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Ford, Worley make announcement Wednesday \$58.6 million approved for new Hwy. 150 Projects total over \$62 million

State Democrat Senator Ed Worley, of Richmond, and State Republican Representative Danny Ford of Mt. Vernon, announced Wednesday that they had secured federal stimulus money for one of the largest highway investments ever in Rockcastle County.

The largest portion of the over \$62 million in projects announced by the county's two state legislators will go to the reconstruction of U.S. 150, from Crab Orchard in Lincoln County through Brodhead to the Hwy. 461 by-pass in Mt. Vernon.

According to a news release from Worley and Ford, that project will begin in two phases and cost a total of \$58.6 million.

"The requirements for federal stimulus money is that projects have to be shovel ready in 120 days to 12 months. The section of U.S. 150 from Crab Orchard to Brodhead is ready to start now," Rep. Ford said. "The section from Brodhead to Mt. Vernon will be

cleared for construction by summer. This project will open up a region of the state through Rockcastle County to I-75. Residents from Boyle, Lincoln, Casey and Garrard counties will all come through Rockcastle to access the interstate." Rep. Ford added. "This will not only provide for the safety of our citizens, but will spur the economy of Rockcastle County in many ways."

The construction process to re-construct Hwy. 150 from Stanford to Mt. Vernon has been underway since October of 1999. The first phase of the project from Stanford to Crab Orchard was completed a couple of years ago.

\$1.3 million for new access road

Additionally, Senator Worley and Rep. Ford secured \$1.3 million for the construction of a new road into the industrial park off U.S. 150, in

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School Board gives final approval to facility plan

At Tuesday night's regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County Board of Education, board members gave final approval to the school system's local facility plan for possible future construction.

The state department of

education requires school districts in the state to submit a facility plan every four years.

One construction project, and several renovation projects for the school system, are included in the four year plan

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A Sign of Spring

Bill Sowder, of Mt. Vernon, took advantage of the Springlike weather on Sunday to plow a small field in front of his home on the Old Brodhead-Mt. Vernon Road, where he will plant a 100 pounds of potatoes. His mules, Ben and Charlie are five-years-old and were pulling the plow at quite a pace. The calendar says Spring actually begins on March 20th. (Front page photos by: Richard Anderkin)

Houk and court agree to disagree on excess fees, salaries, budget

The Rockcastle Fiscal Court got a surprise Tuesday, at their regular meeting, when they were presented with a check from County Clerk Norma Houk, for excess fees of \$411.90. The surprise came in that the court was expecting \$42,598 which had been the amount shown in Houk's 2008 budget and the court included that amount in their 2008-09 fiscal year general fund budget as revenue.

The court and Houk have been at odds since January when Houk submitted her budget for the 2009 calendar year to the court and asked that the

court approve her maximum salary expenditure at \$250,000 which was the same as had been set for 2008.

However, the court has their own record of Houk's payroll for the past three years which shows an increase of \$20,000 in salaries for her employees in 2007 and \$40,000 in 2008. Citing the inequality between the pay for clerks for Houk's office and other county employees, the court did agree to set the salary level at \$250,000 but told Houk that she would have to be responsible for meeting her employees' share of social security and up to \$15,000 of the retirement benefit costs for employees.

For many years, the court has picked up this expense for the county clerk's and sheriff's office, along with the county's share of the cost of health in-

surance for their employees, and County Judge/Executive Buzz Carloftis told Houk that

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State presents county plans for road program

Two employees of the State Highway Department, Shane Cook and William Lucas, were at Tuesday's meeting of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court to present them with the state's recommendations for the county's 2009-2010 Rural Secondary Road Program.

Lucas told the court that,

along with the state's recommendations, they would also take any recommendations the magistrates might have.

The county's allotment for the next fiscal year is \$887,109 plus a \$171,119 balance left-over from the 2008-09 fiscal

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Shown above are graduates who attended the final GED ceremony at CAP's Adult Learning Center on February 27th. Shown, back row, from left are: Krisinda Pigg, Melissa Wheeler, David Vanstrand and William Sutton. Front row from left: Tamela Thomas, Rebecca Daniels and Kathy Hensley.



The annual Rockcastle County Kiwanis Club Radio Auction was held on Friday and Saturday at the Rockcastle County Courthouse. Approximately \$5,200 was raised by the annual event, which is broadcast each year over WRVK. Working at the radio auction on Saturday morning were from left: WRVK owner Charles Saylor, Kiwanis Club President, Robert Lawson and club member Todd Strouse, of Edward Jones. The money raised is donated each year to charitable events throughout the county.

At CAP's Adult Learning Center Final graduation ceremonies held for GED grads

Christian Appalachian Project's Adult Learning Center was filled to capacity with a standing room only crowd on Friday, February 27, 2009, as students, staff, volunteers and community members tearfully observed the last GED graduation ceremony to be held at the center.

What was once a computer lab had been transformed that night into an auditorium with seating for over 60 people and a center stage for graduates to be honored and congratulated.

The walls around the room were filled with portraits of graduates past and various classroom decorations highlighted the history of learning that had taken place there be-

tween teachers and students for over 20 years.

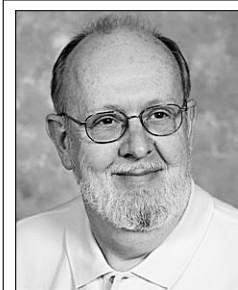
Keynote speaker for the ceremony was Bobbie Playforth, Christian Appalachian Project's Training and Development Manager.

"Her speech was inspiring. She challenged the students to not become a statistic. In our economy, there are many options for becoming a negative statistic, but there are many opportunities to become a positive statistic, if you will work hard and persevere," stated Jennifer Napier, program manager for the Adult Learning Center. "Bobbie challenged everyone attending the ceremony to all-

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Some Members of the RCHS and RCMS Girls' Indoor Track team were all smiles, as they were escorted through Mt. Vernon on Sunday, after they won both the high school and middle school Mason-Dixon Indoor State Championship over the weekend in Louisville. Shown above, from left: Kendra Dees, Alyssa Allen, Holly Bradley, Eliza Mason, Breanna Cromer and Kira Deatherage. (Stories and numerous other photos about the state championships appear inside this week's Signal).



Rockcastle Memories

By David J. Griffin

Memories of life in Pine Grove

Several weeks ago one of my long-time friends and a dedicated reader of my column sent me some information about the Pine Grove area of Rockcastle County, where I grew up as a child. The details of the area are etched in my memory because from the time I could walk, that part of the county was my entire world.

Since my mother (Bee) and I lived on the property that was the highest elevation of the area, she could literally stand on our front porch and watch me as I traveled from house to house visiting my friends. When it was time for lunch or dinner, she simply walked onto the porch and called my name — “David Joe, come home now!” And home I would go.

The part of Pine Grove that I remember most was the Ben Hasty place where his wife, Mary, had a novelty stand and some cabins for rent. She sold chenille bedspreads, robes, souvenirs, and occasionally “bittersweet” when it was in season.

Near the Hasty place was the home and tourist camp owned by Jim and Nora Winstead. It was called the Half Way House (half-way between Cincinnati and Knoxville.) I played with several girls there as a child. A girl named Bonnie and I became close friends.

On the far end of this establishment was a restaurant, which all of the youngsters in the neighborhood visited every day. Mattie Cromer operated the café. This is where I daily purchased an RC Cola and a bag of Planters’ peanuts (which I poured into the bottle) and after watching it “fizz” for several minutes, turned it up and drank the tasty concoction.

Kenneth Hansel, Earl Benton Cromer, and I bought our refreshments from the store and then sat on the bank next to the road, where we watched Highway 25 traffic pass by in a constant stream. Occasionally, a convoy of Army vehicles would go by, and we would stand and salute the driver of each truck. We thought this was a proper way to show our support of the United States troops.

Between the Winstead property and Kenneth’s house was

an orchard of June apple trees. When they were ripe, we boys would climb into the trees, fill our pockets with the fruit, and then eat until our bellies hurt.

My house was located on the other side of Old US 25 from the Pine Grove Camp. Some of the time (when she couldn’t keep an eye on me from our house), Bee allowed me to go to the side of the road but not to cross the highway. One particular day, she gave her instructions this precisely: “David Joe, do not put one foot on that road.”

That same day, Kenneth and I were playing in the woods across from his house when his mother called him to come home. She had made some fresh apple turnovers for us to eat as a snack. I remembered what Bee had told me, so I decided to ask Kenneth to carry me across the road.

After we ate the wonderful pies, we were playing in his yard and Bee saw me on the other side of the pike. In an unforgettable tone, I heard: “David Joe, you come home this instant!” I immediately ran all the way home, with dread and anticipation of what was going to happen to me.

When I reached our yard, Bee met me with a switch in her hand. She said, “I told you not to set one foot on that road!” Of course, I replied, “Bee, I did not because Kenneth carried me across!” As furious as she was, she did not give me the whipping that I deserved. Sometimes she was that way.

Across the highway from Kenneth’s house was a gravel road that led to my grandparent’s home (Pop and Mommie Katie). The lane also led to two of our closest neighbors: Mrs. Charity Barnes, and Leonard Davis and his son, Jim. Leonard was the “High Sheriff” of Rockcastle County when I was small.

One eventful afternoon, someone robbed the First Bank of Mt. Vernon. When a “get away” was attempted, the Sheriff chased the thief through Renfro Valley and finally stopped the bandit. When Leonard got out of his car to make the arrest, he dropped

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UK Fab 5 star has had a ball with beef

Tim Dievert is big on beef. Always has been, always will be.

Ever since his days as a young 4-H’er, learning the business under the watchful eyes of his father, the 60-year-old’s life has evolved around cattle.

As a student at the University of Kentucky, he was a member of a Fab Five team winning an international competition.

No, not THAT Fab Five team, but the one representing the College of Agriculture.

“I guess that’s still the highlight of my career in the industry,” says Dievert, looking toward the large framed ribbon hanging inside his Perryville Road office.

The year was 1969, and he was one of the members of the team winning the Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest at the International Livestock Exposition held at Union Stockyards in Chicago.

It marked the first time a group from the South had earned the honor and still ranks as the only such championship in UK history.

After graduating from UK in 1970, he returned to Blugrass Farm in Boyle County where he and his dad maintained an Angus herd numbering over 400 in the late 70s and early 80s.

He began scaling back in 1986 following the death of his father, turning his attention to the sales side of the industry and later running a catering business with his wife, Margie, who also manages the cafeteria at Danville High School.

Assisted by their three offspring, Reed, Niesje and Brooke, the family continued to maintain a small herd of beef cattle, assuring everyone had plenty to occupy their time.

“My children never told me they were bored more than once,” says Dievert, flashing his trademark smile.

Today, the jobs of all three reflect their farm background and strong work ethic.

Kevin is manager of the O’Charley’s restaurant in

Danville; Niesje and her husband are veterinarians in south Alabama; and Brooke helps in the catering business in addition to teaching first grade in the Danville School System.

“I guess you could say we have the beef industry covered from conception to consumption,” says Tim.

As pleased as he is with his children’s accomplishments, Dievert is equally proud of the beef industry and its resiliency, even in tough economic times.

“We were talking after a sale I helped put on up in Owenton the other day about how amazing it is we can still make things work even when costs have doubled,” he says.

He credits quality of product and excellent management with being the keys to successful production.

“Kentucky farms are perfect for cattle and will always be tops in the industry because of the quality of the grass, the good water, and the generally good climate conditions,” he says.

That ideal environment is what has made Kentucky the largest beef producing state east of the Mississippi River.

Central Kentucky has one of the heaviest concentrations of Angus cattle in the country, according to Dievert.

“At one time there were more registered Angus cattle within a 50-mile radius of Danville than any other place in America,” he explains.

“It’s the product we have that makes it work. We have what people want to eat, and beef is the meat of choice because of the quality,” he maintains.

Tim says the family catering business provides unique insight into the public’s eating habits.

“We do a buffet a lot and when we provide steaks along with another choice of meat, the steaks are always gone in a hurry.”

Although some areas of farming have moved toward large commercial operations, Tim sees that is much less likely to happen in the beef industry.

“Raising cattle properly is not something you can do with feed lots and that keeps the small breeder operating,” says the man who has served on the Beef Expo Board since 1987.

Dievert, who spends most of his time now in cattle sales management, is well aware of challenges facing producers, not the least of which is the economic downturn.

“Farming requires lots of credit, and that can be tougher to get these days,” he says.

But challenges are something Dievert has become accustomed to dealing with, including an incident from his early days on the UK campus.

He was assigned to a room in Haggin Hall, but when he

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Points East

By Ike Adams

Every spring at least half a dozen groups of college students show up at our Habitat for Humanity Affiliate here in Richmond which serves Madison and Clark Counties.

Well, actually, they don’t just show up out of the wild blue yonder. They call months in advance and make arrangements to come and help us do whatever needs doing but they are mostly interested in helping build a new home for a family with whom we partner.

Habitat for Humanity of Madison and Clark Counties (HFHMCC) is remarkably blessed in that the upstairs over our office has been converted into a dormitory styled “lodge” complete with kitchen, laundry, bathrooms and a living room that will accommodate at least 17 people without anybody having to sleep on the couch or on the floor. In other words, we make it convenient for the students to come here and work and the labor they provide pays for the lodge, many many times over what it costs us to make it

available.

Over the years we have had groups from almost every state in the country come and spend a week of their fall and spring breaks with us. We try to make sure that they get some sense of the cultural flavor and style of central Kentucky while they are here, but mostly they work their behinds off performing all the work necessary to get a home built.

If its raining, we have about an acre of space in an old tobacco warehouse where framing panels can be built and later trucked to the actual building site. In a pinch we can also have them building utility sheds or the “cottages” that we have scattered throughout the community in which we collect aluminum cans to sell for homebuilding funds.

Most of these kid---actually they are responsible young men and women--- could easily afford to get to the more typical retreats when one thinks about

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Testing for Blood in the Stool

Presented by Dr. Kimberly Cornelius

Cancers are not always easy to detect early, but there are some exceptions. There is an excellent screening test for cancer of the colon. And it can be done at home at your convenience.

The test is a set of cardboard slides that have patches where you apply a tiny smear of the stool. This is done on three consecutive days. These slides can be mailed in an envelope, which is provided. The slides are then developed and read.

The test determines if there has been any loss of blood in the stool. Even microscopic amounts of blood far too small to be seen with the naked eye can be detected. In fact, the test is so sensitive that you must follow the dietary restrictions noted in the instructions and avoid most pain pills prior to the test.

Polyps and early tumors tend to lose a small amount of blood, even when they are quite small. Thus, this test can detect polyps while they are still small enough to be cured. Polyps grow at a fairly slow rate and it is only when they get to a certain size--an inch across--that they are likely to contain cancerous cells.

When you complete this test, you have screened for one of the most common cancers. It is also one of the most preventable and curable cancers when you help catch it at an early stage.

If the test is positive, you should discuss the results with your doctor. He will recommend the appropriate procedures to evaluate the finding, usually a look inside the colon with a fiberoptic scope to look for polyps or tumors. Biopsies will be done if necessary.

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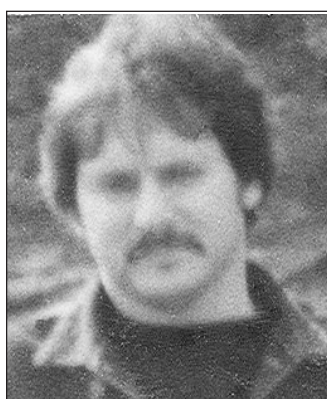
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Obituaries



Kenneth Bullock

Kenneth Bullock, 45, of Mt. Vernon died Wednesday March 4, 2009 at the St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. He was born on July 27, 1963 in Mt. Vernon, the son of Mrs. Lillian Kirby Bullock of Mt. Vernon and the late Doyle Bullock. He was a welder, owner and operator of Bullock's Muffler Shop, enjoyed hunting and horseback riding and was a member of the Sand Springs Baptist Church.

Besides his mother, survivors are: his wife, Mrs. Betty Whitaker Bullock of Mt. Vernon; one brother, Kevin (Denita) Bullock of Mt. Vernon; one nephew, Matthew Bullock and one niece, Heather Bullock, both of Mt. Vernon. Several aunts, uncles, cousins, and very special friends also survive. He was preceded in death by one aunt, Jean Fletcher.

Funeral services were held March 7th at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. William Mink officiating. Burial was in the Bullock Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Matthew Bullock, Wayne Bullock, Mike Bullock, Brent Boone, Daniel Boone and James Mink.

Honorary pallbearers were Gary Smith, Glen Smith, Alex Albright, Junior Wolfe, Joe Barnes, Lawrence, Bullock and Bobby McKinney.

Send condolences to the family online at www.coxfuneralhome.com



Ruth Cotton

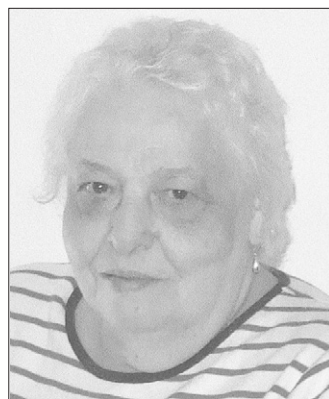
Mrs. Ruth Cotton, 80, of Mt. Vernon died Friday, March 6, 2009 at the Rockcastle Hospital after a long illness. She was born on April 26, 1928 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of the late Tommy and Oma Deatherage Bussell. She was a homemaker, enjoyed fishing and flower gardening, and was a member of the Pentecostal Church.

Survivors are: three sons, Dale (Ima) Cotton, Wayne (Lisa) Cotton, Coy (Patricia) Vance, all of Mt. Vernon; two daughters, Mrs. Wanda (Billy) Howard of Mt. Vernon, and Mrs. Linda Vance of Winchester; one sister, Mrs. Justine Hale of Mt. Vernon. Ten grandchildren, and three great grandchildren also survive. She was preceded in death by: her husband, Ernest Cotton; one son, Gerald Cotton; four brothers, Harold, Delbert, Bobby, and Vernie Bussell; one sister, Ruby Bostic.

