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Rockcastle Sheriff Mike Peters walks back into Cash Express, located on West Main Street in Mt. Vernon, on Thursday to help interview the two clerks who were robbed at gunpoint around 4 p.m. No was injured in the 4 p.m. robbery but a lone gunman made off with an undisclosed amount of cash. (Front page photos by: Richard Anderkin)

Masked man walks in and demands cash

Cash Express held up Friday at gunpoint

A lone gunman walked into the Cash Express, on West Main Street in Mt. Vernon last Thursday afternoon, and made away with an undetermined amount of cash.

Mt. Vernon City Police Chief Terry Jackson said the robbery occurred around 4 p.m. when a white male, approximately 5'8", walked into the cash checking business wearing a yellow ski mask and carrying a handgun.

City police officer Ed Robinson, who worked the case, said the robber pointed the gun at one of the two clerks working on Thursday and demanded money.

Robinson said the robber got away on foot with an undisclosed amount of cash. Neither clerk was injured during the robbery.

"They thought he ran off toward the back of the store toward the houses and apartment complex near the store," Robinson said.

Jackson said one suspect had already been questioned concerning the robbery, but

that no arrests have been made. Thursday's robbery was the third armed robbery in the city limits of Mt. Vernon in the past 16 months.

The Days Inn at Renfro Valley was robbed twice in 2007.

The first robbery at Days Inn occurred on September 28th of 2007 and the second one was two months later on November 28th.

In the second robbery the clerk at Days Inn was made to lie down on the floor and the robber kicked him as he was leaving.

Both robberies at Days Inn were after dark and the thieves got away with an undisclosed amount of cash.

No arrests have been made in those robberies.

Jackson said he did not know if the three robberies were related, but that it was certainly possible.

The Chief is asking that anyone with possible information about the robbery contact the Mt. Vernon Police Department at (606) 256-5372.

Special to the Signal

UK helps improve quality of life in Rockcastle County

Residents of Rockcastle County may not realize the ways the University of Kentucky continually touches their lives, by providing education to 32 young Rockcastle Countians in the 2008-09 academic year, assisting business people, advising homemakers and agricultural enterprises and

offering guidance on health care.

UK's 2008-09 academic year began with 10 Rockcastle County freshmen, four sophomores, two juniors and nine attending classes, along with seven other pursuing graduate degrees or professional degrees in nursing, medicine, pharmacy

and law.

Meanwhile, Rockcastle Countians already entrust vital parts of their lives to professionals who learned their skills at UK. The county has eight lawyers, four nurses, five physicians, six pharmacists and three dentists who earned their degrees at UK.

And UK's impact promises to continue far into the future, as UK launches more research programs and economic development initiatives designed to improve prosperity and the quality of life of for every Kentuckian.

"The University of Kentucky takes great pride in knowing it is the Commonwealth's flagship, land-grant university," said UK President Lee T. Todd Jr. "With that title comes the responsibility of making sure Kentuckians in all 120 counties feel the impact of UK's education, research and outreach. Our Top 20 mandate did not call on UK to become a leading American university for the sake of rankings and statistics; it challenged us to help change conditions in every corner of the Commonwealth. And we remain committed to doing just

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County gets over 42 inches of precipitation last year

The final weather numbers for Rockcastle for 2008 are in and, although over 42 inches of precipitation was recorded at the Cox Funeral Home Weather Station in Mt. Vernon last year, the amount of rain and snow received was still about two inches below normal.

Rockcastle weatherman

Bud Cox said the wettest month of the year was last month when 6.47 inches of precipitation, which included an inch of snow, fell in the county.

The driest month of the year was in September when only .29 of inch of rain fell.

Other monthly totals for the year were: January, 2.96 of rain and three traces of snow; Feb-

ruary, 5.29 inches of rain, which included an inch of snow; March, 4.96 inches, including three inches of snow; April 5.02 inches; May, 3.63 inches; June, 3.69 inches; July, 4.02 inches; August, 1.85; October, 1.23 inches and November, 2.98 inches, which in-

Grand Jury returns eighteen indictments

Eighteen indictments were returned last Friday by the Rockcastle County Grand Jury for alleged crimes ranging from manufacturing methamphetamine to bail jumping.

Those indicted included: Larry G. Smith, 46, of Mt. Vernon who was indicted on two counts -- one for failing to register as a convicted sex offender and the second for being a persistent felony offender. His bond was set at \$50,000

cash. James L. Hall, 33, of 64 Cupps Chapel Road, Brodhead was indicted on three counts of criminal possession of a forged instrument. Hall's bond was set at \$25,000 cash or property.

Mark Spoonamore, 34, of Castle Village Apartments in Brodhead was indicted on two counts, one for burglary, second degree and the second for theft by unlawful taking, over \$300. His bond has also been set at \$25,000 cash or property.

Tommy Brock, 25, of 800 Wild Rose Road, Mt. Vernon; Timmy Brock, 27, of 278 Old State Road, Mt. Vernon and Judy Mink, 31 of 46 Rigsby Lane, Orlando were all charged in the same indictment. Tommy Brock was indicted for theft by unlawful taking over \$300 and Timmy Brock and Mink were indicted for receiving stolen property. Bond for all three was set at \$25,000 cash/property.

David P. Snyder, 26, of Mt. Vernon was indicted for bail jumping and his bond was set at \$20,000 cash/property.

Adria L. Murray, 30, of 203 Richland Drive, Richmond was indicted for theft of identity and her bond was set at \$10,000 cash/property.

Seven persons were indicted on drug related charges.

Barry Hayes, 56, of 892 Purr Rigsby Road, Brodhead was indicted on two counts of trafficking of a controlled substance involving possession of the drugs, Hydrocodone and Diazepam

Dwayne S. Blair, 42, 160 Center Street, Danville was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, first degree involving possession of Methamphetamine. His bond was set at \$10,000 cash/property.

Three Brodhead residents were named in the same indictment.

Bryan Douglas Phillips, 33,

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Rockcastle County Attorney Billy Reynolds, left, swore-in three board members who began new terms on the Rockcastle County Board of Education on Tuesday night. Taking the oath of office, from right, were: board chairman Martin Vanzant, Brandy Brock and Mike Burdette. Brock is beginning her first term on the board and Burdette his third. Vanzant, who has been on the school board since 1998, was re-elected board chairman for the coming year, during the board's business meeting. Looking on from left are: Superintendent Larry Hammond, board members Angie Mink and Tina Hasty and Instructional Supervisor David Pensol. Hasty was also re-elected board vice-chairman on Tuesday night.

Editor's Notes

By Richard Anderkin



For what my opinion is worth, President George W. Bush has certainly not been as bad as some would say, including myself at times.

For example, I was doing my normal duties at the Bittersweet Festival, shortly after 9/11 and one of this county's young adults said he was concerned that in a crowd he or anyone could be stabbed in the back by a terrorist, even at the Bittersweet Festival. He was serious, very serious and it showed the mindset of this country at the time.

Being the guy who feels completely safe in my own little part of this country, I actually thought little about his comment, until later, when an innocent family with obvious middle east origins and absolutely no political agenda, decided to take pictures of Lake Linville.

Because local officials were doing their job, that family was detained, questioned and searched because there was a chance they had been instructed to check out the county's water source for possible contamination.

That theory was certainly not out of the realm of possibility at the time, but the family was guilty of nothing but enjoying the beautiful scenery at Lake Linville. Of course their intentions had to be determined, whether that family liked it or not.

The point is, the citizens of this country who had never been afraid to go to bed, work, school, a public gathering, or anywhere for that matter, thought briefly that they might not be safe because of what happened on 9/11.

I think historians will remember that President Bush and his administration immediately made the security of this country its number one priority.

Homeland Security was implemented, we took the fight to the home of known terrorist when we invaded Afghanistan and we proved we weren't afraid to go into the most volatile region of the world when we invaded Iraq.

I may be the most misled American ever, but I think the President sincerely believed there were weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, but we all know that wasn't the case.

However, the simple fact that President Bush would go looking for those who could potentially hurt this country sent a message to the rest of the world -- that on his watch we were going to continue to protect ourselves and our rights which so many have fought and died for.

This country has the resources and the means to send the cowards and the bullies back to the caves they come from and, for the most part, we have apparently done that -- at least where our country is concerned.

I'm sure that the next President knows that if you do not have national security, you actually do not have the ability to do anything, which is something he should have learned well from the outgoing President.

I guess we will begin to find out for sure next week.

Points East

By Ike Adams

This is not a New Year's Resolution as much as a matter of necessity. To wit, I have pretty much hung up my remote control because it has become a device of sheer frustration that I can live without.

Except for a scant few programs on KET like Kentucky Afield and Masterpiece Theatre on Sunday nights, I find television boring.

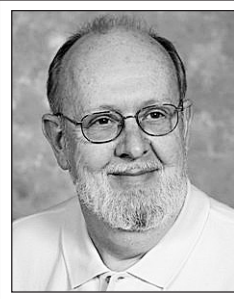
Once in every long while the History Channel or Discovery will air a new show that has not been run a hundred times before and I find myself compelled to endure the sales pitches of the sponsors just to see what happens next. But that's a rarity. Old dead Egyptian's carcasses no longer fascinate me.

And if you've seen one giant squid, you become more dubious from episode to episode as to the danger these things may really portend to life in the oceans.

Oh, I'm prone to watch a ball game now and then there on the tube, but I really don't need a gadget to get me to and

Rockcastle Memories

By David J. Griffin



My Old Home Place

There it was. On Thanksgiving Day, my brother, Al, and I longingly looked out of the front windshield of my Tahoe at our old homeplace. We had driven to the farm because we had learned from the local newspaper that our former home had been CON-DEMNEED. A meth lab in the house had recently been discovered.

Of course, the land and all buildings had been sold many years ago when my mother moved to Lexington after the death of Pop and Mommie Katie. Nevertheless, the feelings of sadness and regret swept over us as we remembered all of the "living" that our family had done in that little old house.

We were looking across the fields where our grandfather,

Pop, rotated his garden each year. We reminisced about the times we spent hoeing corn, pulling weeds from the strawberry patch, and picking up apples that had fallen to the ground from Pop's orchard.

We agreed that most of the values that we have developed over the years were learned from the wise, warm adults who shared such a homeplace with us when we were very young. Our mother and grandparents were strong Christians who taught us to be responsible young men. Most of the time, we listened to their advice, even though there were times when we did not.

Al and I could clearly picture our mother, Bee, standing near the kitchen door waiting for her sons to come home -- as she did each night when we were out on a date or just "cruising" in our cars.

That little house was built in 1936 by John Bill Stokes, Pop's uncle. Originally, it only contained four rooms and a screened-in porch. There were two bedrooms, a living room, and a kitchen. In the living room, my mother had a large Warm Morning stove to heat the entire house. I could never forget the smell of wood burning in that big old stove.

My bedroom was in the corner far away from the stove. Needless to say, the house had no insulation and was not underpinned. To sleep comfortably, we had to pile Bee's home-made quilts on our bed to keep warm. It was difficult to turn over with the weight of the stack of quilts pressing us down.

What wonderful memories we have.

As Al and I drove away, he pointed to our grandparents' house saying, "That is where I came into this world." He was born in Pop and Mommie Katie's house instead of a hospital. Since I was born 10 years later, Bee delivered me at Berea Hospital.

We were both overwhelmed

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Preachers provided peaceful place

Peter Ducker, the late leadership guru, said that the four hardest jobs in America (and not necessarily in order, he added) are President of the United States, a university president, a hospital CEO, and...a preacher.

Probably not many would guess preacher would rank so high on the list.

Not even preachers. The founder of Kentucky-based Shechem Ministries wasn't getting many guests in Sept. of 2001 when he first offered a cabin on his 117-acre farm as a place for ministers in crisis.

"I was told that preachers don't think they have problems," says Jim Terry. "Many times they are in deep trouble, but they don't want to admit it."

The retired employee of the Kentucky Dept. of Education

and pastor of Mt. Eden Christian Church in Shelby County saw participation pick up after changing the focus.

"We started referring to it as a vacation refuge where a preacher can come and get away from the world for awhile," says Terry, a native of Jackson in Breathitt County.

The goal of the unique undertaking near the Anderson-Shelby line is to restore and retain New Testament Christian Church preachers who are proclaiming the Word of God.

Terry says he isn't aware of any similar venues in Kentucky, but has heard about a place in Colorado offering get-aways for members of the clergy.

Statistics show it's a much needed service:

*1,500 pastors leave the ministry each month due to

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Curing Warts is Hard

Presented by Dr. David Brabon

The only sure cure for warts is becoming immune to the virus. And some people never seem to develop immunity.

Most children get warts on their hands and feet when they are young and over a few months or years the warts disappear or drop off regardless of what is done. The child has developed immunity which helps reject the viral infection.



But since most people do not want to wait a couple years for the warts to drop off, a number of treatments have been devised. Unfortunately, no single method is entirely effective.

Most methods are a form of physical or chemical destruction of the virus-infected skin cells.

When warts are small and not too deep, they can be frozen with liquid nitrogen. This is very effective for many warts, but the freezing can cause temporary pain or discomfort and blisters may develop.

Frequently, chemical treatments are used. Acids are the primary means of destroying the cells. These chemicals will eventually get to the bottom of the wart if they are used regularly.

For any of these to be effective, it is very important to remove the dead cells from the surface with a file or emery board every day. It is also helpful to soak the wart in warm water to soften it, which makes it easier to remove the dead cells and allows the acids to penetrate the tissue better.

More aggressive treatments with electric cautery or cutting the warts out are effective but often leave scars or prolonged discoloration of the skin.

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between the channels. It's actually good for my back to get up and down off the sofa and change the stations on the rare occasions that I need to do so.

On any given Sunday afternoon there may be as many as two things worth watching at any given time. It's easy enough for me to flip back and forth by squatting in front of the tube and making the decision. And when I lose interest I turn the darn thing off.

I have long since given up scrolling through 188 channels of blarney and nonsense and cussing because there is nothing to watch on television.

From my casual observation of these cable and satellite channels, it seems to take about 30 minutes of commercial interruption to broadcast 30 minutes of stuff worth watching these days. And then they run it over and over again for weeks on end even though once was usually more than enough.

I don't do HBO nor any of the other "premium movie" scams for the same reasons. It's actually cheaper to go out and rent a movie you'd really like to watch on your own schedule than to pay big bucks to put up with the networks' mostly nondescripts and try to schedule your time around the viewing. On the other hand, I don't have Tivo, the ultimate garbage can, and have no intention of acquiring it.

So what I do, while most Americans are fighting over the remote control, is get my entertainment the old fashioned way. No bother. No fuss.

I read. The old fashioned way. Words printed on paper bound between covers, soft or hard, wherein I can get lost from current reality, become

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Obituaries



Evelyn Carol Thomas Blackburn

Evelyn Carol Thomas Blackburn, 63, wife of Russell, of Livingston, died Tuesday, December 30, 2008 at the Rockcastle Hospital. She was born on November 1, 1945 in London, a daughter of the late Emmett Thomas and Wilma Faulkner Thomas. She was a member of the Seven Day Adventist, who had been President of L.E.A.P. and a two year employee at Mt. Vernon Plastics. She was a loving and devoted wife and mother whose hobbies and interests included gardening, singing and flowers. On June 13, 1961 she was united in holy matrimony to Russell Blackburn and from that union came five children, Darrell, David, Daniel, Aaron and Sam.

Those left to cherish her memory include: her husband of 47 years, Russell Blackburn of Livingston; six children, Darrell (Darlene) Blackburn of Mt. Vernon, David (Lisa) Blackburn of Livingston, Daniel (Della) Blackburn of Livingston, Aaron Blackburn of Livingston, and Sam (Jessica) Blackburn of Whitesburg, KY; stepson, Stanley Blackburn of Indianapolis, IN; eight grandchildren, Brooke, Jordon, Jessica, Hunter, Emily, Zach, Kayla and Skyler; two brothers, Billy (Geraldine) Thomas and Ralph (Torri) Thomas, both of Livingston; two sisters, Shirley (Noah) Faulkner of Mt. Vernon and Sheila (Charles) Collins of Livingston; and a host of nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides her father, she was preceded in death by a stepson, Marvin Blackburn.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009 at the Sand Hill Baptist Church with Bro. Tommy Miller officiating. Burial followed in the Red Hill Cemetery.

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



Jean Baker

Mrs. Jean Baker, 79, of Louisville, died Friday, January 9, 2009. She was born in Rockcastle County August 10, 1929, the daughter of Joseph and Lottie Carmichael McHargue. She was a homemaker, a former Consolidated Sales Co. employee and a member of Victory Memorial Baptist Church.

Survivors are her husband, Charles Chester Baker of Louisville; a son., Dr. Charles Dennis (Elaine) Baker of Mesa, Arizona; two brother, Wendell McHargue of Melissa, Texas and A.P. McHargue, both of Indianapolis, IN; a sister, Mrs. Ruth Fain of Mt. Vernon; two granddaughters, Lara and Kristina; one great grandson, Carter and two sisters-in-law, Evelyn Meredith (Holmes) and Naomi Mink.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 12 at Fern Creek Funeral Home. Graveside services were held Tuesday, January 13 at Elmwood Cemetery in Mt. Vernon.

Cox Funeral Home was in charge of local arrangements.



Melberta Robbins

Melberta Cash Robbins, 78, of Brodhead, died Tuesday, January 6th, 2009 at the Rockcastle Hospital. She was born on January 23rd, 1930 in Brodhead, a daughter of the late Arch Cash and Artie Payne Cash. She was a loving and devoted mother and grandmother. She was a member of the Brodhead Baptist Church. Her hobbies and interests were her family, sewing and cooking.

Those left to cherish her memories are: three children, Janet (Joe) Day of Brodhead, Lesa (Robert) Kilbourn of Berea and Carlene (Donald) Allen of Brodhead; five grandchildren, Lindsey Vick, Racheal (Fred) Hampton, Renee (Scott) Barnes, April (Jeremy) Mills and Matthew (Tanya) Robbins; three great grandchildren, Brooklyn Hampton, Nathan Hampton, and Zachary Vick; four brothers, Eddie (Mary Nevel) Cash, Vernon Cash and Walter Lee (Christine) Cash, all of Brodhead, and Paul Ray (Judy) Cash of Trenton, OH; four sisters, Viola "Sissy" (Jim) Houston of Maineville, OH, Preda (Edward) Shepherd of Brodhead, Shelby (Gordon) Abney of Brodhead and Ethylene Cash of Brodhead; and a sister-in-law, Jean Cash of Mt. Vernon. She also had many nieces and nephews, as well as a host of friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: one sister, Anna Elizabeth Cash; and one brother, Lloyd Cash.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 9th, 2009 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals Chapel, with Bro. Luther Allen, officiating. Burial followed in the Piney Grove Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Jim Cash, Scott Barnes, Hal Holbrook, Jr., Frank Bradley, Bill Bradley and Jeff Cash.

Honorary casketbearers were: Jim Huston, Dewayne Ramsey, Vernon Cash, Matthew Robbins, Walter Cash, Paul Ray Cash, Eddie Cash and Edward Shepherd.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Cards of Thanks

Scarlett Shade Jones

The family of Scarlett Shade Jones would like to take time to say thanks to the many family, friends and loved ones who attended Scarlett's services. Thanks for all the prayers, thoughts, beautiful flowers, cards and memorandums throughout this difficult time.

We'd also like to thank Morris and Hislope Funeral Home for all their kindness and help. Thanks to the pallbearers and a special thanks to Bro. Shelby Reynolds for his kind words of comfort.

Michael and Gail Jones
Aden Bradley Owens

The family of Aden Bradley Owens would like to express their sincere appreciation for the kindness and love shown during our loss. We especially want to thank Cox Funeral Home, Bro. Ova Baker, Bro. Ronnie Pennington and Bro. Gene Wells for their service, care and compassion and a special thank you to everyone who sent flowers, gifts and prayers.

We want you to know that we will never forget your kindness. We have truly been blessed with great friends. May God bless you.

