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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 Tuesday'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 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 Superintendent Larry Hammond's employment contract.

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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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 newly-elected 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.



School Superintendent 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 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.

Larkey, who was an assistant 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

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 have known my whole life and I am nervous about leaving this environment, but I am getting

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

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

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

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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Still no arrests in tire slashing at Rehab Center in Brodhead

Rockcastle Sheriff Mike 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.

The sheriff said sometime

between 5 a.m. and 7 a.m., someone slashed the tires on five private vehicles, as well as on the center's transportation bus.

Peters said all four tires on some of the private vehicles

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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

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.

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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chian Project has not been exempt from the current economic conditions.

Those conditions have resulted 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

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Editor's Notes

By Richard Anderkin



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 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

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

After July's tax rate increase, 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 probably generate another \$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.

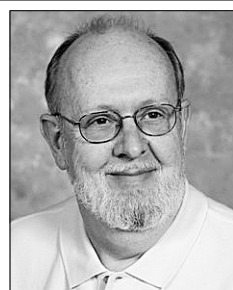
Council members are also the only ones who could, and did, approve the borrowing of \$750,000 for the Rockcastle Tourism Commission which enabled the commission to purchase 20 acres of property at Renfro Valley where they want to build a new tourism center, or "Castle."

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 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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Rockcastle Memories

By David J. Griffin

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 activities.

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

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.

Martin, who was born in the

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 I.

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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 humorous, 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 rhythm.



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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".

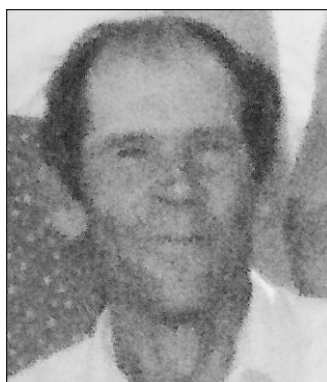
Those left to cherish her memory include: two children, Norietta Thompson of Brodhead and James A. "Jimmy" (Sarah) Brown of Harrodsburg; seven grandchildren, Rick Thompson of Brodhead, Scott (Pamela) Brown of Harrodsburg, Eddie (Kris) Thompson of London, Tina (Bobby) Cloyd of Harrodsburg, Jay Brown of 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 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



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 Cynthiana, 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 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

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.



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

Honorary pallbearers were: Addison Cunningham, Corey Cunningham, Dustin 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.



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 incarceration 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 Funeral 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 Baptist 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.

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Nieces and Nephews

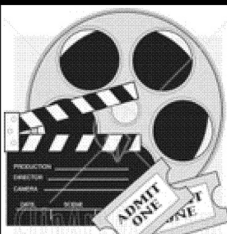
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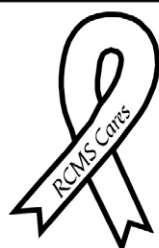
McKinney Cemetery now accepting bids

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

The maintenance shall include: - mowing and weed eating the entire 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.

A Night of HOPE



RCMS Leadership Team would like to invite cancer survivors to a celebration dinner.

Thursday, February 12, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Hosted by Rockcastle County Middle School

This event is FREE. It will feature inspirational speaker and cancer survivor Markita Mink and every cancer survivor will receive a gift.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to 256-5118.

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“TJ’s Journal”

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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 co-worker 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 house—the 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.

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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...

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Fireproof Fellowship

A February “Fireproof” Fellowship will be held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church on Sunday, February 15, 2009 at 5 p.m. Come, enjoy homemade soups, sandwiches, desserts and more. After dinner, we will be enjoying the movie *Fireproof*. Everyone is invited to attend.

Revival

Sand Springs Baptist

Church continues in revival at 7 o’clock nightly. Evangelist is Dennis Doan. Pastor Bob Bradley and congregation welcome everyone.

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 Pennington Family.

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Minds in the Middle

This Thursday evening, the 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

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 WRVW "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.

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



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-

tucky Bar.

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."



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.



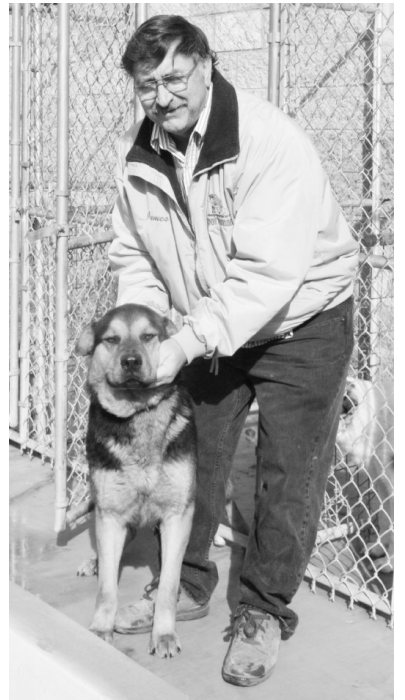
Beth Wesley

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



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 10-month-old part German Shepherd and part Saint Bernard, which has been at the shelter for only a short time. There are still several other dogs and pups now up for adoption. The adoption fee is \$20. The animal shelter is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., except for Tuesday when it is closed from noon to 2 p.m. For more information call (606) 256-1833 or go online at www.pets911.com.



