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Brodhead Fire Chief Larry Taylor gave Santa, aka John Holbrook, a ride into town on Saturday during the annual Christmas parade in Brodhead. Santa Holbrook will also be visiting with children at Wendy's in Mt. Vernon beginning on Thursday (today) from 4-6 p.m. until December 23rd.



Longtime Brodhead resident and educator Jean Gentry was the Grand Marshal of Saturday's Christmas Parade in Brodhead. She got a lift from grandson, Zack Gentry.



At left, Rockcastle Middle School student Avery Bradshaw, chosen as Brodhead's Citizen of the Year during their annual homecoming in May, got a lift in one of **Brodhead's fire trucks** in Saturday's Christmas parade. Numerous other photos from Brodhead and Mt. Vernon parades will appear in the Signal's Christmas issue.

> Front page photos by Richard Anderkin

Alleged bootleggers arrested

An Orlando man is being held in the Rockcastle Detention Center, after being arrested last Wednesday night by Rockcastle Deputy Sheriffs on bootlegging charges.

Deputy Sheriff Jason Kirby said he arrested Charlie Page, 72, at his residence at 1756 Big Cave Road, around midnight last Wednesday, after two other undercover deputies bought beer and whiskey from him and his wife, Dorothy, 48.

Kirby said the sheriff's office had received several complaints about the Pages and that when the two deputies went to the Page home they purchased a half case of beer and a fifth of whiskey for \$30.

Kirby said, when police returned with a search warrant, they found 1,868 cans of beer, which the Pages were selling for \$1.25 each and 200 bottles of whiskey, which ranged in price from \$6 for a half pint upwards.

Besides the beer and whiskey, police also confiscated \$1,150 in cash.

Kirby said that when police attempted to arrest Page on charges of illegal sale and posritory, first offense, Charlie Page resisted arrest and assaulted a police officer.

Besides being charged with illegal sale and illegal possession of alcohol in a dry territory, Page was also charged with first degree assault on a police officer and resisting ar-

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Page for next Wednesday, December 17th. His bond was set at \$7,500 cash or property and, if he fills bond, he must wear an ankle moni-

Former President David Ballinger takes over

Ponder resigns as **President of ERWA**

By: Richard Anderkin

At Tuesday's regular monthly meeting of the Eastern Rockcastle Water Association (ERWA) President Dell Ponder resigned his position as president, but stayed on as a board member.

After a 7-1 vote, board member and former president David Ballinger was elected to serve the remainder of Ponder's term, which runs through September of 2009.

Board member June Whitler was the only no vote of the board.

Ponder told the crowd that association board meetings had begun to make him "nervous" and that he had other personal reasons for stepping down as president. Ponder said he had served as president for seven or eight years.

Before Ponder's resignation, the board voted to begin training meetings for board members through the Kentucky Rural Water Association.

President Gary Larrimore, who was present at the meeting, told the board it take several training meetings to go over all of the material board members need to cover and that the meetings would not be open to the public, but only to board mem-

All eight board members voted to begin the training sessions as soon as dates could be worked out with Larrimore.

In other business, a motion by Whitler that "ERWA staff be directed from this point forward not to hire their family members, family members of the ERWA board or ERWA board members" failed for lack of a second.

ERWA Manager Randy Corry told the board that he felt the reason for Whitler's motion was because he had hired his son, Ben and John Roderfer, on a contract basis, to help him lay water lines because the two "knew what they were doing."

Rural Water Association and both were hired on a contract basis.

> Corry also told the board that he would abide by any motions they passed concerning hiring policies.

> No motions at all were passed concerning personnel at Tuesday morning's meeting.

> Corry also requested that the board allow Kentucky Rural Water Association to monitor and oversee every aspect of the operations of Eastern Rockcastle Water Association in an effort to make sure everything was being done properly. Corry request passed unanimously.

> The general manager also told Whitler's husband, Elmer, who was in attendance with a crowd of about 40, that he was tired of being harrassed by him (Whitler) and that he was considering taking legal action against him if the harrassment didn't stop.

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Fiscal Court will participate in Rocket Docket program

Much of Tuesday's regular meeting of the Rockcastle Fiscal Court was spent on a presentation by Asst. Commonwealth Attorney Jeremy Bartley for a program called "Rocket Docket."

The program, in essence, moves those charged with a crime through the justice system more quickly thus freeing up more beds in the Rockcastle Dentention Center, for state prisoners.

Bartley said the program would be set up in conjunction with County Attorney Billy

A \$832,000 water project in

At Monday night's regular

Brodhead is nearing comple-

monthly meeting, Mayor

Walter Cash and council mem-

bers, Larry Taylor, Ronnie

Cash and Carlos Cash, dis-

cussed the project at length,

agreeing new water lines to

some 65 customers were 85

the foundation of a new

200,000 water tank had already

been poured and that construc-

tion of the tank should begin

ing built on Big Sinks Road and

will replace the old tank on

placed by the water line

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Some of the lines being re-

The new water tank is be-

The council also said that

percent complete.

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Water Tank Hill.

Brodhead water line

project almost finished

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job well done.

cal Court.

The program originally began in Jefferson County when officials there began to look at the "lag time" between when an arrest is made and sentencing. Bartley told the court that there was at least 90 days before those arrested are finally sentenced and become "state" prisoners at which point the jail would begin collecting \$31.34 per day from the state for their upkeep.

Bartley told the court that the Rocket Docket would not change the way his or Reynolds' office, Jailer James Reynolds' office prosecutes Miller and, of course, the Fis-crime. "If a defendant needs to

reminded the council that a boil

water advisory for customers

end of Hwy. 150 and all streets

1505 is still in effect and will

remain in effect, until the new

water lines and tank are com-

The council also discussed

needed work at the sewer plant,

which will total between

\$8,400 and \$10,000 for a cat

walk over the surge tanks. The

council agreed to do the project

as soon as the city was finan-

lock water meters, which were

in place at unoccupied resi-

Cash also commended every-

one responsible for the Christ-

mas lights in Brodhead for a

The council also agreed to

Council member Ronnie

go to jail they will go to jail. If they deserve probation, they will get probation. We will essentially be cutting out the middle man (the grand jury)."

Reynolds emphasized to the court that, as always, his and Bartley's concern would be to conduct cases in the "fairest way that protects the public in the most economical way." Hardin County, which re-

cently instituted the program, at a cost of \$100,000 to their general fund, reportedly saw a reduction of \$530,000 in expenses to their jail system savings of \$430,000 to the county.

The Rocket Docket program will cost the fiscal court \$15,000 a year as a supplement to Bartley's salary. Bartley will be in Rockcastle at least once

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along Hwy. 1505, beginning at **Christmas** the junction of Hwy. 150, to the **Events** at or roads that junction with Livingston

The City of Livingston will host their annual Community Christmas Dinner on this Sunday, December 14th at 2 p.m. in the Preston Parrett Gym in the old school building.

Mayor J.C. Griffin and Commissioners of the City welcome all to attend.

Please bring a covered dish.

Parade is 20th

The annual Christmas Parade at Livingston will be Saturday, December 20th at 6 p.m. All floats are welcome.

Line-up is at 5 p.m. at White Star.

to 1939. (Cont. to A14) City Clerk Becky Bussell session of alcohol in a dry ter-

Members of Valley Baptist Church at Copper Creek celebrated their 100 year anniversary on Sunday.

Valley Baptist Church celebrates 100 years

With an attendance of approximately 140 people and a offering of nearly \$7,000, members of Valley Baptist Church on Copper Creek Road celebrated their 100th

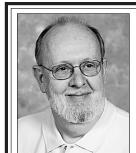
Anniversary on Sunday. The church was established on December 3, 1908 when a number of brothers and sisters in Christ met at the home of Ed Whitted for the purpose of organizing a church. The church was The United Baptist Church of Christ to be known as Valley Church of Copper Creek. W.H. Bryant was called to be the first pastor of the church.

The church first held services at the Whitted School House (Gum Grove). In July 1909 the church had enough money to start their own building.

In August, they decided the size of the new church would be 26 ft. by 36 ft. and, in February 1915, the congregation was still buying lumber from Burdett Lumber Company in Berea to build the church.

Finally, in September 1922, the church was ready. Bro. W.H. Bryant and Bro.

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Rockcastle Memories

By David J. Griffin

The Vermont Country Store
When I was a little boy living with my parents on our

small farm in Rockcastle County, my Dad always went to Uncle Jesse's grocery store to purchase a large box of fruit, candy, and nuts to celebrate the Christmas season.

That box always included tangerines, oranges, apples, chocolate-covered cream candy, peppermint canes, candy orange slices, assorted nuts, coconuts, and a large bag of assorted hard candy. For weeks I looked forward to this treat and anticipated his arrival with the delicious items in the "big old box." In my mind, it was almost as good as Santa coming

Each year I am reminded of Daddy's seasonal purchase when I see bags of candy for sale in grocery stores. But it is nearly impossible to find many of those old-fashioned candies. Either they are no longer available, or local retail stores do not carry them.

To acquire those long lost treats today, you usually must go to the Vermont Country Store catalog. On the front cover, it simply states, "Purveyors of the practical and hard-to-find!"

I received my copy of the Christmas Edition of the catalog several days ago and immediately began to peruse the pages to see what long-gone treats I could find. My first selection was a bag of hard candy – including raspberry filled, black walnut chips, filled ovals, and rock candy. Each of these delicious treats was included in Daddy's annual box of "good-".

My wife loves a brand of perfume that we can only locate at the Vermont Country Store

and high blood pressure.

and interpersonal conflicts.

likely in the following year.

arthritis can be related to stress.

minimum.

disease and cancer.

This is a field that is being studied ex-

tensively, and researchers are learning

how stresses affect our lives, especially

in regard to such serious illnesses as heart

It has been known for a long time that

increased stresses in life make it more

likely for you to have infections in the

following months. The most serious

How Stresses Affect Your Health

Presented by Dr. Kevin Rowe

does it also make us more likely to have illnesses? It seems

so, and not just for the things that come to mind, such as ulcers

stresses are deaths in the family, divorce, and major stresses in

life, such as a change in residence or jobs. Lesser stresses

include financial worries, problems related to one's children,

Statistics have shown that even what we consider to be good

There is also evidence that stress significantly increases ir-

regular heart beats, raises the blood pressure and even affects

our ability to fight cancers. Some studies have shown that

tumor cells grew faster in patients who were under stress--the

defenses against tumor cells appeared to be decreased. Sud-

den death from irregular heart rhythms has been reported to be

more common in people under psychological stress. Blood

pressure readings are higher when a person is under stress, and there are even reports that diabetes and some forms of

Just where this will end no one knows, but we do know that

for a happy and healthy life it is good to keep stresses to a

changes, such as a promotion with a raise in pay or moving to

a nicer home, are great enough stresses that illnesses are more

No one likes stress. It makes us anxious and irritable, but

called Tweed. She tells me that it was her own first purchase of cologne as a young lady, so there is also a sentimental attachment to it. For years we could not find it anywhere.

One day we were sifting through the catalog, and she exclaimed, "Dave, here is a place where we can buy Tweed!" She usually requests another bottle as soon as her current one runs dry – fortunately for me, it is generally around Christmas-time or her birthday.

Long ago when my grandparents decorated their Christmas tree, Mommie Katie always used the liquid-filled Bubble Lights. Like most, I loved to turn off all other lights in the living room and watch the assorted colored bubbles as they added motion and sparkle to the decorations. The candles were filled with red, orange, blue, and green liquid.

Again, for years these lights seemed to have disappeared. But guess what? They can be purchased in the most recent catalog for \$24.95.

This year I decided to buy some stocking stuffers for my grandchildren from the Country Store. I selected juggling balls for my oldest grandson, Baylor. My granddaughter, Emory, will receive the Original Mr. Mutt magnetic wonder. This toy dog does interesting things when you wave the magnetic bone in his face. Finally, my youngest grandson, McLean, will be getting a spool tractor just like the ones that I made under the direction of my grandfather (Pop) when I was very young. It was made from a wooden thread spool with a long dowel rod and a rubber

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Bloomfield outshines the stars CSI: Bloomfield.

It doesn't require much investigating to find out what's behind making this tiny town in northeast Nelson County so aesthetically appealing.

Less than a mile from the gleaming historic brick buildings lining Main Street, behind white plank fencing and a locked black iron gate, sits the residence of Jerry and Linda Bruckheimer.

Movie buffs will recognize Jerry as one of the most successful producers of all time. Such major films as Armageddon, Black Hawk Down, Top Gun and the Beverly Hills Cops series have earned him fame and fortune.

In the world of television, he's the man behind CSI: Crime Scene Investigation, Cold Case, The Amazing Race, CSI: Miami and CSI: New York.

Linda, an author and Louisville native, may be less in the limelight than her famous husband, but since casting herself in the role of preservation activist, she's been a major star in the eyes of Mayor Ron Bobblett.

"She has been like a fairy godmother to us," Bobblett told a reporter for the New York Times.

Sitting behind his desk in the old L&N depot housing city hall and the town's one-man police department, the threeterm mayor says the couple's purchase and renovation of five downtown buildings has served as a catalyst for other improvements.

With the help of state grants, the city has had a first class park complete with a lake since 1981. Funding through the state's Main Street Program allowed for renovation of several buildings, and currently a five million-dollar project is underway to improve sewer services.

An appreciation for the rich history of the community is evident at every turn, including inside one of the two banks serving this town of 850 residents.

From floor to ceiling, a large room at the rear of Wilson & Muir Bank is packed with mementos from the old Bloomfield School.

The school building sitting high on a hill overlooking the town served as a high school until 1969 and as a junior high until 1996.

Well chronicled in words and photos, thanks to the efforts of two former cheerleaders, is the state tournament team of 1962, plus letter sweaters, school jackets, and trophies. Even the caged ceiling lights from the old gym are here, shining down on a hardwood floor with a large red 'B' in the cen-

While the Bruckheimers maintain a low profile in the community, spending most of their time at their other home in California, business ties here are strong.

Nettie Jarvis Antiques, named for Linda's great-grand-mother, may be the biggest draw in town for tourists. Mrs. Bruckheimer's only involvement here is in the buying of items for the two-story building, according to clerk Donna Cornell.

Directly across the street is the Bruckheimer-owned Olde Bloomfield Meeting Hall, a former hardware store used in more recent days as a grocery and finally a youth center for the First Baptist Church.

Totally renovated and decorated in colorful antiques, it now serves as a family-style recreation center.

On Friday and Saturday nights, it's open to the public with four lanes of bowling at \$2 per game and a small roller rink (open from 7 to 11 pm). at \$2 per person. There are also video games, a pool table, hot dogs, and popcorn.

The facility can be rented by schools or churches. Wedding receptions are held on occasion.

"It really doesn't get used as much as it should," says Cornell.

City Clerk Jean Jury, a Nelson native currently living on a diary farm in nearby Fairfield, says she would like to see more people consider making Bloomfield their home in retirement.

"We have one of everything anyone would ever need; a doctor, dentist, chiropractor, drug store, liquor store, hardware store and funeral home," she says.

Jury considers the best part of living here is being able to enjoy a small town with moral values.

And the worst?
"Everybody knows every-

body and their business."

Apparently the nosiness doesn't extend to the town's

doesn't extend to the town's most famous citizens.

Asked if celebrities were

seen in town from time to time,

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Points East

By Ike Adams

So I'm sitting here at my desk on this cold December evening doing the brrrrrr routine because the outside temperature is below freezing and me and Loretta are trying to adjust to a thermostat set at 68.

Back in the summer we thought 78 was smoldering and I "borrowed" those little funeral home fans from churches and even funeral parlors to waft about my face and shoo away the sweat. Now I'm ready to "borrow" some choir robes to fend off the chill because the Good Lord and all the rest of us knows that we should be cutting down on the heat bill so that we can do whatever we can to stop global warming.

