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Mize and Campbell chosen King and Queen at RCHS

Rockcastle County High School seniors Cody Mize, and Morgan Campbell, shown at right, were chosen Basketball King and Queen during festivities at RCHS on Tuesday night. Shown in the above photo are all the candidates who participated in Tuesdays night's homecoming festivities. Front row, from left: Alivia Bullock, Abbey McClure, Allyson Washburn, Tonya Brock, Campbell, Mize, Nikki White, Molly Coffey, Casey Sturgill, and Regina Rice. Second row, from left: Shawn King, Susan Boggs, Ashley Lewis, Carley Asher, Courtney Smith and Dylan Bishop. Third row, from left: B.B. Cameron, Dalton Hutton, Chris Rogers, Jadon Brock, and Tanner Bray. Back row, from left: Shannon Chapell, Derek Thacker, Asa Adams and Cole Abney. Because of the bad winter weather, homecoming festivities were changed from last Friday night to Tuesday night. (Photos by: Kevin Canterbury)



Board approves another one year extension for

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Supt. Hammond

By: Richard Anderkin After an evaluation, that took just over an hour on Tuesday night, the Rockcastle County Board of Education approved another one year extension on School Superintdent Larry Hammond's employment contract.

By a vote of 3-1 the school board approved Hammond's contract, which will run through June 30 of 2012. The action came at the end of Tuesday night's regular monthly board meeting.

Board Chairman Martin Vanzant, vice-chairwoman Dr. Tina Cain Hasty and newlyelected board member, Brandy Brock voted in favor of Hammond's extension and board member Mike Burdette voted against it, as he has done the past four years. Board member Angie Mink was not present on Tuesday night.

The 53-year-old Hammond said he received a good evaluation from the four board members, including Burdette, during the closed session, and he appreciated the vote of confidence by the board as a whole.

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School Superintdent Larry Hammond received another one year extension on his contract Tuesday night.

Chris Larkey is new head football coach at North Laurel

Well known former this path for me and I still am not sure what he has in store for me, but there is a reason I am going to North Laurel, and I just pray to do the right things and leave it in his hands," he said. "I will really miss all of the people I work with, since I am pretty much leaving what I Larkey, who was an assishave known my whole life and I am nervous about leaving this environment, but I am getting

At Tuesday's Fiscal Court meeting **County road workers ask for raise**

Members of the Fiscal Court were greeted at their regular meeting Tuesday with a contingent of county road workers asking for an increase in pay. The workers pointed out that they had not even had a cost-of-living increase since July of 2007.

The magistrates and County Judge/Executive Buzz Carloftis expressed to the

Still no arrests in tire slashing at Rehab **Center in Brodhead**

Rockcastle Sheriff Mike between 5 a.m. and 7 a.m., Peters said this week that he had made no arrests and had very few leads in a January 27th incident at the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center where tires were slashed on six different vehicles.

someone slashed the tires on five private vehicles, as well as on the center's transportation bus.

some of the private vehicles

The sheriff said sometime

Peters said all four tires on

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workers that they realized they needed an increase in pay.

Magistrate Bill McKinney said that the court had already "decided to do something" before the workers even showed up at the meeting. Magistrate Ralph Allen told the group, "we want to get you all a raise as bad as you want one," to which one of the group quipped, "probably not as bad as we do." Carloftis told the group that the court understood that "something has to be done." Carloftis also pointed out that road department employees are probably paid on an average with other county workers with 911 and jail employees paid less than average and that no county employees had received a raise since July of 2007. "Last fiscal year was

Four of the six tires on the above bus, which transports patients at the Rockcastle Health and Rehab Center in Brodhead, were slashed on January 27th. The tires on five other vehicles were also slashed the same night. No arrests have been made

very tough," the Judge said.

Carloftis also told the employees that the court was also going to have to do "something" about the state of the department's equipment. One of the group said that his truck was "dangerous" to drive and Carloftis agreed, saying that if the county gets hit with a ma-

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There will be school **President's** Day

Students in the Rockcastle County school system will go to school next Monday, February 16th, which is President's Day in the United States, after an agreement was reached at Tuesday night's Rockcastle County Board of Education meeting.

Board members agreed to a request from Superintendent Larry Hammond and Director of Student Services, Rose Brown, to make-up a snow day on President's Day, which had originally been scheduled as a day off for students.

Brown told board members that 10 days have been missed this school year because of bad weather and that, as it stands now, the last day for students this school year would be Monday, June 1st.

However, with Tuesday night's decision, for now, the last day for students will be Friday, May 29th.

Rockcastle County High School assistant football coach, Chris Larkey, has a new job.

Last week, officials with the Laurel County School System announced that the 38-year-old Larkey would become the school's fourth head football coach.

tant to his dad, Tom, for 18 years, said Tuesday that he was excited about the opportunity to take over as the Jaguars new head coach.

"I have learned so much from my dad and Coach (Tony) Saylor on how to run a program and they have taught me that there are more important things than just X's and O's in football," Larkey said.

"You have to get kids to believe in you and that is what football teams I have been associated with have done, believed in Coach Larkey and Coach Saylor. I hope to get the same thing accomplished at North Laurel," Larkey added.

"I believe God had chosen

CAP facility has served county for years Adult Learning Center will close February 20th

Economic conditions across the United States have impacted local economies and local employers.

And, the Christian Appala-

Farmers-Business Banquet set for next Tuesday at Middle School

The 49th annual Farmers/ Business Banquet is set for next Tuesday night at the Rockcastle Middle School.

According to Jerry Pensol, President of the Rockcastle Chamber of Commerce, the organization sponsoring this year's banquet, registration, seating and a silent auction will

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Chris Larkey has been hired as the new head football coach at North Laurel.

chian Project has not been exempt from the current economic conditions. Those conditions have re-

sulted in a critical decision made by CAP to reduce their workforce.

In Rockcastle County, this reduction will involve the closure of the Adult Learning Center on Friday, February 20th.

The Adult Learning Center, which has helped hundreds of Rockcastle countians get their GED, provides GED instruction, Kentucky Employability Certificate tutoring and testing, computer skills, preparation for post-secondary education and employability skills.

Officials with CAP, said the decision to close the Adult



Tuesday night the Rockcastle County Board of Education voted to extend School Superintendent Larry Hammond's contract through 2012.

In my opinion, they did the right thing. Hammond has a difficult job and he has obviously done it well, which is evident by the success of the school system. If anyone should get a vote of confidence and another year on his contract it should be Hammond.

Monday night the Mt. Vernon City Council will meet again and, I have no doubt, it will be eventful.

Last week while I was getting gas, someone accused me of being a "straddle pole" when it comes to the business of the Mt. Vernon City Council.

Although Webster's definition of "straddle the fence" is to be undecided or uncommitted, in my mind, the definition is someone who stays in the middle, considers all opinions and, in my case, attempts to report what I see and hear as accurately as possible.

But those of us who are obligated to "straddle the pole" in some cases, have opinions and definitely many observations.

Mt. Vernon Mayor Clarice Kirby seems to be trying to do what she thinks is best. She presents her ideas to the council and, for the most part, they have gone along with her.

In my humble opinion, the Mayor, who by state law cannot vote on anything such as land purchases, annexation, funding or ordinances is not to blame for everything bad that some people think is going on in the city.

Members of the Mt. Vernon City Council, made up mostly of incumbent members, are the only ones that can pass the Mayor's requests -- such as an increase in the city's occupational tax, which was raised to one percent on her recommendation last summer.

Councilman Joe Mullins did question the increase in the wage tax because the Mayor presented a balanced budget to the council for 2008, but



three days after the first vote and without a full council.

After July's tax rate increasem, the city has taken in approximately \$330,000 in just six months, meaning they should take in over \$600,000 this year.

Last summer, the council also voted to take the county's four percent insurance tax premium, which has been paid by city residents for years to the county, and which will probgenerate another ablv \$200,000 in income for the city.

The council's actions should keep the city from going broke, but what bothers me the most, is that the Mayor has not presented any plan as to how to spend the money for the benefit of the entire county.

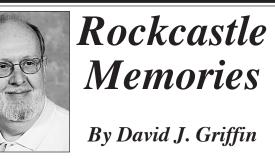
The Mayor has also neglected to talk about the needed improvements to the sewer plant or minor details, such as repairing the sidewalks on Main Street.

Council members are also the only ones who could, and did, approve the borrowing of \$750.000 for the Rockcastle Tourism Commission which enabled the commission to purchase 20 acres of property at Renfro Valley where they want to build a new tourism center, or "Castle."

In councilman Mullins' defense, he did ask other council members to wait until condemnation proceedings on property needed for a right-of-way were complete before voting to borrow the money. His request fell on deaf ears at the first reading and, last month, the council, except for new member Don Jones approved the request.

Here is an observation. That \$750,000 could have been spent more wisely and, in my opinion it will probably be a waste of taxpayer's money.

Tourism CEO Susan Laws has said time and again the tourism commission will be able to get the needed \$7 or \$8 million from the federal government to build the Castle, because Congressman Harold Rogers thinks it is a good idea. The bottom line is that the federal government is obviously



Memorable Winter Storms

Last week's ice and snow storm that ravaged Kentucky and caused 27 deaths made me remember a similar storm in the early 1950's, when my mother (Bee) and I lived on our small mountain-top farm in Rockcastle County. I was eight years old.

It had been extremely cold for several days. Bee and I went to bed without giving much consideration to the approaching storm. In those days, when it was cold, she placed a couple of bricks on our Warm Morning stove in the living room and then carefully wrapped them in a towel. She positioned the bricks under the covers in my bed to keep my feet warm during the night.

My bedroom was located at the far corner of our small house, situated diagonally from the stove. For me to sleep comfortably, Bee placed several of her home-made quilts on the top of me. Of course, those quilts were quite heavy - so it took considerable effort just to turn over. Not that I minded. I snuggled down with my transistor radio, listening to the news and my music.

On that night, after my mother went to bed, I managed to crawl out from under the weight of the quilts and quietly raised one of my shades so I could watch the impending storm. With one of her quilts wrapped around me and my tiny transistor radio in my hand, I watched as the snow began to fall. I have no idea how long I sat there, but the snow began to cover the porch. In those days, and even today, I get excited when a snow storm is forthcoming.

At dawn, Bee woke me with the announcement that we had about 18 inches of snow in our yard. I jumped out of bed to witness the bright landscape. The entire world was white. I was so excited! The first thing I wanted to do was go outside. Bee quickly put a stop to my plan as she explained that we were going to have a hot breakfast before any activitie

from the kitchen window.

Finally, I made my way back to the house after completing my arduous task. Bee made me feel like I was her hero and called me her "little man." After warming myself by the coal stove in the living room, she told me to get my winter clothes back on so I could assist her with gathering the coal, wood, and two buckets of water from the well. I was more than happy to return to the winter wonderland of our yard.

After our chores were completed, Bee made me sugar cookies and hot chocolate. I can remember to this day just how those warm cookies and hot chocolate warmed my belly. We then settled in, spending the afternoon in front of our little black-and-white television set (which would receive three stations). I kept looking outside at the blanket of white that was covering my entire world. Song birds were flitting around the yard looking for morsels of food. It was just breathtaking!

Last week when the electricity went out on Furnace Mountain, my wife and I were left in the dark with only a small propane fireplace to keep our house from freezing. She grabbed a flashlight and began the search for candles she had stored. To my amazement, our little house on the mountain was filled with a "warm glow" of candlelight.

I went to my home office and found my transistor radio which I turned to an "oldies" rock and roll station. In my other hand, I held a scanner so I could listen to what was happening in the county. Throughout the next several hours and days, I could not have been more proud of the police, fire, and emergency agencies who were cutting trees that blocked the roads, checking on the elderly, and assisting power companies which were struggling to

restore electricity. In our own little world inside our A-frame, my wife found the Scrabble board and, of course, a deck of cards. We

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Nice man trumps iceman in Muhlenburg

The Iceman may have come to Muhlenburg County in recent days, but his force wasn't nearly as impactful as that of the nice man who preceded him.

In early December, the county's 31,000 residents learned that native son Felix E. Martin Jr. had left \$50 million to the community.

Muhlenburg, made famous by the song "Paradise," is where, according to the lyrics, Mister Peabody's coal train "has hauled away" the county's resources. It appears Mister Martin's money will be more than enough to bring them back.

county seat town of Greenville, died in November of 2007 at age 80.

The University of Kentucky graduate had been an engineer for Southern Bell before retiring in 1966, moving to Florida, and becoming a full-time private investor in the stock market.

He returned to Greenville in 1996 to care for his mother and spend time in the community that had been home to his family for over 200 years.

His father had joined the family business of R. Martin Dry Goods Company in Greenville after returning from service as an army pilot in World War 1.

(Cont. to A4) Martin, who was born in the

Learn to do Cardiopulmonary **Resuscitation--CPR**

Presented by Dr. Kevin Rowe

Sometime in your life, you will most likely be faced with someone having a heart attack before your very eyes. What will you do? "Panic!" is the humerous, but not the correct, answer.

You should call 911 for help and be prepared to do cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or CPR, if the need arises.

CPR classes are sponsored by the Red Cross, most hospitals, and through other educational resources. You will get instructional material and hands on experience in doing rescue breathing and chest compressions.

If a person collapses, it could be from causes other than cardiac arrest, such as

fainting. You must first check to see if the person is breathing and if there is a pulse at the neck. Shake the person gently and ask, "Are you okay?"

If there is no arousal and no evidence of breathing or heart beat, you should start CPR. The most important steps are as simple as ABC--open the Airway, make sure the person is Breathing, and check for Circulation.

Do these three things in that order. Memorize them: first make sure the airway is open, then make sure the person is breathing through the airway, and then make sure that the blood is circulating.

Mouth-to-mouth breathing may be needed. If possible, use a "Pocket Airway" to decrease any risk of exposing yourself to infections. When emergency help arrives, they will have appropriate airways and devices for assisting breathing.

Chest compressions are needed if there is no heart beat. This will help maintain the circulation and keep the organs viable until an electrical shock can be given. The electrical shock is the only effective way to return the heart to a normal

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Mullins, who made the original motion on the increase, was absent at the second reading of the ordinance when other members of the council voted to implement the increase, only

broke and, unless the Congressman has much more power than I think he actually does right now, there will be no funding

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Back then Bee cooked on a small wood/coal burning stove in the kitchen. We did not have indoor plumbing and had to make our way to the well situated near the kitchen door. She kept the fires burning in both stoves to keep the house as warm as possible. After a wonderful breakfast of oats, biscuits, bacon, fried eggs, gravy, orange juice, and milk, she devised a plan for us to tackle the snow bank next to our kitchen door.

Bee instructed me to get "bundled up" so that I could shovel a path to the well, to the coal pile next to the woods behind our house, to the area next to the top of the cellar where we chopped kindling, and to the outhouse. Guided by her instructions, I carefully began the two-hour task. I had never felt so much like an adult. I knew that Bee was depending on me. I saw her watching her little boy

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Obituaries



Thelma A. Brown

Thelma A. Brown, 89, of Brodhead, died Saturday, February 7th, 2009 at the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Facility in Brodhead. She was born on August 13th, 1919 in Quail, KY, a daughter of the late Aiden Lovell Owens and Bertha Elizabeth Scott Owens. She was a member of the Fairview Church of Christ and a member of the Quail Homemakers for 50 Years. Her hobbies and interests were country music, crossword puzzles, crocheting, walking, and the Charleston dance. On October 30th, 1936 she was united in Holy matrimony to E.J. Brown and from that union came two children, Norietta and James A. "Jimmy"

Those left to cherish her memory include: two children, Norietta Thompson of Brodhead and James A. "Jimmy" (Sarah) Brown of Harrodsburg; seven grandchildren, Rick Thompson of Brodhead, Scott (Pamela) Brown of Harrodsburg, Eddie (Kris) Thompson of London, Tina (Bobby) Cloyd of Harrodsburg, Jay Brown of Harrodsburg, Trisha Brown of Harrodsburg and Phil Thompson of Brodhead; 12 great grandchildren; 11 great great grandchildren; two sisters, Irene Brown of Advance, IN; Edith Smith of Cincinnati, OH; one sister-in-law, Gerry Owens of Advance, IN; and a host of friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, E.J. Brown; one brother, Aiden Lovell Owens, Jr.; and a son-in-law, Donald Thompson.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 9th, 2009 at the Fairview Church of Christ



Robert Fletcher, Jr.

Robert Franklin Fletcher, Jr., 71, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, February 7, 2009 at the Rockcastle Hospital. He was born in Rockcastle County on January 12, 1938 the son of Robert Fletcher Sr. and Gracie McClure Fletcher. He was a retired farmer.