Bryan, Kathy, Sherry, Kristy and all the Owens Family



Lorene Jones Baker

Lorene Jones Baker, 84, of Copper Creek, died Thursday, January 8, 2009. She was born April 26, 1924 in Keavy, KY. She was the daughter of the late Ed and Luana Short Jones. She was a member of Valley Baptist Church. She was a homemaker and a former nursing assistant at Sowders Nursing Home. She was the widow of John Baker who preceded her in death on September 23, 1988.

Survivors include: one daughter, Sherry (Bobby) Turner; two sons, Gary Wayne Baker and Johnny Ray (Nerissa) Baker; one sister, Celia Davidson of Amelia, OH; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents she was preceded in death by: one son, Jeffrey Baker on October 6, 1978; three sisters, Mollie Eldridge, Della Barnes and Opal Brock; and two brothers, Robert and Nelson Jones.

Funeral services were held Sunday, January 11, 2009 at the McKnight Funeral Home Chapel with Bros. Bobby Turner and Tony Shelton officiating. Burial was in Wilmot Cemetery on Copper Creek.

Pallbearers were: Tommy Schuler, Jeff Thompson, Roger and Dale Brock, Gene Mobley and James Jones.

Memorial Contributions suggested to Gideons Bible Fund or Wilmot Cemetery Fund.



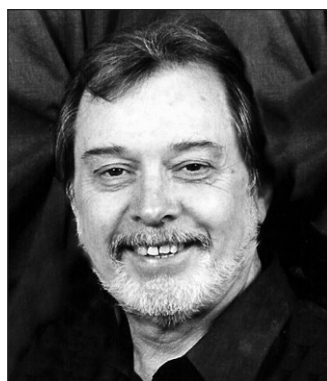
Viola Holdam

Viola Holdam, 86, of Lancaster and formerly of Stanford, died Saturday, November 29, 2008 at the Christian Care Center. She was born March 8, 1922 in Laurel County to the late Wade and Hannah Hall Sexton. She was a housewife and homemaker and had a wonderful love for flowers and gardening and loved to can food. Viola loved to worship at different churches and was of the Pentecostal faith.

She is survived by her children: Ronald Raider of Mt. Vernon, Donald Raider of Lexington, Wayne (Nancy) Bullock of Stanford, Jimmy Griffin of McKinney, Louise (Kenneth) Kirby of Mt. Vernon, Vivian Gail (Johnny) of Stanford and a step-daughter, Dessie Robinson of Mt. Vernon; one brother, Lesley (Violet) Sexton of Hamilton, OH; 25 grandchildren and several great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Holdam; her parents; her sons, Edward Bullock, Freddie Raider, Charles Griffin, Willie Bullock and Ellis Zane; several step-children and several brothers and sisters.

An appreciation of life service was held Tuesday, December 2nd at Fox Funeral Home by Bro. Gary Yocum and burial followed in the Robbins Cemetery at Mason Gap.

Pallbearers were Terry and Ed Bullock, Donald, Jeff and Freddie Raider and Wayne Kirby.



James Carl Osborne

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On Sunday, January 11, 2009 our community, this great nation, and the entire world lost an amazing man and a vibrant character. Mr. James Carl Osborne, of Brodhead, died just after 9 pm at the VA Medical Center in Lexington, KY surrounded by family, friends and staff with love and laughter and grand stories being told by all.

Mr. Osborne was born on December 2, 1944 in Buchanan County, VA. He was an adventurous child that grew into a brave young man. In 1964, Mr. Osborne chose to enlist and become one of the few, one of the proud, he became a United States Marine. He very much believed in serving his country while protecting his fellow man. Mr. Osborne was proud to serve two tours in Vietnam, receiving a Purple Heart along with many other accommodations before being honorably discharged. While serving in the Marines, Mr. Osborne went to school to learn about radio communications which he worked in for a majority of his life. He began with a local telephone company and eventually worked his way up to becoming an independent communication contractor working abroad. Mr. Osborne was never a person to back down from a challenge when it came to seeing a project through from the original concept to the final product.

James Carl Osborne was known by his friends and family as James, Jim and JC. His interests varied widely from art to sports and reading, but his favorite hobby was being with and talking to people, either across the street, at the diner, in an airport, or simply talking on the telephone with his daughter telling her the news of the day. He was a magnet that would draw in people from all walks of life, but he cherished in his heart those meaningful conversations he would have with or even about the people he felt closest, his entire face would light up when he spoke about them.

Mr. Osborne was preceded in death by a son, David Osborne in 1971 and his wife, Mildred Ann in 1984.

Mr. Osborne is survived by his daughter, Shannon Leigh, who has not only lost her father, but her mentor, best friend, and hero. James also leaves behind an older brother, Jack Osborne along with his wife, Sheryl, and their daughters Karen and Candace and their families. Mr. Osborne also leaves behind a younger sister, Brenda Smith along with her husband Dewayne and their two sons Jason and Christopher and their families. Mr. Osborne will be missed by his two best friends, Mr. Greg Hargadon and Mr. Tim Montgomery along with each of their families, as well as many other friends locally, nationally, and internationally. On this day and for days to come, many people near and far will gather to honor, raise a glass and toast life of Mr. James Carl Osborne; an amazing man with tremendous character, an oversized heart, outstanding intellect, wonderful stories, a warm smile and lots of laughter. He touched the lives and hearts of many people who will never forget him. Godspeed to you, my friend, Godspeed.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, January 15, 2009 at 11 am at Dowell and Martin Funeral Home. A graveside service will follow at Cumberland Memorial Gardens in Lily, Kentucky. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made in Mr. Osborne's name to the Pentecostal Children's Home, 1909 KY 3439, Barbourville, KY 40906, telephone number (606) 546-3805.

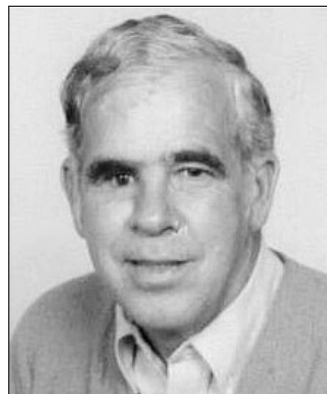
Carl Logan Reynolds

Carl Logan Reynolds, 86, a 25 year resident of Okeechobee, FL, formerly of the Bandy Community, died Wednesday, January 7, 2009 in the VA Medical Center of West Palm Beach. He was born in Pulaski County, KY on March 17, 1922, son of the late James Logan and Hallie Mae Brown Reynolds. He was retired from Local Union #190 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He served in the US Army during World War II, was in the Battle of the Bulge in Germany and honored with the Purple Heart. He was a member of the Church of Christ and interests included hunting and fishing.

He was preceded in death by: his wife, Irene who passed away December 15, 2008; wife, Delores, the mother of his children; his parents; six brothers, Ed, Clyde, Lloyd, Hershel, William and Oscar Reynolds; and three sisters, Verna Brittain, Jenny Miller and Bonnie Parks.

He is survived by: two sons, Jeffrey A. (Lori) Reynolds of Grass Lake, MI and Jonathan M. Reynolds of Livermore, CA; and daughters, Joy E. (Stephen) Nelson of Pleasant Lake, MI, Karen L. (Barry) Warthen of Los Alamos, NM, Lucinda E. (Jerry) Spessard of Ardmore, OK, Donna G. (John) Lantis and Aimee V. Hegadorn, all of Fredericksburg, VA and Stephanie R. Hale of Chelsea, MI. In addition he is survived by 17 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday, January 10, 2009 at Buxton Funeral Home in Okeechobee, FL. Additional visitation will be January 17, 2009 at Cole Funeral Home in Chelsea, MI with interment and military services following at Washtenog Memorial Park in Ann Arbor, Michigan.



Truman E. Bastin

Truman E. Bastin, 79, of Stanford died on Sunday, January 11th, 2009 at Fort Logan Hospital. He was born to Ray and Ethyl Robinson Bastin on Monday, November 11th, 1929 in Lincoln County, KY. He sacrificed for his country in the Korean Conflict, receiving a Purple Heart with the Company L, 15th Infantry, Regiment APO 468. He retired from 18 years of service at Saufley Implement Company, was a farmer and devoted father. He was a former deacon of Calvary Hill Baptist Church and currently a member of Mt. Vernon Church of Christ.

He leaves behind: his second wife, Lois Jane Bastin of Stanford to whom he wed on February 3rd, 1996; a son, Truman D. (Kelly) Bastin of Glasgow, KY; a daughter, Susan (Rev. Jason) Moore of Ferguson, KY; two stepsons, Ricky (Patty) Cromer and Wayne (Jennifer) Burton, both of Brodhead; a stepdaughter, Bonnie (Jody) Elam of Crab Orchard; five grandchildren; four step grandchildren; two great grandchildren; a brother, Sam Bastin of Stanford; three sisters, Bessie Allen of Stanford, Dean Anding of Mississippi and Ann Elndress of Oxford, OH; and father and mother-in-law, Charles and Geneva Machal of Brodhead.

He was preceded in death by: his parents; first wife, Laura Moore Bastin; and eight brothers and sisters.

An Appreciation of Life Service was held Wednesday, January 14th, 2009 at Fox Funeral Home with Rev. Jason Moore and Bro. Marvin Cromer officiating. Burial was in Buffalo Springs Cemetery with Military Rites by Caswell Saufley Post #18 of the American Legion and the United States Army.

Active pallbearers were: Chase Moore, Jody Elam, Mark Bastin, Ricky Cromer, Travis Bastin, and Wayne Burton.

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Ruby Roberts Allen

Ruby Roberts Allen, age 90 of Brodhead, died Friday, January 9, 2009 at the Rockcastle Health & Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead. She was born in Lincoln Co., KY on February 3, 1918 the daughter of Roy and Rosie Webb Lamb. She was a homemaker and a member of the United Church of God.

She is survived by: a son, Glen (Virginia) Roberts of Brodhead; a daughter, Rose Ann Roberts of Lexington; and two sisters, Iva Mae Clark and Inez Miller, both of Middletown, OH. Also surviving are seven grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, and 11 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by: her first husband, William G. "Bill" Roberts; her second husband, Robert Allen; one brother; and one sister.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 12 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Ray Cowan. Burial was in the William Roberts Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Alan Abney, Billy Ramsey, Adam Roberts, Jeff Roberts, Kenneth Roberts and Stanley Roberts.

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

Card of Thanks

Etta Cromer Rowe

The family of Etta Cromer Rowe would like to express their heartfelt thanks for the love and kindness shown during the loss of our loved one.

A special thanks to Dr. Saylor, Dr. Bullock and Dr. Vance for their care. To Pat Hobbs, Anita Barron, the ICU nurses and the respiratory staff. You were great. So kind and compassionate.

To Cox Funeral Home for the arrangements, Bro. Eddie Nation for the beautiful service and Mr. and Mrs. Stevie Bowman for the lovely music.

Thanks to the staff at Rockcastle Health and Rehab Center for your care for the last three years. To niece, Ruby McFerron whom Mom loved like a daughter. We appreciate all the love and care you gave her through the years. To daughter-in-law, Betty Rowe and other family members, a special thanks for the wonderful food after the service.

A sincere thanks to granddaughter, Tammy Barron for all the time you spent checking on your grandmother, bringing her special food and sitting by her bedside.

We appreciate each of you who visited, sent cards, flowers, gifts and prayed for our family.

Daughter, Rose Thacker and George, Jr., Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

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Our Readers Write

Fortunate to have a wonderful school system and staff...

Dear Editor,

On January 6th Rockcastle Health & Rehab staff and residents attended a Lady Rocket Basketball game at the high school.

Brenda Saylor, a big UK fan, really enjoyed watching the girls play and win! Charlotte Keeton said that it brought back memories of playing basketball with her two sons when they were teenagers. The other two residents that attended were Evelyn Howard and Robert "Sap" Miller. Staff that attended were Sharon Cunagin and Pat Graves.

Mr. Barry Noble and Mrs. Jennifer Mattingly met us at the front door and helped us with our residents. We were provided free admission and free drinks during the game and we had some of the best "seats" in the gym. Mrs. Ruth Hamilton checked on us frequently making sure we were comfortable.

When we were ready to leave we were assisted by Mrs. Hamilton and Mr. J.D. Bussell. Mr. Bussell was kind enough to cover each resident with an umbrella as we loaded on the van.

Thanks to everyone who made this a night to remember for our residents! We are fortunate to have such a great school system and wonderful staff at the high school. Go Lady Rockets and Rockets!

Thanks again,
Rockcastle Health & Rehab Center

Ethical issues involve our government...

Dear Editor,

I write to address two ethical issues involving our local government.

First, according to the August 28th city council meeting minutes, city council unanimously passed a motion "to sign [an] agreement [allowing the Hanson Quarry to take the corner of the City Park]" if Hanson can sign off that they [are] not oppose[d] on being annexed.? This was done immediately after the city passed the now rescinded annexation ordinance #2008-4. To oppose the annexation citizens needed to gather the signatures of half of the affected landowners. Hanson was one of these landowners.

I am not sure if the city's actions are legal under state annexation law KRS 81A, but when the city attempts to influence a vote or a petition signature in exchange for other city resources, it raises ethical concerns.

The Knott County judge executive exchanged items of material value for votes and was prosecuted. I understand the city's actions were far from the judge's, but the same principal should apply. Votes or support for a political issue should not be based upon non-related financial transactions.

Second, the city recently

considered and ultimately refrained from spending almost \$800,000 of taxpayer funds for the Cox law building.

Although my 11.27 description of Mr. Cox as "the City's Attorney" was disputed by the editor, Mr. Cox has performed a variety of legal services for the city. Public records that mention him include (1) Aug. 18th city council minutes - "the city attorney," (2) May 8th main street committee minutes - "from city attorney," (3) Jones Building Full Application-Grantee - "City Attorney;," (4) July 20th, 2007, June 9th, and Nov. 13th Jones building paperwork "Counsel City of Mt. Vernon," and (5) a Sep. 30th letter - "City Attorney," as well as a phone call I made to city hall asking about this exact relationship.

I know Mr. Cox is an excellent lawyer and am glad he represents the city. But is it ethical for the city to contract with him when he represents them. This ethical question is compounded by his representation of the mayor in the lake linville-rock wall case. It is also unclear to me if the city's actions are legal under KRS 61.252.

Ethics, like the "fairness," "rights," "privacy" and "social justice" refrains some national advocacy groups hollowly and endlessly spew, can differ from person to person. But these are important ethical considerations that should have been further divulged and discussed before votes were taken.

Sincerely,
Dr. Michael Sheliga
Mt Vernon, KY

Middle class are getting the shaft...

Dear Editor,

The "insignificant" are getting the shaft, and I'm not talking about the "poor". I'm talking about the truly down trodden - the working, middle class tax payers. Our so-called "Representatives" are selling out our country for their own gain, and we're too dumb to do anything about it - like demand a return to term limits for congress as our founders established.

I wrote letters in the fall expressing my dismay with the \$700B Paulson Plan that congress passed. Now on the list of important, powerful people I'm a nobody; but being an American citizen it galls me to see the pitiful representation we are stuck with in congress, who are so ill equipped for the tasks they were elected to do. I've re-read the letter Senator McConnell sent out in which he defended his YEA vote for the bail-out bill while explaining his "4 point insistence" as to how the money would be used. He also pointed out how his "seniority" allowed him to take that mighty stand. Senator Bunning was one of only a handful of Senators who knew the bail-out bill was garbage, and vehemently opposed and voted against it.

But that isn't actually the point of this letter... I wanted to reiterate what I said in my previous letter regarding Senator

Dodd and company (one of the vultures who personally benefited from promoting the subprime market within our banking system). Because back when I wrote the first letter I questioned the Democrats abilities to govern, given they claim they are repeatedly out-witted by Pres. Bush. Well, low and behold, Sen. Dodd actually asserted this claim yet again, touting the bail-out "lies" congress was told. Dodd stated to GMA anchor Diane Sawyer, that the first \$350B of the TARP money (Troubled Asset Relief Program) has not produced the desired economic stability because it has been recklessly handled by, you got it - the Bush Adm. In the same breathe he told Sawyer that the Democrat controlled congress had not stipulated guidelines for the money, they just handed it over to Paulson. In other words - the CONGRESS voted to give Sec. Paulson the first \$350B check with no strings and are now saying Bush is the problem once again. Uhhhh, excuse me Mr. Dodd, but wasn't it YOUR responsibility to write into the LAW how this tax-payer money could and could not be spent?? And all he can say is, "It ain't our fault - it's all Bush!!!" Who are they going to blame when Obama is President?

But fear not... Congressman Barney Frank (notorious in his own right) has introduced the TARP Emergency Economic Stabilization Act / Reform & Accountability Act. (We can all rest assured once we get TARP-EESA-RAA!!) So, I ask again: If a lame-duck, dunder-head (their own opinion) like George Bush can continue to out maneuver Chris Dodd, Barney Frank, Pelosi, Reid, Schumer, etc, on his way out the door, what in this world makes anyone believe they have the sense to take on the REAL bad-guys of the world in these perilous times?? These are the guys we want appropriating the remaining \$350B TARP funds in our newly nationalized financial system?? Appropriating nationalized health care?? Not to mention Pres-elect Obama's new estimated Trillion dollar economic stimulus?? And by the way - if you haven't looked up the definition of the verb "appropriate" lately... [ap-pro-ri-ate] "To take something that belongs to or is associated with somebody else for yourself, especially without permission." Sounds like the incoming administration's plan verbatim to me!!

Allison Reynolds
Brodhead, KY

Let Jamie Wynn RIP...

Dear Editor,

My son, Jamie Wynn, was killed trying to provide for his family. He was a convicted felon but had pulled his time and still couldn't get a job in this town.

My question is why won't the officials here, and the people he thought were his friends, just leave him alone and let him rest. He was not perfect, but no one is.

A bench warrant was issued for failure to appear in court and, in the reviews, he is still being talked about for stealing copper.

I guess the big question that I am asking is whatever happened to Rest In Peace. Mt. Vernon sure won't let my son rest.

Jamie's Mother,
Terri Durham

"Points East"

(Cont. from A2)

emotionally involved without bother, and digest the contents of the 20th reading without anybody trying to sell me automobiles, insurance, legal advice, weight loss plans, tooth paste, fried fat burgers, cleaning supplies, or a new #@*!&&! cell phone plan.

Here's what I've been reading lately and I have been far more royally entertained than ANYTHING you could possibly have seen on television because I figure most of you have actually missed anything worth watching on KET and that you don't even tune in to the History Channel.

Emilie Richards' Shenandoah Album Series. Five long studies of the human condition in novel form by a master story teller without the use of more than four of five "bad" words throughout the telling of stories that cover more than 2,000 pages of amazing

prose. Each book is named for a traditional Appalachian quilt pattern but the writing is not about quilts. It is, in fact, far better drama and better captured than anything you would ever see on television.

Be advised that you should look up Emilie Richards' website and write down the titles in the order they were written or make a visit to your library and check out "Touching Stars" which starts the series, and sometime down the line you will thank me for turning you on to this historically accurate and oh so touching and wonderful feel-good writing.

If you are in the whodunit mode, then surely you already know P.D. James and Elizabeth George and you've read, as I have, everything they've written. But have you met Lisa Scotoline who has 14 books to her credit and the settings are South Philadelphia instead of Scotland Yard? Lisa has me wrapped around her little finger because her pages turn themselves. Scottoline has been accurately described as a cross between Erma Bombeck and P.D. James. Nuff said.

Finally, I have been captured and enthralled by Alexander McCall Smith in his "The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency" series, which is high truth presented in side splitting prose. The setting is rural Africa, namely Botswana, and my good friends, Tom and Julie Miller who have finally settled in Berea spent years there, highly recommend Smith's books.

Anyhow, the next time you get bored with television, chances are there's a library just minutes away. Or you can always go online and buy almost anything you want to read for a couple of bucks.

But do be advised. This business of reading may often tax your mind and make you use your brain.

It's not for everybody

"Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

with sadness at the fact that our former home has been condemned and now will be torn down. During our times there, it had been the site of countless hours of fun and positive, profound learning experiences. Neither one of us can fathom its use as a meth lab. It seems almost sacrilegious.

