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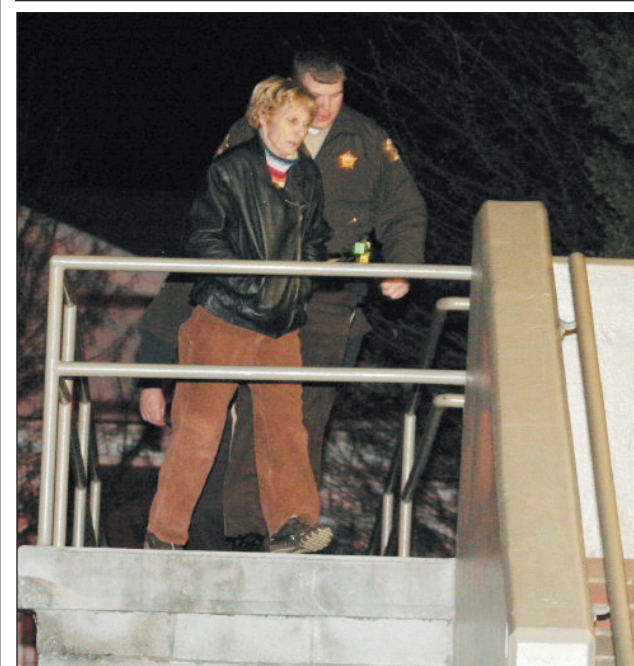
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Mt. Vernon Mayor Clarice Kirby indicted



Police spent several hours Friday attempting to locate Mt. Vernon Mayor Clarice Kirby after a five count indictment was handed down by a Rockcastle Grand Jury. Above, Lt. Todd Dalton, who heads the Kentucky State Police Special Investigation Unit and State Trooper Staci Walker, leave Mayor Kirby's home for a second time after they attempted to locate her inside her residence. At left, Rockcastle Deputy Sheriff Joe Rush is shown escorting the Mayor into the Rockcastle Courthouse after she turned herself in around 11 p.m. on Friday. The Mayor will be arraigned on January 22nd, along with former city employee Nick Parsons and current city employee Eddie Stewart.

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By: Richard Anderkin
Mt. Vernon Mayor Clarice Kirby has legal problems again.

Last Friday, a Rockcastle County Grand Jury indicted the Mayor on five counts.

Those charges were: Abuse of Public Trust (two counts), Bribery of a Public Servant, Fraudulent Insurance Acts and Official Misconduct.

Asst. Commonwealth Attorney Jeremy Bartley and Kentucky State Police Detective Dean Craft presented the case against the Mayor to the Grand Jury.

Former Mt. Vernon city employee Nick Parsons, 32, and current city employee Eddie Stewart, 42, both of Mt. Vernon, were also named in two of the indictments against the mayor.

Bartley confirmed that the criminal investigation, which led to the five count indictment against the mayor, began the last week of June, after the mayor was accused of taking a work release inmate to Richmond and buying her booze at Liquor Mart, while the inmate was under her supervision.

Bartley said the mayor allegedly had the work release

prisoner, 44-year-old Linda Webb, with her two hours after Webb was supposed to return to the Rockcastle County Detention Center with three other inmates on June 23rd.

According to Bartley, after a female Detention Center Supervisor, and Rockcastle Jailer James Miller, eventually tracked down Webb, in the Renfro Valley Boat Dock area, Webb appeared to be intoxicated. After a two hour interview, Webb was removed from the Rockcastle Jail and transferred to the Pulaski County Detention Center.

Bartley confirmed that the mayor allegedly bribed the inmate on more than one occasion, telling her she "could keep her out of trouble."

Lt. Todd Dalton, a supervisor with the KSP's Special Investigation Unit said on Friday the mayor apparently accepted money from Webb while buying her booze and taking her out to eat, when the inmate was supposed to be working for the city as a work release prisoner.

Bartley also confirmed that the insurance fraud claims involve a burned out

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Several attend meeting

Official gives details of probable closing of Renfro Post Office

Tim Reynolds, a United States Postal Service Review Coordinator told boxholders at the Renfro Valley Post Office, and several concerned citizens, on Monday that the Post Office at Renfro Valley would likely close in the next six months.

But, Reynolds said the community would still have a place where they could get their mail, if the Postal Service in Washington approved his recommendation for a Community Post Office.

Reynolds told the group, which gathered in the Old Barn on the Renfro Valley Entertainment Complex, that cutbacks were necessary all across the country because the postal service had lost \$4 billion dollars last year and were

projecting an \$8 billion loss this year.

Reynolds said that by closing the Renfro Valley Post Office, which has only 42 boxholders, the postal service would save \$35,000 to \$40,000 annually. And, he added that all small post offices, where there was not a full-time postmaster, would probably be closed by the postal service.

Reynolds also pointed out that the Mt. Vernon Post Office was only two miles from the Renfro Valley Post Office and current boxholders would have easy access to that post office.

He also pointed out the Postal Service was closing

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Burke charged with attempted murder

A Brodhead man was arrested Saturday night and charged with attempted murder.

According to Rockcastle Deputy Sheriff Joe Rush, Eric D. Burke, 35, of Brodhead was arrested after a fight with Chris Smith, 22, also of Brodhead at Castle Village

apartments around 11 p.m.

Rush said Burke had apparently gotten into an argument with a female in the parking lot after which Burke and Smith got into a fight.

Rush said witnesses say Burke stabbed Smith in the chest area. Smith was taken to the Rockcastle Regional

Hospital and then flown to the U.K. Medical Center.

Rush said it took over 500 stitches to sew up Smith's wounds.

Burke is being held in the Rockcastle Detention Center under a \$50,000 cash bond and is due back in court on Monday for a preliminary

hearing.

Rush said the investigation is continuing and that charges may eventually be filed against Smith.



Eric Burke

Alexander signs with West Point

Rockcastle County High School senior basketball player Jackie Alexander is headed to West Point Military Academy where she will play basketball for the Army Black Knights.

Monday morning, Alexander signed a Letter of Intent to go to the academy, which is located on the Hudson River, about 50 miles from New York City.

West Point is a Division One School.

Alexander, who was the Lady Rocket's leading scorer a year ago, is not only committing to play basketball for four years, but she will have to serve in the Army for five years after graduation.

"I'm excited and up for the challenge," Alexander said this week.

She will report to the academy on July 1st for boot camp, which is known as the "Beast." Boot camp will last for six weeks.

Alexander said she was

both excited and scared, but that she was looking forward to something new, although she wouldn't have much of a

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Mahaffey, Wolfe file for 4th District Magistrate

A second candidate has filed for the 4th District Magistrate seat.

Edwin Jessie "Eddie" Mahaffey, 65, of Roundstone filed papers Tuesday to be a candidate in the Republican primary for the seat presently held by Democrat Jan Stevens.

Mahaffey, who lives in Roundstone, is a native of Rockcastle County, a former

businessman, having owned and operated Mahaffey's Sporting Goods for 15 years. He is also retired from Whirlpool in Danville.

A member of Bible Baptist Church, he is married to the former Donna Burton and they have four sons, Dwight, Dwayne, Jessie and Tony and

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Local woman arrested for forgery

Rockcastle County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Lisa Raines, 47, of White Rock Road on Monday, after she attempted to pass a forged prescription at Rockcastle Pharmacy.

According to Deputy Barry Adams, Raines attempted to pass a forged prescription for Percocet, but employees at the pharmacy became suspicious and contacted the doctor whose name was on the prescription.

Adams said the doctor asked pharmacy employees to seize the prescription and call authorities.

Raines was charged with criminal possession of a forged prescription, first de-

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Donna McClure, left, Field Representative for U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell, presented Jackie Alexander a letter of congratulation from the Senator on her scholarship and appointment to West Point.



Several people attended a meeting on Monday afternoon in the Old Barn at the Renfro Valley Entertainment Center concerning the closing of the Renfro Valley Post Office, which is located in the Renfro Valley Village. Above, Tim Reynolds, U.S. Post Office Review Coordinator talks to Renfro Valley Entertainment CEO Connie Hunt before the meeting. Reynolds said he would recommend a Community Post Office for the area, which would likely be located in a store in the valley. Some of those in attendance are shown below, from left: Norma Mullins, Darlene Durham, Betty Lindblom and Hans Lindblom. Mrs. Mullins worked as postmaster at Renfro Valley for 28 years, but is now retired.





By Don White

Kentucky's last Indian fighter died 50 years ago

J. Bruce Matthews never got to meet General George Custer, but one of his duties was to lead the late general's horse, Commanche, at the head of regimental parades and reviews.

Sitting Bull was a person with whom the native-born Kentuckian was much more familiar, but someone he couldn't respect, referring to him as "the Bull."

Matthews always contended that Sitting Bull was not a chief, as he was labeled by history, but a propagandist and a troublemaker, always attempting to stir up the Sioux on their reservation near Mandan, North Dakota.

In later years, while serving in Frankfort as Kentucky's assistant secretary of state, Matthews would hear the shot that killed Governor

William Goebel.

All this information about Kentucky's last surviving pensioner of the Indian Wars came to light when he died exactly 50 years ago at age 97.

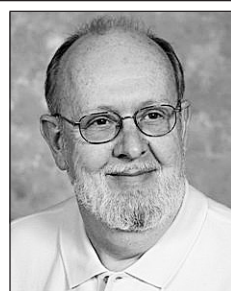
He was a resident of Laurel County at the time of his death.

Besides being an Indian-fighter and officeholder, his adventure-packed career included time spent as a railroad detective and prohibition administrator.

He made headlines in 1926 when he disappeared at sea, apparently kidnapped by the blood-thirsty crew of a rum-running schooner in the Gulf of Mexico.

Mathews, who was born in Nicholas County, was only 21 when he enlisted in the famous old horse-cavalry regiment to become one of "Custer's Avengers." Two of

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Rockcastle Memories

By David J. Griffin

The Legend of Floyd Collins

There are some childhood memories that are so exceptional that it is impossible to forget them. This is one of those stories.

Sometime around 1951, my parents decided that they would take their two boys, Al and me, on an excursion to visit the famous Floyd Collins Cave, located near Cave City in Western Kentucky. The legend of Collins and his spelunking skills had resulted in his being known as "America's Greatest Cave Explorer."

Taking a family vacation was not a custom in my family, so I was thrilled to hear that we were going on a retreat for a few days. Because of my young age, I had never heard of Collins or the tale of his tragic death, trapped in Sand Cave near Mammoth Cave National Park. Daddy and my mother (Bee) filled a couple of suitcases, and off we went in Daddy's taxi-cab.

As we drove toward Mammoth Cave, Bee relayed the story of Floyd Collins to our family. She had read of his exploits in a series of stories by Courier-Journal reporter, William Burke "Skeets" Miller, who had been awarded the Pulitzer Prize for his account of Collins' death. Bee was an avid reader, and she told the tale as we drove the back roads of rural Kentucky.

Bee described the area outside the cave where Collins had been trapped as a media extravaganza—played out like a soap opera with newspaper reporters and radio personalities. Apparently, it was a national news event.

As best as I can remember, Bee told us that Floyd Collins wanted to find another passageway to Mammoth Cave. He was exploring a tiny sink-hole called Sand Cave when rocks from above fell on his leg, trapping him approximately 150 feet from the entrance. He had only one light, was not properly clothed, and was alone. This epic event had occurred in the year 1925.

According to my mother, a rescue effort took several days, with the area around the cave having the atmosphere of a circus. Media from all around the nation gathered in Cave City to report on the effort to free Collins. The saga was even broadcast on national radio. Bee said it was the headline on papers all across the nation.

Finally, on the 18th day of his entrapment, the roof of the cave collapsed, killing Collins. It took several days to free his body. The man was actually displayed in a glass-topped coffin in Crystal Cave for many years. (Some people even suggested that Collins' body had petrified in the damp region of the cave.)

When my family reached the cave area, we checked into a small motel and unpacked our suitcases. Then Daddy and Bee decided it was time to find a restaurant for dinner. For

some reason, I remember that Daddy and I both ordered country ham. It was quite exciting for me to be on a family vacation at all. After dinner we drove around to familiarize ourselves with the area. Bee decided that we would go see Collins the next morning, so we returned to the motel for the evening.

Early the next morning, we piled into the taxi and drove a couple of miles to a restaurant where we ate breakfast. Then it was time (finally!) to visit the cave. I was so young that I really did not understand the circumstances surrounding the saga of Floyd Collins. My only cave experience up to that time was once when Al and a couple of his friends took me to Big Fill cave in Rockcastle County. I distinctly remember Al dropping me over a cliff into the arms of one of his friends because I was too young to climb down the cliff wall. I also remember holding my big brother's hand as we climbed into that old cave near Mt. Vernon.

When my family finally entered Crystal Cave and walked the short trip to see Collins' coffin, I distinctly remember Al lifting me up so I could see his face under the glass cover. It gave me cold chills! There he was, lying in that cold, dark, damp cave in his casket. At that point, I could not understand why we had spent all this time driving to Western Kentucky to see a dead body in a glass-covered coffin. I suppose it was a rather gruesome sight for a child. But the notoriety of this event made people want to experience this strange occurrence. However, I do recall that I decided then and there that I never wanted to see this place again.

On the trip back to home, there was almost no mention of Collins, his body, or the cave in which he was interred. I don't think I ever heard Daddy or Bee discuss any of it again. I guess they had also seen enough to last a lifetime.

Eventually, Collins was given a proper burial by his family, but not until 1961. Even then, I was glad to learn that he had been appropriately buried and was no longer in that cold, damp, and lonely cave. Sometimes, as the saying goes, truth is stranger than fiction.

Points East

By Ike Adams



When I was very young, my Mom and Dad bought my Aunt Annie's share of Pap's estate which consisted of some 11 hillside acres and an old house she and Uncle Mander had built on the property with the understanding that they would one day inherit the premises on which it was erected.

The property was adjacent to Pap's old home place which he had bequeathed to Mom along with a similar amount of acreage. But Uncle Mander and Aunt Annie had long since decided that the times and job opportunities were far better in the Industrial Midwest than they were in the head of Blair Branch.

Staying on the holler meant spending the daylight hours at high risk to life and on your knees deep inside a mine with just over forty inches of head clearance and hand shoveling 16 tons of coal into small gondolas so that it could be pulled by ponies to the bright outdoors. It also meant tending a few acres of hillside crops and orchards and growing hogs and chickens to put adequate food on the table because no miner could really afford to raise a family on the wages paid back the early fifties.

Like thousands of other natives of the hills, Uncle Mander opted out and headed, with his growing family, to Ohio. Mom had spent a few years during World War II as a machinist in an arms factory in Detroit and Dad had traveled extensively as a soldier before they married and they both had come to believe, when all was said and done, that there was no place like home.

They needed the extra land and the price was right and they figured they could rent out the house for \$10 or \$15 a month to keep up with the bank payments.

The house was build of rough sawed oak lumber and originally roofed with handmade, white oak shingles. By the time Mom and Dad acquired it, the roof was so bad that it leaked even during a heavy dew fall. But Dad bought tin roofing for both it and Pap's old barn and a host of my Uncles and older cousins spent a weekend tearing off the shingles and putting on the new roofs.

As a testament to tin roofing, I will simply point out that both the old house and the barn are still standing, still dry, and have utility to this day. The house is no longer occupied and my brothers and I keep saying we will turn it into a place to go when we need to get back to our roots, but so far that hasn't happened and we're getting too up in years to realize the dream.

I've lost track of the newlyweds who started their original housekeeping in that old house. Suffice to say that it was so inconveniently located (parking lot several hundred feet away and a steep uphill walk) that living there provided much incentive to find a better place to live. But the rent was more than fair even if the well did go dry during hot weather. A gentle little spring-fed stream that we called Mander's Branch ran just beside and a few steps over the hill from the house so cool, clear, clean water was always available if one needed it bad enough. But still not the place for anybody sold on convenience.

Today I received a Christmas Card from Lovell and Lois Blair and I have to sit back from my keyboard to recite the message because tears are rough on electronics, I am told. Here's what Lois wrote:

"My memory takes me back this time of year to thinking about you fifty years ago and to a humble house and two precious people, Marie and Elmer Adams, and four little boys excited about Christmas. Oh how I'd like to go back, but I keep my memories. Love you, Lovell and Lois."

Lois spoke, in that brief and heart rending greeting, of my parents and my younger brothers and me when, just married, the Blairs lived in that old house to set up housekeeping and were far, far more than renters. They were the best of friends to our family and the ultimate best of neighbors. My mom cried when, a couple of years later, Lovell built his new home just down the road from us and they moved out. I'm sure she would have paid them to stay instead of the

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Causes of Alzheimer's Disease

Presented by Dr. David Bullock

What causes Alzheimer's disease? People have blamed heredity, aluminum cooking bowls, viruses, and numerous other things.

Many comments have been made about the possibility of aluminum causing Alzheimer's. Yet, there are no studies that show that aluminum plays a role, and most experts state that there is absolutely no need to worry about using aluminum cooking bowls or aluminum-containing medicines and deodorants. Nor have other chemicals been proven to be a cause.

Alzheimer's Disease is definitely not the same as aging, although increasing age is the biggest known risk factor. The older a person gets, the more likely he will develop Alzheimer's.

The brain can maintain its capabilities throughout life much better than most other organs in the body. For a person who does not get Alzheimer's, his mind should continue to function normally, although perhaps slower and be a bit more forgetful.

Besides aging, we know that heredity plays a role at times. A few cases appear to run in families. And among identical twins, if one gets Alzheimer's disease, the other has a 40% chance of developing it. Persons with certain genetic abnormalities, such as Down's Syndrome, are much more likely to develop Alzheimer's disease. Yet, 90% of cases appear not to be related to any genetic factor and their cause remains unknown.

Researchers have identified a protein, called b-amyloid, that is elevated in Alzheimer's, but have not found its exact relationship to the illness. Medicines which may affect this b-amyloid and other medicines that may be useful for Alzheimer's are undergoing trials but are not yet available.



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The Roots of Rockcastle

by: Tonya J. Cook



Amos Jones has been away from this area for a long time, but has a lot of memories about former places and people from his childhood and growing up in Livingston, and a little "suburb", Bowman Town.

Amos Jones was born April 1, 1941, in Ford Hollow, just south of Livingston. He now lives in Indianapolis. He was the son of Rollie and Hazel Jones. She was raised in Bowman Town.

As Amos grew up, he attended school in Livingston. The school he attended set behind the current, but vacant, school building. The school, at that time, was where the gym now sets. He remembers during his school days the construction process going on to build the school on the corner. Across the street from the old school was the coal house. Its purpose, of course, was to house the coal for the school. The children, especially the boys, used this ground for playing marbles. It is, today, only a vacant gravel parking lot used primarily for overflow parking from Main Street. I'd say it has its share of lost marbles from long ago waiting to be discovered.

The Webb family played a big part in Livingston's history. There was the Webb Theater on Main Street on or near the vicinity of the current Whisper & Cranky's Karaoke. It was torn down years ago. Next to that was the Calvin Webb Store, that sold a variety of goods. I don't know if the theater Webbs were related to Calvin, or not, but they probably were. The store

was on the right side of the theater, about where auction house is now located. Some of the Ponder family ran the theater.

