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## County, cities seeking federal stimulus money

**By: Richard Anderkin**  
Just like the rest of the county and city governments in the United States, Rockcastle County's governing bodies are seeking their fair share of the monies from President Barack Obama's \$787 billion stimulus package, which he signed into

law last month. Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear said last week that the state will reap about \$3 billion over the next 28 months and lawmakers have already given him authority to spend the money. Although no official an-

ouncement has been made, local officials, including Rockcastle Judge-Executive Buzz Carloftis said he thought announcements on which projects would be funded first would come very soon from the governor's office. The Rockcastle Fiscal Court

has requested the most money from the President's stimulus package. The court has requested money for seven different projects of their own as well as for two water association projects. The court is requesting \$2.7

million for reconstruction and construction at Rockcastle Business Park South for the construction of a new road, needed utilities to the park and purchase of a 20 acre site. If the county receives that money they will pay off a loan already in the works from the Kentucky

Association of Counties. The court is also requesting: \$2.5 million for the construction of the SourceCorp building, which is currently underway and which funding has already been secured from Com-

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Project Manager Jim Holton told the Rockcastle Industrial Development Board of Directors on Monday, that although some construction problems have been incurred and the weather has not cooperated, the new Sourcecorp building, shown above under construction, is still close to being on scheduled for completion in June. (Photo by: Richard Anderkin)

## IDA accepts Goff's bid of \$307K for access road

At Monday's regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle Industrial Development Authority, board members accepted the low bid of \$306,950 from Goff Excavating of Ottawa for construction of the new access road from Hwy. 150 to Rockcastle Busi-

ness Park South. The new access road will replace Common Loon Road and extend across the recently purchased 20 acre site, which adjoins the current Industrial Park where B & H Tools is now

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## Wildie residents form Neighborhood Watch

After a couple of homes were broken into recently in the Wildie area, a Neighborhood Watch association has been formed.

The association has placed signs at highway locations in and around the Wildie area, according to Sue Reed, of Brodhead, who has been attempting to help organize Neighborhood Watch organizations throughout Rockcastle

County since August of last year.

According to Reed, besides placing the signs, the Wildie group has also sponsored classes in home protection and self defense which were taught by Rockcastle Deputy Sheriff Shannon Franklin.

The group has also completed the first and second

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### State questions eligibility

## County helps water associations apply for federal stimulus money

**By: Richard Anderkin**  
President Barack Obama and Congress recently enacted a \$787 billion federal stimulus spending measure to put more money into circulation through the construction of public works projects.

The Western Rockcastle Water Association and the Eastern Rockcastle Water Association both want a piece of the funding for two water projects they already have planned. The \$787 billion was passed directly to the 50 states whose

governors want to receive and administer the stimulus funding, with the purpose being to jump-start the economic slow-down by giving a jolt to construction projects.

A deadline of this past Friday was issued by Governor Steve Beshear's office to have all stimulus funding projects submitted, including the two for Western and Eastern Water Associations.

In addition to the fiscal court's various projects, which also seek stimulus monies, both Eastern Rockcastle and Western Rockcastle water associations submitted requests totaling \$1,596,000. Eastern is seeking \$796,000 and Western \$800,000.

On Friday afternoon, County Judge-Executive Buzz Carloftis' office was informed by the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA), an arm of the state, that the water associations were not eligible to apply. Judge Carloftis immediately e-mailed and telephoned

both State Rep. Danny Ford and State Sen. Ed Worley asking what could be done to help the water associations.

Judge Carloftis said both men were rightly concerned and forthcoming with any available information they had, and he thanked them for staying in contact during the afternoon.

The judge also spoke directly numerous times with a representative of the KIA asking why the associations were not eligible to apply.

Carloftis said that according to the information received, the associations could not apply simply because they are considered 'private' businesses.

The judge pointed out that the associations are also recognized as 'public utilities', which should have accounted for something in their effort to expand water service and their eligibility for the funding. The judge went on to say that he

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### Second arrest in two weeks at Dollar General

## Corbin man charged with shoplifting Friday

Last Friday afternoon, officers of the Mt. Vernon Police Department responded to a shoplifting complaint at the Dollar General Store on Hwy. 150 in Mt. Vernon.

Upon arrival, officers discovered that store manager, Glenda Blevins was attempting to detain Jamie L Cromer, 20, of East Caldwell Road in Corbin, for shoplifting.

In a news release, Mt. Vernon Police Chief Terry Jackson said that when Blevins

attempted to stop Cromer he fled the scene on foot.

While doing so he ran over Blevins and knocked her to the concrete sidewalk. She received minor injuries and was taken to the Rockcastle Hospital for treatment, according to the news release.

Approximately 15 minutes later, Chief Jackson, Sgt. Ed Robinson and Constable David Mason located Cromer and ar-

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This Neighborhood Watch sign is posted at the entrance to Wildie, from U.S. 25, giving fair notice to travelers that community members are watching for any suspicious activity and will report them to police.



## Rockets Win 47th District Title

The Rockcastle High School Rocket basketball team won their first ever 47th District Tournament Title last Friday night in Somerset when they defeated Casey County in the Championship game 76-63. Shown above, accepting the championship trophy are, from left: manager Adrienne Childress, Jarred Smith, manager Courtney Ham, Matt Lunsford, Derek Thacker, Dakota Mahaffey, asst. coach Jerry Reynolds, Travis Carpenter, Brandon Jones, Grant Burdette, Josh McKinney, Dustin Reynolds, Bryan Clontz, Matt Bullens, Kyle Riddle, Spencer Mullins, Jamie Todd, asst. coach Matt Brown, Cameron Cash, daughter of asst. coach Andrew Cash, Derrick Pittman, Cash and head coach Benny Blanton. The Rockets were scheduled to play Wayne County in the first round of the 12th region tournament on Wednesday night at Lincoln County High School. The Rockets are currently 13-16 on the season. Friday night's win gave the Rockets their first district title since joining the 12th region. (Photo by: Kevin Canterbury).

## Set your clocks forward Sunday

Daylight Savings Time returns Sunday morning at 2 a.m. so be sure to set your clocks forward before retiring Saturday night.

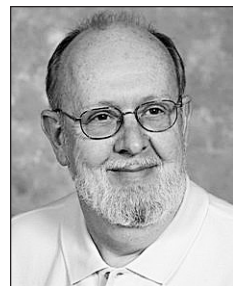
## Judge says road funding in jeopardy

According to a Legislative Alert received recently by Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Buzz Carloftis, funding for the six year road plan is in jeopardy.

The alert came from the Kentucky County Judge/Executive's Assn. and says the funding is in jeopardy because "there is a strong possibility that the House will not vote to freeze the gas tax." The tax in question amounts to only a few cents per gallon.

The alert goes on to say that inaction on the part of legislators will cost counties, and the state, \$128 million each year in road funding. Carloftis said the county's annual funding could be cut in half from \$800,000 to \$400,000 and "the county road department could not function at the same level it does now with this decrease."

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## Rockcastle Memories

By David J. Griffin

**Mickey Mouse Club**  
A few days ago, I was listening to the radio in my Tahoe and heard the announcer talking about one of my favorite teen idols, Annette Funicello. Annette was one of the original "Mouseketeers" on the Mickey Mouse Club, which first aired on October 3, 1955, on ABC. I thought she was shy, sweet, and very beautiful. I think I was in love!

The radio announcer explained that Annette suffers from multiple sclerosis. She kept her condition a secret for many years but felt it necessary to go public to dispel rumors that her dizzy spells were the result of alcoholism. I was saddened to learn that Funicello recently lost her eye-sight and is now confined to a wheelchair.

I will never forget sitting in front of our black and white, small-screen television watching the Mickey Mouse Club each afternoon starting at 5 pm, right after returning home from school. The program was a variety show for children and contained such regular features as: a newsreel, a cartoon, and a serial in addition to musical talent and comedy segments.

The show was hosted by a young adult, Jimmie Dodd. Dodd also wrote the Mickey Mouse Club Theme Song. *Who's the leader of the club That's made for you and me? M-I-C-K-E-E-Y-M-O-U-S-E!*

*Hey, there! Hi, there! Ho, there! You're as welcome as can be! M-I-C-K-E-E-Y-M-O-U-S-E Mickey Mouse! Donald Duck! Mickey Mouse! Donald Duck! Forever let us hold our banners high! (HIGH! HIGH!HIGH!) Come along an sing a song And join the jamboree M-I-C-K-E-E-Y-M-O-U-S-E*

The Mickey Mouse Club was one of the most defining children's television programs of the 1950's. Each day, the show had special show themes, which included a guest star on Tuesdays and a "Talent Roundup" on Fridays.

My favorite serial from the show was Spin and Marty. Those segments ran for about 10 minutes of the program and told the story of the Triple R Ranch, a boy's western-style summer camp. Marty was the "rich-kid" who had been forced to attend the camp. He thought the ranch was "dirty," and he hated horses. Spin was a natural, and he finally convinced Marty to enjoy their western surroundings. By the end of the show, they were best friends. There was no telling what their next adventure would be.

Even though I was only eleven-years-old, I had a huge crush on Annette. She was 12 when the program first aired. I followed her for the entire four years that the show was on the air. As we watched, she devel-

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## Points East

By Ike Adams

I don't usually launch easily or without complications most mornings.

"Launch" meaning actually getting in the truck dead set on a crooked beeline (Hwy. 52) between Paint Lick and my office in Richmond precisely at 8:00 AM.

Too often I am sidetracked through Berea or westward or to some other destination foreign to my office. Or I'm on the phone dealing with high-energy types who, on their way to work, spout incredible solutions to all my problems on their cell phones as they commute to parts unknown.

You'd think, or at least I do, that a quart of coffee gripped there between the thighs and a steering wheel responsibly held in both hands would suffice to keep most people occupied enough to negotiate traffic without being bored.

But that's not the way it works. I'm not naming names, but I have at least half a dozen business associates who are willing to risk scalding their private parts and causing traf-

fic wrecks because they figure I might still be sleeping after 6 AM. And they don't want it on their conscience that I might still be sleeping if they can't.

I simply do not use my cell phone while I'm driving. I had one of those Bluetooth devices that hangs over the ear and even a full head set for a while but I found them more distracting and aggravating than they were worth. Besides that, I drive a standard shift and its especially dangerous to be changing gears, steering and holding a cell phone at the same time.

And lately there are enough other distractions on my commute to keep me occupied. I figure it will be late spring before the tree removal crews are done with cleaning up the tons and tons of tree laps on 52. It's not unusual to find traffic stopped in three or four places while brush crushers are being stuffed and trucks loaded with debris.

And there are dozens of tree

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## The Roots of Rockcastle

by: Tonya J. Cook



*"I am in need of interesting stories, historical events, interesting family tidbits, etc., for the continuing of the history of Rockcastle County and its residents. Information may be sent to therootsofrockcastle@windstream.net or in care of the Mount Vernon Signal."*

In the last issue of The Roots of Rockcastle, we left the history of Mount Vernon with the impact of the L&N Railroad coming to the county and the changes it brought. In review, probably the greatest impact was the unifying of the three sister cities of the county. Also, the history of the First Baptist Church was examined, in that it was started as a mission of Hopewell Baptist in the Skeggs Creek area. They saw the need

of a mission church in what was the once, "far away" Mount Vernon.

This week I want to continue with the information gathered from Albert and Eva Griffin, who were so kind to aid me on this history quest. Albert remembered back to the fateful morning of December the seventh, nineteen forty-one. Being a Sunday morning, it found the Griffin family in church, as well as many other citizens of Mount Vernon, and around the country. Pastor W. C. Younce of First Baptist Church was in the pulpit that morning. In the process of digesting the tragedy, I'm sure there was an air of excitement, bewilderment, and patriotism filling each heart. I'm sure, too, that there were many prayers offered for the families of those who had lost loved ones at Pearl Harbor, and for what now faced the country.

Almost overnight, Mount Vernon found a patriotism they had never known before. Out of this patriotism, came a sound unique to the era, not only heard in Mount Vernon, but around the country. It was the sound of the Big Band Era sweeping the country. It was hard to separate the war from the music it seemingly produced. Albert loved this new sound, and incidentally, so do I. The sounds of the likes of Jimmy Dorsey, Benny Goodman, and my personal favorite, Glenn Miller are even hard to beat today.

Albert's love of music led him to join the school band, led by Brag Thompson. During the

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*Mussel man likes being big fish in small pond*

Somewhere, some Suzy still sells shells by the seashore. But if she were to set up shop in Kentucky, she might find her inventory dwindling.

Freshwater mussels are listed as the state's most endangered species.

State and federal officials got together in 2002 and decided to take action. They flexed their muscles to fight the growing problem by establishing the Center for Mollusk Conservation.

A small team of specialists works with 30-40 different species of mussels inside what once housed the state fish hatchery in Franklin County. The building sits along the banks of Forks of the Elkhorn, from which fresh water is piped into the facility.

"There used to be 100 species in Kentucky, but many have become extinct," says biologist Jacob Culp.

Pollution of streams and loss of habitat due to dams and channel modifications are the primary causes of reduced population.

The goal of Culp and his fellow employees is to re-introduce rare and endangered species of the crusty shellfish

throughout the state.

Program efforts are focused in four areas:

- \* Inventorying historically significant mussel populations in major river drainages.

- \* Surveying existing mussel populations with emphasis on finding endangered species.

- \* Identifying and researching fish hosts of endangered mussels in Kentucky.

- \* Propagating endangered mussels in the hatchery environment for release into the wild.

A native of Paducah and 2002 graduate of the University of Kentucky, Culp credits growing up in the Land Between the Lakes area with sparking his interest in working with aquatic life.

"I used to go duck hunting with my father, and while he was looking up, I was looking down at the fish," he says.

A lifelong interest in smaller creatures and "their weird reproductive devices" led him to advanced studies that included undertaking projects.

"One day I was talking to a guy in the Bahamas about his fish project. He said he was working with mussels and after he explained the procedures,

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## National Patient Safety Awareness Week

Patient safety is a priority in America's hospitals 24/7, 52 weeks of the year, but recently a week has been set aside in which we can share our interest in safer health care with our community. That week is National Patient Safety Awareness Week, which will be observed nationwide March 8-14, 2009.

National Patient Safety Awareness Week is an educational and awareness building effort designed to promote an understanding that hospitals, doctors, nurses, patients, policymakers and others involved in health care can take steps to improve safety. At the core of our complex health care system, we are people taking care of people. And it's a job we take seriously.

Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc. is committed to improving patient safety and is working continuously to do so. Patient safety requires the involvement of everyone—consumers, physicians, hospitals, and other providers of care—to prevent errors and improve the quality of care for everyone.

Improving patient safety and the safety of the environment of care is something that we do 24/7 365 days a year. National Patient Safety Awareness week is one way that Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc. gets the opportunity to highlight the activities in which we continually engage to improve patient safety and involve patients in their health care decisions.

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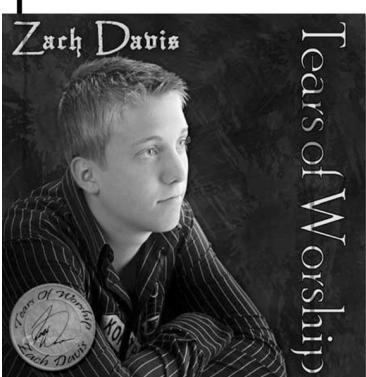
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# Obituaries



## Charles "Tuck" Baker

Charles "Tuck" Baker, 74, died Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at the Good Shepherd Hospice in Florida. He was born June 19, 1934, at Pine Hill and was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a retired educator serving 31 years in the Rockcastle County School System and a Deacon at First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon for 44 years. He was a member of K.E.A. Association, Rockcastle Bass Club, Mt. Vernon City Council and charter member of Cedar Rapids Country Club. His hobbies and interests included fishing and golfing.

He is survived by: his wife of 55 years, Patsy; three daughters, Janice (Steve) King of Richmond, Karen (George) Powell of Mt. Vernon and Mary Beth (Monte) Chance of Frankfort; five grandsons, Brad and Zach Powell, Patrick and David King, and Spencer Cobb; two granddaughters, Sara Ratliff and Sidney Cobb; and one great grandson, Parker King. He is also survived by: a brother, James Earl Baker of Lakeland, FL; and a sister, Annabelle Felts of Cincinnati.

He was preceded in death by: his parents, Henry Baker and Fannie Lamb Baker; two brothers, Joe Harmon Baker and Herbert Baker; and four sisters, Elizabeth Miracle, Betty Jo Norton, Patricia Gray and Sue Morgan Kirby.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 1, 2009 at First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon with Bro. Eddie Nation, assisted by David King officiating. Burial followed in Freedom Cemetery with Military honors performed by V.F.W. # 1410.

Casketbearers were: George, C. Brad, and Zachary Powell; Patrick, Steve and David King; Spencer Cobb; and Monte Chance.

Honorary bearers were: Jack and James Noe, Dale Bray, C.C. Ponder, Joe Young, Tom Payne, Paul Burton, Leroy Sowder, Dr. Billy George Griffin, First Baptist Church Deacons and Men's Sunday School Class.

Expressions of sympathy may be made in memory of Mr. "Tuck" Baker by contributions to First Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 639, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 or the National Parkinson Research Foundation.

Condolences to the family may be made to his online registry at [www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com](http://www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com)

## McKinney Cemetery 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 sub-contracting can be done. The McKinney Cemetery has the right to reject any or all bids.



## Catherine Bullen

Catherine Bullen, 69, of Mt. Vernon died Sunday, March 1, 2009 at her home after a long illness. She was born August 17, 1939 in Madison County the daughter of the late Leonard and Dorothy Stewart Anglin. She was a homemaker, enjoyed quilting and gardening, was a member of Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile, and was a member of the Roundstone Baptist Church.

Survivors are: her husband, Joe C. Bullen of Mt. Vernon; one son, Joseph C. (Kim) Bullen II of Shepherdsville, KY; three daughters, Barbara Joe (David) Nelson of London, Brenda Kay (Donnie) Parsons of Wildie and Beverly Lynne (Josh) Shaddox of Ft. McCoy, WI; one brother, Kenneth (Loni) Anglin of McKee; nine grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by: two brothers; Lenneth and Virgil Anglin; and one sister, Ada Marie Adams.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Rick Reynolds officiating. Burial was in Berea City Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Donald Stewart Parson II, Kenneth Bryant Reams, Kyle Brandon Reams, Andrew Clayton Nelson, John Wilson, Eric Anglin, and Joseph C. Bullen III.

View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at [www.coxfuneralhomeky.com](http://www.coxfuneralhomeky.com)

## James "Jerry" Benge

James Clarence "Jerry" Benge, 76, husband of Jewell Brock Benge, of Brodhead, died Sunday, March 1, 2009 at his residence. He was born May 15, 1932 in Negro Creek, KY., a son of the late Syrus James and Sarah Belle Bishop Benge. He was a member of the Pentecostal faith, who was an Air Force veteran, whose hobbies and interests included guitar, mandolin, and music. He had been a self employed Carpenter. On May 19, 1957 he was united in holy matrimony to Jewell Brock and from that union came three sons, Johnny, Troy and James Tracy.

Those left to cherish his memory include: his wife of 51 years, Jewell Benge of Brodhead; three sons, Johnny (Louise) Benge of Ottawa, James Tracy Benge of Stanford and Troy (Alecia) Benge of Ottawa; two grandchildren, Denise Watson and Josie Adams; two sisters, Mary Laswell of Ottawa and Mable Helton of Bryantsville, KY; one great grandchild, Bailey Adams; and a host of friends and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: two brothers, Casper and George Benge; four sisters, Pearl Proffitt, Rosie Bryant, Lucille Brumett and Evy Etta Robbins; five infant siblings; and a daughter-in-law, Jennifer Bishop Benge.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, March 3rd, 2009 at Crossroads Assembly of God with Bro. John Irwin officiating. Graveside services and burial were conducted Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at Camp Nelson National Cemetery in Nicholasville.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Negro Creek Cemetery in memory of "Jerry" Benge.

Condolences to the family may be made to his online registry at [www.coxfuneralhomeky.com](http://www.coxfuneralhomeky.com)



## William Irvin Graves

William Irvin Graves, 65, of Brodhead, died Wednesday, February 25th, 2009 at the Rockcastle Hospital in Mt. Vernon. He was born on September 9th, 1943 in Sand Springs, the son of the late Tilford Graves and Mary Ella Ramsey Graves. He was of the Baptist Faith. He was a Farmer. His hobbies and interests were outdoor activities and he enjoyed people.

Those left to cherish his memory include: one daughter, Edna Allen of Mt. Vernon; two grandchildren, Hannah Paige Allen and Kaitlyn Marie Allen; two sisters, Ruby Bullock of Mt. Vernon and Joyce Doan of Middletown, KY; and a host of nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Arles Ray Graves, Bobby Joe Graves and Lloyd Graves.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 28th, 2009 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Mark Eaton and Bro. Luther Allen officiating. Burial followed in the Graves-Stevens Cemetery in Mt. Vernon.

Casketbearers were: Glen Rowe, James Rowe, Paul Rowe, P.J. Rowe, David Rowe and Roger Rowe.

In Lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Graves family to help with funeral expenses.

Condolences to the family of Mr. William Irvin Graves may be made to his online registry at [www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com](http://www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com)



## Stodie McNew

Stodie McNew, 91, of Orlando died Saturday, February 28, 2009 at the Baptist Hospital East in Louisville. She was born on March 27, 1917 in Rockcastle County the daughter of the late Joe and Ella Kidwell Robinson. She was a former sales clerk for the Renfro Valley Lodge, enjoyed quilting, crocheting, and doll making, and was a member of the Maple Grove Baptist Church.

Survivors are: two daughters, Miss Phillis McNew of Louisville and Mrs. Trula Miller of Mt. Vernon; one brother, Leonard Robinson of Orlando; one sister, Mrs. Marie Fitzpatrick of Lexington; two grandchildren; five great grandchildren; four great great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by: her husband, Omer McNew; three brothers, Duey, Fred, and Jack Robinson; and two sisters, Tilda Jane Scarbrough and Mary E. Robinson.

Services were held Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Billy Joe Cameron officiating. Burial was in Briarfield Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Roger French, Charles Robison, Fred Robinson, Harry Holman, Danny Renner and Tony Renner.

Honorary pallbearer was Andrew Miller.

View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at [www.coxfuneralhomeky.com](http://www.coxfuneralhomeky.com)



## Galilee Molly Carte

Galilee Molly Carte, 88, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, February 23, 2009 at the Rockcastle Hospital after a short illness. She was born in Charleston, WV on May 12, 1920 the daughter of Ola B. and Bessie Bailey McClanahan. She was a homemaker and was of the Christian faith.

She is survived by: a son, Luther Carte of Mt. Vernon; two daughters, Carol Dunaway of London and Ernestine Carte of Mason, OH; and a sister, Ela Kuhn of Dunbar, WV. Also surviving are: six grandchildren, Donald, Ray, Annette, Lois, Gail, Joe, and Matthew; four great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by: her husband of 57 years, Earl Carte; two infant children; two brothers; and two sisters.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 27th at the Good Shepherd Mortuary in South Charleston, WV. Burial was in the Goff-McClanahan Cemetery in Rocky Fork, WV.

Local arrangements were by the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

Please visit [www.DowellMartin.com](http://www.DowellMartin.com) to view online obituary.



## Delno Mink

Delno Mink, 74, of Mt. Vernon died Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at the Rockcastle Hospital. He was born on June 12, 1934 in Rockcastle County the son of the late Elza and Mary Burdine Mink. He was a shear operator and farmer, enjoyed coon hunting, gospel music, and his grandchildren and was a member of the Freedom Baptist Church.

Survivors are: his wife, Maggie Baker Mink of Mt. Vernon; two daughters, Pam (Andy) Bullock and Mt. Vernon and Patty (Stanley) Lovins of Lancaster; step-mother, Mrs. Irene Reynolds of Mt. Vernon; four brothers, L. C., Marvin and J. D. Mink, all of Mt. Vernon, and M. B. Mink of Miamisburg, OH; one sister, Mrs. Mae Renner of Stanford; two grandchildren, Jessica (Michael) Gaffney and Jennifer Deatherage; one step grandchild, Brian Bullock; and one great grandchild, Kayleigh Brook Deatherage.

He was preceded in death by: three brothers, Lansford, Floyd and Jerl Mink; and three sisters, Gilberta Price and Viola and Rosanna Bradley.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. (today) Thursday, February 26, 2009 at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bros. Albert McKinney and David Sargent officiating. Burial will be in Mareburg Cemetery.

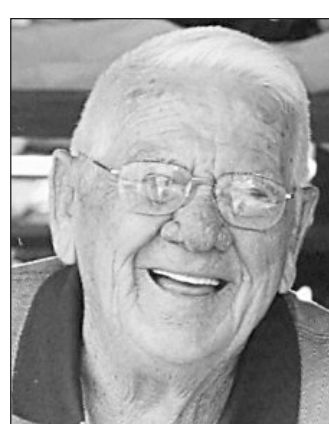
Pallbearers were: Dustin Johnson, Brian Bullock, Keith Coffey, Harry Harmon, Greg Mink, Bobbie Bradley.

Honorary pallbearer was Gary Bullock.

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## Fish Fry North Atlantic Cod Lil's Place

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Everyone Welcome



## Shelby "Bill" Mize

Shelby "Bill" Mize, 81, of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at the Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital. He was born on May 30, 1927 in Mt. Vernon, the son of the late Hamp and Alice Jones Mize. He was a retired truck driver for Mead Containers in Norwood, OH. He enjoyed beagle hounds and mowing the yard.

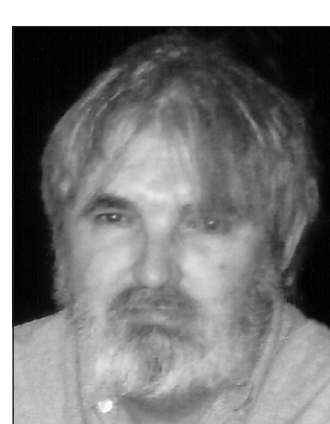
He is survived by: his wife, Rebecca Weller Mize, whom he married on July 17, 1981 in Jellico, TN; two sons, Danny Ray (Ruby) Mize of Mt. Vernon and David Scott Mize of Trenton, OH; a stepson, Gary (Melanie) Smith of Hamilton, OH; two daughters, Tonya (Gary) Robbins of Goshen, OH and Barbara (Robert) Burkett of Somerset; two stepdaughters, Joyce Dyer (Brad Lynn) of Fairfield, OH and Janet (John) Thompson of Hamilton, OH; 14 grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were: his parents, Hamp and Alice Mize; three brothers, Reece, Emmett, and Jay Mize; a sister, Lucy Hibbard; and a grandchild.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 28th at the chapel of Lake Cumberland Funeral Home. Burial was in the Mize Cemetery in Somerset.

Pallbearers were: Brian Mize, Cody Mize, Shawn Hardy, Sean Dyer, Josh Mize, and Clayton Hibbard.

Family requests expressions of sympathy be made to the Mize Cemetery Fund, c/o Rebecca Mize.



## Garry Douglas Clark

Garry Douglas Clark, 55, of Berea, died Thursday, February 26, 2009 at the St. Joseph Berea Hospital. He was born in Hamilton, OH on April 30, 1953 the son of Arval and Ethel Carpenter Clark.

He is survived by: a son, Ben (Tara) Campbell of North Fort, VA; his mother, Ethel Clark of Mt. Vernon; three brothers, Mike (Tammy) Clark, Danny Clark, and Joe Clark, all of Mt. Vernon; four sisters, Donna (George) Kirby, Linda (Sam) Lawson, and Goldie (Terri) Kirby, all of Mt. Vernon, and Gena (William) Dooley of Berea; and two grandchildren, Aiden and Collin. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by: his father, Arval Clark; a brother, Rick Clark; and a niece, Jessica Horn.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, March 6 at 2 p.m. at the Climax Holiness Church by Bro. Darren Sloan. Burial will follow in the Clark Cemetery at Climax.

Friends may call at the church after 5 p.m. (today) Thursday.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Please visit [www.DowellMartin.com](http://www.DowellMartin.com) to view online obituary.

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## Card of Thanks

### Zachary Lee Taylor

We, the family of Zachary Lee Taylor wish to Thank everyone who assisted in the loss of our dear loved one. Thank you for all the prayers and thoughtful cards received and to everyone who brought food. Zack will be very missed by everyone he came into contact with. God has a very special person by His side.

A special Thank you to Marvin Owens Funeral Home and staff for their special care of our loved one. Thank you to Bro. Steven Bowman who officiated at his service and also sang, Melanie Bowman who provided music, and Jaelyn Bullock for her beautiful singing. I would also like

to thank the pallbearers Scott Price, Garrett Tompkins, Randy Stewart, David Begley, Graham Fay, David Collins, Johnny McClure, and Gerald "Pookie" Polk. Special pallbearers Merle Taylor, Kevin Begley, Coy Broughton, Jon Broughton, Jay Johnson, Jeff Creech, Danny Woodall and Christina Taylor. In this time of great sorrow we forget to mention some people and apologize to anyone we may have inadvertently left out.

Sadly missed by: mother and father L.P. and Gracie "Dolly" Taylor, brother Merle and Heather Taylor, Fiance Patricia Begley and step-son Kevin Begley, and sister Susan Taylor and fiancee Matt.

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## Our Readers Write

### Let them all play ? ...

Dear Editor,

I would like to say congratulations to the boys win in the districts.

I do not have a son that plays for the Rockets, however I do have something to say about the message that we are sending out to these kids that sit on the bench game after game.

I am having a hard time understanding what it accomplished last night by putting the bench boys in with only 15 seconds to go in the game. These kids were hurt and embarrassed.

Tell me what kind of message we are sending out that you are good enough to keep the bench warm but that's all, but we fail to understand why our kids are committing suicide, killing others, on drugs, binge drinking.

I'll tell you why because it's the way that we make such a difference in these kids. What happened to equal rights. Sorry to say, but there is not any. If you can't be a coach or teacher, or anything for that matter without being bought or slumming with the well-known then its time to get out.

These kids just want to play and have the chance to show

that they can play just the same as the rest of them.

David Perkins, please come and be the boys basketball coach and show some fairness, and if you really want fairness in the game bring Mike Barron and Jerry Reynolds with you. Turn this community around let everyone have a chance to shine.

Nancy Maupin  
(Editors Note: Jerry Reynolds is already an assistant coach at RCHS. RFA)

### Is audit really a good one ...

Dear Editor,

At the Feb. 16th city council meeting, Rick Anderkin had a question for the gentleman who was reporting to the council about the just completed audit. Anderkin's question asked if the audit was a good one? The man answered that it was a good audit.

Rick Anderkin was correct to ask this question but we must take his question for what was really meant. By asking if it was a good audit, Mr. Anderkin was asking if Mt. Vernon had complied with the law and all the numbers balanced.

Beyond that question we

need to look at those numbers a bit. A good audit is like buying a good car. Good for what? If it is a race car, then it wouldn't do me any good because I cannot drive it on the street. The audit while 'good', shows that we owed \$5,407,312.00 at the end of FY 08. Since that time, we have added yet another million-plus onto the debt.

