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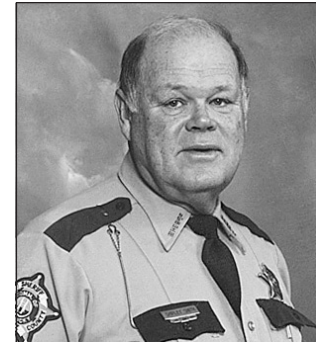


Former Rockcastle County Sheriff Shirley Smith was critically injured on Sunday after his truck was hit by a CSX train at a Wildie crossing.

In truck, train collision

Former Sheriff Shirley Smith critically injured Sunday at Wildie

By: Richard Anderkin
Former Rockcastle County Sheriff, and well-known local farmer, Shirley



Former Rockcastle Sheriff Shirley Smith

Smith is in critical but stable condition at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington after his 1994 Ford pick-up truck was struck by a CSX train around 12:40 p.m. on Sunday.

According to a news release from the Kentucky State Police, the accident happened on a private drive leading to Ky. 1786 in the Wildie Community.

According to Smith's daughter, Lisa Hemsley, her father was headed to the farm

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Former attorney Nicky Williams was shot to death in his home, shown above, on Sunday. Williams' home is located in a somewhat remote area on Lear Lane in the Scaffold Cane area of the county. Another local man has been charged with his murder.

Edward Perciful charged with murder

Williams shot to death Sunday

A former well-known attorney, who practiced mainly in Rockcastle and Madison Counties several years ago, was shot to death at his Lear Lane home, in the Scaffold Cane area of the county, on Sunday morning.

According to Rockcastle

County Attorney Billy Dowell, who ordered an autopsy in the case, Nicholas W. Williams, 63, died from two .22 caliber gunshot wounds to the head.

According to KSP Public Affairs Officer Don Trosper, Edward M. Perciful, 57, who lived as a tenant with Williams, was charged with murder by state police detective Millard Root.

Rockcastle County Attorney Billy Reynolds, who wrote two search warrants before Perciful's arrest, said the two men apparently got into an argument and that Williams also fired shots before he was killed by Perciful.

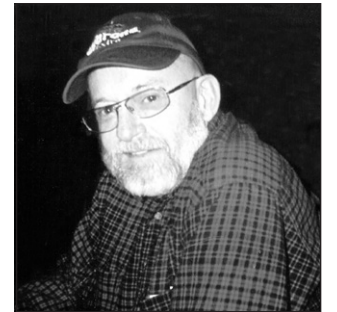
Perciful is being held in the Rockcastle County Detention Center under a \$75,000 cash bond.

Trosper said the investigation into the case is continuing.

William's complete obituary appears on page A-3.



Edward Perciful



Nicky Williams

Clarice Kirby files for re-election

Mt. Vernon Mayor Clarice Kirby is seeking a third term.

The Mayor announced this week that she had filed for re-election on December 30th in Rockcastle County Clerk Norma Houk's office for the November General Election, when non-partisan races are held.

Besides serving as Mayor for the past seven years, Kirby was a member of the



Mt. Vernon Mayor Clarice Kirby

city council for 16 years.

Her statement to the people of Mt. Vernon reads as follows: "God has placed it upon my heart to try to win again as your mayor. I wish to finish the projects in Mt. Vernon that I have started in order to benefit all of the people in one way or another. I have faith that, without any tax increases, I can build on what I've already accomplished and continue working with the experience I have to make all of the improvements that we are lacking. We must work together to let old and young alike see their dreams for the future of Mt. Vernon come true. As I begin the battle in my defense against the enemy, I will stand firm on my innocence as my strength comes from God."

The first week of December the Mayor was indicted by a Rockcastle County

Grand Jury on five counts. The charges against her are

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Local family critically injured on Dec. 21st

On Monday morning, December 21st, a horrific head-on collision on KY 39 near Preachersville sent seven to the hospital in a wreck that took five ambulances to transport all of the injured. Emergency medical personnel on the scene requested helicopter support but inclement weather kept the aircraft from responding forcing first responders to rely on ground transportation.

According to reports, Troy Reeves of Owsley County was traveling south on KY 39 with his son, Troy Jr., and two-year-old daughter, Amber Lynn, when he dropped off the roadway and onto the shoulder. Reeves' correction brought him into the northbound lane and in the direct path of another passenger car driven by Harry Holman.

Holeman, of Mt. Vernon, was traveling north with his wife, Beverly, her daughter, Kim Kirby, and Kirby's daughter, Jaiden Barnes.

Reportedly, when he saw Reeves enter his lane,

Holman swung into the southbound lane but could not avoid the collision, which spun the vehicles down the embankment on the west side of the road. The vehicles ended up back-to-back facing in the opposite direction of travel.

First responders from Crab Orchard, Stanford and the Lincoln County sheriff's office and firefighters responded to the accident. Garrard County ambulances went to the scene to provide mutual support if needed.

At the scene the various agencies worked seamlessly to mitigate fire danger, stabilize then remove and transport victims. Damage to the vehicles was so severe that powered extraction tools were required to open some of the doors.

Once extraction began, firefighters, law enforcement and even some bystanders pitched in carrying backboards and gurneys and lifting victims up the embankment to waiting ambulances.

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Five fire departments in the county responded to a house fire on Woodland Place in Mt. Vernon on New Year's Eve. Firefighters were called to the fire around 6:15 p.m. but, when they arrived on the scene, the house was already heavily involved. Mt. Vernon fire chief David Bales said because the house was out of the city limits there were no fire hydrants available for water to help fight the blaze. Firefighters still managed to put 35,000 of water on the fire with the use of 1,850 feet of hose. However, due to the location of the home firefighters did not have enough water pressure to use their "Big Gun" to help contain the blaze. Two other homes, one belonging to Billy and Christy Phillips and the other to Nelson and Gail Bond were damaged due to the extreme heat from the above fire. The home that burned was owned by Brian and Christy Jones and was unoccupied.



The home of Landis Harding on Scaffold Cane Road was completely destroyed by fire on December 26th. Brindle Ridge fireman Bryan Mullins said Harding was not at home at the time of the fire and that a wood stove was the likely cause of the blaze. Besides Brindle Ridge firefighters responding to fire, volunteer fire fighters from Sand Gap also responded.

Points East

By Ike Adams



Guess what I'm getting for my birthday which actually came to pass last Tuesday whereupon I turned 40 for the 21st time.

Forty really ain't that bad, or at least it didn't use to be, but I've been doing it for 21 years now and I'm stiff as a board and I ache in every joint. I turn over in the bed at night and Loretta grumbles that I need to fix that creaking noise in the basement and I reach over and pat her on the bottom and rub the small of her back there on the soft spot on her spine above her tail bone.

And I tell her that it's near the top of my honey do list. So she goes right back to sleep, assuming I will fix it while she puts up with it for the duration of the night.

Loretta sleeps pretty soundly and does not realize that my bones are more prone to creak-

ing than the ancient sills and joists of this old house when the temperature gets down to zero and the cold winds make us shudder in as has happened for the last several days.

And while she sleeps and snuggles there on her side of the bed, flipping an errant foot to touch my toes and make sure I'm still there, I find myself awake.

Beside my side of the bed, under the nightstand, nearly a foot deep, I have piled a stack of reading material that my wife considers to be obscene.

I have no fewer than 30 seed catalogues with addresses that stretch from Maine to California and when I know for sure that Loretta is snoozing, I quietly switch on my reading light and pore over all the things I want to plant from late February until the

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Taking Care of Fevers

Presented by Dr. Callie Shaffer

What should you do when your child gets a fever? Does he need to go to the emergency room right away or can it be treated with acetaminophen or ibuprofen?

A fever is merely a symptom which means an infection or occasionally some other illness is going on. Typically, the fever is low grade with viruses and higher with bacterial infections. Generally, the higher the fever, the worse the infection. However, some children will get a fever of 105 with mild infections and very sick children may have only mild fevers.



In infants under three months old, any fever should be considered serious and be evaluated very promptly. In older children, a low grade fever with the typical viral symptoms of a runny nose and cough may best be treated with acetaminophen or ibuprofen, decongestants and cough suppressants.

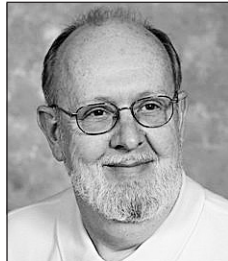
If a child has persistent or high fevers, or localized symptoms such as an ear ache or sore throat, he should be examined to determine if antibiotics are needed.

Once antibiotics and other specific therapies are started, it is wise to treat the fever to make the child more comfortable, help him rest better and help avoid dehydration.

Acetaminophen or ibuprofen should be given on a regular basis to maintain a therapeutic level. If the blood level drops too low, the fever may shoot up very quickly. Be sure to use a full dose of one before adding or switching to the other.

Sponge baths are not routinely advised these days, but if they are used they should only be done once the medicines have "reset the thermostat" in the brain.

Always give plenty of fluids. Although aspirin is normally avoided in children with infections because of the risk of Reye's Syndrome, ibuprofen is safe, effective and long acting, making it a popular choice.



Rockcastle Memories

By David J. Griffin

My Red Ryder Air Rifle

From the time I was old enough to follow my grandfather (Pop) as he hunted small game in the woods and fields behind our home in Rockcastle County, I wanted to be like him and carry my own rifle or shotgun. Aware of my desire to mimic him, he purchased a Daisy Red Ryder air rifle as a gift for my eighth birthday. He wanted this to be a surprise, so I was unaware of his purchase until it was delivered to our house.

When I opened the box, I was not only surprised - I was overjoyed with his wonderful gift. Pop immediately proceeded to provide proper instruction about handling guns, even though it was only an air rifle. His first lesson was to make certain that I never pointed it toward a person or toward anything that I did not intend to shoot. I can hear him now, "David Joe, you never point a gun toward anyone, even if you know it is not loaded!" His words followed me throughout my entire life.

Each day we went into the back yard to learn another lesson with my Red Ryder. One of the next tutorials Pop taught me was, "We only kill animals that we want to eat." Now to an eight-year-old boy with an air rifle that did not make much sense. What animal could you shoot with a BB gun that could be cleaned and eaten for a meal? Of course, that indeed was his point; BB guns were not made to hunt game but to learn how to properly shoot a rifle for later on.

After a few weeks, Pop was satisfied that I could take my Daisy into the woods by myself without his supervision. I was so excited. I felt like a true woodsman! I suppose that it was during this time when I started to love walking in the woods alone. You can imagine the countless times that I stalked a stump or a rock, pretending it was some game animal.

I practiced and practiced taking aim and shooting my targets until I could hit my in-

tended mark. I feel sure that Pop was probably somewhere in the background watching his student to see if I had learned the proper technique with my BB gun and whether I was following his instruction.

As my talents improved, Pop challenged me to shooting matches with my air rifle. Pop was a good shot, and he taught me how to take aim and how to lead my target so the BB would fly true. In no time at all, he was praising my shooting skills. He even allowed me to occasionally shoot his Stevens single shot 22 rifle. I have no doubt that the prime reason for his purchase of the BB gun was for me to learn how to shoot real guns.

I distinctly remember one Saturday afternoon when I disobeyed my grandfather. I was on a shooting spree in the woods behind our house when I saw a Blue Jay sitting on the limb of a maple tree. I took careful aim and shot a single BB toward the loudly calling, beautiful bird. My shot rang true, and the jay fell to the ground motionless.

I rushed to its side and saw blood coming from its little eye. It was dead and I was devastated. That was the first and only time that I ever disobeyed my Pop about my Daisy air rifle. I could not just leave it lying there, so I carried the lifeless bird home and explained my transgression to Pop. The look of disappointment on my grandfather's face was worse than any punishment that he could have given me. It was a look that I have never forgotten.

Then he said, "David Joe, what did I tell you about killing anything with your BB gun?" With tears streaming down my face, I told him how sorry I was and promised that it would never happen again. He sternly replied, "It better not, or I will give your BB gun to someone who can be responsible with its use!" That was the only time I knowingly killed anything with my BB gun.

After that, Pop and I often hunted together in the woods behind our house. Him with his shotgun and me with my BB gun. Each time we hunted together, he carefully taught me the proper lessons to hunt game. When I turned ten years old, Pop took me to a hardware store and bought me my first firearm - a Stevens single shot, 20-gauge shotgun. I was so proud that he knew he could trust me with such a deadly weapon.

We enjoyed hunting together for a few years, but then it quite suddenly came to an end.

When I was about 12 or 13, Pop was in the midst of breaking up kindling for a morning fire in his Warm Morning stove, and a piece of wood stuck in his right eye.

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The Roots of Rockcastle

by: Tonya J. Cook



As I have written, or hope that I've included in every issue of The Roots of Rockcastle, that each story was "...as remembered by..." or something alluding that. That is all this column is about plain and simple: the written memories of various individuals. Of course, one individual's memories are not held in any higher regard than another person's remembrances. Let it be understood that each and every person, place, or event has not been verified in every article, or in some cases, cannot be.

