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Kathy and John Price and Kyle Coffey, (in front) are shown waving to the crowd from the Wynn Family Float at Tuesday night's Christmas Parade in Mt. Vernon. The Wynn family builds a Christmas float each year, which they display at each of the county's three parades.



Santa Claus, aka, Mike Bryant, arrived in Mt. Vernon during Tuesday night's Christmas Parade on a Mule drawn wagon, driven by David Thompson. Elf Pam Burdette waits to help Old Saint Nick down from the wagon so he could visit with the many children in attendance at Monday night's parade.



Rockcastle Ambulance Service EMTs Dennis Stewart and Dana Carter are shown passing out some of the many stuffed animals given to children during Tuesday night's Christmas Parade in Mt. Vernon. The animals were gathered through a collective effort of employees at the Rockcastle Ambulance Service, Rockcastle Hospital and some local stores, as well as many local individuals. (See numerous other photos from parades in our Christmas issue).



Members of Rockcastle County High School JROTC Color Guard participated in the Christmas Parade in Mt. Vernon on Tuesday night. Shown above, from left are: Ben Whitaker, Samantha Bussell, Joseph Doan and Cullan White. The JROTC also had a float in the parade. That photo, along with numerous others from the parade, will appear in the *Signal's* Christmas edition later this month.

Court votes to condemn land needed for Industrial Park

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court voted Tuesday, in a special called meeting, to begin condemnation proceedings to acquire the last parcel of land needed to complete an approximate 20 acre add-on to Rockcastle Business Park South.

The area is located on Old 461 and Hwy. 150 and belongs to Barbara Baker, who lives in Northern Kentucky.

The 1.62 acre site fronts Old 461 and was appraised at \$97,800. However, Mrs. Baker's asking price is \$300,000 for the land, which includes two trailers and a storage building.

Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Buzz Carloftis told the court that Mrs. Baker's property was the last to be acquired in the area where a new access road to the industrial park will be built, from Hwy. 150.

Carloftis said that the seven other landowners in the area, including Payne's Auto Sales, had accepted the appraisal of their land. The total cost for the 20 acres is around \$900,000, Carloftis said Wednesday. The court plans to close Common Loon Road and build another road into the park off Hwy. 150.

Carloftis said he had contacted Mrs. Baker recently, by phone, in an attempt to resolve the issue. However, he said Mrs. Baker informed him that she was "not giving away" her property and closed the conversation by saying that she would get a lawyer.

The Judge's recommendation to the court was for them to authorize condemnation proceedings but his recommendation was met with some resistance by Magistrates Bill McKinney and William Denny.

Both men said they were hesitant to condemn the property since Baker's property was not actually needed to build the access road. However, Jim Holton, consultant for Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority, pointed out to the court that not having the property could compromise the value of the rest of the development and, with no zoning laws in the county, Mrs. Baker could do whatever she chose with the property. Holton also told the court that without Baker's property, a large section of the 20 acres could not be developed.

Holton said that in looking at the big picture for future development, he felt that prospective investors might look at two rental trailers and possibly overgrown property and be hesitant to invest millions of dollars in a manufacturing operation here.

Rockcastle County Attorney Billy Reynolds also expressed some doubt in the proceeding, telling the court that the condemnation would not be "a slam dunk" in his opinion, mainly because the property was not essential to the new access road. However, he said that there was precedence for the action but that he thought it would be best for the court to have a unanimous vote on the issue.

Magistrate John Holbrook made the motion to begin the condemnation proceedings and Magistrate Jan Stevens seconded it. Magistrate Ralph Allen voted yes but Magistrate William Denny voted no. However, after Reynolds' suggestion, both he and McKinney voted yes on the matter.

Reynolds will now file suit in Circuit Court. Should Mrs. Baker fail to respond within 20 days, the county would get a default judgement. However, if she does respond, three land commissioners will be appointed. If their appraisal is not accepted by Mrs. Baker, the matter would then go to a Circuit Court jury.

In other action, the court discussed short-term financing for funds to exercise their option on the eight parcels of land; to pay for site preparation for the new plant for SourceCorp and to pay for the steel for the building. \$250,000 worth of steel was ordered for the project and will be paid for by the county, rather than the contractor, to avoid a 6% sales tax charge.

Carloftis told the court that the options on the property on 461 and 150 were due to expire December 21st and he did not think permanent financing would be in place by that time. He said that the court needed to borrow \$1 million besides an additional \$300,000 provided by the county to meet all these expenses. The Judge said that interim financing would be arranged through a local bank or banks and would, hopefully, be for only 90 days. On a motion by Jan Stevens, seconded by Ralph Allen, the board approved borrowing the money.

Carloftis then presented the court with an ordinance, approving the lease of \$2.9 million in funds for construction of the building for SourceCorp. The ordinance involves a General Obligation Pledge of the county's assets. (A summary of the ordinance appears elsewhere in this week's *Signal*).

The \$2.9 million figure, instead of the original \$2.7 million is because the first payment on the loan would have been due June 1, 2009 with no

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KYCORPS making some suggestions for ERWA

By: Richard Anderkin

Rockcastle County has a new organization which plans to oversee the actions and operations of public agencies and boards in the county, especially the board of Eastern Rockcastle Water Association, (ERWA).

ERWA association member Elmer Whitler, of Climax, said he had recently rejuvenated the Kentucky Citizens for Open and Responsible Public Services (KYCORPS), a not-for-profit organization, in an effort to keep the public better informed about the way public entities conduct business.

Whitler said that while KYCORP has statewide membership, it has focused locally

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Blood Drive is Tuesday at FBC

Blood donors are needed more than ever during the winter season.

Holiday parties, colds and flu and wintry weather create plenty of excuses not to donate but the demand for blood continues. Elective surgeries, accidents, trauma and cancer therapies don't slow down, no mat-

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Christmas parade in Brodhead is Saturday, 3 p.m.

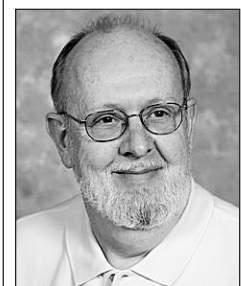
The annual Christmas Parade in Brodhead is scheduled for this Saturday at 3 p.m.

Line-up will begin at 2 p.m. at Brodhead Elementary School.

For more information call City Hall at 758-8635.



Members of the RCHS Brass Choir performed at Monday night's Tree Lighting at Tri-angle Park in Mt. Vernon. Some members of the choir shown above are, from left: Lillie Beichler and Meghan Nation, on the French Horns and Reanna Hasty on the Trumpet. A large crowd attended the annual event, which was sponsored by the Rockcastle Kiwanis Club. (Front page photos by: Richard Anderkin)



Rockcastle Memories

By David J. Griffin

Clap for the Wolfman

While riding in my new Tahoe listening to XM Radio, I recently discovered a station called "60's on 6." It plays music from the time when I was in high school, so I promptly programmed the station into my radio for easy access. But the thing that had really caught my attention was the DJ - it was none other than Wolfman Jack! My discovery was a music gold mine as far as I'm concerned because the station plays his original shows from his heyday in the early 1960's.

Robert (Bob) Weston Smith, better known to many of us "old-time" music lovers as Wolfman Jack, broadcast his early rock and roll show late at night from XERF-AM in Mexico. The station boasted 250,000 watts of music power that could be heard all the way across the southern United States and sometimes Canada. If the weather was just right, the show could be heard in Kentucky.

I first listened to Wolfman's show in the early 60's while lying in my bed with my transistor radio tucked under my pillow. His "raspy" introduction to rock classics made him an instant star. He was full of antics and craziness, keeping his listeners laughing all the while. A weather "forecast" might be: "it's gonna be 250 degrees in Fresno..."

The Wolfman was notorious for talking over the hits as he played them for his audience. (One of the shows that I recently listened to had him singing the entire record of My Girl by the Temptations.) That was alright with most of us teenagers because we loved his antics, raw talent, and his howls like a wolf.

His popularity grew sub-

stantially, but many of us had no idea who he was or where he really lived and worked. Bob Smith loved the secrecy and played up the character he had created. The national press began to take notice; Time, Newsweek, and Life did articles about his life and his radio success. The Who recorded a hit called, *Clap for the Wolfman*.

Clap for the Wolfman, He gon' rate your record high Clap for the Wolfman You gon' dig him till the day you die

Most of Smith's fans had never actually seen him until 1973, when he appeared in George Lucas' hit movie American Graffiti. Many people thought Wolfman Jack contributed to the success of this award-winning film. After its release, Smith began an eight-year stint as host of NBC's show Midnight Special.

I was fortunate enough to hear Wolfman Jack one night on my '58 Chevy radio. Several of us were parking near the Old Chapel in Renfro Valley. I suppose there were about three automobiles gathered at the time. We usually tuned our AM radios to WLS in Chicago. That night was no exception, and when the Wolfman introduced a song, we jumped out of our cars and began to dance all over the place. I later discovered that he did a stint at WLS in the '60's.

Even some of the most loved artists called into the Wolfman's program while he was on the air. I recall Tom Jones, Neil Sedaka, and even Bill Medley chatting with him during his show. Of course, it was the Wolfman who really made the interviews with his

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Editor's Notes

By Richard Anderkin



There have been a lot more controversial subjects involving our local governing bodies, boards, commissions and associations in the county this year than in the past.

Some of those controversial subjects have generated several Letters to the Editor from our readers.

And, we certainly appreciate folks taking time to weigh in on subjects that we have tried to report on as best and as fairly as possible.

Our Letter to the Editor page gives our readers a place to voice their opinion on just about any subject.

It has always been our policy to print letters even if they criticize a governing body, or just one specific elected official, and that will continue to be our policy. After all elected officials for the most part are fair game.

But our readers who write letters need to keep in mind that it is our policy to edit or refuse any letter that is submitted for publication.

Writers should also remember that we make every effort to verify the author of each letter and if we can't that Letter will not be printed.

I'm sure there have been times in the past, and there will probably be times in the future, that a letter with a bogus name gets by us, but it will not be because we knew it was bogus.

This year we have thrown several letters in the trash submitted with false names and we have refused to run some let-

ters based on absurd and misleading statements and facts.

For example, in Mike Sheliga's Letter to the Editor last week, I failed to correct his statement about the city of Mt. Vernon's \$50,000 annexation ordinance. The city did budget \$50,000 for the implementation of the ordinance, but to date they have spent only \$16,619. It seems, for this fiscal year, that is a dead subject.

Statements such as these are at best on the fringe of only half true because they don't explain the entire situation, or the amount of money actually spent.

We have also declined to run some letters which were just too long. It is our policy to limit the number of words in a Letter to the Editor to no more than 350. We are very liberal when it comes to the limit on the number of words, especially if a reader has a valid point, but when the letter is extremely lengthy and can't be edited because it would take away from its meaning, we will not run it either.

Keep in mind that this publication is not a website where you can hide behind a screen name and say whatever you want to, whether it is correct or not. And, as long as this family owns and operates it, it never will be.

If you've got something to say, try to make sure that your facts are accurate and sign your name. Most likely it will get printed.

Points East

By Ike Adams

We always have a big bunch of leftovers after we finish gorging on Thanksgiving day. And I am not a person prone to let anything go to waste.

We never have any trouble making sure the leftover turkey and beans and corn and dressing all that stuff that wound up on the table finds an empty mouth even though it may take a few days to finish off the con-summation.

I can, for example, eat cold turkey in one sort of salad or another or just plain chunked slathered with mayo between slices of bread, or cooked into soup with noodles and onions and white wine, or ground into thick sausage and seasoned with home grown sage and coarse black pepper.

The veggies and the pumpkin pie and the casseroles are normally gone a couple days after the fact in our family. We love the stuff we cook and not an ounce of it goes to waste. Including the main part of the turkey.

But the turkey is baked in a huge roasting pan at 325 degrees for something like 12 or 14 hours. Stuffed with onions and celery and apples and rubbed inside and out with all manner of herbs and spices, all soaked into its carcass while the bird does its thing in the oven.

And then it gets carved and chunked and shredded on the big day and the wings and skin and all the juices are left there

in the roaster and before you know it, more than half the turkey you started out with is juice and skin and bones and only about 40 percent actually makes it to the table.

We don't want the dogs to choke on the bones so we do fish them out and throw them in the garbage sack or down the disposal, and what you have left over is what dogs expect to be eating when they die and get to heaven; Kibbles and bits thoroughly soaked with turkey drippings and laced with pounds of skin and morsels gleaned from said discarded bones.

So, last Thursday night, I had a six quart kettle nearly full of drippings, etc from our bird that I carted home from daughter Jennifer's home and I figured my cat and my dog would enjoy them for at least a week. Fed out in moderate portions the turkey fat is wonderful for their coats and it turns the normal dry and boring stuff into a gourmet treat for them.

I set a bowlful out on the back door stoop for the dog just after dark and later went back out to notice that he had not touched it. Instead, he was humped up on the front porch whimpering and I thought he must be sick. I fetched the bowl from back entrance to the front and he wolfed it down as though he'd been starving for

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It's Honorable to be a Kentucky Colonel

There hangs a framed certificate on my office wall declaring that "The Honorable Don White is commissioned a Kentucky Colonel."

Prior to about 10:35 a.m. on Nov. 24, I'd never taken the honor seriously.

Maybe it had something to do with the fact I'd been commissioned a Colonel by at least three Kentucky governors prior to the latest from Ernie Fletcher.

Near as I could tell, being a Colonel, even one commissioned multiple times, hadn't done anything to enhance my life.

I may have been a Colonel, but I was anything but honorable, delighting in stories in which some reporter successfully secured a commission for a dog.

Reading obituaries (one of my favorite hobbies), I was often amused by the fact people listed being a Kentucky Colonel as one of the deceased's out-

standing accomplishments. So what happened on Nov.

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What's Your Medical Family Tree?

Presented by Dr. Karen Saylor

Just as you may have inherited blue eyes, brown hair and "your father's nose," you may have inherited traits for certain illnesses. During a routine exam, your doctor is likely to ask about illnesses your parents and grandparents had or died from, how old they were, and if other relatives suffered from familial illnesses.

These traits are inherited in different ways. Dominant traits require only one gene from either parent to get the illness. If a parent had it, you have a 50% chance of having it. Recessive traits need genes from both parents, making them much less common. Other illnesses, such as diabetes, hypertension, and certain cancers, depend on a number of interacting genes. A couple genes involved in breast cancer have now been identified.

One of the most important times to review genetic illnesses is during pregnancy. Your doctor will ask if any relatives had miscarriages or children with birth defects, or if relatives suffered from illnesses during pregnancy, such as toxemia, diabetes, or other medical problems that may relate to childbirth.

Since your family history can be very important, it is wise to take a few minutes before your appointment to write down the illnesses your relatives have had and their ages when the illnesses occurred. It is much more significant if a parent had heart disease at age 40 than at age 80. This record should be given to your doctor to review and keep in your chart.

Knowing your family's medical history can help find and treat illnesses at an earlier stage. Equally important can be finding out that you do not have an illness that runs in the family, lifting a burden of worry from your mind.



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Obituaries



Irene Dillingham

Irene Reynolds Dillingham, 84, widow of John William Dillingham of Brodhead, died Tuesday, November 25th, 2008 at the home of her daughter, Doris Dillingham Correll in Somerset. She was born on February 23rd, 1924 in Bee Lick, a daughter of the late Bryan Reynolds and Evia Ann Littrell Reynolds. She was a loving and devoted mother and grandmother. She was the rock and foundation of caring for her children. She was a member of the Liberty Baptist Church. Her hobbies and interest were her family, gardening, and quilting. On December 20th, 1941 she was united in holy matrimony to John William Dillingham and from that union came, six children, Lonnie, Doris, Dennis, Danny, Darrell, and Harold.

Those left to cherish her memories are: six children, Lonnie (Loretta) Dillingham of Mt. Vernon, Doris Dillingham Correll of Somerset, Dennis (Jo Ann) Dillingham of Crab Orchard, Danny (Linda) Dillingham of Eubank, Darrell (Judy) Dillingham of Mt. Vernon, and Harold Dillingham of Brodhead; 14 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; one sister, Christine Reynolds Craig of Eubank; and many nieces and nephews, as well as a host of friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, and husband she was preceded in death by: two brothers, Glenn Reynolds and Kenneth Reynolds; two sisters, Francis Reynolds and infant Phyllis Reynolds; one grandchild; and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were held November 28th, 2008 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals Chapel with Bro. David Green officiating. Burial was in Providence Cemetery.

Casket bearers were: Paula Nelson, Tim Dillingham, Jeff Dillingham, Christopher Dillingham, Jason Dillingham, John Dillingham, and Private Matthew Cole.

Honorary casket bearers were: Gary Cromer, Paul Nelson, Rick Smith, Randy Dillingham and John Daugherty.

Condolence may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Jesse Ray Mills, Jr.

Jesse Ray Mills, Jr., 63, of Richmond, died Saturday, November 22, 2008. He was born in Ayden, NC on December 10, 1944 the son of Johnny Bryant and Olivera Hoyd Mills. He had been a carpenter.

He is survived by: three children, Annette Caudell and Ray Mills, both of Richmond, and Yolanda Poynter of Livingston; and his ex-wife, Phyllis Mills of Mt. Vernon. Also surviving are five grandchildren.

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

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

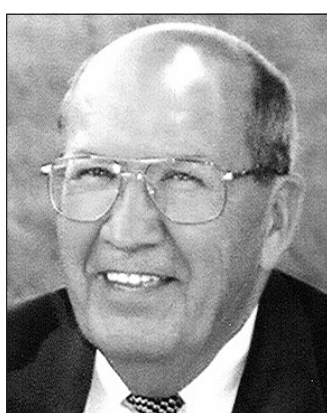
Melva Ada Bingham

Melva Ada Bingham, 81, of Crab Orchard, widow of Delbert Bingham, died Sunday, November 30, 2008 at the Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at Liberty Baptist Church. Burial was in the Liberty Church Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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



C. Roland Barnett

C. Roland Barnett, 72, of Mt. Vernon died Saturday, November 29, 2008 at the Hospice Compassionate Care Center in Richmond after a long illness. He was born on October 3, 1936 in Mt. Vernon the son of Mrs. Minnie Lee Parrett Barnett of Mt. Vernon, and the late Clyde Barnett. He was a retired Equipment Manager for Big "B" Cleaners, a U.S. Army Veteran, a member of the Masonic Lodge, enjoyed Golfing and fishing, and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors are: his wife, Carol Owens Barnett of Mt. Vernon; three daughters, Dottie (Tim) Kirby of Richmond, Darci (Steve) Scott of Louisville, and Dana (Daren) Marionneaux of Augusta, GA; two step-daughters, Tammy (Jan Iyvan) Stevens of Wildie, and Sherry (Keith) Gilbert of Lexington; one brother, Rick (Debbie) Barnett of Mt. Vernon; two sisters, Ruby (Bill) Mahan of Leesburg, FL and Mrs. Charlotte Miracle of Mt. Vernon; 10 grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at the First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon with Bro. Eddie Nation officiating. Burial was in Manchester Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Cox Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were: Tim Kirby, Alan Michael Marrienneaux, Darren Marrienneaux, Steve Scott, Chandler Gilbert, Keith Gilbert, Jay Iyvan Stevens, and Jerred Stevens.

Honorary pallbearers were: the Adult Mens Sunday School Class also know as; "Rolands Class", at First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon; and the Adult Mens Sunday School Class at First Baptist Church in Richmond, KY.

Donations are suggested to; Hospice Care Plus 208 Kid Drive, Berea, KY 40403.

Send condolences online at www.coxfuneralhomeky.com



Leona Faye Meade

Leona Faye Meade, 75, of West Fairview Road in Eubank, died Friday, November 28, 2008 at her residence. She was born in Eubank on May 22, 1933, daughter of the late Albert and Mattie Surber Todd. She attended Berea College and was a secretary for Pulaski County School System. She was a member of Goochtown Church of Christ.

She is survived by: her husband, Charles E. Meade, whom she married on October 20, 1953; two daughters, Marlana (Glenn) Mitchell of Frankfort, and Mary Lee (Christopher) Craig of Brodhead; one sister, Lavena Holtzclaw of Somerset; and two grandchildren, Molly Elizabeth Craig and Keaton Patrick Craig. She was preceded in death by her parents and several brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were held Sunday, November 30, 2008 at Morris & Hislope Funeral Home with Bro. Gerald Carter officiating. Burial was in Eubank Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed at www.morrisandhislope.com



Patricia Lynn Himes

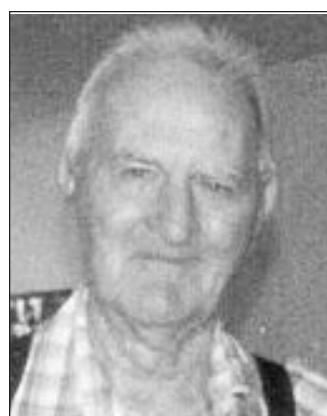
Patricia Lynn Himes, 46, of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, November 26, 2008 at the Rockcastle Hospital. She was born in Camp Lejune, NC on June 2, 1962 the daughter of Jimmy and Eva Jean Renner Clark. She was a retired teacher and a member of the Watts Chapel Baptist Church. She loved animals and doing volunteer work for Project UNITE.

She is survived by: her husband, Jack Himes; her parents, Jimmy Coleman and Eva Jean Clark, all of Mt. Vernon; one brother, Steven James and Tonya Clark of Brodhead; and one sister, Sandy (Randall) Himes of Mt. Vernon. She was preceded in death by one sister, Cathy Marie Clark.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 30, 2008 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home by Bro. Ralph Baker and Bro. Eddie Nation. Burial was in the Rimmell Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Andrew Cash, Derrick Clark, Robert Himes, David King, Derrick Messina, and Gordon Mink.

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



Murrell Smith

Murrell Smith, 93, widower of Elizabeth McHargue Smith, of Brodhead, and formerly of Livingston, died Monday, December 1, 2008 at the Rockcastle Hospital.