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"What Is Written"

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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 deceived by pseudo miracles claims, believe God.

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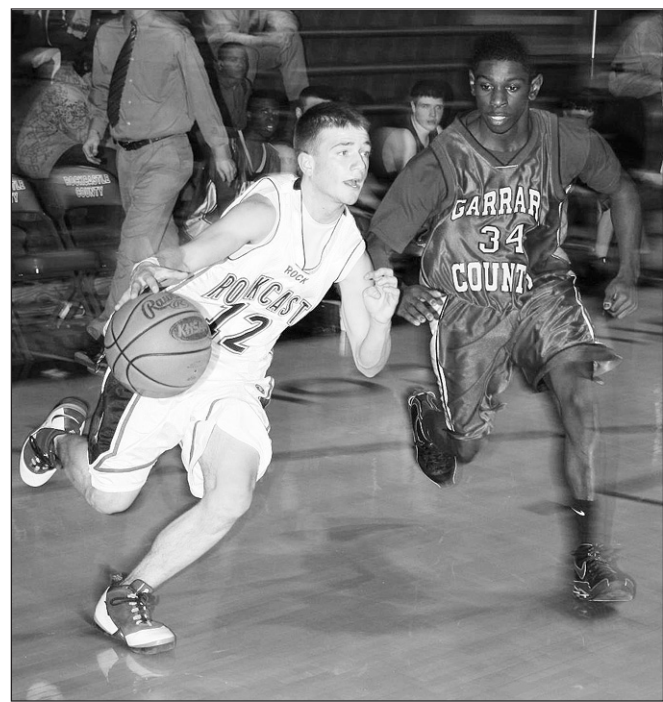
Lady Rocket senior Ashley Robinson goes for two of her eight points against North Laurel last Friday night. Robinson was one of seven seniors who were honored on Monday night, before they defeated McCreary Central. Lady Rocket senior night photos will appear in next week's Signal.



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.



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

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

rebounded to defeat Madison Southern, 46-37 on Monday night and Garrard County 58-30 on Tuesday night.

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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.

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

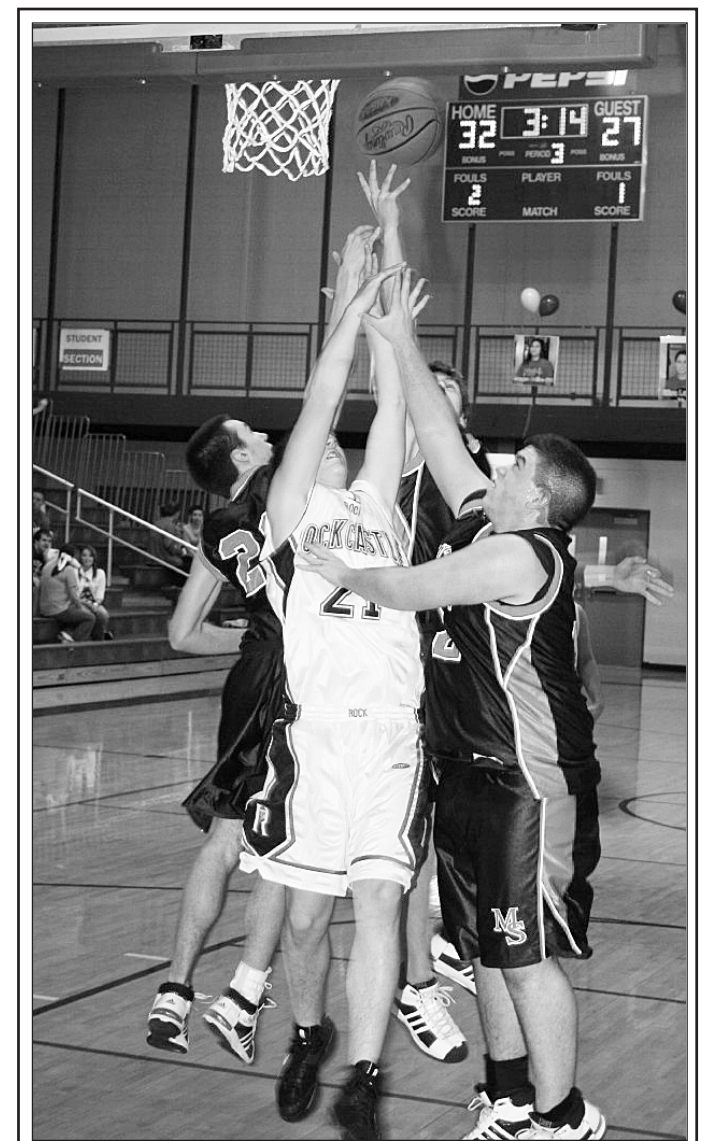
the loss of Bryan Clontz for the season. Clontz tore his ACL early in the first quarter.

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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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.