I, nor the Mount Vernon Signal, have not intentionally misled or misrepresented any story, however, it has come to our attention that in the last issue of The Roots of Rockcastle, some local citizens have found error in the column regarding the existence of "Bowman Town", the dates of the Livingston school and gym being built, the locations of some business in Livingston, etc. We certainly apologize for any error or misunderstanding that it has caused. Hopefully, this will not happen again, as accuracy is of the utmost importance, but cannot, due to the sources of information and limited reference material, be guaranteed although I will utilize as many sources as possible to maintain accuracy. Please

keep in mind that this column is as much intended as a source of entertainment through reminiscence as it is of a documentary nature. We also must remember that any two individuals may not remember the same subject in the same light except in generalities.

Future columns will include a disclaimer when and where necessary depending on the subject matter and the availability of documented references. This column contains memories concerning local history as remembered by the individuals submitting the information, and accounts may vary.

Due to the length of this explanation, I'll only include a photograph of John Howard sitting in an old wagon on the south end of Livingston about 1900 to 1910. As you can see, the back ground looks much the same as it did then. The streets appear to be unpaved. This is the last history that will include Livingston for a time so other sections of the county may be addressed.

(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 therootsofrockcastle@windstream.net)



John Howard sitting in an old wagon on the south end of Livingston about 1900 to 1910.

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 Pongo Volunteer Fire Department and the Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Department (at Conway) January 11th through January 25th and the City of Livingston (gravel lot across from school) and the Western Rockcastle Volunteer Fire Department January 25th through February 8th. 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.

MORE Wintertime Money Saving Tip\$

Is your \$ "going with the flow"? Check those air ducts!

A typical home loses 20 to 30 percent of the air that flows through its ventilation system. The thief? Leaky ductwork! Properly sealed and insulated ducts and joints optimize a system's efficiency; especially those routed through attics where temperatures may vary widely from the home's living spaces. Focus first on sealing ducts that run through the attic, crawlspace, or unheated basement. Use duct sealant (mastic) or metal-backed (foil) tape to seal the seams and connections of ducts. After sealing the ducts in those spaces, wrap the ducts in insulation to keep them from getting cold in the winter (or hot in the summer). An insulation value of R-6 is recommended for ductwork.

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Obituaries



Shirley Thompson

Mrs. Shirley Ann Jones Thompson, 61, died Monday, December 28th, 2009 at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital.

She was born April 22, 1948 in Livingston, a daughter of the late Rollie Jones and Hazel Milburn Jones. She was of the Holiness Faith, a loving and devoted mother and grandmother. Her hobbies and interests were crocheting, flowers and collecting Fenton glass.

Those left to cherish her memories include: two sons, Jeffery Milburn of Somerset, and Tim (Donna) Milburn of Mt. Vernon; four daughters, Bobbie Sowder of Livingston, Lisa Kaye Thompson of Mt. Vernon, Leslie Renea Thompson of Richmond, and Patricia Halstead of Lancaster; twelve grandchildren and six great grandchildren, five brothers, Jr. Jones, Amos Jones, Lloyd Dean Jones, Bobby Jones and Ernie Jones; one sister, Nonia (Ken) Smith, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by two sisters, Jean Overbay and Mabel Irene Jones and a brother, Kenneth Jones.

Funeral services were held Thursday, December 31, 2009 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals Chapel with Bro. Jerry Lewis and Bro. Tony Jones officiating. Burial followed in the Moore Cemetery.

Casket Bearers were Edward Sturgill, Tim Milburn, Jeffery Milburn, T.J. Milburn, Derrick Helton, Jeremy Milburn, Jeffery Jones, and Travis Blake Smith.

Condolences may be made online www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com



Lucy Cottengim

Mrs. Lucy Ann Browning Cottengim, 63 of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, December 31, 2009 at the UK Medical Center in Lexington. She was born in Louellen, Ky. on July 5, 1946, the daughter of Farmer and Rhoda Coots Browning. She was a former employee of Kroger and of the Rockcastle Health & Rehabilitation Center and was a member of the Morning View Pentecostal Church.

She is survived by: her husband, Dillie "Bud" Cottengim; one son, James Cottengim, of Berea; three daughters, Sandra (Michael) Deubel and Karen (Glen) Fugate, all of Mt. Vernon and Joann Cottengim of Florence; one brother, Glen Browning of High Splint; one sister, Margaret (Murphy) Martin of Livingston. Also surviving are five grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Jasper Browning.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 4th at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Burgess Daugherty and Bro. Jimmy Miller. Burial was in the Morning View Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Jim Clements, Jim Cottengim, Michael Deubel, Glenn Fugate, Brandon Smith, Matthew Smith and Robert Torbeck.

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



Johnny Taylor

Johnny Clinton Taylor, 72, husband of Beverly Brown Taylor of Crab Orchard, died Tuesday, January 5th, 2010 at the Rockcastle County Regional Hospital in Mt. Vernon. He was born on September 3, 1937 in Beelick, the son of the late Fred Henderson Taylor and Lucy Todd Taylor. He was a member of the Fairview Church of Christ. His hobbies and interests were gardening, flea markets, yard sales and playing with Noah Christopher. On March 30, 1962 he was united in holy matrimony to Beverly Brown Taylor and from that union came two children.

Those left to cherish his memory include: his wife of 47 years, Beverly Brown Taylor of Crab Orchard; two children, Diane (Vick) Helton of Brodhead and David Clinton Taylor of Crab Orchard; one grandson, Eric (Nicole) Helton of Richmond; one great grandson, Noah Christopher of Richmond; two brothers, Everett Taylor and Kenneth (Janet) Taylor, all of Crab Orchard; two sisters, Jewell Hines of Stanford and Ina (Raymond) Todd of Crab Orchard; and a host of nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: three brothers, Carlos, Clarence and Charles Taylor; and two sisters, Pauline Renner and Ruby Taylor.

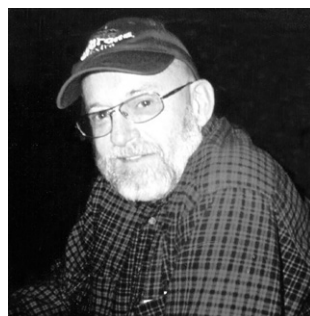
Visitation will be (today) Thursday, January 7th, 2010 from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals in Brodhead and Friday, January 8th, 2010 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fairview Church of Christ.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, January 8th, 2010 at 1 p.m. at the Fairview Church of Christ with Bro. Curt Herrington officiating. Burial will follow in the Mt. Zion Cemetery in Lincoln County.

Casketbearers will be Eric Helton, Vick Helton, David Colson, Jr. Renner, Wayne Renner and Bob Beaty.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences to the family may be made to his online registry at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com



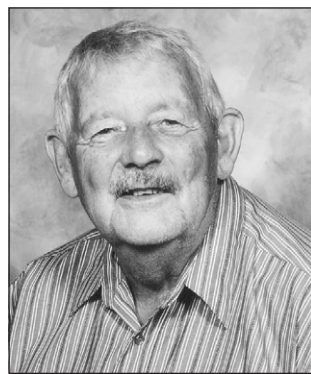
Nicky Williams

Nicky W. Williams, 63 of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, January 3, 2010 at his residence. He was born in Berea, Ky. on October 1, 1946, the son of Carl B. and Cora Lee Sexton Williams.

He is survived by: one son, C. J. Williams of Mt. Vernon; one brother, Wendell Williams of Mt. Vernon; one sister, Ann Boykin of Modesto, CA; two grandchildren, Cora Collinsworth and John Collinsworth. In addition to his parents, Mr. Williams was preceded in death by his first wife, Jenny Lee Williams and two daughters, Nicole Williams and LeAnn Williams.

Memorial services will be conducted Thursday, January 7th at 2:00 PM at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Mr. Troy Williams. Visitation will begin at 11:00 AM on Thursday.

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Jack Dailey

Jack Dempsey Dailey, 78, of Somerset, died Tuesday, December 29, 2009 at the VA Medical Center in Lexington. He was born in Mt. Vernon on September 19, 1931, the son of Arthur and Pearl Renner Dailey. He was a retired mechanic, an Army Veteran of the Korean War and was a member of the Woodstock Baptist Church.

He is survived by: his wife, Ellen Dailey of Somerset; two sons, Frank (Judy) Dailey of Salvisa, Ky. and John (Glenda) Dailey of Somerset; two daughters, Denise (Richard) Brown of Berea, and Lisa (Roger) Poynter of Ferguson, Ky. and one sister, Betty Jo McGary of New York. Also surviving are seven grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, three great great grandchildren, and one step grandchild, Nikita Flinchum. In addition to his parents, Mr. Dailey was preceded in death by four brothers, two sisters and one grandson.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, January 1, 2010 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Donavon Burton. Burial followed in the Piney Grove Cemetery at Brodhead.

Pallbearers were: David Carter, Frank Jacob Dailey, Jack Dempsey Dailey, James Eric Darland, Nikita Flinchum and Darrin Sigmon. Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.



Anna Day

Anna M. Day, 82, of Richmond, IN died December 31, 2009 at her daughter's home. She was born September 29, 1927 in Livingston, to James and Betty Rains Senters and lived in Richmond most of her life.

Anna worked as a nurse's aide and in housekeeping in hospitals and nursing homes. She was a member of the Kings Highway Holiness Church.

Survivors include: her daughter, Beverly Bright of Richmond, IN; two grandsons, Charles (Delores) Reece of Stuart, Florida and Ronald Reece of Richmond, IN; four great grandchildren, Brianna, Brock, Skyler, and Hayley; two brothers, Bill Senters of Centerville and Gene Senters of Livingston; one sister, Shirley Coff of Hammond, nieces and nephews, and a special friend, Penny Hossman of Richmond, IN.

Anna is preceded in death by her husband James who died in 1962, one son, Wally Joe Day, one brother, James Senters, and one sister, Geraldine Hensley.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 4, 2010 at King's Highway Holiness Church with Rev. Harold Hale officiating. Burial will be in Earlham Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Diabetes Association 6415 Castleway West Drive Suite 114 Indianapolis, Indiana 46250.

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George "Rabbit" Cox

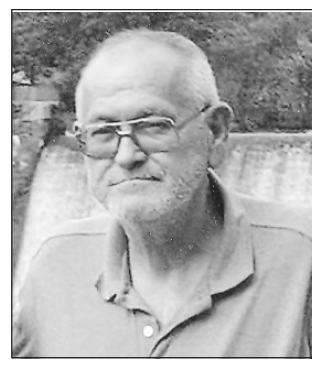
George "Rabbit" Cox, 54, of Mt. Vernon died Saturday December 26, 2009 at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital after a long illness. He was born on November 8, 1955 in Rockcastle County, the son of the late Luther and Clercie Marler Cox. He enjoyed the Gateway Program, and was a member of the Sand Springs Baptist Church.

Survivors are: two brothers, James Luther Cox and William Milton Cox, both of Mt. Vernon; two sisters, Gertrude Mullins and Emmie Stogsdill, both of Mt. Vernon. Several nieces and nephews also survive. He was preceded in death by five brothers, Wilburn, Charlie, Andrew, Boyd and Shirley Cox.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 30, 2009 at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Terry Osborne officiating. Burial followed in the Marler Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jerry Stogsdill, Tim Renner, Terry Renner, Jesse Mullins, Matthew Marlow and Cody Monk

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Hillery A. Griffis

Hillery A. Griffis, 62, of Stearns, Ky. died December 21, 2009 at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. He was born at Smithtown, Ky. on March 8, 1947, the son of the late Woodrow Wilson and Maxine Duvall Griffis. He was a retired custodian for school system and member of Pleasant Rock United Baptist Church. He was Chief Red Owl of Lenape Tribe.

Survivors include his wife, Carol Faye Waters Griffis and his daughters, Wanda Stephens of Whitley City, Ky. and April Harris of Mt. Vernon. Six grandchildren and two great grandchildren also survive.

His parents and his sister, Rita Griffis precede him in death.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 26, 2009 at McCreary County Funeral Home with Rev. Claude Davis officiating. Burial was in Angel Cemetery.

Verla Childress Bunch

Mrs. Verla Childress Bunch, 70, of Jamestown, IN, died Wednesday, December 30, 2009 at IU Medical Center in Indianapolis, IN. She was born in Mt. Vernon on October 10, 1939 the daughter of Willis and Thelma Childress.

Mrs. Bunch is survived by: one son, Larry and Shawna Hood; two brothers, Ray Childress and Dale Childress; Zona Phelps, Betty Cochran, Louise Taylor and Bonnie Turner; three grandchildren, Naomi, Jeremy and Jonathon and seven great grandchildren. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Bunch was preceded in death by four brothers: Johnny, Neva, Raymond and David and one sister, Mary.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 2, 2010 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Pastor Art Thomas of North Salem, IN. Burial followed in the Reynolds Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Dale Childress, Jeremy Hood, John Hood, Larry Hood, Michael Phelps and Jason Turner.