The large two-story building on the corner, that is still standing, was the Foster Mullins Store. There was a back entrance from the coal house yard. The primary focus of the store was selling feed, but it sold groceries, as well.

There was a Doctor Webb who had an office on the corner, across the street from the Foster Mullins Store. The lot is vacant now. Next door was the residence of Doctor Webb and his wife, Molly.

There was a post office on the left-hand side of the bridge. It must have been behind, or in the near vicinity of Doctor Webb's home and office.

The left-hand side of Main Street, looking south, on up from Doctor Webb's property, was a skating rink and a casket factory. This was diagonal to Lil's Restaurant, in the parking lot of the "new" post office area.

In the mid-portion of the street, still on the left-hand side, across from Whisper & Cranky's, or the Webb Theater of the era, was a combination drugstore and "Five and dime". It was run by Junior Hammer. It was later destroyed by fire. Evidently, it was also a boardinghouse or had rooms for rent, etc., as there was a Joe Sturgill killed in the fire. He was a smoker, and was thought to have gone to sleep with a lit cigarette.

Judge Dewey Bingham's house was next door to what is now Lil's Place restaurant. It was a restaurant at that time, also. The judge owned the restaurant, and his daughter ran it. (I've been told that it was originally built as a bank.)

Livingston had it's own funeral home, Sparks'. It was a two-story, white frame house that sat on the corner up on the bank diagonal to the new post office, and what would have been at the time, the casket factory.

On down from the funeral home, on the north end of town was Bales' Garage, the Bug Mullins' Store (now the Livingston Market), and over behind that was the Livingston jail. Near the jail was a big house, where the Dickerson sisters lived, Francis and Josephine, who taught at the local school. Seven Gables Hotel was on the way out of town, past the jail, on Highway 25.

That concluded the history of "downtown" Livingston, as remembered by Amos Jones. Next week, through the memories of Mr. Jones, we'll visit Bowman Town, a "suburb" of Livingston.

Remember, I'm always looking for a bit of Rockcastle history. If you have a story to tell, and all of us do, please contact me through the Mount Vernon Signal, or the roots@rockcastle@windstream.net

"Ken & Tucky"

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the regiment's three battalions had been wiped out, along with Custer, six years earlier in the Battle of the Little Big Horn.

As a "yellow leg" trooper, Mathews helped stand guard over Sitting Bull's band of Sioux.

He came within a hair of shooting Sitting Bull one time when the Sioux attempted to interfere with him in the discharge of his guard duties.

As a special agent for the Southern Railway, with headquarters at Somerset, Mathews had many narrow escapes from death while tracking down and capturing outlaws.

His most highly publicized adventure came in 1926 when he was assistant administrator in charge of enforcing the Volstead Act (the prohibition law) at New Orleans.

With a Coastguardsman, Mathews had been placed in charge of the Arsene J., a captured rum-running three-masted schooner, in the Gulf of Mexico near Port Eads.

The plan was for a Coast Guard cutter to tow the cap-

itive ship into port. But a storm arose, and it became necessary for the cutter to loose.

That left Mathews and the coastguardsman alone on the ship with what Mathews described as a swarthy, surly, resentful crew of runrummers.

Armed with pistols, the two Americans on the confiscated ship, which was flying the French flag, took turns standing guard day and night until, on Mathews' orders, the Arsene J. drove into Puerto, Mexico, where it was turned over to Mexican authorities.

The last 20 years of Mathews's sublime life was spent near London in the community of Sublimity.

"Points East"

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other way around. Lois was the daughter she never had and she was sure that Lovell hung the moon. My father was like-minded.

Lovell and Lois Blair are growing old but they still live there in the head of Blair Branch and anytime I start thinking about my youth, I think of them as mentors, shapers and makers of who and what I am. Lois used the term "precious" to describe my mom and dad. And though we live some 150 miles apart, Christmas would not be Christmas if we didn't get in touch with one another. And, however rare and fleeting the notice may be, let each other know that we are loved.

I wish that Lovell and Lois knew how precious they are to me.

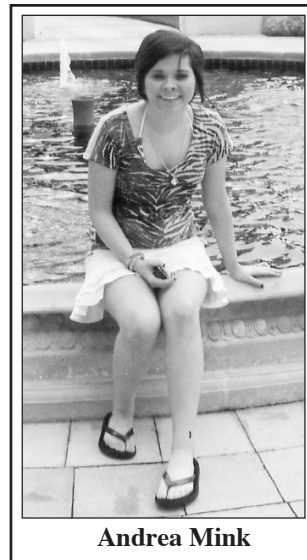
Mink attends Florida workshop

Andrea Mink recently returned from Orlando, Florida where she completed a preparatory course of instruction as well as on-site workshops by national experts in the performing arts and competed on an international level.

Andrea received positive feedback from Jackie Hazen, a CFT Innovative Talent Agent in Orlando and Roberto Sanchez, an actor starring in "2 Fast 2 Furious."

Andrea would like to thank all those who supported her during this event of a lifetime, especially the following businesses and individuals for their sponsorship:

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The annual City of Livingston Community Christmas Dinner will be held Sunday, December 20th at 2 p.m. in the Livingston Volunteer Fire Department. Please bring a covered side dish or dessert. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there.

Financial Aid Workshop

There will be a Financial Aid Workshop Thurs., Dec. 17th (tonight) at 6 p.m. at the Rockcastle County High School auditorium. The purpose of the workshop will be to fill out the 2010-11 FAFSA. All seniors and their parents are welcome to attend as well as anyone who wants to learn how the financial aid process works. Call Dale Whitaker at 256-4816 for more information.

Bookmobile Schedule

Mon., Dec. 21st: Spiro, Level Green, Willailla, Country Care. **Tues., Dec. 22nd:** Ottawa and Bee Lick. The Library will be closed Dec. 24, 25 and 26 for the Christmas holidays and will reopen Dec. 28th. Bookmobile Schedule for **Mon., Dec. 28th:** Brodhead and Copper Creek. **Tues., Dec. 29th:** GreenHill, Conway, Fairview and Lambert Road. **Wed., Dec. 30th:** PJ's and Lisa's Day Care. The Library will closed Thurs., Dec. 31st at 5 p.m., will be closed Friday, Jan. 1st and will reopen Sat., Jan. 2nd for regular hours. (all bookmobile schedules subject to change due to weather conditions).

09 Yearbooks Ready

The 2009 RCHS Yearbooks may be picked up at the high school from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. daily.

Caregivers Support Meeting

You are invited to a Caregivers Support Group Meeting Mon., Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Rockcastle Health and Rehab Center in Brodhead. Please call Veronica at 1-800-795-7654 for questions or more info. We hope to see you there! Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association, in collaboration with the Cumberland Valley Area Agency on Aging.

NAMI Meeting

A NAMI meeting will be held Thursday, Dec. 17th from noon to 1 p.m. at the Comp Care Building.

Health Department Closed

The Rockcastle Health Department will be closed December 24th, 25th, December 31st and January 1st for the holidays.

Test Dates for Census Takers

If you are interested in employment with the U.S. Census Bureau, test dates for Rockcastle County are: Thursday (today), Dec. 17th, 6 p.m. and Sat., Dec. 19, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Livingston Homecoming Committee Meeting Room, located near Livingston City Hall. The test will also be given Friday, Dec. 18 at 10 a.m. and Mon., Dec. 21 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Rockcastle County Courthouse, third floor. On Wednesday at 10 a.m., the test will be given at the Adult Learning Center in Brodhead, next to the Fairgrounds and on Thursday, Dec. 24, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Sat., Dec. 26, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Livingston Homecoming Committee meeting room next to City Hall. For more information, please call 606-219-4850, 866-861-2010 or visit www.2010censusjobs.gov.

Kiwanis Club Meetings

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at Renfro Valley Lodge. At the club's December 10th meeting, Gary Lane will be talking about his new book. At the December 17th meeting, Dr. Julie Swindler, from Medical Bariatrics of Lexington, will be the guest speaker.

Extension Classes

"No Carb" Sampler Quilt Class at the Extension Office Dec. 17, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. taught by Janice Hager. This is a good class to learn the basics of quilting. The class is free, but participants need to bring their own supplies. Sewing machines are available for loan during the class. Call 256-2403 for more information or to register for these classes.

VFW News

VFW Post 5988 is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 5 p.m. for members and their guests. The monthly meeting will be held the fourth Thursday of each month, beginning at 7 p.m. Bingo is held at the post every Tuesday, beginning at 6:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

Brodhead Lodge Meeting

The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #556 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.

Historical Society Hours

The Rockcastle Historical Society is 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 Meetings

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.

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.

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Narcotics Anonymous

Narcotics Anonymous meets Thursday nights and Sunday nights at 8 o'clock behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.

Our Readers Write

Courtney chimes in again about Mayor...

Dear Editor,

It should come as no surprise that I'm writing this letter, since the mayor "again" has brought unwelcomed attention to the city.

By now, everyone should be aware of the newest charges filed. What you may not be aware of is that she can no longer spend tax money

and therefore can't effectively run the day to day business of the city.

As citizens you can allow her to continue drawing her salary (your tax dollars) or you should compel her to resign her office before the next city council meeting. If she will not quit then you should ask your city council to vote her out. I'm not a lawyer but I believe they have that power.

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Obituaries



Mazie B. McClure

Mazie B. McClure, 94, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead. She was born in Rockcastle County on June 29, 1915 the daughter of Fred and Georgia Henson Reynolds. She was a homemaker and of the Holiness faith. She enjoyed crocheting, quilting, gardening and flowers.

She is survived by: one son, Theodore "Ted" (June) McClure of Lebanon, OH; one daughter, Teddy Lois (Alva) McClure of Mt. Vernon; one brother, John (Irene) Reynolds of Mt. Vernon; and one sister, Bonnie Clontz of Mt. Vernon. Also surviving are: three grandchildren, Brian McClure, Marsha Vandenberg and Jeanine Lawrence; five great grandchildren, Blake Vandenberg, Taylor Vandenberg, Cory Vandenberg, Dustin Lawrence and Jacob Lawrence; and a very special friend, Vickie McClure. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Stanley McClure; four brothers, Raymond, Estill, Herman and Lin; and three sisters, Clara Belle Clifford, Dorothy Hurd and Pearl McClure.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 10, 2009 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Luther Allen. Burial followed in the Elmwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Ronnie Cromer, Dustin Lawrence, Jacob Lawrence, Troy McClure, Rick Reynolds and Jack Weaver.

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



Frank Elbert Rada

Frank Elbert Rada, 52, of Olympia, WA, formerly of Crab Orchard, died Wednesday, December 9th, 2009 at his home. He was born in Michigan City, IN on October 20, 1957, the son of Celia Delora (Vanover) Baker and the late Frank Norman Rada.

Survivors include: mother, Celia Delora Vanover Baker of Crab Orchard; daughter, Leona Sol Rada of Fayetteville, NC; sons, Antonio Scott Rada and Daniel Joseph Rada, both of Fayetteville, NC; daughters, Caitlin Rada and Kierstin Cobianponce, both of Ft. Irwin, CA; sister, Ruth Presley of Crab Orchard; brother, Gene Mobley of Crab Orchard; aunt, Ellen Engle; four nephews; two nieces; two great nephews; and two great nieces.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his grandparents Della Barnes and Elzy Vanover and a nephew, Tristin Shelton.

Services were held Monday, December 14, 2009 at McKinight Funeral Home with Gene Mobley officiating. Burial was in TADS Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Antonio and Daniel Rada, Christopher and Anthony Martin, and Nathaniel and Julian Rada.



Charles Bennett Hasty

Charles Bennett Hasty, 65, of Mt. Vernon died Friday December 11, 2009 at the St. Joseph East Hospital in Lexington. He was born on April 8, 1944 in Rockcastle County the son of the late Cecil and Mattie Hurd Hasty. He was a retired assemblyman for General Motors Company, enjoyed playing bingo, checkers, chess, fishing, UK basketball, and was a member of the Calloway Holiness Church.

Survivors are: his wife, Mary Moore Hasty of Mt. Vernon; one stepson, Scott (Carol) Decker of Mt. Vernon; three daughters, Lucy Good of Aurora, IN, Donna Manuel of Batavia, OH and Angela Bailey of Villa Hills, KY; one stepdaughter, Kimberly Lovell of Mt. Vernon; one brother, Carl Dean Hasty of Mt. Vernon; eight grandchildren; four great grandchildren; seven step grandchildren; and three step great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister, Carolyn Hasty.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Elsie Doan officiating. Burial was in the DeBoarde Family Cemetery

View the complete obituary, online at www.coxfuneralhomeky.com



Peggy Ann Smith

Peggy Ann Smith, 64, of Nicholasville, died Tuesday December 8, 2009 at the University of Kentucky Hospital in Lexington. She was born on December 2, 1945 in Bath County, KY the daughter of Mrs. Emma Gene Cook Purvis of Owingsville, KY, and the late Emit Purvis. She was a cook for Charter Ridge Hospital, enjoyed camping, fishing, gardening, and was a member of the Owingsville Baptist Church.

Survivors are: her husband, Bobby Smith of Nicholasville; two sons, Keith and Bobby Smith, Jr. both of Nicholasville; two daughters, Mrs. Jean Hampton and Mrs. Amanda Ritchie, both of Nicholasville; two brothers, Bobby and John Purvis, both of Owingsville; six sisters, Pansy Peel and Gail Reece, both of Lexington, Virginia Lane of Wolf County, Rosie Brasington of Harrodsburg, Darlene Holder of Owingsville, and Lisa Baker of Morehead; five grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers.

Funeral services were held Friday, December 11, 2009 at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Jim Crouch officiating. Burial was in the Smith Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Keith Smith, Bobby Smith, Jr., Warren Hampton, Johnny Smith, John Purvis, and Bobby Purvis.

View the complete obituary online at www.coxfuneralhomeky.com

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Phyllis Jean Hensley

Phyllis Jean Gibbons Hensley, 62, wife of Claude Edward Hensley, died Friday, December 11, 2009 at the U.K. Medical Center in Lexington. She was born May 30, 1947 in Livingston, a daughter of Mossie Winn Gibbons and the late Melvin Gibbons. She was a member of the Red Hill Baptist Church. She was a loving, devoted wife and mother. Her hobbies and interests were flowers and gardening. She was united in holy matrimony to Claude Edward Hensley on February 25th, 1963, and from that union came four children.

Those left to cherish her memories include: her husband, Claude Edward Hensley of Livingston; her mother, Mossie Gibbons of Sand Hill; one daughter, Elizabeth (Dale) Sears of Science Hill; three sons, Carl Edward Hensley, Marvin Hensley and Keith Wayne Hensley, all of Red Hill; 10 grandchildren, Carla Hensley, Melissa Hensley, Brenda Sears, Kim Sears, Fred Sears, Kevin Scott Hensley, Stephanie Raider, Gina Hensley, Jacob Hensley and Dustin Hensley; three great grandchildren; four sisters, Shirley Gibbons, Dorothy Scott, Brenda Thomas and Christine Carrol; two brothers, Oscar and Clyde Gibbons; and a host of nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors. Besides her father, she was preceded in death by one infant grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 13, 2009 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals Chapel with Bros. Elzie Doan and Vernon Doan officiating. Burial was in the Red Hill Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Farley Newcomb, Jim Pheanis, Clyde Gibbons, Terry McClure, Dustin Smith, Oscar Gibbons, Delbert Slusher, Melvin Gibbons and Robert Newcomb.

Condolences made online at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Elizabeth Doutaz

Elizabeth Hunt Doutaz, 86, of High Point, NC died Monday, December 14, 2009 at Hospice Home. She was born July 22, 1923 in Mt. Vernon, a daughter of Virgil Gentry and Mae Sigmon Hunt. She was a school teacher until 1987 and later moved to High Point in 2001. On April 13, 1946 she married Lamar Gentry Doutaz, who survives of the home.

Also surviving are: a daughter, Karol Lamar Seman of High Point, NC; a son Leroy Keith Doutaz of Cumby, TX; three sisters, Virginia Jones and Dorothy Masters, both of Fairfield, OH and Sarah Faye Hamm of Brodhead; four grandchildren, Heather Manning, Jeff Doutaz, Matthew Venable and Angela Nance; and 10 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by: sisters, Christine Nicely and Betty Jo Payne; and brothers, Ed Hunt and Hubert Hunt.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at Guilford Memorial Park Cemetery with Rev. Allen Martin officiating.

Cumby Family Funeral Service is assisting the Doutaz family.

Memorials may be made to Thomasville Church of Christ, 2209 Ball Rd. Thomasville, N.C. 27360 or to Hospice of the Piedmont, 1801 Westchester Dr., High Point, N.C. 27262.

Online condolences made to www.coxfuneralhome.com or www.coxfuneral.com



Rovena Johnson Brummett

Rovena Johnson Brummett, 77, wife of Francis Brummett, died Saturday, December 12, 2009 at the Ephraim McDowell Fort Logan Hospital in Stanford. She was born April 14, 1932 in Crab Orchard, a daughter of the late William Patrick Hensley and Clara Ann Johnson Hensley. She was a member of the Ephesus Baptist Church. She was a loving, devoted wife, and mother and together with Francis owned and operated Brummett's Apple House. Her hobbies and interests were crocheting and painting. She was united in holy matrimony to Francis Brummett on April 15, 1946 and from that union came eleven children.

Those left to cherish her memories include: her husband of 63 years, Francis Brummett of Crab Orchard, eight children, Danny (Kay) Brummett of Crab Orchard, Francis Wayne Brummett (fiancée, Mary Thorpe) of Addyston, OH, Kathy Widmeyer (fiancé, Jimmy Emerson) of Kings Mountain, Ricky Lane (Judy) Brummett of Crab Orchard, Jennifer (Bill) Lewis of Somerset, Timothy Clay (Judy) Brummett of Crab Orchard, Karen (Garry) Wheelodon of Bowling Green and Gary Gordon (Lori) Brummett of Crab Orchard; 30 grandchildren; 40 great grandchildren; three great great grandchildren; one brother, James (Carroll) Hensley of Weeki Wachee, FL; and many nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: three small children, Sue, Ginger and Pansy; three grandchildren; and two brothers.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals Chapel with Bro. John Erwin officiating. Burial followed in the Negro Creek Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Nathan Brummett, Davey and Little Davey Brummett, Marty Brummett, Shawn Carman, A.J. Whitaker, Arlie Francis "Bink" Whitaker, Jacob Carman and Bryan Whitaker.

Memorials may be made in her honor to Ephesus Cemetery.

Condolences made online at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Donald Lynn Warf

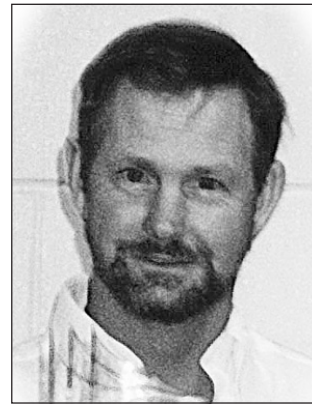
Donald Lynn Warf, 59, of Cincinnati, OH, died Saturday, December 5, 2009 at the Hospice Center of Cincinnati after a long illness. He was born April 6, 1950 in Harlan County the son of the late Mack and Freda Pittman Warf. He served in the Army Reserves, was a retired salesman, enjoyed cooking, and was a member of The House of Refuge Church.