Funeral Services were held Monday, March 9, 2009 at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Elza Doan & Bro. Vernon Doan officiating. Burial followed in the Cresthaven Cemetery.

Pallbearers were John Griffith, Charlie Griffin, Lewis Cotton, Randall Wilson, Everett Wilson and Chris Griffin.

Send condolences to the family online at www.coxfuneralhome.com



Martha Ellen Denney

Mrs. Martha Ellen Denney, 78, of Reading, Ohio and formerly of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday March 5, 2009 at her home. She was born on August 9, 1930 in Dayton, Ohio, the daughter of the late Carl and Stella Rodgers Sharp Whitaker. She was a homemaker, enjoyed flower gardening, spending time with her grandchildren, and was a member of the Wellhope Baptist Church.

Survivors are: three sons, Buster (Hope) Denney of Mt. Vernon, Vernon (Donna) Denney of Mt. Vernon, and Raymond Dustin (Helen) Owens of Dayton, Ohio; three daughters, Mrs. Dollie Colber of New Paris, Ohio, Mrs. Rebecca (Tony) Kirby of Reading, Ohio and Mrs. Georgeanna (Jack) Blackburn of Livingston. 31 grandchildren, and several great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren also survive. She was preceded in death by: her husband, George Lee Denney, Sr.; two sons, Claude Lee and George Lee Denny; one daughter, Ginger Alcorn; one grandson, Jonathan Blackburn.

Funeral Services were held Sunday, March 8, 2009 at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Elza Doan officiating. Burial followed in the Denney Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jack Blackburn, Raymond Blackburn, Jason Denney, Chris Denney, Bryan Denney, Bryan Kirby, Shaun Kirby and Spencer Kirby.

Send condolences to the family online at www.coxfuneralhome.com



James Stidham

James Edward Stidham, 33, of Brodhead, died Thursday, March 5, 2009 at the Rockcastle Hospital. James was born in Richmond, Ky. on October 23, 1975, the son of Patsy (Singleton) Woodall and the late Larry Wayne Stidham.

Survivors include: his fiancée, Tracy Hammock Shelton of Stanford; his mother, Patsy Woodall and her companion Bill Hayes of Brodhead; two sons, Charles Joseph Alexander Stidam and Quinton Lee Stidham; one daughter, Deborah Nicole Stidham; one brother, Larry Shannon Stidham of Brodhead; sisters, Tangela Stidham and Tina Miller, both of London; step half-sister, Pricilla Smith.

In addition to his father, James was preceded in death by his stepfather, Charles Woodall.

Pallbearers were Tommy and J.D. Woodall, Raymond Carpenter, James Blakey, Pete McNew, Shane Snow and Jimmy Curtis Shaffer. Honorary pallbearer was Roger Shaffer.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 7, 2009 at McKnight Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Dan Gutenson officiating. Burial was in the Piney Grove Cemetery in Brodhead.

Elmer Lee Kendrick

Elmer Lee Kendrick, 64, died March 5, 2009 at his residence following an extended illness. Elmer was born in Garrard County to the late William and Maxine Allen Kendrick.

Survivors are: his wife, Joyce Lamb Kendrick; one daughter, Connie Sue (Glenn) McCracken, of Berea; sisters, Juanita (Jerry) Kee of Indiana, Geneva (Gary) Baker of Berea, Laura (Junior) Banks of Berea, Linda Ruth (Gary) Carrier of Berea, Sue (Mark) Cox of Berea, and one brother Floyd Walter Kendrick of Berea. Also surviving are grandchildren, Cassandra Renee Kendrick, Christin Rachelle Kendrick, Heather Michelle McCracken, and Andrea Nicole McCracken. He is also survived by very special friends, Calvin and Warren Morgan.

In addition to his parents, Elmer was preceded in death by a son, Kendall Kendrick, a brother, Kenneth Wayne Kendrick, and close family members, Gilbert Lamb, Cleo Hobbs, Michael Lee Hobbs, and Sherry Whittemore.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 8, 2009 at Lakes Funeral Home with Rev. Roy Himes officiating. Burial followed in the Isaacs Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Doug Banks, Larry Phillips, Quentin Lamb, Curtis Lamb, Anthony Kendrick, and Steve Whittemore.

Honorary pallbearers were Ray Phillips, Gary Baker, Robert Douglas "Dobbo" Banks, Jr., Donnie Kee, Dewey Allen, Gary Carrier, and Mark Cox.

Online register book at www.lakesfuneralhome.com

Harold T. Neeley

Harold T. Neeley, 78, of Gabbard Rd., Berea died Sunday, February 22, 2009 at the Hospice Compassionate Care Center. He was born in Rockcastle County to the late Delbert and Ada Carrier Neeley. He retired from Prater Forest Products as a machinist.

He is survived by: his daughter, Vena (Hershel Wayne) Willis of Berea; one brother, Willard (Iralean) Neeley of Rockcastle County; sister, Bert Eva (Cecil) Clark of Rockcastle County; two grandchildren, Ashlee Willis and Whitney Willis; three great grandchildren, Mikey, Skylar and Damean; and a special friend, Lizzie Adams of Copper Creek.

In addition to his parents he was also preceded in death by: his wife, Margaret Ann Willis Neeley; brothers, Armon, Henry, Vernon, Lloyd and Cammie Neeley; and sisters Marie Anglin, Genieve Neeley and Defreda Collins.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at Lakes Funeral Home with Rev. Cecil Burns officiating. Burial followed in the Scaffold Cane Cemetery.

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Our Readers Write

Councilman should be more objective...

Dear Editor,

My name is Lizanne Courtney and I am the wife of Richard Courtney. I am writing in response to Don Jones' (councilman of 2 months) letter in last week's newspaper.

First of all, I have not been involved in any of the matters concerning the mayor or the city council UNTIL NOW!!! I am the one answering the phone and living amidst the heaps of paperwork that my husband diligently looks at to make sure everything is correct. It really TICS ME OFF that my husband's opinions were VALUED AND SOUGHT AFTER by Mr. Jones before he was elected councilman. Now Rick has been SPITEFULLY labeled NON-CITIZEN by the VERY MAN that INITIATED CONTACT numerous times through e-mails and/or phone calls.

I suppose my husband should stop representing people who continue to ask him to speak out for them. I DON'T think so!! AND Further more, there was NEVER anything said about Rick making policy. SORRY Don, but Rick won't stop speaking out as a citizen advocate as he has been asked to do. He will also speak his

own opinions as he has the constitutional right to do so. In my own opinion, Mr. Jones, it may be beneficial if you stop your PERSONAL vendetta against the Mayor and try to see the issues more objectively.

P.S If anyone has issue they would like to address, you can call (256-0190.)

Sincerely,
Lizanne Courtney

Apologies...

Dear Editor,

I would like to apologize for the comment that I made on the basketball last week. It was not intended to hurt any one's feelings at all, and again, if I offended anyone I am sorry.

Nancy Maupin

"Story Hour" is wonderful for children...

Dear Editor,

As a working parent, I am fortunate to have an outstanding caregiver for my children who encourages them to participate in many activities during the day.

One of those activities is "Story Hour" at Rockcastle County Public Library which my daughter has attended since she was two. Each Tuesday, when I get home, she is bub-

bling with enthusiasm and excitement, saying "Mommy, let me tell you what we did today at the library."

I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank Ms. Carla Rowe, Children's Coordinator, for her dedication to teaching and working with the children of our county.

Not only do the children benefit from making friends with their peers but they learn their colors, shapes and other valuable information that helps prepare them for school. They sing fun songs and do crafts that go right along with the story for the week. My daughter loves to be read to and enjoys looking at books. I feel her love for books is due, in part, because I encourage it but also because Ms. Carla makes learning entertaining.

If you are a parent/grandparent, I urge you to get your children involved in this wonderful opportunity each week. I personally would say to Ms. Carla that the library, our county and our children are blessed to have you.

Sincerely,
Beth Saylor

Need info on old Langdon School...

Dear Editor,

I am interested in collecting research regarding the former Langdon Industrial School for Girls (1910-1935) that was located at the corner of Langdon St. and William Street in Mt. Vernon.

Would be interested in any photographs or stories your readers may have of this institution.

Thanks,
David Owens
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Thank You...

Dear Editor,

Recently M.V.E.S. had a Dr. Seuss Birthday party to celebrate Read Across America Week. We would like to take the time to thank all of those who made sure it was a great success for the kids. First of all we would like to thank Mr. Davidson who gave his consent and support to the party, McDonalds, Family Resource Center, and the Migrant Program for all of their generous donation of Supplies. We also want to be sure and thank the lunchroom ladies, janitorial staff, office staff, teachers, assistants, librarians, and parents who all pitched in to make the party happen. This was truly a school wide effort and we wanted to be sure everyone knows how much we appreciated it.

AmeriCorps/FRYSC
Volunteers
Tammy Shaver,
Billie Tankersley, and
Jessica Bowling

"Ken & Tucky"

(Cont. from A2)

breaks from academia. They could be frolicking on southern beaches or trying to drink all the beer in Florida or along the Gulf Coast.

Instead of that, they choose to spend their time off trying to make a contribution to the betterment of mankind as opposed to playing and relaxing.

This week we have a group of some 14 young adults who are students at the University of Pennsylvania working with us. The concrete block foundation for the home they will be helping build was completed last weekend. Now sev-

eral tons of gravel have to be loaded into wheel barrows to fill in around the foundation. A floor has to be laid and the serious business of framing has to start.

These students, mostly women, are all going to go home with blisters on their hands and aches in their joints. After the heavy rains we had last week end and more expected before they depart, I am reasonably sure that numerous pairs of sneakers will not survive the red clay mud nor make it back to Philly from the site on which the home is under construction.

Over the next three weeks we will have other student groups coming in from Ohio State, and Southegan, New Hampshire. The Berea College Habitat Chapter will also be working closer to home without having to travel. By early April students from these groups will have provided most of the labor to build a new, four-bedroom home for Jonathan and Andrea Greer and their four young children.

And I'm betting they will have as many stories to tell and just as exciting as the kids who spent a week in Fort Lauderdale. I know for sure that they will have accomplished something much for meaningful for mankind. I'm also pretty sure that we old folks have much to feel comfortable about when it comes to leaving our country in the hands of today's youth.

"Points East"

(Cont. from A2)

reached what he thought was his room, the names Pat Riley

and Louie Dampier were on the door. Right room number, but wrong section.

When he finally arrived at his room, he found his roommate attired in a madras shirt, madras shorts (definitely not a match to the shirt), yellow socks, and black lace-up shoes.

"I became good friends with one of the guys next door. Plus I had a car and went home every weekend," says Tim.

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

Contact his at
dwhite@theytraveler.com.

"Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

dead from a heart attack. The news of this action-packed chase quickly spread far and wide, and I recall it vividly.

Farther down US 25, Pop's brother, John Bill Stokes, operated a wagon shop. His wagons were well known for their excellent design. His house was next to his shop.

Just a little further, Pop's sister Cora, and her husband, Clayton, lived near the side of the road. Pop always visited her

on Sunday afternoons. I remember him holding my hand as we walked down the highway to see Aunt Cora. She was a small lady with a stooped posture. When I asked Pop why, he told me that it was from all of the hard work that she had spent her life doing. After she died, Uncle Clayton's house caught on fire, and he died in that little old house.

Traveling on down US 25, a deep curve in the road led to a small gravel road going to the Joe McCowan home. Joe owned the greatest place to explore in our neighborhood, Big Fill Cave. It would be impossible to count the vast number of times all of us boys spent the day in that old cave. My friend Buddy Cox once found an old shotgun in a sinkhole near the cave entrance.

If I close my eyes, I can revisit the homes and places situated near the farm where I lived for most of my young life. Those folks will live in my memory forever! Thanks also to my friend Bobby Harper, who sent me the information.

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

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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.

Hot Rod Signups

Hot Rod Sign-ups, for 3, 4 and 5 year-olds, will be held April 4 and 11 at Godfather's Pizza from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fee is \$25 per child (cash only) and parents' shirts will also be available at sign-up. Please do not call Godfather's. For more information, call 859-621-6848 after 5 p.m.

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 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 Workshp. 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 19 at 6 p.m. The topic will be "Health Gourmet the Thrifty Way" with Chef Shannon Stevens. 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.

DAV Officer at London

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

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.

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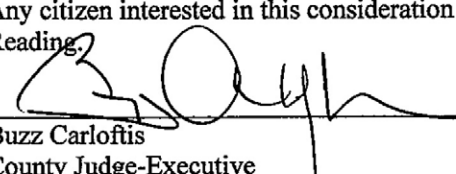
NOTICE OF SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE
COUNTY OF ROCKCASTLE
INDUSTRIAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS

The Rockcastle Fiscal Court, at a meeting to be held on March 19th, 2009, at 9:00 in the morning in the Courthouse, will consider for passage the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A LEASE FOR THE FINANCING OF A PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT AND SECURITY OF THE LEASE; CREATING A SINKING FUND; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF VARIOUS DOCUMENTS RELATED TO SUCH LEASE FOR COUNTY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500,000 (TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS).

The Fiscal Court is considering this Ordinance for the improvement of Rockcastle County's industrial park, and the Ordinance provides for a Lease Approval and General Obligation Pledge, as provided by law.

Any citizen interested in this consideration will be heard at the time of the Second Reading.


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County Judge-Executive

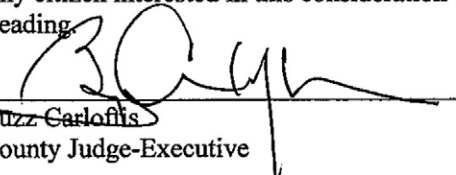
NOTICE OF SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE
COUNTY OF ROCKCASTLE
PUBLIC ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

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The Fiscal Court is considering this Ordinance for the improvement of Rockcastle County's road system, and the Ordinance provides for a Lease Approval and General Obligation Pledge, as provided by law.

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Members of the Rockcastle County Kiwanis Club held their annual Radio Auction at the Rockcastle Courthouse on Friday and Saturday. Approximately \$5,200 was raised by the radio auction, which is spent on charitable events throughout the county each year. Some of the club members who helped out at the radio auction on Saturday morning are shown above, from left: Tammy Cox, Glenna Smith and Jailer James Miller.



The Rockcastle County Kiwanis Club held their annual Radio Auction last Friday and Saturday at the Rockcastle Courthouse. Above, Kiwanis members, Gary Mink and Jennifer Napier, look over some of the bids received during the two day radio auction heard over WRVK. (Photos by: Richard Anderkin)



Mt. Vernon firefighters, Adam Bales and Jackie Wayne Weaver, are shown as they take hose off the county fire truck last Thursday afternoon in order to fight a forest fire at McHargue Branch. At least 10 fires have been reported in the county over the past several days, with every volunteer fire department helping out the local Forest Service.



Mt. Vernon firefighters responded to several forest fires over the past few days, including one at McHargue Branch near Pine Hill last Thursday. Because of the smoke from the fire, firefighter Jordon Bales cannot be seen as he attempts to battle the blaze from the railroad tracks. (Photo by: Richard Anderkin)

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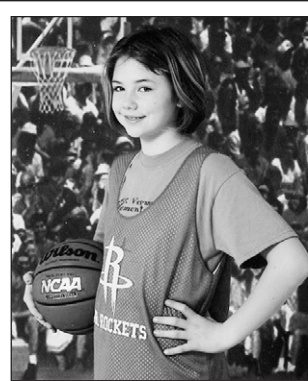
Recently, much of Kentucky was hit hard by one of the worst ice and snowstorms in recent years. According to media reports, at least three fourths of Kentucky's counties were declared disaster areas, and across the state, thousands of people were without power and water for days. After a little more than a month, broken limbs and downed trees remain to provide an abundance of visible evidence of severe storm damage.

I remember well looking out the first morning after the ice began to form. The limbs of the lone dogwood in our front yard were bending almost to the ground because of the build-up of ice during the night. Then, throughout the day, I watched as more and more ice formed on the sagging limbs of the dogwood until eventually they did touch the ground. By nightfall, branches had begun to snap, and by the end of the storm, almost every branch on the tree was broken. Only the trunk and one or two branches of our dogwood remained; it was beyond saving.

As I contemplated what happened to our dogwood and other trees in the neighborhood,

I remembered a significant lesson, not in the textbooks, about character one of my favorite high school teachers taught us. One day, for some reason, she pointed out the beauty and strength of a mighty oak. Rigid and resistant, she said, it withstands the strong wind and the weight of weather. But when these become great enough, the limbs of the mighty oak break. Unlike the mighty oak, the reed, flexible and resilient, sways with the wind and weather. But when the storm passes, it stands tall.

When it comes to character, macho rigidity and intense resistance is not enough; every individual needs more. To deal with adversity, which is sure to come, there must be flexibility and resilience. These characteristics give a person the ability to bend without breaking and bounce back when the storms of life pass.

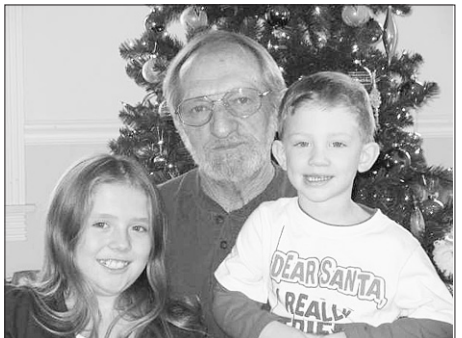


We would like to wish our wonderful daughter a happy 11th birthday on Friday the 13th. We are so proud of you. You have done such a good job this year playing basketball for three different leagues: the Little Rocket League, Jr. Pro and AAU. Sylvia Morgan Renner We love you and happy birthday! Love - Mom, Dad, Vina and Tad



Happy 16th Birthday Brittany! Love - Mark, Vicki, Nicole, Jake and Ashley

Chelsea and Connor would like to invite you to a surprise birthday party (He doesn't read this section of the newspaper, so don't say anything to him. Help us keep it a secret!) for their papaw Ray Gabbard, Sunday, March 15, 1:30 to 3:30 at the Fellowship Hall at Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church. It's located on Hwy 1505 (old Brodhead-Conway Rd.) near the 6 mile marker. Please come help Ray celebrate his 65th Birthday! Cards only, no gifts please! If you have any questions call (606) 308-2439.