Not all of this amount is general obligation debt, however, it appears to me, as a council member in training, that we can owe just as much as a lender believes that citizens will allow themselves to be taxed.

I am not against tourism, I just do not want this to be our main thrust of interest in the job market. Jobs in tourism are minimum wage and seasonal. While any job that is taxed helps government, these seasonal/minimum wage jobs do very little for individuals or families. Let us assume the economy continues to grow worse and it begins to affect not only our revenue at city hall, but also the revenue of those (the tourism commission) for whom Mount Vernon borrowed \$750,000.00. The city will have to not only pay our own debt, but also for the loan we borrowed for the tourism commission.

The tourism folks should get their own loan. Citizens of Mt. Vernon should not borrow money for them as it is we who assume all the risk. If the economy continues to flounder, then we will have to raise property taxes at some point to meet our debt obligations. We should rescind the ordinance for the tourism money (sinking fund), and also the restaurant tax. The restaurant tax ordinance then should be put back in force, BUT with the city receiving ALL the money. That money should be used to pay off the fire truck in one year. After that one year has passed, rescind one half of the tax on wages and businesses.

Rick Courtney in his letter last week says the Mayor should have an increase in pay, and proceeds to name the amount. I was not aware that non-citizens of Mt. Vernon could make policy. My contention is that the Mayor, whom ever he/she may be, deserves a cost of living increase when he/she does something about our debt. I mean, take it down rather than upward, in something that is in my opinion a sweetheart deal. The Mayor of Mt. Vernon makes \$36,000.00 per year by ordinance and it cannot be increased in her current term. A COLA is allowed on a year by year basis. I do not, nor will I, support a COLA at this time.

The Mount Vernon employees who protect us, keep the water flowing, repair our streets, and keep our commodes flushing are the ones who deserve more pay. PERIOD. If you like these ideas, please call those of us in the city council and tell us. The Mayor cannot spend a dime UNLESS the council lets her. My number is 256-3672. Please leave a message.

Don Jones  
City Council

### "Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

oped into a young lady right before our very eyes. She was without question the most popular of the "Mouseketeers" and is said to have received

over 6,000 letters a month.

I remember sitting on the floor in front of our television with my eyes glued to the screen, singing along with the Disney characters. My mother (Bee) often brought me a snack of milk and cookies while I was watching.

Bee usually ironed or started supper while I sat transfixed in front of the television set. She must have seen the value of the whole-hearted nature of the program. As opposed to shows for children today, the Mickey Mouse Club taught children to be courteous, kind, and thoughtful. It was just good clean fun. And we all felt that we were part of the group - we, too, were Mouseketeers!

My wife and I often reminisce about our favorite childhood television programs. This week, we tried to sing the "jingle" before I looked up the words to the Mickey Mouse Club Theme Song. We got a lot of it right, but it has just been too long - we could not get all of it right!

We did recall most of the parting song that always ended the show:

(Softly)

*Now's the time to say goodbye  
To all our company  
Through the years we'll all be  
friends  
Wherever we may be  
M-I-C-K-E-Y M-O-U-S-E  
Mickey Mouse, Mickey Mouse  
Forever let us hold our banner  
high  
M-I-C See you real soon!  
K-E-Y Why? Because we like  
you!  
M-O-U-S-E!!*

What a fond memory. Sometimes growing up contained a little magic - and Annette and the Mouseketeers provided a sort of fairy tale life for us each day after school.

(You can reach me at [mman@mis.net](mailto:mman@mis.net) or you can drop me a line at P.O. Box 927 - Stanton, KY 40380. I appreciate your comments and suggestions.)

### "Points East"

(Cont. from A2)

tops suspended over the road that look like they are just waiting to come on down with the next big wind.

One day last week, the rain was drizzling but the temperature was starting to approach a level of comfort when I encountered the strangest apparition I've seen in many years.

Walking down the middle of the road in a double yellow zone just ahead of me, I saw a person strutting right along twirling a hot pink umbrella and at first glance, dressed in black. I slowed down to nearly a crawl and when I got a bit closer, I discovered that the person was wearing a black top, black hot pants, fish net stockings and high heels.

This person appeared to be a middle aged woman, but who can really tell for sure these days.

And I was not about to stop and inquire.

It occurred to me that if I was ever going to use my cell phone and drive at the same time, maybe then was the time to do it. And then I thought, why on earth risk my life to relate a story that nobody was going to believe anyway.

So, in the spirit of live and let live, I drove on to the office and shared the story with some coworkers. And I was correct. They didn't believe it when I told them after the fact and they would not have believed it if I'd called in a live report from

the scene.

Someone asked me if my phone has a camera. It does but I don't know how to use it or at least I didn't at the time. "Then you'd better learn," I was advised. "And don't come back in here with another tale like this unless you have hard evidence."

I have at least pulled out the manual and figured out how to make the camera work but so far I haven't seen anything really worth photographing even though I have my fingers crossed that the jay walker will resurface in the middle of the next hard curve.

### "TJ's Journal"

(Cont. from A2)

time Albert was in the band, they played for the completion of a span of bridge at Clay's Ferry, entertained World War I war hero, Sergeant York, and played a memorable three concerts in one day. This came about on the day World War II came to an end. The band got together and played for train passengers at Brodhead, then at Mount Vernon at the depot located near where the Jerry Cox Law Office is at the present, and then finished up in Livingston. The train was a valuable asset to the county, but speed evidently wasn't their strong suit. The band beat them to every stop traveling on the Brodhead Road and Highway 25.

During the time of World War II, Albert's father, "Hobe" Griffin, worked at the Western Union office. He delivered freight, and had the unfortunate duty of delivering messages of those service men who were wounded or had been killed to the families of the county.

There has been a lot of geographical changes in Mount Vernon's past. One of the greatest changes was the "big cut" coming into town on the southeastern side to allow the "new" 25 into town. This cut came about 1940. Albert and his family lived on the top of the hill that was cut for Highway 25 on the side opposite from the current Bible Baptist Church. He was watching as the first scoop of dirt was removed from the area.

The new road coming to town allowed more travel through Mount Vernon. At this

time, the Greyhound bus station was located across the street from Elmwood Cemetery on East Main Street. Many people didn't own a car at that time due to the Depression or the war effort, and gasoline wasn't very available. Buses and trains led the way in travel. At age 15, Albert got a job working in the Greyhound bus station. He can remember that around holiday time, there would be as many as fifteen or twenty buses coming in a day. Sandwiches and drinks for the weary travelers were provided at the bus station. The sandwiches were already prepared and wrapped up, ready to go. You could say it was the beginnings of "fast food".

Also, in the same area on East Main was the Fred Baker Chevrolet, located in what is now a parking lot beside the Cox Hardware Store. Next door to that was the Standard Oil station, owned by Carter Owens.

On down town, across the street, but parallel to the Cox Hardware Store was a large department store, originally owned by Cossie Sutton and Will McBee. Later, when Mr. Sutton sold his portion, there was a Roscoe Adams who bought his part to make it the McBee-Adams Department Store. Originally, it was called the Sutton Department Store. The McBees lived on West Main Street.

At one time, the western side of town was a swampy area. In order to remedy this, there was a huge drainage ditch dug. This ditch runs along underneath West Main Street, makes a left turn in the vicinity of the Christian Church, and runs from there to a sinkhole area near the present-day Snack Shack and Mount Vernon Elementary School. This area was at one time, the city dump, and had a continual fire going.

As you can see, Mount Vernon has seen its share of heartaches in the days of World War II, and even found a "silver lining" to that dark cloud. It has gone from the era of train and bus travel to today. Yet, through the hardships and change, it's managed to keep that "down home" charm.

Next week, I'll continue with examining the changes in local businesses, the stagecoach days, and the impact of Renfro Valley to the area.

### NOTICE OF HEARING

Lease Agreement  
Between  
Rockcastle County, Kentucky  
and  
Kentucky Association of Counties Leasing Trust  
(Infrastructure Project)

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Notice of Intent to Lease from the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court requesting the State Local Debt Officer to approve the execution of certain Lease Agreement between the County and Kentucky Association of Counties Leasing Trust in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000. The proceeds will be used for infrastructure. A hearing will be held in the Conference Room, Department for Local Government, 1024 Capital Center Drive (US 60 East), Frankfort, Kentucky on Thursday, March 19, 2009 at 10:00 a.m., (prevailing Eastern Time) to consider whether or not said lease and financial plan should be approved.

Petitioner, Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, is responsible for the publication of this notice and for the information contained herein. Specific questions about the type of project should be directed to the petitioners. The purpose of this notice is to comply with KRS 65.944(1)(b) and 109 KAR 15:020 by notifying the public that the petitioner intends to insure indebtedness in the total amount and at the terms set out herein.

At this hearing, any taxpayer may appear and will be given an opportunity to be heard.

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State Local Debt Officer  
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### Soup Bean/Cornbread Supper

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

### Brodhead Elementary Blood Drive

There will be a Blood Drive at Brodhead Elementary School Thursday, March 19 from 2:30 to 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

### Project Graduation

Project Graduation meets the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the RCHS Cafeteria. All parents of seniors are encouraged to attend.

### Extension Service News

**March 6 - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Sit-n-Sew your own project or help in constructing quilt for Camp Courageous. **March 10 - 10 a.m.** Oil Painting Class - Session 1. **March 12 - 10 a.m.** - Less Than a Yard. **March 24 - 1 p.m.** Leader Lesson: Welcoming Entrances. Get ready for spring by making your home's doorway more inviting. **March 26 - 10 a.m.** -Less Than A Yard Workshop. **March 31 - 10 a.m.** - Oil Painting Class - Session II. Call 256-2403 for details of classes.

### Rockcastle Hospital Diabetes Program

The Diabetes Self Management Program will meet Thursday, March 5 (today) at 6 p.m. The topic will be "Making Good Health a Way of Life - by Learning about Diabetes and Pre-Diabetes" with Teresa Blair, RD CDE. For more information, or to register, call 256-7714. Classes are held in Rockcastle Hospital's Outpatient Services Center 2nd floor conference room.

### Diabetes Education at Health Dept.

The Rockcastle County Health Department will provide eight hours of diabetes education. All you want to know about diabetes! The sessions will be offered March 16 and 17, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. You should plan to attend both days. The classes will be held at First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon. You may register by calling the health department at 256-2242. Education will be presented by Lynnett Renner.

### Hunter Education Course

There will be a Hunter Education Course held March 6th from 6 to 9:30 p.m. and March 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Rockcastle County High School auditorium. For more information, call the Rockcastle Extension Service at 256-2403.

### UNITE Meetings

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

### New Hours for Historical Society

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

### RCIDA Meeting

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

### NA Women's Meeting

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

### Kiwanis Club Meetings

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

### Women's Narcotics Meeting

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

### Alcoholics Anonymous

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

### Narcotics Anonymous

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## Two from RCHS Band selected to represent District 11 in state

Submitted by A. B. Sharpe

The results are in from the KMEA District 11 Solo and Ensemble Festival held at Madison Central High School last Saturday. Based upon their Distinguished-rated performances Senior Meghan Nation and Junior Devin Davidson received special honors and were selected to represent District 11 at the KMEA State Solo and Ensemble Festival which will be held at Eastern Kentucky University in May, congratulations!

Congratulations to the members of the RCMS 7th and 8th grade who performed in the KMEA District 11 Solo and Ensemble Festival at Madison Central High School this weekend did an outstanding job. Scoring Proficient in an Ensemble performance were Caleb Coffey, Jamie Kirby, Angel Shelton and Angel Spurlock. Scoring Distinguished in an ensemble performance were Lillie Beichler, Michael Brewer, Brandon McFerron and Reed Remington, and. Scoring proficient in a solo performance were Brandon Bullock, Dalton Grey, Austin Helton, Jamie Kirby, Brandon McFerron, Brittany Moore, Reed Remington and Angel Spurlock. Scoring Distinguished in a solo performance were Caleb Coffey and Mary Weaver.

Congratulations to members of the RCHS band who performed in the KMEA District 11 Solo and Ensemble Festival at Madison Central High School on Saturday. Members scoring proficient in a solo performance were Richard Barron, Nicole McFerron and Regina Rice. Members scoring distinguished in an ensemble performance were Tara Baldwin, Richard Barron, Anjelica Craig, Devin Davidson, Matt Fields, Dalton Hutton, Nicole

McFerron, Ethan Miller, Jake Mink, Meghan Nation, Regina Rice, Andrew Robbins and Josh Stallsworth.

Last Saturday the RCHS Winterguard team competed at Campbell County High School. It was another dynamite performance of Coldplay's "Viva La Vida"! The judges were most complimentary again and the team scored 57.1, up seven points from the last contest. They unveiled a new ending to their routine and it looks like a winner. Team Captain Sam Bullen executed a 5-spin rifle toss and Josh Stallsworth ran up from behind, pushed Sam out of the way and skillfully caught it. It added a truly dramatic note to the finale. Their next competition is in Elizabethtown on Saturday, March 14th. They are scheduled to take the floor at 2pm. More information and a link to some great photos of the RCHS Team can be found at [tristatecircuit.com](http://tristatecircuit.com).

Upcoming events scheduled for March:

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

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 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.

April 18th - Classic and Muscle Cars on Main at Rockcastle Middle School. New this year, the Band Boosters are planning a Car Show to be hosted by none other than our own "Country" Charlie Napier. The show will include trophies for individual class winners, commemorative dash plaques for the first 25 to vehicles registered, food, door prizes and much more. The show will run in conjunction with Mt. Vernon Old Fashioned Days and the Redbud Quilt Show and Tour. Admission to the show is FREE! Come and enjoy this day of family fun in Mt. Vernon!

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•POTENTIAL SPONSORS: E-mail [Anita.Nation@Rockcastle.kyschools.us](mailto:Anita.Nation@Rockcastle.kyschools.us) or call 606-219-0908. There are several levels of sponsorship from Corporate to Friends of Classic and Muscle Cars on Main. Sponsorship offers you a unique opportunity to advertise your business and provide much needed support to the band programs in Rockcastle County.

•VENDORS: Vendors of auto-related accessories, car dealerships, basically anything to do with autos are wanted. Some specialty food vending may be allowed. E-mail [Sherry.Harper@Rockcastle.kyschools.us](mailto:Sherry.Harper@Rockcastle.kyschools.us) or call 606-758-9963 for information on how to become a vendor. Specify food or product information, set-up needs, and provide name, address, phone and e-mail address.

### "Ken & Tucky" (Cont. from A2)

I was hooked," he says.

Another factor attracting him to the field was the opportunity to be a big fish in a small pond.

"People working with mussels are a very small community. There are maybe fewer than 200 people in America who are into mussel research," he says. "A very few people are lucky enough to be involved in the whole process" he says, further noting that "to be around the animals on a daily basis, observe their habits and conduct research are what I get out of my job."

The 29-year-old says he can understand why most people would not share his passion for working with mussels.

"It's a field that few people know much about because they have trouble developing interest in an animal that has no face or head. A mussel is just a rock to most people," he laments.

Historically, mussels once served as a food source for Native Americans, and prior to the invention of plastic, were the main source for buttons.

Today, they are considered great ecological indicators. A stream with lots of mussels is most likely one with good water quality.

They are also an important food source for other animals such as muskrats, minks, otters, fishes, and some birds.

Biomedical researchers have also discovered that freshwater mussel tissues have resistant or slow cancer growths and have been studying why this occurs.

Culp considers filtering to be the biggest benefit mussels provide. "They break down food eaten by fish, and we eat the fish," he says.

Much as he enjoys working with mussels, Culp says he doesn't keep any as pets, but he does have an extensive collection of shells at home.

And, with a little luck and a lot of hard work, people like him will ensure all the Suzys selling shells will continue to have a good supply as well.

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

Contact him at [www.thekystraveler.com](http://www.thekystraveler.com)



Members of the 2009 Leadership Rockcastle class are: Betty Purcell, David Pensol, Wayne Silverthorn, Rebekah Gevedon, Harvey Whittemore, Sheila Neal, Kathy Hensley, Kenny Robinson, Jennifer Kay Carpenter, Bobby Amburgey, Nate Patel, Scott Hail, Chris Bishop, Steve Towery and Dennis Weiskircher.

## Leadership Rockcastle begins its 2009 Class

This year begins the sixth group of community members to go through the Leadership Rockcastle program. A total of fifteen people will learn about leadership skills, personal style, community history, assets, and develop a community project.

The program started with a weekend retreat on February 20th and 21st. The facilitator, Peter Hille, met the group in Prestonsburg to begin the sessions at the Mountain Arts Center. Saturday morning the class traveled to Hindman for discussions at the Hindman Settlement School. A tour of the area included a visit to the School of Crafts, Artisan Gallery, and Studio. The Hindman community provides a full service to

craftsmen by providing training, studio space to produce their product, and a gallery to sell their work.

Leadership Rockcastle has now involved a total of 85 people that now participate in community discussions and projects. The Development Board now incorporates Leadership Rockcastle Alumni into their regular meetings, and many of the alumni serve on the Board of Directors. The yearly class ensures new ideas and involvement. This year, one participant stated that she always wanted to be involved with the community but didn't know where to start. Leadership Rockcastle offers a group of community minded people a

venue to proceed as an action group and get projects done in Rockcastle County.

Members of the 09 class are: Betty Purcell, David Pensol, Wayne Silverthorn, Rebekah Gevedon, Harvey Whittemore, Sheila Neal, Kathy Hensley, Kenny Robinson, Jennifer Kay Carpenter, Bobby Amburgey, Nate Patel, Scott Hail, Chris Bishop, Steve Towery and Dennis Weiskircher.

**Please Note:**  
The Signal has a new email address [mvsignal@windstream.net](mailto:mvsignal@windstream.net)



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An encouraging word:

## Fundamental principles are foundational

By Howard Coop



On March 4th, this nation observed, in one way or another, the anniversary of an historic event. On that day 220 years ago, the Constitution of the United States of America was adopted.

Originally, that document was prepared with the unanimous consent of 39 members of the Constitutional Convention, which met in 1787. Those delegates represented twelve of the original states. For some reason, Rhode Island chose to send no delegates to that significant convention.

Beginning with the powerful affirmation that ultimate authority in government is vested in "We the people," the framers of the Constitution, in the Preamble, declared their intent. Their primary purpose was "to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity." Time has validated their work.

When adopted, the Constitution, a written document consisting of a Preamble and seven short articles, set forth in clear language the fundamental principles of government in the United States of America. That noble document, upon adoption, became, and remains, the supreme law of the land.

The Constitution has been described as being rigid, that is, "one that has superior sanction to ordinary laws of the land and that is subject to a gradual process of amendment." For that reason, there have been only 27 amendments to it since 1789 when it was adopted. The first ten amendments, known as the Bill of Rights, were adopted on December 15, 1791.

The stability of any structure, large or small, is determined by the strength of the foundation underlying it. The Constitution adopted in 1789 by the thirteen originally states is a historic document containing the fundamental principles that are foundational to this nation. For 220 years, those principles have made the United States of America one of the great nations of the world and a leader in the cause for human freedom.

There is an abundance of chatter across this land indicating that without any constitutional change whatever the United States of America is rapidly becoming the United Socialist States of America. If the United States of America is to remain a strong and vibrant democracy, "we the people" must determine that the fundamental principles that have guided this nation for 220 years are not forgotten or abandoned.



### Free Bible Courses

Free Bible Correspondence Course. Send your name and address to 3168 Quail Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456

### Wanted

Anyone willing to work anytime, anywhere, whenever called upon. No training necessary, male or female, any age. Any nationality, race, size, shape or form. All participants accepted. Report to Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Welcome to attend Maple Grove Baptist Church. Best retirement and benefits available.

Contact Bro. Jerry Owens for transportation at 606-256-3075.

### TOPS Meetings

TOPS #KY 0476 are held Thursdays 6 to 6:30 p.m. (weigh-in/meeting times) at Brodhead Christian Church, Hwy. 150 W and Main St.,

lower level.

### Chili Cook-Off Dessert Bake-Off

Fairview Baptist Church will have their 7th annual Chili Cook Off and Dessert Bake Off this Saturday, March 7th at 6 p.m. (inclement weather postpones to the 14th). Come on out and join us for a fun night of great food and Christian fellowship. For more info, contact the church office at 256-3722 or fairviewbapt@aol.com.

### Revival

Cupps Chapel Holiness Church will hold revival services March 15-20 with evangelist Billy Bryant. Services will be 7 p.m. through the week and 6 p.m. on Sunday. The Praise Singers will be featured on Monday night, March 16th. Pastor Dwayne Carpenter and congregation invite everyone.

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

In accordance with KRS 176.051, Kentucky's noxious weed law, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will destroy noxious weeds on state-owned right of way at the request of the adjoining property owner. The noxious weeds named in this law are Johnson grass, giant foxtail, Canada thistle, nodding thistle, multiflora rose, black nightshade, wild cucumber and kudzu. Persons who own property adjacent to state right of way and who are involved in eradication efforts on their property can submit a written application to the highway district office in their area. Applications and addresses for each district office can be obtained from state highway garages.

## "What Is Written"

Today let's look at the 3 crosses of Calvary.

**A Cross of Rebellion:** One of the crosses next to the Lord, was a rebellious sinner. Being punished justly for his wrongs. Proud and arrogant, as he railed and blasphemed the Lord. "And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us." Luke 23:39. This man symbolizes humanity in general, rebellious and sinful, but can only think of saving his own neck, not his soul, carnally minded unto the end.

**A Cross of Repentance:** Now the other thief, had joined in the railing. But as the seriousness and gravity of the situation began to sink in, he repented. "But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." Luke 23:40-42. He accepted the responsibility of his sin, and humbled himself before the Lord. Jesus extended mercy.

**A Cross of Redemption:** Now the cross of Jesus speaks to us of God's grace, God's love, God's mercy. The sinless Son of God, is suffering and dying for our sins and transgressions. "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." Is.53:5. In this cross we see divine justice also, Rom.3:26. Have you turned to the cross of Christ?

**Providence church of Christ - 758-8524**

E-mail: Dan.McKibben@Juno.com

Web Site: [www.WhatSaithTheScriptures.com](http://www.WhatSaithTheScriptures.com)

Time of Services: Sunday 10am Bible Study, Worship 10:40 & 5:00pm; Wed. 7:00pm. Radio program, Sun.8am, 1460 AM

### Local man involved in project

## World War II's first remote guided missile

*Ed's Note: The following article appeared in the Gulf Breeze News in Gulf Breeze, Florida in January. Kenneth Hopkins of 285 West Main St., Mt. Vernon is a member of STAG ONE as an aviation electrician mate first class and flew a number of times in the control planes. Kenneth and his wife, Ann attended the reunion in Pensacola Beach, Florida in November of last year. While on the trip, they were hosted by the Blue Angels, and as their special guest, attended the Naval Aviation Museum Air Show where they were given VIP treatment by the Blue Angels group.*

### Stag One Blazed Trail

Local resident, Kenneth Hopkins, had a hand in the design and assembly of the U.S. military's first remote-guided missile, intended to hit enemy targets while reducing the risk to American servicemen.

It prevented Navy pilots from being shot down during World War II bombing missions against heavily fortified Japanese military positions in the South Pacific islands.

Stag One was a top-secret unit responsible for the development of the TDR-1 Assault Drone and its deployment in the Pacific Theater from August 1943 to October 1944.

The TDR-1 Assault Drone was equipped with cameras in the nose that allowed the pilots to aim the weapon directly at its target. Because it was remote-guided, the TDR-1 was capable of hitting enemy targets while generally keeping the crew out of harm's way.

The TDR-1 was loaded with a 2,000 pound bomb and its development laid the groundwork for the remote-guided missiles or "smart bombs" the U.S. military uses on today's

modern battlefield.

There were many challenges and near disasters during the development of such forward-thinking technology. Once, in Traverse City, Michigan, control was lost of one of the drones and it couldn't be shot down. It flew around for a long time and the fear was that it would crash somewhere in the city. Luckily, it stalled and a strong wind blew it out into the bay where it crashed into the water. And, in Guadalcanal, during a testing exercise, one of the planes caught fire. At first it was thought that the pin on the bomb had rattled out, which cleared out those assembled at a record pace, but the bomb disposal crew moved in and took care of it. They knew the pin hadn't fallen out.

Despite the few mishaps, the TDR-1 made it into combat where a pilot, riding in a control aircraft fitted with the necessary control devices, guided it at enemy targets.

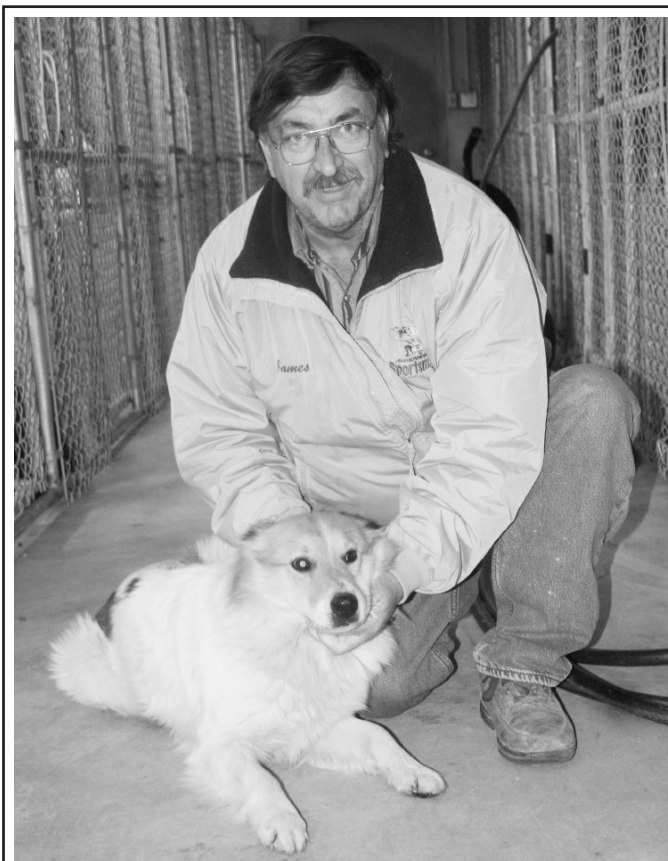
It served the Navy with an impressive record that boasted a 46.5 percent target-hit rate with no KIAs, MIAs or POWs. There were also no injuries to any of the personnel or damage to or loss of the first-line control aircraft.

Despite the success of the program, it was scrapped in October 1944 after less than two years of service.

The crew didn't receive the public credit it deserved, however, until decades later when its top-secret efforts were declassified.

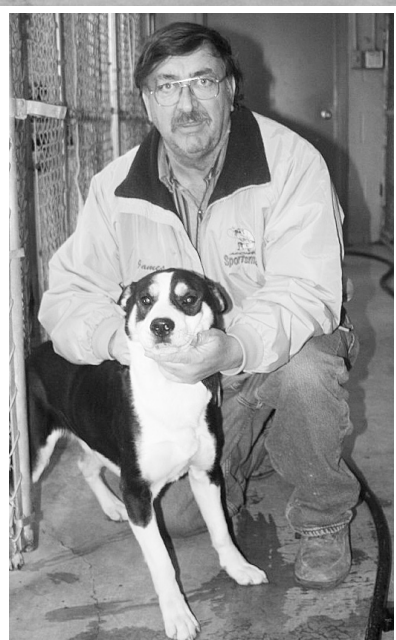
In 1981, the first Stag One reunion was held in Washington, D.C. and the group has enjoyed 17 more since.

The last known TDR-1 Assault Drone is on display at the National Naval Aviation Museum aboard NAS Pensacola.



## Animals make good companions

Several dogs and pups are up for adoption at the Rockcastle Animal Shelter on Deep Hollow Road, off Old Sigmon Road, at Roundstone, including the part 6-month old Collie shown above. Also up for adoption at the shelter is a one-year-old mixed breed, shown at right, which animal shelter director James Kidwell, calls "a very calm, good dog." Adoption fee for any animal 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](http://www.pets911.com).



**Commonwealth of Kentucky  
28th Judicial Circuit  
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I  
Civil Action No. 08-CI-00280**

**Peoples Bank and Trust  
Company of Madison County** Plaintiff

**V.**

**Robert S. Clark and  
U.S. Bank Custodian SASS  
Muni v DTR** Defendants

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on February 13, 2009, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY FOUR DOLLARS AND 44/100 (\$28,764.44) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street  
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky  
on Friday, March 20, 2009  
Beginning at the Hour of 1:00 p.m.**

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

Beginning at a stake at the County Road; thence 304 degrees Northwest, 325 feet to a stake; thence 307 degrees Northeast, 300 feet to a stake; thence 320 degrees Northwest, 322 feet to a stake; thence 280 feet Southwest to the point of beginning, same containing approximately 2 acres, more or less.

Included in this property description is a 1996 14 X 56 Hort Mirage Mobile Home, VIN #H116340G.

Being the same property conveyed to Robert S. Clark by deed dated June 26, 2003, executed by Floyd Harding and recorded in Deed Book 195, page 214 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

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

1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
3. Unpaid taxes of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2009 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
6. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
7. In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
8. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".

**Willis G. Coffey  
Master Commissioner  
Rockcastle Circuit Court**

**Commonwealth of Kentucky  
28th Judicial Circuit  
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I  
Civil Action No. 08-CI-00251**

**Community Trust Bank, Inc.** Plaintiff

**V.**

**Rebecca Lynn Robinson Hamm,  
unknown spouse of Rebecca  
Lynn Robinson Hamm; Tax Ease  
Lien Investments 1, LLC;  
Community Bancshares Series  
2007 A, LLC and Rockcastle  
County, Kentucky** Defendants

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on February 6, 2009 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of SEVENTY SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINE DOLLARS AND 75/100 (\$77,909.75) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street  
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky  
on Friday, March 20, 2009  
Beginning at the Hour of 1:00 p.m.**

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

Beginning at a stake in the west right of way of State Road 1650 and corner to the house and lot; thence North 68 1/2 West 165 feet to a stake; thence North 40 1/2 East 79 feet to a stake; thence North 44 1/2 West 516 feet to a stake in the fence; thence North 48 1/2 East 253 feet to a stake where a sweet gum is called for; thence South 45 1/2 East 642 feet to a take in the right of way of State Road 1650; thence with said right of way, South 40 1/2 West 310 feet to the beginning and containing four (4) acres.