He was born on July 27, 1915 in Livingston, the son of the late Lloyd and Lela Arnold Smith. He had been a farmer who was a member of Rockcastle Senior Citizens. His hobbies and interests include being a collector and sports. On September 26, 1939 he was united in holy matrimony to Elizabeth McHargue, and from that union came five children, Doris, Deanna, Judy, Betty and Anita.

Those left to cherish his memory include: his five children, Doris Smith Thompson of Winston Salem, NC, Deanna Bullock of Orlando, Judy Smith (Tommy) Grimes of London, Betty Smith (Billy Ray) Barnes of Morrow, OH, and Anita Smith (J.N., Jr.) Johnson of Frankfort; nine grandchildren, Sandra Miller, Keith Bullock, Kim Calico, Tommy C. Grimes, Pamela Elkins, Michael Barnes, Debra Rowan, Jerrill Johnson and Anissa Johnson; 13 great grandchildren, Chris, Matthew, Mark and Dusty Miller, Elijah, Ashley, Sonia and Tonya Lunsford, Eric Calico, Crystal and Lauren Grimes, Joshua Begley, and Katelyn Elkins; four great great grandchildren; and a host of friends and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: a grandchild, infant Donnie Bullock; and a great grandchild, Joshua Michael Miller.

Funeral services will be conducted (today) Thursday, December 4th, 2008 at 1 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals Chapel with Bro. Billy Medley, officiating. Burial will follow in the Piney Grove Cemetery in Brodhead.

Condolences to the family may be made to his online registry at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com



Howard Ray Lunsford

Howard Ray Lunsford, 68, of Brodhead, husband of Clara, died at his residence at Quail Rd., on Sunday, November 30th, 2008 as a result of heart failure. He was born on Jan. 16, 1940 in Berea, a son of the late Ruben and Marie Lunsford. He served his country in the U.S. Air Force for eight years as a dental technician. After leaving the Air Force he moved his family to Savannah, GA where he was a barber for several years. Ray was a fire fighter for nine years, becoming Fire Chief. He retired after 13 years as Fire Chief at Blue Grass Army Depot and Avon Facility. After his retirement he farmed for the past twelve years. His hobbies and interests included farming, horses and cattle. On September 23, 1961 he was united in holy matrimony to Clara Garland, and from that union came two children, Alan Ray and Phyllis Ann.

Those left to mourn his passing include: his wife of 47 years, Clara Lunsford of Brodhead; his children, Alan Ray (Shawnda) Lunsford of Richmond, and Phyllis Ann (Jeffrey) Middleton of Berea; three grandchildren, Emily Marie McCoy, Joseph Andrew McCoy and Heather Renee Lunsford; his mother, Marie Smith Lunsford of Berea; a brother, Hubert Wayne Lunsford and Peggy Sue Brock of Berea; and a host of nieces, nephews, friends.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals Chapel with Rev. Garrett Garland and Bill McKinney officiating. Burial was in the Berea Cemetery.

Casket bearers were: A.J. McCoy, Jeffrey Middleton, Gary Nicely, Blake McKinney, Wayne Wagers, Corey Lilly, Chris Garland and Paul Garland.

Honorary casket bearers were: Albert Garland, Linus Garland, Colby Lilly and Cameron Allen.

Condolences to the family may be made to his online registry at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Lucille Bryce Bowman

Lucille Bryce Bowman, 91 of E. Haiti Rd., died Monday November 24, 2008 at The Terrace Nursing and Rehabilitation. She was born to the late S.P. and Cordelia Roark Hammond in Rockcastle County. She was a member of Bethel Baptist Church and retired from Westinghouse.

She is survived by: her children, Harold (Judy) Bowman of McKee and Ann (Pat) Wilson of Berea; three grandchildren, Kelley Bowman, Kyle (Cindy) Wilson and Bartley Bowman; one great grandchild, Brendan Wilson; one step grandchild, Rodney (Anna) Pharris; one step great grandchild, William Dale Pharris; brother-in-law, Robert Bowman; sisters-in-law, Margaret Bowman, Lucille Nazarias and Lois Farver; a special caregiver, Gladys Hubbard; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her siblings, Ott Ison, Sewell Ison, Osa Abner, Ida Hart, Margaret Jackson, Sude Abrams, Eva Mullins, Lula Hammond and Willie Hammond.

Funeral services were held Friday, November 28, 2008 at Lakes Funeral Home in Berea with Rev. Kenny Davis officiating. Burial followed in the Madison County Memorial Gardens.

Active pallbearers were: Kyle Wilson, Ray Hamilton, Sam Fothergill, Eddie Hubbard and Pat Wilson.

Honorary bearers were the Sr. Adult Ladies Sunday School Class and William Pharris.

Condolences may be left at www.lakesfuneralhome.com



David Lee Rowe

David Lee Rowe, 26, died Saturday, November 29th, 2008. He was born on October 27th, 1982 in Richmond, KY a son of Paul Rowe and Edna Edwards Rowe. He was of the Baptist faith. His hobbies and interests were auto mechanic, NASCAR, playing drums, and D.J.'s.

He is survived by: his parents, Paul Rowe and Edna Edwards Rowe of Mt. Vernon; his former wife, Crystal Smith of Brodhead; one daughter, Leah Rowe of Brodhead; one son, Jordan Lee Rowe of Brodhead; two brothers, P.J. Rowe and Steven Rowe, both of Mt. Vernon; one sister, Karen Rowe of Mt. Vernon; nieces, Brooklyn, Kelsey, Kaylee and Carlee; nephews, Alex and Joshua; paternal grandmother, Irene Graves; several aunts, uncles and cousins; a special friend, Charlie Napier; and a host of friends and neighbors.

He was preceded in death by: maternal grandmother, Ginger Edwards; paternal grandfather, Lewis Rowe, Sr.; an uncle, Jerry Rowe; and step grandfather, Bobby Graves.

Funeral services will be Friday, December 5th, 2008 at 2 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals Chapel with Bro. Lester Caldwell and Bro. Jack Stallworth officiating. Burial will follow in the Griffin Cemetery.

Casket bearers will be: Tony Smith, Joey Bostic, Bill Bostic, James Rowe, Brent Shehan and Michael Martin.

Honorary casket bearer will

be Bo Griffin.

Visitation will be (today) Thursday, December 4th, 2008 from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals.

Contributions may be made to the David Lee Rowe burial fund at P.O. Box 658, Brodhead, KY 40409

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Cards of Thanks

A special thanks from the family of Gilberta Price

The family of the late Gilberta Price wishes to express their sincere appreciation for the kindness shown during our recent loss.

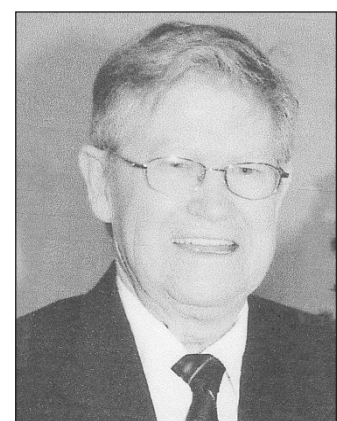
A special thanks to Dr. Saylor, Dr. Bullock, all the nurses and a special thank you to the nurse in the Special Care Unit that prayed for Mom. Thanks to Dowell and Martin Funeral Home for their service and kindness and a special thanks to Bros. Ova Baker and Dale McNew for their kind words.

Also thank you to those who sent flowers, food and cards and to all the pallbearers.

Everything was greatly appreciated.

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Our Readers Write

Letter from new council member...

Dear Editor,

Soon I will be one of two new members of the City Council of Mt. Vernon. I realize I have a lot to learn so I would ask the present Council to question again the money/motive that the Mayor and Tourism Commission tried in November. Some aspects just do not add up, or maybe I should say DO add up. The number went from 1.6 Million to a rounded up 2 Million in a week. Granted the rounding up was by the lending authority and the Mayor said the extra could be sent back. Do governments do that? But I digress, so Council, would you ask the following?

A. Closing costs? How much? Is the cost added to the loan? Do we pay up front?

B. Are there pre-payment penalties? If we strike it rich will we be penalized for early pay off?

C. Can early payments be made? This is related to Item B, but not the same.

D. What is the term of the loan and the percentage rate.

E. Maybe I got confused with the big numbers floating around the last two meetings, but I do believe that the original amount requested by the Tourism Folk went from 435 plus thousand to 750 thousand. Why?

F. If we are getting 20-30 thousand a month in a restaurant tax, and IF Tourism gets one half, where does the other half go?

One more thing while I am here at the keyboard. IF the skate board park comes up again and if you the Council are counting on the Tony Hawk Foundation for a grant, you can forget it. If you will go to www.tonyhawkfoundation.org and click on GRANT APPLICATION, read that, then click on EligibilityPage.htm (or .pdf) you will see that Mt. Vernon will not get any money from the Hawk Foundation. The reasons are too numerous and too long to go into. You could also call (760) 477-2479. Thank you.

Don Jones
Mt. Vernon, KY

Would appreciate any help offered...

Dear Editor,

Please print this for my family. I have been ill and disabled since last year. I had to quit a good job because of it. This has changed our finances considerably.

Anyway, I got behind in my mortgage payments, this happened once before, but we got caught up. I spoke to a man at the mortgage co. last week and told him that I would send the money in on the third of Dec. which is when I get my check. He said this was fine.

Last Saturday, a woman from the company called and said that if they didn't receive the payments that afternoon that she would start a default against us and start foreclosure. I tried to explain that we are on a fixed income but, she would not listen. She said that she would send the money right back to me. We mortgaged our trailer and have been paying on it for seven years.

We have nowhere to go on such SHORT NOTICE. I don't know what to do. If anyone has any suggestions, please let us know. We don't have the money to move. We have a daughter who is handicapped and a teenager in the home. Where do we go? It was hard to explain that we can't have Christmas, but, how do you tell them that we may be in the streets? I appreciate any help offered.

Thank you,

James Bretz and family
P.O. Box 490
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456
606-758-4419

Call your city council members...

Dear Editor,

Here we go again! Since the city council voted down the loans to purchase several properties, the mayor has added these to the next meeting (Dec 15th) agenda, all separate, vs. together.

Your mayor keeps telling everyone the "city" can afford this, I'm asking all city council

members to review the YTD expenditures and debts to the current operating budgets. I have reviewed them and I don't see any room for additional expenses.

From what I can see the city, is still paying some \$27K per year on the old loan for the current city park and should consider paying that loan off before borrowing additional money.

Here is what the "new" vote will be covering:

(1) \$175K for the Mink property to build a skate board park.

This is only part of the cost. She'll have to get money to build a bridge between the two parks, build skate ramps and buy insurance to cover this type of activity.

It is my belief they should cancel the contract on this purchase (even if they lose their deposit). Let the kids skate on the new sidewalks to McDonald's.

(2) \$790K for the Cox property to enlarge the area needed for the city council and the police department. I don't know of anyone that believes that property is worth that much money.

The mayor has an open request for grant money for increasing the size of city hall. Wait until that grant is provided before making a commitments.

(3) Anywhere from \$500K to \$750K for the tourist commission to purchase 23 acres to ultimately build a castle.

They have stated they can borrow this money elsewhere but: the interest rate will be higher. They have no commit from the county to help out and they have no commitments of grant money to build it with. Whatever the city borrows for this project will reduce the amount the city can borrow in the future. Let them get their money elsewhere and pay for it with the \$30K they get from the food tax every month. I personally believe the food tax money should be spent on other things that will draw tourist. This will not do what they hope it will. We're talking millions of dollars to build this.

PLEASE CALL YOUR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS NOW!

Sincerely,
Rick Courtney

"Ken & Tucky"

(Cont. from A2)

24?

I got educated.

My teacher was Colonel Glen R. Bastin.

The native of Eubank in northern Pulaski County is senior ambassador for the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels.

Bastin is a veteran newsman who gained recognition for leading the news team at WHAS radio in Louisville during the 1974 tornado. He became widely known across the state throughout the 80s and early 90s as host of the syndicated radio program Pondering Kentucky. Featuring five-minute segments on Kentuckians, it was broadcast on 85 stations.

Among the 63-year-old's long list of honors is inclusion in the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame. He was also commissioned a Kentucky Colonel in 1974.

"I may have been a Colonel, but I didn't know anything about the organization until about 1999 or 2000," he says.

He wasn't alone.

A survey had just been conducted showing very few people were aware of the good works the Colonels were doing throughout Kentucky.

Jim Lindsey, an executive with Doe Advertising and member of the Colonels' Board of Trustees convinced Bastin to become chief operating officer and spread the word about the organization.

Although the title Kentucky Colonel originated in 1813, the beginnings of the group as an organization to promote charitable programs dates to the administration of Governor Flem Sampson in the early 1930s.

Today, the only involvement between state government and the Colonels' organization is the nomination process and the issuing of certifi-

cates.

To obtain a Kentucky Colonel Commission, an applicant must be recommended by an individual holding a Colonel Commission. Recommendations go to the office of the governor in Frankfort.

Over the last 76 years, millions of dollars have gone out to worthy causes across the state, with all 120 counties benefiting from the generosity of many of the more than 100,000 Colonels around the world.

The first major donations poured forth in 1937 in the aftermath of the Ohio River flood.

"Some people give a dollar a year, all the way up to ten thousand," says Bastin. The average donation is about \$40."

More than 40,000 Colonels contributed in 2007, allowing the organization to deliver grants totaling a million and a half dollars to over 167 educational and charitable groups throughout Kentucky.

Grants ranged from \$365 to the Kentucky Natural Lands Trust to \$25,000 for the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation.

A small army of volunteers from across the state assists Bastin and his staff and the Colonels' Board of Trustees in sorting through requests for grants, making sure eligibility guidelines are met, etc.

Many of the projects aided by the Colonels can soften the hearts of even the most cynical journalists," claims Bastin.

"It's hard not to be touched when you visit a group helping the extreme handicapped," he says.

Bastin is also prone to becoming misty-eyed by the generosity of donors.

One of the most remarkable aspects of the Colonels is the fact that, unlike most charitable groups, they don't conduct fundraisers.

Receiving so much funding each year without having a concentrated solicitation effort is something even the head Colonel has trouble understanding.

"We never knock on a door, never ask a business for support," he notes.

"Once each year we mail all active Colonels (those who have made a donation of any amount within a three-year time period) a booklet listing where all the money from the previous year has gone," says Bastin.

Donations come in from all

around the world and nearly all the money is spent in Kentucky.

"We did contribute to the Katrina Relief Fund, but that was through the Kentucky Baptist organization," he explains.

"I suppose we are able to do what we do because of the pride people have in holding a Kentucky Colonel commission," he says.

In addition to the satisfaction received from helping worthy causes, top donors can also count on receiving an invitation to the Kentucky Derby and some of the social events associated with that event.

"We have eight hundred Derby tickets and we pretty much take over the Derby Museum. This year we had guests from 30 states and five foreign countries at our Derby party," notes Bastin.

To find out more about the process involved in becoming a Colonel, or to learn how to re-activate membership, visit the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels website at www.kycolonels.org.

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)

personality and his showmanship.

It was on July 1, 1995 that the Wolfman died in the arms of his wife. He had been on the road promoting his new autobiography, Have Mercy! When he entered his house, he hugged his wife, and fell dead.

A memorial was dedicated to the Wolfman's memory at Del Rio, Texas, where he first began his career in AM radio. He was inducted into the Radio Hall of Fame in 1996.

The current re-run of his show playing on XM Satellite Radio is a 1960's themed broadcast. It airs daily beginning at noon. It turns out that the first of these shows actually began in October of 2005. That first transmission was a Halloween theme, with the station promoting that they were going to bring back someone famous from the dead.

It all started with a squeaky coffin opening and the voice of the Wolfman saying, (paraphrased) "Hi everyone, it's the

Wolfman, and I am back!" Fans from all over the United States have tuned to the broadcast, many without even realizing that he died in 1995.

Because I was so young and also because we grew up with his talent, many of us are thrilled to find he is again on our radios. I tried to explain to my wife why this DJ means so much to us early rockers because although she is familiar with him, he wasn't a part of her life. She does, however, enjoy the show as much as I. We listen to the show any time we are in the SUV when he is performing.

Yesterday, as I listened to the XM radio show, Wolfman was in rare form. He exclaimed, "A smile for every mile with the Wolfman!"

When listening to the XM radio show, it is almost impossible to tell that it is a re-broadcast. The show really takes you back to the '60's in a way no other radio show can. I can almost believe that I am again riding in my '58 Chevy.

The Who had it right in Clap for the Wolfman: I'm gonna dig him till the day I die.

(You can reach me at mtmman@mis.net or you can drop me a line at P.O. Box 927 Stanton, KY 40380. I love your comments and suggestions.)

"Points East"

(Cont. from A2)

days. This same scenario was repeated Friday night and I was wondering why on earth he refused to eat in the same spot he's been fed for the last four years.

On Saturday night I decided that he would eat out back or starve. Finally about 10:00 PM he started barking on the front porch so pitifully that I thought he was hurt. I tried to console him and call him to come around the house but he was not leaving the front porch under any circumstances.

I went around the side of the house to fetch his food bowl and came face to tail with reality.

The biggest skunk I've ever seen was hunkered over his bowl eating his supper and my dog has learned the hard way on previous, less-cautious, en-

counters to leave at least 50 feet between himself and a polecat. I fell backwards and used some language we can't put in the paper. I slapped on the side of the house but the skunk only glanced back across its shoulders, hoisted its rear into the attack position and kept on munching.

To make a long story short, it consumed what I consider to be a normal feeding for my 80 pound lab and then waddled off across the driveway and huddled under Loretta's car. In the meantime, I had fetched a rifle but it was a standoff. Even if you kill a skunk within 20 feet of a vehicle, believe me, it will have the last laugh and the laugh will continue for about two weeks during which time you will not be able to use your car and keep anything in your stomach.

So now I'm feeding my dog on the front porch, watching him eat, and then bringing the bowl back inside the house until his next feeding. And Loretta is worried that the skunk may get real hungry and tear down our backdoor. We've seen it several times hanging out where the feeder used to be but it usually ambles off as soon as we get out of the car.

I'm waiting for a moon lit night to put a feeder out in the back pasture which I will fill with dog food and a nice helping of turkey sauce. I will make sure the wind is not blowing toward the house when I shoot the polecat and enable my dog to get back to his normal routine. I fully intend to come out on top of the current standoff.

If you are into rescuing skunks, you'd better show up on Charlie Brown Road fast. And, incidentally, I no longer mention my pets' by name in the paper because doing so seems to bring them bad luck. On the other hand, I have a Labrador Retriever who would rather be dead, or at least deal with starvation, than ever again challenge a skunk for any reason.

And while the skunk is not a pet, I have named it Puuuueeee which I hereby publish in the paper just in case a name might hasten its expedient demise.

Email the Signal at mvsignal@alltel.net

"A Musical Storybook Christmas"

A Tale of Two Trolleys In The City of Mt. Vernon

Once upon a time there were two little trolleys who were anxiously awaiting the Christmas season. They were so full of energy and wished they could get out and roam around the city of Mt. Vernon. You see, it was just past Thanksgiving and their tanks were so full. They longed to get out and see the sights and sounds of the holiday season. Running up and down the city streets would be such a good workout for them. They also wanted to experience the hustle and bustle of the Christmas shopping as they had heard rumors of that sort of thing taking place in larger surrounding cities.

Meanwhile, Clarice Kirby, the Mayor of Mt. Vernon was busy preparing for all the city's festivities. While planning for the season she met with the keeper of the trolleys, Shirley Cummins, head of RTEC. Plans began to formulate for a series of very special shopping nights around the city. As they pondered on how to get shoppers around town they began to hear horns honking and bells ringing. "What in the world is that?!" exclaimed the Mayor. "Oh, it's just those trolleys out in our garage. They are so eager to get out and see the sights that every time I walk past the garage they blink their lights at me!" answered Mrs. Cummins. "What a great idea!" shouted Mayor Kirby. "Let's send our shoppers all over town on the trolleys to shop!" announced the Mayor. "Well, I think that would be just a great idea! We can use two trolleys and get more people around town on those special shopping nights." agreed Mrs. Cummins.

So it was agreed and Mayor Kirby has henceforth declared:

City of Mt. Vernon Trolley Shopping Nights

December 4th, 11th and 18th from 5pm to 8pm

Catch the trolley at the City Lot adjacent to Cox Hardware

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D & S Computers – 445 School St.

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B & M Liquidators – 2410 New Brodhead Rd.

Rocket Sports & Apparel – 244 Reverend Green Loop

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* Aunt Polly's

* Ky Music Hall of Fame

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Beautiful Brick Home With 13 acres +/-. This home has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, eat-in kitchen, large formal living room, and large formal dining room (or could be used as a family room). A unique two room cabin, chain link fence and a 30x32 barn round out this wonderful property. Plenty of potential. R91789

165 Acres more or less by survey. This property is improved with a 1 1/2 story home (fixer upper), barn and water falls. If you're looking for acreage for hunting, recreational or a get-a-way then be sure to call today for an appointment to look at this property! M2415

Great Starter Home or Investment Property. This cute home could be the right place for you with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath and lots of potential. Home has new carpet, new windows, new kitchen cabinetry, new bathroom fixtures and plumbing. Come and check out the large front porch. Possible owner financing or will trade to other property. Call today! M2391.