He is survived by: one son, Robert Earlywine of Cynthiana, KY; one daughter: April (Donnie) Crump of Cynthia, KY; one step son, Dale Benton of California; one step daughter, Jackie Warmouth of Cynthiana, KY; two brothers: Jim Fletcher of Mt. Vernon and John Fletcher of Cincinnati, OH; one half brother, Ulysses B. Fletcher of Mt. Vernon; four sisters, Maude Evans of Brodhead, Vernie Cromer of Mt. Vernon, Sue (M.B.) Kincer of Mt. Vernon and Clarice and Norman Tobbley of Bowling Green; and special friends, Frank and Penny Caldwell of Mt. Vernon. Also surviving are several grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by three brothers, Lovell, Willis and Dewey Fletcher.

Funeral services for were conducted Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Bob Bradley. Burial was in the Sowder Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Justin Caldwell, Donnie Crump, Gary Crump, Timothy Crump, Kenneth Evans, Roger Evans, and B. J. Mason.

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

Zachary Lee Taylor



Nannie Hazel Evans **Barron**

Nannie Hazel Evans Barron, 61, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, February 8, 2009 at the Rockcastle Hospital in Mt. Vernon. She was born in Rockcastle County on July 15, 1947 the daughter of Robert Earl and Elizabeth Rebbeca McFerron Evans. She was a homemaker and a member of the Walnut Grove Church of Christ.

She is survived by: her husband, Carl Barron: two sons, Robert (Janet) Barron of Eubank and Carl David (Trish) Barron of Waynesburg; three daughters, Judy Ann (Darrell) Kidd of Mt. Vernon, Betty Jean (Phillip) McFerron of Eubank and Janice Faye (Dale) Bingham, also of Eubank; two brothers, Robert Evans of Mt. Vernon and Jearld Evans of Brodhead; and five sisters, Glenna Renner of Mt. Vernon, Bernice Marler of Mt. Vernon, Barbara Graves of Richmond, Verla Miller of Mt. Vernon and Lela Renner, also of Mt. Vernon. Also surviving are: nine grandchildren, Melinda Cunningham, John McFerron, Carla Cunningham, Kevin McFerron, Vanessa McFerron, Amanda Barron, Dustin McFerron, Austin Barron and Cody Barron; and five great grandchildren, Corey Cunningham, Addison Cunningham, Jaden Cunningham, Dustin Cunningham and Mason Cunningham.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Marvin Cromer. Burial was in the High Dry Cemetery. Pallbearers were: Billy Barron, Harold Miller, Jeff



Paul Blanton

Paul O. Blanton, 77, formerly of Brodhead, died at his home in Lexington on December 4, 2008.

Mr. Blanton was a member of the U.S. Armed Forces, serving in Korea. In

April, 1951, his unit was overrun by the Chinese Red Army leading to his capture and in-

carceration for approximately two years as a P.O.W. He was one of the many P.O.W.'s released in April 1953, after the truce was signed.

Paul was the son of the late Matt and Amanda (McCrarey) Blanton. He was also preceded in death by a sister, Carolyn (Blanton) DeBorde.

Survivors are two sons, Willie Blanton of Oklahoma and Douglas Blanton of Lexington and a daughter, Beverly Blanton of Lexington.

Other survivors include four brothers, James Blanton of Cleveland, Ohio, Bobby Blanton of Richmond, Robert Blanton of Lexington and George Blanton of Fairfield, Ohio and four sisters, Joyce Ables of Cleveland, Ohio, Doris Brummett of Lancaster, Beatrice Carnes of Cincinnati, Ohio and Mary Blanton of Richmond.

Mr. Blanton was interned in the Camp Nelson National Cemetery in Jessamine County.

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Cards of Thanks



Larry Biron Mullins, Jr.

The family of Biron Mullins would like to thank everyone who helped us during our time of sorrow. Everyone who prayed for us. Family and friends who visited, brought food, sent flowers and cards. We would like to thank all of Biron's friends and former classmates. A special thanks to Bro. Eddie Nation who helped us so much. Rockcastle Hospital Emergency Department, Dr. Vance, Dowell and Martin Funral Home and staff and Bill Dowell.

Dallas Falin

The family of Dallas Falin wishes to thank the people who made the untimely death of our dear brother more easy to deal with. The hurt and sadness is

still with us but knowing what good friends we have makes it more bearable.

To Dowell & Martin Funeral Home, as always, thank you for the kind understanding and professional way you and your staff worked with us. To Jerry Owens and everyone at Maple Grove Batist Church, thanks for opening your hearts and doors to us so willingly. To Ken's Flower Shop, thanks for the flower arrangements you made for Dallas and the handmade quilts you gave to all his sisters. They are deeply cherished.

To Clifford Collins, we are thankful for having a friend like you. We deeply appreciate you for giving of your time and equipment to dig the grave. To Joanne McGuire, Vickie Mullins and her husband, thank you for your beautiful singing. That's just what Dallas wanted. Janet, Helen, Bea, Sara and Heather, what a delicious lunch you all prepared for us after the funeral We all were so grateful.

To all our friends and families, thanks for your loving support, your calls, the food sent, the flowers and the keepsakes. Sisters and Brother

Nieces and Nephews



starring Kirk Cameron. This event along with snacks is free and sponsored by FBC Women's Ministry. Please call the church office at 256-2922 to register. The first twenty couples to register will receive a free copy of The Love Dare book and preferred seating!

FIREPROOF your marriage this Valentine's Day!

with Bro. Curt Herrington officiating. Burial followed in the Fairview Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Scott, Rick, Phil, Jay, Eddie and Julian.

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

Zachary Lee Taylor, 34, of Brodhead, died Monday, Feb. 9th, 2009.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals.

A complete obituary will appear in the Signal next week.

McKinney Cemetery now accepting bids

Bids are now being accepted for the maintenance and upkeep of the McKinney Cemetery.

The maintenance shall include: - mowing and weed eating the entired fenced area, including the sub-fenced portion; - a strip shall be mowed on the outside of the fence cleaning the fence line; - all stones shall be trimmed around and all grass clippings shall be swept away; - weed eating shall be done around the cemetery entrance sign; - all flowers shall be removed at said times.

If interested please mail your bid to: PO Box 1691, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456. All bids must be received by March 6, 2009. No subcontracting can be done. The McKinney Cemetery has the right to reject any or all bids.

Miller, Paul Renner, Mickey Rowe, Eddie Shafer, Skeeter Smith and Mark Teague.

Honorary pallbearers were: Addison Cunningham, Corey Cunningham, Dustin Cunningham, Jayden Cunningham, Thomas Cunningham, Dustin McFerron, John McFerron, Kevin McFerron, and Freddie Renner

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

RAIN meeting is tonight

RAIN (Rockcastle's Animals in Need) will hold their scheduled meeting Thursday (tonight) at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Rockcastle County Courthouse. All persons interested are invited to attend. Membership applications will be available at the meeting.

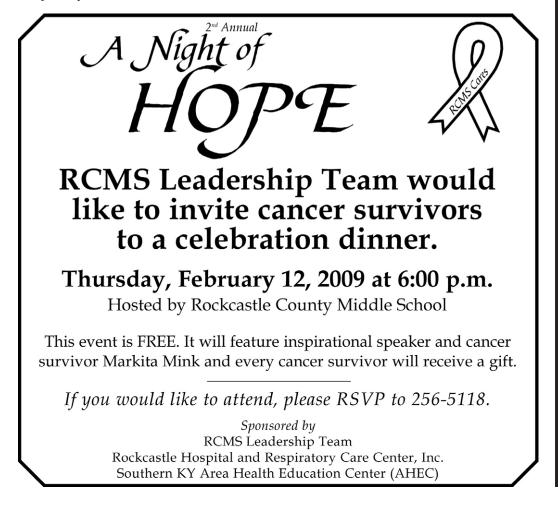
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Our Readers Write

Stop Blaming and Complaining... Dear Editor,

People today are blaming

President Bush for the economy going bad, housing, gas, cars and anything else they can think of. But, if we would stop a minute and think about it we, God's people in this world, have done it all. We have fallen away from God, going on different paths. We have gotten so far away we can't hear what He says in the Bible. He said I will destroy your lands, your crops won't grow, unless we turn back to God and pray that he will save America, our country that our boys fought so hard and died for to keep us safe. We will remain in hard times.

It is time to repent and change our way of living. He said I will hear from Heaven and I will forgive their sins and heal their lands. Until then, the United Sates will have a hard time and harder times.

You can blame who you will but God knows what has happened to us and will not help us until we turn about and blame ourselves instead of others., Also, our leaders have gotten crooked and dishonest and leave no one to set an example for our children today. We wonder why drugs are so common, the killings and why our young commit suicide so often --Blame Who?

> Midge Smith Mt. Vernon, Ky.

Get more involved in local government... Dear Editor,

It's nice to see, after all of these months, that someone has finally written to support the mayor. I hope, and so does she, that more will do so.

First, I wouldn't want her job, even if I did live in the city. I have no hidden agenda.

I'm writing to "inform" people on how she's spending "their" tax money. I hope they get more involved and get their local government back to where it should be.

It's the city councils job to present and pass resolutions and ordinances. It's the mayor's job to manage and run the city within the current budget. From my view, she has taken upon herself to do "both" jobs.

I truly believe with the new

knowledge to what is really happening in your government. I have no intention of quitting.

Sincerely **Richard Courtney**

Clarification...

Dear citizens of Mt. Vernon,

Last week in my letter I claimed that Mt Vernon according to factfinder.census.gov states that Rockcastle county has an unemployment rate of 45.5%, when what I should have said that the percentage of Rockcastle residents over the age of 16 not in the workforce is 45.5%.

In fact, according again to factfinder.census.gov, The latest statistics (2002) Rockcastle businesses employ at most 2,696 people in a county boasting approximately 12,333 people between ages 20 - 65 according to the 2000 census statistics.

The statistics that the Mount Vernon Signal gave as being the unemployment rate of 7.6% is composed of those who have exited the workforce and are claiming unemployment benefits and does not include those whose benefits have expired, are not claiming benefits, and those not eligible for benefits. Therefore I do not see this figure as being an accurate out of employment figure.

Chris Longhurst.

Sincere

appreciation... Dear Editor,

The Eagles' Nest Parent Group at Roundstone Elementary School would like to express our sincere appreciation to the following people and businesses who contributed time, money, food, items, and/ or talent to our chili supper, benefit singing, silent auction, and bake sale. Thanks to all the parents, grandparents, staff members, & community members who helped to plan or who worked at our event. Special thanks to the Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Department for parking vehicles and to Roger Pigg and the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department for providing security. Thanks also to all who attended our fundraising event. Due to your generosity, we raised \$5,744.16 toward our purchase of new playground equipment !!!!

Again, thanks to the follow-

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Holliday, Sabrina's Hair Deerous area of Kentucky. They will love the playground when it is completed !! Sincerely,

Eagles' Nest Parent Group

"Ken & Tucky" (Cont. from A2)

Felix Jr. also served with honor in the military, earning two bronze stars during the Korean War.

An only child and life-long bachelor, Martin inherited over \$250,000 from his father's estate in 1960 and \$8 million when his mother died in 2001.

Few people knew about the fortune amassed by Martin before his gift was announced on Dec. 4 of last year to a crowd of over 350 at Second Baptist Church in Greenville.

Martin and a close personal friend created the Felix E. Martin Jr. Foundation as a supporting organization administered by The Community Foundation of Louisville.

Martin specified in his will that the foundation would support "the educational, civic, and cultural needs of Muhlenberg County.'

Part of the foundation's income stream will be used to make annual grants.

The process has local leaders scrambling to submit requests ahead of the March 4 deadline.

A million and a half dollars will be available this year, according to Dorothy Walker, executive director of the Greater Muhlenburg Chamber of Commerce.

Walker said some ideas were "kicked around" at a special meeting of the chamber last month, including the building of new ball fields and fixing up an old bowling alley as a youth center.

The county has 13 different small towns, all with community centers, and updating them may also be a priority. Six of the towns have their own mayor.

"I've heard the community theatre group may apply and the Junior Achievement Program, plus some money may be sought for economic development," says Walker.

The community was already making significant progress when the \$50 million gift was announced.

Major renovation work is underway at the historic courthouse, new sidewalks are down in Greenville and the county's two high schools will be consolidated into one starting next year.

Commission has been heading up a "Paint the Town" program designed to beautify the community.

Mark Stone, publisher of The Times-Argus newspaper in Central City and president of that town's Little League organization says he plans to seek funding for new lights at the ball fields.

"I didn't know the man, but I'm glad he wanted his money spent in Muhlenburg County. We wouldn't want to share him with anyone else," said Stone. Another plus for the county

screams from a bold headline atop the Dec. 17, 2008 edition of Stone's paper.

PEABODY, CONOCO TEAMING UP ON COAL-TO-NATURAL GAS PLANT....Facility near Central City would create 500 permanent jobs.

Looks like Mister Peabody's coal train may finally be on the right track. Columnist Don White has served as editor at several Kentucky newspapers. His Kentucky Traveler features are published throughout the state.

Contact him at dwhite@thekytraveler.com

"Notes" (Cont. from A2)

for such an endeavor and the tourism commission will be stuck with a debt that will eat up all of its share of the 3% resturant tax for years to come.

It is also a little known fact that the tourism center was originally going to be located on Renfro Valley Entertainment Center property on two acres donated by owners Don and Vera Evans. That two acres is adjacent to Heritage Inn next to the entrance to the Renfro Valley Festival Field.

That two acres wouldn't have cost anything and, in the Congressman's defense, he wanted the tourism center built next to a hotel and the Heritage Inn is right next door.

From everything that I can gather, if the Castle project is to get off the ground, a private investor will have to commit to building a hotel on the 20-acre site before the Congressman will try to obtain federal funding.

Again, the Mt. Vernon City Council has not done a very good job of questioning the Mayor's every request.

They have done a good job in many other aspects, but between them and the Mayor it is no wonder that new councilman Don Jones is having a field day with what has taken place.

And as for the Mayor's legal problems for misuse of her powers, those charges are real and Rockcaslte County Attorney Billy Reynolds is doing his job in continuing that case.

That matter should be presented to a jury of the Mayor's peers and let them decide.

Either way, it shouldn't just be pushed under the rug and if I know the county attorney, it won't be.

"Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

passed the time playing Rummy and Scrabble. It reminded me of being on the mountain top farm when I was a child. The feelings were similar, even though this time I had to be the responsible adult.

At night we extinguished all candles and turned down the gas logs in the fireplace and went to bed. We actually used some of Bee's quilts to keep us toasty warm while we slept the night away.

I was so proud of my wife and her ability to turn a bad situation into fun and romance. Just like when I was a little boy, being snowed in is not so bad if you are with someone you love.

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



accident and Worker's Comp. Ins. Dr. Meyer is now a Humana

provider. Also covered is Auto Insurance, Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield, CHA, UHC, Medicare, Medicaid, and many others.

council, this is about to change.

From watching her actions on expenditures, I don't think she realizes we're in a "recession." If she isn't more careful, you'll get another tax increase in July.

Finally, you implied I'm against her because she's a women. Ask anyone who knows me, I adore women, that's why I've been married five times.

Women who are in power do not bother me "unless" they continually exceed that power.

I hope you continue to read my letters and gain more

Notice of Public Hearing

The Rural Transit Enterprises Coordinated, Inc. d/b/a RTEC, will host a public hearing at 10:00 A.M. EST, Monday, March 9, 2009 at its conference room 100 East Main Street, Mount Vernon, Kentucky,

The purpose of the hearing is the consideration of applications for funding being submitted by Lake Cumberland Community Action Partnership, Inc., Rural Transit Enterprises Coordinated, Inc., d/b/a RTEC, and Kentucky River Foothills Community Action Partnership, Inc. through the Federal Transit Administration and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Office of Transportation Delivery.

The applications include requests for Federal funds through Section 5309 for capital assistance for public transportation, Section 5310 funds for capital equipment to provide specialized transportation services for elderly persons and persons with disabilities; public transportation operating assistance through Section 5311; planning, administrative and technical assistance through Section 5316/JARC; and Capital and operating assistance in excess of ADA requirements through Section 5317/New Freedom.

The project applications will cover grants for capital and operating assistance during the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 for Adair, Bell, Casey (5310 only), Clark, Clinton, Cumberland, Estill, Harlan (Harlan 5310 only), Green, Knox, Laurel, Madison, McCreary, Monroe, Powell, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Russell, Taylor, Wayne, and Whitley Counties of Kentucky.