Because of the age of the house and the chemicals found there, the building will likely be demolished. The meth "cooking" process uses such chemicals as: ether, benzene, toluene, Freon, acetone, and chloroform. Any of these can cause permanent harm to humans when exposed to the residue.

Whether the house remains physically or not, my love for that "little old house on the hill" will remain part of who I am. My memories of our times there will always be joyful; they are a comfort to me on a continuing basis.

I am grateful for my parents, grandparents, and my older brother, who provided me with a wholesome childhood, including Christian values and an optimistic outlook on life. And I am forever grateful for having lived there and then - in that little house on the hill.

"Ken & Tucky"

(Cont. from A2)

moral failure, spiritual burnout, or contention in their churches.

*80% of pastors and 84% of their spouses feel unqualified and discouraged in their role as pastors.

*50% of pastors are so discouraged that they would leave the ministry if they could, but feel they have no other way of making a living.

*80% of seminary and Bible school graduates who enter the ministry leave within the first five years.

*70% of pastors fight depression.

*Almost 40% of pastors admit to having had an extra-marital affair since beginning their ministry.

*50% of pastors' marriages will end in divorce.

*80% of pastors' spouses wish their spouse would choose another profession.

*The majority of pastor's wives surveyed said that the most destructive event that had occurred in their marriage and family was the day they entered the ministry.

One survey notes that good pastors are being driven from the pulpit by the feeling they are "living in a fishbowl" and constantly being scrutinized by others. It concludes by suggesting that pastors and their families need to be paid an adequate wage, and church leaders should make sure time is set aside for restoration and relaxation.

Lots of effort has already gone into making Shechem's scenic location a "heaven on earth."

In addition to the large two-story cabin that served 28 ministers and their families last year, the ministry offers about four miles of trails and a dozen prayer stations. Guests can walk to the prayer stations or use an ATV available on site.

The typical length of stay is from a weekend to three or four days, and there is never a charge, nor are donations accepted.

Guests have come from throughout Kentucky and several states including Virginia, Missouri, Indiana, and Ohio.

Jim and his wife Vicki have deeded the property occupied by the ministry to Mt. Eden Christian Church where a committee

oversees operations including scheduling, cleaning and other maintenance of buildings and grounds.

"People just need to bring their clothes and food," says Terry, noting the church provides about \$12,000 per year to operate the facility.

Success stories abound already, with perhaps none more meaningful than an episode Terry didn't know about until after the guest had left.

One preacher reportedly walked from the cabin to a nearby large pond with the intention of ending his life. He stopped at a prayer station, read the scriptures provided there, and for the first time in weeks was compelled to sit down and pray.

"He told a friend that experience saved his life," says Terry.

More evidence of people being helped is documented in messages left inside a large notebook at the cabin.

"I felt God all around me these few days. I did not realize how much this would mean until I tried it. It worked! God is great and I found him again in his nature. This is a great ministry and much needed."

"God bless this ministry to Christian workers. Only those that live this life really understand the stresses, pressures and trials. On occasions like this, we get to rekindle the flame of our calling. Staying in the Shechem cabin helps us to get away from the negative and find the joy in serving Jesus our Lord once again."

"I'm so grateful for the ministry of Shechem. This was my first visit here and I hope to return soon. The occasion for my visit was not because of a personal crisis, and for that I'm grateful. Rather, I simply needed to unplug from the hectic pace of ministry and be still and know that He is God.

I'm leaving with my body rested, my mind renewed, and my spirit refreshed. I enjoyed some meaningful times of worship with my Savior and I pray all who visit here will experience the same.

P.S. The fishins' good too. I caught 18 bass, 5 bluegill and one 3ft 15lb. catfish!"

Whether the fish are biting or not, the Terrys are hopeful the ministry will expand to serve even more fishers of men for decades to come.

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SECTION 00020 - INVITATION TO BID

SECTION 00020 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed bids for the construction of Contract #1 Grading and Drainage Construction for the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority, will be received by Corey Craig, Chairman, until 10:30 AM local time on Thursday, February 12, 2009 at the Rockcastle County Courthouse, Third Floor, 205 East Main Street, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456, and will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The work consists of grading and drainage construction for the Rockcastle Industrial Park South access road.

The Contract Documents may be reviewed at the following locations:

Rockcastle County Courthouse, Judge Executive's Office, 205 E. Main St., Mt. Vernon, Kentucky

MSE of Kentucky, Inc., 624 Wellington Way, Lexington, Kentucky

ABC, 2020 Liberty Road, Building A, Suite 110, Lexington, Kentucky

Builders Exchange, 2300 Meadow Drive, Louisville, Kentucky

Builders Exchange, 225 Walton Avenue, Suite 100, Lexington, Kentucky

F W Dodge/AGC of Kentucky, 950 Contract St., Suite 100A, Lexington, Kentucky

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of Lynn Imaging, 328 Old Vine Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507 (859) 226-5850 upon receipt of a nonrefundable printing and shipping charge of \$150.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids.

Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form, and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. This project is subject to the Commonwealth of Kentucky Prevailing Wage Rates.

No Bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of thirty days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Award will be made to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

PUBLIC NOTICE Rockcastle County Fiscal Court

The magistrates of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court will consider making applications for funding through the Federal Highway Administration's Recreational Trails Program, in cooperation with Jackson, Laurel and Pulaski counties, to construct the following:

- An Equine (horseback riding) trail and related facilities in Rockcastle County, Laurel County, Jackson County and Pulaski County; and

- A Natural Waterways (canoeing) Trail in Rockcastle County, Laurel County, Jackson County and Pulaski County.

Rockcastle County will act as the lead local government administrator of the proposed grants for each of the four counties involved. The purpose of the proposals is to enhance both recreational standards for local residents and for the growth of tourism in the four-county region.

A public meeting will be held at the Rockcastle Courthouse at 9 o'clock in the morning on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 and subsequent action by the Fiscal Court, at which time any person is invited to attend.

Buzz Carlofftis County Judge Executive



The Cities of Livingston, Mt. Vernon and Brodhead have benefited from the Cruise in the Valley Car Show in Renfro Valley the first Saturday in November, which is sponsored by Leadership Rockcastle. This year each city received \$2,500 to be used for improvements in each city. Checks were passed out in December. Shown above at the check presentation are from left: Steve Hamlin and Fred Ryburn from American National Insurance in Lexington, a corporate sponsor of the event; Charlie Napier with Leadership Rockcastle; Livingston Mayor J.C. Griffin; Connie Hunt, CEO of Renfro Valley Entertainment Center, and a member of Leadership Rockcastle; Robert Lawson, David Thompson and Larry Hammond, all members of Leadership Rockcastle. Jeff Smithern was not present for the photo. There were 476 entries for the 5th annual show and more than 2,000 spectators. The money donated to Livingston will be used for a new stone entrance city sign.



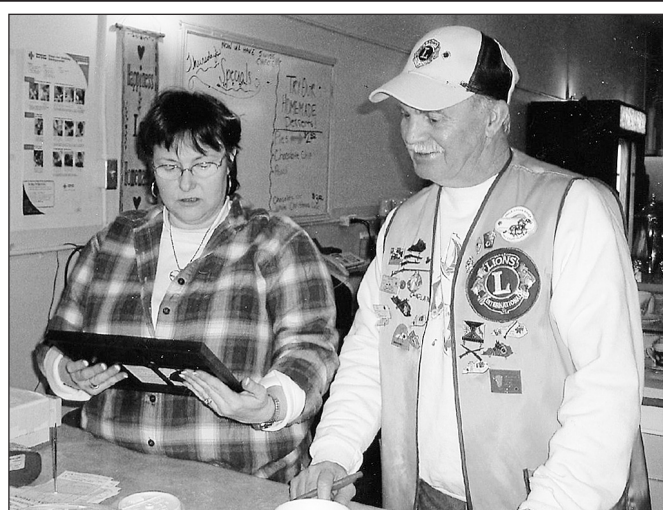
Shown above accepting the City of Brodhead's check is Mayor Walter Cash, fourth from left. Also shown above at the check presentation are from left: Steve Hamlin and Fred Ryburn, Charlie Napier, Mayor Cash, Connie Hunt, CEO of Renfro Valley Entertainment Center, Robert Lawson, David Thompson and Larry Hammond. Jeff Smithern was not present for the photo. There were 476 entries for the 5th annual show and more than 2,000 spectators. The money donated to Brodhead will be used for Christmas lights and decorations for 2009.



Shown above accepting the City of Mt. Vernon's check is Mayor Clarice Kirby, fourth from left. Also shown above at the check presentation are from left: Steve Hamlin and Fred Ryburn, Charlie Napier, Mayor Kirby, Connie Hunt, CEO of Renfro Valley Entertainment Center, Robert Lawson, David Thompson and Larry Hammond. Jeff Smithern was not present for the photo.



American Legion Post 71 held their annual Christmas dinner at the Tea Cup Cafe. Those attending were Commander Jerry Payne, Roger McClure, Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred McNew, Floyd Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Hansel, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Coleman, Mrs. Floyd Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Kendrick.



Mrs. Mary Ann McNew and Bobby Kendrick are shown at the Mt. Vernon Lion's Club Christmas dinner held at the Tea Cup Cafe. The dinner was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Cledith Thacker, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Thacker, Mrs. Floyd Baker, Billy Dowell, Derrick Hensley, Larry Hensley and daughter Katelyn, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Asher, Brad McNew and Christopher Elubadger.

Mt. Vernon Fire and Rescue Activity Report

January 6-12, 2009
 Wednesday, January 7th
 Dispatched to a smoke investigation at a residence on Richmond Street. Upon arrival, fire units found no fire, only burnt breakers in breaker panel. Advised homeowner to disconnect power and contact an electrician.
 Thursday, January 8th
 Dispatched to Trace Branch at Livingston to assist Livingston Fire Department by shuttling water with tanker to a structure fire. MVFD responded, and supplied LVFD with 4,000 gallons of water.

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We would like to introduce to you Mr. Kevin Rickett and Mrs. Melessia Rickett. They were united in marriage on December 24, 2008 at 3:00 at the home of the bride's mother and father in Mt. Vernon. Melessia works for the Rockcastle County Board of Education and Kevin is self-employed. Melessia is the daughter of Ray and Torsha Lear of Mt. Vernon and Kevin is the son of Judy Rickett of Williamsburg and the (late) Stanley Rickett. The couple will reside in Brodhead.

In Memory Celebration

A Potluck Dinner will be held at Arie and Jodie Shelton's Music Barn at Conway on Saturday, Jan. 17th from 7 to 11 p.m. in Memory of Pauline Alexander. Pauline enjoyed coming to the Music Barn for years to enjoy herself with family, friends and good music. So, bring a dish and come help us dedicate this night to "Nanny."



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Please join us in praying for Christian Unity. Know that we will be lifting up your church in our prayers and we ask that you please include Our Lady of Mt. Vernon in yours.

Through our prayers, may we all uplift each other in our Christian walk.

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,

The members of
Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church

"WHAT IS WRITTEN"

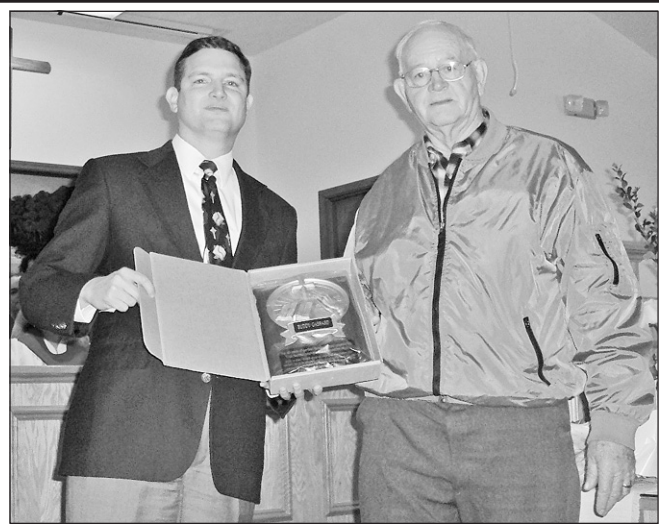
In Romans 1:3-4 we read, "Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead." Paul in these 2 verses affirms the dual nature of Jesus Christ. From his physical side, that his flesh, his body, Jesus is a decedent of David. Matt.1 and Luke 3 records both his legal decent and his blood decent from David, respectively. But Jesus was also Deity, God in the flesh. Paul affirms, "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily." Col. 2:9. Jesus was part of the eternal Godhead, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" John 1:1. John went on to affirm, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father.) full of grace and truth." vs. 14. The body of Jesus had a point of beginning, the conception in Mary's womb and the birth 9 months later. But the inward part of Jesus was Deity, that existed before creation, and was the agent to create the world. Jn.1:3. The proof of proofs that Jesus is the Son of God was his resurrection from the dead, Rm.1:4! So the implication is, have you bow your knee to Jesus the Christ?

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On Sunday, January 11, 2008, Buddy Gabbard, right, was presented with a plaque for Forty Years of Perfect Sunday School Attendance at Fairview Baptist Church. Buddy has always been faithful to the church and serves in many positions. When the church doors are open, you can count on Buddy, his wife Doris, and their daughter Gail Lee to be there. Pastor Vaughn Rasor and every member of Fairview Baptist Church would like to congratulate Buddy on his 40 Years of Perfect Sunday School Attendance and the faithful example he is to everyone.

T.J.'s Journal

by: Tonya J. Cook



Dear Journal,

This is the first week of the New Year. All of the hoopla of the holidays has passed. It is at this time of the year, the holidays, that people's hearts turn to family, friends, and quite often, events of the past. I know that I've had a chance to talk or correspond with several family and friends that I haven't had contact with for a long time. When you stop to think about it, this is a real shame. Hopefully, I'll correct that problem this year. You could call it something of a resolution, I guess.

One of the things that I thought of recently took me somewhat by surprise. I hadn't had these thoughts for a long time, but they weren't far in the recesses of my mind. It was a series of nightly events that took place in my early childhood that, after analyzing, was carried out like a play on a stage with the same actors and actresses playing their roles nightly. If this play had a title, it would be "An Evening at the Old Home Place."

I suppose that I should explain that when I was young, until I was about four, Mom, my older brother, and me, lived with my grandparents. My uncle lived there, as well. When my brother married, he brought his new wife there, too, for about six months, but the time that stands out most is before he married.

The "performance" would begin around the dining room table. Everyone would have gathered in from work or school, and would have worked up a hearty appetite. Mom and Grandma would have made a big meal, and we would all have gathered around the table to eat, each one having their regular place at the table. My grandma always had such a pretty dining room. It was aqua in color, and she had a china cabinet full of antique dishes in one corner, a buffet with her silver set in front of a pair of double windows, and the table was covered with a lace tablecloth. At the head of the table sat my grandpa, in his big captain's chair. There was always an interesting conversation going, and all got involved. You don't see that kind of thing today. I think they even call families like that "dysfunctional" now.

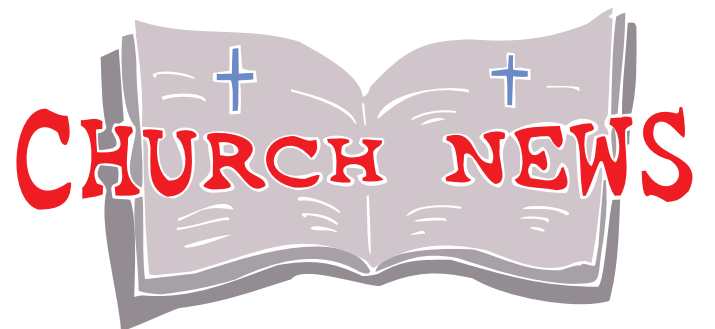
Sometimes after supper, friends and neighbors would drop by for a visit. It was usually some of my brother's friends. His friends consisted of a group of neighborhood boys who were all in their teenage years. There was Lewis, who lived next door, and Jimmy who lived about a mile or so from us. These were the chief two that visited on a regular basis. I'd always find a storybook, and climb into Jimmy's lap for him to read it to me. To think back on it now, the reason why I liked him so much is because he looked so much like Howdy Doody. I know that I must have been such a little pest.

Our house was a natural gathering place, although some nights we had company, and others not; but regardless of the visitors, we usually watched something on TV. We had all

of two stations: CBS or NBC. Ours was one of only a few sets in the neighborhood. Of course, it was black and white, and we watched the classics from "The Golden Age of Television" on it.

Other times found our family spread out all over the house. Luckily, my grandparents had a big old white frame farmhouse, so to speak. Grandpa often spent the evening in his darkened bedroom, listening to the radio, especially if the Cincinnati Reds were playing. Mom and Grandma often sat in the kitchen and just talked, or wrote letters around the kitchen table. They would also read letters aloud that they had received from "this or that" aunt,

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Calloway Holiness Church will be in revival with Evangelist Billy Bryant starting Jan. 18th. Services on Sunday start at 6 p.m. and weekdays at 7 p.m. Pastors Elzie, Vernon and Dennis Doan welcome everyone to attend.

Third Saturday Night Service

Climax Holiness Church and pastor, Darrin Slone, invite everyone to our third Saturday Night Service, January 17th at 7 p.m., weather permitting. Bro. Radford Ballard will be preaching and guest singers will be the Azbill Family from Mt. Vernon. We wish everyone a happy and blessed new year.

Benefit Service

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Holiness Church will hold a benefit service for Peggy Falin Jan. 17th at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Lost Souls Crusade

Brush Creek Holiness Church is holding a Lost Souls Crusade - *Winning Souls for Jesus!* The crusade will be Friday night, January 23rd at 7 o'clock with special preaching by Bro. Allen Hensley.

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Singing

The Doan family will be singing at the Mt. Vernon Nazarene Church, 40 Fair Street, Saturday night, January 17th at 6 p.m.

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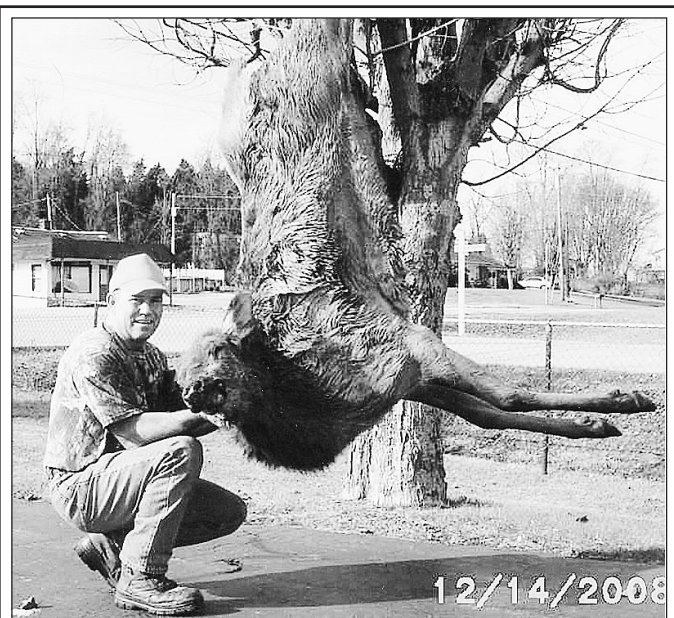
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"TJ's"

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uncle, or cousin. A good letter could get at least three or four readings over a week or so, because everybody in the family had to read it at least once or twice, and part of those were read out loud. My uncle often spent part of the evening down in the basement reading or stoking the furnace in the winter. He also liked to do mathematical problems...for entertainment none the less. My brother and his friends would be out in the backyard in the summer, working on an old car or two that they had. The cars would be considered classics now, because they were all from back in the late 40s or early 50s. It wasn't because these cars had any mechanical problems necessarily, it's just that the boys liked to tinker under the hood. At other times in the winter, they would put model cars together, or roll homemade cigarettes in an old orange-colored cigarette-rolling machine. Grandma always took his evening medicine and a dose of Metamucil that set on top of a hoosier cabinet in the kitchen. And me, well, I'd be all over the house like a butterfly flitting from one group to the other, gathering it all in.

