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The three candidates vying for the position of Mt. Vernon Mayor in the upcoming General Election, squared off Tuesday night in a debate sponsored by the Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce and the RCHS Student YMCA. Above, Don Jones, left, Mike Bryant and Interim Mayor Gary Cromer each answered questions about how to bring progress to the city of Mt. Vernon. The debate followed a Candidate Forum in which candidates from city, county and state elections spoke.

Attorney General opinion deals with special meetings

At the request of County Clerk Norma Houk, the Kentucky Attorney General recently issued an opinion about the procedure the fiscal court uses to call special meetings. In her complaint/appeal for the opinion, Houk reported that the fiscal court was not in compliance with KRS 61.823(3) and (4) the

Special Meeting-Emergency Meeting Law in three areas. Those areas involve notification of magistrates and the media (*Mt. Vernon Signal*) of the meeting and agenda, in writing, 24 hours in advance and the posting of a notice of the meeting, along with the

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Mt Vernon's Bittersweet Festival is this weekend

It's that time of year, the bittersweet is in bloom and the weather should be wonderful this weekend for Mt Vernon's annual Bittersweet Festival.

The festival proceedings will take place on Main Street and will run from Thursday night through Saturday night. Festivities kick off Thursday (tonight) with a Cruise-In Car Show from 5-8 p.m. on Main Street.

Main Street will then close again, beginning at noon on Friday, for vendor preparation and that evenings' events will kick-off with the Carl Doan Band at 4 p.m., followed by the Dave Osborne Band at 6 p.m. and the Medley Boys Band concluding the night's event from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday morning kicks off bright and early with the Jerry J. Cox Bittersweet 5K Run and 2 Mile Walk beginning at 7:30 a.m. Registration is at 6:30 a.m. in front of the courthouse.

Back on Main Street, beginning at 11 a.m., the Bittersweet Cloggers will perform before the Bittersweet Parade begins at noon. Anyone wishing to participate in the parade needs to be at the Mt. Vernon Elementary School parking lot at 10:30 a.m. to line up.

For all those young children who wish to participate in the Storybook Pageant,

participants and their parents will need to meet in the city parking lot no later than 11:15 a.m. to march in the parade. Characters will be recognized on stage at 12:40 p.m.

The music begins on the

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Coguer named Signal Editor

Sara Coguer has assumed the position as the Editor of the *Mount Vernon Signal*.

Coguer, 39, begins her tenure this month after teaching at Mount Vernon Elementary for the past six years and the Rockcastle County High School for a year and half.

"I'm very excited about the opportunity to keep this position in our family," Coguer said, "and I am looking forward to getting out in the community and getting

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New Mount Vernon Signal Editor Sara Coguer

Candidate forum and mayoral debate a success

With a resounding slap of the gavel, the 2010 Candidate Forum and Mt. Vernon Mayoral Debate was off and running Tuesday night. Several candidates for state, county and city offices were on hand to let the voters of Rockcastle County know why they should be elected to the office for which they are running.

The event was hosted by the Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the RCHS Student YMCA. Travis Burton, Chairperson for the Rockcastle County Republican Party was moderator for the event, which was also broadcast live on WRVK Radio.

To begin the evening, candidates for State Senator, Jared Carpenter (R) and Lee Murphy (D), gave a five minute presentation as to why they would be the better re-

placement for retiring State Senator Ed Worley. Both Carpenter and Murphy are from Madison County, and each gave similar responses as to what needed to be done for Rockcastle County, including increased tourism and job creation, only differing in their approach. Carpenter feels the state's tax structure needs updating while Murphy feels that Rockcastle really needs to take advantage of the tourism opportunities that can be found in the county. Murphy also endorsed the idea of bringing a wet/dry vote to the county to give "Renfro Valley a huge advantage in attracting visitors."

Most of the magistrates in contested races were on hand to make a pitch for the vote of their district's constituents, all of them saying basically the same thing, wanting to do what is best for the county.

County Judge-Executive candidates Doug Bishop (I) and incumbent Buzz Carloftis (R) were both present and both men were deeply concerned about our county. Mr. Bishop asked the question, "Are we better off now than we have been for the last 17 years? For us to move forward, we are going to have to admit where we're at." Judge Carloftis gave several examples of how, in his opinion, we have moved forward since he has been in office for the last 17 years, including replacing and refurbishing 50 of the 52 bridges in the county and providing 98% of the county with city water.

Only one candidate for Mt. Vernon City Council showed up. Jamie Anderkin Bryant, a first grade teacher at Mt. Vernon Elementary, spoke of the need to keep our young people in Rockcastle after they graduate, by providing good jobs and opportunities for them.

South Park "open for business"

The Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority reported at their monthly meeting Tuesday that the Industrial South Park is basically completed and "open for business."

According to RCIDA Chairman Corey Craig, six of the seven contracts for work on the grounds has been completed by the four subcontractors

The exception is a contract with Goff Excavating to finish the installation of street light bases along Hwy 150. Those are estimated to be finished within the next two weeks.

evening was the Mount Vernon Mayoral Debate. Don Jones, Mike Bryant and Gary Cromer each answered ten questions prepared by members of the debate committee for the Chamber of Commerce.

The most interesting question of the night with the most interesting answers was a question of a potential wet/dry vote in the city. Don Jones said he was in favor of the city being wet, because there "would be more revenue" for the city. Mike Bryant was not in favor of alcohol sales, citing that he didn't feel the community "was ready for a wet/dry vote." He also commented that he felt alcohol sales would bring in minimal revenue and job creation. Cromer's response was, "One word, no."