A description of each project and each agency's application will be discussed at the hearing, including the SEKY Coalition's Coordinated Plan to meet the federal requirements of SAFETEA-Lu. A copy of the plan will be available for public inspection. Comments on the projects will be heard at the hearing.

At the hearing, the Coalition members will discuss any plans to modify services devoted to persons with disabilities and the elderly. Persons and groups representing them have an opportunity to comment on current and proposed services. Regulations regarding the disabled and elderly will be complied with. There is no significant environment impact.

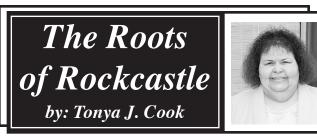
forgive us if we've inadvertently left anyone or any business off the list.

June Stevens, and John

Gilliam-Auctioneer. Please

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The Greenville Tourist



A new project usually brings about a certain amount of excitement and anticipation, and so it has with my new format, "The Roots of Rockcastle". I hope that it will bring about as much interest to others as it has to me. Hopefully, as the years pass, it will prove to be somewhat of a history of the county, rekindle a lot of memories, maybe start some new ones, and be a real treasure to a great many people, especially those of the future generations. One day I hope to be able to put the oral history in book form for these future generations to enjoy.

I've been wanting to start this oral history project for a long time, but have always found a good reason to postpone it. However, "a journey of a thousand miles begins with a first step", I've always heard.

My first step came last week when I called my friend, Alma Jean Dewberry, who was born and raised here in Rockcastle County. She was one of my first acquaintances since coming to Mount Vernon in 2003. Although there is an age difference in us, we've always gotten along very well, and seem to have a lot in common. When I approached her with my idea and the historical significance of it, she was happy to help.

Last Sunday afternoon, Stanley and I called on Jean at her lovely home, and we listened with eagerness as she told her account of days long past in Mount Vernon. She had

even prepared a short biography for me, and it reads like this:

"Alma Jean Griffin-Dewberry was born July 22, 1925, the daughter of John W. Griffin and Ethel Hilton-Griffin. There was no hospital in Rockcastle County, so she was delivered at the home of her mother's parents, John and Nellie Hilton by the first doctor Pennington. Two months later, another granddaughter was delivered at the Hilton farm, Virginia Rose Hilton, daughter of Oscar Hilton and Gertrude Hilton-Griffin. (A brother and a sister married a brother and a sister, making all of their children double first cousins.) I think we had very special parents and grandparents. As we grew up, we loved going to the farm and to Pine Hill Baptist Church where Granddaddy led the singing, and I think my mother and my Aunt Ruth (Lambert) inherited his singing ability. My grandmother was the greatest cook. (Later in life, Jean and most of her family attended First Baptist Church in Mount Vernon, and were very active in church functions. Jean always loved attending church, and was even called upon to play the piano or organ on several occasions.) I, Alma Jean, grew up in

Mount Vernon, and took a business course at Sue Bennett College. I first worked in the office of Governor Simeon Willis as a secretary, but later in many

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HURCH NEWS

"TJ's Journal" (Cont. from A4)

exciting places besides Frankfort. I was married to Burgess Robbins, and had a beautiful daughter, Peggy Ann. This marriage did not last. I later married Wesley B. Dewberry, who was not only a great husband, but a wonderful father to my daughter. Peggy Ann was married after graduating from college, and had two children, Theresa and Andy, before her death when the children were only three and five years old. My husband, better known as "Buck" died January 12, 1999. My grandchildren are married. Theresa is a doctor, and she and Michael have two sons. Andy is married, and they have a beautiful daughter. I don't see them very often, as they live in North Carolina, but am very close to my niece, Vicki Lynn and her family, who live in Kentucky. My life is now lonely with my family having so many deaths, but I cherish my past which was mostly happy, except for the loss of loved ones."

At this point, I'll further elaborate on the oral history of Jean's account of life in Mount Vernon, as she recalls it since the mid-1920s. As Jean said, she was born in the Pine Hill area of the county and some of her favorite memories were visiting with her grandparents there. They had big family gatherings on a regular basis, especially on Sundays, after church. She says that her grandmother was an exceptional cook. Jean still laughs about the girls in the family sneaking into the kitchen to steam curl their hair. They'd

gather around the reservoir used to hold water on the Warm Morning stove, open the lid to allow the steam to escape, and hold their head just over it, that is, until the day that Grandma caught them, and boy, was she mad.

Jean grew up in Mount Vernon on the corner of Richmond Street and Newcomb Avenue, where the James Lambert house is located today (Ruth, his wife, was Jean's mother's sister). Jean attended and graduated school in Mount Vernon, where she was valedictorian. Later she went to Sue Bennett College in London. After college, she worked in Frankfort, Kentucky, at the governor's office, and later for the Department of Highways.

As a child growing up in Mount Vernon, there wasn't a lot of entertainment. You had to create your own. Some of Jean's favorite activities was playing and riding bikes with the other neighborhood children. Alfred Sparks, who later owned Sparks' Funeral Home, lived next door on the corner. They became very close, almost like brother and sister.

During the time Jean worked in Frankfort, she became engaged to Jim Cox, the namesake and uncle of the Jim Cox who owns the hardware store. As so often is the case, many husbands, fathers, brothers, and even fiancés were killed during the war era of the 1940s. As it turns out, he is somewhat of the local hero. Jim was in service to his country as a medic, and was killed in Italy by a landmine while trying to save the life of a fellow soldier. Jean was so hurt upon receiving the news, a coworker insisted on driving her back home.

Later, Jean did marry Burgess Robbins of Brodhead, and had one daughter, Peggy Ann, as she noted in her biography. The lived in the two-story red brick house in the steep curve near the elementary school, what is now mayor Clarice Kirby's house. In those days, grades one through twelve was housed at the same location, just down the street. This house had originally belonged to a family named Bullock, who owned a big dairy farm that covered several acres behind the house. When this marriage didn't work out, her parents helped her build a house located on Lair Street. After seeing a blue house in a magazine, she insisted on painting her house blue, although her father, who owned a local hardware store thought she had lost her mind. He finally gave in, and drove his pickup truck all the way to Lexington after he had finally located the blue paint. She must have had the first blue house in town.

By this time, her parents had moved to Main Street, and lived on the corner across from Thompson's Guitar Shop, which was Chaney's Grocery at that time. The back yard was so big, that Mr. Griffin decided to build a hardware store there, which is now Jack's Pro Hardware.

As Jean can remember, the major businesses in the county at that time were farming, raising tobacco, and locally owned stores. She also remembers bits and pieces of the town, and the people and the business that were there. Across the street, next to her parents' home, was a two-story white frame housethe old Dr. Monroe Pennington's - the same doctor who had delivered her. The newer Dr. Pennington lived in a brick house directly across the street from the new post office. On up West Main Street was the McBee house, that was once a church (Jean didn't recall what denomination), and had a small cemetery in the back yard; it still stands today. The McBee family owned a dry-goods store in town, and Jean's father often bought suits there. It was located where Jim and Mary Ida Jones run a used furniture and antique store today.

One evening, after her parents attended a function at the Langdon Girls' School, they later learned that it burned to the ground that very same night No one was injured and the cause of the fire was never determined. The girls' school was located along Williams Street on the corner where there is a little rock wall, which still stands. There is a brick home located where the school once stood, originally built by a Dr. Griffith. Jean and her husband, Burgess, at one time owned that tract of land as well as the Bullock dairy farm. During the time Jean lived in the blue house on Lair Street, she worked for a local attorney, John P. Allen. His wife, Jean, was a wonderful cook, and they often broke for lunch and had a good, home-cooked, meal. It was in this era that she married Wesley B. "Buck" Dewberry who worked for the Southern Engineering Company, who was from out of town, but was here putting in the first dial telephone system. He asked Jean out, and took her and Peggy Ann to the very first football game every played in Mount Vernon. They didn't even have any bleachers, and it was played in a downpour of rain. They watched from inside the car, but Jean didn't remember the final score. The Dewberrys soon moved away to South Carolina and lived for many years, leaving Jean's family and Mount Vernon far behind. Although the red clay of South Carolina became home, Buck brought Jean back to Mount Vernon to live out their "golden years". I guess that Mount Vernon is like that Warm Morning stove on a cold winter's day. It's got that "down-home feel" that draws you back, no matter how far you wander. Send oral history material to Tonya Cook c/o Mt. Vernon Signal PO Box 185 Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 email: therootsofrockcastle@windstream.net Subscribe to the Signal

In Loving Memory



Tillman J. Daugherty February 12, 2007 **Fathers Are Wonderful**

People **By: Helen Steiner Rice** Fathers are wonderful people Too little understood, And we do not sing their praises

As often as we should ...

For, somehow, Father seems to be The man who pays the bills,

While Mother binds up little hurts

And nurses all our ills...

And Father struggles daily to live up to "his image" And "hero of the scrimmage" ...

And perhaps that is the reason We sometimes get the notion, That Fathers are not subject To the thing we call emotion, But if you look inside Dad's

heart,

Where no one else can see You'll find he's sentimental And as "soft" as can be ...

But he's so busy every day In the grueling race of life, He leaves the sentimental stuff To his partner and his wife ... But Fathers are just wonderful In a million different ways,

And they merit loving compliments

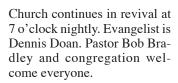
And accolades of praise, For the only reason Dad aspires To fortune and success Is to make the family proud of him

And to bring them happiness... And like Our Heavenly Father,

He's a guardian and a guide, Someone that we can count on To be always on our side.

We miss you and will always keep your memory alive! Your Loving Family Becky, Greg, Melissa, Joey, Letitia, Angie and Caitlin





Special Singing

A special singing, with the Doan Family, will be held at Lighthouse Baptist Church at 1391 Gabbardtown Road in Berea on Sat., Feb. 14, beginning at 7 p.m.

Revival

Bruce Alcorn will be in revival at Upper Red Lick Monday, Feb. 9th thru Feb. 13th. Services starts at 7 p.m. Pastor Ermon Turner welcomes everyone.

Jubilee

Poplar Grove Baptist Church will be having a Jubilee (revival) from Wed., Feb. 18th thru Friday night, Feb. 20th with services at 7 o'clock each evening. Bro. Chris Blevins will be the evangelist. Pastor Jimmy Perkins and cvongregation invite everyone to attend.

3rd Saturday Service

Climax Holiness Church, and pastor Darrin Slone, invite all to our 3rd Saturday Night Service on Feb. 21st at 7 p.m., weather permitting. Bro. Artie Alexander will be preaching. Guest singers will be The Sand Springs Baptist Pennington Family.





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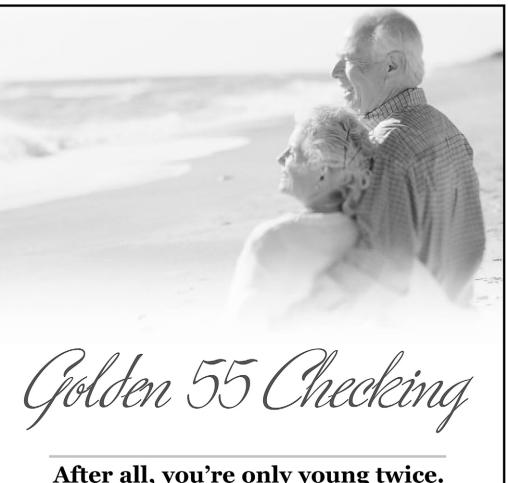
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Minds in the Middle

RCMS Leadership Team will be sponsoring "A Night of Hope." This is a free dinner for cancer survivors and their families. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. If you are battling cancer or are a cancer survivor, we encourage you to attend. The evening will also feature entertainment and moments of inspiration.

On Thursday, 8th graders will be bringing home copies of their ACT Explore scores and information about their Individual Learning Plans. Parents or students may contact Ms. Cromer if additional information is needed.

Mid-term will be this Friday, February 13th. Mid-term reports will go home next week.

Next Wednesday, the student body will be presented with the story of Rachel's Challenge. This program was presented at RCMS about three years ago and shares the inspiring story of Columbine student Rachel Scott. The program promotes empathy and caring for those around us.

Next Thursday, we will be having our CATS scrimmage. This assessment will be similar to an actual spring assessment day and helps to give us an additional check as to where the students are academically and any weaknesses that need additional work. We hope that all students can be present on that day!

Several of our students entered a state-wide contest sponsored by Representative Danny Ford called, "There Ought To Be A Law." Middle school students were asked to submit an idea for a law and write an essay explaining how their idea would make life better for their community and the Commonwealth of Kentucky as a whole. The winning bill idea came from RCMS students: Charity Adams, Elizabeth Lawrence, Allison Burdette, and Alexis Young. Representative Ford has drafted two bills from their idea and the girls have been invited to Frankfort to witness the filing of the bills on February 23rd. They will also serve as Rep. Ford's pages in the evening session of the House of Representatives. Ashton Arvin will also receive a Citation



This Thursday evening, the from the Kentucky Senate and House of Representatives on February 23rd based upon his election as 2009 KYA East Junior Governor. The other RCMS students who entered the contest will also be recognized from the House Gallery on the 23rd.

The 4-H Sweetheart dance will be this Friday after school until 5:00. Students must have parental and team permission in order to attend and should be picked up no later than 5:15.

Two years ago on January 24th, RCMS lost a beloved student in Dustin Taylor. Some of his classmates wanted to take time to remember Dustin. In the 8th grade teams, there are poems, thoughts, and memories about Dustin. His contagious smile and laughter still resonates with his friends and family. RCMS still misses Dustin dearly.

Mt. Vernon Message

School News

4th Grade UNITE Club meets on Friday, February 13 at 2:00.

MVES will be featured on WRVK "Know Your Schools" this Saturday morning. Tune in at 8:45 a.m.

Project Wisdom Readers for last week were:

Tuesday: Brooklyn Bullock

Friday: Our mystery reader was Joyce Lear, instructional assistant.

FRC News Jump Rope club is scheduled for Tuesdays at 3:10.

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.

Hannah Davis's name was left off the Academic Excellence recently. She was named to the Honor Roll and is a student in Ms. Lora Lambert Boyd's kindergarten class.

Our quote for this week is: "He who judges others condemns himself."

Two named to **Dean's List at Morehead State** University Vanessa D. Adams, of Brodhead and Joseph Chasteen, of Mt. Vernon were named to the Morehead State University Dean's List for the 2008 Fall Semester.



Rockcastle County Extension Service completed the 2nd session of the 10 week Biggest Loser Program. Again, the program was a great success. Donna Asher, right, was the winner with the most weight loss. Asher was presented her prize money from Brenda Saylor.

Beth Wesley joins established law firm

Mary Elizabeth Wesley has joined the law firm of Byrom and Overstreet, in Liberty, as an associate.

Ms. Wesley is the daughter of Dr. Wm. C. and Laura Lee Durham Wesley and Cindy Hearn, all of Lancaster and the granddaughter of Hilda C. and the late Charles E. Wesley of Liberty and Charles and Patricia Simpson of Stanford. She is also the step granddaughter of Laura Whitaker Durham and the late H. Lee Durham of Mt. Vernon.

She is a 2001 graduate of the University of Louisville's Luis D. Brandeis School of Law and a licensed member of the Ken-



Breanna Sowder was recently named to the President's List at EKU for the 2008 Fall semester. Breanna is currently pursuing a degree in Elementary Education. She is the daughter of Bentley Sowder of Quail.

Our e-mail address has changed it is now mvsignal@windstream.net



Raymond Overstreet, partner in the Byrom and Overstreet firm, said he was "obviously pleased to have a person of such character and intelligence to help us in striving to provide good legal services to the people of Kentucky and Casey County." Overstreet added that he knew the family of Beth Wesley and was "impressed with her credentials and very happy to see her want to come practice in Liberty."

Ms. Wesley said she is "looking forward to building a practice in Casey County. My family has long been a part of the community and I am excited to serve the people of Casey County and surrounding counties. I look forward to giving back to a community that given my family so much over so many years."