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Spring Awakening Revival
First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon will hold their Spring Awakening Revival beginning Sunday morning, April 19th and running through Wednesday, April 22nd. Speaker will be Doug Parkey from Brazil, Indiana.

The Sunday morning meeting will begin at 11 o'clock, Sunday evening at 6 o'clock and the rest of the meetings will be at 7 p.m., all at the church building located at 160 West Main St., Mt. Vernon.

For rides, or more information, call Bruce Ross at 256-2876.

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.

Revival at New Hope
Revival Services will be held at New Hope Baptist Church at Orlando March 23-28 at 7 p.m. Evangelist will be Rick Holt and Marlow Napier.

David Carpenter, pastor, and the congregation invite everyone.

Spring Renewal Women's Conference
A Spring Renewal Women's Conference will be held at Pine Hill Holiness Church March 20th at 7 p.m. and March 21st at 10 a.m. with lunch following. Sis. Reva Kasey of Louisville will be the speaker.

Everyone is invited to come worship and be renewed with us.

Philadelphia United Baptist Church
Services will be held on Saturday night at Philadelphia United Baptist Church, beginning April 4th at 7 p.m.

Eugene Webb and group will be singing and preaching on Saturday, April 4th. Please come and be with us. The church is also in need of a good reasonably priced keyboard. Please call Bro. Gordon Mink.

The church is located at 834 Bryant Ridge Road, Brodhead.

Cards of Thanks

Martha Beaty

A heartfelt thanks to Marvin and Judy Owens for the warm and comforting kindnesses that were showered on us during the loss of our mother, Martha Beaty. We want to thank your staff also. Her services were just beautiful.

Also, we want to thank every church family for the prayers offered on our mother's behalf throughout her lifetime and the prayers offered on our behalf at her death.

Thank you for the good food, beautiful flowers, nice notes and cards and the visits. These helped us through this very difficult time. Every gesture of kindness was deeply appreciated.

The family of Martha Beaty Sandy, Janelle & Bob Beaty Catherine Bullen

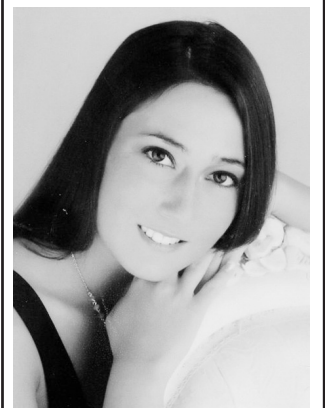
The family of Catherine Bullen wishes to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We appreciate all the visits, cards and food.

Thank you to Bro. Rick Reynolds for officiating the service and to the staff of Cox Funeral Home for such special care of our loved one. The beautiful singing by Shirley Cromer and Erceel Cromer was very comforting.

Also, a special thank you to the staff of Hospice Care Plus, especially Liz Baker and Nancy Isaacs. The care they gave was above and beyond.

Again, thank you to everyone. She will be greatly missed.

Remembering Brittany Pruitt



I thought of you with love today but that is nothing new I thought about you yesterday and days before that too, I think of you in silence I often speak your name All I have are memories and your picture in a frame Your memory is my keepsake with which I'll never part God has you in His keeping I have you in my heart. Love You Forever Matt, Jake, Mom, Diddy and Daddy

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Sunday School 10 a.m.
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m.
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Youth Meetings:
Sunday 5 p.m. • Wednesday 7 p.m.
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Sunday School Director
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606-256-2829

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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

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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
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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.

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Vaughn Raser, Pastor
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email: fairviewbapt@aol.com
Fairground Hill Community Holiness Church
Thursday Worship 7 p.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Pastor: Benton Hurd
Faith Chapel Pentecostal
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.

Virgil Buslie, Pastor
First Baptist Church
340 West Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 606-256-2922

Bro. Eddie Nation, Pastor
website: www.fbcmvky.org
email: fbcmvvernon@newwave.net

Sunday Services: 8:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.
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606-256-2876

Bro. Bruce Ross, Pastor
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

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
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,
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Discipleship Training 6 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting & Youth/Children Classes 7 p.m.

Pastor: David Sargent
606-256-2968
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.
Sun. & Wed. Evening 7 p.m.

Lighthouse Assembly of God
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Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
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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
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Bro. Jerry Owens, Pastor
Home Phone 606-256-3075
Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
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Mareburg Baptist Church
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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.
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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.
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

Bobby Owens, Pastor
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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
Jct. 1797 New Hope Tower Rd. Orlando
Sunday School 10 a.m.
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
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Bro. Chad Burdette
Youth Pastor: **Bro. Ken Roberts**
Hispanic Strategist: **Bro. Ken Roberts**
Minister of Music: **Bro. Tony Renner**

Ottawa Baptist Church
1074 Ottawa Rd. • Brodhead
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.
Sunday Discipleship Training/Youth Mission Groups 6 p.m.

Wednesday Services
Youth Choir 6 p.m.
Children's & Youth Bible Study 6:45 p.m. • Service 7 p.m.

Jim Craig, Pastor • 758-8453
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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
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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.

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81 Limeplant Hollow Road
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456

Contact: **Casey McClure**
606-308-4570
email: jcmclure@aol.com
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Youth Service at 7:00 p.m.

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Poplar Grove Baptist
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Bro. Jimmy Perkins, Pastor
606-355-2734

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
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email: dan.mckibben@juno.com
www.WhatSaiTheScriptures.com

Rose Hill Church
Pastor: **Bobby Barnett**
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

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Rick Reynolds, Pastor
606-758-8095
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

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Chris Cobb, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

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Ralph Reynolds, Minister
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.

Wildie Christian Church
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March 2, 2009 was National Read Across America Day. To celebrate reading along with Dr. Seuss' birthday, we had some special volunteer readers. The Lady Rockets Basketball team came and spent time in each of the classrooms. Each of the Lady Rockets had a lesser known Dr. Seuss book to read to a class. The students really enjoyed hearing stories that they had never heard before. We would like to thank Coach Noble, Coach Cook and their team for doing such a wonderful job!

On Monday night, March 2, 2009, Brodhead Elementary School held our first annual "Dr. Seuss Birthday Party". The turn out of 150 guests was amazing. This family literacy night consisted of a reading of the most popular Dr. Seuss book, "The Cat in the Hat", a

craft station where children and parents were able to make their own "Cat in the Hat" hat, a game station, and a photo booth with our special guest for the night, the one and only Cat in the Hat! The Cat brought along two of his most mischievous companions, Thing 1 and Thing 2. This made the night even more entertaining. Every child who attended took home a special gift from the Cat and Thing 1 & Thing 2. To end the evening, everyone sang Happy Birthday and enjoyed some delicious cake and punch. We would like to give a special Thank You to Audrey Bishop owner of Sugar Tree Bakery in Mt. Vernon, for donating the wonderful Cat in the Hat cake. We would also like to Thank everyone who attended and to all of the parent volunteers.



Lady Rocket Jilisa Lay reads a Dr. Seuss book to students at Brodhead Elementary.



Ashley Cash, Skyler Bradley, and Destiny McDaniel as Thing 2, The Cat in the Hat, and Thing 1 help BES students celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday.



Lady Rocket Mary Saylor, reads a Dr. Seuss story to BES students.

Minds in the Middle

The third grading period will end next Tuesday, March 17th. Parent-teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, March 19th from 3-6:00 p.m. Come and show your child that you are interested in what is happening with them at RCMS!

Monday, March 16th will be spring picture day. Put on your best smiles!

Next week the RCMS Media Center will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair. All students will have an opportunity to visit during the school day and the book fair will also be open after school during the parent-teacher conference. The Leadership Team will also be repeating Candy for a Cause with selling M&M's for \$1.

Also during parent-teacher conferences, the RCMS Leadership Team will be hosting a cake walk in the gym. Cake walks will take place at 3:30, 4:30, and 5:30. Participants can pay \$1 for an opportunity to win an awesome dessert baked by members of the RCMS staff. All proceeds will go to Relay for Life.

March is high attendance

month at RCMS and students will have an opportunity to win some great prizes from the PTSA. MP3 players, CD boom boxes, basketballs, soccer balls, High School Musical 3 DVD's, digital cameras, and Rockcastle t-shirts will be among the items available during the drawings. The drawings will be held on Friday, March 27th.

Late orders on yearbooks are still being taken. The cost now is \$30.00. Students who are interested in purchasing one at this time need to see Mrs. Davis.

Congratulations to Mrs. Markita Mink's 7th grade Adventurers homeroom on winning the attendance race for the week. Mrs. Martin's 8th grade Challenger homeroom came in second place followed by Mrs. Wolfe's 7th grade Shooting Stars homeroom.

The regular monthly SBDM meeting will be held next Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in the media center.

There will be an afterschool dance this Friday, March 13th from 3-5:00 p.m. Students must have team and parental permission in order to attend.

Rockcastle County High School Academic Honor Roll



Rockcastle County High School senior Dustin Rader has a perfect grade point average of 4.00 and is tied for the fifth highest ranking of the 207 seniors in the 2009 graduating class at RCHS. Rader is the son of Jeff and Janet Rader of Mt. Vernon and will attend Somerset Community College in the fall where he will major in Aviation Maintenance Technology or Business Administration. Rader is currently taking a class in Advanced Placement Chemistry and he is one of only a few of the 207 seniors who have perfect attendance at RCHS. Rader is also the vice-president of the Student Technology Leadership club at RCHS and a member of the Math Club. His hobbies include basketball and golf.

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**Commonwealth of Kentucky
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
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:

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.
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**

NOTICE

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.

**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**

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on February 5, 2009 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of SEVENTY ONE THOUSAND SEVENTY THREE DOLLARS AND 20/100 (\$71,073.20) 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:

Rural Route 3, Box 458, Brodhead, KY 40409.

Lot No. 2 - Beginning at a black oak corner to Lot No. 2 in Mattie Hasty's line; thence with said line N 61 E 167 feet to a black oak; thence leaving said line N 18 1/2 W 58 feet to a stake in the East right-of-way of the old Barnett Road; thence with said right-of-way S 66 W 164 feet to a stake corner to Lot No. 2; thence with said lot, S 21 E 75 feet to the beginning, containing 0.22 acres.

Being the same property conveyed to Shane Campbell and Sally Campbell by deed dated October 25, 2005 executed by Chris Reddington, et ux. and recorded in Deed Book 207, page 399 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

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

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



Hannabeth Owens recently won the 2008 Southeast Jr. Golf Tour 10 and Under player of the year. Besides the plaque, Hannabeth also won a \$500 scholarship for her efforts.

Ashlee Nicole Prewitt, a junior at Eastern Kentucky University, has been named to the Dean's List for the second time. This honor recognizes scholastic achievement of 3.50 or above. Ashlee earned a 3.65 for the fall 2008 term. She is majoring Elementary Education. Ashlee, a Lincoln Co. graduate, is the daughter of Gail Cochran of Crab Orchard and Jerry Prewitt of Brodhead. She is the granddaughter of the late Ples Brock, Sr. and Edna Brock of Crab Orchard, Mabel Prewitt and the late J.M. Prewitt of Mt. Vernon. *Congratulations Ashlee. We love you.*



Roundstone 4-H Sewing Project participants, front from left: Tessa Nicely, Autumn Kirby, Rebecca Abrams, Cierra Neal, Ciana Owens, Glenda Lear and Megan Cromer. Second row from left: Ashton Ashcraft, Andrew Ponder, Tony Moore, Corey Parkerson and Andrew Stadler. Back row from left: Sierra Sturgill, Kaitlin Hensley, Allie Alexander, Dezarae Miller, Christina Hensley and Cassie Poynter.

Mt. Vernon Message

School News
Project Wisdom Readers for last week were:

Monday: Sam Brickley
Tuesday: Brooklyn Bullock
Wednesday: Tanner Carrera
Thursday: Emily Deubel
Friday: Our mystery reader was Joyce Lear, instructional assistant.

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.

4th Grade UNITE Club will meet on Friday, March 13 at 2:05.

Book Fair preview begins

next week. Watch your child's backpack for details.

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/CAPGED 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: "Since we're all in one boat, won't we accomplish more if we all row together."

MVES to host Book Fair

The Mt. Vernon Elementary Library Media Center will be hosting a "Lights, Camera, Reading" Book Fair for our students from March 23rd through March 27th. Grandparents may wish to join their grandchild to shop at our fair. If you can't find the form, please call our media specialist, Mrs. Sharon Lovell, for more specific information and to reserve your spot. We hope to see our grandparents at the book fair.

The "Muffins For Mom" event will be Tuesday, March 24th from 7:30 am to 8:30 am. The "Donuts for Dad" event will be Thursday, March 26th from 7:30 am to 8:30 am. With Easter just a few weeks away, these days will give our parents a chance to shop for Easter basket goodies for their children. Books are more nutritious than

candy since they feed your mind! Any parent planning to attend the "Muffins for Mom" or "Donuts For Dad" events needs to return their form or call Mrs. Lovell so that enough refreshments will be available.

The Family Night will be held in conjunction with the Parent Teacher Conferences which will be held on Thursday March 26th from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. This event is open to all parents and family members. The classroom with the most adult family members in attendance wins a pizza party.

Our spring book fair has doubled in size over previous fairs so stop by to see our expanded, new selections. All proceeds from the book fair help to buy library books and movies for the children to check out.

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Thursday, March 19th

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Commonwealth Cleanup Week Celebrates 11 Years!

March 22 - 28, 2009, marks the 11th annual event, designed to "spring clean" Kentucky. We encourage businesses to join with civic and religious groups and other nonprofit groups to coordinate cleanup activities.

Register through your county Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902 and complete a cleanup project; **nonprofit groups** are eligible to win one of three \$200 cash prizes in a random drawing.

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Last Friday, students said a sad goodbye to Miss Kayla Bryant. Kayla has been student teaching with Ms. Sherry Harper. Thanks for everything Miss Kayla!

Attention:

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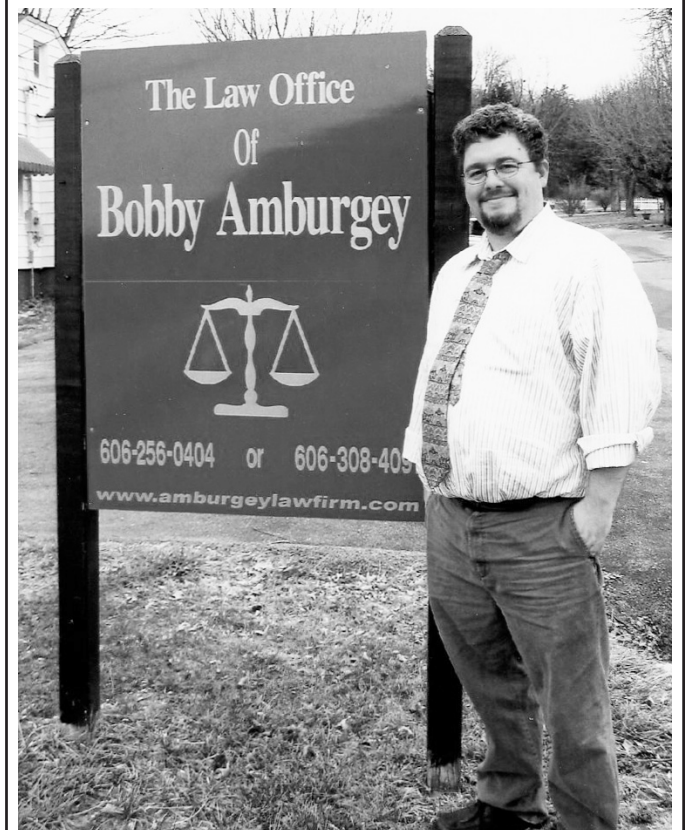
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Business Relocating....

Mike McClure has moved his CarQuest Auto Parts store from Richmond Street in Mt. Vernon to a new location in the former Carter's Market building on U. S. South in Mt. Vernon. Last week, workers removed the Carter's Market sign in front of the building and replaced it with a CarQuest sign. Carter's Market had been an ongoing business in the county for 42 years. Carter's Market began in 1966 when the late Clarence Carter bought the grocery store business from his brother-in-law, the late Robert Ford.



New Business....

Bobby Amburgey has opened a law office in Mt. Vernon. His office is located at the corner of Williams St. and School St. in the former Cutting Edge/Paradise Tan building across from Mt. Vernon Elementary School. Contact Mr. Amburgey at 256-0404 or 606-308-4091.

Approval

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approved.

Rockcastle School Superintendent Larry Hammond stressed that none of the projects on the facility plan are listed as a "number one" priority.

Among the projects listed for consideration in the facility plan is the possible construction of a new Early Childhood facility that would house approximately 200 three and four year-old children from the county. The estimated cost for the new facility would be approximately \$4 million.

Other projects listed include \$11 million for renovation at the Rockcastle Middle School and \$2.4 million for renovation at Roundstone Elementary. According to the plan approved on Tuesday night, renovations at RCHS and Mt. Vernon Elementary School would also take place. There were no plans for renovations at the county's newest school, Brodhead Elementary, which was built in 2001.

At Tuesday night's meeting the board also approved the final calendar for this school year, which calls for students to be dismissed on Friday, May

29th.

