's permanent farm marketing program June 25th at the Capitol in Frankfort. (Kentucky Department of Agriculture photo)

Adams named to Dean's List

Vanessa D. Adams, of Brodhead, has been named to the Morehead State University Dean's List for the 2008 Spring Semester.

To be named to the list, a

student must be enrolled on a full-time basis and achieve at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale for the current semester.

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Meeting Location – Rockcastle County Board Of Education (Rockcastle Teaching & Learning Center) / 245 Richmond Street

AGENDA
Regular Meeting
July 8, 2008
7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- A. Silent Prayer
- B. Roll Call
- C. Reading of Board Team Commitments

2. ADOPT AGENDA/ACTION:

3. COMMUNICATION:

4. OPERATIONS/ACTIONS:

- A. Approve minutes of the June 10 regular meeting
- B. Approve bills for payment
- C. Approve Emergency Substitute Teacher Application TC-4:
- D. Approve Family Medical Leave request for Wanda Burdine in compliance with Board Policy # 03.12322
- E. Approve School Activity Fund Raiser for RCHS
- F. Approve bids for sale of surplus school buses
- G. Approve KSBA 2008 Customized Policy Update (#31) (Reviewed 6/10/08 Board Meeting)
- H. Approve 2008-2009 Employee Handbook
- I. Approve participation/membership with South East/South Central Educational Cooperative for the 2008-2009 school year (inclusive of Kentucky Education Development Cooperative Membership Agreement)
- J. Approve School Trip Forms

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- A. Review/Approve changes to Code of Acceptable Behavior & Discipline for the 2008-2009 school year
- B.

6. DISCUSSION/REVIEW:

- A. Review Monthly Financial Reports
- B. Review Superintendent's Personnel Action Report
- C. Review KSBA 2008 Customized Procedure Update (#12)
- D. Other:

7. ADJOURNMENT:



Charlie Kirby placed first in the singles category in the 1st Annual PBK Bank/Relay For Life Cornhole Tournament held June 20th.



The team of Charlie Kirby and Max Meyer placed first in the doubles category in the PBK Bank/Relay For Life Cornhole Tournament.

“Education Station”

Submitted by Casey Dillingham

Adult Education, a program of Christian Appalachian Project (CAP), helps students achieve a wide variety of academic goals. Whether you're eighteen or eighty, if you have a desire or need for furthering your education or employability skills, the Adult Learning Center can help you achieve that goal—in an exciting and enjoyable learning environment! All of the services are

free! Adults must enroll with the program to be eligible for the services.

New programs and experiences are always being incorporated into Adult Ed., based on how students feel they might work best. Recently, several fresh ideas have found their way into the center, thanks to innovative ideas from the staff—and the options and suggestions from students. Janet

Heinz, one of the classroom instructors, plans to include major hands-on learning techniques to help students in the classroom.

Because of this more intuitive approach, students are encouraged to have fun while learning! The classroom will feature learning stations, where students can interact with their assignments through webquests, vocabulary games, poetry, graphing, science experiments, creating scale models and many other interesting

options. Learning stations will appeal to those who appreciate individualized assignments, as students can work independently and still have a teacher available for personalized attention. However, if students feel more comfortable working with others, the activity can be issued as a group assignment.

In relation to learning stations and science experiments, students will begin taking field trips to locations regarding

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The team of Jerry Pensol, Trey Bowling, Chris Settles and Justin Moore were the winners of the 2nd Annual PBK Bank/Relay For Life Golf Scramble held at Cedar Rapids Country Club June 14th. The team posted a score of 21 under par.



The team of Spencer Bengé, Paige Bengé, Aaron Cash and Andrew Cash placed second after winning on the fourth playoff hole in the PBK Bank/Relay For Life Golf Scramble with an 18 under par score.



The team of Dwight Griffin, Mark Bishop, Layne Nicely and Jordan Cash placed third in the PBK Bank/Relay For Life Golf Scramble with an 18 under par score.

Senate Week in Review

By Ed Worley
State Senator

Sessions of the General Assembly outside the normal yearly dates are termed "extraordinary" for a good reason: the issues discussed are of such importance they cannot wait until the next year.

By any measure, the session we held this week was appropriate.

Without key changes, our public employees pension system faces a \$27 billion unfunded liability. That is three times our annual budget. With a wave of retirements this year, we had to act quickly to make sure we could afford benefits to our incoming workers.

Senate and House leaders worked together to design a plan that will make considerable improvements to our current system. It is not a perfect plan or solution, but it sets the stage for further progress in the next few years. It also will mean significant savings to taxpayers in the generations to come by containing our costs and slowing the growth of that unfunded liability. By operating in a bipartisan fashion, we were able to work quickly in this special session, passing House Bill 1 in the required minimum five legislative days.

Although the legislation has many facets, the major changes are simple and few, because they address the chief reasons our pension system has run into trouble.

Retiree benefits can be broken down into two forms, pension payments and health insurance premiums. With health care costs skyrocketing for all employers, including state and local governments, we must find ways to shore up our health insurance fund. To that end, all employees hired after September 1, 2008 will contribute 1 percent of their salary toward their retirement insurance costs, on top of their pension contribution.

Teachers hired after July 1, 2008 will contribute an additional 1 percent of their salary toward retiree health insurance, above the 0.75 percent they pay currently.

New employees will also receive a different "benefit factor," which is used in the formula to determine pension benefits. Non-hazardous employees will use a five-tiered system, while hazardous-duty workers, including police and firefighters, will use a four-tiered plan. New teachers will have a separate five-tier structure. Under each, once a worker reaches a certain threshold — 10 years of service, 20 years, etc. — he or she receives a larger pension for each year they have paid into the system. This plan rewards career employees while also providing incentives for continued service to the Commonwealth.

HB 1 also extends the amount of time an employee must put in to retire with full benefits. Under the new plan, any non-hazardous worker age 57 or older could retire with full benefits if his or her age and years of service add up to 87. However, those non-hazardous employees 65 or older could retire with five years of employment, with reduced benefits.

It is important to remember that none of these changes will affect current employees. Their retirement benefits and contributions will remain the same as they have always been. However, there will be some changes for them going forward. The most notable is the annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA). The current COLA is capped at 1.5 percent, but the General Assembly traditionally matches inflation increases, even if the money for that increase is not included in the budget. In the future, any COLA increase above 1.5 percent must be prefunded by the legislature, so the pension sys-

tem can remain fiscally sound.

Future retirees will also see changes to the rules governing "double-dipping," where retirees re-enter the public workforce while collecting their pension. Under the new law, retirees will be required to wait three months instead of one before coming back to work. These workers will not pay into the retirement system a second time, limiting them to a single pension.

For too many years, the General Assembly has failed to fully fund the retirement system, even though we required local governments to do so. Under this new law, we have created a plan to make the full employer contribution, as recommended by retirement system actuaries, by 2025, with higher payments required until we reach 100 percent.