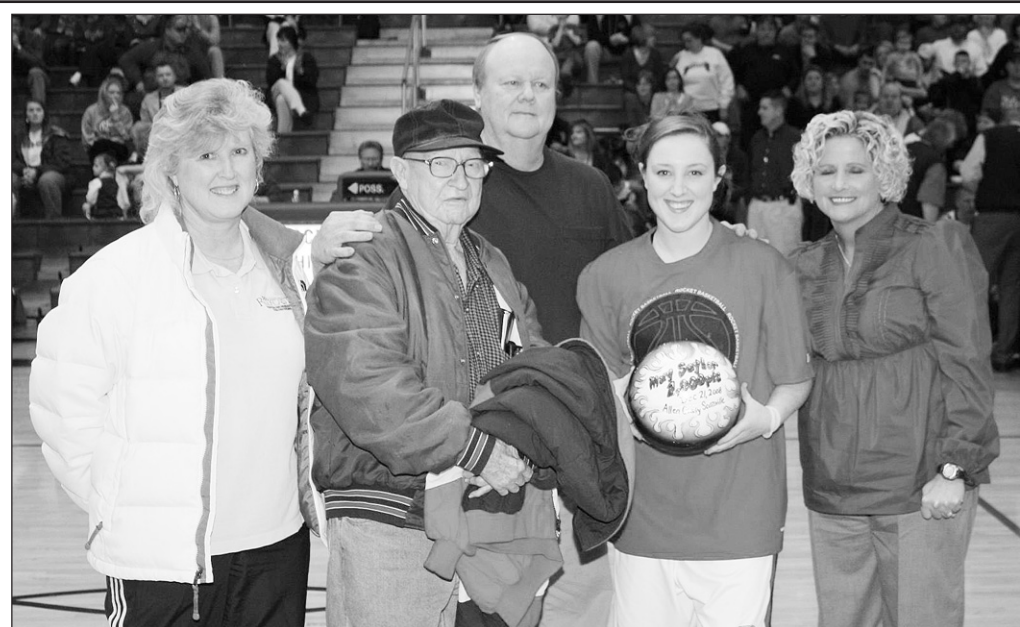
Feb. 2nd at Corbin RCHS 48 - Corbin 82

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.

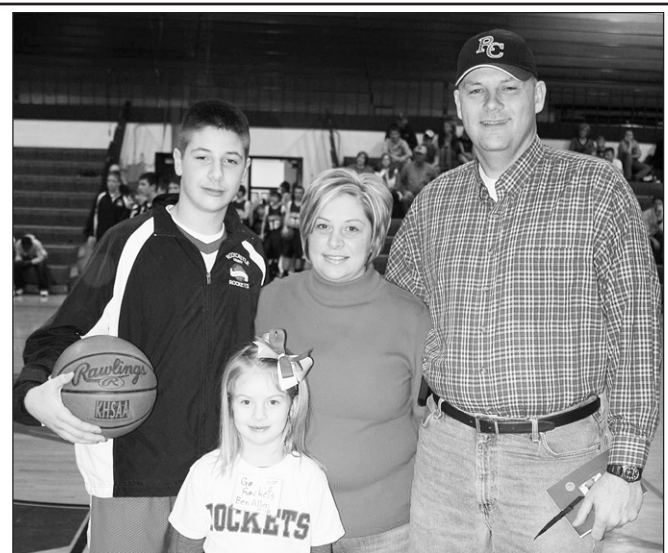


Rockcastle County High School Lady Rocket point guard Mary Saylor was honored last Friday night for joining the Lady Rockets' 1,000 point club. Saylor, who currently has nearly 1,200 points in her career at RCHS, has started for the Lady Rockets for the past four seasons. She is shown above with her 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.

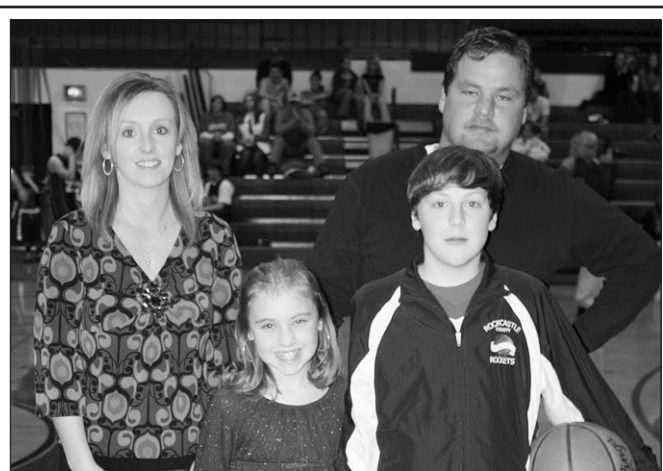


Members of the RCHS boy's freshman team, which finished runner-up in the freshman district tournament on Saturday at Casey County are shown above, from left: Jadan Kelly, Zach Walker, Ben Lake, Jordan Whitaker, Will Reynolds, Cody Noe and Zach Reams. Standing behind his team is coach, Matt Brown.