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Location: Between Mt. Vernon and Brodhead. From Mt. Vernon take US 150 West 3.5 miles or from Brodhead take US 150 East State Rd 1250. Turn on 1250 and go about 1000 ft to old road way leading to the property. Auction signs are posted.
 By order of Rockcastle County Circuit Court, our company has been authorized to sell this well located farm for the absolute high dollar.
 The property contains 73.34 acres by recently completed survey. The property will be sold in its entirety and is improved with the pictured house that is in need of repairs, but would make an ideal home site or retreat. It will have access from the new US Hwy 150. Being adjacent to the Country Club, this property offers development potential. With a creek traversing the property and the woodland, it's also ideal for recreation. If you like seclusion and privacy, yet convenience, check out this property out before the day of the auction. **Remember, this auction will be held at the Cedar Rapids Country Club on Hwy 150.
Auctioneer's Note: This property has been in the Turpin family for many years but now it's going to have a new owner. Being located next to the country club and with access on the new US 150, this property offers unequalled opportunity.
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Our Readers Write

Thanks to the Road Dept....

Dear Editor,
My family lives on Hwy. 3245 at Brodhead. We want to take the time to thank the Hwy. Dept. for doing such a good job on our road when it snows. They come out and either scrape or put salt when needed. We appreciate them. No matter how cold it is we can depend on them. Thanks again.

James Bretz and family
3776 Ky.3245,
Brodhead, Ky.40409

Does the council know the laws?...

Dear Editor,
Just as we were thinking the City Council was starting to work together as a team, one of the councilmen (throws a stick in the spokes). I really think Councilman is trying to play politics rather than do his duty as a member of the Council.

When a recommendation was proposed to the council and Councilman Don Jones said it was not legal, and even proved it by the laws that govern the city government, (and the mayor had to agree with him) Councilman Clark Mullins turns his back and says "I don't put much stock in what the Kentucky League of Cities says" with the problems they are having. Does he put much stock in the leadership that Mt. Vernon has, with the problems it has?

This Councilman has been on the council for several years and should know some of the laws that govern the city. The remainder of the council either don't know what is going on or just don't care, they seem to only want to pacify the mayor. I wonder if these other members will think different if the state audits the city? This has been requested.

Ron Taylor
Mt. Vernon, Ky.

Final 2009 report to ERWA members...

Dear Editor,
This is my final report of 2009 for Signal readers who depend on the ERWA for water.

In the December meeting, the board approved the 2010 budget, with me being the only board member to ask questions.

I expressed concern about a projected steep increase in office supplies and postage of \$5,073. This is a very large increase for an operation as small as the ERWA and one that seems unjustifiable. As usual there was not an explanation by the ERWA president.

To make matters even worse the ERWA board accepted the president's proposal to add another full-time employee to the payroll, with generous health insurance benefits. This will result in

ERWA having four full-time employees with full health benefits. This is incomprehensible for such a small water utility.

You don't have to be a math whiz or CPA to figure out the future of such reckless disregard for sound financial management.

The first result will be higher water rates for all water users, rates that will be beyond the ability of many ERWA customers on fixed incomes to pay. Next will be a financial collapse that will threaten water services for everyone. The consequences will be inconvenience and many forced to once again rely on untreated and unsafe drinking water sources.

The ERWA is an association of water users. This means that each member should be able to hear what the ERWA board members discuss and see the actions they take.

The Kentucky League of Cities and KACO are two agencies recently in the news because they racked-up tremendous financial abuses, while their boards failed to provide proper oversight. These two agencies also tried hiding from public responsibility by claiming it was none of the public's concern, because they were private, even while they were taking tax dollars in the form of grants. Does this sound familiar?

If for no other reason, you should be concerned if you want to keep your water rates affordable and clean drinking water for yourself and your children. Demand accountability!

June M. Whittler, Ph.D.
ERWA Board Member

Re: Paul Payne Trial...

Dear Editor,
So many of you have asked about the outcome of Paul Payne's trial. As you may remember, Paul was caught around the end of May at approximately 1:30 in the morning entering our basement -- our home where my children and I reside. As you also know, Rockcastle County has been hit very hard by thieves and every citizen has begged for relief.

Originally, Paul was charged with criminal trespassing, alcohol intoxication and burglary 2nd degree. My case was represented by the Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Jeremy Bartley. When Paul, a 21-year-old young man, stood before Judge Tapp on Nov. 4, 2009, he was allowed to enter an "Alford Plea" to burglary 3rd degree. The court entered a motion for Pretrial Diversion with conditions for a period of two years, diverted for two years.

So, Paul being a young man will have the chance to redeem himself. If he successfully completes the two years then, it is my understanding,

his slate will be wiped clean and Paul gets off to a new start. If he fails, or should I say "if he gets caught," then he will have to face the charges or possible sentence. Paul, regrettably, did not have to stand accountable for Burglary 2nd degree, alcohol intoxication nor the criminal trespassing charge.

I suppose it is good that this young man has the opportunity to turn his life around and make something of himself instead of living a life of dishonor and disgrace. Does a family name mean nothing? Don't we all have the right to be proud of who we are? And, doesn't every citizen have the right to be safe in their own home? I sincerely hope Paul will think about where a road may end before he chooses to walk thereon.

I also hope judges and attorneys will think about what they are doing to us and to our families every time they release these thieves back out for another episode of "Pete and Repeat." No wonder so many citizens take matters into their own hands.

Sincerely,
Barbara Mason

Decline in Christian values (part 2)...

Dear Editor,

In summary, last issue, I wrote about a couple that was a solid rock for the community of Brindle Ridge and she passed away and he remarried. Out of loneliness and a need to have companionship to share his life, he married a widow which he quickly realized was a family that had one thing in mind. That was the greed of money and selfishness. There was also mental and physical abuse, which he was silent about and was not known about until later.

In fact, he applied for divorce, which appeared in the local paper because of a public notice. In a short period he canceled the divorce because of condemnation from the Christian community.

If he had made known at the time, what was happening maybe the judgmental Christians would have been more Christlike and not so critical. But he was such a meek person and didn't want anyone to think badly of him.

In hindsight, this was one of the worst mistakes he ever made in his life. In fact his married life escalated into more mental and physical anguish. He was in his 80's by now and in the past he had excellent health and tended to a 100 acre farm. But this family had affected his health to the extent that he was only a shell of his original self.

Finally, after a couple strokes and admitted to the hospital, he gave up the will to live and passed away. This was hard to take, since he always told me to never give up. At times I would ask him if anything was wrong, and with a smile and a twinkle in his eyes, he would say nothing. See, he was never a complainer or never said a negative word about anyone. All he wanted was to again share his life, peace and Christianity with another person to maintain the family atmosphere, life and morals he valued so much and was a foundation of humanity.

Next week, I would like to continue this true story. Thank you, everyone for listening.

Jefferson Saylor
Atlanta, Ga



Kentucky Music Hall of Fame & Museum a place of pure paradise for its Director

By Don White

"Paradise" means a lot to Robert Lawson.

Not only is it the name of his second favorite song of all time, it also describes how he feels about his place of employment.

Serving as executive director of the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame & Museum has been a labor of love for the Livingston native since May of 2002.

"I love this place," says the 1992 Rockcastle County High graduate, who formerly worked for a grocery and finance company.

"I get up every morning looking forward to coming to work at the greatest job I've ever had. I just love all the exciting things I get to do."

Among the highlights has been meeting some of the biggest stars in the music industry, including a number of the 32 Kentuckians inducted into the hall.

During one induction ceremony, he was responsible for bringing together Loretta Lynn and Crystal Gale for their first joint performance in 16 years.

He also was able to help the late Dottie Rambo meet Lynn when the country legend performed at Renfro Valley.

Rambo, a frequent and favorite visitor to the museum, was killed a short time later when her bus crashed in Mt. Vernon, Missouri.

Being nearby when Dwight Yokum and Ricky Skaggs were "chatting away like two big kids, was a special treat.

"I'm just like a big sponge when I'm around those people. I love to listen to them tell their stories," says Lawson.

Located just off I-75 in Mt. Vernon, the 16,600 square foot facility is a mixture of old and new, utilizing a portion of a horse stable on the farm of

John Lair, legendary founder of the nearby Renfro Valley entertainment complex.

Lair was in the first group of inductees, which also included such renowned stars as "Red" Foley, Rosemary Clooney, Tom T. Hall, Bill Monroe, Lionel Hamilton, The Osborne Brothers, Merle Travis, Grandpa Jones, and Loretta Lynn.

Lynn has been one of the museum's biggest boosters, according to Lawson, often promoting the facility while performing her stage shows.

Recently, on a visit to her ranch in Tennessee, Lawson was given one of her guitars to be placed in her display case at the facility.

All the hundreds of items on display, from vintage automobiles to sheet music, have been donated or are on loan.

More memorabilia comes in as new members are inducted every other year.

"Noting the number of Kentuckians worthy of induction, Lawson points out that "we're always playing catch-up around here."

Although there is a heavy emphasis on country, folk, and Bluegrass music, the director says the fact all styles of music are represented in the hall is a point of pride.

"Kentuckians have achieved a high level of success in everything from rap to jazz, and we try to recognize all of them," says Lawson.

A colorful state map near the museum's entrance contains a listing of people from nearly every county who have made contributions to the music industry.

Educating visitors, especially school children, is something Lawson is fond of doing, and something he's really good at, according to his assistant, Crystal Smoker.

"Robert always has the full attention of the students when he speaks to them about jobs in the music industry," she says.

School groups are welcome and admitted at a cost

of only \$3 per student, with teachers and bus drivers getting in free.

Detailed lesson plans related to a museum visit are available at www.kymusichalloffame.com.

The facility is open to the public from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Sunday.

You'll usually find Robert Lawson here during those hours, but often he's still around much later, singing along with Elvis to "After Midnight," his favorite song of all time.

"Points East"

(Cont. from A2)

end of August.

Bones a creaking and arthritis setting all over my body, I dream of the garden I might grow and I can't wait to get started. I have the Totally Tomatoes and the Twiley's catalogues memorized by heart.

Last year, Layne Hawley split an order of seed from Totally Tomatoes and we were the talk of the town. Peppers and tomatoes never grown in Garrard County and some that I will never grow again.

But what fun and how prolific were our efforts.

I ordered seed that I had never tried before from at least a dozen different sources—mostly greens and peas and beets and like that. Couple new varieties of cukes and tomatoes and squash and pumpkins. Not much market for it, but at least we qualify as unusual.

Figure I'll do at least a dozen varieties I've never tried before in my little garden this year. I am particularly excited about some spinach that I need to get in the ground right away and the seed should be here tomorrow.

In the meantime, Loretta is asleep. Lets don't wake her up. I'm sure she has a surprise for me when I wake up tomorrow and turn 40 yet again.

Attention

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Two farm bill program cut-off dates approaching

With the new year upon us, it is important to remind landowners and farmers of the upcoming application cut-off dates for three Farm Bill programs.

Each fiscal year, NRCS sets dates for application and program ranking. Although dates may vary from one program to another, landowners may sign-up at any time for all conservation programs.

There are two programs, WHIP and EQIP, with a cut-off date of January 29, 2010 for application ranking. Assistance is available on Cropland, Pastureland, Hayland, and Forestland practices.

FRPP applications must be submitted on or before February 1, 2010. FRPP is a vol-

untary program that helps farmers and ranchers keep their land in agriculture. The program provides matching funds to State, Tribal, or local governments and non-governmental organizations with existing farm and ranch land protection programs to purchase conservation easements. Only eligible entities may submit applications; interested landowners must work through an eligible entity to participate in FRPP.

If you are interested in participating in Farm Bill conservation programs, you should visit your local USDA Service Center at 2019 New Brodhead Road, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 or Phone 606-256-2525 Ext.3.

LIHEAP crisis program began January 4th

Daniel Boone Community Action Agency began the "Crisis" portion of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), that assists households in a heating crisis, on January 4th.

The deepening of cold winter weather, combined with rising utility costs, leaves many households unable to fully meet heating bills or purchase sufficient bulk fuel to keep their families safe and warm. Your local Community Action Partnership (CAP) stands ready to help!

Last year, residents of Rockcastle County received financial assistance and emergency services from the LIHEAP Crisis component.

A household shall be considered to be in a home heating crisis situation when the household meets the basic LIHEAP eligibility criteria and:

- the household is within four days of running out of fuel, if bulk fuel (coal, fuel oil, propane, kerosene or wood) is the heat source;

- the household has received a past due/disconnect notice if natural gas or electric is the heat source; or

- The household's home heating costs are included as an undesignated portion of the rent, and the household has received an eviction notice for non-payment of rent from the landlord.

For all bulk fuels, verification of a crisis situation may be self-declaration by the applicant. For natural gas and electric heated households, the applicant must present an appropriate disconnect notice from the vendor.

Applications will be taken at convenient CAP locations. Applicants are encouraged to apply at the location nearest them in their county of residence.

Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, located at 105

Main Street, Mt. Vernon, is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 256-5315.

LIHEAP is a statewide initiative sponsored by Community Action Kentucky, in partnership with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS).

Blood Drive is January 11

The Kentucky Blood Center will be conducting a blood drive in Brodhead, on January 11th, at the Rockcastle Health & Rehab, from 2 to 5 p.m. on the KBC Bloodmobile.

Each donor will receive a long-sleeve t-shirt. Those wishing to donate blood can call 1-800-775-2522 or visit www.kybloodcenter.org for blood drive and donor center details.