Beautiful... all brick ranch home located conveniently to Brodhead and the city of Mt. Vernon. This home consists of 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and is like new. This is a sweet deal. Call today! M2416

Well Kept! Located just outside Mt. Vernon on Carter Ridge Rd. This doublewide in country setting has 3 BR, 2 BA, DR-Kit. Combo, LR and Utility room. Larger master bedroom and bath with large tub and separate shower. Also includes kitchen appliances, washer and dryer, central heat and air, and is affordable at \$43,900 with immediate possession. M2409

A Beautiful Home in a Convenient Location! Here is a 1 1/2 story home with a half basement that is conveniently located within minutes of everything in town. This 3 BR, 2 BA home has appealing hardwood flooring throughout and a swimming pool and nice deck to enjoy in the summer season. Other amenities include KU electric, beautiful landscaping, 1-car garage, city water/sewer, central heat/air, and all appliances stay. M2398

Reduced
What a Beauty! This very spacious 3 BR, 2 BA brick home is situated on 8/10 of an acre and will make your family a nice place to reside. This home offers a full size walk-out (unfinished) basement that can be made into a family room or den. Other amenities include hardwood floors, central heat/air, 1-car garage, plenty of storage space, storm shelter plus all appliances including washer/dryer and a wood stove hooked up in the duct work. \$144,900. M2399

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

Private Country Setting! This property consists of a beautiful well manicured yard and a nice brick home. This home has 2 bedrooms, 2 baths (one with handicap accessible shower), new central heat/air and is in a great location. Call for more details. M2380

Drastically Reduced
48 Acres... located on Slate Branch Road in Crab Orchard. Nearly new unfinished house with 2 BR, LR, Kit. and Bath. Large pond with 18 acres cleared and some marketable timber. All of this for only \$104,900. M2351

Polished and Proud! Careful owners have invested much time in faithful upkeep of this beautiful home. This home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room, dining room, kitchen and utility room, plus a bonus room above the garage. Hardwood floors and all kitchen appliances are included. Now's the perfect time to call for an appointment. M2394

Reduced
Nature Lover's Retreat! Like new 1991 singlewide mobile home with 2 BR and 1 BA located only 4.5 miles from town. Washer, dryer, stove and refrigerator complete this adorable package. New paint and underpinning this year... Don't hesitate - Priced at \$22,500. M2359

Reduced to \$347,500
It's Not a Dream! This immaculate brick home is for real. With approximately 2,800 square feet this home has a formal living room, dining room, family room, kitchen with breakfast bar and eat-in area, master bedroom suite, 1/2 bath and utility on the first floor. Upstairs there are two bedrooms, a large bath, bonus room and attic storage room. There's also a full basement and three bay garage. M2389

\$134,900
Secluded... yet Convenient! This charming 1 1/2 story vinyl home is situated on 4.5 acres +/- . Features include: 4-5 BR, 2.5 BA, Kit, Utility room, and Office. Amenities include: Laminate and hardwood flooring, tile, carpet, beautiful oak cabinets, fireplace, attached garage, and a great view! Asking \$134,900. M2297

Reduced
Close to Everything! If you want a home in a central location, within walking distance to the city park and the schools and be close to everything...then you've got just that with this nice brick home. Home features 3 BR, 1 1/2 baths, 2,700+/- sq. ft., a 1-car attached garage. Other amenities include KU electric, hardwood floors, appliances remain with home, cellar and huge living room. Asking only \$112,000. M2377

Reduced
A Buyer's Paradise! When feeling stressed from a long days work... come home to relieve stress on your very own putting green... or hang out on your spacious patio and enjoy the beautiful scenic view. This will be relaxing for you. This 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath home is situated on secluded, convenient 1/2 acre +/- lot on the outskirts of the Mt. Vernon city limits. Home has a full unfinished basement and a large 3-car detached garage. Other amenities include: central heat/air, city water/sewer, hardwood floors, security system, fireplaces, and beautiful landscaping. Start relieving some of that stress...today! Call for an appointment! M2363

Reduced
Gorgeous! This newly built home is absolutely gorgeous and is situated on a nice lot in the Lear Crest Subdivision. Features include 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, living room, dining room, kitchen and utility room. This is a newly built two-story home with central heat and air, with a deck that measures 12x16. Close to Berea, Brodhead and Mt. Vernon. Call today! M2385

Reduced
Nice Home With Acreage - This vinyl sided home is situated on 6.07 acres +/- and features a living room, dining/kitchen combo, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, an office and utility closet. Other amenities include central heat/air, city water, septic system and enclosed porch. Plus a detached garage. \$132,900. M2408

Indulge in the value of this quality brick home. This home offers an open living area consisting of living room, kitchen and dining area. There are 2 spacious bedrooms and 2 baths. Other amenities include new central heat/air system, fireplace in the living room, 2-car garage, and a partial basement with plenty of storage area. Call today to see this home located in the Mt. Vernon city limits. M2407

Reduced
Location! Location! Location! Baby farm with 3 bedroom, 2 bath doublewide with a 12x20 addition, 20x40 block barn with a work shop and full loft, property has mature trees, new fencing, corral and pond. Property fronts on 39 North out of Crab Orchard. Call today! Reduced to \$79,900. M2376

Reduced
Worth the Money! Three bedrooms, 1.5 bath brick ranch with formal living room and spacious den that has a wood burning fireplace. There is also a large eat-in kitchen with plenty of cabinet space. Big front and back yard. Come see this piece of country located in town! \$108,500. M2392

Price Dropped \$15,000
New Home... with elbow room features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, a living room, kitchen, utility room and a 2-car attached garage. The kitchen has hickory cabinets, new appliances and crown molding. This home is in a private location situated on 3.2 acres and convenient to Hwy. 70 and Hwy. 39. Approximately 4 additional acres can be purchased with this property. Call today! Only \$124,900. M2384

Acreage For Sale
30 Acres +/-. Take a look at this approximately 30 acres of beautiful woodland on Doc Adams Rd. Close to town - prime location. Call today! M2414
You Can't Beat This! 35 acres near Cedar Creek Lake. Call for more information. M2396
REDUCED! 76 Acre Farm in the Wabd Section of Rockcastle Co. Road frontage on Hwy. 1250 and Doc Adams Road. Barn-silo-city water-creek. Good cattle farm or development possibilities. Owner would consider dividing. Priced at \$269,000. M2333
Private... Close to Town... Close to I-75... This 23 acres +/- is mostly woodland and is close to I-75 and only 2 miles from Mt. Vernon. City water is available. M2313
30 Acres More or Less - Coal and some timber. Recreational. \$50,000. Call today! M2310
9 Good Country Acres - Poplar Grove Road section of Rockcastle County - mostly level - city water. Great building site - near Pulaski County line. Priced at \$41,900. M2411
174.93 acres of Woods and Wildlife - Just 10 minutes from I-75. This property would be great for the avid hunter or to build a home in an area with a little privacy. Priced at \$145,000. Call today for more details. M2412

FUTURE AUCTIONS

Absolute Auction of Lawn Tractor, Furniture, Guns, Etc. Friday, December 5, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. 675 Larkin Lane, Somerset, KY

Absolute Auction of Mobile Home and Personal Property Friday, December 5, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. 480 Sinking Valley Road, Somerset, KY

Absolute Auction of Ms. Christine Taylor's House and 4 Acres m/l in Tracts Saturday, December 6, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. Quail section of Rockcastle County, Ky.

Absolute Auction of Phyllis Davenport Bowling's House and Lot Saturday, December 6, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. 804 East 9th Street, London, Ky.

Master Commissioner Auction of Industrial Building and 57 Acres of Prime Land and Stamping Equipment Friday, December 12, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. Crab Orchard, Ky.

Absolute Estate Auction of Mr. Glenn Alford's Properties Property 1: 10 acres located on Hubble Road, Somerset, Ky. Property 2: 19 acres located between the New Hwy. 150 and Old 150, Stanford, Ky. Property 3: 3 acres located at Bonneyville Saturday, December 13, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

Absolute Estate Auction of the late Carl Hendrix's Brick House, 65 Acre Farm and Farm Machinery Saturday, December 13, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. Highway 80E, London, Ky.

Absolute Auction of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Johnston's House & Approximately 2 Acres Saturday, December 13, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. 3457 Hwy. 235, Nancy

Absolute Auction of Four Properties Saturday, December 20, 2008 Property 1: 3 Lots - Annville, Ky. - 10:00 a.m. Property 2: Large Commercial Bldg. - Manchester - Noon Property 3: Modular Home and Lot - 2 p.m. Hwy. 830 Gray section of Knox County, Near Corbin Property 4: Approximately 4 Acres - Hwy. 727 - 3:30 p.m. Near Corbin, KY (Whitley County)

Back to Nature - Secluded Mountain top A-frame on 59.4 wooded acres located on Big Cave Road and within the Daniel Boone National Forest area. Use for vacation or weekend retreat. This is a hunter's and camper's paradise with abundant wildlife. Some cleared land with a small pond and minutes from I-75. Affordable price, \$76,900. Call today! M2400

Commercial PROPERTIES

Income Producing Property - Grocery store building with parking available. Presently rented to long term tenant. Owner has other interest and says sell. Priced at \$149,900. M2413

Two large commercial lots measuring 68/100 each. 135 feet of road frontage on each with water and sewer and KU electric. \$69,900 each. M2402

Car Wash! Near McDonalds, Wendy's and KFC. Established 4-bay + automatic bay car wash. Partnership dissolving...motivated sellers. Financial records to qualified prospects. Priced at \$425,000. M2401

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

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

Strategically Located! Commercial property measuring 6.3 acres near the intersection of Hwy. 150 and Hwy. 27. Property has city water and city sewer with good traffic count. \$325,000. M2390

LOTS FOR SALE

Two lots located in the beautiful Lear Crest Subdivision. Consists of 1/2 acre m/l each and has city water available. These lots are ideal building lots and convenient to Mt. Vernon, Brodhead, Berea and Lake Linville. Priced at \$9,900 ea. M2260

Great View! Near Cedar Creek Lake. 1 acre nearly level lot with restrictions. M2357.

Nice and Convenient! Nice level lot in the city limits of Crab Orchard with water and sewer available. Just \$5,900. M2360

Need a Lot? These lots are being sold together for a total of 1 acre. This 1 acre lot offers electric, city water and a septic system. Located on Hock Road just minutes from Brodhead. Call today! M2373

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Two Lots! Located in the beautiful Lear Crest Subdivision. Consists of 1/2 acre m/l each and has city water available. These lots are ideal building lots and convenient to Mt. Vernon, Brodhead, Berea and Lake Linville. Priced at \$9,900 ea. M2413



Rescue workers had to use the Jaws-of-Life to free a 63-year-old woman from her wrecked vehicle, after she lost control on a slick Hwy. 1505 Sunday around noon. Daisy Wheatly, 63, of Mt. Vernon Road, Berea, was taken to the Berea Hospital by members of the Rockcastle EMS, after suffering injuries to her head. Besides Rockcastle EMS, members of Mt. Vernon Fire and Rescue and Brindle Ridge Fire Department responded to the accident.

Remembering loved ones during holidays

Annual Remembrance Tree Ceremony is December 7th

Hospice Care Plus will hold its annual "Remembrance Tree" Ceremony on Sunday, December 7th at 2:00 PM in the Richmond Mall. This heartfelt tradition gives community members the opportunity to remember loved ones during the holidays by placing a memorial ornament on the Remembrance Tree. The program begins with an

opening prayer, followed by holiday music and the reading of the names. During the reading of the names, family members and/or friends, place an ornament on the tree provided for them by Hospice. Each ornament will have a small card attached to it with the name of the loved one being remembered. For those unable to attend the ceremony,

Hospice Staff will place the ornament on the tree. The Remembrance Tree is displayed throughout the holiday season at the Richmond Mall.

Hospice Care Plus, which serves Estill, Jackson, Lee, Madison and Owsley counties, offers this ceremony every year as part of its commitment to providing bereave-

ment care to families as well as the community. "It is especially important to give the community an opportunity to remember loved ones during the holidays, when the festive atmosphere can make grieving stressful for those who have experienced a loss," says HCP Bereavement Coordinator, Nora Brashear. "This ceremony not only honors our loved ones, but the proceeds help make hospice care possible for people with no insurance and supports special programs in the community."

Those interested in placing a memorial or honorarium ornament on the tree can call Hospice Care Plus at 986-1500 or 1800-806-5492. Hospice staff will also be available to accept Remembrance Tree donations at the ceremony. Ornaments can be created for donations of any size and the ceremony is open to the community, not just to those served by Hospice Care Plus.

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



Dear Journal,

The thick gray mist is hanging in the air, as thick as I've ever seen, just above the tree-tops. Although it isn't raining, there is a lot of moisture in the air, making it a very damp day. The temperature is only about forty degrees, at best, but it feels much colder. I guess it's what the old-timers call a "raw day."

However, on the inside, things seem a little brighter. There is a glowing fire in the fireplace, and I've gotten some fragrant candles burning here and there in the house that add that much more coziness to such a gloom-filled day.

It's a lazy Sunday afternoon, and Stanley and I aren't planning on going anywhere. We've had enough "going here and there" for Thanksgiving. We've been to London, Richmond, and Lexington for three meals. Then we had Thanksgiving at our house on Friday, with more guests coming to our place. This is just the kind of day for sitting deep in a favorite chair, covered up with a soft throw, all the way up to your neck, which is exactly what I did, as I gazed into a flickering fire.

Soon, my mind was wandering back to another time and place, as it so often does. Stanley and I have speculated that one of the reasons why people seek to live in the past as they get older is because that is where we were the happiest. As children, our lives were carefree, and the world still had an innocence that dissipates with age. I guess it's a form of escapism.

In any case, I was thinking back to a time on such a Sunday afternoon just as this, following Thanksgiving, my Uncle Junior would go to get our family Christmas tree. I usually went along to be sure he got the biggest one he could find. I knew just where we'd go, too. Although we lived just out of London, we'd go to

some land we owned over in Rockcastle County, in the area known at the time as Bloss. It was near the county line, after you cross the river, on the first road to the right. My grandpa had about a thousand acres of land, with some prime Christmas trees growing on it.

We headed out pretty soon after lunch, and it didn't take my uncle very long to find a good, big tree. Sometimes he'd get a cedar, or sometimes a pine; just whichever he came across first that was suitable. He'd put it in the trunk of the car, tie the lid down, and secure the tree with a rope. About three or four feet of the tree would stick out the back of the trunk. All of this was done under my careful supervision.

Before going home, we would usually drop by and visit with some old friends of the family, the Matt and Zi Graves family. Our families were really close with each other, and shared a lot of good times together, especially at Christmas.

Once my uncle and I got home with the tree, he would trim off the bottom half, so it would fit in the house. The leftover branches from the bottom were usually used as decoration, on top of pictures on the wall, much like a swag. I think the best memory about natural trees is the wonderful smell they produce. For several days after bringing the tree and branches inside, the house would smell so fresh and clean, like a part of the "great outdoors." It's hard to explain unless you've experienced it for yourself.

I snuggled a little deeper in the chair and decided that such an evening called for a cup of hot cider, or cocoa. I'm so fortunate to have these wonderful memories, and I certainly hope they last a lifetime. They make cold, wintry evenings very special, and even a little bit warmer.

Suggestions for the ERWA

The Eastern Rockcastle Water Association (ERWA) should improve its operation by obeying Kentucky laws. How about modeling ERWA after our county school board? Follow the law; become a more effective organization!

Obey these laws:

- Anti-nepotism
- Avoid and report potential conflict of interests
- Open meetings
- Open records
- Protect whistle blowers
- Take proper minutes

Kentucky Citizens for Open and Responsible Public Services



SUMMARY OF LEASE ORDINANCE AND NOTICE OF SECOND READING OF BOND ORDINANCE

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, at a meeting to be held on December 11, 2008 at 1:00 p.m., in the Rockcastle County Courthouse, 205 East Main Street, Mount Vernon, Kentucky, will consider for passage, the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A LEASE FOR THE FINANCING OF THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND EQUIPPING OF A BUILDING IN A MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,900,000; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT AND SECURITY OF THE LEASE; CREATING A SINKING FUND AS SECURITY FOR THE LEASE; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF VARIOUS DOCUMENTS RELATED TO SUCH LEASE.

It is hereby certified that the foregoing provides for approval of a lease with Kentucky Area Development Districts Financing Trust for financing certain public improvements and provides a general obligation pledge to assess sufficient taxes to comply with the obligations to pay lease payments. The full text of the Section relating to the pledge to levy and assess a tax to pay the lease obligation is:

Section 2. General Obligation Pledge. Pursuant to the Constitution of the Commonwealth and Chapter 66 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, as amended (the "General Obligation Statutes"), the obligation of the Lessee created by the Lease shall be a full general obligation of the Lessee and, for the prompt payment of the Lease Payments, the full faith, credit and revenue of the Lessee are hereby pledged. During the period the Lease is outstanding, there shall be and there hereby is levied on all the taxable property in the Lessee, in addition to all other taxes, without limitation as to rate, a direct tax annually in an amount sufficient to pay the Lease Payments on the Lease when and as due, it being hereby found and determined that current tax rates are within all applicable limitations. Said tax shall be and is hereby ordered computed, certified, levied and extended upon the tax duplicate and collected by the same officers in the same manner and at the same time that taxes for general purposes for each of said years are certified, extended and collected. Said tax shall be placed before and in preference to all other items and for the full amount thereof; provided, however, that in each year to the extent that the other taxes of the Lessee are available for the payment of the Lease Payments and are appropriated for such purpose, the amount of such direct tax upon all of the taxable property in the Lessee shall be reduced by the amount of such other taxes so available and appropriated.

There is hereby established with the Lessee a sinking fund (the "Sinking Fund"). The funds derived from said tax levy hereby required or other available taxes shall be placed in the Sinking Fund and, together with interest collected on the same, are irrevocably pledged for the payment of all Certificates or obligations issued under the General Obligation Statutes and all Tax Supported Leases, as defined in General Obligation Statutes, including the Lease herein authorized, when and as the same fall due. Amounts shall be transferred from the Sinking Fund to the Lessor at the times and in the amounts required by the Lease.

A complete copy of the Ordinance may be reviewed at the office of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court Clerk, 205 East Main Street, Mount Vernon, Kentucky 40456.

County of Rockcastle

By: /s/ Patricia Martin
Fiscal Court Clerk



*Christmas
in
Brodhead*

**Join us for a day of
Celebration
Saturday, December 6th**

Beginning with Breakfast at
Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department from
7 a.m. - 10 a.m. Carryouts Available.
Country Ham, Bacon or Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Fried Potatoes,
Gravy, Biscuits and Fried Apples.

"The Spirit of Christmas"

3 p.m. Brodhead 3 p.m.

Christmas Parade

Line-up 2 p.m. at BES • Everyone Welcome to Participate!

Visit Santa in the Fire House
after the parade

**Houses, Businesses and Floats will be
judged late Thursday & Friday nights**



68th Wedding Anniversary

CS and Marie McKinney of Mt. Vernon celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary on November 28th with their children Sharon, Lillian and Jack and all their grandchildren. We wish them many more happy anniversaries. We all love you very much!



Free Bible Courses

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

Wanted

Anyone willing to work anytime, anywhere, whenever called upon. No training necessary, male or female, any age. Any nationality, race, size, shape or form. All participants accepted. Report to Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Welcome to attend Maple Grove Baptist Church. Best retirement and benefits available.

Contact Bro. Jerry Owens for transportation at 606-256-3075.

Monthly Singing

New Hope Baptist Church at Orlando will hold their monthly singing Sat., Dec. 6th at 7 p.m. with the Praise Singers from Irvine. Pastor David Carpenter and congregation invite everyone to attend.

Christmas Play

Free Gospel Bible Institute of Export, PA will present a play entitled "The Christmas Not By Chance" at Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church on Thurs., Dec. 4th at 7 p.m. Bro. Randal Adams and congregation invite everyone to come and enjoy this presentation. For more information, call 758-8674 or 758-9736.

Supper & Auction

Mt. Vernon Church of God will hold a Christmas Supper and Auction on Fri., Dec. 5th. The supper will begin around 5:30 p.m. with the auction following. Everyone welcome. Please bring items to donate.

Pastor Bobby Owens and congregation invite everyone.

Church Auction

There will be a Church Auction at the Bride of Christ Church, High St., Mt. Vernon, on Sat., Dec. 6th at 1 p.m. Items to be auctioned include: some antiques, Home Interior, exercise equipment, lots of everything -- too many items to list. Food and drinks available. All proceeds go to the church.

Singing at New Hope

There will be a singing at New Hope Baptist Church on Sat., Dec. th. The Praise Singers will be featured. Singing will begin at 7 p.m. Pastor and church welcome everyone.

Revival

New Hope Full Gospel Fellowship Church will be in revival Dec. 1-4 at 7 o'clock nightly with Bro. Martin Sarver evangelist. The church is located on old 461, next to Bullock's Muffler Shop.

Phillips Cemetery

Improvements to Phillips Cemetery at Three Links are almost complete. Contributions are needed to help finish paying for the work that is being done.

For more information, or to make a contribution, contact: Mabel Davidson, 4155 Three Links Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 - Ph. 606-965-3123 or Joyce Phillips, 3967 Three Links Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 - Ph. 606-256-1591.

Thanks to those who have already contributed.

Live Nativity

Skaggs Creek Baptist Church's Live Nativity Scene will be shown December 12th and 13th from 7 to 9 p.m. Sandwiches and hot chocolate will be served inside the church.

The congregation welcomes everyone to come out and enjoy this event.