All I can say is that 10 degrees makes one heck of a difference and I will never understand why. 68 would have been great back in the summer and I'm betting we'd have rejoiced. 68 in the winter is like 40 below. Go figure.

So, with that said, I'm betting any amount of money that my old pal, Byron Crawford, he of the most wisdom and longstanding common sense there at the Courier Journal could easily have explained this dilemma. But before I could even email Barn (that's how we pronounce his name out here in God's Country) (Baaa'rn which is actually two syllables when you get used to it but one works better)

And Loretta says to me last

Thursday, or whenever it was, "Ike have you seen this!" And it was almost like a wail. And I said, "What the #\$%@@ has happened now???." Because we don't have any dogs ready to deliver pups or cats ready to deliver kittens and it's the wrong time of year for chickens to hatch. We don't even have a sow even though, in this economy, a good litter of pigs might keep us in meat until the recession is over. The real pigs could get fat real fast off the garbage that gets dumped alongside the road from the two legged dumb oinkers who frequent our road but that's another story altogether.

The real and devastating news is that Byron Crawford announced that last Thursday was his final column for the Courier Journal. And I'm thinking the end of the world can't be far off.

I can tell you for sure that the Courier Journal is soon going to be the down-town rag of Louisville because I know for sure that his column sold the paper to many hundreds of rural folks across this state and WE are simply going to stop buying the paper. Stop the presses. At least stop one because Byron was our connection to a paper that deserted us long ago and has now pulled back into its shell to the point that it will have a readership

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Obituaries



Ruby Lee McFerron

Ruby Lee McFerron, 82, of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, December 4, 2008 at her residence. She was born in Rockcastle County on March 29, 1926 the daughter of Dave and Nannie Himes. She was a homemaker and a member of New Hope Baptist Church.

She is survived by: two sons, James Letcher (Diane) Croucher of Orlando and Darrell Keith (Annette) Croucher of Berea; three daughters, Anna Mae (Wendell) VanWinkle of Orlando, Fannie Louise (James) VanWinkle of Orlando and Minnie Pearl (Earl) Mullins of Livingston; and two sisters, Mary Lou Ballinger of Mt. Vernon and Virgie Ballinger of Orlando. Also surviving are 16 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by: three brothers, Ed, Buster and Franklin; two sisters, Toy Jane and Ethel; and one grandson, Josh

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 8, 2008 at New Hope Baptist Church by Bro. Jerry Ballinger. Burial followed in the Johnetta Cemetery.

Arrangements are by the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were: Brian Baker, Raymond Baker, Roger Baker, Ronnie Baker, B. J. VanWinkle, Dowell VanWinkle and Ray VanWinkle.

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



Ana Ponder Rhodus

Ana Ponder Rhodus, 92, of Rockcastle County, died Monday, December 1, 2008 in Florence, KY. She was born on August 19, 1916 in Rockcastle County the daughter of the late W.H. and Flora Carpenter Ponder

She is survived by several nieces and nephews including C.C. Ponder of Mt. Vernon. She was preceded in death by: seven brothers, Clayton, Keith, Lyman, Bill, Cline, Truman, and Brown Ponder; and two sisters, Una and Hallie.

Funeral services were held Thursday, December 4, 2008 at the Allison & Rose Funeral Home in Talor Mill, KY. Burial was in Floral Hills Memorial Gardens in Taylor Mill. Officiating were members of the Family.

This obituary courtesy of Cox Funeral Home.

Jesse Ray Mills

Jesse Ray Mills, 63, of Richmond, died Sunday, November 23, 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.

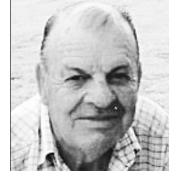
had been a carpenter.

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.



Wiley Allen Goff

Wiley Allen Goff, 75, husband of Belva Cromer Goff, died Sunday, December 7th, 2008 at his residence. He was born on April 19th, 1933 in Somerset, a son of the late Hobert and Dorothy Owens Goff. He owned and operated Goff's Launderette for 40 years. His hobbies and interests were his family and grandchildren. On Nov. 18th, 1960 he was united in holy matrimony to Belva Cromer Goff and from that union came two children, Cheryl and Bruce.

Those left to cherish his memories include: his wife of 48 years, Belva Cromer Goff of Somerset; daughter, Cheryl (Jeff) Roberts of Somerset: son, Bruce (Sharon) Goff of Somerset; one brother, Guy Goff of Somerset; two sisters, Betty (Ray) Richards of Somerset and Helen (Phil) Hunt of Noblesville, IN; two sisters-in-law, Dot Goff of Russell Springs and Marie Goff of Brodhead; four grandchildren, Elizabeth Goff, April (Mark) Spears, Erica Goff and Adam Roberts, all of Somerset; and a host of nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: three brothers, Jack Goff, Bill Goff and baby brother, Keith Goff; two sisters, Lorraine Hobbs and Norma "Tootsie" VanHoose; and a special nephew Jackie Goff.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 10th, 2008 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals Chapel with Bro. Marvin Cromer officiating. Burial followed in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Casket bearers were: Joe Vanhook, Jason Goff, Greg Goff, Kevin Goff, Keith Goff, Chris Goff, Ray Cable and Mike Gooch.

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



Jo Ann Harper

Miss Jo Ann Harper, 70, of Hamilton, OH, and formerly of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, December 6, 2008 at the Fort Hamilton Hospital. She was born on May 16, 1938 in Mt. Vernon the daughter of the late Othar and Grace Fredricks Harper. She enjoyed Church and people, and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon.

Survivors are: one sister, Mrs. Betty Turnau of Hamilton, OH; several nieces and nephews; and several great nieces, and nephews. She was preceded in death by: two brothers, William and Paul Dean Harper; and three sisters, Margaret Barber, Juanita Sloan, and Marcella Glover.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Raymond Offutt officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Tim Barber, Paul Harper, Danny McNew, Jeffery Payne, John Phillips and Mike Rostkowski. View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at

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Melva Ada Bingham

Melva Ada Bingham, 81, of Crab Orchard, died Sunday, November 30, 2008 at the Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital in Somerset. She was born in Rockcastle County on March 17, 1927 the daughter of George and Loretta McPherron McKinney. She was a member of Liberty Baptist Church. She was loved and will be deeply missed.

She is survived by: her daughter, Gloria (Leland) Payne of Vincennes, IN; one sister, Grace Price of Somerset: two grandchildren, Rebecca (Robert) Holtzclaw and Nadan (Melissa) Brown, all of Eubank; eight great grandchildren, Andrew Nicely, Tyler Thompson, Jessica Brown, Colton Brown, Devin Brown, Seth Thompson, Peyton Holtzclaw, and Lucas Brown; and four step-great grandchildren, Amanda, Austin, Ashleigh, and Robert Dakota Holtzclaw.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband of 55 years, Delbert Bingham; one infant daughter; one brother, William McKinney; and two sisters, Lola Todd and Edith Bingham.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at Liberty Baptist Church by Bros. Zandall Hasty and Ulanda Price. Burial was in the Liberty Church Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were: Cecil Brown, Naden Brown, Randy Bumgardner, Rob Holtzclaw, Andrew Nicely, Leland Payne, Cleston Poynter, and Tyler Thompson.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com



Essie Ann Payne

Essie Ann Payne, 93, of Somerset, died Sunday, December 7, 2008 at her home. She was born on February 17, 1915 in Rockcastle County the daughter of the late Elmer and Lucretia Rash Cromer. She was a retired seamstress, enjoyed gardening, quilting, cooking, and was a member of the Walnut Grove Church of Christ.

Survivors are: one son, Glen Payne of Mt.Orab, OH; one daughter, Mrs. Betty Payne of Somerset; one granddaughter she raised, Lori Capri Morgan of Crab Orchard; one brother, Jearl Cromer of Goshen, OH; two sisters, Mrs. Ina Bullock of Mt.Vernon and Mrs. Wanda Hood of Somerset; eight grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; nine great great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Neal Payne; two sons, Wayne and Earl D. Payne; three brothers, Joe, Lester and Edd Cromer; and three sisters, Lina, Dessie and Lessie.

Funeral services will be held (today) Thursday December 11, 2008 at 3 p.m. at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bros. Marvin Cromer and Arvil Baker officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Pallbearers are: David Payne, Jamie Payne, Rick Thomas, Michael Chambers, Randy Goens, and Lucas Jacob.

View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at

Artie Lulabelle Kidwell

Artie Lulabelle Kidwell, 63, of Brodhead, died Saturday, December 6, 2008 at the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead. She was born in Rockcastle County on January 13, 1945 the daughter of Roscoe Adkins and Helen Smith Madden

Adkins and was a homemaker and a member of the Holiness Faith.

She is survived by: her husband, Alfred Kidwell; two brothers; and eight sisters.

Graveside services were conducted Tuesday, December 9, 2008 the Laswell Cemetery at Orlando by Bro. Jack Weaver. There was no visitation.

Arrangements were by the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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Questions annexation comments...

Dear Editor,

I wish to address one of the incorrect, completely false, "on the fringe of only half true," your words, not mine, statements from my letter of 11/27/2008. I feel it is accurate, as with the other statements that were disputed the last two weeks.

You call my reference to a \$50,000 annexation ordinance, at best on the fringe of half true. This is the amount in the city's budget (4th page, 51st line) labeled "Annexation."

If a city budgets \$50,000 for a project, it is 100% accurate to call it a "\$50,000 project."

But you call this "on the fringe of only half true" because not all the money has been spent yet.

The federal government recently allocated \$700 billion to bailout banks. ABC, Fox News, CBS, Presidents Bush and Obama, and everyone I've heard describe this as a \$700 billion bailout. Your reasoning is that the rest of the world is "on the fringe of half true" because all the money hasn't been

Similarly, your quoted figure of \$16,619 could be termed "on the fringe of half true" for multiple reasons. It includes only one \$16,619 engineering billing through 05/16/2008, but not subsequent costs: further engineering, property owner list compilation, letter composition, printing, mailing and postage for each owner, and an additional letter to each

Similarly "on the fringe of half true" is your statement that it seems, for this fiscal year, that [annexation] is a dead subject.. Per your paper, the city intends to get more legal advice. Will this be free? And while I've heard the statement that annexation is dead, there was discussion of re-attempting annexation of the same area and counting previously gathered signatures at the last council meeting. At best I feel

this issue was unresolved. Additionally, when the city was previously asked about delaying annexation efforts, in part to conserve taxpayer's hard earned dollars, the city's point man responded that most of this money was already spent. Why haven't you labeled this as "completely false?"

If there is one budgetary detail that should be expanded upon, it is that in addition to annexing the current area, the city also intends to annex two additional areas. (\$50,000 Annexation-Process Ordinance) Can the city start the process over (11/27 Signal) and annex two other areas with what's left of the original budget?

I'm happy to write about the budgetary details and issues covering the costs of the annexation.

No one I know of has gathered and sorted through more budget data. This includes 43 budget files for the city, as well as tourism board budgets, county budgets, and development agency budgets.

But between the castle, the Cox law building, the fireworks, the sidewalk to nowhere, the straw, pumpkins, gourds and squash, eminent domain battles, and the skateboard-storage lot, every detail

can't all be fit into every letter. If a city budgets \$50,000 for

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a project, it is 100% accurate to call it a "\$50,000 project." Sincerely,

Michael Sheliga Mt Vernon, KY 40456

(Editor's Note: The bottom line is that the city has spent only \$16,619 on what Mr. Sheliga, called a "\$50,000 annexation ordinance" in his November 27th, Letter to the Editor. His statement could easily lead readers to believe something that is not correct. That is enough on this matter for now. RFA).

"Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

band which gave the toy its

With today's technology, I realize that I am taking a gamble. Nevertheless, I'm hoping that my grandchildren will understand how these toys were important to me when I was

In addition to toys, games, candy, clothes, cheese, soup, jellies and jams, candles, books, soap, make-up, appliances, and pots and pans, the country storey also makes and sells assorted types of fruit cake. Before you write and tell me that you hate fruit cake, let me emphasize that fruit cake is one of my most favorite des-

Nothing satisfies my "sweet tooth" any better than a good home-made fruit cake. A large slice with a hot cup of freshly brewed coffee is just too good to put into words. I reckon I will have to purchase one when I order the perfume for my wife and the toys for my grandchildren. I can't wait for this package to arrive.

A brief background of the Vermont Country Store: Vrest Orton opened the original store in 1946. It was the first restored, rural, country store in the nation. His original goal was: "What we sell must be useful, work, and make sense." The family is third and fourth generation storekeepers and seventh and eighth generation Vermonters.

The theme of the Christmas catalog is to bring their customers simple joys and create more family memories for the holiday season. Every item purchased carries a 100 percent guarantee. The catalog states: "We will exchange any item or refund your money, without hassle or fuss, whether shopping by catalog, online, or in

These days, that catalog is my kind of "wish book" - especially at this time of the year. (You can reach me at

mtnman@mis.net or you can drop me a line at P.O. Box 927 - Stanton, KY 40380. I appreciate your suggestions and responses.)

"Points East" (Cont. from A2)

mostly interested in the department store advertisements for discount panties.

And that won't play well here in the hinterlands. We already get JC Penny's and Kohls from half a dozen different outlets and we get Victoria's Secrets, such as they are, in the mail.

We won't get Byron Crawford anymore and that is like trashing and ignoring one of our state's best treasures or locking it in a vault. I'm taking it upon myself to solicit suggestions as to what we might do bring Barn Back. Email me:

Ikeadams@aol.com

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



Dear Journal,

"Honey, you've done good." That is what Stanley always says when I give him a gift that he really likes.

Those are the words I heard this past October when I gave him a genuine handmade Appalachian dulcimer. He had been talking about dulcimers periodically, especially since he has been doing a lot of family research. His grandpa, Sherman Cook, had been somewhat the local celebrity, showing off his talents in Renfro Valley, where he performed back in the forties.

Other than performing at Renfro Valley, he not only played for his personal enjoyment, but probably at various socials of the day. Family rumor has it that his insatiable love of dulcimer playing drove a wedge in his relationship with his wife, causing more than one spat. I'm not sure whatever happened to Grandpa Cook's original dulcimer (perhaps Grandma Cook knew. Ha-ha.)

Stanley never had the chance to hear his grandpa play, as he had already passed by the time Stanley came along. Once Stanley learned that the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. had some recordings of his grandpa playing, he went in search of a way to get a copy of it, and so he did. A CD of some of Grandpa's playing arrived at our house last week, and we heard Grandpa play for the first time.

These recordings are of great historical significance to this area. I think Stanley plans on sharing these recordings with the local library, the Historical Society, and the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame, where a picture of his grandpa Sherman already hangs.

From the time I heard Stanley talking about dulcimers, I knew this would be his next gift, but where could I find one? I learned that a local craftsman, James Smith, and his father made them. Soon I was out dulcimer shopping, not

knowing a thing about music, much less dulcimers, which can be rather embarrassing to me and exasperating to musicians. I remember guitar shopping a couple of years ago. I bought Stanley a very nice guitar at a shop in Berea, where the owner played it for me. When he finished playing, he asked how I liked the tone. I told him that I couldn't tell the difference in it and a fifty-dollar Wal-Mart special. You could see the grin on his face suddenly disappear, so I quickly told him that I was sure my husband could tell the difference.

It didn't take me too long to decide upon a dulcimer. I looked at a selection of at least six or eight of them, and finally decided upon one of them made of cedar that looked pretty, and sounded nice, too, or as best as I could tell.

