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At Mt. Vernon's regular monthly meeting

Council votes to obtain funding for tourism project, buys fire truck, raises water rates

By: Richard Anderkin

At Monday night's regular monthly meeting of the Mt. Vernon City Council a massive amount of business was conducted, with an even larger

amount of money being spent.

In a nutshell, the council voted to give Mt. Vernon Mayor Clarice Kirby the authority to obtain funding for the Rockcastle Tourism Commis-

sion and funding for the balance due on the purchase of additional property for the city park on Williams Street.

The council also voted to buy a new fire truck and a new

backhoe and they raised water rates.

After Monday's meeting, Mayor Kirby now has the authority to obtain funding in the amount of \$750,000 for the

Rockcastle Tourism Commission, which will purchase 20-23 acres overlooking, Renfro Valley, I-75 and Lake Linville, where they plan to build a tourism conference center in the likeness of a castle.

The \$750,000 will come from the sell of low interest bonds through the Kentucky Area Development District's (KADD) Financing Trust.

Mayor Kirby again told the council and those present, including members of the tourism commission, that the loan would be paid back by the tourism commission through the city. The Mayor said the City and Tourism Commission would have a detailed contract as to the pay back obligation.

Tourism CEO Susan Laws said at an earlier meeting of the council, that some of the proceeds from the 3% restaurant tax would be used to pay off the loan.

Laws said the restaurant tax generates anywhere from \$20,000 to \$30,000 a month, which is split between the city and tourism commission.

The Tourism Commission had requested the money be borrowed by the city because the Tourism Commission does not qualify for low interest loans, such as the one being obtained.

The Mayor did not give the council any details as to the length of the loan but she did say the interest rate would be around 5%.

Before the council voted on the funding, local resident

Mike Smith questioned the Mayor and Laws as to the feasibility of the project.

Smith said he thought the purchase price was extremely high and was a bad idea, given the current state of the economy. Smith said he was afraid that local taxpayers would end up paying for the tourism project because it could not pay for itself and that if the land had to be sold to pay off the debt, it "wouldn't bring what you all are paying for it."

Laws told Smith that extensive research had been done on the project and that she did not think Congressman Harold Rogers would be supporting the project, if he and his staff did not think it was feasible.

The discussion between the Mayor and Smith, who also

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Celebrating the Birth of Christ

Members of the Skaggs Creek Baptist Church had a live Nativity Scene at the church on Friday and Saturday, in celebration of the birth of Christ, which was attended by many local people. Shown above, from left, are: Wisemen Jeff Cromer, Tom Hayes and Bill Hammond, Angel Dana Payne, and Ricky and Emily Cheeks as Mary & Joseph.

Community Trust Bank will loan county funds for SoureCorp Building

By a unanimous vote last Thursday, the Rockcastle Fiscal Court approved an ordinance for financing of the \$2.7 million construction costs of the new SoureCorp building with Community Trust Bank. The action came at a special called meeting of the court.

There was quite a bit of discussion among magistrates and County Judge/Executive Buzz Carloftis about the merits of dealing with Ross, Sinclair and issuing bonds, which

would become a general obligation debt of the county or leasing the money from Community Trust Bank.

Ross, Sinclair, a Lexington based bonding company which specializes in public financing, had told Carloftis and Magistrate Bill McKinney that the bond market had tightened considerably since the first time an issue was discussed and the projected interest rate would be 7%, and perhaps 8% or higher on the day of issue.

Also, fees to Ross, Sinclair for handling the process would amount to about \$60,000, McKinney said.

On the other hand, the interest on a loan from Community Trust Bank, according to Mike Blount, Market President for Rockcastle County, would range from 4% to 7 1/2%. The terms are actually 1/2% above prime, however, the floor is 4%.

County Treasurer Joe Clontz told the court that the

Community Trust offer would be the best for the court because the prime would have to rise considerably before it would affect the county's interest rate. Clontz also said the lower interest rate would save the county as much as \$150,000 over a three year period.

The first offer from Community Trust was actually for a range of 5% to 7 1/2% for the interest rate. However, when

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Livingston Parade is Saturday

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.

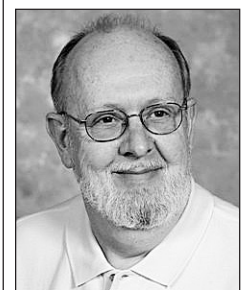


Roadways were slick throughout Rockcastle last Friday, including on Old Dixie Hwy. in Mt. Vernon, after Mother Nature dumped an inch of snow on top of ice covered roads. Rockcastle weatherman Bud Cox, said Friday's snow was the second recordable snowfall this season. The first snowfall was November 20th when a half-inch fell. Cox said he also recorded a trace of snow on four different days this winter season. Rockcastle County Schools were dismissed for the first time this year because of inclement weather.



Approximately 100 people attended the annual Community Christmas Dinner at Livingston on Sunday afternoon. Shown above, from left are: Lorraine Maggard, Lil Griffin and J.C. Griffin. Maggard is a former council member, while J.C. Griffin serves as Livingston Mayor and his wife, Lil, is a council member. Below, Vicky Mink and Doug Mink go through the line at Sunday's Dinner, where there was lots of good food and a visit from Santa Claus. (Photos by: Richard Anderkin).





Rockcastle Memories

By David J. Griffin

Pop was a School Board member

A few weeks ago I was fortunate enough to be elected to the Powell County Board of Education. For most of my life I have been involved in education, and I look forward for this opportunity to serve during this difficult time.

When I was a small boy, my grandfather Eugene Stokes (Pop) was also a school board member in Rockcastle County. He too was very proud to serve. Pop thought that education is the most important aspect of a child's development – even though he did not have a high school diploma himself.

Pop was a businessman, and he worked harder than anyone I ever knew. During the week, he traveled across several counties selling Aubry Red "A" feed and groceries from Louisville Grocery Company. When he first began this vocation, his travels were on horseback. Rain or shine he rode that horse to the businesses in his district.

I never heard him complain about how hard he had to work. He was proud to have a good job in those challenging times. Later he wore out several automobiles with his travels as a "drummer of goods."

Such a business was not without its dangers. One dark and stormy night (yes, really), Pop was headed home during a severe thunderstorm when a bolt of lightning hit his horse, knocking it to its knees. I remember him describing it by saying, "I thought a tree had fallen on my head." After he was able to get the horse back on its feet, he led the animal for several miles back home.

When he was elected to the board position, Pop served with several other important men from Mt. Vernon. He was

proud of his position on the Mt. Vernon Independent Board of Education. Pop was extremely pleased to be serving with such successful gentlemen.

Mr. Logan Bryant was one of Pop's close friends, and they served on the board at the same time. Mr. Bryant owned and operated Bryant's Appliance Store on Main Street. I first got to know him when Pop took me to the store and asked if his grandson could purchase a stereo record player on time payments.

Pop assured him that if his grandson failed to make a payment, he would pay off the debt. I saved my money each week and went in every Saturday to pay Mr. Bryant \$2 until the contract was fulfilled. I will never forget the trust both men had in me, and I never missed a payment.

In addition to Mr. Bryant, Doctor John D. Henderson was also a member of the board. His reputation was known all over that part of the state for his ability to make a set of dentures for \$100. People came from far and wide to sit in his office overnight to get first in line. Dr. Henderson would pull the teeth and put in the dentures at the same time.

Two other members of the board worked at the Bank of Mt. Vernon. N.M. Smock was President of the bank. His reputation for honesty and having a good business sense was known throughout the county.

Bob McKenzie was also employed at the Bank of Mt. Vernon as a teller. He too had a reputation for integrity and fair business dealings.

I think Pop loved being in the company of such good and honest men. He treasured their

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Siblings on course for lifetime of togetherness

Sibling unity has been a trademark of the Bakers of Leslie County for nearly seven decades.

In fact, you might say it runs in the family.

Half the clan of 12 was in Renfro Valley on a recent snowy Saturday morning, taking part in a four-mile race sponsored by the hospital in Rockcastle County.

Mollie, 66, was the top runner in her age group on this particular day, pausing to cheer on her brother and sisters after crossing the finish line.

What started 15 years ago with an invitation from one sibling to take part in a race sponsored by her company has turned into a family tradition.

Although all 12 have yet to compete together in a single race, nearly all have taken part at one time or another in half marathons and races of various other distances.

At least half come together for marathons in Indianapolis each May and October. A family favorite is the Run For Your Life walk/run held in Hyden each spring to benefit the American Cancer Society.

"We've always been close

as a family, and the races give us an opportunity to come together several times a year," said Mollie, a retired English teacher at Leslie County High School.

"We do this, and then we go out and eat," said Evia Mullins, a retired factory worker now living in Mt. Vernon.

The family's togetherness is easily traceable back to their days growing up "along the second fork at Wooten," deep in the hills of Leslie.

Following their most recent outing, all six sat around a table sharing stories and reflecting on childhood days spent with strict, but loving, parents.

Some have vivid memories of their hard-working father making the daily six-mile trip to the coal mines where he put in 12-hour days. The family had a car, but Bill Baker left it in the driveway in case his wife needed it for an emergency.

His children recall him coming home often with 50 pound bags of feed on his back for the milk cow, hogs, and chickens raised by the family.

In winter months, their father's wet overalls would be frozen stiff and left standing

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T.J.'s Journal

by: Tonya J. Cook



Dear Journal,

Where were you when it began? Stanley and I were over at London doing a little shopping. Exactly what was "it" you may wonder. The exceptionally beautiful snow that fell last Thursday night, of course.

We usually end up over at London two or three days out of the week for one reason or another, and this particular time it was last Thursday night when I noticed some sleet and a mixture of freezing rain starting to fall. I didn't remember hearing anything about it on the weather forecast earlier, so I figured it would stop shortly. Besides, Stanley pointed out that the thermometer in the car indicated that it was 40 degrees outside. We proceeded to the next store without giving the weather much thought. By the time we came back to the car, it was covered with sleet and ice, and the parking lot was getting pretty slick. We decided to go back home while we still could.

We got home without incident, and tuned on the TV to the Weather Channel. By the way, it's been rumored that if you watch the Weather Channel a lot like you would regular programming, it's a tell-tale sign that you're getting old. Not necessarily. Sometimes it's the only thing on that's very interesting. After you reach a cer-

tain age, it doesn't take a lot to entertain you, either, I've always said. We didn't watch anything very long because soon the satellite went out. Too much ice on the dish, I guess. We looked outside and the snow had started. Being the "snow lovers" that we are, we decided to watch it for a while from our front porch.

The following night, we had

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Points East

By Ike Adams

My Dad was a coal miner who spent most of his adult life gouging out a living by getting coal from deep inside a mountain to the outside where it could be loaded and shipped to parts unknown, turned into electricity and make the lights glow all over our country.

Most of his time underground was spent on his knees with a shovel or crawling around doing the myriad maintenance chores required to keep a mine going. Imagine yourself in a tunnel only 43 inches high and you are 74 inches tall and perhaps you get some idea of his work environment. Imagine no lights in said tunnel except for the flame from a carbide lamp attached to a helmet on top of your head.

Dad worked, for many years, as part of a four man team that kept a little coal mine going there in the head of Blair Branch in Letcher County where they managed to get 30 or so tons of coal per day from way inside the earth to the light of day.

Dad and his coworkers, all of whom were like family, accomplished this feat by drilling auger holes ten or so feet into the seam of coal, tamping them with dynamite, and blasting the mineral loose, whereupon it was loaded into two-ton gondolas and pulled by ponies to the surface.

Because he spent so much time on his knees, Dad wore

heavy, steel-toed boots and "miner's socks" made of thick heavy cotton that came all the way to his knees. The toes wore out really fast and Mom spent at least one evening a week "darning" Dad's socks but that is another story.

Come Christmas, Dad got new socks that Mom would order from Spiegel's, Montgomery Ward, or Sear's and Roebuck. She'd pick out a couple of pairs on Christmas Eve and give one sock each to my three younger brothers and me and help us write our names on top of the sock.

We'd make a big deal out of it, Keeter and me, by fastening our particular sock to the fireplace mantel with a heavy nail and nail holes were already for that express purpose. Andy and Steve were too young to be interested in volume, but Keith and I were sold on the notion that the more a "stocking" held, the heavier it was apt to be, and we wanted it full and in no danger of falling into the fire.

Which is why we were only allowed to hang them on Christmas Eve. A stray spark into one of Dad's big long socks would have set the house afire. I'm reasonably sure that My Mom watched her boys go to sleep on many a Christmas Eve and then set up all night to make sure that didn't happen.

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RSV--The Bad Respiratory Virus

Presented by Dr. Callie Shaffer

Each winter, one of the most troublesome respiratory viruses of childhood makes the rounds. Most older children tolerate the respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) well and just suffer the symptoms of a cough, sore throat, runny nose and fever.

For some children, however, the virus can be very serious. These are usually children who are between the ages of two and five months. They are old enough that they have lost the immunity they received from their mothers and too young to tolerate such a harsh virus. Children who have lung, heart or immune problems are also at greater risk of complications from RSV. One of the other problems with this virus is that it may take two or three infections before a child develops good immunity to it.

The virus is spread by coughing and close contact, such as touching hands. The virus is so common that most children have had the infection by three years of age. After this age, RSV infections are seldom a problem.

The virus causes a great deal of irritation to the lining of the lungs. Increased mucus and sloughed cells cause the tiny airways to plug up. This plugging slows the air that is leaving the lungs, so the lungs become over-expanded in a way similar to emphysema. In the more severe cases, the airways become completely plugged up and the airways collapse.

Treatment is usually aimed at reducing the symptoms and making sure a child is getting adequate oxygen. Infants often need to be hospitalized for RSV infections. A steroid syrup or shot is commonly used and can decrease the symptoms. In severe cases, an antiviral antibiotic can be used, but its usefulness is still being studied. It's good to keep stresses to a minimum.



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Obituaries



Tomina Nichole Wallin Price

Tomina Nichole Wallin Price, 31, wife of Charles Eddie Price of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, December 11th, 2008 at the U.K. Medical Center. She was born on July 31st, 1977 in Richmond, KY a daughter of the late Tom E. and Fannie Mae Wallin. She was a loving wife, devoted mother and home maker. Her hobbies and interest were crafts, drawing and family interest. On June 23rd, 1995 she was united in holy matrimony to Charles Eddie Price and from that union came one child, Caleb Aaron Price.

Those left to cherish her memory are: her husband, Charles Eddie Price of Mt. Vernon; one child, Caleb Aaron Price; two sisters, Judy Armstrong of Nicholasville and Regina (Phillip) Hullbrown of Mt. Vernon; one special cousin, Patience Nichole Giesener; and a host of nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides her father she was preceded in death by one brother, Thomas Frederick Wallin.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 14th, 2008 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals Chapel with Bro. Rick Reynolds officiating. Burial followed in the Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Casket bearers were: Jerry Price, Larry Price, Kevin Hopkins, Joshua Smith, Robert Poynter, Garry Price, Matthew Smith and Brandon Reynolds.

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

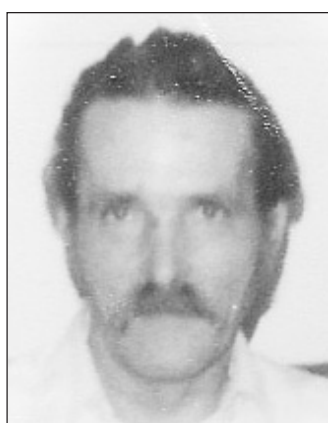
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In Loving Memories



In Loving Memory of T.G. Laswell

Who passed away Sept. 4, 2005 This Dec. 18th would have been our 55th wedding anniversary. You've gone first and I remain to walk this road alone. I'll lie in memory's garden dear With the happy days we've known. In spring I'll watch for roses red when fades the lilac blue, And in early fall, when brown leaves fall, I'll catch a glimpse of you. We've known so much of happiness, And we've had our cup of joy, But memory is one gift of God That death cannot destroy. I'll hear your voice, I'll see your smile, Tho' blindly I may grope, The memory of your helping hand will bear me on with hope. There's one thing I'd have you do, Walk slowly down that long, long path, For soon I'll follow you. And I want to know each step you take, I'll want to walk the same For someday down that long lonely road, You'll hear me call your name. *You're Sadly Missed by your Wife, Mary*



Charles Denney

Charles Denney, 70, of Crab Orchard, died Tuesday, December 9th, 2008 at the Golden Living Center in Stanford. He was born in Stanford on November 29, 1938. He was the son of the late Carl and Zola Marie Todd. He was a former welder having worked for Square D and Mid State Steel. He was a member of the New Hope First Church of God.