Blood donors must be 17 (16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, be in general good health and meet additional requirements. The parental permission slips can be found on the web site mentioned above.

The Kentucky Blood Center is a non-profit organization, dedicated to ensuring a safe, adequate blood supply for 67 Kentucky hospitals and clinics, thanks to generous blood donors in 62 counties.

Census jobs coming to state

Census jobs are coming to Kentucky. The U.S. Census Bureau is looking for applicants to fill thousands of jobs this spring in neighborhoods across the state.

For information about a temporary job with flexible hours, on-the-job training and good pay in the 2010 Census, call toll-free 1-866-861-2010 or go online to www.2010censusjobs.gov.



Pvt. Kyle Lewis Mullins recently completed basic and advance infantry training at Fort Benning, GA. Pvt. Mullins is currently stationed with the 10th Mountain Infantry Division in Fort Polk, Louisiana. He is the son of Angie Kirby (Jason) of Ottawa and the late Biron Mullins. He is the grandson of Larry and Brenda Mullins of Mt. Vernon, Jess and Helen Taylor of Ottawa and Louise Mullins of Climax.

"Memories" (Cont. from A2)

That was the end of his shooting skills, and he never got over the fact that he and I could no longer target shoot or even hunt small game. I don't think he ever got over that accident. I think he felt handicapped and useless as a hunter. He was no longer able to mentor me regarding such masculine exploits.

Every time I got out my shotgun to go into the woods, I could see the disappointment in his eyes because he knew he could not go with me. I felt so sorry for him because we loved to hunt together. After that when I returned from hunting, Pop always had me tell him about my adventures in the woods.

I treasure the memories that I have of hunting with Pop. I still have the 20 gauge that he bought for me. Needless to say, it is one of my most prized possessions because it came from my Pop.

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

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Big & Beautiful! This spacious vinyl sided home at the Rockcastle/Lincoln Co. line has much to offer. Its floor plan could be used as four or five bedrooms. There's also a formal dining room, living room and family room. A two-car garage and additional bay in the basement allow for plenty of space for your vehicle or storage. Call today to view. \$190,000. M2423



Reduced
Indulge in the value of this quality brick home. This home offers an open living area consisting of living room, kitchen and dining area. There are 2 spacious bedrooms and 2 baths. Other amenities include new central heat/air system, fireplace in the living room, 2-car garage, and a partial basement with plenty of storage area. Call today to see this home located in the Mt. Vernon city limits. \$119,900. M2407



Brick home with 13+ acres. This home has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, eat-in kitchen, large formal living room, and large formal dining room (or could be used as a family room). A unique two room cabin, chain link fence and a 30x32 barn round out this wonderful property. Lots of potential. R91789



Reduced
Spacious! This 1999 doublewide measures 28x80 and is situated on 16.5 acres m/l. Features include: LR, FR, DR and Kit combo, 4 BR, 2 BA and utility room. Other amenities include: 30x40 metal building w/ concrete floor and electric, wood storage building, city water, septic system, electric heat, central air, front and rear porches. \$99,500. M2521



Historic! Describes this 2-story log home (Lair House) + 5 acres. Home has been completely renovated and has approximately 5,600 sq. ft. of living area. Great for commercial use or residential. Unsurpassed workmanship. There is an apartment over the garage. Priced at \$427,000. M2460.



Spacious! This 1999 doublewide measures 28x80 and is situated on 16.5 acres m/l. Features include: LR, FR, DR and Kit combo, 4 BR, 2 BA and utility room. Other amenities include: 30x40 metal building w/ concrete floor and electric, wood storage building, city water, septic system, electric heat, central air, front and rear porches. \$99,500. M2521



Great location for a Commercial or Residential Property - This home was formerly used as an office building and features a waiting room, sun room, 3 offices, kitchen, 1 bath and 2 bedrooms upstairs. Other amenities include: gas furnace, central air, city water, city sewer, and an attached covered carport. M2489



Reduced
2,240 Sq. Ft. of Living Space... on a 1 acre lot in the Mt. Vernon city limits. This 2005 modular home has 3 BR, 2 BA, a large LR, Dining/Kitchen combo. Other amenities include: KU electric, city water & sewer. Call today for your appointment, this one won't last long. Reduced to \$64,900. M2498



Welcome Home! Check out this nice brick home in the city limits of Mt. Vernon. Home consists of 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, living room, kitchen/dining room combo, utility room and full finished basement. Priced at \$124,900. Call today for your appointment. M2504.



Beautiful Home and Great Location! This 2-story brick home situated on 4.876 acres features LR, DR, FR, Kit, Foyer, Bath and Utility room on the first floor. The second floor features 3 BR and 2 BA. Other amenities include a 2-car attached garage, front porch, rear patio, blacktop driveway, storage building, kitchen appliances, heat pump, central air, city water septic system, fireplace and alarm system. M2522.



Country living can be yours in this 1,960 sq. ft. doublewide. This home on a permanent foundation offers 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchen, dining room, utility room and living room with gas log fireplace. This home is available for immediate possession with an asking price of \$62,900. M2509



9.3 Acres + 1,200 sq. ft. house just outside the Mt. Vernon city limits. This vinyl sided house with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, affords country living to those who wish to have the convenience of being in town. Priced at \$149,900. Call today and don't miss out! M2511



Just Waiting For You! This home consists of 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchen and living room along with a 2-car attached garage. Other amenities include central heat/air, laminate flooring, city water and city sewer. This home sits on a corner lot across from Brodhead Elementary. M2473



Elegant Home...in Mt. Vernon. Frontage on two roads. Home features a family room and living room each with a fireplace, eat-in kitchen, dining room, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths all on the ground level. Large family/recreation room plus other room in basement. Carport as well as garage. Take a look! \$249,900. M2453



Reduced
Convenience is what you'll have if you make this newly constructed house your home. This vinyl/stone house has an open floor plan with vaulted ceiling throughout the common areas, i.e. living room, dining room and foyer. The kitchen has energy efficient, stainless steel appliances. The 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, a utility room and 2-car attached garage make this a great package. Located just minutes from I-75. Call today for your appointment. Priced at \$124,900. M2523

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
- 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 \$35,500. M2494
- SOLD! 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

- Online Only Auction of House and Lot located at 40 Stogsdill Road, Somerset, Ky**
Bidding Begins January 7th and Ends on January 19th, 2010 at 4:45 p.m.
- Absolute Estate Auction of Mr. James Martin 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. & Mrs. Jess Godby II's Doublewide, Detached Garage and 2 Acres**
Saturday, January 16th at 1:00 p.m. • 1145 Hurricane Road, Waynesburg, Ky
- Absolute Auction of Commercial Building and 15.83 Acres in Tracts**
Friday, January 22nd at 1:30 p.m. • 2700 Scott Hwy Winfield, TN
- Absolute Estate Auction of the Late Anna Decker's House and Lots**
Saturday, January 23rd, 2009 • 10:30 a.m. - 51 Cherry Lane, Burnside, Ky • 12:00 noon - 2327 Garland Bend Road, Burnside, Ky
- Absolute Estate Auction of the Late Mrs. Peggy Dugger's House & Lot**
Saturday, January 30th at 2:00 p.m. • 123 Volunteer Drive, Hill n Dale Subdivision, Somerset, Ky
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Fairground Hill Community Church

Bro. Lester Sparks of Richmond will join Bro. Benton Hurd as pastor of Fairground Hill Community Church beginning Sunday, January 10th. Services start at 6:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Brodhead Church of God

Brodhead Church of God on Ky. 3245 in Brodhead, invites everyone to join us Sunday, January 10th at 6 p.m. to hear our pastor, Bro. Terry Orcutt, give his testimony. You are also invited to our weekly services on Sunday morning at 10 and 11; Sunday night at 6 and Wednesday night at 7.

Benefit Singing

There will be a benefit singing at the Brodhead Church of God on January 30th, beginning at 5 p.m. featuring the Doan Family. There will be food and refreshments for sell immediately after the service.

Proceeds will go to the church's building fund. Come out and join us. Everyone welcome.

Watkins in Concert

Everyone is invited to come and hear Archie Watkins in Concert at Bible Baptist Church on Sunday, January 10th, during our 6 o'clock evening worship service.

Mr. Watkins is an original founder of well-known southern gospel group, The Inspiration. "Jesus is coming Soon" and "Touring That City," are two of Mr. Watkins best known songs.

He has won many gospel singing awards and is showcased in the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in Pigeon Forge, TN.

Come and hear Mr. Watkins this Sunday night.

Missionary to speak at Ottawa Baptist

Bro. Greg Lakes, former missionary in Sri Lanka, will be at Ottawa Baptist Church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, January 10th. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come and hear about his mission experience and the work that is going on in Sri Lanka.

Revival

Faith Chapel Pentecostal

Church will begin revival services Sunday, January 10th at 7 p.m. with Bro. Billy Bryant preaching.

Bro. Jack Carpenter, pastor, and congregation invite everyone to attend.

"A huge thanks to some huge hearts!"

John Heywood once said, "manyhands make light work." How true that is and it shows itself every time many hands pull together to make something possible and even powerful.

It was overwhelming to see all those who had a "hand" in the New Year's Eve Alternative Concert held at the Rockcastle County Middle School.

It is necessary to take a few moments to thank those who made this event special.

First of all, thanks to Jason and Sara Coguer, the RCMS custodial staff, and the Rockcastle County Middle School for hosting!

Thanks to 7eventh Time Down for highlighting the evening with their music!

Thanks to each and every adult who chaperoned and financially supported the event!

Thanks to Bruce Ross for taking photographs and Sam Payne for sharing her heart.

Thanks to the Unite Coalition for giving a generous gift to provide the Xbox-360 for a grand prize and tickets for those students who maybe could not afford it as well as publicity.

Thanks to the businesses listed below (in alphabetical order) for donating resources or gifts to aid in the giveaways and to help pay the band:

Cinemark in Richmond, Community Trust Bank, Denny's, Dowell and Martin Funeral Home, Ed Brents (DMD), El Cazador, Lifeway Christian Stores, McDonald's, Mt. Vernon Signal, PBK Bank, Pizza Hut of Mt. Vernon, Rite-Aid, Rockcastle Regional Hospital, Rocket Sports and Apparel, Wal-Mart of Berea, and Wendy's of Mt. Vernon.

Your contributions are worth more than a few words of thanks on newsprint, but please accept our humble thanks. We could not have done it without you!

Sincerely,
Eric Barton,
Associate Minister of
First Christian Church

"Review"

(Cont. from A6)

open house at Saltpetre Cave and 73-year-old **Gerald Chandler**, who walked away from his home on the Rockcastle River, was found safe in the Hawk Creek Community of Laurel County.

James Clayton Reynolds of Brodhead was arrested after being accused of assaulting and trying to hold his estranged wife prisoner. He was placed under a \$50,000 cash bond.

John Lambert was named Valedictorian and Rachel Cash Salutatorian at RCHS.

The RCHS girl's track team finished fourth in the state championships and a large crowd turned out for the Dix River Festival in Brodhead, where Kathy Reynolds was named teacher of the year.

In June, after not opening for the first time in 40 years in 2008, the pool at Cedar Rapids Country Club was reopened after an extensive refurbishing project.

The Rockcastle Fiscal Court approved a nearly \$7.5 million budget and the Kentucky Attorney General's office said that Eastern Rockcastle Water Association could close their board meetings to the public.

The MVES UNITE Club was once again named Club of the Year in Kentucky's 5th Congressional District and the city of Mt. Vernon began construction on new bathrooms at the city park on Williams Street.

Longtime RCHS baseball coach J.D. Bussell resigned and Mary Jo Hunt, Russell Poynter, Anna Goff and Jeff Vanhook applied for the vacant seat on the Rockcastle County School Board.

The Rockcastle Fiscal Court approved the first ever budget for the county's Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority and the Concerned Citizens for Fair Government intensified their effort against Planning and Zoning in the County.

Jim Ward was named the new principal at Roundstone Elementary School and UNITE sponsored a football camp, where former U.K. players Tim Couch, Craig Yeast and Jacob Tamme participated.

The Concerned Citizens For Fair Government reported that they had 2,900 signatures on petitions against planning and zoning in the county and the Mt. Vernon City Council approved a contract with the Rockcastle Tourism Commission for a loan to buy

property at Renfro Valley for \$585,000.

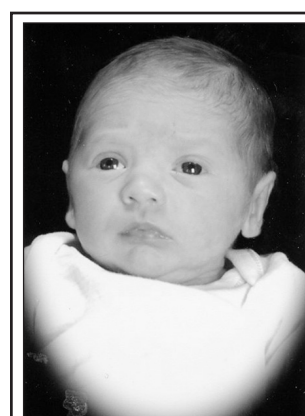
38-year-old **Shelia Lovell** of Mareburg was killed in two car collision in Pulaski County, in which the other driver was charged with D.U.I. and vehicular homicide.

Police made an arrest in a case involving a break-in at the Rockcastle County garage and RTEC won the best campsite award at the annual Relay for Life event, where \$35,000 was raised.



I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas (I sure did!) and best wishes for a Happy New Year.