Survivors are: his wife of 28 years, Irene Czinege Warf of Cincinnati, OH; two sons, John (Jaime) and Jarrod, both

of Cincinnati, OH; two brothers, Eddy (Carmel) Warf; his twin, Ronald (Pauline) Warf; one sister, Jayne (Eddie) Jones; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at Greater Cincinnati Worship Center by Bro. Raymond Cox. Burial followed in Mt. Moriah Cemetery in Cincinnati, OH.

Pallbearers were: John Warf, Jarrod Warf, Eddy Warf, Ron Warf, Matt Warf, and Scott Willis.



Edward Owen (O.B.) Blevins

Edward Owen (O.B.) Blevins, 58, of Crab Orchard, died Friday, December 11th, 2009 at the Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. He was the husband of Gloria Lynn (Cummins) Blevins whom he married on Dec. 29, 2001. He was born in Lincoln County on August 30, 1951 to Edward Jackson Blevins and the late Edith Christine (Kidd) Blevins. He worked as a mechanical contractor for Bob Foster Heating & Air for 29 years. He enjoyed fishing and mechanic work. He was a member of Friendship Baptist Church.

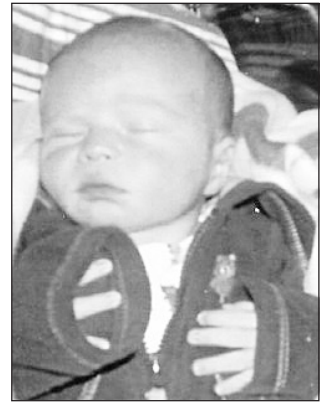
Survivors include: his wife, Gloria Lynn Cummins Blevins of Crab Orchard; father, Edward Jackson Blevins of Crab Orchard; daughters, Susan McFerson of Crab Orchard and Melissa (Brian) Sweet of Kings Mountain; son, Thomas (Melissa) Blevins of Waynesburg; daughters, Candice (Timothy) Stephens of Liberty and Christine (Ronald) Allen of Liberty; sons, Billy Hodge of McKinney and Russell Hodge of Crab Orchard; brothers, Randall (Carla) Blevins of Dodd City, TX, Arlis Blevins of Brodhead, Jackie Lee (Shannon) Blevins of Flint, TX and Nathan Lynn Blevins of Waynesburg; half brother, Robert Wayne Blevins of Louisville; sisters, Joann (Dennis) Dillingham, Darlene (Benny) Brock of Hustonville, Vera (Mike) Elam of Crab Orchard, Kay (Danny) Cole of Hallsville, TX, Nila (Leslie) Tucker of Russell Springs and Glenna (Craig) Baugh of Lancaster; and 29 grandchildren.

In addition to his Mother, he was preceded in death by: two brothers, Ivan and Ira Earl Blevins; and two grandchildren, Alexis Grace and Timothy Wayne Stephens, Jr.

Services were held Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at McKnight Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Ron Meece officiating. Burial was in Poplar Grove Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Billy and Russell Hodge, Lee, Arlis and Randall Blevins and Danny Cummins

Honorary pallbearers were: Bob Foster, Sr., Paul Herald, Mike Elam, Bob Foster, Jr., Ronnie Kidd, John Moore and Gary Wigt.



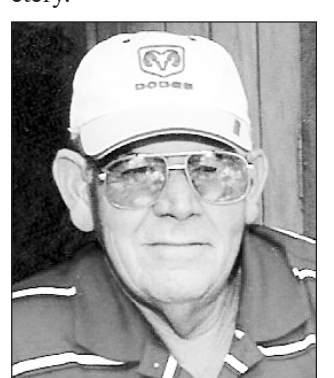
Kayden Welky LeeAndrew VanWinkle

Kayden Welky LeeAndrew VanWinkle, infant son of Curtis James Northern and Andrea Faye Diane VanWinkle of McKee, died Friday, December 11th, 2009 at home.

Those left to cherish his memory include: his parents, Curtis James Northern and Andrea Faye Diane VanWinkle of McKee; maternal grandparents, Dowell VanWinkle; maternal great grandparents, Wendell Welky VanWinkle, Anna Mae VanWinkle and Sharon Simpson; paternal grandparents, Charles Northern and Viola Gilbert; paternal great grandparents, Charley Northern and Fabra Dees; two brothers, Daunte James Northern and Damien Lee Northern; a sister, Destiny Ann Northern; and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Jacqueline VanWinkle, and paternal great grandfather, Jim Dees.

Private services were conducted Wednesday, December 16th, 2009 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals Chapel with Bro. David Carpenter officiating. Burial was in the Dees Cemetery.



Ray Whittaker

Ray Whittaker, 66, of Georgetown, died Friday, December 11, 2009 at the Georgetown Community Hospital. He was born in Rockcastle County on April 6, 1943 the son of Lincoln Whittaker. He retired after 43 years of service as an express driver for the Pepsi Corporation. He was a member of the Harvest Baptist Church of Georgetown.

He is survived by: his wife of 46 years, Gerri Whittaker; and a son, Richard Ray (Sherry) Whittaker of Georgetown. He was preceded in death by his father, Lincoln Whittaker.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 14 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Jimmy Miller. Burial was in the Johnetta Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Nathaniel Brock, Kenny Ledford, Jerry Mullins, Jim Rader, Rudy Whittaker and Martin Vanzant.

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You're Invited

Climax Holiness Congregation and pastor Darrin Slone invite everyone to be in service, on Saturday, Dec. 19th at 7 p.m., with Bro. Burgess Daugherty preaching, weather permitting. The Morning View Singers will be singing.

There will not be a service on Dec. 24th but, weather permitting, there will be a Watch Night Service on December 31st, beginning at 9 p.m.

Christmas Play

Maple Grove Baptist Church will present their annual Christmas Play, "A Hill-billy Christmas," on Sunday, December 20th at 6 p.m. Bro. Jerry Owens and the congregation cordially invite everyone to attend.

Christmas Eve Mass

Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church will have a Mass Christmas Eve at 10:30 p.m. There will be special music and everyone is welcome.

Christmas Play

Lighthouse Assembly of God invites everyone to their Christmas play "The Dream." The special event will take place on December 20th at 11 a.m. We hope you will join us at this blessed time.

Don't Spend Christmas Alone!!

Beginning at 12:30 a.m. on Christmas Day, join all of us at Lighthouse Assembly of God, located behind Jean's Restaurant, for a free, hot Christmas Dinner. Come as you are. Everyone is welcome.

Holiday Giveaway

If you know of anyone in need this Holiday Season, please send them to Union Baptist Church (Red Hill) on December 19th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. We are having a Day of Giveaway -- clothing and miscellaneous items.

Christmas Cantata

Roundstone Baptist Church will be presenting a Christmas Cantata, "The Dawn of Redeeming Grace," on Sunday morning, Dec. 20th, during the 11 o'clock worship service.

The youth will be presenting two plays, "The Birthday Party" and "You're on the Air," on Dec. 20th at 6 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend these events.

Christmas Cantata

Pastor Don Stayton, and everyone at Bible Baptist Church, invite you to come and hear the church choir present the Christmas Cantata, "The Christmas Offering The Greatest Gift of All," this Sunday night beginning at 6 p.m. at the church which is located at 100 Higher Ground Road.

We are looking forward to

seeing you there to hear the beautiful story of Christmas told in music.

A Christmas Quilt

Fairview Baptist Church will present an original play "A Christmas Quilt" this Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 19th and 20th at 7 p.m.

Come join us as visitors from another era tell the story of the birth of Jesus in a fresh new way. The people of a small town respond to a story they already knew but begin to see things differently as they wrap themselves in a Christmas Quilt.

"Mary Had a Baby"

Faith Chapel Pentecostal Church will present "Mary Had a Baby" on Sunday, Dec. 20th at 7 p.m. Church service will follow.

Bro. Jack Carpenter and congregation invite everyone to attend.

Blood Drive

Blood Drive at First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, Tuesday, December 22nd from 2:00 to 6:30 p.m. All who donate will receive at

\$10 Speedway gas card.

First Christian

Church hosting New Year's Eve event with 7eventh Time Down

On December 31st, First Christian Church in partnership with Rockcastle Middle School are hosting Rockin' in the New Year. 7eventh Time Down is going to put on a concert for the community as a New Year's Eve alternative to some of the typically harmful activities that these students could otherwise be a part of. Start time is 10:30 p.m. and will bring the evening to a close shortly after midnight. A majority of those attending will be between the ages of 12-18.

There will be games, giveaways and a message in addition to the live music. A portion of the proceeds will help pay for students to attend the Tennessee Christian Teen Convention in Gatlinburg.

If you have any questions or would like to purchase a ticket call 606-256-2876. Tickets are \$5 each.

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An encouraging word:

The True Meaning of Christmas

By Howard Coop



A group of friends met, and in a short time, they became involved in a rather animated discussion. The topic of their discussion was Christmas and how, more and more, the season that means so much to so many is observed. During the discussion, some strong feelings were expressed, and one member of the group, expressing his feelings about the observance of the Christmas season, left no doubt about how he felt. In a very dogmatic way, he said, "Christmas is becoming too commercialized."

All of those taking part in that heated discussion readily agreed that there is a certain amount of commercialization involved in the observance of Christmas. That fact is easily observable. Businesses, eager to sell merchandise, are designed to be attractive, and many generous people who are looking for gifts to give family members and friends, eager to take advantage of those sales, respond by supporting the businesses that offer those sales.

There is commercialization of the season, but this is not new. In fact, Christmas began amid commercialization, but that did not diminish

the significance of that which happened. A decree, issued by Caesar Augustus, levied a burdensome tax that required citizens of the Roman Empire to go to the towns of their birth to register. In compliance with that unusual decree, there was a lot of traveling throughout the Empire, and those traveling--some traveling long distances--had to find places to eat, places to stop at the end of the day, and places to get other necessities. When Joseph and Mary, traveling from Nazareth, arrived in Bethlehem, the local inn was filled to capacity, and business was booming in that small Judean town. Indeed, the event was commercialized, and everyone who possibly could was making all the profit that could be made from the event.

An element of commercialism may surround Christmas, but no one has to be detracted by that commercialism. Beyond the commercialization, anyone, if the desire is to do so, may experience the true meaning of Christmas.

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"What Is Written"

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Roscoe Wallin

In appreciation for all the kindnesses shown us during the loss of our brother, Roscoe Wallin, we thank each one of you for all your kind words, prayers, visits, food and flowers sent. We appreciate all your love and support.

We wish to thank Bro. Don Jones for his friendship and consoling words, Linda Whitt for the music and Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals for their kind and efficient service.

Elmo Anderkin

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for all the many kindnesses shown us during the sudden passing of our loved one.

A special thank you for the prayers, the food, cards, flowers, visits, Bro. Don Stayton and Bro. Raymond Offutt, Dowell and Martin Funeral Home for their wonderful service and those who served as pallbearer.

Again, thank you to everyone.

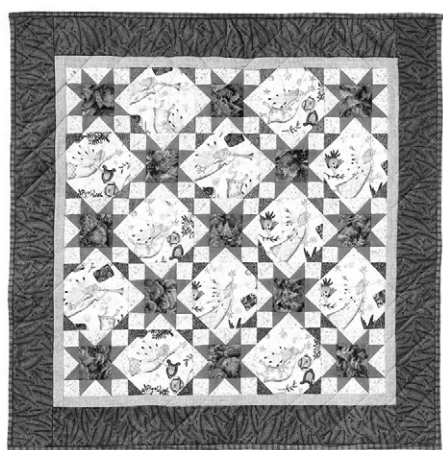
The Anderkin Family
Michelle Mason York

The Mason Family would like to thank all those who helped us care for Michelle during the last 2 yrs.

Bro. Eddie Nation, the First Baptist Church, Bro Larry Burton and the Flatrock Baptist Church, Hospice, all Michelle's doctors and friends. All those who done so much, too many to name. May God Bless you all, thank you all so much.

The family of
Michelle Mason York

A Christmas Quilt

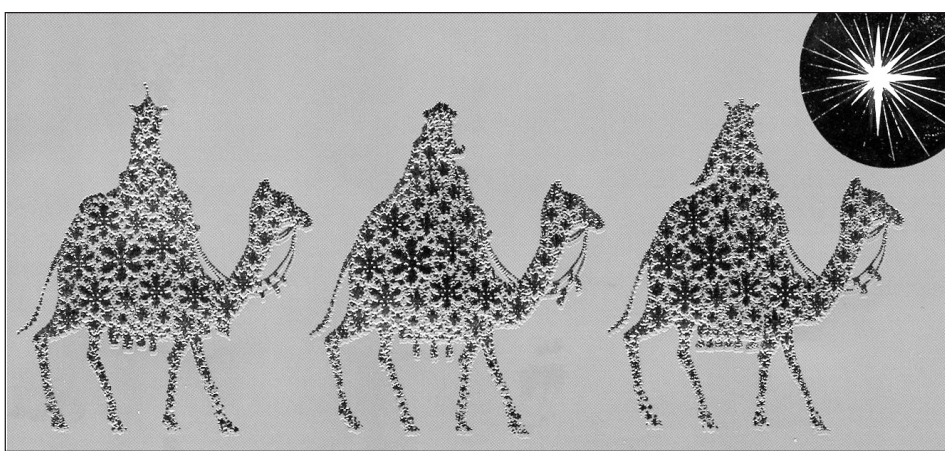


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Sabbath School Sat. 10 - 11 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
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Wednesday 7 p.m.
Pastor: **Bill Davis**
bhop@ymail.com

Berea Reformed

Evangelical Church
1309 Hwy. 21 • Berea
859-248-1600

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study 6 p.m.
Xon Hostetter, Pastor

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100 Higher Ground (off US 25)
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Church Phone 606-256-5913
e-mail: www.biblebaptist.org
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship/Children's
Church 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

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Pastor: **Don Stayton**
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Kids for Christ

Children's Ministry:
Bro. Jarrod Amyx
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Music Director: Dan Dull

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Coy Cromer, Marcus Reppert**

Contact Info:
Marcus Reppert
104 Byrda Way • Mt. Vernon, Ky.
606-308-2794
marcusreppert24@hotmail.com

Bride of Christ Church

High St. Mt. Vernon
Sunday Services 7 p.m.

Brodhead Baptist Church

Corner of Silver & Maple St.
Brodhead, Ky. 40409
606-758-8316

Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
(Nursery Provided)

Sunday Youth Bible Study 5 p.m.
Wednesday Adult & Youth
Worship/Bible Study 7 p.m.

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RAs & GAs
Mission Friends and
Creative Ministry

Ralph Baker, Pastor
Jon Burdette, Assoc. Pastor

Brodhead Christian Church

237 W. Main St. Brodhead
606-758-8721

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Tracy Valentine, Preacher

Brodhead Church of God

606-758-8662
Cell 606-305-8980
Hwy. 3245 • Brodhead
758-8216

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

Terry Orcutt, Pastor
Brush Creek
Holiness Church

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.

Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.
Special Service 1st Sunday or
each month at 11 a.m.

Lonnie Reese McGuire, Pastor
Buffalo Baptist Church

Located 15 miles south of
Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249
(Sand Springs Rd.)
606-274-5197 • 606-256-4988

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:15 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.

Marvin (Buddy) Rose, Pastor
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76 Calloway Branch Rd.
(Off US 25) • Calloway
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

Scott Mullins, Pastor
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86 Maintenance Rd.
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Wade Johnson, Minister

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1st Sunday of each mo. at 11 a.m.

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and Berea

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship
11 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service and
Bible Study 7 p.m.

Youth Meetings:
Sunday 5 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

Bro. Jim Ritchey, Pastor
859-200-2679/859-228-0342

Sunday School Director
Ronald Sears • 606-256-5709
606-256-2829

Cornerstone Fellowship

50 Lovell Ct. - Mt. Vernon
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

Terry Fletcher, Pastor
606-256-1645

Crossroads Assembly of God

Hwy. 150 • Brodhead
Bro. Steven Vanhook, Pastor

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

Wednesday Night 7 p.m.
Dixie Park Cornerstone

700 N. Powell St. Berea, Ky.
859-623-8292 • 859-985-2484

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.

Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Gene Smith, Pastor

Fairview Baptist Church

520 Fairview Loop Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday Services

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Choir 6 p.m.

Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.
Sunday Adult Choir 8 p.m.

Wednesday Services
Creative Ministry 6 p.m.
Bible Study 7 p.m.

Youth Ministry QUEST 7 p.m.
RAs and GAs 7 p.m.
Mission Friends 6 p.m.

Vaughn Raser, Pastor
606-256-3722
email: fairviewbapt@aol.com

Faith Chapel Pentecostal

S. Wilderness Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

Jack Carpenter, Pastor
First Baptist Church

340 West Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 606-256-2922

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

Sunday Services: 8:30 a.m.,
10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Wednesdays: AWANA and
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Sundays at 11 a.m.
Broadcast on New Wave Cable
Channel 3 Tues., Thurs. & Sunday
at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. & 8 p.m.

First Christian Church
West Main St. Mt. Vernon, Ky.
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. • 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

Hwy. 1004 • Orlando, Ky.
Tim Hampton, Pastor

606-256-4884 • 606308-2342

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship
11 a.m.

Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Tues. Night Intercessory Prayer
7 p.m.

Wednesday Night Bible Study
7 p.m.

Little Country Church

Jarber Rd.
Turn left off Rev. Green Loop
onto Jarber Rd.

Jack Weaver, Pastor
Sunday 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

Livingston Baptist Church

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Adult & Youth Classes
Available
Worship Service 11 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study & Meeting
7 p.m.

Bro. Steve McKinney, Pastor
606-758-4097
email: stevemc64@alltel.net

Livingston Christian Church

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship Service 11 a.m.

Walter Ballinger, Minister
Livingston Pentecostal
Holiness Church

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

Jim Miller, Pastor
606-256-1709

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Scaffold Cane Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.

Bro. Wayne Henson, Pastor
Sunday Morning Worship
11 a.m.

Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Maple Grove Baptist

Hwy. 1004 (Big Cave Road)
Orlando, Ky. • 606-256-1873

Bro. Jerry Owens, Pastor
Home Phone 606-256-3075

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship
11 a.m.

WRVK Broadcast 2 p.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Mareburg Baptist Church

2617 New Brodhead Rd.
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

Wayne Harding, Pastor
Phone: 256-8844

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Sun. Discipleship Training
6 p.m.

Sunday Youth Missions 6 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 7 p.m.

Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
www.mareburgbaptist.org
mareburgchurch@yahoo.com

McNew Chapel Baptist

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

Jerry Ballinger, Pastor
Mt. Vernon Church of God

1025 W Main St.
Mount Vernon, Ky.

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

Bobby Owens, Pastor
859-986-1317

Mt. Vernon Church of the Nazarene

40 Fair Street • Mt. Vernon
Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Wallace Thornton, Sr., Pastor
New Hope Baptist Church

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

Sunday
Sunday School 10 a.m.

Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.

Hispanic Services 6 p.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.

Wednesday
Adult & Youth Worship 7 p.m.

New Wave Cable (KET2 ch. 3)
Tues., Thurs., Sun.
9 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m.

Ottawa Baptist Church

1074 Ottawa Rd. • Brodhead
Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 10 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
ottawabaptist@windstream.net

Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church

515 Williams St.
(across from MVES)
Mount Vernon, Ky.
606-256-4170

Mass Times:
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Sabbath Mass: Sat., 5 p.m.

Holy Days 5 p.m.
Fr. Frank Brawner, Pastor

Sister Joyce Moeller,
Pastoral Associate

Philadelphia United Baptist

834 Bryant Ridge Rd. Brodhead
Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

Saturday Service 7 p.m.
Gordon Mink, Pastor

606-256-9724

Pine Hill Holiness Church

5216 S. Wilderness Rd.
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456

Allen Hensley, Pastor
453-4801

www.pinehillholinesschurch.com
email: pinehillhc@aol.com

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 7 p.m.

Thursday Night Worship
7:30 p.m.
Saturday Night Worship

7:30 p.m.
WRVK (1460 AM) Broadcast
Noon Sundays

Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church

PO Box 1495
81 Limeplant Hollow Road
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456

Contact: Jackie Burdine
606-453-2342

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.

Prayer Partners Ladies Meeting
monthly every 2nd Tues. at 6:30 p.m.

Pleasant Run Missionary

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening 5 p.m.
1st Sunday in Month Church at
2 p.m. at Rockcastle Resp. Care

Bro. Gary Bowling, Pastor
145 Richlands Rd. • Brodhead

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

Poplar Grove Baptist

145 Richlands Rd. • Brodhead
Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.

Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Providence church of
Christ

1 mile off Hwy. 70 on Hwy. 618
Dan McKibben, Minister

758-8524 or 758-9316
Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship
10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
email:
dan.mckibben@juno.com</

Rockets beat North Laurel in overtime

The Rockcastle County High School Rocket basketball team is 3-2 after an overtime win at North Laurel on Tuesday night.

Senior Dustin Reynolds scored seven points in overtime to help lead his team to victory over the winless Jaguars.

The game Tuesday night was tied at half-time 32-32. However the Rockets were behind by one at the end of the third period but managed to tied the game in the fourth period to send it into overtime.

In overtime, the Rockets scored 13 points and allowed only five to make the final score of 70-62.

"I didn't think our kids played as well as they can during regulation, but they stepped it up in overtime," said head coach Benny Blanton.

"We've got to be more aggressive, especially on defense, but Tuesday night was a good win for us on the road," he said.

Matt Bullens led the Rockets in scoring with 16, Reynolds had 14, Derek Thacker and Travis Carpenter each scored 10, Jamie Todd, 9 and Matt Lunsford, 8.

The Rockets will play a double header with the Lady Rockets on Friday night when they host Somerset in their first dis-

trict game of the season.

JV lose two

The RCHS boy's JV basketball team have lost two games this week.

On Monday night the JV team lost to Corbin 41-44.

Travis Carpenter had 17, Cody Noe, 8, Dalton Blevins, 4, Josh McKinney, 3, Zach Walker, 3 and Ben Allen, Bryson Amyx and Tyler Smith, 2 each.

At North Laurel the JV lost 61-20.

Allen scored 7, Blevins had 4, McKinney, Walker, Noe and Amyx, 2 each and Jordan Kelly, 1.

Freshmen beat North Laurel, lose to Corbin

The RCHS boy's freshman lost to Corbin on Monday night, 37-35.

Bryson Amyx scored 8, Zach Poynter, 6, Ben Allen and Tyler Smith, 5 each, Ashton Arvin, 4, Aaron Blevins, 3 and Brandon Simpson and John Curtis Wilson, 2 each.

The freshman team beat North Laurel on Tuesday night, 50-35.

Tyler Smith led his team with 14, Amyx and Ashton Arvin each scored 7, Allen and Aaron Blevins, 6 each, Zach Poynter and Wilson, 4 each and Simpson, 2.



Rocket Center Derek Thacker is fouled by a North Laurel player on Tuesday night in the Rocket's overtime win. Thacker had ten points and several rebounds.



Senior Jamie Todd attempts to drive around a North Laurel player on Tuesday night. Todd scored ten points in the Rocket's overtime win.



RCHS freshman Bryson Amyx dives for a ball in his team's 50-35 win at North Laurel on Tuesday night. Amyx scored 2 points. (Sports photos by: Richard Anderkin).

Lady Rockets lose at Scott County

The Rockcastle County High School Lady Rockets lost their first game of the season last Friday night when Scott County downed them 69-66 in a game played at Scott County High School.

Lady Rocket head coach Chrysti Noble said her team did not do what it took to beat a good team on the road.

"We were selfish, didn't block out and played poor defense," she said.

"Maybe we learned from our mistakes," Noble added.

The game was tied at half-time and at the end of three periods, but Scott County took the lead late in the fourth quarter with good defense and good free throw shooting, to hand the highly-touted Lady Rockets their first loss of the season.

Junior Center Sara Hammond had a very good game leading her team in scoring with 27 and she also led in rebounding.

Other Rockets scoring were: Jackie Alexander, 12, Angie Lawrence, 10, Kristen Abney, 9, Shanlee Burton, 4 and Ella McQueary, Michaela Hunter and Sydney Arvin, 2 each.

Lady Rockets beat Shelby

Less than 24 hours after losing at Scott County, the Lady Rockets defeated Shelby County 56-24 in a game played at Garrard County High School.

The Lady Rockets led at half-time 26-6 in a game

where they never trailed.

"We played better against Shelby County, but we still have a lot of work to do. We will have to get better to be where we want to be at the end of the season," Noble said.

Nine Lady Rockets got into the scoring column led by senior Jackie Alexander with 18. Hammond scored 11, McQueary, 7, Abney, 6, Hunter, 5, Burton, 4 and Lawrence, Katie Cowan and Mackenzie Townsend, 2 each.

The Lady Rockets will play a doubleheader with the boys team against Somerset at home on Friday night. The first game at the ROCK is at 6 p.m. Lady Rocket JV still undefeated

The Lady Rocket JV basketball team is still undefeated, after wins over Scott County and Somerset this past week.

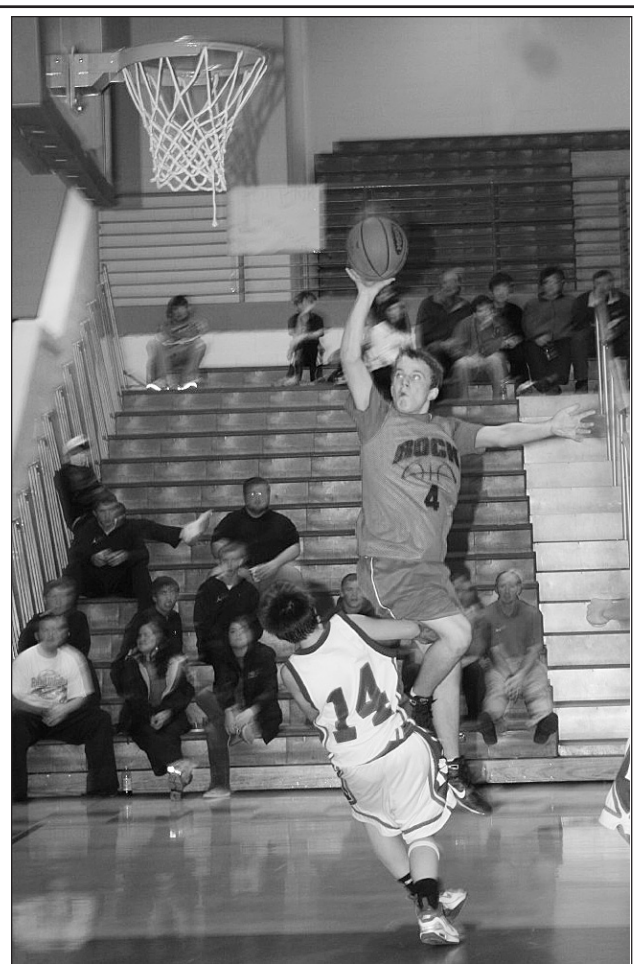
At Scott County the JV team won 47-42.

Michaela Hunter led the scoring with 14, Alexis Chasteen had 10, Kadie Cobb, Katie Cowan and Holly Ham all had 6 points and Mackenzie Townsend had 5.

Against Somerset the JV won 33-30.

Hunter scored 10, Cobb, 7, Ham, 6, Cowan and Townsend, 4 each and Chasteen, 2.

The same night the freshmen beat Somerset 45-24. Alexis Chasteen scored 13, Hunter had 10, Townsend and Emily Miller, 8 each and Kayla Reynolds and Alaina Coguer, 2 each.



Freshman Aaron Blevins goes up for two points against a North Laurel player in the Rocket's JV game on Tuesday night at North Laurel. The JV team lost 61-20.

Christmas Shopping With RTEC

On December 22nd, 23rd and 24th, RTEC will be offering **Free** transportation to businesses in Mount Vernon. RTEC will transport to and from anywhere within city limits.

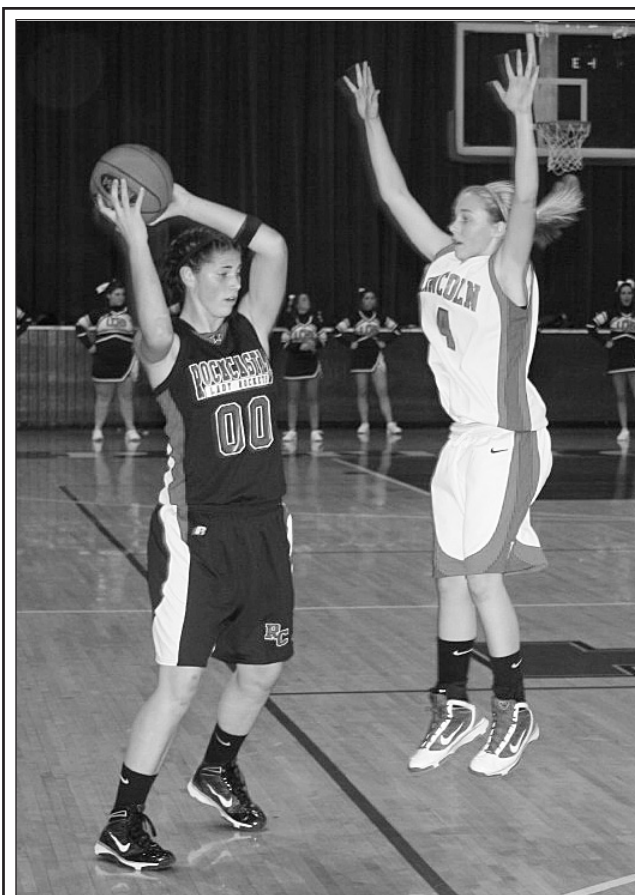
Christmas shopping hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please call RTEC (256-9835) at least one day ahead to schedule your shopping trip. RTEC will be serving hot cocoa and cookies for shoppers in its front lobby, so make sure to include a visit with us in your itinerary.



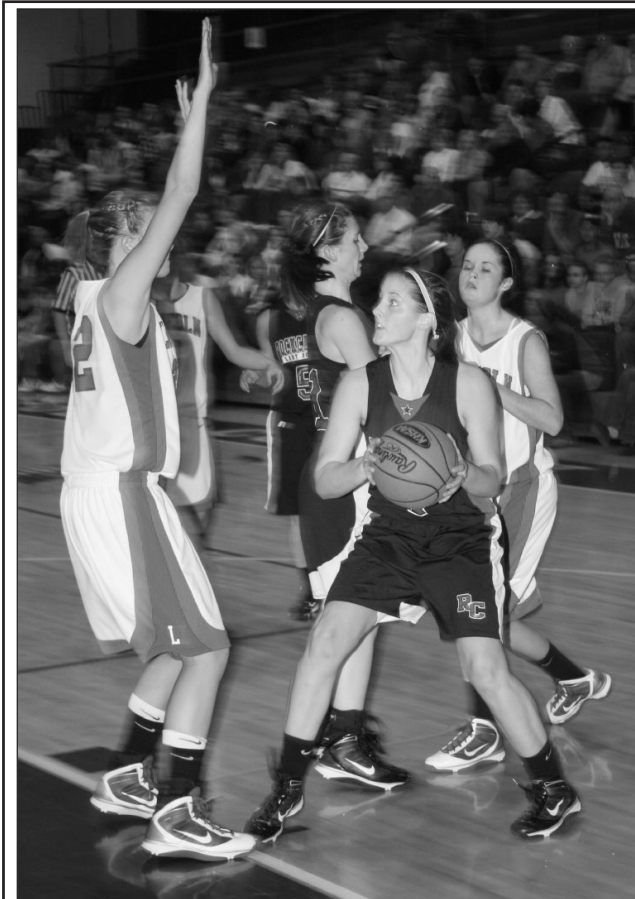
Recycling trailers available throughout the county

The Rockcastle County Recycling Center is now providing recycling drop-off opportunities in outlying areas of Rockcastle County. These recycling trailers will be at the Western Rockcastle Volunteer Fire Department and the Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Department (at Conway) December 15th thru December 28th and the City of Livingston (gravel lot across from school) and the City of Brodhead (gravel lot across from Citizens Bank) December 29th thru January 11th, 2010. The following items may be put in these trailers: mixed paper, mixed plastic #2-7, #1 plastic bottles, clear milk jugs, steel and aluminum cans, glass bottles and jars, and cardboard.

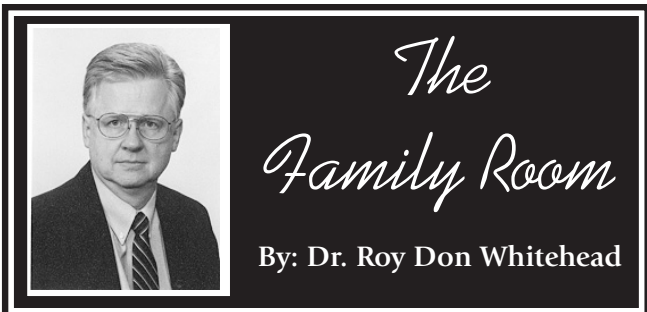
Please help us make this a successful venture by being clean and/or neat with our recycling habits. Do not put anything in the individual bins except what is labeled on them. If you drop something on the ground, pick it up. **Absolutely no trash is to be put into the bins!** Remember, camera surveillance is utilized in Rockcastle County and it is illegal to improperly dispose of trash.



Lady Rocket junior Sara Hammond scored 27 points in a 3 point losing effort against Scott County last Friday night, however Hammond and her teammates bounced back the next day to easily defeat Shelby County. The Lady Rockets are 4-1 on the season.



Senior Jackie Alexander scored 18 points on Saturday to help lead her team to a win over Shelby County. Alexander has signed a Letter of Intent to play her college basketball at West Point Military Academy in New York.



Are you in an abusive relationship? If you are, Family Life Abuse Center can help. Call us at 800-755-5348. A certified domestic violence advocate will answer your questions. You do not have to give your name.

It may surprise you that some victims do not realize they are being abused. You may ask, "How is that possible? Surely a victim would know if she were being abused!" There are several reasons a victim might not recognize the abuse.

1. She may have always lived in abuse. If she was abused as a child and has been abused in all of her adult relationships, abuse will seem normal to her, and she may not realize it is anything unusual or wrong.

2. The abuse may be subtle and not easily recognized. Abuse does not have to be physical but can be emotional or verbal. If the victim is not be-

ing hit, she may not see this as abuse.

3. The abuser may tell her he is not abusive. He may brainwash her into believing that what she is experiencing is not abuse.

How do you know if you are being abused? If you answer "yes" to any of the questions below, then you may be a victim of abuse, and you may want to call Bethany House to talk further with an advocate.

1. Has your partner hit, kicked, choked, pulled your hair, slapped, pushed, burned, smothered or held you down? I remember one man who declared that he was not abusive because he had never hit his girlfriend with his fist. Physical abuse can take many forms, not just hitting with a fist.

2. Has your partner called you names or put you down? Verbal abuse can be devastating to the victim. Many victims have told me that they would

rather be hit than verbally abused.

3. Does your partner follow you, check up on you or ask you to account for every minute of your time away from him? An abuser may check the car's odometer to make sure his victim has not driven even one mile "extra."

4. Does your partner throw things or destroy property? Smashing furniture or throwing cell phones are designed to intimidate and control.

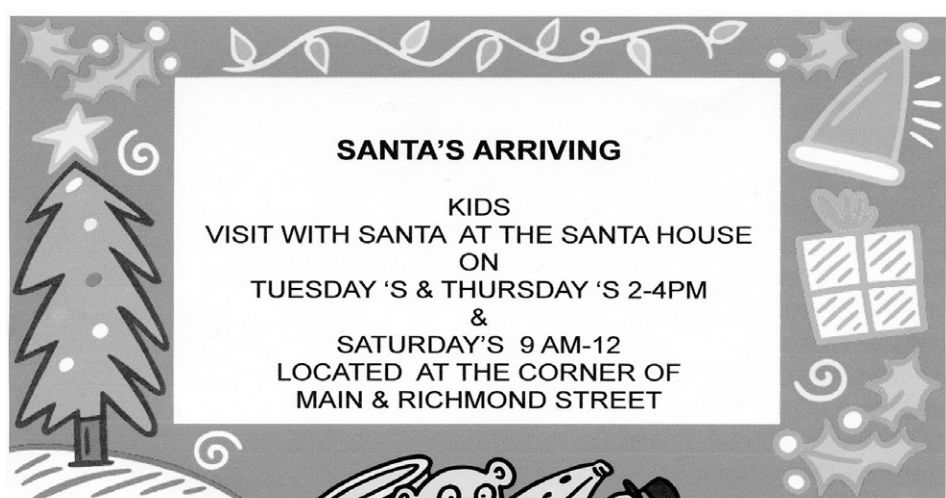
5. Does your partner accuse you of having affairs even when there is no evidence that you have done so? An abuser tends to be very emotionally insecure and lives with the fear that you will leave. He may become paranoid about your having a relationship with someone else.

6. Does your partner control the finances and restrict your access to money? This is one of his control tactics, because, if you have no money, it is more difficult for you to leave him.

7. If you do leave, does he then apologize, cry and promise to do better if you will just come back to him?

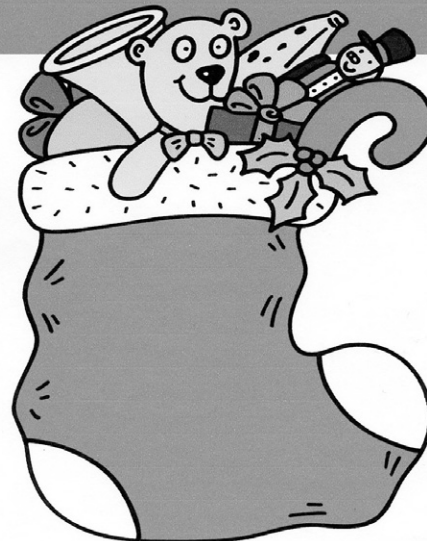
8. If you do go back, does he break his promises and begin being abusive and controlling again?