This is not a complete solution, and no one is 100 percent satisfied with the bill we passed this week. However, HB1 is a good first step on the path to fiscal soundness. With this legislation, we will assure our public sector employees that we will honor our obligations to them, while also assuring the taxpayers that we will not leave their children and grandchildren responsible for our missteps of yesterday.

Unless the Governor calls us back for another special session, we will return to the Capitol on January 6, 2009 for our odd-year "short" session. In the meantime, we will have meetings in Frankfort to study the issues and prepare for the 2009 Regular Session. Just because we are not voting on legislation, though, does not mean you should not stay in contact. You can always follow our work on our web site, www.lrc.ky.gov, and if you have comments you would like to make on the issues of the day, call our Legislative Message Line at 1-800-372-7181 or contact me directly at ed.worley@lrc.ky.gov.



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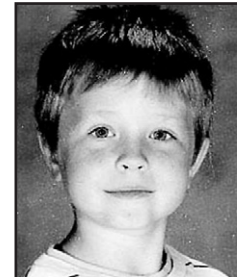
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06 Chevrolet Tahoe LT, DVD, 3rd Row Seat	\$25,995
97 Ford F-150, X-Cab, 4x4	\$5,995
06 Chrysler Town and Country Limited, 22,000 Miles	\$20,675
06 Dodge Grand Caravan SXT, 26,000 Miles	\$15,995

LOTS MORE VEHICLES BEFORE THE WEEKEND!

CARS

07 Kia Rio LX, 4 Door, Automatic	\$11,995
07 Suzuki Forenza Wagon	\$10,995
07 Chevrolet Cobalt, 2 Door, 5 Speed	\$11,995
07 Chevrolet Impala LT	\$14,995
07 Chevrolet HHR LT	\$13,995
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Master Eric Bullock and several of his students from the Mt. Vernon and Stanford Shaolin Karate Club participated at the Longest Day of Play. Pictured here is fifth degree black-belt Master Eric Bullock demonstrating a fire break. This is the third year Master Bullock and his students have been invited and taken part in this event. They have really enjoyed sharing their skills. They hope they have helped to make the Longest Day of Play a success and are looking forward to participating again next year.

Rockcastle Rockets Football



RCMS ROCKETS Football Camp

Dates: July 16th-18th
Time: 1:00-3:00
Cost: Free
Grades: 2nd-8th (Grades for Fall 2008)
Where: RCMS, Football Practice Field

The camp is NON-CONTACT. All campers will need cleats OR tennis shoes, shorts, and a t-shirt. Frequent breaks for water will be given to all campers. Campers will receive a camp T-Shirt on Friday.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

The goal of our camp is to provide excellent, in-depth instructions of the fundamentals to each position, while allowing the campers to have an exciting experience! Fundamentals of most phases of Offense, Defense, and Kicking will be included.

Camp Staff:

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RCMS and Youth League coaches

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Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
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Offensive Position: _____ Defensive Position: _____

Parent Release: We, or I, hereby request that you accept this application for the 2008 Rocket Football Camp during the dates set forth in this application, in consideration of your acceptance of this application. We, or I hereby release Rockcastle County High School and all its employees from all claims on account of any injury which may be sustained by our or my child while attending the 2008 Rocket Football Camp and we, or I agree to waive Rockcastle County High School and its employees from all claims which may be hereafter presented by our, or my minor child as a result of any such injuries.

Parent Guardian signature: _____ Phone #1: _____
Emergency Contact: _____

Mount Vernon Fire & Rescue Activity Report, June 26-30

Thursday, June 26 21:36 hours -- Responded to report of a tree on fire at Cave Valley Apartments on Richmond St. Upon arrival, landowner advised control burn. No action was taken. Seven Firefighters responded.

Thursday, June 26 23:34 hours -- Responded to report of motor vehicle accident with entrapment on I-75 at the 58 milemarker median. Upon arrival found a 2002 Dodge Caravan that had been rolled several times, sitting upright in the median. A female adult passenger and a female juvenile were already out of the vehicle. The adult male driver and two male juvenile passengers in the rear seat were still in the vehicle and had to be extricated by using the Jaws of Life to remove both left side doors. Nine firefighters responded with rescue truck and pumper truck.

Friday, June 27 01:55 hours -- Received report of vehicle fire fully involved at third railroad crossing of Mullins Station Road. Upon arrival, observed a Cadillac Escalade fully engulfed in flames. No one around the vehicle and license plate had been removed. Notified Kentucky State Police due to suspicious circumstances surrounding fire. Six firefighters responded.

Saturday, June 28 23:59 hours -- Responded to report of a large barn on fire at 706 Lime Plant Hollow Road. Upon arrival, observed moderate amount of fire damage on side wall and fire in the roof of structure. Due to the size of the structure and location, Mount Vernon Fire Department requested Livingston Fire Department for mutual aid in the form of water. Fire was brought under control within approximately 15 minutes of arrival. With only damage to roof and one side of structure. MVFD responded with a pumper and tanker and eight firefighters. LVFD also re-

sponded with pumper and tanker and eight firefighters. **Saturday, June 28 15:05 hours** -- Received report of motor vehicle accident with possible entrapment and vehicle on fire on I-75 at the 59 milemarker northbound. Upon arrival, all occupants were out of the vehicle and fire had been small engine fluid fire extinguished by passerby with small extinguisher. Eight firefighters responded with rescue truck and pumper truck.

Sunday, June 29 13:17 hours -- Called to Blue Springs Road (Hwy 1152), to the report of adult male subject riding ATV with juvenile male passenger. The two riders had become stuck approximately 2 miles into the woods and were unfamiliar with the area. After a two and a half hour search, the subjects were located and removed from the woods unharmed, along with their atv. Seven MVFD firefighters responded and were assisted at the scene by members of the Pongo Fire Department and Rockcastle Emergency Management Director Bryan Hansel.

Monday, June 30 20:35 hours -- Received call of unknown fire on Noe Lane off of White Rock Road. Caller advised flames coming from behind and above mobile home but was unsure as to type of fire. Seven firefighters were in route when original caller, called 911 back and advised only a brush fire and fire department was not needed.

"Education"

(Cont. from A9)

their assignment. The first learning station planned will feature the history of Abraham Lincoln, and students will have the chance to visit the HistoryMobile at the Kentucky Artisan Center in Berea and transportation will be provided.

As well as additions to learning in the classroom, students can also play and interact with the new Nintendo Wii and computer software. Students will be required to relate gameplay to academic goals, by connecting the elements in the game with the essentials in their specified learning areas. Gameplay can illustrate anything from geographical elements, like climates, and the difference between a temperate and tropical forest, to answering questions from the hit TV game show "Are You Smarter than a Fifth Grader."

Teachers, Ragan Reece and Keith Gilbertson, plan to encourage students to participate in "being the teacher" by allowing students to re-teach what they have learned to other students. This method of teaching makes it much easier to retain the information from class projects and assignments.