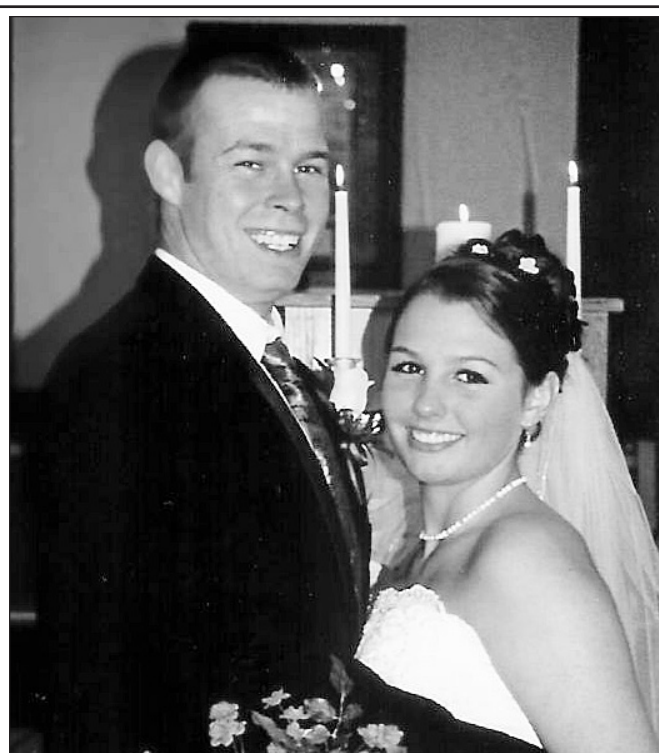
Valley Baptist Church 100th Anniversary

Valley Baptist Church, 4482 Copper Creek Road, will celebrate their 100th year anniversary on Sunday, December 7 from 9:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this special event. All families of former pastors are encouraged to participate.

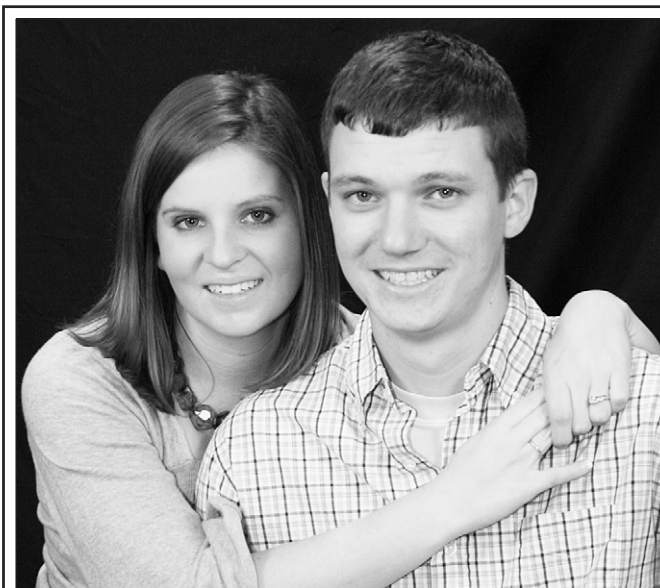
There will be a fellowship meal and a photo presentation of the earliest pictures up thru current events.

For more information, call Bro. Tony Shelton at 606-308-1496 or 606-758-8162 or the church at 895-925-2262.



Burdette - Santo vows said

Clayton and Deanna Burdette would like to announce the marriage of their daughter, Leslie Ann Burdette to Michael Douglas Santo, son of Rick and Jackie Santo. Michael and Leslie were married on November 22, 2008 at the Bride of Christ in Jesus Name Church in Mount Vernon. Leslie is a student at Somerset Community College and is employed at Walmart. Michael is serving in the Army National Guard and has recently completed a tour in Iraq. Michael and Leslie Santo would like to thank their friends and family for supporting them as they start their lives together.



Taylor - Gilbert

Mr. and Mrs. Casper Coy Taylor, of Quail, would like to announce the engagement and marriage of their daughter, Bethany Brook to Andrew Justin Gilbert, son of Jack and Betty Gilbert of Livingston. The wedding will take place at Ottawa Baptist Church on December 13, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Bethany is a 2007 graduate of Rockcastle County High School and is attending the University of Kentucky. Justin is a 2003 graduate of Rockcastle County High School and is employed by NACCO in Berea.

Gift cards might not be a great holiday gift

Family and Consumer Sciences

Hazel Jackson

Rockcastle County Extension Office



Many consumers have bought gift cards as holiday presents in recent years; but, with an economic recession and many companies now filing for bankruptcy, this might not be a good year to buy them. According to National Public Radio (NPR), many retailers that file for bankruptcy will not honor their gift cards. Some will, though bankruptcy protection tends to leave the consumer out in the cold, and many consumers are realizing they would do well to find other gift-giving options.

Besides bankruptcies, store closures can inconvenience recipients, forcing them to travel farther to use their gift cards. Current news stories report many chains are now closing stores to save money. You might ask yourself whether the person receiving your gift card will want to drive very far to use his or her card. If not, it could go unused. Consumer Reports has found that "25 percent of gift cards go unused each year, and they can carry fees and expiration dates". That number could grow this year.

Economic woes, however, are not the only problem affecting gift cards, as they are open to fraud. You might not think so, but thieves can gain access to your gift cards, as they can with credit cards. If you have seen the display racks of gift cards at chain stores, you start to see how it can be done. Thieves have been known to copy down the card numbers from cards on display, then calling the retailers to see if they've been activated yet and perhaps checking on the balance; once they find they have an active card with money on it, they place online orders, leaving the card recipient with no money on their card when they go to use it.

Many retailers make their gift cards more secure by employing encoded PINs, but those are not foolproof. The person buying the gift card can improve their chances of giving a valid card by having it activated on the spot and asking the clerk to verify the balance. And the recipient does well to use the card as soon as they can to avoid unauthorized use, as well as the problem of a bankrupt retailer.



21st Wedding Anniversary

Everett and Sharon Wagner of Livingston will celebrate their 21st wedding anniversary December 11, 2008.

Library News



Pam Chaliff

Winter is officially here and the library would like to remind everyone that the library may be closed because of dangerous weather conditions. If the library closes it will be announced on WRVK 1460.

On Tuesday 9th at story hour, the children will be making Santa faces. At crafts that day, the kids will be making snowflakes. Story hour is every Tuesday at 1:00 for children ages birth-4. Craft time is

every Tuesday at 5:00pm for kids ages 4-10.

On Thursday 11th at 4:00pm, the library will be having a movie day. The movie showing will be Wall-E. The movie will begin at 4:00pm in the main library. Everyone is welcome to attend. The library will be providing refreshments for those who attend.

The library will be closing early on Monday 8th at 5:30pm

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The Rockcastle County Recycling Center will be open Saturday, December 6th 8 a.m. until noon

The following items may be recycled:

Newspapers w/inserts, magazine and catalogs, office paper, junk mail plastic bottles and jugs (any size soda and water bottles, laundry detergent jugs, bleach and fabric softener jugs, milk and water jugs, cooking oil bottles and jugs, shampoo bottles, dish liquid and alcohol bottles - all lids must be removed and thrown into the trash - not be included with recyclables - jugs must be rinsed out), metal cans (rinsed), empty aerosol cans, aluminum cans, phone books, old cell phones, car batteries, printer cartridges and cardboard.

Rechargeable batteries such as those found in: cordless power tools, cellular phones (the whole phone can be recycled), cordless phones, laptop computers, digital cameras, two-way radios, camcorders and remote control toys. If its says rechargeable on it, then it's recyclable!

Regular hours are Mon. thru Fri. from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Rockcastle County Recycling Center is located at the Rockcastle County Road Department Garage at 2528 South Wilderness Road (US 25 South at Burr).

For further information, call 606-256-1902

WE CAN SAVE YOU MONEY! WE CAN SAVE YOU MONEY! WE CAN SAVE YOU MONEY!



Riding their motorcycles in Tuesday night's Christmas parade in Mt. Vernon, were at left: Paul Miller and Vincent Fish, right.



Santa, aka Mike Bryant, arrived in Mt. Vernon on Tuesday night during the annual Christmas Parade with the help of Elves, Pam Burdette, and Casey McClure. A large crowd attended the second annual night parade. (Parade photos by: Richard Anderkin)



Carroll Rousey and wife, Rowena, left and Mt. Vernon Mayor Clarice Kirby, right, are shown with five of the eight historical documents that were recently hung at Mt. Vernon City Hall. The historical documents include the Ten Commandments, Bill of Rights, Star Spangled Banner, Mayflower Document, Declaration of Independence, Kentucky Constitution and the Lady Justice Document. A document of American Law and Government also hangs in city hall explaining the purpose and legality of the documents. Carroll Rousey has been placing documents in public buildings in Kentucky for the past seven years. The City of Mt. Vernon donated \$200 for the cost of the documents.



The Kids For Christ Youth Group from the Bible Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon participated in the Mt. Vernon Christmas Parade on Tuesday night. Carrying the banner for the Youth Group were: Lauren King and Kylee Fain.

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For more information or to schedule an appointment, call **606-256-7798**.

Clinic address:
145 Newcomb Ave.
Mount Vernon, Kentucky

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December 6, 2008 **JINGLE BELL Run/Walk** Renfro Valley, KY

Sponsored By:
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HOSPITAL AND RESPIRATORY CARE CENTER, INC.
UKHealthCare

Start Times:
The 6K Walk will begin at 8:30 am EST and the 6K Run will begin at 9:00 am EST Saturday, December 6, 2008. Registration begins at 7:45 am.

Courses:
The 6K Run/Walk highlights historic Renfro Valley. Aid and water stations will be located at the turnaround. Officials will direct and supervise the course. The Run/Walk will start and finish at the Renfro Valley Entertainment Center.

Features:

- Custom designed long-sleeve t-shirt
- Door prizes (Open to all. Must be present to win.)
- Hospitality area

Awards:

- 6K Run/Walk—1st three in each age division
- Overall male and overall female

Registration Fees:

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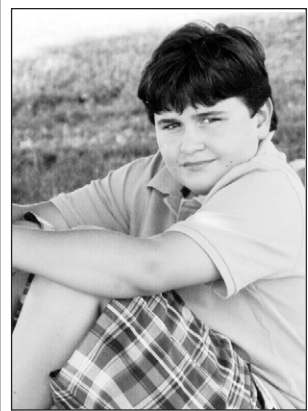
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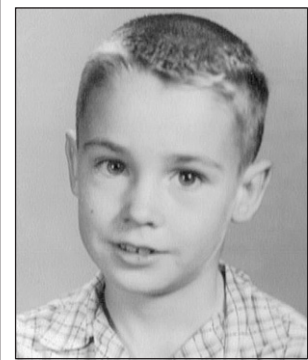
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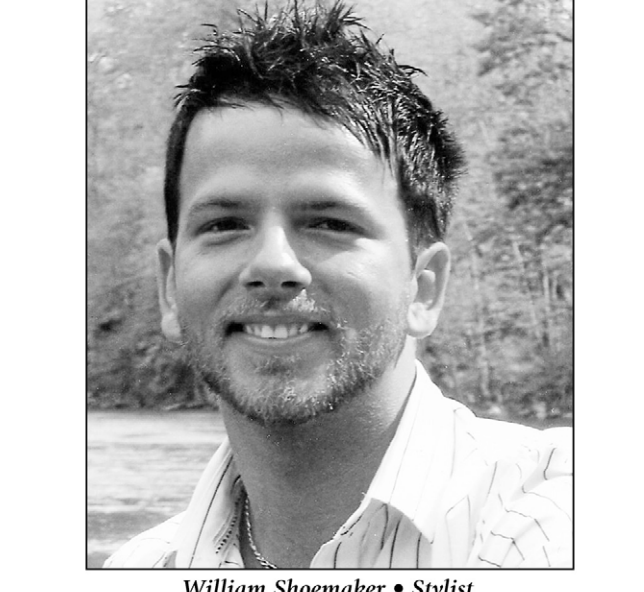
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Project Graduation Meeting
There will be a Project Graduation 2009 meeting Monday, Jan. 5th at 6:30 in the high school cafeteria. Meetings will follow on the first Monday of each month. All parents/guardians of seniors are urged to attend.

WRVFD Christmas Potluck
Western Rockcastle Volunteer Fire Department will hold a Christmas potluck Sat., Dec. 6th at 6 p.m. Everyone come, bring a covered dish and enjoy a good time.

Woodment of the World Christmas Dinner
Woodmen of the World will host a Christmas Dinner for members of the lodge at the Tea Cup Cafe, Main St., Mt. Vernon, on Dec. 11th, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. For more info, contact the Berea Lodge Hall at 859-986-0736, Mary Ann McNew 606-256-4046 or Vicki Chasteen 606-256-4817.

Holiday Classes at Extension Office
Dec. 5th and 12th: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Sit-N-Sew; finish sewing your holiday gifts. You must register for all classes. Call 256-2403 to register for supplies and/or costs.

Turkey Shoot
Livingston Fire Dept. will host a Turkey Shoot Saturday, December 13th at 10 a.m. at Clyde Carpenter Bottoms, South of Livingston on US 25. 410-16-20-12 Gauge Shot Guns only. \$2.00 a shot. Shells furnished by the fire department and concessions also will be sold by the fire department.

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Brodhead Christmas Parade
The Brodhead Christmas Parade will be Dec. 6th at 3 p.m. with line-up at 2 p.m. at Brodhead Elementary School. Everyone is invited to participate. Floats, businesses and homes will be judged again this year!!!

Christmas Concert at RCHS
The annual Christmas Concert at Rockcastle County High School will be held Monday, Dec. 15th at 7 p.m. The concert will feature the band and chorus. Refreshments will be served beginning at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. The first annual Christmas Around Town Holiday Tour will be held Friday, December 19th. Tickets are on sale at The Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and at Rockcastle High School. The tour includes holiday music, crafts, caroling, Santa and more! For more information, contact Anita Nation or Janice Miller at 606-256-4816 or call the Hall of Fame at 256-1000.

RCIDA Meeting
The Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority holds its regular meeting the first Monday of each month at noon on the third floor of the courthouse.

Historical Society Hours
Rockcastle Historical Society is open Mondays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the RTEC garage building. Due to the holidays, regular monthly meetings will not be held in Nov. and Dec. Meetings will resume in Jan., 2009.

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.

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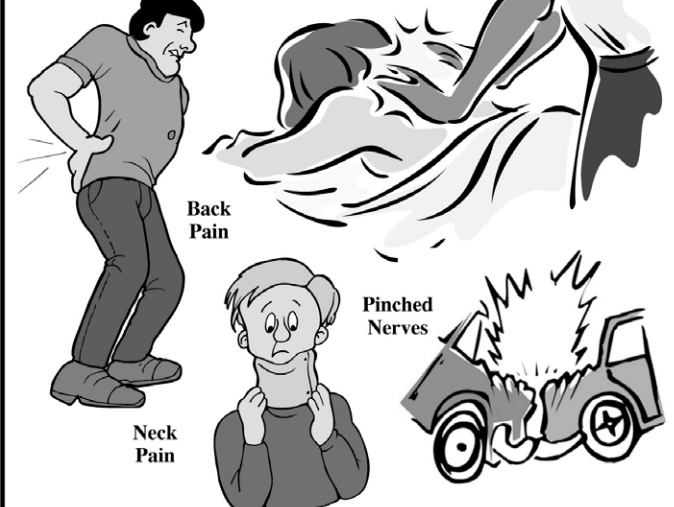
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Rockcastle County High School senior Rachel Woodall has a grade point average of 4.1 and is one of several students tied for the third highest ranking of the 207 seniors in the 2009 graduating class at RCHS. Woodall is the daughter of Harold and Mary Woodall of Brodhead. Rachel has scored a 33 on the ACT test of a possible 36, which is the highest of any of the 207 seniors at RCHS, so far. Rachel is considering attending the University of Kentucky, Centre College or Transylvania in the Fall, where she will possibly study courses in pre-Pharmacy. Rachel is a member of the National Honor Society, BETA Club, Health Students of American, (HOSA), Y-Club and the Rocket Club. She currently serves as secretary for HOSA and the Y-Club and was a two year member of the RCHS Golf team. Rachel currently has advanced placement classes in Chemistry and Calculus and as a junior she took advanced placement history. Rachel also is a co-op student in the Library at Roundstone Elementary School.

Leadership Rockcastle celebrates graduation

The Leadership Rockcastle class of 2008 celebrated the completion of their ten month dedication to the leadership course, facilitated by Brushy Fork Institute, on November 18th.

The ceremony was held at the middle school cafeteria with a meal for graduates and their guests. Each year, individuals or teams take on a community project. Class presentations this year included the development of a billboard that will advertise Rockcastle, a forestry project, Leadership Rockcastle Teen,

Halloween at Brodhead and a parks and recreation project at Lake Linville that will take place in the spring.

This program began in February of 2008 with a week end retreat in Prestonsburg and Hindman. Following the retreat, the group met once a month in a variety of locations around the county.

A total of 15 graduates now join the Leadership Rockcastle Alumni group that meets once a month to discuss important county issues. The alumni group now has 70 members.

The development board, which sponsors this program, has begun seeking nominees for the class of 2009. If you, or anyone you know, has an interest in this program, please contact Corey Craig at 256-2500 or Lynn Tatum, Project Coordinator at 256-8007.

2008 graduates were: Roy Donovan Adams, Anthony Coffey, Leon Davidson, Joanne Edgington, Robert and Eddie Fields, Matthew Hupp, Joshua Hampton, Nancy Hale, Kelli Loudermilk, Sheila Lovell, Shelley Raines Lewis, Becky McNabb, Randall Powell and Arielle Reese.

Minds in the Middle

Congratulations to all of the RCMS students who participated in the 4-H speech contest this week. In the competition for 11 year-olds, the 1st place winner was John David Hurley. Coming in 2nd place was Anna Poynter. In the 12 year-old division, the 1st place winner was Danielle McNew. The 2nd place winner was Amelia Eversole. Casey Walker also received a blue ribbon. Among the 13 year-olds, the 1st place winner was John Hughes and the 2nd place winner was Kelsey Mattingly. The 1st place winner in the 14 year-old group was Laiken Coffey. We are very proud of the job that all of our students did.

There will be an after school dance this Friday sponsored by the boys basketball teams. Students must have team and parental permission in order to attend and should be picked up at 5:00.

The RCMS Unite Club and the Student YMCA will be teaming up to conduct a food drive for the Mt. Vernon Food and Clothing Mission. The drive will run through December 17th and the goal is to receive 2009 food items.

The Rockcastle Student YMCA Delegation did an outstanding job at the East Junior Kentucky Youth Assembly. The Outstanding Legislative Speaker Award went to Jacob Taylor and the Outstanding Premiere

Speaker Award was given to Anna Poynter. There were two bills signed by the governor: Bill #21 presented by Charity Adams, Elizabeth Lawrence, Allison Burdette, and Alexis Young and Bill # 25 presented by Rebekah Ponder, Cali Parker, Brianna Burdette, and Ashley McCoy. In addition Aston Arvin was named governor for the 2009 East Junior KYA. Congratulations on a great job.

Robinson Scholar applications are now available to 8th graders who will be first generation college students. Students cannot apply if they have a parent or guardian with a 4-year college degree. The Robinson Scholar Program offers a full 4-year scholarship to the University of Kentucky or one of its community colleges. Applications may be picked up from Ms. Cromer.



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Lady Rockets beat Wayne Co. in season opener

The Rockcastle County High School Lady Rocket basketball team began defense of their 12th region title on Tuesday night with a big road win at Wayne County.

Coach Chrysti Noble's squad was down by seven at the end of three periods, but the defending 12th Region champs outscored the Lady Cardinals 25-14 in the final period.

"Anytime you can come away with a win at Wayne County, you've not played too bad, but we could have played much better," said Noble.

"Our players stood around too much and waited for someone else to make a play, which almost cost us the game," Noble added.

Noble, who is entering her 19th season as head of the Lady Rocket program, said her team

was going to work on intensity and playing an entire game during practice this week.

"I've preached that and preached that and for some reason many of my players still are not listening," Noble said.

The Lady Rockets were led in scoring by Jackie Alexander who had 14. Angie Lawrence scored 13 off the bench, followed by Sara Hammond who had 10. Ashley Robinson added 7, Kristen Abney had 5, and Mary Saylor and Katy Mattingly each scored 4.

Things don't get any easier for the Lady Rockets when they host highly touted Lincoln County on Friday night in a double header with the boys.

The Lady Patriots, who won the 46th District title a year ago, lost to Lexington Catholic on Tuesday night, 52-50.



RCMS junior Jackie Alexander, shown here during Rocket Madness, lead the Lady Rockets in scoring on Tuesday night with 14 against Wayne County. The Lady Rockets will play their first home game on Friday night when they host Lincoln County in a double header with the Rockets. The Rockets play the first game at 6 p.m..

Rockets lose Tuesday at West Jessamine

The Rockcastle County High School boys' basketball team lost their season opener at West Jessamine on Tuesday night 80-62.

The Rockets got in early foul trouble and committed numerous turnovers in the first half, falling behind by 19 at intermission.

But the Rockets outscored West Jessamine by one point in the second half mainly because of good offensive rebounding, which resulted in many second chance baskets.

"We simply haven't had enough time on the practice floor as an entire unit and I think we will be find, after we do get that time," said head

coach Benny Blanton, who is entering his fourth season as head coach of the boys' team at RCMS.

Offensively senior Spencer Mullins carried the load with 20 points followed by seven other Rockets who got into the scoring column.

Derek Thacker had 11, Jamie Todd, Dustin Reynolds, and Jared Smith each had 7, Matt Lunsford scored 5, Bryan Clontz, 4 and Matt Bullens, 1.

The Rockets host Lincoln County on Friday night in their home opener in double header action with the girls' team. The boys play the first game on Friday night at 6 p.m.



RCMS 8th grader Zack Poynter goes in for two points against Foley on Tuesday night. The 8th grade lost 58-39.

Middle School Basketball

None of the three boy's teams at the Rockcastle Middle School are having very good seasons thus far.

During the past four outings the three teams have combined for only two wins.

At Wayne County on November 18th, the 6th grade lost, 47-12. The team was led in scoring by Douglas Nicely with 6, Stephen Rector, Sam Pensol and Layne Jasper all scored 2 points.

The 7th grade also lost at Wayne County, 57-23. Corey McPhetridge had 13, Jake Mink, 7, Tyler Harper, 2 and Jarred Lakes, 1.

The 8th grade also fell to Wayne County, 59-33. Tyler Smith had 7, Blake Jones, 5, Eli Haddix, John Wilson and Ashton Arvin had 5, Ben Allen, 3, Bryson Amyx and Aaron Blevins, 2, Zack Poynter and Elijah Lovell, 1 each.