At last month's regular monthly meeting, board members, school superintendent Hammond and Director of Student Services Rose Brown, agreed that the school system would not apply for any of the 10 disaster days the state will likely provide to school systems because of the ice storm that hit Kentucky in January.

The local school system would have been eligible to apply for three federal disaster days they missed because of the ice storm, which would have put them out of school on Tuesday, May 26th.

Board Chairman Martin Vanzant said at the February meeting of the board, that he did not think it was a good idea to pay teachers for the days they did not actually instruct children.

Vanzant pointed out that teachers sign a 187 day contract, of which 177 are for classroom instruction and that it was his opinion they should teach the days they are paid to teach.

In other business the board approved the school calendar for the 2009-10 school year, which is very close to the same calendar for the current school year.

Next year's calendar calls for school to begin for teachers on August 4th and for students on Thursday, August 6th.

Weekly Police Activity Report City of Mt. Vernon

for March 2-10

Submitted by: Chief Terry Jackson
March 2, 2009

Billy Bales 22, of Berea, Alcohol Intoxication in a public place.

Jason Swinney 21, of Berea for Driving on DUI Suspended Operators License.

March 3, 2009
Penny Caldwell, 41, of Mt. Vernon for Failure to Appear Warrant.

Dorothy Page, 71, of Orlando for Shoplifting.

Tim Brock 22, of Mt. Vernon for Receiving Stolen Property. (Indictment)

March 4, 2009
Melinda A. Powell, 36, Mt. Vernon Shoplifting.

March 5, 2009
Dustin Cody Cameron 19, of Mt. Vernon for Driving Under the influence.

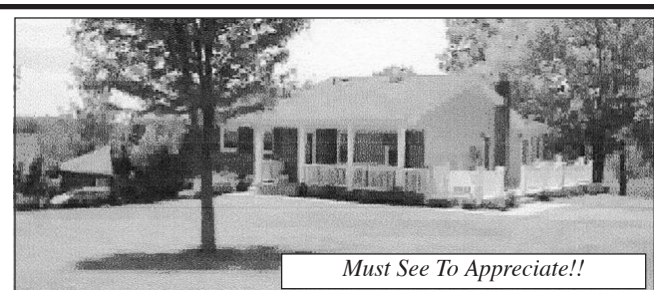
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Rhonda Cromer, 38, Mt. Vernon for No Insurance & Arrest warrant for Identity Theft.

March 9, 2009
Ottas Cromer 53, of Mt. Vernon for Public Intoxication.
March 10, 2009
Served Shannon Vaughn, 34, of Brodhead for Failure to Appear on a Pulaski County Warrant.

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Academic Team makes a successful showing in Governor's Cup Competition

After completing an undefeated Varsity season, the Rockcastle County High School Academic began Governor's Cup Competition. In District 47, the RCHS Quick Recall team finished second. Several individuals also placed well and advanced to the regional competition. Those individuals were: John Lambert: 1st in Social Studies and 3rd in Arts and Humanities; Starla Bond, 1st in Language Arts; Cheyenne Hensley, 4th in Composition; Matt Bullens, 3rd in Science; Megan Martin, 3rd in Language Arts; Becca Martin, 5th in Science and Kayla Frederick, 5th in Math.

At regional competition, the Quick Recall team placed third, John Lambert, 2nd in Social Studies and 3rd in Arts and Humanities and Megan Martin, 2nd in Language Arts. Both of those students will be advancing to state competition. Kayla Frederick will also be competing in Individual Problem Solving. Members of the team are pictured above, back row from left: Becca Martin, Matt Bullens, Cheyenne Hensley and Starla Bond. Middle row, from left: Kayla Frederick, John Lambert and Meighan McCoy. Front row, from left: Caroline Green, Megan Martin, Virginia Stegemoller and Adrienne Childress.

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Smith wins state titles in long and triple jump

Three-peat for RCHS girls' track team

The RCHS girls' track team won their 3rd straight Mason-Dixon Games Class 2A Indoor State Championship title this past Saturday at Broadbent Arena in Louisville. With an unbelievable team performance, including only two high school girls and four middle school girls and four middle

schoolers, RCHS defeated meet favorite and former Class 3A state power Louisville Central 67-59 for the win. Central moved to Class 2A this year after the recent state track realignment. Lloyd Memorial placed 3rd in the final team standings with 57 points. RCHS would likely have been going for their 4th title in a row, but the meet was cancelled last year due to over a foot of snow.

RCHS junior Samantha Smith led all of Class 2A in scoring with a total of 27.5 points and several amazing performances. Samantha won the long jump indoor state championship title with an awesome leap of 16'7", over a foot and half better than the state runner-up. She continued her dominance in the triple jump competition, winning the state title in the event with an awesome performance of 33'7", a foot better than her closest competitor. Samantha's long and triple jump marks led all three classes at indoor state, and her season's best marks were also the best of the indoor season in the entire state. For her dominating field event performances, she has an excellent chance of being named the female field event athlete of the year in Kentucky. Equally as impressive was her performance in the 55-

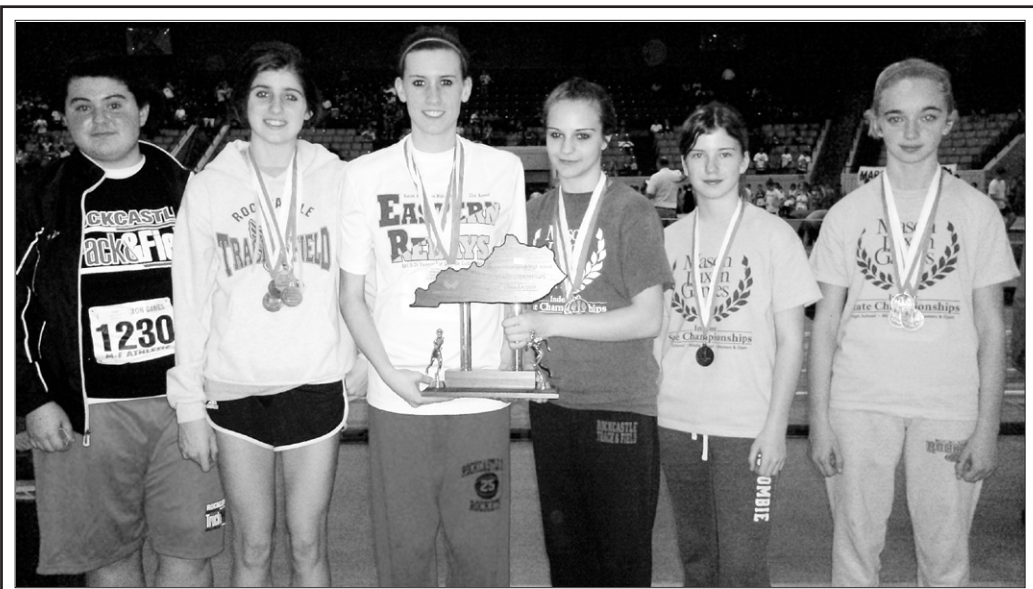
meter dash. Sprinting against two of the fastest girls ever to run track in the state of Kentucky, Samantha held her own with the race coming down to a photo finish. She finished an impressive 3rd overall with a season's best time of 7.59 seconds and missed winning the state title by only eight hundredths of a second.

RCMS 8th grader Michaela Hunter was the second leading scorer in Class 2A, finishing with an incredible 21 total points. Michaela had the seemingly impossible task of competing in three events in a row with very little rest time in between. Despite the difficulty of such a feat, she made it look easy. She won the 800-meter run indoor state title with a dominating performance. Her impressive time of 2:29.58 was a personal best and nearly four seconds ahead of her closest competitor. With very little rest, she went straight into competition in the 400-meter dash. She sprinted her way to a state runner-up finish in a season's best time of 1:03.33.

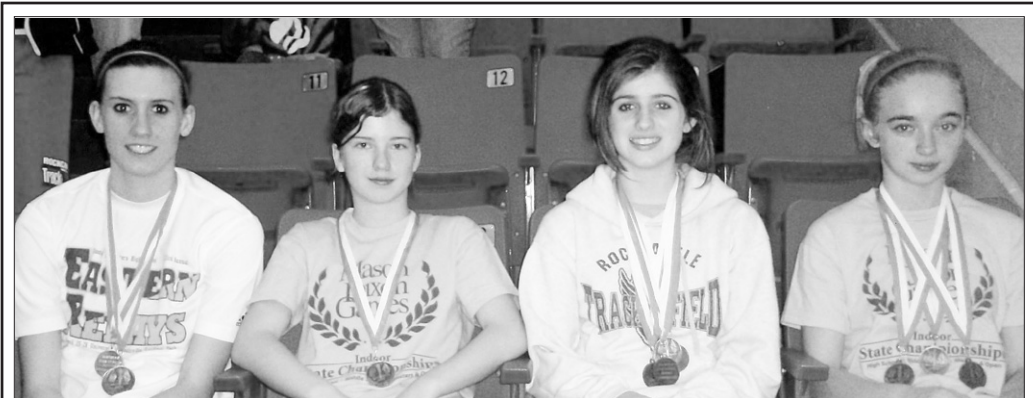
RCHS senior Sarah McKinney saved her best for last in the final 55-meter dash performance of her brilliant high school career. Sarah finished as state runner-up in the event, a close 2nd to Central's top hurdler. Her awesome time of 8.98 seconds established a new RCHS record, shattering her own mark by nearly two tenths of a second. Her time was also the second fastest in all three state classes during the indoor season. A week earlier, Sarah was named the KyTrackXC.com female athlete of the week for her amazing performance in the 55-meter hurdles at Mason County.

RCMS 8th grader Amy Johnson contributed to the RCHS win with her outstanding performance in the shot put competition. Amy, one of only three middle schoolers in the competition, threw an impres-

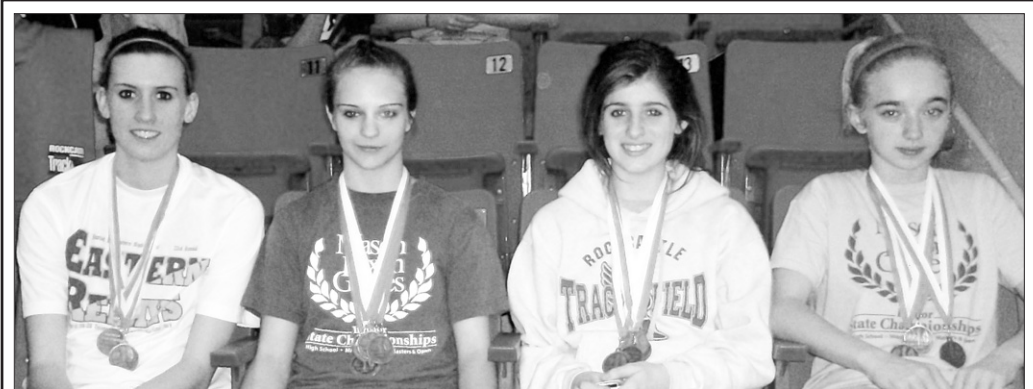
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The RCHS girls' 800-meter relay team placed 3rd at the Mason-Dixon Games Indoor State Championships this past Saturday. Team members include from left: Sarah McKinney, Bryonna Cromer, Michaela Hunter, and Kira Deatherage.



The RCHS girls' 1600-meter relay team placed 3rd at the Mason-Dixon Games Indoor State Championships this past Saturday. Team members include from left: Sarah McKinney, Samantha Smith, Michaela Hunter, and Kira Deatherage.

Hunter, Johnson, Deatherage win individual titles

RCMS girls' track team wins indoor state championship

The RCMS girls' track team won the Mason-Dixon Games Middle School Indoor State Championship this past Friday at Broadbent Arena in Louisville. The girls totally dominated the competition, defeating runner-up North Oldham by a score of 52-22. Nearly one thousand athletes from around the state competed. Each athlete was limited to only two events each. RCMS had several outstanding performances with many placing in the top fifty in their events out of nearly two hundred competitors.

Eighth grader Michaela Hunter got RCMS off to a great start with a state title in the 55-meter dash. Michaela had never competed in the event before and hoped to save some energy for the varsity meet on Saturday. Displaying her versatility as an athlete, she won the state

championship with an awesome time of 7.77 seconds.

Seventh grader Kelsey Bullock had a season's best performance in the 55-meter dash, despite not being close to one hundred percent after recovering

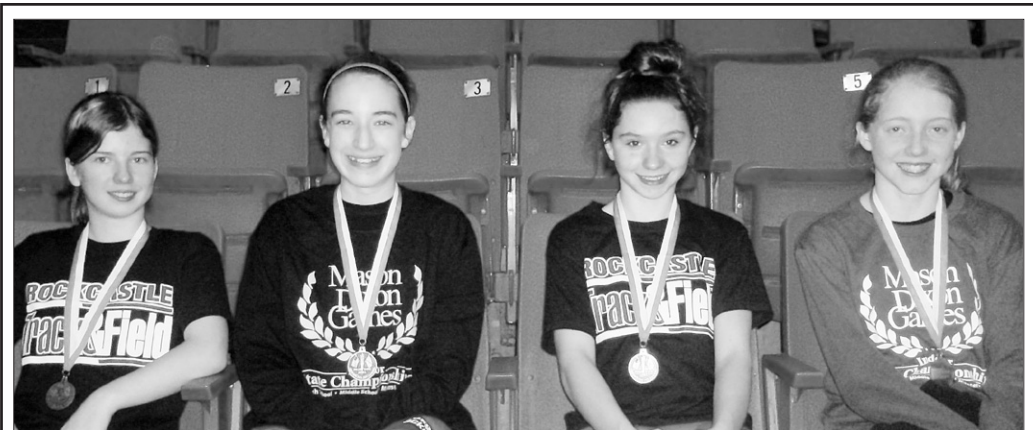
from knee surgery. Kelsey finished 25th overall out of 194 competitors and 5th among all seventh graders with an exceptional time of 8:58.

Sixth grader Kendra Dees tied her personal best time of a

superb effort of 8.6 seconds and finished 28th overall and 3rd among all sixth graders.

Seventh grader Lyndsey Abel finished 40th overall and

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The RCMS girls' 800-meter relay team finished as state runner-up at the Mason-Dixon Games Middle School Indoor State Championships this past Friday in Louisville. Team members include from left: Bryonna Cromer, Alyssa Allen, Kendra Dees, and Lacey Gastineau.



RCMS eighth grader Michaela Hunter won the 800-meter run state title and finished as state runner-up in the 400-meter dash at the Mason-Dixon Games Indoor State Championships this past Saturday. Hunter also ran on the 3rd place 800 and 1600-meter relay teams. On Friday, Hunter led the RCMS girls' team to a dominant victory at the middle school state indoor championships. She won the 55-meter dash and finished 5th in long jump.



RCHS senior Sarah McKinney finished as state runner-up in the 55-meter hurdles at the Mason-Dixon Games Indoor State Championships and shattered her own RCHS record in the event by nearly two tenths of a second. McKinney also ran on the 3rd place 800 and 1600-meter relay teams.



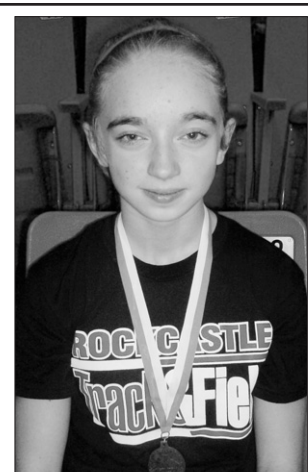
Junior Samantha Smith led the RCHS girls' track team to their 3rd straight Indoor State Championship at the Mason-Dixon Games this past Saturday. She scored an amazing 27.5 total points and won individual state championship titles in both long jump and triple jump. She also finished 3rd in the 55-meter dash. Her long and triple jump marks were the best among all three classes at the state championships.



RCMS eighth grader Amy Johnson (left) won the shot put state championship title at the Mason-Dixon Games Indoor Middle School State Championships this past Friday. Sixth grader Cynthia Deaton scored with an 8th place finish. Johnson also placed 6th for RCHS in the high school division on Saturday.