Each week you can return to this location in the Mt. Vernon Signal to catch up on recent additions and events at the Adult Learning Center and learn about our new adult education website, which will be launched soon!

The Christian Appalachian Project is an interdenominational, non-profit Christian organization committed to serving people in need in Appalachia by providing physical, spiritual and emotional support through a wide variety of programs and services. For additional information on CAP missions or how to volunteer, visit CAP's website at: www.christianapp.org or call 606-256-5307

Rickels-Noe Reunion

The Rickels-Noe Reunion was held June 21st at the Christian Appalachian Center at Renfro Valley with 69 attending, including 10 visitors. It's always nice to have friends and neighbors drop by.

All eight surviving children of the late Mabel and Ray Rickels were present: Ray, Jr. and friend, Joyce; Gene and wife, Pam; Rodger and Brenda; Ann; Midge; Douglas; Jane and husband Bill and Jim and wife, Candy.

There were six states represented - Florida, Ohio, Ken-

tucky, Indiana, Arkansas and Tennessee and there were five new babies. Lots of food was enjoyed and games played with door prizes, etc.

We enjoyed getting caught up on the past year's happenings. Some of the Noe family couldn't attend because of illness and our prayers go out to them. We missed our sister, Glenna and Mother and Daddy who have gone to be with the Lord. We were blessed to have good Christians like mother and daddy to raise us up in the ways of the Lord.

We hope to have another get together soon. May God bless you all.

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The Town of Brodhead has cited the following property as being in violation of Ordinance #0707-01 Nuisance Abatement.

1. Map #013E-05-007
177 Silver Street
Brodhead, Kentucky

2. Map #013E-23-003
74 Railroad Street
Brodhead, Kentucky

Property map numbers are used, as according to 2007 property tax roll and addresses as 911 has recorded.

Property owners have been served by certified mail. Property has been posted.

PUBLIC NOTICE CUMBERLANDS WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

FUNDING: Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Title I

ACTION: The Cumberland Workforce Investment Board (Cumberland WIB) is soliciting proposals for Business Services-Layoff Aversion. Services to be provided to affected businesses throughout the Cumberland Workforce Investment Area. The Cumberland WIB will accept proposals addressing our initiative in working to prevent plant closings and employee layoffs. Funding for this Request for Proposal is \$75,000.00.

DATES: The closing date for receipt of application is August 5, 2008, by 4:00 p.m. Central Time.

ACTIVITIES: 1) Finding at Risk Businesses; 2) Assessments; 3) Economic trends monitoring and early warning signs; 4) Pre-feasibility studies; 5) Employee training; 6) Linkages to loan programs and other business assistance programs; 7) Technical assistance; 8) Energy savings; 9) Relationships with local Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development and local government entities.

APPLICANTS: Agencies or individuals interested in obtaining an application shall submit an inquiry by fax or mail to: Darryl McGaha, Workforce Development Director, Lake Cumberland Area Development District, P.O. Box 1570, Russell Springs, Kentucky 42642; (Fax: 270-866-2044). For more information call 270-866-4200. **The RFP and proposal forms will also be made available after June 20, 2008 on the LCADD web site at <http://www.lcadd.org> and at the reception desk in the LCADD/WIA Department, 2384 Lakeway Drive, Russell Springs, Kentucky.** This program is funded by the U.S. Department of Labor, through the Cumberland Workforce Investment Board and administered by the Lake Cumberland Area Development District, Inc.

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Parker Preaching at Union Chapel

Bro. Gary Parker will be preaching Thursday night, July 3 at 7 p.m. at Union Chapel Pentecostal Church on Hwy. 1505 - 3 miles east of Brohead.

Pastor Ralph Reynolds and congregation welcome everyone.

Fourth of July Celebration

Backyard Ministries, from Harrodsburg, will be at Freedom Baptist Church on Saturday, July 5th with large inflatable games, food and more. The fun begins at 6 p.m. At dusk, there will be a fireworks display. Bring your family and lawn chairs for a fun-filled evening. For more info, call 256-4804.

Gospel Meeting at Blue Springs

You are invited to attend a Gospel Meeting at Blue Springs Church of Christ July 6-13. Sunday services are at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on July 6th and 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on July 13th. Evening services are 7:30 each night. Evangelist will be Don King of Livermore, California. Everyone welcome.

Benefit Singing at Cupps Chapel

There will be a Benefit Singing, for the Cecil Rucker family to defray funeral expenses, at Cupps Chapel Holiness Church on Thursday, July 3rd at 7 p.m.

Pastor Dewayne Carpenter and congregation invite everyone.

Revival at Cupps Chapel

Holiness will be held July 7-11 at 7 o'clock nightly with Bro. Billy Bryant as evangelist.

Pastor Dewayne Carpenter and congregation cordially invite everyone to attend these services.

Upcoming Reunions

Cromer-Whitaker Reunion

The 57th annual Cromer-Whitaker Reunion will be held Sat., July 19th from 10 am. to 5 p.m. at Ky. Christian Assembly Camp. Follow signs. Turn off 150 in Brodhead onto Chestnut Grove Road. Go about 1 1/2 miles to top of hill. Bring your favorite dish, your family, friends and neighbors, and join us for a day of fun. We especially urge the young people to come and keep the reunion going.

Denny Reunion

The Denny Family Reunion will be held Saturday, July 5, 11 a.m. to ? at Fort Boonesborough State Park, 4375 Boonesborough Road, Richmond. Please bring a meat and side dish and don't forget your swimming attire and towel. Everyone invited.

Hayes Reunion

The annual Thomas C. Hayes, Jr. Family Reunion will be held at Logan Hubble Park, Shelter #2, on Sunday, July 6th. All friends and relatives are invited to attend. Lunch will be around 1 p.m.

Hansel Reunion

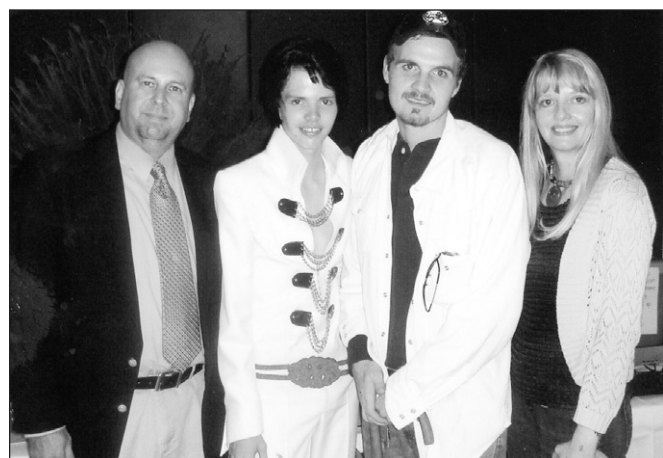
The Hansel Family Reunion will be held Sat., July 12th at 5:30 at Quail Community Park. Bring a covered dish.