I put it in the car trunk and headed out to meet Stanley at Denny's restaurant for supper. As we ate, I wondered where to hide this dulcimer for a few days. I understand you must be kind of careful with wooden musical instruments, not to expose them to dampness or extreme temperatures. I finally decided just to go ahead and give him the dulcimer that night. He could take it inside when we got home, and most importantly, maybe learn to play it by Thanksgiving. That is the date of the much-anticipated yearly Cook family jam session. Stanley, his brothers Dale and Larry on guitar, and Sister Edna on the piano get together and play bluegrass, folk, country, and gospel mu-

This year would bring about even more of a variety. Dale had learned to play the violin. Stanley said that a violin is a fiddle that had gone to college. Larry and Edna didn't make it this year, which was very disappointing. However, Dale and Stanley sure had a good time, along with the new addition, Austin.

It's good to know that I've 'done good." I keep trying to out-do myself. The ultimate gift is, hopefully one day, a mint condition 1957 Chevy Bel-Air, bright red, with a white leather interior, and a convertible top. He may never recover from that one.

"Ken & Tucky"

(Cont. from A2)

few locals are willing to divulge information.

Former mayor and current city employee Ben Long recalls seeing Miami Heat coach Pat Riley.

Wonder Woman Lynda Carter couldn't escape a degree of notoriety when she sustained injuries in a four-wheeling accident on the Bruckheimer farm and had to be treated at the hospital in Bardstown.

Mayor Bobblett is hesitant to name names, but says "a virtual who's who of Hollywood" has been in the community over the years, then goes on to note that "Sylvester Stallone is a lot shorter in person.'

So far, no one has heard of any plans Bruckheimer might have to use Bloomfield as the setting for one of his hard-hitting, action-filled films.

And Clerk Jury says that's just fine with her.

"I'd be afraid they'd blow us

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Wooden paths, boardwalks, and raised seating or entertaining areas not attached to the house are possibilities I'd like for us to explore. Maybe your mind can be expanded as to the uses of wood in the landscape.

Wooden paths, bridges, maybe roads and piers are both ancient and modern uses of wood. They really are not that complicated on residential scaled projects. For example, more than once I have been asked to design a bridge across a small stream or dry creek in a America, logs were split to

backyard—simple ones can be done in a day or two.

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

Pressure treated lumber is available at most building supply stores. Wood actually in contact with wet soil should probably be of the grade treated with a .4% copper solution instead of the standard .25% (ask your lumber store salesperson).

Wood paths and roads are one of the oldest forms of paving. Anciently, the Japanese used wooden paths. In early

fully over soft muddy sections of the way. Long raised paths can be

form "corduroy" roads for the stagecoaches to travel success-

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

Besides wooden paths, extending from a dock or landing, there are bridges. They may be raised observation "towers" along or at the end of a "boardwalk". Perhaps a pier into a waterfeature or lake. How about a tree house? Or a raised deck surrounding a large shade tree. Why don't you do a little dreaming as to where a wooden path might lead!

I would submit to you that wooden paths are as easy as concrete or stone ones and are very durable if built well.

And wood is more interesting and user friendly than concrete walks, pebble paths or mortared stone walkways.

Consider a foundation of sound used RR crossties to keep new wood off the ground. Alternatively, concrete piers can be used for your treated posts and larger support tim-

The cost may be greater, but don't let the project scare you. Boardwalks can set your place apart from the crowd.

If you've a stream, wetland, or a valley to cross, consider paving the way with wood for a distinctive look. The scenery will likely be more lovely from the raised vantage point as

The author is a landscaper. Visit www.rockcastles.com or email max@rock castles.com

City of Livingston's Community Christmas Dinner is Sunday

The City of Livingston will host their annual Community Christmas Dinner on Sunday, Dec. 14th in the Livingston Gym, Preston Parrett Center. Mayor J.C. Griffin and Commissioners of the City of Livingston welcome all to attend. Please bring a covered



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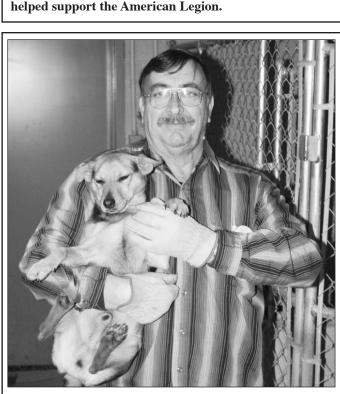
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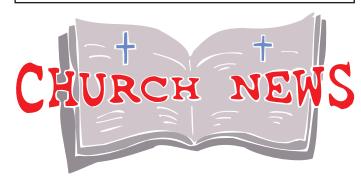
the winner was Karen Tates of Frankfort, shown above on

scooter. Post Commander Jerry Payne presented the

scooter to Ms. Tates at the Car Show. Thanks to all who

Pets make great Christmas Gifts..

Some dogs and a few 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 very friendly mixed breed pup, which is one of many animals 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. The Animals Shelther is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information call (606) 256-



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1 Voice on TV

1 Voice from Brodhead will be singing on The Hour of Harvest with host Margaret Drake on WLJC TV in Beattyville on Saturday night, December 13, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. During that time, anyone who needs prayer can call 606-464-3600.

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.



from Cincinnati, Ohio to Knoxville, Tenn.

"Valley Baptist"

(Cont. from front)

N.T. Gibbons preached the Dedication Sermon in October

In December of 1939, the congregation agreed to change the name of the church to the Missionary Baptist Church of Christ, known as Valley.

The church borrowed Deacons from New Hope Church for communions. In June of 1945, Bro. Leonard Harris was ordained the first Deacon of the church. Later other Deacons ordained were: Bro. Edd Jones,

Bro. Denton Sears, Bro. Oscar Chasteen, Bro. Robert Jones, Bro. Bobby Turner, Bro. Roger Durham, Bro. Wilbur Watkins, Bro. Charlie Isaacs, Bro. William Barnett and Bro. Mike McFerron.

In October 1948, electric lights were added and a piano purchased. In the early days of the church, the windows were painted white to keep people focused on the sermons inside and to keep people from peeping in from the outside.

Sometime in the 1950s, it is noted in the minutes, paint remover was purchased to remove

the paint from the windows. In July, 1959, Bro. Nelson Jones built a solid foundation under the church. The building project of the basement and Sunday School rooms were also started in 1959.

In December 1961, a coal furnace was installed in the basement and that replaced the only source of heat the Church had known, an old wood and coal stove.

Valley Church's pastors over the past 100 years: W.H. Bryant, Bro. J.W. Lambert, Bro. Sheron Overlay, Bro. E.T. Phelps, Bro. N.T. Gibbons, Bro.

James Harchins, Bro. B.H. Jennings, Bro. Hays Smith, Bro. Logan Ponder, Bro. Roscoe Hinkle, Bro. W.E. Sears, Bro. Walter Robinson, Bro. Jessie Matlock, Bro. Geroge Lay, Bro. J. Smothers, Bro. Joe McElroy, Bro. Elby Frost, Bro. Craig Holman, Bro. Fred Wilson, Bro. Denton Sears, Bro. William Durham, Bro. Floyd Bingham, Bro. Silas New, Bro. Ira Dean, Bro. Homer Lamb, Bro. Arnold Pingleton, Bro. Tom Crawford, Bro. Rick Everest, Bro. Wayne Henson, Bro. Donald Smith, Bro. David Sargent, Bro. Greg Lakes and the present pastor, Bro. Tony Shelton.

The Church has had 33 different pastors one of which pastored three times and seven who pastored two times each.

Thru the years no matter the hardships, there were some especially dedicated Sisters that made sure the church was kept open to ensure there was a place to worship in our small commu-

These Sisters were: Sister Susie Kidwell, Sister LaBelle Childs, who have all gone on to meet the Lord.

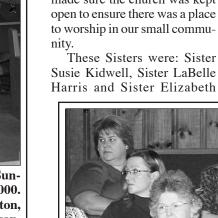
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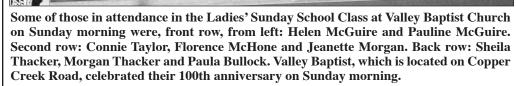
In January of 2004, it was under roof. In July 2004, a Dedi-

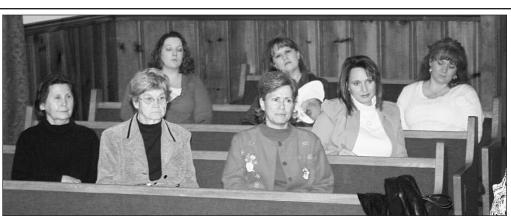
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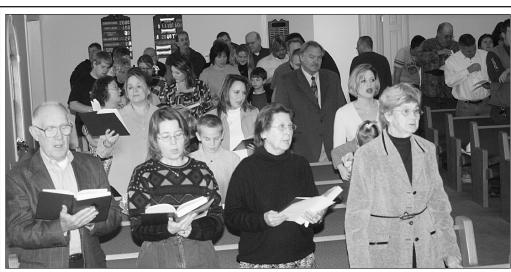
Valley Baptist Church Pastor Tony Shelton has been the pastor at the church for approximately one year. On Sunday, Shelton helped the congregation celebrate their 100th







Some of those in attendance in Ladies' Class at Valley Baptist Church are shown above, front row, from left: Gretta Barnett, Dorothy Chasteen and Janet Vaughn. Second row, from left are: Renee Turner, Tammy Brock, holding, Isaac Turner, Shana McFerron and



Valley Baptist Church on Copper Creek Road celebrated their 100th anniversary on Sunday with an attendance of approximately 140 people and an offering of nearly \$7,000. Some of those in attendance are shown from back to front: Nathaniel Rada, Sidney Pingleton, Charles Pingleton, John and Angie Sensabaugh, Charles Leger and Bill Alexander, Susan Albert and Brenda Pingleton, Tasha and Shane Broaddus, Craig Evans, Lisa Morgan, Shana McFerron, Austin Neeley, Tiffany Neeley, William Barnett, Lisa Wallis, Gretta Barnett and Dorothy Chasteen.



Those in attendance in the men's Sunday School class at Valley Baptist Church on Sunday morning are shown above, front row, from left: William Barnett, Jesse Teabo and Chris Turner. Back row, from left: Wilbur McGuire, Craig Evans, Gerald Pingleton and Bill Turner. Valley Baptist Church, which is located on Copper Creek Road, was established on December 3rd of 1908. Sunday, church members celebrated the 100th anniversary of the church. (Valley Baptist Church photos by: Richard Anderkin)

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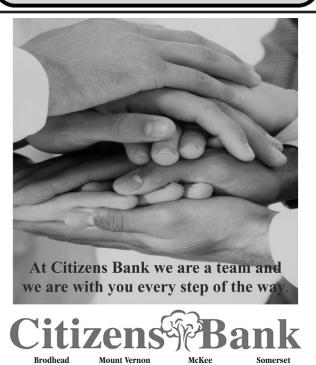
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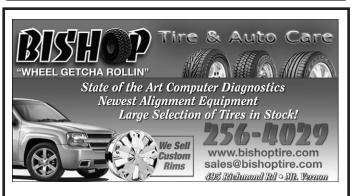
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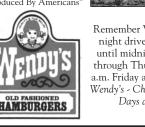
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Paula and Taylor Bullock look over photos taken at Valley Baptist Church over the years. Valley Baptist celebrated their 100th anniversary on Sunday.



Valley Baptist Church member Amber Thacker sang two special songs during worship services on Sunday morning.



Valley Baptist Church Pastor Tony Shelton, right, talked with Bill Alexander, before worship services on Sunday morning.

Valley Baptist photos by: Richard Anderkin



Valley Baptist Church member Charles Leger shakes hands with Alecia Leger, left and Ina Leger, right, before Sunday's worship service.



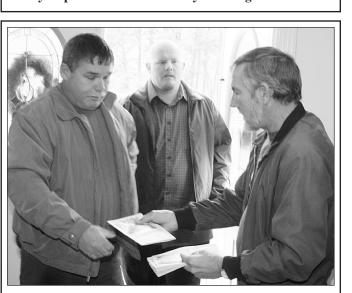
Dana Shelton, wife of Valley Baptist Pastor Tony Shelton was busy Sunday morning, helping to prepare for the church's dinner, after worship services. Valley Baptist celebrated their 100th anniversary on Sunday morning.



Nikki Brogan, back left, and Missy Baker, back right, taught youngsters, Azalynn McFerron and Daniel Wilson at Valley Baptist Church on Sunday morning.



Nerissa Baker taught the Ladies' Sunday School class at Valley Baptist Church on Sunday morning.



Greene Lakes, right, passed out church bulletins on Sunday at Valley Baptist Church to, Robert Nickerson, left and Jospeh Leger, center.



Dee Baker, left and Darlene Reynolds, talked before worship services at Valley Baptist Church, on Copper Creek Road Sunday morning.



Shawna Barrett, Andy Doan and Kager Doan, helped a guest sing the Foundation Song at Sunday's Worship Service at Valley Baptist Church.



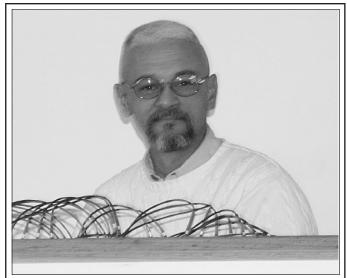
Sydney Owens and Angel Turner, left, and Destiny Brogan and Kaylee Brock, right, gathered around their Sunday School teacher, Melissa Wilson, on Sunday morning at Valley Baptist Church.



Children in John David Wilson's Sunday School class at Valley Baptist Church on Sunday were, from left: Taylor Bullock, Alex Turner, Jacquline Thacker and Eric Bullock.



Tanya Teabo and Tyler Vaughn, who helped with Sunday's special video presentation at Valley Baptist, discuss the song service, before the worship service at Valley Baptist Church.



Valley Baptist Church member Ken Silva took care of the audio and video duties during church services at Valley **Baptist Church on Sunday.**



Jailyn Baker, back left, and Harley Nicely taught Sunday School to Sara Beth Clements, Katie Shelton and Eliana Baker on Sunday morning at Valley Baptist Church, where members were celebrating their 100th Anniversary.



Phyllis Pingleton, left, talked with Donna Lakes, right, before Worship Services at Valley Baptist Church on Sunday. Mrs. Lakes, who is the mother of former pastor Greg Lakes, now a missionary, is suffering from cancer.



Members of one Sunday School Class at Valley Baptist Church who were in attendance on Sunday morning are shown above, from left: Austin Teabo, Timber Shelton, Mykala McFerron, Mike McFerron, Ray Owens and little Isaiah Owens. Mike McFerron was the teacher.

"Valley Baptist" (Cont. from A6)

cation Service was held in the new sanctuary. Bro. Greg Lakes preached the Dedication Ser-

God has truly Blessed Valley Church for the past 100 years. Besides Pastor Shelton, Troy Clark serves as Sunday School

Superintendent, the Church Clerk and piano player is Janet

Vaughn, the church Treasurer is John David Wilson, Mike McFerron is the song leader and youth leaders are Lois Wilson and Renee Turner, among others.

All are invited to attend services which are Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m and Sunday evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening Services are at 7 p.m.

For more information call: (859) 925-2262, (606) 758-8162 or (606) 308-1496.

Gear Up

Encourage rigourous classes and hard work

College can seem like a looming goal on the distant horizon, but once a student reaches middle school it's time to realize there are specific steps to take if you want to get into college. The KnowHow2Go campaign and

website address (www.knowhow2goky.org) helps students and parents learn about those steps. This month we're looking at the second step-push yourself to work hard.

Why does working hard matter? Every institution of higher education has standards students must meet to be admitted-standards relating to grade point average and test scores. If a student doesn't meet those standards, he or she can be denied admission. If a student barely meets those standards, the school might require the student to take basic courses that help him or her learn the skills needed before beginning the true collegelevel courses that earn them credit hours toward graduation. Taking those extra classes can mean students will be in college longer than their peers or will need to take more hours of classes per semester than oth-

Students who want to begin college in college level courses that will move them closer to their career goal need to prepare by taking rigorous courses in high school and doing the hard work they require. Scott Habeeb, assistant principal for curriculum and instruction at Salem High School in Virginia, consultant with Solutions, Etc. and recent speaker to local educators through the GEAR UP program says it's important to encourage students to do the hard work. "We have to show them why that class is going to help them with something," he says. Telling a student to take something simply because it's required isn't enough.