With regard to the question of how Mount Vernon is perceived by Frankfort and Washington D.C., both Bryant and Cromer emphasized that Mt. Vernon's image in recent years had been tarnished, but each also emphasized that a cooperative effort needs to happen in order to rebuild relationships that may have been hurt in the past. Candidate Jones said that if the relationships to help Mt. Vernon were out there he would find them, if not "he would not suck up to anyone."

Don Jones was the only candidate who had a specific

Halloween on Main coming up

The City of Mt. Vernon hosts a Halloween event each year to offer families a safe event for trick or treating.

Halloween on Main, sponsored by the City of Mount Vernon and the Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce, will be Saturday, October 30 from 5 to 7 p.m. Admission is free and local businesses and organizations will be handing out treats on Main Street.

The first Halloween on Main was organized in 2004 as a safe alternative to trick or treating. The time has been pushed back an hour to accommodate families and for increased safety.

"We wanted to give families and their children the opportunity to attend different events in the county," said Mount Vernon Mayor Gary Cromer. "Starting Halloween on Main at 5 p.m. will give people the chance to visit churches, family members and homes after the event. It

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Second Sunday event this weekend

The second annual Second Sunday event, sponsored by the Rockcastle County Health Community and the Cooperative Extension Service, will be held Sunday, October 10th from 2 - 5 p.m.

Main Street Mt. Vernon

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Mareburg neighborhood watch meeting

A neighborhood watch informational meeting for Mareburg area residents will be held Monday, October 25th at 7 p.m. at the Mareburg Baptist Church on Hwy. 150.

Due to a recent outbreak of home invasions in the area, concerned residents feel a need to discuss forming a Neighborhood Watch.

The presentation will include an overview of the Neighborhood Watch Program, available resources, how the community benefits, how you can help and the election of leaders.

During the meeting, extra law enforcement will be patrolling the Mareburg area.

If you have questions about this meeting, or the Neighborhood Watch Program in general, please contact Sergeant Tom Atkin or Trooper Don Trooper, Kentucky State Police Post 11, at 606-878-6622.

The Neighborhood Watch Program is under the auspices of the Kentucky State Police, Rockcastle Sheriff's Department and the Mt. Vernon City Police Department.



The 2010 Rockcastle County High School Football Homecoming ceremonies will be held this Friday night at halftime of the home game against district rival Knox Central. Candidates for this year's queen are, front row, from left: Meghin Helton, Nikki Joenborg, and Makenna Roberts. Second row, from left: Charity Adams, Carlotta Morgan, Courtney Hasty, and Angel Spurlock. Third row, from left: April Montjoy, Holly Ham, and Alexandra Martin. Back row, from left: Susan Boggs, Sarah Baker and Karah Taylor. Not shown is Senior Kristen Abney. The RCHS student body will select the King and Queen from the senior class candidates.



The king candidates for RCHS homecoming are shown above, front row from left: Tyler Elman, Bruce Cotton, Sean Watkins, and Gage Reynolds. Second row, from left: Chase McGuire, Dylan Hensley, and Brett Noble. Third row, from left: Jon Paul Kidwell, BB Cameron, and Tyler Holman. Back row, from left: Dakota Williams, Josh McKinney and Andrew Sowder. In the inset photo is Senior AJ Buster, who was unavailable at the time the picture was taken.

The Roots of Rockcastle

by: Tonya J. Cook



What Shaped Early America and Influenced Our Early Settlers, Part V

The year is 1793. The first families of what would become Rockcastle County are beginning to forge their ways into the hills and hollows in an attempt to settle this new and rugged area. There are only a handful of brave souls dwelling here and there, in small cabins for the most part, and living off the land and on what game they could find.

As more settlers came, they brought news of "the outside", the areas far from Rockcastle County. In those days news was scarce, and in the backwoods, news traveled quite often by word of mouth. What was going on in the new land that was affecting the lives of the first families of Rockcastle?

I've learned from research this was definitely an era of constant change. It's almost like the birth pangs of a new nation, with everyone seemingly trying to find where they belong. The slavery issue continued to rage, the government is trying to get on its feet as George Washington holds the first cabinet meeting in February. People are continuing to look west. Alexander Mackenzie was the first Euro-

American to complete a trans-continental crossing north of Mexico. People were seeking higher education. The cornerstone for the first state university was laid at the University of North Carolina.

The era of the Mechanical Age was about to dawn. Eli Whitney patented the cotton gin in March of 1794. This is only one of the many inventions of the time to make life easier for the people.

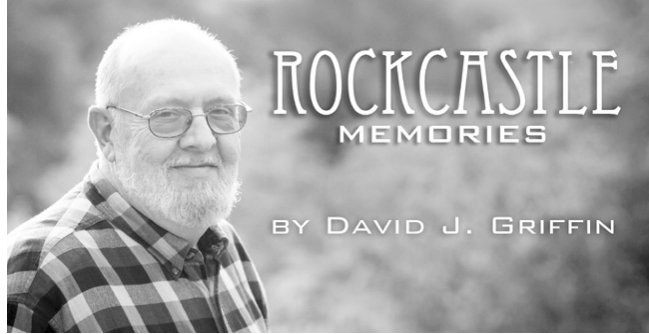
In 1795, the Treaty of Madrid was signed to set boundaries between the United States and the Spanish colonies.

In 1796, Tennessee became the sixteenth state of the Union. Advances were being made in medicine. Edward Jenner administered the first smallpox vaccination.