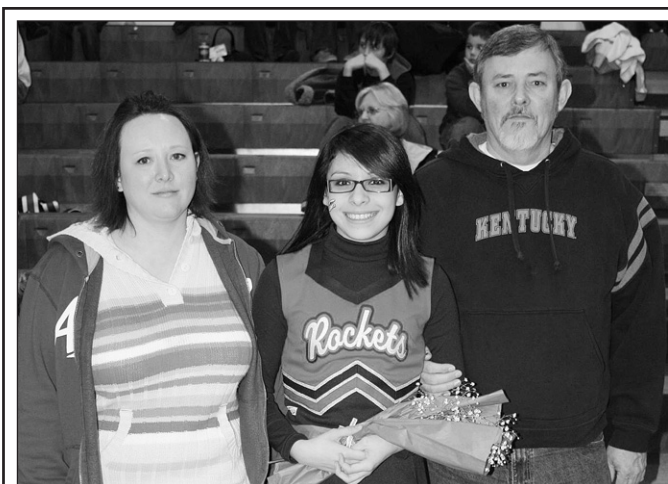
RCMS Eighth Graders Honored



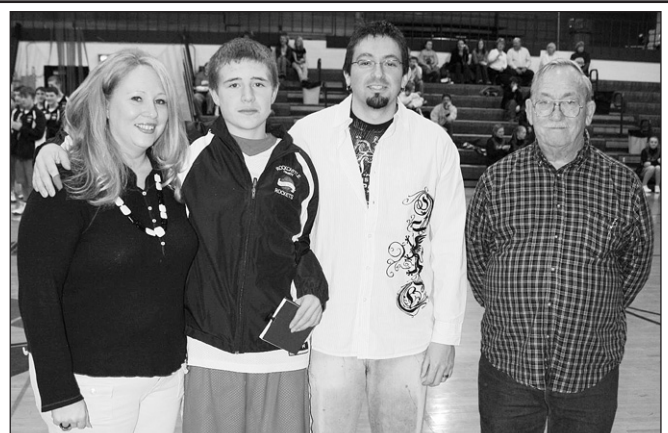
Rockcastle County Middle School 8th grade basketball players, cheerleaders, their parents and escorts were honored before their last home game against Garrard County on January 22nd. Shown above is player Ben Allen with parents, Darren and Danetta and sister Bailee. (8th grade night photos by: Kevin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



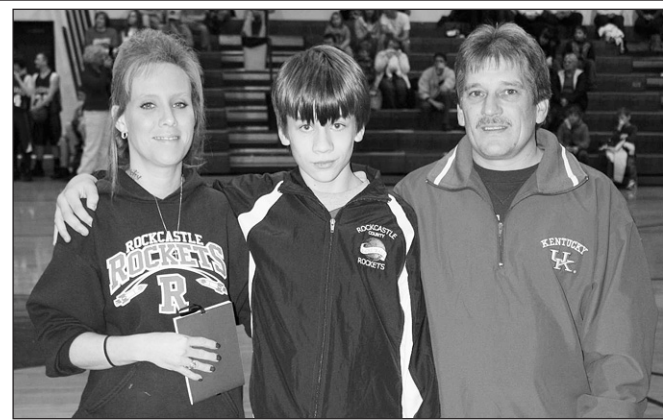
Shown above is Jacob Lawson with parents, Jessica and Mark and little sister, ArieAnna.



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



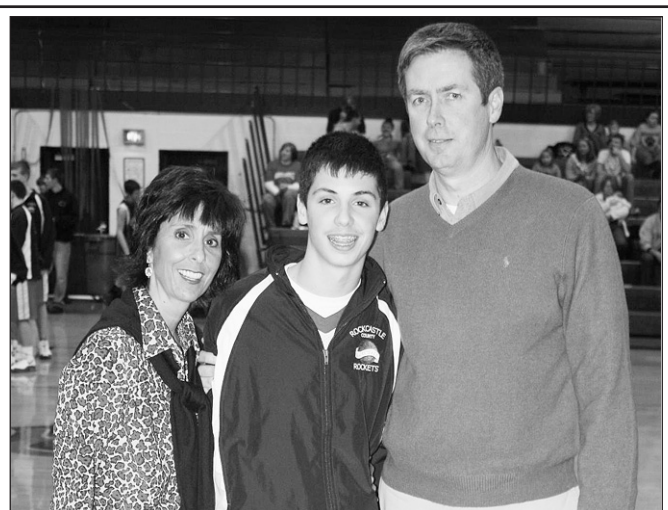
Shown above is player Bryson Amyx with parents, Beth and Brandon Abney and grandfather, Harold Amyz.