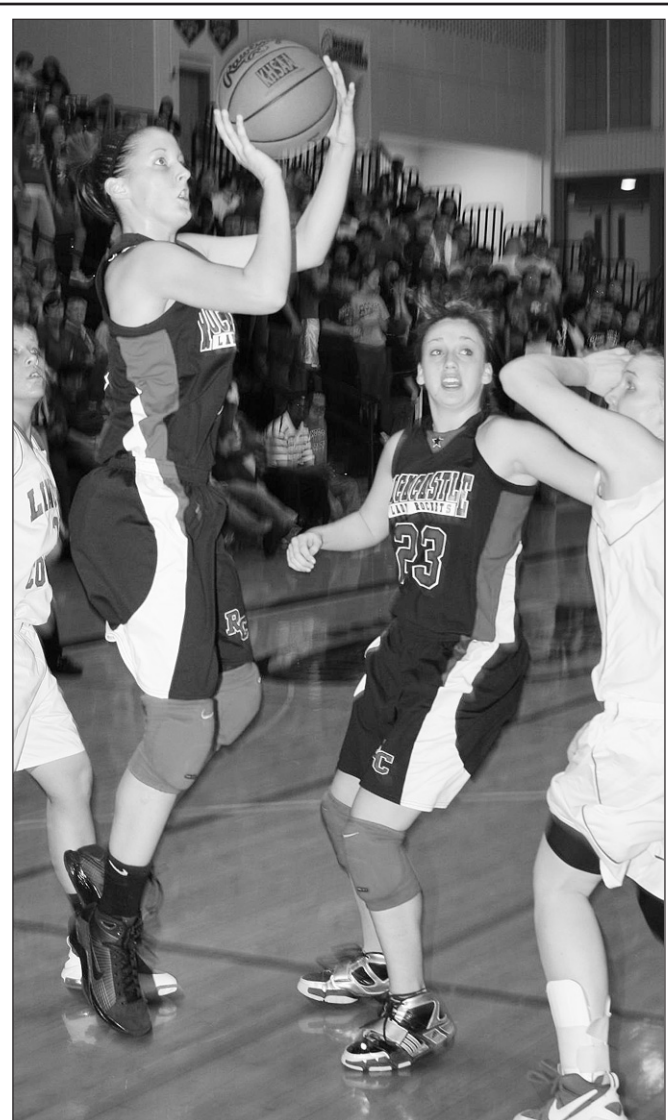
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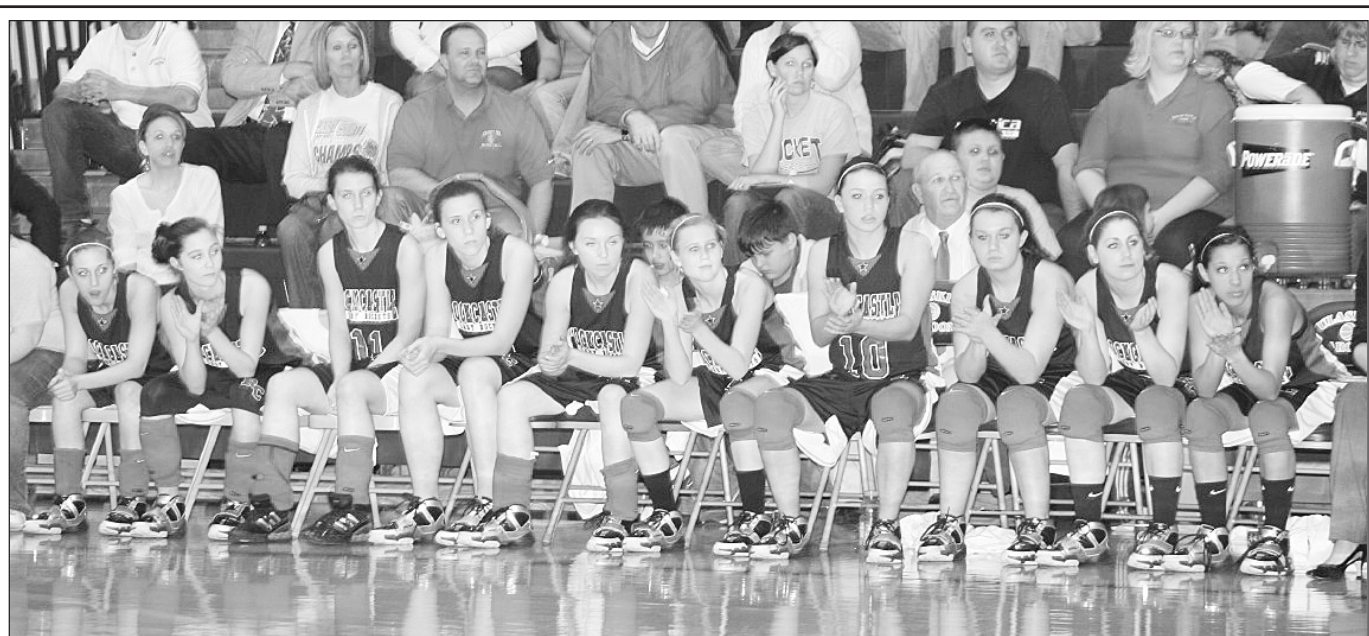
Lady Rocket junior Jackie Alexander puts up shot in the semi-finals of the 12th regional tournament against Lincoln County on Friday night. Alexander scored 16 points in a losing effort. Alexander was named to the 12th region all-tournament team. Also in the photo is Lady Rocket senior Ashley Robinson.



Lady Rocket senior Katy Mattingly drives to the basket in Friday night's 50-49 loss to Lincoln County. Mattingly played a great game defensively and scored six points in the losing effort. Mattingly and five other Lady Rockets played the final game of their careers.



RCHS Lady Rocket sophomore center, Sara Hammond puts up a shot in the fourth period against Lincoln County in the semi-finals of the region on Friday night. Hammond, who scored 13 points and grabbed several rebounds was named to the 12th region all-tournament team.



Members of the RCHS Lady Rocket basketball team looked on in concern on Friday night as their team members battled Lincoln County in the final period of the semi-final game of the 12th region at Pulaski County High School. Shown above, from left are: Ella McQueary, Sydney Arvin, Shanlee Burton, Cheyenne Hensley, Casey Sturgill, Katy Mattingly, Kristen Abney, Sasha Bullock, Jillisa Lay and Nicole Locklear. The Lady Rockets would eventually lose to Lincoln County 50-49, to finish their season with a 25-7 mark. Lincoln lost in the finals to Casey County on Saturday night, 32-21. (Sport photos by: Richard Anderkin and Kevin Canterbury).

Lady Rockets lose to Lincoln in region semi-finals 50-49

The Lincoln County Lady Patriots derailed the Rockcastle Lady Rockets' bid for a return to the state tournament with a hard-fought 50-49 win last Friday night.

It was a close contest most of the way, with the score tied 15 all at the end of the first quarter.

However, the Lady Patriots outscored the Lady Rockets 14-9 in the second period, behind some hot shooting to take a 29-24 lead at half-time.

In the third period, the Patriots went on a 9-2 run and went ahead 43-33, with sophomore Sara Hammond on the bench for three minutes.

But again, the Lady Rockets fought back to cut the lead to 45-39 at the end of the third period. Head Coach Chrysti Noble tried to get Hammond back in the game sooner but the flow of the game kept the clock running.

In the fourth quarter, the Lady Rockets took their first lead of the game 46-45 on two free throws by sophomore Angie Lawrence at the 5:00 mark.

The score was tied 48 all with 39 seconds left in the game when the Lady Rockets were called for a foul, with 34.3 seconds left in the game, and Lincoln managed one of two to go

up by one.

The Lady Rockets missed their field goal attempt and Lincoln rebounded the ball but Katy Mattingly got a steal and was fouled. Mattingly made the front end of a one and one to knot things up at 49 all. With 8.4 seconds left on the clock the Lady Rockets were called for a foul and the Lincoln player hit one of two to put her team up 50-49.

With time running out, the Rockets had three chances at the basket but the refs seemed to swallowed their whistle, and

the Lady Patriots were the ones to advance to the Saturday night finals against Casey County which Casey won 32-21.

Junior Jackie Alexander led the scoring for her team with 16 points and was named Player of the Game. Hammond was next with 13; Katy Mattingly got 6; Mary Saylor and Lawrence had five each; Ashley Robinson scored 4 and Jillisa Lay 1. Alexander and Hammond were both also named to the 12th region all tournament team.

Boys lose to Wayne Co. in regional tournament

The Rockcastle County High School Rocket basketball team ended their 2009-10 season with a 73-55 loss to Wayne County in the first round of the 12th region tournament.

The Rockets loss came at Lincoln County High School

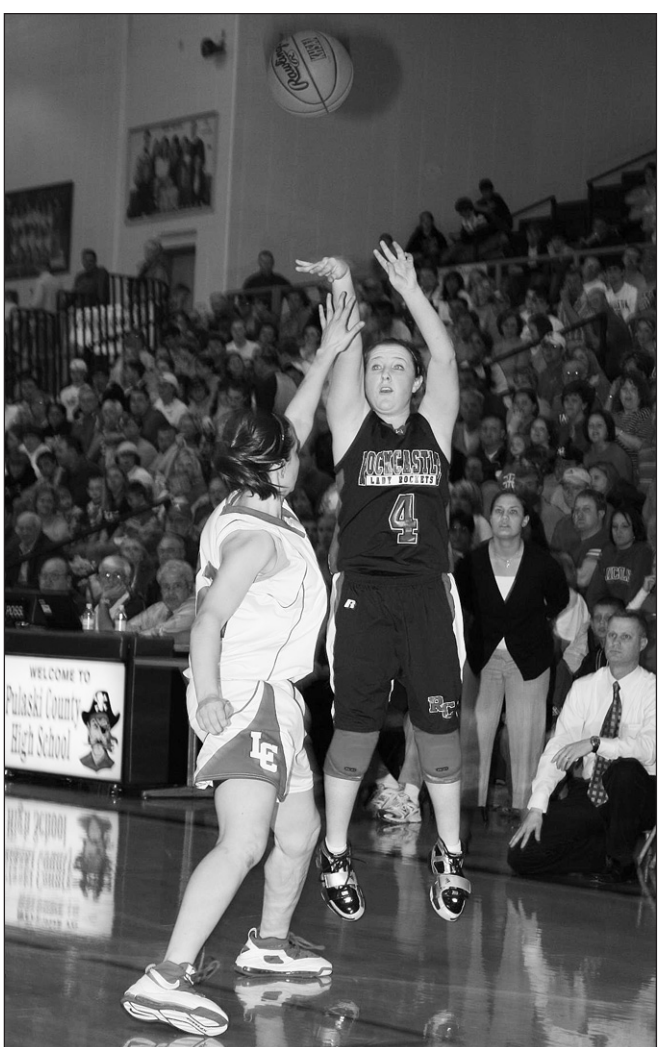
last Wednesday night and was the 17th loss for 4th year head coach Benny Blanton's squad.

The Rockets, who had defeated Wayne County in the regular season in overtime,

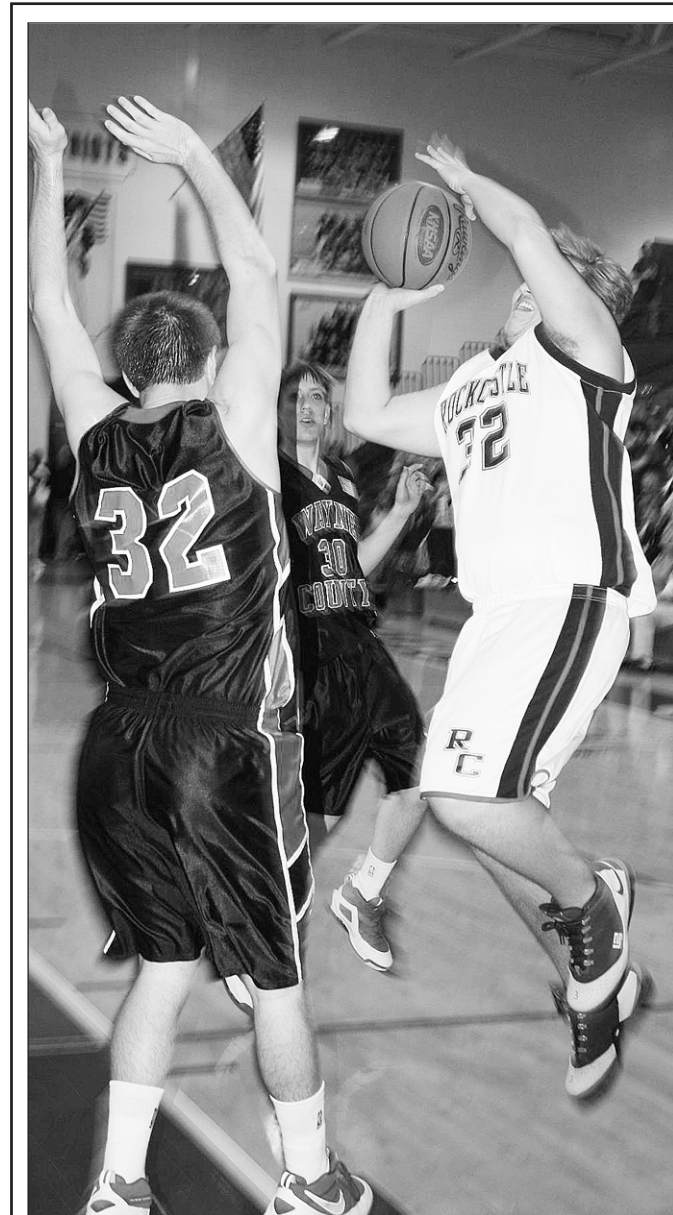
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Lady Rocket senior Ashley Robinson puts up a shot in her team's 50-49 loss against Lincoln County on Friday night. Robinson scored 4 points on the night grabbed numerous rebounds and had several defensive stops in the losing effort.



Lady Rocket senior Mary Saylor puts up a shot in her final game as the Lady Rocket's point guard on Friday night against Lincoln County. Saylor and the Lady Rockets fell 50-49 in the semi-finals of the 12th region.



Junior Rocket Dakota Mahaffey scores two points against Wayne County last Wednesday night in the first round of the 12th region tournament at Lincoln County High School. The Rockets lost 73-55. West Jessamine was the eventual winner of the 12th region after they defeated McCreary Central, 47-42 on Tuesday night.

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Junior center Derek Thacker scored 17 points in a losing effort last Wednesday night, when the Rockets fell to Wayne County in the first round of the 12th region. The Rockets ended their 2008-09 campaign with a record of 13-17 and a 47th district championship.



Congratulations to Roger Isaacs and Jeff Burdette and their team, the Lakers, who were runners-up in the 2nd and 3rd grade Jr. Pro Championship at Brodhead Saturday. Team members are shown above, front row from left: Aaron Helton, Cade Burdette and Jessie Smith. Back row from left: Viva Renner, Elizabeth Cameron, Tad Renner, Justin York and Grant Isaacs. We, the parents, would like to thank Roger and Jeff for all their time and effort. *Great job team!*



The Rockcastle 4th and 5th grade AAU team won second place recently in the Franklin County AAU tournament in Frankfort. Members of the team are, front row from left: Rachael Davis, Hope Kelley, Jana Albright (holding trophy), Shelby Ham and Madeline Bullens. Back row, from left: coach Brandon McIntosh, Caroline Coguer, Amber Collins, Ashley McKinney, Haley Harper, Morgan Renner, and coach Amber Falin. The team would like to thank David Collins of Brodhead Pharmacy and Collins Respiratory Care Center for sponsoring their team.



The school bus, carrying members of the state champion RCHS and RCMS track teams, was escorted through Mt. Vernon on Sunday by the Mt. Vernon Volunteer Fire Department and the Mt. Vernon City Police as the group returned from Louisville.

“Rockets”

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fought hard in the first period and trailed by only one at 17-16.

However the next three quarters told a story for the Rockets, who trailed by 11 at half-time and by 20 at the end of three periods.

Junior center Derek Thacker led his team in scoring with 17, Jamie Todd and Matt Bullens had 8 apiece, Spencer Mullins scored 7, Dustin Reynolds, 5, Matt Lunsford, 3, Derrick Pittman, 3, Travis Carpenter, 2 and Dakota Mahaffey, 2.

West Jessamine won the 12th region tournament on Tuesday night with a 47-42 win over McCreary Central.

“Three-peat”

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sive 28’6.5” and placed 6th overall. She scored three points for her awesome performance.

The 800-meter relay team ran a very impressive race and finished 3rd overall. Sarah McKinney got the race off to a great start with a very fast first leg. 8th grader Bryonna Cromer took the baton and ran a fast leg of her own keeping RCHS close. 6th grader Kira Deatherage got the 3rd leg off to a great start and kept RCHS in contention. Michaela Hunter took the baton pass and blazed her way around the track in a very fast final leg. The team finished an impressive 3rd overall with an exceptional time of 1:56.69.

The 1600-meter relay team had the daunting task of securing the win for RCHS. Coming into the final event, RCHS was ahead of Lloyd Memorial by four points and needed a great relay performance to seal the team state title. Kira Deatherage came through with a terrific first 400-meter leg. Sarah McKinney took the exchange and ran a very fast second leg. Samantha Smith sprinted an extremely fast 3rd leg and had a great baton pass to anchor leg Michaela Hunter. Michaela blazed her way around the two-lap 400 and finished strong at the end. The girls placed 3rd overall to

secure the team state championship title with an awesome new season’s best time of 4:32.75. After the relay, Louisville Central who won the race, moved into 2nd place, while Lloyd Memorial dropped to 3rd.

“This was an unbelievable win for our team,” said Coach Mark Brummett. “To come in to the state championships with only two high school girls and pull out the win says a great deal about how amazing Samantha and Sarah are, as well as our middle school athletes led by Michaela’s awesome performances. Under the circumstances, this ranks as the biggest win in the history of our girls’ track program and the one I’m most proud of.”

“RCMS track”

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9th among all seventh graders with an exceptional personal best time of 8.71 seconds.

Sixth grader Kira Deatherage brought home the state championship title in the 400-meter dash, winning the event out of 139 runners with an unbelievable effort of 1:06.59.

Seventh grader Lacey Gastineau placed 14th overall and 7th among all seventh graders with an awesome personal best time of 1:12.5.

In the 800-meter run, eighth grader Brooklyn Blanton finished 16th overall with a great new personal best effort of 2:52.99.

Sixth grader Alyssa Cox placed 45th overall in with a superb effort of 3:09.18, a new personal best. She was also 14th among all sixth graders.

Sixth grader Rachel Cain finished 50th overall in the 800 with a very impressive personal best time of 3:11.92. She placed 16th among all 6th graders. Rachel also finished 31st overall and 10th among 6th graders in the 1500-meter run with an awesome time of 6:16.47.

Eighth grader Amy Johnson led RCMS in the shot put competition with a spectacular performance. She threw an incredible 28’2.5” and won the individual state title in the event by nearly a foot and a half over her closest competitor.

Sixth grader Cynthia Deaton placed 8th in the shot put competition with a great throw of 22’2.75”, a new personal best. She was also the top-ranked 6th grader in the competition.

Seventh grader Gabby Miller placed 13th in only her second shot put competition ever. She threw an impressive 20’8.5”, a personal best.

The RCMS long jump team absolutely dominated the competition at state. Eighth grader Bryonna Cromer finished as state runner-up in the event out of 71 jumpers with an awesome leap of 13’4.5”.

Brooklyn Blanton finished 4th in long jump and 2nd among eighth graders with a superb effort of 13’0.5”.