Pretty soon, we'd begin to get ready for bed after the evening ritual had passed. A

snack of milk and cookies, popcorn and Kool-Aid, homemade hot chocolate, and some other baked goods left over from lunch and supper wasn't out of the question.

We said our "good nights" and migrated to the various bedrooms; some of us staying downstairs, and some of us going upstairs. Each season brought about its own unique sound that played you to sleep nightly. In the summer, the windows and doors were left open because nobody had any air conditioning back then. The air wouldn't cool until about midnight or later. Just a simple hook on the old screen door was sufficient for a lock, and part of the time, even that was forgotten. The frogs, crickets, and whippoorwills, along with the other creatures of the night lulled you to sleep with their melodic tones. In the winter-time, that old furnace in the basement would kick on and send a rush of hot air through a vent in each room. Mom and Grandma especially liked to stand over the vents, and let the warm rush of air fill their out-going nightgown before turning in. The furnace gave out a warm and comforting lull that seemed to hum that all was well with the world. Soon we were all snug in our beds, and fast asleep, awaiting the next evenings' performance of "An Evening at the Old Home Place."

Office Hours Changed

Effective immediately, office hours for the City of Mt. Vernon have been changed back to the original time of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Also, you may pay current bills at Community Trust Bank in Mt. Vernon.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused anyone.

Mayor Clarice R. Kirby

Switching from analog to digital television

Family and Consumer Sciences

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Rockcastle County Extension Office



Television will stop broadcasting in analog and only broadcast a digital signal beginning Feb. 17. If you still use an analog television that gets its service through an antenna, you will no longer be able to receive the signal.

There are many reasons for the switch. Digital broadcasting is more efficient than analog technology, and fewer broadcasting airwaves are needed to provide improved programming to consumers. Some of the airwaves will be given to the nation's firefighters and police to better communicate with each other during emergencies. Other parts of the return spectrum will be auctioned off to provide innovative wireless broadband services to consumers.

There are a few options that you can choose to maintain television reception. The easiest way to still get a signal from your current television is to get a converter box.

A converter box plugs into the back of your analog television and makes it possible for the television to provide a digital broadcast. You can apply for a \$40 coupon to buy a converter box until March 31. Every household is eligible to apply and could receive up to two free coupons. At the present time, the coupon

program has reached its limits on funding. However, information is still being taken and coupons will be sent out as money is made available for the program. Converter boxers, depending on the manufacturer, will range from \$40 to \$70. To contact the federal program to request a coupon, call 888-388-2009 or visit <http://www.dtv.gov>.

There are other options to getting a converter box. Those include buying a new television that is digital or paying for cable, satellite or another service. While these are more expensive alternatives, they are effective.

If you already have cable or satellite service or a digital television, you have nothing to worry about; the switch will not affect you, and you do not need a converter box. If you do still have an analog television and use an antenna, the time to start making the change is now.

For further information on consumer issues, contact the Rockcastle County Cooperative Extension Service at 256-2403.

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New Home: Big & Beautiful! This spacious vinyl sided home at the Rockcastle/Lincoln Co. 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 additional bay in the basement allow for plenty of space for your vehicle or storage. Call today to view. M2423

New Home: Thinking of Owning? One look at the price on this 3 bedroom, 1 bath home will help make your mind up. Located in the Brindle Ridge section of Rockcastle Co. this home is convenient to Brodhead, Mt. Vernon and Berea. See your thoughts! See this home today, call for your appointment. M2424

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nature Lover's Retreat! Like new 1991 singlewide mobile home with 2 BR and 1 BA located only 4.5 miles from town. Washer dryer, stove and refrigerator complete this adorable package. New paint and underpinning this year... Don't hesitate - Priced at \$18,000. M2359

New Home... with elbow room features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, a living room, kitchen, utility room and a 2-car attached garage. The kitchen has hickory cabinets and crown molding. This home is in a private location situated on 3.2 acres and comes with a 1/2 acre +/- lot. Approximately 4 additional acres can be purchased with this property. Call today! M2384

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

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

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

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 \$132,500. M2297

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

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

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

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

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 restaurant that has been plumbed and a wood stove for back-up heat. M2348

Nice Home With Acreage - This vinyl sided home is situated on 4.07 acres +/- and features a living room, dining/kitchen combo, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, a full bathroom, a full kitchen, a full laundry room, central heat/air, city water, septic system and enclosed porch. Asking \$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

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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

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. Doublewide is welcome! Call today and go fishing this summer! \$21,500. M2353

Lots Available! Now in the Lear Crest Subdivision. There are 3 lots to choose from so hurry to take your pick. M2346

Nice Lot! - Nice 1/2 acre lot located in Lear Crest Subdivision. Priced at \$11,900. 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

***1* 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! 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

Commercial Property

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

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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

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You Can't Beat This! 35 acres near Cedar Creek Lake. Call for more information. M2396

REDUCED! 76 Acre Farm in the Wild Section of Rockcastle Co. Road frontage on Hwy. 1250 and Doc Adams Road. Barn-to-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 Woods and Wildlife - Just 10 minutes from I-75. This property would be great for the avid hunter or to build a home in an area with a little privacy. Priced at \$145,000. Call today for more details. M2412

Future Auctions

Absolute Auction of Mr. and Mrs. William Burk's 75 Acre Farm in Tracts
Saturday, January 17th at 1:30 p.m. - Bethelridge Road (Casey County), Ky.

Absolute Estate Auction of the Hamilton Family's 50 Acres +/- and House
January 17th at 10:30 a.m. - Lincoln County, Ky.

Absolute Estate Auction of the lat Ms. Alma Jones' House and Lot & Personal Property
Saturday, January 17th at 10:00 a.m. - Jarvis Avenue, Somerset, Ky.

Ranked 1st in region, 8th in state Lady Rockets easily defeat Pulaski County

By: Richard Anderkin
The Rockcastle County Lady Rockets jumped out to an early lead over visiting Pulaski County on Friday night and coasted to an easy 76-25 win. The win was the Lady Rockets' 11th of the season and gave them a 3-1 district record and a 11-4 overall record.

Head coach Chrysti Noble substituted early and often on Friday night with all Lady Rockets seeing action and eleven getting into the scoring column.

The Rockets were led in scoring by sophomore center Sara Hammond who had another good offensive game, putting up 20 points for the Lady Rockets.

Senior Mary Saylor also had a good offensive game, scoring 16, while Angie Lawrence had 12, Ashley Robinson 7, Jackie Alexander 5 and Kristen Abney 4. Nicole Locklear, Katy Mattingly, Cheyenne Hensley, Sydney Arvin and Ella McQueary each scored 2 points.

On Monday night the Lady Rockets traveled to Clay County, where they beat the 18th ranked Clay County Lady Tigers, 49-43.

The Lady Rockets held a two point lead at the end of the first half but a full court press in the third period generated 15

points for the Lady Rockets to give them a nine point lead going into the final period.

Clay County managed to close the gap to six in the final period, but in the end the Lady Rockets had picked up their 12th win of the season.

"Anytime you can go to Clay County and come away with a win, you've done some things right," said Coach Noble.

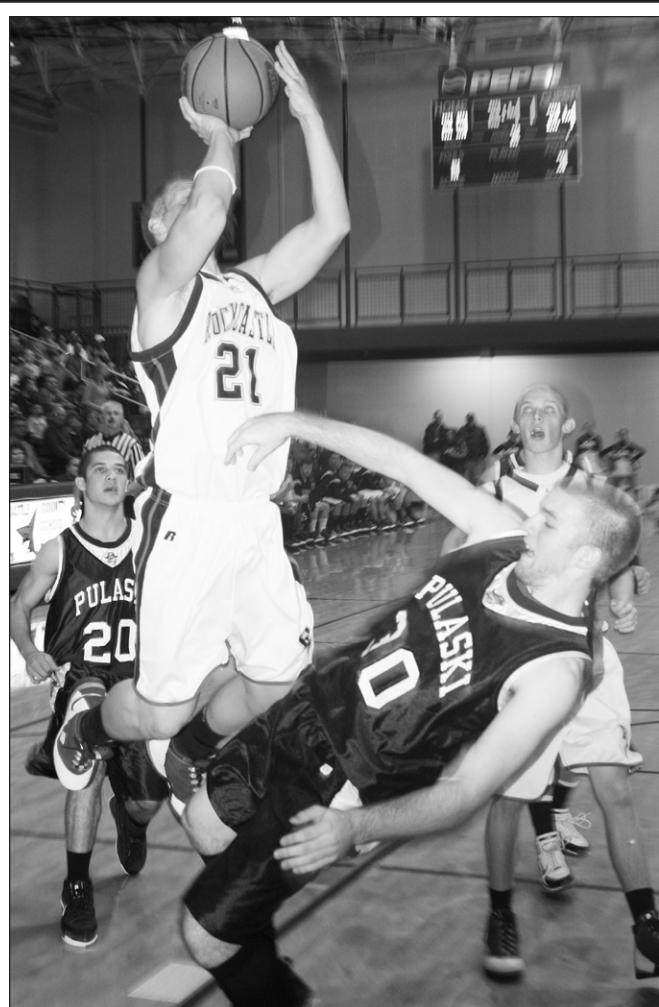
"That win should help us down the stretch by showing these players they can compete in any venue, because we certainly have our work cut out for us if we hope to defend our regional title," Noble said.

Monday night, junior Jackie Alexander led five Lady Rockets in scoring with 17. Saylor got 12, Lawrence 8, Robinson 7 and Hammond 5.

The Lady Rockets, who were ranked first in the 12th region and eighth in the state on Monday in the *Lexington Herald-Leader* have four straight home games, beginning with Whitley County on Friday night.

The Lady Rockets will then play a doubleheader with the boys' team next Tuesday against Wayne County.

The Lady Rockets defeated Wayne County 57-55 in their first game of the season, which was played at Wayne County.



Rocket senior Spencer Mullins makes a strong move to the goal on Friday night against Pulaski County. Mullins had 12 points in the contest.



RCHS senior Katy Mattingly prepares to put up a shot on the base line against Pulaski County on Friday night. The Lady Rockets are 12-4 on the season and ranked number one in the 12th region. Friday night they easily defeated Pulaski County 76-25.



Rocket junior Jamie Todd had a team high 15 points in the Rocket's 61-50 victory over Pulaski County on Friday night. (Sports photos by: Kevin Canterbury)

Pulaski falls 61-50 on Friday Rockets win three straight district games

The RCHS Rocket basketball team upped their season record to 8-8 on Friday night and 3-1 in the district after a 61-50 victory over visiting Pulaski County.

Friday night's win was the fourth straight for the Rockets, who are now the number one seed in the 47th district, after four district games.

"We got in foul trouble, but we managed to hold our own, even though we had some key players on the bench," said fourth year head coach Benny Blanton.

"Once we were able to get our pressing team back into the game, our players did what they were suppose to and Pulaski couldn't handle our pressure and I hope Friday night's performance is a sign of things to come for this team, which is just now beginning to play as a unit," he added.

On Friday night, junior center Derek Thacker had a great game leading his team in scor-

ing and rebounding.

The big man had 21 points followed by junior Jamie Todd, who had 15, while senior Spencer Mullins scored 12, junior Dustin Reynolds had 10, Matt Bullens had 5 and Bryan Clontz, 2.

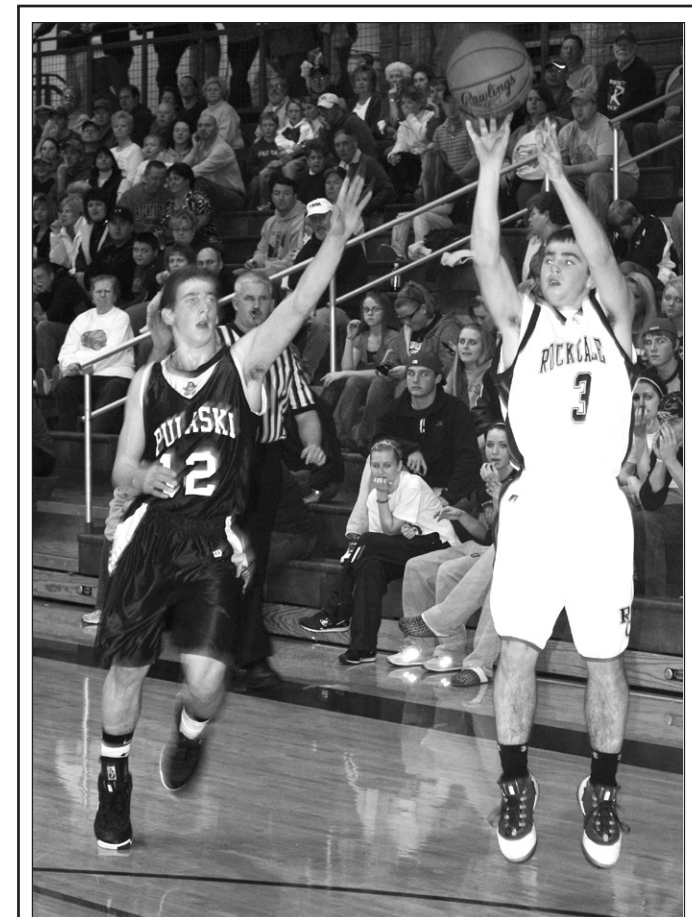
The Rockets fell below .500 again on Tuesday night when they lost to Southwestern Pulaski County, 55-42 on the road.

Southwestern jumped out to a seven point first quarter lead and never looked back when their ninth game of the season against seven losses.

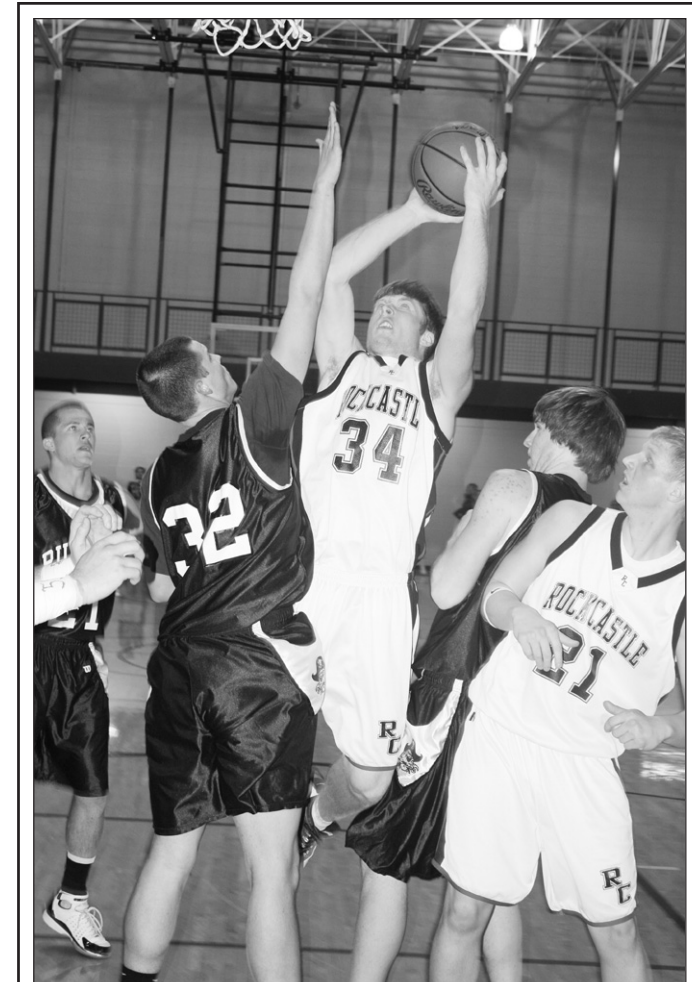
Bullens led the Rockets with 12, Mullins had 11, Todd, 8, Jared Smith, 7 and Thacker, 4.

The Rockets will travel to Knox Central on Friday night and return home next Tuesday night for a double header with the girl's team against Wayne County.

The boys will play three straight home games, beginning with Wayne County.



RCHS senior Bryan Clontz puts up a shot against Pulaski County in the Rockets' 61-50 district win. The Rockets are currently in first place in the district after Friday night's win, which was three straight in the district.



Rocket junior Matt Bullens, who spent a lot of time on the bench on Friday night because of foul trouble, goes up for two of his five points against Pulaski County. Also in the photo is senior Spencer Mullins.



Lady Rocket senior Nicole Locklear puts up a shot in the Lady Rocket blowout of Pulaski County on Friday night. The Lady Rockets won 76-25 and were ranked 8th in the state and first in the 12th region on Monday.



Lady Rocket sophomore Sara Hammond goes for two of her game high 20 points against Pulaski County on Friday night. Hammond led eleven Lady Rockets in the scoring column.

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RCMS Boys Basketball

The RCMS boys basketball team is selling tickets for a "Rocket Throw." The price is \$1 per chance. The drawing will be held on January 20th.

The RCMS boys basketball team will also be hosting a Chili Supper on January 20th, Eighth Grade Night. The price is \$5, which includes a bowl of chili, drink, sandwich and dessert. The supper will begin at 4 p.m. and will end at halftime of the 7th grade game.

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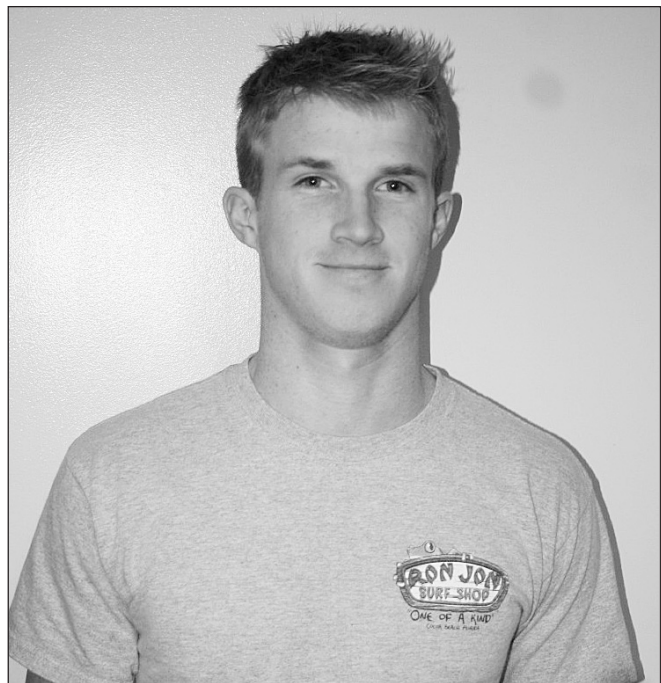
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Rockcastle County High School Academic Honor Roll



Rockcastle County High School senior Tanner Perkins has a perfect grade point average of 4.0 and is one of several students tied for the fifth highest ranking of the 207 seniors in the 2009 graduating class at RCHS. Perkins is the son of David Perkins and Becky Saylor and will attend Western Kentucky University in the Fall where he is considering majoring in accounting. Tanner currently has an advanced placement class at RCHS in Chemistry and is considered one of the best athletes to ever go to school at the ROCK. Tanner will receive a full ride at Western, where he will play baseball for the Hilltoppers. While at RCHS, Perkins has been all district in baseball three years and all-region two years. Last year Perkins was also named honorable mention all-state in baseball. Besides playing on the baseball team at RCHS, Perkins has also played football and basketball. The left handed pitcher is expected to lead his team back to the 12th region championship again this season.

Prepare now for 4-H Variety Show

The Rockcastle County 4-H Variety Show will be held March 10, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon Elementary School. Registration deadline is March 6. Any questions on rules and guidelines please call 606-256-2403.

Now is the time for all 4-H'ers to begin their preparation for the County 4-H Variety Show. This event consists of specialty and club acts and is held annually on the county and area level. It provides an opportunity for large numbers of 4-H participants to gain poise and confidence and develop character and sportsmanship while working cooperatively with others.

Clubs planning to participate need to carefully read over and follow the rules and guidelines.