If you are in such a relationship, call us at Family Life Abuse Center. The number is 800-755-5348. We want to help.



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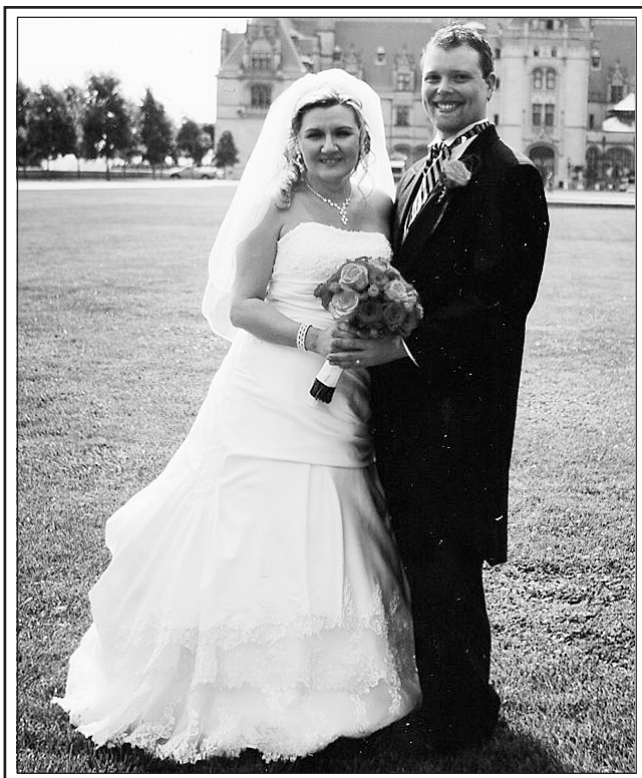
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Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Dwayne Scott

Woodall-Scott Vows Said

Mrs. Christine Scott of Mt. Vernon is pleased to announce the marriage of her grandson, Kevin Dwayne Scott to Shanda Michelle Woodall, daughter of Benny Woodall of Brodhead and Mary Coffey of McAlester, Oklahoma.

Kevin is the son of Gary and Charlene Scott of Mt. Vernon.

The couple exchanged vows on June 19, 2009 in the Champagne Cellar at the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC. Sister of the groom, Christy Scott, served as bridesmaid and Dale Shelton, a long time friend of the bride, served as bridesman.

Brother of the groom, Michael Scott, served as best

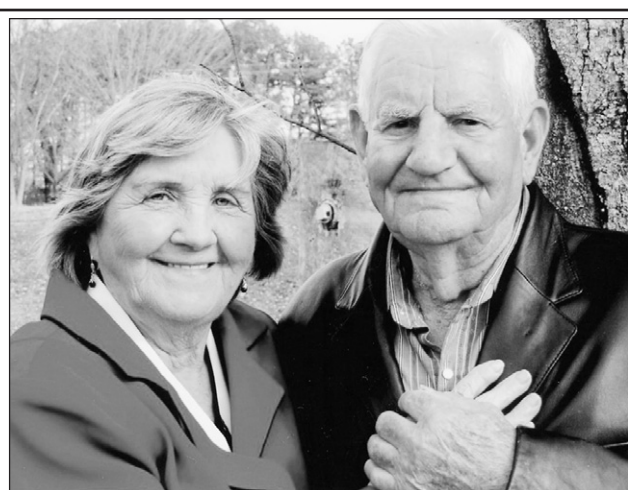
man and Chris Kirby, cousin of the groom, served as groomsmen.

During the ceremony, groomsmen Chris Kirby performed an acoustic rendition of "Adored" by Collective Soul. Immediately following the ceremony, guests were treated to a tour of the Biltmore's winery, which included a wine tasting, and a reception followed in the Champagne Cellar.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Panola High School in Panola, Oklahoma and is currently pursuing a degree in Nursing at Eastern Kentucky University. The groom is a 1997 graduate of Rockcastle County High School and a 2001 graduate of Eastern Kentucky University where he earned a bachelor's degree in Computer Science. He is employed as Lead Developer at eCampus.com in Lexington.

The bride's grandparents are Elizabeth Woodall of Brodhead and the late Leonard Woodall and the late Lawrence and Pauline Coffey of Hartshorne, Oklahoma. The groom's paternal grandfather is Garvin Scott of Mt. Vernon and maternal grandparents are the late Isaac and Maggie Faulkner of Mt. Vernon.

The couple honeymooned on the island of Oahu in Hawaii.



63rd Wedding Anniversary

David and Edna Elder, of Bee Lick, will celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary on December 21, 2009. The couple has five children: Wayne and Harold Elder, Linda Dillingham, Brenda Shackelford and Wanda Boswell, all of whom live in the Bee Lick area. They also have 14 grandchildren and two great grandchildren and are still going strong together.

Blood Drive Tuesday

The Kentucky Blood Center will be conducting a blood drive in Mt. Vernon on December 22nd at First Baptist Church from 2:00 to 6:30 p.m. on the KBC Bloodmobile.

Those wanting to donate

blood can call 1-800-755-2522 or visit www.kybloodcenter.org for blood drive and donor center details.

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Mullins Family Holiday gathering

Descendants of the late George and Dollie Mullins gathered Sunday, Dec. 13th at Lake Linville Boat Dock.

The gathering was hosted by grandson, Tommy Mullins and everyone enjoyed the festive decoratins, delicious food and the continuing tradition of visiting and sharing memories.

Families represented were: Junior Mullins, Flora Mullins Kirby, Boyd Mullins, Logan Mullins, Bernice Mullins Harper Beasley and Burgess Mullins.

Thanks to all the 45 people who attended and we hope to gather again soon.



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Front row from left: Tara Brown, Jeffrey Smith and Allie Reynolds, Back row from left: Kevin Craig and pharmacist Danette Craig

“Kirby”

(Cont. from front)

house in Garrard County, which was cleaned up by Parsons and Stewart under the direction of Kirby.

Bartley said KSP investigators believe Parsons and Stewart used a city backhoe to clean-up the debris from the burned house at the direction of Kirby and that the three benefited from an insurance claim filed by the mayor through the city. Bartley said he was not sure if the mayor and the owner of the burned out home were friends.

Mayor Kirby was arrested just after 11 p.m. on Friday night by Rockcastle Deputy Sheriff Joe Rush after she turned herself in.

According to Rockcastle chief deputy sheriff Barry Adams, police had been looking for Kirby for more than twelve hours after the indictment was released.

Kirby was released from the Rockcastle Detention Center on Saturday after Dallas Kirby of Quail posted her \$70,000 property bond.

However, Rockcastle Circuit Judge Jeff Burdette put several conditions on the mayor's bond release.

The conditions set forth by Judge Burdette include, the Mayor cannot spend any city funds without council approval. Those expenditures such as payroll, which have already been approved, can be authorized by the Mayor. She cannot have any contact with Parsons or Stewart and she is not allowed any use of alcohol or drugs, except drugs prescribed for her by a doctor. She was also required to submit to any drug tests, which would be ordered by the court and to appear in court as ordered.

Mt. Vernon Vice-Mayor Clark Mullins said on Monday that he would not entertain any motion to remove the Mayor from office because she had not been convicted of any crime.

Mullins did say he would ask the council to again review spending practices and to come up with a plan to operate the city effectively while the investigation into the mayor's alleged activities continue.

Parsons and Stewart have also been released on \$10,000 cash or property bonds.

As part of Parsons' bond release, Judge Burdette ordered that he not possess or consume alcohol or drugs without a prescription and he, too, must submit to any random drug test, including blood, urine and breath and appear in court as directed.

Stewart's bond conditions are that he cannot have any

contact with Kirby or Parsons or any other city official or prospective witnesses in the case.

Kirby, Parsons and Stewart will all be arraigned on January 22nd.

Mayor Kirby was at work at Mt. Vernon City Hall on Monday and told the *Signal* that she is not guilty of the charges. "I hope to God the truth comes out" the Mayor said.

The Mayor is up for re-election in November of 2010.



Nick Parsons



Eddie Stewart

“Office”

(Cont. from front)

one post office in Louisville which had over 500 customers and an annual revenue of a half million dollars because there were other post offices within a two mile radius.

Reynolds said on Wednesday that he would likely begin advertising for bids for a location to house the Community Post Office in Renfro Valley, which would likely be in one of the businesses in the Valley, soon.

The post office at Renfro Valley is currently only open for business four hours a day Monday through Saturday.

“Raines”

(Cont. from front)

gree, a class D felony.

She was released Tuesday morning from the Rockcastle Detention Center on a \$1,000 cash bond and will be arraigned on January 13th.



Lisa Raines

Louisville Lady Cardinals to conduct open practice at RCHS this Sunday

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Coach Jeff Walz, his coaching staff, and individual players will be available for a brief question and answer session immediately following the practice.

Coach Chrysti Noble would like to also like to invite all participants of the Little Lady Rocket Intramural Basketball Program, members of the Rockcastle County Jr. Pro Program, as well as all members

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- Look for local scholarships in your newspaper. Community organizations and businesses may have scholarships reserved for local students. You can contact the sponsors for more information.

- Talk with your guidance counselor, who is an excellent resource and can tell you about financial aid in general and where to find it.

- Talk with a financial aid officer at the school you plan to attend. He or she can tell you about any aid the school has available.

- Find out how to reduce student loan costs. Most financial aid packages include student loans. Learn as much as you can about fees, discounts and other benefits offered by lenders so you get the best deal.

- Visit Web sites with free information about college, financial aid and careers.

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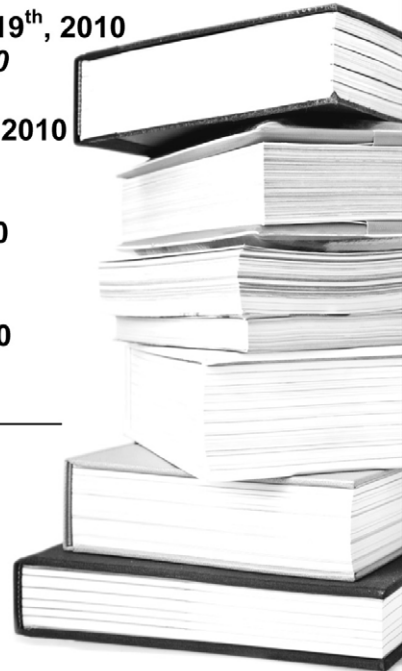
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Supreme Court rules for Department of Corrections

The State Department of Corrections acted properly in letting inmates out of prison, under controversial parole-credit rules that prosecutors had challenged, the Kentucky Supreme Court ruled two weeks ago.

The decision means the state can keep releasing inmates from prison or to parole supervision under the program. The rules give felons more credit toward completion of their sentences than before the legislature approved the changes in 2008.

Since May of last year, 3,565 inmates were released from prison under the rules, and 4,684 were released from parole supervision, said Lisa Lamb, spokeswoman for the

Department of Corrections. Action the legislature took in approving the parole credits "leads to the unmistakable conclusion that the General Assembly intended for the (Department of Corrections) to release or discharge as many prisoners or parolees as possible in order to save as many state dollars as possible," the court ruled.

The vote by members of the Supreme Court, which includes former Rockcastle, Pulaski and Lincoln County Circuit Judge Dan Venters was unanimous.

The state had been barred from applying the credits to felons from Rockcastle, Pulaski and Lincoln counties because of an injunction in

that circuit. The high court's decision will change that.

The corrections department will begin releasing inmates from that circuit from prison or supervision as soon as it updates calculations on their eligibility, Lamb said.

One key piece of the fight over the rules was that felons get credit toward completing their sentences based on time they spent on parole on prior crimes, sometimes called "street credit."

The Supreme Court ruling addressed issues in two cases. One was filed in Pulaski County by Rockcastle, Pulaski and Lincoln County's Commonwealth Attorney Eddy Montgomery, and the other was filed in Franklin County by Attorney General Jack Conway.

Both challenged use of the release rules adopted in 2008.

In Pulaski County, Circuit Judge David A. Tapp issued an injunction barring implementation of the rules, but Franklin Circuit Judge Phillip Shepherd turned down Conway's request for an injunction.

The Supreme Court upheld Shepherd's decision and issued an order barring enforcement of Tapp's injunction.

However, the ruling affirmed that Tapp had authority to issue an order that applied statewide even though he presides in a three-county circuit, and that Conway had legal standing to challenge the rules, which overturned a prior high court ruling.

Rockcastle Jailer James Miller said Wednesday that he did not think that any inmate in Rockcastle had been released, as of yet, because of the Supreme Court ruling, but that his office would comply when a ruling for early release came from the department of corrections.



RCHS senior Lady Rocket basketball player Jackie Alexander, front left, signed a Letter of Intent to play basketball at the West Point Military Academy on Monday. On hand for the signing were: Donna Baker McClure (Field Representative from U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell's office, RCHS Principal Jennifer Mattingly, sister Joanie Alexander, dad, Jack Alexander, mom, Sandy Alexander, Lady Rocket Head Coach Chrysti Noble, and Chris Girdler, Representative from Congressman Rogers Office Sitting with Alexander is her grandmother, Betty Albright.

First Christian Church hosting New Year's Eve event with 7eventh Time Down

On December 31st, First Christian Church in partnership with Rockcastle Middle School are hosting Rockin' in the New Year. 7eventh Time Down is going to put on a concert for the community as a New Year's Eve alternative to some of the typically harmful activities that these students could otherwise be a part of. Start time is 10:30 p.m. and will bring the evening to a close shortly after midnight. A majority of those attending will be between the ages of 12-18. There will be games, giveaways and a message in addition to the live music. A portion of the proceeds will help pay for students to attend the Tennessee Christian Teen Convention in Gatlinburg.

If you have any questions or would like to purchase a ticket call 606-256-2876. Tickets are \$5 each.

"Alexander"

(Cont. from front)

summer break.

West Point's Coach Dave Magarity spotted Alexander at the Blue Chip All Stars High Exposure Camp in Louisville last summer and decided to offer her a scholarship to West Point. However, Alexander still had to receive an appointment to the Academy by Congressman Harold Rogers and U.S. Senator Jim Bunning.

While at RCHS, Alexander has maintained a 4.05 G.P.A. and she is an active member of F.F.A. and is currently a chapter officer.

She is also active in the Rocket Club, FCA and UNITE and is ranked fourth in girls basketball in the 12th region.

The Black Knights women's basketball team was the 2006 Patriot League Champions. They lost in the NCAA tournament to eventual champions Tennessee.

"I am fully prepared to do my best and represent Rockcastle County the best I can," Alexander said Monday.

Alexander is the daughter of Jack and Sandy Alexander of Quail.

"Election"

(Cont. from front)

six grandchildren.

When announcing his candidacy, Mr. Mahaffey told the *Signal* that the only promise he intended to make during the campaign was "to conduct the business of the county to the best of my ability."

Eugene Caldwell, owner of ThoroughTruck in Conway has also filed for magistrate in the 4th district. Stevens nor any of the other incumbent magistrates have filed for reelection.

Other filings this week included: Mike Cameron, 47, of Brodhead who filed for magistrate in district one and asst. Mt. Vernon fire chief Jack B. Weaver, 50, of Mt. Vernon, filing for constable in district one and Jack Navarre, 55, of Orlando filing for constable in district five.

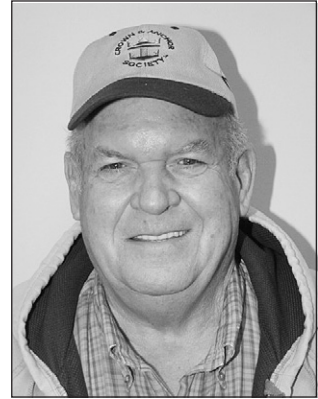
Tim R. Wolfe, 49, of Wildie, also filed for magistrate in district four on Wednesday morning.

To date, 24 people have filed for the primary election in May.

The May filing deadline is January 26th.

Rockcastle County Clerk Norma Houk said anyone

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Eddie Mahaffey has filed for magistrate in district four.

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Tree Lighting Ceremony



The annual Tree Lighting Ceremony was held in Mt. Vernon on December 4th. The event is sponsored each year by the Rockcastle Kiwanis Club. Above, from left are: Kiwanis club members, 2009 President Vicki Cox, Circuit Judge Jeff Burdette and Tammy Cox, who is a state officer in the Kiwanis organization. Cox welcomed those who braved the cold weather to attend the event and Burdette gave the invocation.



Katie Howard was accompanied by her fiancée Justin Chrisman at the Tree Lighting Ceremony in Mt. Vernon on December 4th. The annual event is sponsored by the Rockcastle Kiwanis Club. (Photos by: Richard Anderkin)



Members of the Rockcastle County High School Band Brass Choir performed at the Tree Lighting in Mt. Vernon on December 4th. Shown above, from left: are Trombone players, Heather Bradley and Michael Brewer.

Open Gym Sunday

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Rockcastle Middle School teacher Melissa Singleton was one of the performers at the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in Mt. Vernon on December 4th. Singleton sang *Ring Christmas Bells* and *Go Tell*.

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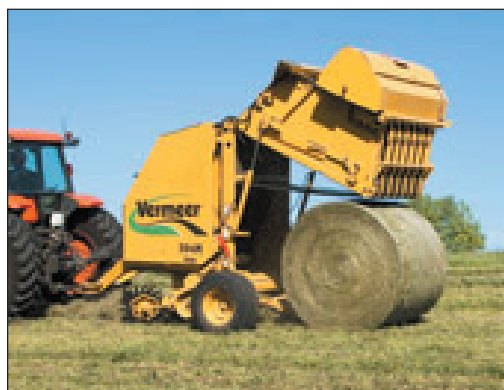


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Circuit Civil Suits

State Farm Automobile Ins. Co. vs. Gina Sigmon, complaint.

Carter Durham vs. James Miller, petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus.

District Court

Atlantic Credit and Finance, Inc. vs. Donna Durham, \$3,184.60 plus claimed due.

Emanuel Miller vs. Paul Basinger, forcible detainer complaint.

Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center vs. Starlene M. Worley, \$575 plus claimed due.

Rockcastle Hospital, Inc. vs. Tammy Carol Bryant, \$523.75 plus claimed due.

LVNV Funding LLC vs. Jeffery Vickers, \$1,785.13 plus claimed due.

Arrow Financial Services LLC vs. Louise Smith, \$2,212.50 plus claimed due.

Commercial Credit Union, Inc. vs. LaJoy Graves, \$1,582.30 plus claimed due.

Capital One Bank vs. Robert E. Graves, \$1,068.75 plus claimed due.

CACH LLC vs. Tamara Mink, \$1,143.61 plus claimed due. C-00302.

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James C. and Crystal Baker, property on Old Sigmon Loop, to Jeffrey S. and Lavon Jett. Tax \$77.

Crystal and Clifton Lobetti, property in Quail Acres Subdivision, to Trinity Collins. No tax.