Survivors include: son, Mark (Connie) Denney of Brodhead; daughters, Alma Denney, Mary (Larry) Norton, all of Brodhead, Roxanna (Billy) DeBorde of Somerset, and Sandra (Tim) Tyler, Tammy Martin and companion Gary Blanton, all of Brodhead; sons, Keith (Melanie) Denney and Dawayne (Kelly) Denne, all of Brodhead; 17 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren; brothers, Robert Denney of Brodhead, Carl Denney, Jr. of Cincinnati and Danny Denney of Stanford; sisters, Fran Napier of Danville, Pauline Denney and Juanita Harrison, both of Lancaster and Loretta Gilliam of Tazwell, TN; half brother, Ray Wren of Crab Orchard; and several nieces and nephews

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: a brother, Carlos Denney; half-brother, James Wren; half-sister, Mildred Jones; and stepmother, Lena Denney and stepfather, Lovell Wren.

Pallbearers were: Willie Martin, Mike Price, Tim Tyler, Ben Thrush, Mike Denney and Donald Lee Asbury.

Funeral services were held Friday, December 12, 2008 at the McKnight Funeral Home Chapel with Bros. Randall Adams and Charles Howard officiating. Burial was in Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery.



In Loving Memory of Rebecca M. Smith

God is holding you in His care, Sometimes the things that seem the worst,

Turn out to be the best, And this is just a signal that you need a little rest.

For while we cannot understand Why things happen as they do, The one who hangs the rainbow out

Has His own plan for ou. *We love and miss you very much*

Happy 30th Birthday To you in Heaven.

Merry Christmas from your precious daughter, Lindsey who misses you very much, Mom, Lisa, Rhonda and Alvin

Pick up our Christmas issue on stands December 23rd



Anne Anderkin

Anne L. Anderkin, 80, of Lexington, died Friday, December 12, 2008 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington. She was born February 3, 1928 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of James Arthur and Mary Ethel Barrett Anderkin. Anne graduated from Mt. Vernon High School and following graduation moved to Lexington and began employment with General Electric where she worked for 40 years. She was a member of Central Baptist Church. Anne loved spending time with her family, reading and was a loyal UK basketball fan.

Anne is survived by: one brother, Elmo (Wanda) Anderkin of Mt. Vernon; three sisters, Jean (Vincent) Fish and Bonnie (Glen) Coffey, both of Mt. Vernon and Mary Jane (Dock) Amyx of Indian Springs, Ohio as well as many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by a sister, Dorothy Bishop and three brothers, Bill, Bert and James Anderkin, Jr.

Funeral services were held December 15th at Kerr Brothers Funeral Home in Lexington. Burial was in Berea Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Richard, Travis and Aaron Anderkin, Jason and Kenny Stewart and Sean Fish.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Lung Association, 1636 Nicholasville Rd., Suite 1, Lexington, KY 40503.

Cards of Thanks Murrell Smith

We would like to thank everyone who came and everyone who brought food. We thank Marvin E. Owens Funeral Home, Bro. Offutt, Bro. Billy Medley and his wife for the kind words and the singing.

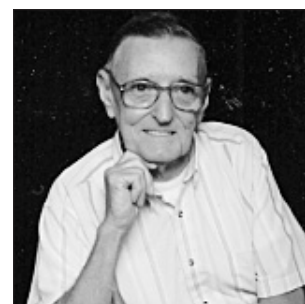
We appreciate your concern at this time of sorrow. Thanks for all the beautiful flowers and cards.

Doris, Deanna, Judy, Betty and Anita

Jo Ann Harper

A special thanks from the family of Jo Ann Harper. The family of the late Jo Ann Harper wishes to express their sincere appreciation for the kindness and love shown during our recent loss. Thanks to the Cox Funeral Home for their service and kindness. A special thanks to Bro. Raymond Offutt for the kind words. Also thank you to all of those who sent flowers, food and for all your prayers. Everything was greatly appreciated.

Sister Betty Turnau and Faye Harper and Family

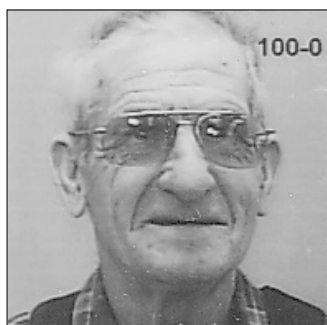


Charles W. Elliott

The family of Charles W. Elliott would like to thank everyone for all the food, flowers, prayers, cards and the beautiful songs during the loss of our loving father.

We would also like to thank the following: Rockcastle Rehabilitation Center staff and residents, Rockcastle Hospital staff, Dr. Saylor, Dr. Bullock, Marvin E. Owens Home of Funerals, Bros. Ova Baker and Dale McNew of Chesnut Ridge Church of Christ, bearer's Dennis Elliott, Stacey Brewer, Greg Renner, Kyle Barnes, Jim Dargavell and Boyd Durham II, Chaplin Luther Allen, singers Jim Dargavell, Keith and Paula Mink, all the wonderful food the Ottawa Baptist Church-WMU provided and all of our friends for being there in time of our loss.

The family of Charles W. Elliott June Smith, Imogene Renner, Connie Barnes & Donna Cameron



William "Bill" Brown

William "Bill" H. Brown, 75, of the Woodstock Community died Friday, December 12, 2008 at his residence. Bill was born February 15, 1933 in the Woodstock community to the late Walter and Mary Todd Brown. He was of the Baptist faith. He enjoyed walking, fishing, rabbit hunting, raising a garden, and loved whittling wood. He made several wooden canes. Over the years, his greatest love was his farming.

He is survived by: his sisters, Annie Brown of the Woodstock community, Bernice Brown of Somerset, Rose (Bob) Richardson of White Lilly, Wilma Christine West of Somerset, Berdina Brown Grady of Greenwood, IN, half-sister, Lori Brown (Virgil) Anderson of Indiana, and sister-in-law, Irene Brown of Woodstock.

He was preceded in death by: his parents; one half-sister, Elizabeth Robbins; and brothers, Walter Brown Jr., half-brother, Thomas Brown, and half-brother, Bradford Brown.

Services were held Sunday, December 14, 2008 at the chapel of Somerset Undertaking & Crematory with Rev. Jesse McCoy officiating. Burial was in the Poplar Grove Cemetery in Rockcastle County.

Condolences may be expressed at www.somersetundertaking.com.

Rockcastle UNITE Coalition

Join Us! The Rockcastle UNITE Coalition meets on the second Wednesday of each month, at noon, at the Renfro Valley Lodge.

"Points East"

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Suffice to say that the stocking were, indeed, hung by the chimney with care.

By the time I was 10 or so, the Santa Clause ruse had been long shot down. Keeter and I had been cajoled into playing along for the benefit of ever-skeptical, little bros, Andy and Steve.

Presents from each to another got wrapped and placed under the tree a week before Christmas because that was about as long as we expected a tree to last without being a time bomb that might explode if a spark got to its nettles. But until I was in college, the Adams Boys expected to have those "stockings" filled with something even if we had to pretend sleep while Mom and Dad did the stuffing.

When I was an adolescent, we usually got many rolls of "caps" for our toy cowboy guns---black powder that would explode inside our guns with a loud bang and fed into the cylinder as fast as we could pull the trigger and even fire-crackers that we turned into small sticks of dynamite. As we

got older, we received BB's and even shotgun and .22 rifle shells. Stuff that would make modern parents shudder in disbelief. I was a freshman in high school when I got up one morning to discover a bottle of Old Spice after shave in my stocking and decided that Mom was now calling me a man.

In retrospect, that simple gift was probably the most important acknowledgement of my coming of age that I experienced in those heady years of the early sixties.

But always, always, we got the "cream of the crop" apples and citrus fruits and nuts inside our stockings and little squares or wedges of fudge laced with black walnut kernels my Mom had made while we were at school, and Dad's new socks were all stretched out to the breaking point and smelling better than they ever would again.

But he wore them and wore them out, there on his knees in that old mine. I simply hope that when they are my age, my kids will remember what it we used to do for them at Christmas the way that I'm remembering mine just now.

"What Is Written"

We want to continue our study of some of the great attitudes that were manifested in the first century church as seen in the book of Acts. Another outstanding quality that was manifested, was that they had a joyful, upbeat attitude. *"And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."* Act.2:46-47. These folks had much to be joyful about. They had found salvation, and all it's attendant blessings, both the now and the blessings that shall be. It is the blessings that Acts 3:19 speaks about, *"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;"* There is something very appealing about positive, joyful attitudes. Even in the midst of persecutions, *"And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name."* Acts 5:41. Even in the death of the saints, our sorrow is not like others who have no hope, *"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope."* I Thess.4:13.

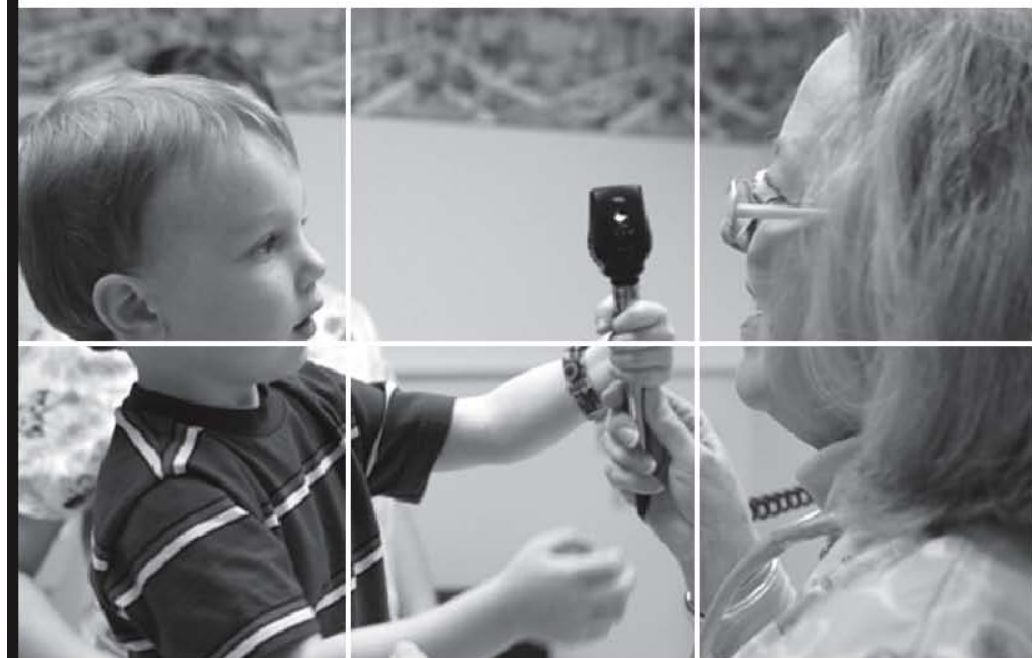
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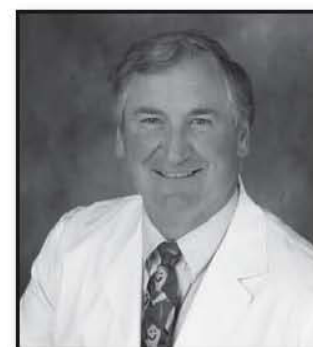
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You helped make the night a big success for everyone!!

Thank you again,

Sherry Hensley, Kevin Mullins and Traci Collins
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Information concerning KYCORPS...

Dear Editor,
Kentucky Citizens for Open and Responsible Public Services, LLC is a non-profit limited liability company. Its acronym is KYCORPS. Membership in KYCORPS is free and open to anyone. The KYCORPS web site (www.kycorps.org) will be activated by mid-January 2009 to facilitate membership applications, dissemination of information, and open discussion of issues.

With the enactment of the open meetings laws (KRS 61.805 to 61.850 and 61.991) in 1974, our Kentucky General Assembly asserted that the business of the public should not be done in secret. All of those who have served as Kentucky Attorney General since the passage of these laws and our Courts have vigorously decided in favor of citizens who sought to attend meetings, but who were first denied. Still there are both elected and appointed officials who don't agree with these laws. They prefer the convenience of backroom politics over openness and believe that the power of their positions can be used however they choose.

They think your tax money, which is the source of the federal and state grants they obtain, is their own and they can dole it out to manipulate so as to perpetuate themselves in their positions. Some use your tax money to hire lawyers to spin these laws to prevent your participation.

As the public becomes involved, these negative officials are increasingly being replaced with better educated and more enlightened leaders who embrace public scrutiny. These new leaders believe in the democratic principles on which

our open meetings laws rest, and they know that their organizations are more successful when these laws are strictly followed.

Also there are impeccably professional organizations devoted to creating openness and public involvement. Examples include the Kentucky Rural Water Association and the Kentucky Public Service Commission. These two co-sponsor annual training for water boards that includes: "Ethics" and "Open Records and Open Meetings." KYCORPS applauds these activities. Unfortunately there is a dearth of similar training for users who need to know their rights and for citizens who wish to become board members. This is a need that KYCORPS will help meet by providing both web-based and in-person training.

Elmer Whittler
Member of KYCORPS

Tourist Commission very professional...

Dear Editor,
Last week I met with Susan Laws, Charles Saylor and Michael Robbins of the tourist commission to review their budget and expenses.

They were very accommodating and handled themselves in a very professional manner. I want to personally thank them for taking the time to meet with me. They're very committed to doing whatever is necessary to increase tourism in our county. Even though I don't agree on their castle idea, I certainly can't question their enthusiasm.

Sincerely
Rick Courtney

Sheiliga requests correction.....

Dear Editor,
You claim my 11/27 letter's reference to "\$36,000 for fireworks" is one of "several figures" that are "incorrect" since, according to you, I "say[s]" the city is paying \$36,000 for fireworks.

Now you claim this, but the truth is that nowhere in my letter did I "say[s]" the city is paying for \$36,000 for fireworks. It's just not there.

In fact the only reference I made to fireworks is the above quoted sentence fragment "\$36,000 in fireworks" I did not make any claims anywhere in my letter about who is paying for the fireworks, or how much each one is spending.

The city and county have each committed \$12,000 to the fireworks event - which includes music, games and food - and the tourism board either has or likely will. Mention was made that the cost may increase.

The city and county jointly deserve blame for whizzing away another \$36,000 of our

money for non-governmental functions. This includes responsibility for the \$12,000 from the tourism board who has been assigned the task of spending tax dollars on events like this. The tourism board is primarily funded through the city's \$250,000 yearly restaurant tax (74.2% of its \$337,500 budgeted non-rollover revenue). Although, through a complex arrangement, half of the restaurant tax is sent back to the city for "city beautification" (\$77,600 since April) and other items (\$42,700).

Particularly noteworthy of the local officials who approved this was the absence of important questions about this event. How many people have attended similar events in equally sized cities? How many people will attend from the county? From neighboring counties? From out of state? How much will an average visitor from each of these spend on rooms? Food? Gas? How much of the money spent at McDonald's or Shell is actually kept in the county? How much more of our money are they willing to redistribute to encourage low income, dead end jobs at fast food restaurants and gas stations?

Equally noteworthy is the destruction of prior private economic activity at the boat dock VFW fireworks show.

I'm happy to write about the budgetary details and issues of the \$36,000 fireworks show which taxpayer's are paying for.

But between the amounts spent on the castle, the Cox law building, the fireworks, the sidewalk to nowhere, the straw, pumpkins, gourds and squash, on all day lights, and various overpriced properties, every detail can't all be fit into every letter.

I did not "say[s]" the city is paying \$36,000 for fireworks. I deserve a retraction of your claim.

Sincerely,
Dr. Michael Sheliga
Mt Vernon, KY

(Editors Note: Mr. Sheliga's comments on the amount of money spent on fireworks, were made after a story on a Mt. Vernon City Council meeting. His comments certainly implied that the city was spending \$36,000 on fireworks, but Sheiliga is correct about his claims that he did not absolutely say the city themselves are paying \$36,000 for the fireworks. I stand corrected. RFA).

Where is the money?...

Dear Editor,
Citizens in the city of Mt. Vernon.

Did you know that in May of this year the city council voted to by the Mink property to build a skateboard park?

Did you know the mayor told them she'd "find" the money?

Here we are six months later and since she couldn't find it, the council voted to let her borrow it (\$175,000.) Since they didn't discuss the money needed to convert the property to a skateboard park and pay insurance, I have to guess that she'll find it or sometime next year ask the council to borrow more.