1. Specialty Acts shall consist of four (4) 4-H participants or fewer and have a time limit of four minutes. A 4-H club may have up to 2 specialty acts. Specialty acts will be divided up into junior and senior divisions. Anyone in a specialty act who is 14 years of age by January 1, 2008, will be in the senior division.

2. There must 5 participants or more for a Club Act. Club acts have a time limit of 8 minutes.

3. Only one person other than 4-H participants, such as a pianist, may accompany the act. Other than the one accompanist, only 4-H participants may appear on the stage during the act.

4. Variety Show participants may only represent one club and must participate

within their own grade and home room.

5. There shall be absolutely no pantomiming in any act, club or specialty.

6. Please use good judgment on dance routines.

7. An act exceeding the time limit should be permitted to finish but cannot be awarded Champion.

8. Since participation is of the utmost importance, the combination of clubs for the purpose of presenting a club or specialty act is not permitted.

9. Dramatic readings can be entered as a variety show act.

10. All acts must use the same P.A. system. No act will be allowed to provide their own system.

11. Leaders must take care of their own music. (Have tapes or CD set at starting point.)

12. Admission will not be charged.

13. Clubs must register their act by calling the Extension Office at 256-2403. Registration information will include:

- 1.) Name of Act
- 2.) Type of music that will be used (tape, CD, piano, etc)
- 3.) Number in the Act
- 4.) Names of participants if it is a Specialty Act

RIBBONS AWARDED

All acts will receive either a Red or Blue Ribbon, according to their score. (No green ribbons will be given). The First Place Specialty and Club Acts will also receive a Champion Ribbon. First and Second Place acts will receive plaques.

Minds in the Middle

Unite Club t-shirts are now being ordered. Students may order a t-shirt in the main lobby before school. The cost to members is \$3.

Congratulations to the winners of the Quiz Bowl. The winners of the competition for this nine-weeks were: 8th grade - Mr. Phillips homeroom, 7th grade - Mr. Mattingly's homeroom, and 6th grade - Ms. Tracy's homeroom.

We are proud of the following members of the RCMS 7th and 8th grade band who were selected by audition as members of the 2009 District 11 Middle School Honors Band Program. Members selected include Angel Shelton, Lillie Beichler, Mackenzie Craig, Adam Alcorn, Matthew Gonzalez, Brandon McFerron, and Mary Weaver. The band will re-

hearse with top players from across the district and present a concert in early March at Danville High School.

Please be aware that we are now collecting Box Tops for Education. Box Tops for Education can be found on a variety of foods and other items. Please be collecting these and send them to school with your child. Remember also that RCMS is still part of the Microsoft Search and Give program. We can earn money for our school by simply using the Microsoft Search and Give search engine or by playing the word games on that website.

The dance that was scheduled for this Friday, has been cancelled and rescheduled for January 30th.

Remember that school is not in session on Monday due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Eat More Pizza

Submitted by Belle Esprit
Next Wednesday is Pizza Hut day for the National History Day program. National History Day is a competition based on historical themes and research. Both RCHS and RCMS students are involved in this. The students start

Mt. Vernon Message

School News
5th Grade UNITE Club meets on Friday, January 16 at 2:05.

There will be no school on Monday, January 19 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Project Wisdom Readers for last week were:

Wednesday: Leah Bustle

Thursday: Emily Childress

Friday: Our mystery reader was Regina Hull-Brown, Family Resource Center Co-ordinator.

FRC News

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

FRC/CAP GED Classes are each Tuesday from 1:00 until 2:00.

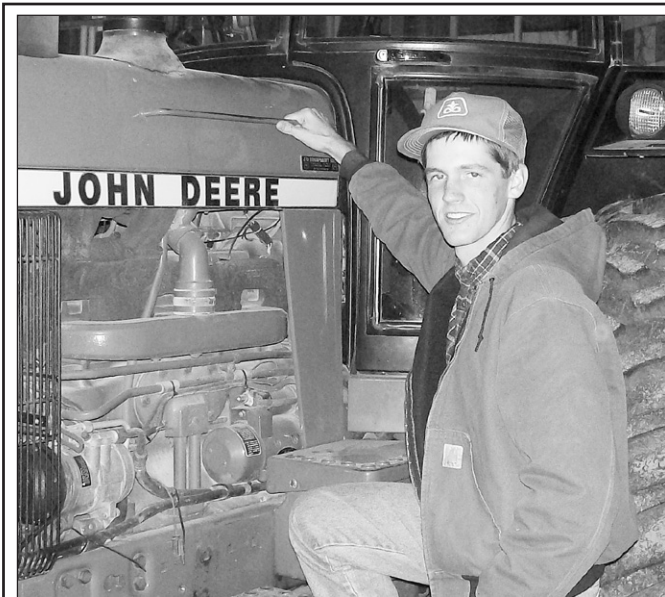
Our quote for this week is: "Ste by ste, one goes farther."

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working on their projects in the fall and then compete at regional and state levels in the spring. Those who place 1st or 2nd in their class at the state finals then travel to the University of Maryland in June for the Nationals. Last year Rockcastle County had 10 students place at state and 6 then went to the Nationals where they competed against 2500 other middle and high school students from across the United States. All 50 states and several U.S. Territories were represented at this prestigious event. Rockcastle County was impressively represented by these hard working scholars.

National History Day is not funded through the school, but rather depends on contributions and donations to offset expenses for materials and transportation. There are so many clubs, athletic teams etc. that employ fundraisers that it is difficult to wedge another onto the calendar. But with grateful thanks to Pam Burdette, National History Day can be celebrated the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Pizza Hut Mount Vernon. Just tell either Pam or any member of the Pizza Hut staff that you are "eating for the National History Day kids" and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the National History Day club. You can enjoy great pizza and help these kids at the same time. Everybody wins!



SAE Spotlight...

Steven Brown was selected SAE spotlight of the month for the Rockcastle County FFA chapter. Steven is a junior at RCHS and has been an FFA member for three years. He has received his Greenhand Degree and Chapter Degree. Steven served as SAE committee chair and assistant sentinel as a sophomore and currently serves as the chapter chaplain. He is the son of Mike and Patricia Brown of Quail. Steven enjoys working on the farm, hunting and participating in FFA events. Steven's SAE is Diversified Crop Production Placement. He works on the family farm where they grow about four acres of burley tobacco and about 500 acres of corn and soybeans. He plans to continue being in the FFA and serve as an officer again next year. Steven hopes to one day own and operate a farm operation.

RES Parent Group holding events for fundraiser

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The Roundstone Elementary School's Eagles Nest Parent Group will be holding an event Saturday, January 31st to raise money for playground equipment.

The night will kick off with a chili supper from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Also at 4 p.m., there will be a bake sale and a silent auction will be held during that time. The benefit singing will begin at 6 p.m. and continue to 9 p.m.

Adult admission to the event will be \$5 in advance

and \$6 at the door and \$3 for children ages 3-12.

Tickets may be purchased in the school office on weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or at the door beginning at 4 p.m. on the evening of the event.

In the event of inclement weather, all events will be rescheduled for Saturday, February 7th at the times listed above. WRVK Radio 1460Am will make the announcement if needed.

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Celebrates 94th Birthday

Mrs. Vallie Burton celebrated her 94th birthday on Tuesday, January 6th at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mattie and Danny Petrey of Somerset. She received several cards and phone calls and recent visitors were: Harris and Wanda Burton of Brodhead; Jr. and Linda Blanton of Mt. Vernon; Ervin and Fannie Barron of Brodhead; Nancy, John David and Rebekah Hurley of Mt. Vernon; Chafic, Sheila, Tatiana and Amina Zenni of Cincinnati; Travis Burton of Washington, DC; Regina Burton and Avery Bradshaw of Brodhead; Sam and Judy Ford of Mt. Vernon; Penny Newton of Lexington; Gray, Kristi, Zack and



Morgann Rowe of Eubank; Jennifer and Samantha Jones of Bronston; Mary S. Newton; Kristi Keibler and Deven; Dale Hall; John Chapman; Al and Charlotte Elliott and Elizabeth Rowe, all of Somerset.

Vallie would like to thank those who sent a card or called or came by to see her.

May God bless her with a happy and healthy 2009.

Thank You, Her Family

Celebrates 92nd birthday



Edith Nicely celebrated her 92nd birthday on January 7, 2009 at Rockcastle Health and Rehab in Brodhead. She enjoyed a Ky. Fried Chicken meal and homemade ice cream and cake. Lots of her friends and family attended. She received many nice cards and gifts. She would like to thank everyone.

Celebrates 76th Birthday

Ruby Ball will be celebrating her 76th birthday on January 22, 2009. Formerly of Brush Creek, she is the daughter of the late Margie and Loyd Ball and the granddaughter of Jenny and Major Ball.



She is now living at Rosedale Manor Nursing Home, 4250 Glenn Ave., Covington, KY 41015 if anyone would like to send her birthday greetings. *Happy Birthday Red! Love, Dot, Kat, Jim and Paul. May you have many more!*



Emma Robinson would like to wish her little brother a very happy birthday. Jaxon Isiah will be one-year-old on January 17th. Their mommy and daddy are Billy and Brandy Robinson. Grandparents are Wendell and Diana Robinson, Kathy Payne and the late Dale Payne. Great grandparents are Gladys and the late John Robinson, Bob and Cherie Bale, George and Hazel Payne and Fred and Irene McFerron. Happy birthday Jaxon. We love you and God bless you.



Michael and Anastasia McKinney of Mt. Vernon are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Harley Michael McKinney, born December 1, 2008 at St. Joseph London weighing 8 lbs. 9 ozs. and was 21 inches long. Grandparents are Katherine McKinney and Anthony and Eva Baker.

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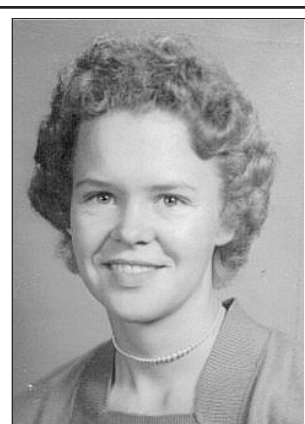


Mackenzie Isaacs, daughter of Matt and Christi Isaacs of Richmond, celebrated her second birthday January 13th with family and friends.

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Pixie Caldwell



Gage Aaron Clouse was born December 17, 2008, weighing 7 lb 12 oz, 20 1/2" long at 1:44 AM. He is the son of Jason Aaron Mink and Alyson Briann Clouse of Middletown, Ohio. Paternal grandparents are Terry Mink of Hillsboro, Ohio and Sherry and David Derr of Mt. Vernon. Maternal grandparents are Linda and Bill Clouse. Paternal great grandparents are Tip and Erma Mink of Brodhead.



Happy 70th Birthday
Sue and Gary

Senate Week in Review...

By Ed Worley
State Senator

The Kentucky General Assembly convened its 2009 Regular Session this week, with more than 200 bills already filed and more on the way.

During this odd-year "short" session, legislators will meet for 30 days. Although a two-year state budget is already in place, the Commonwealth's deteriorating finances demand that we further investigate ways to streamline government and make necessary state services as efficient as possible. In addition, there are a number of issues, ranging from education to revisions of the state criminal code, that will command our attention in the next three months.

The first week of this winter's session was devoted to organizational matters — selecting leadership as well as naming committee memberships and chairs. Three new members were sworn in this week, with Sen. Kathy Stein, D-Lexington, joining us in the Senate after six terms in the House of Representatives. One new committee has been created this year. The former Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee was separated into two committees so members will be able to focus more specifically on the needs of these important areas.

With no time to waste, we went to work immediately. One bill already on the floor and ready for a vote is Senate Bill 4, which represents a smarter approach in the war on drugs. SB 4 would create an intensive drug treatment program to help make sure potential felons can recover from their addictions even before they are convicted for their first offense. The earlier we treat the problem, the easier it will be to end the cycle of drug addiction and crime.

One immediate benefit would be to reduce our exploding prison costs. We spend eight times more on corrections now than in 1970, even accounting for inflation. One reason is we have 65 percent more prisoners, many of them because of drug violations. We cannot continue down that path and adequately fund other crucial services at the same time.

Another issue we tackled this week was the increasing need for students to be ready for college and the working world, particularly in math and related fields. Senate Joint Resolution 19, which passed the Education Committee this week, directs the state Department of Education to revise the state's core content standards for math. We want to ensure that students focus on critical basic skills, rather than an overly broad set of goals that spread teachers too thin.

When we return to Frankfort on Feb. 3, much of our attention will be on state finances. The Consensus Forecasting Group tells us our revenues will be \$456 million less than anticipated this fiscal year. That means we must tighten our belt above and beyond what we did last year. With a shortfall of that nature — about 5 percent of the annual budget — we must search across the board for savings. The Governor has announced his recommendations, and we will consider his proposals along with our own as we look for a long-term solution to this chronic problem.

Of course, many items we will be looking at this session will affect state spending. One such issue will be a comprehensive review of the state's criminal code, including drug laws. Laws that made sense in the 1970s, when we last considered such an overhaul, may not be the best way to fight crime today. We hope this review and revision will produce a justice system that makes more sense and spends tax money more efficiently.

We must also look at two other large cost-drivers of spending — Medicaid and education. Medicaid is a particular trouble spot because of its nature. Just as the economy falters and less money is available for state spending, Medicaid rolls swell because people are losing their jobs. To protect this program into the future, we have to be prudent with how we

manage it today.

Although we cannot ignore the pressing needs of today, we must also make sure that tomorrow's infrastructure needs are met. Federal road aid is dwindling, but our roads need constant repairs and upgrades to keep our citizens and goods moving. To cite one particular instance, we anticipate that the Base Realignment and Closure changes recommended for Fort Knox will mean thousands of new military and support jobs for that community and surrounding counties, and we must invest wisely in infrastructure there to both support and promote smart growth in the area.

Of course, many other issues large and small will arise when we finish out the remainder of the session in February and March. To help us do that work, we need you to stay in contact. The General Assembly has a number of ways for you to stay informed, from our toll-free hotlines to the Kentucky Legislature Home Page to our free e-mail service.

The Kentucky Legislature Home Page (www.lrc.ky.gov) provides information on each of Kentucky's senators and representatives, including our phone numbers, addresses, and legislative committee assignments. The home page also provides summaries and texts of bills, as well as information on the progress each bill has made through the legislative process.

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The
Family Room
By: Dr. Roy Don Whitehead

Pity the poor smoker who is besieged these days with restrictions on where he can smoke and is even facing a possible increase in the cigarette tax. Most smokers are aware that it is not a healthy habit. Most wish they could quit and many have tried. As with any addiction, quitting can be very, very difficult.

For the smoker who needs another reason to quit, there is a new health risk that has been identified: third-hand smoke. As if first- and second-hand smoke were not enough to worry any smoker, now there is this new danger.

Third-hand smoke is "the invisible yet toxic brew of gases and particles clinging to smokers' hair and clothing, not to mention cushions and carpeting, that lingers long after second-hand smoke has cleared from a room. The residue includes heavy metals, carcinogens and even radioactive materials that young children can get on their hands and ingest, especially if they're crawling or playing on the floor." The danger is not limited to young children, but they are the ones most at risk.[1]

The term "third-hand smoke" was coined by doctors at MassGeneral Hospital for Children in Boston. Their study was published in the January 2009 issue of the journal Pediatrics.

The doctor who led the study said of parents, "When their kids are out of the house, they might smoke. Or they smoke in the car. Or they strap the kids in the car seat in the back and crack the window and smoke, and they think it is okay

because the second-hand smoke isn't getting to their kids. We needed a term to describe these tobacco toxins that aren't visible." The study concluded that "breathing air in a room today where people smoked yesterday can harm the health of infants and children."

Another pediatrician said, "The central message here is that simply closing the kitchen door to take a smoke is not protecting the kids from the effects of that smoke. There are carcinogens in this third-hand smoke, and they are a cancer risk for anybody of any age who comes into contact with them."

Here is a partial list of the substances found in third-hand smoke: hydrogen cyanide, used in chemical weapons; butane, which is used in lighter fluid; toluene, found in paint thinners; arsenic; lead; carbon monoxide; and even polonium-210, the highly radioactive carcinogen"

Smokers should not feel alone in the battle against addiction. Everyone has at least one addiction and no one should be stigmatized because of his or her addiction.

For smokers who want to quit the place to start is in the doctor's office. New and better aids to quitting are becoming available, and the doctor will know about those. The Health Department and local hospitals have classes on smoking cessation.

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Upcoming events for RCHS Marching Band

In early December, hundreds of students representing 26 schools from central and eastern Kentucky gathered at South Laurel High School for a long day of auditions with the hope of being chosen to participate in the 2009 Bluegrass All-regional Band. At the end of the day, a total of 168 students were chosen to represent the region. Rockcastle County High School represented the county and region very well with six students selected to perform including senior--Meghan Nation, Juniors--Nicole McFerron, Regina Rice, Anjelica Craig and Devin Davidson, and sophomore--Matt Fields.

Selected students convened at Madison Central High School this past Thursday evening to begin rehearsals--putting in a total of 13 hours of rehearsal from Thursday through Saturday morning. The weekend culminated with a concert for the public at 2:00pm Saturday in the Madison Central High school auditorium.

The Concert Band wowed the audience with wonderful renderings of "Salvation is Created" by Tschernokoff/Houseknecht, "The Big Race" by Warren Barker, and "Fanfare and Hymn of Celebration" by local composer, John Fannin. The concert band was under the direction of Tim Allen, Director of Bands at Adair County Schools in Columbia, Kentucky. Mr. Allen has been at Adair County for the past twenty-eight years. He obtained his Bachelor of Music Education Degree from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, and holds a Masters Degree from Western Kentucky University. He is also the recipient of the National Band Association's Citation of Marching Excellence and the Outstanding Young Band Director Award in 1985.

The Symphonic Band then took the stage under the direction of Dr. Gary Schallert, Associate Professor of Music and Director of Bands at Western Kentucky University presenting a lively selection including, "Fanfare Nueve by John Fannin, "Sure on This Shining Night, by Barber/Saucedo, "Riders for the Flag" by Sousa/Fennell, "Variations on a Korean Folk Song" by James Barnes Chance, and "Under the Big Top" by Robert Jagger. Dr. Schallert earned his Bachelor of Music Education and Mater of Music degrees from New Mexico State University and his Doctor of Arts degree in Wind Conduction from the University of Northern Colorado. Prior to his appointment at WKU, Dr. Schallert served as Associate Professor of Music at the University of Missouri and the University of Tennessee. Dr. Schallert maintains an active schedule as guest conductor, clinician, and adjudicator throughout the United States. He has conducted touring ensembles in Europe and Australia, including a performance with the University of Missouri Wind Ensemble at the famed Sydney Opera House.

This week, RCHS Band students, previously selected by recommendation, will attend the Eastern Kentucky University Honors Band Clinic. Students selected to perform in clued: Michael Browning, Andrea Gonzalez, Nicole McFerron, Regina Rice, Dalton Hutton, Ethan Miller, Matthew Fields, Morgan Harper, Devin Davidson, Jonathan Portwood, and Jarrett Hamm. They will begin on

Thursday evening with chair placement auditions then will continue with rehearsal all day Friday and on Saturday. The weekend clinic will conclude with a concert at 6pm on Saturday, January 17th in the Brock Auditorium on the ECU Campus. The concert is free and open to the public.

Upcoming Events
Annual Theme Party and Auction, April 17th at 6 p.m. at RCHS

The RCHS Band Boosters are looking forward to sponsoring the annual Theme Party and Auction on April 17th. The annual event featuring a catered dinner, musical entertainment and an auction, is a primary source of fundraising that will be used to send the student's to marching band camp this summer. This year, coordinator, Sherry Harper, is opening up table sponsorship to the public. Local businesses or individuals may opt to sponsor a table this year instead of just booster parents. Business owners can choose to decorate their table in any fashion they choose from "business-related themes" to any other party theme. This is a great opportunity for businesses to get out into the community and get to know a valued customer base and to show off their products or services. There will still be opportunity for individuals to host a table, again of any theme of their choosing. Past years' themes have included snowmen, Christmas, Easter, a wedding, Hershey's Candy, and John Deere, just to name a few. Anyone interested in sponsoring a table or an auction item should contact Sherry Harper at 758-9963 as soon as possible to reserve a table. Donation of auction items is appreciated from anyone and table sponsorship is not required to donate items.