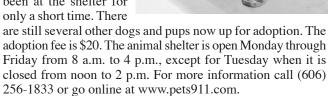
Beth Wesley

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Many Animals need a home

The above 8-month-old Shih-tzu pup is among the dogs and pups up for adoption at the Rockcastle Animal Shelter on Deep Hollow Road, off Old Sigmon Road, at Roundstone. At right, Animal Shelter Director James Kidwell is also shown holding a 10month-old part German Shepherd and part Saint Bernard, which has been at the shelter for only a short time. There





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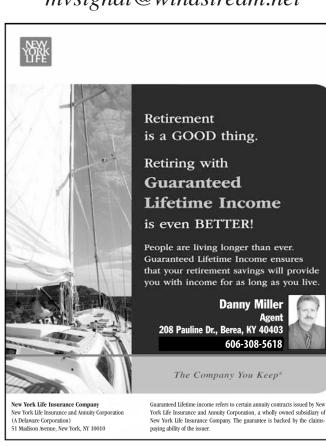


Hello everybody, my name is A'more Tayen Raquel Neal. I was born on October 13, 2008 to Coby Neal and Ashley Doan. My grandparents are Terry and Kaye Neal of Mt. Vernon and Robert and Rhonda McFerron of Mt. Vernon. My great grandparents are Flora Neal of Mt. Vernon and James and Doris Sowder of Cincinnati. I have three brothers to look out for me. Their names are Cagen, Kaiden and Josaiyah. My mommy sure is happy to finally have her little girl, me! I can't wait to learn and grow. So, look out world, here I come!

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



Here's David Brown, Born in 1959. Now he's turnin' 50, And lookin' fine! Love Betty, Susan, Jennifer and Abigail



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Shown above is Larry Conner, Broker, presenting Jeremy Allen of Mt. Vernon, right, the Agent of the Year Award & Jaquetta Dixon (Somerset office) the Rookie of the Year Award.

We also thank all other agents for their outstanding performance for 2008.



"What Is Written"

Let's study a few moments about the purpose of miracles in the New Testament. May we begin by affirming that there was a twofold purpose for miracles in the first century: to confirm the word and to reveal the word of God. Miracles were divine "badges" given to God's messengers, notice in Mark 16:20 "And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen." Notice again in Acts 14:3 "Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands." Consider also Heb.2:3, 2 Cor. 12:12; Ac.2:22, 43; Jn.3:2. How would one know back then, that these men who were speaking this "new" message was from God? Miracles were signs to confirm their message as truth from God.

How would folks know the mind of God before the New Testament was recorded? God's truth was miraculously revealed by inspiration. It was given by verbal inspiration in gifts like prophesy, word of knowledge, tongues, and the interpretation of tongues, 1 Cor.12-14. Then it was recorded in the Holy Scriptures by inspiration. When the perfect or complete revelation of the will of God was given, the need and purpose of miracles was ended. Miracles were not performed to merely accommodate the needs of men, but to fulfill the divine purpose. That purpose has been accomplished, and thus miracles Do not happen today! Be not be deceived by pseudo miracles claims, believe God.

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280 acres in Rockcastle have already burned

"Court"

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jor snow/ice storm, the equipment the department has now couldn't handle it.

The matter was left with the court saying they would refer the matter of the raises and equipment to the road department committee and hear their recommendation soon.

The court also had a discussion over a request to the court for \$2,900 from the Youth Football program. The request said the money would be used for football equipment for children not able to provide their own.

The program is not schoolrelated and Magistrate Bill McKinney said while he didn't mind making a donation from the recreation appropriation of the occupational tax revenue, he thought there should be a cap on the amount of the donations. "If we approve each donation in the amount requested, we'll just keep getting bigger and bigger requests," McKinney said.

The court stopped short of setting a cap on the donations, but did approve \$2,000 for the youth football league, instead of the requested \$2,900. The court had earlier approved \$2,000 for the Roundstone Eagles Nest Parents Group to help with the purchase of new playground equipment.

Rockcastle County Industrial Authority Consultant Jim Holton was also at the meeting to explain the need for the court to buy additional gravel for the site of the new SourceCorp building.

Holton said the gravel was needed to provide a site for materials to be off-loaded and for entrance to the building, since the completed footer will close up the entrance now used. Holton also pointed out that the rock could then be used in the parking area of the plant.

The consultant said it would take about 200 tons of #2 rock and the court approved the expenditure, up to \$4,000.

There was one item that Magistrate Bill McKinney wanted to clear up with Holton and it concerned Holton's fee as project manager. \$41,666 was paid to Holton in December by the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA), President Corey Craig, from funds given the industrial development authority by the court, and the amount was larger than the amount of work done on the project to date. McKinney pointed out that state law prohibits the court from paying for services in advance. He asked Holton, "what if something happens to you, then we're going to be fighting your estate to get back part of the fee." Holton said that in Craig's defense, he was only doing what he "thought the court wanted him to do. He doesn't understand county government." County Treasurer Joe Clontz told the court that he felt that, in order to keep state auditors happy, the court should approve all payments and the court will have to meet more often in order to pay claims for the project in a timely manner. In other business, Carloftis told the court that the county's Ethics Committee had recently been reorganized and he had appointed seven members. Those members are: Carl Clontz, Bro. Bruce Ross, Sue Hamm, Christine Taylor, Bro. Steve McKinney, Dennis Clark and former Mt. Vernon Mayor Gary Cromer. David Colson, Emergency Management Director for the County, told the court that Rockcastle had been declared a disaster area and had reached the threshhold, for expenses related to the recent storm, to be reimbursed by the federal government. Colson said that about \$55,000 would be reimbursed to the county and other entities for trucks used, overtime, gravel, etc. Colson also told the court that a data base needed to be established of everything in the county that would require a generator in case of a storm that knocked out utilities. Colson said this would encompass the water/sewer system, 911, the jail, etc.

"Hammond"

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"We no doubt have to continue to work hard each day to improve the quality of education in the county and I think that everyone involved in the education process in the school system, beginning with myself, is committed to doing just that," Hammond said.

Hammond has been school superintendent for the past 14 years and is in his 31st year of employment by the school system.

The Rockcastle County School board employs over 500 people full-time and over 100 people part-time, including substitutes. The school board has a payroll of approximately \$17 million annually.

Hammond's yearly salary, which is of course the highest in the school district, will be approximately \$125,000 next school year.

Last year, students in the Rockcastle School System had the tenth best test scores of the state's 175 school districts.

(Editors Note: A follow-up story from Tuesday night's board meeting will appear in next week's *Signal*)

"Larkey"

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the opportunity to do what I have always wanted to do and that is be a head football coach."

Larkey, who also played at the ROCK for his dad from 1985 to 1988, was chosen over numerous other candidates for the North Laurel job.

Larkey certainly has his work cut out for him.

Over the past ten seasons, North Laurel is 30-72 and in the past four years they have gone 9 and 31. Last season, the Jaguars were 2 and 8.

"I want to build North Laurel into a state football powerhouse just like my dad and Coach Saylor did here at Rockcastle, but I know that isn't going to happen overnight.

Larkey said he anticipates hiring former Rocket player and assistant coach Slade Calhoun and Larkey's brother, Dackery, as two of his assistant coaches.

Dackery, who also played for his dad at RCHS, helped his father coach at Harlan County last year and served as an as-

This is not the Stimulus **Bill that America needs**

By Senator Mitch McConnell For several months I've

heard from many Kentuckians who have told me how this economic crisis has hurt them and their families. Too many people are out of work. And too many are worried about paying for health care, education, or the mortgage.

President Obama has called for bold, swift action to put America's economy back on track. Both parties agree that we must act now to halt rising unemployment, reverse weak economic growth, and stop the erosion of Americans' life savings. And Senate Republicans stand ready to work with the President to revive our country's productivity and prosperity.

But any stimulus plan Congress passes should be timely, temporary and targeted toward creating jobs and getting this economy moving again; President Obama has said that, and so have I. Now is not the time for business as usual in Washington. As taxpayers tighten their belts, government must do the same.

Unfortunately, the majority party in Congress who wrote the economic stimulus bill didn't get the message. Rather than focusing on putting people back to work, they have used this crisis as an excuse to ram through a \$1.2trillion raft of pet projects, government growth and increased entitlement spending.

That's a bait-and-switch the American people didn't ask for. And it's a one-way road to bigger and unsustainable deficits as far as the eye can see. That's why in the end, I decided I could not support the disappointing, so-called stimulus that the majority produced.

The bill recently passed by the Senate is stuffed with pet projects, including more than \$1.6 billion to renovate office buildings for bureaucrats and \$125 million for Washington sewers.

Republicans offered a simple proposal to improve the bill: a program to offer government-backed, 4- to 4.5percent fixed-rate mortgages to any credit-worthy borrower. The housing crisis is what led dent Obama envisioned and Republicans hoped for.

Americans should remember the President's words. He urged that the stimulus bill be targeted toward putting people back to work right now. And he led the way to bipartisanship by listening to ideas that Republicans put forward.

I applaud his efforts, and agree with him that any actions we take to achieve economic recovery must be timely, temporary and targeted to boosting our economy. That's the best thing to do on behalf of the American taxpayer.

Spring fire season begins on Sunday

> Spring fire hazard season begins in Rockcastle County on Sunday at 6 a.m. Rockcastle County Forest Ranger Marvin Stone reminds

everyone that burning is not allowed at all from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. anytime between February 15th and May 1st. From 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. burning is allowed, but there are

several restrictions.

Residents are not allowed to burn within 50 feet of any structure, near landfills, streams or sinkholes and utility lines.

Stone also cautions residents to burn at least 150 feet from any woodlands.

Those caught not obeying Open Burning Laws are subject to a fine of up to \$25,000.

The Forest Ranger said his department and members of local volunteer fire departments have already responded to six forest and grass fires this winter with over 280 acres being burned.



Rockcastle's five magistrates are shown looking over plans for the new SourceCorp building now under construction in Rockcastle Business Park South, on Monday afternoon. Above, job site Superintendent Dan Beetle, (in hard hat) goes over the plans with the magistrates shown from left: William Denny, John Holbrook, Jan Stevens, Ralph Allen and Bill McKinney. Beetle works for Roberts Construction the general contractor on the project. The project is slated to be complete sometime this summer.



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sistant under him at Rockcastle for six years. Tom Larkey left Rockcastle in January of last year to take over the new program in Harlan County.

Chris Larkey said that for now he and his wife plan to continue to make their home in Rockcastle County while they await the birth of their third child.

"Center"

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Learning Center was made with "great regret and much sadness.'

CAP has operated the Adult Learning Center and School on Wheels program in Rockcastle County for over 20 years. Officials said, in a prepared release, that residents should understand that CAP remains committed to serving the people of Rockcastle County and will be working with Kentucky Adult Education at the state level to transition students to a new adult education provider, who will continue the mission of serving the needs of adult students in Rockcastle County. Other CAP programs in Rockcastle County have not been affected at this time and will continue to operate as normal.

For more information contact CAP at 256-0017.

"Banquet"

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begin at 6 p.m., with dinner being served at 6:30 p.m.

This year's guest speaker will be Ferrell Wellman, political analyst, EKU professor and host of "Comment on Kentucky."

Tickets are \$15 each and may be purchased by contacting the Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce at 256-0070, Dwain Harris or Arielle Reese, 256-0950; Jenny Sweet, 256-1111, Zack Gentry, 256-2525 or Robert Lawson, 256-1000.

to this economic downturn, and many economists agree things won't get better until we solve the root problem in the housing market.

The availability of such low-interest loans would increase housing demand significantly, and stabilize housing prices. And the average family would see a drop in its monthly mortgage payment of over \$400 a month, or over \$5,000 a year. That savings would quickly be put back into our economy.

Republicans also believe that middle-class families ought to be able to keep more of what they earn. That's why we proposed cutting tax rates on the two lowest tax brackets, putting at least \$500 into the pockets of every American who pays income taxes.

Unfortunately, these good ideas were rejected, and the bill the majority party in Congress produced doesn't reflect the bipartisan spirit that Presi-



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were slashed and that only two tires were slashed on others.

The Sheriff said four tires were slashed on the bus that hauls patients.

"Most of the vehicles which were targeted were parked away from Hwy. 150, so no one could see what was going on," Peters said.

The sheriff said an employee, going into work around 7 a.m., noticed that a coworker's vehicle had a flat tire and when employees at the center went to check on the flat, they noticed the damage to the other vehicles.

Peters is asking that anyone who might have seen anything out of the ordinary that Tuesday morning or might have other information concerning the case, call his office at 256-2032.

Lady Rockets beat North Laurel and McCreary

When you're the number one team in the state, you have a big X on your back but the Lady Jaguars of North Laurel nor the Lady Raiders of McCreary Central could come close to pulling off the upset, this week over the RCHS Lady Rockets, with the Jaguars losing 44-22 on Friday night and the Raiders being handed a 65-36 loss on Monday night.

Friday night, the Lady Rockets did not play their best offensive game against the Lady Jaguars but their defense came to the fore, holding North Laurel to just four points in the first quarter against 15 points for the Rockets.

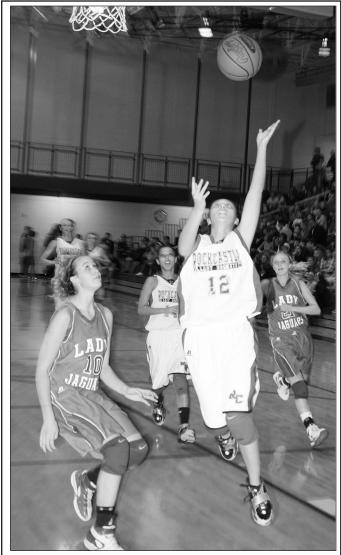
The Rockets were up 27-7 at the end of the half and 36-15 at the third quarter stop.

None of the Rockets got into double figures, with Sara Hammond and Jackie Alexander taking high point honors with 9 each. Ashley Robinson was close behind with 8, point guard Mary Saylor, who was honored before the game for reaching the 1,000 point mark, got 7; Angie Lawrence had 7; Katy

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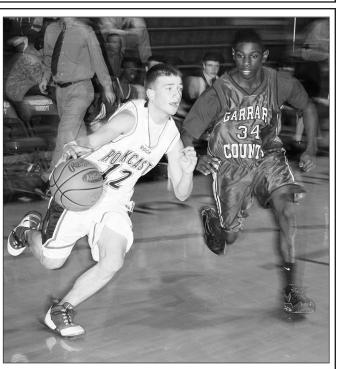


Lady Rocket senior Ashley Robinson goes for two of her eight points against North Laurel last Friday night. Robinson was one of seven seniors who were honored on Monday night, before they defeated McCreary Central. Lady Rocket senior night photos will appear in next week's *Signal*.





Rocket junior Matt Lunsford goes to the basket against Madison Southern on Monday night. Lunsford had five points in a losing effort.



RCHS junior Derrick Pittman drives to the basket against Garrard County on Tuesday night. Pittman had 12 points in the JV game, which his team won 58-30.

Boys' Jayvee Basketball Update

rebounded to defeat Madison

Southern, 46-37 on Monday night and Garrard County 58-

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30 on Tuesday night.

The RCHS junior varsity boy's basketball team has won two of the last three games they have played.

Last Thursday they lost to North Laurel 41-36 but they

Rockets lose three games at home

After winning three straight in overtime, the last three outings for the RCHS Rockets haven't been good ones.

After getting over .500 at 11-10, the Rockets have lost to North Laurel, Madison Southern and Garrard County, all at home.

Last Friday night, the Rockets looked like they were going to put win number 12 in the record book, leading the North Laurel Jaguars until late in the third quarter when the Jags managed to tie the score at 51 all.

Shortly into the fourth quarter, North Laurel took a 52-51 lead. The score was knotted at 54 and 57 but, with a little over two minutes to go in the game, North Laurel took a 60-58 lead and then built on that for the 70-60 win.

The Rockets went scoreless from the 1:59 mark.

Probably the worst aspect of the game for the Rockets was

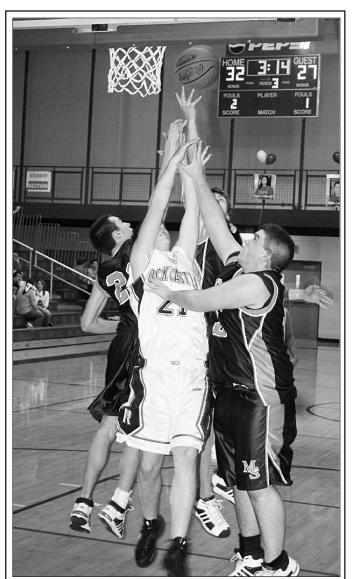
the loss of Bryan Clontz for the season. Clontz tore his ACL early in the first quarter.

Four Rockets got into double figures in the game, with Matt Bullens leading the way with 17 points. Spencer Mullins and Derek Thacker each scored 13 points; Jamie Todd got 12, Matthew Lunsford 3 and Dustin Reynolds 2.

On Monday night, fourteen first half turnovers hurt the Rockets badly in their make-up game against Madison Southern.