Parents and students alike should understand what classes are important to take and why, what the high school gradua-

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tion and college admission standards are, and what they need to be doing every year of school to prepare. Habeeb encourages schools to arrange conferences with students and parents in which school personnel can share that information.

Habeeb also encourages schools to only offer the more rigorous courses to students. "Why would we offer a class we don't think a student should take?" he asks.

Habeeb also believes it's important to look at student test scores to determine where their strengths are. For example, if a student takes a national standardized test and scores in the 85th percentile in history, that student obviously has talent in history. Therefore, Habeeb says, he or she can sign up for a higher level history class. If the high school doesn't teach it, perhaps a nearby college is offering courses to high school students or the students can access it through Kentucky's Virtual High School program. Once the student succeeds in one area, he or she is more likely to be interested in signing up for other more difficult classes.

Habeeb also emphasizes the need for parents to be closely involved in the child's educational process. He uses his own family to exemplify why it's important to "tighten the reins" on older students rather than loosening them.

If his children who are in the first or fifth grades make a bad decision, he says, it has little long-lasting impact on his or her life. If, however, his daughter in the nineth grade decides not to study for a test or do her homework, her decision can have long-lasting repercussions because her grades go on her record for colleges and future employers to see.

"Please don't let up," Habeeb urges parents. Even though older kids put more pressure on their parents to give them their independence, when it comes to their education Habeeb says parents need to be more vigilant than ever in encouraging their children to sign up for the right classes and to work hard. If they do that, then when college is no longer on

the horizon, but is the true next step, the student will be prepared.

For more information contact: Terry Hosler, Special Projects Coordinator, Berea College GEAR UP (phone 859-985-3855 or email (terry_hosler@berea.edu)



Happy Sweet 16th Birthday We love you -Mom & Donnie



Ralph Andrew Powell, Jr. turned 3 years old on October 17, 2008. He received many nice gifts and would like to thank everyone for his gifts and for coming to his party. He is the son of Ralph and Brittney Powell Livingston. He is the grandson of Ralph and Lyla Bell Powell and Kim Reynolds and the late Randall Reynolds. He is the great grandson of Charlene Reynolds and the late Lin Reynolds, Florence Powell and the late Powell, Dale Brummett and the late Eula Brummett and the late Richard Mullins and the late Frances Mullins.

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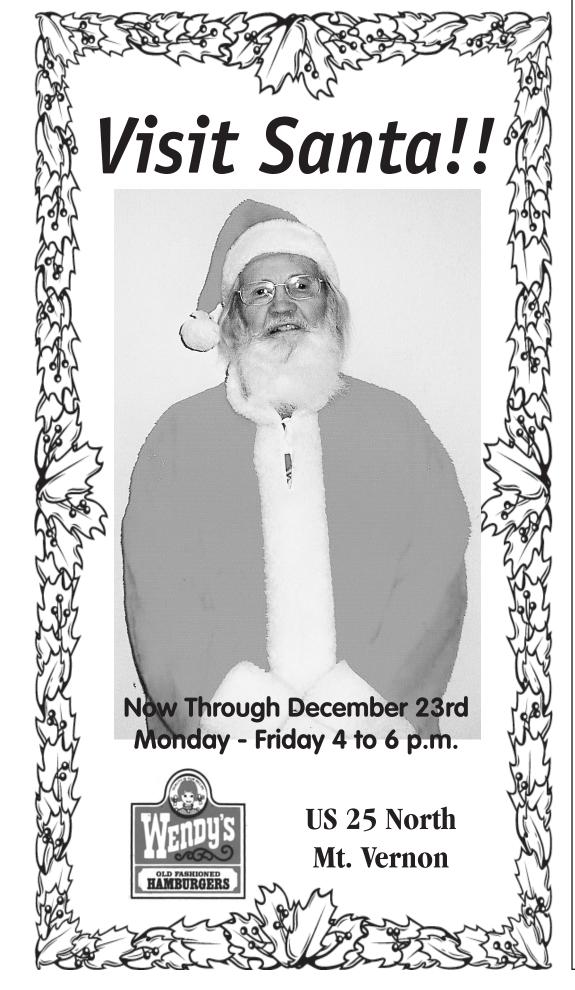
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Lady Rockets lose two straight in OT

After defeating Wayne they lost in overtime, 58-52. County in their season opener, the RCHS Lady Rockets lost their next two in overtime.

In their home opener on Friday against the Lincoln County Lady Patriots, the Lady Rockets got out to an 11-2 lead but couldn't hold on against the visiting team, losing in overtime 50-43.

The Lady Rockets were led in scoring by Mary Saylor with 10, Angie Lawrence and Sara Hammond each had 8, Jackie Alexander scored 7, Ashley Robinson 6, Kristen Abney and Sasha Bullock 2 each. Hammond led the team in rebounding with 13 and was credited with four assists.

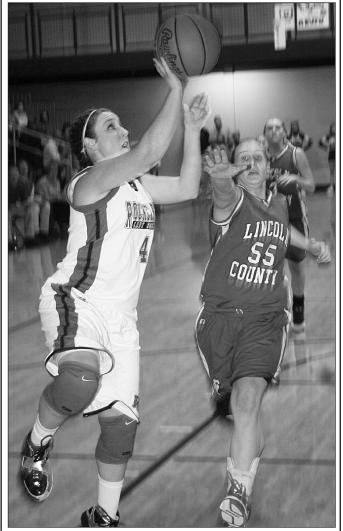
The next day, the Lady Rockets traveled to Northern Kentucky to take on a good Simon Kenton team and again

Alexander had her best scoring output as a Lady Rocket varsity player, putting up 27 to lead her team. Saylor had 9, Robinson, 6, Katy Mattingly, 4 and Hammond and Nicole Locklear each had

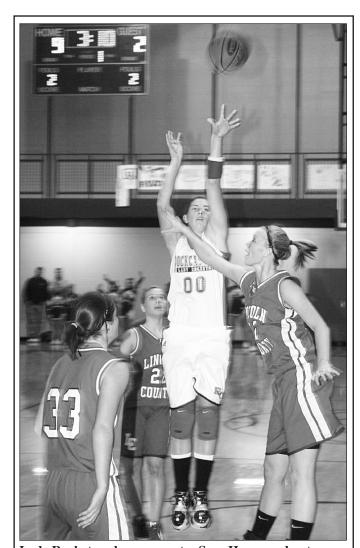
In both games, the Lady Rockets scored only two points

"We are still waiting on somebody to get some guts and step up when this team needs it the most and we haven't found that yet," said head coach Chrysti Noble. "It will be impossible for us to be really successful until that happens," she said.

The Lady Rockets return to action on Friday night when they host Madison Southern. Game time is 7:30 p.m.



Lady Rocket senior Mary Saylor puts in two of her 10 points against Lincoln County on Friday night.



Lady Rocket sophomore center Sara Hammond puts up a jump shot in her team's game with Lincoln County on Friday night. Hammond had 8 points in the overtime loss.

7th and 8th grade teams beat Casey

The Rockcastle Middle School boys' basketball team was in action last Thursday as they faced the Casey County Rebels.

Overall, the Rockets went 2-1 with both the 7th and 8th grade teams winning and only the 6th grade team coming up

Led in scoring by Blake Mullins with 8, the 6th grade team fell 29-16. Dakota Hasty added 4, Sam Pensol and Jordon McGuire had 2 each and Stephen Rector scored 1.

The 7th grade team faired better with a 41-33 victory and was led in scoring by Corey McPhetridge, who had 21 and

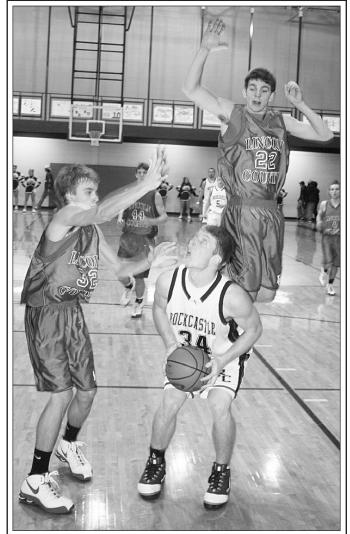
Tyler Harper with 10.

Andrew Burton and Jarred Lakes had four each and John Hughes got two.

The 8th grade team started their game fast, jumping out to an early 11-2 lead in the first couple of minutes.

They would go on to pick up their first win of the season beating Casey County 46-35. They were led in scoring by Blake Jones who had 21 points.

Ashton Arvin, Eli Haddix and Ben Allen all had 6 points each, Bryson Amyx got 4 and Tyler Smith added 2 in the Rocket's win. The 8th grade team is now 1-7 on the year.



Rocket junior Matt Bullens prepares to go up for a shot against Lincoln County in the Rocket's home opener. Bullens had 10 points in the 70-58 loss. The Rockets host Boyle County on Friday night at 6 p.m. before a 7:30 p.m. contest between the girls and Madison Southern.



Lady Rocket senior Ashley Robinson puts up a shot against Lincoln County on Friday night. Robinson had six points in the Lady Rocket's 50-43 overtime loss. The Lady Rockets host Madison Southern on Friday night at 7:30 p.m.



Rocket sophomore Travis Carpenter goes for two of his 19 points against Somerset on Saturday. The Junior Varsity won 51-42 and are 2-1 on the season.

Lady Rocket Intramural Night Friday December 12, 2008

RCHS Lady Rockets vs. Madison Southern (7:30 tip-off)

Participants of the Lady Rocket Intramural Basketball Program and their coaches will be recognized at halftime of the girls' game vs. Madison Southern. Participants that wear their intramural game jersey will be admitted FREE. 6:00 Game 1- RCHS Boys vs. Boyle County

Boys lose to Lincoln, beat Barbourville

on the season after beating Barbourville on Tuesday night, 94-52 and losing to Lincoln County last Friday night, 70-

All Rocket varsity players saw action on Tuesday night, with 13 of them getting into the scoring column.

Jamie Todd led all scorers with 19, followed by Spencer Mullins who scored 16. Bryan Clontz got 13, Derek Thacker 8, Matt Lunsford 7, Matt Bullens and Travis Carpenter, 6 each, Jared Smith, Dustin Bishiop and Brandon Jones, 4 each, Grant Burdette 3 and Kyle Riddle 2.

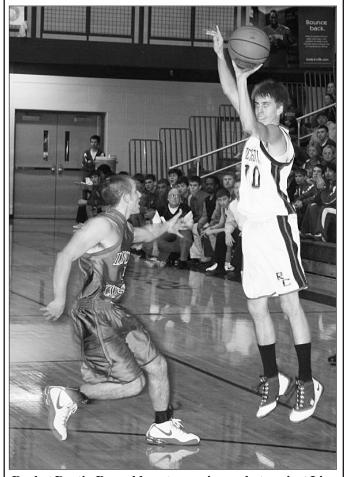
Last Friday night, the Rockets lost to Lincoln County, the team who was ranked 1st in the 12th region in pre-season polls,

The RCHS Rockets are 1-2 70-58, after committing 19 turnovers in the first half.

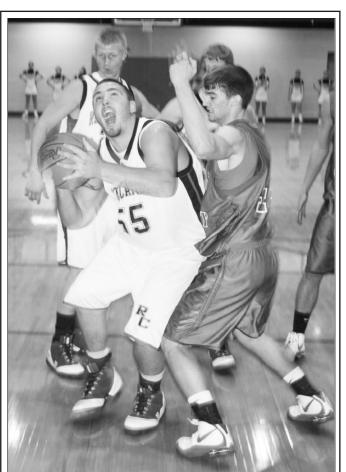
Junior center Derek Thacker, who played an excellent game, led his team in scoring with 21 points and in rebounding with 12. Todd and Bullens got 10 each, Clontz 7 and Mullins and Smith each had 5.

"We are still trying to get comfortable playing as a team and only practice and games will help that situation," said head coach Benny Blanton. 'We should be a much better team in a couple of weeks than we are right now," he added.

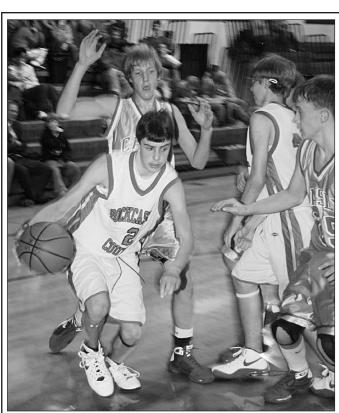
The Rockets return to action on Friday night when they host Boyle County at 6 p.m., before the Lady Rockets take on Madison Southern at 7:30 p.m.



Rocket Dustin Reynolds puts up a jump shot against Lincoln County on Friday night. The Rockets lost to Lincoln 70-58, but bounced back to beat Barbourville on Tuesday night 94-52.



Rocket junoir Derek Thacker goes up for two of his team high 21 points against Lincoln County on Friday night. In the background is senior Spencer Mullins who had five points on Friday night. Mullins had 16 against Barbourville on Tuesday night and Thacker had 8 in the Rockets 94-52 win. (RCHS sports photos by: Richard Anderkin).



RCMS 7th grader Corey McPhetridge drives to the basket in his team's 41-33 win over Casey County. McPhetridge scored 21 points in the win.



Lady Rocket freshman Bree Tillery goes up for two points in her team's 37-34 win over Somerset on Saturday. The freshmen are 2-0 on the season.



RCMS 6th grader Stephen Rector goes up for two against Casey County on Thursday night. The 6th grade team lost, but both the 7th and 8th grade teams won. All three teams return to action on Thursday (tonight) at Garrard County.

Freshman girls win two games

The girls' freshman basketball team is now 2-0 with wins over Somerset and South Laurel.

Against Somerset, the Lady Rockets won 37-34 and were led in scoring by Katie Cowan with 11. Emily Miller had 7, Michaela Hunter 5, Sara Adams 4, Kadi Cobb and Bree Tillary had 3 each and Holly Hamm and Alexis Chasteen

added 2 each.

The freshman team also took down South Laurel on Monday night 42-25 and were led in scoring by Holly Hamm with 16. Michaela Hunter had 11, Kadi Cobb 8, Katie Cowan 4 and Sara Adams 1. The freshmen team is now 2-0 on the season.

Freshmen boys lose two games

The Rockcastle High school boys' freshman basketball team saw action against Somerset and South Laurel this past week, losing to Somerset 39-31 and South Laurel 58-37.

Against Somerset, the freshmen were led in scoring by Zach Walker with 12 and Ben Lake who had 10.

Will Reynolds had 4, Jadon Brock 3 and Cody Noe added

Against South Laurel, the freshmen kept it close in the first half, but wound up losing

their second straight game.

The freshmen were led in scoring by Cody Noe with 14, Zach Walker got 9, Jadon Brock and Ben Lake had 6 each and Will Reynolds scored 2. The freshmen are now 0-2.

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Robert Nantz, left, a student at the Mt. Vernon Shaolin Karate Club, participated in the blackbelt competition at the Shaolin Fall Tournament at Lexington Catholic High School. He received a third place medal in point sparring. He is shown with his instructor, Master Eric Bullock.

JV boys win two, lose one

The RCHS junior varsity basketball team played against West Jessamine last week and lost 58-25.

The Rockets leading scorers were Dustin Bishop, Travis Carpenter and Brandon Burdette, all with 5 each, Matt Lunsford and Josh McKinney got 4 each and Derrick Pittman scored 2.

The Rocket Junior Varsity squad won their game against Somerset on Saturday, 51-42, and were led in scoring by Travis Carpenter who had 19.