Michaela Hunter finished 5th overall with a great leap of 12’8.75”, although it seemed that her best jump (14’6”) may have been recorded incorrectly, thereby costing her a chance at the title.

Kira Deatherage placed finished 7th overall in long jump with a terrific effort of 12’3.5”. She was the top-ranked 6th grader in the event.

Lyndsey Abel placed 10th

overall with a personal best jump of 12’1.5”. She also finished 2nd among all seventh graders in the event.

Seventh grader Alyssa Allen finished 17th overall with a great leap of 11’1”. She finished 3rd among all seventh graders that competed.

Seventh grader Bridget Pittman placed 19th overall with a superb personal best effort of 10’11.5”. She placed 4th among all seventh grade jumpers.

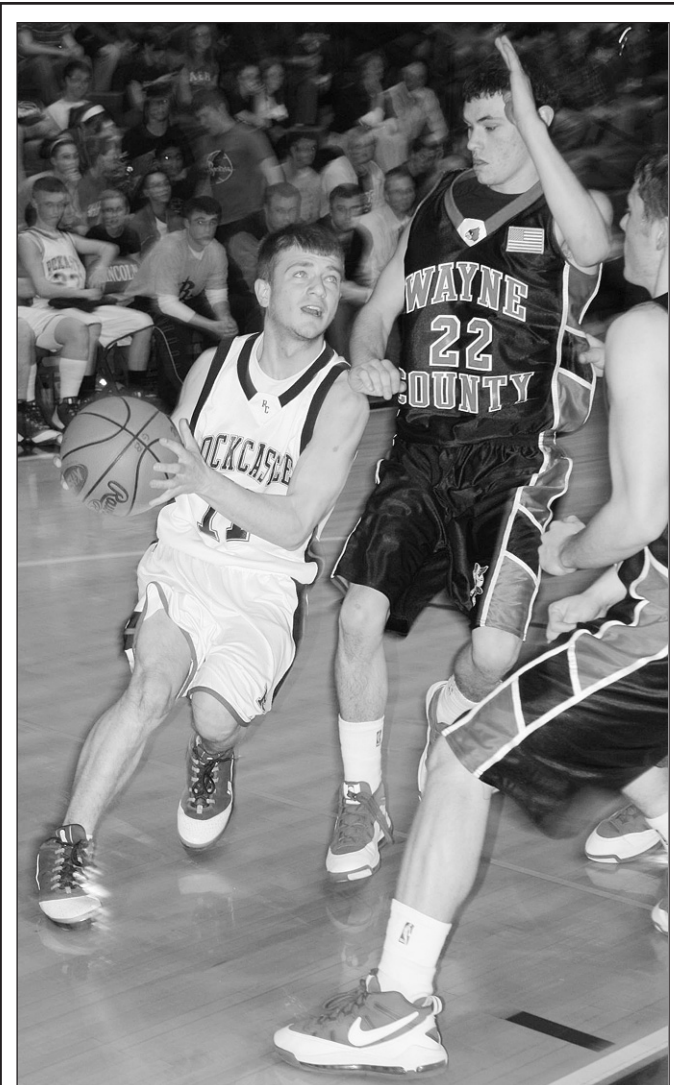
Gabby Miller finished 23rd overall with an excellent leap of 10’5”. She placed 5th among 7th graders that competed.

Sixth grader Amber Woodall finished 29th overall with an exceptional jump of 10’1.5”. She finished 5th among all 6th grade competi-

tors in the event.

The final running event of the day was the 800-meter relay. RCMS looked for a great performance to help solidify their hold on the team state title. The team of seventh grader Lacey Gastineau, sixth grader Kendra Dees, seventh grader Alyssa Allen, and eighth grader Bryonna Cromer did not disappoint. The team ran a very fast race finishing as state runner-up in the event with an incredible time of 2:02.96.

I’m really proud of our middle school girls’ team,” said Coach Mark Brummett. “The girls have put in lots of time practicing and several long Saturday trips to Mason County to get themselves in this position. All that time and hard work has definitely paid off for them.”



Junior Rocket reserve guard Derrick Pittman goes to the basket in the Rocket’s 73-55 loss to Wayne County on Wednesday night in the first round of the 12th region tournament. Pittman scored three points.

Help needed for Special Olympics Meet at RCMS

Special Olympics Kentucky will hold an Area Track and Field Organizational Meeting Monday, March 16th at 7 p.m. at Rockcastle Middle School in the cafeteria.

Special Olympics is looking for individuals or groups to

serve in a leadership role for the Area 6 Games.

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cluding turn lanes, lighting and drainage. The new road will replace the old Common Loon county road and serve as a new entrance into Rockcastle Industrial Park South.

"Rockcastle County is a progressive county, with unlimited potential. A successful industrial park will attract industry and provide jobs for years to come. This is an extremely important investment toward the county's future," said Senator Worley. "We are happy to work with local officials to secure this money and believe it will impact the local economy substantially."

"This two-year road plan is our state's version of economic stimulus," Senator Worley said. "We are focusing on highway construction as one of the ways to jumpstart Kentucky's economy, just as the country did after World War II and, at

the same time, building Kentucky's highway infrastructure."

"A construction worker who gets a paycheck on Friday will spend it; the money turns over many times in a community and taxes will be generated that will help fund education and human services. It's a cycle that is predicated solely on people working and spending money. It's not a new concept. Presidents Truman and Eisenhower did it after World War II," Worley said.

Also included in the state's two-year road plan are:

- Erect safety cable median guardrails at various points from southern Rockcastle County to the Tennessee state line, \$1.587 million.

- Install median cable guardrail on I-75 from end of barrier wall north of Sand Hill Road Underpass to legal turn around, \$1.3 million.

- Replace bridge and approaches on Ky. 1786 over Roundstone Creek, \$410,000.

- Major widening of I-75 in Rockcastle County from the

64.5 mile marker to the 69 mile marker, \$1.5 million.

These projects are not projects scheduled for six and eight years down the road. Senator Worley and Rep. Ford expect to see them start within weeks and months. The legislators said they will continue to work together to secure additional money for Rockcastle County in the six-year road plan.

Senator Worley represents the 34th district, which includes Madison, Lincoln and Rockcastle counties. Representative Ford represents the 80th district, which includes Lincoln, Pulaski and Rockcastle counties.

GED Grads

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low learning to be a lifelong pursuit, not a final destination."

The Adult Learning Center had twenty GED graduates from last summer through the end of February. Seven of the

twenty graduates were able to attend the final ceremony and were honored and praised for their hard work and dedication to learning. "History has been made tonight as each of you become members of the final GED graduating class from Christian Appalachian Project."

Learning Center Manager, Jennifer Napier addressed the graduates and then the crowd, "I am honored that each of you were here tonight to support our graduates and have been able to observe this historical and emotional time for them and our program."

Student speakers for the ceremony included Kathy Hensley and David Vanostrand. Each student expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the personalized instruction and encouragement they received through the Adult Learning Center staff and volunteers. Instructor Janet Heinz, presented a special award to Kathy Hensley for earning a perfect score on the reading section of the official GED test.

Jennifer Napier informed the crowd "This is a great accomplishment. Statistically 40% of graduating high school seniors cannot pass a GED test, which is how the official test is normed."

Students received gifts, mingled with the crowd, enjoyed refreshments and participated in graduation portraits, after the ceremony. Jennifer Napier acknowledged "A special thanks is in order for Aletha's Florist in Mt. Vernon and the volunteer department and the volunteers of Christian Appalachian Project, espe-

cially, Jessica Soule. Jessica was instrumental in taking charge of the planning for the ceremony and seeing that it was something that our graduates would remember for the rest of their lives. She wanted them to be proud to have been members of the last GED graduating class at Christian Appalachian Project."

The local learning center will remain open until sometime in June and it is expected that another GED program will kick-off in the county, sometime later this year, according to a CAP employee.

RAIN is currently accepting new members

Rockcastle's Animals in Need met on Thursday, February 26 to continue their work on several issues regarding the county's neglected and unwanted animals. RAIN is currently accepting new members and is still in need of several items, including pet food, bedding, transport crates, pet houses, and bleach.

At the meeting new business was discussed. At this time, RAIN is a newly formed organization with areas to fill, one of which is the need for foster parents. Currently, group members are volunteering to take in animals that are awaiting transport to foster and permanent homes but we are few. If you are interested in being a foster parent, please contact a RAIN member and let them know you would be willing to care for one of our rescued animals. It is one of the goals of this group to find permanent homes for each and every unwanted animal, but until then these dogs and cats need caring and loving environments with people who will help them adjust to a future family of their own.

Besides discussion of the need for foster parents, members discussed short range and long range fundraising opportunities. The organization will be working with Ashlar Cut Woodcarvings in a long term fundraiser. Ashlar

Cut Woodcarvings is a locally owned business whose talented owners will make custom wood carve items, including key chains, wall art, as well as many other personally designed wood crafts. You may view their items or special order a personalized design at the Rockcastle Veterinary Clinic or visit their website at HYPERLINK "http://www.Ashlarcut.com" www.Ashlarcut.com. Another fundraiser for RAIN is custom made wooden bowls, designed by Donald Jones. These are beautifully crafted bowls that may also be viewed at the Veterinary Clinic.

The next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, March 12 at 7: PM at the Rockcastle County Courthouse, third floor conference room. For more information about RAIN or to view available pets for adoption and foster, you may visit our link at HYPERLINK "http://www.petfinder.com" www.petfinder.com or you can email us at rockcastlesanimalsinneed@gmail.com.

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Road Plan

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year. \$504,000 is set aside, Lucas said, for routine maintenance costs of the 146.60 miles in the system, leaving \$554,228 for improvements.

Projects recommended by the state include:

- Resurface KY 1787 (Disputanta Road) from Jct. KY 1912 at milepost 0.000 and extending northwesterly 1.762 miles to the JCT. Wildie Rd. at milepost 1.762, at an estimated cost of \$107,581;

- Resurface KY 1912 from the JCT. KY 1787 at milepost 7.267 and extending northerly 2.534 miles to the Jct. KY 2614 at milepost 9.801, a total of 2.534 miles at an estimated cost of \$171,843;

- Resurface KY 1955 0.27 miles north of the Jct. Dry Fork Rd. at milepost 8.85 and extending northerly 2.004 miles to the Jct. KY 2614 at milepost 10.854, a total of 2.004 miles, at an estimated cost of \$140,587, and

- Resurface KY 2614 (Three Links Road) from 1146 ft. southeast of the Jct. Cook Rd. at milepost 4.115 and extending northwesterly 2.096 miles to the Jct. KY 1912 at milepost 6.211, a total of 2.096 miles, at an estimated cost of \$145,340.

Magistrate Bill McKinney questioned one project that was supposed to have been done last fiscal year, Dug Hill Road, starting at Hwy. 150. Lucas told McKinney he would look into it and get back with the court.

Magistrate Ralph Allen also brought up the work that had been done on the Beech Grove Road (in Magistrate William Denny's district) that was still falling in the river. Shane Cook told Allen that he was right and the only way the road could be fixed was to build a new one and there are no funds for that.

Magistrate Jan Stevens brought up the condition of U.S. 25, north to the Madison County line. "U.S. 25 in Madison County is always in better shape," Stevens told the state men who said they would take these recommendations back to their office.

In other business, the court discussed the condition of the local library with Rockcastle County Librarian Pam Chaliff.

County Judge/Executive Buzz Carloftis told Chaliff that he would have the library committee, Allen, McKinney and John Holbrook, meet with the library board to discuss improvements needed, including new lighting, new handicap accessible doors, the possible addition of a vestibule to help with heating and cooling, storm windows, etc., and bring their recommendations back to the court for action.

The court also got a first look at Jailer James Miller's

working budget for 2009-10. Miller's total budget, at this point, is \$944,822, down from \$1,220,930 for the 08-09 fiscal year.

"I have tried to cut everywhere I could but I also tried to be realistic," Miller told the court.

One savings, Miller said, was in changing the jail's food/dairy vendor at a savings of \$146,400 for 09-10 from \$325,000 in 08-09. County Treasurer Joe Clontz pointed out that the amount last year was so high because the jail owed Somerset Foods a large bill and the state made the jail reflect that balance, along with food costs for the year. Miller said that changing the food/dairy vendor to U.S. Food, would amount to a savings of about \$3,000 a month.

Miller also pointed out that his budget reflected \$259,300 for benefits for his employees, health insurance, retirement, matching social security and a \$110,000 payment on the detention center's bank note.

No action was required on Miller's budget at this time since all parties agreed that there would, no doubt, be changes between now and submission of the final budget.

Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Jeremy Bartley updated the court on the Rocket Docket, a program under which criminal offenders can get an early disposition of their case by dealing with the Commonwealth Attorney's office instead of having to wait for the normal, lengthy judicial process.

Bartley told the court that, to date, 12 offenders had pleaded guilty. Bartley said that with the normal process, these 12 offenders would have been in jail a total of 1700 days, with any recompense to the county but that time had been shortened to 109 days at a savings of \$39,775 to the county.

Of the 12, Bartley said, five were sentenced to prison and the rest were paroled. "But, if they break their parole and have to go to jail at least they will then be state prisoners and the county will be compensated."

The court also heard a request from Margie Abney and Glenna Stevens, residents of Hummel Road, for water service to the road. The women said that the road is within 1.5 miles of the City of Mt. Vernon's water line. However, Carloftis said that Western Rockcastle Water Assn. was the provider for the area and the request had been referred to them. Ms. Abney and Stevens also asked the court if anything could be done to widen the narrow road and the court said that they might be able to provide some pull-off areas to help alleviate the problem.

The matter of acquiring easements to widen Lambert Road was also discussed. Only

about eight landowners, out of the 50 easements needed, have been signed. Carloftis said one landowner came in to complain about the condition of the road and, when said he would not sign an easement "to help you people."

Once again, Magistrate Jan Stevens offered to go door-to-door in the neighborhood, along with a county employee to notarize the easement. However, no action was taken on Stevens' offer.

The court also voted to pay a bill, submitted by Jim Holton, project manager for the SourceCorp project, of over \$3,000 submitted to the court at their last called meeting.

Magistrate Bill McKinney noted that a contract, drawn up between the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority, specified that Holton would receive 2 1/2% of the total project as project manager but the minutes of the fiscal court reflected that his payment would be 1 to 1 1/2%.

Carloftis said that, under state statute, the RCIDA had the authority to enter into a contract with Holton and to set the terms of payment. Holton's contract is for 2 1/2% of the project, not to exceed \$125,000 or less than \$116,000. Carloftis said the normal fee for a project manager is from 2 1/2 to 4 1/2%, according to information received from Corey Craig, chairman of the RCIDA and Holton.

The judge also told the court that there had been no need for the court to take action on the amount since RCIDA doesn't have to have the authority of the fiscal court to set the fee.

As a final item of business, the court voted to give all county employees, 911, road department, jail employees, courthouse employees a \$1 an hour raise, the first in quite some time. Carloftis pointed out that the approximately \$140,000 for the raises would not come from the recently enacted occupational tax since that money had already been allocated in other areas.

Houk and Court

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the spike in her salaries had "caused the general fund more expense to match the increased social security and retirement." Carloftis also pointed out that other counties do not cover this expense for the sheriff and county clerk.

County Treasurer Joe Clontz also told Houk that it didn't seem right that when the county was in such bad shape financially that they had to impose an occupational tax, that her employees were receiving such increased compensation.

As to the difference in the

level of pay for Houk's employees over the three year period, Houk told the court that her employees had worked an average of 48 1/2 hours in November and December of '08 when her salaries jumped so dramatically. Houk also said that she started her employees at \$9 an hour and gave a cost-of-living raise each year of approximately 50c an hour. "Janet (Burdine) has been here 25 years and I don't think she is overpaid," Houk told the court. Burdine is currently paid \$45,004, an increase of \$15,000 over the last two years. As to her husband's, Russell's, increase in pay, from \$36,400 in '06 to \$47,200 in '08, the clerk said she had added an expense allowance to his pay because he travels with her to conferences and, on election days, "we will travel 300-400 miles," using his own car and gas. Houk also said that her husband did a lot of the office's work at home and furnished his own computer, printer and paper.

Houk also pointed out that when she estimated the excess fees at \$42,598 in her '08 budget, she included a supplemental check from the state for \$60,000 as revenue but did not include the expense of indexing records in her office which amounted to \$78,000. \$60,000 was paid with the supplemental check and \$18,000 paid by the court in their January, 2009 bills.

But, Carloftis asked Houk, "can you understand what we are concerned about -- the difference created by the salaries paid your employees and other employees in the county?" Carloftis contends that Houk's employees are classified as county employees since the general fund contributes to their pay, unlike the property valuation administrator and circuit clerk, whose employees are state employees.

Houk also brought up the fact that her 2009 budget had not been approved and told the court that the process, as she understood it, was that she submitted her budget for approval and the only option the court had was to approve or disapprove it. "The fiscal court cannot prepare my budget or make changes, it can only approve or disapprove," Houk said.

If the court disapproves the clerk's budget, Houk said that she is then supposed to resubmit it to the court, with or without changes asked for by the court. Should the court again

disapprove her budget, Houk said, then the previous year's budget figures would be used.

However, on Wednesday, Carloftis submitted a summary of a letter from the State Local Finance Office in Frankfort, to the *Signal*, regarding the powers and obligations of a fiscal court with regards to the budgetary process of fee offices (sheriff and county clerk).

In that summary, the state office says that "following KRS 68.250 and KRS 68.210, the State Local Finance Officer mandates that fiscal court "approve a calendar year budget for each fee office as a component of the county's budget preparation process." In other words, the state requires all fee officers to have their budgets approved by the fiscal court. This is consistent with KRS 64.530, under which the fiscal court has authority to fix "The maximum amount that the officer may expend each year for expenses of the fee office."