Even with the turnovers, the Rockets were up two at the half, 27-25 but, with 3:13 to go in the third quarter, the Eagles of Madison Southern took their first lead 37-35. However, the Rockets did bounce back with two baskets in a row, one a three pointer, from Jamie Todd and a three from Lunsford to

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Lady Rocket Sophomore Angie Lawrence puts in two of her seven points against North Laurel on Friday night. The Lady Rockets return to action on Friday night when they travel to Southwestern.



RCHS JV player Brandon Burdette fights for a rebound against Madison Southern on Monday night. Burdette had 8 points in the Rockets 47-36 win.

RCHS sophomore John Lawson goes high for a rebound against Madison Southern on Monday night. The Rocket JV team beat Southern on Monday night and Garrard County on Tuesday night. They will return to action on Thursday (tonight) when they host Lincoln County. (Sports photos by: Richard Anderkin and Kevin Canterbury).

Freshmen win first game of district tournament

The RCHS boy's freshmen won the first round game of the 47th district freshmen tournament last Saturday in Casey County, against Casey County, 45-43.

Zach Walker led his team in scoring with 15, Jordan Whitaker had 13, Cody Noe 8, Ben Lake 6, Will Reynolds 3 and Zach Reams 2.

In the championship game of the tournament, the freshmen lost to Somerset, 54-25.

Cody Noe led the Rockets in scoring with 10, Whitaker had 7, Reams 4, Walkr, 2 and Lake 2.

Jan. 29th at North Laurel RCHS 34 - N. Laurel 52 Ben Lake was the leading scorer with 9, Jordan Whitaker had 8, Zach Reams 4 and Zach Walker and Ben Lake 2 each.

Feb. 2nd at Corbin RCHS 48 - Corbin 82

Jordan Whitaker led the scoring with 15, Walker had 10, Reams 7, Noe 6, Jaden Brock 4, Lake 3 and Reynolds 3.

Feb. 5th at RCHS

RCHS 35 - N. Laurel 46 Whitaker was the leading scorer with 13, Walker had 9, Reynolds 5, Lake 4, Noe 2, Reams 1 and Jadan Kelly 1.

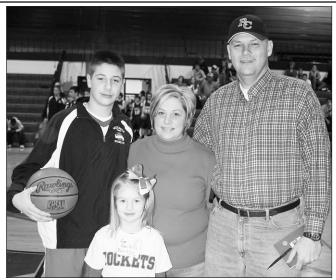
The freshmen team is scheduled to play their final game of the season Thursday night (tonight) at RCHS against Lincoln County.



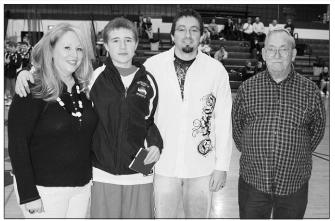
Rockcastle County High School Lady Rocket point guard Mary Saylor was honored last Friday night for joining the Lady Rockets' 1,000 point club. Saylor, who currently has nearly 1,200 points in her career at RCHS, has started for the Lady Rockets for the past four seasons. She is shown above with her parents, Dr. Karen Saylor, left, grandfather, Cleston Saylor, dad, Johnny Boone Saylor and head coach Chrysti Noble. Saylor joins seven other Lady Rockets in the 1,000 point club. Cindy McCauley, Jessie Rickles, Heather Hammond, Tara Rowe, Sarah Rowe, Johnna Abney and Brandy Reynolds.



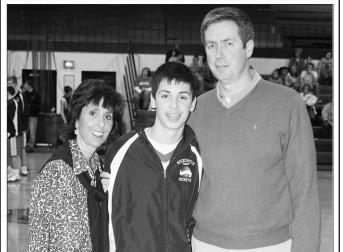
Members of the RCHS boy's freshman team, which finished runner-up in the freshman district tournament on Saturday at Casey County are shown above, from left: Jadan Kelly, Zach Walker, Ben Lake, Jordan Whitaker, Will Reynolds, Cody Noe and Zach Reams. Standing behind his team is coach, Matt Brown.



Rockcastle County Middle School 8th grade basketball players, cheerleaders, their parents and escorts were honored before their last home game against Garrard County on January 22nd. Shown above is player Ben Allen with parents, Darren and Danetta and sister Bailee. (8th grade night photos by: Kevin Canterbury).



Shown above is player Bryson Amyx with parents, Beth and Brandon Abney and grandfather, Harold Amyz.



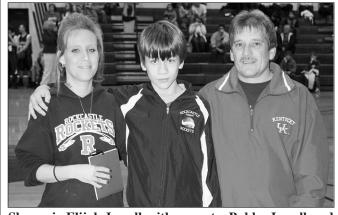
Shown above is Ashton Arvin with parents, Rebekah and Dr. Tony Arvin.



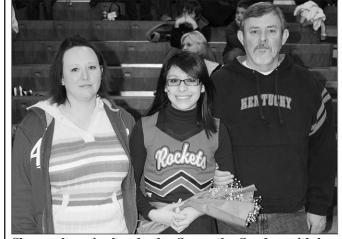




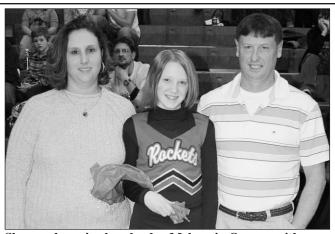
Shown above is Jacob Lawson with parents, Jessica and Mark and little sister, ArieAnna.



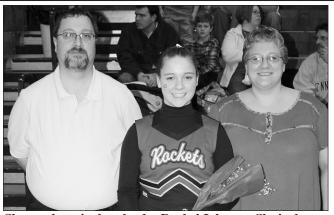
Shown is Elijah Lovell with parents, Bobby Lovell and Kimberly Sandusky.



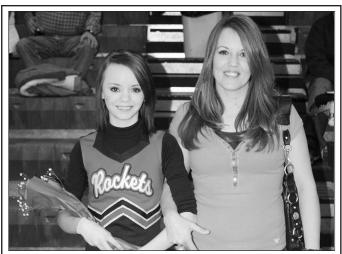
Shown above is cheerleader Samantha Smoker with her mom, Crystal Smoker and grandfather, Harold Price.

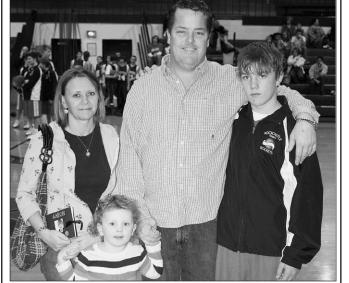


Shown above is cheerleader Mckenzie Owens, with parents Beverley and Kevin Jones.

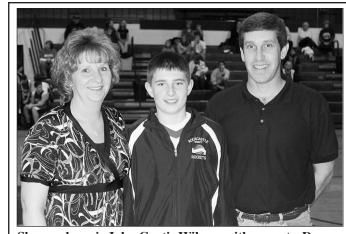


Shown above is cheerleader Rachel Johnson. She is shown with parents, Wade and Sheila Johnson.



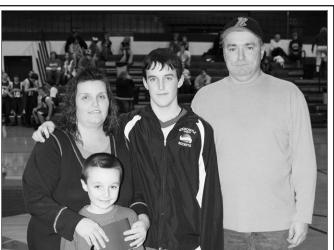


Shown above is Aaron Blevins with parents, Stephanie and Matt Blevins and sister, Madison.

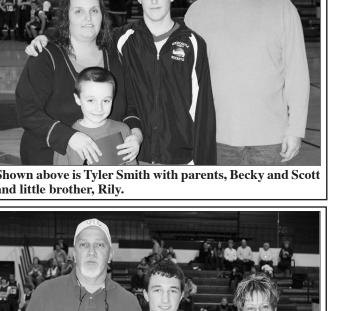


Shown above is Zach Poynter with parents, Sheila and Mark Poynter and sister, Sarah.

Shown above is John Curtis Wilson, with parents, Donna and Kevin Wilson.



Shown above is Tyler Smith with parents, Becky and Scott and little brother, Rily.

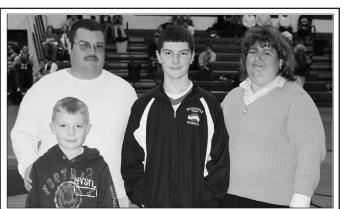




Shown above is Chris Wren, with parents, Jennie and Mike

Wren.

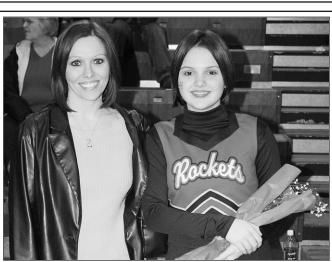
Shown is cheerleader Hannah Tyler with parents, Sandy and John Tyler.



Shown is Eli Haddix with parents, Howard and Denise

Haddix.

Shown above is Justin Houk with parents, Mark and Jennifer and little brother, Anthony.



Shown above is cheerleader Angel Spurlock with her mom, Sherry Didonato.

Shown above is cheerleader Maranda Didonato with mom, Sherry Didonato.



Shown above is cheerleader Bridgette Denny, with her father, David Denny and mother, Brenda Hayes.



Shown above is cheerleader Kaitlyn Delph. She is shown above with parents, Paula and David Russell.

"Lady Rockets" (Cont. from A8)

Mattingly 2 and Nicole Locklear and Jillisa Lay each got 1.

Monday night was senior night for the Lady Rockets and the seven were honored before their game with the McCreary Central Lady Raiders.

Following tradition, Coach Chrysti Noble started her seniors and they acquitted themselves well, outscoring the Raiders 7-2, in the first minutes of the game, and going on to build a 21-2 first quarter lead. Sophomore Sara Hammond

had an excellent night on offense and defense leading her team with 24 points and a bushel of rebounds.

The Raiders were simply outclassed in the 65-36 loss.

Besides Hammonds 24, Alexander added 9; Locklear and Kristen Abney had 6 each, Saylor and Lawrence scored four each; Sasha Bullock and sophomore Sydney Arvin scored 3 each and Casey Sturgill, Ashley Robinson and Jillisa Lay each scored 2.

The Lady Rockets, now 21-4 on the season, will travel to Southwestern on Friday night and to North Laurel on Monday night.

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Smith, Mckinney ranked nationally RCMS girls' team wins second indoor meet at Mason County

RCHS junior Samantha Smith and senior Sarah McKinney recently made the national rankings in track and field. The Milesplit Super 200 features the top 200 athletes in each event out of the thousands that have competed so far this indoor season. Samantha is ranked 125th in the 60-meter dash with her RCHS recordsetting performance of 8.18 seconds at the UK Wildcat Classic. She ranks 38th in the nation among junior sprinters. She also ranks 65th among all juniors in triple jump with an early season performance of 33'9". Sarah is ranked 104th in the nation in the 60-meter hurdles after her RCHS recordsetting performance of 9.91 seconds at UK. She ranks 51st nationally among all senior hurdlers. Both Samantha and Sarah have only had the opportunity to compete once this year in their respective events.

The RCMS girls' track team won their second indoor meet of the season this past Saturday at Mason County, defeating all-star track clubs from Knoxville and Louisville. RCMS racked up 95 points, defeating Knoxville who scored 83 points and Louisville Westside who finished with 39 points. Knoxville Track Club had a very talented team, but also ran a 15-year old high school athlete on their middle school team, which made them closer than they should have been in the team standings.



RCHS junior Samantha Smith is ranked nationally in the 60-meter dash after breaking her own RCHS record recently. Samantha ranks 125th overall in the nation in the Milesplit Super 200 National Track Rankings and is ranked 38th among all juniors in the nation. She also ranks 65th among all juniors in triple jump. The girl won three events that should not have counted in the middle school scores. Nevertheless, the RCMS girls had an outstanding total team meet, scoring in every event they participated in, helping to pull out the win. Many RCMS athletes had season best performances.

Alyssa Allen led RCMS in scoring with 24 points. She placed 1st in the high jump competition leaping 3'. She also finished 3rd in the 55meter hurdles (10.73) and tied for 2nd in long jump (12'3").

Bryonna Cromer tied for 2nd in long jump (12'3") and finished 3rd in the 400 (1:07.47). She also finished 13th in the 55 (8.66).

Kira Deatherage placed 2nd in the 400 (1:05.18) and 4th in the 55-meter dash (8.11).

Amy Johnson won shot put

"Jayvee" (Cont. from A8)

In the North Laurel game, Kyle Riddle led his team in scoring with 12, Travis Carpenter got 10, Matt Lunsford 6, Dalton Blevins 2, Brandon Jones 2, Dakota Mahaffey 2, John Lawson and Josh McKinney, 1 each.

Monday night the JV Rockets beat Madison Southern, 47-36.

Carpenter led the scoring with 16, Brandon Burdette scored 8, Ben Lake also had 8, McKinney 7, Zach Reams 5 and Cody Noe 2.

Tuesday night the JV Rockets beat Garrard County 58-30.

Jones led the scoring with 14, Derrick Pittman scored 12, Carpenter 11, Grant Burdette 7, Mahaffey 5, McKinne, 4, Jones 3, Lake 2 and Blevins and Brandon Burdette, 1 each.

The next game for the JV boys is at home on Thursday night, (tonight), against Lincoln County, when they play after the boys' freshmen team.

"Rockets" (Cont. from A8)

keep a two point lead, 43-41 at the end of the third period. However, in the fourth, the Rockets were outscored by the Eagles, 26-14 and took their 12th loss of the season, 67-57. Mullins led the scoring for the his team with 13; Todd had 12; Thacker 8; Matthew Lunsford 5; Derrick Pittman and Dustin Reynolds had 4 each; Travis Carpenter 3 and Jared Smith 2. Tuesday night, the Rockets took on the number one team in the 12th region, the Garrard County Golden Lions, and the game was never in question with the Lions handing the Rockets their 13th loss of the season, 64-44. The Rockets were down 15-5 at the end of the first period, 30-23 at the half and 49-30 at the third quarter stop. Thacker led his team with 12; Todd had 9; Mullins 8; Pittman, Lunsford and Carpenter all had 3 and Bullens and Brandon Jones scored 2 each. The boys next game will be at Mercer County Friday and they will host Whitley County next Tuesday night, which will also be Senior Night for the Rockets.

with a throw of 29'2". Cynthia Deaton placed 5th with a throw of 22'2".

Rachel Cain placed 2nd in the 1600-meter run (7:06.38) and Alyssa Cox finished 4th (7:08.52). Both girls finished 3rd (3:27.48) and 5th (3:39.17) respectively in the 800. Krystal Smith also finished 8th in the 800 (4:08.62).

The 1600-meter relay team of Bryonna Cromer, Lyndsey Abel, Alyssa Allen, and Kira Deatherage placed 2nd overall in 5:13.73. The team of April Mason, Holly Bradley, Bridget Pittman, and Kendra Dees placed 3rd (5:30.7). The team of Lacey Gastineau, Amber Woodall, Tanika Chasteen, and Kayla Cromer finished 5th (5:53.17).

In the 55-meter dash, other RCMS finishers included Kendra Dees who placed 14th (8.69); Lacey Gastineau - 15th (8.73); April Mason - 18th (8.93); Holly Bradley - 21st (9.13); Lyndsey Abel - 22nd (9.14); Bridget Pittman – 23rd (9.15); Tanika Chasteen – 24th (9.26); Kayla Cromer - 26th (9.53); Amber Woodall – 28th (9.57): Rakhi Patel - 30th (9.68); Ileana Miller - 32nd (9.76); Kaci Bussell - 33rd (9.86); September Miller -34th (10.13); Eliza Mason -35th (10.18); Krystal Smith -36th (10.26); Danielle McNew - 37th (10.28); Victoria Smith -39th (10.59); Taylor Johnston - 40th (10.76); Alexis Stewart - 41st (10.89); Emma Evans -42nd (11.04); Leah Woodall -43rd (11.31); Faye Saylor -44th (15.64 after a hard fall).

In the 400-meter dash, other RCMS finishers included Lacey Gastineau who placed 5th (1:08.13); Tanika Chasteen - 8th (1:10.7); Ileana Miller -9th (1:12.34); September Miller – 10th (1:12.38); Alexis Stewart – 11th (1:12.51); Kayla Cromer – 17th (1:25.05); Kaci Bussell - 18th (1:30.56); Danielle McNew - 19th (1:32.87); Rakhi Patel - 20th (1:40.19); Heather Holden -21st (1:40.21); Taylor Johnston – 22nd (1:42.01); Eliza Mason – 23rd (1:42.71); Victoria Smith - 24th (1:52.81).

In long jump, other RCMS finishers included Bridget





RCHS senior Sarah McKinney is ranked nationally in the 60-meter hurdles after breaking her own RCHS mark recently. Sarah ranks 104th overall in the nation in the Milesplit Super 200 National Track Rankings and is ranked 51st among all seniors in the nation. Pittman who placed 4th (11'2"); Amber Woodall – 5th (10'6"); Tanika Chasteen – 11th (8'3").