William M. and Janet Barnett, property in Quail Acres Subdivision, to Trinity Collins and Jeffrey Meese. Tax \$17.

Marvin Wayne and Mary Lou McCracken, property in Rockcastle County, to Marvin Wayne McCracken, Jr. and Netta Jane McCracken. No tax.

Geraldine and Ben French, and others, property along U.S. 150, to Dept. of Transportation. tax \$170.

Sammy L. and Judy M. Ford, property on waters of Renfro Creek, to James B. and Janie D. King. Tax \$155.

Ivan and Mary Cummins, property on Chestnut Ridge Rd., to Patricia Gail Reynolds. No tax.

Dorothy Martin, property in Rockcastle County, to Verne Gunter. Tax \$40.

Clinton Hensley and JoAnn Hensley, property on Cove Branch Road, to Clinton Hensley. No tax.

Clinton Hensley and

JoAnn Hensley, property in Rockcastle County, to JoAnn Hensley. No tax.

James and Barbara Reynolds, property in Rockcastle County, to Bob and Darlene Baker. Tax \$75.

Frank and Joann Lewis, and others, property in Rockcastle County, to John G. Hamm, James W. Osborne, II and Carter L. Parsons. Tax \$55.

Donald Wayne and Pamela Jean King, property in Rockcastle County, to Cecil and Judy King. Tax \$6.

Glenna Baker, property on Old Sigmon Road, to Marce K. Absher Builder, Inc. Tax \$85.

J.A.R., LLC, property in Mt. Vernon, to Roast Beast, LLC. Tax \$644.

Stevie Spoonamore and Bonita Spoonamore, property in Rockcastle County, to Tommy H. and Lora Lee Mink and Timothy Mink. Tax \$31.

Mildred Jean Harding, property in Rockcastle County, to Carl and Nancy Seaberg. Tax \$2.

Marriage Licenses

Tonya Lynn Smith, 29, London, self-employed to Donald S. Woolum, 37, Corbin, self-employed. 12/4/09.

Sarah Elizabeth Atkinson, 18, Mt. Vernon, Hardee's to Dennis Ray Doan, 27, Mt. Vernon, disabled. 12/5/09.

Hazel Marie Louise Powell, 17, Berea, unemployed to Zachary L. Robinson, 21, Mt. Vernon, unemployed. 12/8/09.

District Civil Suits

Dec. 7-9, 2009

Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless
Tony M. Brooks: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, and other charges, court notice issued for 1/13/10.

David L. Young: assault, sentencing order entered.

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NOTICE TO PATIENTS AND VISITORS

Rockcastle Regional lifts visitor restrictions

Rockcastle Regional has lifted the visitor restriction for those younger than 18. Flu cases are down across the state and we know that family support is very important in the "getting well" process. We will continue to ask that any person with "Flu" like symptoms, such as fever, cough, sore throat or nausea/vomiting refrain from visiting our patients or residents. Rockcastle Regional feels that implementation of the visitor restrictions and community support helped to minimize the impact of influenza that we experienced over the last couple of months. We will continue to monitor the influenza levels and should there be another surge of "flu" cases, restrictions may need to be implemented again. Rockcastle Regional thanks everyone for their cooperation during this difficult time and appreciate all your efforts in helping to keep our patients and residents safe this season.



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Minds in the Middle

Congratulations to Mr. Gabbard's 6th grade Enterprisers on winning the attendance battle last week. Another Enterpriser group, Ms. Bohannon's homeroom, came in second place with Mrs. Tracy's 6th grade Voyagers in third place.

The 8th grade members of the RCMS Leadership Team visited the Rockcastle Hospital Markey Cancer Center on Tuesday to deliver blankets that they had made for the patients there. They send thanks to the staff for the tour and visit.

This Friday the RCMS Choir and Band will be performing at 9:00 for our student body. Parents are also invited to attend.

Also on Friday, we will be having our annual Christmas dinner for our students. Many of our staff will be providing entertainment that day. The Awesome Lunch bunch will also have a special treat for the students and WTVQ

Channel 36 will be here for the festivities.

The second grading period will end this Friday, December 18th. Report cards will go out after we return from Christmas break. Enjoy this special time with family and friends. School will resume on January 4th.

Congratulations to several of our RCMS 7th and 8th Grade band members on their outstanding performance with the EKU Middle School Honors Program on Saturday night in Richmond. Students spent the day in rehearsals with other top musicians selected for the program and performed in concert at Brock Auditorium later that evening. RCMS band students that performed included Brandon McFerron, Jodi Hellard, Samantha Vanzant, Shelby Ponder, Shanoah Shelton, Casey Walker, Austin Helton, Levi Sparks, Cassidy Adkins, Michael Brewer, Josh Neeley, and Alex Turner.

Tiger Pause

From all of us at Brodhead Elementary, we would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Have a safe and memorable time off.

*There was a chubby snowman
Who had a carrot nose
Along came a bunny
And what do you suppose
The hungry little bunny
Was looking for his lunch
He grabbed that snowman's
carrot nose*

NIBBLE! NIBBLE!

CRUNCH!!

Calendar

Thursday, Dec. 17: PTA 5:00

Join us as we paint Christmas ornaments and movie night follows at 6:00

Friday, Dec. 18: BFRC Advisory Council Meeting 12:00

Monday, Dec. 21 - Friday, Jan. 1, 2010: NO SCHOOL
SCHOOL RESUMES ON MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2010 AT 8:00AM.

Speech Contest

Congratulations to the following students for their per-

formance in the recent 4-H speech contest.

9 Year Olds
2nd place Shaedyn Housh
Blue Ribbons - Savannah Goff and Megan Taylor
10 Year Olds
1st place - Alyssa Bustle
Blue Ribbons - Maggie Bourland, Maggie Franklin, and Erin Thompson
11 Year Olds
2nd place - Madison Stewart

MEAL CHARGES

Please remember that charging is for emergencies only. Please keep a positive balance on your child's meal account. Please pay all charges now if your child has any.

Lost and Found

Lost and Found items not collected by Friday, December 18th will be donated or discarded. Lost and Found articles are located in the box in front of the cafeteria. It is the student and Parent's responsibility to check for lost items in the lost and found.



MVES student Isaiah Bowles gets his face painted by Americorp worker Billie Tankersly during one of the "Destination Reading" Scholastic Book Fair family event nights. Purchases from the book fair help MVES buy playground equipment.



Hannah Artley visits the "Destination Reading" scholastic Book Fair at Mt. Vernon Elementary.

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For a full list of our properties please visit our website at www.fordbrothersinc.com or stop by our office and pick up a free copy of **Kentucky Homes Magazine.**

Country living in the Ottawa area of Rockcastle County located in the Brodhead School district. There's a total of 12 acres and the property is improved with a 1.5 story, fixer-upper home and a barn. Privacy for only \$79,500. M2518

You Will Feel Right At Home - in this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home that has been completely redone. Home features new carpet, hardwood, appliances, paint and roof, all on approx. 1.5 acres. As an added bonus, this property is located close to town in the Oakwood Subdivision, the hospital, and schools yet still has lots of privacy in the back with a wooded area and a creek. A home with all this and such a low price is hard to find. The seller has relocated and is motivated to sell. \$137,500. M2507

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

Reduced
Get It While You Can! 4-5 bedroom home on 3 acres with barn and garage. Beautiful mature trees only 4 miles from Stanford. M2450

Beautiful 59.4 secluded mountain-top acres. A hunters and campers delight with abundant wildlife. Some cleared land, a pond, and improved with an A-frame cabin and only minutes from I-75. Affordable price, \$67,500. M2400

Enjoy Fishing...in your own pond. This property consists of a modern home with 4 bedroom, 2 baths, living room, kitchen and a partial unfinished basement and a nice pond. Enjoy fishing and country living on this 1.58 piece of property in the Willailla community. M2478

Hurry...it won't last long! Fixer upper in Brodhead. House and mobile home on the corner of West and Silver Street. Good rental property only \$22,900. M2426

Nice and Convenient! This 2 bedroom, 2 bath home is situated on a one acre lot and is in a convenient location featuring a living room, dining room, kitchen, utility room and a sunroom/patio for relaxation. Amenities include: central heat, central air, KU electric, city water and city sewer. \$190,000. M2517

Starter Home OR Rental Investment... This 1,672 sq. ft. home features 3 bedrooms, family room, living room, dining/kitchen combo and 1 bath. Other amenities include: city water, city sewer, KU electric, fuel-oil furnace and 1-car detached garage. \$35,000. M2516

Close to Town & Private - This house is situated on 2 acres +/- and features 3 BR, 1 1/2 baths, Kit/Dining room combo, LR and upstairs storage room. Other amenities include: a fireplace, a 1-car detached garage, city water, septic system, chain-link fence and front porch. \$69,900. M2490

New Listing
Convenient! This 1,352 sq. ft. brick home is situated on a 1 acre lot +/- and features a living room, dining room, kitchen, 3 BR and 1 bath. Other amenities include: an unfinished walk-out basement with 1 car garage, front and rear porches, electric heat, city water, septic system and propane fireplace. \$59,900. M2519

Country Living... located on Stull Lane in Waynesburg. 78 acres total with 36 acres of cropland. Good stand of marketable timber. Newly remodeled house and 2 barns. Priced at \$259,000. M2425

New Listing
Gorgeous 2 story brick home situated on 10 acres +/- with 4 bedrooms and a total of 3 full baths and 2 half baths. This is a beautifully decorated home with hardwood, tile & carpet, nice moldings, 2 family rooms, kitchen with breakfast bar, and separate dining room. The home is also improved with a 2 car attached garage and the property has an above ground pool with deck, nice metal barn and metal shed. \$389,000. \$1021890

Country View! This home consists of 2 bedrooms, living room, bath, kitchen/dining room. Home has been updated with heat pump/central air. This has approximately 5.8 acres and a 3-car detached garage, shed and barn. \$115,000. M2477

Acreage For Sale

- Approximately 40 acres located at 1427 Alum Springs Crosspike Road in Danville, Ky.** Located just outside the city limits this farm offers a panoramic view of surrounding farmland and overlooks the city of Danville. Land is gently rolling and has city water available. There is a large barn for handling cattle or crops. Very private. M2501
- Approximately 8 acres on Mark Welburn Rd.** Great for building site. Land cleared. City water available. Approximately 8 miles from Somerset. \$59,900. M2512
- Little Hideaway...** 18.08 acres of good hunting and recreational prospects. Timber growing. Five minutes from Main Street only \$25,000. M2441
- Approximately 34 acres +/-.** This property consists of 34.901 acres with 198.52 feet of blacktop road frontage along Hwy. 618. This tract is mostly cleared with some woods. There is a creek located on the west side of the property. The survey line runs through the center of the creek. City water is available. M2491
- 2 Acres....** in the Ottenheim Community that front on Hwy. 643. City water available, great building or home site. Owner out of state and says SELL. Only \$11,500. M2479
- Gently rolling, fully fenced eleven acres!** Located on Elm Street in Crab Orchard. City water and electric at the property. M2181
- 52 1/2 acres...** fronts on two roads, near Lake Linville. Prime farm land, new plank fencing, newly remodeled barn. Priced at \$249,500. M2467
- Wooded hunting land or retreat!** Creek bottoms, easy access. A must see! 17 miles from Berea, house is 90% finished. Electric and water to farm, great road. M2439
- If you're looking for acreage close to town,** then don't let this one pass you by! This mostly wooded tract of land contains 27 acres by survey and has 309.28 feet of road frontage along Hwy. 2549. M2482
- Elbow Room Close to Town....** 3.32 acres of unrestricted land for you to use as you please. Over 475 feet of road frontage along Old Brodhead Road (Hwy. 1326). Priced at \$15,900. M2480
- Beautiful View-** This farm consists of 22 acres more or less and has an abundance of blacktop road frontage along Mack Sims Road. It is improved with an older home featuring a living room, kitchen, and one bedroom. Other amenities include a spring-fed stocked pond, well water, city water and a beautiful view. M2454
- 50 Acres-** Wild and wooly. Remote in the Daniel Boone National Forest. Great for investment - hunting - recreation. Just \$45,900. M2455
- 18 Acres Near McKee.** Timber land. Priced at \$25,000. M2456
- 5 Acres of Prime Land** - for development near Exit 59, I-75. Easy access off of US 25. Priced at \$60,000. M2465
- 13 acres overlooking Mt. Vernon on old US 25.** Building sites - convenience. This won't last long priced at \$24,900. M2444
- 12.5 acres.** Great for building your new home. Can also be used for hunting. Perk testing completed. \$42,500. Call today! M2445
- REDUCED! 76 Acre Farm in the Wabd Section of Rockcastle Co...** Road frontage on Hwy. 1250 and Doc Adams Road. Barn-silo-city water-creek. Good cattle farm or development possibilities. Owner would consider dividing. Priced at \$269,000. M2333
- 174.93 acres of Woods and Wildlife** - Just 10 minutes from I-75. This property would be great for the avid hunter or to build a home in an area with a little privacy. Priced at \$145,000. Call today for more details. M2412
- 13.8 acres between Brodhead and Crab Orchard.** Blacktop road, city water, mostly level. Great mini-farm, no buildings. Build to suit yourself. Only \$38,500. M2494
- Acreage!** These nine tracts equal 35.297 acres and have city water available. With 3,450 feet of road frontage this would be the perfect place to build. Call for more details. M2499

Future Auctions

Absolute Estate Auction of the late Mr. James Turpin's 73 Acres More or Less

Saturday, January 16th at 10:00 a.m.

Mareburg section of Rockcastle County, Ky. (Sale will be held at Cedar Rapids Country Club)

Absolute Auction of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Godby, II's Doublewide, Detached Garage and 2 Acres

Saturday, January 16th at 1:00 p.m.

1145 Hurricane Road, Waynesburg

RCHS hosts Regional FFA Winter Field Day

Submitted by
Nichole Roberts
Rockcastle County FFA
Chapter Reporter

On Friday December 4th several FFA chapters from around the region met at RCCHS to compete in a variety of regional contests. Our local FFA chapter placed exceptionally well in these contests.

The Small Engines team placed first with team members: Jackie Alexander (2nd high individual), Brandon

Evans (1st high individual), David Lunceford, and Matt Mullins (3rd high individual.)

Our JV Parliamentary Procedure team placed first as well with President: Jeremiah Brown, Vice President: Joshua Bullock, Secretary: Crystal Doan, Treasurer: Elizabeth Lawrence, Reporter: Dylan Hensley, Sentinel: Chris Sowder, and members: Amie Hale and Raychel McKinney.

The Nursery/ Landscape team placed first with team

members: Steven Brown, Dustin Reynolds, and Amanda Swinney. Dustin and Amanda tied for 1st high individual in the region in this contest.

The Ag Sales team had a first place finish as well with team members: BB Cameron, Joseph Daughtery, Megan Martin, and Courtne Smith. The Welding team placed second in the region only missing first by three points. Team members were: Kenton Adams, Spencer Baldwin, Jadon Brock, and Jesse Hayes (1st high individual.)

In the Tractor Driving contest we had Blake Moberly compete in the JV Division and in the Varsity Division we had Brandon Evans.

Congratulations to all those who competed in these contests. We would also like to send out a special thanks to all those who helped in making this event possible.



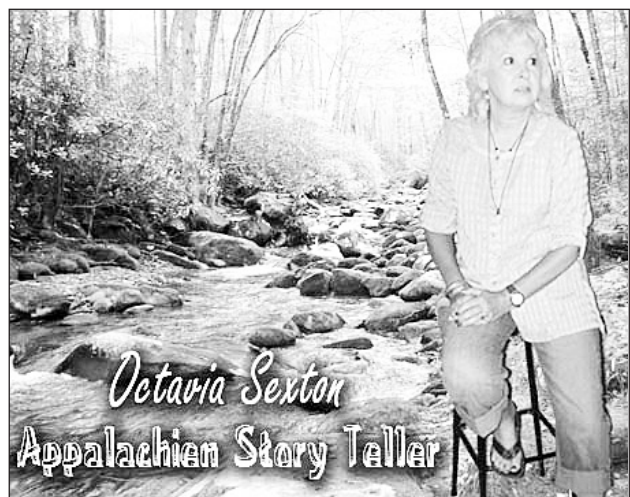
The Pitch-Kids team received the Project Research Quality Award at the Central Kentucky's 2009 FIRST LEGO League Regional Tournament held at University of Kentucky on December 5, 2009. This qualifies the team to go on to the State Tournament at WKU, on January 9, 2010. Pictured from left with Dr. Bruce L. Walcott, Associate Dean, UK are team members Shimon Eisenberg, Samantha Snyder, Alyson Warren, and Jonathan Towery. Not pictured: Josiah Pack.

First Lego Tournament

Local students, ages 9-14, competed in the FIRST Lego League tournament, Saturday, December 5th, at the University of Kentucky. This year's Challenge, "Smart Move", calls for teams to research and present robotics technology solutions in the field of transportation. The competition is judged in five areas: research and presentation; robot performance; technical mechanics of the robot's construction; teamwork; and gracious professionalism.

Pitch-kids, the team pictured, are part of BRANCH co-op, made up of families in the Rockcastle and Madison County area.

If you have any questions about local FIRST Lego League opportunities or co-op, contact Jennifer Snyder, Graceacademy3111@aol.com. For more information on FIRST, go to www.usfirst.org.



Octavia Sexton
Appalachian Story Teller

Sexton will grace stage at Natasha's Bistro in Lexington December 28th

Octavia Sexton, a well known teacher and teller of Jack Tales and other Appalachian stories and Rebecca Henderson, a well known Kentucky teller from Louisville will grace the stage at Natasha's Bistro in Lexington on December 28 from 8 - 10 p.m.

The show is presented in conjunction with the The Wandering Storytellers of the Kentucky Storytelling Association and Natasha's Bistro. Octavia and Rebecca will spin tales, transport, and entertain all within earshot. Audience members are welcome to share their stories during open mic times between storytellers.

There is a \$5 cover charge with all proceeds going to the Kentucky Storytelling Organization (a non-profit organization). For more information contact the Natasha's Bistro box office 859-259-2754 or visit www.kystory.org.

**Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II
Civil Action No. 08-CI-00236**

**Nationwide Advantage
Mortgage Company** Plaintiff

V.

**Cristan Barnes, Mickey D. Barnes;
Commonwealth of Kentucky;
Wachovia-Custodian/
SAAS MUNI V DTR** Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on March 12, 2009 and order of July 1, 2009 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR DOLLARS AND 93/100 (\$137,324.93) 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, December 18, 2009
Beginning at the Hour of 1:00 p.m.**

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

5 Eddie Drive, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

Lot number five (5) of the Hunters Ridge Subdivision of record in Plat Book 4, Page 231, Slide 456 in the Office of the clerk of the Rockcastle County Court, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky. References is made to said plat for a more complete description of said lot.

Being the same property conveyed to Cristan R. Barnes and husband Mickey D. Barnes by deed dated September 19, 2007 and recorded in Deed Book 218, page 210 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**

"Cardinals"

(Cont. from B1)

Coach Chrysti Noble would like to also like to invite all participants of the Little Lady Rocket Intramural Basketball Program, members of the Rockcastle County Jr. Pro Program, as well as all members of the RCMS Lady Rocket Basketball teams.