Being the same property conveyed to Michael Lynn Hamm, Jr. and Rebecca Lynn Robinson by deed dated December 14, 1996, executed by Denver French, et. ux., and recorded in Deed Book 164, page 139 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

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

1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
3. Unpaid taxes of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2009 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
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**Willis G. Coffey  
Master Commissioner  
Rockcastle Circuit Court**

# Church Directory

**Believers House of Prayer**  
156 Scenic View Lane  
U.S. 25 N, left at 18 mile marker  
Renfro Valley, Ky.  
*Sabbath School Sat. 10-11 a.m.*  
*Morning Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Evening Worship 7 p.m.*  
Wednesday 7 p.m.  
**Pastor: Bill Davis**  
bhbp\_7@yahoo.com

**Berea Reformed Evangelical Church**  
1309 Hwy. 21 • Berea  
859-248-1600  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Bible Study 6 p.m.*  
**Xon Hostetter, Pastor**

**Bible Baptist Church**  
100 Higher Ground (off US 25)  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Church Phone 606-256-5913  
e-mail: www.biblebaptist.org  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship/Children's Church 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.*  
Video services Tues., Thurs., & Sat. at 11 a.m., 4 p.m. & 9 p.m.  
Channel 3 - New Wave  
Cable Channel 5 in Berea and Richmond 1 p.m. Wednesdays  
**Pastor: Don Stoyton**  
Associate Pastor/Youth:  
**Bro. Jeremy Ellis**  
*Kids for Christ*  
Children's Ministry:  
**Bro. Jarrod Amyx**  
Secretary: **Jo Roberts**  
Music Director: **Dan Dull**

**Blue Springs Church of Christ**  
7 miles south of Mount Vernon on Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Rd)  
*Services: Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.*  
**Preaching Brethren**  
**Zade McClure, Gary Reppert, Coy Cromer, Marcus Reppert**  
Contact Info:  
Marcus Reppert  
104 Byrda Way • Mt. Vernon, Ky.  
606-308-2794  
marcusreppert24@hotmail.com

**Bride of Christ Church**  
High St. Mt. Vernon  
*Sunday Services 7 p.m.*

**Brodhead Baptist Church**  
Corner of Silver & Maple St.  
Brodhead, Ky. 40409  
606-758-8316  
*Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.*  
(Nursery Provided)  
*Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.*  
*Children's Programs: RAs & GAs*  
Mission Friends and Creative Ministry  
**Ralph Baker, Pastor**  
Brodhead Baptist Church is a friendly church where everyone is welcome

**Brodhead Christian Church**  
237 W. Main St.  
Brodhead, Ky. 40409  
606-758-8721  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.*  
**Tracy Valentine, Preacher**  
606-758-8662  
Cell 606-305-8980

**Brush Creek Holiness Church**  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 7 p.m.*  
*Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.*  
*Special Service 1st Sunday or each month at 11 a.m.*  
**Lonnie Reese McGuire, Pastor**

**Calloway Baptist Church**  
76 Calloway Branch Rd.  
(Off US 25) • Calloway  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.*  
**Scott Mullins, Pastor**

**Central Baptist Church**  
86 Maintenance Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456  
606-256-2988  
centralbaptistky.org  
Pastor: **Mark Eaton**  
Home of "Central Baptist Christian Academy"  
K-12 Private School  
"Central Time" Radio Broadcast  
WRVK 1460AM  
Every weekday Mon.-Fri. 11:15 a.m.

**Community Holiness Church**  
*Thursday Worship 7 p.m.*  
*Friday Worship 6 p.m.*  
**Pastor: Benton Hurd**

**Faith Chapel Pentecostal**  
S. Wilderness Road  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Service 7 p.m.*  
*Saturday Service 7 p.m.*  
**Virgil Bustle, Pastor**

**First Baptist Church**  
340 West Main Street  
Mt. Vernon, Ky.  
606-256-2922  
**Bro. Eddie Nation, Pastor**  
website: www.fbcmvky.org  
email: fbcmtvernon@newwave.net  
*Sunday Services: 8:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.*  
*Wednesdays: AWANA and Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.*  
*Live Broadcast WRVK 140AM*  
*Sundays at 11 a.m.*  
*Broadcast on New Wave Cable Channel 3 Tues., Thurs. & Sunday at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. & 8 p.m.*

**First Christian Church**  
West Main Street  
Mt. Vernon, Ky.  
606-256-2876  
**Bro. Bruce Ross, Pastor**  
*Services*  
*Sunday School: 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.*  
**Kenny Shubert, Youth Pastor**

**Flat Gap Baptist Church**  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Wednesday Service 7 p.m.*  
**James Poynter, Pastor**  
606-256-3969

**Flat Rock Missionary Baptist Church**  
504 Maple Grove Rd. Hwy. 1004  
Orlando, Ky. 40460  
859-925-4048  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Fellowship Hour 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.*  
*Thursday Night Visiting 7 p.m.*  
Contact: Doris Brown  
606-256-0188  
burtonpromos@prodigy.net

**Freedom Baptist Church**  
Freedom School Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, KY  
*Sunday School 9:45 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Discipleship Training 6 p.m.*  
*Sunday Evening Worship 7 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting & Youth/Children's Classes 7 p.m.*  
**Pastor: David Sargent**  
606-256-2968

**Cornerstone Fellowship**  
50 Lovell Ct. - Mt. Vernon  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Service 7 p.m.*  
**Terry Fletcher, Pastor**  
606-256-1645

**Crossroads Assembly of God**  
Hwy. 150 • Brodhead  
**Bro. Stephen Vanhook, Pastor**  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*

*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Night 7 p.m.*

**Dixie Park Cornerstone Baptist Church**  
700 N. Powell St.  
Berea, Ky. 40403  
859-623-8292 • 859-985-2484  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Service 7 p.m.*  
**Gene Smith, Pastor**

**Fairview Baptist Church**  
520 Fairview Loop Road  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
*Sunday Services*  
*Sunday School 9:45 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Children's Choir 6 p.m.*  
*Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.*  
*Sunday Adult Choir 8 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Services*  
*Creative Ministry 6 p.m.*  
*Bible Study 7 p.m.*  
*Youth Ministry QUEST 7 p.m.*  
*RAs and GAs 7 p.m.*  
*Mission Friends 6 p.m.*  
**Vaughn Razor, Pastor**  
606-256-3722  
email: fairviewbapt@aol.com

**Fairground Hill Community Holiness Church**  
*Thursday Worship 7 p.m.*  
*Friday Worship 6 p.m.*  
**Pastor: Benton Hurd**

**Livingston Baptist Church**  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Adult & Youth Classes Available*  
*Worship Service 11 a.m.*  
*Wednesday Bible Study & Meeting 7 p.m.*  
**Bro. Steve McKinney, Pastor**  
606-758-4097  
email: stevemc64@alltel.net

**Livingston Pentecostal Holiness Church**  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Service 7 p.m.*  
**Jim Miller, Pastor**  
606-256-1709

**Maple Grove Baptist Church**  
Hwy. 1004 (Big Cave Road)  
Orlando, Ky. 40460  
606-256-1873  
**Bro. Jerry Owens, Pastor**  
Home Phone 606-256-3075  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.*  
*WRVK Broadcast 2 p.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.*

**Maretburg Baptist Church**  
2617 New Brodhead Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456  
**Wayne Harding, Pastor**  
Phone: 256-8844  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Discipleship Training 6 p.m.*  
*Sunday Youth Missions 6 p.m.*  
*Sunday Evening Worship 7 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.*  
www.maretburgbaptist.org  
maretburgchurch@yahoo.com

**McNew Chapel Baptist**  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Service 7 p.m.*  
**Jerry Ballinger, Pastor**

**Mt. Vernon Church of God**  
1025 W Main St.  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Service 7 p.m.*  
**Bobby Owens, Pastor**  
859-986-1317

**Mt. Vernon Church of the Nazarene**  
40 Fair Street • Mt. Vernon  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
**Wallace Thornton, Sr., Pastor**

**New Hope Baptist Church**  
Jet. 1797 New Hope Tower Rd. Orlando  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*

**God's Church of Zion**  
35 McFerron St.  
Mt. Vernon, KY  
*Wed. Night 7 p.m.*  
*Sunday School 2 p.m.*  
*Sunday Worship 3 p.m.*  
**Pastor: Fred Hecker**

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

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

**Little Country Church**  
Jarber Rd.  
Turn left off Rev. Green Loop onto Jarber Rd.  
**Jack Weaver, Pastor**  
*Sunday 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday 7 p.m.*

**Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church**  
515 Williams St.  
(across from MVES)  
Mount Vernon, Ky. 606-256-4170  
*Mass Times:*  
*Tuesdays at 5 p.m.*  
*Sabbath Mass: Sat., 5 p.m.*  
*Holy Days 5 p.m.*  
**Father Nick Pagano, Pastor**  
Sister Joyce Moeller,  
Pastoral Associate

**Philadelphia United Baptist Church**  
834 Bryant Ridge Rd.  
Brodhead, Ky.  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Service 7 p.m.*  
*Saturday Service 7 p.m.*  
**Gordon Mink, Pastor**  
606-256-9724

**Pine Hill Holiness Church**  
5216 S. Wilderness Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456  
**Allen Hensley, Pastor**  
453-4801  
www.pinehillholinesschurch.com  
email: pinehillhc@aol.com  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening Worship 7 p.m.*  
*Thursday Night Worship 7:30 p.m.*  
*Saturday Night Worship 7:30 p.m.*  
WRVK (1460 AM) Broadcast  
Noon Sundays

**Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church**  
81 Limeplant Hollow Road  
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456

*Sunday Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Sunday Evening 6 p.m.*  
*Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.*  
**Bro. David Carpenter, Pastor**

**Northside Baptist Church**  
777 Faith Mountain Rd.  
(Off 461 bypass) Mt. Vernon  
606-256-5577  
www.nbcnet.org  
**Sunday**  
*Sunday School 10 a.m.*  
*Morning Worship 11 a.m.*  
*Children's Church 11 a.m.*  
*Hispanic Services 4 p.m.*  
*Evening Worship 6 p.m.*  
**Wednesday**  
*Adult & Youth Worship 7 p.m.*  
WLJC-TV 65 (Dish Network and regional TV cables)  
Thursday 8:30 p.m.  
New Wave Cable (KET2 ch. 3)  
Tues., Thurs., Sun.  
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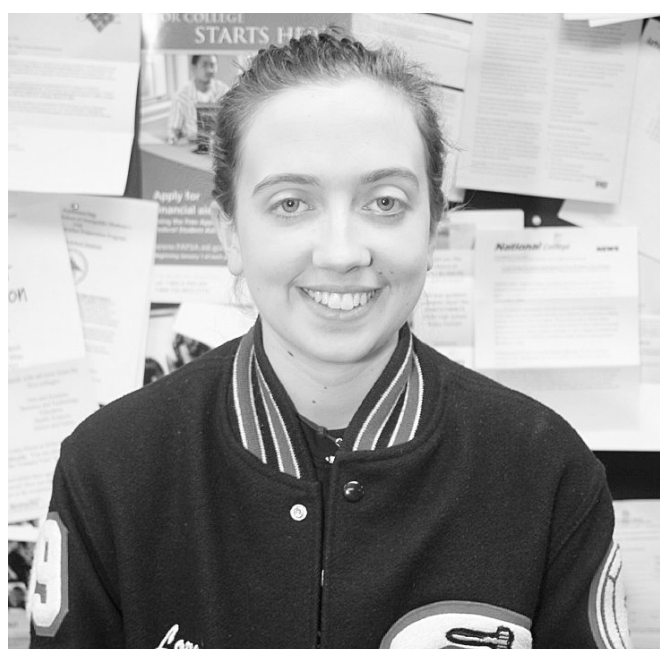
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## Rockcastle County High School Academic Honor Roll



Rockcastle County High School senior Loren Reynolds, has a perfect grade point average of 4.03 and is tied for the fourth highest ranking of the 207 seniors in the 2009 graduating class at RCHS. Reynolds is the daughter of Roger and Allison Reynolds of Brodhead and will attend Eastern Kentucky University in the Fall where she will major in Math and Science Education. Loren is a member of FCA and has served as President for 2 years; a member of Student YMCA where she has served as Chaplain for two years and is vice president of the RCHS Young Republicans. Loren had an advanced placement class in history as a junior and as a senior she has advanced placement classes in Calculus and Chemistry. Loren is also an assistant in a practicum program for special needs students at RCHS. Loren has been a member of the RCHS Volleyball team for five years and has twice been named to the all-district team and once to all-region. Loren was also named to the Southeast Kentucky Volleyball All-Stars last Fall. Loren holds several teams records in volleyball at RCHS. Loren is very active in the youth group at First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon where she plays guitar and sings in the Praise Band. Loren has also volunteered as a counselor at the Kentucky Christian Assembly Church Camp at Brodhead for seven years.

## Devon Mason to represent the ROCK in Australia

About two months ago, Rockcastle County High School senior football player Devon Mason received an invitation he described as "a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity".

The 18 year old Mason was selected to represent Kentucky and compete at International Sports Specialists Inc.'s 21st annual Down Under Sports Tournaments.



Devon Mason

Mason will join athletes from the United States, Australia, and New Zealand competing in the Down Under Bowl in Australia.

Mason, who plans on playing football in college, was "thrilled to be given the opportunity to represent Rockcastle County and Kentucky in this way. Football has been my passion. To be able to compete on an international level only intensifies this love for the game."

Mason and his family have been asking family, friends, and business sponsors for donations, and are planning fund-raisers to help cover the \$4300 cost of the trip. For every \$2 that is donated, a donation ticket will be put into a drawing for a trip for two to Australia.

Defensive Coordinator at the Rock, Josh Martin, who also played in the Down Under Bowl in 1999, is assured the experience is worth it for Devon. "Not only do I think the football aspect is tremendous, but the cultural experience is 2nd to none." The players receive star treatment as they take sightseeing tours, visit cultural centers, and participate in activities native to Australia.

Mason was a three-year letterman for the Rockets, playing every position on the offensive and defensive lines. His knowledge of the game

of football coupled with his work ethic led to his being selected to the 1st team All-District Defensive Line. Devon will graduate RCHS this May with plans to attend college to be an education major.

If you are interested in making a donation, contact Pam Mason at (606) 256-9719.

"Devon loves football, he is a great student, and he has ambition to succeed in life," Martin said. "Having this opportunity will only open more doors for him. Who knows where it could take him?"

## FFA members attend Spencer Co. Invitational

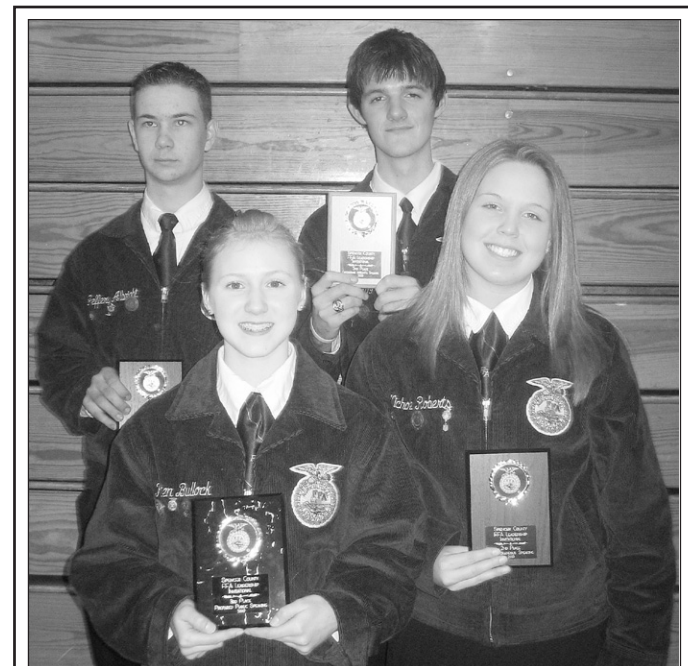
Submitted by Alexis Brown  
Rockcastle County FFA  
Chapter Reporter

Members of the Rockcastle County FFA Chapter traveled to Taylorsville for the annual Spencer County Invitational February 28th. The invitational is a practice for chapters throughout the state as they prepare for regional competitions.

The members competed in various speaking contests and Varsity Parliamentary Procedure. T.J. Singleton placed second in Greenhouse Impromptu Speaking, Jeff Albright placed third in Crop Impromptu Speaking, Kristin Bullock placed third in Prepared Public Speaking and Nichole Roberts placed second in Extemporaneous Public Speaking. Alexis Brown competed in the Dairy Cattle Impromptu speaking area, Amanda Swinney competed in the Sheep Impromptu area, Nikki Wilson competed in the Goat Impromptu area and Skylar Holcomb competed in

the Floral Impromptu area. The Varsity Parliamentary Procedure team placed first. Members were: President, Jeff Albright; Vice President, Brittany Adams; Secretary, Amanda Swinney; Treasurer, Kristin Bullock; Reporter, Nichole Roberts; Sentinel, Steven Brown and members were T.J. Singleton, Matt Maples, and Nikki Wilson.

Good Luck at the regional competition.



Pictured from left to right are the FFA members that placed in their speech area: Kristin Bullock, Nichole Roberts, Jeff Albright and T.J. Singleton.



The Varsity Parliamentary Procedure team placed first at the Spencer County Invitational. Members pictured are front from left: Kristin Bullock. Second row from left: Amanda Swinney, Brittany Adams, Nikki Wilson, and Nichole Roberts. Back row from left: Matt Maples, Jeff Albright, T.J. Singleton, and Steven Brown.

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#### AGENDA

Regular Meeting

March 10, 2009

7:00 P.M.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:**
  - A. Silent Prayer
  - B. Roll Call
  - C. Reading of Board Team Commitments
- 2. ADOPT AGENDA/ACTION:**
- 3. COMMUNICATION:** Elementary Schools Presentation (Mrs. Renner, Mrs. Graves and Mr. Davidson)
- 4. OPERATIONS/ACTIONS:**
  - A. Approve minutes of the February 10 regular meeting
  - B. Approve bills for payment
  - C. Approve Emergency Substitute Teacher Application TC-4:
  - D. Approve School Fund Raisers Request for RCHS
  - E. Approve School Trip Forms
- 5. DISCUSSION/ACTION:**
  - A. Review/Approve Local Facility Plan as reviewed and approved by the Local Planning Committee
  - B. Review/Approve Appointment of Local Hearing Officer for Local/State Public Forum for District Facility Plan
- 6. DISCUSSION/REVIEW:**
  - A. Review Monthly Financial Reports
  - B. Review Superintendent's Personnel Action Report
- 7. ADJOURNMENT:**



## Remember March is Colorectal Cancer Month

By Shirley Balman  
Academic Detailer  
Southern Kentucky Area  
Health Education Center  
Turning 50 means different things to different people, but to all people it marks a time when they should be screened for colorectal cancer. The screenings detect the presence of polyps or abnormal growths that could and often do lead to cancer.

Colorectal cancer is preventable, treatable and beatable! Yet it is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in Kentucky. In 2005, the University of Kentucky's Prevention Research Center (PRC) conducted research in the Lake Cumberland area and discovered that one of the primary ways this disease could be prevented is to screen more people.

The University of Kentucky's PRC and the Southern Kentucky AHEC (located in Rockcastle County) then set out to recruit 22 primary care practices from 15 Appalachian counties to participate in a research project. The study was to help determine if practice-based education would be effective in increasing referrals for colorectal cancer screening.

The results of this study are still coming in but the preliminary information gathered

shows that screening referrals have increased; in fact recommendations for colonoscopy (the gold standard for colorectal cancer screening methods) increased by nearly 5 percent. Documentation of colonoscopy results increased more than 10% and appropriate screenings (screenings meeting the guidelines) increased from 29.5% to 33.6%.

Physicians utilized suggestions made during educational interventions and at times designed their own strategies to include those people who had not been identified previously for screenings.

Preventing colorectal cancer is a collaborative venture between the medical profession and the community. During March the focus at Rockcastle Hospital will include representatives visiting local civic clubs and organizations to inform their membership about the opportunities for screening, a live radio show on WRVK 1460 Wednesday March 18th at 9:30am, screening information in many of our physicians offices as well as free colorectal cancer screening kits available at the hospital and at many pharmacies in the county.

Now it's your turn! Screening – a simple solution to a life threatening problem.

## Library News



Pam Chaliff

The library is celebrating Read Across America! Tuesday March 2, was Theodore Seuss Geisel's aka Dr. Seuss's Birthday. Here at the library we are celebrating a wonderful children's author all this month. You will find a display of Dr. Seuss's books, Dr. Seuss bookmarks and a bulletin board full of information on Dr. Seuss in the children's section of the library. Please come to the library sometime this month to celebrate with us one of the world's greatest contributors to children's literature, Dr. Seuss.

All book summaries for the Books for Bikes: Reading for Wheels program are to be turned in by this Saturday, March 7. The Books for Bikes social will held at the library on Tuesday, March 17 at

4:30pm. Participants who need to attend the social will be contacted by the library. Participants must be present to win.

Movie Day is this Friday at 4:00pm in the main library. The library will be showing Open Season 2. Refreshments will be served during the movie.

Next Tuesday at story hour and at craft time, the children will be painting. Shirts will be provided to protect clothing. Story hour is every Tuesday at 1:00pm for children ages 0-4 and craft time is every Tuesday at 5:00pm for children ages 4-10.

If you have any questions about the social or any other programs currently going on at the library please contact us at 606-256-2388. The library is open M-F 10-6 and Sat. 10-4.



Display-The Dr. Seuss display in the Children's Library.

## Rogers secures over \$3 million for PRIDE

Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-05) announced today that the United States House of Representatives has approved \$3,190,000 for PRIDE to continue its valuable environmental initiatives in southern and eastern Kentucky. Rogers secured this important funding to promote environmental volunteerism and education, as well as important water treatments efforts in the region. The Senate will vote on this legislation next week.

"Since its inception in 1997, I have witnessed firsthand the incalculable role of PRIDE in restoring our great land to its natural beauty. Just as important as ridding our forests, streams and roadways of litter and debris, the PRIDE program has inspired a younger generation of Kentuckians to value their surroundings and empowered them to take responsibility for the future of our region," said Rogers. "In addition, with vital water treatment funding, our ongoing campaign to eliminate straight pipes and failing septic systems will continue to provide our citizens with safe, sanitary wastewater treatment services."

PRIDE, which promotes Personal Responsibility in a Desirable Environment, was launched by Rogers and the late General James Bickford, former Secretary of the Kentucky Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet. The federal funding designates \$1 million for PRIDE's volunteer, education and clean-up efforts and \$2 million for Section 531 water treatment technologies that vastly reduce pollution otherwise headed for local lakes, rivers and streams. PRIDE collaborates with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to implement the Section 531 program, which provides grants to counties, cities and utilities for innovative wastewater treatment projects, sewer line extensions or treatment plan upgrades in rural areas at a 75/25 federal/local cost share. The federal funding also designates \$190,000 for environmental education and awareness programs to students throughout southern and eastern Kentucky. To date, PRIDE has recruited more than 262,000 volunteers,

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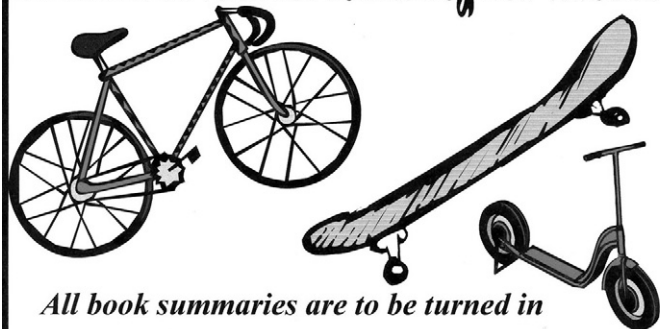
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## Sixth Annual Reading Social Books For Bikes: Reading for Wheels



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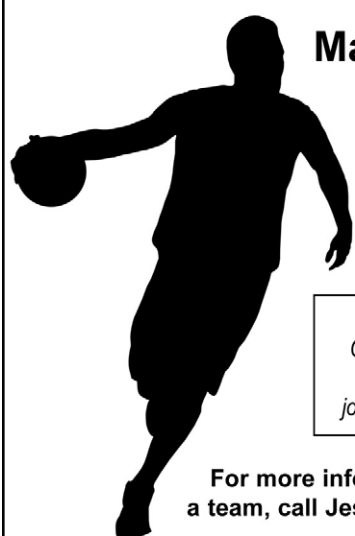
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March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

# Rockets win first 47th district title

When the 47th district tournament began last week both the Rockets and Lady Rockets were the number 1 seed.

It was pretty much a given that the Rocket girls team would dominate and, hopefully, the boys, who lost their last six regular season games, would be a maybe.

However, the best laid plans... The Lady Rockets fell victim to a determined Lady Rebels team from Casey County and the boys fought and clawed their way to a championship win over the boys from Casey County, 76-63.

It was the first title for the boys since joining the 47th district four years ago.

The Rockets had advanced to the finals with a hard-fought win over Somerset, the only team to defeat them in regular season play, in the first round of the district.

Last Friday night's championship game was no different with the Rockets jumping out 30-18 early in the second quarter, only to see the Rebels fight back to take the lead 43-42 midway of the third quarter.

The game started off well

for the Rockets with junior Matt Bullens and senior Spencer Mullins both having a hot hand in the first quarter. Bullens got seven points, five at the free throw line and Mullins got nine to account for all but seven of the Rockets 23 points the first quarter.

Junior Jamie Todd, who would wind up the eventual player of the game with his game high 22 points, added two baskets in the period, one a three, and Derek Thacker accounted for four points to round out the Rockets first quarter scoring.

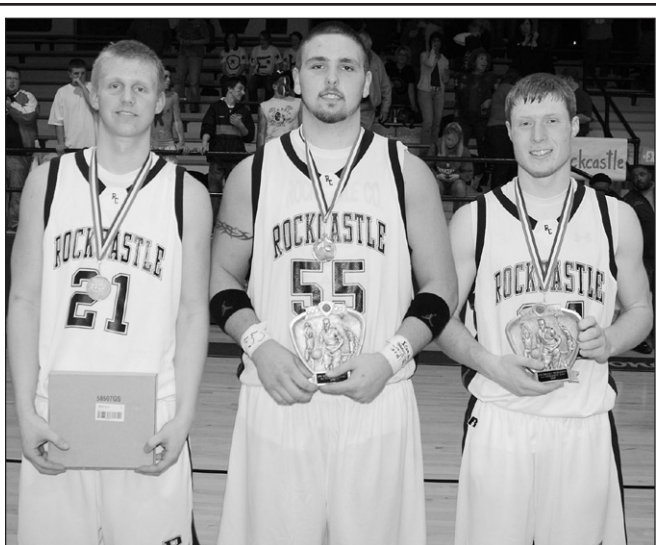
Rocket fans got a little nervous in the second quarter when both Bullens and Mullins picked up their second fouls early in the period. However, Todd stepped up, canning three baskets in the quarter, Matthew Lunsford added a basket, Mullins and Bullens each scored a three and it was 37-28 at the halfway mark.

However, in the third, the Rocket fans saw their team dig deep to meet a strong challenge by the Rebels. Casey deflected

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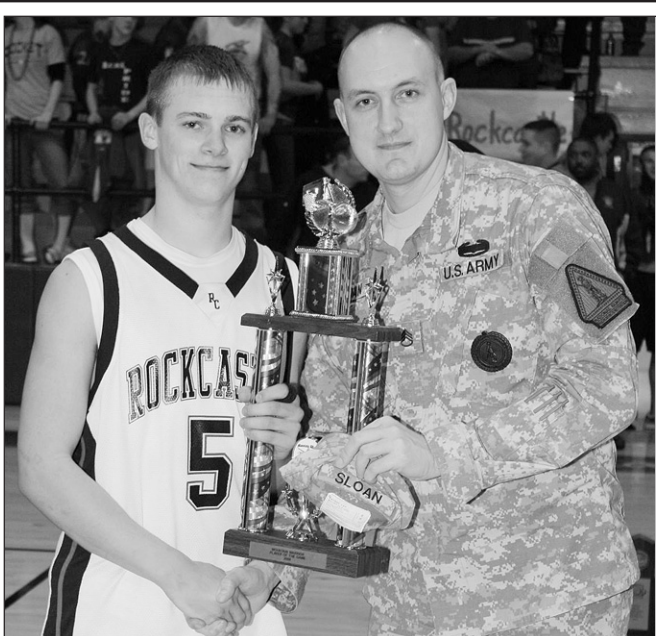
A somewhat disappointed Lady Rocket team accepted the runner-up trophy after Thursday night's 47th district championship game against Casey County. The Lady Rockets lost for the second time this season to the Lady Rebels, 62-54. Shown above, from left are: Shanlee Burton, Katy Mattingly, Sasha Bullock, Ella McQueary, Jilissa Lay, Kristen Abney, Sara Hammond, Mary Saylor, Ashley Robinson, Nicole Locklear, Casey Sturgill, Angie Lawrence, Cheyenne Hensley, Jackie Alexander and Sydney Arvin. (Sports photos by: Richard Anderkin and Kevin Canterbury).



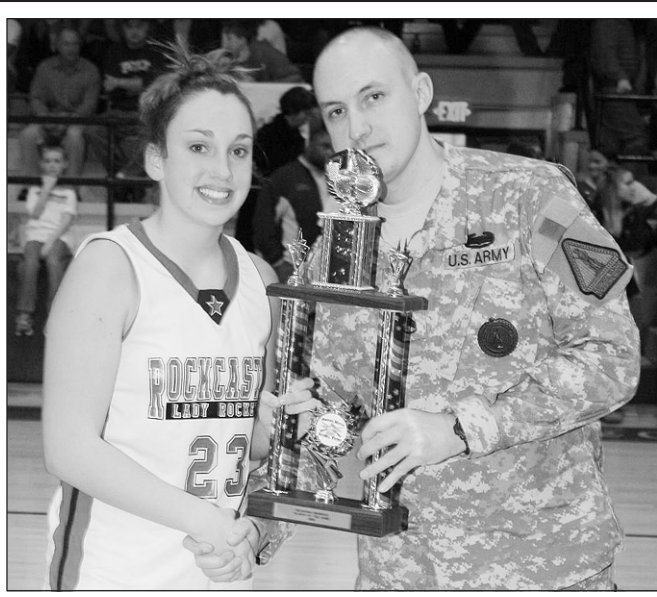
Rocket senior Spencer Mullins, left, junior Derek Thacker, center, and junior Matt Bullens were named to the 47th District All-tournament team on Friday night.