Did you know that two or three months ago they voted to give \$12,000 toward the cost of having the fireworks, for the 4th of July, at Renfro Valley?

At that time the mayor told the council the city had the money.

Did you know in prior years

it didn't cost the city (tax-payers) anything, since the VFW covered the cost?

I hope next time large sums are voted on by the council that they review current YTD expenses vs budget, and have the mayor "Explain" where the money can be found.

Sincerely
Rick Courtney

"Ken & Tucky"

(Cont. from A2)

straight up on the porch, recalls Eldon, 66.

"He had it rough, but I don't think any one of us ever heard him complain," says Helen Joseph of Leslie County.

Alice Stidham, a tax accountant in Franklin, Indiana, recalls her dad kissing his children goodbye before leaving for work and kissing them all good night each evening.

"It was a wonderful life," says Brenda Martin, an underwriter in Indianapolis. We were like the Waltons, only without the big house.

Evia recalls a family rule that required everyone to come to the kitchen table at the same time and stay until the last person was finished.

"He would always say 'Go wash up and come and eat,'" recalls Alice.

Several giggled at the memory of their father having them line up and introduce themselves when strangers would visit.

After the family got their first TV in the early 1960's, Evia remembers being allowed to stay up and watch Gunsmoke with her Dad. "He liked to see if we could outdraw Matt Dillon. Then he'd tell us to go on to bed so we could all be in church the next morning."

Black Lung disease claimed Bill's life in 1990. His widow, the former Gracie Shepherd, 87, resides in Mt. Vernon.

The couple were determined all their children would get an education, and Bill got to see his dream fulfilled when all graduated high school and several went on to college.

"He asked me how much I made per hour one time," recalls Brenda. "When I told him, he said that was more than he made per day in the coal mines."

Despite the lack of money, Bill and Gracie Baker always made sure their children got to celebrate the holidays, especially Easter and Christmas.

"Our Mom hid eggs every

Easter, even when the weather was bad and she had to hide them inside the house," says Helen.

"And on Christmas morning, we all woke up to find a wrapped gift under the tree," says Mollie.

"I guess we lived in a poverty-stricken area, but we always had each other and never thought about being poor.

"We always thought we were rich."

As they parted ways, Mollie made the bold announcement she was giving serious consideration to running her first full marathon next summer.

Her siblings let her know she might be running that one alone.

But you can bet they'll be there cheering her on.

Columnist Don White has served as editor at several Kentucky newspapers. His Kentucky Traveler features are published throughout the state.

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"TJ's Journal"

(Cont. from A2)

to go back to London and there is where the magic of the beautiful snow began. This was the most beautiful snow that I had seen since I was a child. The reason for this was the full moon that seemed to make everything that the snow touched simply glow. I couldn't help but remember the lines from a very popular poem. "T'was The Night Before Christmas": the ones about "...the moon on the breast of the newfallen snow gave the luster of mid-day to objects below..." This was certainly the case.

The world seemed so cozy and quaint, something like a Currier & Ives painting. London never looked prettier. There were people scurrying about, even downtown, and there was a horse-drawn carriage ride that completed the whole scenario, like a cherry on the top of an ice-cream sundae. Just imagine.

Saturday night was the Madrigal Dinner at Eastern Kentucky University, and much to our delight, there was a little snow left. The Madrigal Dinner is a yearly tradition that we enjoy very much. It was our sixth year, currently. This year, Stanley's daughter, Kayla, granddaughter Carleigh, and Kayla's friend, Ben, attended with us.

Every year, there is a little variation, and this year was no

different. However, some things never change. The food was very delicious, the entertainment was great, and the surroundings looked very authentic and grand. As it turned out, Carleigh was the star of the evening. The Madrigal troupe seemed to pay a lot of attention to her, and before the evening was over, almost all of the performers had paid our table a visit.

As the evening wore on, I glanced outside the windows that were located across the room, and could see the beautifully lighted trees with snow lingering on the branches. I think this added a little "something special" to the evening, as well. It was the close of a wonderful snow, and only one of many I hope to see this year.

"Memories"

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friendship.

There was one incident in which I was involved related to his place on the school board. I will never forget it. One day in a math class, taught by Mr. Landrum, I slid Sandy Murrell's book under the door into the hall. Mr. Landrum politely sent me to the office.

Clyde Linville was principal at the time, and he directed me to close his office door. He then said, "David Joe, when I hit my shoe sole with this paddle, you yell." And I did! He told me to go back to class and never be sent to his office again.

I knew that Mr. Linville had handled the situation that way because Pop was on the board, so that night I explained what happened to Pop. Oh, what a mistake that was! I never saw him so mad! He proceeded to call Mr. Linville and dressed him down good for failing to punish me.

The next morning, I found Mr. Linville waiting for me at the front door of Mt. Vernon High School. He gave me a good "tongue lashing" for telling Pop about the incident.

I learned a valuable lesson from this confrontation: sometimes it is better to keep your mouth shut! At any rate, I was always proud that Pop served his county by being on the school board. I hope to serve as well as he did.

(You can reach me at
mtman@mis.net or you can drop me a line at P.O. Box 927 - Stanton, KY 40380. I appreciate each comment and suggestion.)

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Poplar Grove Baptist Church was organized as Brush Creek Church in an old house on the hill, northwest of Bull Pen Branch near Level Green on the last Sunday of August, 1869.

In 1873, the church was moved to its present location on Richland Road and named Poplar Grove Baptist Church.

Early church records before 1900 are very meager. Early records show Baptist being spelled "Babtist." Early church records were possibly recorded by James Hurst, Joe Hasty, Logan Ping and John Thomas Hurst.

Business meetings of the early church were held on Saturdays. At the beginning of these meetings a request was

made for the report of the harmony in the community. In some revival meetings there are records of as many as 35 being saved. We thank God for these blessings and are thankful that He is still blessing in the church today.

In the early history of the church, the Communion Service time was voted on and was usually held once a year. The early revivals were called "protracted meetings" and usually lasted 12 to 14 days with both day and night services. Bro. Ruben Hurly was granted a license to preach the Gospel at the February, 1906 business meeting. The first listed treasurer, Bro. William Hurst, was elected in December 1907. In

some parts of history, the treasurer was referred to as a collector or sometimes "treasurerman."

The first mention of the executive board was in March 1908. From early records to present, the church had always voted to send members to represent the church at Associational Meetings. In 1899 the Associational Meeting was held at Poplar Grove with J.C. Carmack as moderator, W.H. Sowder as clerk, and D.S. Devault as the minister preaching the sermon.

In 1913 the Associational Meeting was also held at Poplar Grove with A.J. Pike as moderator, J.J. Painter as clerk, and T.C. Duke as the minister

preaching the sermon.

Bro. N.T. Gibbons was ordained to preach in February, 1917.

In 1921 the Associational Meeting was again held at the church with L.D. Gooch as Moderator, J.J. Painter as clerk, and J.G. Bow as the minister preaching.

In December 1925 the first paid sexton for the church was hired for \$1 per month. In modern day, this office is known as janitor. In January 1926 the church voted to pay the pastor \$14 a trip Remember most pastors were "circuit rider preachers." A special collection for missions was received in July of 1926. The amount was \$5.10. In September of 1926 the Rockcastle Baptist Association

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Poplar Grove Baptist Church Pastor Jimmy Perkins preached the sermon on Sunday morning.



Members of the Men's Sunday School Class at Poplar Grove Baptist Church, who were in attendance on Sunday morning were, from left: Jim Gilbert, teacher Barry Hurst, Howard Shriver, Ronnie Thompson and Lonnie Vanzant.



The choir at Poplar Grove Baptist Church sang a special on Sunday morning. Shown above, front row from left are: Destiny Pickering, Lindsey Perkins, Naomi Gilbert, Margie Dees and Ruth Thompson. Second row, from left: Holly Kirby, Joanna Albright, Kristina Hayes, Sheila Albright, Stephanie Hurst and song leader Barry Hurst. Back row, from left: Ronnie Thompson, Jim Gilbert and Bro. Jimmy Perkins.



Members of the Pre-Kindergarten class at Poplar Grove Baptist, who were in attendance on Sunday morning, are shown above, from left: Brandy Moore, Caden Perkins, Jaden Albright, teacher Holly Kirby and Cassie Smith.



Poplar Grove Church was moved to its present location on Richland Road, in the western part of the county in 1873. (Poplar Grove Baptist Church photos by: Richard Anderkin)

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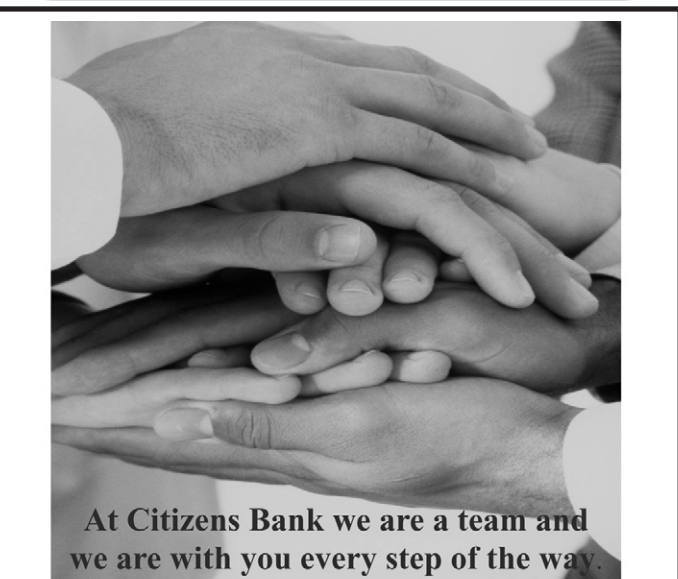
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Orlando, Ky. 40460
859-925-4048
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Fellowship Hour 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Thursday Night Visiting 7 p.m.
Contact: Doris Brown
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burtonpromos@prodigy.net

Freedom Baptist Church
Freedom School Rd.
Mt. Vernon, KY
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Discipleship Training 6 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting & Youth/Children Classes 7 p.m.

God's Church of Zion
35 McFerron St.
Mt. Vernon, KY

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

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

Livingston Baptist Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Adult & Youth Classes Available
Worship Service 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study & Meeting 7 p.m.
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Maple Grove Baptist Church
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606-256-1873
Bro. Jerry Owens, Pastor
Home Phone 606-256-3075
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
WRVK Broadcast 2 p.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

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

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The first listed Sunday School Superintendent was A.F. Lawrence in December 1935. At this meeting, the deacons decided to visit members and learn from each one what they cared to do towards helping in church work and services in the coming year of 1936.

An additional 1 acre of land for the cemetery was received from H.N. Denney and wife in May of 1936. On August 4th and 5th, 1936, the Associa-

tional Meetings were held at Poplar Grove with E.K. Cook as Moderator, Roy Sayers as clerk, and J.A. Bass at the minister who preached.

E.K. Cook served the church as clerk for many years and his wife Myrtle (Farley) Cook served as treasurer. The first mentioned cemetery committee consisted of Rev. N.T. Gibbons, Virgil Brown, and A.F. Lawrence in October 1936.

In March 1937, a committee, consisting of Julia Hurst, Cles Hurst and Myrtle Cook was formed to solicit money to buy songbooks. Ten gallons of white paint was purchased in April 1937 to paint the building. It was bought for \$20. In September 1939 a committee was formed to see if people in the church and community would donate material and labor to fence the cemetery.

In April 1941, the church

voted to have Vacation Bible School in June. The offering received during the school was \$4.80. On Mother's Day, May 1941, an offering of \$5.83 was received for the Baptist Hospital. Bro. James McKinney was elected caretaker of the cemetery for \$80 for 1 year in May, 1942.

Bro. Stevens from Hazard came to the church in April, 1945 on Monday through Friday nights to speak on Stewardship. On the second Sunday in July of 1945, Bro. Grubbs, and Bro. Philbeck helped conduct an All Day Meeting, emphasizing missions.

In November 1945, the church received the Thanksgiving Offering for the Orphans' Home. The amount received was \$15.94. The church agreed to contribute to Home Missions in July, 1948. A building fund was first mentioned as being organized in December, 1949. Also a visiting committee was also organized at this time. The Associational Meeting was held in 1951 at Poplar Grove with C.H. Philbeck as Moderator, E.R. Denney as clerk, and Paul Payne delivering the message.

In May 1955 the church voted to have prayer meeting on each Wednesday Night. In September 1955, the church voted to put a basement under the church and arrange for heating. A Men's Brotherhood was organized in January, 1958. Bro. Floyd Bingham was ordained to the Gospel Ministry on May 17th, 1959. In July 1962, it was discussed about the upcoming County Wide Revival. In August 1962, a World Missions Conference was discussed. In September 1966 the church decided to purchase a new pulpit and seats.

On Sunday, August 31, 1969 a Special Centennial Service was held by the church to commemorate its 100th Anniversary. Bro. Don Cummins was pastor at this time. The 1969 Associational Meeting was held at Poplar Grove with John Zupancic as Moderator, G.W. Coldiron as clerk, and J. Chrisman delivering the message. Most of the pastors were elected yearly until 1969 when they began being elected in-

definitely.

On November 11, 1970 the church voted to give 10% of each month's income to missions. In October 1971, a World Missions Conference was held. On October 17th, 1971 Bro. Jimmie McKinney surrendered to the Gospel Ministry and, on October 29th, 1972, Bro. Jimmie McKinney was also ordained to the Gospel Ministry.

The 1973 Associational Meeting at the church was led by Mike Bryant as Moderator, G.W. Coldiron as clerk, and Gene Noe delivering the sermon. On April 21, 1974, the church received a freewill offering to help restore Pleasant Run Baptist Church after it was destroyed by a tornado. In December 1975 the church voted to begin Training Union. On November 16, 1977 the congregation adopted a Constitution and By-Laws for the church. In April 1978, a 20 foot addition was added to the present church building. During this building project two Sunday School rooms, a Baptistery and two restrooms were constructed. The church also was bricked. The present plaque in the foyer was installed at that time.

In April 1979 the church voted to help pay the expenses for the Ten Commandments to be placed in each classroom in the Rockcastle County School System and every office in the Courthouse. This was done as a joint project with other churches.

The first person to be baptized in the new baptistry was Junior Reynolds on October 21, 1979. In 1980 Poplar Grove hosted the Associational Meeting with Lester Caldwell as Moderator, C. Bradley as clerk, and John Zupancic delivering the sermon.

Bro. Shelby Reynolds surrendered to the Gospel Ministry on May 15th, 1983. He was ordained on August 28th, 1983.

In December 1983 the church voted to remodel the basement, adding cabinets and a sink. Prior to this time a Sunday School room partition had been removed to form the

present fellowship room.

1985 brought the Associational Meeting to Poplar Grove with Jimmy York as Moderator. C. Bradley as clerk, and Don Cummins delivering the sermon. In December 1988 the church began W.M.U.

In May 1990, a vestibule area, ramp and a porch extension was constructed. In August 1990, the auditorium and foyer area were carpeted and, the next year, a new heating and cooling system was installed.

In March 1994 the church voted to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Church on Sunday, September 18th, 1994.

Part of the above history was also printed in the 125th Anniversary Homecoming Book published in 1994.

The following church history had been compiled to complete the church History to the present time.

In December 1994, the first ever Outdoor Live Nativity Scene was presented for the community. Also in this meeting the church licensed Eric Reynolds to the Gospel Ministry. Also, in March 1995 a Family Ministry Conference for the Rockcastle Baptist Association was held at Poplar Grove with Bro. John Lepper from the Kentucky Baptist Convention leading the conference.

On October 3, 1995, Hazel Harvey, a well-known Christian actor, came and portrayed "Fanny Crosby" for the Rockcastle Baptist Associational W.M.U. Quarterly Meeting here at Poplar Grove. Also in October of 1995, Poplar Grove was host to the Associational Meeting with Ronald Sears as Moderator, Faith Payne as clerk, and Wayne Henson delivering the sermon.

On Sunday Morning May 5th, 1996 the church hosted a special service for the "Senior Adults" who were 70 and up. The service was well attended with a dinner following. Nine people were given special recognition. Eric Reynolds was ordained to the Gospel Ministry on Sunday afternoon, July 7th, 1996.

During the April, 1997 business meeting, the church voted to set aside Roy Adams and Barry Hurst to be ordained as deacons. They were ordained on Sunday afternoon, June 1st, 1997 with Bro. Harvey Pensol, pastor of Fairview Baptist Church delivering the change sermon. Bro. Rick Reynolds was the Interrogator for the service.