The week of Thanksgiving the middle school teams traveled to King Middle, where the 6th grade team was the only winner.

The 6th grade won, 22-20. Jacob McKinney had 9, Sam Pensol, 7, Douglas Nicely, 4 and Blake Mullins, 1.

The 7th grade lost, 78-22. Corey McPhetridge had 12, Devin Poynter, 3, Jarred Lakes, Travis Bullock, Jake Mink all had 2 and John Hughes scored 1.

The 8th grade lost at King Middle, 53-37. Ashton Arvin and Blake Jones each had 9, Tyler Smith, 4, Chris Wren, 3, John Wilson and Eli Haddix, 2, Ben Allen and Elijah Lovell, 1 each.

On November 24th all three teams lost at Lincoln County.

The 6th grade lost 25-12. Pensol and McKinney had 4, Dakota Hasty and Jasper, 2 each.

The 7th grade lost 53-17. Blanton Carter scored 5, Poynter and Harper, 3 each, Andrew Burton, McPhetridge and Tim Renner each scored 2.

The 8th grade lost, 79-31. Arvin scored 9, Jones, 8, Wilson, 4, Smith and Haddix, 3, Lovell, 2 and McPhetridge, 1.

On Tuesday night the middle school teams hosted Red Foley.

The 6th grade lost in overtime, 34-26. Hasty had 6, Jordon McGuire, Rector and

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RCMS 7th grader Tyler Harper puts up a shot in the 7th grade game with Foley on Tuesday night. Also in the photo is #45 Jarred Lakes. The 7th grade team won 46-36.



RCMS 7th grade John Hughes drives to the basket in his team's game with Foley on Tuesday night. The 7th grade won 46-36 and will return to action Thursday, (tonight) with the 6th grade and 8th grade when they host Casey County. (Photos by: Kevin Canterbury)



RCMS 6th grader Jacob McKinney drives to the basket in the 6th grade game with Foley on Tuesday night. McKinney scored three points in the 34-26 overtime loss. All three middle school teams return to action Thursday, (tonight), against Casey County.

**Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II
Civil Action No. 08-CI-00222**

Franklin Credit Management Corporation Plaintiff

v.

Billy Rice and Carolyn Rice Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on November 14, 2008 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THREE THOUSAND SIXTY ONE DOLLARS AND 43/100 (\$123,061.43) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, December 12, 2008
Beginning at the Hour of 1:00 p.m.**

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

Tract I: Beginning at an iron pin in the right of way of U.S. Highway #25 corner to Doan; thence with said right of way line N 50 degrees 00'00" W 210.0 feet to an iron pin, corner to Coffey; thence with Coffey N 53 degrees 24'00" E 355.18 feet to a black oak; thence N 33 degrees 09'03" W 36.78 (sic) feet to a set stone corner to Doan; thence with line of Doan the following courses and distances N 77 degrees 39'46" E 759.20 to a white oak; S 70 degrees 25'31" W 348.95 feet to a white oak, S 44 degrees 48'30" W 178.24 feet to a white oak, S 10 degrees 53'37" E 495.73 feet to a pine, S 70 degrees 05'00" W 301.96 feet to the point of beginning and containing 4.16 acres more or less.

But excepting and not conveyed herein the following described property: Beginning at the corner set stone on the line of Doan and Mullins Station Road; thence with the line of Doan with the following courses and distances: N 77 degrees 39'46" E 759.20 to a white oak; S 70 degrees 25'31" W 348.95 feet to a white oak; S 44 degrees 48'30" W 178.24 feet to a white oak; S 10 degrees 53'37" E 90 feet to a pine, then in a straight line down the hill 300 feet to the point of beginning. That being the set stone corner at Mullins Station Road; and containing approximately 2.5 acres more or less.

Tract II: Beginning at an iron stake at the west end of culvert under J. C. Mason's driveway at U.S. Highway No. 25; thence running northerly up the hill 314 feet to a black oak, Mason's corner; thence running northwest 210 feet to a black oak, a new corner; thence running southwest down the hill 340 feet to a black oak, U.S. Highway No. 25 right-of-way; thence southeast with the right-of-way of U.S. Highway No. 25, 210 feet to the iron stake, the beginning corner, and containing about one and one-half (1 1/2) acres more or less.

Excepted out of and not included in the description is the following 2 descriptions: A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being on the north side of U.S. Highway 25, approximately 0.70 miles east of the community of Pine Hill, located on Quadrangle Sheet "MOUNT VERNON", with a latitude of 37° 19'49" and a Longitude of 34° 15'05", in the County of Rockcastle, State of Kentucky, and bounded and described as follows to-wit:

Unless stated otherwise, any monument referred to as "rod and cap" is a set 1/2" by 20" steel rod with a red plastic cap stamped "JQM 1387"

Beginning at a rod and cap set in the north right of way line of a 20.00 foot wide easement and a corner to the Shane and Brittney Rice (no deed reference known), thence running with said Rice line, N 44-49-22 W, 219.01 feet to a rod and cap, a corner in the land of Billy and Carolyn Rice, thence severing the land of said Rice, N 39-06-31 E, 151.17 feet to a rod and cap in the line of Coleman Russell (D.B. 147, Pg. 314), thence running with said Russell line, S 28-59-03 E, 26.80 feet to a found 10" yellow oak; thence S 28-09-58 E, 29.33 feet to a found 8" yellow oak; thence S 27-16-33 E, 40.03 feet to a found 8" white oak; thence S 29-52-01 E, 179.36 feet to a found 12" yellow pine, a corner of the parent parcel, and a corner to the aforesaid Billy and Carolyn Rice, thence severing the land of said Rice, S 57-09-16 W, 35.90 feet to a rod and cap in the north line of the aforementioned easement, thence running with same, S 75-43-10 W, 49.07 feet to the place of beginning and containing sixty-four hundredths (0.64) acres more or less, with all bearings referred to the magnetic meridian, as observed along U.S. Highway 25, this date, all according to a survey conducted by Meredith General Surveys, Inc., performed by James Q. Meredith, Kentucky Registered Professional Land Surveyor No. 1387 on November 7, 2006.

There is also conveyed, a 20.00' wide easement lying 10.00 feet on either side of the following described centerline, beginning at the northerly right of way line of U.S. Highway 25 and running N 44-09-26 E, 68.77 feet, thence N 52-48-59 E, 121.62 feet, thence N 62-52-46 E, 42.70 feet; thence N 86-57-34 E, 32.97 feet, to the end of said easement, with the right of ingress and egress.

A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being on the north side of U.S. Highway 25, approximately 0.70 miles east of the community of Pine Hill, located on Quadrangle Sheet "MOUNT VERNON" with a Latitude of 37° 19'49" and a Longitude of 84° 15'05" in the County of Rockcastle, State of Kentucky and bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Unless stated otherwise, any monument referred to as a "rod and cap" is a set 1/2" by 20" steel rod with a red plastic stamped "JQM 1387"

Beginning at a rod and cap set in the north right of way line of a 20' wide easement, from which a 12" yellow oak, a corner of the parent tract bears N 59-56-06 E, 196.36 feet, a corner in the land of Billy and Carolyn Rice (D.B. 198, Pg. 445); thence severing the land of said Rice, two (2) new lines, running N 42-49-17 W, 190.10 feet to a rod and cap set, thence N 39-06-31 E, 107.74 feet to a set rod and cap, a corner to Sheila Carol Rice, thence with the line of same, S 44-29-22 E, 219.01 feet to a rod and cap in the north right of way of the aforementioned access easement, thence running with said right of way, S 54-05-05 W, 113.88 feet to the place of beginning and containing fifty two hundredths (0.52) acres more or less, with all bearings referred to the magnetic meridian, as observed along U.S. Highway 25, this date, all according to survey conducted by Meredith General Surveys, Inc. performed by James Q. Meredith, Kentucky Registered Professional Land Surveyor No. 1387 on November 7, 2006.

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Being a portion of the same property Billy G. Rice obtained title to by deed dated June 28, 2004 executed by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development of record in Deed Book 200, page 306 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

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

1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.

2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.

3. Unpaid taxes of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.

4. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.

5. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.

6. In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.

7. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".

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



Mt. Vernon firemen Randy Bussell and Nathaniel Swartz prepare to enter a mobile home on Hwy. 1152 Tuesday morning. Firefighters contained the blaze to one room of the home, which was vacant at the time a fire broke out in a closet. Fire officials said the blaze is being considered as suspicious.

“Court Votes”

(Cont. from front)

lease payment coming from SourceCorp until July 1, 2009. Carloftis said he had asked if the first payment could be pushed back to December 1, 2009 and, in order to do so, the total amount had to be raised to the \$2.9 million figure.

Carloftis emphasized to the magistrates that borrowing the money as a general obligation debt to the county was still not a certainty since he was still working on an Industrial Revenue Bond issue through local banks but had been told by one of bank's officer that nothing could be presented in writing to the court until later this week.

Interest on a general obligation debt would be somewhat lower than on the Industrial Revenue Bonds but the county would not be obligated to repay the bonds should the worst case scenario occur, Carloftis said.

However, approval of the ordinance was needed at this time so that the county could recoup general fund money already spent on the project. Money spent for expenses on the project, up to 60 days before the ordinance, can be recouped by the county, Carloftis said.

Hopefully, the court will have information on issuing the Industrial Revenue Bonds before their regular meeting next Tuesday and the route for permanent financing of the project can be determined.

“ERWA”

(Cont. from front)

on improvements needed in the Eastern Rockcastle Water Association (ERWA).

“ERWA needs training of its board members in parliamentary procedures, customer relations, ERWA board obligations under Kentucky laws pertaining to open records and meetings, taking minutes of board deliberations and decisions and adherence to accounting, contracting and other reporting requirements of federal and state grants,” Whitler said.

“ERWA board members are sincere and want to improve. However, they are like Alice in Wonderland; they have to run to keep from getting further behind. The ERWA board has

an independent audit scheduled, and it has deliberated having legal counsel revise its by-laws to bring it up-to-date with the latest requirements of personnel law, protections against conflicts of interest, whistleblower protection, and open records and meetings. This level of change is daunting for a volunteer board; however, it has to be honestly and hurriedly pursued by the ERWA board and be supported by the ERWA staff and association members and water users. The future of the ERWA is at risk, if these changes are not made,” Whitler added.

Last week, KYCORP ran an advertisement in the *Signal* which made suggestions on the way ERWA's upcoming audit should be conducted and this week they are running an advertisement, suggesting that ERWA obey Kentucky laws and model their operation after the Rockcastle County Board of Education.

Since ERWA's office was moved from Climax to Livingston, a few months ago, Eastern Rockcastle Water Association's board has had a very public battle over the way business is conducted by their board and General Manager Randy Corry, and some members of the association, including Whitler.

Whitler said KYCORPS is a non-hierarchical organization, which means that it does not have the usual president, vice-president, and similar other officers and staff. It is an organization comprised of equal members who do the organization's work and sets its priorities. KYCORPS, while not being religiously affiliated, draws on the well-known Quaker-tradition of consensual action.

Membership in KYCORPS is open to association members of Kentucky public services, including water and all other utilities.

Whitler said a web site will soon be available to facilitate membership applications, dissemination of information, online surveys, blogs, and public dialogues on key issues.

“KYCORPS depends on grants and donations for its expenses and donated time by members to get its work done. No member of KYCORPS is compensated either in the form of pay or reimbursement of expenses. Our motto is, The KYCORPS: The Few, The Determined,” Whitler said.

Whitler also said the mission of KYCORPS includes:

- 1) Research on public services issues,
- 2) dissemination of information to the public,
- 3) training of members and the public regarding public service laws and regulations,
- 4) educating users as to their rights,
- 5) articulating the obligations of public service boards in terms of laws and funding requirements.

Whitler also said that several local individuals were already members of KYCORPS.

ERWA has 600 customers and meets the second Tuesday of each month at 8 a.m. on the third floor of the Rockcastle Courthouse. December's meeting is next Tuesday, December 9th.

For the record, Whitler's wife June is a member of the ERWA board.

“Blood Drive”

(Cont. from front)

ter the season.

The next opportunity to donate locally is:

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Those wanting to donate blood can call 1-800-775-2522 or visit kybloodcenter.org for blood drive and donor center details. The Kentucky Blood Center is a non-profit organization, dedicated to ensuring a safe, adequate blood supply for 7 Kentucky hospitals and clinics thanks to generous blood donors in 62 counties.

Begley completes Officer's Training School

Chief Warrant Officer Bryan Edward Begley recently completed Officer's Training School on December 5th in Rhode Island.

Chief Petty Officer Bryan Edward Begley is a native of La Porte, Indiana and a 1994 graduate from La Porte High School. He joined the Navy in July 1994 and he completed basic recruit training at Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois in September 1994. After basic training, he then attended Operation Specialist “A” School in Dam Neck, Virginia. His first assignment was onboard USS Kauffman (FFG-59) from March 1995 to June 1998, where he was assigned to OC Division. During his tour onboard Kauffman he was promoted to Petty Officer Second Class.

After completion of two six-month deployments, three Counter-Drug Operations deployments onboard USS Kauffman, he was then honorably discharged from the Navy in June 1998 where he was hired on at Toyota's plant in Georgetown, Kentucky for two months as a spot welder and he then returned to active duty in the United States Navy. August 1998. In January 1999 he attended Air Intercept Controller Course NEC 0318 at Dam Neck, Virginia and received orders to PCU McFaul (DDG-74) from February 1999 to December 2000. While stationed onboard USS McFaul he earned his ESWS qualification. Additionally, he was entrusted with the duties as OI01 Work Center Supervisor.

After completion of USS McFaul's six-month deployment OS2(SW) Begley received orders to PCU Winston S. Churchill (DDG-81) from January 2001 to January 2003. While onboard USS Winston S. Churchill he was promoted to Petty Officer First Class and earned the designation as Combat Information Center Watch Officer. USS Winston S. Churchill was the first DDG-51 Flight IIA class to successfully complete three shock trials in Mayport, Florida. While on board OS1(SW) Begley also

received two Navy Achievement medals and two Flag Letters of Commendation.

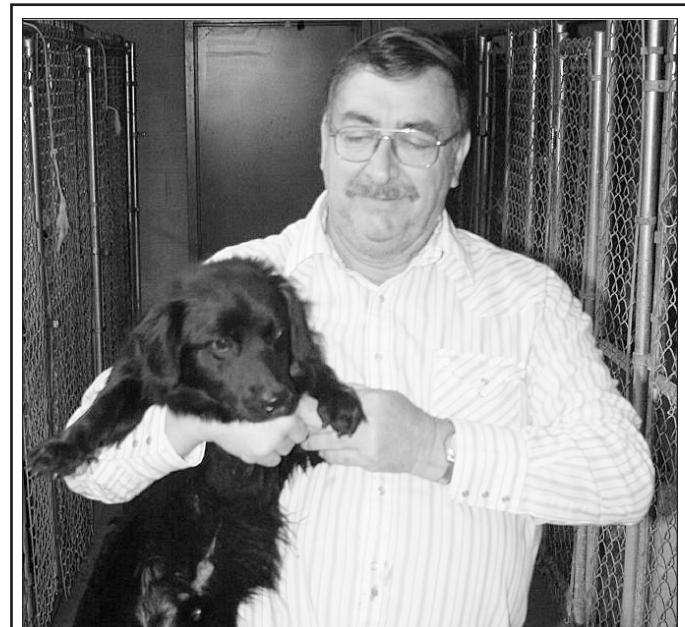
After completion of USS Winston S. Churchill's six-month deployment and Foreign Officer's Sea Training Exercise OS1(SW) Begley received orders to USS Porter (DDG-78) from November 2003 to December 2005 as Assistant OI Division Leading Petty Officer and assumed Leading Petty Officer later in November 2004. While onboard USS Porter he qualified Anti-Surface Warfare Coordinator. He received two Navy Achievement Medals and was selected as one of three First Classes to receive the Naval Academy Class of 1978 Leadership Award.

After Completion of USS Porter's Foreign Officer's Sea Training Exercise and six month deployment, OS1(SW) Begley received orders to USS Normandy (CG-60) from December 2005 to November 2008 as Leading Petty Officer and was promoted to Chief Petty Officer in September 2006 where he assumed the

duties as the Leading Chief Petty Officer of OI Division. He received two Navy Commendation Medals and one Navy Achievement Medal and was selected for commissioning as Chief Warrant Officer Operations Technician. He reports to the USS Cole (DDG-67) in March 2009 and will assume the duties as CIC Officer. He married Janetta Mae McLemore, of Orlando, Kentucky on February 22, 1997 and they have one son, Tristan Edward Lee Begley, born December 7, 1997.



CW02 Bryan Edward Begley



Save the life of a little puppy

Several dogs and pups are up for adoption at the Rockcastle Animal Shelter on Deep Hollow Road, off Old Sigmon Road, at Roundstone. Above, Animal Shelter Director James Kidwell shows off a Black Lab pup which is one of many pups now up for adoption at the shelter. The adoption fee is \$20 and one of the pups at the shelter would make a great Christmas gift, plus you would be saving an animal's life. For more information call (606) 256-1833.

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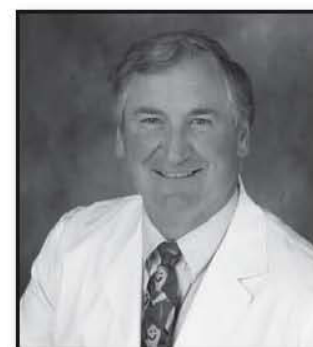
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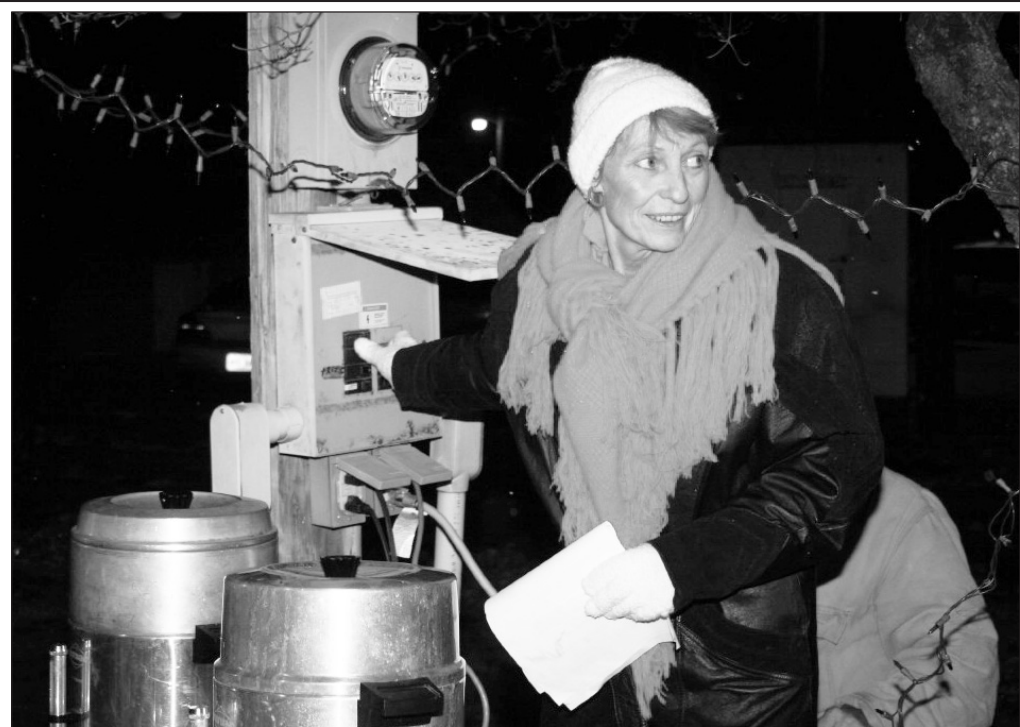
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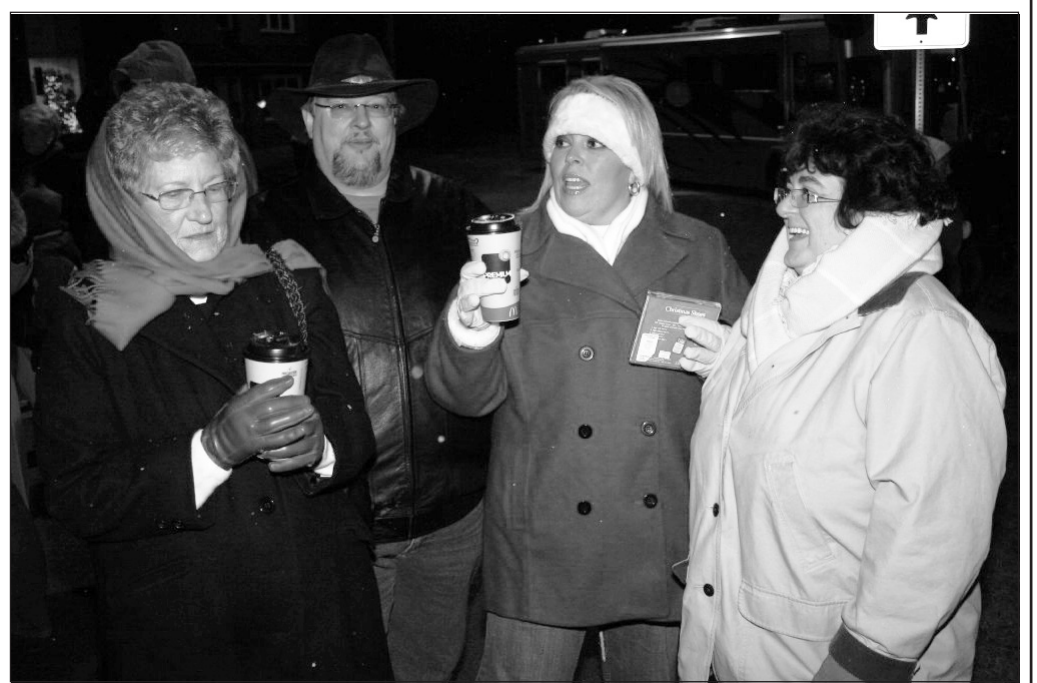
Second Section

Thursday, December 4, 2008

Tree Lighting Ceremony held in Mt. Vernon



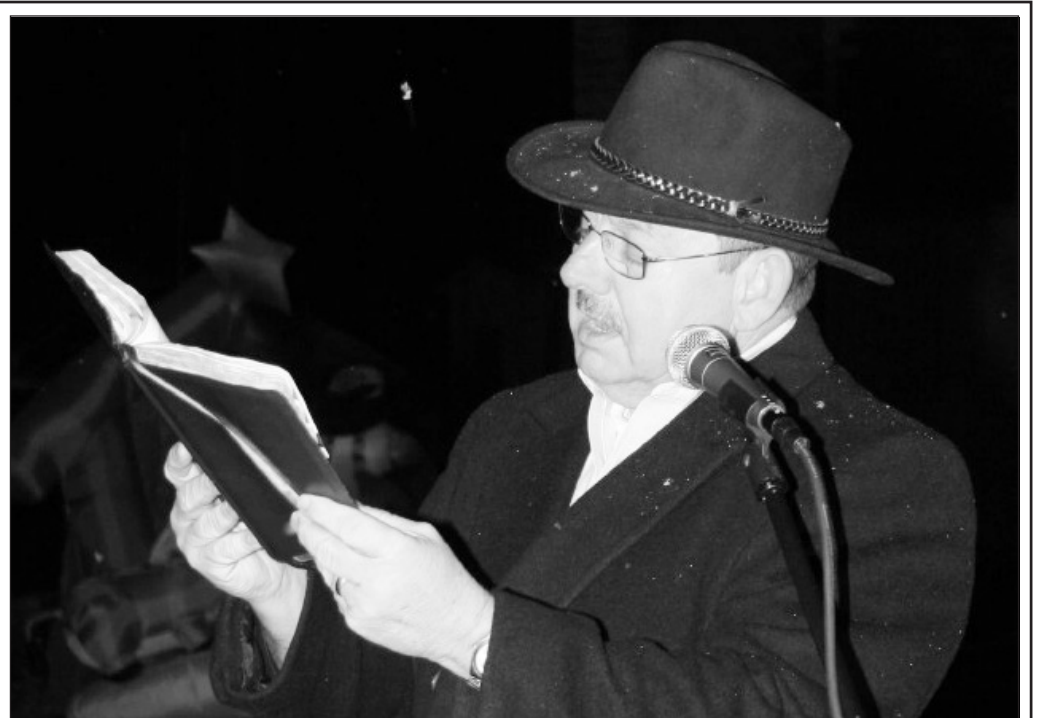
Mt. Vernon Mayor Clarice Kirby flipped the switch to turn on the lights at the Tree Lighting Ceremony in Mt. Vernon on Monday night. The Mayor also spoke during the program.