From,
Landon Allen Mullins (My mommy and daddy are Holly Mullins and Wayne Caldwell, both of Mt. Vernon).



John and Nikki Shepherd of Crab Orchard would like to announce the birth of their son, Landyn River, born December 14, 2009 at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. Landyn River weighed 6 lbs. 3 ozs. and was 18 inches long. Landyn River is the brother of Abby, age 5, and Alivia, age 4 and the grandson of J.C. and Shanda Barnett of Mt. Vernon, Pauline and the late Junior Shepherd of Livingston. Many family members and friends welcomed Landyn home.

An encouraging word:

Good Things Will Happen

By Howard Coop



At this point in time, a new year is in its infancy; it is merely days old. Uncertainty abounds, and no one knows for sure what lies ahead. Ominous clouds that have a disquieting impact on hopes and dreams for the year ahead are plentiful.

The troubling situations that exist in both Iran and North Korea are disturbing. Radical Islamic terrorists foment trouble around the world. As conditions appear to improve in Iraq, they appear to be getting worse in Afghanistan. In the coming months, more and more American families will be adversely affected by that ugly conflict as more and more servicemen are dispatched to serve in that tumultuous part of the world. Too, the economy upon which we rely is faltering; it is less than robust. On a daily basis, the news media remind

us of this unpleasant fact by somberly reporting that a large number of people are out of work, and everyone feels the chilling effect of an economic downturn. Even government sponsored programs intended to stimulate the stagnant economy appear to produce little or no positive results, and elected officials in high positions appear to be more interested in personal aggrandizement than in accomplishing the will of the people who elected them.

Yet, a backward glance at preceding years is, at the same time, both revealing and encouraging. At once, that backward glance reveals that there have been numerous times in the past when the outlook was gloomy and dark, and things were less than encouraging. But the situation was not entirely hopeless, for pleasant surprises came. Even in bad times, good things happened.

In the year that is ahead, one thing is pretty certain: We may not, and probably will not, receive everything we desire, but some good things will happen. We can rely upon that.

Cards of Thanks

George W. Thacker

The family of George W. Thacker would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who sent flowers, food, cards or came to visit during the loss of our loved one.

Thanks to Bro. Wayne Harding for all your words of comfort and for a nice service.

A special thanks to Reppert Funeral Home for all your professional help and also for being so kind and thoughtful.

Thank you to Amber Thacker and Truett Cohorn, the songs you sang were beautiful and touched us all.

Lastly, a special thanks to all the Veterans who participated in the military service at the gravesite.

The Thacker Family

Upcoming Events at Berea

The Berea Parks and Recreation Department will be presenting Winter Wonderland! on January 22nd from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Russel Acton Folk Center in Berea. There will be dancing, games, arts and crafts, snacks and the celebration of winter.

This free special event has been specifically designed for individuals with Special Needs of all ability levels and ages.

A six week class of Ballroom Dancing for Adults! will begin February 5th and will introduce beginning dance partners, ages 21 and above, to a sampling of all that ballroom dancing includes.

Patrons will learn the steps of the Cha-Cha, Rumba, East Coast Swing, Foxtrot/Waltz and Merengue.

The class will be held every Friday from 7 to 8 p.m. through March 19th at the Russel Acton Folk Center.

Call the Berea Parks and Recreation Office at 986-9402 for more information about either of these events.

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

Deeds Recorded

Billy R. Price, property on KY 1650, to Bentley Lee Price. Tax \$36.

JP Morgan Chase Bank, property in Valley Manor Subdv., to Amanda Dunn. No tax.

Sheila McGuire, property in Rockcastle County, to Tina Alcorn and Jessica Alcorn. Tax \$20.

James Christopher and Crystal G. Baker, property on Hwy. 25N, to Glenna C. Baker. No tax.

Tim Mink and Amy M. and John N. Parsons, property in Dusty Trails Subdv., to James and Bobbie Jo Cope. Tax \$11.

John G. and Connie Hamm and John E. and Lisa Clontz, property in Castle Ridge Subdv., to John G. Hamm. No tax.

David and Betty Henderson and Larry and Judy Doyle, property in Owens Subdv., to John and Sandra Tyler. Tax \$35.

Tammy Blackburn and Ernest Lee Camel, Jr., property on Sand Hill Rd., to Benjamin Franklin Jones, Jr. Tax

\$1. Bonnie C. Whitis, property in Rockcastle County, to Lois Bastin. Tax \$25.

Wilsie Noe, property in Rockcastle County, to Abram Taylor. Tax \$20.

Rebekah Gevedon, property on Lawrence Lane, to Ronnie L. Gevedon and Janice C. Gevedon, Co-Trustees. No tax.

Catherine Sue and James R. Scott, property in Rockcastle County, to Douglas Laewis. Tax \$3.

Marriage Licenses

Tina Marie Payne, 25, Mt. Vernon, Tokico to Stoney Brigg McGuire, 38, Mt. Vernon, TTAI. 12/18/09.

Stephanie Leigh Dargavell, 26, Berea, RN to Jimmy Sylvester Alexander, 31, Berea, unemployed. 12/18/09.

Jessica Sue Baker, 37, Berea, housekeeper, to Randal Kirby, 43, Berea, dry-wall finisher. 12/19/09.

Andrea Laine Davidson, 21, Brodhead, LPN to Mark Bradley Baker, 30, Brodhead, Tokico. 12/23/09.

Circuit Civil Suits

Citimortgage, Inc. vs. Bryan A. Jones, et al, \$143,765.82 plus claimed due.

Green Tree Servicing LLC vs. The Estate of Thaetta Mobley, \$75,431.70 plus claimed due.

American General Financial Services, Inc. vs. Ann Hutton, \$4,241.30 plus claimed due.

Cabinet for Health and Family Sevices, ex rel Glenn Smith vs Kathy Dennis, complaint for child support and medical support.

Cabinet for Health and Family Sevices, ex rel Krystal Hayes vs William Anthony Hayes, complaint for child support and medical support.

State Farm Mutual Automobile Ins. Co. vs. Rakesia Sams, \$8,454.50 plus claimed due.

Heights Finance Corp. vs. Jessie D. Doan, et al, \$5,468.57 plus claimed due. CI-00359.

District Civil Suits

L&N Federal Credit Union vs. John D. Cromer, \$603.98 plus claimed due.

Mt. Vernon Greens vs. Lisa Thompson, forcible detainer complaint.

Haverford Place Apt. Homes vs. Jessie D. Doan, complaint.

Capital One Bank vs. Dolores J. Gray, \$1,490.67 plus claimed due.

Heights Finance Corp. vs. Kenneth Stephens, \$591.83 plus claimed due.

Ky. farm Bureau Mutual Ins. Co. vs. Michael D. Whitaker, complaint.

Capital One Bank vs. Rhonda K. Lunsford, \$1,831.95 plus claimed due.

Midland Funding LLC vs. Zoe A. Smith, \$653.10 plus claimed due.

Diana L. Tolson vs. Thomas G. Miller, \$1,500 plus claimed due.

Capital One Bank vs. Amanda Westmoreland, \$1,142.78 plus claimed due. C-00315.

District Court

District Court Dec. 21-29, 2009

Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless

Wendell F. Lovell: controlled substance prescription not in original container, time served and costs.

Michael Jim Rose, Jr: pro-

bation violation, home incarceration w/ankle monitor.

James C. Spoonamore: criminal trespass, time served and costs.

Anthony M. Stratton: assault, 4th degree, sentencing order entered.

Denver Swinney: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

Whitney Nicole Vance: possession controlled substance, 10 days to serve plus costs.

Elliott J. Dooley: fines/fees due (\$238), convert to 30

days/concurrent w/state sentence.

Speeding: Cody D. Mathis, paid fine and costs; Christopher J. Vonstein, license suspended for failure to appear (fta).

Larry R. Kirby: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

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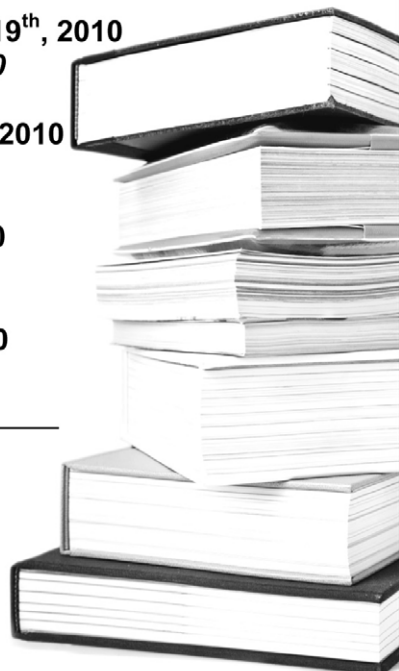
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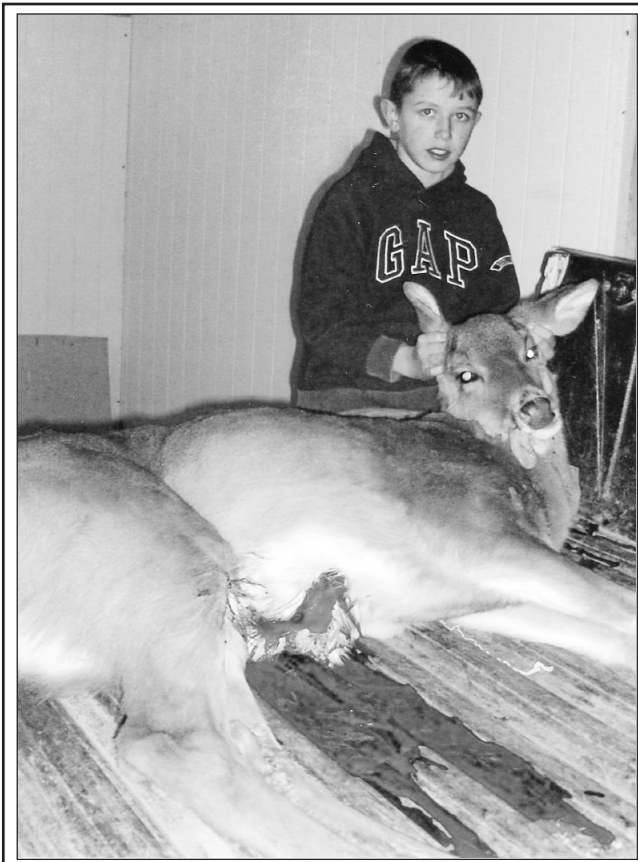
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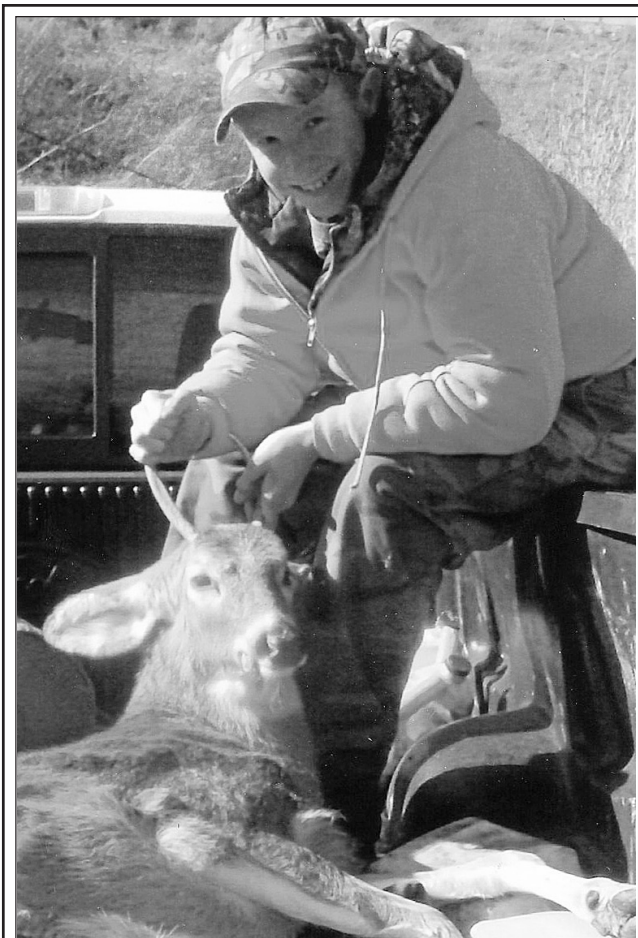
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Kiwanis Club program committee members Glenda Smith and Bentley Cromer present an appreciation gift to the author of *Training the Gaited Horse*, Gary Lane, after he spoke at a recent Kiwanis Club meeting. The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at Rock Fire Steak House.



Logan Prewitt, of Mt. Vernon, killed this doe December 26th.



Larkan Prewitt, of Mt. Vernon, killed this 3 point buck December 26th.