Muscle Cars On Main, April 18th at RCMS

New this year, the Rockcastle County High School Band Boosters are planning a Car Show on April 18th hosted by none other than our own "Country" Charlie Napier. There will be trophies, food and fun for all. To register your vehicle or obtain information about sponsorship or vending, contact Anita Nation at 606-219-0908 or 606-256-1530; Janice Miller at 606-308-5162; Ann Craig at 606-308-3086; Sherry Harper at 606-758-9869; or Connie Taylor at 859-623-2404.

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tickets and meal tickets in quantities commensurate with the donation.

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Know yourself before choosing a school

Guidance counselors have a standard list of tips for students to follow when choosing a college. They typically consider field of study, size and location of the school, and cost. Chuck Morgan, Associate Director of Admissions at Berea College, says that while all of that is significant, the most important information students first need comes only from themselves. To get the best college experience, a student must know what he or she requires personally to succeed.

Morgan encourages students to think about their individual needs. "Nobody knows you better than you know yourself," he says. "You may have a different set of values than someone else." So even if a school worked for a sibling, parent or friend, that doesn't mean it's the right school.

Classes, experience and tests throughout high school can help students learn what they need to know about themselves by helping identify interests, study habits and learning styles. It's essential to identify career interests and match those with possible colleges. But those colleges will likely be large and small, urban and rural. In which atmosphere will the student thrive?

Larger universities often teach in lecture halls that do not encourage personal interaction. Is the student self-reliant enough to excel in that atmosphere, or would a smaller class with more teacher contact be better? Morgan has observed that small schools can provide more support but feel smothering to some.

Another factor is what's available in terms of fields of study, social life and extracurricular activities. While a large school might have more athletic teams, for example, if a student wants to play a sport but isn't outstanding, the opportunities will be better at smaller schools. A larger school might also offer more majors and classes, but many smaller schools boast a high quality education in the limited areas they offer. Morgan suggests asking questions regarding their possible area of study like: what percent of nursing students pass the state boards? And what percentage of teachers get jobs?

Even though schools might want to be chosen for their academic programs, finances are a major concern for many students and are one of the major necessities in a "right fit". Morgan encourages students to find out what financial aid options are available at the colleges of interest and what the individual components of a financial aid package will be. For example, how much of the aid is grants that don't need to be repaid versus loans, that do.

In addition, Morgan points out that because a school offers

Music- this level of sponsorship has no minimum donation and includes honorable mention in some advertising venues.

Registration

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classes in the area of student interest, that doesn't mean the education offered will truly prepare the student for the future. Students should check to be sure that the school they are applying to is accredited. Four-year colleges like Berea College, for example, should be regionally accredited. Schools in Kentucky receive accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. "Accreditation insures the college has met at least a minimum standard," Morgan says. Those standard help give students degrees that carry weight with future employers.

Students also can look beyond academics and finances to the social life at a school. "You're not a student 24-hours a day," Morgan says. He observes that satisfaction with the college experience is often tied with social involvement. "If you contribute, it enhances your experience," he says. So when looking at schools, inquire about extra-curricular activities of interest.

Students and parents who want to get opinions about a school beyond the admissions counselor have options. There are studies every year that rate colleges, such as the US News and World Report or The Princeton Review study that ranks colleges based on acceptance rate, graduation rate, study abroad and a number of other items. Most of these can be found in your local library. Morgan suggests students can also locate graduates in their home community who attended the college that interests them and ask about their experience.

As students and their families evaluate the information gathered about schools, it's important to remember that one size doesn't fit all. Look for the school that's right for each student's specific needs. For more tips on finding the right fit, go to web address www.knowhow2go.com.

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

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Ford Brothers announce 2008 top sales awards

Ford Brothers Auctioneers / Realtors held their annual awards banquet at the Somerset Arts and Cultural Center, Saturday January 2nd.

The award winners were as follows:
Million Dollar Sales Winners- Ron Shaw and Mike McCollom from the Somerset office; Danetta Ford Allen, Shelby Reed and Matthew Silcox from the Mount Vernon Office; and Tish Hopkins from the London Office.

Two Million Dollar Sales Winners- Rhonda Smith from the London office and Verlan Owens from the Somerset office

Three Million Dollar Sales Winner- Eugene McCowan from the London office.

Five Million Dollar Sales Winners- Jeffrey W. Cromer from the Mount Vernon office and Matt Ford from the Somerset office.

Eight Million Dollar Sales Winner- Karl David Reynolds from the Somerset office.

2008 Somerset Office Awards: Top Producer of the Year- Karl David Reynolds; Listing Agent of the Year- Matt Ford; Sales Agent of the Year- Matt Ford; Auction Salesperson of the Year- Karl David Reynolds; Most Improved Agent of the Year- Verlan Owens.

2008 Mount Vernon Office Awards: Top Producer of the Year- Jeffrey W. Cromer; Listing Agent of the Year- Jeffrey W. Cromer; Sales Agent of the Year- Matthew Silcox; Auction Salesperson of the Year- Jeffrey W. Cromer; Most Improved Agent of the Year- Matthew Silcox.

2008 London Office Awards: Top Producer of the Year- Eugene McCowan; Listing Agent of the Year- Eugene McCowan; Sales Agent of the Year- Eugene McCowan; Most Improved Agent of the Year- Tish Hopkins.

2008 Company Wide Awards: Top Producer- Karl David Reynolds; Listing Agent of the Year- Eugene McCowan; Salesperson of the Year- Eugene McCowan; Auction Salesperson of the Year- Karl David Reynolds.

Also, Tish Hopkins from the London office was recognized for being named the Cumberland Valley Realtor of the Year. The guest speaker for the awards ceremonies was former University of Kentucky basketball player and spokesperson for Ford Brothers Auctioneers / Realtors, Cameron Mills. Ford Brothers Auctioneers / Realtors have been successfully selling real estate and holding auctions since 1965, and now have offices in Mount Vernon, Somerset and London with over 50 agents and brokers to assist in marketing and selling properties.



Jeffrey W. Cromer, left, received the Top Producer Award for the Mt. Vernon office for 2008 during the recent Ford Brothers annual awards banquet. Presenting the award is Sam Ford, President of Ford Brothers.

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Celebrate. Remember. Fight back.



Pictured are the RCHS 2009 Bluegrass All-Regional Band Members. They are, from left: Meghan Nation, Anjelica Craig, Devin Davidson, Nicole McFerron, Matt Fields, Regina Rice and Band Director Greg Daugherty.



Devon Didonato, of Mt. Vernon, apparently escaped serious injury on Tuesday night when he lost control of the above Saturn vehicle on U.S. 25 just south of Burr around 10 p.m. Police said Didonato managed to crawl out of the vehicle and was transported to Rockcastle Hospital by a passing motorist. David Mink, of Town and Country Chevron, is shown at left as he prepares to remove the completely totaled car from the roadside.

UK

(Cont. from front)

that.”
 “The federal research dollars that UK brings to the state has a large direct impact on the state economy. However, these research dollars are only a small part of the total impact UK has on the state,” said Ken Troske, director of the UK Center for Business and Economic Research.

For instance, Rockcastle County boasts 197 alumni of UK, but the university’s impact stretches beyond those who have studied in its classrooms by assisting regional and local economic development efforts.

“The education students receive from UK turns them into more productive workers and citizens,” Troske said. “In turn these students help raise the wages of other workers in the state; are less likely to commit crimes; are healthier; and are more informed participants in the political process. All Kentuckians benefit directly from UK, even those who never set foot on campus.”

Meanwhile, more than 350,000 patients relied on the UK Chandler Medical Center—which includes the UK Chandler Hospital, the Kentucky Clinics and the Kentucky Children’s Hospital – for their health care in the fiscal year that ended June 30, including 6,174 patient visits by Rockcastle County residents.

In Rockcastle County, local residents consulted with UK Cooperative Extension agents John McQueary, Tom Mills

and Hazel Jackson on a broad range of issues, providing information on medical issues, healthy recipes, household budgeting, and weather precautions important to both farmers and homeowners. Across Kentucky, families using this service – the nation’s third largest Extension service – reduced their health care costs by \$24 million. Meanwhile, farmers saw their revenues rise by \$25 million.

Business people in Rockcastle County obtained information one time about better methods of improving competitiveness. The advice offered by consultants of UK’s Kentucky Small Business Development Centers (KSBDC) resulted in an average annual increase of sales by its clients of nearly \$546,329. Statewide, KSBDC’s services helped generate more than \$92.6 million in sales and helped create 806 jobs and save 295 others.

Rockcastle County’s men and women who work in area manufacturing plants may have benefited from increased job opportunities created by improved efficiency and productivity resulting from the consulting services of UK’s Industrial Extension Service. This program, and UK’s Center for Manufacturing, advises nearly 320 companies a year on ways to heighten profitable operations, and most of these companies are in Kentucky.

UK’s future economic impact also will extend into Rockcastle County, as coming generations seek their degrees both on the campus in Lexington and on the Internet via Kentucky’s Commonwealth Virtual University. Better earn-

ings, a more educated work force and a higher tax base – the evidence of real prosperity – can be expected.

Weather

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cluded a half inch of snow.

The lowest recorded temperature for the year was three degrees on January 25th and December 22nd and the high recorded temperature for the year was 92 on three separate days in June, July and August.

So far this month, precipitation has been recorded on eight of the 14 days with a total of 2.67 inches being recorded.

The most fell on January 6th when 1.15 of rain hit the ground. There has also been only a trace of snow recorded in January.

The high temperature for the month was 62 on the 4th and the low temperature, so far in January, was on the 1st and on Wednesday, the 14th when the mercury dropped to 14.

Indictments Returned

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was indicted for manufacture of methamphetamine, first offense and Shirley A. Hopkins, 38 and Azcky J. Walling, 50 were named in count two of the indictment for complicity to manufacture methamphetamine.

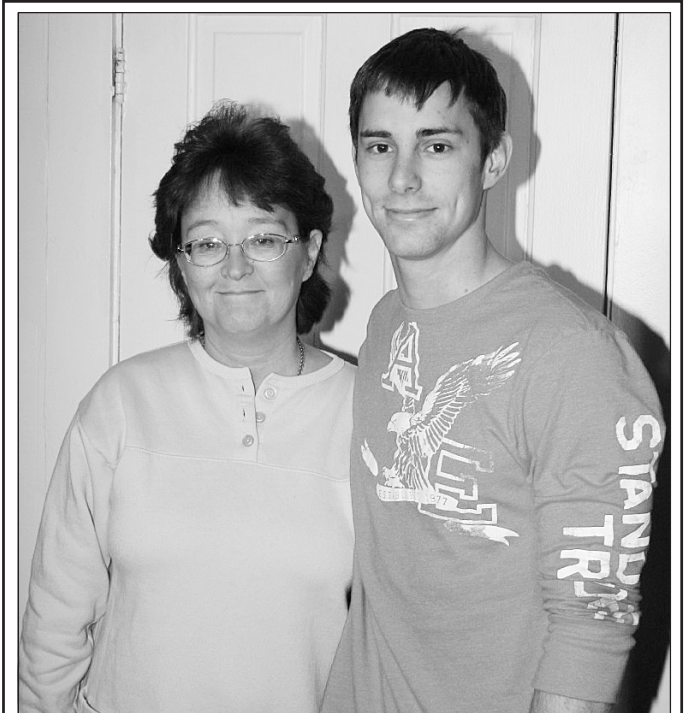
Phillips bond was set at \$25,000 cash/property and Hopkins and Walling were both put under a \$20,000 cash/property bond.

Troy H. Reed, 33, of Hwy. 1376, East Bernstadt was indicted on three counts -- one for possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), speeding and operating a motor vehicle on a suspended/revoked operator’s license. Reed’s bond was set at \$20,000 cash/property.

Two defendants were indicted for flagrant non-support.

Jeffery McLemore, 22, of 40 Hill Street, Mt. Vernon was indicted for failure to provide for a minor child/children in the amount of \$3,575.50 and his bond was set at \$3,500 cash.

Kimberly Powell, 27, of 440 Breezy Hills Drive, Somerset was indicted for flagrant non-support in the amount of \$1,826.78. Her bond was set at \$2,000 full cash.



Army Ranger Brandon Peters has been home for the past two weeks and will return to Ft. Washington in a next few days. He is shown above with his mom, Liz Courtney. “I’m proud to say that my son is serving his country as a Army Ranger,” his mom said.

20-year-old Brandon Peters entered the army in February of last year. He is the son of Liz Courtney of Mt. Vernon and Steve Peters of Prestonsburg. Peters graduated from basic training in June of 2008 and, after basic training, Peters completed his Airborne training and is now an Army Ranger. Peters is currently stationed at Ft. Lewis, Washington and is currently on a two week leave. While home on leave, Peters celebrated his 21st birthday on January 13th



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Under the Emergency Food & Shelter National Board Program

Rockcastle awarded \$12,466 in federal funds

Rockcastle has been chosen to receive \$12,366 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a national board that is chaired by the Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.; The Salvation Army; United Jewish Communities and United Way of America. The local board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A local board, made up of Rockcastle Co. Judge Executive Buzz Carloftis and other local residents will determine how the funds awarded to the county will be distributed among the emergency food and

shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. The local board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the national board, local agencies must: 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2) have an accounting system, 3) practice nondiscrimination, 4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs and 5) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Tamara Cox at 606-256-5315 for an application. The deadline for applications to be received is January 23, 2009.

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This Boil Water Advisory will not be lifted until the water line and tank are completed.

Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, January 15, 2009

Headlines from last six months of 2008

July first month workers began to pay wage tax

By: Richard Anderkin
When workers who earn their living in Rockcastle and the city of Mt. Vernon got their paychecks, the first week of July, they got a little less than in the previous check.

That was thanks to the county's one and a half percent new occupational tax and the city of Mt. Vernon's increase of their occupational tax to a full one percent, both of which went into effect July 1, 2008.

The Pongo Volunteer Fire Department loaned the city of Mt. Vernon a fire truck, while the city attempted to get their truck fixed or buy a new one and former Rockcastle, Pulaski and Lincoln Circuit Judge Dan Venters announced he would run for the Kentucky Supreme Court in a effort to replace retiring, longtime Justice Joseph Lambert of Mt. Vernon.

67-year-old Victor Holley was the first patient to receive a cardiac CT scan at Rockcastle Hospital and Shirley Cox was named Missionary of the Year by the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

51-year-old Carol Tipton was critically injured, after the riding mower she was using to mow her yard at Renfro Valley went over a 20 foot cliff. Mrs. Tipton was airlifted from the scene and spent several weeks in the hospital recovering from her extensive injuries.

In order for county government to operate, the Fiscal Court voted to borrow a half million dollars, while they waited to collect monies from their new occupational tax.

Several customers of the Eastern Rockcastle Water Association asked the ERWA board to be more open about the operation of the association and over 1,000 people attended the Family Fun Day and Fireworks at Lake Linville.

The home of Lisa Tipton on Spiro Road was com-

pletely destroyed by fire and 42-year-old Tim Tyler of Brodhead was promoting his new comic book, *Engine*, in an effort to sell 5,000 copies.

The Mt. Vernon City Council approved the purchase of the property where Perry's Auto Body in Mt. Vernon is now located for \$185,000. The property, which totals approximately one acre lies adjacent to the current city park on Williams Street. Current plans are for the city to use the property for a skateboard park and to use the three buildings on site for the city's maintenance department.

37 students from Berea College's Black Student Union and African Student Association were in Mt. Vernon to work on the Newcomb Cemetery property as part of the county's cemetery preservation project and 40-year-old Jeff Vanhook was selected by the Kentucky Commissioner of Education to replace Terry Burton on the Rockcastle School Board.

New Rockcastle County High School head football coach Scott Parkey began his first summer practice and an Open House was held at the new \$9.5 million Rockcastle Area Technology Center.

Approximately 800 people, including 400 students, attended the second annual Redi-Fest for Rockcastle students and well-known Rockcastle resident William McClure died at age 86.

In August, two mixed Beagle pups, which Rockcastle Animal Shelter Director James Kidwell said he thought were dead when he placed them in a bag containing dead puppies, were rescued by a work-release prisoner at the shelter. That story got regional coverage and resulted in a reprimand for Kidwell from County Judge-Executive Buzz Carloftis.

All Rockcastle County Schools met the federally-

mandated No Child Left Behind requirements except for RCHS and eight people filed for the six Mt. Vernon City Council seats.

The Eastern Rockcastle Water Association board voted to place former President David Ballinger on their board and the Mt. Vernon City Council started the process to annex 350 acres into the city.

The Mt. Vernon City Council also voted during August to give Hanson Aggregates a right-of-way through the city park on Williams Street in Mt. Vernon to help their expansion project and 36-year-old Steven Tompkins of Mt. Vernon was arrested for a threat against circuit Judge Jeffery T. Burdette.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at Lake Linville to celebrate the completion of a sewer project around the Lake, which allowed 35 homes in the area to hook onto city sewer and \$1,332 was raised at the Benefit Ride for the UNITE Coalition.

Brodhead Resident Sue Reed was in the process of forming a Neighborhood Watch and landowners began to mount their opposition to being annexed into the city limits of Mt. Vernon.

Ribbon-cutting ceremonies at Rockcastle's newest industry, PD3 were held and the drama at Eastern Rockcastle Water Association continued when clerk Sherry Miller was fired.

United States Congressman Harold Rogers visited several sites in Rockcastle County, including Mt. Vernon Elementary School and the RCHS UNITE Club challenged Bell County to Wipe Out Drugs.

In September, Mt. Vernon Mayor Clarice Kirby decided to leave the Benton Bullock subdivision out of the proposed annexation and Katha Carpenter was named Citizen of the Year at Livingston.

First year RCHS head football coach Scott Parkey won his first game of the season over Pulaski County, 34-23 and RCHS senior Timber Shelton was named Renfro Valley Jamboree Bowl Queen.

James Carlos Cromer, 67, of Brodhead, was arrested and charged with first degree assault, after he allegedly shot his granddaughter's husband at the Brodhead Elderly Apartments and Rockcastle students had the tenth best test scores in the state on their yearly CATS tests.

Longtime *Mount Vernon Signal* co-owner and Publisher James Anderkin, Jr., died at the age of 77 and SourceCorp announced they would bring 139 new jobs to the county.

Approximately 200 people attended the annual Mt. Vernon High School Reunion and the Rockcastle County Board of Education agreed to lease space, in the former vocational school, to SourceCorp for a temporary location while their new factory is being completed.

Mt. Vernon Mayor Clarice Kirby was arrested for official misconduct, involving a controversy over disposition of rock taken down for the new sidewalks on Richmond Street, and former University of Kentucky Wildcat Tim Couch was in Rockcastle to help promote the UNITE Bowl football game between the Rockets and Bell County.

No notices of violation were issued after officials from the Environmental Protection Agency inspected sites at Lake Linville where the city of Mt. Vernon was dumping debris from their Richmond Street sidewalk

project and Tanner Bray and Morgan Campbell were crowned football homecoming King and Queen at RCHS.

In the last week of September, a tragic auto accident in Madison County claimed the life of 21-year-old Jessica Holbrook and Gerald Miller and his son Rocky Lee Miller received federal prison sentences on drug charges.

Several hundred people attended a CD release for John Michael Montgomery's tenth album, "Time Flies" which was held at the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and Museum and Rockcastle's State Senator Ed Worley was the Grand Marshal in the Bittersweet Festival Parade.

55-year-old Frances Higginbotham of Mt. Vernon died after she was hit by a truck while lying in the middle of Williams Street in Mt. Vernon and the Lady Rocket Volleyball team won their 6th straight district title.

Mt. Vernon Elementary School 4th grader Logan Taylor won the Rockcastle District Spelling Bee and Mike Sheliga and Larry Burdette filed as write-in candidates for the Mt. Vernon City Council.