It would be an excellent time for your child to learn about college basketball from one of the most successful coaches in the game, Coach Jeff Walz.

**Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II
Civil Action No. 09-CI-00142**

Chase Home Finance, LLC Plaintiff

V.

**Jeremy Davidson and
Andrea Davidson** Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on November 13, 2009 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS AND 28/100 (\$112,225.28) 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, December 18, 2009
Beginning at the Hour of 1:00 p.m.**

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

5815 Quail Road, Brodhead, KY 40409

Beginning at a steel pin in the right of way of Kentucky Highway #618, corner to Parcel No. 2 (D.G. and Helen Albright); thence S 41 degrees 18' W 770 feet with line of Parcel No. 2 to a post; thence S 51 degrees 05' E 608 feet to a set stone; thence N 58 degrees 46' E 499 1/2 feet to a post; thence N 32 degrees 15' W 337 1/2 feet to corner post; thence N 28 degrees 15' W 108 1/2 feet to a steel pin; thence N 55 degrees 30' E 144 1/2 feet to steel pin in the right of way of Kentucky Highway #618; thence with the right of way of Kentucky Highway #618, N 36 degrees 00' @ 87 1/2 feet, N 44 degrees 50' @ 104 feet, N 60 degrees 10' W 179 feet to the point of beginning and containing 10.51 acres more or less.

Being the same property conveyed to Jeremy Davidson and wife Andrea Davidson by deed dated January 29, 2008 and recorded in Deed Book 220, page 226 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

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

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



Pitch-kids are part of BRANCH co-op, made up of families in the Rockcastle and Madison County area. Pictured are front from left: Samantha Snyder and Alyson Warren. Back row from left: Simeon Eisenberg, Jonathan Towery and Josiah Pack.

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**Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II
Civil Action No. 09-CI-00202**

**BAC Home Loans Servicing,
L.P. fka Countrywide Home
Loans Servicing, L.P.** Plaintiff

V.

**Rhonda Brown and
Mortgage Electronic
Registration Systems, Inc.** Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on October 26, 2009 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY EIGHT DOLLARS AND 81/100 (\$109,798.81) 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, December 18, 2009
Beginning at the Hour of 1:00 p.m.**

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

1153 Copper Creek Road, Crab Orchard, KY 40419

Beginning at a steel pin with cap set in the north r/w of the Copper Creek Road, also being 117.88 feet from a post corner of P.Brock; thence with a new line with the Robert Wilson Tract the following calls; thence North 2 degrees 47 minutes 23 seconds West 224.97 feet to a steel pin with cap; thence South 79 degrees 20 minutes 20 seconds West 200.21 feet to a steel pin with cap; thence South 3 degrees 03 minutes 51 seconds East 225.30 feet to a steel pin with cap set in the north r/w of the Copper Creek Road; thence North 79 degrees 12 minutes 09 seconds East 199.19 feet to point of beginning. Contains 1.023 acres more or less. This description prepared from a physical survey conducted by Gary W. Holman, KY L.S. Number 1837 on January 17, 1998.

Being the same property conveyed to Rhonda Brown, single, by deed dated November 15, 2007, executed by Cletis Brown, Jr., et al. and recorded in Deed Book 215, page 483 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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Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court**

Classifieds

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For Rent

For Rent: Trailer lot at Conway. Call 256-4752. 3x2p
For Rent: 2 and 3 bedroom trailers, starting as low as \$200 month plus \$200 deposit. Call 606-308-5389. 2x4p
For Rent: Mobile homes in Mt. Vernon. 758-4985. 4x2p
For Rent: Trailer in Mt. Vernon and trailer in Brodhead. No pets. 758-4729. 2xntf
For Rent: 3BR cottage, central heat/air, great location. \$400 month/\$300 deposit. 859-559-9903 or 758-9882.
For Rent: Accepting applications at Mt. Vernon Housing Authority on Mondays 9 a.m. til 12 noon. Rent based on income. 256-4185. 14xntf
Accepting Applications: For 2 and 3 bedroom units at Valley View Apartments. Rent based on income. Call 256-5912. Equal Housing Opportunity, TDD for hearing impaired only. 1-800-247-2510.
For Rent: Furnished single person room in large private country home. Ultra private with deer and turkey on the grounds. One of a kind rental. \$500 per month with \$500 deposit. All utilities included. Call 606-274-8462.

Property For Sale

Nice 3BR, 1 Bath House For Sale in town. Situated on a 3/4 acre lot and located near the county library. Asking only \$74,000. Extra lot available if interested. Call 256-9914 or 606-308-4990 for more information. 1xntf
House For Sale: The house of the late Milton and Zelma Gray w/land on Big Cave Road. \$35,000 as is. Call 256-3467 or 256-5285. 3x3p
For Sale: 5 room home with bath, good barn and 32 acres. 2 miles from Mt. Vernon. Call 606-274-4167 after 5 p.m.
For Sale: 2 bedroom, one bath home on US 150, 3 miles from Brodhead. Large living room and kitchen. Redwood siding. On 1 acre of level land. All for \$52,000. Call 606758-8902. 4x2p
For Sale: 2 lots in Sunnyside Estates off Hwy. 461. 513-891-4962 or 606-758-8681. 4xntf
For Sale: House on approx. 1/2 acre lot in Bandy/Woodstock area. 2BR/2BA w/shower (one walk-in). 606-379-1386. 50x8p
For Sale: 6 1/2 room home w/one bath, full basement on .87 of an acre on Freedom School Road. 3 1/2 rooms down and 3 up. \$67,900. 256-3213 or 606-392-1944. 4xntf
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The Department seeks to identify families who no longer participate in a HUD rental assistance program due to adverse termination of tenancy and/or assistance, and owe a debt to a Public Housing Agency (PHA).
Debts owed and/or termination information will be maintained in EIV for a period of ten (10) years from the end of participation date.
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Candidates interested in applying for this career opportunity should have the minimum qualifications:
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* A good work history with previous employers
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The individual will work as directed by the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority Board of Directors. The program which the individual will oversee will be funded by a countywide occupational tax allocation for economic development as already ordained by the fiscal court. The individual will be responsible for working with the board to create and oversee a budget for the organization, oversight of the development of two existing business parks with land for development, working with clients interested in potentially locating both commercial and industrial businesses in Rockcastle County and developing opportunities for the county to seek new investment in the economy.
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Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority
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All application submissions will be kept confidential and only reviewed by the selection committee of the RCIDA Board of Directors. All applications should be postmarked by no later than December 31, 2009. Interviews will be conducted with the organization for the job by no later than January 29, 2010 and a successful candidate will be selected by February 15, 2010 to begin work shortly thereafter.
Any relative of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority Board or Rockcastle County Fiscal Court is not eligible for the position. The RCIDA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

RCIDA Executive Director Community Leader Profile

Primary Responsibilities:
• Develop and pursue a comprehensive vision which will help to stabilize, strengthen, and grow the overall economy of Rockcastle County
• Develop and strengthen strong economic development resources necessary to maintain and grow the financial resources available to sustain a strong community economic development program for many years to come
• Develop strong relationships with necessary resources at the community, regional, state and national level to maximize opportunities for Rockcastle County to stabilize, strengthen and grow their overall economy
• Develop a strong program which will foster the stabilization and growth of existing businesses within Rockcastle County which have the ability to help strengthen the economy through retaining and creating jobs and investing more capital in the tax base
Secondary Responsibilities:
• Develop a structured office system with high accountability measures regarding goal performance and financial accountability
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Notice is hereby given that Genett Michelle Newcomb, P.O. Box 42, Livingston, Ky. 40445 has been appointed Administratrix of the estate of Charlene Mahaffey Cole on the 25th day of November, 2009. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Genett Michelle Newcomb or to Hon. William D. Gregory, 240 East Main St., P.O. Box 220, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before May 26, 2010 at

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Notice is hereby given that Daryl Day, 201 E. Main St., Stanford, Ky. 40484 has been appointed Public Administrator of the estate of Carlos Cunningham on the 30th day of September, 2009. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Daryl Day or to Hon. Marshall David Russell, 109 Court Row, Nicholasville, Ky. 40356 on or before March 31, 2010. 3x3

Notice is hereby given that Jerrie L. Stanghellini has filed a Final Settlement of her accounts as Executrix of the estate of Betty C. Catro, deceased. A hearing on said

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BY CASEY STURGILL

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Representatives from the show finally visited RCHS yesterday.

Mrs. Mattingly was first notified of the opportunity through an email she received during fifth period. That email was from MTV producer Breana Canon.

According to the letter, RCHS had been selected as a official site for auditions.

Many students first thought the pending visit was a joke and wondered how MTV, a network based out of New York City, managed to select a rural high school in Kentucky.

Mrs. Mattingly doesn't know specifically how Rockcastle was selected to be a part of this experience, but she accepted the offer.

Several other high schools, including Montgomery County High School, as well as some

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Title IX audit shows need for some changes

BY DEANA GABBARD

KHSAA auditors rolled into RCHS on October 1 for a re-visit and examination of RCHS's Title IX policies.

"The official results won't be in for 4-6 weeks," said RCHS Assistant Principal Barry Noble, who also acts as the school's Athletic Director, "but several of our policies need to be revised. We need a dressing area for the boys' and girls' track and cross country teams."

The team members have been changing in restrooms at the middle school. However, with all the middle school sports teams, teachers, and students using them it equates for a crowded dressing area.

Track team member Samantha Smith states, "A dressing area would make it easier," said track team member Samantha Smith. "It would take less time to change, leaving more time for practice."

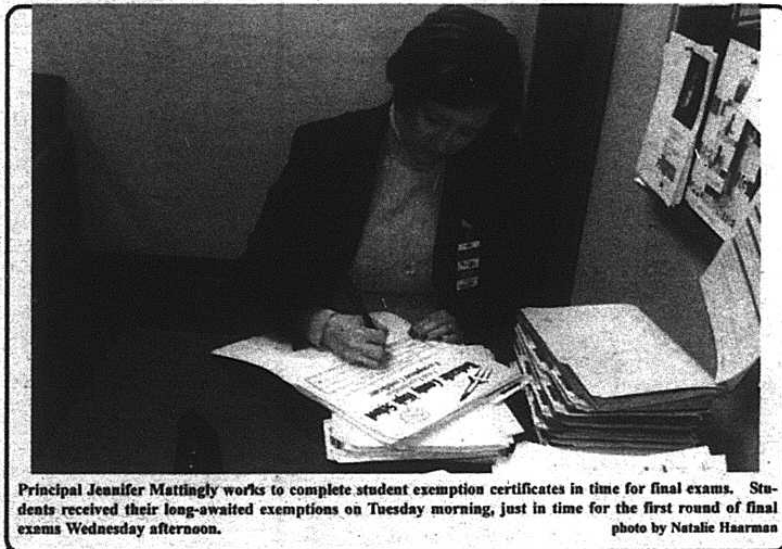
Cross country and track team member Laura Dollins also felt the change would be an improvement.

"It would be easier if we weren't in a restroom, and it seems unfair that we are."

Overall, there are not many problems with Title IX here at RCHS.

The creation of a dressing

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Principal Jennifer Mattingly works to complete student exemption certificates in time for final exams. Students received their long-awaited exemptions on Tuesday morning, just in time for the first round of final exams Wednesday afternoon.
photo by Natalie Haarman

Decreasing enrollment leads to loss of classes

BY NATALIE HAARMAN

Due to dropping student-enrollment numbers, Rockcastle County schools are losing teachers. Along with teachers, schools can lose classes and programs.

The first casualties at Rockcastle County High School were two popular senior electives: Criminal Justice and Psychology. The next casualty at RCHS is the Child Development Program.

Losing the Criminal Justice and Psychology classes was the result of a social studies position left unfilled because the school, technically, is overstaffed.

"Our district has a formula for hiring staff based on a ratio of 20 students for every teacher," explained RCHS Principal Jennifer

Mattingly.

Mrs. Mattingly added that the school system's ration is "really low" when compared to the ratios used by other school districts.

District staff members have been discussing changing the district's ratio to 21 or 22 students for every teacher, which means that positions are going to be lost.

What has caused the decrease in enrollment?

People aren't moving into the county and people are moving out, which leads to a county-wide enrollment decrease, according to Mrs. Mattingly.

The district is trying to save all of the positions possible by combining district positions.

Positions filled by people who are retiring won't be refilled. Instead, the vacated positions will be combined with positions still filled. In other words, one person will do two jobs, instead of one.

Another problem that Rockcastle County Schools, and RCHS, is facing is the future cut of \$20 million to the state education funds. Rockcastle will not largely be affected by the cut, but budgets will be tight, said Mrs. Mattingly.

Ms. Mattingly believes that the overstaffed problem can be fixed gradually by letting teachers

See "Enrollment" on page 7

Keep our troops in mind this holiday season

BY AMANDA PETERS

As the holiday season approaches, many families are enjoying the opportunity they have to gather together to share the holiday cheer. However, we all know many of our troops are stationed overseas or will soon be departing sooner than expected. Many soldiers and enlistees, men and women, are awaiting the phone call from their recruiter telling them when they leave to go fight for our country.

Kent Mullins of Richmond, KY, received a phone call from his recruiter just the other day informing him he might be leaving sooner than expected for basic training.

Why? Thirty-thousand troops will soon be sent to Afghanistan, and the first arrivals are expected as early as Christmas.

I find this depressing at the time of the holidays. Don't get me wrong, I am extremely proud of all of our troops going to protect us as we sleep at night, but it puts a snag on the holiday cheer. Our troops knew what was to be expected when they signed their John Hancock and being away is a part of their contract.

It's just sad to see them go.

Billy Bales of Berea said, "Every Marine knows the responsibility they have, whether it be overseas during Christmas or Thanksgiving, or sitting back home waiting to go over during the time of war..."

"We are at war and there are sacrifices some people have to make to make celebrating these holidays possible..."

"Yes, we all miss home and wish we could be there to celebrate with our families, but there is also that thought in that Marine or soldier's head that they are there for a reason and by doing what they are doing, it makes this world a better place, and they know that their family is able to sit home and celebrate without fear."

With that being said, as you rush about this holiday season, buying gifts, making returns, visiting family, take the time to remember our troops that are fighting for the United States of America.



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Mr. Cope's journalism class has been super good and extremely nice this year, so we all hope that you will reward us by granting our Christmas wishes.

Bryan Butler wants a 40 gigabyte solid state hard drive, whatever that may be, but Santa, I'm sure you know what it is. Little Miss Katy Howard wants a boom box and a portable DVD player. She didn't say what kind, but we're sure you'll know what to get. Christina Pendery really wants a long haired dachshund. Her mom won't let her have one, but Santa, you can change that.

Dakota Williams wants naturally straight hair, a bottle of Hollister cologne, and an 8.0 Baker, but if you want to give him a lump of coal instead, that is perfectly okay. I won't mind.

Shacota Dees wants a lap top, and she's not being picky. She doesn't care what type she gets. Deana Gabbard wants some clothes this Christmas - and maybe some real warm clothes for her, Santa, because she takes long runs, and Santa, it's cold outside!

Craig Stewart, the future Air Force guy, wants his license for Christmas, so maybe convincing his mom to let him take his test will be possible. Dylan Bell, the little boy obsessed with comics and The Beatles... Well, Santa, he is already getting a PS3, The Beatles Rockband and a few Blu-ray DVDs, but what he really wants is just his parents' love.

Cynthia Langford wants a cool camera with all the latest features, but it also needs to come with film so she can develop her pictures, and I'm sure it would be no trouble to throw in a dark room. The sweet Katelynn Thacker wants her daughter Kendal to have the best Christmas ever! Jacob Lawrence wants a 71' Chevy Luv truck, but Santa, he has been really mean to me this year so if you gave him a scooter instead he would still be getting more than he deserves.

Natalie Haarman, the luckiest girl in the world, wants a record player, three geckos and two corn snakes. I'm not really sure why, but that's her list! Amanda Peters wants a lot of snow and for all the troops to be safe and have a good Christmas. Ellie Bryant wants to be able to afford for her own personal gifts on Christmas, so send her a lot of Christmas cash. Brittany Smith wants whatever she can get, so I'm sure you can think of something. Larussa Lakes wants a job - the "perfect" job. Lastly, setting modesty aside, I have to say that I have been the best behaved of my entire class and what I really want is to have a wonderful holiday season and for my basketball team to win all of our games this season!

Love,
Casey Sturgill



Thumbs Up to...

1. Rocket basketball!
2. Winter Break is soooo close
3. The possibility of a snow day
4. Lower gas prices
5. UK basketball is BACK



Thumbs Down!

1. Still high unemployment
2. 30,000 more troops being sent to Afghanistan
3. Football season is over
4. H1N1
5. Smaller lunch portions

Alexander signs letter of intent with West Point

BY CYNTHIA LANGFORD

Last year's leading scorer for the Lady Rockets signed her letter of intent on Monday, December 14.

Senior Jackie Alexander will play Division I-A basketball at the West Point in West Point.

Her commitment to play basketball also brings a commitment to military service. Going to West Point means Alexander is enlisting in the U.S. Army. She will play ball for four years, then serve five years in the military.

"I'm excited and up for the challenge," said Alexander.

She will report to base on July 1 for boot camp, which is called the Beast. Boot camp will last six weeks.

"I'm scared and excited," Alexander said. "It will be something new, but I won't have much of a summer break."

Mrs. Sandy Alexander, Jackie's mother said that Jackie's commitment is a "good opportunity." She added, "But as her mother I am sad about her being so far from home."

West Point head coach Dave Magarity spotted Jackie when he was scouting at a summer basketball camp in Louisville.

One of the country's most well-known military academies, West Point is located on the Hudson River, about 50 miles from New York City.



Senior Jackie Alexander signed her letter of intent to West Point on Monday, December 14. Shown in the picture above are (front row) Jackie Alexander, her grandmother Betty Albright; (back row) Ms. Donna Baker-McClure, from Sen. Mitch McConnell's office; Mrs. Jennifer Mattingly; Jackie's sister, Joanie Alexander; her father, Jack Alexander; her mother Sandy Alexander; Head Coach Chrysti Noble, and Mr. Chris Gindler of Sen. Harold Rogers's office.



The boys basketball team practiced after school on a Thursday afternoon. Shown above are seniors Dustin Reynolds and Matt Lunsford.

Rockets, Lady Rockets begin seasons on positive note

BY BRYAN BUTLER

With the current basketball season still in its infancy, many Rocket fans are wondering just how it's going to end. If the Rockets' performance against Barbourville December 8 was any indication, we can all expect this season to be a good one.

This season's team is lead by five seniors, who are also the five starters for the team. Their experience, their leadership, and let's be honest, their size, are all

working together to send the Rockets all the way to the top.

One would think last year's 47th District champs might be a bit cocky this time around. However, they are everything but. In fact, the Rockets are hard at work, practicing for their next victory. With their constant practice and improvement abilities, particularly in the problem areas of rebounding and defense, it would be no surprise to see them trample the opposition in the coming games.