Some of those in attendance at Monday night's Tree Lighting in Mt. Vernon were from left: Ann Benson, Steve Singleton, Melissa Singleton and Teresa Vanzant, a member of the Rockcastle Kiwanis Club which sponsored the event. Singleton also sang two Christmas songs during the program.



Katy Howard, who sang two songs during the Tree Lighting program in Mt. Vernon on Monday night was accompanied by her brother, Mikey, on the guitar.



Kiwanis Club member Gary Mink read from the Bible during the program at the Tree Lighting in Triangle Park in Mt. Vernon on Monday night. A very good crowd attended the annual event.



A very good crowd attended the annual Christmas Tree Lighting in Mt. Vernon on Monday night, including Rebecca Barron, Anita Barron and Jamie Alcorn. Alcorn also performed during the program. (Tree Lighting photos by: Richard Anderkin)



Kiwanis member Jim Earl Hammons, right, gave the opening prayer at Monday night's Tree Lighting Ceremony in Mt. Vernon. At left is Kiwanis Club President Robert Lawson, who served as Master of Ceremonies.

Absolute Auction

of Ms. Christine Taylor's
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Saturday, December 6, 2008 • 10:00 a.m.

Quail Section of Rockcastle Co., Ky.



LOCATION: In the Quail community of Rockcastle County. Turn off of Highway 150 at the Feed Mill onto Highway 70. Follow Highway 70 approx. 5 miles to the property. Auction signs are posted.

Ms. Taylor is relocating to a smaller home. She has authorized our firm to sell this nice country home for the absolute high dollar.

Tract 1: This tract contains 2.071 acres and is improved with a Brick/Vinyl home. The home consists of 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, Kitchen with oak cabinets, Living room with gas fireplace, Family room, and Sun room with gas fireplace, Utility room and a partially finished basement. Amenities include: hardwood flooring, laminate flooring, carpet, covered porch, blacktop drive, city water, and septic system. Appliances, washer/dryer and deep freeze remain with the home.

Tract 2: This tract contains 0.659 acres.

Tract 3: The tract contains 0.591 acres.

Tract 4: This tract contains 0.597 acres.

Tract 5: This tract contains 0.569 acres.

Auctioneer's Note: If you're looking for a lovely home in the country, that has been immaculately kept, be sure to attend this auction. Any of the vacant lots would be ideal for building. Remember this is an Absolute Auction... Bid last and Buy!

Terms: 20% down day of sale, balance in 30 days.

Note: The purchaser of a single-family residence built before 1978 has a maximum of 10 days to inspect the property for the presence of lead base paint. The period for inspection begins November 26th through December 5th. The successful bidder must sign a waiver of the 10-day post sale inspection period.

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

Marriage Licenses

Shian Ashley Blair Mahaffey, 19, Mt. Vernon, secretary to Michael Keith Wayne Denny, 21, Berea, Tokico. 11/22/08.

Circuit Civil Suits

Casper Galen Hurley vs. Rachel Renee Hurley, petition for dissolution of marriage.

James Edward Hayes vs. Erin Hayes, custody petition.

Karen Barron, et al vs. Betsy Harding, et al, petition for permanent custody.

Midland Funding LLC vs. Jerry Cain, \$6,405.85 plus claimed due.

Eva Payne vs. Rodger Payne, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Deeds Recorded

Jerry Warren Carter and Larry Dale Carter, Trustees, property in Rainbow Ridge Subdv., to Alfredo C. and Helia Cahve Gomez. Tax \$16.

David Gene French and Jimmy Ray French, co-executors, property at Clefrock, to Jimmy R. and Donna E. French. Tax \$10.

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Jimmy Ray French, co-executors, property in Rockcastle County, to Davy Gene and Becky French. Tax \$10.

Darren Ecklar, property in Quail Acres Subdv., to Cledith and Linda Winkler. Tax \$10.

Clarence Hasty, Jr. and Brenda Hasty, property in Rainbow Valley Subdv., to Aaron B. Hasty. No tax.

District Civil Suits

Castle Village Apartments vs. Scott and Sasha Martin, forcible detainer complaint.

Castle Village Apartments vs. Sarah Cope, forcible detainer complaint

GE Money Bank vs. Christopher Kirby, \$528.60 plus claimed due. C-00299

District Court

Hon. Kathryn C. Wood

Kayla Bentley: fines/fees due (\$228), bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta)/5 days or payment.

Robert D. Burke: fines/fees due (\$183), bw issued for fta/4 days or payment.

Speeding: Ronald R. Byrnes, \$32 and costs; Reanna C. Smith, paid \$60 fine and \$133 costs; Hether D. Swett, \$44 fine and costs;

Steven D. Frederick: alcohol

intoxication, \$50 fine unlawful transaction with a minor, \$250 fine and costs and 30 days/probated 24 months on condition.

Christopher L. Hughes: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine and costs; failure to produce insurance card, \$50 fine; improper equipment, \$50 fine; contempt of court, \$50 fine/suspended on condition.

Russell L. Hodge: reckless driving, \$100 fine and costs; failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.

Bobby J. Spurlock: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.

Tracy D. Isaacs: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine and 10 days/probated 24 months on condition; operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine and costs, \$375 service fee, 30 days operator license suspension and ADE authorized.

Adam L. Reed: operating ATV on roadway, \$25 fine; operating ATV without headgear, \$25 fine; license to be in possession, \$25 fine and costs.

Brandon Chase Sutton: fines/fees due (\$173), bw issued for fta/4 days or payment.

Christopher J. Deangelis: no operators/moped license, \$100 fine and costs; careless driving, \$50 fine.

Donna J. Ferch: fines/fees due (\$82), bw issued for fta/2 days or payment.

Donna K. Hakola: no operators license in possession, \$25 fine and costs; failure to produce insurance card, \$50 fine.

Yolanda J. Hale: speeding and failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for fta.

Christina N. Hubbard: speeding, \$28 fine and costs; failure to notify address change to Dept. of Transp. and excessive window tinting, \$25 fine, each/suspended on condition.

James E. Jones: failure to use child restraint device, \$50 fine and costs.

Marvin E. Kirby: no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine and costs.

Sandra K. Lambert: fines/fees due (\$125), bw issued for fta/3 days or payment.

Scott E. Martin: faulty

equipment, \$50 fine and costs.

Nathan A. Massingale: fines/fees due (\$341), bw issued for fta/8 days or payment.

Alicia McGuire: fines/fees due (\$190), bw issued for fta/4 days or payment.

Dalton Wayne Meyer: fines/fees due (\$178), bw issued for fta/4 days or payment.

Larry Biron Mullins, Jr.: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Cory H. Park: speeding and failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for fta/bw issued

Buford Pearson: fines/fees

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Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Settlement - 2006 Taxes for the period January 1, 2007 through June 8, 2007. This tax settlement is the responsibility of the Rockcastle County Sheriff. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for Sheriff's Tax Settlements issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the Sheriff's office prepares the financial statement on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the modified cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the Rockcastle County Sheriff's taxes charged, credited, and paid for the period January 1, 2007 through June 8, 2007, in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated September 15, 2008 on our consideration of the Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Based on the results of our audit, we present the accompanying comments and recommendations, included herein, which discusses the following report comments:

- The Sheriff's Office Lacks Adequate Segregation Of Duties
- The Sheriff Did Not Maintain Accurate Receipts And Disbursements Ledgers
- The Sheriff Did Not Pay Interest Earned On A Monthly Basis
- The Sheriff Should Have A Written Agreement To Protect Deposits

Respectfully submitted,

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Auditor of Public Accounts

September 15, 2008
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The ceremony opened with

a beautiful prayer and then the big tree was lit! At that moment the trumpets and horns of the RCHS Brass Choir rang out with blended harmonies and started the evening's serenade with Hark the Herald Angels Sing, followed by The First Noel, and then O Come All Ye Faithful. Finishing with God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen, it seemed to end as soon as it had started. The evening held much more entertainment for those assembled round the tree, but the RCHS Brass Choir had a rendezvous scheduled at Pizza Hut. It was First Monday and that is always Band Night at Pizza Hut! It was a fitting start to a busy week of celebration. And hopes of a snow day kept dreams alive.

The RCHS Band will be busy throughout the season. Watch how they seamlessly change from one form to another: from Pep Band on Friday night to Marching Band on Saturday afternoon, and the next week from Concert Band performing in formal attire they will morph into a smaller ensemble, the Brass Choir. It's

amazing how they are able to transform their repertoire to fit each occasion. Come join them this season at one or all of their performances.

Friday, December 5th – The RCHS Pep Band will be playing in the stands at the double-header basketball game. Go Rockets!

Saturday, December 6th – Brodhead is having their annual Christmas Parade. The Marching Rockets will be there as well as many other participants. Come join in the fun.

Sunday, December 14th – The Rockcastle High Concert Band will be performing with the Central Kentucky Concert Band at Haggin Auditorium on the Transylvania University campus in Lexington. The concert this year is titled Back to Bayreuth, featuring the music of Richard Wagner. Soloist Kenny Meeker will also be performing. This special concert is free to the public. The curtain goes up at 7:30 pm. More information can be found at www.ckcb.com.

Monday, December 15th – The RCHS Music Department presents their 2nd annual "Sounds of the Season Concert" which features the RCHS Chamber Choir, Brass Choir, Concert Band, and Mixed Chorus. They will be performing various holiday selections and

will end with a finale featuring a special rendition of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas. Refreshments will be served in the foyer of the auditorium beginning at 6:30 p.m. The concert starts at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free.

Friday, December 19th - The Rockcastle County High School Band Boosters in conjunction with the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame is presenting the first annual Christmas Around Town Holiday Tour. The tours, available at 4:00pm and 6:30pm, begin at the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame in Renfro Valley and will include visits to homes and businesses around town. Each home or business will feature different activities—caroling, sweet treats, crafts and more. The tour ends at the Hall of Fame where the RCHS Brass Choir will be playing Christmas Music. Santa and his elves will also be on hand with treats for adults and children. The ticket price is \$10 for adults and only \$5.00 for children, with a paying adult. The ticket price also includes a tour of the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and Museum in Renfro. Tickets are available now at the Hall of Fame and at RCHS. For more information call Robert Lawson at 256-1000 or Anita Nation at 256-4816.



Trumpeteer Will Walker



Bartionist Devin Davidson



Band Night at Pizza Hut.



The Rockcastle County Middle School Student YMCA would like to thank Mr. Corey Craig and Citizens Bank for their continued support of the Kentucky Youth Assembly program. The bank recently presented each of the student delegates and advisors with a leather portfolio to use at KYA. Pictured with Mr. Craig are officers from the Student YMCA: Ashton Arvin and Charity Adams, Co-Presidents, and Samantha Payne, Chaplain. These students are among sixty-one from RCMS who attended this year's KYA in Louisville and Frankfort.

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School News

Fourth Grade UNITE Club meets Friday, December 5 at 2:05.

Book Fair Family Night is scheduled for Friday, December 5 from 4:00 until 8:00. The book fair will begin Monday, December 8. Several activities have been planned. Grandparents day is scheduled for each grade level. At this time, grandparents are coming in to eat lunch with their grandchild(ren) and attend the book fair with them. The schedule is as follows:

- Monday, December 1, 2008—Kindergarten
 - Tuesday, December 2—1st Grade
 - Wednesday, December 3—2nd Grade
 - Thursday, December 4—3rd Grade
 - Friday, December 5—4th and 5th Grades
- Project Wisdom Readers for last week were:
Monday: Noah Bolin
Tuesday: Ariel Bradley
PTG News

Our PTG has a meeting scheduled for Thursday, De-

ember 11 at 3:30. Please make plans to attend.

FRC News

FRC 100% Club meets Thursday, December 11.

Our FRC Kenna's Kitchen Community Thanksgiving Meal was a huge success. 1375 meals were distributed to families during this annual event. Thanks to all who worked and donated food items. Without you, this would not be possible.

FRC Adult Computer classes are each Monday from 6:00 until 8:00.

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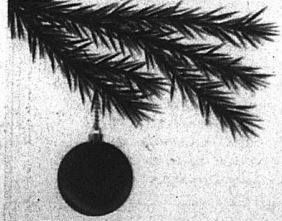
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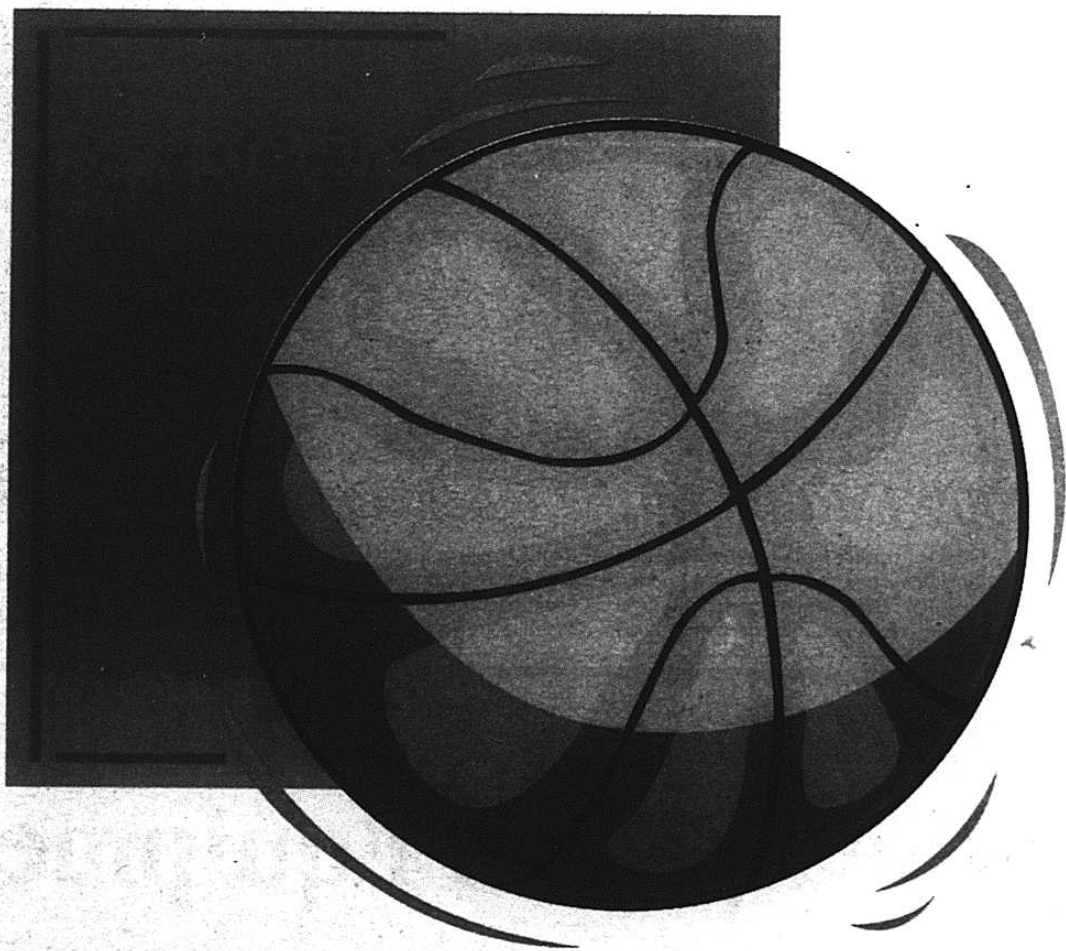
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Members of the Lady Rockets varsity squad are pictured at left, front row from left: Katy Mattingly and Nicole Locklear. Second row from left: Sasha Bullock, Morgan Collins, Jackie Alexander, Jillisa Lay, Mary Saylor, Ashley Robinson, Kristen Abney and Ella McQueary. Back row from left: head coach Chrysti Noble, asst. coach Derek Dotson, asst. coach Darla Reams, Casey Sturgill, Shanlee Burton, Cheyenne Hensley, Sara Hammond, Sydney Arvin, Angie Lawrence, asst. coach Jaclyn Cook, asst. coach Ken Mattingly.

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Members of the Rockets varsity squad are pictured above, front row from left: Brandon Jones, Matt Lunsford, Kyle Riddle, Grant Burdette, Bryan Clontz, Derrick Pittman, Dustin Reynolds and Jamie Todd. Back row from left: asst. coach Jerry Reynolds, Travis Carpenter, Dustin Bishop, Matt Bullens, Derek Thacker, Spencer Mullins, Jared Smith, asst. coach Matt Brown, asst. coach Andrew Cash and head coach Benny Blanton.

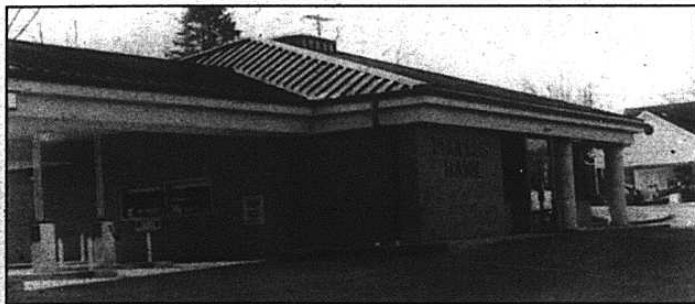
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Spencer Mullins	6'4"	Forward	12
Cody Mize	5'8"	Guard	12
Derrick Pittman	5'8"	Guard	11
Brandon Jones	5'8"	Guard	11
Matthew Lunsford	5'8"	Guard	11
Dustin Reynolds	6'0"	Guard/Forward	11
Grant Burdette	5'8"	Guard	11
Jamie Todd	5'10"	Guard	11
Matt Bullens	6'3"	Guard/Forward	11
Derrick Thacker	6'6"	Center	11
Dustin Bishop	6'2"	Forward	11
Kyle Riddle	5'8"	Guard	11
Dakota Mahaffey	6'1"	Forward	11
Travis Carpenter	5'8"	Forward	10
Brandon Burdette	5'8"	Guard	10
Josh McKinney	5'8"	Guard	10
John Lawson	5'8"	Center	10
Derek Jones	5'8"	Guard	10
Dalton Ble'vins	5'8"	Forward	10
Cody Noe	5'8"	Forward	9
Jordan Whitaker	5'8"	Guard	9
Jorcan Kelly	5'8"	Guard/Forward	9
Ben Lake	6'2"	Center	9
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Noble thinks team can successfully defend region title

By: Kevin Canterbury

When you think of girls' basketball in Rockcastle County, you immediately think of all the success RCHS head basketball coach Chysti Noble has had over the years with the program.

District and region championships, along with five Sweet 16 appearances, are just a few of the many accomplishments Coach Noble has had in her 18 years at the helm of the girls' basketball program.

And, the 2008-2009 season should be no different for Noble's Lady Rockets.

Last year, when the Lady Rockets were in the Sweet 16 against Ohio County, it seemed as though

maybe this was the year. The year to make it past the opening round of the Girls' Sweet 16 tournament and finally get that ever elusive win in the Big Dance.