Stewart-Leger Reunion

The Stewart-Leger Reunion will be held Sat., July 5th at Flat Rock Fellowship Hall from 10 a.m. to ? Everyone welcome.

Bullen Reunion

The Dewey Bullen Family Reunion will be held July 13th at 1 p.m. at Roundstone at the family farm. All friends and family are invited.



Special thank you to our host for the evening, Billy Reynolds and his son, Will and wife, Becky. Thank you for going the extra mile. They are shown here with Travis, second from right.

Thank You from Travis Ingram

Travis Ingram and family would like to say thank you to all who helped to make the benefit singing a great success. While the objective was to raise money to pay medical bills, the true success was the love and encouragement conveyed to Travis and to us, his family.

Please know that we would love to personally thank each and every one of you, the more than 700 who attended and those who supported in other ways, but that is an impossible task, so we turn to the one who is able to do above all things we can imagine and more, and we ask God's blessings upon each of you. To God be the

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2008 Special Session Yields Pension Reform Legislation Legislative Update...

By Danny Ford • State Representative

As the gavel fell convening this year's extraordinary session, my colleagues and I began working to fix our Commonwealth's rapidly ailing state retirement system. Even though the legislation approved does not completely solve our pension woes, it does lay the groundwork for the important first steps that must be taken in order to provide a sustainable retirement system for the future.

House Bill 1, which passed the House 98-0, details provisions that would begin to address the \$26.6 billion unfunded liability that is currently afflicting our state retirement systems. Key components of the bill include:

- Increasing the required retirement age for state and local government employees to 57.

- Increasing the eligible retirement age and years of service for state workers hired after September 1, 2008.

- Providing counties and cities a one-year reprieve from their increasing pension payment costs.

- Requiring future state workers to pay one percent of their salaries for retiree health care costs.

- Limiting the annual cost of living increase for current and future state, local and state police retirees to 1.5 percent unless a larger increase is pre-funded by the General Assembly.

- Requiring the state to increase its contributions to the retirement system.

Another essential provision of the legislation requires the General Assembly to establish a timetable to ensure that by 2025 state money paid into the systems reaches its obligated amount to hopefully pay down the unfunded liability.

Employee contributions are also addressed in House Bill 1 by requiring state employees who work in non-hazardous positions to pay one percent more of their wages in order to cover the costs of retiree health care. This one percent would be applicable to those who are hired on or after of September 1 of this year.

Those who are employed in hazardous duty positions, which include police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical technicians, on or after September 1, 2008, would also pay one percent more than the current eight percent to cover health costs. In addition to the increased contribution, these new employees would also be required to work at least 15 years before they can qualify for retiree prorated medical benefits provided by the state pension system.

The practice known as "double dipping" would be abolished under this legislation for both current public employees and future hires. Currently, double dipping occurs when a retiree returns to work in a government position and collects a paycheck along with a second retirement. House Bill 1 would allow retirees to return to work while drawing their existing pension, but they would not accrue a second pension.

The Governor has created a task force to study the remaining pension issues that were not addressed in this bill with hopes of constructing legislation for the 2009 Regular Session. If you have any questions about this legislation, future bills, or any other legislative matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at home or through the toll-free message line at 1-800-372-7181. I can also be contacted by e-mail at danny.ford@lrc.ky.gov.



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PBK Bank would like to congratulate the winner of this year's High School Senior Laptop Giveaway, Catelyn Williams. Thanks to everyone who participated in the giveaway. Pictured is Catelyn receiving a new Dell laptop from PBK Bank's Rockcastle Market President, David Woodall.

"What Is Written"

Last week we began a discussion about the name of Christ, an exalted name. We showed that biblical names often have a meaning, signifying the character, nature of the person. Jesus is a name that means, Jehovah Savior. "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." Matt. 1:21. Christ, a Greek term and Messiah a Hebrew term, both names mean, the anointed one. In the O.T., 3 classes of people were anointed, Kings, Priests, and Prophets. Now the implication is, Jesus, the anointed of the Lord, serves in all three of these capacities now, King, Priest, and Prophet. Jesus is called the "Word" in John 1:1, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Words convey my thoughts, feelings, ideas to you. Now Jesus is called the Word, because he conveys how God feels, thinks. "Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?" John 14:8-9. Jesus conveys unto us the Father, his feeling, his ideas, his thoughts, that is why he is called the Word. To be continued...

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Guilty

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ember of last year, by a special Grand Jury.

Chasteen has been held in the Rockcastle County Detention Center under a \$75,000 cash bond since his arrest.

Asst. Commonwealth Attorney Jeremy Bartley has recommended a sentence of seven years on both charges, which will run concurrent.

All other charges against Chasteen were dropped. Sentencing for Chasteen will be July 25th before Circuit Judge David Tapp.



Cyde Chasteen will be sentenced on July 25th.

School

(Cont. from front)

The budget itself is only about 1% more than it was a year ago because of a decline in enrollment. Bray said last school year there were approximately 2,900 students in the school system and this year that number will drop to about 2,815.

"85 fewer students amounts to quite a bit of money," Bray said.

And the decrease in enroll-

Clarification...

In a front page story in last week's *Signal* we reported that there were some members of the Livingston Volunteer Fire Department, who were also members of the Mt. Vernon Fire Department.

Livingston Fire Chief Sam Stallsworth said that is incorrect, that Livingston firefighters are now allowed to serve on any other fire departments.

ment has also caused the school system to have five fewer teachers in for 2008-09.

RCMS has two less, RCHS lost two, BES lost one and a special education teacher at the Rockcastle Hospital was not re-hired.

MVES actually gained one teacher and there were no changes at Roundstone.

Besides salaries and transportation, \$1.5 million is also included in the budget for food service.

75% of the school system's budget is made up of state funds, while the federal government kicks in 15% and 10% of the revenues comes from local school taxes.

Opening day for the upcoming school year is August 1st. Students are scheduled to report on Thursday, August 7th when they will attend all day.

Fire Truck

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new one.

"That is what it is all about - we were glad to help," he added.

The Pongo fire department loaned Mt. Vernon one of the eight fire trucks they now have.

The truck Mt. Vernon got on loan is a 1985 Ford Summit, which Blevins said was actually too long for Pongo because of the terrain Pongo's department covers.

"It is perfect for city runs," Blevins said. The truck was given to Pongo by the Boone County Fire Department, hauls a thousand gallons of water and is in good shape, according to Blevins.

Mt. Vernon Fire Chief David Bales said he was very grateful for the loaner. "We do appreciate it. With this truck we now have two, one for the county and one for the city, which we need to have at all

times," Bales said.

The city has been without two trucks for approximately 10 months, after the city truck was taken to Wynn's Fire and Rescue in Corbin for repairs.

Wynn has been unable to fix the truck because he cannot get parts and there is a dispute over a \$23,000 repair bill Wynn says the city owes.