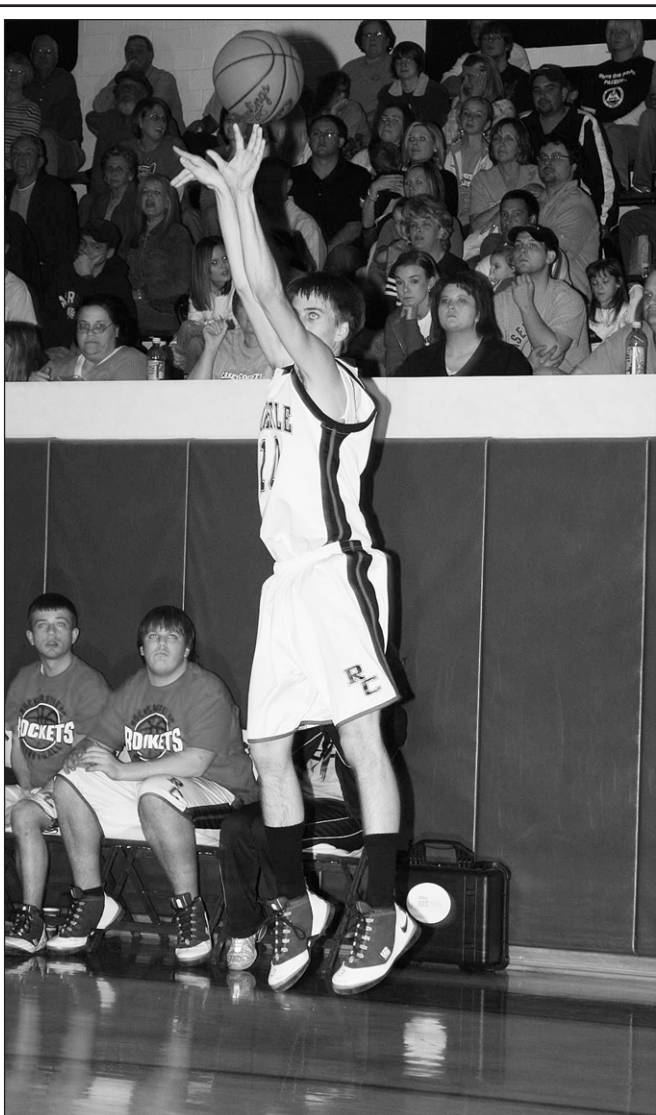
Lady Rockets, Sara Hammond, left, and Jackie Alexander were named to the 47th District All-tournament team last Thursday night, after their loss to Casey County in the district finals. The Lady Rockets rebounded well, defeating Wayne County 62-41 in the first round of the 12th region tournament on Tuesday night.



RCHS junior guard Jamie Todd was named player of the game on Friday night, after he poured in 22 points to help lead the Rockets to a 76-63 win over Casey County in the championship game of the 47th regional tournament. The Rockets were scheduled to play Wayne County in the first round of the Boys 12th regional tournament on Wednesday afternoon.



Lady Rocket senior Ashley Robinson was named most valuable player for the Lady Rockets on Thursday night in the championship game of the 47th district tournament. The Lady Rockets lost the championship game but bounced back to win their first round regional game against Wayne County on Tuesday night, 62-41.



RCHS junior Dustin Reynolds puts up a three point shot against Casey County on Friday night. The Rockets won 76-63. Reynolds had three points.



Sophomore Angie Lawrence goes for two of her game high 17 points on Tuesday night against Wayne County in the first round of the 12th region tournament at Pulaski County High School. Lawrence, who was named most valuable player in the game, help lead her team to the 62-41 win. The Lady Rockets play Lincoln County in the second round of the regional tournament on Friday night at 8:15, as they attempt to defend their 12th region title.

# Girls easily handle Wayne in first round of regional

It was the Mary/Sara show the first quarter of the Lady Rocket's first 12th region game on Tuesday night as Mary Saylor and Sara Hammond combined for all of their team's 14 first quarter points to lead Wayne County 14-11 at the end of the period.

Hammond picked up her second foul in the second quarter and saw limited playing time but Saylor added seven points to her first quarter 5.

Senior guard Katy Mattingly, who also picked up two quick fouls, added five points in the second quarter, Jackie Alexander added three

from the free throw line and Angie Lawrence and Jilissa Lay each scored two for the Lady Rockets to give them a half-time lead of 33-18.

Just as Saylor and Hammond had turned on in the first quarter, Lawrence was everywhere on the court in the second half, scoring 15 points, stealing the ball and just generally making life miserable for the Lady Cardinals from Wayne County.

Despite their best efforts, the Lady Cardinals from Wayne County couldn't ever

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# Lady Rockets lose to Casey County in district finals

The Rockcastle County High School Lady Rockets failed to defend their 47th district title on Thursday night, when they fell to the Lady Rebels of Casey County, 62-54 in the district finals.

The Lady Rockets battled back to tie the game at 19 in the first half, but they could never get the upper hand on the Lady Rebels, who have lost only three games all season long.

The Lady Rebels took a 35-24 lead into the dressing room at half-time, but the Lady

Rockets cut the lead to 39-37 and to 41-40 in the second half.

But the Lady Rebels managed to hold onto the lead and went on a 6-0 scoring run to make the score 47-40 before the Lady Rockets mounted a comeback to make the score 47-45 with 6:30 to go in the game.

That would be as close as the Lady Rockets would get, as Casey County picked up their second win of the season over the Lady Rockets.

Thursday night's loss was

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Lady Rocket senior Katy Mattingly prepares to inbound the basketball in the second half of the 47th district championship game against Casey County. At the time the Lady Rockets were behind by only one point. Mattingly played an excellent defensive game and scored two points on the night. In the first round of the 12th region Mattingly scored five points as the Lady Rockets advanced 62-41 over Wayne County.

*Smith qualifies for National Scholastic Indoor Championships*

# RCHS girls' track places 2nd at Mason County

The RCMS and RCMS girls' track teams had their last indoor meets of the season at Mason County this past weekend in preparation for the Mason-Dixon Games Indoor State Championships this Friday and Saturday in Louisville.

With over twenty schools competing, the RCHS girls' team had another outstanding meet. Despite only having five girls actually compete, including two high school athletes, the team finished second to private school power St. Henry, 87-83. RCHS defeated Class 2A rival Lloyd Memorial by 32 points.

RCMS junior Samantha Smith led RCHS with several impressive performances including 30.5 total points. In the long jump competition, Samantha leaped an amazing 16'5.25" to easily capture first. In triple jump, she finished a close 2nd with a great effort of 32'11". She also placed 1st in the 55-meter dash, blazing her

way to an exceptional time of 7.83 seconds. Samantha continues to be ranked # 1 in all three classes in the state in both long and triple jump.

RCMS senior Sarah McKinney was named the KyTrackXC.com Athlete of the Week for her outstanding RCHS record-breaking winning performance in the 55-meter hurdles. Sarah finished with a national elite level time of 9.15 seconds, eclipsing her own RCHS mark in the event by one hundredth of a second. She continues to be ranked # 1 in the state in all three classes in the event. Sarah also equaled a season's best effort in the high jump competition, finishing 9th with a jump of 4'4".

RCMS 8th grader Michaela Hunter shared a great deal of the load for RCHS, scoring an impressive 30.5 points with some outstanding performances. Michaela won the 400-meter dash with a superb

time of 1:05.25. She also won triple jump with an impressive effort of 33'2". In long jump, Michaela finished 2nd with an awesome season's best leap of 15'1.25".

RCMS 6th grader Kira Deatherage competed in the varsity competition to give her an added challenge leading up to next weekend's middle school state meet. In the 55-meter dash, Kira finished 7th overall with a fast time of 8.12 seconds. She was equally impressive in the 400-meter dash finishing 6th overall in 1:08.39. In long jump, Kira leaped an incredible personal best 13'8.75" and finished 8th overall.

Samantha, Sarah, Michaela, and Kira teamed up for the most exciting race of the day - the 1600-meter relay. All four girls ran exceptionally fast on the short and tight 133-meter track, finishing 1st overall with an awesome season's best effort of 4:34.89.

8th grader Amy Johnson finished 7th in the shot put competition with an outstanding effort of 25'0".

A week earlier, three members of the RCHS girls' team competed unattached in the University of Kentucky High School Invitational, a national level meet including many of the top track and field athletes from around the U.S. including fourteen different states.

Samantha Smith had her best meet of the indoor season, posting a 5th place finish in long jump with a season's best effort of 17'0". Samantha was just as impressive in triple jump, finishing 5th as well with a new RCHS indoor record of 35'1.5". Her impressive performances earned her a qualification in both events at the prestigious National Scholastic Indoor Championships in New York City, New York later this March. The competition is very difficult to qualify for and is open to only the best track and field athletes the U.S. has to offer.

Sarah McKinney competed in the 60-meter hurdles at the University of Kentucky High School Invitational. Sarah ran an exceptional race, finishing 23rd overall with an awesome time of 10.0 seconds.

Michaela Hunter also competed at UK in the triple jump competition. Although, the meet does not accept middle school athletes, they made an exception for Michaela due to her exemplary performance in triple jump earlier this season. Michaela did not disappoint, finishing 6th overall with a new personal best effort of 34'1.25".

This past weekend at Mason County, the RCMS girls' team finished 2nd, 89-79, behind Harrison County. With a full team, the girls would have easily won, but were missing the three girls that participated with the varsity team. Nevertheless, RCMS had a great meet with several scoring in the top eight in their events.

In the 55-meter dash, 6th grader Kendra Dees finished 4th overall in 8.6 seconds. 8th grader Bryonna Cromer finished 5th, also in 8.6 seconds.

In the 400-meter dash, Bryonna led the way with a 3rd place finish in 1:13.66, while 7th grader Lacey Gastineau finished 4th in 1:14.08.

8th grader Brooklyn Blanton scored a 2nd place finish in her first-ever 800-meter run. She finished in 2:59.19. 6th grader Rachel Cain placed 8th in a personal best 3:18.04, while 6th grader Alyssa Cox finished a close 9th in 3:18.04.

In the 1600-meter run, Alyssa Cox finished 6th in a

personal best 7:00.4, while Rachel finished 7th in 7:05.24.

Scoring in the 55-meter hurdles were 7th grader Alyssa Allen who finished a close 2nd in 10.73 seconds and 6th grader Amber Woodall placed 5th in 12.5 seconds.

Brooklyn won long jump with a career best leap of 13'7.5". Bryonna Cromer finished 2nd with a jump of 13'4.25". 7th graders Alyssa Allen, April Mason, and Lyndsey Abel also had personal best performances, finishing 3rd, 4th, and 5th respectively.

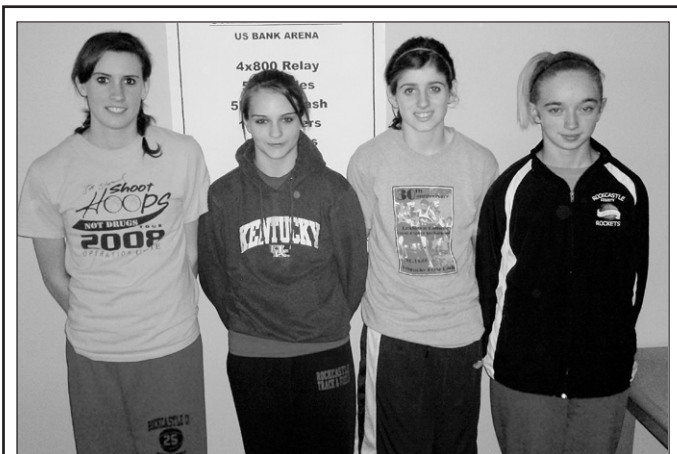
7th grader Gabby Miller finished 5th in her first-ever shot put competition throwing 25'3". 6th grader Cynthia Deaton placed 8th with a throw of 21'6".

The 1600-meter relay team of Lacey Gastineau, April Mason, Kendra Dees, and Bryonna Cromer finished 1st with a season's best effort of 5:08.23.

The RCMS girls' team will compete for the indoor state championship title this Friday at 5:00 pm at Broadbent Arena in Louisville. RCMS should be a favorite for the team title and has several individuals capable of taking home state titles in numerous events.

The RCHS girls' team will compete on Saturday in the Class 2A Indoor State Championships at 12:00 pm. RCHS also has a shot at many individual and relay state titles.

The girls will be seeking their 3rd straight indoor state title and are regarded as one of the favorites.



The RCHS girls' team finished 2nd out of over twenty teams that competed in the last Mason County indoor meet of the season. RCHS had only five competitors, including two high schoolers, and was defeated by private school St. Henry by a score of 87-83. Pictured from left to right are winning 1600-meter relay team members Sarah McKinney, Samantha Smith, Michaela Hunter, and Kira Deatherage. Not shown is thrower Amy Johnson.



RCMS junior Samantha Smith led RCHS to a 2nd place finish at Mason County this past weekend. Samantha won long jump, the 55-meter dash, and the 1600-meter relay. She also finished 5th in both long and triple jump at the UK High School National Invitational recently and is ranked # 1 out of all classes in the state in the two events. Her marks have qualified her for the prestigious National Scholastic Indoor Championships in New York City in March.



RCHS senior Sarah McKinney was named the KyTrackXC.com Athlete of the Week for her outstanding RCHS record-breaking winning performance in the 55-meter hurdles at Mason County this past weekend. She also won the 1600-meter relay. Sarah is ranked # 1 in the state in all three classes in the event. She also finished 23rd at the recent UK High School National Invitational in the 60-meter hurdles.



Members of the JROTC Color Guard at RCHS, participated in the opening ceremonies of the boys 47th district championship game on Friday night. Shown above, from left are: Joseph Doan, Caitlyn Burke, Andrea Vanwinkle and David Lunsford. The Color Guard was accompanied by instructor, Sgt. First Class Keith Graves.



Lady Rocket head coach Chrysti Noble called time-out in her team's game on Thursday night, to talk to her players, who were behind by seven points at the time. The Lady Rockets would close the gap to two points in the second half, against Casey County, but they would eventually fall 62-54. Lady Rockets shown from left are: Jackie Alexander, Sara Hammond, Jillisa Lay and Kristen Abney.



RCMS fans showed their support on Friday night during the boy's district championship game at Somerset High School. The Rockets defeated Casey County 76-63 and were scheduled to play Wayne County on Wednesday night.

## "Rockets"

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almost every pass the Rockets made and forced several Rocket turnovers enroute to a 43-42 lead at the 3:52 mark.

And, to add to the anxiety, Mullins picked up his third and fourth fouls and had to leave the game at the 3:18 mark of the third.

Mullins started the third period off with a three but it was several minutes before Todd came through with the Rockets second basket of the quarter.

Casey was ahead 44-42 when another basket by Todd knotted the score at 44 all, Bulls then scored to put the Rockets ahead and Dustin Reynolds hit a three for a 49-46 lead for the Rockets at the end of the third.

In the fourth, the Rockets added to their lead, beginning with a basket by Bulls to open the scoring. Bullen added two free throws, Lunsford a three and Thacker a basket to put the Rockets up 58-50 with 5:34 remaining in the game.

Following a Rockcastle time out, Thacker got a free throw, a steal and a basket, Todd came through with a trey and the Rockets were up 12, 64-52.

Things didn't get any better for the Rebels as they had to foul and the Rockets were ready. Mullins catted two, Todd got six and Lunsford two and Thacker added a basket for

the final 76-63. Besides Todd's 22, Mullins got 17; Bulls 16; Thacker 11; Lunsford 7 and Reynolds 3.

Named to the all-district tournament team for the Rockets were Bulls, Thacker and Mullins.

The Rockets were scheduled to take on Wayne County Wednesday night in the first round of the 12th Region at Lincoln County.

## "Girls win"

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get in the game with the Lady Rockets.

In the first game of the season, the Rockets managed a two point, 57-55, win over Wayne County on the road and the contest was expected to be closer.

Leading 14-11 at the end of the first period, 33-18 at the half and 49-30 at the third quarter stop, the Lady Rockets played solid defense to take the game 62-41. The Lady Rockets also knocked down 12 of their 14 chances at the charity stripe.

Lawrence was rewarded for her efforts in the game by being named Player of the Game.

The Rockets will now face-off with Lincoln County in the semi-finals of the region on Friday night.

In regular season, the Rockets lost to Lincoln County 50-43 in overtime at Rockcastle.

Besides Lawrence's 17, Saylor scored 14; Mattingly 5; Jackie Lawrence 11; Sara Hammond 11 and Jillisa Lay and Kristen Abney, 2 each.

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## "Girls lose"

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the second in three games for the Lady Rockets, who were out rebounded 37-20, by the Lady Rebels.

The Lady Rockets were lead in scoring against Casey, by Jackie Alexander, who had 19, Sara Hammond scored 12, Angie Lawrence had 8, Mary Saylor, 6, Ashley Robinson, 5, Katy Mattingly 2 and Nicole Locklear, 2.

"I don't think we played as a team, which is so important for us to be successful, some of our players took bad shots and others simply forgot their assignments," said head coach Chrysti Noble.

"Casey County is a very good team, which is obvious by the fact they have beat us twice, - we cannot have a less than perfect game against them to be successful," she said.

The Lady Rockets did rebound on Tuesday night to beat Wayne County 62-41 in the first round of the regional tournament.

The Lady Patriots will face Lincoln County on Friday night at Pulaski County High School in the semi-finals of the 12th region at 8:15 p.m.

The Lady Patriots are 25-5 on the season and defeated the Lady Rockets 50-43 in overtime earlier this season.

That loss was in the second game of the season and on the Lady Rocket's home floor. "This team realizes that their next game could be their last and with seven seniors, I do not think any of them want that - we will have to be totally focused and play as a team, just like we did Tuesday night to beat Lincoln," Coach Noble said.

# JROTC competes at Corbin

By Ericka Isaac

On February 21st, the JROTC raider and drill team took 29 cadets to compete at the annual Corbin Raider and Drill competition. Those ca-



The JROTC raider and drill team took 29 cadets to compete at the annual Corbin Raider and Drill competition. Those cadets were front from left: Ashley Roberts, Samantha Bussell, Andrea Vanwinkle, Ericka Isaac, Caitlin Burke, Felicia Boggs, and Rachele Halcomb. Second row from left: Casey Hansel, Luke Allen, David Lunceford, Colton Walker, Shawna Smith, Nathan Singleton, and Jordan Moore. Third row from left: Jesse Artley, Jonathan Alexander, Joseph Doan, Chris Robinson, Stanley Bagget, Ben Whitaker, and Casey Bradley. Back row from left: Charles Dickerson, Juanita Barron, Bruce Bolyard, Cullan White, Marcus Bolyard, Craig Stewart, Ronnie Denny, and Lester Senters.

dets were Samantha Bussell, Juanita Barron, Ericka Isaac, Andrea Vanwinkle, Ashley Roberts, Caitlin Burke, Felicia Boggs, Shawna Smith, Rachele Halcomb, Charles Dickerson, Colton Walker, Chris Robinson, Nathan Singleton, Craig Stewart, Casey Bradley, Casey Hansel, Jonathan Dekorte, Jonathan Alexander, Jordan Moore, Ben Whitaker, Cullan White, David Lunceford, Stanley Bagget, Luke Allen, Marcus Bolyard, Bruce Bolyard, Ronnie Denny, Lester Senters, and Joseph Doan.

The Rocket Battalion competed in six events against thirteen other schools. The first event was the mystery event, where the cadets had to low-crawl through a given length to retrieve color coordinated weights, then crawl back through the designated area and place the weight in its respective colored crate. The competing members for this event were Juanita Barron,

Andrea Vanwinkle, Nathan Singleton, Cullan White, Bruce Bolyard, and Joseph Doan.

Next our cadets competed in the grueling raider challenge. In this event the cadets had to flip a tractor tire for a certain given length, then walk across a secured double rope bridge,

once they completed that they had to run up the hill to retrieve their tokens. Once they got their tokens they had to run back down the hill to the finish line. The Rocket cadets finished in an astounding 16.5

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JROTC members Charles Dickerson, Ben Whitaker, Samantha Bussell, and Colton Walker won third place in Colorguard.



The JROTC girls' team of Samantha Bussell, Andrea Vanwinkle, Shawna Smith, Caitlin Burke, and Rachele Halcomb won fourth place in female tug of war.



JROTC members Cullan White, Juanita Barron, Bruce Bolyard, Andrea Vanwinkle, Joseph Doan, and Nathan Singleton won third place in the mystery event.

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

**Chase Home Finance LLC  
Plaintiff**

**V.**

**Chris Compton and  
Joanie Compton  
Defendants**

### NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on January 14, 2009 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of NINETY THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE DOLLARS AND 07/100 (\$90,385.07) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street  
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on Friday, March 20, 2009  
Beginning at the Hour of 1:00 p.m.**

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

95 Ferguson Street, Mount Vernon, KY 40456

Being all of Lots No. 1, 2, 3, 14, 15 and 16 and six feet of Lot No. 4 fronting on Ferguson Street and three feet of Lot No. 13 on Woodland Street, said lots being in Block C of Jones Addition as shown on plat of same of record in Deed Book 43, Page 430, to which said plat reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said property.

Being the same property conveyed to Chris Compton and Joanie Compton by deed dated November 5, 2007, executed by Tony Baugh, unmarried and recorded in Deed Book 219, page 337 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

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

1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of twenty five percent (25%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
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3. Unpaid taxes of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2009 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
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**Willis G. Coffey  
Master Commissioner  
Rockcastle Circuit Court**

**Commonwealth of Kentucky  
28th Judicial Circuit  
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II  
Civil Action No. 08-CI-00188**

**Countrywide Home Loans, Inc.  
Plaintiff**

**V.**

**Shane Campbell,  
Sally Campbell, and  
Citifinancial Services, Inc.  
Defendants**

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**Willis G. Coffey  
Master Commissioner  
Rockcastle Circuit Court**

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

**First Franklin Financial  
Corporation  
Plaintiff**

**V.**

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

### NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on December 17, 2008 and order to reschedule sale dated February 9, 2009 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of FIFTY SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWELVE DOLLARS AND 17/100 (\$56,212.17) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

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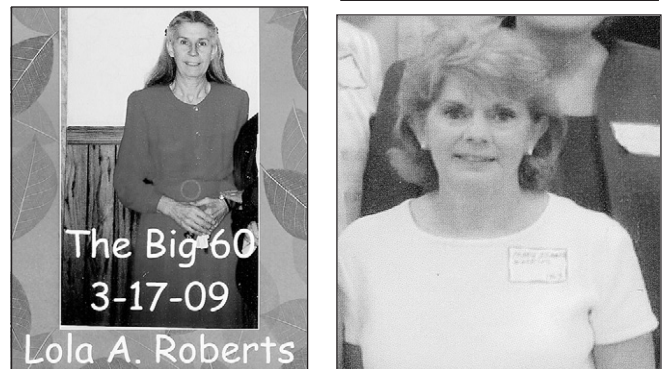
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Being the same property conveyed to Emma L. Collins and husband Danny L. Collins by deed dated July 5, 2007, executed by Rita Huff, et vir. and recorded in Deed Book 216, page 629 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

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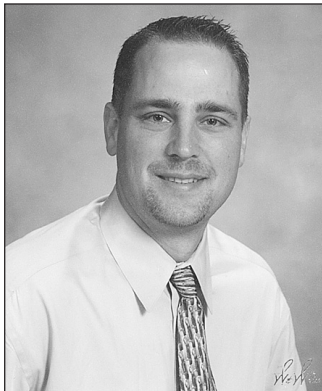
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## "JROTC"

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minutes.

The next event was the relay. The competing members for this event were Casey Hansel, Caitlin Burke, Felicia Boggs, Shawna Smith, Andrea Vanwinkle, Marcus Bolyard, Lester Senters, and Craig Stewart. They achieved a time of 11.49 minutes.

After the relay, four of our cadets prepared for the color guard portion of the competi-

tion. Those cadets were Samantha Bussell as commander, Colton Walker as the state flag, Charles Dickerson as the left guard, and Ben Whitaker as the right guard. The color guard earned 173 points out of a possible 200, winning them 3rd place.

The fifth event was the academic Challenge, where the cadets were tested on their knowledge of current events and basic JROTC Knowledge. These cadets were Samantha Bussell, Charles Dickerson, Jordan Moore, and Joseph Doan.

Finally, the last event of this extremely tiring day was the tug of war. It was separated into two categories of male and female. The male team consisted of Charles Dickerson, Stanley Bagget, Casey Bradley, Luke Allen, Ronnie Denny, Jesse Artley, Jonathan Alexander, Ben Whitaker, Joseph Doan, and David Lunceford. The girls team members were Andrea Vanwinkle, Samantha Bussell, Ashley Rsoberbs, Caitlin Burke, and Rachele Halcomb, who won fourth place.

Over all, the Rocket Battalion won Fourth Place. We also brought home three trophies. Our cadets worked very hard and we are very proud of them.



## The Family Room

By: Dr. Roy Don Whitehead

Men who hurt women, physically and emotionally, are not all the same. In her book Ditch That Jerk Pamela Jayne divides abusive men into three groups: the potentially good, the definitely bad and the utterly hopeless. When discussing each of these groups, she attempts to answer the question that plagues many abuse victims: will he ever change? Ms. Jayne's answer would be, "It depends on which group he is in."

1. "The potentially good man generally likes women, but he can't help but think, on some level, that men really ought to be in charge," Jayne writes. Jayne lists other characteristics of this man who has the potential to change. He wants control and will work hard to keep it. His family and friends disapprove of the abuse (or would if they knew about it), so he keeps the abuse a secret. He will listen to new ideas.

This Apotentially good man, has a steady job and keeps it. He is easily frustrated (and takes it out on others). He sees the world in black and white, believing that there is always a right way and a wrong way to do things. He feels inadequate to fulfill his responsibilities. He is likely to use non-physical forms of abuse, e.g., verbal abuse. He downplays how abusive he is. He does not usually have a serious alcohol or drug problem. He wants to be seen as a good person and would like his relationship to be more satisfying than it is. Jayne says that potentially all of these men can change "if they get help."

2. Concerning "the definitely bad man," Jayne is not as hopeful. "He is the sort of person whom people would describe as moody and likely to fly off the handle. His life is often chaotic and unpredictable, and he may tend toward depression and anxiety. The bad man is driven by fear, insecurity, and self-doubt,

and he may drink or use drugs to numb the pain."

"In many ways this man is potentially the most dangerous of all. His feelings of anxiety and inadequacy may lead him to irrational acts such as suicide, hostage taking, stalking and murder. He is not cold-hearted, but he is pretty messed up." This man experiences a lot of chaos in his life, partly because he challenges authority. Women often feel as if they want to take care of him, and he blames his problems on others. Jayne concludes that some of these men may change if they get a lot of help.

3. The "utterly hopeless man" does not fly off the handle but is methodical and may even plan the abuse. He is generally violent while also being charming and manipulative. He lacks feelings and will use and exploit people. He has a long history of violence, including violence against animals. He sees women as objects to be used at his convenience. He is very dishonest and is a good liar. He wants power and control. He often claims to have had a religious conversion that has changed him.

Jayne says that the "utterly hopeless man" will not change. The only way to keep him from being abusive is to put him in jail or find some other way to keep him away from people.

This list can help differentiate between the abuser who may possibly change his behavior and the one for whom change is hopeless. If you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship, there is help for you even if he will not change. Call Family Life Abuse Center at 800-755-5348 and talk to someone who understands.

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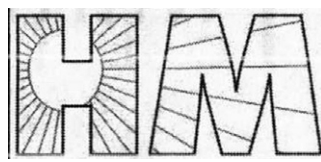
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## “Water”

(Cont. from front)

would be willing to make them water ‘districts’ (under control of the county) if need be in order to receive funding, or that the fiscal court would apply on the associations’ behalf and let the stimulus funding flow through the county’s budget.

Carloftis said he was told that, because Kentucky law prohibits fiscal courts from directly collecting water bills, the county could not apply on behalf of the water associations.

The judge said that he then explained to KIA that the purpose of Congress’s action was to put people to work on ‘shovel-ready’ projects that would provide good paying construction jobs and provide long-term benefit to the communities.

Judge Carloftis said he asked KIA staff members to explain who made the decision to reject the water associations requests for funding, (whether it was federal law or Frankfort’s interpretation of that law). He said he was told that the KIA staff had come to that conclusion on their own.

The Judge said that this particular package of stimulus funding for the water associations is a pay-back loan instead of a grant.

Carloftis said that when he explained that Western Water Association already has a loan that flows through the county’s budget from KIA, he understood that the present loan would have to be an A or F loan. When a KIA staff member discovered that the current request would be considered a ‘B’ loan, the KIA official explained it could only be an A or F loan in order to make Western qualify for the stimulus money.

The judge was also told that KIA would only be able to consider either associations’ request if the judge could get a legal opinion from local County Attorney, Billy Reynolds.

Finally, after hours of discussion, the judge and his staff reviewed state statutes regarding water associations and held a discussion on the finer points of the issue with Reynolds and his staff. Reynolds then reached the conclusion that water associations are indeed capable of receiving the funding.

The county attorney then drafted a legal opinion on behalf of the associations which the judge sent to the state.

“This is a prime example of how federal money is sent from Congress for specific and well-intended purposes (in this case, to provide good paying jobs and improve infrastructure for communities) but, when it reaches the fifty state governments, state laws often restrict and slow down the flow of funds to local communities,” Carloftis said.

“Now we just have to wait and see if we hear anything, and that’s simply how it goes.”

The Judge also said Tuesday that, “Economists rarely agree on anything, but almost all

agree that, historically, the quickest way to get the economy moving is to have massive public works projects. In other words, make work available to the trades people who build roads, bridges, government buildings and infrastructure. The reason is simple: These workers are usually well paid and the fruit of their labor provides a long-lasting benefit to the communities in the form of waterlines, roads, buildings, etc. I certainly think the two associations projects would help the Rockcastle County economy.”

## “Roads”

(Cont. from front)

Carloftis was asked to call the county’s legislators and ask them to vote “Yes” on the gas tax.

If individuals would like input into this matter, the legislative message line is 1-800-372-7181 or you can email your legislator at: firstname.lastname@lrc.ky.gov.

## “County”

(Cont. from front)

community Trust Bank. If successful in obtaining that stimulus money the court would immediately pay off Community Trust.

-\$150,000 for work on the courthouse facade, which will alleviate water damage.

-\$250,000 for renovation of the Jones Building on Main Street in Mt. Vernon, which has already been partially restored.

-\$200,000 for a new roof, gutters, walls, and floor at the Preston Parrett Gymnasium at Livingston.

-\$700,000 for park buildings and playground equipment at five different locations throughout the county and

-\$1.75 million for the purpose of widening and resurfacing several roads in the county.

On Friday, Judge Executive Buzz Carloftis also helped the Eastern and Western Rockcastle Water Associations apply for a combined \$1.6 million dollars for water projects through the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority.

Mt. Vernon Mayor Clarice Kirby has also submitted quite a wish list in hopes of obtaining some stimulus money.

The city of Mt. Vernon is seeking \$6 million for a new sewer plant, \$1.5 million for Main Street Renovations, which will include new water and sewer lines, \$1 million for water line extensions in the Burr area and \$100,000 for new distribution lines and a new water tank.

The city of Livingston is also seeking \$4.45 million dollars in funding mostly water projects.

The city wants to build six miles of new line from their water supplier Woods Creek to their water vault on Hwy. 909.

They also want a new connection, which would feed directly to Livingston so they would not have to use same line as other water districts and they want to replace their sewer

plant and lift station.

The city is also seeking to re-do asbestos lines along Hwy. 490 and along U.S. 25 near White Star.

The city of Brodhead is seeking \$3.5 million in funding to upgrade their sewer plant and \$2 million for new sewer lines.

\$71 million has been allocated statewide for water and sewer lines.

In giving Beshear the authority to spend the money, state lawmakers mandated that state government programs not be allowed to grow.

## “Watch”

(Cont. from front)

class in a carry and concealed firearms instructional class and a third class is being readied, according to Bell Huff, a member of the group.