Both RCMS and RCHS will be in action next Saturday back at Mason County. Meet start time is 10 a.m.

Learning how to "read" the clouds

If you want to learn how to "read" the clouds, teach your children how to understand the dangers of changing weather patterns or protect your family from the hazards of severe weather, this presentation is for you.

The National Weather Service will be providing a storm spotting and weather safety presentation. Everyone is invited to attend this informative and entertaining presentation.

Rockcastle County High School Auditorium Thursday, Feb. 26 • 6 p.m. Free Admission to All



The RCMS girls' track and field team won their 2nd meet of the season at Mason County this past weekend and defeated all-star track clubs from Knoxville and Louisville. Team members included from front to left: Ashley Baggett, Heather Holden, Lyndsey Abel, April Mason, Kira Deatherage, Alyssa Allen, Rachel Cain, Tanika Chasteen and Bridget Pittman. Second row from left: Rakhi Patel, September Miller, Alexis Stewart, Kendra Dees, Holly Bradley, Bryonna Cromer, Taylor Johnston, Kaci Bussell, Danielle McNew, Kayla Cromer and Ileana Miller. Back row from left: Victoria Smith, Krystal Smith, Eliza Mason, Cynthia Deaton, Leah Woodall, Amy Johnson, Emma Evans, Lacey Gastineau, Amber Woodall, Faye Saylor and Alyssa Cox.

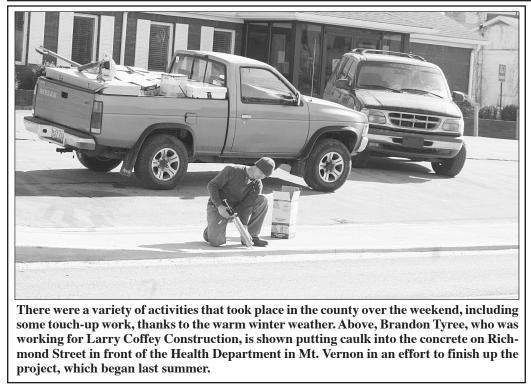
Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, February 12, 2009



No one was injured when an Atlanta man lost control of the above U-Haul on north I-75 around the 68 mile marker last Thursday morning around 7:15 a.m. According to Kentucky State Trooper Staci Walker, the man over corrected while attempting to pass a vehicle, lost control and wiped out the guardrail before going through the interstate right-of-way fence. The U-Haul came to rest eight feet from the back of the home of Sandy Shearer and had to be removed through her property onto U.S. 25. by Josh Thompson, shown above with Mt. Vernon firefighter, Jeff Parker. Parker was one of several rescue workers who responded to the accident scene, along with the Rockcastle Ambulance Service. Walker said the Atlanta man, who was headed to Michigan with a load of furniture, had not had any operator's license since 1982, when he was arrested for driving under the influence. Walker, who cited the driver for no operator's license, said the man's girlfriend had rented the U-Haul for him and that no other vehicles were involved in the accident. When the wreck occurred the temperature in the county was 2 degrees above zero. *Second front photos by: Richard Anderkin*.

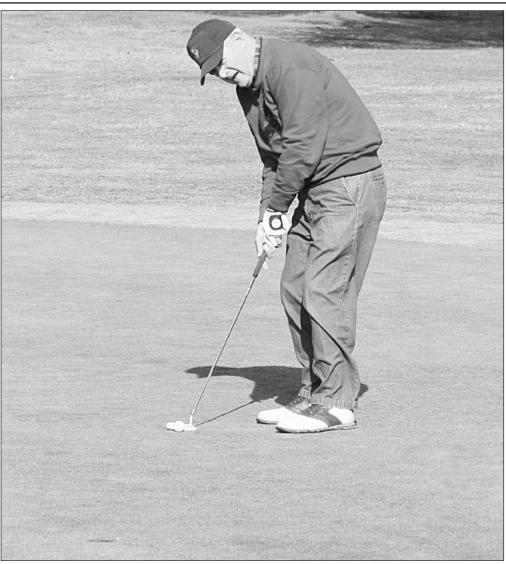






Eight-year-old Keaton Renfro took his nine-month-old sister, Ainslee, for a sleigh ride in Mt. Vormen on Thursday menning, before the inch encyfell from Wednesday completely

Mt. Vernon on Thursday morning, before the inch snowfall from Wednesday completely melted. According to figures from the Cox Funeral Home Weather Station in Mt. Vernon, the mercury dipped to two degrees above zero on Thursday and Friday mornings, but by Saturday, the mercury had climbed to 56 degrees in the county. Keaton and Ainslee are the children of Steve and Hope Renfro of Mt. Vernon.



82-year-old Dale Bray, of Maretburg, took advantage of the warmer winter weather on Saturday when he played 18 holes of golf at Cedar Rapids Recreation Center. Bray was among many Rockcastle countians who got outside this weekend after the mercury climbed to 56 on Saturday and 64 on Sunday. Monday's recorded high temperature in the county was 69, after a recorded low last week of two degrees on Thursday and Friday mornings.



News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

District Civil Suits

American General Insurance Services, Inc. vs. Jimmy Denham, \$1,454.39 plus claimed due.

Midland Funding LLC vs. Teresa Messenger, \$847.55 plus claimed due.

Asset Acceptance LLC vs. Kimberly S. Gadd, \$3,585.39 plus claimed due.

Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital, LLC vs. Ali Gambalie, \$541.62 plus claimed due.

Midland Funding LLC vs. Tina Judd, \$1,143.17 plus claimed due. C-00023.

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Jeffrey M. Hansel and Anna and James Rose, property in Rockcastle County, to Boyd J. and Joanne Graves. Tax \$132.50.

Ted and Edna Mae Durham, property along U.S. 150, to Dept. of Transportation. Tax \$584.50.

Michael and Lynette Barr, property in Rockcastle County, to Darrell W. and Mary H. Whitaker. Tax \$30.

Robert Lee and Beth Ann Moore, property in Dusty Trails Subdv., to Vicki L. Hayes. Tax \$27.

Leona Hearn Owens, property in Rockcastle County, to Ralph Wayne Henson and Bruce Van Owens. Tax \$28. Christine Taylor, property in

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Quail, to Billy Shawn Brown. Tax \$106.

Circuit Civil Suits

Kimberly Couch vs. Kenneth Couch, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Discover Bank vs. Bobby Thompson, \$9,905.27plus claimed due.

Carissa Ingram vs. Jeffery Ingram, petition for dissolution of marriage.

William Michael Charlton vs. Natasha Charlton Dunn, complaint. CI-00035.

Marriage Licenses

Candi Rose Laswell, 21, Orlando, unemployed to David Joe Couch, 25, Mt. Vernon, unemployed. 1/30/09.

Renee Ayers, 43, Mt. Vernon, EMT to Tim Gilliam, 37, Mt. Vernon, stone mason. 2/2/09.

Emily Dawn Gibson, 28, Mt. Vernon, unemployed to Phillip Jason Cromer, 32, Mt. Vernon, disabled. 2/5/09.



Feb. 2-5, 2009 Hon. Jeffrey S Lawless Kayla M. Barnes: no operators license in possession, \$25 fine.

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Michael Blair: fines/fees due (\$456.86), bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

Tina R. Broyles: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, and other charges, bw issued for fta.

Ricky J. Callahan: operating on suspended/revoked operators license and failure to produce insurance crd, bw issued for fta.

Speeding: Alice F. Cromer, paid \$38 fine and \$133 costs; Matthew E. Marlow, Jordan E. Ritchie, license suspended for fta;

Bryan D. Pittman: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

Jay W. Skinner: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

Rocket Docket

Joshua Lopez: criminal possession of forged instrument, second degree, one year sentence recommended/credit time served, plus restitution of \$1400.

Coleman Gibbs: facilitation to manufacture methamphetamines, first offense, three year sentence recommended/credit time served.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

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Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program

USDA's Farm Service Agency's (FSA) Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) is designed to provide financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occurs due to natural disasters.

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CCC-471, "Application for

Coverage," and pay the appli-

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FSA office. The application

and service fees must be filed

by the application closing date

as established by the producer's FSA state commit-

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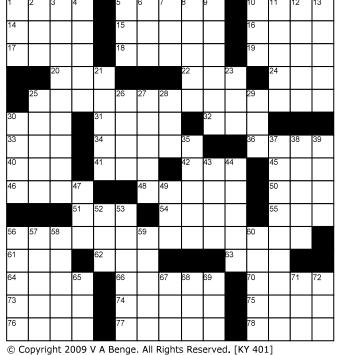
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tool.asp. The automated system calculates and displays adjusted gross farm sales per year and the higher of the national poverty level or county median household income. Failure to report acreage and

production information may result in reduced or zero NAP assistance. Be aware that acreage reporting and final planting dates vary by crop and by region.

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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

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Office closure FSA offices will be closed for the following National Holidays:

February 16th-Washington's Birthday

Important program dates

DCP signup continues MILC signup continues

Conservation Reserve Program Continuous signup continues

Quality Crop Disaster signup continues

Farm Ownership Loans, Farm Operating Loans, Limited Resource Loans

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Dean's List

Michael Anthony Lovell, a junior at Eastern Kentucky University, has been placed on the Dean's List for the second time. This honor recognizes achievement of a scholastic average of 3.50 or above. Michael earned 3.8 for the Fall, 2008 term.

He is majoring in History and minoring in Sociology and plans to obtain his Masters degree in teaching.

Michael is a 2006 graduate of Rockcastle County High School and the son of Mike and Sharon Lovell of Orlando. He is the grandson of Mrs. Dorothy Lovell and the late Sherman Lovell, Jr. and Mrs. Lois Baker and the late Cledis Baker, all of Mt. Vernon. Michael also works part time as a cook and shift supervisor at Pizza Hut.



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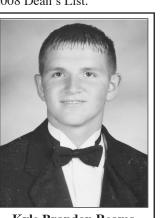
Kami Lovell, senior at Eastern Kentucky University, has been placed on the Dean's List for the second time. This honor recognizes scholastic achievement of 3.50 or above.

Kami earned a 3.8 during the fall, 2008 term. Kami has double majors in Psychology and Elementary Education with an emphasis in Early Childhood education.

Kami is a graduate of Rockcastle County High School and is engaged to Jason Thomas. Kami is the granddaughter of Mrs. Lois Baker and the late Cledis Baker and Mrs. Dorothy Lovell and the late Sherman Lovell, Jr. all of Mt. Vernon. Kami is the daughter of Mike and Sharon Lovell of Orlando. Kami is currently doing her student teaching at Roundstone Elementary with Mrs. Melissa Fairchild's 4th grade class. She will also be working with Mrs. Tanya Clark's Kindergarten students in the spring.

Two make **Dean's List**

Ashley Francisco of Livingston and Ashlie Holt of Mt. Vernon were named to the Dean's List at Midway College. In order to be named to the Dean's List, a student must be classified as full time and must have achieved a minimum grade point average of 3.60 for the semester. Below is a listing of the students who have been named to the Fall 2008 Dean's List.



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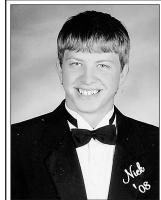
Kyle Brandon Reams

Reams graduates

Brandon Reams recently graduated from Eastern Kentucky University with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, Cum Laude.

Brandon's high level of academic distinction while at EKU placed him on the Dean's List five times, also earning the Dean's Award. During his final year, Brandon had honor of being presented with EKU's President's Award for achieving a 4.0 GPA.

Brandon is the son of Beverly and SFC Joshua Shaddox currently stationed at Fort McCoy, WI, and of Kennith Reams of Orlando, KY. He is the grandson of Joe C. and Catherine Bullen of Roundstone, and of the late Elmo Reams and Delia Reams of Orlando.



Nicholas Nolan, a 2008 graduate of RCHS, has been placed on the Dean's List at Eastern Kentucky University with a GPA of 3.81. Nick is majoring in **Engineering Physics. He is** the son of Alisa Davis and grandson of Midge Smith. Keep up the good work Nick. We love you.



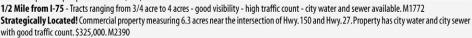
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30 Acres More or Less - Coal and some timber. Recreational. \$50,000. Call today! M2410

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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

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Future Auctions

Absolute Auction of Prime Commercial Property • 2 Large Buildings and 4.018 Acres (In Tracts) Friday, February 13th at 1:00 p.m. • South U.S. Hwy. 25, London, Ky. Auction of Ms. Jessie Murray's Beautiful Mountain Retreat - Two Story Log Home with 15 Acres, Guest House/Duplex with Three Car Garage, Unfinished Cottage, 16 1/2 Acres Tract with Lake, Furniture

Saturday, February 21st at 10:00 a.m. • Renfro Valley, Ky. 28th Annual London Farm Machinery Consignment Auction

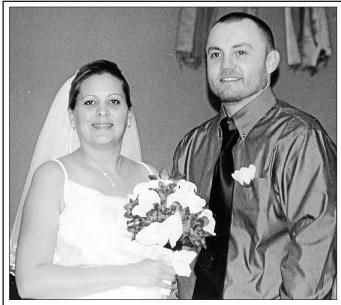
Saturday, February 28th at 9:30 a.m. • Laurel County Fairgrounds, Hwy. 229, near Levi Jackson State Park, London, Ky. 34th Annual Brodhead Farm Machinery Consignment Auction Saturday, March 7th at 9:30 a.. • Brodhead Fairgrounds, Hwy. 150, Brodhead, Ky.



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



Under Construction! This new 1,500+/- sq.ft. home will feature a LR, Kit/Dining combo, 3 BR, 2 BA and Utility Room. Other amenities include a 2-car attached garage, heat pump/central air, city water, septic system and patio. Call today! M2422



Gibson - Cromer

The family and friends of Phillip Jason Cromer and Emily Doan Gibson would like to congratulate them on their recent marriage on February 7, 2009. Jason is the son of Bentley and Leila Cromer and the late Beverly Miller Cromer. Emily is the daughter of Anna Sellers Gibson and the late Arnold Gibson. Jason and Emily would like to thank all that attended and for the nice gifts. A special "thanks" to Bro. Tim Hampton.

FFA Chili Supper/Auction

You are invited to the FFA p.m. Proceeds from the event Alumni and FFA Chapter Chili Supper/Auction on Thursday, Feb. 19th at the RCHS Cafeteria.

The chili supper will begin at 5:30 and the auction at 6:30. Chili supper tickets can be purchased at the door for \$5 each. FFA students are also selling tickets.

Silent bids on auction items will be taken until 6

will be used to help students attend regional, state and national contests and help defrav camp expenses.

Leadership training and scholarships are awarded to senior who have met all qualifications. This is a great opportunity to help out our students and also have a lot of fun.

Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I Civil Action No. 08-CI-00198

National City Bank f/k/a **National City Bank of Kentucky** Successor by Merger to **Richmond Bank & Trust Co.** Plaintiff V.

Tina M. Gibbs a/k/a Tina Marie Gibbs a/k/a Tina Gibbs, David T. Gibbs a/k/a David Thomas Gibbs, et. al. **Defendants**

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on January 23, 2009, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of NINETY-SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS AND 30/100 (\$96,607.30) plus interest and costs. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.



Croucher - Riddell

Kelly Ann Croucher and Russell O'Ray Riddell would like to invite friends and family to join them as they unite in marriage. The ceremony will be held on Saturday, Feb. 21, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at the Russell Acton Folk Center in Berea, KY. A reception will follow.

Learning to "read" the clouds

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spotting and weather safety

presentation. Everyone is in-

vited to attend this informa-

tive and entertaining presen-

Rockcastle County

High School Auditorium

Thursday, Feb. 26 • 6 p.m.

Free Admission to All

If you want to learn how to "read" the clouds, teach your children how to understand the dangers of changing weather patterns or protect your family from the hazards of severe weather, this presentation is for you.

The National Weather Service will be providing a storm

of Ms. Jessie Murray's Beautiful Mountain Retreat

Two Story Log Home and 15 Acres, Guest House/Duplex with Three Car Garage, Unfinished Cottage, 16 1/2 Acre Tract with Lake

Saturday, February 21st – 10:00 a.m. • Renfro Valley, Ky Location: Turn off US 25 at Renfro Valley just past the Lodge onto Lake Linville Road. Travel apximately 2.6 miles to the property. Watch for auction signs.