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Meeting Location – Rockcastle County Board Of Education
(Rockcastle Teaching & Learning Center) / 245 Richmond Street

AGENDA

Regular Meeting
January 12, 2010
7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- A. Election of Officers
- B. Develop/Approve 2010 Regular Meeting Schedule
- C. Silent Prayer
- D. Roll Call
- E. Reading of Board Team Commitments

2. ADOPT AGENDA/ACTION:

3. COMMUNICATION:

4. OPERATIONS/ACTIONS:

- A. Approve minutes of the December 10 special meeting
- B. Approve bills for payment
- C. Approve Emergency Substitute Teacher Application TC-4:
- D. Approve Request for Family and Medical Leave of Absence for Lavada Sowder in compliance with Board Policy 03.12322
- E. Approve Request for Family and Medical Leave of Absence for Elaine Spencer in compliance with Board Policy 03.12322
- F. Approve Fund Raiser Requests for Rockcastle County High School
- G. Approve Request for Continuation of Grant for Family Resource and Youth Service Centers for 2010-2011 school year
- H. Approve School Trip Forms

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- A. Review/Approve Offer of Assistance from Kentucky School Facilities Construction Commission

6. DISCUSSION/REVIEW:

- A. Review Monthly Financial Reports
- B. Review Superintendent's Personnel Action Report
- C. Review 2011 Draft Budget
- D. Review Insurance Management Agreement with Kentucky League of Cities
- E. Other:

7. ADJOURNMENT:

Andy Hale takes over at Mt. Juliet First Baptist Church

Mt. Juliet First Baptist Church in Mt. Juliet, Tennessee, has approved Andy Hale as its new senior pastor, concluding a 34-month search in which over 400 resumes were received.

Hale is 28 years old. He was approved by a vote of 99 percent of congregation members after being introduced during a recent weekend period by the church's search committee. Hale's first Sunday to preach at First Baptist was Dec. 13.

Billie Friel stepped down as senior pastor in February 2007 after more than 34 years in that position, church officials said. He is still with the church as Pastor Emeritus and Staff Evangelist.

It will be Hale's first senior



Andy Hale

pastor position. But he has been in two lead pastoral roles at two churches since graduating in 2003 from Georgetown College in Kentucky.

"It wasn't a concern for us because it isn't a concern to God," Terry Young, leader of the First Baptist pastor search committee, of Hale's age.

"The Bible is clear," Young said, "that not only can and will God use young people to accomplish his work, but often times he prefers to do it that way."

Joey Benson, Fred Corley, Marshall Foster and Doyle Wood were also on the church's search committee.

Bret Robbe has been First Baptist Mt. Juliet's transitional pastor during the selection process.

Hale's introduction to the congregation included meeting with different church groups and individuals. He preached on Sunday, Nov. 8 and was approved by vote that day.

"We want to be people who have been so impacted by grace that we are extending grace and love toward others," Hale said. "In terms of the community, we don't want to be isolated, we want to be reaching out. We want

to display grace in the way we relate to this community."

Young believed Hale's passion for preaching the Bible, his communication skills and commitment was evident to the church body. First Baptist Sunday attendance is estimated at about 800-900 by church leaders.

Hale was pastor of youth and education at Graefenburg Baptist Church in Waddy, KY., in 2003-06 where he

took the leadership role after the senior pastor left.

And since July 2006, Hale has been pastor of evangelism and missions First Baptist Church in Merritt Island, Fla., and assumed primary preaching duties because of relocation to the senior pastor. His wife is Christy Hale and he is the son of John and Nancy Hale of Mt. Vernon.

Hale earned his Master of Divinity in 2006.

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**Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II
Civil Action No. 09-CI-00283**

Suntrust Mortgage, Inc. Plaintiff

V.

**Duane E. Kendall and
Community Trust Bank, Inc. Defendants**

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on December 10, 2009 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FORTY TWO DOLLARS AND 27,100 (\$130,542.27) 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, January 22, 2010
Beginning at the Hour of 1:00 p.m.**

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

4611 Red Hill Road, Livingston, KY 40445

Beginning at a found 1/2" conduit pipe with yellow plastic cap stamped PLS #2776 in the northern edge of KY Highway 1955 (20 feet from approximate center line) a corner common to Larry Hammond (DB 120 PG 271, DB 159, PG 247, DB 151, PG 447, DB 164, PG 150), said pipe also being located approximately 2.0 miles north of the intersection of KY Highway 490 and KY Highway 1955, thence leaving said road and with 3 lines common to said Hammond South 81 deg. 45'54" West 171.05 feet to a set iron pin and cap, thence North 36 deg. 42'02" West 468.03 feet to a found 8" Cedar (marked this survey with 3 hacks and witnessed by a set iron pin and cap bearing North 75 deg. 07'56" West 0.53 feet); thence North 28 deg. 55'28" West 358.83 feet to a found 1/2" conduit pipe with yellow plastic cap stamped PLS #2776 on the edge of a cliff; thence leaving line common to said Hammond and with 2 new division lines severing the parent tract South 23 deg. 38'28" West 1267.45 feet to a set iron pin and cap on a ridgeline, thence South 44 deg. 43'16" East 709.82 feet to a set iron pin and cap in the northwestern edge of KY Highway 1955 (20 feet from approximate centerline), thence with the edge of said Highway (20 feet from and parallel to approximate centerline) the following calls: North 66 deg. 17'24" East 46.17 feet to a point, thence North 57 deg. 14'03" East 45.36 feet to a point, thence North 48 deg. 55'08" East 38.67 feet to a point, thence North 42 deg. 41'11" East 108.50 feet to a point, thence North 37 deg. 51'55" East 72.02 feet to a point, thence North 27 deg. 10'10" East 54.96 feet to a point, thence North 18 deg. 27'17" East 104.63 feet to a point, thence North 19 deg. 56'26" East 72.35 feet to a point, thence North 28 deg. 28'19" East 58.60 feet to a set iron pin and cap, thence North 34 deg. 40'17" East 45.30 feet to a point, thence North 33 deg. 42'12" East 54.38 feet to a point, thence North 24 deg. 21'43" East 66.66 feet to a point, thence North 13 deg. 00'44" East 63.87 feet to a point, thence North 08 deg. 37'01" East 80.78 feet to a point, thence North 13 deg. 41'58" East 67.59 feet to a point, thence North 25 deg. 18'27" East 52.95 feet to a point, thence North 37 deg. 37'39" East 47.62 feet to a point, thence North 47 deg. 38'59" East 53.71 feet to a point, thence North 52 deg. 20'32" East 51.44 feet to a point, thence North 56 deg. 05'06" East 42.31 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 20.48 acres by survey conducted on January 14, 2001 by Richard A. Reece, PLS #3358 with H & R Surveying.

There is excepted from the above described property an easement 20 feet in width for the purpose of ingress and egress to the remaining property of the Grantor and described as follows:

Beginning on a point in the northern edge of KY Highway 1955 (20 feet from approximate center line) and being located South 51 deg. 23'49" West 150.49 feet from the northeast corner of the tract described herein, thence running along the northeastern and northwestern boundary of the easement (said 20 feet lies southwest and southeast of the line described) North 36 deg. 42'02" West 86.52 feet to a set iron pin and cap in the northern boundary of the tract described herein, thence along said boundary North 36 deg. 42'02" West 468.03 feet to a found 8" Cedar, thence North 28 deg. 55'28" West 358.83 feet to a found 1/2" conduit pipe with yellow plastic stamped PLS #2776, thence South 23 deg. 38'28" West 400.00 feet to a point in the northwestern boundary of the tract described herein.

Unless stated otherwise any monument referred to herein as a "Set Iron Pin and Cap" is a set 1/2" by 18" iron pin with red plastic cap stamped H & R PLS #2258. All bearings given herein are referenced to the magnetic meridian dated March 28, 1997 and obtained from plat of survey of adjoining property (Larry Hammond) dated May 13, 1997 by Charles Mullins PLS #2776.

Being the same property conveyed to Duane E. Kendall, unmarried by deed dated February 17, 2008, executed by Duane E. Kendall, et al., and recorded in Deed Book 220, Page 570 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

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

1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
3. Unpaid taxes of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2010 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**

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28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II
Civil Action No. 08-CI-00178**

Lasalle Bank National Association, as trustee under the pooling and servicing agreement dated as of December 1, 2006 GSAMP Trust 2006-HES Plaintiff

V.

**Tiffany R. Frith and
Kristopher V. Frith Defendants**

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on November 23, 2009, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of FIFTY FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY ONE DOLLARS AND 61/100 (\$55,431.61) 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, January 22, 2010
Beginning at the Hour of 1:00 p.m.**

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

Route 3 Box 565 Highway 1505, Brodhead, KY 40409

A certain tract of land and all improvements thereon located on Highway #1505 near Brodhead, in Rockcastle County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an RECC electric pole in the right of way of Kentucky #1505, corner to James Osborne (Tract No. 6 of the Chiant Lear survey); thence southwesterly with line of Osborne's Tract No. 6 of Lear survey 412 feet to a set concrete marker, thence easterly 440 feet to a set concrete marker in the right of way of Kentucky #1505; thence northwesterly with the right of way of Kentucky #1505; 200 feet to the point of beginning and containing one (1) acre more or less.

Subject to any and all easements, restrictions, conditions and legal highways of record and/or in existence.

Being the same property conveyed to Kristopher Frith and wife Tiffany R. Frith by deed dated September 22, 2006, executed by Marvin Mink, et al. and recorded in Deed Book 212, Page 498 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

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

1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
3. Unpaid taxes of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2010 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 successful bidder shall at bidder's own expense carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price if paid in full with a loss payable clause to the Rockcastle Master Commissioner.
9. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".

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Rockcastle Circuit Court**

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**Delbert Stewart and
Tracy Hacker Defendants**

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on December 17, 2009 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of EIGHTY SIX THOUSAND NINETY TWO DOLLARS AND 19/100 (\$86,092.19) 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, January 22, 2010
Beginning at the Hour of 1:00 p.m.**

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

115 Liberty Drive, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

Being all of Lot #7 in the Robert Ford Subdivision as shown on Plat of record in Plat Book 1, Page 61, in the Office of the Clerk of the Rockcastle County Court, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky. Reference is made to said plat for a more complete description of said lot.

Subject to all restrictions, condition and covenants and to all legal highways and easements.

Being the same property conveyed to Delbert Stewart, single and Tracy Hacker, single, by deed dated August 18, 2006, executed by Angela M. Coriell, unmarried, and recorded in Deed Book 212, Page 149 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

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

1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
3. Unpaid taxes of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2010 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
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**Willis G. Coffey
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court**

Lady Rockets beat Somerset 72-57

The RCHS Lady Rocket varsity basketball team defeated Somerset on Tuesday night, 72-57 in district play, avenging an earlier season 54-49 loss to the Lady Jumpers.

Junior center Sara Hammond led all scorers with 28, Angie Lawrence had 18, Jackie Alexander scored 15, Shanlee Burton, 7, Michaela Hunter, 4 and Kristen Abney, 1.

Last Saturday, the Lady Rockets lost their second district game of the season when the Lady Rebels of Casey County beat them 46-45 on a last second shot.

Hammond had 13 in that contest, Abney, 11, Lawrence, Alexander and Hunter, 5 each, Burton, 4 and Sydney Arvin, 2.

Over the Christmas break the Lady Rockets played in two tournaments, winning all six games they played.

In the Shelby County Christmas tournament, the

Lady Rockets defeated Louisville Male 73-41.

The next day they beat Louisville Butler 53-37 and, in the championship game on December 23rd, they beat Shelby County 43-38.

The next week the Lady Rockets won the Gateway Holiday Classic at Montgomery County High School with wins over Scott County, Sheldon Clark and Boone County.

The Lady Rockets avenged an earlier season loss to Scott County, beating them 66-52. They then defeated Sheldon Clark, 61-50 and, in the championship game against Boone County, they won, 64-53.

The Lady Rockets will travel to Pulaski County on Friday night for a district doubleheader with the boys. The first game is at 6 p.m.

The Lady Rockets have been ranked as high as 5th in the state this season. Their record now stands at 11-3 and 1-3 in district play.



Lady Rocket Kadie Cobb fights for a rebound in the Lady Rocket's 66-52 win over Scott County.

Rockets beat Somerset again

The Rockcastle County High School Rocket varsity basketball team upped their season record to 10-6 on the season and 3-0 in district play, after a 53-35 win over Somerset on Tuesday night.

The Rockets jumped out to an early lead and never looked back as they defeated the Briarjumpers for the second time this season.

Matt Bullens led the Rockets in scoring with 17; Dustin Reynolds had 10; Derek Thacker, 8; Travis Carpenter, 6; Dakota Mahaffey and Jamie Todd, 4 each and Matt Lunsford, 2.

Over the Christmas Holidays the Rockets played in two tournaments.

In the Twin Lakes Classic at Clinton County the Rockets won two and lost two.

After losing to Clinton County and defeating Marion County, the Rockets went on to beat Leslie County 75-70 and lose to Cumberland County 72-67 in overtime.

In the Leslie County game Bullens led his team in scoring again with 24, Todd had 16, Thacker, 12, Reynolds, 6, Lunsford, 5 and Mahaffey, 2.

In the Cumberland County game, Bullens was again the top scorer with 22, Thacker got 19, Todd, 15, Lunsford, 7, Reynolds, 5 and Mahaffey, 2.

In the Monticello Bank Classic tournament at Wayne

County High School, the Rockets also went two and two.

In the first game they defeated Rowan County 57-45.