Reed is crediting the Wildie group as being a model for others to emulate in the county.

Ms Reed said Tuesday night that although she has had difficulty getting local leaders in other areas of the county to step forward and get things done, things are progressing in other areas of the county, especially in Livingston.

Reed said Livingston Mayor J.C. Griffin was forming a Neighborhood Watch and he had purchased signs which would be posted soon.

Reed said the success of the Wildie program was largely because there are a number of retirees in their area who are willing to help each other in protecting their property.

“Folks in Wildie have always looked after each other and are willing to help a neighbor in need,” said Belle Huff.

Huff also said that Neighborhood Watch Groups are not vigilante outfits and do not take the law into their hands -- “We take a telephone. As our signs say we report all suspicious activity to the sheriff’s office.”

Reed also pointed out that an active watch group can also help reduce drug dealing, improve the security of young people and help older neighbors stay safe from crime.

Huff said the Wildie group is currently planning other activities to provide neighbors an opportunity to get together and exchange ideas and discuss ways to improve local communications.

Besides Livingston, Brodhead and the Lake Linville area are other areas of the county where citizens are working to form local associations.

Reed said she believes that a county-wide watch group is a possibility in the near future. “It is something a lot of us already do. We look after each other. That is the spirit that settled Kentucky and the spirit that we need to build on,” she said.

Those interested in starting a watch group in your neighborhood can call Rockcastle Sheriff Mike Peters office at 256-2032 or Reed at 758-9407.

Sheriff Peters said that he encourages people to get involved in a Neighborhood Watch program, but he also reminds local residents, that a neighborhood watch means just what is says, “a watch, one neighbor looking after the interests of another neighbor.”

## “Bid”

(Cont. from front)

located and where the new SourceCorp building is under construction.

The other two bids, were from Elza Construction of East Bernstadt for \$328,427 and from The Walker Company of Kentucky, a Mt. Sterling based company, for \$497,781.

Jim Holton, IDA consultant and Project Manager for the SourceCorp project, told board members, that because of Goff’s low bid, as much as \$200,000 could be saved on the estimated cost of the road construction.

Holton also told the board that a problem had been encountered with the new building’s foundation, which would have to be corrected before the concrete floor could be poured.

Holton said the problem was so bad, that Roberts Construction’s Site Superintendent was fired on Friday.

Holton said that between the concrete company and Roberts Construction a major mistake was made in pouring the foundation and that the mistake would “cost Roberts a lot of money.”

Holton told the board that

everyone involved in the project, still believes the building will be completed by sometime in June.

SourceCorp officials have said that once the building is completed, 139 new jobs will be added to the 90 SourceCorp currently provides in the county.

## “Robbery”

(Cont. from front)

rested him for Robbery, second degree. Cromer is lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center under a \$7,500.00 bond.

According to the news release, Cromer is the second suspect charged with robbery, involving the Dollar General Store, in the past two weeks.

On February 12th, officers arrested Scott Mink, 31, of Poplar Extension, Mt. Vernon and charged him with robbery, second degree.

According to the release, Mink was detained for shoplifting by Blevins and, while she was waiting for police to arrive, Mink’s attempt to leave the store was thwarted by employees.

Blevins was also assaulted in the process of that theft, according to the release. She was also treated and released from

the Rockcastle Hospital after that attempted robbery, as well.

“I want to make everyone aware that we do prosecute shoplifters and if you use force against a store employee you will be charged with robbery,” Jackson said.

Second degree robbery is a Class C felony with penalties up to 10 years in prison.

Jackson said both cases will be presented to the Rockcastle Grand Jury.



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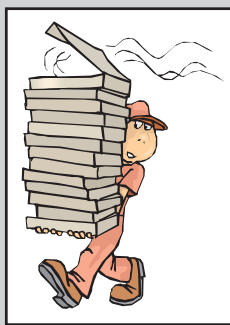
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# Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, March 5, 2009

Crews Ferry was early Landmark on the Old State Road

## The Legend of Crews' Gold

"The Misers tale of long ago;  
Down on the river along the  
old Hog road  
Of the n.....r boy and Crews'  
Gold."

--Stanza of an old Kentucky  
folk song

By David W. Owens

Like many early states, pioneer Kentucky, has legends of lost Gold or treasure. The most well known in Kentucky are the legends of John Swift's and Chief Double Head's silver mines. These legends are often read with a great deal of skepticism, and rightfully so, but these tales often have an element of historical fact which intrigues the reader to wonder, "Could this be true?"

These legends of buried treasure are often rooted in early citizens' mistrust of government and banks, especially during the Civil War (1861-1865) when marching soldiers disregarded personal property rights. Also many citizens preferred coined currency because they did not trust the security of paper notes, thinking they are not worth the paper they are printed on.

One such Kentucky buried treasure legend concerns a man named James Crews (May 9th, 1780-September 21, 1862) (1.) who owned and operated a ferry, tavern, and stock pens on the old State Road at the mouth of Horse Lick on the

Rockcastle River where Laurel, Rockcastle, and Jackson Counties converge.

1. Married Jalia Lovins, children Celia (Joel Elkins), Martha F. (Charles Redd), Sarah A. Johnson orphan the Crews' raised. Sometimes the name appears as Kruse or Cruise on historical documents. According to local tradition Crews was addressed as Major Crews.

Before we go further into the story, in order to better understand the background, a brief history lesson of Kentucky early roads. There is much confusion concerning this subject, due largely to learned writers regarding the Wilderness Road route. Many writers mistakenly acquire the Wilderness Road with earlier routes; primarily the Skaggs (1770) and Boones (1775) Traces because they intersect at several points. The Wilderness Road, also called the Wilderness Turnpike because it was a toll road or the Wagon Road, ran from Cumberland Gap to Crab Orchard as provided by an Act of Kentucky legislature under Governor Isaac Shelby during its November session in 1795.

The State Road was a fork off the Wilderness Road and built as a tollkeeper route in 1798. The State Road also called the Madison Branch or Hog Road (2), forked at

McNeil's (3) Crossroads at present day Pittsburg just north of London in Laurel County and followed a north eastern direction to Milford and extended to Richmond in Madison County where it linked up to the Lexington & Frankfort road.

2. The State Road was dubbed the Hog Road because many drovers taking their livestock to sell in Richmond used the route.

3. Also identified as Rice's Crossroads on some early maps.

According to tradition, James Crews was a frugal man who counted his pennies (which conjures up imagines of Ebenezer Scrooge), who became financially secure as a ferryman and tavern operator on the Rockcastle River. James was a descendant of Fort Boonesboro pioneer and Revolutionary veteran David Crews; who was associated with General Green Clay owner of Clay's Ferry on the Richmond Lexington Road.

The legend of James Crews' treasure goes essentially like this. During the opening days of the Civil War in Kentucky, Federal forces were establishing an outpost camp atop Wildcat Mountain in Laurel County along the Wilderness Road. The day before the Battle of Wildcat Mountain (October 21, 1861) Colonel Theophilus T. Garrard, commander of the 7th Kentucky Infantry, from Clay County, impressed Crews' ferry flatboat in the name of the U.S. government. Garrard floated the flatboat down steam to ferry Union troops (33rd Indiana Infantry) across the rain swollen Rockcastle River at the Wilderness Road Ford just below present day Livingston. Crews demanded that the U.S. government pay for the services of his flatboat which Garrard refused.

Supposedly a heated argument ensued, which, caused Crews to return home dejected. He then began to entertain thoughts that the soldiers might return to his establishment and steal his money. Keeping paper money and smaller denomination coins to maintain his business, he devised a plan to hide away his silver and gold coins. Taking a high two wheeled ox cart, he loaded a hogshead cask barrel full of silver coins and a hogshead cask barrel half full of gold coins from his tavern on the Laurel County side across the river to the Rockcastle County side to bury at the foot of the ridge (4) where the State Road followed the west side of Horse Lick Creek up to White Oak Branch. (5.) He led the ox cart across the river while a young negro slave sat atop one of the hogshead cask barrels. Once across the river he had the slave dig a hole to bury the treasure. At this point the stories differ; one account says he swore the lad to promise he

would not reveal the location of the treasure under the threat of being shot while another account states that after his slave dug the hole and placed the barrels in was shot and buried with the treasure so he could not reveal Crew's secret.

4. Crews' grave is located on the top of this ridge. In life he used to climb to the top build a fire and imbibe in spirits while listening to his foxhounds on the hunt. He had stated he wanted to be buried there so he could listen to the hounds in the after life. The grave and headstone are still there, but the grave empty, looted by treasure hunters long ago. Also at the location is an unmarked grave said to be of a man named Willis Parker, who supposedly shot and killed Crews. Parker later murdered Peter Bullock and was hanged May 13, 1870 by the KKK. According to legend they buried him there so he and Crews could continue their argument through eternity.

5. The State Road route then followed Horse Lick to White Oak Branch to Daughtery Ridge, Red Hill, Three Links, Morrell, Big Hill then on to Richmond.

As mentioned before Crews had become quite financially secure operating his business, but may have been a man of old money. The connection with the Clay family from Madison County may explain why he ventured into the tavern and ferry services. These businesses were combinations of lodging and dining room, bar, and appended livery and livestock stables. They were so much a part of the social and economic fabric of their communities that both the Kentucky General Assembly and the county courts exercised control over them by establishing annually a scale of prices the tavernkeepers could charge for everything from a bottle of brandy to horse feed.

Crews purchased the Rockcastle River property from Willis Parker on November 24, 1845 as recorded at the Laurel County Courthouse. On the site he built a large dwelling house (that he dubbed The River Queen), horse stables, stock pens and flat boat with poles and ropes across the ferry

landings to accommodate his business. Ben French, who grew up in the area, remembered seeing the dwelling house in 1941 before it burned down. French described the house as a large square two storied log building covered with clap boards having four large rooms on each floor with a smaller separate kitchen house that had a covered two story porch connecting the two buildings. Crews then obtained a tavern and ferry operation license as prescribed in the Kentucky County Court Order Book that is recorded at the Frankfort State Library and Archives.

Nov 24th, 1845

Received of James Crews fifteen Dollars for three hundred acres of vacant land on the south side of Rockcastle River near the forks (mouth of Horse Lick) to include the improvements made by Willis Parker.

Signed: J.G.?

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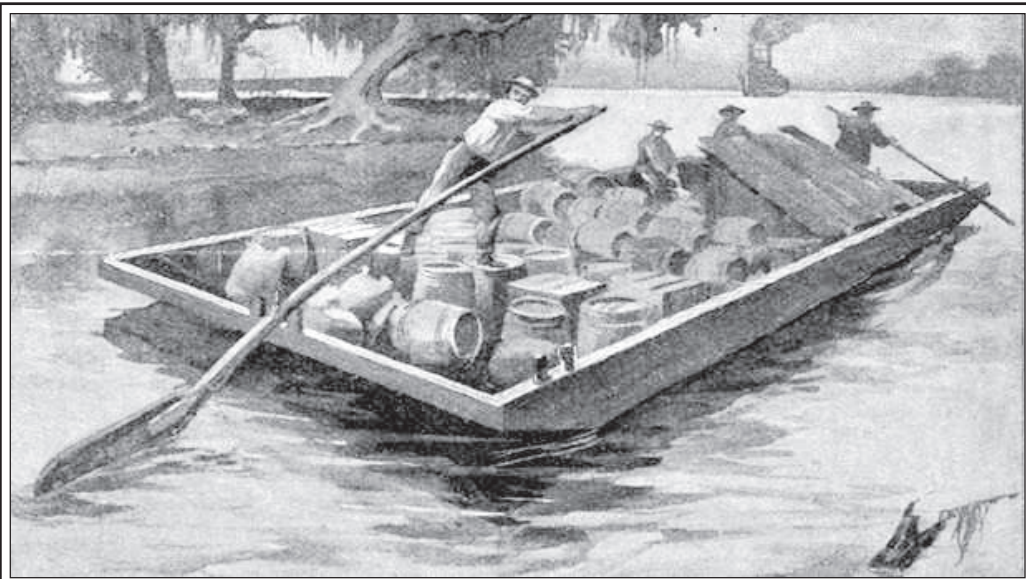
Crews Property Deed, Book B, Laurel County Court House, page 405. Crews also had a property deed for 450 acres in Laurel County adjoining this above property deed (Book B, pg 420, Nov 30, 1846) with land adjoining the Ramsey west line and Crews line on the east to include the Madison State Road, and a deed for 350 acres on the north side of the Rockcastle River in Rockcastle County for a total of 1,100 acres.

Be it remembered that this day on the motion of the Honorable William Owsley, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by his attorney, it is ordered that a tavern and ferry be established on the lands of James Crews, lying on the south side of the Rockcastle River at the crossing of the State Road in Laurel County to the opposite shore in Rockcastle County at the mouth of Horse Lick Creek, also owned by said James Crews, and it is ordered that

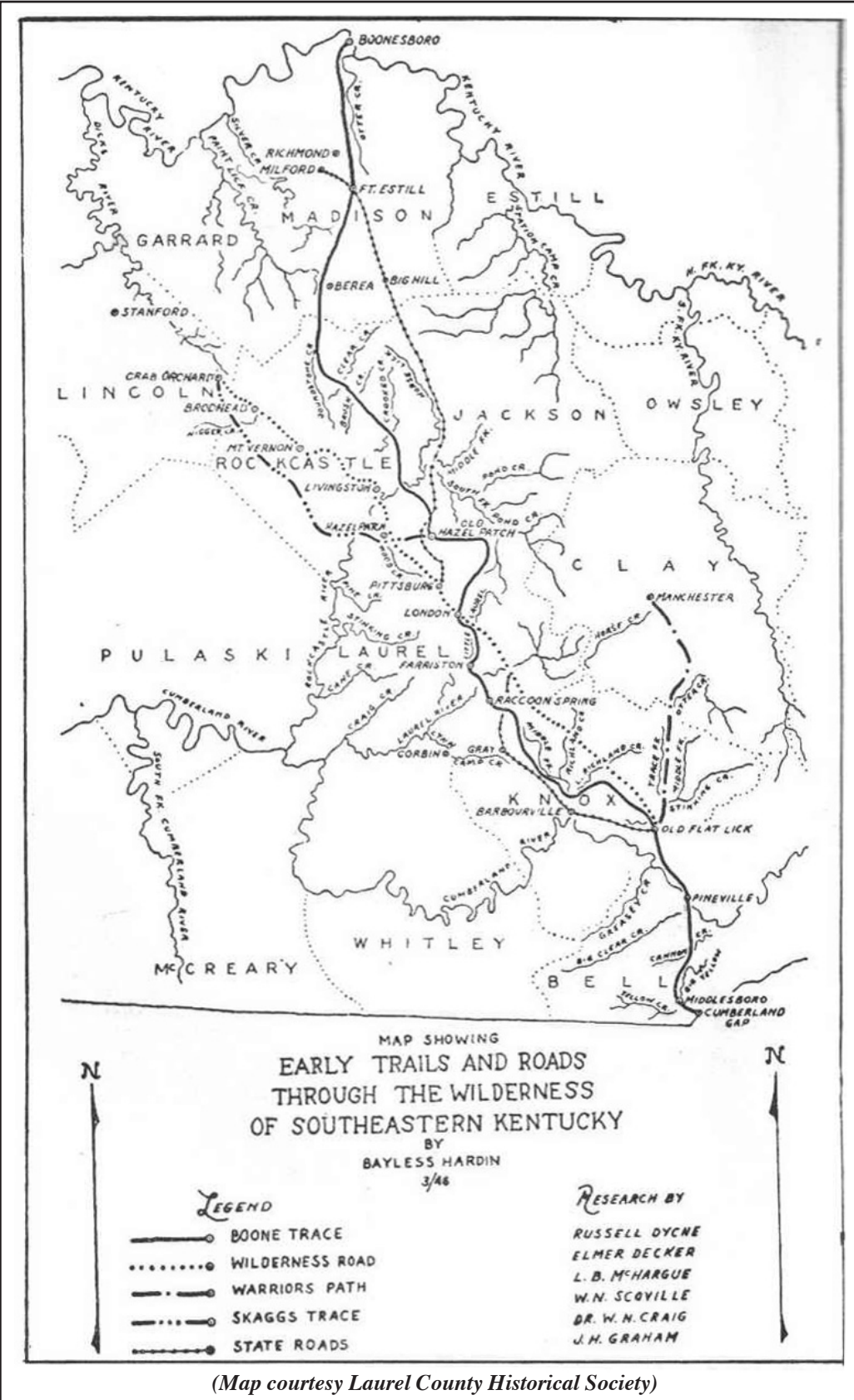
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State Road marker on Hwy. 490 at Pittsburg, Ky.  
(Photo by David Owens)



19th Century Flatboat shown with hogshedd cask barrels.



(Map courtesy Laurel County Historical Society)



Crews' Headstone



The empty grave  
Photographs courtesy  
James Hayes



Shown above four generations of the James Crews family. Front row from left: Martha Fannie Crews Redd, daughter Jalia Lovins Crews. back row from left: granddaughter Jalia Redd Cooper and great grandson Charles Cooper. (Photo courtesy of Ann Lair Henderson)



Artist Troy Hansel's rendition of the Crews Ferry site along the Rockcastle River as it may have appeared in 1862. Painting based on actual land terrain features, foundation footprints and author's research.

# News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

## District Civil Suits

Cierra Bailey vs. Carlouse McClure, \$2,600 plus claimed due.  
 Capital One Bank vs. Fawn R. Tice, \$2,225.24 plus claimed due.  
 Pattie A. Clay Regional Medical Center vs. Rebecca Gevedon, \$738.20 plus claimed due. C-00033.

## Circuit Civil Suits

Chase Home Finance LLC vs. Michael W. Sparks, et al, \$131,746.99 plus claimed due.  
 William B. Bailey, Jr. vs. Lisa Carol Bailey, petition for dissolution of marriage.  
 Countrywide Home Loan

Servicing vs. Robert Conner, \$75,625.61 plus claimed due.  
 Chrysler Financial vs. Benny Blanton, \$4,859.09 plus claimed due.  
 Paul Ray Rowe vs. Edna Rowe, petition for dissolution of marriage.  
 Mark Green vs. Freddie J. Cromer, complaint.  
 Cabinet for Health and Family Services, ex rel Michelle Miller vs. Stephanie Miller, complaint for child support and medical support.  
 David A. Rogers vs. Keith Vance, et al, complaint.  
 Credit Acceptance Corp. vs. Sharon Helton, \$9000.48 plus claimed due. CI-00057.

## Marriage Licenses

Brenda Adams, 53, Mt. Vernon, disabled to Donald

Burgess Abney, 54, Mt. Vernon, contractor. 2/11/09.  
 Lora Mae Scott, 32, Harrodsburg, homemaker, to Billy Jason Lucas, 37, Harrodsburg, factory. 2/13/09.  
 Kelly Ann Croucher, 24, Berea, pulmonary SRNA to Russell Ray Riddell, 19, Berea, facilities management. 2/19/09.  
 Virgie Hood, 38, Mt. Vernon, unemployed to Daniel Mink, Jr., 37, Mt. Vernon, Trane. 2/23/09.  
 Kayce Lynn Sampson Storm, 29, Brodhead, social worker to Matthew Hayes, 27, Brodhead, dairy farmer. 2/23/09

## Deeds Recorded

Barbara A. Baker, Valley View Manor Subdv., to Rockcastle Co. Industrial Development Authority. Tax \$40.50.  
 Skeeter and Brenda Cromer, property in Rockcastle County, to Jonathan D. Wells. Tax \$17.50.  
 Rodney Cameron, property in Rockcastle County, to Jonathan D. Wells. Tax \$17.50.  
 Bonnie and Ernie Norton, property on Rockcastle River, to Patrick Oliver. Tax 50c.  
 Bonnie and Ernie Norton, property on Big Rockcastle River, to Patrick Oliver. Tax \$1.50.  
 Rocky and Wade Chasteen, property in Rockcastle County, to Irvin and Nancy Chasteen. Tax \$17.50.

Corliss and Oma Sue Reed, property in Rockcastle County, to Jeffrey C. and Gina M. Carpenter. Tax \$42.  
 Bobby Cummins, property in Countryside Estates, to David Perkins. Tax \$3.

## District Court

**Feb. 23-25, 2009**  
**Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless**  
 Clinton T. Auman, Jr.: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.  
 Jonathan Dennis Garland: criminal trespassing and theft by unlawful taking, 4 days each/credit time served plus costs.  
 Henry Eugene Parker: theft by unlawful taking, sentencing order entered.  
 Brian D. Alcorn: endangering welfare of a minor, sentencing order entered.  
 Kermit D. Bowling: speeding, \$20 fine and costs, fine suspended on completion of state traffic school; failure to wear seatbelts, \$25 fine.  
 George W. Bradley: theft by deception, \$20 fine and costs plus 20 day/probated months on condition of payment of restitution.  
 Logan R. Cable: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.  
 Jason R. Carter: no operators/moped license, \$50 fine and costs.  
 Steven E. Collins: use/possession drug paraphernalia, \$250 fine.  
 Speeding: Brooke A. Davis, Sandra S. Crockett, Walter E. McKinney, Daniel L. Roberts, license suspended for failure to appear (fta); Marshal A. Denham, paid \$20 fine plus \$128 costs; Kenneth J. McMaster, \$40 fine and \$128 costs; Kathy A. Scott, paid \$32 fine plus \$133 costs; James A. Tomlinson, \$34 fine and costs/fine suspended on completion of state traffic school; Shannon L. York, \$25 fine and costs; Bryan A. Wilson, paid \$36 fine plus \$128 costs;  
 Donald E. Willis: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs and use/possession drug paraphernalia, sentencing order entered.  
 Anthony Bradley: no operators license in possession, \$25 fine.  
 Cagelina I. Vanhook: no license in possession, \$25 fine and costs.  
 Johnny D. Singleton: no operators license in possession, \$25 fine and costs; improper registration, \$25 fine.  
 Norma J. Taylor: no/expired registration plates and failure to maintain insurance, license suspended for fta.

Krista Nicole Roberts: fines/fees due (\$183), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment.  
 Sarah L. Habel: improper use of left lane, \$25 fine and costs.  
 Brian K. Lovell: faulty equipment, \$50 fine; no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine.  
 Jackson L. Manning: speeding, \$40 fine and costs/fine suspended on completion of state traffic school; failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.  
 Christopher L. Caldwell: fines/fees due (\$1,108), bw issued for fta/120 days in jail or payment.  
 Daniel Hale: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta.  
 Scotty L. Hellard: receiving stolen property, 360 days/probated 24 months on condition/payment of restitution.  
 Angela K. Helm: endangering welfare of a minor, sentencing order entered.  
 Jonathon Houk: theft by deception, \$20 fine and costs, 20 days/probated two yers on condition plus restitution.  
 Edward John: overlength/overwidth tractor, bw issued for fta.  
 Joshua J. Morgan: posses-

sion of marijuana, \$10 fine.  
 Casey L. Renner: fines/fees due (\$413), bw issued for fta/9 days r payment.  
 Annie M. Rigsby: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.  
 Getson C. Roberts: fines/fees due (\$218), bw issued for fta/5 days or payment.  
 Johnathan R. Robinson: failure to maintain insurance, \$500 fine/suspend \$450 on condition.  
 Mary Hannah E. Saylor: theft by unlawful taking, \$250 fine plus restitution.  
 Michael R. Saylor: fines/fees due (\$228), bw issued for fta/6 days or payment.  
 Todd Shrader: instructional permit violation, \$25 fine; no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine; no/expired registration receipt, \$25 fine.  
 Franklin L. Sizemore: speeding, \$32 fine plus \$133 costs; excessive windshield/window tinting, \$20 fine.  
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Herring cousin
- 5 Trumps
- 10 Twinge
- 14 Curbside call
- 15 Church member
- 16 List ender
- 17 One of Campbell Co.'s seats
- 19 Kentuckian, Olympic gold medalist, Ralph Waldo
- 20 Mail abbr.
- 21 Wildebeests
- 22 Kentuckian, Pulitzer Prize winning author
- 24 Shred
- 25 Remain
- 26 KY county, home to Morehead State University
- 29 Opportunity
- 30 Indian bread
- 33 Floyd Co. town, or aura
- 34 KY poet and publisher, Jonathan
- 36 Wedding vow
- 37 KY county, named for the "united" wishes of its residents
- 39 Bard's before
- 40 Kentuckian, perennial triathlon champion
- 42 Speed (up)
- 43 Staring at
- 46 Note
- 47 Soap ingredient
- 48 "\_\_\_ here long?"
- 49 KY county, home to the state's

**DOWN**

- 1 1953 Derby winner
- 2 Partial
- 3 Cut down
- 4 River that supplies Herrington Lake
- 5 US KY senator Jim
- 6 Finish
- 7 "Dear" ones
- 8 Sushi fish
- 9 Kentuckian, actor
- 10 Kentuckian, pro golfer Kenny
- 11 Particle
- 12 Spaceship builders
- 13 Hidden valley
- 18 Taj Mahal city
- 23 Kentuckian, actor
- 25 Warren
- 26 Gloss
- 26 Kentuckian, guitarist Jimmy
- 27 Tom T. Hall's KY

**northernmost point**

- 51 Notch
- 52 Call to Bo-peep
- 53 Famous former US senator from Pulaski co.
- 56 Talk back
- 57 Union College (Barbourville, KY) mascot, for one
- 60 With the bow
- 61 Site of Toyota's first US assembly plant
- 64 Harlan Co.'s is Harlan
- 65 Adult insect
- 66 Brainstorm
- 67 Light throw
- 68 Lopsided
- 69 Alpine sight

**birthplace, \_\_\_ Hill**

- 28 Romance
- 29 Small finch
- 30 Japanese-American
- 31 Kentuckian, NPR broadcaster Noah
- 32 Taboo
- 33 Sling
- 35 Rent again
- 38 KY artist Thomas Satterwhite
- 41 Coal miners' org.
- 44 First woman elected to the KY state senate, \_\_\_ Powers
- 45 TV journalist Diane Sawyer's native KY town
- 50 Lighten
- 51 Smudges
- 52 Common Northern KY river transport
- 53 Play group
- 54 Creme cookie
- 55 Wood sorrels
- 56 Drench
- 57 Extinct bird
- 58 Franklin and Scott border this county to the south
- 59 Taylor Co. hamlet, Black \_\_\_, or flying insect
- 62 German river
- 63 "Kentucky Afield" host, \_\_\_ Farmer

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**Local/State Public Hearing**

On behalf of the Rockcastle County Local Planning Committee, the Rockcastle County Board of Education will convene a Local/State Public Hearing to review the proposed District Facilities Plan. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at the Rockcastle Teaching and Learning Center, 250 Richmond Street, Mt. Vernon, Ky. at 6:00 p.m.

This hearing will be for the purpose of recording testimony concerning the District Facilities Plan.

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# Brodhead Elementary School participates in Career Fair

Students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade at Brodhead Elementary recently participated in a career fair at their school. As part of Kentucky curriculum students are required to learn about Kentucky's 14 career clusters, there were 13 presenters representing those 14 career clusters at the career fair. Twelve of the thirteen presenters are employed in Rockcastle County. The presenters and the career cluster they represented were; Zach Gentry-Agriculture, Scott Noel-Construction, Allen Pensol-Arts and Humanities, Everett Harper-Manufacturing, Jon Adams-Business, Buzz Carloftis-Public Services, Brandon Reynolds-Communication and Information Technology, Shannon Franklin-Public Services, Jenny Sweet-Education, Eddie Nation-Human Services, Dr. Karen Saylor-Health Services, Amy Yates-Social Services, and Dale Shelton-Transportation.

Students visited each presenter in small groups and found out information about each of the careers. Some of the questions that students asked were; what subjects the presenters used in their jobs that they learned in school, what the presenter did at their job, what type of demand there was for the job, what type of education was required to do the job and what type of team skills the presenter used in their job. Students were very interested in all of the careers, and some are even thinking about what they want to be when they grow up.

This is the first career fair hosted at Brodhead Elementary and it was a huge success. The career fair idea began in the summer as 4th grade teachers were planning their curriculum. When looking at the curriculum for Practical Living the teachers noticed that careers were a large part of the curriculum and they wanted to do something to help the students understand what careers were out there for them. After discussing possibilities it was decided that a career fair would be the best way to get as many careers introduced, and that is when coordinator of the event, Breanna Adams, a fourth grade teacher, began planning the event. "We want to extend a special thank you to all of our guests for attending our career fair. Our stu-

dents are still talking about the careers and what they would like to be when they get older.

This was a wonderful opportunity for everyone involved," stated Mrs. Adams.



Everett Harper shows students some of the pieces that machines in his factory, B&H Tools, can make.



Dr. Karen Saylor shows students some of the tools that she uses in her job.



Shannon Franklin demonstrates how fingerprints are made, and tells students why fingerprints are helpful to his job.

# Minds in the Middle

March is a high attendance month at RCMS and students will have an opportunity to win some great prizes from the PTSA. Prizes will include MP3 players, CD boom boxes, basketballs, soccer balls, High School Musical 3 DVD's, digital cameras, and Rockcastle Rocket t-shirts. The drawings will be held on March 27th, the Friday before spring break during Rock Idol.

Congratulations to Mrs. Mink's 7th grade Adventurers homeroom on winning the attendance race last week. Mr. Graves' 8th grade Comets came in second place followed by Mr. Abney's 7th grade Shooting Stars homeroom.

The deadline to register for the 4-H Variety show is this Friday March 6th. Stop by the Youth Services Center for more information.

Congratulations to members of the 7th and 8th grade band who performed in the KMEA District 11 Solo and Ensemble Festival at Madison Central High School this weekend. Scoring Proficient in an Ensemble performance were Caleb Coffey, Jamie Kirby, Angel Shelton, and Angel Spurlock. Scoring Distinguished in an ensemble performance were Brandon McFerron, Reed Remington, and Michael Brewer. Scoring proficient in a solo performance were Jamie Kirby, Angel Spurlock, Brandon McFerron, Reed Remington, Dalton Grey, Austin Helton, Brittany Moore, and Brandon Bullock. Scoring Distinguished in a solo performance were Caleb Coffey and Mary Weaver. They make us proud.

We are very proud of our Student YMCA members who have been at the Kentucky

United Nations Assembly. Eighth grader Rachel Johnson was elected as President of the Summit. We will have more news about KUNA in next week's Signal.

The RCMS Archery Team competed on Friday at the Region 10 NASP Tournament at the University of the Cumberlands. The team walked away as second place regional winners, qualifying them to participate in the state competition at the National Convention Center in Louisville on March 17th. The top five female archers and the top five male archers received individual awards. Elizabeth Lawrence tied for first place in the middle school female division. To break the tie, the archer with the most tens would

take first place. After the tiebreaker, Elizabeth came in second place overall in the middle school female division. The archery coaches would like to commend their team for an outstanding showing at their first-ever competition.

The RCMS Student Council will be meeting on Wednesday at 12:40 to work on ideas for the assessment window. The Green Team will have a meeting next Thursday at 12:40.