Since Ms. Murrary has moved, she has authorized our firm to auction this property for the

Tract 1: This lovely custom-built Log Hearthstone Home is nestled in the center of rolling hills with beautiful view from every room. The first floor has a large living room with cathedral ceiling and stone fireplace, sun room/dining room combination, fabulous kitchen adjoining the family room with stone fireplace, bedroom, 1 1/2 baths, and utility room. The second floor has a balcony overlooking the living room, two spacious bedrooms, and a large bath with spa. The basement area is finished with a kitchenette, living room, large bedroom, and bath plus a utility room and one car garage. Complimenting the house are hard-



606-256-4210



Toll Free 1-888-825-2345 • 24 Hour Obit Line 256-5454 www.coxfuneralhomeky.com

Soup Bean/Cornbread Supper

A soup bean/cornbread supper will be held at the Pongo Volunteer Fire Dept. on March 7th at 5 p.m. For more info, call 256-0389 or 687-0865.

Bookmobile Schedule

Mon., Feb. 16: Calloway, Red Hill, Livingston, Lamero, Pine Hill. Tues., Feb. 17: Maple Grove, Orlando, Climax. Wed., Feb. 18: Ottawa and Bee Lick. Thurs., Feb. 19th: Spliro, Level Green, Willailla, Country Care.

DAV Officer at London

A Disabled American Veteran State Service Officer will be at the DAV Building in London on Feb. 17, 2009 from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 606-877-1308 or 606-862-0032.

Extension Service News

The Rockcastle County 4H Sewing Projects are underway at Brodhead Elementary School this week, feb. 9-13th; Roundstone Elementary Feb. 17-20 and Mt. Vernon Elementry Feb. 23-26. Friday, Feb. 13th, the 4-H Council will host a \$H Valentine's Dance for all Rockcastle Middle School students. Admission is \$3 and students must have a note from parent/guardian to stay afterschool. Hunter Education Course: March 5, 6 and 7 at Rockcastle County High School auditorium.

DBCAA Meeting

Daniel Boone Community Action Agency will have a board of directors meeting Tuesday, Feb. 24th at 6 p.m. in Laurel County at the Cumberland Valley ADD office. The public is invited to attend. DBCAA is an equal housing opportunity provider.

Courthouse Hours

All courthouse offices, except 911 office, will be closed Saturday, Feb. 14th and Mon., Feb. 16th for President's Day Holiday.

Beginning Beekeeping Video

Southeastern Kentucky Beekeepers will be showing a video titled "Beginning Beekeeping" at the Laurel County Extension office on Thurs., Feb. 19th and Fri., Feb. 20th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Anyone interested in beekeeping or becoming a beekeeper is welcome to attend. For more information, call the Laurel County Extension Office at 606-864-4167.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street Mt. Vernon, Kentucky on Friday, February 13, 2009 Beginning at the hour of 11:00 a.m.

Said property being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

67 Purrigsby Road, Brodhead, Kentucky

Beginning on a 1/2" conduit with a plastic cap stamped RLS #2773 in the west right of way of the Purr Rigsby Road, said point being N 09 19'10"W, 183.45 feet FROM a post corner at the intersection of the Purr Rigsby Road and State Highway No. 1326; thence going with the west right of way of the Purr Rigsby Road N 03 46'40"W, 54.41 feet; N 03 15'05"E, 53.96 feet to a 1/2" conduit with a plastic cap stamped RLS #2773, said point being in said right of way and set beside a 20" cedar; thence leaving said right of way and going with new lines to Libby Gibbs N 31 01'25"W, 158.79 feet to a 1/2" conduit with a plastic cap stamped RLS #2773 set beside a 14" pine; thence S 59 33'55"W, 150.27 feet to a 1/2" conduit with a plastic cap stamped RLS #2773 set beside a 6" cedar; thence S 02 05'15"W, 159.58 feet to a 1/2" conduit with a plastic cap stamped RLS #2773 set beside a 8" cedar; thence S 87 43'38"E, 217.91 feet to the point of beginning and containing 0.931 acres.

And being the same property David T. Gibbs, et ux. obtained by deed dated March 4, 1994 from Libby Burdette, et vir. of record in Deed Book 153, page 136 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 ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.

2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have 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. All taxes and assessments for 2008 and prior years upon said property shall be paid from the proceeds of 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.

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 line, restrictions or covenants or record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".

Jerome S. Fish, Special Master Commissioner

wood floors and tile throughout, city water, a wrap around porch and deck offering fantastic views of the Kentucky hills. The home is situated on approximately 15 acres more or less with privacy, professional landscaping, circular drive and a stone fountain.

Tract 2: Contains approx. one acre lying on the west side of Tract 1 and offers a three car

garage and guest house/duplex. The first floor offers an efficiency apartment with kitchen/dining area, living room, one bedroom, bath and a three car garage. The top level has kitchen, living room, two bedrooms, and a bath. Other amenities include: heat pump, wall to wall carpet, kitchen cabinets with automatic dishwasher, and a deck offering privacy galore.



Tract 3: Consists of 16 1/2 acres more or less with a 2 1/2 acre lake. This tract has some woods and some open land which makes it a great place to retreat and relax.

Tract 4: Offers an unfinished 11/2 story cottage (somewhat primitive) to finish as you like siutated on approx. 1/2 acre lot. In addition to the real estate, we

will be selling the following antiques and personal property: Two Pc Timberlake entertainment center



(solid cherry) ~ Solid Cherry Bob Timberlake computer cabinet ~ Solid Cherry with inlay top Table/Book case storage area combo ~ Cherry curio cabinet glass front, side and glass shelves (lighted) ~ Bob Timberlake slant front desk (Architect desk) ~ Cherry entertainment center Solid cherry King size Bed ~ Modern side board ~ 5 foot glass top round wrought iron dining table with chairs ~ Heavy duty room divider (upholstered) ~ 2 dining chairs with Queen Anne legs ~ Wrought iron étagère ~ Mediterranean style Oak bedroom set w/ bed, 2 night stands. 8 foot chest of drawers ~ Cedar lined Chifferobe ~ Walnut Bed (very old) ~ Ethan Allen white Chenille Loveseat ~ Indiana Hoosier Cabinet – Campbell Kitchen Co. – Indiana Etching on doors flower etch pattern ~ Lexington Green Corduroy Sofa ~ Loveseat Bed with matching Swivel Rocker ~ Queen Size Bed ~ King Size Bed ~ Chest of Drawers with Tongue and Groove Drawers ~ Glass square display cabinet/coffee table with 3 shelves ~ Ethan Allen end tables ~ 2 Clerk chairs one with ottoman (matching chairs) Red linen covering ~ Upholstered side chair w/ cane sides - off white linen color ~ Spindle back Rocker ~ Duncan Phyfe corner cabinet ~ Duncan Phyfe what-knot shelves ~ Stereo cabinet glass front ~ Pie safe type cabinet ~ Windsor style side chairs ~ Leather Recliner ~ Living room sofa ~Twin beds - Cane headboards ~ Dressing screen ~ 5 Rockers ~ Old Hickory Bottom chairs ~ Chest of drawers ~ Serving Cart ~ GE Profile Double door refrigerator w/ ice maker ~ Maytag heavy duty Washer and Dryer ~ Washer and Dryer like new (less than a year old) ~ Kitchen Table & Chairs Set (4 chairs) ~ GE Refrigerator (like new) ~ Phillips color TV ~ Oak Kitchen Cabinet ~ Trash compactor ~ Potato Box ~ Brass floor lamp ~ Several odds and ends Lamps and Framed prints ~ Oak wash stand ~ Several flower arrangements ~ Several Boyd's Bears ~ Several quality wall Mirrors ~ Oak end table ~ Antique mirror ~ Many Kerosene Lamps $\sim~$ Wooden book shelf \sim Various Quilts \sim Side table w/ magazine holder $\sim~$ Floor lamp ~ Various Paintings ~ Bookshelf ~ End tables ~ Antique school clock ~ Willow table ~ Old Egg basket ~

Auctioneer's Note: When Ms. Murray built this house, she spared no expense in creating this retreat. From the landscaping to the buildings, quality is the one word that best describes the property. This home was operated as Cedar Ridge Bed and Breakfast and could still be used in that capacity or for a private dwelling. Located only 5 mintues from I-75 and 45 minutes south of Lexington in the heart of Renfro Valley.

Terms: Real estate: 10% down day of sale, balance upon delivery of deed. Tracts 1, 2 and 4 will be selling subject only to confirmation by mortgagee and Tract 3 is selling at absolute auction. Personal Property: Cash or check in full day of sale.

Announcements day of sale take precedence over printed matter.

For additional information, contact the selling agents.



Biggest Loser Program

A new 10 week session of the Biggest Loser Program will begin Feb. 17th at the Rockcastle County Extension Office. Meeting time is 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome! No cost to join. Lose weight and win prizes! For more information, contact Brenda Saylor at 256-2403.

UNITE Meetings

UNITE monthly meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be Feb. 11th at noon at Pizza Hut.

Woodmen of the World Skate Party

Woodmen of the Workd, Adult Lodge 888 and Youth Lodge 901, cordially invites its members to a skating event at Club Arena in Berea. This skating event will be held February 12 from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. For more information, call Mary Ann McNew at 256-4046 or Vicki Chasteen at 256-4817.

School's Local Planning Committee

The Rockcastle County School's Local Planning Committee will hold their next meeting on Thursday, February 12, 2009 at 6 p.m. at the Rockcastle Teaching and Learning Center.

Blood Drive at FBC

A blood drive will be held at First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, February 10 from 1 to 7 p.m. The center is running critically low on blood at this time because weather has caused a decline in donations. So, bundle up, brave the cold and come on out to donate.

CRRC Membership Meeting

The annual membership meeting of Cedar Rapids Recreation Center will be Thursday, February 19 at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse.

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.

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ASSIFIED RATES

 Local Rates - \$4 for 25 words or less - .10 each additional word

Display Classifieds \$5.00/Inch **Deadline for Classifieds** is 10 a.m. TUESDAY

For Rent

House For Rent: 3 BR home in Brindle Ridge area (Roundstone School). Stove and refrigerator furnished. \$500 month plus deposit. No pets. 859-925-3080 after 7 p.m. 11x2

For Rent: 2 bedroom house on Hwy. 490, has big yard, \$300 month, \$400 deposit. 606-392-9633

For Rent: House, 2 miles from Mt. Vernon. No pets. Deposit and references necessary. 256-4252. 11x2

For Rent: 2 BR mobile home, stove and refrigerator furnished. Quarry St., Mt. Vernon. No pets. \$300 month/\$300 deposit. 606-308-4592. 7xntf

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

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

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

Accepting Applications: For 2 and 3 bedroom units at Valley View Apartments. Rent based on income. Call 256-5912. Equal Housing Opportunity, TDD for hearing impaired only. 1-800-247-2510. 36tfn

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

1xntf For Sale: (1) Lot - 6 acres wooded on Breezy Hollow Lane, \$23,500. (2) 7.7 acres cleared on Breezy Hollow Lane, \$29,900. (3) Two lots on Breezy Hollow, 1.4 acres, to be sold together, \$8,500. 256-3213 or 308-2953. 16xntf Lots For Sale: Castle Ridge Subdivision. Use same entry way as Bible Baptist Church. All lots have city sewer and underground utilities. starting at \$12,900. 606-256-5692 • 256-4504 • 308-3730. 20xntf For Sale: Mobile home lots, located in Sunnyside Mobile Home Park. 1.2 acre lots - \$500 down and \$100 per month. Call 606-256-5692 or 606-256-5648. 43xntf

Posted

Posted: No trespassing on property of Darrell and Helen Whitaker, located on East Fork of Skaggs Creek and Cut Gap. Keep out!! 32(08)x51p Posted: No hunting, trespassing or ATV riding on surveyed property of W.L. and Charles Sturgill (former Steve and Alice Sturgill and Robert Floyd property) and adjoining prop-



erty of Charles Sturgill (former J.W. and Bessie Mahaffey property), all on Rockcastle River, near Powder Mill Branch near Mahaffey Hollow. No responsible for accidents. 12x1p

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

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

Posted: No trespassing, ATVs on land belonging to Billy Whitaker on Skaggs Creek. Posted: No trespassing on Crawford Place - Old Brodhead Road. Danny Smith. 47tfn

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. 25tfn

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

Mobile Homes For Sale

For Sale: Used doublewide. 1500 sq. ft., needs repair. Best offer. 859-582-5808. 9x4p Modular Home For Sale: 3 bedrooms, two baths, central heat and air, new roof. Under \$20,000 Maretburg Cemetery Road. Must be moved. Call

606-308-3163. 12x4p We Buy, Sell and Trade MoHomes, 2 miles north of Stanford on Hwy. 27. Ph. 606-365-9165. 11x4

Modular Homes! Constructed on your property. We finance! 100K loan for \$584 monthly. Great selection of manufactured homes as well! wac apr 5.75% 360 mo. 606-365-9119. 12x4

Liquidation Sale!!! Model homes prices slashed!! Prices will never again be this low!!! Conventional, FHA, Land/ Home loans and no down payment loans available. Millions to loan! 606-365-9119. 12x4 For Sale: 2006 Giles doublewide mobile home, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, front and rear deck, guttering and underpinning. Must be moved. All appliances including washer and dryer stay. Serious inquiries only. 758-4735 or 758-8994. 7tfn

Luv Homes of Somerset has government first time home buyer loans. 3BRs for \$287.33 monthly/240 months/\$35,000 amount financed/7.75 annual percentage rate/\$1,750 down payment. 606-676-0503. 12x1 **Abandoned Homes** *Families Needed.* Several to choose from. Low to zero down. Low mnthly payments -- on the lot financing. 606-676-0503. 12x1 Can't Get a Home Loan? If you have a deed or some cash, LUV Homes of Somerset may be able to help even if your credit's not what it was. Call now for pre-approval. 606-676-0503. 12x1

Factory Demo Sale! Get a new home for a used home price at LUV Homes. For a limited time with FREE washer and dryer. 606-676-0503. 12x1

1998 Fleetwood 28x44. 3BR doublewide. Super nice restored home. We have se3veral restored like new used 3BR mobile home with C/A and skirting. Fixed rate financing with low low monthly payments. D&D Mobile Homes, 2 miles north of Stanford on Hwy. 27. Ph. 365-9165. 10x4

Miscellaneous For Sale

For Sale: Seasoned firewood. \$45 large pick-up load, \$55 delivered. Call 606-308-3409 or 308-4751. 10x4p

Cookware- New Year 09 clearance! We stopped doing dinner parties! Have some beautiful 22 pc. sets left! Surgical Stainless Steel! 7-ply and new in box! Lifetime warranty! Were \$1899, first five callers buy for \$299. vaposeal.com 1-800-434-4628! 13x1p

For Sale: Mixed hay, \$5 bale. Cecil King, 606-510-3719. For Sale: Organic all-natural eggs. Med - \$1 dozen, large/ XLg. \$1.50 dozen. 606-256-8780. 9x4p

For Sale: Whirlpool washer and dryer, 1 year old, like new. White. Located in Mt. Vernon. Call 859-619-3284. 11x2p For Sale: American Harvest corn and pellet stove. Pipes come with it. Take \$1,200. Call 256-9214 or 256-8286. 10x4p

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

Carhartt stonewash denim ieans, relax or regular fit. \$26.50. Large selection of Carhartt rough and casual wear. Napier Brothers Clothing Store, 35 Public Square, Lancaster. 859-792-2535.



For Sale: AKC registered Lab puppies. \$250 ea. Call 859-302-3362. 3xntf



Found: Two dogs in Roundstone area. 256-5944.

> **For Sale** 1995 Chevy Blazer Needs Fuel Pump Call 510-4659 or 308-4228

Cumberland Valley Area Agency on Aging

The Cumberland Valley Area Agency on Aging is accepting proposals for the provision of Adult Day, Adult Day Health and/or Alzheimer's Respite Services for the period of July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2012. Complete specifications regarding the request for proposal may be received by contacting Kathy Frederick, Cumberland Valley Area Development District, 342 Old Whitley Road, P.O. Box 1740, London, Kentucky 40743-1740 or by calling 606-864-7391. All proposals must be received in the Cumberland Valley Area Development District office by 2 p.m. (EST) on February 27, 2009. All proposals must be sealed. The Area Agency on Aging reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

Public Hearing Notice

Under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (Public Law 88-578), citizens are afforded the opportunity to express their views concerning the recreational needs of their community. To provide a forum for discussion, an open meeting is being held on Thursday, February 19, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. in the Brodhead City Hall Building located at 7 West Main Street, Brodhead, Kentucky 40409. The public hearing is conducted by the City of Brodhead. The specific purpose of this meeting is to discuss among other recreation needs will be the City's intend to apply for Land and Water Conservation Funds



Woodstock/Bandy Community .7 mile off Hwy. 70 • Dead end location Approx. 3A Barn, tool shed, storage building, playhouse, paved driveway, brick-vinyl house with 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, sunroom, large kitchen with maple cabinets, appliances stay, finished

walk-out basement with complete second kitchen, fireplace, 2 zoned heat/air with wood stove for back-up, attached garage with shelving and cabinets. Adjoining 30 acres of land available.