George Washington has given his farewell address by 1797, and Albany has replaced New York City as the capitol of New York.

By April of 1798, the Mississippi Territory is organized from land once belonging to Georgia and South Carolina. State boundaries were prone to change as the country expanded. If you had a complaint concerning the govern-

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"No Particular Place To Go"

Last week I was traveling down US 25 on my way to the annual Mt. Vernon High School reunion with my XM radio set to the Fifties Channel. (Oh how I love listening to it! Isn't technology wonderful?) Suddenly Chuck Berry began singing a song that immediately took me back in time. The song is "No Particular Place to Go," and it made me remember the countless nights that we did exactly as he was singing.

Ridin' along in my automobile My baby beside me at the wheel

I stole a kiss at the turn of a mile

My curiosity runnin' wild Cruisin' and playin' the radio With no particular place to go

That song made me remember the nights spent in my 1958 Chevy with numerous teenagers killing time, searching for someplace to go. Most of the time, a large number of other teens were doing the same thing in their cars. It was, and I assume still is, called "cruising."

Ridin' along in my automobile I'm anxious to tell her the way I feel,

So I told her softly and sincere,

And she leaned and whispered in my ear

Cuddlin' more and driving slow,

With no particular place to go.

We circled the streets of Mt. Vernon "cruisin' and playin' the radio." In those days we all had our AM radios tuned to WLS in Chicago, listening to Dick Biondi, who was also known as the "Wild Italian." His show, which aired each weekday from 9 pm until midnight, was heard in approximately 40 states because of the extraordinary 50,000-watt sig-

nal of WLS. Biondi even compiled an album called "Biondi's Best," which I purchased to play on my home stereo.

On a normal evening, several of my friends and I just "rode around town." Usually the crowd consisted of Bud Cox, Marty Sowder, Paul Dailey, Lloyd Fain, Carla Baker, Lee Childress, Dorcas Woodall, Charlotte Fain, Marion Whitehouse, and Billy Croucher. Several others were also known to go with us when they did not have dates.

One particular night stands out in my memory. Dick Biondi was playing "Rock Around The Clock" by Bill Haley and the Comets. Dorcas Woodall and Charlotte Fain suggested that I stop the car and let everyone dance on the sidewalk. So I did as suggested and stopped the car—right in front of the Bank of Mt. Vernon. Out jumped everyone in the vehicle, and I cranked up the volume considerably on my car radio.

Right there on Main Street we were dancing as if we were at a Sock Hop! People driving by slowed down to get a good view of "those crazy teenagers" dancing on the sidewalk. When Bill Haley's song concluded, we climbed back into my Chevy and off we went. I wonder how many of those kids can still remember that night.

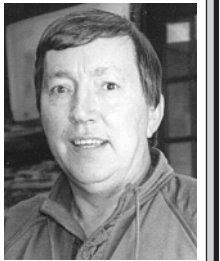
On several occasions, we also drove our fully-packed cars to the Water Works Lake and lined them up in a circle so that the headlights were shining on us. Then every one of the car owners turned up their radios to WLS, and we commenced dancing right there in the gravel parking lot.

I also recall that there was one of those nights when

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Points East

By Ike Adams



Write it down. Put it in the record book. The first big frost of the year at Charlie Brown Road was on the ground with gusto well before dawn on Saturday morning October 2.

I made this discovery the old fashioned way. I heard the dogs start barking about 6 a.m. and knew that at least one newspaper was going to be out there in a box beside the road. As usual, I stepped into my slippers, threw on a shirt and dashed outside in my skivvies to retrieve the paper.

For the record, I do look both ways to left and right and

make sure no traffic is on the road before I run to fetch the paper in my underwear even though my wife is horrified that a neighbor might see me in the darkness and call the cops to report me for indecent exposure.

I happen to believe that my boxers are far more modest and better looking than most running shorts but Loretta contends that they are still underwear and therefore illegal to be seen outside the bedroom.

Anyway, I hurried outside

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Let's Make Some More History!!



Vote McGuire
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5th District Magistrate

- I believe myself to be the people's best choice to defend against "high taxes", "big debt" and unproductive spending.
- I will stand for the people and with the people against countywide zoning, or any ordinance related to zoning.
- Let's be good stewards of our tax dollars.
- Let us not raise taxes or create new ones.
- We should work together to make better use of the resources we already have available, such as money, land, empty buildings, interstate and railroad access, national forest, water ways, etc.
- When elected, I will work to help move the county forward in a safe, steady and wise manner.

I humbly ask for your vote November 2nd.

Press write-in button in the Magistrate category and print **MCGUIRE**

Your Friend and Neighbor

Michael P. McGuire

Pd. for by Michael P. McGuire

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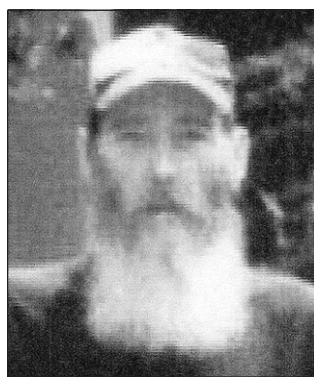
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Obituaries



Ronald Hornsby

Ronald Eugene Hornsby, 54, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, October 2, 2010 at his home. He was born in Hamilton, OH on Dec. 16, 1955 the son of James and Minnie Lou Wyrick Hornsby. He was a retired machinist.