Whenever a fiscal court disagrees with the budget submitted by a fee officer (clerk of sheriff), the fiscal court's duty under 109 KAR 15.20 to approve a budget for each fee office should be read in conjunction with the fiscal court's statutory duty to fix the expenses of each fee office. In other words, the fiscal court does have the power to amend

the fee officer's budget to conform to the expenditures set by the fiscal court under KRS 64.530."

This issue was left with Carloftis asking Houk to resubmit her 2009 budget to reflect the court's wishes on her expenses and her reply was, "I'll think about it."

Wednesday, Carloftis told the *Signal* "either the county clerk will submit a budget that the fiscal court can approve or we will submit one for her under out statutory authority."

Another issue Houk brought up was the court's motion at their February meeting to have the sheriff and the county clerk publish the gross salaries of their employees once a year (during February), beginning with 2009.

Neither office did and Houk told the court Tuesday that she felt they were discriminating against the sheriff and her. However, Carloftis told Houk that the net salaries of all other county employees, including road department, 911, jail, courthouse employees, were printed and that, this year, their gross salaries would be printed.

Houk told the court that, in her opinion, they did not have the authority to ask her to publish her salaries. "You all do not have the authority to make laws. There are laws that tell us what to print," Houk said.

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Members of the RCMS Archery team, which recently finished second in regional competition are pictured above, front row from left: Jacob Houk, Derek Wynn, Michael McCauley, Tate Clements, Justin Barron, and Lyndsey Reed. Second row, from left: Tiffany Barron, David Wynn, Chris Morrow, JT Taylor, Jordan Johnson, Lona Morgan, Madisan Miller, Josh Neeley, Zack Horn, Hannah Childress, and Adam Hale. Third row from left: Lane Ponder, Albert Seals, James Morgan, Brandon Bullock, Brooke Fields, Naman Helton, Blaine Amyx, Ben Allen, and Josh Bullock. Back row from left: coaches Gerald Alexander, Tammy Miller, Bonnie Stewart, Gordon Pope, Kathy Bobo, Jennifer Cook, and Marsha Caudill. Not present for the photo: David Bass, Elizabeth Lawrence, Warren Mullins, Jeremiah Brown, and Anna Poynter.

In first year of competition RCMS Archery team qualifies for State

On February 27th and 28th, the Rockcastle County Middle School Archery Team participated in its first ever competition, which was the Region 10 National Archery in Schools Program, (NASP), competition.

Numerous teams from schools in southeast and east Kentucky participated in the regional competition which was held at the University of Cumberlands in Williamsburg, with RCMS coming away with the second place finish.

RCMS team members spent four months learning the skills of Archery and practicing for the regional event.

"We were so pleased that the time and effort displayed by the team members and our staff proved to be so effective -- the teams' second place finish will help us to attract even more students into this very worthwhile program," said assistant principal Tammy Miller, who supervises the program.

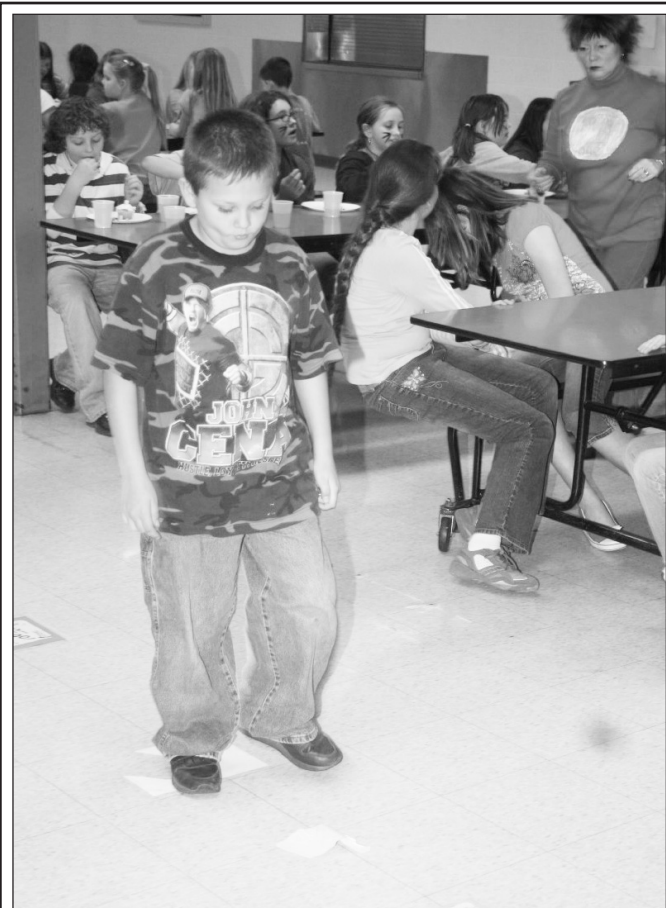
Sixth other staff members: Bonnie Stewart, Gerald Alexander, Jennifer Cook, Marsha Caudill, Kathy Bobo and Gordon Pope also work with the 33 team members.

In addition to the team's second place finish, 8th grader Elizabeth Lawrence placed second in the overall middle school female division.

With the second place finish, the RCMS team qualified for a position in state-wide competition, which will be held on March 16th and 17th at the International Convention Center in Louisville.

Lawrence will also compete in individual competition at the state level.

Mt. Vernon Elementary School Celebrates Read Across America Week with Birthday Party for Dr. Seuss



Ethan Vanzant was one of many students who participated in the book walk on Thursday. Besides enjoying the station, students also found some very good prices on the books that were offered for sale.



Dr. Suess character, Thing One (Tammy Shaver) helped fix drinks at the cupcake station on Thursday. The drinks were donated by McDonalds Restaurant in Mt. Vernon.



Coach Bonnie Stewart, left, and Elizabeth Lawrence accepted the medallions and plaque on behalf of the RCMS Archery Team's second place district win. Lawrence also placed second in the middle school individual female division.

Conservation District Cost Share Program requests being accepted

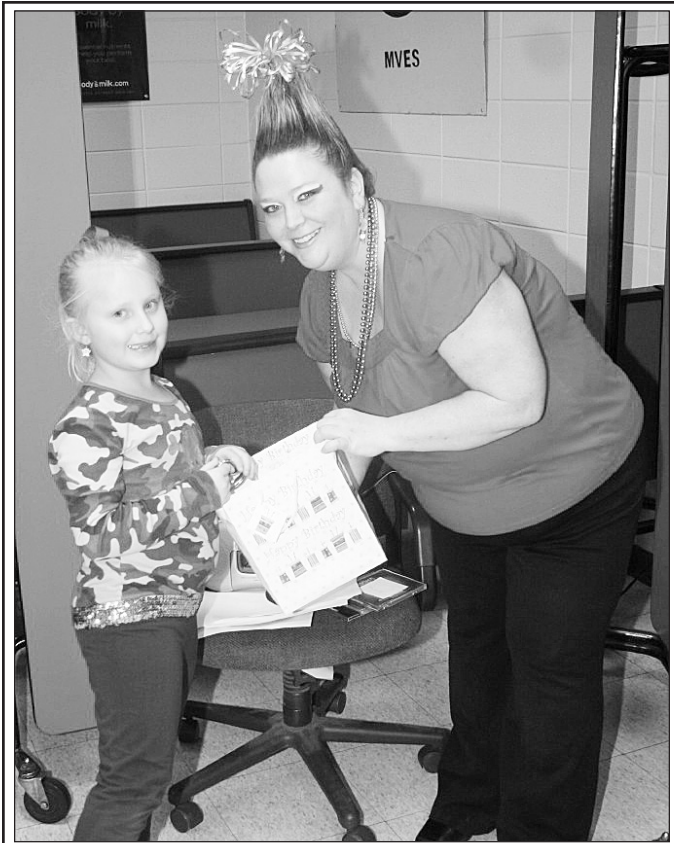
The Rockcastle County Conservation District will be accepting requests for cost share funding under the Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Program beginning March 16th, 2009 and extending through April 15th, 2009.

The Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Program was created in 1994 by the Kentucky General Assembly to help agricultural operations protect the soil and water resources of the Commonwealth. This program provides annual cost share funds to be administered by conservation districts with priority given to animal waste related problems and agricultural district participants where pollution problems have been identified. Funding for this program comes from the Kentucky Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement. Funding for practices will be approved by the Soil and Water Conservation Commission at the Kentucky Division of Conservation, located in Frankfort, based on an established state-wide ranking system. As in the past years, the applications will be ranked according to the criteria established based on a high priority on addressing animal waste problems, landowners in Agricultural Districts and applicants that have their Agriculture Water Quality Plans on file with their local conservation district.

For more information stop by the Rockcastle County Conservation District office located in the USDA Service Center, 2019 New Brodhead Road, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456. Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Phone:606-256-2525 ext. 106.



Each of the 330 students who attended the two day birthday party for Dr. Seuss, had the opportunity to be turned into a cat. Above, counselor Cindy McCullough, paints whiskers on Joel McClure to make him a cat, as Ethan McGinnis looks on.



Student Sierra Hansel drew out a prize for a book in the book walk, from Character Billie Lou Who, (Billie Jo Tankersley), at Thursday's party.



Many schools across the United States, including Mt. Vernon Elementary, celebrated Read Across America Week last week. At MVES, a two day birthday party was held for Dr. Seuss with over 330 students and staff members participating in the after school event. Above, the Cat In The Hat, (Jessica Bowling), watched as students, Kimberly Wheat, left and Maleigha Elliott played Green Eggs and Ham tic-tac-toe.



The cupcake decorating and eating station at Dr. Suess's birthday party was one of the student's favorites. The MVES lunchroom staff baked 328 cupcakes for the two day birthday party. Shown from left getting their goodies, were students: B.J. Wynn and Dravan Hawkins. Serving at the eating station on Thursday were Doris Adams, left and April Martin. (Photos by: Richard Anderkin)

News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

Circuit Civil Suits

Worldwide Asset Purchasing LLC vs. Lloyd Vance, \$9,088.71 plus claimed due.
 Gwendolyn Sparks vs. Doyle Wayne Sparks, petition for dissolution of marriage.
 Taylor, Bean and Whitaker Mortgage Corp. vs. J. Richardson, \$73,031.27 plus claimed due.
 Jason Leger vs. Kinsye Tucker, petition for joint permanent custody.
 Cabinet for Health and Family Services ex rel Michele Strunk vs. Larry Strunk, complaint for child support and medical support.
 Crop Production Services, Inc. vs. Dabney Feed Supply, \$5,432.87 plus claimed due.
 Midland Funding LLC vs. Amber C. Ems, \$4,452.38 plus

claimed due.
 Central Bank and Trust Co. vs. Billy Taylor, et al, \$6,141.34 plus claimed due. CI-00065.

District Civil Suits

World Finance Corp. vs. Jeffrey Debord, \$1,034.78 plus claimed due.
 Midland Funding LLC vs. Brian K. Lovell, \$724.65 plus claimed due.
 Midland Funding LLC vs. Doris Renner, \$966.77 plus claimed due.
 Capital One Bank vs. Cheyenne Jones, \$1,008.60 plus claimed due.
 Midland Funding LLC vs. Reed L. Angela, \$795.00 plus claimed due.
 Capital One Bank vs. Ronald Niceley, \$1,066.35 plus

claimed due.
 Midland Funding LLC vs. Wanda L. Mason, \$874.75 plus claimed due.
 Midland Funding LLC vs. Earnest D. Johnson, \$2,728.97 plus claimed due. C-00041.

Marriage Licenses

Leigha Smith, 16, Bowling Green, housewife to Russell DiGiuseppe, 34, Bowling Green, disabled. 2/27/09.

Deeds Recorded

David and Julie Pigg, property in Rockcastle County, to William D. and Tena Pigg, Tax \$90.
 Corna A. Thacker, property on Hwy. 490 to Carol Margaret Coffey. No tax.
 Angela Leger, property in Ridge View Subdv., to Joshua D. Chaliff. No tax.
 Kimberly Ann and Steve Hunter and Norren V. and Dewey McClure, property Hill View Subdv., to Barbara J. Vance. No tax.
 Arlene and James Milton Irvin, property in Negro Creek Community, to Sonya and Michael Ross. No tax.
 Tommy H. and Libby G. Burdette, property in Rockcastle County, to Jerry M. and Catina C. Hasty. Tax \$25.
 Tommy H. and Libby G. Burdette, property in

Rockcastle County, to Jerry M. and Catina C. Hasty. Tax \$48.
 Jon and Monica Martin and Richard and Merita Martin, property on Poplar Grove-Willaila Road, to Joshua Martin. Tax \$47.

District Court

March 2-4, 2008
Hon. Kathryn G. Wood
 Lindsey Belew: operating ATV on roadway, \$100 fine plus costs.
 Russell E. Roark: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$350 fine and costs, \$375 service fee, 12 months operator license suspension and 14 days; no operators/moped license, use/possession drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, controlled substance prescription not in original container, 14 days each charge/concurrent.

Julie E. Bailey: wanton endangerment, costs and 30 days/probated 24 months on condition.
 Amanda L. Barnes: operating on suspended/revoked operators license and failure to wear seat belts, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta), license suspended.
 Speeding: Logan D. McFarland, bw issued for fta/3 days or payment (\$133); Michael D. Parker, Charlotte A. Vinson, paid \$32 fine plus \$128 costs; Joshua P. Patteson, license suspended for fta;

Benjamin R. Rader: fines/fees due (\$183), bw issued for fta/4 days or payment.
 Dusty L. Richardson: possession of marijuana, bw issued.

Tina Marie Rust: receiving stolen property, bw issued for fta.
 Kelly L. Smith: fines/fees due (\$238), bw issued for fta/5 days or payment.
 Phillip W. Smith: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, bw issued for fta.

Jesse Foley: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, and other charges, bw issued for fta/4 days or payment (\$171).
 Steven D. Frederick: fines/fees due (\$926), bw issued for fta, 20 days or payment.
 David H. Hoover: fines/fees due (\$833), bw issued for fta/17 days or payment.
 Nathan R. McCormick: possession of marijuana, bw issued for fta/\$5,000 bond (10%).
 Brandon S. Wallace: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, bw is-

sued for fta (Bond \$5,000 - 10%).

David L. Begley: trafficking in marijuana, 360 days/probated 24 months on condition; use/possession drug paraphernalia, 180 days/probated 24 months/concurrent, plus costs.

Amanda Bullens: fines/fees due (\$242), converted to 6 days in lieu of fine.

Tracy Laswell: no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine plus coss; failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.

Daniel Morgan Loveless: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine and costs, \$375 ser-

vice fee and 30 day operator license suspension plus ADE authorized.

Stanley Saylor: fines/fees due (\$253), bw issued for fta/6 days or payment.

Paula M. Stewart: failure to maintain insurance, bw issued for fta.

Benjamin Thrush: improper start from parked position, \$100 fine and costs/state traffic school authorized in lieu of fines.

Matthew Sullivan: failure to produce insurance card, \$50 fine; improper equipment, \$50 fine and costs.

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ACROSS

- 1 Male deer
- 5 Mop
- 9 Chew noisily
- 14 Aromatic balsam.
- 15 Astringent gum
- 16 Kentuckian, Texas Ranger "Jim"
- 17 Angle
- 18 Choir part
- 19 Soft leather
- 20 Christian scripture
- 22 Kentuckian, "Tennessee Waltz" co-writer
- 24 Use scissors
- 25 Pulaski Co.'s, ___ Hill, or school subject
- 27 Bridge positions
- 29 Eye drops
- 31 Fearful
- 34 Sail holder
- 37 Military branch: Abbr.
- 39 Battery terminal
- 40 Suffix in 20 Across
- 41 Dredged
- 43 Powell Co.'s river
- 44 Sponge gourd
- 46 March Madness org.
- 47 Flower associated with the Derby
- 48 Sports injury
- 50 Follow
- 52 Austrian province
- 54 N. American falcon
- 58 Otherwise
- 60 Kentuckian, ML baseball catcher
- 62 Diddle on WKU's

DOWN

- 1 Tries
- 2 Venomous
- 3 Excuse
- 4 Kentuckian, Reds/Yankees pitcher 1970-78
- 5 Calypso offshoot
- 6 Kentuckian, major league outfielder/first baseman Brad
- 7 Opposed
- 8 Founder of Shelby Co.'s first settlement
- 9 WKYT Lexington or WLKY Louisville
- 10 Lexington Legends are their affiliate
- 11 Home of the baseball league Oilers and birthplace of 6 Down
- 12 Skirt style
- 13 Chick's sound
- 21 WSW's opposite
- 23 Cumberland ___
- 26 Veil
- 28 Herring cousin
- 30 Gravy

32 Midmonth day
33 Yield
34 Sitcom diner
35 Above
36 Position 66 Down played
38 KY city; birthplace of pro baseball players Dick Crutcher and Grover Land
41 The County ___
42 Relieve
45 Native KY county of pro baseball players Doug Flynn, Austin Kearns, et al
47 Jenny Wiley State Resort, for one
49 Neither's partner
51 Olympics chant
53 Short-straw drawer
55 Arrive
56 Step in
57 Roundup need
58 Water pitcher
59 Stretched car
61 It meets the Tennessee at Paducah
64 Affirmative
66 Kentuckian, baseball hall of fame member, Pee ___ Reese

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The RCCHS Chamber Choir participated in the recent Solo and Small Ensemble Festival at Madison Central High School where they received a Proficient rating. Members include: Carri Hunt, Bethany Clontz, Starla Bond, Brittany Boreing, Michael Browning, Zach Davis, Dalton Hutton, Charles Alcorn, Jaelyn Bullock, Johnna Ballard, Felicia Chesnut and Hayley Davis.