Mayor Clarice Kirby contends the city does not owe the bill because the truck was not fixed and has asked that Wynn return the truck to the city.

As of Wednesday, the truck had not been returned.

Charges

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against former firefighters, if equipment Kirby says is missing is not returned.

On the other hand, former firefighters have said they would seek criminal action against the mayor for driving across fire hoses at a fire scene in Mt. Vernon on June 16th and that they have returned all equipment that belongs to the city.

State Trooper Scottie Pennington who opened a criminal investigation into the incident on June 16th, said on Tuesday that his case was still open.

Membership meeting at CRRC Tuesday

A special meeting of the membership of the Cedar Rapids Recreation Center has been scheduled for next Tuesday, at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse.

The meeting is being held to discuss several bids that have been received on the pool renovation project.

All members are urged to attend.

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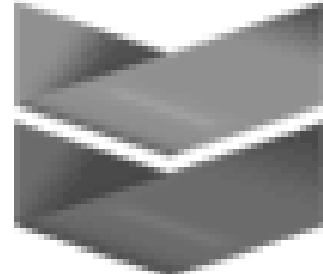
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Melissa Brock, Relay for Life Chair, left, presented Jenny Schuler and Kim Adams, members of the Copper Creek crew, a plaque for their first place finish in the church/family category in this year's Relay for Life.

Support of Community adds to success of Relay for Life

The Rockcastle Relay For Life on Friday, June 20, 2008 was another great success thanks to numerous dedicated individuals and generous contributors.

"We have an incredible, loving and giving community and we sincerely thank all of the cancer survivors and their families, team captains, team members, sponsors and the

army of dedicated volunteers for their generosity", said Melissa Brock, Relay For Life Chair.

The Rockcastle County Relay For Life raised over \$35,000 for the American Cancer Society, this year.

More than 50 cancer survivors kicked off the event by leading the first lap of the overnight event. Following the opening lap, fourteen teams participated by staying on the track relay-style until 3 a.m. Saturday morning.

As nighttime fell around us, luminaries lined the track in honor of those living with cancer and in memory of those who lost their battle with the disease.

Several awards were given to recognize outstanding achievement by participants and teams. The top fundraising awards were recognized based on business or church/family

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Melissa Brock, Relay for Life Chair, presented David Woodall of PBK Bank with a plaque in recognition of their second place finish in fundraising for this year's event.

Shirley Cox named MSC Missionary of the Year

The Kentucky Baptist Convention has selected Shirley Cox of Mount Vernon as Kentucky's 2008 Mission Service Corps Missionary of the Year.

Mission Service Corps missionaries are self-funded missionaries who are commissioned by the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Since 2002, Cox has served as a photographer and journalist for Kentucky Baptists. A na-

tive of Eastern Kentucky, Cox says she began writing to tell the stories of "ordinary people that God is using in extraordinary ways to impact the lives of others."

As an MSC missionary, Cox reports on the ministry efforts of Kentucky Baptists, primarily in Eastern Kentucky.

"Many ministries and missionaries in Kentucky have been encouraged and strengthened through the gifted writing of Shirley Cox," said Eric

Allen, director of the KBC's Mission Service and Ministries Department. "She is an example of how God can take something as small as an ink pen and use it for His glory."

Cox's articles are frequently featured in missions newsletters for the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Her work has also appeared in the Western Recorder, the KBC's weekly newspaper, and in magazine publications such as "Missions Mosaic," "On Mission," and "Altitude."

Each year, the KBC recognizes an MSC Missionary for his or her commitment to and effectiveness in ministry, evangelism or church planting.

As the state honoree, Cox will serve as Kentucky's nominee for the National Missionary of the Year award to be presented by the North American Mission Board this summer.

Cox and her husband Bud have two children and two grandchildren.

he Kentucky Baptist Convention is a cooperative missions and ministry organization made up of more than 2,400 autonomous Baptist churches in Kentucky. A variety of state and worldwide ministries are coordinated through its administrative headquarters in Louisville, Ky. including: missions work, disaster relief, ministry training and support, church development, evangelism and more. For more information, visit www.kybaptist.org.



Shirley Cox

Holley is first person to receive cardiac CT at Rockcastle Hospital

The UK HealthCare Gill Heart Institute and Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center are combining their expertise and technology to offer high-tech heart imaging to patients closer to where they live.

Gill Heart Institute cardiologists Dr. Mushabbar Syed and Dr. Rick McClure worked with Rockcastle Hospital radiology director John Mitchell and radiology technician Billy Roberts to perform the first cardiac CT at the hospital in Mt. Vernon last week.

Their patient was Victor Holley, a 67-year-old Air Force veteran with a family history of heart disease.

"My father had it, my brother had it, and that's why I'm here," said Holley, who was finished with his test in just 20 minutes and ready to go home to his house in Conway.

"That was easy," he said afterward. "Now I hope that if there is something wrong we can catch it early," he said.

McClure met Holley through the heart clinic he conducts at Rockcastle Hospital twice a week as part of the UK Gill Heart Institute's outreach program, which has sites in nine Kentucky communities.

Holley complained of occasional chest discomfort and had an abnormal stress test. McClure felt he was a good candidate for the test, which produces hundreds of images of the heart. Cardiac CT offers physicians tools to do coronary calcium scoring to detect the presence of artery-clogging plaque. Cardiac CT also can produce images similar to angiography to diagnose heart disease and determine a patient's risk for heart attack.

The non-invasive test offers patients the opportunity to have a detailed examination of the heart vessels without the risk

that may accompany cardiac catheterization, which involves slightly sedating the patient and inserting a catheter through a small incision in the groin or arm to obtain images of the heart.

While considered a minimally invasive procedure, catheterization does carry certain risks, including bleeding. Its advantage is that if a blockage is seen, interventional cardiologists can perform angioplasty to open the vessel and then insert a stent to keep it propped open.

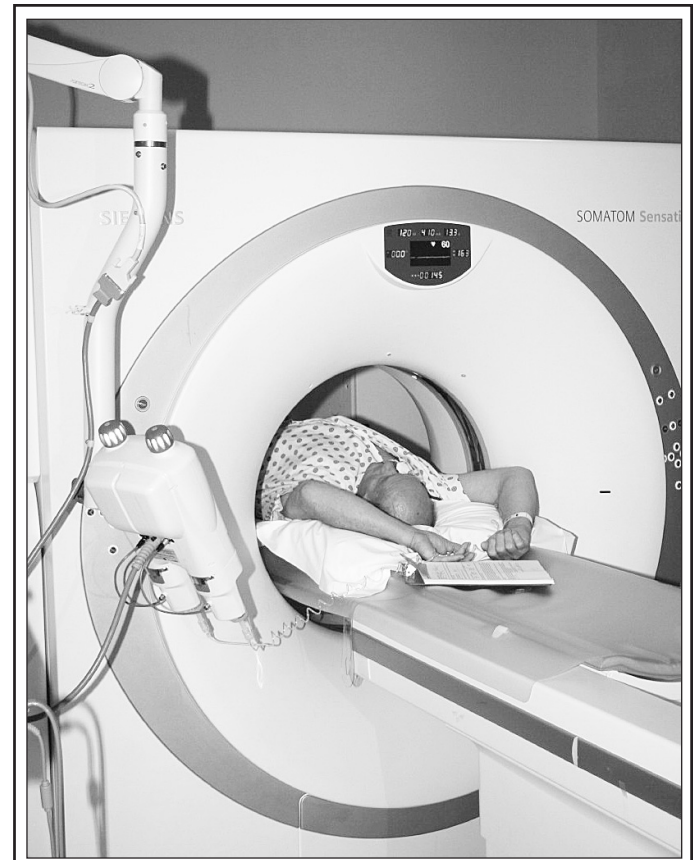
"Cardiac catheterization remains the gold standard by which we compare other tests, and we are very excited about