Proctor Brock found an old Grist Mill on his 280 acre farm which dated back to the 1800s and the family of Benton and Margaret Doan lost everything when their Menifee Hill home burned.

Mossie Noe celebrated her 100th birthday and a small crowd attended a forum on Mt. Vernon's annexation project.

23-year-old Thomas Bullens of Brodhead was jailed after he made threats against Brodhead Elementary

School principal Caroline Graves and 65-year-old Iverene Bond died from smoke inhalation after a fire broke out in her apartment at Livingston Manor Apartments.

207 people attended the annual Livingston High School Reunion and the Mt. Vernon City Council voted to begin collecting a four percent insurance tax, which the county was already receiving.

Brandy Chasteen Brock, defeated incumbent Jeff Vanhook for a seat on the Rockcastle County School Board in the November General Election and Don Jones and Jackie Wayne Weaver were elected to the Mt. Vernon City Council, along with incumbents Shelly Lewis, Sharon Saylor, Wayne Bullock and Joe Mullins.

The first 40 members of the RCHS Football Hall of Fame were honored at a ceremony at Rockcastle County High School and 55-year-old Jeff Kindred was killed in a auto accident on I-75.

A question of whether or not Brandy Brock was eligible to serve on the Rockcastle Board of Education arose and the county announced they had collected nearly a quarter of a million dollars from their new occupational tax.

250 people attended the annual Celebration of Veteran's Day at RCMS and two U.K. students were killed in an auto accident on I-75.

RCJS junior Laura Dollins won her second Cross Country regional title and Mt. Vernon Mayor Clarice Kirby asked the council to drop the

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

Small Claims

B&L Grocery vs. David Barron, \$620.20 plus claimed due. S-00001

Deeds Recorded

Bobby Proper, property in Dixie Heights Addition in

Livingston, to Bobby Proper and Sandi Singleton. Tax \$3.75.

Mildred Jean Harding, property on Hammonds Fork Road, to Landis M. Harding. No tax.

District Civil Suits

Arrow Financial Services LLC vs. Patricia E. Simmons, \$2,105.23 plus

claimed due. Pattie A. Clay Regional Medical Center vs. Kim Blair, \$596.65 plus claimed due.

Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center vs. Dewa Elam, \$1,117 plus claimed due.

Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center vs. Shan York, \$1,071.30 plus claimed due. C-00004.

Circuit Civil Suits

U.S. Bank National Assn. vs. Cecil Rucker, et al, \$56,000 plus claimed due.

Suntrust Mortgage, Inc. vs. Jason Brock, et al, \$122,089.53 plus claimed due.

Colen Dale Short vs. Angela Hope Short, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Jack Ray Bradley vs. Robin Bradley, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Carl Michael Mowbray vs. Sherry Fonda Mowbray, petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00005.

District Court

Jan. 5-7, 2009
Hon. Kathryn G. Wood
Lois Denny: fines/fees due (\$128), 3 days in lieu of

fines/costs. Tracy D. Isaacs: controlled substance prescription not in original container, \$100 fine.

Kimberly A. Kirby: public intoxication, \$100 fine and costs.

Miguel L. Lopez: speeding and no operators/moped license, license suspended for failure to appear.

Adam L. Reed: fines/fees due (\$218), bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta)/5 days in jail or payment.

Carlos Rodriguez: speeding and no operators/moped license, license suspended for fta/bw issued.

James C. Spoonamore: fines/fees due (\$143), bw issued for fta/3 days or payment.

Jamie D. Sturgill: no operators license in possession, \$50 fine and costs.

Speeding: Andrew W. Bryant, \$48 fine and costs; Alice F. Cromer, Jackie R. Harris, Melany D. Peters, Timothy R. Rothe, license suspended for fta; Virginia W. Tyce, \$30 fine and costs;

Pamela Denise Bussell: probation violation, bw issued for fta.

Penny Caldwell: fines/fees due (\$708), bw issued for fta/15 days or payment.

James E. Denney: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine and costs, \$375 service fee, 30 day operator license suspension, 10 days/probated 24 months on condition.

Jason L. Hughes: failure to wear seat belts, paid.

Jennifer D. Dooley: theft by deception, \$20 fine and 20 days/probated 24 months on condition.

Aaron M. Eldridge: terroristic threatening, \$100 fine and costs and 30 days/probated 24 months on condition.

Charlie R. Page: probation violation, bw issued for fta.

Ricky A. Sandusky: operating vehicle w/expired operators license, and other charges, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Anne T. Stirling: failure to maintain insurance and residents not to use license of other states, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Jonathan W. Taylor: probation violation, bw issued

for fta. Teresa A. Willis: probation violation, bw issued for fta.

Kelly D. Whitaker: alcohol intoxication in public place, bw issued for fta.

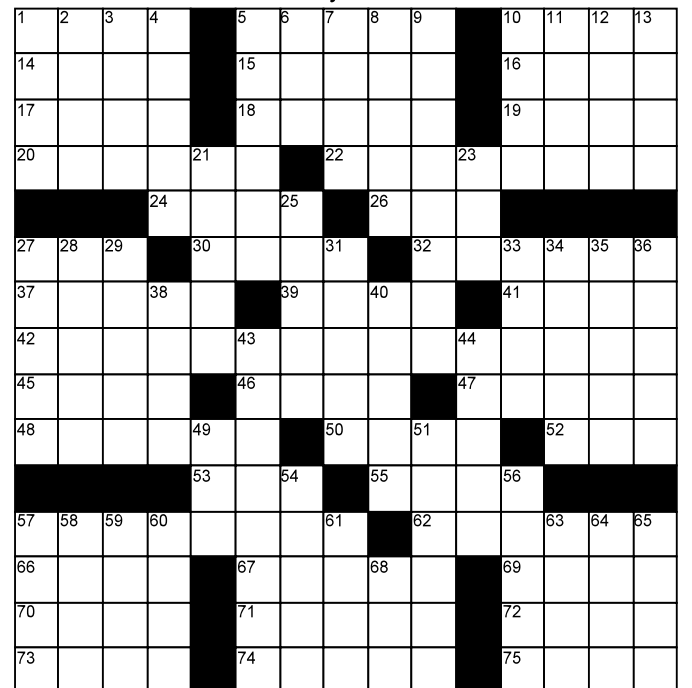
Robert L. Lear, Jr.: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, and other charges, action slip entered.

Karen S. Campos: theft by deception, \$20 fine and costs, \$275 restitution, 20 days/probated 24 months on condition.

Roger Baker: public intoxication, \$100 fine and costs; leaving scene of accident, 90 days, probated 24 months on condition plus payment of restitution.

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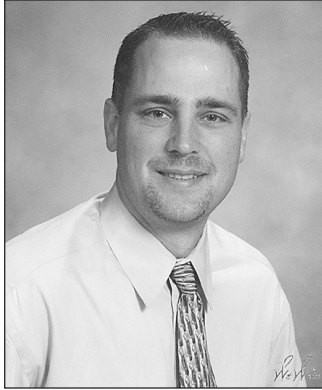
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Writer David Dick's "View from ___ Lick"
 - 5 Molten rock
 - 10 Northup, Perkins, Rogers, et al
 - 14 1972 Derby winner, ___ Ridge
 - 15 Transparent
 - 16 Spoken
 - 17 Magoffin Co. hamlet, or always
 - 18 De Gaulle's birthplace
 - 19 Giant
 - 20 Kentuckian, Pulitzer Prize winner, John Ed
 - 22 KY's oldest public records are found in this town
 - 24 Pillow covering
 - 26 Expert
 - 27 C.E.O.'s degree
 - 30 Soon
 - 32 Not these or those
 - 37 Hue
 - 39 Provoke
 - 41 Fertilizer
 - 42 KY state park known for huge anchor and chain
 - 45 Washington bills
 - 46 Toward shelter
 - 47 Japanese immigrant
 - 48 Gossips
 - 50 Pockets
 - 52 Ram's mate
 - 53 Short title for Jim Bunning
 - 55 Former Larue Co. mill town, or type of grain
 - 57 TN or IN to KY
 - 62 Home county of both Nevada and Oregon, KY
 - 66 Gas burner
 - 67 Saying
 - 69 Tiny bit
 - 70 Egyptian canal
 - 71 Procrastinator's word
 - 72 Neaten; ___ up
 - 73 Tag info
 - 74 Pack animal
 - 75 Sound astonished
- DOWN**
- 1 Get ready
 - 2 In person
 - 3 Eye part
 - 4 Shelby Co. native, noted political activist against the KKK
 - 5 Calhoun, KY is this county's seat
 - 6 Louisville's famous Cassius Clay
 - 7 Salon supply
 - 8 Island nation
 - 9 One in KY is 859
 - 10 Pro baseball catcher Phil of Paducah
 - 11 Therefore
 - 12 Young salmon
 - 13 Sliding toy
 - 21 Silver ___, 1997 Derby winner
 - 23 Gauze
 - 25 Big shot
 - 27 Hatfield-___
 - 28 A KY county lying in the "North Bend" of the Ohio River
 - 29 Author of "A Kentucky Cardinal"
 - 31 Pries
 - 33 Drones
 - 34 Jagged
 - 35 Extend
 - 36 Composer Erik
 - 38 Depose
 - 40 Crosswise, on deck
 - 43 Sport of the Lexington Legends
 - 44 Hosiery material
 - 49 Hearth residue
 - 51 Kentuckians Marvin and Morgan Smith's work instrument
 - 54 Knobby
 - 56 KY county, "Crappie Capital of the World"
 - 57 Famed loch
 - 58 Handbag
 - 59 Martin Co.'s seat
 - 60 Long look
 - 61 Pro ___
 - 63 Pepsi, e.g.
 - 64 Terminal info
 - 65 Highway exit
 - 68 Treasure

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Rockcastle Co. Has Been Awarded Federal Funds Under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program

Rockcastle has been chosen to receive \$12,366.00 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.; The Salvation Army; United Jewish Communities and United Way of America. The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

A Local Board, made up of Rockcastle Co. Judge Executive and local board of directors will determine how the funds awarded to Rockcastle Co. are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies must: 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2) have an accounting system, 3) practice nondiscrimination, 4) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs and 5) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Tamara Cox at 606-256-5315 for an application. The deadline for applications to be received is January 23, 2009.

For Rogers Scholars and Entrepreneurial Leadership Scholarship opportunities deadline is January 31

By Sharon Dodson,
The Center for Rural Development

The Center for Rural Development is seeking high school students in Rockcastle County interested in becoming part of the next generation of business leaders or entrepreneurs in Southern and Eastern Kentucky, and qualifying for college scholarships to help achieve that goal.

Applications will be accepted through Jan. 31 for students seeking to apply for 2009 classes of Rogers Scholars or the Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute (ELI), two summer youth programs sponsored by The Center. Both are leadership training programs, with ELI focusing on developing skills for future business leaders and entrepreneurs.

Rogers Scholars is an intensive one-week summer session for rising high school juniors in The Center's primary 42-county service area. The program, named after U.S. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers, (KY-05), emphasizes the development of technological skills and builds in participants a sense of leadership, an entrepreneurial spirit, and a commitment to rural Kentucky.

Graduates of Rogers Scholars—The Center's flagship youth program—are also eligible to apply for college scholarships from 13 participating Kentucky colleges and universities.

Sixty students from throughout the region will be selected to represent their home counties as Rogers Scholars this year in two, one-week summer sessions planned for June 28-July 3 and July 12-17.

High school freshmen, sophomores, and juniors with a specific interest in business and entrepreneurship are encouraged to apply for ELI. The one-week summer program focuses on creativity and teamwork, and building business and leadership skills.

During the week, student business teams create a business plan and present their proposals before a panel of judges in a business concept competition on the final day of the session.

Members of the first-place business concept team are eligible to receive a Presidential Scholarship to Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Ky. The winning team also will be recognized at the 2009 Excellence In Entrepreneurship Awards (EIEA) program scheduled for September at The Center.

Thirty students within The Center's primary service region will be selected to attend the 2009 session of ELI. The program is set to begin June 14 and conclude June 19 with a graduation ceremony in The Center's performing arts theatre.

Both Rogers Scholars and ELI are held at The Center's headquarters in Somerset, Ky. Lodging, meals, and program expenses (excluding transportation costs to and from the host site) are provided free of charge to participating students.

Applications for both programs are available on The Center's web site at www.centertech.com, or by contacting Jessica Melton, associate director of education and training, at 606-677-6000 or via e-mail at jmelton@centertech.com. Applications must be post-marked by Jan. 31.

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Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I
Civil Action No. 08-CI-00232

Community Trust Bank, Inc. Plaintiff

V.

Leslie Jadawn Pennington, et al Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on December 5, 2008, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE DOLLARS AND 14/100 (\$8,323.14) plus interest and costs. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, January 23, 2008
Beginning at the hour of 1:00 p.m.**

Said property being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

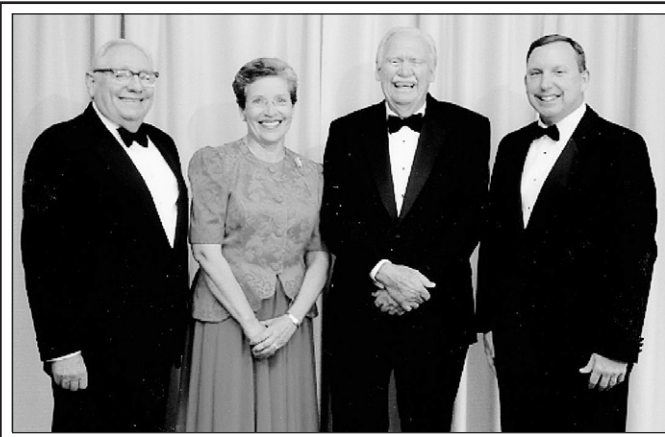
Being Lot Number One Hundred Sixty Three (163) in the Rainbow Ridge Subdivision (Phase #2) and fronting on Gold Dust Drive. For further description see plat recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the Rockcastle County Court in Plat Book 4, page 353 (Slide 578). Tax Map Reference 033-80-00-163

Being the same property Jeffrey Pennington and L. Jadawn Pennington obtained by deed dated March 31, 2006 of record in Deed Book 209, page 663 and of record at the Rockcastle County Court Clerk's office, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky.

The property shall be sold upon the following terms and conditions:

1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have a force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
3. Unpaid taxes of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2009 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of sale.
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7. In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
8. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back line, restrictions or covenants or record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".

**Jerome S. Fish,
Special Master Commissioner**



From left: Warren W. Rosenthal, President of the Kentucky Historical Society Foundation; Mrs. Glenn (the former Judy Hopkins) Marsh and Dr. Glenn Marsh, inductees into the Abraham Lincoln Society; and Kent Whitworth, Executive Director of the Kentucky Historical Society. (Photo courtesy of Kentucky Historical Society.)

Marshes inducted into Abraham Lincoln Society

A native of Rockcastle County, Judy Hopkins Marsh, and her husband, Dr. Glenn Marsh, were recently inducted into the Abraham Lincoln Society at the Kentucky Historical Society's (KHS) annual Lincoln Gala at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History. *Beyond the Log Cabin: Kentucky's Abraham Lincoln*, the commonwealth's signature Lincoln exhibition, made its debut and new members of the Lincoln Society and Dr. John P. Stewart, II were honored at the gala.

"We were overwhelmed with the gracious reception so warmly showered upon us by the society at the gala. We are humbled to be recognized by such a dedicated group of patrons of the history of our Commonwealth," Mrs. Marsh said. "Their efforts in preserving Kentucky's history are a great service to all Kentuckians, present and future, and we treasure our privilege to be a part of such an organization."

This year signals the tenth anniversary of the Abraham Lincoln Society which honors individuals, corporations and foundations that have demonstrated their dedication to the KHS Foundation with a cumulative gift of at least \$25,000. By setting an example of leadership for others, members of the society help to support KHS as it moves forward to meet the challenges of preserving the history of Kentucky for generations to come. Each year, the Abraham Lincoln Society sponsors a gala event to introduce and welcome new members and express appreciation for the ongoing generosity of previously inducted members.

In September, KHS received an impressive collection of nineteenth-century sporting and hunting firearms from Dr. and Mrs. Marsh. While KHS has a strong military weapons collection, the sporting and hunting firearm collection lacked the depth needed to tell the story of Kentucky sportsmen and the Marsh collection has helped to fill this void. Although Dr. Marsh is originally from Alabama, he now calls Kentucky home and considers himself a true Kentuckian. A retired dermatologist and pharmacologist, Dr. Marsh resides with his wife on a working farm in Fayette County.

"Glen and Judy Marsh have given an incredible gift to all Kentuckians. To be able to share the story of Benjamin Mills and the other Kentucky gunsmiths, represented by the firearms collections that the Marshes donated, is an awesome opportunity," said Jim Wallace, executive director of the KHS Foundation.

Judy Hopkins Marsh, the daughter of Ruth Hopkins and the late Berl Hopkins of Rockcastle County, is a graduate of Brodhead High School, Berea College and Eastern Kentucky University with a Master's degree. Dr. Marsh is a retired Lexington dermatologist who served the needs of many patients from Rockcastle and adjoining counties. He also served on the faculty of the University of Kentucky School of Medicine and as one of the University of Kentucky athletic team physicians. A graduate of Auburn University and Emory University in Atlanta, he is author of *The Shortest Pencil* a book about life in Kentucky and his medical experiences.

Wayne Stewart Adult Health Care Center Christmas Auction

Wayne Stewart Adult Health Care Center's annual Christmas Auction was once again a huge success. The auction provides an opportunity for clients to buy gifts for their family members, friends or themselves that might otherwise not be possible.

Clients are given a set amount of "Santa Bucks," or play money, and may bid on any item they choose. All clients had a wonderful time and were so excited with the gifts they received.

The auction would not have been possible without the generosity of so many thoughtful businesses and individuals.

The staff and clients of the Wayne Stewart Center would like to most graciously thank the following for their donations this year:

State Farm Insurance Agency, Mt. Vernon Signal, Jake's Furniture, Pizza Hut, Saylor's Furniture, Aletha's Florist, A Cut Above, Sabrina's Hair Design, A Touch of Class Hair Design, Cox Funeral Home, Dowell & Martin Funeral Home, Sparks Florist, Peoples Bank, Peg's Food Mart, Brodhead Food Mart, B&M Liquidators, Vicki Barnes, Rockcastle Pharmacy, Renfro Valley Entertainment Center, John's Cellular One, John Ford, Ford Brothers, Radio Shack, Hiatt's 5&10, Appliance Service Center, Jack's Hardware, Mt. Vernon Drug, Rocket Sports and Apparel, Lumber King.

Singleton Insurance Agency, Brodhead Pharmacy, Farm Bureau Insurance, Mt. Vernon Plumbing, Community Trust Bank, Richmond Street Eyecare, Subway, Windswept Stables, Linda's Variety Store, Citizens Bank, PBK Bank, Town & Country Motors, Mark's Welding, Brodhead Tobacco Barn, Mt. Vernon Drug, Main Street Pharmacy, South Central Pools, Brodhead IBA, Mt. Vernon Heating & Cooling, Mt. Vernon Partials and Dentures, Stanford WalMart, Berea WalMart, Brodhead Lions Club, Juanita Cromer, Jody Johnson, Jamie Fain, PDS Factory, Jenny McKinney, Jim's Furniture.

In memory of a former client, who passed away suddenly this summer before her twin granddaughters were born, our clients and staff provided, with open hearts, a Christmas dinner basket and gifts for the newborn twins and two-year-old granddaughter. We are so proud of our clients for sharing the true meaning of Christmas with such a special family to our center.

We would also like to thank William "Bill" Cash for donating his time, travel, supplies and expertise but, most of all, for being so kind and generous to help us get started on our painting project. Thank you Mr. Cash!



Clients at Wayne Stewart Adult Health Care Center enjoyed their annual Christmas auction.