He is survived by: his wife, Melinda Hornsby; his mother, Minnie Wyrick of Ohio; a son, Ronald Hornsby, Jr. of Arizona; and a brother, Bobby Hornsby of Ohio. Also surviving are: one grandson; two granddaughters; two step granddaughters; and three step great grandchildren, all of Arizona.

Memorial services are to be at a later date.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com or our Facebook® page to view online obituary.

T-Opal Talbott

Mrs. T-Opal Manis Talbott, 87, of Hamilton, Ohio, died Wednesday, September 29, 2010. She was born March 17, 1923 in Mt. Vernon to Bill and Mattie Hasel Manis.

Survivors are six sons, Glen, Frank, Gary, Mark and Larry, all of Ohio and Bill of Somerset; two daughters, Charlene and Lee, both of Ohio; three sisters, Geneva Sowder, Willie Halcomb and Ruth Reed; one brother, Paul Manis; 14 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 38 years, Charles; three sisters, Anna Southard, Alene Hasty and Louise Reynolds; five brothers, Hobart, Ray, Carl and two infant brothers, Robert Harold and James.

Services were held at Brown-Dawson Funeral Home on Friday, October 1st and she was laid to rest beside her husband in Butler County Memorial Park, Trenton, Ohio.

Her six sons served as pallbearers.

James Kirby

James Robert Kirby, 72, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, October 2, 2010 at the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead. He was born in Pine Hill, on April 16, 1938 the son of Luther and Gracie Jones Kirby. He was a former construction worker, a member of the Christian Faith and loved fishing.

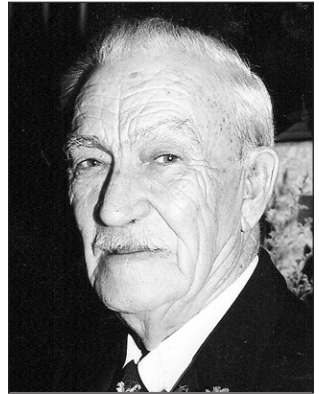
He is survived by: three sons, Larry (Carol) Kirby of Red Hill, Timothy (Dana) Kirby of Stanford and Rodney Kirby of London; three daughters, Freda (Glen) Philpot of London, Sandy McClure of Mt. Vernon and Sheila (Dan) Gutenson of Crab Orchard; three brothers, Billy (Daisy) Kirby and Wayne (Anna) Kirby, all of Ohio and Donald (Bernice) Kirby of Georgia; and two sisters, Willetta Owens and Mildred Owens, both of Mt. Vernon. Also surviving are: 16 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: his wife, Marlene Kirby; one son, James Phillip "Bozy" Kirby; and seven sisters, Verna Lou, Doris Jean, Cecilia Jean, Linda Mae, Glenda Faye, Joyce Christine and Loretta Thomas.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 5, 2010 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Dan Gutenson. Burial was in the Pine Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Brian Ray Kirby, Christopher Robert Kirby, Ron Owens, Heath Philpot, Zachary Philpot and Shannon Smith.

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Dee Alvin Wright

Dee Alvin Wright, 83, of Cincinnati, OH died Thursday, September 30, 2010 at the Bethesda North Hospital in Cincinnati. He entered this life on November 9, 1926 in Cincinnati, the son of Graydon "Dock" and Anna Laswell Wright both in

whom preceded him in death. He was united in marriage to Pauline Allen Wright, and they shared a wonderful life together. He was a dedicated employee of General Electric in Cincinnati, where he worked as an engineer. He bravely served our country in the United States Navy, rising to the rank of Seaman 1st Class. He was a member of the Ottawa Baptist Church.

He will be lovingly remembered by: his two sons, Steven (Judy) Wright of Loveland, OH; David (Karen) Wright of Alta Loma, CA; six grandchildren, David, Ian, Daniel, Danielle, Nick and Alex; one brother, Bobby (Doris) Wright of Brodhead; one sister, Mary Gentry of Somerset; a special friend, Agnes Hargess of Somerset; and her four sons and a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides his parents he is preceded in death by: his wife, Pauline Allen Wright; and a brother, Val Roy Wright.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 2, 2010 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals Chapel with Bro. R. C. Flynn officiating. Burial followed in the Allen Cemetery.

Those acting as casketbearers were: Ian Wright, David Wright, Daniel Wright, Luther Hargis, Richard Hargis, and Marvin Owens.

Condolences to the family can be sent to his online registry at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com



Rachel Marler

Rachel Isabelle Bond Marler, 71, of Cincinnati, OH and formerly of Orlando, died Wednesday, September 29, 2010 at Hospice of Cincinnati at Blue Ash in Cincinnati, OH. She was born in Rockcastle County on August 14, 1939 the daughter of Harvey and Della Myrtle Jennings Bond. She was a homemaker and a member of the Linwood Faith Tabernacle of Cincinnati, OH.

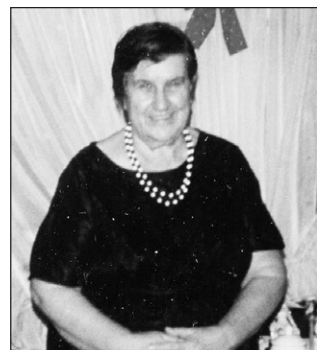
She is survived by: one daughter, Theresa Marler of

Cincinnati, OH; two brothers, Vic Bond of Orlando and Curt Bond of Campbellsville; and two sisters, Loretta Winkler of Orlando, FL and Delores Weaver of Fairfield, OH. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, John Lewis Marler.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 2, 2010 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Don Helton and Jimmy Miller. Burial was in the Corinth Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Jonathan Denney, Vernon W. Denney, Shannon Lining, Roy Miller, Dave Scott and Martin Vanzant.