the accuracy of this technology," said Syed, who has special training in cardiovascular imaging. "The accuracy of cardiac CT is very good, 90 percent or better in most cases, and this is less invasive than catheterization."

Following cardiac CT, patients and their physicians can then decide a treatment plan, if needed, including possibly medication and/or other cardiac procedures such as stenting or surgery.

Patients will also have access to what will be one of the nation's largest cardiovascular imaging centers when con-

(Cont. to B8)



67-year-old Victor Holley, was the first patient to receive a cardiac CT at Rockcastle Hospital, last week. The CT was given under the guidance of UK Gill Heart Institute cardiologist Mushabbar Syed and radiology technician Billy Roberts.



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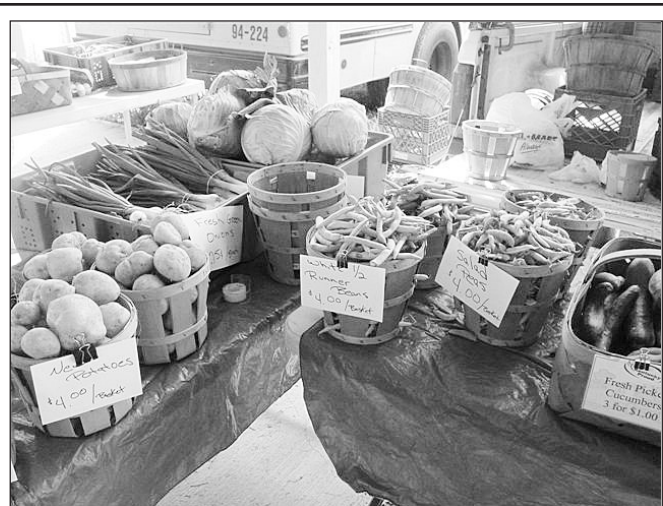
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RCHS students will be able to pick up their schedules, purchase lockers and parking passes on the following dates from 8:00 - 3:00

- 12th grade: July 29th
- 11th grade: July 30th
- 10th grade: July 31st
- 9th grade: August 1st

If you are unable to be here on the date assigned to your grade level, you must wait until August 4th to complete these activities.

News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

Circuit Civil Suits

Cabinet for Health & Family Services, ex rel Stephanie M. Urnezis-Smith vs. James Marvin Smith, complaint for child support and medical support.
Paccar Financial Corp. vs. Walter Huitt, \$19,322.09 plus claimed due. CI-00172.

District Civil Suits

Kentucky Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co. vs. Jacob A. Cooper, et al, complaint.
Midland Funding LLC vs. Kimberly Taylor, \$1028.39 plus claimed due.
Capital One Bank vs. Angela G. Kuhuhein, \$2,150.87

plus claimed due.
Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital LLC vs. Donna Clemons, \$795.80 plus claimed due.
Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center vs. Millard Rose, \$217.84 plus claimed due.
Capital Alliance Financial LLC vs. Kelly E. Denham, \$1011.15 plus claimed due.
Don Simpson, et al vs. Joe Audutte, forcible detainer complaint. C-00171.

Marriage Licenses

Melinda Marie Lindsey, 20, Mt. Vernon, housewife to Jacob Lee Renner, 19, Mt. Vernon, TTAI. 6/21/08.
Vickie Peters, 39, Berea, data entry to Timothy Alexander, 42, Berea, Berea College. 6/21/08.

Samantha Lyndale Doan, 19, Brodhead, unemployed to Niklaus Joe Taulbee, 23, Brodhead, Panasonic. 6/30/08.

Deeds Recorded

Farmers & Miners Bank, property on Flat Gap Road, to James and Bonnie Smith. Tax \$42.
Russell and Dominique McMahan, property in Rockcastle County, to Wendell Darrin and Cheryl L. Chasteen. Tax \$1.
Debrah L. Ingram, property in northern Rockcastle County,

to Danny D. Ingram. No tax.
Gordon Graham, property in Mt. Vernon, to Sherry Robinson, Richard Graham and Ginger Stewart. No tax.
Richard and Valesa Deck, property in Rockcastle County, to Timothy G. and Glenda Price and Don S. and Pamela S. Jones. Tax \$29.
Robert W. and Shirley Wilson, property in Rockcastle County, to Earl Wilson. Tax \$2.
Rick Branham, Jr. and Julie Branham, property in Brodhead, to Norman Richard Clouse, Jr. Tax \$77.
Mary Ann Childress and Rickie D. Childress, property in Rockcastle County, to Rickie D. Childress. No tax.

Martha B. Durham, property in Owens Subdv., to Martha B. Durham and Michael and Pamela Durham. No tax.
Ronnie and Debra J. Brown, property on Rose Hill Road, to Rick and Carroll Liming. Tax \$140.
Peoples Bank and Trust Co., property in Rockcastle County, to Thomas L. and Sofya Mikeworth. Tax \$55.
Stephanie Roberts, property in Rockcastle County, to Glenda and James S. Stegemoller. Tax \$5.
Cecil and Beckie B. Northern, property in Climax section, to Cecil L. and Janet Lee Northern. Tax \$70.

Cecil and Beckie B. Northern, property in Climax section, to Matthew L. and Serena Northern. Tax \$69.
Patricia L. and Timothy McGuire and Kelly R. and Steven McClure, property in Rockcastle County, to Earl G. and Glenna Faye Robinson. Tax \$27.
LaJoy and Nelson Graves, property in Brodhead, to Audrey Tanya and Steven Clark. Tax \$40.

District Court

June 25, 2008
Hon. Kathryn G. Wood
Speeding: Donald T. Butler, state traffic school selected/costs paid (\$128); Peter W. Gruse, paid \$22 fine and \$128 costs; Todd S. Jahoda, paid \$38 fine and \$128 costs; Lyle W. Luebbe, paid \$18 fine plus \$128 costs; Dennis E. Pickens, paid \$60 fine and \$128 costs; Marc T. Mason: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.
Ronald D. Johnson: failure to wear seat belt, \$25 fine.