Bullens scored 21 followed by Todd with 8, Thacker, 7, Lunsford, 6, Reynolds, 5, Carpenter, 4, Kyle Riddle, 4 and Josh McKinney, 2.

In the second game of the tournament, the Rockets lost to Wayne County, 67-47.

Thacker led the scoring with 17, Bullens had 12, Todd, 10, Reynolds, 6, and McKinney, 3.

In the third game the Rockets lost to Bell County, 64 to 52.

Bullens had 11, Lunsford, 8, Thacker, 7, Carpenter, 6, Todd, 6, Mahaffey, 5, McKinney, 4, Reynolds, 3 and Riddle, 2.

In game four of the tournament, the Rockets defeated Pulaski County, 72-70.

Bullens had 19, Todd had 15, Reynolds scored 14, Lunsford, 10, Thacker, 9, McKinney, 4 and Riddle, 1.

Last Saturday the Rockets defeated Casey County 64-45 at home.

Thacker had 22, Todd, 14, Bullens, 8, Reynolds and Lunsford 3 each and McKinney, 2.

The Rockets play another district game on Friday night when they travel to Pulaski County High School.



RCHS junior Lady Rocket Ella McQueary looks for an open player in her team's 66-52 win over Scott County in the Gateway Holiday classic. The Lady Rockets are 11-3 and return to action on Friday night against Pulaski County.



Three Lady Rockets made the all-tournament team in the Gateway Classic. Shown above from left are: Jackie Alexander, Angie Lawrence and Sara Hammond.

"What Is Written"

Let's consider 3 verses of scripture today. Acts 11:26b, "And the disciples were called **Christians** first in Antioch." Acts 26:28, "Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a **Christian**." 1 Peter 4:16, "Yet if any man suffer as a **Christian**, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf." As you notice, I have highlighted the term Christian in all 3 of our texts. These are the only 3 times the term is used in the Bible. Notice from the text in Acts 11:26, it says the disciples were called Christians. Disciples are those who are trying to learn and be like Christ, the individual. The word "called" means to speak by oracle, to command from heaven; so God is calling the disciples Christians. Some have said the name Christian, was a derogative term given by the enemies of Christ, but this is false. Since this is the divinely given name by God, why do men and women want to were human names such as Methodist, Catholic, Presbyterian, Mormon, Baptist, Nazarene, Jehovah's Witness, Pentecostal, etc.? The wearing of these sectarian names is sinful, and only promotes division, not the unity that Jesus prayed for, Jn.17:20-23. May God help us to love his ways and his truth!

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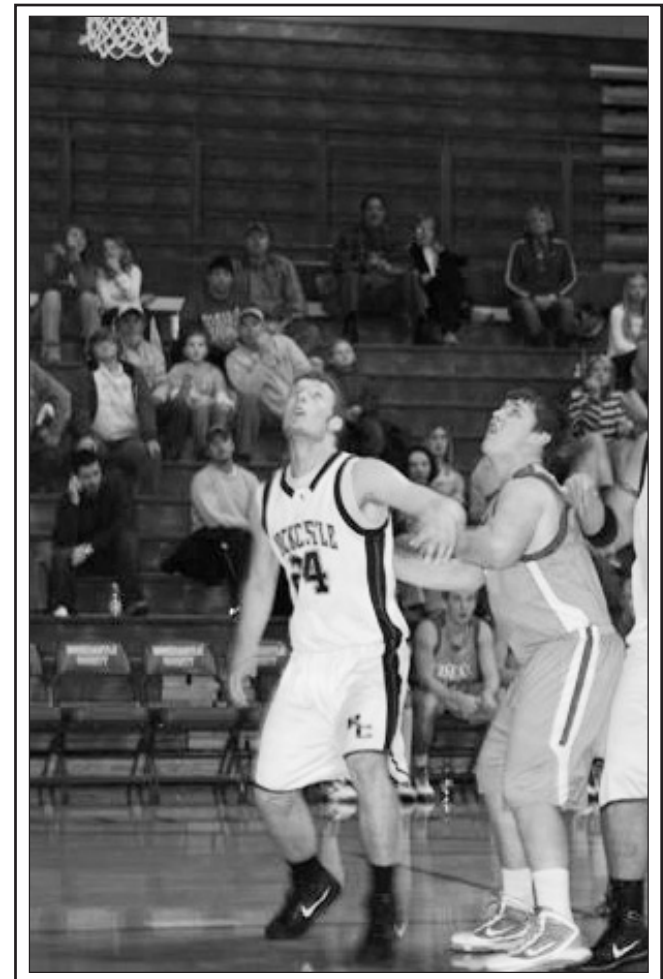
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Senior Rocket Jamie Todd drives to the basket against Casey County on Saturday. Todd had 14 points in the 64-45 win.



Rocket senior Matt Bullens blocks out a Rebel player in the Rockets district win over Casey County Saturday. Bullens had 8 points and is the Rocket's leading scorer this season.

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4-H Sewing Projects

4-H Youth Development



John McQueary

Rockcastle County Extension Office

The 4-H Sewing Projects will again be offered after school at each of the elementary schools. Sewing projects will be different than past years. There will be NO first class meeting; we will begin the classes on the appropriate dates listed below. This year the sewing projects will be conducted by local leaders and the Family & Consumer Sciences Agent. Following is the date and location of the first meeting at each school.

NOTE: Middle School and High School students may meet with the elementary school of their choice.

•February 22nd-25th
Roundstone Elementary School

•March 8th-11th
Mt. Vernon Elementary School

•March 22nd- 25th
Brodhead Elementary School

**Students will stay after school until 5:00pm. Students can be picked up at the front door or in the sewing room. Hazel Jackson and/or volunteers must see the individual who is picking up the student.

**Parents, you will need to provide transportation home after classes at 5:00pm PROMPTLY.

During the classes, your child will learn to use a sewing machine, follow directions and construct a useful item. First year students may make a drawstring tote bag. Second year students may make a zippered tote bag or purse. Third year students may make a gym bag. Fourth year students will make a backpack with lining. Fifth year students will make a 2

or 3 piece luggage set.

1.) Things They Will Need:

- *Sewing Equipment
- *6" inch ruler or seam gauge
- *A Sewing box-large shoe box is fine
- *Pencil
- *Straight Pins
- *Tape Measure
- *Dressmaker shears (scissors)
- *Seam Ripper

Underlined items are most important for each child to have. The 4-H Program has some sewing equipment that can be loaned to 4-Hers for the week. Label all items with your name! Put it in some type of small box for easy storage at the school for the week.

2.) Fabric & Notions:
See attached list according to Unit Level.

**Prewashing of all fabrics is recommended! To prewash, simply put the fabric yardage in a regular load of laundry. You may line dry or dry the fabric in the clothes dryer. Iron the fabric if it is wrinkly.

3.) 1 large spool of thread to match the fabric. Cotton or cotton covered polyester thread is preferred-all purpose thread. 100% polyester thread does not sew well on the Extension Service machines. Quilting or upholstery thread will not work for these sewing projects.

**If your child wishes to participate in the 4-H Sewing projects, please complete the permission form given to your child by the Extension Service and return it to their teacher by January 15, 2010. If no permission form is given, your child WILL NOT be able to attend....

Rogers Explorers youth program expanded

Submitted by Sharon Dodson,

In summer 2010, more students than ever in Southern and Eastern Kentucky will be able to develop critical leadership skills, receive hands-on training in math and science, and prepare to become the region's next generation of business leaders and entrepreneurs.

Thanks to a newly formed partnership with Eastern Kentucky University (EKU), The Center for Rural Development will expand its Rogers Explorers summer youth program and add a third host site for the program next July on EKU's Richmond campus.

"We are excited to be able to offer additional opportunities to the youth of Southern and Eastern Kentucky by partnering with Eastern Kentucky University and expanding our Rogers Explorers program," according to Lonnie Lawson, president and CEO of The Center. "We will now be able to give more students than ever a chance to receive hands-on demonstrations in math and science skills on the campuses of three outstanding colleges."

The EKU expansion will allow The Center to place 90 Rogers Explorers—all rising ninth-grade students—on three of Kentucky's leading college campuses next summer.

The program began in 2006 on the campus of the University of the Cumberlands in Williamsburg. The program expanded in summer 2009 to include a second host site on

the campus of Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia.

"I am pleased that Rogers Explorers are visiting Eastern Kentucky University," EKU President Dr. Doug Whitlock said. "We believe in regional stewardship and this program is certainly a great example of that concept."

Rogers Explorers is open to current eighth-grade students with an interest in developing skills in leadership, technology, math, science, entrepreneurship, and community service. Explorers spend three-days and two nights on a college campus participating in hands-on activities and working with professional college instructors.

The 2010 summer dates for Rogers Explorers program are: June 6-8, Lindsey Wilson College; June 9-11, University of the Cumberlands; and July 21-23, Eastern Kentucky University.

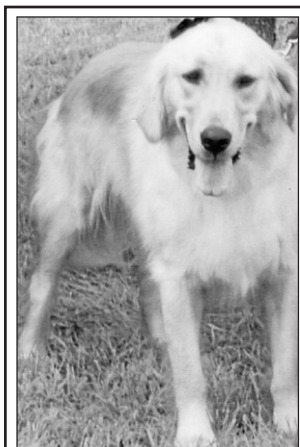
Applicants may specify their preference of campus location on the application form, but The Center cannot guarantee placement based on that first choice.

The application deadline for the 2010 Rogers Explorers sessions is March 5. Applications are available online at The Center's Web site at www.centertech.com. The application must be printed and necessary attachments mailed to: The Rogers Explorers Program, The Center for Rural Development, 2292 South U.S. 27, Suite 300, Somerset, KY 42501.

All lodging, meals, and program expenses (with the exception of transportation to and from the host site) are provided free of charge to participants.

For more information, contact Jessica Melton, associate director of education and training, at The Center for Rural Development at 606-677-6000 or by e-mail at jmelton@centertech.com.

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At the last Mt. Vernon City Council meeting, Mayor Clarice Kirby presented Burgess Mullins with a plaque in honor of his retirement. Mullins worked for the city for 30 years and was supervisor at the Mt. Vernon water plant in Renfro Valley.

Great Saltpetre Cave History

In 1798, John Baker discovered a large cave opening from the hillside along Crooked Creek, in what was then still part of Madison County. The next day, he brought his wife and two children back to the cave to explore its depths by the aid of torches. What began as a lark became a terrifying experience when the torches burned out and left them stranded in the lightless depths of the earth for two days. Baker and his family finally reached safety, but the long and colorful history of Great Saltpetre Cave was just beginning. - From the history book titled *Rockcastle County, Kentucky and Its People 1992*

Today, The Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve is Rockcastle Karst Conservancy's first cave preserve.

RKC accepted ownership of the property on August 20, 2006. The preserve is managed by the Great Saltpetre Cave Management Committee.

The management committee consists of members from the Greater Cincinnati Grotto, Dayton Underground Grotto and Blue Grass Grotto.

Join us for our yearly open house on the weekend after Mother's Day for tours of the cave, beans and combread. Free to all.

What is Karst?

Karst is a special type of landscape that is formed by moving water and the dissolution of soluble rocks, including limestone and dolomite. Karst regions contain aquifers that are capable of providing large supplies of water. In simple terms, Karst is defined as a landscape with sinkholes, springs, and streams that sink into caverns.

More than 25 percent of the world's population either lives on or obtains its water from karst aquifers. In the United States, 20 percent of the land surface is karst and 40 percent of the groundwater used for drinking comes from karst aquifers! Natural features of the landscape such as caves and springs are typical of karst regions. Karst landscapes are often spectacularly scenic areas such as the sinkhole plains and caves of Rockcastle County and central Kentucky

The Rockcastle Karst Conservancy

The Rockcastle Karst Conservancy is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the unique geological, hydrological, biological, and recreational resources associated with caves and karst.

Also, anyone interested can contact us thru this website: www.caves.org/conservancy/gsp/committee.shtml

Ten \$10,000 scholarships await

Georgetown seeking students for program

Ten high-achieving high school seniors from underserved mountain or rural counties, or the inner city, will receive SCALAR (SCientific-Aptitude-Leads-to-Achievement-in-Research-and-Service) Scholarships at Georgetown College for the Fall of 2010. Thanks to a major grant from the National Science Foundation, these are four-year awards in the amount of \$10,000 per year. "We are excited that these scholarships will help reduce the 10 students' loans to very close to zero so that they can focus solely on their academics," said program director Christine Leverenz, the College's Chair of the Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science.

Program opportunities include travel, social events and other extracurricular activities throughout each academic year, two summers of undergraduate research experiences, and community service projects that allow Scholars to put their academic gifts to work for the common good. Among the pre-requisites for applying for the SCALARS Scholarship, a student must intend to graduate with a major in one of the sciences or Physics, have an un-weighted high school GPA of 3.8 or higher, score 25 or higher in the mathematics portion of the ACT and have strong academic potential, and demonstrate financial need. Feb. 1, 2010 is the deadline for applications. Call Admissions at (800) 788-9985 or visit

www.georgetowncollege.edu/Admissions/scalars.htm for more information.