On August 24th, 1997 the church voted to accept Anthony and Jennifer Brock as members and also accepted him as a licensed Minister of the Gospel.

September 14th, 1997 brought forth a day that many older members and friends experienced in days gone by and for many younger people a first time experience. Shortly after the Morning Worship Service, we traveled down the road to the creek to experience an outdoor Baptismal Service for Lonnie and Teresa Vanzant.

In October, 1997 a new steeple was put on the church after a storm destroyed the other one. During the November 1997 business meeting the church voted to license Stephen Reynolds to the Gospel Ministry. Once again in December 1997 the church presented the outdoor Live Nativity Scene.

In January 1998, a special offering was received to support the work of the Rockcastle Baptist Associational building fund in the

building of the new Associational Offices located on Highway 150 near Mt. Vernon. On December 13th, 1998 the church had a special singing service and also the dedication of all new hymnbooks purchased for the church by Kathleen Brock in memory of her late husband, Ted Brock and parents, Virgil and Ollie Denney all members of the church.

The 130th Anniversary Homecoming was held on Sunday, September 19th, 1999. On April 7th, 1999 the church voted to build a new picnic shelter. During Associational Missions Emphasis Week in May 1999, Bro. Jack Bruce, our present Associational Missionary, preached at Poplar Grove and encouraged us to higher heights in Missions. During the August 1999 Business Meeting the church voted to purchase a copy of "The Ten Commandments" to be posted in the church. Poplar Grove can be acknowledged as having supported mission work locally, in the United States, and in the foreign fields. They have also paid expenses for their pastors to attend the Kentucky Baptist Convention and also the Southern Baptist Convention.

God Blessed Poplar Grove Baptist Church with many faithful servants of the Lord. The first ministers of the early Church were "circuit rider preachers" meaning that they pastored more than one church at a time and sometimes traveled a great distance, usually by horse or by walking to the respective church. Most of them spent the night or nights with different families of the church.

Some of the pastors of the church in the past 135 years include: James M. Cummins, W.F. Meece, A.J. Pike, J.M. Cummins, W.W. Brock, W.M.C. Hutchins, D.B. Wyrick, W.G. Colson, Clyde Gooch, N.T. Gibbons, Eugene Bradley, George Fletcher, John G. Presley, Marvin Combest, R. Brown Hughes, John Killinger, C.W. Burkhart, J.L. Dennington, W.W. Kelley, R. L. Singleton, Lewis Jones, Don Cummins, Linville Coldiron, Sherman Adams, Harold Harris, Howard Mounce, (interim pastor), Gary New, and Jack Bruce.

Bro. Rick Reynolds resigned as pastor in January 2004 and, in May 2004, Bro. Perry Dobbs became pastor and was there until he resigned in July 2007. In February 2008 Bro. Jimmy Perkins became Interim Pastor, and in August 2008, became our full time pastor.

Active Deacons of the Church are: Jim Gilbert, Donald Hurst and Barry Hurst. Trustees are Ronnie Thompson and Lonnie Vanzant.

Barry Hurst is the songleader, Stephanie Hurst plays the organ and Melissa Perkins is the piano player.

Sunday School Superintendent is Jim Gilbert, assisted by Ronnie Thompson.

Ruth Thompson serves as Church Clerk and Sunday School Secretary and Joanna Albright is the church Treasurer.

Teresa and Lonnie Vanzant are the Youth Leaders.

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Matthew Owens and mom, Amanda, are shown at Poplar Grove Baptist Church on Sunday.



Those in attendance in the Older Children's Class at Poplar Grove Baptist Church on Sunday were, from left: Zachary Hayes, Dwayne Clark, teacher Linda Zupancic and Jamie Linder.



Pauline Farley was one of many who attended services at Poplar Grove Baptist Church on Sunday.



Those in attendance in the Younger Children's Class at Poplar Grove Baptist Church are shown above, sitting, from left: Jayna Albright, teacher Joanna Albright and Kristina Hayes. Back row, from left: Lindsey Perkins and Destiny Pickering.



Derreck and Chris Hurst served as ushers at Poplar Grove Baptist Church on Sunday morning.



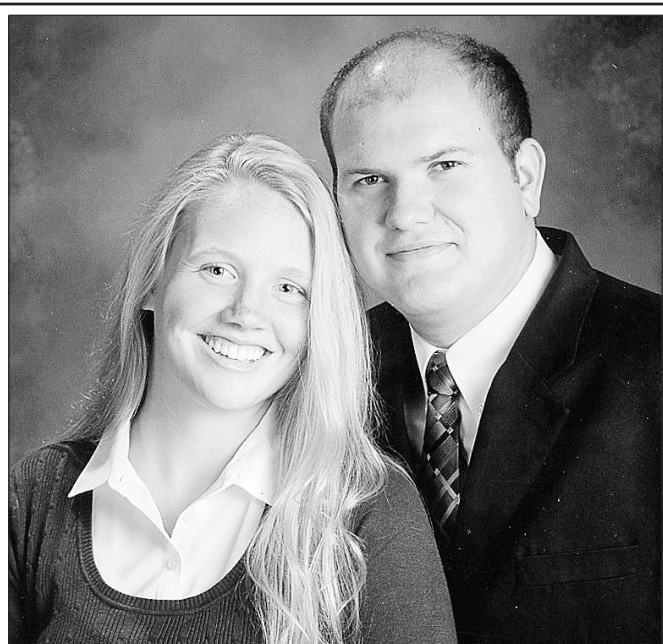
In attendance at Poplar Grove Baptist Church on Sunday were Emma and Johnny Atkins.



Those in attendance in the Women's Sunday School Class at Poplar Grove Baptist Church on Sunday were, from left: teacher Stephanie Hurst, Naomi Gilbert, Wendy Moore, Melissa Perkins, Louise Nicely, Teresa Vanzant and Ruth Thompson. Mrs. Perkins is Pastor Jimmy Perkins' wife.



Some of those in attendance at Poplar Grove Baptist Church on Sunday morning were from left: Violet Gates, Jamie Linder and Lyle Gates.

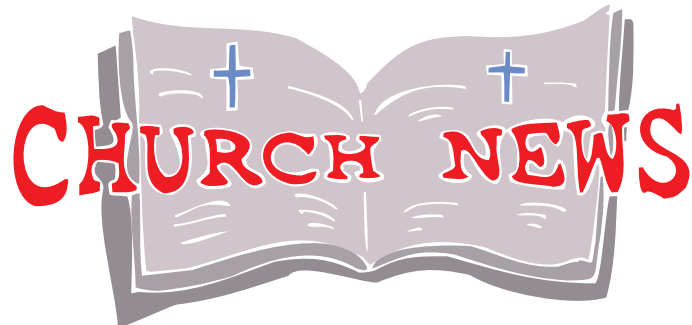


Adams - McGuire

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.



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Christmas Play
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Christmas Program
There will be a Christmas Program at Roundstone Baptist Church Sun., Dec. 21st at 6 p.m. entitled "Jesus Welcome to Our World."

Christmas Eve Mass
Join us as we worship and praise our Heavenly Father for the gift of His Son. Let us come together to celebrate the birth of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Christmas Eve Mass will be held Wed., Dec. 24th at 10 p.m. at Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church, William St., Mt. Vernon. Refreshments will be served following Mass.

Christmas Play
Calloway Holiness Church will present their Christmas Play, "The Christmas Guest," Tuesday, December 23 at 7 p.m.

Live Nativity
A live nativity will be presented this Friday and Saturday at Conway Missionary Baptist Church at Conway from 6:30 to 9 p.m. each night. Please come and join us in the celebration of His birth.

Christmas Mystery
Fairview Baptist Church invites you to join us for another Fairview original -- A Fairview Christmas Mystery. *Rev. Seymore Fully, and a group of wayward children, help a community find the missing Jesus. And, to their amazement, Jesus wasn't missing at all.*

The play will be presented Sat., Dec. 20th and Sun., Dec. 21st with a prelude by Dr. Tom Seel, pianist, beginning at 6:30 p.m. and the program beginning at 7 p.m.

There will be a fellowship meal following the Saturday performance.



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Please join us & join in the celebration of his birth!

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Library News



Pam Chaliff

We would like to remind everyone that state tax forms will no longer be provided to the library. To request state tax forms please write to: Forms, KY Dept. of Revenue Frankfort, KY 40620 or you may call 1-502-564-3658. The library will print state forms; however there will be a fee for these forms. As far as we know at this time, the library will be receiving federal tax forms in January 2009.

The past week at Story hour the children made a Santa. At craft time the kids made snow-

flakes and then played Pictureka. Story hour is every Tuesday at 1:00pm for children ages 0-4 and craft time for kids is every Tuesday at 5:00pm for kids ages 4-10.

The library will be closed December 24 and 25 for Christmas Holiday and January 1st for New Years. The library may be closed due to danger weather conditions; if the library is closed it will be announced on WRVK. The library would like to wish everyone happy holidays.



The girls really enjoyed making their Santa.

Deadline for next week's paper is 4 p.m. this Friday

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Lease Agreement Between Rockcastle County, Kentucky and Community Trust Bank

(New Industrial / Business Building Facility Project)

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Notice of Intent to Lease from the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court requesting the State Local Debt Officer to approve the execution of certain Lease Agreement between the County and Community Trust Bank and the financial plan whereby the County proposes to enter into a lease agreement in an amount not to exceed \$2,700,000, proceeds of which will be used for a new building facility project in one of Rockcastle County's industrial parks, a hearing will be held at 1:00 pm on Monday, December 29th, 2008, on the third floor of the Rockcastle County Courthouse (CenterNet Room), at which time the fiscal court will entertain a motion to hear the second reading of the approved ordinance and subsequent lease. Further, a public hearing will be held in Frankfort, Kentucky, on Tuesday, January 13, 2009, at 2:00 pm (Eastern Time) in the Conference Room, Department for Local Government, 1024 Capital Center Drive (U.S. 60 East) to entertain the petitioner's request for this purpose and to consider whether or not said lease and financial plan should be approved.

Petitioner, Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, is publishing this notice to comply with KRS 66.310 to notify the public that the petitioner intends to enter into this lease and subsequent indebtedness in the total amount and at the terms set out herein. Specific questions about the type of project should be directed to the petitioner.

At these hearings, any taxpayer may appear and will be given an opportunity to be heard.

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Mt. Vernon Fire and Rescue Activity Report

December 2-15, 2008

Tuesday December 2nd—

Responded to reported residential structure fire on Blue Springs Road. Upon arrival, observed smoke coming from vacant residence. Fire units made entry, conducted a search, and extinguished fire. Pongo Fire Department assisted.

Wednesday December 3rd—

Dispatched to a vehicle fire on I-75 at the 73 mile marker. Six fire units responded. Upon arrival, observed a black Monte Carlo had been on fire under hood, but had burned itself out.

Thursday December 4th—

Responded to a single vehicle accident on Hwy 1505. Five fire units responded. Upon arrival, observed a single vehicle on its side with a single occupant trapped inside, but

not injured. Fire units assisted the patient out of the vehicle.

Friday December 5th—

Received report of a structure fire on Sand Springs Road. Seven firefighters responded with a pumper and tanker. Upon arrival, observed a mobile home fully engulfed in fire on one end.

Used approximately 3000 gallons of water to extinguish. Also, December 5th, dispatched to Arby's Restaurant to report of fire inside building. Seven firefighters responded with three fire engines.

Upon arrival, it was determined that what was believed to be fire was actually Christmas Decorations and lights reflecting off of glass.

And also on December 5th, responded to scene of previous

structure fire on Sand Springs Road. Five fire units responded. Once on scene, observed that the unburned end of the trailer had ignited and was on fire, 2000 gallons of water was used to extinguish and Pongo Fire Department assisted.

Saturday December 6th—

Mount Vernon Police requested assistance on West Main Street with a complaint of five horses out and loose in the area. Four firefighters assisted two MVPD officers with having horses removed from area.

Tuesday December 9th—

Responded to fire alarm activation at the Diner at Renfro Valley Village. When fire units arrived on scene, they found maintenance workers working on building and alarm system and no actual fire.

Wednesday December 10th—

Responded to a fire alarm activation at Rockcastle Hospital. As fire units were responding Hospital staff called 911 and said they had no fire.

Sunday December 14th—
Responded to a diesel spill at Peg's Food Mart. Seven firefighters responded with two pumpers. Upon arrival, observed that a tank in the bed of a pick up had leaked approximately 50 gallons of diesel fuel into parking lot. Fire units contained the spill.

Local Christian band to give concert for those in need

Local christian rockers 7venth Time Down (7TD) tone it down this Christmas, as they invite you to step more into the way of Jesus and GIVE to those in our community who are in need.

On Thursday, December, 18th at Northside Baptist church, 7TD will be performing a unique and worshipfull acoustic Christmas set. Admission will be a can of food, a new or gently used toy, or a new or slightly worn winter coat. There will also be an offering taken up to give to those who are in need.


Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the music, and worship will begin at 7 p.m. So come ready to share in a wonderful night of worship, love, and giving as we remember the true reason for this 2008 Christmas season.

Rockcastle County High School Academic Honor Roll



Rockcastle County High School senior Carri Hunt 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. Hunt is the daughter of Hal and Carolyn Hunt of Brodhead and will attend Campbellsville College in the Fall where she will major in Math. Carri currently has an advanced placement class at RCHS in Calculus and as a junior she had advanced placement classes in English. Hunt has been a member of the RCHS Choir for four years and this year she was selected to the All-State Chorus and the All Festival Chorus, an honor she has received for two years. Hunt is also a member of the Chamber Choir, and several clubs and organizations including BETA and National Honor Society and FCA. Hunt enjoys singing and has played the Violin for the past 13 years.

Refreshments will be served following Mass



Join in singing Christmas hymns of praise

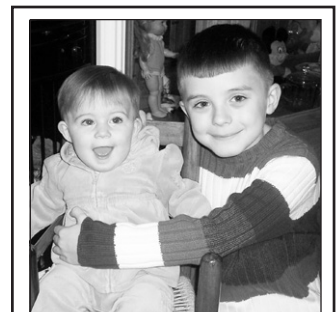
O, Come all Ye Faithful and

Join us as we worship and praise our Heavenly father for the gift of His Son. Let us come together to celebrate the birth of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Christmas Eve Mass

Wednesday, December 24 @ 10 p.m. at
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The people of Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church wish each and everyone a Blessed and Holy Christmas and a Faith Filled New Year.



It's birthday time! Ainslee celebrated her first birthday on December 7 and Keaton celebrated his eighth birthday on December 8. We are so blessed to have such wonderful children in our lives. Proud parents are Steve and Hope Renfro of Mt. Vernon. Grandparents are Joyce Renfro and Ercel Cromer. Thanks to everyone for the great presents and making their birthday special.



Happy 10th Birthday
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Lauren E. Sanders, daughter of Bob and Angela Sanders of West Chester, Oh celebrated her first birthday on Dec.5, 2008. Helping her celebrate were: grandparents, Charles and Jean Sanders and Ben and Sally Chapman; uncle David; brother, Conner; and aunt, Christie and Christie's son Ben and daughter Mia.



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How to help a grieving friend during holidays

The holidays, especially the first ones after a loved one's death, can be especially difficult for a person who is grieving. Friends and family members may be unsure how to act or what to say to support their grieving loved one during the holidays.

In general, the best way to help those who are grieving during the holidays is to let them know you care. They need to be remembered, and they need to know their loved ones are remembered, too. Local hospice grief counselors emphasize that friends and family members should never be afraid of saying or doing the wrong thing, because making an effort and showing concern will be appreciated.

Here are some tips that grieving people have shared:

Be supportive of the way your friend chooses to celebrate the holidays. Some may wish to follow traditions; others may choose to change their

rituals.

Offer to help with tangible tasks such as baking, cleaning, or decorating. Seemingly simple tasks can be overwhelming while dealing with grief.

Invite the person to attend a religious service with you and your family.

Offer to help with holiday shopping or share your favorite catalogs or on-line shopping sites.

Invite your friend to your home for the holidays.

Inquire if your friend is interested in volunteering with you during the holiday season. Doing something for someone else, such as helping at a soup kitchen or working with children, may help him or her feel better about the holidays.

Make a donation in memory of your friend's loved one, as a reminder that his or her special person is not forgotten.

Remember to avoid telling your friend that he or she should be "over it;" grief is an individual process and there are no right or wrong ways to grieve.