Fly control using ear tags

Farm and Home News

Tom Mills

Rockcastle County Extension Office

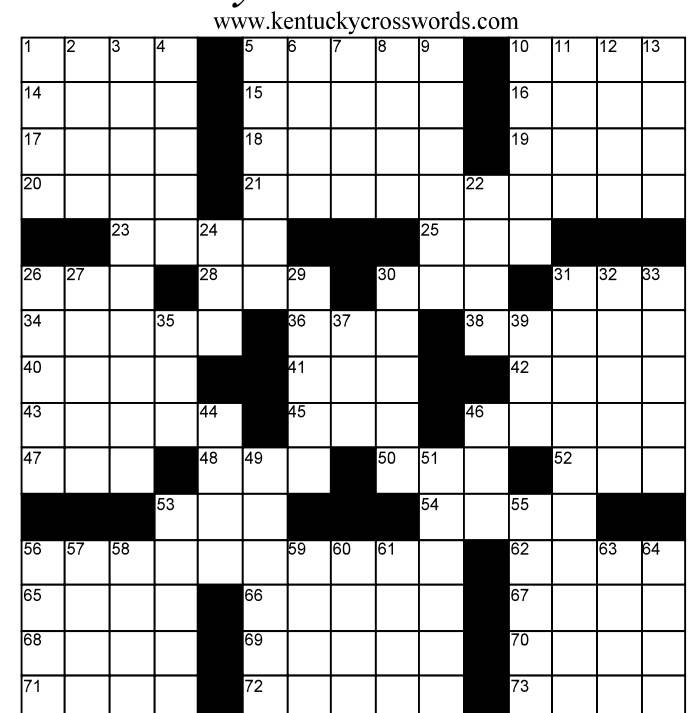
Source: Lee Townsend, Extension Entomologist
Insecticide-impregnated ear tags are a popular means of pasture fly (especially horn fly) control. Tags are inserted in late spring or early summer and the fly control program travels with the animal. However, using tags containing the same class of active ingredient for several consecutive seasons can select for populations of the horn fly that are resistant to a whole class of related insecticides. This shows up in the form of a shorter than normal period of fly control, but lab testing would be needed to confirm resistance.

To cloud the issue more, other things could cause reduced fly control. Some examples:
The 12 to 15 week "fly control clock" starts when tags are inserted. Hanging them too early in the spring can mean protection "runs out" before fly season is over.
Horn flies moving in from untreated nearby herds can keep pressure high and make control seem less effective.
Above normal rainfall can keep manure wetter longer and more suitable for horn fly breeding than during hot, dry summers when manure dries quickly and may be less hospitable for horn fly maggots.

Here are some ways to get the most out of your ear tag-based pasture fly control program in 2008.
Rotate insecticide classes annually. Currently these are three options—organophosphates, pyrethroids, and chlorinated hydrocarbons—but dozens of brand names. Check the label for the name of the active ingredient in the tag to be sure you know what you are using and record the choice each year. The Insecticide Recommendations for Beef (ENT 11) lists the tags by insecticide class. This makes it easier to establish a rotation.
This spring, apply tags after horn fly numbers reach about 100 per side animal. This will keep them from being applied too early. It takes more than 100 flies per side to have an impact on weight gain.
Supplement fly control with dust bags, oilers, sprays or pour-ons, if needed.
Staying on a pro-active program will keep problems at bay.

For additional information contact the Rockcastle Cooperative Extension Service.
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Kentucky Crossword # 369



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- ACROSS
- 1 Trick
 - 5 Monetary unit
 - 10 Fastens
 - 14 Record
 - 15 Fancy tie
 - 16 Film part
 - 17 "Baseball Tonight" channel
 - 18 KY county, borders Fayette to the N.
 - 19 Proton's place
 - 20 Call letters of KY's first commercial radio station
 - 21 Northern KY's cultural center
 - 23 Molten rock
 - 25 A UK athlete, for short
 - 26 Paternity identifier
 - 28 Semicircle
 - 30 10 grams
 - 31 Sis, e.g.
 - 34 Belonging to Coach Pitino
 - 36 Whiz
 - 38 Kentuckian James Bowie commanded there
 - 40 Overexercise result
 - 41 The sun
 - 42 Lazily
 - 43 Type of burley grown in Central Kentucky
 - 45 Office no.
 - 46 Move a bike
 - 47 Grassland
 - 48 Opener
 - 50 Rearward
 - 52 Soap ingredient
 - 53 "For ___ a jolly ..."
 - 54 Soothe
 - 56 Horseback rider
 - 62 Recipe abbr. ___ and void
 - 66 Kind of column
 - 67 Cleveland's lake
 - 68 Sup
 - 69 Liquid measure
 - 70 Kentuckian, former MLB pitcher
 - 71 Bridge
 - 72 Alice ___ College, Pippa Passes, KY
 - 73 Genesis garden
- DOWN
- 1 Kentucky burgoon, for one
 - 2 Hardin Co. area, or ready money
 - 3 E KY is part of this area
 - 4 Smart set
 - 5 Their races are popular in KY
 - 6 Spore sacs
 - 7 Symbol
 - 8 Drilling grp.
 - 9 Ancient Greek state
 - 10 KY county, home to Williamstown and Dry Ridge
 - 11 Tiny bit
 - 12 Smudge
 - 13 Rest area sight
 - 22 An Indian language
 - 24 Blood vessel
 - 26 Like Southern speech, maybe
 - 27 Specialty
 - 29 KY county, named for greatgrandfather of Mark Twain
 - 30 Wayne Co.
 - 31 A type of horse developed in KY
 - 32 Author of first KY novel
 - 33 KY county, borders Lincoln and 29
 - 35 Home of Kentucky Life
 - 37 KY Gov. Willson's lieutenant
 - 39 Fish story
 - 44 Squeezes (out)
 - 46 School org.
 - 49 KY's 50th county, formed from parts of Clark and Madison
 - 51 Like many pastures
 - 53 Kentuckian, White House press corps member, Thomas
 - 55 Kentuckian, hall of fame jockey, Cauthen
 - 56 Concludes
 - 57 Witty remark
 - 58 Arm bone
 - 59 Shake up
 - 60 Put ___ words
 - 61 Light
 - 63 Fair Play to Man 'o War, e.g.
 - 64 Editor of KY's first daily newspaper
- ANSWERS
1. TRICK 2. DOLLAR 3. CINCINNATI 4. SET 5. HORSE 6. COLUMB 7. CINCINNATI 8. CINCINNATI 9. CINCINNATI 10. BUCKLES 11. CINCINNATI 12. CINCINNATI 13. CINCINNATI 14. RECORD 15. TIE 16. REEL 17. TONIGHT 18. CLAY 19. PROTON 20. WYLS 21. CINCINNATI 22. CINCINNATI 23. LAVA 24. BLOOD 25. SHORT 26. PAT 27. CINCINNATI 28. SEMICIRCLE 29. CINCINNATI 30. GRAMS 31. SIS 32. CINCINNATI 33. CINCINNATI 34. COACH 35. CINCINNATI 36. WHIZ 37. CINCINNATI 38. BOWIE 39. CINCINNATI 40. CINCINNATI 41. SUN 42. LAZILY 43. CINCINNATI 44. CINCINNATI 45. CINCINNATI 46. CINCINNATI 47. CINCINNATI 48. CINCINNATI 49. CINCINNATI 50. CINCINNATI 51. CINCINNATI 52. CINCINNATI 53. CINCINNATI 54. CINCINNATI 55. CINCINNATI 56. CINCINNATI 57. CINCINNATI 58. CINCINNATI 59. CINCINNATI 60. CINCINNATI 61. CINCINNATI 62. CINCINNATI 63. CINCINNATI 64. CINCINNATI