But, even though the Lady Rockets led throughout, they would come up a bit short in their quest for that first win in the state tournament.

This season will be primarily focused on getting back to another region championship game and keeping the winning tradition alive in girls' basketball in Rockcastle County.

Coach Noble has done a phenomenal job, taking her team to the

(Cont. to page 18)

Blanton has high hopes for team's success this year

By: Kevin Canterbury

Rockcastle County High School head boy's basketball coach Benny Blanton is very optimistic and is expecting a lot out of his Rockets this year, compared to his first three seasons at the ROCK.

"We had a really strong and competitive team last year, but couldn't seem to close out games the way we should have," he says.

One of the Rockets' strengths for the coming season will be the depth they will have, especially at the guard's spot. Blanton said in years past he would play about seven to eight players, but due to the depth of this team, he could see himself going as deep as nine or ten.

With three seniors as well as ten juniors it's easy to see the Rocket's won't be winded when the fourth quarter arrives.

When asked about possible weaknesses his team could encounter during the year, Blanton quickly

replied, "It'll be hard to find one".

He went on to say the only thing that worries him are the boys who play football and basketball. Matt Bullens, Jamie Todd, Derek Thacker, Dustin Bishop and at least five other younger players are doubling in athletics at the ROCK.

"I'm glad those kids have the opportunity to play more than one sport at the high school level but coming in late to a season can never help your program. However I believe at year's end we'll be right on track and performing at our best, but we probably won't be at the top of our game early on."

Blanton also mentioned that staying out of foul trouble will be key, particularly at the center position. "I feel we have a good inside presence, but if fouls hit us early then we're in trouble".

Because this year's team will have so much experience and depth, he looks to be more than just

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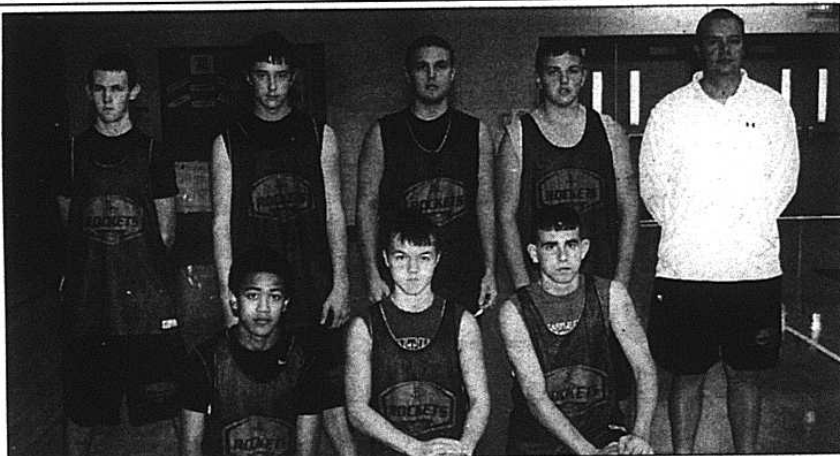
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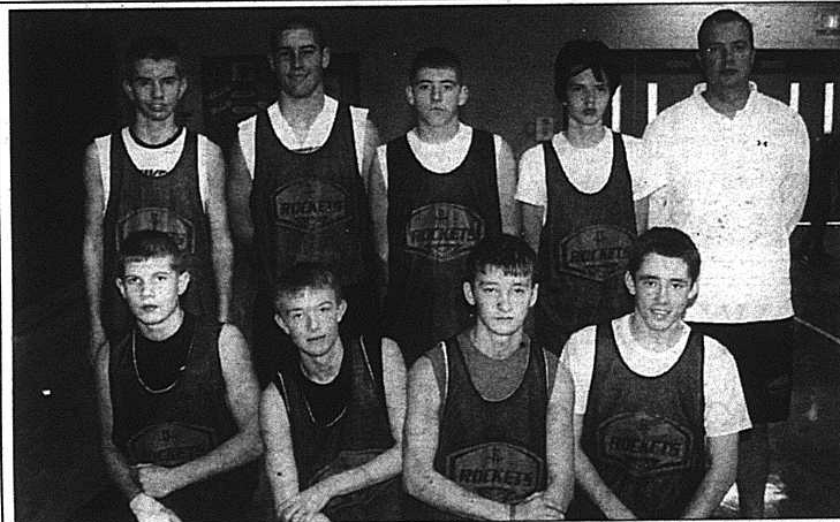
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Members of the Rocket junior varsity squad are pictured above, front row from left: Derek Jones, Brandon Burdette and Josh McKinney. Back row from left: Dalton Blevins, John Lawson, Travis Carpenter, Dylan Thacker and coach Matt Brown.



Members of the Rocket freshman team are pictured above, front row from left: Zach Reams, Zach Walker, Cody Noe and Jordan Whitaker. Back row from left: Jadan Kelly, Ben Lake, Jaden Brock, Will Reynolds and coach Matt Brown.

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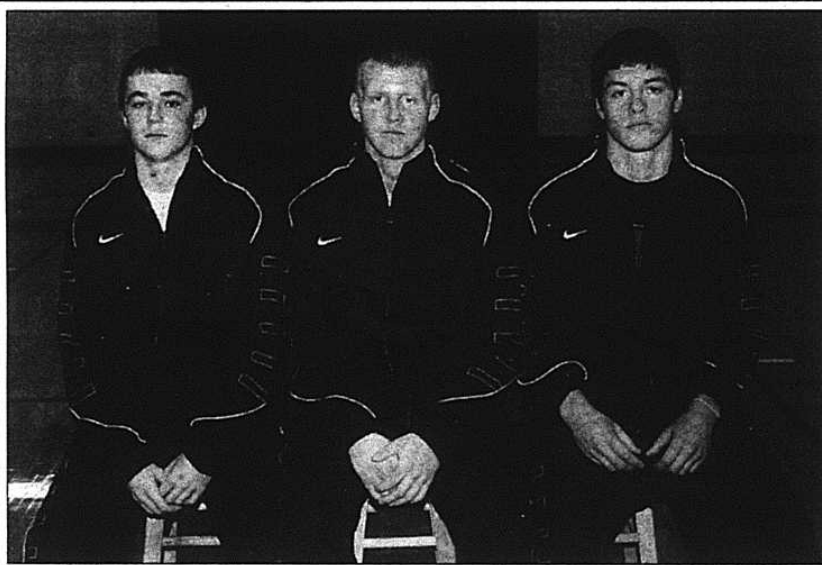
2008-2009**Rockcastle County Lady Rockets**

Name	No.	Hgt.	Pos.	Grade
Sasha Bullock	15	5'6"	F	12
Morgan Collins	32	5'5"	G	12
Jillisa Lay	21	5'7"	F	12
Nicole Locklear	14	5'4"	G	12
Katy Mattingly	5	5'3"	G	12
Ashley Robinson	23	5'10"	F	12
Mary Saylor	4	5'3"	G	12
Jackie Alexander	3	5'10"	G/F	11
Cheyenne Hensley	31	6'1"	F	11
Casey Sturgill	22	5'4"	G	11
Megan Perkins	42	5'10"	F	11
Kristen Abney	10	5'5"	G	10
Sydney Arvin	20	5'6"	G	10
Shanlee Burton	35	5'8"	F	10
Sara Hammond	00	6'1"	G/F	10
Angie Lawrence	12	5'5"	G	10
Ella McQueary	30	5'3"	G	10
Kadi Cobb		5'7"	F	9
Katy Cowan		5'7"	G/F	9
Holly Ham		5'5"	G	9
Brie Tillary		5'2"	G	9
Tiffany Reynolds		5'6"	G/F	9

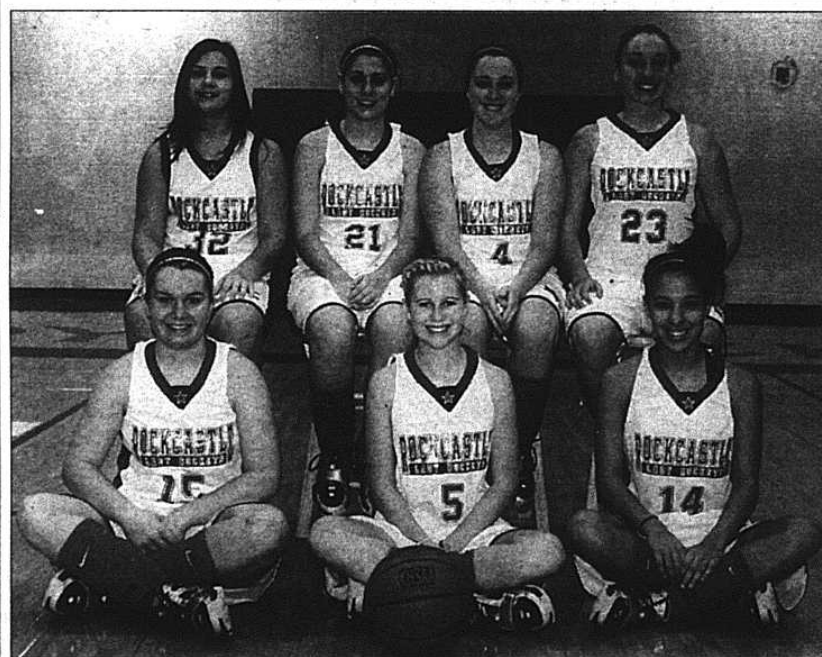
2008-2009**Lady Rockets****Freshman/Junior Varsity
Basketball Schedule**

Date	Opponent	Place	
Dec. 4	Somerset	Home	F/JV
8	South Laurel	Home	F/JV
11	Madison Central	Away	F/JV
16	Whitley County	Home	F/JV
Jan. 3	Casey County	Home	F/JV
5	Southwestern	Away	F/JV
8	Corbin	Home	F/JV
10	Freshman District	Rocky Hollow	F
13	Somerset	Away	F/JV
15	Southwestern	Home	F/JV
17	Corbin Round-Robin	Away	F
24	Casey County	Away	F/JV
29	Whitley County	Away	F/JV
31	Madison Southern	Home	F
31	Madison Central	Home	F
Feb. 5	Wayne County	Away	F/JV
7	Southwestern	Pulaski Co.	F
7	Clinton County	Pulaski Co.	F

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Senior members of the Rockcastle Rockets for 2008-2009 are shown above, from left: Bryan Clontz, Spencer Mullins and Jared Smith.



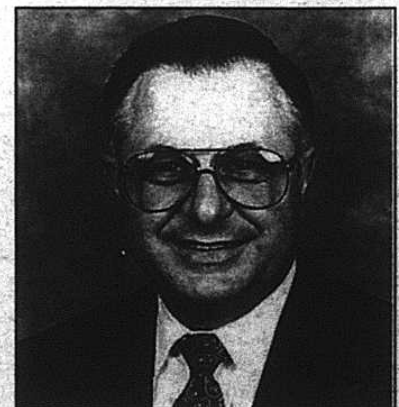
Senior members of the RCHS Lady Rocket team for 2008-2009 are shown above, front row from left: Sasha Bullock, Katy Mattingly and Nicole Locklear. Back row from left: Morgan Collins, Jillisa Lay, Mary Saylor and Ashley Robinson.

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Members of the Rockets coaching staff are shown above, from left: assistant coach Jerry Reynolds, assistant coach Matt Brown, head coach Benny Blanton and assistant coach Andrew Cash.

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12th region is again balanced from top to bottom

By: Kevin Canterbury

For the Rockcastle County boys' basketball team, the upcoming year could prove to be a major turning point for the program, since it has been under the direction of head coach Benny Blanton.

Blanton says this could be his best team of the four he has coached at RCHS and has high expectations for the coming year.

"The 12th region is pretty equal this year. Like any region, you have the top three or four teams, but the rest are very similar from top to bottom," Blanton said.

Wayne County, West Jessamine, Boyle County and McCreary Central are the teams to beat in the 12th with the Rockets rated somewhere behind them when the season begins. However, Blanton said by the

end of the season he thinks the Rockets will have a legitimate chance at winning the 12th region after taking the 47th district title.

Blanton said his main goal this year is to capture the district championship, but adding a region title is certainly not an unrealistic goal.

The coach said he wants to avenge several close losses from last season, which should provide more motivation for the Rockets and help them beat many region and district opponents. "I'm ready to see someone else win the district because seeing Somerset in it year after year is getting old. I believe this could be our year to accomplish that," Blanton said.

Blanton also talked about a few

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As always, Lady Rockets have very tough schedule

By: Kevin Canterbury

What RCHS Lady Rockets' head basketball coach Chrysti Noble has done over the last 18 years is nothing short of amazing.

And, the Lady Rockets should have enough firepower once again, for the upcoming basketball season to prove again, that the Lady Rockets are among one of the state's elite teams.

As in years before, the Lady Rockets are facing a tough early season schedule and within their region and district, it isn't any easier.

Coach Noble sees the girls' 12th region much like boys' basketball coach Benny Blanton sees the boys' 12th region, very good from top to bottom.

Coach Noble says there are no 'bad' ball clubs in the region and everyone has a legitimate chance at making some noise this year.

Coach Noble said, "We are go-

ing to have to go out every night and play to our fullest potential. There's simply no room for error."

Noble also noted that the non-region teams on the schedule will be really tough too.

"The game against Simon Kenton on December 6th will, tell us a lot about ourselves," says Noble.

"Not to mention the possibilities of playing Christian and Nelson counties in the Cumberland Falls Classic and the Greenwood Invitational tournament, all top teams in their regions."

"Nelson County has the best player in the state of Kentucky who is only a junior and has committed to the University of Kentucky," she added.

It doesn't get any easier once the Lady Rockets enter district and region play which begins when they

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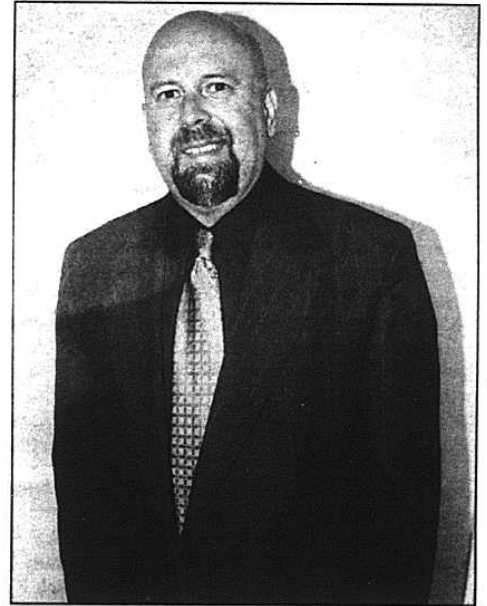
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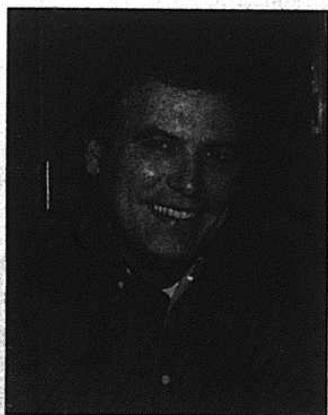
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Members of the Lady Rockets Junior Varsity Squad are pictured above, bottom row from left: Shanlee Burton, Cheyenne Hensley, Ella McQueary, Kristen Abney, Angie Lawrence, Casey Sturgill, Megan Perkins and Sydney Arvin. Back row from left: coach Derek Dotson, Holly Ham, Kadie Cobb, Katie Cowan, Brianna Tillery and coach Ken Mattingly.

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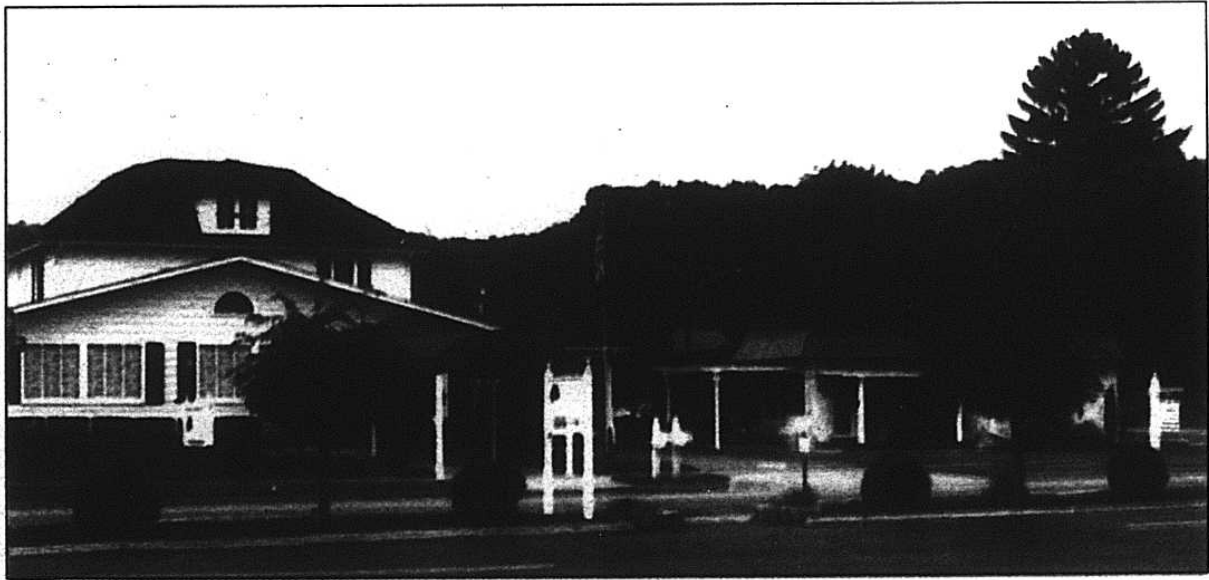


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Members of the Lady Rockets freshmen squad are shown above, front row from left: Jacklyn White, Hannah Sowder, Lauren Burton and Brianna Hansel. Second row from left: Emily Miller, Alexis Chasteen, Briana Tillery, Kadi Cobb, Katie Cowan, Holly Ham, Michaela Hunter and Sara Adams. Back row from left: coach Darla Reams, Kelsey Mattingly, Jourdan Blanton, Brianna Burdette, Samantha Payne, Kayla Reynolds, Rebekah Ponder and coach Jaclyn Cook. Not shown: Brianna Keating and Tiffany Reynolds.

Rockcastle County High School Lady Rockets Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Dec. 5	Lincoln County	Home	7:30
6	Simon Kenton	Ft. Thomas	1:00
12	Madison Southern	Home	7:30
13	Henry Clay	Defender Classic	1:00
19	Somerset	Away	6:00
19-23	Cumberland Falls Classic	Corbin	TBA
27-30	Greenwood Invit.	Bowling Green	TBA
Jan. 2	Casey County	Away	8:00
6	Somerset	Home	6:00
9	Pulaski County	Home	6:00
12	Clay County	Away	7:30
16	Whitley County	Home	7:30
20	Wayne County	Home	6:00
23	Casey County	Home	6:30
26	Mercer County	Home	7:30
30	Pulaski County	Away	6:00
Feb. 2	Madison Central	Home	7:30
6	North Laurel	Home	7:30
9	McCreary Central	Home	7:30
13	Southwestern	Away	7:30
16	North Laurel	Away	7:30
20	South Laurel	Away	6:00
23-27	47th District Tourn.	Somerset	TBA

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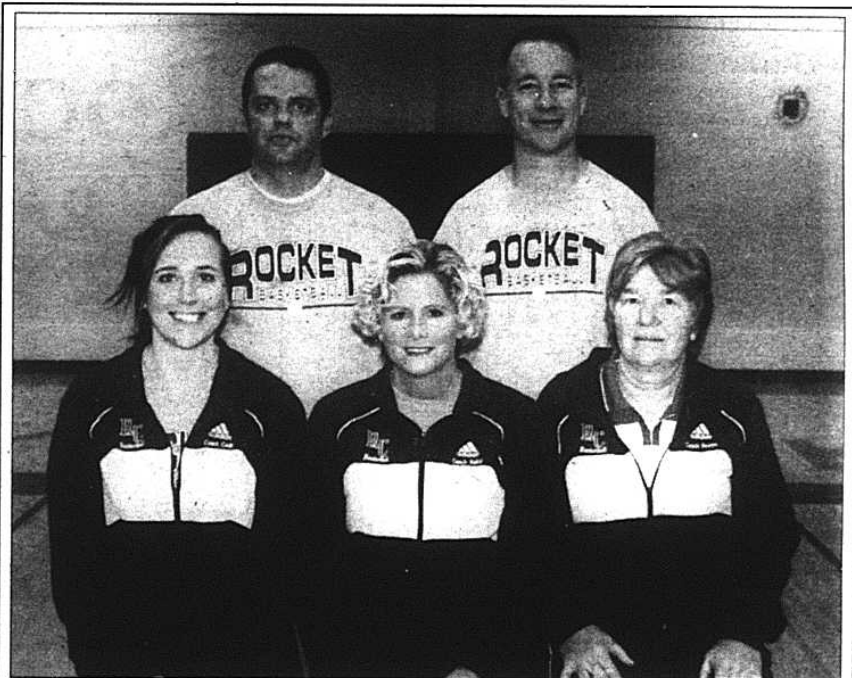
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Rockcastle County High School Rocket JV Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location
Dec. 6	Somerset	Home
9	Barbourville	Home
11	Lynn Camp	Away
15	Corbin	Home
18	Somerset	Away
Jan. 3	Casey County	Home
13	Southwestern	Away
16	Knox Central	Away
17	Lincoln County	Away
24	Casey County	Away
27	Madison Southern	Home
29	North Laurel	Away
Feb. 2	Corbin	Away
3	McCreary Central	Home
5	North Laurel	Home
10	Garrard County	Home
12	Lincoln County	Home
17	Whitley County	Home
21	JV Regional	East Jessamine

Rockcastle County High School Rocket Freshmen Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location
Dec. 6	Somerset	Home
8	South Laurel	Home
13	South Laurel Invit.	Away
15	Corbin	Home
18	Somerset	Away
Jan. 3	Casey County	Home
10	Freshman District	Rocky Hollow
17	Lincoln County	Away
19	Madison Southern	Home
24	Casey County	Away
29	North Laurel	Away
Feb. 2	Corbin	Away
5	North Laurel	Home
7	Freshman District	Casey Co.
12	Lincoln County	Home



Members of the Lady Rockets coaching staff are shown above, front row from left: assistant coach Jaclyn Cook, head coach Chrysti Noble and assistant coach Darla Reams. Back row from left: assistant coaches Derek Dotson and Ken Mattingly.