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Cora Miller

Mrs. Cora Miller, 91, of Orlando died Monday, October 4, 2010 at the Rockcastle Hospital. She was born November 28, 1918 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of the late Gar and Sally Coffey Clark. She enjoyed family gatherings and was a member of the Flat Rock Baptist Church.

Survivors are one son, Wilbur Weaver of Orlando; two grandchildren, Sandra Falin and Rodney Weaver; one great grandson, Hank Falin and a special niece, Oneida Robinson.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, John Miller; one son, Wayne Weaver; one step son, Travis Miller; two step daughters, Anna Chasteen and Delphia Murrell; two brothers, Beige and Lester Clark and five sisters, Pearl

Hayes, Beulah Falin, Annie Clark, Edith Metcalf and Hazel Parrett.

Funeral services will be held Thursday (today), October 7th at 2 p.m. at Cox Funeral Chapel with Bro. Billy Cameron officiating. Burial will follow in the Clark Cemetery.

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& Laurel Mt. Boys Sunday at 2 p.m.

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For more info. on booth setup and field trips call 256-2781

VOTE

Gary R. Cromer

MAYOR

When the most recent Mayor resigned, the Mt. Vernon City Council came together and chose former Mayor Gary R. Cromer to serve the remainder of her term. His name was chosen unanimously from several names, including one other former Mayor, and one council member who is now his opponent.



- Served 11 1/2 years during the 1980s and 1990s
- Currently serving since February 2010
- Built a reputation of:
 - Honesty
 - Integrity
 - A strong work ethic

Remember November 2nd,
vote Gary R. Cromer, Mayor
Tested, Tried & True Leadership

Your support & vote deeply appreciated.

ATTENTION CUSTOMERS

We will adjust our hours for
The Bittersweet Festival
October 8th & 9th

Downtown Branch Lobby:
Will remain open until 4:00 PM Friday, Oct 8th

Downtown Branch Drive Thru
will CLOSE at 12:00 PM Friday, Oct. 8th

The Downtown Branch Lobby & Drive Thru
will be CLOSED Saturday, Oct. 9th

For your convenience

Hwy 461 Drive Thru
will be opened until 6:00 PM Friday, Oct. 8th

Hwy 461 Lobby and Drive Thru
will be open 8:30-12:00 PM Saturday, Oct. 9th

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“Memories”

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someone got pushed into the lake while dancing. I can't remember who the “lucky one” was, but I do remember that he shot out of the water and started dancing all over again. What great times those were!

There is one other song that I remember prompting us to dance in the gravel. In 1961, the Dovells had a hit with the song “Bristol Stomp.” Several of us were sitting on our cars near the back row of the Valley Drive In Theater when the song came over the intercom before the movie began. Several teenagers began to dance between the aisles of cars.

I can distinctly remember watching Lloyd Fain and Paul Dailey sitting on the hood of my '58 Chevy taking in the entire spectacle of the instantaneous rocking and bopping. Marty, Carla, and several others were dancing to the tune: *The kids in Bristol are sharp as a pistol*

*When they do the Bristol Stomp
Really somethin' when the joint is jumpin'
When they do the Bristol Stomp.*

(That song went on to the number two spot on Billboard Magazine's Hot 100 for 1961. It sold over a million copies.)

There are any number of old rock songs that remind me of particular times or events from the days and nights of fun we had just being teenagers. And many of you remind me how we felt in those days in your email comments and letters. Thanks for the memories!

“Roots”

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ment, it was best if you kept it to yourself. In July, the Sedition Act went into law, making it a federal crime to write, publish, or even utter a false or malicious statement about the United States government. Today, the jails would be over run. So much for the freedom of speech.

The year 1799 passed quietly here in the United States, but the Rosetta Stone was found in Egypt. What lies on the horizon as a new century approaches, and more people begin to settle in this area?

In 1800, John Adams becomes the first president to reside at the newly completed executive mansion, later to be named the White House. Spain cedes the Louisiana

area to France.

There was and electoral tie in 1801 between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr. The tie was resolved by the House of Representatives electing Jefferson as president and Burr as Vice-President. Sounds familiar doesn't it? I wonder what they would have done with the Bush-Gore situation?

The Library of Congress was first opened, and West Point Military Academy was established in 1802.

The year 1803 added new land to the United States. Ohio is admitted to the union, and the Louisiana territory is bought from France for fifteen million dollars.

In Wales, the first self-propelled steam locomotive makes its outing in 1804. It was on such locomotives as this that the United States was made great. In May, the Lewis and Clark Expedition began their famous journey to explore new lands. We only think we have political scandal today. In July of 1804, Vice-President Aaron Burr killed the Secretary of the Treasury, Alexander Hamilton.

The land for settling continues to expand. In January of 1805, the Michigan Territory was created, and also of that year, one of the greatest inventions known to America came to pass. The American staple, the hot dog, was invented.

In March, 1806, construction began on the Cumberland Road, the first federal highway. This alone was a major factor of early families coming to this area. More westward exploration comes through the explorer, Zebulon Pike, who discovered Pike's Peak in Colorado.

It is now 1807, three years after Burr killed Hamilton. Vice-president Burr is arrested in Alabama for treason, indicted in May, and acquitted in August. In March of this year, Congress prohibits the importation of slaves. It also becomes law in Great Britain and Ireland. The first steamboat leaves New York City for Albany. The Embargo Act, forbidding trade with all foreign countries, passes Congress.