RCCHS Chamber Choir participate in Solo and Small Ensemble Festival

Congratulations to the RCCHS Chamber Choir. On February 27th at Madison Central High School, the Chamber Choir participated in the Solo and Small Ensemble Festival where they received a Proficient rating. We are all proud of Carri Hunt, Bethany Clontz, Starla Bond, Brittany Boreing, Michael Browning, Zach Davis, Dalton Hutton, Charles Alcorn, Jaelyn Bullock, Johnna Ballard, Felicia Chesnut and Hayley Davis. They have worked hard over the last several months preparing for this performance. It was a great experience for the group. They performed in front of a judge and were openly critiqued on their presentation of their chosen piece "Wade in the Water". This song is a favorite of the Choir and was first performed in last year's Fall Concert. The RCCHS Chamber Choir is planning to present "Wade in the Water" again at the Spring Concert and will feature soloists Carri Hunt, Beth Clontz, Jaelyn Bullock, Dalton Hutton, and Zach Davis.

The RCCHS Chamber Choir has also been chosen to sing the National Anthem at a Lexington Legends baseball game. It is very difficult to receive a spot in the Minor League schedule. This was a very competitive process with many individuals and groups auditioning over the course of two days. The RCCHS Music Department is extremely proud of this accomplishment. The date for this event at Applebee's Park in Lexington has not yet been scheduled, but will be announced as soon as it is set. Rockcastle County will be well represented by these talented teens.

In other Choir news, The RCCHS Chorus is vigorously preparing for the upcoming Spring Concert. The concert this year will feature the music of the 70's mixed in with some original pieces from different small groups and soloists. The Mixed Chorus will be singing

"Listen to the Music", "Car Wash" and a 70's medley called "Disco Fever" that touches many of the top disco hits of the 70's. These songs will feature soloists Andrea Mink, Michael Browning, Dalton Hutton, Johnna Ballard, Charles Alcorn, and Isa Montano. The Chamber Choir will be singing other numbers from the 70's including a medley called "70's Dance Party". The Spring Concert is set for Friday April 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the RCCHS auditorium. Please join us in this fun filled night!!

The Rockcastle Music Department is also preparing for the KMEA Concert Competition next week at Madison Central High School in Richmond. The RCMS 7th and 8th Grade Concert Band will compete on Tuesday, March 17th and the RCCHS Concert Band will be competing on Wednesday, March 18th. This adjudicated contest is a final exam that will determine the rankings of school concert bands. Schools from all over the state participate. They are judged on their professionalism and musicianship in a concert stage performance of several musical selections and then are also evaluated separately on skills such as sight-reading an unknown piece. All the student musicians at both schools have been working hard on these skills for the past several months. Good Luck to all! Go Rockets!

Upcoming events scheduled for March and April.

March 14th - RCCHS 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 - RCCHS Concert Band perform at the KMEA District Concert Band Festival.

March 28th - RCCHS Winterguard will compete in the

Tristate Circuit Championship Finals at Ryle High School.

April 24th - The annual RCCHS Spring Concert featuring the RCCHS Concert Band and The RCCHS Chorus. Doors open at 6:30 and the curtain goes up at 7:00.

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

April 6th - Pizza Hut Monday.

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

This delightful event offers an evening of catered dining and live entertainment by members of the RCCHS 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 RCCHS 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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Eat more pizza for NHD

Submitted by Belle Espirit

Next Wednesday, March 18th is the third Wednesday and that is Pizza Hut Day for National History Day. Just mention National History Day when ordering, take-out or sit-in, and these hardworking students will benefit from a percentage of your order. 14 students from RCMS and 1 student from RCCHS are heading off to the Regional Competition on Saturday, March 21st. This year Regionals are being held at ECU in Richmond. Those who place at Regionals will then compete at the State Finals. The National History Day Kentucky State Finals are held at the Kentucky History Center in Frankfort on the last Saturday in April, this year the 25th. Those who place 1st or 2nd in that contest will then represent Kentucky at the Nationals held in College Park Maryland in June.

These students have chosen to research and then labor many long hours in preparation for the opportunity to present a thesis based on a specific theme. This year the theme is "The Individual in History: Actions and Legacies". Their thesis can be presented in one of several formats: an exhibit, a paper, a documentary, a website, or a performance. There are separate contests for individuals and groups and these are divided into junior (middle school) and senior (high school) divisions.

For the past seven years Rockcastle students have consistently placed at the state level and represented all of Kentucky at the Nationals. While not a school sponsored team, both RCMS and RCCHS have been generous in permitting students the use of school resources. RCMS teachers Melissa Singleton and Kathy Bobo, and RCCHS moderator Anita Nation have also been generous in donating their time and guidance to these young scholars.

While National History Day is still relatively unknown here, it is well known throughout the rest of the country. Close to 25,000 students compete at the Nationals as finalists from their state or territory. Many districts and states provide substantial funding but that is not the case locally. These students must not only research and prepare their must solicit funds for expenses, mostly travel, which these days are quite costly. This is where you come into the picture. Show your support for these fine young scholars - EAT PIZZA - this Wednesday, March 18th at Pizza Hut, Mount Vernon. When you get there, look around, and if Ms Singleton, Ms Bobo or Ms Nation is there eating pizza, (and they will be at some point), ask them about NHD and the projects for this year. Rockcastle students will rock you in scholastics too!

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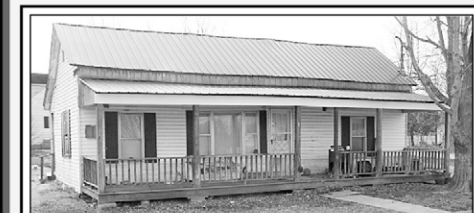
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- Private...Close To Town...Close to I-75.** This 23 acres more or less is mostly woodland and is close to I-75 and only 2 miles from Mt. Vernon. City water is available. M2429
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Applications for EQIP being taken at Conservation District

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Landusers may apply for EQIP at any time. Applications received by April 15, 2009, will be considered for this (federal fiscal year 2009) program year. Applications received after April 15, 2009, will be held until the next evaluation period.

EQIP provides cost-share assistance to persons engaged in livestock or agricultural pro-

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Additional information may be found at <http://www.ky.nrcs.usda.gov/programs>. To apply for EQIP, or for more information, please contact your local NRCS or conservation district office, Randall Templeman, District Conservationist at 606-256-2525 ext. 106.

Janet Northern to create baskets at Artisan Center

On Saturday, March 28, Janet Northern of Mt. Vernon will create baskets using honeysuckle vines and willow bark from 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Janet Northern has been making baskets for fourteen years and is primarily self-taught. She utilizes the wood and natural vines that she finds and gathers in the region surrounding her Rockcastle County farm to create her baskets. The Eastern Kentucky woodlands give Janet inspiration as well as material from which to work.

To prepare the honeysuckle vines, Janet boils the vines for 30 minutes and then strips off the outer bark to reveal the honey colored, pliable surface of the vine. When the vines are freshly cut they are pliable, but over time they dry out and need to be soaked in water to re-soften them. Janet's smaller baskets often utilize reed and driftwood.

Starting with an interesting piece of wood, Janet begins to design her asymmetrical one-of-a-kind basket forms, often creating multiple openings. She soaks the honeysuckle vines in water, attaches them to the piece of wood chosen, and begins to weave her forms into asymmetrical and beautiful shapes.

Janet also creates baskets from the inner bark of willow trees. These baskets usually start with a criss-cross pattern and a square bottom. She tapers the willow bark into

varying widths for weaving, with the width of the bark determining the size and function of each basket. The bark is kept supple by soaking it in water before weaving.

Works by Janet Northern can regularly be found at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea, located at 975 Walnut Meadow Road, just off Interstate 75 at exit 77 (Berea). The Center's exhibits, shopping, and travel information areas are all open daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and the café from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Admission is free. The Center currently features works by more than 650 artisans from over 100 counties from all across the Commonwealth. For more information call 859-985-5448 or visit the Center's web site at www.kentuckyartisancenterky.gov

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is an agency in the Tourism, Arts & Heritage Cabinet.



Janet Northern making baskets at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

Applications for WHIP being taken at Conservation District

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is accepting applications for the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) sign-up. Landowners may apply for WHIP at any time however; applications received by April 15, 2009, will be evaluated and considered for the 2009 program year. Applications received after that date will be held until the next evaluation period.

WHIP provides landusers an opportunity to improve wildlife habitat. The program provides financial incentives for installing eligible practices on land they own or control. The landuser must devote at least 10 acres to eligible wildlife practices.

In Kentucky, the primary focus of WHIP is to improve early successional and forestland habitats for declining species and other wildlife. Restor-

ing remnant prairies, planting native grasses, shrubs, and trees, implementing wildlife beneficial forest stand improvements, and creating shallow water areas are some of the eligible practices for the program. Excluding livestock from sensitive streams and woodlands is also important focus under Kentucky's 2009 WHIP. Since WHIP focuses on improvement to wildlife cover, food plots are not eligible under the program.

WHIP applications are evaluated and ranked to determine which applications provide the most beneficial habitats.


To apply for WHIP, please contact:

Randall Templeman, District Conservationist, USDA Service Center at 606-256-2525 or Mike Strunk, biologist with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources at 606-376-8083.

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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 stake 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.
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".

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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".

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Commonwealth of Kentucky
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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.

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:

6913 Brindle Ridge Road, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

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

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

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

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

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Posted: No trespassing, 4-wheelers, motorcycles on Patsy Thomas's property in Calloway Hollow. Violators will be prosecuted.
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 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
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The Roots of Rockcastle

by: Tonya J. Cook



Continuing this week from a historical remembrance of Albert and Eva Griffin, we'll take a short journey back in time with a walk through the streets of Mount Vernon. The first stop on the trip is a place called The Halfway House. It was called this because it was located about halfway between Cincinnati and Knoxville. It was a combination café and motel, and was situated along the old Old Highway 25 across the road near the present day fire station, past Elmwood Cemetery. The Halfway House was owned by Jim Winstead, who also lived on the premises. Later, there was a second Halfway House built, which stood at the top of Burr Hill, where there is a scrap metal business located now. That section was known as "Pine Grove". The first location wasn't that far

from the Greyhound bus station, so this was a good lay-over spot, if you needed a hot meal or had to spend the night. I assume the second location came about when the newer and current Highway 25 came through town. The second Halfway House located on new Highway 25 was located next to a Studebaker dealership that was owned by Virgil Stokes.

Much to my surprise, Mount Vernon is not the county seat's original name. The original name was Spout Spring(s). The spring was located behind the Elmwood Cemetery hill on one side, and behind a print shop/investment brokerage that is on East Main Street on the other, currently. If I'm not mistaken, there is a Spring Street in that area even today. In the area of the print

shop in those days was a building where the Cox Funeral Home stood, or at least the deceased bodies were prepared for burial there. During that era, the deceased were embalmed at the "funeral home" and then taken to the family home to be "laid out" for visitation. I assume the funeral was either held there or at the family's church, or maybe a graveside service was conducted. It was said that Spout Spring(s) would run red with the deceased's blood being disposed of there. Old Doctor Griffith's office was located in the Cox Funeral Home of today. I think I remember being told that he lived on West Main Street.

Speaking of West Main Street, there was an old gray two-story house recently torn down on the corner of Williams Street. At one time it was the home of an attorney by the name of Brown. Next door was the Franklin home. He was a watch tinker.

In the olden days, even before the L&N Railroad or the Greyhound bus, there was a stagecoach that came through town. The stage would stop at the Stagecoach Inn that was on the Main Street, currently Highway 150, across the street from the backside of the new courthouse. It was in the vicinity of the abandoned car lot, in that area. It has been torn down for many, many, years. On down the street, on the same side on the corner of Highway 150 and Sand Springs Road on the right-hand side, was a general store, Niceley's.

Renfro Valley was more popular than anything that we can imagine today. There wasn't even enough lodging space in the area to accommodate all the fans. It was the Golden Era for country and western music, and our own Renfro Valley was leading the way. Local citizens, especially those who lived in Mount Vernon or Renfro Valley, would rent out their spare rooms on Saturday night.

People from all over were coming to Renfro Valley to be "discovered". Some of the big names to appear there was Berea's own Red Foley, Old Joe Clark, Homer & Jethro, the original Coon Creek Girls, and "Slim" Miller. Slim was a tall, thin man who wore bibbed overalls, and played the fiddle. When he wasn't playing the fiddle at Renfro Valley, he played violin for the Cincinnati Philharmonic.

Two locals who were regulars on stage were Luther "Smoky" Ward and his wife, "Eller". They also owned the "Belly-Acher" Restaurant located in the Renfro Valley area.

It sounds as if Mount Vernon was an interesting place during the era of the 1930s and '40s. It has been a good place to grow up and raise a family. There are a lot of good memories here in the roots of Rockcastle.

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
Views From Within

Consider the view from inside your home when you plan improvements to your landscape.

As we eagerly await spring, many of us have caught ourselves standing (or sitting) looking out the window.

The look one sees out the window or doorway ought to factor into landscaping choices and decisions we make. The best-designed landscapes are those which are attractive from all points of view, including the viewpoint from inside the home.

Having great curb appeal is nice. It welcomes; it gives visitors a positive feel about the folks behind the front door.

A backyard paradise, whether that describes your yard, or is only in your dreams at this time, is not the paradise it could be if you have to go outside to enjoy it. Since most people spend more time inside looking out than they do on the patio, in the pool, barbecuing, or otherwise are outside enjoying their landscape, it is very important to consider the view from inside as you plan future landscaping improvements and projects.

As you contemplate a landscape plan, landscape makeovers, or only a few additions from time to time, be

sure to consider how they will look from your recliner, your breakfast table, and various other places you look out from frequently. Make sure the look from inside is going to improve with the new landscape projects.

Wouldn't it be great if when you looked out your window, the scene looked like one from a picture postcard? Imagine the trees and flowers, drive and walks, birdfeeders and waterfeatures all showcased out the windows.

And since some areas are hard to see from inside, the garbage cans, the compost pile, the clothesline (if any of you still have one of those) and the doghouse can be placed in those areas.

The view from inside can be altered by removing or obscuring unsightly views. I recall one couple in an upscale neighborhood who were frequently bothered by a neighbors' unsightly outbuilding. Rather than raising a fuss with the neighbor or screaming about failed enforcement of a covenant clause in the homeowners association agreement, chose to hire me to plant some new trees that would soon grow to screen what was an undesirable image beyond the property boundary.

Large berms of additional

soil which is then landscaped, or pergolas, arbors, sheds, a new garage or gazebo could be choices for both creating a nice new feature and blocking one you don't want to see. Fencing or hedgerows (living fences) also can create a whole new look—and possibly hide a look you're tired of in the distance. Well-built outdoor structures which blend well with your home can even become a desired focal point.

Having hardscaping features like pools and grills where you can observe them from inside is a sensible thing. For safety's sake, if you will. Locating the waterfall, the birdbath, the firepit, where they can be enjoyed from inside as well as outside makes great sense.

There are so many other things we could consider, but we'll only touch on them now. Colors, textures, perspectives, sizes in relation to surroundings. Natural appearances or the well-trimmed look. Changing colors with the seasons. Consider these items, and others as they come to your mind, as you plan your next landscape project with a view from inside.

The author is a landscaper. Contact via (606) 416-3911 or www.rockcastles.com

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COMBINED NOTICE NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date: March 12, 2009

Rockcastle County Judge Executive
Rockcastle County Courthouse
205 E. Main St., Rm 102
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
(606) 256-2581

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:

On or about March 27th, 2009, the above named County will request a release of funds from HUD for the following Project:

Project: RockCastle Tourist Center Project
Project Location: 1965 Richmond St., Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 (closest 911 address)
Purpose of Project: Portion of 20 acre plat located behind the Hardee's, US25 Planning activities for development of site for future tourism/conference center
Responsible Entity: Rockcastle County Judge Executive
Applicant/Recipient Agency: Mt. Vernon – Rockcastle County Tourism Commission, 2325 Richmond St., Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of human environment and, accordingly, the above-named county has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL-91-190).

1. The Site is located in an area that has been previously disturbed.
2. There are no structures located at the project site that are eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

An Environmental Review Record respecting the within project has been made by the above named county which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying, upon request, between the hours of 9am and 4pm.

No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of federal funds.

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the county to the Office of the Judge Executive at the Rockcastle County Courthouse. Such written comments should be received at the Office of the Judge Executive, Rockcastle County Courthouse, 201 E. Main St., Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before March 27th, 2009. All such comments so received will be considered and the county or the recipient agency will not request the release of Federal funds or take any administrative action on the within project prior to the date specified on the proceeding sentence.

Mt. Vernon – Rockcastle County Tourism Commission working with Rockcastle County will undertake the project described above with proposed funding from US Department of Housing of Urban Development 2004 Economic Development Initiative Special Project grant funds.

Rockcastle County, on behalf of Mt. Vernon – Rockcastle County Tourism Commission, is certifying to the state that the Judge Executive, in his official capacity with the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, Rockcastle County, working with Mt. Vernon – Rockcastle County Tourism Commission, may use the proposed HUD funds and the state and HUD will have satisfied their responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The state will accept an objection to its approval only if it is on one of the following bases:

- (a) The certification was not in fact executed by the county Certifying Officer.
- (b) The county has filed to make one of the two findings pursuant to S58.41 or to make the written determination decision required by SS578.57, 58.53 or 58.64 for the project, as applicable.
- (c) The county has omitted one or more of the steps set forth at Subparts F and G for the preparation and completion of an EA.
- (d) No opportunity was given to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation or its Executive Director to review the effect of the project on a property listed on the National Register of Historic Places, or found to be eligible for such listing by the Secretary of the Interior, in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.
- (e) The recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by this part before release of funds and approval of the Environmental Certification by HUD or the State.
- (f) Objections have been made by a federal agency.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to the HUD Atlanta Office, Attn: Sandra Frye, 40 Marietta Street NW, Atlanta, GA, 30303-3388.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD. No objection received after April 13th, 2009 will be considered by HUD.

Judge Executive Buzz Carloffs
Rockcastle County Courthouse

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