In short, the general sentiment concerning the team this season can be summed up into one sentence, courtesy of Assistant Coach Matt Brown: "We're expecting good things, but they're going to have to work for them."

While the Rockets are 2-2 at press time, the Lady Rockets are 3-1, losing to Scott County Friday night, 66-69.

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Students examine some of the books available at RCHS's book fair in the school library. Shoppers could choose from merchandise ranging from science fiction, fantasy, mythology, mystery, romance—and even video games. The event was popular with students from every grade level and raised over \$16. photo by Dylan Bell

Book fair success; food donations down for Ashlee's House

BY DYLAN BELL

Though RCHS's second book fair was a success, food donations for Ashlee's House were down, according to Library Media Specialist Janet Wells.

The book fair, held November 30-December 7, was held in conjunction with a canned food drive for Ashlee's House.

The book fair raised over \$1600. According to Mrs. Wells,

many kids used it as an opportunity to shop for Christmas gifts.

The canned food drive was weak this year, though. The total amount of donations for the drive was 622 items.

"It sad the donations are down this year because the Ashlee House is empty after Thanksgiving and they still need donations" commented Mrs. Wells.

In order to get as many donations as possible, Mrs. Wells

provided donations in with drawings for \$10 gift certificates that could be spent at the book fair. Each can provided one entry into the drawing. The more cans students donated, then the more chances they would have to win.

Though the book fair and food drive are over, Ashlee's House continues to take donations. The shelter is located on Main Street in Mt. Vernon.

Winter Ball preparations underway

BY CHRISTINA PENDERY

Students can start shopping for their formal dresses and suits because Winter Ball 2010 is right around the corner.

This year the ball is being sponsored by both boys' and girls' basketball teams.

The theme is of this year's ball will be "Enchanted Evening at the Castle". It is scheduled for February 13 from 8 p.m. until midnight. The pricing for tickets has not yet been determined. However, it is likely that they will cost \$15 per ticket. Couples will be able to

purchase tickets at a discounted price of \$25 per couple.

Administrators are asking all females are being to dress appropriately and follow the dress code as shown in the RCHS hand book on page 6. (Remember, nothing excessively revealing or bare midriffs.)

Gentlemen should also remember to follow dress code wear formal attire: shirt, tie, and a dress jacket, or tuxedos. No t-shirts, jeans or cargo pants please.

Students can expect ticket sales to begin sometime in January.

Tutoring to begin next semester

BY CRAIG STEWART

After a full semester without afterschool tutoring, RCHS students can expect tutoring to begin next semester.

Many students are very excited and ready for tutoring to begin. It allows these students to improve their grades, while it helps others stay ahead of the game.

According to Mrs. Nancy Hale, who works at RCHS with the Gear Up program, tutoring wasn't offered last semester because the Board of Education simply couldn't cover the cost.

However, it will begin soon because the school was able to find funds from another source.

"GEAR UP is giving us a grant so that we can help students," explained Mrs. Hale.

She went on to say that the money is coming from a grant that covers five years. Eventually, that money won't be available.

According to RCHS Principal Jennifer Mattingly, tutoring may have something to offer for all students, including those wanting to get ahead.

"We are looking into having a special tutoring for outstanding students, who really strive to improve their knowledge," she said.

Mrs. Mattingly and Mrs. Hale did not give a specific date for when tutoring will begin.

Students can check books online

BY SHACOTA DEES

Tired of going to the library to see if that copy of *New Moon* has been returned yet?

The days of checking the library day after day are over. With the library's new catalog system Destiny, students can check the library online. Just by typing in the book's title, users can see if a particular book is ready for checkout. Users can also check by keyword, author, subject, or series.

According to Mrs. Sandy Alexander, the system has an added benefit. Anyone using Destiny can

check the library of any school library in the county. If, for example, Rockcastle Middle School has the book being sought, the student can actually borrow it from that library because the schools can share books with each other.

Soon, students may even be able to reserve the book for checkout.

To use Destiny, students only need to visit the district website at www.rockcastle.kyschools.us.

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Support the Rockets
and Lady Rockets as
they take on Somerset
in a double-header!

Tip-off is at
6:00!

Ancient art of henna practiced by local students

BY DEANA GABBARD

New trends are starting everyday, and some of those trends add that element of surprise to otherwise typical everyday life.

One such trend is henna tattooing. Two RCHS students, seniors Cheyenne Hensley and Chelsea Whitley, have gotten involved in the 5,000 year-old art of henna.

Cheyenne and Chelsea first became interested in middle school,

thanks to their art teacher Ms. Bugg. In class, Ms. Bugg talked about henna and at festivals and conferences, she actually gave henna tattoos. Because of Ms. Bugg's own interest and experience, they became interested in an art they had once never heard of.

Years later, they are still intrigued by henna.

Cheyenne was able to reignite her interest in henna, also known as *mehendi*, over the summer at Governor's Scholar Program. It was there she did her own henna for the first time.

"At GSP my leader gave us a henna party, and I learned to do my own henna," said Cheyenne.

Using the skills she learned at GSP, she brought the art of henna back with her.

Cheyenne and Chelsea also hosted their first "henna party" this fall. A henna party

Anklets are extremely popular designs, especially during the summer months.
Photo from hennaweb.com



The picture above shows one of the more intricate henna tattoos.

Photo from hennamehdi.com

is just a group of people getting together and giving henna tattoos

Their church was having an event called World Crafts. Looking for something international and fun her youth group could do as a craft for the event, Cheyenne thought it would be the perfect activity for her youth group.

Though the designs can be very intricate, anyone can do henna and have a henna party. Henna, the dye used for the tattoos, is

affordable, safe, and non-permanent.

The tattoos last anywhere from 1-4 weeks and are made from mostly natural ingredients. You can do whatever design you desire however, some are more popular than others.

Cheyenne says, "Mendhi designs are the most popular."

You can obtain all of the materials you need from various online websites, and at a cheap price.

According to Cheyenne, it only costs \$30 to have enough henna for ten people to do several tattoos.

You don't have to be an artist to create your own tattoos, either. Many stencils are

available.

The art of henna adds a spark to typical everyday life. It is an affordable and safe way to have fun or to do something new and unexpected--and it doesn't upset the parents or stay with you all your life.

Find out more...

Interested in finding out more about henna tattooing? These websites have information about the art itself, as well as allowing you to order your own henna materials.

- * hennaweb.com
- * hennamehdi.com
- * naturalexpressions.org
- * hennatattoo.com
- * hennaking.com



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I Wannabe MADE

BY CASEY STURGILL

When the announcement was made that MTV was coming to Rockcastle County High School to interview our students to be on the show, everyone was ecstatic and talked about auditioning for the chance to be MADE. However, as the excitement started to die down



there were only a few students who were sincere about taking advantage of this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Before their auditions on December 17, I had the chance to speak with just a few of those students. Here are the results of my interview with Samantha Pittman, a freshman here at The Rock.

Casey: What do you want to be made into?

Samantha: A break-dancer

Casey: Why do you want to get made into something else?

Samantha: Because I'm tired of my ordinary life.

Casey: What are you expecting to gain from this experience?

Samantha: Acceptance and popularity.

Casey: How will you react if you are chosen?

Samantha: I will be excited to be loved by Jesus [laughs]!

Samantha isn't alone in her

quest to be MADE into someone or something different. Senior Devin Davidson, a current member of band, plans on auditioning for the show, as well.

Casey: What do you want to be made into?

Devin: I want to be a tri-athlete.

Casey: Why do you want to get made into something else?

Devin: So I can break down the boundaries that are set in place by stereotypes.

Casey: What are you expecting to gain from this experience?

Devin: I want a six pack [laughs].

Casey: How will you react if you are chosen?

Devin: I will be excited.

Cody Deboard, another senior at Rockcastle County High School,

wants to be made into our 2010 Prom King.

Casey: Why do you want to get made into a Prom King?

Cody: So it will help my confidence and get me out of my shyness.

Casey: What are you expecting to gain from this experience?

Cody: I just want to be more confident with the other things that I do in life.

Casey: How will you react if you are chosen?

Cody: I will be nervous and really excited at the same time.

'A Christmas Carol' comes to life in 3-D

BY KATY HOWARD

Charles Dickens's "A Christmas Carol" was recently produced into a 3D, computer generated film by Disney. The movie premiered November 6th, 2009. It did well in box office sales and seemed to be promising as far as ratings.

Despite the good reviews, I was a bit skeptical because I thought Jim Carrey "A Christmas Carol" was recently produced into a 3D, computer generated film by Disney. The movie premiered November 6th, 2009. It did well in box office sales and seemed to be promising as far as ratings.

Only five minutes in to the film my view on this movie, and Jim Carrey's performance, completely changed. There was no better person that I could think of that would play the role better than Jim Carrey. He did an excellent job at making each role he played seem to be the real



character. He changed his personality to fit each ghost, past, present, and future and each time made the character's spirit fit the

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Kindle alters future of books, textbooks

BY DEANA GABBARD

The technology of the century has arrived. Amazon's Kindle has hit the stores not only in the United States, but globally. It enables over 270,000-300,000 books to be available to download onto the wireless reading device, and into the minds of many people.

Kindle is wireless book, that looks similar to an Mp3 player or an iPod. One Kindle has the potential to contain anywhere from 200-3500 books, and make students' lives easier.

In addition to downloading popular novels, users can download magazines--and even college textbooks for subjects like organic chemistry and calculus.

This luxury comes at a cost: \$259 for the original Kindle, which has a 6" viewing screen and weighs

in at a whopping 10.2 ounces; or users can pay \$489 for the new Kindle DX. The new Kindle DX has a much larger viewing screen (9.7") and can hold up to 3,500 books.

Once you have a Kindle, the primary cost is downloading the books. Because they are paper-free, the books cost less for the Kindle. For example, the downloading the latest Stephen King novel will cost you \$7.99; to buy the book in hardback, you will pay up to \$35.

Here at the Rock, not many people even knew the Kindle existed. Most responses were similar to that of senior Molly Coffey's who replied "What? No,

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AUDITIONS: continued from front

Indiana schools, are also being visited by MTV, so it isn't definite that an RCHS student will be selected.

Mrs. Mattingly is a both excited and nervous about the chance for MTV to select one of RCHS's students.

"I just want Rockcastle County High School to be portrayed in a positive light, and don't want to carry the typical perception and let people think we are uneducated."

Made takes an average teenager who hasn't been able to reach his dreams and aspirations and helps make the impossible possible. The student that is chosen is given a life coach that will be there everyday to help him achieve his goal. This process will take about 6 weeks all of which will be filmed.

ENROLLMENT: continued from front

retire and not refilling their positions unless absolutely necessary.

Mrs. Tammy Camel, who came to RCHS in August, was hired for one semester. Her position, which was originally held by Mrs. Darlene Martin, will not be filled.

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Click on Destiny in the tool bar, and it will take the user directly to the site.

By registering as a user, students can save research sources and create and save personal reading lists. All they need to register is the barcode number from their library card.

TITLE IX: continued from front

room would help RCHS continue to fulfill Title IX, and create gender equity for all sports here at RCHS. This small change would be beneficial for student athletes for years to come, and better prepare Title IX for future audits.

The Title IX amendment was one of the many 1972 education amendments passed.

It states, "No person in the U.S. shall on the basis of sex be excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, or be subjected to

discrimination under any educational program of activity receiving financial aid."

The Title IX committee is designed to ensure gender equity in all sports sanctioned by the KHSAA. Here at the Rock, the Title IX committee aims for gender equity for all sports offered. By fixing the problems the audit brought up, the Title IX committee will continue to ensure gender equity for all sports here at the Rock.

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Even with the loss, this season's start shows an improved record over last seasons.

The Lady Rockets returned several players from last year, including veterans like Jackie Alexander, the team's leading scorer from last season; Angie Lawrence, who Coach Chrysti Noble called "the sixth man off the bench," and Sara Hammond, the team's leading rebounder.

According to Coach Noble, the team is dissatisfied with how last year ended.

"We want to win the district and region and play on Saturday night at the Girls Sweet 16," she said.

To get to Diddle Arena, the

players need to work on intensity and "finding each player's role."

"We have good speed and each player has the ability to put the ball on the floor and score inside or outside," commented Coach Noble.

Though the Lady Rockets lost a tight game to Scott County, their win against rival Lincoln County early in the season was impressive. They lost two games to Lincoln last year. That includes the game which knocked the Lady Rockets out of the regional tournament.

Said Coach Noble, "It was a nice win, but we have a lot of work ahead of us if we want to play in March at Diddle Arena!"



TRADITIONS: continued from back

celebrate Christmas with traditional customs, such as opening Christmas presents around the tree and eating with relatives.

As you can see, even our student body celebrates the holidays with many different traditions. No matter how you celebrate during the holidays, the togetherness and joy fill the hearts of family and friends closest to you. What are some of your family traditions shared during the holiday season?

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story-line perfectly.

The movie really came to life through the 3D experience. It looked as if the characters were real and not animated. It was amazing how Robert Zemeckis, the director of that other holiday CGI film *The Polar Express*, enhanced the characters. You could see distinct detailing in their faces and clothing.

A Christmas Carol was extremely advanced compared to the animated movies that I've seen in the past, such as *Polar Express* and *Wall-E*.

This would be a perfect movie to enjoy with your family. The producer did an amazing job at making the movie appeal to young and old. It brought out the meaning of Christmas and made it an enjoyable experience for the holidays.

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"I've never heard of it."

However, freshman Rebecca Barron had heard of it, and when asked if she would prefer it to a textbook replied, "Yes, it would be more exciting and portable."

RCHS '09 graduate Mary Saylor was given a Kindle for Christmas her senior year—especially for using in her college classes.

"It works great because the text is easy to read. It doesn't hurt your eyes," said Mary. "You can download straight into the memory, and even get magazines."

Mary is especially excited about the possibility of more and more textbooks being available on the Kindle.

"I think it's a great idea for textbooks," she said, "because students would only have one 'book' to carry around. No more backpacks!"

The Kindle is available from Amazon.com, and it's even available in an iPod version.



Have a Happy and Safe Christmas Break!



Members of Rockcastle County High School's Young Republicans Club braved the cold to march in the Mt. Vernon Christmas Parade with U.S. Senate candidate Trey Grayson. Several members are shown with Mr. Grayson (in blue) and club sponsor Mr. Marcus Reppert.

Students participate in tree lighting, parade

BY ELLIE BRYANT

Many RCHS students attended the tree-lighting ceremony in Mt. Vernon and the Mt. Vernon Christmas parade to celebrate the Christmas season with their community.

JROTC was one school group which participated in the parade on December 5. They marched as a group down Main Street and presented the colors to the crowd.

Around 20 JROTC members volunteered to march in Saturday's parade.

RCHS's Young Republicans also marched in the parade. They showed their support of US Senate candidate Trey Grayson.

Following tradition, the RCHS band marched in the event, headed

by field commander Regina Rice.

The band's brass ensemble, along with senior Katy Howard, performed at the tree lighting ceremony on December 4. Howard graced the crowd with three Christmas songs, including "Mary, Did You Know?", "New Again," and "Away in a Manger."

Students, staff celebrate with holiday traditions

BY BRITTANY SMITH AND
KATELYNN THACKER

Christmas is just around the corner and everyone is getting into that holiday spirit: decorating their Christmas trees, shopping for all their loved ones, hanging their stockings on the fireplace for Santa to fill with all kinds of goodies, telling the story of Santa Claus for all their children to enjoy, and leaving cookies and milk for Santa and his reindeer.

The majority of Americans spend their Christmas with family and friends; eating Christmas dinner and opening gifts around the Christmas tree. Then there are those whose have created their own Christmas traditions that they share each year with their own families & friends.

We asked some of our own

students here at RCHS to share some of their special holiday traditions.

"My family makes a birthday cake for Jesus each year," said senior Megan Taylor. "Everyone else gets a birthday cake on their birthday, so why shouldn't Jesus on his?"

On Christmas Eve, senior Katie Cope decorates her car with lights and drives around town with her friends with the windows down blasting their favorite Christmas songs.

Mrs. Lesley Buckner and her little boy, Mitchell, go to the Fayette Mall the day before Thanksgiving to see Santa Claus. After Mitchell's visit with Santa, they visit a kiosk in the mall to have an ornament

made to hang on their Christmas tree. An Elf also visits Mitchell every day of the week before Christmas and puts something special in his stocking.

Senior Courtney Ham and her sister Holly, a sophomore, share Christmas Eve with their family and friends by going to the Christmas Eve service at First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon. When the service is over, they go to their aunt's to eat and play games.

Foreign exchange student Andre Schwertle says that in Germany his family celebrates Christmas on the 24th. They

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How to make the holidays special, without breaking the bank

By LARUSSA LAKES

These days many people are concerned with their holiday spending and not being able to afford gifts for all of their loved ones. Because the economy is so strenuous people are becoming strapped for cash.

There are plenty of ways to make the holidays special without spending too much money. If you're looking for a personal gift that doesn't take a lot of time and isn't too pricey, here are just a few ideas.

Give a little bit of home

During the holidays, almost everyone loves sweets. A batch of fudge or some homemade cookies are sure to brighten someone's holiday without breaking your budget. You may consider going in with a friend to split the cost of ingredients and making several batches of cookies or candy that you can give to your friends.

Share some memories

Another way to save on Christmas is to use Windows Movie Maker or Windows PowerPoint to create a virtual photo album or movie. It's the perfect way to share memories from former

holidays or family gatherings—at no cost.

If the program is not available or you don't have the access to a computer, a simple collection of photos in an inexpensive album is just as affordable and creative.

For the cooking and technology impaired

If technology and cooking aren't part of your forte then a simple homemade goody bag would be an ideal gift. You can purchase festive bags at a craft store or your local Wal-Mart. If you're unsure about the ingredients to a holiday gift bag, here are some simple and inexpensive ideas.

You could include an inexpensive ornament found at a Dollar Tree and some Christmas candy, or whatever you prefer.

These are just some simple ideas. If you don't use them, hopefully they'll help you come up with some ideas of your own. Whatever you choose do know that anything you decide to give the special people in your life will be a sure success as long as love and effort are the main ingredients.

RECIPES

These easy recipes make the perfect treats to share with friend and family as an inexpensive gift this season.

What you'll need:

- 3 cups sugar
- 3/4 cup (1-1/2 sticks) butter
- 1 small can (5 oz.) evaporated milk (about 2/3 cup)
- 6 oz. semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 jar (7 oz.) marshmallow creme
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- Optional: 1 cup chopped walnuts

Line a 9-inch square pan with foil, with ends of foil extending over sides of pan; set aside.

Place sugar, butter and evaporated milk in large heavy saucepan. Bring to full rolling boil on medium heat, stirring constantly. Boil 4 min. or until candy thermometer reaches 234°F, stirring constantly to prevent scorching.

Remove from heat. Add chocolate and marshmallow creme; stir until completely melted. Add vanilla (and walnuts, if desired); mix well.

Pour immediately into prepared pan; spread to form even layer in pan. Let stand at room temperature 4 hours or until completely cooled; cut into 1-inch squares. Store in tightly covered container at room temperature.