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Wayne Stewart Adult Health care, 439 Jerri Lane, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456. Attention: Julie Branham, RN, BSN. 32x2

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For Sale: Cemetery lots, Cresthaven Cemetery, Mt. Vernon. Call Bill Dowell at 308-1058. 31xntf

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All applicants shall:

- 1. Be citizens of the United States.
- 2. Be High School Graduates or have GED.
- 3. Have a Social Security Number.
- 4. Be at least 18 years of age, or 17 years of age for High School Graduate.
- 5. Have typing and/or keyboard experience.
- 6. You may submit an FSA-675 (Application for FSA County Employment), Resume, or any other written format. You must include your SSN, your country of Citizenship, education, and work experience.
- 7. Supplemental KSA statements responding to evaluation criteria (Refer to vacancy announcement posted on usajobs.opm.gov).
- 8. For current employees: A copy of your most recent performance appraisal (within 18 months). Candidates who are unable to provide their most recent performance appraisal must provide written justification for its absence.

This job will be a permanent part-time position. This is a non-civil service position. Veterans preference does not apply. Relocation expenses will not be paid. Salary will depend on the experience of the person selected, but no less than \$26,569 per year. The employee will earn vacation and sick leave at the rate of 1 hour for each 20 hours worked. Selected applicant will be eligible for fringe benefits including health insurance, life insurance, retirement and other benefits available to federal employees.

FSA-675, Application for County Employment will be accepted or mailed to the Mount Vernon FSA Service Center, Attention: Warden Alexander, 2018 New Brodhead Road, Mount Vernon, KY 40456-6594.

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Julie Sumner, right, Community Representative for the American Cancer Society presented Melissa Brock, of the Rockcastle Hospital with the top fundraising award for this year's Relay for Life.

“Relay”

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affiliation. In the business category Rockcastle Hospital received the first place award by raising \$8,600. PBK Bank placed second with a total of \$3,780 and Citizens Bank placed third with a total of \$3,600.

In the church/family category, the Copper Creek Crew led by Jenny Schuler won first place by raising a total of \$3,005. Northside Baptist placed second and Frosty's Friends led by Kelly McClure placed third. The best campsite was awarded to Frosty's Friends, Kelly McClure and the team spirit award was received by Rockcastle Hospital.

“Cardiac”

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struction of a multi-million-dollar addition to the UK Gill Heart Institute is complete a few months from now.

The center will offer cardiac CT as well as cardiac MRI, which uses magnet technology to view heart muscle function and blood flow. When combined, the two offer an even more extensive view of a patient's heart health.

Names needed for class reunion

The class of 1978 is trying to gather the addresses of classmates for this year's reunion.

Addresses are needed for: Tim Mason, Steve Milburn, Jesse Mullins, Deborah Napier, Sally Nelson, Gloria Owens, Marsha Pittman, Mitch Raines, Connie Saylor, Carolynn Shearer.

Edith Baker, Michael Barrett, Carolyn Barrier Phelps, Linda Carpenter, Owen Durham, Priscilla Hampton, Charles Ray Harris, Ramona Jones, Kevin Logston, Roy McKinney, Sherry Marlow, m Russell Smith and Judy Stallsworth.

Please call Sharon Graves, 624-1222; Kim Bullock, 758-4085; Pam Durham, 308-4781; Regina Ruppe Brown, 256-3831 with this information.

Library News

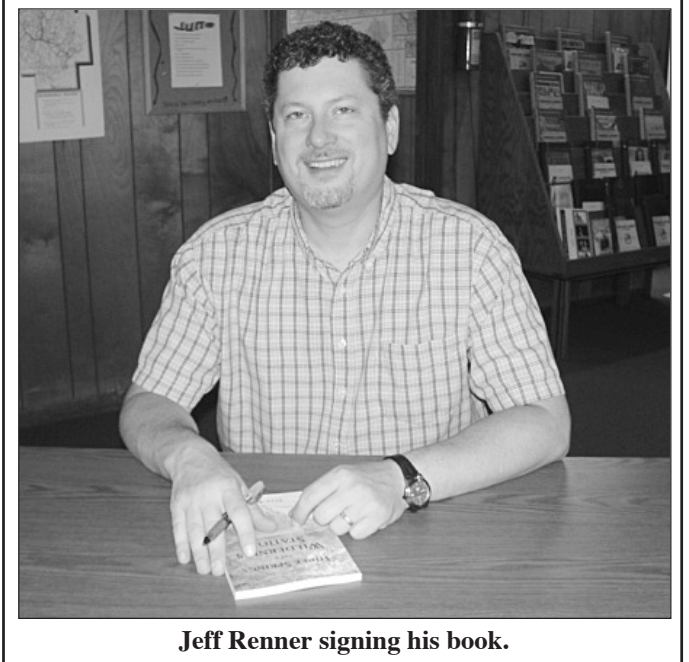


Pam Chaliff

Summer Reading is almost over. All book logs are to be turned in by Saturday, July 12 and no later. Crafts for older children ages 4-10 will still continue through the year. However the time will change from Tuesday 4:00pm to Tuesday 4:30 pm. Story hour will still continue as always throughout the year. Story hour is every Tuesday at 1:00pm for ages birth-3.

Ronald McDonald will be at the Rockcastle County Public Library July 22 at 4:00pm, there will no story hour or crafts for older children on July 22. After Ronald McDonald performs his show all prizes will be given out to the children who read for the most hours in each age group. Parents or guardians of children who participated in the Summer Reading program will be contacted before the Ronald McDonald show to remind them to be here. After prizes are awarded there will be a pizza party in the children's library. Everyone is welcome of all ages and we hope to see you there.

This past Thursday Jeff Renner visited the library to sign his book. The library would like to thank Jeff Renner for coming to the library. You can purchase Jeff's book at Cox's Hardware and at the Rockcastle County Public Library.



Jeff Renner signing his book.



Relay for Life Chair Melissa Brock presented Johnny Hopkins of Citizens Bank with a plaque in recognition of their third place finish in fundraising.

The *Signal* office will be closed Friday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day!

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