The PTSA is challenging homerooms to collect Box Tops for Education. The PTSA is holding a contest which will begin next Monday and go through March 27th. The homeroom who wins will receive a pizza party and drinks, compliments of the PTSA.

# Mt. Vernon Message

## School News

Project Wisdom Readers for last week were:

- Monday: Makayla Roberts
- Tuesday: Devin Bass
- Wednesday: Malee Mason and Brenda Orihuella
- Thursday: Michael Rowe and Dazzling Bruyneal
- Friday: Our mystery reader was Sherry Robinson, instructional assistant.

Don't forget to see you clock forward this weekend. Daylight Savings Time begins!

Monday, March 9 is 3rd grade scrimmage testing. Get plenty of rest and be prepared!

The 4-H Variety Show will take place on Tuesday, March 10 in the MVES gym.

There will be a PTG dance on Thursday, March 12 for grades K-2. The dance will

begin at 3:15 and end at 4:15. Watch your child's backpack or folder for permission slips.

ALL PTG fundraiser money and/or books need to be returned to school by Friday, March 13.

## FRC News

FRC 100% Club will meet on Thursday, March 12.

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.

FRC Family Literacy Night is on Tuesday, February 24 at 5:00. All Kindergarten families are invited to attend.

Our quote for this week is: "There is no right way to do the wrong thing."

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**Lincoln County 116 Acre Farm** - 2 story completely renovated home with over 4,000 sq. ft. of living area, overlooking the bottom land. Barns - Ponds - Creek - End of road privacy, road frontage on 2 additional roads. In-ground pool, 2-car garage. All for \$359,000. M2438



**Farmer's Paradise!** House and 38.19 acres. This vinyl sided home features 3 BR, 1 BA, Kit/LR/DR combo, city water and septic system. Other amenities include 2 barns, spring fed pond, creek and some timber. M2428



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



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



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



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



**Reduced**  
**Under Construction!** This new 1,500+/- sq. ft. home will feature a LR, Kit/Dining combo, 3 BR, 2 BA and Utility Room. This home is located in the beautiful Lear Crest Subdivision. Other amenities include a 2-car attached garage, heat pump/central air, city water, septic system and patio. Priced at \$94,500. Call today! M2422



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



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

## Lots For Sale

**295 Acres** - secluded within the Daniel Boone National Forest. Lots of woodland, some bottom land, creek, new unfinished house. In Rockcastle near Jackson line. Make an offer! M2439

**If you're looking for a getaway or camping spot** then check out this lot by the lake. Approximately 1,000 feet from Lake Linville with city water available. Call today. Priced at \$15,000. M2433

**Two lots located in the beautiful Lear Crest Subdivision.** Consists of 1/2 acre m/l each and has city water available. These lots are ideal building lots and convenient to Mt. Vernon, Brodhead, Berea and Lake Linville. Priced at \$9,900 ea. M2260

**Great View!** Near Cedar Creek Lake. 1 acre nearly level lot with restrictions. M2357.

**Nice and Convenient!** Nice level lot in the city limits of Crab Orchard with water and sewer available. Just \$5,900. M2360

**Great Opportunity!** Building lot located in Lear Crest Subdivision. This lot has blacktop roads, city water and underground utilities. Restricted for your convenience. Priced at only \$11,900. M2355

**Lots Available!** Now in the Lear Crest Subdivision. There are 8 lots to choose from so hurry to take your pick. M2346  
**Make this your building site.** - Measuring 0.73 of an acre this lot is located in Cedar Point Subdivision. \$6,500. M2345

**They're Going Fast!** - Conveniently located between I-75 and 461, there is over 100 restricted building lots in the newly developed Rainbow Ridge Subdivision. Newly blacktopped roads - city water - some lake views. Prices range between \$7,900 - \$16,900. M1798

**Hwy. 461 - Pulaski County.** Easy access to Somerset - Lake Cumberland and I-75. Spacious Lots - Restricted - City Water - Paved Streets - \$11,900 each. M1363

**REDUCED! Investment Opportunity!** Don't delay starting earning income today! 7 trailer lots in the Mt. Vernon city limits. City water, city sewer and KU electric. Included in this package is a separate lot located on T Street in Mt. Vernon... Lots of potential. Priced at \$50,000. M2169

**Some Timber.** Property joins National Forest. Creek runs through this property. M2203

**"A" Rated!** Prime and almost perfect is the best way to describe these well-located lots! Located in exclusive neighborhood between Mt. Vernon and Brodhead on Highway 150, these restricted lots are ideal for your new dream home! Prices range between \$10,000 and \$14,500. A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity awaits you here! M1941

**Lots! Lots! Lots!** Several large country lots with a great view - Holbrook Estates in the Brindle Ridge section - Convenient to either Mt. Vernon or Berea. City water - Cable TV - lots range in size from 3/4 acre to 1 acre. M1796

## Future Auctions

**34th Annual Brodhead Farm Machinery Consignment Auction**

Saturday, March 7th at 9:30 a.m. • Brodhead Fairgrounds, Hwy. 150, Brodhead, Ky.

**Absolute Estate Auction of the late Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hart's House and 5.5 Acres**

Saturday, March 14th at 10:00 a.m. • 435 Sandage Road, Eubank, Ky.

**Absolute Auction of a Houseboat**

Saturday, March 14th at 10:00 a.m. • Buck Creek Boat Dock, Omega Road in Somerset, Ky.

**Absolute Auction of Mr. Mervin W. Hoover's Excavation Equipment, Vehicles, Farm Equipment, Construction Tools, Guns and Personal Property**

Saturday, March 21st at 10:00 a.m. • South Fork Creek Road, Liberty, Ky.

**Absolute Estate Auction of the late Mr. Richard Haney's House and Lot Located - 111 Hideaway Drive - 10:00 a.m.**

**26 Acre Farm in Tracts on Piney Grove Road and Tractor, Vehicle and Personal Property - 12:00 p.m.** • Saturday, March 28th • Nancy, Ky.

# “Crews”

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the ferrriage of coaches, wagons, etc., shall be in proportion of the ferrriage of a horse, established by law, whereupon the said James Crews, by John Ballinger, his attorney in fact, together with the said John Ballinger as the security, entered into and acknowledged this bond in the penalty of twenty dollars, as is directed by law. And be it further remembered, that at the time of moving for the establishment of said tavern and ferry the following notices of the motion were proven in Court by Richard Pierce to be given to Joel Anders, Gent., of the same, better than one month before the making of this motion. A copy of this motion was certified in Court, and ordered to record to wit;

Richard Pierce Signature & Squire James Crews, Gent. Signature

Take notice hereby that I will on the first day of our next April Court, holden for the Counties of Laurel and Rockcastle, move the Court for establishment of a tavern and ferry across the Rockcastle River on the south side at the crossing of the State Road to land on the north side owned by said James Crews.

Signed William Owsley Governor, January 31, 1846

Kentucky County Court Order Book, 1846, Microfiche, Frankfort State Library & Archives, Frankfort, KY.

Author's note: Other taverns

along this prescribed route (Laurel, Rockcastle & Madison Counties) were the; Freeman/Jackson Wilderness Road Tavern just two miles south of present day Levi Jackson State Park in London, James McNeil's Crossroads at present day Pittsburg, Merston's Crossroads north of East Bernstadt, Crews Ferry on the Rockcastle River in Laurel County, J.T. Ballard's Butterfield Stage Tavern at Red Hill in Rockcastle County, Merritt Jones Tavern at the foot of Big Hill in Madison County then on to Richmond. The state authorized taverns to be established roughly every seventeen miles apart.

As can be seen from the price scale below, this could be a very lucrative business in the 19th century, provided it was managed effective as Crews was rumored to have been. The operator was however required to pay a percentage of the profits to the State and County Courts; in addition to the cost profits also received, a quarterly salary of forty dollars was paid to the operator. Also the Kentucky Stage Coach Company had a contact with the state to use the route which would have drummed up a considerable additional profit for Mr. Crews.

This type of wealth would have made Crews a man of considerable means in an area of economic depression. In turn one can easily see how this would have made him a logical choice as a target for financial opportunity. (6) In addition to having a reputation as a frugal man, justly or not, Crews was rumored to some times deal unethically with customers and business associates. Primarily of charging drovers the prescribe cost of ferry ser-

vices on their way north to sell their livestock at Richmond then unlawfully inflating the price on their return trip after they had sold their livestock.

6. It is reported that Crews hung a white washed sycamore cut sign on the wall behind the barkeep at the River Queen that read in red letters, "My liquor's good, My measure just; But, honest Sirs, I will not trust." To enforce it he kept a flintlock pistol under the barkeep and a double barreled scatter gun in his bedroom.

Also, keep in mind (in reference to the buried treasure) that following the Battle of Wildcat Mountain, Confederate soldiers of Major-General Edmund Kirby Smith's Army of Kentucky (Battle of Richmond August 29 & 30, 1862) and General Braxton Bragg's Army of Tennessee (Battle of Perryville October 9, 1862) had traveled through the area. This caused many local citizens to hide their belongings.

They are two accounts of what befell Mr. Crews on September 21st of 1862; the day the ferryman crossed the river of life to meet his maker. One account states that Crews' son-in-law, Joel Elkins, a minor business partner, was away conducting business for James Tomas Ballard (7) when Crews decided to hide away the treasure. When Elkins pressed his father-in-law about the whereabouts of the money he was told it was stolen by marauding soldiers. Evidently in September of 1862, Elkins came into intelligence that his father-in-law had buried the loot and demanded the whereabouts be known to him.

7. James Tomas Ballard (15 Aug 1837-8 Jul 1900), operator of the Butterfield Stage Tavern at Red Hill in Rockcastle County, had enlisted in the 14th Kentucky Cavalry, CSA under General John Hunt Morgan, and had made arrangements for Joel Elkins to operate his business while he was away.

When Crews refused to reveal the treasure's location to Elkins, tempers became heated and Crews was fatally shot. (8) Another account states that Willis Parker, original owner of the Crews Ferry site, demanded payment for some endeavor and Crews responded he did not have enough cash to make payment. Evidently Parker had knowledge, or suspected, that Crews had buried his loot and pulled a revolver and demanded payment. When Crews again refused, Parker supposedly pulled the trigger.

8. Whether Elkins shot Crews or not, he must have been a man capable of violence. The diary of John J. Dickey, a traveling Methodist minister, who roamed southeastern Kentucky in the late 1800's in search of converts, recorded that Joel Elkins shot and killed John Amis from Clay County during what Dickey called the, "Cattle Wars."

There is a third possibility of events which is probably the truest version. It may have been that after Crews refused to pay Parker that Parker went to Elkins and revealed Crews' secret of the buried treasure and both confronted Crews.

Following Crews' death the slave that buried the treasure on October 20th, 1861 (8) either honored his master's request or was not around because the final resting spot of the treasure was never revealed. What lends a truth to this legend is that John Lair reported in a June 5, 1975 newspaper article appearing in the Mt. Vernon Signal that two men probing the property found a gallon fruit jar, full of gold and silver Spanish coins in the 1950's.

The jar was buried within the stone foundation of where the kitchen had stood near the old double hearth chimney (which still stands) of the Crews tavern. Other searchers have dug up a few scattered coins of small denomination where the garden had been. It was popular for treasure hunters with metal detectors to search the area in the 1960s and 70s but only reports of finding 19th century artifacts such as cut nails, horse shoes and wagon parts. No reports of discovering the treasure have ever been published. Is the treasure still there, was it ever there, or is it a Ferry tale? Who knows?

8. If the young man did survive his name may have been Stephen Crews. The 1880 Rockcastle County Census records a mulatto man named Stephen Crews, forty four years old and listed as a blacksmith. This would have made him eighteen years old in 1862 and blacksmithing was a trade offered at taverns.

Author's note: Additional Southeastern Kentucky area treasure legends include the Lost Treasure of McNitt's Defeat and the Lost Treasure of Cumberland Ford. In 1784, a survivor of an Indian attack on the McNitt party at present day Levi Jackson State Park in London, Kentucky buried the party's moneybag. It has never been recovered. During the Civil War, a Federal Paymaster had been pursued by Confederate soldiers an alleged to have thrown gold and silver bars into the Cumberland River at the ford near present day Pineville. In the 1920's some silver bars were found in the river.

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owner of Crews Ferry site, Feb 4, 2009.

French, Ben, Retired, WW II Veteran, grew up at Horse Lick, Jan 12, 2009.

French, Geraldine, Retired Rockcastle County school teacher, G-G-Granddaughter of James Crews, Jan 12, 2009.

Henson, Wayne, retired L & N Railroad, Baptist Minister, Trace Branch native (near Horse Lick), Interview Sep 2, 2001.

Hunt, Kathalene, retired Rockcastle County school teacher, genealogist, Jan 25, 2009.

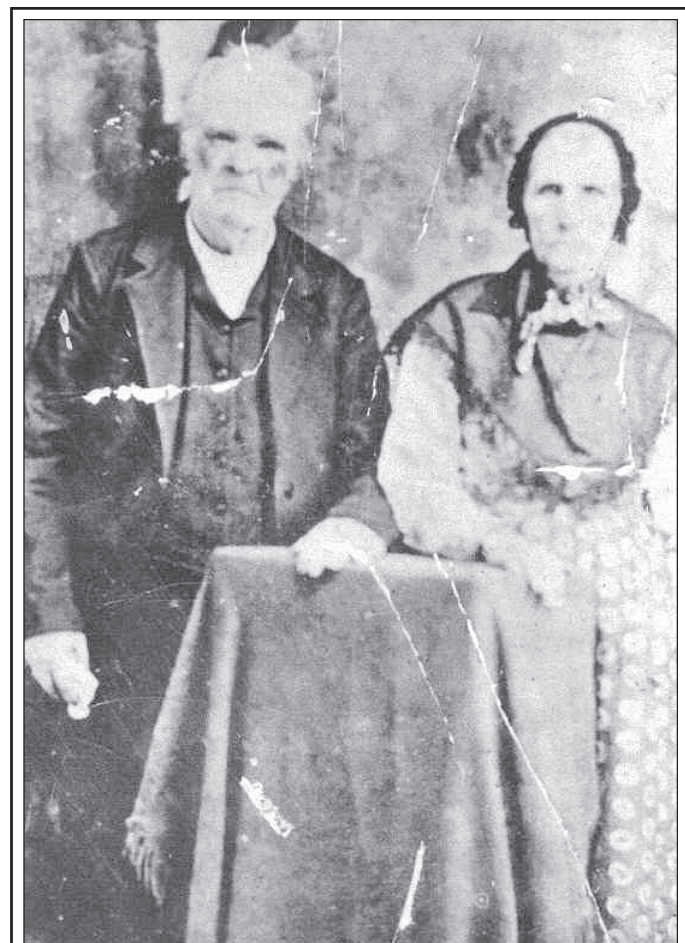
Jones, Elsie, Lamero Grocery Store Owner, Lamero native, Interview Sep 10, 2001.

Krahenbuhl, Jennings, retired principal Hazel Green High School, Laurel County, KY, Jan 12, 2009.

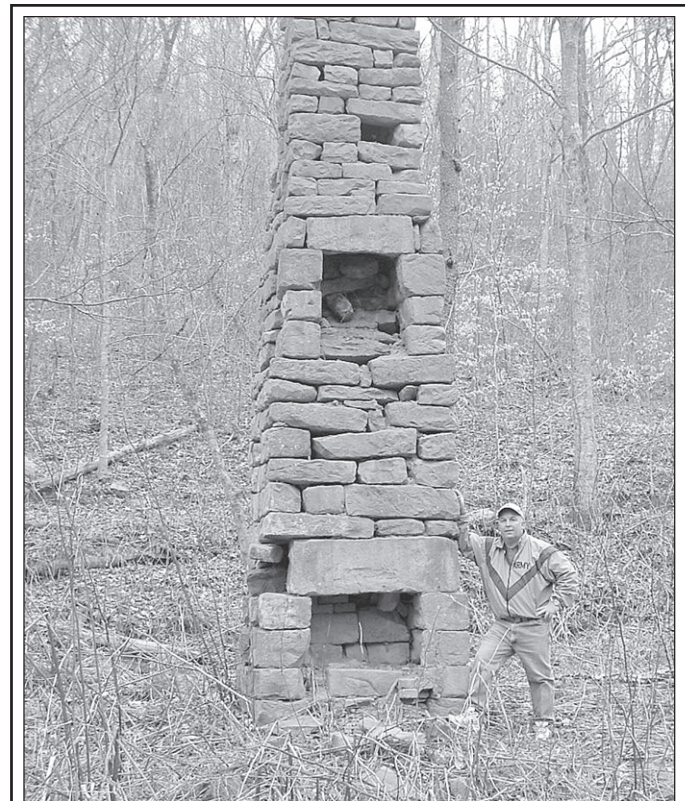
Krahenbuhl, Judy, Genealogist, Laurel County Historical Museum and Genealogy Center, London, KY, Feb 2, 2009.

Robinson, Dale, Horse Lick area resident, Feb 3, 2009.

Wilson, Bobby, life long resident of Livingston, Feb 4, 2009.



Joel Elkins and Celia Crews Elkins married November 4, 1830 in Madison County. (Photograph courtesy of Geraldine French, great great great granddaughter of James Crews).



David Owens shown with the old chimney ruin of the River Queen. (Photograph by Vince Eversole).

**The Rockcastle County Recycling Center will be open Saturday, March 7th 8 a.m. until noon**

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The following price scale was established by the state in 1846 when Crews began his business;

### Ferry Costs

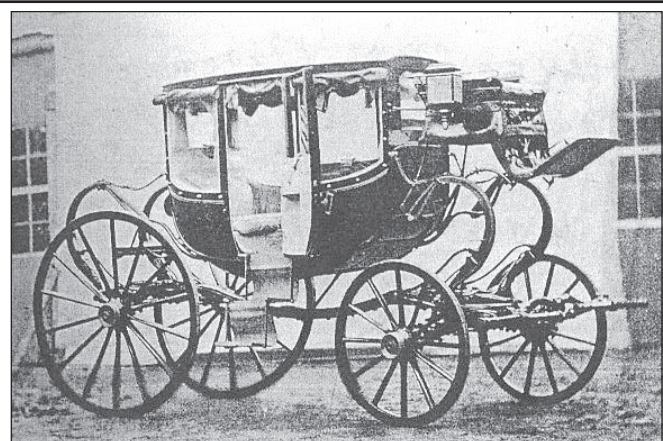
All persons except post riders, express, and children under ten years...9 pence  
Horse, mule or mare.....9 pence  
Carriage or cart with two wheels.....2 dollars  
Carriage or wagon with four wheels.....4 dollars  
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Note: Pence equals penny.

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Brandy made by peaches by the gallon.....50 pence  
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For a cold dinner, supper or breakfast.....25 pence  
For a horse standing at hay or fodder for 12 hours.....20 pence  
Corn or oats by the bushel.....50 pence



1862 Kentucky Stage Company Ticket. These tickets were sold and honored at Crews Ferry.



Henry Clay's traveling coach. This coach crossed Crews Ferry several times when Clay traveled to and from Tennessee and Virginia. (Photograph courtesy of University of Kentucky Library).



The original roadbed of the old State Road is clearly visible at the Crews Ferry site. (Photo by David Owens).

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## Posted

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

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Thomas and Ina Peebles on McMenifee Lane off Old Brodhead Road. Violators will be prosecuted. 14x4p

**Posted:** No fishing, hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Dwight and Carmen Poynter in the Level Green section of Rockcastle Co. Violators will be prosecuted.

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

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

**Posted:** No hunting/trespassing on property belonging to Farmer Waddle and Clista Spivey heirs on Hwy. 490. Violators will be prosecuted. Not responsible for accidents. 42(08)x50p

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

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

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

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

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

## Miscellaneous For Sale

**Hay For Sale:** 4x5 rolls. 606-256-0782. 14x2p

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## Pets

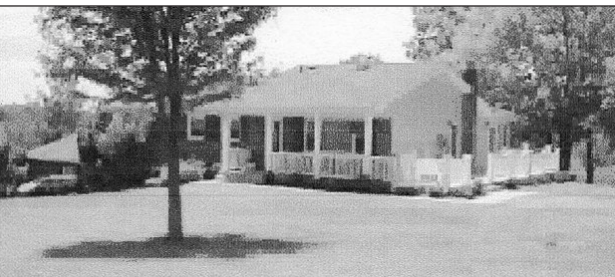
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**Notice is hereby given** that Carolyn L. Hunt, 40456 New Brodhead Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed executrix of the estate of Edith Irene Anglin Lamb on the 25th day of February, 2009. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Carolyn L. Hunt on or before Aug. 26, 2009 at 11 a.m. 15x3

**Notice is hereby given** that Eugene Mason, 260 Hummingbird Lane, Livingston, Ky. 40445 and Alice Mason, 250 Hummingbird Lane, Livingston, Ky. 40445 have been appointed co-administrators of the estate of Stacy Edwin Mason on the 23rd day of February, 2009. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Eugene Mason and Alice Mason or to Hon. William D. Reynolds, 140 West Main St., P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before Aug. 24, 2009 at 11 a.m. 15x3

**Notice is given** that Thomas Cromer has filed a final settlement of his accounts as successor administrator of the estate of Rinda Cromer Rutherford, deceased. A hearing on said settlement will be held March 23, 2009 at 11 a.m. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before said date. 15x1p

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the 11th day of February, 2009. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Henry Lee Hayes or to Hon. William D. Reynolds, 140 West Main St., P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before Aug. 12, 2009 at 11 a.m. 14x3

**Notice is hereby given** that Patricia Begley, 441 John Rd., Brodhead, Ky. 40409 has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Zachary Lee Taylor on the 10th day of February, 2009. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law to the said Patricia Begley on or before Aug. 10, 2009 at 11 a.m. 14x3

**Notice is given** that Ricky Smith and Doris Smith of 297 McHargue Branch Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 have filed a Periodic Settlement of her accounts as co-guardian of Jamason Ray Keith Smith, a minor. A hearing on said settlement will be held March 25, 2009 at 11 a.m. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before this date. 15x1

**Notice is given** that Ricky Smith and Doris Smith of 297 McHargue Branch Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 have filed a Periodic Settlement of her accounts as co-guardian of Anna Brooklyn Marie Smith, a minor. A hearing on said settlement will be held March 25, 2009 at 11 a.m. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before this date. 15x1

### Sale of Real Property

**Case Number:** Eastern District of Kentucky, London Criminal No. 06-38-DCR, United States of America vs. Troy Lee Kates, pertaining to Real Property Located at Highway 1004, Mt. Vernon, Rockcastle County, Kentucky, with all Appurtenances and Improvements Thereon. The property was purchased by Troy Kates and recorded in Deed Book 185, Page 213, in the office of the Clerk of the Rockcastle County Clerk, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky. Final Decree and Order of Forfeiture entered March 14, 2007.

THE UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE is selling the real property located at Highway 1004, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456. An unsolicited offer for the property in the amount of \$3,000.00 has been received. Any one interested in submitting a competing bid on this property may submit a written offer to: United States Marshals Service, 101 Barr Street, Room 162, Lexington, KY 40507. Any competing offer must be no less than five percent above the unsolicited offer. The terms of any competing offer are subject to acceptance by the United States Marshals Service, who reserves the right to accept or refuse any offer received. All offers must be accompanied by a cashiers check for five percent of the offer as a deposit. All offers must include reliable contact information. All deposits from offers not accepted will be refunded; however, the deposit of any accepted offer will be forfeited if the offeror fails to complete the purchase for any reason. All offers must provide for payment of the offered sales price upon closing. Conditional offers will be rejected.

Interested parties may call (859) 233-2602 regarding the viewing of the property.

Offers must be received in this office by 3:00 p.m. on March 10, 2009.

The unsolicited offeror will be afforded the opportunity to submit a best and final offer after March 10, 2009. However, the unsolicited offeror will not be advised of the amount of any competing offers received. After the unsolicited offeror is given the opportunity to submit a best and final offer, no party who has submitted an offer will be allowed to increase its offer. Upon the United States Marshals Service's review of all offers received, the property will be sold to the highest acceptable bidder. The successful bidder will be notified by March 17, 2009.

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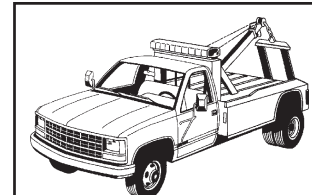
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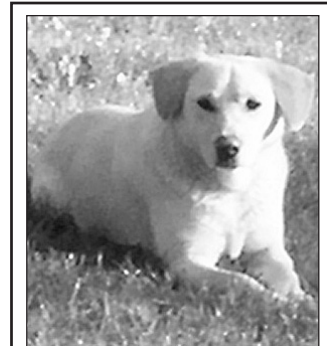


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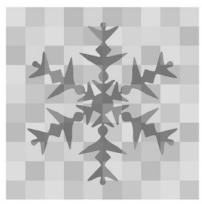
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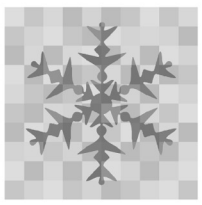
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# MVES Media Blitz



Mt. Vernon, Kentucky

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## Cornhole, Anyone?

Mr. Earl Phillips made our students very happy when he donated an "MVES" cornhole game to our school. Mr. Phillips is the father of Mrs. Paula Cowan, a Primary 2 teacher here at MVES, the grandfather of Joseph Cowan, a 4th grade student, and Gentry Phillips, one of our Kindergarten students. Mr. Phillips made this cornhole game to donate to our school so the students could enjoy it at recess. Cornhole is similar to horseshoes except the players use wooden boxes called cornhole platforms and corn bags instead of horseshoes and metal stakes. A corn bag in the hole scores 3 points, while one on the platform scores 1 point. Scoring can be quick and the lead can change hands several times in a match. The game is generally played tournament style with an individual or team being named the champion at the end of the tournament. For more information and the official rules on playing cornhole go to [www.playcornhole.org](http://www.playcornhole.org).

The students at MVES are excited to begin playing cornhole. Thanks Mr. Phillips! We appreciate your donation to our school.



Students Peyton Bowman, Joseph Cowan, Hannah Mullins, and Janelle Brown are shown with Mr. Earl Phillips and Mr. Davidson.

## Mrs. Burton's, Mrs. Cowan's, and Mr. Roark's Classes Eat DIRT !!



Science class has taken on a strange and wonderful look here at MVES. Our curriculum includes learning about our soil so several of our Primary 2 classes have been eating dirt! After finishing a unit about soil, the classes got to made dirt to eat. Of course, it wasn't real dirt. They used crumbed Oreo cookies for the weathered rocks, chocolate pudding for the humus, milk for the water, and gummy worms for the worms. This scientific experiment illustrated the layers and composition of our soil. We learned a lot about soil and had a yummy snack!



Other Primary 2 activities have included research about different countries around the world. The students found out what each country's flag looks like, what the capital was, the climate, chief products, and location of different countries on a world map. They also learned about Christmas traditions from various countries. The children learned that the tradition of putting up a tree comes from Germany, and, in Australia, Christmas comes in the summertime!



The students also read "The Polar Express" and took a trip to the Technology Center to watch the movie on the big screen! A big thank you to everyone who helped make our trip possible.





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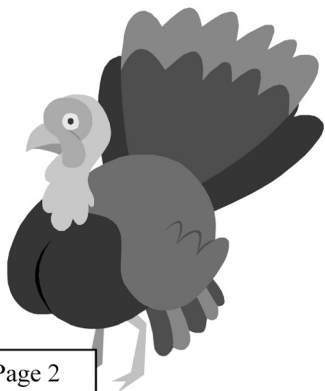
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## Gobble, Gobble

5th grader, Curtis Miller, from Mrs. Kincer's class, showed off his superior hunting skills when he got this nice turkey during the December hunt. Curtis hunts with his father Charles in the Sand Springs area of Rockcastle County. Curtis used his 20 gauge to bag this hen. Curtis is a devoted hunter who has a wealth of exciting hunting stories to relate. His stories about squirrels, deer, and turkey are a joy to listen to. Congratulations Curtis!



## Not Just a Sport For Guys

Fifth grade student, BJ Wynn and her dad, Billy Wynn, are pictured with the doe that BJ got in Mullins Station during the fall Youth Hunt. BJ enjoys deer hunting with her family. We are proud of BJ for joining the growing number of girls and young women who enjoy the sport of hunting.

Target practice, hunter safety, wildlife observation, and stealth are just a few of the characteristics needed to be successful in this sport. Congratulations to BJ on her productive hunt!! For more information about hunting in Kentucky go to <http://fw.ky.gov>.





# Santa Visited MVES



The halls of MVES were full of excited children in December when a jolly little man graced our school. His red suit and rosy cheeks filled our children with joy and anticipation as the Christmas holidays drew near. No one wanted to get on the naughty list. Our first grade students met with Santa in the library where he shared a story with us. He also told us how hard it was to make so many toys. Santa also talked with us about the dangers of drugs. The students got to tell Santa one thing that they wanted. Each student also got a candy cane and a pencil from the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department.



## T' Was Two Weeks Before Christmas

T'was two weeks before Christmas and all through the school everyone was stirring even the mouse. When down in first grade there came such a ruckus! They were screaming, "I can't spell, I can't read. Santa will never get my letter". The teachers sprang into action, "Never to fear my darlings, we have a plan". They slipped on their shoes and ran straight upstairs...to 5th grade. They burst through the door with great force! "You must help us you see", they said. "Our darlings can't spell or read". How could we say no to that? So...we chose a kid and slipped on our elf hats. We got straight to work. "I want a pony", "I want a car", and "I want my mom" they said. My! What time it took but it happened no less! The first graders were happy and we did a good deed. Our hearts were filled with pleasure and theirs with glee. This ends our tale of heartbreak and a true good deed. Our fifth graders aided our first graders in their time of need.





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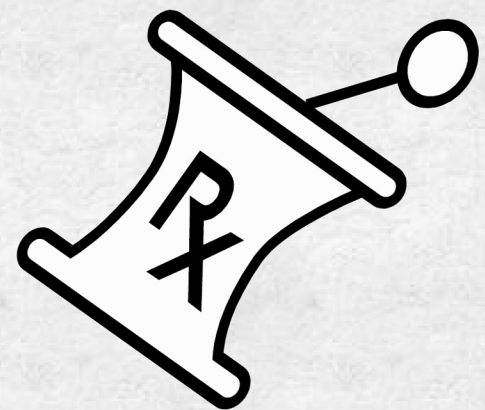
The Mt. Vernon Elementary Pentatonnes performed their Fall Concert. The 5th grade chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Jamie Cornelius, presented a variety of choreographed songs celebrating the autumn season. There were songs about fall, school, leaves, Halloween, and even kazoos. Students sang and danced as they performed selections such as, "Autumn Leaf", "Ready to Learn", "Hayride", and many more. The chorus even presented a delightful rendition of J.S. Bach's Toccata and Fugue on the kazoos, cleverly entitled, "Toccata & Kazoogue in G Maybe". The chorus is already beginning to work on their spring concert, which will take place sometime in May. Be watching for announcements as to when this performance will take place! You certainly won't want to miss it! *Michaela Hurt*



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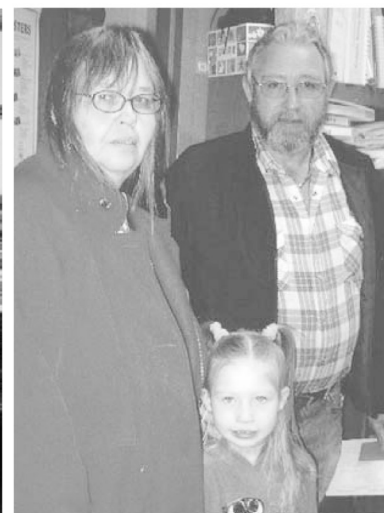
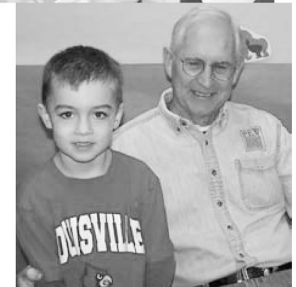
# Safari Book Fair



Our winter book fair was very successful and enjoyable for our students, families, and grandparents.