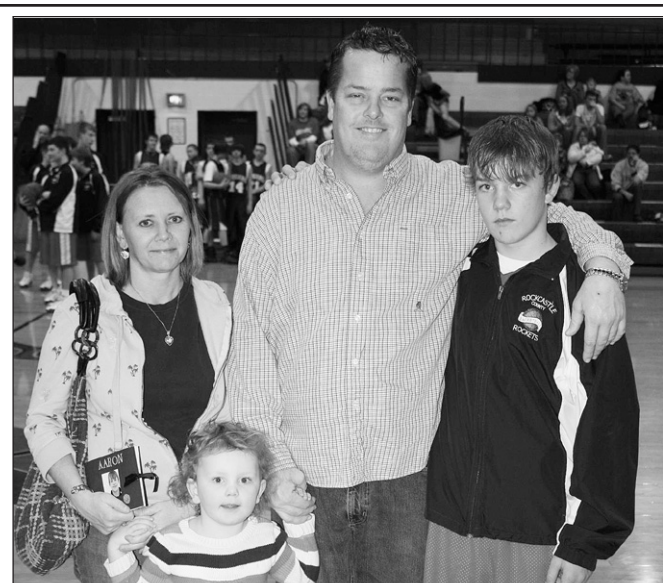
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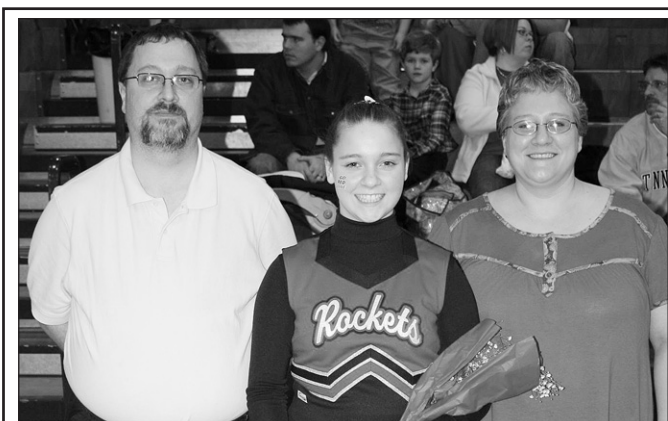
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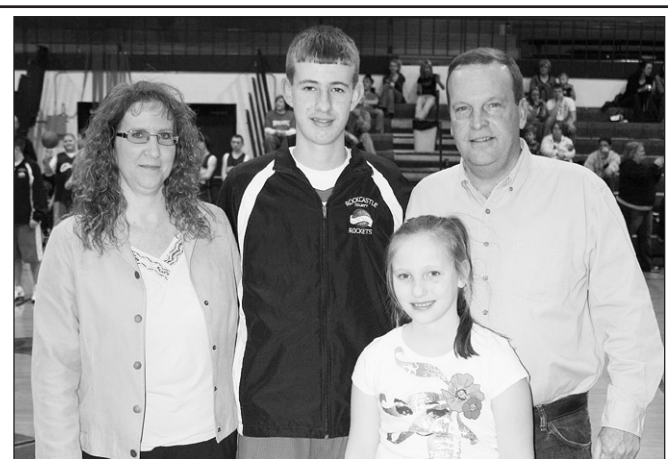
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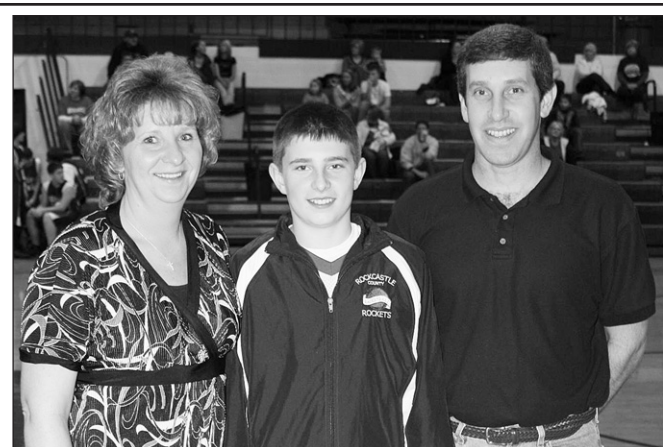
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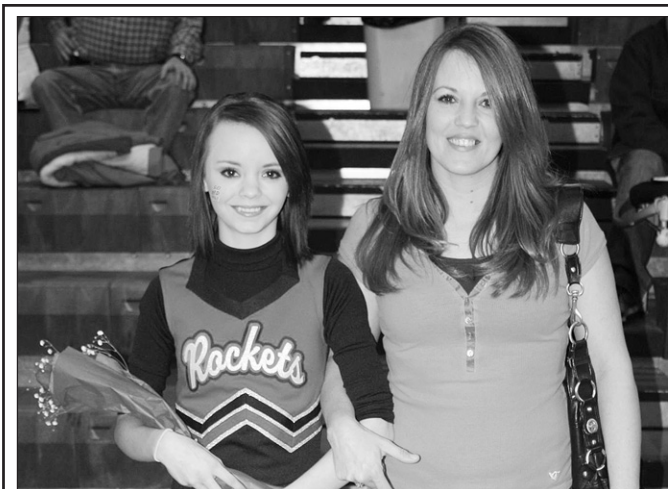
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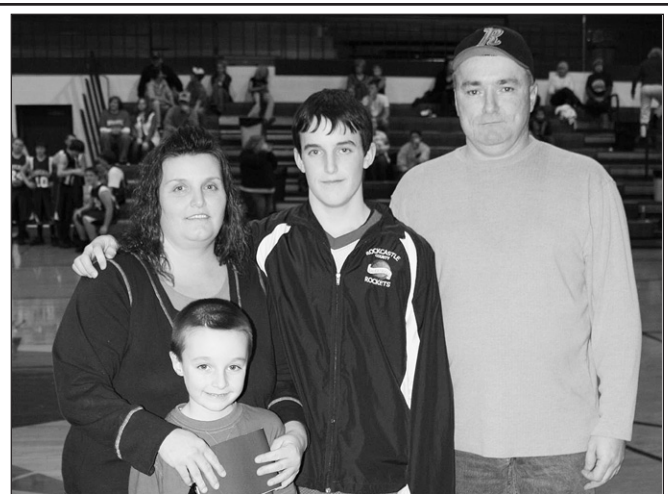
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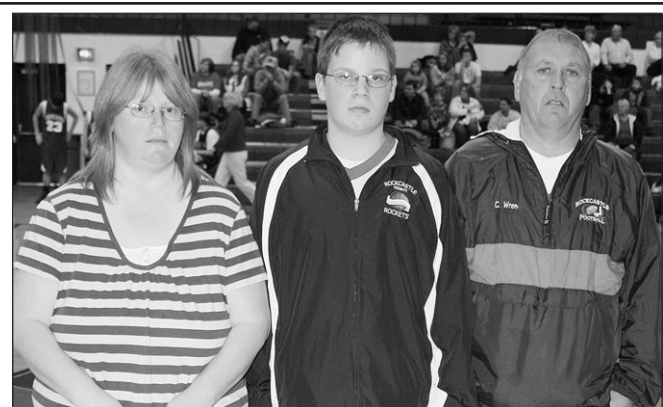
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Shown above is cheerleader Maranda Didonato with mom, Sherry Didonato.