Matt Lunsford also had a good game with 12, Derrick Pittman got 7, Josh McKinney 5, Grant Burdette and John Lawson scored 4 each and Brandon Burdette 1.

On Tuesday night, the JV defeated Barbourville, 60-54.

Travis Carpenter led his team in scoring with 22, Grant Burdette got 9, Matt Lunsford 8, Dylan Thacker scored 5, Brandon Jones and Kyle Riddle had 4 each, Brandon Burdette 3 and Josh McKinney, John

Lawson and Derrick Pittman each scored 2.

The JV team is now 2-1 on the season.

Lady Rocket JV team is now 2-1

The RCHS girls' JV team opened their season with a 39-25 loss to Somerset.

The team was led in scoring by Kristen Abney who had 6.

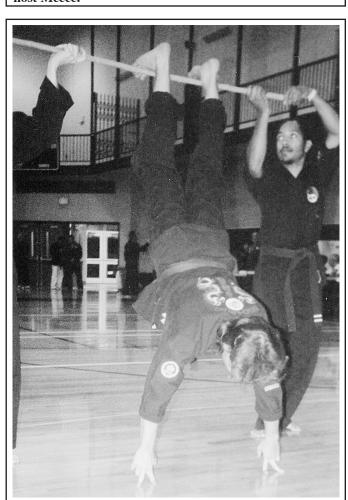
Angie Lawrence added 5, Kadie Cobb 4, Shanlee Burton, Ella McQueary, Cheyenne Hensley and Megan Perkins all got 2 each and Casey Sturgill scored 1.

The girls played Highlands on the road on Saturday and won 38-32.

Kristen Abney led the team in scoring with 15, Cheyenne Hensley and 8th grader Michaela Hunter had 5 each, Sydney Arvin and Kadi Cobb added 4 each, Shanlee Burton got 3 and Ella McQueary 2. The JV squad is now 1-1 on the year.



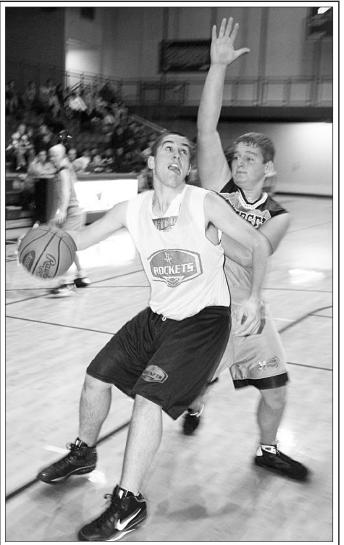
RCMS 8th grader Ben Allen goes up for a shot against Casey County on Thursday night. The 8th graders won 46-35. Allen had 6 points in the contest. The middle school returns home next Thursday, December 16th when they host Meece.



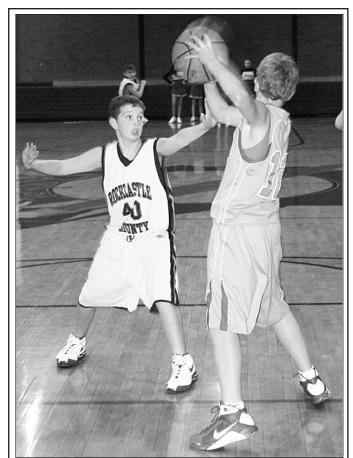
Master Eric Bullock, instructor at the Mt. Vernon Shaolin Karate Club, is shown here performing the very difficult Two Finger Hand Stand at the Shaolin Fall Tournament demonstration at Lexington Catholic High School. He also performed the Ground Monkey and the Double Chain Whip Kata.



John Wells, a student and instructor at the Mt. Vernon Shaolin Karate Club, is shown doing a fist break at the Shaolin Fall Tournament demonstration at Lexington Catholic High School.



Rocket freshman Ben Lake goes for two of his 10 points against Somerset on Saturday. The Rocket freshmen lost 39-31.



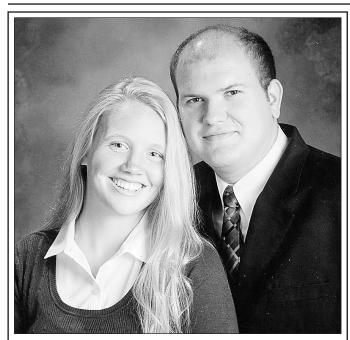
RCMS 6th grader Douglas Nicely applies the pressure to a Casey County player on Thursday night. The 6th grade team lost 29-16. (Freshmen, JV and RCMS photos by: Kevin Canterbury)



Jerry Robbins, of Mt. Vernon, killed this 8 point buck with a "unicorn" horn in Ohio on December 1st. Mr. Robbins' group killed seven deer during their trip.



Tony Mahaffey, of Mt. Vernon, killed this 13 point buck with a bow in Jackson County on Saturday, November 20th.



Adams - McGuire

Dwain and Janice Adams, of Brodhead, and Lonnie and Pam McGuire, of Orlando, would like to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, Heather Nicole to Christopher Dale.

Heather is a 2004 graduate of Rockcastle County High School and will be receiving her Bachelor's Degree in Middle Grades Education in May 2009. Chris is a 2002 graduate of Rockcastle County High School and a 2006 graduate of Eastern Kentucky University with a Bachelor's Degree in Middle Grades Education. He is currently employed at Somerset Christian School.

The wedding will take place December 20, 2008 at 2:30 in the afternoon at Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church. A reception will immediately follow the ceremony at the Brush Creek Holiness Church Fellowship Hall. All family and friends are invited to attend.

Cards of Thanks

Claude H. McHargue

The family of Claude H. McHargue would like to express their appreciation for the many acts of kindness, the sympathy shown, the flowers, food, donation and visits during our recent loss. A special thanks to Bro. Virgil Bustle and Bro. George Cromer and Cox Funeral Home.

May God bless everyone. Wife, Children and Grandchildren A Special Thanks From the Family of Patricia Himes

The family of the late Patricia Himes wishes to express their sincere appreciation for the kindness and love shown during our recent loss.

A special thanks to our churches and members for all the prayers - Philadelphia Baptist Church, Blue Springs Church of Christ, Brindle Ridge Baptist Church, First

Baptist Church and The Little Country Church. Thanks to the Rockcastle Ambulance Service, all the staff at the emergency room that took care of Patty and us. Thanks to Dowell & Martin Funeral Home for their service and kindness shown to all of us. Thanks to Bros. Ralph Baker and Eddie Nation for their kind and comforting words. Thanks to Vicky Lynn Barnes and Doug Collins for their special songs. Thanks to the Mt. Vernon Fire Dept. for all your support and to all our neighbors, friends, co-workers and families who sent flowers, food, cards, money, love and prayers.

We can't thank everyone enough for all you have done to help ease our pain and hurt. God bless each and everyone of you.

Jack Himes and the Clark, Himes, Wynn, Mink, King and Cash families.



Mahaffey - Denny

A Celebration of Marriage "We kept it quiet like little mice... a private wedding we thought would be nice. We're married now and as happy as can be! Please celebrate with us at our big party!!!"

Michael "Mikey" Keith Wayne Denny and Shian Ashley Blair Mahaffey Denny were joined in marriage on November 23, 2008 at 3 pm in the afternoon in a private ceremony, officiated by Mark Adams, at the home of Larry and Lana Adams of Mount Vernon, grandparents of the bride. An April honeymoon has been planned in

Pigeon Forge & Gatlinburg,

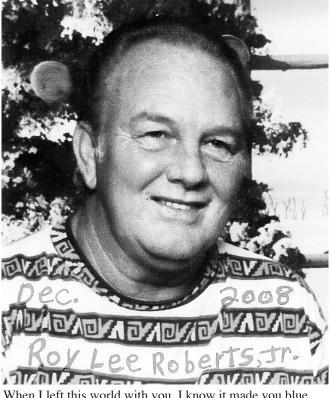
Please join Mikey and Shian at the Acton Folk Center in Berea, KY on December 20, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. to celebrate the union of their lives and their families, as well as the Christmas season. They hope all of their family and friends will be able to attend and can bring their favorite snack or appetizer to share with all, as cake and punch will be provided by their families. They look forward to celebrating their new beginning with all their family and friends. They hope to see you soon...



40th Wedding Anniversary

Gary and Brenda celebrated their 40th anniversary with an amazing trip. First, the couple went to New York City and Manhattan. Following several days in the city the couple boarded a plane to Tel Aviv. They spent 10 days touring many historical sights in Israel, Bethlehem, The Sea of Galilee, and Jerusalem. Before leaving, both got re-baptized in the Jordan

Gary and Brenda reside in Mt. Vernon. They have two children, Glenn and Cloia (Darrell) and two grandchildren, Savannah Glenn and Shane Allen.



When I left this world with you, I know it made you blue. Your tears fell so freely, I watched; I know this is true. While you were weeping, days after I passed away, while all was silent within me, I saw you kneel to pray.

From this wonderful place called Heaven, where all my pain

I send a gentle breeze to whisper, "my loved ones, please go

In Loving Memory of Glyn Bullock

Who passed away Dec. 13, 2006 Since you are gone from me, the days are so long and lonely,

And many tears are shed for you.

But I would not wish you back to the pain you knew,

For I know and believe you are in a most beautiful place Where you will not have to suffer any more.

I believe when you crossed

over from this life, You saw our blessed Father's loving face and He said, Come on in, my child, your work on earth is done, the battle is won.

Although I will always miss and love you, No one could ever take your

place in my heart. am longing for the day when we will never have to part again.

God blessed us with 53 years of happiness

But when we meet in Heaven, we will be together forever. You were the best husband and father any family could wish or ask for.

I know in my heart I was most richly blessed

When God put you in my life. I will always thank and praise the Lord for having you. Wait for me by Heaven's Gate,

for I will soon be with my

darling, Glyn. Love always, Pat and Family

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

Franklin Credit Management Corporation

Plaintiff

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 $(1 \frac{1}{2})$ 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 referenced 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, \$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

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.

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

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Rockcastle County High School Academic Honor Roll



Rockcastle County High School senior Katy Mattingly has a grade point average of 4.04 and is one of three students tied for the fourth highest ranking of the 207 seniors in the 2009 graduating class at RCHS. Mattingly is the daughter of Ken and Jennifer Mattingly of Mt. Vernon and will attend the University of Kentucky in the Fall where she will study Mining Engineering. Katy currently has Advanced Placement Classes at RCHS in Chemistry, Calculus and English and as a junior she had advanced placement classes in Physics and History. Mattingly has been a four year member of the RCHS Lady Rocket basketball team and she has started at guard for the past two seasons. Mattingly, who has also ran track for the Rockets for the past eight years, is also a member of several clubs and organizations at RCHS. Those clubs and organizations include, BETA and National Honor Society, Key Club, FCA and Rocket Club. Mattingly is this year's President of the Key Club.

Education Station

Submitted by Jennifer Napier Would you like to start the

New Year off with a promise to yourself to improve your education or get a better job? Maybe you want to build your academic skills so you can help your children with their homework or read them a bedtime story. If lack of transportation was your excuse to not keep this promise, you can't use that excuse anymore!

The Adult Learning Center at Christian Appalachian Project in Mount Vernon, provides a FREE shuttle service to three areas of Rockcastle County, for adults to further their education and build their academic skills. The shuttles operate in Livingston, Brodhead and Conway every Tuesday. The Livingston and Brodhead shuttles operate for daytime classes and the Conway shuttle operates for evening classes. The shuttles are FREE and students are picked up and dropped off at a public meeting site in each area. Students must call in advance and reserve their seat if they wish to use the FREE shuttle.

Times are tough! Employers are looking for the most qualified workers and if you don't have the education or skills, you'll be a low priority for consideration among their pool of applicants. Do you have the education required for the job, or the skills to complete an eyecatching application or resume? The Adult Learning Center provides FREE services! Whether you need a GED, a job, college, or if someone you know wants to learn to read, we can help -FREE of charge and get you to and from class too! We have instructors in the classroom ready to help you and FREE individual tutoring appointments. What's holding you back?

The New Year is fast approaching. Make it your New Year's resolution to improve your academic or employable skills. As the holiday bills come piling in after Christmas, and you feel overwhelmed by debt, an education is something you can look forward to, that can help you dig your way out of debt by way of better employment options.

For more information about classroom services or to schedule a shuttle pick-up, please call an instructor at (606) 256-5307, or stop by our classroom, located at 4192 N. Wilderness Road in Mount Vernon (at the top of the hill above Renfro Valley Entertainment Center). It's our goal to help you achieve your dreams!



Ms. Cecilia Floyd worked with MVES fourth grade students in creating snowmen ornaments from crushed soda cans. The students used them to decorate their tree in the fourth grade hallway. Various other students created ornaments to fill the tree in the entrance.

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On December 5th, four Welding Technology Students from the Rockcastle Area Technology Center attended the Excellence Expo "08" at Bluegrass Community and Technical College Danville Campus. Two students, Justin Thacker and Gordon Garner, competed in a welding competition where they had to weld a vertical V- groove with the Shielded Metal Arc process. Gordon Garner placed fourth among those schools competing. Additionally, Stephanie Graves and Angel Smith represented the schools as delegates. All participants were given tours of the college and were informed about the educational opportunities offered at the Danville campus. Pictured above from left are: Stephanie Graves, Gordon Garner, Justin Thacker, Angel Smith and Instructor, Mr. Cook.

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Robinson Scholar applications are now available to 8th graders. Applicants must be of good academic standing, have a strong desire to attend college, and cannot have a parent or guardian with a 4-year college degree. For more information or an application, see Ms. Cromer. The Robinson Scholar program offers a full 4-year degree to the University of Kentucky or one of its community colleges. It is a great opportunity for one of our stu-

The RCMS Unite Club and the Student YMCA members

are teaming up to sponsor a food drive for the Mt. Vernon Food and Clothing Mission. The drive will run through next Wednesday. Our school goal for the project is to bring in

2,009 food items. There will be a dance this Friday sponsored by the Track Teams. Students must have team and parental permission in order to attend and should be picked up at 5:00 p.m.

Yearbooks are still on sale. Currently the cost is \$25, but will be \$30 after January 1st. So order yours now! Students made add their name to the

front cover for an additional

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MARTIN E. VANZANT, CHAIRMAN TINA CAIN HASTY, VICE CHAIRWOMAN MICHAEL BURDETTE ANGELA STALLSWORTH MINK JEFFERY VANHOOK

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

> **AGENDA Special Meeting December 11, 2008** 6:00 P.M.

- CALL TO ORDER:
- A. Silent Prayer:
- В. **Roll Call:**
- C. **Reading of Board Team Commitments:**
- ADOPT AGENDA/ACTION:
- Communication:
- **OPERATIONS/ACTIONS:** <u>4.</u>
- A. Approve minutes of the November 11 regular meeting
- Approve bills for payment В.
- C. Approve Emergency Substitute Teacher Application TC-4: Brittany Perkins
- D. Approve Family Medical Leave for Carolyn Hunt in compliance with board policy 03.22322 E. Approve Family Medical Leave for Brenda Taylor in compliance with board policy 03.22322
- F. Approve Family Medical Leave for Christy Harper in compliance with board policy 03.22322
- G. Approve School Activity Fund Raisers for RCHS
- H. Approve School Trip Forms
- <u>5.</u> DISCUSSION/ACTION:
- Review/Approve Audited Financial Statements prepared by White & Associates, PSC for year Α. ended June 30, 2008
- В. Review/Approve Workers Compensation Insurance Proposal from Van Meter Insurance
- DISCUSSION/REVIEW: 6.
- **Review Monthly Financial Reports** A.
- В. Review Superintendent's Personnel Action Report
- Other:
- ADJOURNMENT:



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The Rockcastle County High School Band will perform its annual Christmas Concert next Monday night in the RCHS Auditorim, at 7 p.m. Admission to the concert is free. Some of the band members who will be participating in the annual concert on Monday night are shown above, front row, from left: Lillie Biechler, Christa Doan, Samantha Taylor, Regina Rice, Cassie Taylor, Samantha Bullen, Nicole McFerron, Anjelica Craig, Mallory Harper, MacKenzie Craig, Reanna Hasty, Sarah Morgan, Andrea Gonzalez, Meghan Nation, Morgan Harper, Catherine Hounshell, Rachel Hemsley, Tara Baldwin and Johnna Ballard. Back row, from left: Ethan Miller, Dalton Hutton, Adam Alcorn, Matthew Fields, Michael Browning, Andrew Robbins, Jarrett Hamm, Johnathan Portwood, Kyle Hayes, A.J. Rehor, Mark Berry, Matt Gonzalez, Richard Barron, Waylon Mink, Josh Stallsworth, Brandon McFerron, Dalton Grey, Reed Remington, Will Walker and Band Director Greg Daugherty. Not pictured were: Hannah Tyler, Megan Gray, Jake Mink, Caleb Coffey, Devin Davidson, Kyle **Shelton and Rylan Cromer**)

"Court"

(Cont. from front)

a week to deal with as many defendants as possible under the new program and told the court that he would be glad to report to them once a month as to the savings to them.