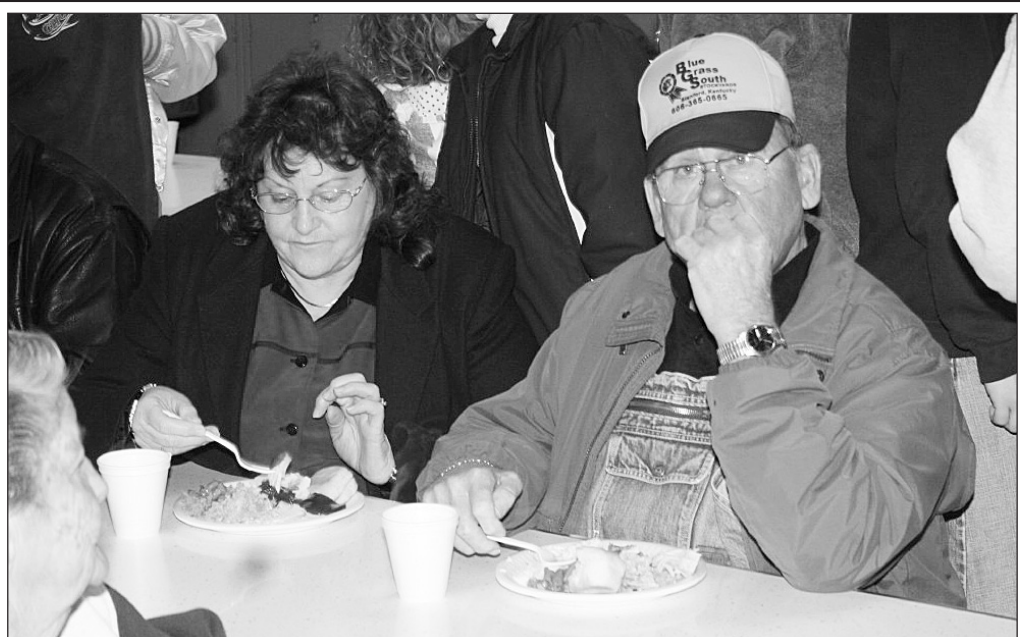
If your friend wants to talk about the deceased loved one or feelings associated with the loss, LISTEN. Don't worry about being conversational.... just listen.

Remind the person you are thinking of him or her and the loved one who died. Cards, phone calls and visits are great ways to stay in touch.

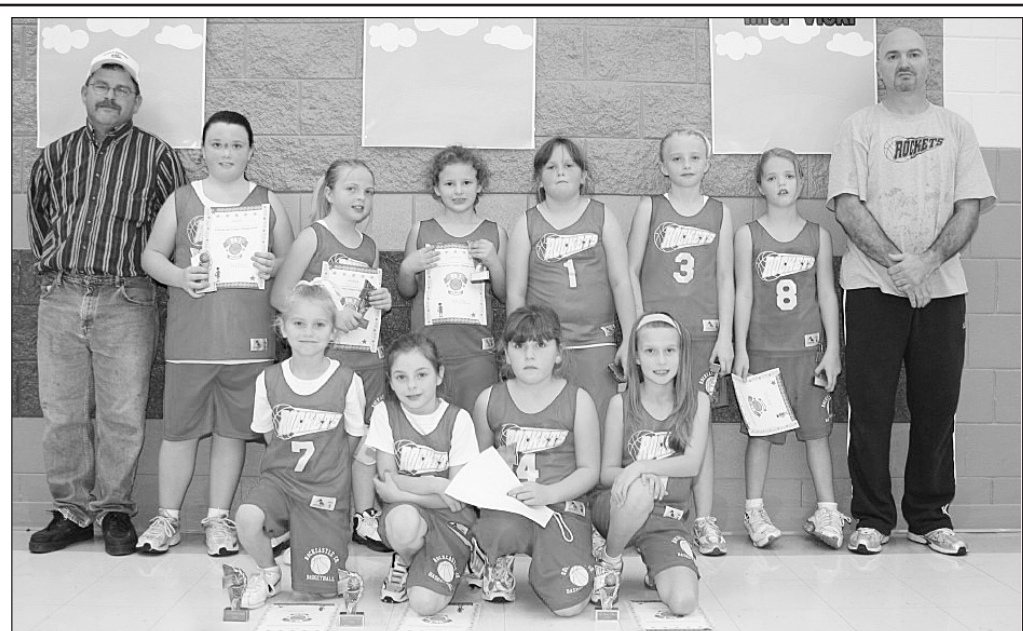
Many people are not aware that Hospice Care Plus is a valuable resource that can help people who are struggling with grief and loss. Hospices provide bereavement support to the families they serve and often offer services to other members of the community as well. For more information call Hospice Care Plus at 859-986-1500 or 1800-806-5492.



The annual Livingston Community Christmas Dinner was held on Sunday in the Livingston Homecoming Committee Room. Among the approximately 100 people who enjoyed the Christmas meal were from left: Sherry Newcomb, Billy Rash and Martha Isaacs.



Geneva and Alfred Combs enjoyed Sunday's Community Christmas Dinner in Livingston. About 100 people were in attendance. (Christmas Dinner photos by: Richard Anderkin)



Correction! The Bulldogs were this year's champs of the second and third grade division of the Girl's Little Rocket league. Team members are shown above, front row, from left: Emma Smith, Hope Holbrook, Lindsey Mink and Hannah Mullins. Back row, from left: coach Jamie Reynolds, Kristin Holcomb, Shyann Reynolds, Shelby French, Courtney Wren, Miranda Brown, Kiana Harris and coach Steve Holcomb.

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Lady Rockets trounce Madison Southern, beat Henry Clay

After losing two straight games in overtime, the Rockcastle County Lady Rockets took out their frustrations on visiting Madison Southern on Friday night, winning by 60, 87-27.

And, less than 18 hours later, the Lady Rockets picked up their third win of the season with a good road victory over Henry Clay in the Defender Classic in Lexington, winning 56-47.

In the Southern game, the Lady Rockets led 28-2 at the end of the first period and by 39 at half-time, on their way to their second victory of the season.

"We played with a little bit more intensity last week, especially in the fourth quarter of the Henry Clay game," said head coach Chrysti Noble.

"I think in time we'll get that killer instinct that all teams need to win a district and region title, but we actually do not have it yet," she said.

In the Southern game, all 14 Lady Rockets saw action and 12 got into the scoring column, led by Joanie Alexander's 17.

Angie Lawrence scored 14, followed by Sara Hammond

with 11, Mary Saylor and Nicole Locklear 9 each, Ashley Robinson 8, Sasha Bullock, 4 and Ella McQueary 4 each, Kristen Abney, Cheyenne Hensley and Sydney Arvin, 3 each and Katy Mattingly 2.

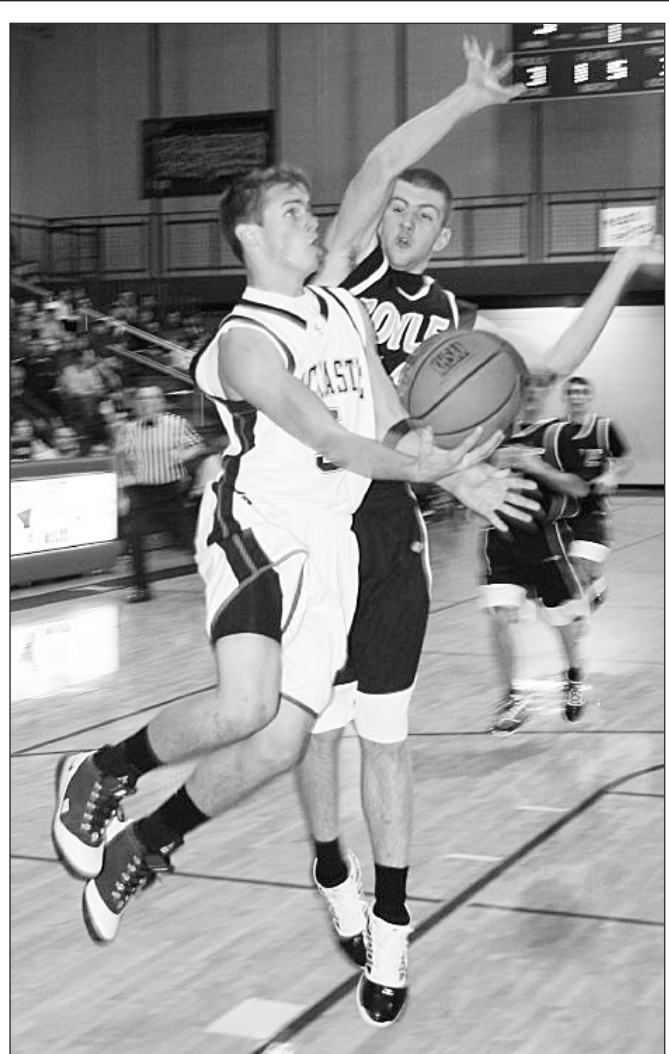
On Saturday afternoon the Lady Rockets beat a good Henry Clay team in the Defender Classic, 56-47.

The Lady Rockets had a six point lead at the half but the Lady Blue Devils pulled to within one at the end of three periods, 38-47.

However, unlike the close games against Lincoln County and Simon Kenton, the Lady Rockets played extremely well in the fourth period and pulled out the nine point victory.

The Lady Rockets had a balanced scoring attack with three players scoring in double figures, led by Robinson with 13. Lawrence got 12, Alexander 11, Saylor 9, Hammond 6 and Mattingly 2.

The Lady Rockets play at Somerset on Friday night in a district double header with the Rockets. The Lady Rockets, who are now 3-2 on the season, play the first game, which begins at 6 p.m.



Junior Jamie Todd drives to the basket in the first half of the Rockets 54-48 win over Boyle County on Friday night. Todd led his team to victory with 19 points.

Play in double header at Somerset on Friday

Rockets beat Boyle for third straight win

The RCHS Rocket basketball team finished a week on Friday night in which they won three straight games, finishing with a 54-48 win over Boyle County.

But it wasn't easy.

After senior Spencer Mullins gave the Rockets a 1-0 lead when he hit one of two free throws to start the game, because of a technical foul, the Rebels reeled off nine straight points to take a 9-1 lead. The technical foul was called on Boyle County because one of their players dunked the basketball in warm-ups.

However the Rockets closed to within three, 11-8, at the end of the first period and took a one point lead into the dressing room at half-time, 20-19.

The Rockets played even in the third period with the Rebels, but some good three point shooting, by junior Jamie Todd, helped the Rockets to lead by as much as eight in the final period, holding on for the six point victory.

"We played well enough to win, but we still made too many mistakes and we obviously weren't ready to play when the game started," said head coach Benny Blanton.

"We certainly need this upcoming week of practice to begin to pull things together, our players are still not all on the same page," Blanton said.

The Rockets were led in scoring by Todd, who had 19 points, including four three pointers.

Spencer Mullins got 10 points, Matt Bullens 9, Derek Thacker 8, Bryan Clontz, 6 and Dustin Reynolds 4.

On Thursday night the Rockets easily defeated Lynn Camp on the road, 84-61.

The Rockets jumped out to an 18 point first quarter lead and never looked back.

10 Rockets got into the scoring column with Spencer Mullins leading the way with 27.

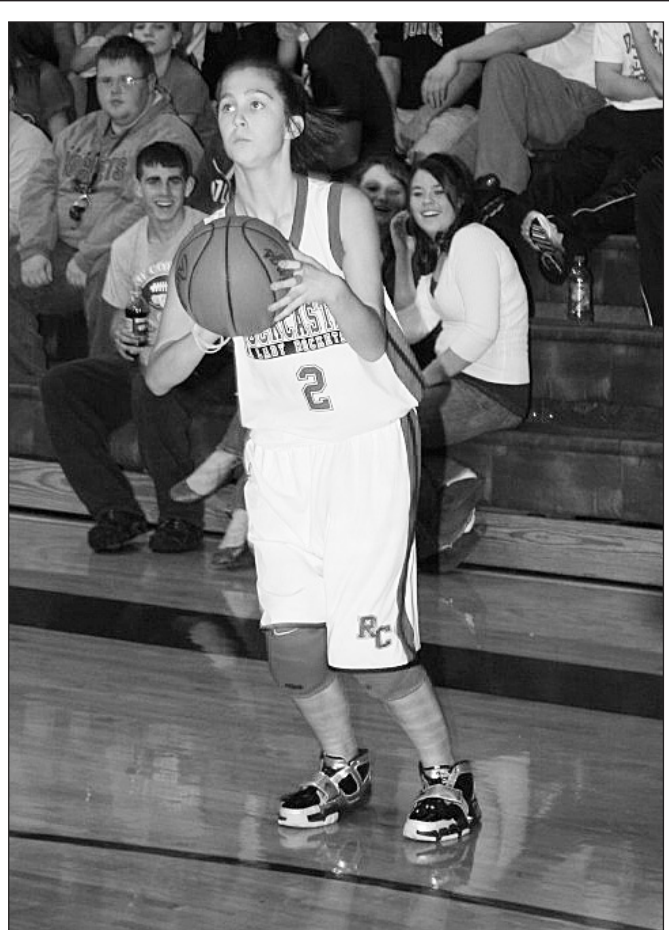
Thacker had 11, Jared Smith and Todd 8 each, Clontz 7, Reynolds and Bullens 6 each, Kyle Riddle 5 and Matt Lunsford and Dustin Bishop, 4 each.

The Rockets will play in a district double header with the Lady Rockets on Friday night at Somerset. The Lady Rockets tip things off at 6 p.m.

The Rockets are now 3-2 on the season.



Junior Jackie Lawrence led her team in scoring again this season when she put up 17 against Madison Southern. Alexander also scored 11 in the Lady Rocket's 56-47 win over Henry Clay on Saturday.



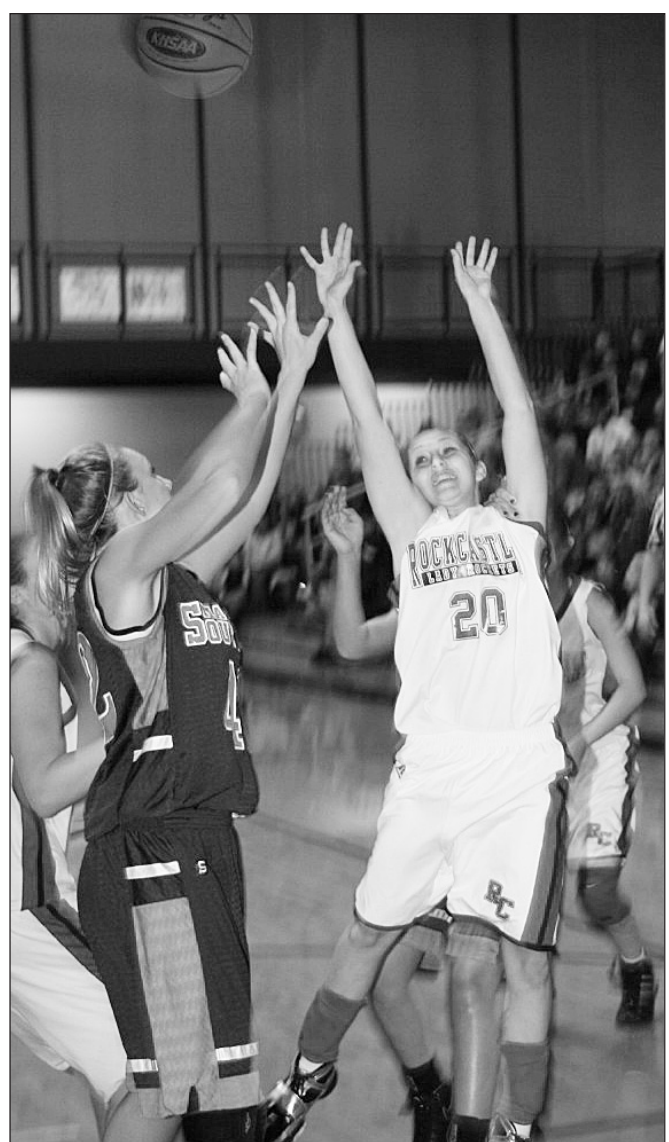
Sophomore Sydney Arvin prepares to shoot in the Lady Rockets 87-27 win over Madison Southern on Friday night. Arvin, who scored three points, was one of 12 Lady Rockets who got into the scoring column.