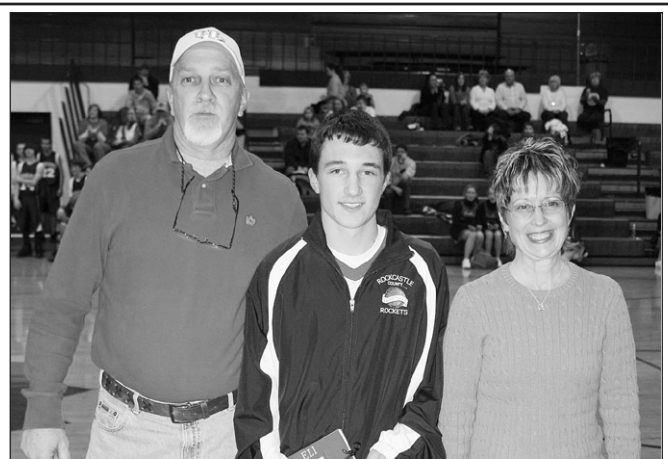
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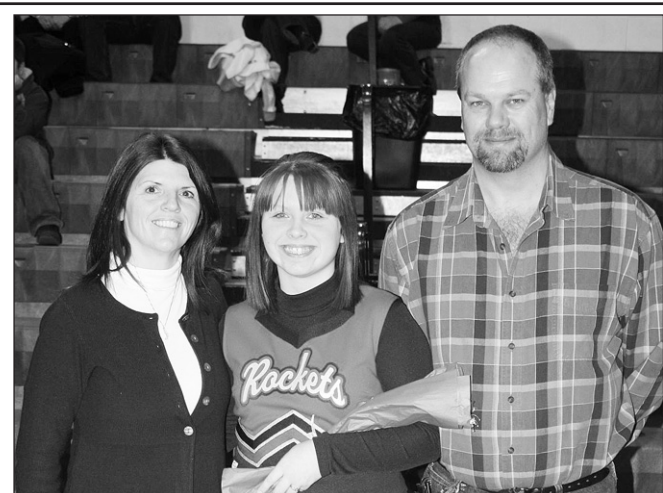
Shown above is Chris Wren, with parents, Jennie and Mike Wren.



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



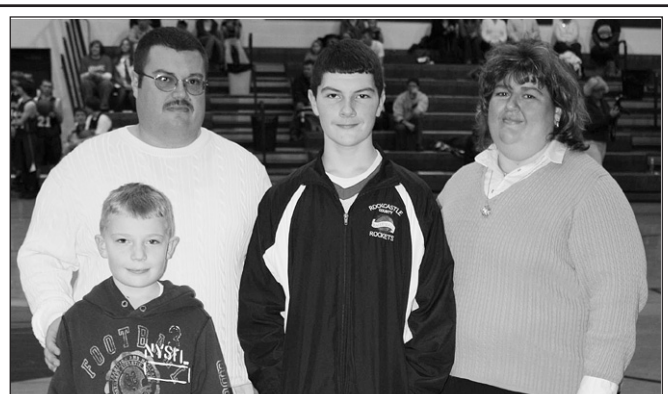
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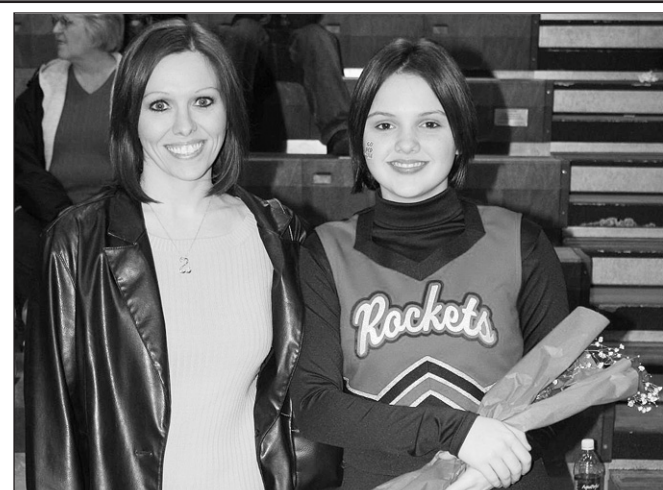
Shown is cheerleader Hannah Tyler with parents, Sandy and John Tyler.