Magistrate John Holbrook made a motion to enter into the program for a one year period which was seconded by Magistrate Ralph Allen and passed unanimously.

In other business, County Judge Executive Buzz Carloftis told the court that there would be a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Quail Park on December 20th at 4 p.m. for the new multi-use building constructed this year. The building was built with \$60,000 in coal severance funds and a \$50,000 land and water grant was used for the project also. Carloftis told the court that there is about \$30,000 left from the land and water grant and will be used this Spring on blacktopping the driveway (entrance to the park), extending parking and refurbishing some of the picnic areas. "I did not realize how heavily this park was used. I wish we had more of them in the county," Carloftis said.

The court also heard a request from Sheriff Mike Peters for help with the salaries of two more "road" deputies. Peters said he was currently making do with two full time and one part time deputy, one full-time clerk, a part time clerk and six volunteers but "everything is going up and we are limited to the amount of money we take in," Peters said. "People don't work for free," he added.

The matter was referred to the court's newly formed finance committee of John Holbrook, Bill McKinney and Ralph Allen who will study the request and make a recommendation to the court at a later date.

The court also heard a request from the Rockcastle County Industrial Authority for office space in the courthouse and approval of their annual budget.

Corey Craig, RCIDA president told the court that the business of the industrial development authority had been handled out of his office at Citizens Bank for some time but needed a "presence" in the courthouse to further economic development efforts in the county.

Carloftis told the magistrates that expenses of RCIDA had never been paid by the county, except for the \$36,000 per year salary of Jim Holton, consultant, which the county pays to RCIDA, And, Carloftis noted, Holton does not even have an office to work from.

The county does provide an office space for the Rockcastle County Development Board which was formed in the late 1990s and which has no current funding. The development board has been funded in years past by \$10,000 yearly donations from Citizens Bank, Community Trust Bank, City of Mt. Vernon and Rockcastle Hospital. However, that funding has now ceased.

RCIDA was created in 1977, when the state required each county to set up such a group.

Craig said that amended bylaws of the two groups were now being drawn up to distinguish the purpose of each organization.

RCIDA's \$62,520 budget presented to the county Tuesday includes Holton's \$36,000 a year salary, funds for office help and supplies.

This matter was also referred to the finance committee which will report back to the

"ERWA"

(Cont. from front)

Corry told Whitler he was making a fool out of himself by putting things in the newspaper and that there was no record on file with the Kentucky Secretary of State, showing that KYCORPS, was actually a Kentucky corporation.

Whitler said in last week's Signal that KYCORPS is a notfor-profit 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.

Corry also told the crowd that he had told the Whitlers to call in the FBI to investigate ERWA, if that suited them.

Whitler had no comments to Corry's remarks, but later in the meeting said he was encouraged by the board's actions, especially on the matter of board member training.

The board also voted to move their meeting place from the courthouse to the room used by the homecoming committee in Livingston, next to the association office, and to change the date and time.

The ERWA board will meet the third Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m.

The board also approved their budget for 2009, which includes \$280,000 in projected revenue and \$261,000 in projected expenses.

ERWA has approximately 600 customers, mostly in the eastern and southern part of the

The next regular scheduled monthly meeting of the board will be January 19th in Livingston at 10 a.m.

"Arrested"

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Dorothy Page was charged with illegal sale and possession of alcohol in a dry territory and cited to court. Her arraignment is scheduled for January 12th



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Mount Vernon Signal

Thursday, December 11, 2008 **Second Section**

Scenes from the Brodhead Christmas Parade 2008



Some members of the Just Horsin' Around Crew participated in Saturday's Christmas parade at Brodhead. Shown above, from left are: Kayla Bishop, Ashley Cash and Mary pear in the Signal's December 25th Christmas edition.



Brodhead resident Dale Lark, gave Brodhead Homecoming Queen Morgan Campbell, a ride in his 1964 Corvette in Saturday's Christmas Parade.



Members of the Rockcastle County High School JROTC Color Guard participated in Saturday's Christmas Parade at Brodhead. Members of the Color Guard are shown above, from left: Cullen White, Ben Whitaker, Andrea Vanwinkle and Stanley Baggett.



Mayor Walter Cash drove his Gator in Saturday's Christmas Parade in downtown Brodhead. (Parade photos by: Richard Anderkin)

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

Marriage Licenses

Margaret Daniel, 44, Mt. Vernon, Tokico to William Stanley Moye, 54, Mt. Vernon, factory. 12/02/08.

District Civil Suits

Verne Decker, et al vs. Stephanie Miller, et al, forcible detainer complaint

Atlantic Credit and Finance. Inc. vs Anna Warner, \$1,664.40 plus claimed due.

Hinkle Contracting Corp. vs. Jeffery W. Shaver, \$2,687.37 plus claimed due.

Northstar Capital Acquisition vs. Andrew S. Elam, et al, \$848.69 plus claimed due.

Midland Funding LLC vs. Terry Cromer, \$806.61 plus claimed due.

Pattie A. Clay Regional Medical Center vs. Josie Benge, \$1,168.31 plus claimed

PDC Management Group LLC vs. Lillian Ramsey,

District Northstar Capital Acquisition LLC vs. David M. Sowder, \$3,968.55 plus claimed due. Court

\$3,270.04 plus claimed due.

Capital One Bank vs. Kate

Capital One Bank vs.

H. St. Ives, \$732.33 plus

Carolyn L. Rice, \$574.04 plus

Circuit Civil

Suits

Punhill II LLC vs. Billy

Farley E. Newcomb, Sr., et

Jamie Leigh Lynch vs.

Ford Motor Credit Co. vs.

Discover Bank vs Melbia J.

Chase Home Finance LLC

Tabitha Hogan vs. Stephen

Moore, \$14,912.78 plus

vs. Kathe Reece, \$118,400 plus

Hogan, petition for dissolution

of marriage. CI-00330.

Bowling, \$4,953.91 plus

al vs. Bridgette Payne, petition

Timothy Shane Lynch, petition

Amy Bowling, \$10,186.75

for dissolution of marriage.

for permanent custody.

plus claimed due.

claimed due.

claimed due. C-00309.

claimed due.

claimed due.

Dec. 01-03, 2008

Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless Daniel McElroy: fines/fees due (\$212), bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta)/5 days or payment.

Bryan H. McQueen: fault equipment, \$200 fine and costs. Angela S. Medley: fines/ fees due (\$653 and \$228), converted to 30 days in jail.

Krista Nicole Roberts: driving with license, and other charges, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Michael R. Saylor: no operators license in possession, \$100 fine and costs.

Leah C. Johnson: public intoxication and failure to wear seat belts, 6 days each in lieu of fines and costs/costs waived.

Jonathon H. Lewis: public intoxication, 6 days in lieu of fines and costs. Mike Martin: alcohol intoxi-

cation and contempt of court, time served in lieu of fines and

Mickey Barnes: fines/fees due (\$161.79), bw issued for

Charles J. Bolinsky, Jr.: no license in possession, \$100 fine and costs; failure to maintain insurance, \$500 fine/suspend \$450 on condition.

Kevin Clark: fines/fees due (\$25), bw issued for fta/1 day in jail or payment.

Lewis Dale Cotton: fines/ fees due (\$163), bw issued for fta/4 days or payment.

Steven Damrell: failure to maintain insurance and operating on suspended/revoked operators license, license suspended for fta.

James A. Dawson: fines/ fees due (\$188), convert to 3 days in jail.

Amanda Kaye Gilbert: fines/fees due (\$200), bw issued for fta/5 days or payment.

John R. Harmon: theft by deception, \$20 fine and costs, 20 days in jail/probated 12 months on condition, plus restitution to Save-A-Lot.

Cordia J. Hensley: fines/fees due (\$142) bw issued for fta/4 days or payment.

Eric Baker: fines/fees due (\$125), bw issued for fta/4 days or payment.

Regina Edwards: fines/fees due (4163), bw issued for fta/5 days or payment.

Daniel S. Haskins: fines/ fees due (\$243), bw issued for fta/5 days or payment.

Nancy Howard: fines/fees due (\$238), bw issued for fta/6 days or payment.

Tim Robbins: fines/fees due (\$383), bw issued for fta/10 days or payment.

Jim Shafer: fines/fees due (\$103), bw issued for fta/3 days or payment.

Jackie Smith: fines/fees due (\$413), bw issued for fta/10 days or payment.

James L. Smith: fines/fees due (\$262), bw issued for fta/7 days or payment.

Guadalupe D. Velazquez: fines/fees due (\$153), bw is-

sued for fta/4 days or payment. Deborah R. Wilhelm: fines/ fees due (\$663), bw issued for fta/14 days or payment.

William D. Young: fines/

fees due (\$753), bw issued for fta/15 days or payment.

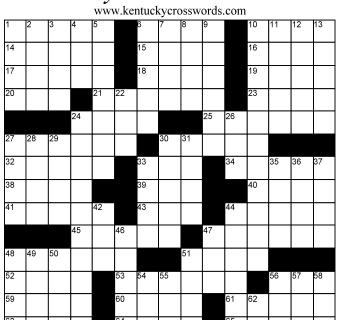
Tammy R. Cain: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, use/possession drug paraphernalia, possession controlled substance and 2nd degree possession of controlled substance, sentencing orders entered.

Darron Dooley: failure to wear seat belts, 425 fine.

Lesley Y. Hibbard: public intoxication, \$50 fine and costs; contempt of court, 3 days/concurrent w/Clay Co.

Serafin-Amnerieso Legorreta: alcohol intoxication, \$50 fine and costs.

Kentucky Crossword # 392



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51 Dust Bowl refugee

53 Kentuckian, 1933

MLB catcher Roof

Kentuckian Todd

52 Eastern royal

61 Indian tongue

63 Window part

Bee's home

65 Production for

Duncan?

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Thank you in advance for your cooperation and desire to help us improve Lambert Road.

Sincerely, Buzz Carloftis, County Judge Executive Jan Stevens, Magistrate of the Fourth District

Deeds Recorded

Archie and Billie Bales, property on old U.S. 25, to Alice Arlene and William M. Smith. No tax.

Michael and Vicky Alcorn, property in Cedar Point Subdv., to Johnnie Bullock, Jr. and Carolyn Bullock. Tax \$1.

Margaret Barnett, and others, property in Rockcastle County, to David N. Thompson. Tax \$28.50.

Freddy Carl Isaacs, property in Rockcastle County, to Shawn and Patricia Simmons. Tax \$7.00.

Kevin and Lanette Vote, property north of Mt. Vernon, to Gary and Arlene Todd. Tax Walter and Fronie Collins,

property in Rockcastle County, to Flora Marie Collins and Charles B. Falin. No tax.

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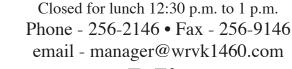
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Beautiful Brick Home With 13 acres +/-. This home has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, eat-in kitchen, large formal living room, and large formal dining room (or could be used as a family room). A unique two room cabin, chain link fence and a 30x32 barn round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



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



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



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



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



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 ap-



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 \$18,000



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



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



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



A Buyer's Paradise! When feeling stressed from a long days work ... come ome to relieve stress on your very own putting green...or hang out or our 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



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 measure 12x16. Close to Berea, Brodhead and Mt. Vernon. Call today! M2385



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.



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 bedro oom, 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



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, corra and pond. Property fronts on 39 North out of Crab Orchard. Call today! Reduced to \$79,900. M2376



Worth the Money! Three bedrooms, 1.5 bath brick ranch with for mal 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 lo cated in town! \$108,500. M2392



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 conve nient to Hwy. 70 and Hwy. 39. Approximately 4 additional acres can be purchased with this property. Call today! Only \$124,900.



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! M2410

9 Good Country Acres - Poplar Grove Road section of Rockcastle County - mostly level - city water. Great buildng 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

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.

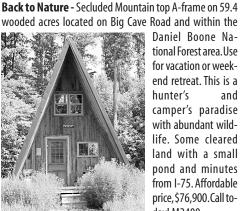
Absolute Estate Auction of the late Carl Hendrix's Brick House, 65 Acre Farm and Farm Machinery Saturday, December 13, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. Highway 80E, London, Ky.

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 Mr. Henry Walker and Ms. Joyce Walker's Properties Property 1: Brick House and 18 Acres m/l Property 2: Extra House and Lot Property 3: Concrete Block Garage and 17 Acres more or less Property 4: Barn and 2 Acres more or less Property 5:50 Acre Tract Property 6: 20 Acre Tract Saturday, December 13, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. US 25 between Barbourville and Corbin, Ky. in conjunction with Wood Realty

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)



Daniel Boone National Forest area. Use for vacation or weekend retreat. This is a hunter's 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



Income Producing Property - Grocery story 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

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 convienent 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.

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

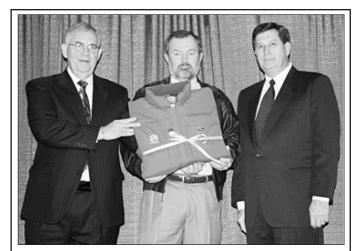
Great Building Lotsif you are looking for a nice building lot in the city limits of Mt. Vernon you have four to choose from! These lots range from 3/10 acre to 0.49 acre. Priced at \$9,000 each. Call for details. M2262

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-alifetime opportunity awaits you here! M1941

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



The Rockcastle County Farm Bureau was recognized for outstanding membership and program achievement during the recent 89th Kentucky Farm Bureau annual meeting in Louisville. Here, Terry Lawson, center, accepts the award from David S. Beck, right, Kentucky Farm Bureau executive vice president and Roger L. Simpson, executive vice president of Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance Companies during a December 5 recognition and awards pro-

Annual Thanksgiving Community Service held

On Wednesday, November 26, the Rockcastle Ministerial Association with the kind help of the folks from First Baptist Church, presented the Annual Thanksgiving Community Service. Eddie Nation, Pastor of the First Baptist Church greeted the gathering and Buford Parkerson opened with prayer. A time of musical worship was led by Luther Allen with his wife, Sandy, and Pamela Martin accompanying the singing.

Bruce Ross, Treasurer of the Association told of the past year's services to Tranthrough the Association's Transient Ministry. Mike Bryant, President of the Association, introduced the night's speaker, and Casey McClure brought an encouraging message. The evening was then closed with prayer by Jack Bruce.