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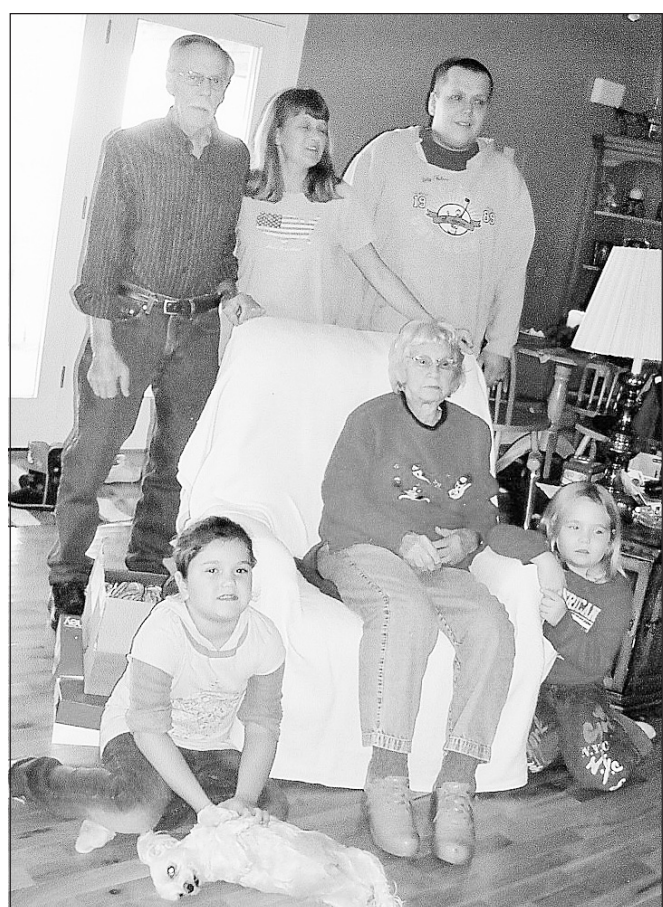
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Five generations of the Lillian Seals family spend Christmas day together. They are shown above, son Tex Seals, granddaughter Tammy Grant, great grandson Chris Grant and great great granddaughters Charity and Destiny.



Five generations of the Nancy Wilson family were together on Christmas Eve. They are shown above: son Eddie Wilson, granddaughter Jean Howard, great grandson Coty Howard and great great grandson Noah Ryan Howard.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Committee meeting
The Rockcastle County Farm Service Committee (COC) will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, January 8, 2009 beginning at 8:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the FSA office.

The COC members are vital to the day-to-day operations of FSA. The COC members help FSA at the local level by deciding the kind of program their county will have and how they will operate. FSA committees operate within official regulations designed to carry out Federal laws and applying their judgment and knowledge and knowledge to make decisions.

Accommodations
Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in FSA meetings/events or functions should contact Warden Alexander at 606-256-2525 or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

2009 Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP)
Secretary of Agriculture Ed Schafer today said that enrollment for the 2009 Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment (DCP) Program for farms with base acres will begin Dec. 22 both online and at local USDA service centers and will continue until June 1, 2009.

Producers are urged to make use of the eDCP automated website to sign up; however, producers can visit any USDA Service Center or their administratively assigned center to complete their 2009 DCP contract.

The June 1, 2009 deadline is mandatory for all partici-

pants. USDA will not accept any late-filed applications.

Producers who are eligible for the DCP Program will also be eligible to enroll in the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program. The enrollment period for the ACRE Program will begin in the spring. Producers may first enroll in the DCP Program, elect to receive advance direct payments and then later modify their enrollment to include the ACRE program or they may wait and elect to enroll in DCP and ACRE at the same time in Spring 2009.

Milk Income Loss Contract Program (MILC)

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced that signup for the Milk Income Loss Contract Program (MILC) begins Dec 22 and will continue through the program's expiration date, Sept 30, 2012.

The 2008 Farm Bill reauthorizes the MILC Program, which operates similarly to the counter-cyclical payment program for crops, and makes three key changes in program operation. Under the 2008 Act, the MILC payment rate and the per-operation poundage limit are modified, depending on when the milk is produced. In addition, a "feed cost adjuster," is introduced over the life of the 2008 Act, which adjusts the \$16.94 per hundredweight (cwt.) benchmark price upward depending on the cost of feed rations. When available, MILC payments are based on a payment rate percentage that is multiplied by the difference between a now-flexible target (\$16.94 per cwt.

or higher) and the specific month's Boston Class I price of milk.

USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) issues MILC payments on an operation-by-operation basis up to a maximum of 2.4 million pounds of milk produced and marketed (about 120 cows) from Oct. 1, 2007, through Sept. 30, 2008. The production limit per operation increases to 2.985 million pounds (about 145 cows) for each fiscal year from Oct. 1, 2008, through Aug. 31, 2012. The production limitation reverts back to the original limit of 2.4 million pounds per fiscal year in Sept. 2012.

Bank account changes
If your bank account number changes or there is a change in your banks name notify FSA immediately to ensure payments reach your account timely.

This is very important to those receiving FSA payments as payments can be delayed if we are not aware of changes to your account or routing numbers.

Important program dates
DCP signup
MILC signup
Conservation Reserve Program Continuous signup continues
Quality Crop Disaster

signup continues

Farm Ownership Loans,
Farm Operating Loans, Limited Resource Loans

Farm Storage Facility Loan
Tobacco Transition Payment Program

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**Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II
Civil Action No. 08-CI-00163**

U.S. Bank, National Association, N.D. Plaintiff

v.

**Gustie Hurt, Jr.,
Deloris Hurt, et. al Defendants**

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on November 14, 2008 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of SIXTY THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS AND 18/100 (\$63,590.18) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, January 23, 2009
Beginning at the Hour of 1:00 p.m.**

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

Lot No. 42 in the Sunnyside Estates, as shown on plat of record in Plat Book 4, page 226 in the Office of the Clerk of the Rockcastle County Court, Mt. Vernon, Ky.

Being the same property conveyed to Gustie Hurt, Jr. et ux. by deed dated December 20, 2002 and recorded in Deed Book 193, page 25 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Court Clerk.

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

1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
3. Unpaid taxes of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
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**Willis G. Coffey
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court**

**Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I
Civil Action No. 08-CI-00164**

First Franklin Financial Corporation Plaintiff

v.

**Emma L. Collins and
Danny L. Collins Defendants**

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on December 17, 2008 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of FIFTY SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWELVE DOLLARS AND 17/100 (\$56,212.17) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, January 23, 2009
Beginning at the Hour of 1:00 p.m.**

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

6913 Brindle Ridge Road, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

Beginning at a stake in the north right of way of the Brodhead-Conway Road, at the east edge of roadway leaving off said road; thence northerly with the east edge of roadway to top of hill; thence continuing northerly to a stake 30 feet from power line; thence S 85 deg. E parallel with power line to a stake on a cliff; thence S 12 degrees E 125 feet to a pine; thence S 15 deg. 140 feet to a black oak; thence S 27 1/2 W 107 feet to a stake, corner of Sarah Scherlag in north right of way of Brodhead-Conway Road; thence S 88 deg. W with right of way of Brodhead-Conway Road to the point of beginning and containing one (1) acre more or less.

Being the same property conveyed to Emma L. Collins and husband Danny L. Collins by deed dated July 5, 2007, executed by Rita Huff, et vir and recorded in Deed Book 216, page 629 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

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

1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
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**Willis G. Coffey
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court**

**Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I
Civil Action No. 08-CI-00097**

**Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
successor by merger to
Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. Plaintiff**

v.

**Mary Ann Elam,
Health Care Collection Service, Inc.
a KY Corporation, assignee of the
UK Medical Center and County of
Rockcastle Defendants**

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on December 18, 2008 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of FIFTY FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS AND 36/100 (\$54,160.36) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, January 23, 2009
Beginning at the Hour of 1:00 p.m.**

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

4370 Wildie Road, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

Beginning on an iron pin set on the south side of Highway 1786, said pin being a corner to E. Marshall Webb (Deed Book 163, Page 531); thence with the right of way of Highway 1786 North 80 degrees 13 minutes 59 seconds East for a distance of 63.84 feet to a point on the right of way; thence continuing with the right of way North 84 degrees 04 minutes 47 seconds East for a distance of 78.34 feet to a point on the right of way; thence continuing with the right of way North 87 degrees 50 minutes 32 seconds East for a distance of 70.64 feet to an iron pin set on the south side of the Highway 1786 right of way, said pin being a corner to James D. Baker (Deed Book 149, Page 567); thence with the line of James Baker South 02 degrees 29 minutes 04 seconds East for a distance of 210.00 feet to an iron pin set in the line of James Baker, said pin being a corner to E. Marshall Webb (Deed Book 163, Page 531); thence with the line of E. Marshall Webb South 84 degrees 10 minutes 30 seconds West for a distance of 212.52 feet to an iron pin set; thence continuing with the line of E. Marshall Webb North 02 degrees 29 minutes 04 seconds West for a distance of 210.00 feet to an iron pin set, which is the point of beginning and having an area of 1.0377 acres as surveyed by Bobby Hudson, LPLS 1253 on April 10, 2002.

This property is improved with a 2004 Giles Ruby 24'x36' mobile home (VIN gm4797a).

Being the same property conveyed to Mary Ann Elam, single, by deed dated October 9, 2003, executed by Thomas E. Dees, et ux. and recorded in Deed Book 196, page 697 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

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

1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
3. Unpaid taxes of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2008 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
6. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
7. In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
8. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".

**Willis G. Coffey
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Rockcastle Circuit Court**

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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 hunting/trespassing on property belonging to Farmer Waddle and Clista Spivey heirs n Hwy 490. Violators will be prosecuted. Not responsible for accidents. 6x6p

No Trespassing on land belonging to Donald Bowman on Cow Bell Hollow Road at Salt-petre Cave. Violators will be prosecuted. Not responsible for accidents. 8x1p

Posted: No trespassing or hunting on land of J.B. Baker, located at Climax. 8x3p

Posted: No hunting, trapping or trespassing on property belonging to William Holt, Winkie Holt or Neureul Jones, located in Kidwell Hollow. Violators will be prosecuted. 7x5p

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

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

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

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

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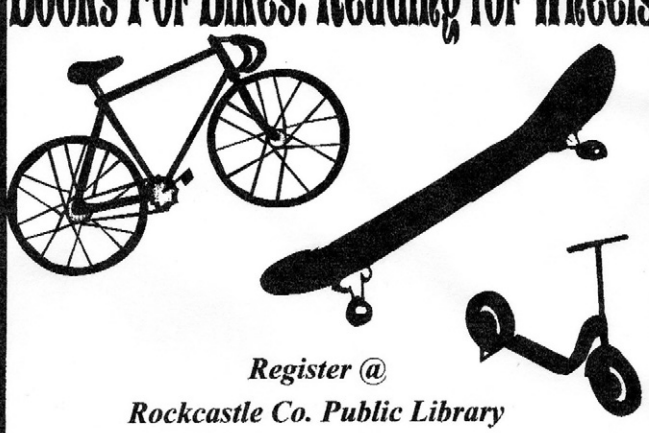


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Bids are being accepted as of Friday, January 9th, 2009 and will be accepted through Thursday, January 22nd, 2009. Those interested in submitting bids should send the following information:
 -Their Name
 -Their physical address & mailing address if different
 -Their telephone contact number
 -An e-mail address if available
 -And their bid price for the mobile home

The information above should be sent to the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority, PO Box 592, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, 40456. The envelope should be marked "MOBILE HOME BID". The bids will be opened on Friday, January 23, 2009 and the successful bidder will be contacted by phone and will be required to provide a cashier's check for the balance on Friday, January 23, 2009. The mobile homes will be sold "as is" and the successful bidder will be responsible for removing the mobile homes from the property within 14 days of their bid being accepted, weather permitting. The mobile homes being sold are one doublewide (28x68) and one singlewide (14x70). Questions about either of these mobile homes should be directed to Jim Holton at (606) 219-7030 or contact Jim Holton by e-mail at jholton@rockcastlecountyky.com.

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The Relay for Life Kick Off will be held on Jan. 22 at 5 p.m. at Rockcastle Hospital & Respiratory Care Center. The public is welcome to attend to hear about the new ideas and innovations planned for this year. It will also be an opportunity for participants to register their teams and sign up to serve as Relay volunteers.

Refreshments and prizes will be offered. Team registration discounts will be offered for those teams that register at the kick off. New teams that sign up at the kick off will have their registration fee waived. Returning team registration discounts will be

\$50 or \$25 if you recruit a new team.

The annual Rockcastle County Relay for Life event traditionally draws hundreds of participants and teams that walk the track all night to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Money received allows the American Cancer Society to continue funding cancer research, state and national legislative advocacy and the Society's many educational and community service programs.

Relay for Life will return to Rockcastle County on June 19, 2009 at the Rockcastle County Middle School track.

For more information about how you can participate in the fight against cancer, please contact Melissa Brock at (606) 256-7703 or m.brock@rhrcc.org.

“Review”

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proposal to annex property southwest of the city.

Site preparation began for the new SourceCorp building in Business Park South and 21-year-old Chris Stewart was indicted on an attempted murder charge.

The RCHS Rocket football team defeated Greenup County in the first round of the state playoffs, but lost to eventual state champion Bell County in the second round.

The Mt. Vernon City Council voted down a request by Mayor Clarice Kirby for \$2 million in funding for three separate projects and the home of Billy and Jennifer Cameron on Halcomb East Road was heavily damaged by fire.

In December, the Rockcastle Fiscal Court voted to begin condemnation proceedings on property owned by Barbara Baker, to complete the purchase of 20 additional acres for Business Park South and longtime educator Jean Gentry served as Grand Mar-

shal of the Brodhead Christmas Parade.

Eastern Rockcastle Water Association President Dell Ponder resigned and David Ballinger was elected to take his position.

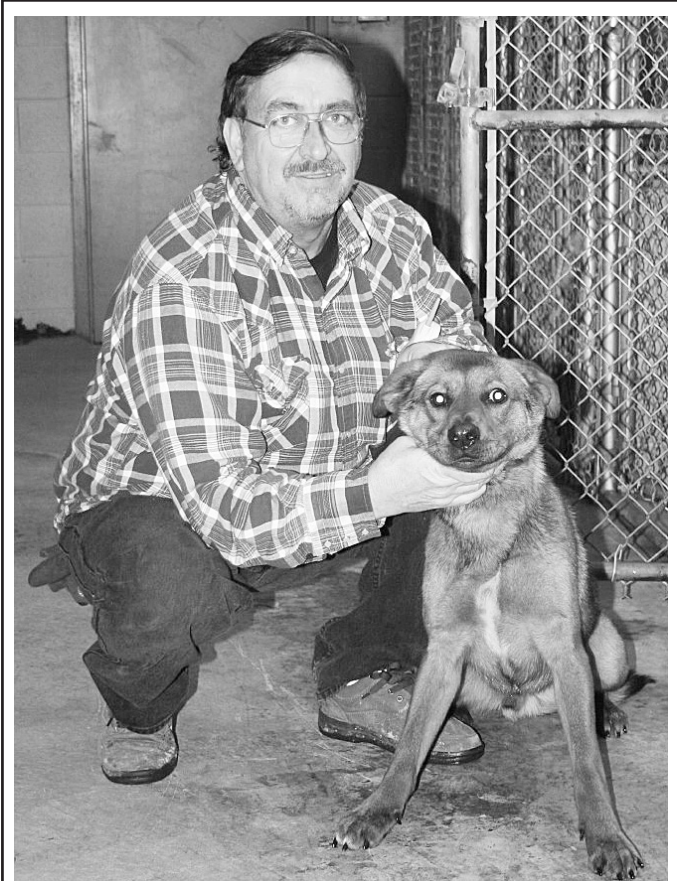
Valley Baptist Church at Copper Creek celebrated their 100th anniversary and Community Trust Bank agreed to loan the county \$2.7 million for the construction of the SourceCorp building.

The Mt. Vernon City Council approved borrowing \$750,000 for the Rockcastle Tourism Commission and approximately 100 people attended the annual Community Christmas Dinner at Livingston.

At their regular monthly meeting the Mt. Vernon City Council voted to purchase a new city fire truck for \$217,000 and they also raised water rates for their 2,000 water customers.

130 people participated in the 5th annual Jingle Bell Run and a pretrial conference date of February 23rd was scheduled in the criminal case against Mt. Vernon Mayor Clarice Kirby for official misconduct.

Many organizations in Rockcastle County helped local families enjoy a good Christmas and 6,000 food items were collected at the Rockcastle Middle School.



Several dogs and pups up for adoption

Several dogs and pups are up for adoption at the Rockcastle Animal Shelter on Deep Hollow Road, off Old Sigmon Road, at Roundstone. Above, Animal Shelter Director James Kidwell shows off a part Golden Retriever which is one of many animals now up for adoption at the shelter. The adoption fee is \$20. For more information call (606) 256-1833.

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Rockcastle Travelers Note

Rockcastle Travelers are going to Washington, D.C. during Spring Break, March 31-April 4. There are still a few spaces left for this bus tour. A \$50 deposit within the next two weeks will hold your seat. Balance due in February. Call Sue at 256-2012.

Courthouse Office Hours

All courthouse offices will be closed Sat., Jan. 17th and Monday, Jan. 19th in observance of the Martin Luther King Holiday.

Project Graduation Meeting

There will be a Project Graduation 2009 meeting Monday, Feb. 2nd at 6:30 in the high school cafeteria. All students - Avon orders are due that night. Meetings will follow on the first Monday of each month. All parents/guardians of seniors are urged to attend.

UNITE Meetings

UNITE monthly meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month. However, the location for January and February meetings has been changed to Pizza Hut. The next meeting will be Feb. 11th at noon.

Financial Aid Workshop

The World Wrestling Cartel will have matches at the Broughtontown Community Center on Feb. 7th. Doors open at 7:30, matches start at 8 p.m. Wrestlers featured include Black Rain, Gorgeous Jimmy Funk and Brian Lawless. Admission is \$8 per person and tickets are on sale at Saylor's Market in Crab Orchard. This event will benefit the Broughtontown Community Center.

WWC At Crab Orchard

Berea Parks and Recreation is excited to offer Winter Wonderland! This free special event has been specifically designed for individuals with special needs of all ability levels and ages! Join us on Jan. 16th from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center in Berea for dancing, games, arts and crafts, snacks and the celebration of winter. Call 986-9402 for more information.

Foster/Adoptive Parent Meeting

Are you interested in becoming a foster or adoptive parent? The Cabinet for Health and Family Services will hold an informational meeting on Jan. 22, 2009 at 6 p.m. at the Rockcastle CountyDCBS office in the Scott Building on Main Street in Mt. Vernon. New classes will begin Jan. 27, 2009. For more information, contact Brandy Baldwin at 606-287-7114.

ERWA Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Eastern Rockcastle Water Association will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Livingston Homecoming Committee Room.

New Hours for Historical Society

The Rockcastle Historical Society will be open on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the RTEC garage building. Monthly society meetings are held the 4th Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Building in Mt. Vernon.

RCIDA Meeting

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

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.

Kiwanis Club Meetings

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

Women's Narcotics Meeting

There will be a Women's Narcotics Anonymous Meeting every Monday evening at 8 p.m. at the Community Center, sponsored by Christian Appalachian Center. For more information, contact the Healing Rain Center at 256-5810.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.

Narcotics Anonymous

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This year's program will kick off February 20th. It will consist of an opening two-day session at a location outside the county and followed by nine additional monthly sessions. Eight sessions will take place each month from 9AM to 1PM at various locations around the county.

A full day session will take place in March so the group can tour the State Capital, attend a committee meeting and observe legislators in session in the afternoon.

Anyone interested in this program should contact the Rockcastle County Development Board at 606-256-8007 or email Lynn Tatum at ltatum@rockcastlecountyky.com or Corey Craig at 256-2500 or email ccraig@citizensbankrb.com.

- Strengthen communication, organizational and economic development skills
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- Tackle new leadership challenges within your company and community
- Session topics include effective meeting, communications skills and conflict resolution

This program is for individuals that want to see Rockcastle County prosper, grow and have quality of life issues addressed!