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



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.

“Lady Rockets” (Cont. from A8)

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.

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

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

RCMS 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 RCMS record-setting 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 RCMS record-setting 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.



RCMS junior Samantha Smith is ranked nationally in the 60-meter dash after breaking her own RCMS 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.



RCMS senior Sarah McKinney is ranked nationally in the 60-meter hurdles after breaking her own RCMS 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.

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 55-meter 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, McKinney, 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 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 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.

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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.

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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.*



There were a variety of activities that took place in the county over the weekend, including some touch-up work, thanks to the warm winter weather. Above, Brandon Tyree, who was working for Larry Coffey Construction, is shown putting caulk into the concrete on Richmond Street in front of the Health Department in Mt. Vernon in an effort to finish up the project, which began last summer.



Eight-year-old Keaton Renfro took his nine-month-old sister, Ainslee, for a sleigh ride in 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.

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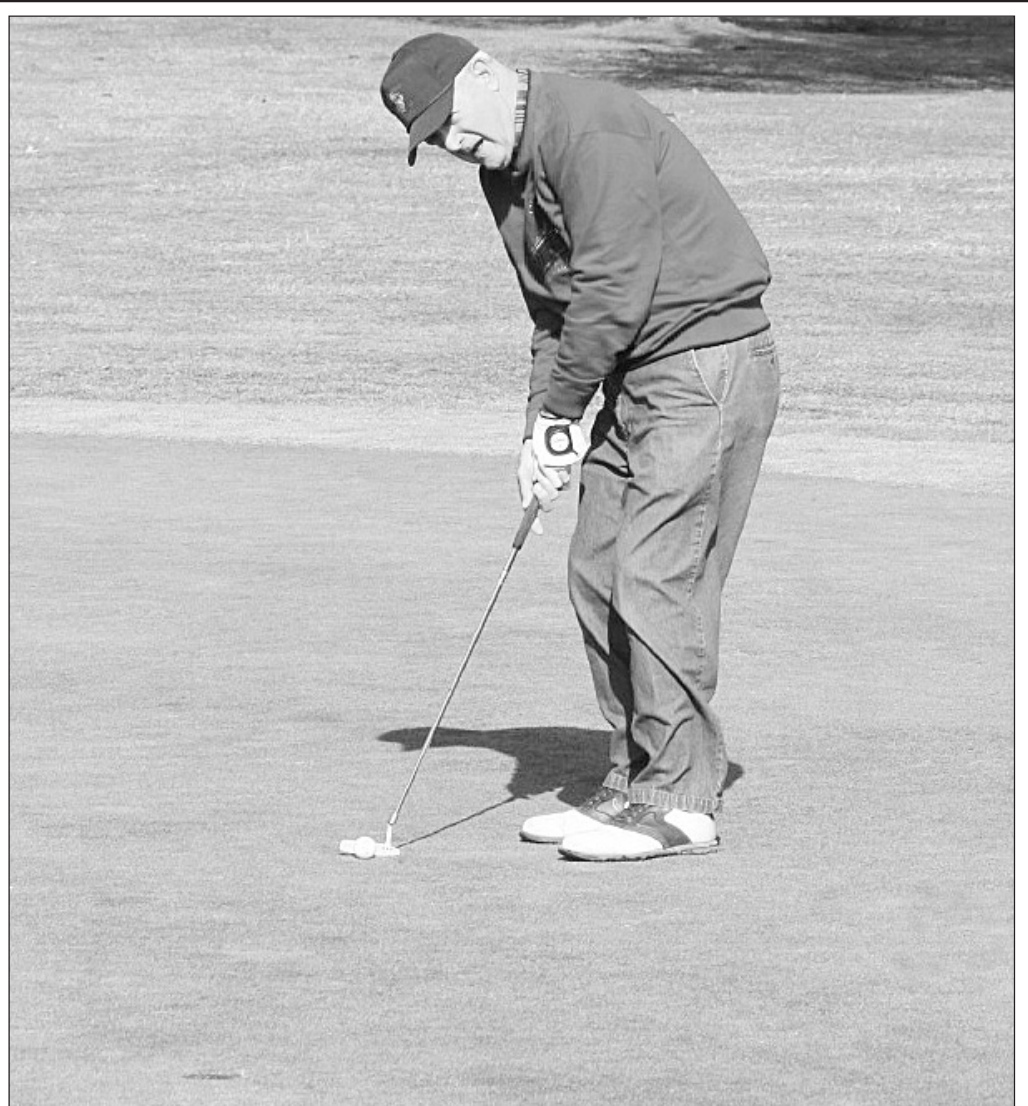
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82-year-old Dale Bray, of Mareburg, took advantage of the warmer winter weather on Saturday when he played 18 holes of golf at Cedar Rapids Recreation Center. Bray was among many Rockcastle countians who got outside this weekend after the mercury climbed 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.

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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.

Deeds Recorded

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

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, \$9,905.27 plus 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.

District Court

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

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

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.
 To be eligible for NAP assistance and other FSA Disaster Assistance Programs, producers harvesting crops must purchase NAP coverage for which the catastrophic risk protection level of crop insurance is not available.