Janet Northern creates baskets at Artisan Center

On Saturday, Jan. 9, Janet Northern of Mt. Vernon will create baskets using honeysuckle vines and willow bark from 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Janet Northern has been making baskets for 13 years and is primarily self taught. She utilizes the wood and natural vines that she finds and gathers in the region surrounding her Rockcastle County farm to create her baskets. The eastern Kentucky woodlands give Janet inspiration as well as material from which to work.

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

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

Northern also creates baskets from the inner bark of willow trees. These are usually started with a criss-cross pattern and a square bottom.

She tapers the willow bark into varying widths depending on the size and function of each basket. The bark is kept supple by soaking it in water before weaving.

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

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



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Renfro Valley owners, Don and Vera Evans die

By: Connie Hunt
CEO/GM
Renfro Valley
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H. Donald Evans
May 25, 1934 –
Dec. 23, 2009

In the December edition of the Renfro Valley Bugle, I wrote an article about Don and Vera Evans, our owners. I recall only ever writing one article for the Bugle in my soon-to-be 20 years here, but I did so because so many people had asked about them over the year. Never did I imagine this month I would be writing again in the January online edition to tell you about the passing of Don.

Don went into the hospital on December 7th and passed away there on December 23rd. His family was by his side and even Vera got to visit him in the hospital. This is a family that adores their father and grandfather—with good reason.

Henry Donald Evans was a special fellow and on Monday, December 28, in Harrison, Ohio at his memorial service, everyone said so. All who came in contact with Don recognized his “special-ness.” The Renfro Valley Entertainers did a great job and those who spoke honored him with personal stories and recounted numerous acts of his kindness, good-natured mischievousness and his generous heart. But, it was his grandchildren who touched all of us with their tribute to him.

His granddaughter, Ashley, read a tribute “Our Papaw” as they all stood by his casket. I don’t think there was a dry eye in the church, man or woman. She made us laugh and tear up with personal stories of what a wonderful “Papaw” he was to all of them. I don’t know how she got through it, but she did and their Papaw would have been so proud, as he was of all of them.

At Renfro Valley, we all came to know that Don was special, too. We all thought the world of him. He always had a kind word for all of us and he would joke and cut up in his mischievous way. Many times I’ve seen his eyes fill with tears when he was

touched by something or helping someone in need, which he and Vera often did.

He loved Renfro Valley and all it stood for. His love and appreciation of music was one of the greatest I’ve ever seen. It brought him so much joy to sit with Vera in the front row every week as the Renfro Valley Entertainers took the stage. They were very humble of their achievements. They loved to talk to our visitors and got to know many of them personally.

We are all better off for having had Don in our lives—I know I am. His spirit was infectious and working closely with him each week, he taught me so much from stories he shared along with his life lessons. He didn’t lead by words—he led by example. Even in difficult situations, he would guide and offer advice filled with wisdom and patience. I saw him do this with other employees as well. He didn’t judge people, he built them up, helped them and gave them opportunities to grow and learn in their job. He would encourage us to try different things. If there were mistakes he wouldn’t get after us, but would often times chuckle and say, “Well, get it right next time.” We knew he was in our corner.

Don told us when they bought Renfro Valley that he felt the Lord had led them here. I remember him making this speech in the Lodge Restaurant. I don’t doubt it one bit because I know how close Don Evans was to his Lord. I also know that he is with Him now in Heaven.

As I stated in the December issue, he and Vera always gave the Lord credit for their blessings and would tell me, “You can’t out give the Lord.”

Don and Vera, as I also stated in the December issue of the Bugle, were a special couple and their love and devotion was obvious to all who came into contact with them, as was their faith.

Something that everyone always noticed about Don and Vera, I know I did after meeting them and being around them every week, is that they were always hold-

ing hands. They would hold hands in their seats at the show, driving down the road, in their recliners at home watching TV, walking to and from the theater, everywhere, always.

When Vera’s arm was in a sling from an injury she sustained, it was her right arm so they changed seats at the shows. Don moved to Vera’s seat and she took Don’s so they could hold hands. They didn’t think about it they just reached for each other as naturally as the air they breathed.

Don Gulley sang at Don’s service. It’s a song called “Far Side Banks of Jordan.” I’ve included the first two verses and the chorus:

Far Side Banks Of Jordan
I’ll admit my steps are growing wearier each day,

Still I’ve got a certain journey on my mind.

Lures of this old world have ceased to make me want to stay,

My one regret is leaving you behind

If it proves to be His Will that I am first to cross, And somehow I’ve a feeling it will be

When it comes your turn to travel likewise, don’t feel lost,

For I will be the first one that you’ll see.

Chorus
I’ll be waiting on the far side banks of Jordan I’ll be sitting drawing pictures in the sand

And when I see you coming, I will rise up with a shout and come running through The shallow waters reaching for your hand.

That’s where Don is... waiting for Vera when it comes her time to go. He’s waiting for her on “The Far Side Banks of Jordan” to be the first to reach for her hand.

Our thoughts and prayers continue and remain with the entire family.

FOOTNOTE: On Monday morning, January 4, 2010 at approximately 8:30 a.m. exactly a week following Don’s funeral, his wife, Vera, passed away. Though we are very saddened and will miss Vera just like Don, we know beyond a shadow of a doubt that Vera wanted to go on home and be with Don. As they shared life together, they are sharing Heaven together. —Connie Hunt

[In the Evans’ honor, a group of Renfro Valley folks gathered at the Little Renfro Valley Freedom Church and rang the bell as the service began in Harrison.]

The Evans bought the Renfro Valley Entertainment Center in February of 2005.

(Editor’s note) Connie Hunt said this week that the Entertainment Center was proceeding with business as usual in the Evans’ honor because of their love for Renfro Valley.



Interstate 75 was closed in both directions on December 28th after a Maineville Ohio man lost control of the above vehicle as he was traveling south with his 80-year-old wife, Donna L. Kamp, who was killed as a result of the crash. Rockcastle Sheriff Mike Peters said the couple were headed to Florida when they left the southbound lane of the interstate at the 68 mile marker and flipped at least three times. Other motorists on the interstate pulled the couple from the vehicle just before it caught fire. The accident occurred at the same location where I-75 goes from three lanes to two and where other fatalities have occurred in the past several months. (Front page photos by: Richard Anderkin and Kevin Canterbury)

“Files”

(Cont. from front)

two counts of Abuse of Public Trust, Bribery of a Public Servant, Fraudulent Insurance Acts and Official Misconduct.

The Mayor is scheduled to be arraigned on January 22nd, along with former city employee Nick Parsons and city employee Eddie Stewart, who was working for the city when he was indicted.

The Mayor joins Mike Bryant, Sr. and Nathaniel Price in the race for Mayor.

Candidates for non-partisan offices, such as Mayor, city council and school board, have until August 10th to file for office.

Other recent filings for office in next year’s elections include:

Republican Justin Prewitt, 46, for the office of magistrate in the first district.

Larry Newcomb, 42, for the office of first district magistrate as a Democrat and,

Rathel Lee Colliins, 71, a Republican for the office of magistrate in district two.

The first incumbent magistrate to file for reelection is 65-year-old Ralph Allen in district five. Allen is a Republican.

The filing deadline for the May Primary is January 26th.

“Injured”

(Cont. from front)

The passengers all suffered injuries that made removing them from wreckage and onto backboards challenging. It took an hour for all of the victims to be extracted.

The last victim was Holman who had a broken leg above and below the knee making it difficult to remove him from behind the steering wheel. Holeman’s wife also had a broken leg, broken neck and broken ribs. Her daughter, Kim, had a broken shoulder and injuries to her back. Barnes suffered massive internal injuries and was taken to Emphriam McDowell Hospital in Danville for emergency surgery.

“Smith”

(Cont. from front)

where his son-in-law, and Lisa’s husband, Trevor was feeding cattle.

Mrs. Hemsley said her dad was going to break the ice on a pond on the same farm, when he apparently did not see the northbound CSX train before he pulled onto the tracks.

Smith’s daughter said her dad was “hard of hearing in his right ear” and obviously did not hear the train until the last minute when he attempted to back off the tracks.

Trevor Hemsley said he heard the engineer blow his horn and watched as his father-in-law attempted to back off the tracks.

Hemsley said only the very front end of his father-in-law’s truck was on the crossing when it was hit by the train

State police said Smith was ejected when the truck overturned.

Smith was transported to Rockcastle Regional Hospital by ambulance and then flown to the Univer-

sity of Kentucky Medical Center.

Lisa Hemsley said her 71-year-old father suffered multiple fractures to his body, including two breaks in his right leg. She said her father also had fractures to several of his ribs and both of his jaws were broken. His clavical bone was also broken in the accident.

Mrs. Hemsley said her father is also suffering from injuries to his kidneys and doctors believe he had a heart attack after the accident, due to the trauma from the accident.

Smith is on a ventilator and not conscious, but doctors were planning to do surgery on his leg on Wednesday. Lisa Hemsley said doctors thought the surgery was necessary to help cut down on further complications, such as lung problems.

Lisa Hemsley said reports earlier this week that her father was upgraded from critical to serious were false

Smith was the longest serving Sheriff in Rockcastle County, holding the office for three terms from 1990 to 2002.

Judicial Branch financial information now on OpenDoor website

Chief Justice of Kentucky John D. Minton Jr. announced recently that the Judicial Branch has joined the e-Transparency initiative launched by the Executive Branch earlier this year.

Judicial Branch expenditures and contracts are now posted on Kentucky’s OpenDoor website at www.opendoor.ky.gov. (Click on Start Your Search at OpenDoor, then on Expenditure Search and then select Judicial Branch under Expenditure Search.)

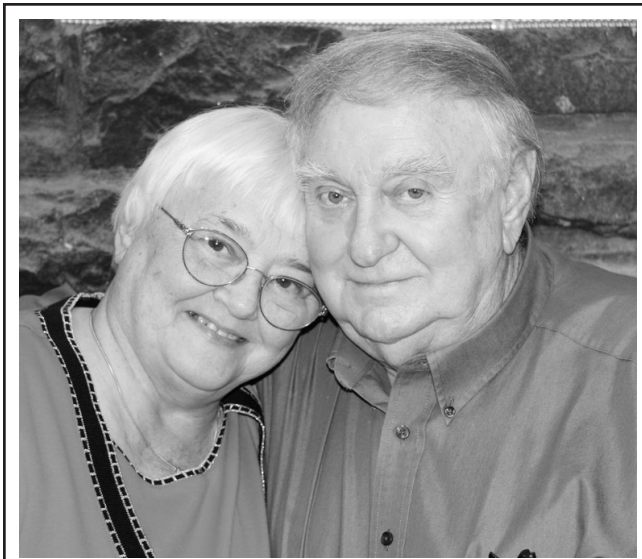
Visitors to the website will find a searchable database of line-item expenditures for the Judicial Branch from January 2007 to the present. They can also find contract information. Salary information will be added in coming months.

“I’m pleased to join the Executive Branch in providing comprehensive fi-

nancial information on the OpenDoor website,” Chief Justice Minton said. “This is part of our ongoing effort to increase the court system’s accountability to Kentucky taxpayers.”

The Judicial Branch is comprised of four levels of state courts – the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, Circuit Court and District Court. The Administrative Office of the Courts supports the activities of approximately 3,800 Kentucky Court of Justice employees, including the elected justices, judges and circuit court clerks, and executes the Judicial Branch budget.

Kentucky’s OpenDoor seeks suggestions from the public on how to make the website even more user-friendly. Visitors can comment on the website by visiting www.opendoor.ky.gov and clicking on Contact Us.



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Brodhead rural mail carrier Oscar Fain, center, was honored with a retirement party on Christmas Eve after working 24 years for the postal service. On hand to help him celebrate his retirement were, from left: clerk Carol Liming, rural substitute carrier Donna Bishop, Fain, new carrier Scott Barnes, current carrier Phillip Payne, officer in charge Jerri Lynn Bussell, retired mail carrier Johnny Alcorn and retired Brodhead Postmaster Liz Tipton. During Fain’s time as a mail-carrier, he was accident free.



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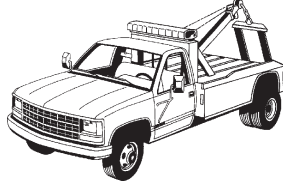
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been appointed executor of the estate of Mary H. Doan on the 14th day of December, 2009. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Donnie Doan or to Hon. William D. Reynolds, P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before June 14, 2010 at 11 a.m. **Notice is hereby given that** Herbert Steve Smith, 539 Pine Ranch East Road, Osprey, Florida 34229 has been appointed Executor of the estate of Herbert C. Smith on the 16th day of December, 2009. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Herbert Steve Smith or to Hon. Bobby

Amburgey, P.O. Box 3118, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before June 16, 2010. 5x3 **Notice is given that** Charles Shelton has filed a final settlement of his accounts as executor of the estate of William Shelton, deceased. A hearing on said settlement will be held January 27, 2010 at 11 a.m. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before said date. 6x1 **Notice is given that** Ralph Brooks has filed a final settlement of his accounts as executor of the estate of Bessie Brooks, deceased. A hearing on said settlement will be held January 25, 2010 at 11 a.m. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before said date. 6x1

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