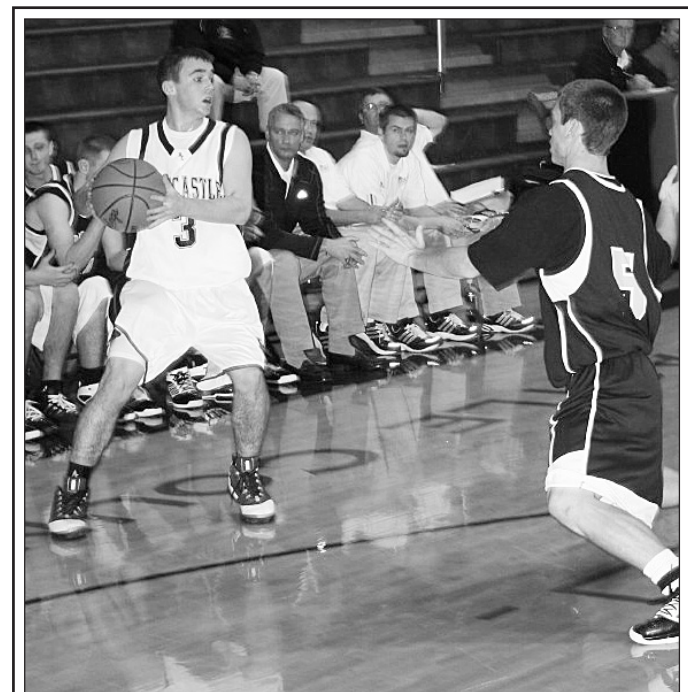
Rocket senior Spencer Mullins fights for a rebound against Boyle County on Friday night. Mullins had 10 points in the Rocket win, their third straight.



Sophomore Angie Lawrence puts in two of her 14 points against Madison Southern on Friday night against Madison Southern. The Lady Rockets completely dominated Southern, winning by 60, 87-27.



Lady Rocket sophomore Ella McQueary puts up a shot in her team's win over Madison Southern on Friday night. McQueary scored four points. The Lady Rockets will travel to Somerset on Friday night for a double-header with the Rockets. Game time is 6 p.m.



Rocket point guard Bryan Clontz looks for an open man in Friday night's game with Boyle County. Clontz had 6 points in the contest, which the Rockets won, 54-48. The Rockets travel to Somerset on Friday night for a district game with Somerset in a double-header with the Lady Rockets. (RCHS photos by: Richard Anderkin)

Middle School basketball update

By: Kevin Canterbury

Last week, all three of the RCMS boy's basketball teams were in action playing Boyle County (December 8th) and Northern Pulaski (December 9th).

Also scheduled was Garrard County on the 11th but it was called off due to inclement

weather.

For the sixth grade team, Boyle proved to be too much as they beat the Middle School Rockets 36-20.

The 6th grade was led in scoring by Sam Pensol with 6. Jordan McGuiere scored 4 points, while Douglas Nicely, Blake Mullins, Dakota Hasty,

Stephen Rector, and Chase Burdette all had 2.

The sixth graders couldn't win the following night either fallins 29-23 in a close one with Northern Pulaski.

Sam Pensol led the team in scoring, putting in 11. Dakota Hasty got 6, Blake Mullins 3, Carter Blanton 2 and

Stephen Rector 1. The sixth graders are now 3-6 on the season.

The seventh graders fared a little bit better as they defeated Boyle county, but lost to Northern Pulaski.

The Rockets beat Boyle 42-

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RCMS teams lose to Meece Tuesday night

Tuesday night, the RCMS basketball teams were in action against Meece with the sixth, seventh and eighth grade teams all coming up short.

The sixth grade team lost 48-17 in a tough match-up against Meece. They were led in scoring by Sam Pensol who had 12, Jacob McKinney got 3 and Lane Jasper added 2.

The seventh grade team didn't fair much better as they too fell to Somerset 69-35.

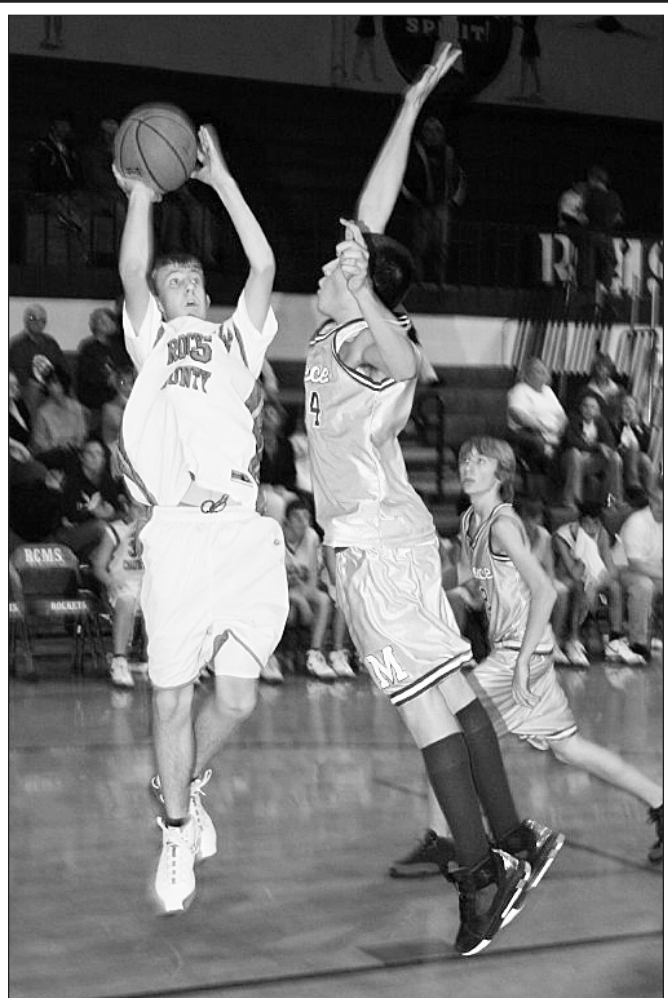
The seventh grade team's leading scorer was Corey McPhetridge with 26. Also scoring were Tyler Harper with 4, John Hughes got 3 and

Jarred Lakes had 2. The seventh grade team is now 3-8 on the year.

The eighth grade team kept it close throughout, but Meece hit their free throws near the end of the game to seal the 43-31 victory.

Leading scorer for the Rockets was Zack Poynter with 13. Ashton Arvin added 6, Ben Allen 5, Tyler Smith 3 and John Wilson and McPhetridge each had 2. The eighth grade team is now 1-9 on the season.

All three teams return to action on Thursday night when they host King Middle.



RCMS 8th grader Zack Poynter scored 13 points on Tuesday night to lead his team in scoring against Meece. The 8th grade team lost 43-31.



RCMS 7th grader Tim Renner prepares to throw the ball inbounds in the 7th grader's game with Meece on Tuesday night. The 7th grade lost 69-35. All three middle school teams will host King Middle on Thursday night. (Middle School photos by: Kevin Canterbury)



RCMS 6th grader Sam Pensol drives to the basket in his team's game with Meece on Tuesday night. Pensol led the 6th in scoring with 12 points, although they lost, 48-17.

Middle School Update

(Cont. from A12)

34 and were led in scoring by Corey McPhetridge who had 17 and Tyler Harper with 14.

John Hughes added 6, Andrew Burton 4 and Jarred Lakes 1.

The Rockets lost to Northern Pulaski 44-25, and were led in scoring again by McPhetridge with 11. Harper got 6, Lakes 4 and Hughes and Taylor Carter 2 each. The seventh grade team is now 3-7 on the year.

The eighth grade team lost both games against Boyle and Northern Pulaski, falling to Boyle by one, 40-39.

On that night, Blake Jones led with 16, Ashton Arvin got 7, Ben Allen and John Wilson

6 each, Eli Haddix 3 and Bryson Amyx 1.

The 8th graders then lost to Northern Pulaski 70-34 the following night.

Leading scorer for the Rockets was Allen with 12, Jones got 5, Haddix added 4, Amyx 3 and Arvin, Tyler Smith, Zack Poynter, John Wilson and McPhetridge all had 2 points each.

Deadline for next week's paper is 4 p.m. this Friday



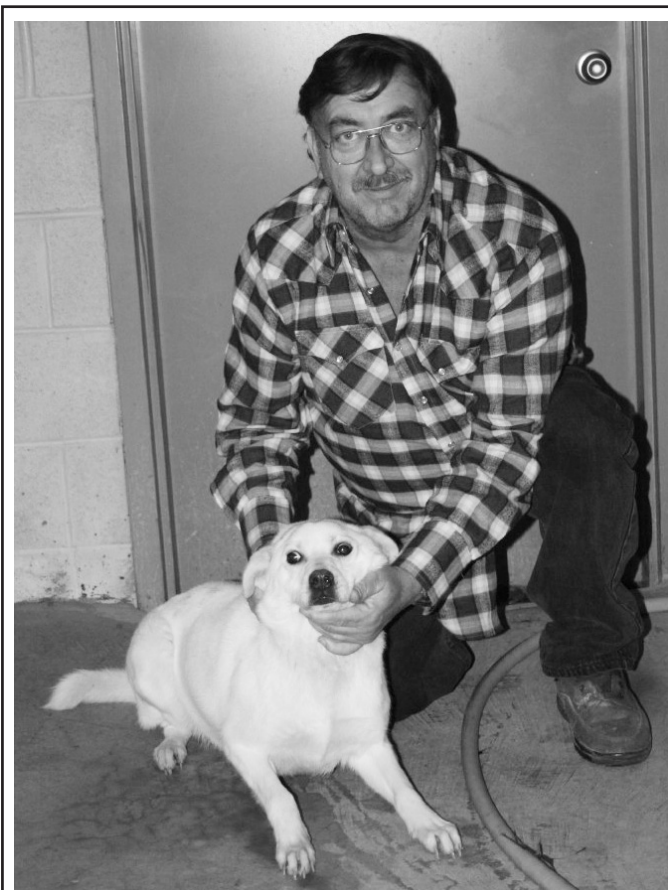
Jody Kirby, right, tested before Master Eric Bullock on November 24, 2008 at the Mt. Vernon Shaolin Karate Club. He is shown here with Master Eric Bullock after passing his test from blue belt to green belt and receiving his rank advancement certificate.



C.S. McKinney, 90, killed this 5 point buck on November 8th in Rockcastle. He has been hunting for over 70 years. We are so very proud of you and love you very much! Love, your family.



Ralph Carpenter, of Mt. Vernon, killed this Cow Elk on December 13th in Harlan County. The elk field dressed 290 pounds. This was his first elk hunt. Thanks to his son, Greg and grandson, Shawn for their help on the hunt.



Give an animal a chance at life

Several adult dogs and puppies 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 part Lab pup which is about a year old and one of the animals now available at the shelter. The adoption fee is \$20 and one of the animals at the shelter would make a great Christmas gift, plus you would be saving an animal's life. The hours at the Animals Shelter are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., For more information call (606) 256-1833.

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Suzy's Zoo



The Mt. Vernon City Council voted Monday night to purchase the above 2008 Freightliner fire truck for \$217,467.

Rockcastle gets funds for emergency food and shelter

Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-05) announced today the release of \$448,436 in combined funding to counties throughout the Fifth Congressional District for the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program (EFS). Rockcastle's share of the funds is \$12,366.

The EFS program, administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), supplements and expands ongoing community efforts to provide shelter, food and supportive services to the nation's hungry, homeless, and people in economic crisis.

"The Christmas season is often a time of gift-giving and abundance, but many in our community are simply struggling to put food on the table, make a mortgage payment, or cover heating costs this winter," stated Rogers. "This federal infusion of funds into our communities will result in families staying together

through the holidays or a veteran making it to a doctor's appointment for medication. This Christmas, we must not forget our many blessings and continue to extend a helping hand to those around us. I am pleased to see FEMA get these funds to our communities before the New Year."

FEMA, through the Emergency Food and Shelter Program, allocates funds nationwide to the neediest areas and ensures fast, targeted response through public-private partnerships. Funds can be used for food, lodging, transportation, rent and utility assistance, and minimal community center facility repairs. Nationwide, \$200 million has been awarded to over 2,500 cities and counties across the country.

Rogers currently serves as a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee with direct oversight of FEMA. Through this role, Rogers supports important initiatives in the Fifth Congressional District.

Community Trust

(Cont. from front)

the official offer was brought to Carloftis by Blount, it had been lowered to 4% for the floor.

The loan is for a period of five years, although payments will be amortized over 15 years. After five years, the loan will have to be renegotiated. "We intend to pay this loan off as quickly as possible," Carloftis said at the meeting. The bank will hold a mortgage on the building and building site.

There is no prepayment penalty for early payment of the note unless the funds are from an outside source, such as another financial institution.

The second reading of the ordinance will be held at a special meeting of the court on Monday, December 29th at 1 p.m. Then, a public hearing will be held in Frankfort on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 2 p.m. at the Department for Local Government (see legal notice elsewhere in this week's paper).

There will also have to be a meeting in Frankfort for a hearing on the county's financing of \$2.5 million for infrastructure for the industrial park (new roads, utility lines, etc). That money is being leased through the Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo).

The new 25,000 sq. ft. building, which will be located in Rockcastle Business Park South (off old 461), is scheduled to be "substantially" completed by June 1st with penalties in place to the contractor if it is not.

City Council

(Cont. from front)

questioned the funding for the Perry and Amy Mink property, went on for several minutes and became so heated that, at one point, Mayor Kirby told Smith he was out of order and that she would have him removed by police officer Brian Carter if he did not quit interrupting the meeting.

Council members Shelley Lewis, Sharon Saylor, Joe Mullins and Wayne Bullock all voted for the funding and council member Willy French, who was attending her last meeting of the council, voted against it. Council member Lonetta Daugherty was not present at the meeting.

After some further questions from Smith about the funding for the purchase of the Mink property, which adjoins the City Park on Williams Street, the council gave the Mayor authority to obtain \$175,000 in funding, also from KADD.

The Mayor again did not say how many years the loan would be for, only saying the city could take up to 40 years to pay it back, but that probably wouldn't be the case. The interest rate for that purchase will also be around 5%, Kirby said.

Council members, Lewis, Saylor, Bullock and French, voted yes on the issue and council member Mullins abstained.

After a short presentation by Fire Chief David Bales and Sales Representative Scott Sizemore, the council voted unanimously to purchase a new fire truck for the city.

Chief Bales told the council the truck was needed because neither of the two city trucks will draft (i.e., pull water from another source such as a pond, lake, pool, etc.), which will eventually cause the city's fire rating to go higher, increasing insurance premiums in the city.

The purchase price of the new truck, which is fully equipped, will be \$217,467.

Sizemore told the council that his company would provide a lease/purchase agreement for a ten year period, at an interest rate of 4.89 percent.

The council obligated themselves to a \$28,011.92 per year payment for the next ten years beginning in December of 2009.

Bales said the county truck, which his department uses on county runs, was in very good shape, but could not be listed as the primary truck for the city.

12 firefighters were in attendance at the meeting for the council's vote.

The council also voted to purchase a new backhoe for the city's water and sewer department at a cost of \$74,478.00.

Mayor Kirby told the council that \$100,000 had already been budgeted in the water and sewer budget this year for the purchase.

Water Superintendent Dennis McClure told the council, the current backhoe is a 1985 model and "stays torn up a lot."

And finally, the council voted unanimously to raise rates for the city's approximately 2,000 water customers by 3.5 percent.

City engineer Luther Galloway pointed out that the city had not raised rates for three

years and that besides the backhoe, the current meter reading system is obsolete and would have to be replaced.

"These automated reading systems are very expensive and will require significant capital expenditures to convert the existing meter reading system to utilize the automated equipment," Galloway told the council.

The engineer also said replacement of current equipment used by the department, is near the end of its useful life, and the cost to replace it could exceed \$500,000.

In other business, the council voted to give each city employee a \$25 Christmas bonus.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the council is January 19th, when new council members Don Jones and Jackie Wayne Weaver will be sworn-in.

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The City of Mt. Vernon will be taking applications for the position of Police Officer Recruit. The pay scale for the position is negotiable, depending on training and experience. Applicants must be able to pass the Police Officer Professional Standards Testing in Richmond, Kentucky. The City of Mt. Vernon will be taking applications until Monday, December 29, 2008. All applications should be turned into City Hall Monday through Friday, during regular business hours.

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Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, December 18, 2008

130 participate in 5th Annual Jingle Bell Run/Walk

A cold and snowy morning didn't slow down any of the 130 runners and walkers who participated in Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center's 5th Annual Jingle Bell 6K on Dec. 6, making it the biggest to date.