The offering taken at the

meeting will be used to fuel the Ministerial Association's Transient Ministry as well as to help some events in Rockcastle County. It took an average of 225.00 per month last year and the Thanksgiving offering will offer us several months of service. The Transient Ministry, however, depends on continuing gifts from the County's generous congregations and individu-

The Association would like to thank God for the generosity of His congregations of the Church. If you would like to make a one-time gift or a regular support, you can send a check made out to "Rockcastle Ministerial Association" care of Bruce Ross at First Christian Church, P.O. Box 1305, Mount Vernon. If you have any questions, please call Bruce Ross at 256-2876.



SAE Spotlight...

The Rockcastle County FFA would like to congratulate Jeffery Albright for being the SAE Spotlight for this month. Jeffery is the son of Jeff and Melissa Albright. Jeffery is currently a senior at Rockcastle County High School and Vice-President of the Rockcastle County FFA Chapter. Jeffery grows eight acres of tobacco and has ten head of beef cattle. He has several pieces of farm equipment. Jeffery's achievements within the RCHS FFA Chapter have been Vice-President, Chaplain, Assistant Vice-President, Star Greenhand, Crop Impromptu Speech and Specialty Crop Proficiency. Jeffery's future plans consist of graduating high school and continuing to

Mt. Vernon Message

School News

Book Fair activities for this week are:

Grandparents' Day for 3rd Grade—Thursday, December

Donuts for Dad-Thursday, December 11

and 5th Grades—Friday, December 12 Project Wisdom Readers

Grandparents' Day for 4th

for last week were: Noland Monday:

Broaddus Tuesday: Scarlett Eaton Wednesday: Elijah Jones

Thursday: David Morris Friday: Our mystery reader was Beck Daugherty.

The Brownie and Junior Girl Scout Troops will have their Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 16th from 3:10 until 4:30.

5th Grade UNITE Club meets on Friday, December 19 at 2:05.

PTG News

Our PTG has a meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 11 at 3:30. Please make plans to attend.

PTG "PJ Fundraiser Day" is Friday, December 19. Students, faculty and staff will be permitted to wear their PJ's to school in exchange for a \$1 donation to our PTG.

Christmas Break begins December 22 and students are scheduled to return on January 5. Enjoy your time off with family and friends.

FRC News

FRC 100% Club meets Thursday, December 11.

FRC is sponsoring a Family literacy night for 2nd grade on Tuesday, December 16th at 5:00.

The FRC Council will meet on Wednesday, December 17 at 12:30 in the FRC

FRC Christmas Gifts will be ready for pick-up on Monday, December 22 and Tuesday, December 23.

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

FRC/CAP GED Classes are each Tuesday from 1:00

Our quote for this week is: "You can make more friends in two months by being interested in others than you can make in two years trying to

Three Links. Wed., Dec. 17th: Day Health/Sr. Citizens, Carter Drive Apts. and Brindle Ridge. **Community Christmas Dinner**

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The City of Livingston will host their annual Community Christmas Dinner on Sunday, Dec. 14th in the Livingston Gym, Preston Parrett Center. Mayor J.C. Griffin and Commissioners of the City of Livingston welcome all to attend.

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

SBDM Meeting

seniors are urged to attend.

There will be a meeting of the SBDM Council at RCHS on Wed., Dec. 17th at 3:45 p.m. Everyone welcome.

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. 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.

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 Mondayof each monthat 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.

Kiwanis Club Meetings

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at Renfro Valley Lodge.

Women's Narcotics Meeting There will be a Women's Narcotics Anonymous Meeting ev-

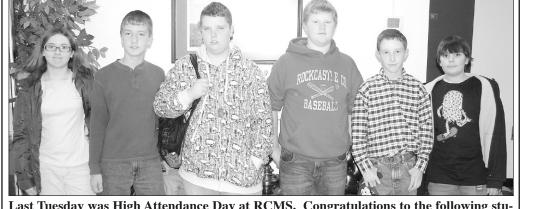
ery Monday evening at 8 p.m. at the Community Center, sponsored by Christian Appalachian Center. For more information, contact the Healing Rain Center at 256-5810.

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RCHS Band has big week ahead

Submitted by A. B. Sharpe Congratulations to all who placed in the 2009 Bluegrass All-Regional Band Ensembles last Sunday at South Laurel High School. Rockcastle was well represented at the competition. Devin Davidson (placed 2nd chair in the region) and Nicole McFerron are the selected Symphonic Band Members while Meghan Nation, Regina Rice, Matt Fields, and Anjelica Craig were chosen for the Concert Band. This competition took place after a busy week of tree lighting, parades and basketball games. The section leaders also travelled to Transylvania University last Thursday evening and rehearsed with the Central Kentucky Concert Band. The entire RCHS Concert Band will be rehearsing with them on Saturday in preparation for the per-

formance this Sunday. Sunday, December 14th, at Transylvania University the RCHS Concert Band is performing with the Central Kentucky Concert Band. The show, Back to Bayreuth features the music of Richard Wagner. In case you are not familiar, Richard Wagner was a dynamic German composer of the 1800's. He composed many operas and other works. The title Back to Bayreuth refers to the town in Germany that Wagner built his opera house and made his home. There has been a big festival there every year since Wagner first opened his opera house in 1871.

In addition to writing operas, Wagner also made signifi-

cant changes to the conditions under which operas were performed. It was Wagner who first demanded that the lights be dimmed during dramatic performances, and it was his theatre in Bayreuth which first made use of the sunken orchestra pit. Wagner also developed a style in which the orchestra's role is equal to that of the singers. This was a new form of opera which he called "music drama", in which all the musical and dramatic elements are fused together.

You may think you don't know anything about Wagner but actually you have heard some of his compositions. The song played at most weddings, "Here Comes the Bride", is from his opera Lohengrin. His music was a big influence on the soundtracks for the Star Wars and the three Lord of the Rings movies. One of the selections to be performed Sunday Night is the famous "Ride Of The Valkyries" which has been used in over 27 movies including Apocalypse Now, Excalibur, The Blues Brothers and even the old Elmer Fudd cartoon What's Opera, Doc?. As Elmer Fudd hunts for Bugs Bunny, he keeps singing," Kill the wabbit. Kill the wabbit." to the memorable refrain of "Ride of the Valkyries".

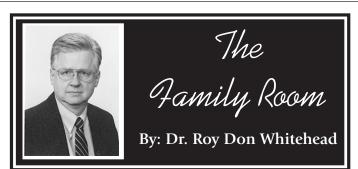
The program Sunday night includes not only "Ride of the Valkyries", but also "Huldigungsmarsch" (March of homage), "Wotan's Farewell and Magic Fire Music", and "Entry of the Gods into Valhalla", and several other

works. The RCHS Concert Band will be performing "The Pilgrim's Chorus" from Wagner's opera Tannhauser. This night of melodic offerings will be powerful and resounding. Your heart will race with the evocative intensity of Wagner's masterpieces. Come hear for yourself some of the most ambitious musical work ever composed. Join the RCHS Concert Band for an engaging evening of compelling artistry as they make their debut this Sunday in Haggin Auditorium, on the Transylvania University campus. The curtain goes up at 7:30 pm. Admission is free.

This coming week is yet another busy one for the band. On 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

Several members of the RCHS Concert Band are also performing with the Middle School on Thursday, December 18th. The RCMS Band students and the RCMS Chorus will be having their annual Christmas Concert. This is the first time the 6th graders will be playing in public. Admission is free to this annual event and this year it is being held in the High School Auditorium. The show begins at 6:30pm.

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 4:30pm and 6:00pm, 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.



Would you like to have a job that pays \$2.13 an hour and in which you must endure unpleasant treatment and sometimes verbal abuse? You can have just such a job, you know. All you have to do is become a waitress.

Waitresses (and waiters) have my admiration. I have seen them handle unruly customers and those who were downright rude. I have seen them smile and say nothing when accused of all manner of evildoing. Waitresses put up with more unpleasant people than most of us ever encoun-

Something about restaurants seems to bring out the worst in some people. Perhaps it is because they are hungry and tired. Perhaps it is because their squalling children cannot be calmed by any method. Whatever the reason, some folks give waitresses a hard time.

I know that there are bad waitresses. However, many times the problem is not the fault of the waitress. If your steak is not cooked as you ordered, that is not her fault. If your food arrived cold, that may not be her fault either. In most cases however, she is the one who gets the blame.

Perhaps you are surprised to discover that waitresses are paid \$2.13 an hour. You thought minimum wage applied to everyone, and you thought the minimum wage for everyone went up this year, didn't you? Well, it does not apply to waitresses and their minimum wage did not increase this year. The government in its wisdom did not apply the minimum wage to waitresses, figuring that THEY WOULD MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE IN TIPS.

I learned the importance of tips when I was in school. I held several different jobs while I was in school in New Haven, Connecticut, and one year I drove a taxicab. I was also paid less than minimum wage on the assumption that

tips would make up the difference. I can tell you that sometimes they did and sometimes they did not.

Some people tip better than others. I was told by other cabbies and quickly learned on my own that Yankees tip better than Southerners. (As a Southerner it pains me to admit this.) When a plane arrived at New Haven Airport from a southern city, cabbies knew that the tips would not be as good.

My one claim to fame as a cabbie is that I gave country music star Charley Pride a ride from the airport to his downtown hotel. Charley was great! He was delighted to find that I was from Kentucky and was interested in what I was doing in the north. We talked country music the whole trip, and he thanked me when we got to his hotel.

I am unable to say such nice things about the gentleman who was with him. After Mr. Pride went into the hotel, his associate paid me. He held out a dollar bill for a tip (a big tipper!), but when I reached for it, he pulled it away from me. He held it out again, and when I reached for it, he pulled it away and laughed. I suppose this was his idea of a joke. I was not amused.

The moral of this story is: appreciate your waitress and give her a good tip. How much should you tip? At least 15 percent and 20 is better. For a tendollar meal the tip would be \$2.00. It is certainly appropriate to give an even larger tip when the service has been particularly good.

Twenty percent does not amount to a lot of money, but it may make a big difference to your waitress. If she is supporting two children on \$2.13 an hour plus tips, every tip makes a difference. She can almost certainly use the money, so be generous. It is, after all, the season for giving.

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We want to continue our study of some of the good attitudes that were manifested in the first church as seen in early chapters of Acts. I am impressed with the spirit of sacrifice on the part of the early saints, which is an out growth of their brotherly love. "And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need." Acts 2:44-45. A little later on we read, "Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need. And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus, Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles feet." Acts 4:34-37. This is the only workable form of communism, a voluntary type, for this was done out of love. Acts 5 points out that such actions were not required or forced, "Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power?" vs.4. May we be encouraged by the example of these folks, "and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."

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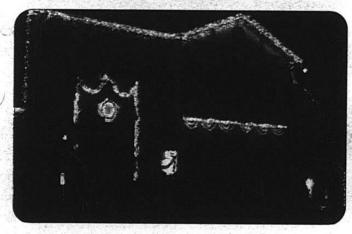
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 12-13

Eastern Kentucky University Singers' Madrigal Feaste, 6:45 p.m., Keen Johnson Ballroom. For tickets, \$26, call 622-2179.

Dec. 13

· Third annual Breakfast at Santa's Workshop, from 8 to 11 a.m. at First Christian Church on the corner of Lancaster Avenue and Main Street, Experience a magical Christmas at the North Pole featuring live entertainment, fun activities, the world's best pancakes, Krispy Kreme Doughnuts and coffee from Starbucks. Come see Santa, Mrs. Claus and a host of elves. This winter wonderland includes making your own stocking, ornaments, and making reindeer food along with other funfilled activities. The cost is \$5 per

Danish American Christmas

Danish American Christmas party, Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m., Russel Action Folk Center, 212 Jefferson St., Berea.

person and proceeds benefit the Handicap Playground Project at Lake Reba Park.

• Live music at Main Street Cafe on College Square in Berea, featuring Robert Tincher, who spent the summer in Scotland and played at a festival in Edinburgh. In addition, he got inspired to pursue a solo career as one of the best interpreters of Celtic music in our region. He has several recordings behind him. Come and enjoy some Celtic Christmas music. For details, call Sune Frederiiksen at 986-0703.

 Sculpting Santa demonstration by Lindy Evans of Berea at Kentucky Artisan Center, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Dec. 14

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Christmas Dinner," a traditional Victorian
Christmas party and
dinner remembering the
Christmases celebrated by
Abraham Lincoln, White
Oak Pond Church, 6 p.m.

· RAAC Madison Community Singers' Christmas Celebration, 5 p.m., First Christian Church, Richmond. Admission \$10. Reception after the concert. For tickets, call 624-4242 or visit: artsinrichmond.org.

Dec. 15

· Danish American Christmas

party, 7:30 p.m., Russel Action Folk Center, 212 Jefferson St., Berea

Dec. 17

Celebrate the holidays with a Christmas party at the Richmond branch of the Madison County Public Library, 2:30 p.m. The event will feature the Madison Community singers, holiday treats and special prizes. For more information, call 623-6704.

 Service of hope and healing, 7 p.m., First Christian Church on Main Street and Lancaster Avenue. For more information, call 623-4383.

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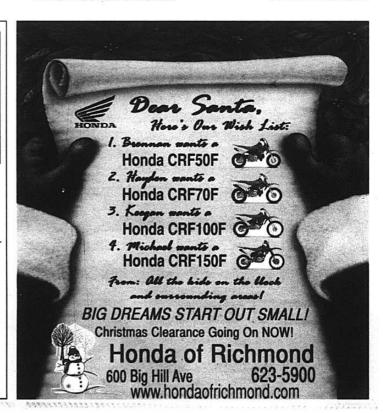
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Musical trio to perform holiday music in Berea

Special to the Register

BEREA – On Saturday, Dec. 20, Violet Rae Downey, Roberta Schultz and Vickie Ellis – who together form the musical trio, Raison D'Etre, will perform music from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Hailing from Northern Kentucky, Raison D'Etre specializes in seamless tight vocal harmonies, introspective original songs, and a performing repertoire featuring everything from Shaker to swing. Their sound is an eclectic mix of folk, country, original compositions, Shaker songs, 18th century ballads and even a little Broadway.

The group's name in French means "reason for being," which in the case of members Violet Rae Downey, Vickie Ellis and Roberta Schultz refers to making music together. A background in musical theater drives Violet's dramatic sense of song and fuels her incredible range. Vickie combines classical piano training, experience in radio and theater, and an interest in folk instruments to add spice to arrangements, and Roberta contributes finger-picking guitar styles, metaphysical song writing and Native drums (including a few that she made) to Raison D'Etre's unique mix.

This is the third performance by the group at the Kentucky Artisan Center where their recordings are regularly available. On Dec. 20, Raison D'Etre's will perform selections form their fifth



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CD titled "Hearts Content" as well as performing familiar holiday songs. The trio has appeared at key venues in

their home state including the Singletary Center for the Arts in Lexington, Glema Mahr Center for the Arts in Madisonville, Leeds Center for the Arts in Winchester, and the Kentucky Center for the Arts in Louisville.

Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea, located at 975 Walnut Meadow Road, just Interstate 75 at exit 77 (Berea). The Center's exhibits, shopping. and travel information areas are all open daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and the café from 11a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. The Center currently features works by more than 650 artisans from over 100 counties from all across the Commonwealth For more information call 859-985-5448 or visit the Center's Web site at www.kentuckyartisancenter, ky.gov.

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HOLIDAY HOPPIN'

Gallery hop Dec. 19

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Find gifts on budget without feeling like Scrooge

(MS) - This holiday season, thinking about shopping doesn't have to conjure up thoughts of black coal or empty stockings. It's not surprising that in a recent nationwide survey conducted by PersonalShopper.com, 48 percent of respondents were NOT looking forward to holiday shopping this year, up 22 percent from last year. In fact, 47 percent said that they would be spending less this year due to the uncertain economy and an increase in their expenses Nearly all Americans, similar to the 99 percent of respondents will be tooking or a variety of ways to say, money this holidar season freeare five tips for finding great guton a budge

I. Conserve your energy and save online. Avoid the crowds, save your gas and enjoy the convenience of shopping from the comfort of home when you want. Eighty three percent of the respondents from the survey said they will shop online as much, or even more, than they did last year. The primary reasons for this expected spike is in an

effort to cut down on their fuel consumption, it's less of a hassle and

more significantly, 72 percent expect to find better deals online. And if you're like the 33 percent respondents who prefer shop from 8 p.m. to midnight. you don't have

to worry about the stores being ciosed or the fact that you're in your paramas and make-up free 2. Make a budget and stick to it.