By 1808, new wealth is beginning to emerge. The first “corporate giant”, such as John Jacob Astor, appeared on the scene due to the land expansion and products to meet the needs of the people of the ever-expanding nation.

Illinois is added as a state in February of 1809. The United States begins to trade again with Great Britain and France.

The Spanish colony of West Florida is annexed in 1810. Meanwhile, here in eastern Kentucky, Rockcastle County is born from portions of other counties. The first families and all of the history and its influence since 1776 are here to see a new county born. This weekend at the Bittersweet Festival, this heritage will be remembered and celebrated. I hope all Rockcastle countians will find the time to celebrate our bicentennial, our proud heritage, and the influences that brought it into being.

“Points East”

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and proceeded to take one step onto the lawn where my feet left me and I skidded on my fanny for several feet across grass that had become ice overnight. To say that it was slick as glass would be a huge understatement. Let the record also show that this was not predicted by the usual and generally unreliable television weather forecasters. Low temps had been predicted to hit the low forties. Low temps actually were around thirty here on Charlie Brown last Saturday.

I've never had a job where I could be wrong almost all the time about almost everything and still draw a big salary for pointing at a map with a baton and staring down a camera. On the other hand, I've never been a television personality with the title of “meteorologist”. For just one month, I would like to be on television and make a nightly weather forecast based on how my knees and elbows feel and let the hotshots compare it with their millions of dollars worth of sophisticated radar toys. I'd even make the forecast in my skivvies but I'm told that I'd have to be a member of the union and that's not apt to happen.

After taking the spill on the grass and remembering how to skate I did manage to get my paper, much to the amusement of my dogs. If you've never seen a Labrador retriever and a mongrel terrier look toward the sky and shake their heads, you have never seen the ultimate expression of absolute disbelief. When you walk back up onto the porch and they are lying there with front paws across their eyes, still shaking their heads, you know

that you have accomplished something. At least that's the way I feel and I know that the dogs are wondering how many dead animals they have to drag into the yard to pay for the entertainment.

So, after the frost melted away, Loretta and I drifted down to Paint Lick and basked into our little village's October Fest. A heavy frosty morning that turned into one of the absolutely most perfect fall days that we will ever see and massaged by Jeanette Todd's soup beans and corn bread and Katie Rollin's oh so excellent hot dogs with secret-recipe chilli and vendors selling cushaws and pumpkins and winter squash and Indian corn off the tail gates of old pick ups for nearly nothing.

A local three piece band playing traditional country and bluegrass music there on the stoop in front of the Paint Lick Post Office. The bass fiddle is a washtub turned upside down with a mop handle for a neck and a piece of cloths line for the single string and fastened into the bottom. It's called a gut bucket and the woman can play “Cripple Creek” in perfect pitch with the banjo and guitar.

And you notice that they have an old Martin D28 guitar that you hold in reverence there on an instrument stand and you ask, hopefully, if you can pick it up and sit in for a tune or two and they say “help yourself”. So you pick it up and fall right into “Wildwood Flower”. And then you harmonize, as best you can on a

rendition of “Will the Circle be Unbroken” and then you go right into “I'll fly away, Oh Glory, I'll fly away. When I die, hallelujah bye and bye. I'll fly away.”

And then you realize that

you have actually flown far away for some few minutes. And then you walk away and rub your hip because it is sore from the fall this morning and you think to yourself, “I'm so glad it frosted.”

Our Readers Write

Schoolwide yard sale at MVES

Dear Editor,

The Mt. Vernon Elementary School Playground Committee is working very hard to obtain much needed funding to install additional playground structures for our 775 students. In conjunction with our efforts, we would like to invite all members of our Rockcastle County community to join us for a school-wide yard sale this Saturday, October 9th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm in the MVES cafe-

ria. Faculty members, staff members, and friends of MVES have donated thousands of items to our yard sale. All proceeds will be deposited into our Playground Fund. We will also be holding a bake sale in conjunction with this school-wide effort. We would like to encourage everyone to come out in support of our efforts.

Kami Lovell
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MVES Playground
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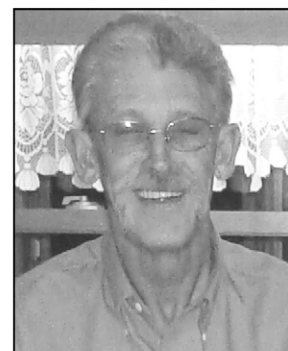
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5th District Magistrate



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On November 2nd,

VOTE FOR EXPERIENCE

Vote Ralph E. Allen

PD. FOR BY RALPH ALLEN

Attention Heat Vendors

The Daniel Boone Community Action Agency will again be administering the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) for low-income people in Clay, Laurel, Jackson and Rockcastle Counties beginning November 1, 2010. Anyone wanting to be a vendor in this year's program will need to attend a vendor meeting in their perspective county. The meeting for Rockcastle Co. will be held on October 13th at 10 a.m.

The office in Rockcastle is located at 105 Main St., Mt. Vernon, Ky.

ROCKET TO A HEALTH CAREER

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Rockcastle Regional Hospital & Respiratory Care Center, along with area colleges and universities, will be at the Rockcastle County High School to exhibit for students and parents on parent/teacher night...

October 12, 2010
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At the event, students may register to win a laptop computer. (Parents and students must first visit the exhibits together.)

A laptop computer will be given away to one winner from each grade!