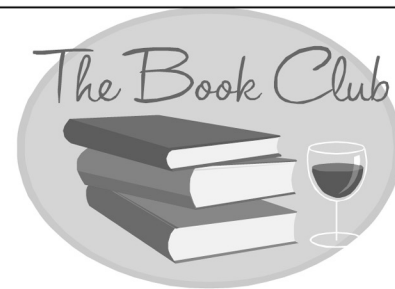
We regret that the last day of our fair was cancelled due to bad weather, but are looking forward to our next fair. Some students earned free posters for having perfect attendance during our Safari Book Fair. Other students won a free book when their grandparents came to the fair.

Our next fair will be March 23-27, 2009, the week before spring break. The theme for our next fair is "Lights, Camera, Reading" with a Hollywood theme. We look forward to our Spring Fair. Hope to see you there!





# Reading For Wheels



## Rockcastle County Public Library

Don't forget that the Rockcastle County Public Library "Reading For Wheels" program ends on Saturday, March 7th. Children, ages 3-12, are eligible to win a

bicycle from the public library just for reading lots and lots of books! All reading logs must be turned in to the public library no later than Saturday, March 7th. A reading social will conclude the event. For more information go to [www.rockcastlelibrary.com](http://www.rockcastlelibrary.com) or call 256-2388.

## MVES Green Team



**GREEN Team members Samantha, Tina, and**

Thanks to some PRIDE grant money, the MVES GREEN Team was able to purchase over 300 CFL bulbs to distribute throughout our school. For those of you that don't know, a CFL bulb is a compact fluorescent light. Several PRIDE Club students passed out the bulbs to adults and children in the school. Our Green Teams' goal is to raise awareness of things that each of us can do to help save our planet.

Reasons to "Change a Light and Save the World":

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- ◆ CFL bulbs help preserve our energy resources

To save the most energy and money, replace your highest used fixture to CFL bulbs. Remember, the smallest things we can do will add up and make a real difference.

FACT:

*The energy used in the average home can be responsible for more than twice the greenhouse gas emissions of the average car. When you use less energy at home, you reduce the greenhouse gas emissions from power plants and help protect our environment from the risks of global climate change. For more information about this and other energy projects go to [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)*



## Kenna's Kitchen

Each Thanksgiving our Family Resource Center, under the director of Mrs. Regina Hull-Brown, plans, organizes, and serves a delicious Thanksgiving meal to local senior citizens and shut-ins. The faculty and staff at MVES, along with other community volunteers, prepared and served over 1,375 meals for the 2008 Kenna's Kitchen participants. The food used to prepare the meal is largely donated by the students and staff of MVES. This year marked the highest number ever served in the seven year history of the program. Below MVES teachers Sara Coguer, Jerri Lynn Smith, and volunteer Kaliesa Hunt serve meals to be delivered to shut-ins.



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You tell us stories  
About when you were a child,  
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Are plainly just too wild.

Like walking two miles  
And uphill to school,  
And swimming in creeks  
Instead of in pools.

Like working for money  
That you needed to earn,  
And going to school  
Because you really wanted to learn.

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You hold very dear,  
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And that's why you're here.

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That you're part of our lives,  
We love you so much  
And think that you're wise.

When we talk about you,  
It is with a hint of pride,  
You are someone  
We always want by our side.

We thank you for supporting us  
In all that we do,  
And grandparents – all grandparents  
We really love you!

*Mrs. Jennifer White's Class*



Ayden, Juliann, and DJ show off their completed ornaments.



Patty shows off her ornament that was created by reusing a soda can.



Anthony Houk and Logan Miller were some of the performers from Mrs. Jennifer White's Primary 3 class who did a skit for their grandparents during our Safari Book Fair.

# Recycled Ornaments



Brandon and Will paint their ornament, which is a recycled soda can.

During December our 4th grade students learned that Christmas ornaments do not have to be purchased. Instead the students painted used soda cans that were collected by the MVES GREEN Team through our school-wide recycling program.

Mrs. Cecilia Floyd, one of our Literacy/Language Arts teachers, demonstrated how to construct the ornaments. This activity demonstrated how students can reuse everyday recycled materials to create new products. The students loved the activity!!

The students then used their 'Pop Can Snowmen' to decorate the Christmas tree in the center



# Spring Break ??

## Choose Ft. Boonesborough



Looking for a close, inexpensive trip to take over Spring Break? Our Primary 3 classes recommend Fort Boonesborough in Madison County, Kentucky.

Fort Boonesborough was exiting. The pioneers stayed at the fort while the houses were being built. It was stinky there because there were no toilets to use. They didn't even have water to take a bath unless it rained. They also had to live with their animals, like pigs, sheep, cows and horses. They made it sound worse than I imagined. *Peggy Lawson*

Fort Boonesborough is an interesting place. My third grade class went there on a field trip. It was founded by Daniel Boone. Pioneer life was not easy for the early settlers. They had to make their own soap. First, you get animal fat, lye and water. Then you mix it together until it is hard. Leave it over night then pour it into a mold. Leave it for 5 days then cut it into squares. Let it sit 21 days until you could use or trade it. *Rebekah Lake*

I went to Fort Boonesborough and it was interesting. When I went there I saw soap in the soap cabin. Soap was hard to make. You could get burned from chemicals called lye. Vinegar was important because it can help your burns. The soap had to be stirred for one hour. It had to sit in a mold for 5 days. She cut it and it had to sit 21 days. *Tommy Brown*

Fort Boonesborough is near Richmond, Kentucky. I saw a weaver's cabin. It took 12 hours to put the thread on the loom. It also took 2 hours to make one yard of cloth. When you do this you have to alternate the pedals on the wooden machine. The lady who was doing this said the children also did this. As soon as they were tall enough to reach the pedals, they did it. As they got older it became one of their regular chores. *Carlee Cash*

The gunsmith used fire to make guns for the pioneers. He had metal and he made guns with 2 metals called tin and copper. The gunsmith used fire to mend guns for the pioneers. He also used tin and copper to make cups. The metal was hard to find. Pioneers traded deer, elk, bear, and buffalo hides to get the guns and cups. *Brooklyn Reynolds*

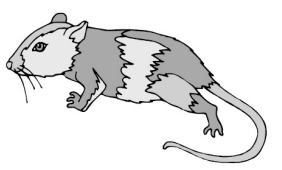
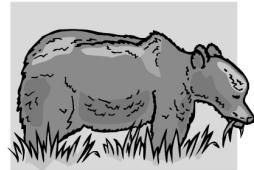
I went to Fort Boonesborough. I saw the hide cabin. It had deer hide, elk hide, bear hide, and buffalo hide. They used deer skin for clothes. The bear skins were for coats and rugs. The buffalo hides were used for coats and covers because they were soft and warm. The cabin had an upstairs that they could shoot out of. It had a roof with some holes that they could shoot out of. The holes were there for when Indians attacked. *Devin Mullins*

A man made fire with a piece of rock called flint and steel called a striker. He rubbed them together and the sparks came off of the striker. The man put the sparks on a piece of cloth. Next the man blew on the sparks until a flame came up. It was hard to make a fire. *Ryan Carpenter*





# Mrs. Bryant's Mittens



Mrs. Jamie Bryant's P1 class recently completed a unit on the Jan Brett book "The Mitten". One of the culminating projects was the creation of their own mitten shown above. The students wrote about their favorite character in the book, created a word web of words related to the book, completed a simple book report, talked about movement verbs and completed the mitten craft with animals. The students enjoyed the book and all the activities related to it.

# Rocket Readers

"22, 49, hut...hut...hike". They are lean, they are mean (not really), and they can really read. Yes, they are none other than our very own Rockcastle County High School football players. These lean, mean, reading machines have recently paid several visits to MVES to read some interesting books to our younger students. With help from Mrs. Billie Tankersley and Coach Parkey these guys read to several of our classes.

We all admire the Rockets and this was just one way that they showed their appreciation to their many young fans. It is highly unusual to see these six foot guys walking the halls of MVES. Most of us are used to seeing much shorter and smaller people around here!

What a fun visit it was to see these guys that we had admired on the playing field visiting in our school. Everyone had a great time when the Rocket Readers came to visit. This was a truly one of a kind visit and an inspiration to each of us. We especially want to thank coach Parkey for coordinating and offering this activity to our students. We are proud of our football team and the coaching staff. Thanks guys!  
*Hannabeth Owens*



# MVES Green Team Adopts Williams Street

After contacting the mayor of Mt. Vernon, Mrs. Clarice Kirby, our Green Team was able to adopt Williams Street. The team did its first clean up in October as a part of roadside clean up month. The G-Team will continue to care for the street through different clean ups that they have planned throughout the year. The street runs by the school and a park is located on the street. Students cleaned up both sides of the street and cleaned up the park.



Dear Editor,

Mt. Vernon Elementary School has just finished a project where we recycled plastic spoons and forks from the lunchroom. If we did not recycle plastic, we might be able to fill **FIVE classrooms!** Plastic things are taking over landfills. The *very bad* thing is that plastic **WON'T ROT**, which means it, would stay there for *hundreds of years!!!!*

Everyone in PRIDE would like to thank the students who participated in this project. The reason it ended is that the center we send our plastics to stopped accepting that grade of plastic. Even though it's over, everyone should still recycle in their own households.

Two ways we could recycle are melting down metal and recycling paper. This would cause a huge reduction in city waste. A cleaner town means happier citizens.

If our whole town starts recycling, other cities will, too. The results would be huge! A lot less trash would make its way into landfills. A cleaner Earth, a happier life!

Sincerely,  
Ryan Martin



# Blood Drive Winners

On February 9<sup>th</sup> M.V. E. S. hosted a blood drive with the help of the Kentucky Blood Center. The blood drive was to help the blood center increase their blood supply. Students were to recruit donors for the drive. The homeroom that had the most donors would be rewarded with a pizza party.

The blood drive lasted from 2:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday evening. After about forty donors donated, the results revealed that Mrs. Amber McClure's homeroom class had six donors which was enough to win the pizza party. Mrs. Amber McClure's class celebrated their victory for the Central Kentucky Blood Center on February 19<sup>th</sup>.



The GREEN team has had a school-wide recycling program in place for 4 years with help from PRIDE. We recycle newspaper, plastic bottles, and cans. Students pick up the recyclable items every Tuesday and Thursday. We send the items to our county recycling center. We need to remember the importance of the **3 R's**;

*recycle,*

*reduce, &*

*reuse.*

Remember, you can set up a recycling system at home by labeling trash cans for easy separation. Also, look for unique ways to reuse materials like we did with our Christmas ornaments.

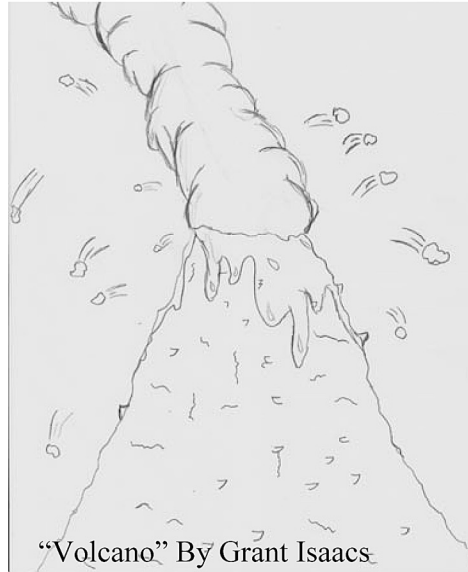
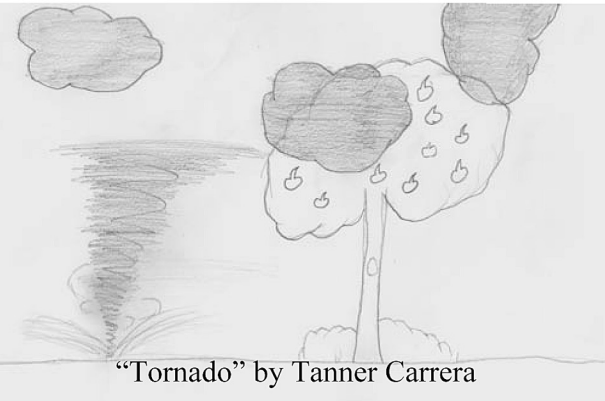
# 3rd Grade Learns About Weather

How Bill Meck Became a Weatherman  
by: Samuel Keaton Brickley

Bill Meck's desire to be a weatherman started when his mom and dad bought him a book about weather. By age eight he said he knew more about weather than his teachers. Isn't that cool?! I'm guessing he was about in his thirties when he got his job. He loves his job and told us a very important message. The message is if you keep working at something you are trying to achieve, you'll probably succeed.

Some Thoughts on Snow  
by: Logan Miller

To me snow is beautiful. My mom thinks I like it just to get out of school, but since my dad has to work even when it does snow, I think we might as well go to school when it snows.



My Thoughts  
by: Anthony Houk

I liked Bill Meck's explanation of lightning. He taught us about how lightning is formed and how it hits the earth.

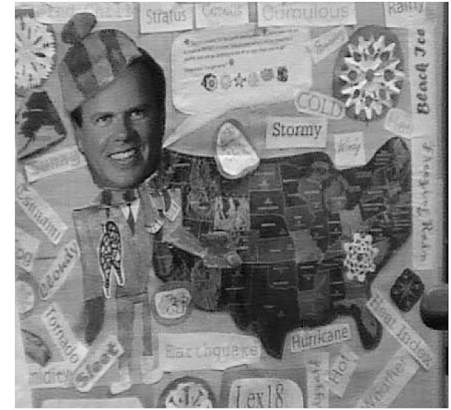
What I Learned about Bill Meck  
by: Taylor Mink

Bill Meck came to our school and told my class about when his mom and dad got him his first weather books. He also said that he loves his job even though it is kind of hard. He also loves snow. Ha! Ha! Ha! So Do We!!!!

My Rain Poem  
by: Tanner Carrera

The rain falls  
From the sky.  
It is so beautiful  
It makes me cry.

When I go outside  
It may be night,  
But when I go outside  
I see nature: a beautiful sight.



Outside  
by: Brooklyn Paige Bullock

The clouds are blue and look like glue.  
They look like puffy poodles.  
The wind whistles like little birds in the sky.  
The raindrops sound like people in water.  
Sights so beautiful.  
Sounds so nice to hear.  
So very, very nice to hear.

The Storm Was Coming  
by: Skyler Horn

The rain was falling and it hit the ground.  
When it hit, it made a pound.  
The storm hit the earth like never before.  
Dogs from everywhere started to roar.  
When the storm came, it shook the earth.  
Did it leave any worth?  
It was a year of bad weather.  
Still, the clouds were as soft as feathers.

# Community Helpers

During their Community Helpers Unit, our kindergarten students have been very busy learning about important people and their jobs in our neighborhood. Dr. Callie Shaffer came to school to discuss her job as a pediatrician. She explained many things about being a doctor and answered questions about the human body.

During free time, Mrs. Paula's students enjoyed dressing up and pretending to be doctors, dentists, veterinarians, policemen, and firefighters. The students then made self-portraits of a career they would like to have when they grow up. Wow! Their self-portraits are fantastic! So far, no one aspires to be president, but we do have several police officers, firefighters, doctors, veterinarians, and even a zoo keeper!

The students also toured our local Pizza Hut to learn about jobs in the fast food industry. They enjoyed making their own personal pan pizzas. The culminating event will be a field trip to our local post office where each student will get to mail a post card to their family. The students will also visit Citizens Bank where they will learn about the banking system and how our money is sorted, counted, and kept in a special vault. Kindergarten students just love these special learning trips!



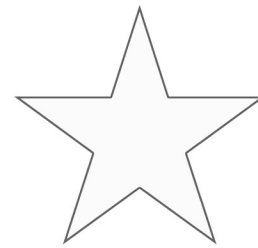
Kindergarten students with Dr. Callie



Jarrod makes his own pizza.



Students play career dress up!



## Election Results Are In

Gather round, gather round...the results are in and the new 5th grade president is ....

What a fine competition it was. Our five wonderful candidates who represented each homeroom were Tristan Begley, Matthew Newcomb, Kyle Gilbert, Hannabeth Owens, and Emily Childress. They all did a wonderful job but only two could take office.

Kyle Gilbert became our Vice-President and Hannabeth Owens became our new President. Together these two have promised to make our last year at MVES a promising one.



## Up On The Housetop

Our kindergarten students got to meet with a jolly old elf in their classrooms where each child had his photo taken with Kris Kringle (AKA Santa). Other students learned Christmas carols and gave several audiences a wonderful rendition of some classic Christmas carols. Mrs. Irene Alexander's children really got into the holiday spirit in December when they toured MVES singing some of their favorite Christmas songs. The children wore reindeer antlers, with a red button nose, and sang selections such as "Up On The Housetop", "Jingle Bells", "Rudolph", and "We Wish You A Merry Christmas".

# Christmas Around The World

During their studies of "Christmas Around The World", Mrs. Paula's kindergartners learned many different songs and customs. They had a special "Mexican Day" celebration during which they learned about La Posada and had an authentic Mexican piñata' filled with treats. They learned to sing "Feliz Navidad" and shared their song with different classrooms here at MVES. They especially enjoyed visiting the classes of some of their brothers and sisters and singing for them!



## MVES Retirees

MVES has lost three outstanding members of our faculty due to retirements. We will miss each of these outstanding individuals.

The halls of MVES won't be quite the same since Mrs. Louise Kirby has retired. She will be missed by both the faculty and students. She is pictured at left with some of her family: Mr. Michael Roark, her son-in-law, Mrs. Linda Roark, her daughter, Emily Roark, her granddaughter, and Wayne Kirby, her son.

Mrs. Mary Jane Hysinger and Ms. Jennifer DeBorde have also retired after many years of service to the students of Mt. Vernon Elementary. We wish each of these important people in our school lives a long and enjoyable retirement. Page 15

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# The 100th Day of School

Each year our students celebrate the 100th day of school in several unique ways. Mrs. Linda Clontz's students brought in several items from home to use in various counting activities. They also wrote about their adventures on the 100th day! Here are some of their stories.

Our 100th day of school was Monday, January 26, 2009. The part I liked the best about the 100th day of school was that we ate cereal. My cereal was Cheerios and it was very very very very fun! We wrote 100 words and it was the best day ever. *Sierra Hansel*

**100** Our 100th day of school was Monday, January 26. We skip counted by tens, fives, and twos. We wrote 100 words. We brought 100 pieces of cereal. Mine was Fruity Pebbles. I liked the 100th day of school. *Kaitlyn Emily Smith*

Our 100th day of school was Monday, January 26, 2009. We counted our cereal that we brought to school, then we ate it. Mrs. Clontz read us a book called "Wolf's Chicken Stew". We skip counted by two's, five's, and tens. We also had to write 100 words. *Chase Roberts*

Our 100th day of school was Monday, January 26, 2009. My favorite day was the 100th because in some classes they do parties but in our class we ate cereal, skip counted, wrote 100 words, made a poem, and read books. We read the "100th Day of School" and "Wolf's Chicken Stew". My favorite was when we wrote a poem. *Peyton Bowman*

Our 100th day of school was Monday, January 26, 2009. On the one hundredth day of school we skip counted by twos, tens, fives. Then we counted one hundred pieces of cereal. Then we ate it with some milk. I had fun!! *Hannah Denny*

Our 100th day of school was Monday, January 26, 2009. We ate 100 pieces of cereal with milk. We counted. We read a book called "Wolf's Chicken Stew". *Shawn Smith*

Our 100th day of school was Monday, January 26, 2009. In math we skip counted with twos, fives and tens to 100. We read a book called "Wolf's Chicken Stew". We also ate 100 pieces of cereal. I had fun. *Janelle Brown*

Our 100th day of school was Monday, January 26, 2009. On the 100th day of school we wrote 100 words. On our 100th day of school we skip counted by twos. On our 100th day of school we counted 100 pieces of cereal. On our 100th day of school we read a book about "Wolf's Chicken Stew". *Elizabeth Kidwell*

# Is That The President?



Happy Birthday to a former Kentuckian and our 16th president, Abraham Lincoln. How old is he you ask? 130? 142? 160? Here is a hint: We are celebrating the bicentennial of his birth and since the word centennial is 100 years and the prefix "bi" means two, then Abraham Lincoln would have been two hundred years old this year.

In February our fifth grade students got a visit from ole "Honest Abe". He told us something of his life story and even his famous speech the "Gettysburg Address". Sadly, while watching a play at Ford's Theatre, President Lincoln was assassinated on April 9, 1865 by an actor named John Wilkes Booth.

*Rachael Davis, Emily Childress, and Hannabeth Owens*

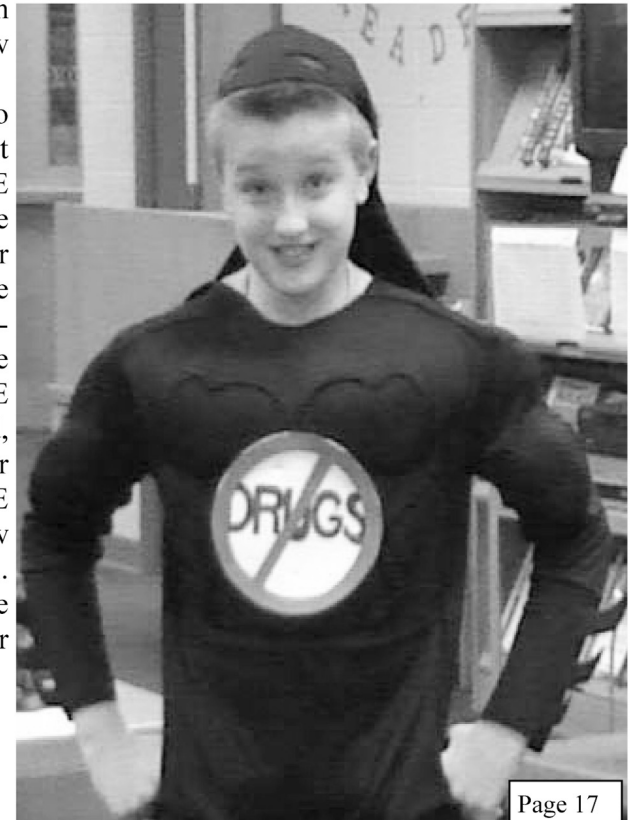
President Lincoln discussed his role as president with our fifth grade students.

# UNITE NEWS

Our 4th and 5th grade students recently held a UNITE meeting where they played "Are You Smarter Than A Drug Addict"? This is just one of the many activities that Mrs. Cindy McCullough and Mrs. Billie Tankersley do with the students to help them to learn about what drugs are and how to say no to drugs.

The UNITE Club also had a special guest at their most recent meeting. The UNITE mascot came to visit. The mascot was portrayed by our very own Lucas Gentry. He had a minor costume malfunction when he couldn't get the mask over his head. UNITE Secretary Emily Childress said, "I think we need a bigger mask"! We enjoy our UNITE activities and are learning how to say no to drugs and alcohol. We learn how much harm these illegal things can do to our bodies.

*By Michaela Hurt*



# Beatrice's Goat

Last year's third grade students did something wonderful when they read a story titled "Beatrice's Goat" about a girl named Beatrice. The story took place in Uganda, a nation mostly made up of villages like the one Beatrice lived in. Beatrice was from a very poor family and had one strong desire: to go to school. However, unlike the free educations we are entitled to in the United States, school was not free. It was actually a financial burden to send a child to school. Because of the poverty they lived in, each family in the village looked forward to the day they received a goat.



It was a big celebration to receive a goat. The family who had received notification that they were next to receive one, began working immediately, and diligently, to prepare for the animal. When Beatrice's family received their goat, they were excited to find out that she was just about ready to give birth. Not only did her milk raise her young, but it also provided Beatrice's family with better nutrition and afforded them with the business of selling her excess milk for money. Before long, Beatrice's family had saved a lot of money. As a surprise, Beatrice's mother gave the money to Beatrice to go to school. It was what Beatrice had always wanted.

Reading this story helped our 3rd grade students to realize how important one animal can be if you are extremely poor. Since this story took place in our third grade text, we thought it would be nice to give the third graders the opportunity to make a difference in the life of someone like Beatrice. Approximately 125 third graders had them brought in money, if they wanted, to donate to a charity to purchase two goats like the family in "Beatrice's Goat". With the help of all the students, their parents and their families, along with their teachers, we collected \$150 – enough to make our purchase. A Christian charity group handled the donation for us. This program and generous giving from our students helped to make a difference in the life of someone else. If you would like to learn more about this project/company, you can go to [www.worldvisiongifts.org](http://www.worldvisiongifts.org). Please talk with your child about the generosity of this effort and of the life changing effect it can have on a family like Beatrice's. Sincerely, *Third Grade Teachers at MVES*

## IF I WERE By Pamela Miller

If I were a Seminole girl from Florida I would hear  
Gunfire as fierce fighting kills white soldiers in the swamps,  
The scream of Osceola plunging a knife into the treaty,  
A baby's cries sad as another Seminole Indian gets killed.

If I were a Seminole girl from Florida I would smell  
Sweet cypress in the wet swamp,  
Frying fish over the hot fire,  
The fresh morning breeze through my chickee hut.

If I were a Seminole girl from Florida I would feel  
Heavy buckskin skirts and massive strands of beads around my neck,  
Pride in my Seminole family that survived the war,  
Ferocious mosquitoes biting me on the arm like needles.

If I were a Seminole girl from Florida I would see  
Arrows swiftly flying in the sky,  
Children playing stickball with a ball the size of a walnut at the Corn Dance,  
My people getting forced to plod west to Oklahoma on the Trail of Tears.

If I were a Seminole girl from Florida I would taste  
Sweet and sticky honey grabbed from the hive,  
Ripe yellow corn from the corn field,  
Raw cattail roots as bitter as a persimmon.  
If I were a Seminole girl from Florida.



## Mrs. Boyd's Entry Students

Mrs. Lora Boyd's A.M. and P.M. classes have been busy learning some great Christmas carols. The children serenaded several classrooms with their cute little songs. They are also learning about community helpers and different careers. Local pediatrician, Dr. Callie Shaffer talked about her duties as a physician. We are going to visit a local bank and learn about saving money.

After that, we will travel to the Post Office and mail post cards to our families. These are special post cards because we have written notes to our families on them. We also have some hair stylists that will come and graciously give of their time to style our hair. We will learn about their career and enjoy their artistic work. There are so many careers that we can explore. It is fun to learn about some of the different jobs in our community.



## IF I WERE AN IROQUOIS GIRL

*By Sarah Roberts*

If I were an Iroquois girl from Vermont I would hear  
Wind whistling through the longhouse as I curl up in  
my bearskin blanket,  
Gun shots as a deer falls to the ground  
Iroquois men yelling as they fight for more land and power.

If I were an Iroquois girl from Vermont I would smell  
Smoke from last nights long house fire from cooking food,  
Prepared corn freshly grown from our garden  
Meat from a deer burning as we heat it in our fire.

If I were an Iroquois girl from Vermont I would feel  
Deerskin brushing against my sweaty skin,  
Pride to be part of the League of the Iroquois Nation  
Happy to hear that Hiawatha stopped the fighting.

If I were an Iroquois girl from Vermont I would see  
The keeper of the wampum telling the importance of our tribe,  
Pearly white and purple wampum beads as pretty  
as the feathers in our hats  
Colorful corn husk dolls with stiff dresses.

If I were an Iroquois girl from Vermont I would taste  
Deer meat slathered with sap and juice so juicy,  
Bitter medicine made from herbs and plants  
Unpleasant smoke floating through the air like a curved worm  
If I were an Iroquois girl from Vermont.

## IF I WERE A BLACKFOOT BOY

*By Blake Swinney*

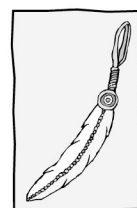
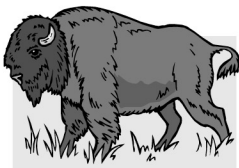
If I were a Blackfoot boy from the Great Plains I would hear  
Water trickling down the falls,  
The screaming cries of the Ghost Dance  
The bark of the wolf dog vision.

If I were a Blackfoot boy from the Great Plains I would smell  
Incense burning like a smoky grass fire,  
The dirty, muddy hair of the buffalo  
The paint smells like paint mixed with clay mud.

If I were a Blackfoot boy from the Great Plains I would feel  
Wind blowing as strong as a tornado,  
Goey white clay rubbed on my arm's  
Wolf dog spirit running in to me.

If I were a Blackfoot boy from the Great Plains I would see  
The wolf dog spirit flying in the air,  
The birds chirping like someone is chewing gum  
The warrior riding on the side of his horse like a dead person.

If I were a Blackfoot boy from the Great Plains I would taste  
Blood in my mouth from the wounded warriors,  
The pemmican from it and meat  
The jerky spicy deer meat  
If I were a Blackfoot boy from the Great Plains.



## IF I WERE A COMANCHE GIRL

*By Kira Owens*

If I were a Comanche girl from the Southern Plains I would hear  
The whinnying of the horses at the village,  
The horse hooves clanking from their running  
A Comanche warrior hanging from the bellies of the Magic Dogs.

If I were a Comanche girl from the Southern Plains I would smell  
Sweet persimmons smelling like little lemons,  
Smoke from tepees rising like butterflies  
Dust from behind the horses running.

If I were a Comanche girl from the Southern Plains I would feel  
Bumpy beads on my deerskin dress,  
Dry yellow grass swaying in the wind and swishing between my  
fingers  
Soft silky blanket made of buffalo.

If I were a Comanche girl from the Southern Plains I would see  
Black dark sky stars shining like diamonds,  
Men leading the horses back from a raid  
Brightly painted faces from clay and berries.

If I were a Comanche girl from the Southern Plains I would taste  
Dried buffalo meat  
Meaty taste from the roasted deer,  
The crunchy walnuts that are so sweet  
If I were a Comanche girl from the Southern Plains.