Eligible producers must apply for coverage of noninsurable crops using Form CCC-471, "Application for Coverage," and pay the applicable service fees at their local FSA office. The application and service fees must be filed by the application closing date as established by the producer's FSA state committee. The service fee is the lesser of \$250 per crop or \$750 per producer per administrative county, not to exceed a total of \$1,875 per producer with farming interests in multiple counties.

The natural disaster must occur before or during harvest and must directly affect the eligible crop. An eligible natural disaster is any of the following:
 • damaging weather, such as drought, freeze, hail, excessive moisture, excessive wind or hurricanes;
 • an adverse natural occurrence, such as earthquake or flood; or
 • a condition related to damaging weather or an adverse natural occurrence, such as excessive heat, disease or insect infestation.
 Limited resource producers may request a waiver of service fees. Limited resource producer status can be determined using the USDA Limited Resource Farmer and Rancher Online Self Determination Tool at web address http://

www.lrftool.sc.egov.usda.gov/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.
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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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ACROSS

1	Madison Co. hamlet, or a Texas city	5	Gorge	10	Pretends	14	Food thickener	15	One of Columbus's ships	16	Former name of Carrollton, KY, __ William	17	Dress	18	Fur capitalist	19	Spicy cuisine	20	Headlight setting	22	Number of KY's original counties	24	Springs in Johnson Co., Valley in Wayne	25	He entered the US Senate from KY in 1985	30	Pro's opposite	31	Sharp	32	KY's youngest st. univ.	33	Lab eggs	34	Revise	36	Journey	40	Be sick	41	Approx.	42	Photo __	45	Sash	46	Not as much	48	Kentuckian, country singer __ Johns	50	Physique	51	Alias preceder	54	Whiz	55	Halt	56	KY's 27th and 37th governor, and a US representative and senator for KY	61	Number of KY	62	Luau dish	63	Banned pesticide	64	With 60 Down, author and NPR broadcast journalist	66	Steamed	70	"Dream on!"	73	Icelandic epic	74	Kentuckian, WWII icon, __ the Riveter	75	Fashion	76	Appear to be	77	It may be outdoors at several KY state parks	78	Kentuckian, former White House Press Secretary "Tony"	27	Athletic events	28	MSNBC rival	29	Cashew, e.g.	30	KY's primary fuel source	35	Column style	37	KY's smallest county in population	38	Durable wood	39	He posted 314 victories as EKU football coach	43	Henry VIII's sixth	44	Grate	47	Ed.'s request	49	WTVQ-Lexington, WHAS-Louisville, WBKO-Bowling Green	52	Troopers org. in the Commonwealth	53	On the train	56	Kentuckian, invented portable refrigeration units	57	Positive pole	58	A KY county bounded by Ohio R. on N and NE	59	Lexington Legends league, e.g.	60	See 64 Across	65	Lunch meat	67	Govt. property org.	68	Net holder	69	Vote for	71	Marriage words	72	Small number
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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 Jaelyn 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 a cappella 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. Jaelyn 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 Jaelyn, 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 Music Director 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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Senate Week in Review...

By Ed Worley, State Senator

Lawmakers returned to the Capitol this week after a three-week hiatus, but we have hardly been taking a break. Our budget committee 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 locking people up. We have to treat the problem to make sure that once they leave prison, they can create a better life for themselves and their families. In many cases, we can heal their problems without them going to prison in the first place.

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

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 society.

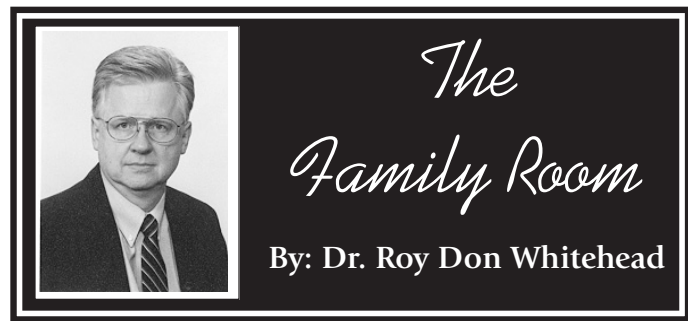
The war on drugs, of course, must be fought on multiple fronts. We also passed SB5, which would give law enforcement agencies better tools to keep drugged drivers off the road. We have specific standards for drivers who consume alcohol - a 0.08 BAC is the law - but it is much more difficult to convict 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

was on our schools. We approved legislation, Senate Joint Resolution 19, directing the Department of Education to redesign the State's math curriculum. The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics has found that with so many lessons to learn every year, students cannot concentrate on the most important concepts. Teachers need fewer, clearer guidelines that allow them to go more in depth on key areas. Cities like Singapore and Hong Kong, which are among the highest achievers on worldwide math tests, have successfully used this approach, and we think it will work for our students as well. The economy of the future will be based on math and science skills, and our students must master the basics if they hope to have high-paying jobs. Strong math skills will also reduce the number of students taking remedial coursework when they get to college, saving their families money immediately.

We have accomplished a 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 situation. I hope you all continue to give me your opinion and input by calling our Legislative Message Line at 1-800-372-7181 or by e-mailing me at ed.worley@lrc.ky.gov.



The Family Room
By: Dr. Roy Don Whitehead

(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 16-year-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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