The Run/Walk featured some fun attractions this year with Rudolph braving the weather, lead-

ing the pack on his bicycle at the start of the race.

More than \$2,700 was raised. Half will go to Rockcastle Hospital's Miracle Fund; half to Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation's resident fund which provides assistance to improve the quality of life of long-term care patients.

"This event continues

to grow every year," said Dwain Harris, Rockcastle Hospital Community Relations, "We're proud to see people come together to benefit such a good cause."

The Run/Walk attracted both local partici-

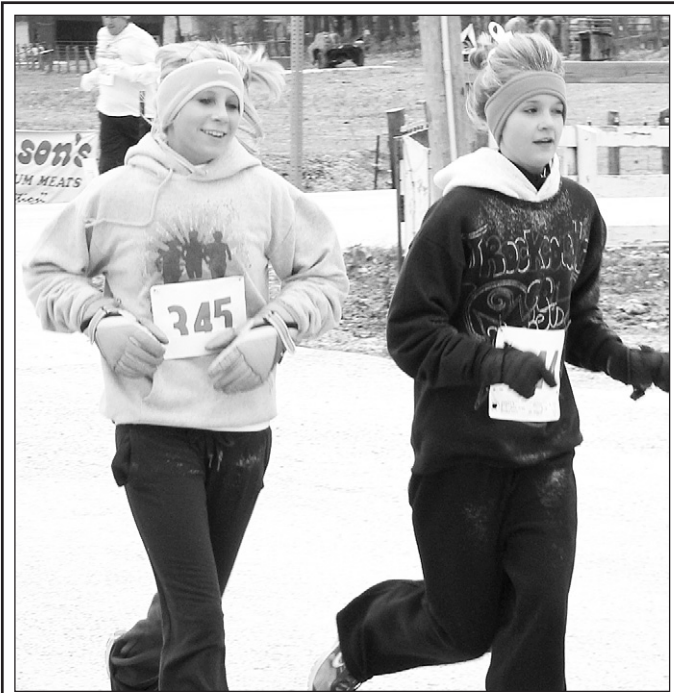
pants and participants from cities including London, Cynthiana, Lexington, Hyden, Somerset, Berea and Richmond. Those gathered in Renfro Valley were given door prizes including a painting penned by resident

Jody Adams.

Individual overall male winner was Laban Towery, of Mt. Vernon, with a time of 23:25. Individual overall female winner was Alex Bunch, of Stanford, with a time

of 26:09.

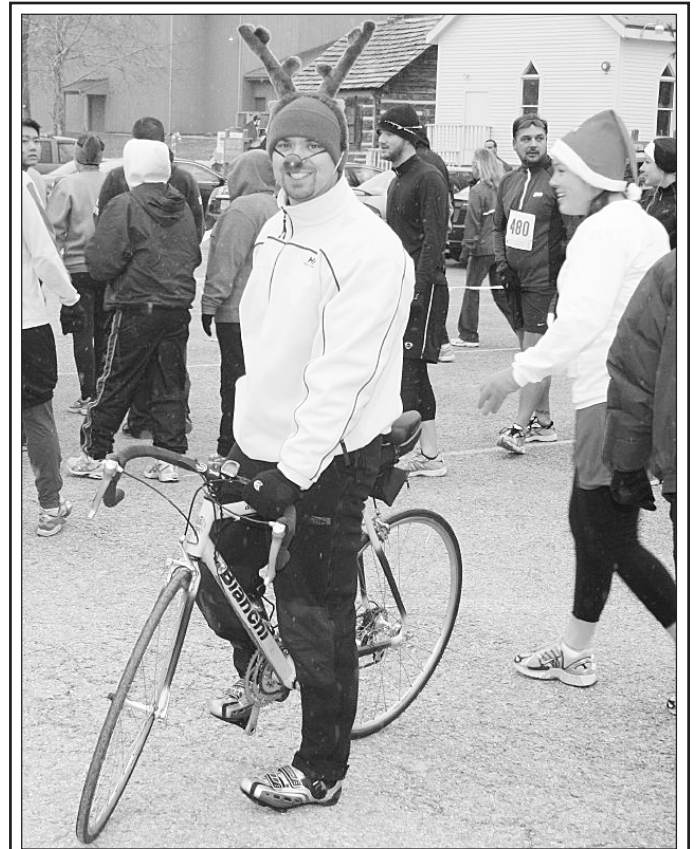
Rockcastle Hospital and Rockcastle Health and Rehab wish to thank all participants, volunteers and sponsors that helped to make this event a success.



Rockcastle Hospital track team members, Laura Dollins, left, and Molly Coffey, were two of the 130 who participated in the 6K Jingle Bell Run/Walk at Renfro Valley on December 6th.



Kacie Dotson opens a present she collected along the path of the 6K Run/Walk at Renfro Valley on Saturday, December 6th. Some of the gifts included money.



"Rudolph" Robbie Taylor, a Rockcastle Hospital Physical Therapist, led the pack of runners and walkers at the 5th annual Jingle Bell Run/Walk. (Photos by: Richard Anderkin and hospital staff).



Some of the volunteers who helped participants register for the 5th annual Jingle Bell Run/Walk on December 6th were, from left: Ann Abney, Activities Director at Rockcastle Hospital, Susan Brown, Rockcastle Hospital Community Relations and Sharon Cunagin, Rockcastle Health and Rehab Activities Director.



Local runner James Bullens signs in for the 5th annual 6K Jingle Bell on December 6th. Volunteer Carolyn Browning, right, puts the finishing touches on a sign concerning the Run/Walk.



100 runners participated in the 5th annual Jingle Bell Run/Walk at Renfro Valley on December 6th. Leading the runners out of the starting gate, were from left: Alex Bunch, James Bullens, Laban Towery, Kim Yong, Debbie Biddle, Ken Roark, Kevin Morgan and Cody Cox. Bunch was the overall female winner of the 6K Race/Walk with a time of 26:09 and Towery was the overall male winner with a time of 23:25.



Nicholas Estes, left, and Troy "Bonehead" McClure, center, led the 30 walkers out the parking lot at Renfro Valley during 6K Jingle Bell Run/Walk held on December 6th. Over \$2,700 was raised by the 130 total participants at the 5th annual event.

News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

District Civil Suits

Midland Funding LLC vs. Larry D. Benge, \$819.44 plus claimed due.

Marriage Licenses

Rebecca Annalynn Davis, 27, Mt. Vernon, student, to John Burch Richardson IV, 25, Mt. Vernon, student. 12/2/08.

Elizabeth Scarborough, 20, Orlando, SRNA to Nathan Kyle Doan, 23, Brodhead, factory. 12/03/08.

Kathern Orlando, SRNA to Dwight Joshua Couch, 26, Mt. Vernon, mechanic. 12/05/08.
 Khristy Michelle Willis, 22, Mt. Vernon, Walmart to Johnathon George Rader, 20, Orlando. 12/08/08.

Kassie Renee Brock, 18, Crab Orchard, housewife to James Lee Seals, 20, Mt. Vernon, transmission repair. 12/10/08.

Bethany Brook Taylor, 19, Brodhead, student to Andrew Justine Gilbert, 24, Brodhead, welder. 12/10/08.

Circuit Civil Suits

Lontonia Tillery vs. Richard Tillery, complaint for medical support.

Edward W. Brock vs. Joyce Ann Brock, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Lora Lambert Boyd vs. Stephen C. Boyd, petition for dissolution of marriage.
 Cabinet for Health and Family Services, ex rel Sandra Vanwinkle vs. Randy Vanwinkle, complaint for child support and medical support.

Cabinet for Health and Family Services, ex rel Angela Short vs. Colen D. Short, complaint for child support and medical support.

Community Trust Bank vs. Greg Richards, et al, \$45,034.33 plus claimed due.

Shannon Melissa Shriver vs. Howard Paul Shriver, petition for dissolution of marriage.

ing motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs and failure to produce insurance card, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

Willie Bryant: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine and costs, service fee, 30 days operator license suspension.

Brent M. Downs: speeding, \$90 fine and costs; improper passing, \$100 fine/suspended; reckless driving, \$100 fine.

Jennifer L. Hogenboom: no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine and costs.

Speeding: Alborz Hosseinpour, \$16 fine plus \$133 costs; James R. Phillips, \$22 fine plus costs; Jeffrey C. Vieson, \$32 fine plus \$133 costs;

Krista Nicole Roberts: license not in possession, \$50 fine and costs.

Joseph Dale Morris: alcohol intoxication in public place, \$25 fine and costs; contempt of court, 5 days in jail/concurrent with time now serving.

Boyd J. Smith: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$350 fine plus costs, \$325 service fee, 12 months operator license suspension and seven days in jail; driving on suspended license, 7 days/concurrent; failure to maintain insurance, 5 days/concurrent.

Margie Tucker: theft by unlawful taking, \$250 fine and costs.

Lettie D. Winchester: theft by unlawful taking, \$250 fine and costs.

Thomas Daugherty: alcohol intoxication, \$50 fine and costs.

John B. Stamper: alcohol intoxication in public place, bw issued for fta.

Zachery T. Thompson: alcohol intoxication in public place, \$50 fine and costs.

Juan J. Alarcon: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine plus costs, \$325 service fee, 30 days operator license suspension.

Todd A. Rikas: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine and costs, \$325 service fee, 30 days operator license suspension.

Billie J. Anderson: assault, \$100 fine and costs.

Shaun K. Anderson: assault, \$100 fine and costs.
 Lydia Darlene Blackburn: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine and costs, \$325 service fee, 30 days operator license suspension.

Douglas A. Blackmore: no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine and costs; insurance card not in possession, \$50 fine.

Mary McCormick: use/possession drug paraphernalia, \$100 fine and costs plus 10 days in jail/conditionally discharged.

Leonard R. Lefferson: overlength/overwidth semi-trailer (separate counts), \$10 each charge plus \$133 costs.

Heather Maloney: theft by unlawful taking, \$250 fine and costs.

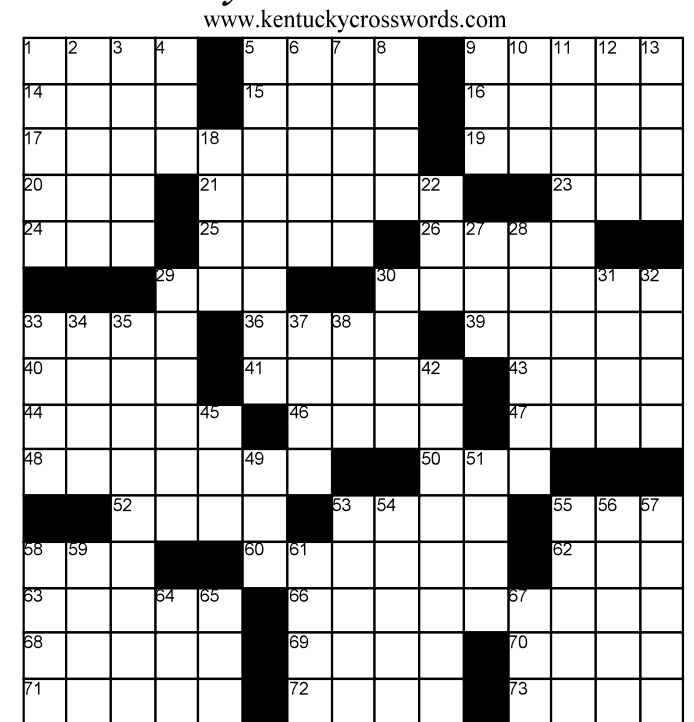
Forest L. Johnson: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine plus costs, \$325 service fee, 30 days operator license suspension and ADE.

Maranda Nicole Richards: fines/fees due (\$346.97 and \$479.25), bw issued for fta.

Lee Rose: drinking alcoholic beverages in public place, bw issued for fta.

Christopher E. Stewart: alcohol intoxication in public place, bw issued for fta.

Kentucky Crossword # 393



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- ACROSS
- 1 NBA team that drafted Kyle Macy and Rajon Rondo
 - 5 Tiny spider
 - 9 Kentucky author
 - 14 Consumer
 - 15 Magoffin Co. hamlet, or always
 - 16 Angry
 - 17 KY county, home to Hopkinsville and Fort Campbell North
 - 19 Country estate
 - 20 Title of Elijah Craig, Kentucky bourbon developer: Abbr.
 - 21 Olden days deliverers
 - 23 Calendar square
 - 24 Bard's before
 - 25 Young girl
 - 26 Simple
 - 29 Roman deity
 - 30 Whitesburg, KY is this county's seat
 - 33 Attentive
 - 36 Enthusiasm
 - 39 Kentuckian, helped the Pittsburgh Pirates win the 1925 World Series
 - 40 Fertilizer
 - 41 Set of values
 - 43 Sit for a photo
 - 44 Kind of bean
 - 46 Blackjack
 - 47 Scraped (out)
 - 48 Quilt City, USA
 - 50 German river
 - 52 Jump
 - 53 Certain
 - 55 Short title for Hal Rogers
 - 58 Berea College
- DOWN
- 1 Bolivian capital
 - 2 Founder of Lexington's first theater
 - 3 Mettle
 - 4 ___ Lanka
 - 5 KY county named for KY's 10th governor, "Old Stone Hammer"
 - 6 Crawling vines
 - 7 Cardinals, Wildcats, and Hilltoppers, e.g.
 - 8 Sea bird
 - 9 Big Ick Weaver of WKU
 - 10 Baseball stat
 - 11 Seat of Elliott Co., KY
 - 12 Greek portico
 - 13 Mysterious: Var.
 - 18 Farm building
 - 22 Maiden name indicator
 - 27 Kind of card
 - 28 Kentuckian, defendant in the famous "Monkey Trial"
 - 29 There's one of
- Man o' War at the Kentucky Horse Park
- 30 Luau souvenirs
 - 31 Irish offshoot
 - 32 Kentuckian, Supreme Court Justice, (1938-57)
 - 33 Lexington arena
 - 34 Opera solo
 - 35 Legend claims KY's first tobacco crop grown in this county
 - 37 Hankering
 - 38 Pi follower
 - 42 An Iroquoian people, or a Lawrence Co. spot
 - 45 Wood sorrel
 - 49 Spring mo.
 - 51 Whimper
 - 53 Marsh bird
 - 54 Stomach woe
 - 55 Antique firearm, Kentucky ___
 - 56 Sprite-like
 - 57 Kentuckians Jim Wayne Miller and James Baker Hall
 - 58 Calumet in the Bluegrass, for one
 - 59 Mammoth Cave's longest river
 - 61 Dazzles
 - 64 Lyric poem
 - 65 Kentuckian, opera baritone William
 - 67 Believer's suffix

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

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Deeds Recorded

Mikhael and Callie Shaffer, property on Sowder School Road, to Shannon McFerron. Tax \$2.50.

Jennifer Ann and David Wise and David Paul Hansel, exec., property in Rockcastle County, to David Paul Hansel. Tax \$9.