## IF I WERE AN OJIBWE GIRL

*By Kimberley Wheat*

If I were an Ojibwa girl from the Great Lakes Region I would hear  
The clanking of poles as my father and mother making our wigwam,  
Sitting around the fire of the Ojibwa lessons of life  
Nanahozno saving people.

If I were an Ojibwa girl from the Great Lakes Region I would smell  
Smoked salmon baking over the fire,  
Birch bark canoes as fresh as new strawberries  
Sweet grass before my grandmother makes a basket.

If I were an Ojibwa girl from the Great Lakes Region I would feel  
The deer skin soft like kitty fur,  
Happy sitting in my wigwam by the fire next to my mother  
Wild rice bumpy like corn rubbing.

If I were an Ojibwa girl from the Great Lakes Region I would see  
My brave father wearing an eagle feather,  
The dances at the white Earth  
My father killing the big deer native to America.

If I were an Ojibwa girl from the Great Lakes Region I would taste  
sugar maple candy  
Strong wild strawberries like cotton in my mouth,  
The fish cooked over the fire  
If I were an Ojibwa girl from the Great Lakes Region.

# Math In Our World



Our fifth grade students have been taking educational field trips to downtown Mt. Vernon to visit local businesses and learn how the shopkeepers use math in their occupations. The first stop was to Community Trust Bank where they learned about savings and checking accounts. They also learned how to calculate percentages and interest on those accounts.

They also stopped at Hiatt's 5 & 10 where Mrs. Betty demonstrated how to measure fabric in order to make a quilt. She also showed the students how she orders supplies for the store. After a short visit at Hiatt's, the group proceeded to Main Street Pharmacy. Miss Danette Harris explained about measurement conversions and how she uses a nifty little plastic tray with a spatula to count medication. She counts the pills five at a time.

After the pharmacy, we visited Cox Hardware. Here we were thoroughly educated by Mr. Cox on how to read a tape measure and the proper way to cut glass. Mr. Cox also emphasized the need to carefully count your change when making a purchase in any store to ensure that the correct amount has been given back to you.

We also took in the Tea Cup Café' where we enjoyed cookies and sodas. The trip to town was a great day of learning and general education that all of us needed to know. It made us realize how important our daily math lessons will be to our future. *By Tristan Begley*

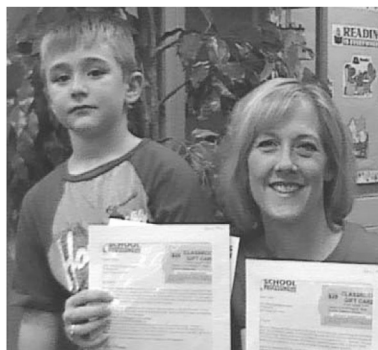
# Computers For Education

Each year our Library Media Center sponsors the "Computers For Education" fundraiser with Mr. Earl, the prize man. Students and their parents complete names and addresses for a future magazine sale.

This year our Library Media Center earned \$2,643.50 that is being used to purchase books, AR tests, and movies for our children. Our Library Media Specialist, Mrs. Sharon Lovell, is pictured with some of our Primary students who earned a free Scooby-Doo t-shirt from our fundraiser. Our intermediate students who earned a t-shirt are pictured below. Other students earned some really cool sunglasses for their efforts in helping our school.



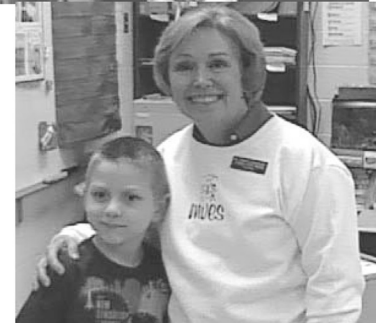
Some of our PM Kindergarten students also earned a Scooby shirt from Mr. Earl.



Thanks to Jarred Bugg, Mrs. Paula's class got free magazine rewards from sponsors.



(Far left) Serena Shackelford helped Mrs. Robin Bowman's class earn free magazines for their class. William Angell earned free magazines for Mrs. Rumsey's class and Orrin Lees helped Mrs. Jerri Smith's class get free magazines. We appreciate all those who purchased magazines through our Computers For Education fundraiser and those who donated funds for our classrooms.





# MVES All School Sing

Friday, March 27th



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Is Your Costume Ready?



## "Hardest Hitter"



Caleb Kirby, a 4<sup>th</sup> grader, played in the All-Star Little League Tournament this year in Owensboro. Several players from both the Mt. Vernon and the Brodhead Little League teams were chosen because of their hard work and dedication to play on this year's Rockcastle County Little League All-Stars.

After several weeks of practice, the All-Stars traveled to Owensboro where they played other teams from around the state. The team went Thanksgiving weekend to see how they matched up with

other youngsters. The team played three games, but unfortunately lost all of the games.

At the end of the tournament, awards were handed out based upon each player's performance. Caleb received an award for the 'Hardest Hit'. This was quite an accomplishment. During the normal little league season, Caleb played center, but during this tournament he played tackle.

Several other students from MVES who played also received awards. Jason Payne and Ryan Hunsicker, 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, also received awards from their exceptional play. Congratulations to all the boys on their wonderful play.

## Mrs. Jamie's Website

Have you checked out Mrs. Jamie Cornelius's very own MVES Music website? It is available at [www.free-webs.com/mrsjamie](http://www.free-webs.com/mrsjamie). She has a blog, a calendar, a music schedule, a photo gallery, and a section called "Cool Sites For Kids". The photo gallery has some interesting shots of music in our school. Check it out to see if your picture is there! Don't forget to leave Mrs. Jamie a message on the BRAVO page.

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# CKMEA

In November our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students attended the Central Kentucky Elementary Association Choral Festival at Eastern Kentucky University. The students were actively involved in numerous rehearsals, and the day culminated with a public concert with well over 1,000 people attending!



Our students had a wonderful day of singing and socializing together, meeting students from other schools, as well as learning more about themselves. The students even got to have the ultimate experience of singing on the beautiful stage of Brock Auditorium, under the direction of a real composer and conductor, Mrs. Sally Albrecht.

We would like to thank Mr. Davidson for allowing us the opportunity each year to attend the festival. It is such a wonderful opportunity to see young singers be able to share their talents in a unique way!

Most of all, thank you to the students who worked so very hard to memorize the music and who showed tremendous maturity throughout a very long day, and a special thank you to their parents, who endured many hours of listening to each child practice! We could not do it without your support!

We can now look forward to making new memories next year at CKMEA! Until then...



Members of the 2008—2009 CKMEA are Zeb Davis, Dylan Spoonamore, Christy Tyree, Ryan Martin, Samarah Lovins, Mrs. Jamie Cornelius, Caroline Coguer, and Morgan Renner (Not pictured Jarrod Robinson)

# LIGHTS! CAMERA! BOOK FAIR!



February 23—March 17 “**One for Books**” Contest  
Students donate loose change to help their classroom buy books.  
Two winning classes receive an Ice Cream Party.



## March 23--27

- March 23— AM Kindergarten students with their grandparents from 9:30 to 10:00  
PM Kindergarten students with their grandparents from 12:25 to 12:55
- March 24—”**Muffins For Mom**” 7:30 to 8:30  
AM Preschool students with their grandparents at 8:30 to 9:00  
Primary 1 students with their grandparents at 9:30 to 10:00  
PM Preschool students with their grandparents at 1:15 to 1:45
- March 25— Primary 2 students with their grandparents at 9:30 to 10:00
- March 26— “**Donuts For Dad**” 7:30 to 8:30  
Primary 3 students with their grandparents 9:30 to 10:00  
**Family Night** During Parent/Teacher Conference 3:00 p. m. to 6:00 p. m.
- March 27— 4th Grade students with their grandparents at 9:00 to 9:30  
5th Grade students with their grandparents at 10:00 to 10:30



Each child will also attend the “Lights, Camera, Reading” book fair during their regular library time and they may also shop at our fair each day if they have their class assignments completed, their teacher’s permission, and the money. Face painting will be available for 50 ¢.

Questions?? Call Mrs. Sharon Lovell at 256-2953 extension 106

# READING MAKES YOU A STAR

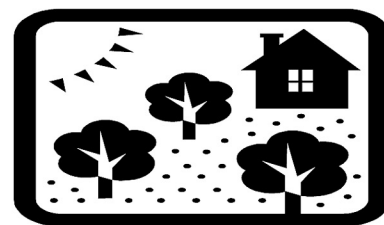
# Farm Field Day

By Marina Blevins

The fourth grade classes took a field trip to Mr. and Ms. Bill Sigmon's farm located in Rockcastle County near Mt. Vernon, Kentucky. Mr. and Ms. Sigmon farm is a great place to go because you will learn about many things concerning our land. Read on to find out what is so great about this farm... The Importance of Farms—

We learned that forty percent of land in the world is used for farming. In the United States 41.4% of land is used for farming. Ninety percent of our food comes from farms. If we don't conserve our farmland we will have no food. Dumping is Bad—Mr. Tom Mills, a U.K. agricultural agent, told us dumping is bad. We learned that you don't need to dump oil on the ground or use too much fertilizer. If you dump chemicals or pour oil on the ground it causes ground water pollution. When it rains the oil and chemicals end up in streams, creeks, and ponds. That can cause trouble. If you dump oil or chemicals in the Mt. Vernon area they will end up in our water source, Lake Linville. Our Bears—Mr. Strunk from Fish and Wildlife talked to us about bears in our area. We have built homes and businesses close to the bear's natural habitat. Because of this, bears are coming to town, farms and subdivisions and getting into garbage cans. When this happens game wardens practice hazing. They shoot rubber bullets at the bears to discourage them from visiting areas populated by people. Erosion—Mr. Templeman from Soil Conservation talked to us about erosion. He discussed three examples of erosion. He talked about erosion caused by having soil with no cover, using grass as cover and planting crops. He had models to demonstrate each type of erosion. When he poured water on the models with grass or planted crops, it kept erosion to a minimum. When water was poured over the soil with no cover then the soil was washed away causing erosion. Water—Mr. John McQueary, our county 4H agent, talked to us about the water cycle. We learned that water on earth evaporates into the sky and forms a cloud. When it rains the water falls back to earth. Thus the water cycle starts all over. We learned that only 3% of the water on earth is fresh water. Thereby we need to protect our water for future generations. Fun—On our field trip to Sigmon farm we had a picnic. Mr. Sigmon fixed hotdogs and hamburgers for our class. After we ate we went on a hay ride to four different stations. Next we went to the pumpkin patch. Everyone was allowed to get a pumpkin to take home. We had a lot of fun at the annual Farm Field Day.

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## Our Special Veteran

Master Sergeant Chris Mason visits our 5th grade students to discuss his role in the military. Mr. Chris discussed some of the sacrifices that his military career has placed on his civilian life such as missed birthdays, Christmases, and wedding anniversaries. Master Sergeant Mason has been in the Air Force for 22 years. He currently serves as an Emergency Manager for disasters such as hurricanes and fire and police emergencies. He told our students, "You wake up everyday in the greatest country in the world with the greatest opportunities. You have to give back to your country by doing things like learning something and passing it on".

Because of the services of Master Sergeant Mason and millions of others throughout our country's history, we enjoy freedoms and liberties that people in other countries just dream of. We here at MVES honor these veterans that serve our country so honorably and well. Mr. Chris' s wife is Mrs. Bobbi Mason who works as a Resource Teacher here at MVES. His son, Daniel, is in Mrs. Kaci Brown's Primary 1 class.



Daniel and Chris Mason



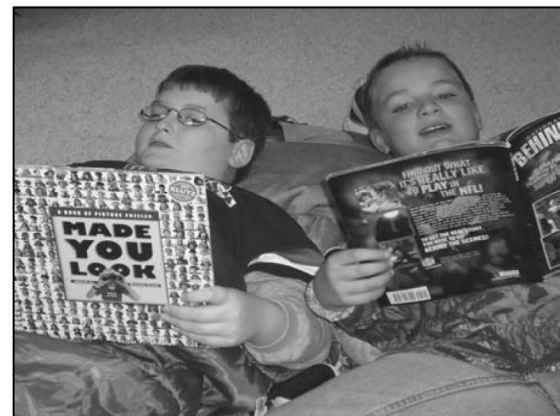
Representatives from our Rockcastle County Hospital came to Mrs. Irene's kindergarten class to discuss dental hygiene with the students. Going to the dentist twice each year was one of the tooth rules that was explained. The children also learned the proper way to brush and to floss. The children enjoyed the privilege of getting to see the real "Tooth Fairy" in their classroom although some of them thought her tooth brush was way too big for their little mouths! Although these students still have their baby teeth, it is still important to protect them because the baby teeth help to hold a place for the permanent teeth to come in. They are also important to help with chewing and normal speech. Some of these children are already losing their baby teeth and others need to enjoy their baby teeth since they will begin losing them next year when they turn six.



# Citizens Bank & Post Office Tours

Mrs. Irene's kindergarten students made a trip to our local Citizens Bank to learn more about banking and money. The students got to see the security lock boxes, the tellers desk, and the drive thru window. They also got to talk to the bank president Corey Craig. The bank gave each of the children a gold one dollar coin. The children also visited our Mt. Vernon Post Office and mailed their family a special post card. The children sang a special song for the post office employees and got to learn something about how our mail gets delivered.





# Hunting For A Good Book

Each year our 4th grade faculty and students have a unique day that is completely devoted to Reading! The children wear "Camo" clothing and stalk or hunt good books to read. Students can be found lying on the floor, curled up in sleeping bags, reading inside tents, and with their noses in a book. All of the students are participating in one of our most important educational skills: *reading*. Guest readers appear in our 4th grade classrooms throughout the day to read their favorite titles to the children. Our students take computerized Accelerated Reader

tests on the books to check their comprehension.

Reading skills are important at all grade levels but especially so in the 4th since a large segment of our C. A. T. S. test involves reading. Whether the test is Social Studies, Science, Practical Living, Reading, or even Math, reading is involved in every aspect of the test.



## Citizens Bank

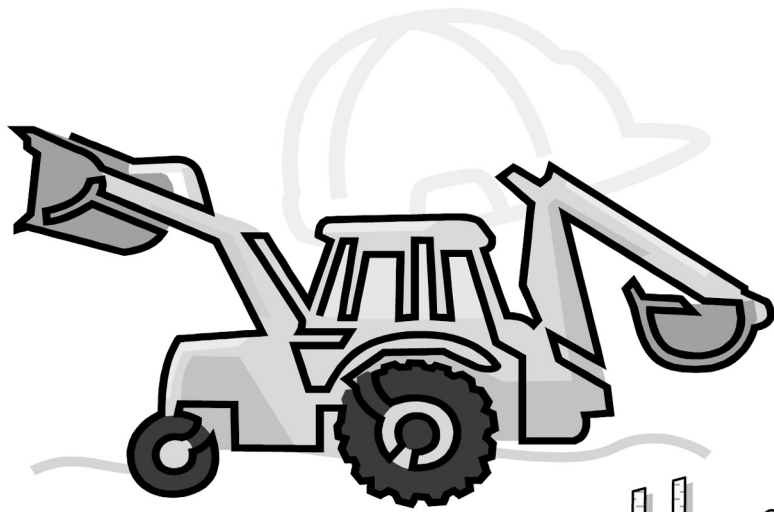
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During morning announcements members of the G. R. E. E. N. Team have been giving our MVES students and staff lessons on how to become more green. Some of the topics discussed by our G- team members included water conservation, our school's recycling program, how to establish a recycling project at home, and why turning off lights when not in use is important. Interested in Going Green??? Here are some simple steps that you can take to protect our environment.

Don't let the water run while you are brushing your teeth.

Change your light bulbs to Compact Fluorescent Lights to save money and energy.

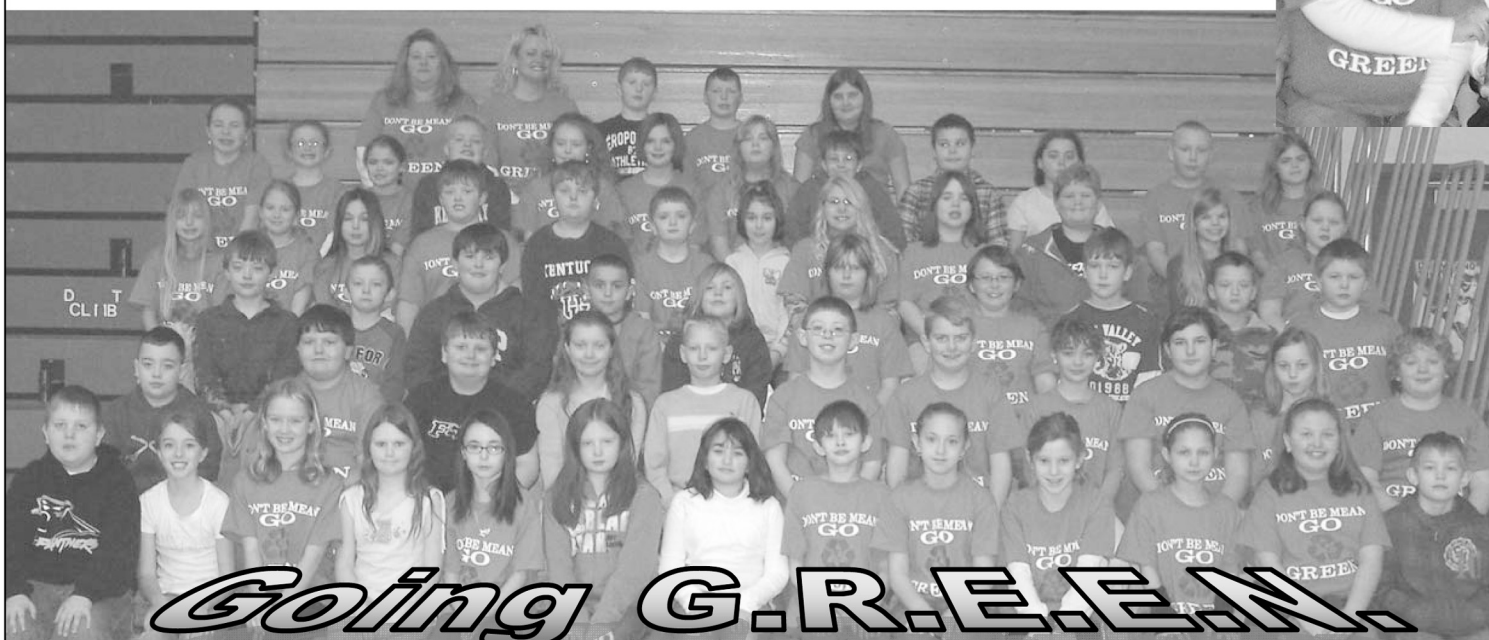
Cut down on plastic bags that are not biodegradable by reusing cloth bags.

Separate papers, metals, plastics, and garbage to recycle, compost, and reuse as much trash as possible.

Keep your tires properly inflated to improve gas mileage by 3 percent.



Mrs. Cloia and Mrs. Julie accepted a plaque from PRIDE education director, Ms. Jennifer Johnson, for our G.R.E.E.N. Team. Our team was the January PRIDE Club of the Month in our region. Congratulations to our club for their great work!



**Going G.R.E.E.N.**

# Wagon Load of Fun !!

# Student Teacher



Mrs. Kristy's Isaacs's Primary 1 classes visited Sigmon Farm in the fall for a fun filled day. Some of the student comments are as follows: I went on a field trip and saw lots of pumpkins. We had fun. *Ashlyn* We went on a field trip and rode the bus. *Allie* We rode the bus to Sigmon's Farm to get pumpkins. *Logan B.* We saw lots of animals. *Bailey* I got to pet the calf. *Beth* I liked picking a pumpkin. *Logan S.* My pumpkin was fat. *Bryce* We had fun on the field trip. *Tiffany* I liked the animals. *Arionna* I liked my pumpkin. *Hannah* I liked getting a pumpkin. *William*

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# C.A.T.S. Celebration Rocks !!

Our 4th and 5th grade students were treated to a unique celebration for their successful completion of another great C. A. T. S. assessment! All of our students were able to participate since they had either a proficient or distinguished on last years test. The gym was transformed into an unusual game area divided into several stations. The students were able to travel to each station at fifteen nminute intervals to try their hands at the fun games which included rock wall climbing, cornhole, relay races, sack races, and Guitar Hero. The students also got to enjoy nachos and cheese courtesy of our local Wendy's Restaurant. Our very own MVES Parent Teacher Group provided sodas for the students. Drawings were held every fifteen minutes for students to have a chance to win some special door prizes that were provided by our teachers and staff. To all those who helped with our special celebration, we would like to say thanks. To our students, the faculty and staff are extremely proud of your accomplishments on the C. A. T. S. test! Keep up the good work and another special day may be in your future!



Ready to run!!

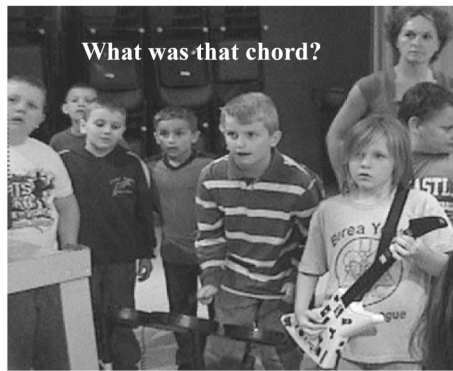
## MVES Is The Best !



Relay races!



Concentration is the way to play!

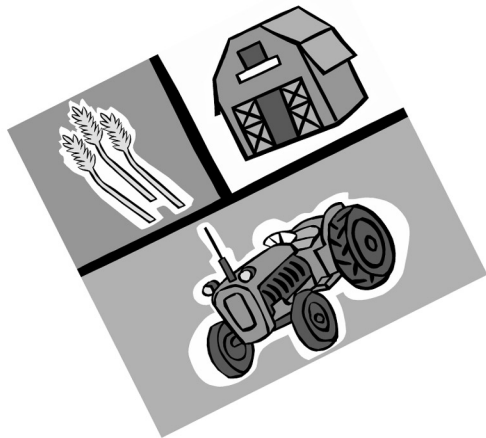


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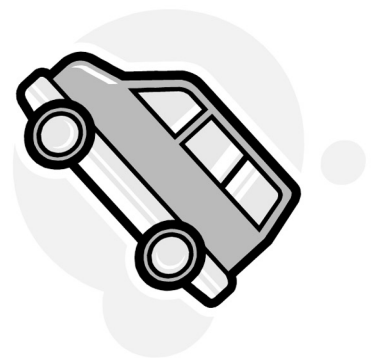


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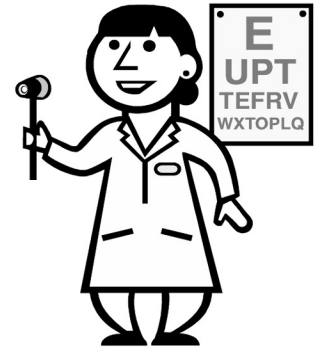
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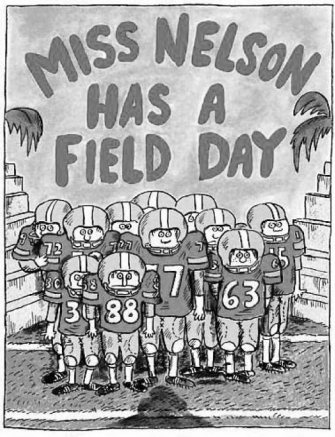
## Hospital Visit

Mrs. Linda Clontz and Mrs. Marian Cable's Primary 2 classes walked to our Rockcastle County Hospital and Respiratory Care Center in December to do their performance of "The Magic Sleigh Ride". They sang some of their favorite Christmas carols and read some poems to the patients in the respiratory unit. Several students had solo parts in the performance. MVES students are always giving generously of their time to others. This program is just one example of their generosity. The students would like to thank Mrs. Jamie Cornelius, our Music teacher, for her help with the songs.



# Check Out These Favorite Titles

HARRY ALLARD



JAMES MARSHALL

Miss Nelson Has a Field Day by James Marshall is about a football team that never won a game. They were wimps and their coach was not good at all. They set him up to go on a vacation and there was a wicked substitute coach that made them do push ups, green bays (football exercise), and jump through hoops. If they messed up, they ran laps.

My favorite part in the story is when the wicked substitute Coach Swamp tackles the football player that was trying to run away. The coach puts them to work and then the guys played ball like a real team. At first, the Horace B. Smedly School has the worst football team in the

whole state. Then the team learns that if you work hard and do your best together, it will help you win games and be a success in life. *Jaden Payne*

Animal Adventures is a book by Laura Ingalls Wilder. Laura, Mary, baby Carrie, Ma and Pa are the main characters. One chapter is about a girl named Laura that lives close to a creek called Plum Creek. One time Laura went to the pool when Pa told her not to and she saw a strange animal.

My favorite part is when Laura poked the strange animal with a short stick and it let out a snarl. She was very brave and she ran with all her might and didn't stop running. It was very important for her to run with all her might to get away from the animal. Animal Adventures shows that when someone does something when they are told not to, they shouldn't do it. Laura had to do chores like sweep the floor and set the table. She had to stay in the dugout while Ma hemmed. Laura thought the sewing day would never end. Laura learns that she should always obey her parents. *Pamela Miller*



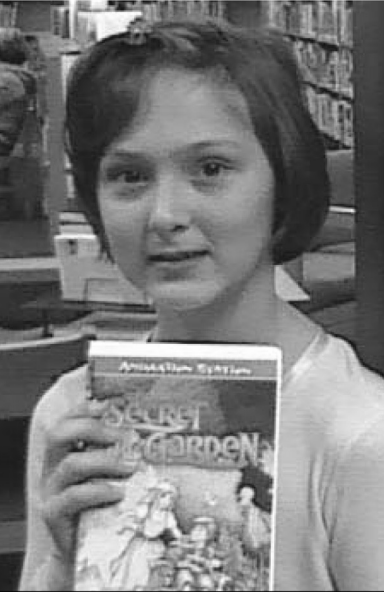
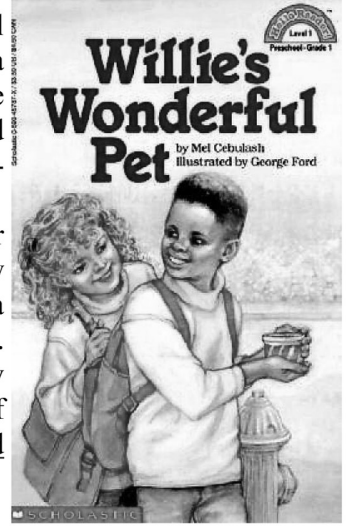
Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate Di Camillio is a book about a little girl named India Opal. The Preacher (her father) sent her to the store and she came back with a dog. Opal named the dog Winn-Dixie and he changed her summer completely.

My favorite part in this book is when Winn-Dixie comes to church with Opal and the Preacher because he would not stop howling. Once during church, Winn-Dixie caught a mouse!!! Without hurting it!!! Later, they had to let the poor thing go free. The main character, Winn-Dixie, is afraid of thunderstorms and he runs away! In this book, Opal learned to never give up on

something you believe in. Will Opal complete the difficult task of finding Winn-Dixie? Read the book first—before any movie! *Rebekah Lake*

Willie's Wonderful Pet by Mel Cebulash is about pets. Willie needs a pet to take to school for Pet Day. Willie was going to get a worm but his friend Wendy told him a worm was weird. Willie decided to take one anyway.

My favorite part is when the other pets ran and played when they saw Willie's worm move. It was funny that a worm could make other animals move. Willie was trying to get a pet nobody had. He didn't let Wendy talk him out of what he wanted. He learned that weird pets sometimes are very cool! *Noah Prickett*



## Movie Donation

Our video library has increased thanks to a donation from Gabby McGuire from Mrs. Rumsey's Primary 3 classroom.

Gabby donated the video "Secret Garden" to our library so that other students could also enjoy the movie when

Good Behavior video, a student must have changes. To get a video for perfect attendance, a student must come to school for 20 days with no tardies or absences.



Birthdays are a big deal for everyone, but its only in Kindergarten that you get to wear a special hat to celebrate your special day.  
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The C. A. T. S. test requires our children to answer open response questions on each part of their test. In 5th grade our children must write an On-Demand narrative for a transactive purpose.

Dr. Whitaker, a retired Eastern Kentucky University professor and Writing Consultant for Rockcastle County, offered On-Demand writing tips to Mrs. Susan Coffey's class during a recent Author's Circle. On-Demand writing skills are essential for today's learners. This is just one way that our teachers are helping to prepare our children to meet the demands that will be placed on them as future learners.

## No Ordinary Librarian



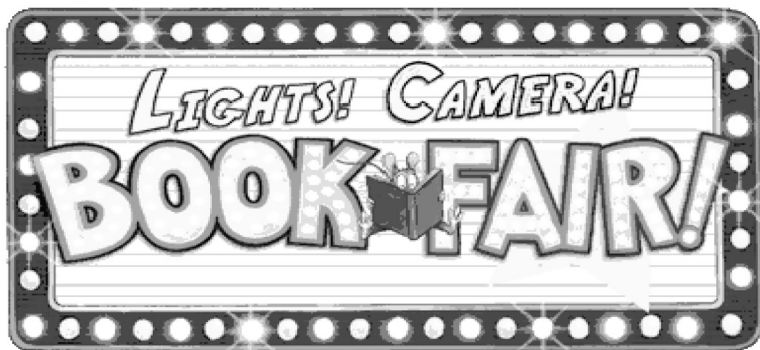
Have you ever wondered how the school pays for the books in the library despite a "cut" budget? Or how it is possible for students to take an Accelerated Reader test before school starts in the morning? Well, I figured it out. It is all because of our extraordinary librarian, Mrs. Sharon Lovell. We should give her more credit for all the things she does for our school.

Mrs. Sharon does much more than her job requires. For instance, she uses her own time to buy books, videos, and more for the library. Not to mention, she comes to work early every day so that students can take Accelerated Reader tests before school. Think about it. If Mrs. Sharon didn't buy new books, we would have to read old worn out books instead of the new titles we have now.

Now what about the money? How does she get money for the library? Well, in order to get money, she has to take more of her time, which is precious, to pick fundraisers such as the book fairs and the Computers For Education program. She arranged to have Grandparent's Days, Donuts For Dads, and Muffins For Mom where our families are invited to the book fair to browse and purchase books for their children. Also, Mrs. Sharon records events such as the Kindergarten Graduation and the Three Piggy Opera Musical to sell DVD's to the parents. She uses the money earned to buy more books and videos for students to check out of the library.

Have you ever wondered how or why students at our school get such good scores of the CATS test? Well, I think Mrs. Sharon Lovell has done a lot to help this cause. She sets out books and videos that are about what we are learning in class. For example, I remember when my class had a history test. Mrs. Sharon helped us find books on the topic. Because of her, we had really good scores on our history test. She even wrote the Practical Living curriculum that our fourth grade uses. Now that's work!

As you can see, Mrs. Sharon Lovell is no ordinary librarian. She is a special librarian that goes the extra mile. We should be proud of her and thankful for her! *Zeb Davis*



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