Irving to save money, especially when you are filled with the holiday spirit is easier said than done. This year nearly half of the respondents aren't looking torward to holiday shopping is because they "don't think I'll be able to buy the gifts I really want without busting my budget or maxing out my credit cards."

5. Consider group gifts, Thirty five percent of respondents indicated they planned to reduce the number of gifts they buy overall to

save money this year. There are two creative options to achieve this. Consider giving a pre-

sent to an entire family instead of buying individual gifts or

pool your funds with your siblings to get one big gift for mom and dad. That way no one is left off your

list and you'll be sure to delight everyone

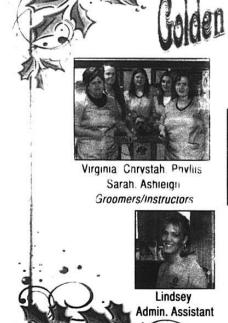
4. Resist the urge to re-gift, Over 60 percent of respondents indicaed that they have re-gifted an itemthey we received. Times may be tight, but you don't need to scrounge around your house for items you didn't like and bestow someone Surprisingly, respondents also indicated that over half of the recipients of these re-gifted items are the people closest to them, their friends and family. If you don't like the ceramic pig do you really want to saddle Aunt Marjorie with it?

Love Animals?

Unless she's has a collection of pigs. donate or sell it. In fact, 30 percent of survey respondents indicated they have received gifts in the past they considered inappropriate. with hideous home decor items and cheap perfume topping the list.

5. It pays to get personal. If you're like 47 percent of the survey respondents, the most difficult people to buy gifts for are your inlaws and your own mother because they either have every thing are too picky or they don offer any ideas. Unfortunately and buying presents for one's parenor in laws is usually not an onto-It you be sumped, take advantage of Web sites that will do the wor for you and recommend unique gift ideas based on their interests or personality. Or get creative and make a gift from the heart. 17 per cent of survey respondents indicated that giving homemade gifts is another way to reduce their budget this year.

Avoid becoming Scrooge this hol iday season with these money say ing tips and enjoy the spirit of giving











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Dec. 19

· Gallery Hop, downtown Richmond. (See full story on page 4.)

Dec. 21

· White Oak Pond Church will present the Christmas cantata "Festival of Lessons and Carols" by John Leavitt, will be presented at 10:30 a.m. At 7 p.m., the children's musical Christmas pageant, "Christmas Presence" by

Ellen S. Bunnell.

· Sing around the table. noon, at First Christian Church on Main Street and Lancaster Avenue, featuring dinner and carols. For details, call 623-4385.

Dec. 24

· Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5 to 6 p.m., First Baptist Church in Richmond.

· Christmas Eve (Candlelight Vespers, 11:15 p.m, White Oak Pond Church.

· First Christian Church at Main Street and Lancaster Avenue will perform its Christmas pageant on Dec. 24 at 5:30 p.m. Communion will be served at 11 p.m. For more information, call 625-4385.

Dec. 26

· Christmas Country Dance School at Berea College's Seabury Center. Classes in traditional dance styles including English clog, country,

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The performance is Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church, EKU Bypass, Richmond.,

For more information, contact First Baptist Church at www.firstbaptistnet.com or 623-4028. Admission is free.

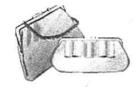
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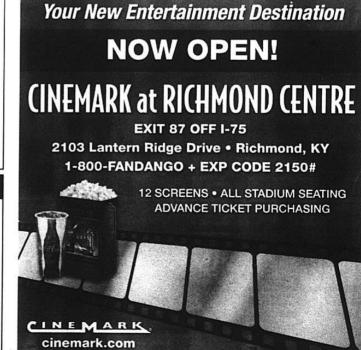
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A FUN, FAMILY EVENT

Homemade ornaments a treat for the holidays

(MS) — Once the perfect tree has been selected and placed in the home, the next task is to take out all of the ornaments collected over the years and hang them on the tree.

Part of what makes decorating the tree so memorable is the ornaments that have been collected over time- many of them handmade treasures. Looking through them is a trip down memory lane, bringing to mind the happy times these ornaments recall.

Today in a hurried society, it may seem easier to simply head to the store and purchase a box full of ornaments for the tree. But spending time creating your own can be a family event that's a fun way to spend time together. Here are a few ideas.

'Tie-Dyed' Balls

Create ornaments that have the impression of being tie-dyed. Simply buy a box of clear glass ornaments from a craft store. Pop off the metal top and squirt one or two different colors of acrylic paint into the center of the ball. Replace the top and twirl the ball around until the paint coats the inside in a marbled pattern. Place on a surface where the balls won't roll, such as an empty egg carton, and let dry.

Wire Ornaments

Purchase thin craft wire and small beads of various colors. Bend the wire into holiday shapes, such as candy canes and stars. This can be achieved by wrapping the wire around cookie cutters as templates. Thread the beads onto the wire shape until it is completely covered with beads. Use a needlenose pliers to twist together the two open ends to seal the ornament shut.



Add some homemade ornaments to your collection of store-bought treasures.

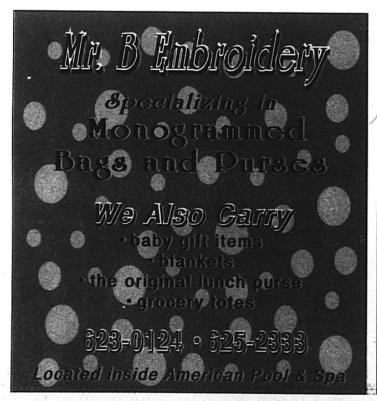
Popsicle Stick Treasures

Craft sticks, popsicle sticks, whatever you call them, these wooden items can be glued and painted to create a number of ornaments for the tree.

Fashion them into a triangular shape and paint green for a Christmas tree. Glue a handful together and paint white for a snowflake. Dust these ornaments with glitter for even more sparkle on the tree.

Craft Foam Creations

Pop into any craft store or even toy store and you will likely find packages or loose sheets of thin colored foam that can be cut and designed into everything from sun visors to doorknob signs to fun ornaments for the tree.



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Madrigal Feaste highlights EKU holiday events

Tickets are on sale now for the 38th annual Madrigal Feastes at Eastern Kentucky University.

The 22-member University Singers, under the direction of Dr. Sue Ellen Ballard, will join with Aramark Dining Services to present the Feaste on Friday, Dec. 12, and Saturday, Dec. 15, in the Grand Ballroom of the Keen Johnson Building. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. nightly, with seating beginning at 6:45. The first fanfare will sound at 7.

Tickets, \$26 each, can be purchased in the Colonel 1 Office, Room 17 of the Powell Building. Visa and MasterCard reservations may be made by calling 859-622-2179.

The Feaste, which recreates 16th century English madrigal dinners, is divided into two segments. First, the guests will enjoy a seven-course meal, during which the Singers will entertain with light Christmas selections. This year's meal consists of Wassail

Bowle, Quiche Lorraine, Stilton Cheese and Ale Soup, English Round Breads, Beefe

reservations Medallions served over Long will play Lady of the Misrule by calling 859- Grain Wilde Rice, Haricot and Lord of the Keen

Vert, Christesmesse Pudding, and beverage.

Following the meal, the Singers, accompanied by faculty and student instrumentalists on period instruments, will present a concert consisting of familiar madrigal selections from leading composers such as William Byrd, Thomas Morley, John Dowland, Orlando di Lasso and others.

EKU faculty members Alice Jones and David Eakin will play Lady of the Misrule and Lord of the Keen Johnson Hall respectively, bringing experienced period acting to the production. Rounding out the players will University staff members Carol Siler of WEKU as Lady of the Keen Johnson Hall and Marc Whitt, associate vice president of Public Relations and Marketing, who will play Lord of the Misrule.

"This is the perfect time to set aside a few hours to stop the rush of the holiday season and enjoy being served," Ballard said. "Invite friends and family to join one of EKU's longest running musical traditions of beautiful singing, nice delicacies, and good laughter."

University Singers members are: Jessica Marshall, Abby Day, Tyler Hammons, Ikia Daughtery, Megan Posey, Caitlyn Kogge, Jordan Nickell, Jonathan Goshorn, Laura Scott, Rebekah Logsdon, Casey Scott, Eric Jackson, Teresa Smyser, Jessica Slaton, Dillon Smallwood, Darnaby Kerns, Amanda Thacher, Kayla Spurlock, Landon Westerfield, Alvie Snyder, Virginia Wilson and Emily Sutton.

Members of the music fraternity Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia will serve.



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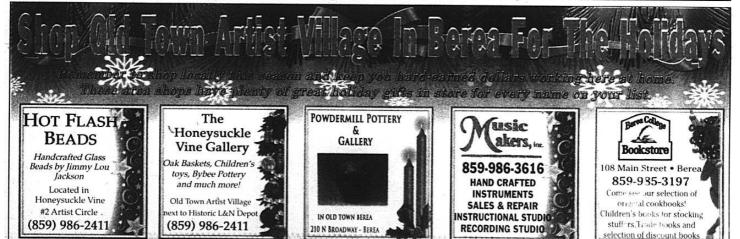
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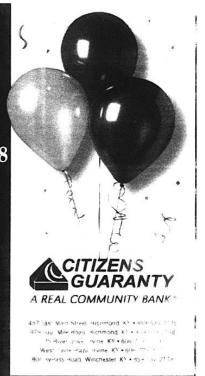
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Gourd artists demonstrate at Kentucky Artisan Center

BEREA —On Saturday, Dec. 20, Donna and Donnie Smith of Waco, will demonstrate their gourd artistry from 10:50 a.m. to 5:50 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Twenty vears Donna and Donnie Smith planted gourds by their back porch and their journev as craftspeople began. Donna eventually left her job and she and her husband Donnie became fulltime gourd artists. Their work is a partnership with Donna decorating the gourds with floral images or leaves that conform and enhance their natural shapes. Some of her pieces become vases when she takes long necked gourds ind embellishes them with vertical imagery. Utilizing her graphic design background, Donna draws a design in pencil and then burns the design with a wood burning tool. The gourds are next painted with watercolors, inks, dyes and water-based stains, and sealed with a clear acrylic.

Most of their gourds are raised on their five acrefarm by Donnie. A good dried gourd, though, is just the beginning - Donnie washes each gourd to remove the outer skin, which has molded and left an interesting pattern and texture on the gourd, and then cleans and sands the gourds and cuts the lids. He is constantly finding creative ways to cut their gourds, transforming them into baskets and lidded vessels using cut-out filigreed designs that enhance and integrate the painted surface and form. His newest idea has been to create wooden inset bases for their gourds, allowing for greater stability in the more vertical and asymmetrical gourds.

Gourds by Donna and Donnie Smith are regularly available at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea, located at 975 Walnut Meadow Road, just off Interstate 75 at exit 77 (Berea).

The Center's exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are all open daily from 8 am to 8 pin and the cafe from 11 am to 7:30 pm. Admission is free.

The Center currently features works by more than 650 artisans from over 100 counties from all across the Commonwealth.

Communicating with Santa Claus

Thanks to Santa's helpers in the Richmond Parks and Recreation Department, children can receive a letter from Santa.

The jolly, fat man may have lived for centuries in a remote corner of the globe, but his Richmond helpers have moved him into the 21st century.

Santa, who will continue to make phone calls, also can receive and send e-mails this year.

Although Santa may have been one of the first to go global, his Richmond marketing consultants have persuaded him to get the jump on his competitors, to make early home visits inside the city limits.

Applications for these program can be printed from the parks department Web site – parks.richmond.ky.us – by clicking on the Santa Programs link. They may also be picked up at the parks and recreation office, 521 N. Second St., or from either Richmond McDohald's.

More information may be obtained by calling 623-8753.

Santa Hot Line

Children who are registered by Dec. 10 can get a phone call from their favorite North Pole resident via the Santa Hot Line.

Members of Eastern Kentucky University will be helping Santa with phone calls.

Santa letters and e-mail

Children who e-mail their wish lists to Santa via the parks department Web site will get a reply from Santa at no charge.

For only \$2, Santa will write a personal letter to all those who apply by Dec. 12.

"The children will received a decorated personalize letter that they can cherish for a lifetime." said program coordinator Lisa Cassity.

Santa Express

On Dec. 16-18, from 6 to 9 p.m., a Richmond Police officer will escort Santa on home visits inside the city limits to good girls and boys age 10 and younger whose families have registered.

Santa will deliver a stuffed animal to

"The deadline is Dec. 12, but a limited number of visits are available, so apply early," Cassity said.

The cost is \$15 for one child, and \$5 for each additional child in the home.

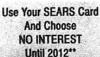


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Maintaining your family's holiday traditions

For many families, the holidays are all about tradition. Traditions can include annual trips to Grandma's house, when and where a family shares its holiday gifts, or something as simple as the holiday meal.

With the nation's economy in flux, however, some family traditions could be facing extinction. For example, thanks to higher transportation costs, fewer families are likely to hit the road this holiday season, which could make it harder to keep long-standing travel traditions alive. But even families who are tightening the purse strings can keep the spirit of these traditions alive. It just takes some improvisation and a little planning.

Make your own meal: For many families, breaking bread at a favorite restaurant is a holiday tradition. However, as most adults know, the cost of nearly everything has been on the rise this year, making it more expensive to dine out, especially on a



Families can still maintain their favorite traditions this holiday season; it just might take a little tinkering.

holiday when meals typically cost extra regardless of the state of the economy.

However, there is a way to

keep your culinary tradition alive, and save some money in the process. Rather than dining out this holiday season, dine in and recreate the meal you typically enjoy while dining out. If your family feasts on turkey at your favorite restaurant, you can save money by cooking a turkey yourself. For those who aren't the cream of the culinary crop, there are a host of cookbooks or online recipes that offer easy and step-by-step directions to cooking a host of holiday meal favorites. Once you've cooked your own family meal, you might be surprised at how easy it was and how much money you've saved.

Change your schedule: Lots of families find the chance to gather with extended family and friends the true joy of the holiday season. However, with fuel costs still high, driving or flying to see relatives might fall by the wayside as families look to save some money.

One way to counter the costs of holiday traveling is to travel on days that aren't traditional travel days. This can prove especially prudent when flying, as airlines often charge far less if travelers are more flexible and willing to fly on off-peak dates. While you might not be able to spend the holiday itself with family and friends, you should still be able to spend some time around the holidays with family and friends, and save lots of money in the process.

Another way changing your schedule can save you money is if you get together with family and friends and choose to meet in a neutral setting that's more amenable to everyone. For example, rather than one family traveling 200 miles to visit relatives, ease the burden on both ends by agreeing to meet at a halfway point. There, you can sit down and enjoy a good meal, spend the day together, and share the financial burden of

traveling, rather than placing that burden all on one family.

 Be flexible: Because kids often get at least a week off from school during the holiday sea son, many families choose to take mini vacations during this time of year. But the state of the economy might make that tradition harder to keep this holiday season.

In such instances, it helps to be as flexible as possible. For instance, if a tradition involves a week or weekend at your favorite ski resort, you don't necessarily need to squash that tradition entirely. Rather, consider scaling it down. Choose a closer resort if possible, and rather than spending the night, make it a day trip. If you're used to spending an entire week, save money by scaling it back to just a couple of days, and choose the days in the middle of the week, when resorts typically lower rates in an effort to attract more customers.



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