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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

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

Big & Beautiful. This spacious vinyl sided home at the Rockcastle/Lincoln County line has much to offer. Its floor plan could be used as four or five bedrooms. There's also a formal dining room, living room and family room. A two car garage and an additional bay in the basement allow for plenty of space for your vehicle or storage. M2423

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

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

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

Acreage For Sale
48 acres of prime land, 2 ponds, spring, blacktop road, 4 miles from lake. 17 miles to I-75 located on a dead end road. M2419
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
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 building site - near Pulaski County line. Priced at \$41,900. M2411
174.93 acres of Wildlife 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

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

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

Reduced
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

LOTS FOR SALE

Two lots located in the beautiful Lear Crest Subdivision. Consists of 1/2 acre m/l each and has city water available. These lots are ideal building lots and convenient to Mt. Vernon, Brodhead, Berea and Lake Linville. Priced at \$9,900 ea. M2260
Great View! Near Cedar Creek Lake. 1 acre nearly level lot with restrictions. M2357.
Nice and Convenient! Nice level lot in the city limits of Crab Orchard with water and sewer available. Just \$5,900. M2360
Need a Lot? These lots are being sold together for a total of 1 acre. This 1 acre lot offers electric, city water and a septic system. Located on Hock Road just minutes from Brodhead. Call today! M2373
Great Opportunity! Building lot located in Lear Crest Subdivision. This lot has blacktop roads, city water and underground utilities. Restricted for your convenience. Priced at only \$11,900. M2355
Let's Go Fishing! 1 acre lot on Boone Road, only one mile from Cedar Creek Lake. Lot has 208 feet of road frontage on a blacktop road. Mature trees with city water available. Doublewides are welcome! Call today and go fishing this summer! \$21,500. M2353
Lots Available! Now in the Lear Crest Subdivision. There are 8 lots to choose from so hurry to take your pick. M2346
Nice Lot! - Nice 1/2 acre lot located in Lear Crest Subdivision. \$6,500. M2344
Make this your building site. - Measuring 0.73 of an acre this lot is located in Cedar Point Subdivision. \$6,500. M2345
They're Going Fast! - Conveniently located between I-75 and 461, there is over 100 restricted building lots in the newly developed Rainbow Ridge Subdivision. Newly blacktopped roads - city water - some lake views. Prices range between \$7,900 - \$16,900. M1798
Hwy. 461 - Pulaski County. Easy access to Somerset - Lake Cumberland and I-75. Spacious Lots - Restricted - City Water - Paved Streets - \$11,900 each. M1363
REDUCED! Investment Opportunity! Don't delay starting earning income today! 7 trailer lots in the Mt. Vernon city limits. City water, city sewer and KU electric. Included in this package is a separate lot located on T Street in Mt. Vernon... Lots of potential. Priced at \$50,000. M2169
Some Timber. Property joins National Forest. Creek runs through this property. M2203
"A" Rated! Prime and almost perfect is the best way to describe these well-located lots! Located in exclusive neighborhood between Mt. Vernon and Brodhead on Highway 150, these restricted lots are ideal for your new dream home! Prices range between \$10,000 and \$14,500. A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity awaits you here! M1941
Lots! Lots! Lots! Several large country lots with a great view - Holbrook Estates in the Brindle Ridge section - convenient to either Mt. Vernon or Berea. City water - Cable TV - lots range in size from 3/4 acre to 1 acre. M1796
Two Lots! Located in the beautiful Lear Crest Subdivision. Consists of 1/2 acre m/l each and has city water available. These lots are ideal building lots and convenient to Mt. Vernon, Brodhead, Berea and Lake Linville. Priced at \$9,900 ea. M2413

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FUTURE AUCTIONS
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 - Anville, 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)
Absolute Auction of Home and Lot - Extra Lot
Saturday, January 3rd at 10:00 a.m.
Slate Branch Spur Road - Somerset

Absolute Auction of Mr. & Mrs. Greg Gibson's Properties
8 Acres +/- (Wolf Gap Road) - 10:30 a.m.
7 Lots (Echo Point) Immediately Following Wolf Gap Road Property
4 +/- Acres on Pumphouse Road - 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, January 10th, 2009 - Somerset, Kentucky
Absolute Auction of Mr. & Mrs. William Burk's 75 Acre Farm in Tracts
Sat. January 17th at 1:30 p.m.
Bethelridge Road (Casey County)
Absolute Estate Auction Of the Late Ms. Alma James' House and Lot & Personal Property
Saturday, January 24th at 10:00 a.m.
Jarvis Avenue - Somerset

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director



After the Jingle Bell 6K Run/Walk, Dwain Harris, with Rockcastle Hospital Community Relations, left, presented the fastest family award to the Bowling family from London, Melissa, John and Michael.

**Deadline for next week's paper is
4 p.m. this Friday**

Request for Referendum
The Pork Checkoff Program, was implemented September 5, 1986, as authorized by the Pork Promotion, Research and Consumer Information Act of 1985 (Act). The purposes of the Pork Checkoff Program are to:

- strengthen the position of pork and pork products in the marketplace
- develop and expand markets for pork and pork products.

AMS will conduct a Request for Referendum among eligible pork producers and importers of hogs, pigs, pork, and pork products to determine if those persons want a referendum on the Pork Checkoff Program. The Request for Referendum is being conducted as a result of a settlement of a lawsuit entered into February 28, 2001, with USDA and the Michigan Pork Producers As-

sociation, Inc., et al. (Plaintiffs). Eligible producers and importers will be able to participate from December 8, 2008, through January 2, 2009. Participation is voluntary, and only individuals who desire a referendum on the Pork Checkoff Program should participate.

County Committee Election
The Rockcastle County Committee election ballots were tabulated on December 4, 2008. CED, Warden Alexander, COC member, Gary Burdette, COC advisor, Brenda Parsons and Temporary, Marcella Lovell, participated in the tabulation of the votes. Final tabulation of the ballots for LAA #3 was as follows:

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| John D King | 93 votes |
| Stephen Towery | 54 votes |
| John D King was declared the winner with Stephen Towery being the 1st alternate. | |
| The 2009 Rockcastle COC | |

members will be: Gary Burdette, Charlie Mink and John D King.

Sales and purchases of land
Producers who have purchased or sold land should inform the FSA office of the change. A copy of the deed or land contract sales is required to update FSA records with correct ownership.

Producers are also reminded to inform the FSA office of any change of address and bank account changes.

REMEMBER: FSA's records are only as current as producers provide.

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(Cont. to B8)

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For Rent
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For Rent: 3BR House w/one bath, fuel oil heat. \$325 month, deposit and reference required. No pets. 256-9226 after 6:30 p.m. 5x2p

For Rent: Nice 2BR mobile home. \$375 month. Available approx. Jan. 1st. Call 606-758-4985. 5x2p

For Rent: Duplex in Brodhead. All appliances furnished. Call Patty 758-9666. 5xntf

For Rent: 2 bedroom house on 490. \$300 month/\$400 deposit. 606-392-9633. 4x2p

For Rent: 2 BR trailer, Brodhead, 481B Tyree St. Carport, storage, nice yard. \$250 month/\$250 deposit. No Pets. Credit references checked. 758-9683 or 606-510-3719. 4xntf

For Rent: 3 BR, 1 1/2 bath house, 481A Tyree St., Brodhead. Garage, carport, nice yard. \$400 month/\$400 deposit. No pets. Credit references checked. 758-9683 or 606-510-3719. 4xntf

For Rent: 2BR trailer, 476 Tyree St., Brodhead. Outbuildings, carport, nice yard, garden space. No pets. \$300 month/\$300 deposit. Credit references checked. 758-9683 or 606-510-3719. 4xntf

Duplex For Rent in Brodhead. 2BR, washer/dryer/dishwasher. Call Amy Nicely 256-8700. 3xntf

For Rent or Sale: 3 BR/2BA trailer on large lot in Sunnyside Estates, Mt. Vernon. Non smoker, credit check, no pets. \$350 month/\$600 security deposit. Sale price \$55,000. 1-606-758-8681. 1xntf

For Rent: 2 and 3 bedroom trailer, starting as low as \$200 month plus \$200 deposit. Call 256-9889 or 606-308-5389. 3x4

For Rent: 2 bedroom trailer in Mt. Vernon. 859-358-3560 or 256-9943. 47xntf

For Rent: Small 2 bedroom trailer in Mt. Vernon. No pets. Also, house in Brodhead. 758-4729. 40xntf

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

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Property For Sale

For Sale: 2 bedroom house w/1 bath, basement, detached garage, edge of town. \$38,000. Motivated seller. Possible land contract. 859-336-9569. 2x4p

For Sale: 2,397 sq. ft. 3BR/2BA home w/CHA, storm cellar, lg. barn and a 38x72 metal garage w/electric. All furniture in home is nego. All on 5.23 acres. \$149,900. 606-758-8681. 1xntf

For Sale: (1) Lot - 6 acres wooded on Breezy Hollow Lane, \$23,500. (2) 7.7 acres cleared on Breezy Hollow Lane, \$29,900. (3) Two lots on Breezy Hollow, 1.4 acres, to be sold together, \$8,500. 256-3213 or 308-2953. 16xntf

Lots For Sale: Castle Ridge Subdivision. Use same entry way as Bible Baptist Church. All lots have city sewer and

underground utilities. starting at \$12,900. 606-256-5692 • 256-4504 • 308-3730. 20xntf

For Sale: Mobile home lots, located in Sunnyside Mobile Home Park. 1.2 acre lots - \$500 down and \$100 per month. Call 606-256-5692 or 606-256-5648. 43xntf

Posted

Posted: No trespassing on property of Darrell and Helen Whitaker, located on East Fork of Skaggs Creek and Cut Gap. Keep out!! 32(08)x51p

Posted: No trespassing on land belonging to Donald Bowman on Cow Bell Hollow Rd in Saltpetre Cave. Violators will be prosecuted. Not responsible for accidents.

Posted: No trespassing, ATVs on land belonging to Billy Whitaker on Skaggs Creek.

Posted: No hunting, trespassing or ATVs on all land owned by Jo Cook and Virginia Tipton in Climax area of Rockcastle County, due to loss of animals. Violators will be prosecuted. 2x4p

Posted: No hunting or trespassing at 3989 Sand Springs Rd. All violators will be prosecuted. 5x1p

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on Ed Wilson Farm, 5320 Hummel Road, Wildie. 44(08)x52p

Posted: No trespassing. No ATVs on property belonging to Carla Whitaker Carpenter and Warren Whitaker (formerly known as Wesley Mink property) located at High Dry, Long Branch (Pongo area). 32(08)x25p

Posted: No hunting/trespassing on property belonging to Farmer Waddle and Clista Spivey heirs on Hwy. 490. Violators will be prosecuted. Not responsible for accidents. 42(08)x25p

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

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

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

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

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

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Miscellaneous For Sale

For Sale: Seasoned firewood. 606-453-2027. 5x6p

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49 TERESA LANE - Nice singlewide in great setting. Two full acres of space and privacy. Home has had so many updates! Great two car garage has been added with even more storage space. New appliances. \$54,900. MLS32410

2916 WILDERNESS RD - Custom built 2 story home on poured concrete basement. Kitchen recently updated. 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 car attached garage and 2 car attached garage and 2 car detached garage with upstairs storage or living quarters. Huge deck and above ground pool. \$230,000. MLS32342

270 ROSE HILL - 3 bedroom, 3 baths, full living quarters in basement, nice patio, nice porch. Over size 2 car garage. Walk-out of your own back yard and go fishing in lake. \$149,000. MLS32283

6732 S. BRINDLE RIDGE - Custom made 4 bedroom home is on a permanent foundation. Walls are 2x6 with thermal windows, oak cabinets and so much space. Oversized garage has electric and 220 wiring. 6 stall barn has electric, a corn crib and smaller loft. \$139,900. MLS31819.

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7604 BRINDLE RIDGE RD - Neat 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch on 10 beautiful acres. Full finished basement and double car garage are in the house. Huge 30x50 metal storage building and double car garage with two office rooms are on the property. \$129,900. MLS31817

4247 SCAFFOLD CANE RD - Be sure to see this one-of-a-kind home located in a scenic country setting and only minutes from Berea or Mt. Vernon. Features include 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, full finished basement, great room design, new interior paint plus much more. 1 acre lot. \$185,000. MLS30086

6485 SCAFFOLD CANE RD - Country home with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Sold as is. Large front porch and walkout basement. \$30,000. MLS31110-3176.

8 DEEP HOLLOW RD - 1 acre lot. Wooded. Within 3 minutes of Renfro Valley, 9 minutes of exit 76 Berea. \$28,500. MLS30763.

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“Sounds of the Season” a resounding success

Submitted by A. B. Sharpe

A Standing Room Only crowd gathered Monday evening to enjoy the Sounds of the Season concert at the High School Auditorium. The RCHS Music Department presented its 2nd annual Christmas Concert featuring the RCHS Concert Band and the RCHS Chorus. Despite nasty weather and a scary forecast, the overflowing crowd was attentive and appreciative and a festive air was all-encompassing. The doors opened to an enticing array of baked goods and other snacks as well as a delicious unending punch. The cookies with cranberries and white chocolate baked by Melissa Daugherty were especially scrumptious.

The band commenced with an inspiring “Santa’s Christmas Symphony”. The RCHS Combined Chorus followed with several selections including “Baby, It’s Cold Outside”, “Winter Wonderland”, and “Santa’s on His Way Medley”. The Brass Choir then gathered center stage and enchanted us all with their charming renditions of “O Come Emmanuel” and “Christmas Bells”. The entire band reassembled on stage and played “Fantasy on Greensleeves”, “The Christmas Song”, and “’Twas in the Moon of Wintertime”.

After a brief intermission, the second half of the show got underway with the Chamber Choir singing “Go Tell the News”, “Believe”, and the “Carol of the Bells”. These beguiling renditions were followed by the full band playing a resounding “Rudolph’s Christmas Concert”. The audience was tickled at the sight of Mr. Greg Daugherty conducting in a pair of antlers he had donned for the occasion.

A truly exceptional and delightful version of “’Twas the Night before Christmas” was then presented by the RCHS Drama Department. The cleverly integrated musical accompaniment, provided by the band, became another most captivat-

ing character in the comical skit. An authentically jolly Santa, played by Nicky Shelton, kept everyone laughing. This merriment was followed by several Christmas Carols led by the entire choir. The audience joined in and the combined effects of all the voices personified the spirit of the season.

The charismatic Ms. Anita Nation, representing the Band Boosters, presented Mr. Daugherty with tickets, from the 2008-09 seniors, to the Kentucky Center for the Arts in Louisville. This was in appreciation for all his dedication and hard work, leading them on, always above and beyond. Appreciation was also expressed to Ms. Cassandra Smith, Mr. Josh Ott, Ms. Amber Thacker, Jessica Stallworth, Tasha Ramsey, and Matt Durham. The members of the RCHS Arts Department consistently and attentively inspire our kids to reach for their stars. Their tireless efforts in sharing these talents with the community enrich us all.

The RCHS Concert Band gave an outstanding presentation of the “Pilgrim’s Chorus” last Sunday evening. They were the guest performers of the Central Kentucky Concert Band in their show “Back to Bayreuth”, which featured the music of Richard Wagner. For those who were not able to be there, you missed a fabulous evening of exhilarating musical performances and the delightfully entertaining conductor, Dr. Peter Larue. All of us in attendance were mesmerized by the solo performance of Kenny Meeker on the piccolo. I have never seen fingers move that fast! Our own RCHS band was so awed that they were the first to jump to their feet in a standing ovation. As always, the RCHS Concert Band impressed all gathered with their comportment and good manners. Their flawless performance and sophisticated demeanor was profusely complimented by all those congregated at the reception following the show. This experience of

rehearsing and playing with the Central Kentucky Concert Band has excited several of our youth to the possibilities of musical pursuit long after high school band. The CKCB are all ages and from all walks of life and they continue to make a joyful noise, including a tuba player who has played the same tuba since 1930. Truly inspirational to those just beginning!

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

The RCHS Brass Choir will finish this season’s offerings on Friday night, December 19th. You don’t want to miss their performance! They are the featured entertainment for the Christmas Around Town Holiday Tour. 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 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.

“Ag News”

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Spousal authority

A husband and wife may sign FSA and CCC documents on behalf of each other UNLESS written notification is on file in the FSA office denying a spouse this authority.

Rural Development

The Rural Development Representative with concern to low income housing loans will be in Rockcastle County at the Rockcastle FSA office the fourth Tuesday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Office closure

The Rockcastle County Service Center, FSA and NRCS Offices, will be closed Thursday, December 25, 2008 in observance of Columbus Day and Thursday, January 1, 2008 in observance of New Years Day. Offices will reopen on Friday during normal business hours 7:30 AM- 5:00PM.

Important program dates

Conservation Reserve Program Continuous signup continues

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Dedication Postponed

A ribbon-cutting ceremony, scheduled for Dec. 20th at Quail Park, has been postponed to a later date.

Project Graduation Meeting

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

Health Department Holiday Hours

The Rockcastle County Health Department will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 25 and 26 for the Christmas Holidays and January 1 and January 2 for New Year’s.

Courthouse Holiday Hours

The Circuit Court Clerk, County Court Clerk, PVA and Sheriff’s offices will be closed Wed., Dec. 24th, Thurs., Dec. 25th, Fri., Dec. 26th and Sat., Dec. 27th for the Christmas Holidays. The same offices will be closed Thursday, Jan. 1st, Friday, Jan. 2nd and Sat., Jan. 3 for the New Year’s Holiday.

Holiday Tour Dec. 19th

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.

NAMI Meeting

There will be a NAMI meeting Thurs., Dec. 18th from noon to 1 p.m. at the Comprehensive Care Center in Mt. Vernon.

RCIDA Meeting

The Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority holds its regular meeting the first Monday of each month that 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 Dec. Meetings will resume in Jan., 2009.

NA Women’s Meeting

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

Women’s Narcotics Meeting

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