(Computers donated by Rockcastle Regional Hospital & Respiratory Care Center and Southern KY AHEC with additional support from the University of Kentucky)



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Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

Growing up, we used fresh pumpkin in our recipes. I can still remember peeling, cubing, and cooking the pumpkins. It was an all-day job.

The feel of those flat cool pumpkin seeds, held tightly together by slippery stringy strands of flesh in the belly of the pumpkin was like a soothing lotion for my burning hands, made sore from holding the knife so tightly and for so long.

At the end of the day, bowls of yellow-orange pumpkin would sit on the table. The smell and taste of that fresh cooked pumpkin made our mouths water, and we couldn't wait to see what wonderful dishes we would make.

FRESH PUMPKIN

A 5-pound pumpkin will yield about 4 1/2 cups of mashed, cooked pumpkin. Halve the pumpkin; remove seeds, pulp, and stringy portion. Cut into small pieces and peel.

TO BOIL:

Cover with lightly salted water; boil for about 25 minutes, or until tender. Drain. Use in any recipe calling for pumpkin purée.

TO MICROWAVE:

Place pumpkin chunks in a shallow microwave-safe dish. Spray the cut pumpkin surfaces with cooking spray or add 1/2 cup water; cover with a lid (or plastic wrap). Cook on high for 15 minutes, or until tender.

MOM'S FRIED PUMPKIN

One of my favorites—a sweet, warm, and buttery fried pumpkin that is a great side dish with any meal—was served by Will's mother. 3 tablespoons butter, 3 cups fresh pumpkin, peeled and cubed, 3 tablespoons brown sugar, Dash of cinnamon, optional Melt 2 of the 3 tablespoons butter in large skillet; add pumpkin. Cover skillet and reduce heat. Cook until pumpkin begins to get tender, about 5 to 10 minutes. Stir frequently to keep from burning. Uncover and cook, stirring frequently, over medium heat another 15 to 20 minutes or until pumpkin is tender and most of the liquid is absorbed. Sprinkle with brown sugar, cinnamon, and remaining butter. Cook until sugar is melted and all the pumpkin is coated with the brown sugar and butter—much like you would cook apples. Serve warm or hot.

you; remember you've got family you can rob. Don't worry about the tears they shed or the nights they stay awake. You don't have time for that, you've many more hearts to break. When you think you've had enough and you think you've got me beat, Just remember how good I feel when you're lying on the street. Oh, pardon me, I am so sorry; before you meet your death, I forgot to give you my name, my name is Crystal Meth.

Written By, Christina Pavan



Happy Birthday

A lovely and loving lady, A warm and witty wife, A sweet and saucy sister, An awesome and affectionate aunt, And a generous and groovy great aunt. We love you, Regina!!

Birthdays



89th Birthday Celebration

Your presence is requested at the 89th birthday celebration for Verna Burke which will be held Sat., Oct. 16th in the John Lair Room in the administration building at Renfro Valley. The administration building is the big gray building behind the little gray cabins.

Photos will be by Debbie Martin and the cake by Telvis Daughtery.

For more information, call Irene Burke at 256-0211 or Barbara Castleberry 256-9188. If no answer, leave message.



Happy 8th Birthday Micah Dewayne Sparks Love, Dad, Mom, Eric, Nanna and Poppy

Pingleton/Dooley/Huff Reunion held

107 people attended the recent Pingleton/Dooley and Huff reunion held at the home of Roger and Irene Burke on Grace Loop Road.

The Steve Dooley Band performed at the reunion and special thanks goes to Donnie Pingleton and family, Debbie Martin photographer and everyone for the wonderful food and all those family and friends who attended.

Subscribe

What is Influenza?

Presented by Dr. George W. Griffith

Influenza is not the stomach flu or the common cold that we all get. It is a serious viral infection that occurs in epidemics and contributes to the death of about 20,000 people each year in this country. The "1918 flu" and "swine flu" were influenza.

Shots are given each fall to immunize against the expected strains of the virus. The shots should be given by November to be ready for the epidemic season which occurs later in the winter.

Influenza acts like the common cold at first, with coughing and respiratory symptoms, but the symptoms rapidly worsen. Influenza differs from the common cold in many ways, too. Influenza usually causes a significant fever which lasts for 3-4 days, while colds have a minimal fever. A person with the flu has rather severe aches and pains in the muscles and joints as well as a severe headache. Fatigue can be very prominent; many people can barely get out of bed.

The runny nose, sneezing, and sore throat that are so common with the common cold are much less prominent with influenza. Instead of the sinus congestion and ear infections seen with colds, influenza is more likely to cause serious life-threatening pneumonias.

The people who are prone to get the more severe complications of pneumonia from influenza are those who are older or have a lower level of resistance. This includes people who have chronic illnesses such as heart or lung disease, diabetes, kidney disease, and many other medical problems.

If you have a serious illness, consult your doctor to see if you should get the immunization. While the vaccine is most important for people over 65, it is useful at any age and the more who get vaccinated, the harder it is for the virus to spread.



Poet's Corner

My New Friend

Hello, I'm pleased to meet you; I know we'll be great friends indeed. I hear that you've been warned about me; Thank the devil you've not taken heed. In time you'll come to need me; more than you will know. And even when you hate me; you'll never want to go. Who on earth could ask for a better partner than I? I relish in each moment that you cheat, steal and lie. I'll never complain about how you look or the clothes that you wear. Because of me these things will go and you'll even cease to care. Who needs nice clothes, children or silly things like teeth? It is always much more fun to be a miserable, strung out thief. You need not worry about your family, your money or a job. I'll always be available to

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Tanner - Sowder

Debra Tanner of Mt. Vernon announces the engagement of her daughter, Ashley, to Christopher Sowder, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Sowder, also of Mt. Vernon. The wedding will be an event of Friday, December 17th.