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go to Somerset on December 19th. Regional opponents the Lady Rockets will face twice this year include Casey County, Wayne County and Somerset, all with winning records last year. Casey and Somerset are in the Lady Rocket's district, along with Pulaski County. Last season the Rockets lost to Casey County twice in the regular season but defeated them in both the 47th district championship game at the ROCK and in the finals of the 13th regional tournament. The first two games of the season will also be tough with the

Wayne County Lady Cardinals on the road and the Lincoln County Lady Patriots at home.

Having so much success the last few years has put a bit of a target on the Lady Rockets' back, but Coach Noble was quick to point out her team can handle the pressure that comes with winning, and they've proved that consistently, going to the Sweet 16 four out of the last five years.

The goal for the 2008-09 Lady Rockets is to make it five out of the last six years for the Sweet 16.

The Lady Rockets are at Wayne County on December 1st and at home against Lincoln County, in a doubleheader with the boys on December 5th.

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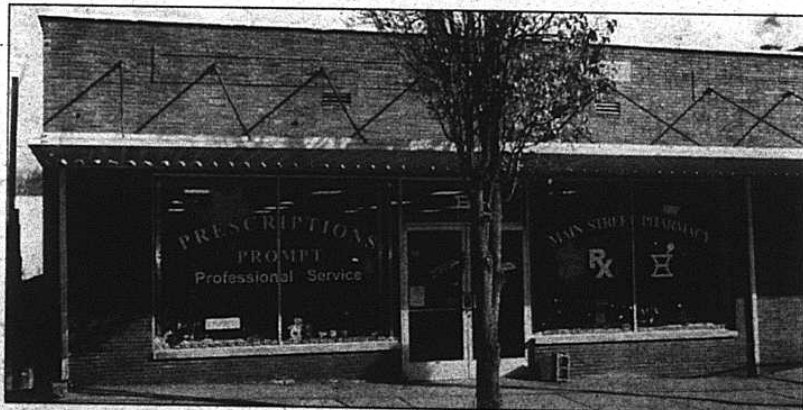
2008-2009 Rockcastle County Middle School Boys' Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Dec. 4	Casey Co.	Home	5:30
8	Boyle Co.	Home	5:30
9	N. Pulaski	Home	5:30
11	Garrard Co.	Away	5:30
15	Danville Bate	Away	5:30
16	Meece	Home	5:30
18	King Middle	Home	5:30
Jan. 5	Lincoln	Home	5:30
12	Casey Co.	Away	5:30
13	Meece	Away	5:30
15	Boyle Co.	Away	5:30
20	Garrard Co.	Home	5:30

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competitive. He hopes to have a winning season and possibly a district championship.

“Last year, I emphasized how competitive I wanted us to be, however, this year I feel we may have a team capable of winning a lot of games.”

Blanton said the success for the Rockets will come from the role each player will have individually and how they will perform. “Individual success should directly lead to good team chemistry and a win, especially in those nail-biting final minutes. I’ll need these seniors to really step up and make the plays we have to have to win,” he said.

“Bryan Clontz will be asked to do a lot for us at the point guard position, but I’m confident he can do it. Spencer Mullins is one of the best shooters on the team and if he has a good night, I don’t see us walking away with a loss,” Blanton added.

Blanton said if each player can accept their role on the court and accomplish what they are supposed

to, winning will become much more common.

Defensively, Blanton hopes the Rockets will stay focused, hold opponents to low shooting percentages and causing them to make turnovers.

“Having depth at the guard spot can make a huge difference because having fresh legs in the fourth quarter can cause opponents to make turnovers and make for a faster-paced game which will be a headache for opponents,” Blanton said.

Overall, the Rockets have a good chance at being a force to be reckoned with this season in the 12th region and Rocket fans certainly should be excited about this year’s team.

The Rocket finished last season with an 11-18 record, losing to Somerset in the first round of the district.

The Rockets’ first home game of the season is this Friday night when they host Lincoln County in a double-header with the girls. Tip off at the ROCK is 6 p.m.

The Rockets opened their season on Tuesday against West Jessamine. Results of that game are in the A-section of this week’s *Signal*.

Rockcastle County High School Rockets Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Dec. 5	Lincoln Co.	Home	6:00
9	Barbourville	Home	7:30
11	Lynn Camp	Away	7:30
12	Boyle Co.	Home	6:00
19	Somerset	Away	7:30
22-24	Western Hills Inv.	Away	TBA
27-30	Wayne Co. Inv.	Away	TBA
Jan. 2	Casey Co.	Away	6:30
6	Somerset	Home	7:30
9	Pulaski Co.	Home	7:30
13	Southwestern	Away	7:30
16	Knox Central	Away	7:30
20	Wayne Co.	Home	7:30
23	Casey Co.	Home	7:30
27	Madison Southern	Home	7:30
30	Pulaski Co.	Away	7:30
Feb. 3	McCreary Central	Home	7:30
6	North Laurel	Home	
10	Garrard Co.	Home	7:30
13	Mercer Co.	Away	7:30
17	Whitley Co.	Home	7:30
20	South Laurel	Away	7:30
23-27	47th District Tour.	Somerset	TBA

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Lady Rockets

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state tournament four out of the last five seasons. It has not only solidified the Rockcastle County Lady Rockets as one of the elite teams in the region, but also in the state and this year should be no different.

"Team chemistry and intensity is the first priority," Noble said of her team when asked about success and winning this year.

"We are expected to go out and win and I feel we have a chance to win every game. It's just a matter of living up to our potential." Noble went on to say, "We have a long way to go, but I am confident in our ability to play with whomever we encounter. It's just a matter of focusing and getting the job done."

When talking about the strengths of her team this year, Noble said the experience of the seniors and their leadership will speak volumes of how successful they will be this season. "It depends on how badly these girls want to win and that comes from their intensity on the court."

With that being said, she talked about the team's few weaknesses which could be their outside shooting and the lack of intensity they show in practice.

"We can't win if I don't begin to see more out of them during practice, but I believe we'll get everything going and pull together as a team like we do every year."

Coach Noble said for this year's team to accomplish "anything short of a region championship is not acceptable. We are expected to win and that's what we'll do."

Last year, the Lady Rockets had one senior, Sarah Rowe, who averaged 21 points per game and this year the team must step up to fill that hole offensively.

Last year's second leading scorer, Sara Hammond, will be the threat in and around the goal again this season for the Lady Rockets. The highly-touted sophomore is expected to play a big role in the team's success not only offensively but defensively as well.

With a great veteran team made up of seven seniors, this year is sure to be a special one for Coach Noble and expectations have the Lady Rocket faithful very excited again this year.

The Lady Rockets began their

defense of the 12th region title on Monday night when they host Lincoln County in double header action with the boys.

Results from their season opener can be found in the A-section of this week's *Signal*.

The Lady Rockets' home opener is Friday night when they host Lincoln County in double header action with the boys.

Tip-off at the ROCK is at 6 p.m. The boys are scheduled to play the first game and the girls the second game.

Rocket Schedule

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games that really stuck out in his mind from last year that he felt his team should have won.

They included a two-point loss at Casey County, two three-point losses to North Laurel and two more close losses to Somerset, all during the regular season.

And the coach said the final loss of the season, which was to Somerset in the first round of the district, which was held at the ROCK, was particularly disheartening. The Rockets lost to Somerset for the third time of the season 72-66 to end the ROCK's season on February 26th.

"Not playing in March was a real disappointment, but I feel this year will be different", Coach Blanton said.

As in past years, Somerset is ex-

pected to do well, but unlike most seasons, the rest of the district has the potential to take home the trophy.

The season opener is December 2nd at West Jessamine, and the home opener will be the same week on Friday December 5th against Lincoln county.

The Rockets' first district game of the season will not be until December 19th when they travel to Somerset for a double header with the Lady Rockets.

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Carter Blanton and Jacob McKinney.

Back row from left:
Ethan Mattingly, Steven Rector,
Douglas Nicely and Jordan McGuire.



Members of the RCMS 7th grade boys squad are pictured at left.

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John Hughes, Charles Cornelius,
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Back row from left:
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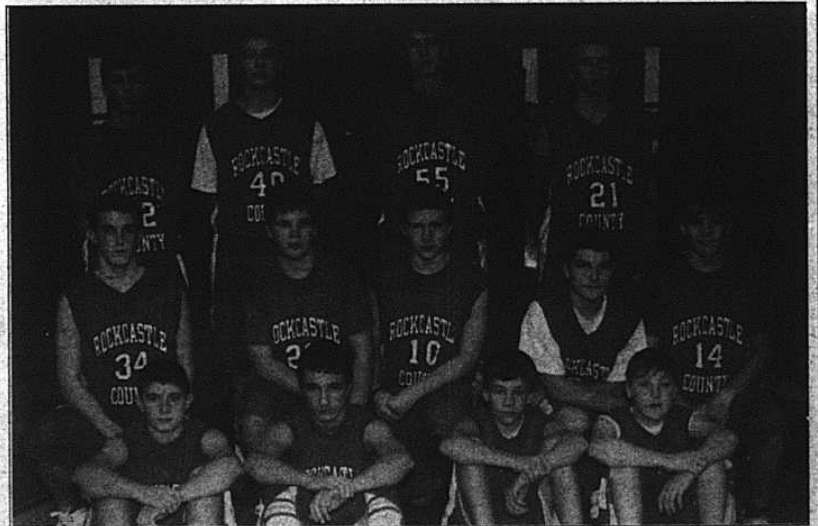


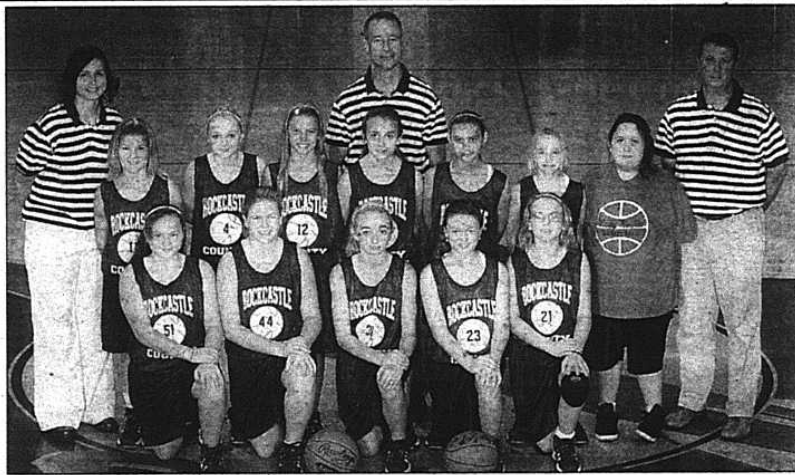
Members of the RCMS 8th grade boys squad are pictured at right.

Front row from left:
John Wilson, Eli Haddix, Elijah Lovell
and Jacob Lawson.

Middle row from left:
Tyler Smith, Chris Wren, Bryson Amyx,
Justin Houk and Aaron Blevins.

Back row from left:
Ashton Arvin, Ben Allen, Zach Poynter
and Blake Jones.





The RCMS 6th grade girls basketball team had a very good season finishing with a very respectable record of 8-9. They worked very hard and improved throughout the season, finishing in the semifinals of the conference tournament.

Members of the RCMS Lady Rockets 6th grade squad are pictured at left.

Front row from left:

Mary Bishop, Amelia Eversole, Kira Deatherage, Sharla McNew and Ashley Newland.

Middle row from left:

Kayla Cromer, Abby Chasteen, Amber Woodall, Alaina Coguer, Danielle McNew, Tanika Chasteen and Shalanna McClure.

Back row from left:

coaches Amber McClure, Ken Mattingly and Ken Hopkins.

The RCMS 7th grade girls basketball team worked very hard throughout the season and were much improved from the start of the season. Although they struggled through the conference part of the season they were able to finish the non-conference part of the schedule with a perfect 4-0 record.

Members of the RCMS Lady Rockets 7th grade squad are pictured at right.

Front row from left:

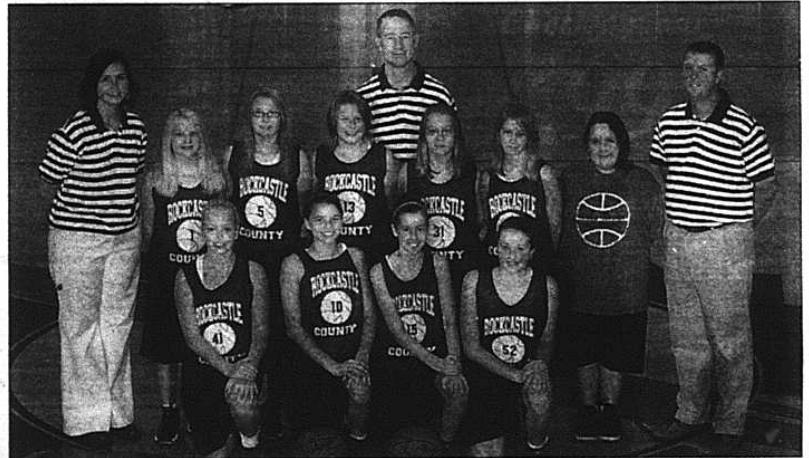
Hannah Sowder, Kayla Reynolds, Kelsey Mattingly and Rebecca Ponder.

Middle row from left:

Jackie White, Bree Burdette, Jordan Blanton, Bree Hansel, Lauren Burton and Shalanna McClure.

Back row from left:

Coaches Amber McClure, Ken Mattingly and Ken Hopkins.



The RCMS 8th grade girls basketball team finished the 2008 season with a very good 13-7 record, which included a record of 8-5 in the Salt River Conference. Despite several injuries throughout the season the girls worked very hard and finished the year by making the semifinals of the conference tournament.

Members of the RCMS Lady Rockets 8th grade squad are pictured at left.

Front row from left:

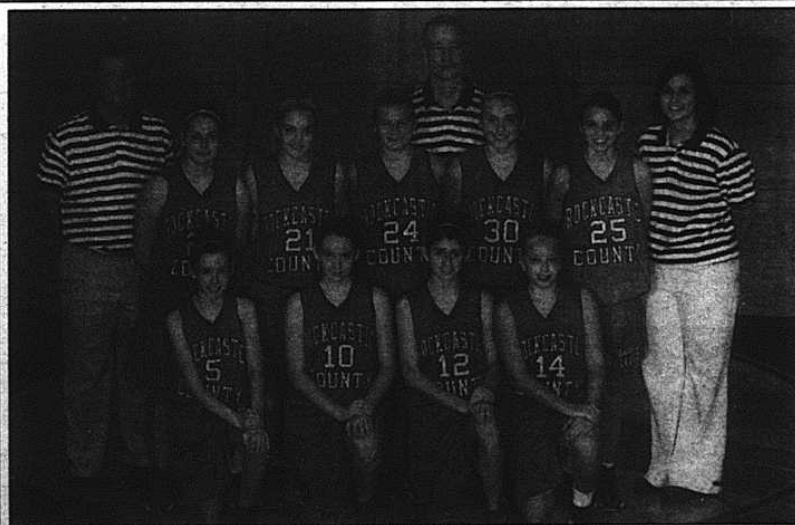
Kelsey Mattingly, Sara Adams, Michaela Hunter and Hannah Sowder.

Middle row from left:

Bree Keating, Alexis Chasteen, Sam Payne, Emily Miller and Kayla Reynolds.

Back row from left:

Coaches Ken Hopkins, Ken Mattingly and Amber McClure.





Members of the RCMS 8th grade cheerleading squad

are shown above, front row from left:
McKenzie Owens, Bridgette Denny and Maranda DiDonato.
Back row from left: Hannah Tyler, Samantha Smoker,
Kaitlyn Delph and Angel Spurlock.
Not pictured: Rachel Johnson



Members of the RCMS 7th grade cheerleading squad

are shown above from left:
Madisan Miller, Lacey Gastineau,
Courtney Caldwell and Jalia Parker.
Not pictured: Emily Roark



Members of the RCMS 6th grade cheerleading squad

are shown above, from left:
Abbey Eaton, Kendra Dees,
Kelsey Holcomb and
Heather Damrell.
Not pictured:
Hannah Whitaker and
Cheyenne Gilliam.

Wishing you the best of luck during your 2008-09 season!

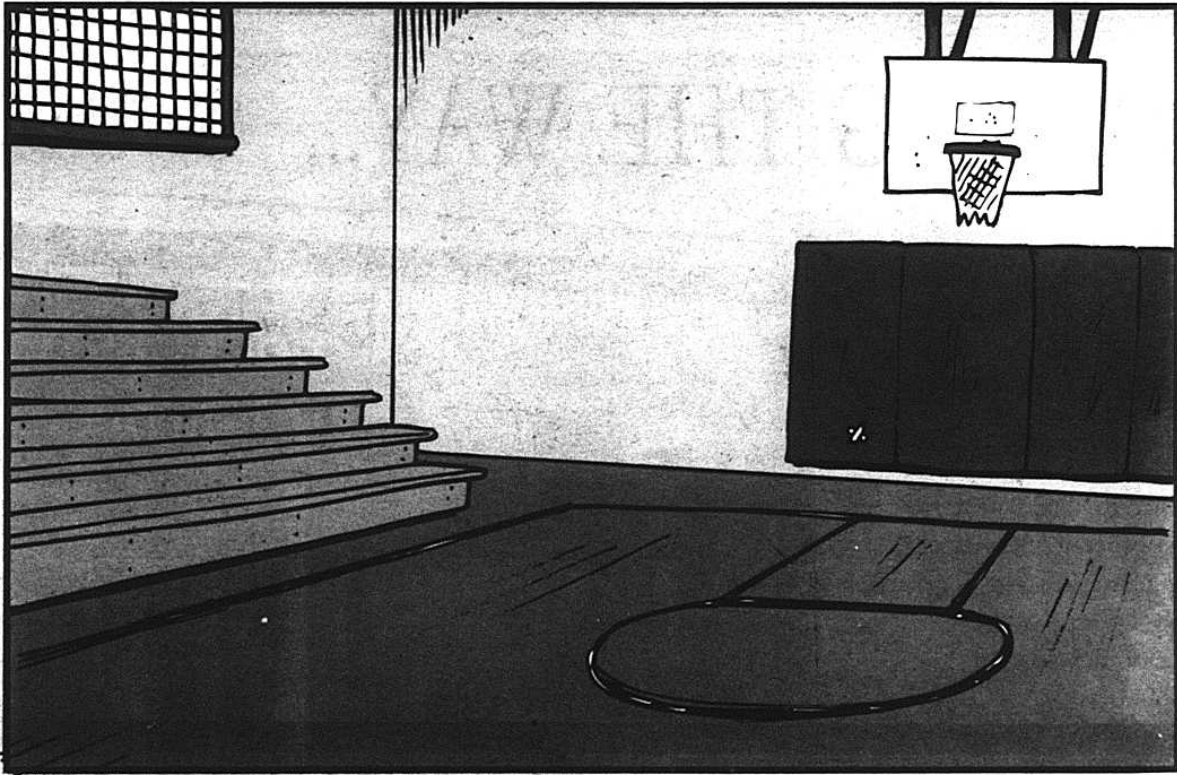
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**Best wishes to the Rockets and Lady Rockets
 in 2008 - 2009!**

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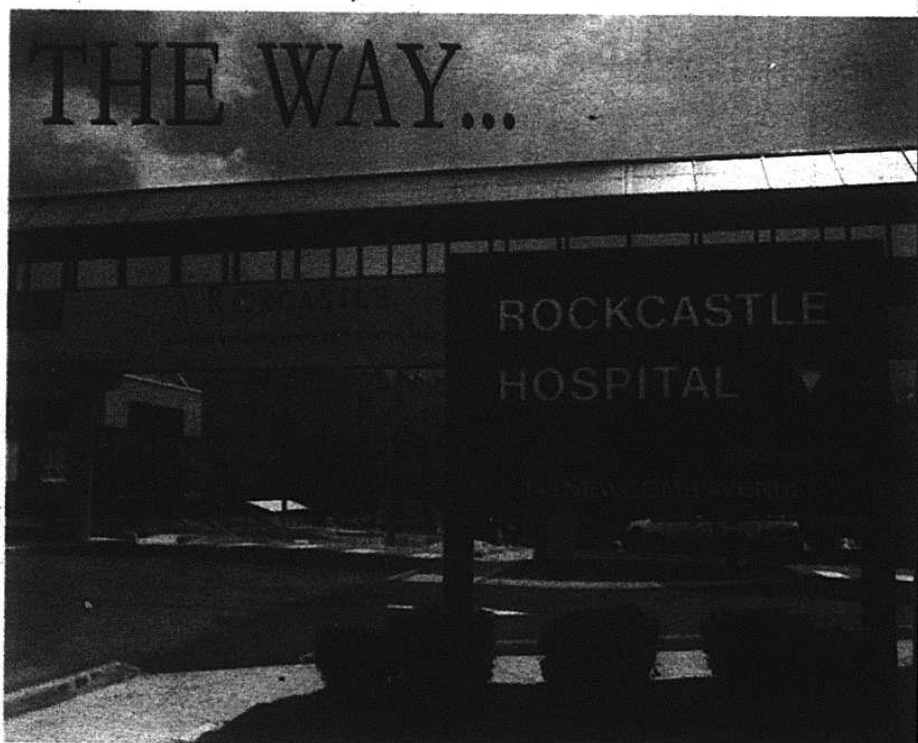
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