Call 606-379-5515

to assist in the construction and other activities at the proposed "Brodhead Recreation Park". The proposed project will include picnic shelters, picnic tables, bathroom facilities, etc. Anyone with a significant supporting or opposing view is invited to voice that opinion at this meeting or in writing to: Land and Water Conservation Fund Program; Governor's Office, Department for Local Government, 1024 Capital Center Drive, Suite 340, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 within two (2) weeks of the date of the meeting.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is intended to inform the residents of Livingston, Rockcastle County, Kentucky, that the City of Livingston is in the process of closing out the City of Livingston Water System Improvements Project, CDBG 06-030. The project was funded in part by the Kentucky Community Development Block Grant Program. A public hearing will be held at Livingston City Hall on February 25, 2009 at 9 a.m. The purpose of this hearing is to review past use of funds and program performance. If there are any questions or comments about the project, please direct them to the following:

> Honorable Raymond "J.C." Griffin Mayor, City of Lvingston P.O. Box 654 • Livingston, Ky. 40445 TDD# 1-800-648-6057

Discrimination Clause

The City of Livingston does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion or disability and provides, upon request, reasonable accommodation, including auxiliary aids and services, to afford an individual with a disability an equal opportunity to participate in all services, programs and activities. Any person requiring special needs assistance should contact J.C. Griffin, Mayor, at 606-453-2061 at least five days prior to the meeting. The TDD number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-648-6057. Written comments will be received until the date of the hearing.



Help Wanted

RN Wanted: Registered Nurse needed for Rockcastle County Day Health Care Center. Please apply at the Mt. Vernon Senior Citizen Center or send resume to Rockcastle Co. Senior Citizens, P.O. Box 691, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456. For more information contact Sherry at 256-4316. EOE. 12x2

Need Good Moss pickers. \$3 for 50 lb. bagful or \$6 for 100 lb. bagful. 256-0620. 12x2 **Drivers:** Dedicated Runs! Top consistent freight, miles, top pay and home-time @ Werner Enterprises. 800-346-2818 x150. 7x7p

Epperson Air Conditioning • Heating • Plumbing • Electric is seeking HVAC mechanics and plumbers. Call 606-679-7476, 112 W. University Dr., Somerset, Ky. 42503. EOE and Drug free work place. 24xntf **AVON:** Earn money by selling Avon. 1-888-528-7875. 49xntf

Motor Vehicles For Sale

For Sale: 2001 Chevy S-10, 4.3 engine, 4x4, auto; 1996 GEO Prism, auto. 606-758-4127. 11x2p

For Sale: 1986 International Dump Truck TD466. Diesel engine, 7 speed transmission. 859-661-2814. 8xntf

For Sale: 1991 Nissan extended cab pickup. 4WD, motor runs but knocks. Asking \$500. 606-308-3089.

For Sale: Ford single axel road tractor. 300 Cummins diesel engine, 9 speed transmission. 859-661-2814. 8xntf

For Sale: 1988 Chevy, 4 wheel drive, needs transmission work. \$650 or best offer. 66-682-4069. 12x1p

For Sale: 1993 Ford F150 XL. Runs good, 100K, new radiator, brakes, tune-up. \$1,150 obo. 606-256-4240 or 440-520-5974. 12xp

For Sale: 8,000 watt generator, \$900 (used one time); 1991 Chevy Blazer, V8, cow hood, \$2,800; 1999 Ford Dually, extended cab, 7.3 diesel, 70K, \$12,500; 2004 Futian Tractor, 3 cyl. diesel, 4WD, front end loader, \$4,800; 2007 model 14x7x7 enclosed trailer - like new, \$3,800; 1964 Ford dump truck, only 39K, \$2,500; 1972 Chevy pick-up, \$2,000; 1989 Dodge camper van, \$3,800.

Professional Services

Gravel Hauling: Driveways, ets. 256-4695 or mobile 859-544-7730. 14xntf

Will sit with elderly or disabled in your home or nursing facility. Excellent references. Contact Patricia at 606-453-4884.

Will do general maintenance, electric, plumbing, remodeling of any kind. Reasonable rates. Contact Robert at 606-453-4884.

Overbay's Handyman Service. All home repair and tree cutting. 606-308-9549. 51tfn Jonathan Collins Remodeling and Repair Service. Home improvements of any kind from doors and windows to roofs and decks -will do it all. Any home, any problem, we're the ones to call. We also welcome insurance jobs. 606-256-5459. ntf

Jim Sandusky Roofing: Free estimates. Cell 1-859-983-7877. 40tfn

Larry's Seamless Guttering, Vinyl siding, soffit and replacement windows. Fully insured. Free estimates. 606-308-1030 or 606-758-4228. 44xntf Phelps Roofing. Owner Mike Phelps. Insured, references available, free estimates. 16 years experience. Ph. 606-758-8874. 41xntf

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Chorus members attend All-State Chorus Convention

Submitted by A. B. Sharpe

The Rockcastle County Music Department is proud to announce that four members of the RCHS Chorus attended the 2009 Kentucky All-State Chorus Convention in Louisville this past weekend. These members are senior Jaclyn Bullock, senior Carri Hunt, junior Michael Browning and sophomore Dalton Hutton. A very rigorous audition process was the first step in being selected to participate in this prestigious event. One audition prerequisite was an acapella 4-part prepared piece in a quartet. Acapella is singing without musical accompaniment. This is extremely difficult to do. Another requirement of the audition was performing a difficult passage of sight singing. Each of our students received some of the highest scores in the district, with sophomore Dalton Hutton receiving the highest tenor score in district 11! These same four students had also been chosen to participate in the SKMA All-Festival Choir Convention at the University of the Cumberlands last November.

Immediately upon arrival at the Hyatt Regency in Louisville, these students auditioned for the All-State talent show, along with other members of the SKMA All-Festival Choir. All four were chosen for a spot in the very competitive 2009 All-State talent showcase. After this they went directly to rehearsal, which consisted of intense work and study of many difficult musical compositions. In order to prepare adequately for their performances, rehearsals could run as long as 8 hours. Selected students are randomly placed in one of three different choirs. Jaclyn Bullock and Carri Hunt received places in the SSA (Soprano, Soprano, Alto) Women's Chorus, and Michael Browning and Dalton Hutton both received spots in the TTBB (Tenor, Tenor, Bass, Bass) Men's Chorus. The performances at the Kentucky Center in Louisville were truly breathtaking and reflected the hard work and dedication of each one of these students. Rockcastle County High School was well represented at this convention and the entire Rockcastle County Music Department is extremely proud of their accomplishments. Bravo Jaclyn, Carri, Michael and Dalton! The RCHS Advanced Chorus and auditioned Chamber Choir are now preparing for the Spring Concert which will be scheduled in late April. This concert will take you back in

time to the 1970's where you will be entertained with creative and upbeat 70's music and medleys. Every spring the RCHS Chorus looks forward to showing off their "Show Choir" abilities. We hope you will join us for this fun and entertaining event!

RCHS Winterguard to Perform

The RCHS Winterguard team gave a sneak preview of their show Tuesday night for those fortunate to be in attendance at the basketball game. Their show is built around the music Coldplay's "Viva La Vida", which just won Song of the Year at the 2009 Grammy Awards. It is an energetic and dynamic demonstration of precision choreography wedded to gymnastic dance. Under the dedicated direction of Jessica Stallsworth and Tasha Ramsey the team has been working hard on this show and the necessary skills and dance techniques since early December.

Many long hours rehearsing, through holidays and snow, have been in preparation for the competition that takes place this Saturday. They are competing for the first time this Saturday at Bryan Station High School in Lexington. More than 10 other local high schools will also be competing. The performances start at 9:30 AM and will end around 5 PM. The RCHS Winterguard is scheduled to perform at 1:30 PM.

The RCHS Winterguard team of 14 talented and committed students is comprised of 12 girls and 2 guys. They are: seniors Samantha Bullen and Morgan Harper, juniors Johnna Ballard and Michael Browning sophomores Rachel Hemsley and Catherine Hounshell, freshmen Christa Doan, Josh Stallsworth, and Cassie Taylor, 8th graders Laiken Bailey, Heather Bradley, Sarah Burdine and Cassie Hounshell, and 7th grader Mackenzie Craig.

Upcoming events in February:

Sunday, February 22nd -The Central Kentucky Concert Band is celebrating the 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birth with a free concert at Haggin Auditorium of the Mitchell Fine Arts Center of Transylvania University in Lexington. This is an opportunity to experience the music Lincoln enjoyed. The concert will feature renowned soprano Ms. Anjelique Clay. Rockcastle Director Music Greg Daugherty has been a member of the Central Kentucky Concert Band for the past 3 years and will be playing the tuba as part of the celebration. The curtain goes up at 3 p.m. and the public is welcome.

Saturday, February 28th -The RCHS Winterguard competes at Campbell County High School.

Upcoming events scheduled for March:

March 17th - RCMS 7th and 8th Grade Band perform at the KMEA District Concert Band Festival

March 18th - RCHS Concert Band perform at the KMEA District Concert Band Festival.

March 14th - Winterguard will compete in the Tristate Circuit Competition at Elizabethtown High School.

March 28th - Winterguard will compete in the Tristate Circuit Championship Finals at Ryle High School.

And don't forget about the Band Booster events scheduled for April.

April 17th - The Rockcastle High School Band Boosters invite you to their 4th annual Theme Party and Auction, Friday evening, April 17th in the RCHS cafeteria at 6:00pm.

This delightful event offers an evening of catered dining and live entertainment by members of the RCHS band. It also features an auction of items of interest during the dinner. There will also be door prizes and plenty of fun. Proceeds from this annual event benefit the RCHS Marching Rockets. The Marching Rockets will begin preparations for their 2009 Marching Season in May and they will continue to rehearse throughout the summer and into the fall. The Marching Rockets, who were moved to Class AAAA competition last season, are looking forward to another exciting season as they set their sights on a second State Finals appearance.

Tickets for the Theme Party and Auction are \$12, special rates are available for groups of we ask that you reserve your seat in advance. For tickets, general information, or to find out how you can become a table sponsor, contact Sherry Harper 606-758-9963 or Connie Taylor 859-623-2404. If you have an auction item you would like to donate, contact Ann Craig 606-758-0160.

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great deal already, but we are

only eight days into our work.

We are focusing on long-term

needs now, but very soon we

will be making the tough

choices needed to get us

through our current fiscal situ-

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to give me your opinion and

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7181 or by e-mailing me at

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Senate Week in Review...

By Ed Worley, State Senator Lawmakers returned to the Capitol this week after a threeweek hiatus, but we have hardly been taking a break. Our

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mittee has been hearing from executive branch officials about potential cuts to state services and ideas to bridge

the gap. On Wednesday night, the Governor delivered his State of the Commonwealth Address, detailing his proposals for eliminating our State's \$456 million deficit, which must be addressed immediately.

We are working with our colleagues in the House of Representatives to develop a bipartisan plan to tackle this immense problem - - one shared by almost every other state. We hope to see a consensus emerge from the House in the next couple of weeks so we can get to work on the legislation we need to deal with our short-term needs. In the meantime, we have also focused on the generations to come. We want to ensure that Kentucky can continue to grow its economy and provide a bright future to our children and grandchildren.

We dealt with this long-term vision in two ways this past week: by aiming for better schools and by combating the scourge of drugs that plagues our citizens.

We passed two bills this week designed to get people the help they need in kicking the drug habit. The overwhelming bulk of the growth in prison spending relates to drug-related offenders. Housing prisoners costs a lot of tax money, and this is compounded by the fact that these felons have a tough time re-entering society and

holding a steady job, further

eroding our tax base. If we want

to build our economy, we have

to do better than simply lock-

ing people up. We have to treat

the problem to make sure that

once they leave prison, they can

create a better life for them-

selves and their families. In

many cases, we can heal their

problems without them going

Senate Bill 4, we hope, will

do just that. If it becomes law,

SB 4, which I cosponsored,

would allow people to be

screened for drugs almost as

soon as they are arrested. As a

condition of bail, the judge

could require outpatient drug

treatment and counseling. One

problem we often see is that

offenders commit other crimes

while out on bail because they

are still addicted. When they go

before the judge, they are then

multiple offenders and receive

longer sentences. Under SB 4,

these offenders could beat their

addiction, stay clean and

straight, and lead a normal life

to prison in the first place.

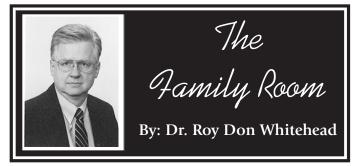
without going to prison.

Substance abusers with more serious problems could volunteer for more intensive treatment in a secure facility, much like a minimum security prison. The program would last three months to a year, giving them the opportunity to completely focus on improving their life and eliminating the influence of drugs. In both the outpatient and inpatient programs, follow-up counseling and long-term monitoring would ensure that offenders become productive members of

The war on drugs, of course, must be fought on multiple fronts. We also passed SB5, which would give law enforcement agencies better tools to keep drugged drivers off the road. We have specific standards for drivers who consume alcohol - a 0.08 BAC is the law — but it is much more difficult to convict drivers with meth, cocaine, or other controlled substances in their systems. SB 5 would presume that any controlled substance in the blood is a violation unless it is part of a valid prescription taken correctly.

Our DUI laws have been successful at keeping dangerous drivers off our streets and highways, but we can take that success further. To protect our families when they travel, we can get drug users off the roads and into a treatment program.

The other focus of the week





society.

Muscle Cars on Main at Rockcastle Middle School. New this year, the Band Boosters are planning a Car Show to be hosted by none other than our own "Country" Charlie Napier. The show will include trophies for individual class winners, commemorative dash plaques for the first 25 to vehicles registered, food, door



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(Today's column is written by Darlene Thomas, Executive Director of the Bluegrass Domestic Violence Program in Lexington, Kentucky.)

As an advocate for domestic violence victims, I would like to respond to the domestic violence incident in Estill County.

On Sunday, Jan. 4 Isaac Lee Cornett was shot by his 16year-old son after he threatened his wife with a knife. Unfortunately, it is very common for an older child to intervene in the defense of his mother or other siblings against the battering behavior of the father. The Bluegrass Domestic Violence Program is greatly saddened that yet another family has had to experience the tragic results of the effects that violent behavior can have on both victims and their children.

The experience of this family is not unique. A newly released National Crime Victimization Survey shows a tremendous increase in the U.S. in violence against women. The survey also reported that among all violent crimes, incidences of domestic violence, rape and sexual assault had the largest increases. The number of violent crimes committed by intimate partners against women increased from 389,100 in 2005 to 554,260 in 2007. By comparison, the number of violent crimes against men by intimate partners went down.

Although the numbers are overwhelmingly under-reported, they indicate that intimate partner violence is a widespread and pervasive problem in our country and thus in our community. The prevalence is staggering, with one in four women being physically abused at some point in her life.

We also know that most incidents (80 to 90 percent) of intimate partner abuse are witnessed by children (Children of Domestic Violence, 2000) and that growing up in a violent home can be a terrifying and

traumatic experience. Children who are exposed to batterers' ongoing abusive behaviors are found to show more anxiety, depression, traumatic symptoms and temperamental problems than other children. We also know that a child's exposure to one parent abusing another is the strongest risk factor for transmitting violent behavior from one generation to the next (Children Living with Domestic Violence, May 2002).

Because of the perpetual fear and intimidation, intimate partner violence renders both adult and child victims powerless. I have heard and read comments that the adult victim should have left before the situation had an opportunity to escalate. The reality, however, is that many families in our community remain trapped in a violent home, and for many leaving may be a life-threatening option.

I feel compelled to clarify that the responsibility for the damage done to families belongs with the person who engages in violent, threatening behavior as a means to control and intimidate. As a community, we must focus on holding the perpetrators of violence accountable for their behavior and provide the resources to help protect and support victims of violence and their children.

No child should ever have to shoot a parent to protect a family member or himself, and no adult victim should have to stay in an abusive situation because we as a community blame her rather than hold the batterer accountable. It is the batterers' choice to engage in abusive behavior which causes the harm. And that is where the accountability lies.

(For help call Family Life Abuse Center at 800-755-5348.)

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