An encouraging word:

Co-Operational is Important By Howard Coop



Life is lived in the context of community. This means that, in everyday life, other persons surround us and interact with us at many levels. Constantly, we are in some kind of relationship with them. How we handle those interactions and relationships has a lot to do with our personal happiness and the happiness of those around us. Co-operation and the goodwill engendered by it are extremely important.

An incident recently reported is apropos. A high school sophomore came home all excited; she had received the first report card of the year. Beaming with pride, she handed the card to her mother. From the expression on her face, the mother expected to find A after A in each subject, and she did. "Nice going," the mother said as she read the report, "An A in English, an A history, an A in science, and an A in math. But what is this? U in co-operation? Doesn't U mean unsatisfactory?" "Yes," the teenage daughter replied, "But that doesn't mean any-

thing. Co-operation isn't important. It's not a real subject like math or English; it just means how you work with others. I always have such good ideas of my own, and I like to do things my way."

But on a daily basis in real life, working harmoniously with others is tremendously important. Since we are not hermit creatures but social beings, our relationship with our associates matters, and it matters much. Other skills that grow out of the knowledge of the subject are important and absolutely necessary, but there are times when co-operation with others involved takes precedence over those skills. Apart from co-operation, the job at hand just doesn't get done.

If we are to live happily, we must develop the necessary skills to be cooperative; we must learn to work harmoniously with those around us. The ability to co-operate with others, nurtured and cultivated, can save us from a vast amount of unhappiness.

Email community news to mvsignal@windstream.net



Caldwell - Sanford

Mr. and Mrs. Gary and Doris Caldwell of Brodhead, along with Ms. Jenell Sanford of Cincinnati, Ohio and Mr. and Mrs. Dale and Barbara Sanford of Franklin, North Carolina would like to announce the upcoming marriage of their children Leigh Ann Caldwell and Jared Daniel Sanford.

The couple will be married on Saturday, October 9, 2010 at the Broadway Christian Church at 2:00 p.m. in Lexington. All family and friends are invited.

Rogers secures \$1M for PRIDE

U.S. Congressman Hal Rogers (KY-05) recently announced that the Department of Commerce has provided \$1,000,000 for PRIDE to continue its valuable environmental initiatives in southern and eastern Kentucky. Rogers secured this important funding in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010 to promote environmental stewardship and education, as well as initiate and manage important water clean-up and wildlife habitat protection initiatives in the region.

"PRIDE is an essential part of ensuring that we preserve our region's natural beauty for generations to come," said Rogers. "PRIDE teaches the value of conservation through important clean-up efforts and ensures that our communities have access to safe, sanitary water. The empowerment that PRIDE brings to Kentuckians keeps litter out of our streams and forests and makes certain that our breathtaking landscape is second to none. Southern and eastern Kentucky is a more desirable place because of the PRIDE in our communities."

PRIDE, which promotes Personal Responsibility in a Desirable Environment in 38 counties, was launched by Rogers and the late General James Bickford, former Secretary of the Kentucky Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet. Since 1996, PRIDE has re-

cruited more than 320,000 volunteers logging over 1.125 million volunteer hours, provided 29,556 homes with access to sanitary wastewater treatment, and cleaned up over 145,000 tons of trash.

Reunions

McClure Reunion

The McClure Reunion will be held Sat., Oct. 16th beginning at 1 p.m. at Kentucky Christian Assembly in Brodhead. The families of Johnny and Joe McClure are welcome. Please bring a covered dish and join us. For more information, call 606-758-8617 or 66-308-1886.

3rd Annual Proctor Reunion

Come ad join us for the 3rd Annual Proctor Reunion on Oct. 9th, beginning at noon at Quail Community Park. Joe Proctor of California has set up the House of Proctor Web Site. Bring any special stories about family history with you and any family tee information. Please bring a dish to pass and drinks and table service for your family.

Contact the Signal at 606-256-2244



Guilfoil - Torgeson

Anna Guilfoil and Ronald Torgeson were married July 3, 2010 at the Bela Luna Restaurant of the Zilla Capriana Beach Resort on North Topsail Island in North Carolina. Anna is the daughter of John and Joanne Guilfoil and Ronald is the son of Randal and Missy Torgeson.

The wedding ceremony was held outside by the pool overlooking the Atlantic Ocean under a tent that made for a perfect outside ceremony setting.

After the ceremony, the reception followed outside with introductions, first dances, dinner and all the traditional events that were very pleasant due to perfect July weather.



Free Bible Courses

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

Homecoming

Believers House of Prayer will hold their annual homecoming Sat., Oct. 9th, beginning with a meal at 5 p.m., followed by a singing at 7 m. Heir Support and others will be singing. The church is located 1 1/2 miles north of Renfro Valley at mile marker 18 on Scenic View Lane. Everyone welcome.

Barrett Family Homecoming and Gospel Singing

The 21st Annual Barrett Family Homecoming and Gospel Singing, featuring The Barrett family, Singing Cookes and Cooke Brothers, will be held at the Word of Faith Pentecostal Church in

London (2445 East Pittsburg Church Rd.- 1st road to left off Hwy. 30) on October 15, beginning at 7 p.m. For more info, call 606-598-9265. A love offering will be taken.

Bible Lesson Series

You are invited to attend a special series of Bible Lessons at The Providence Church of Christ October 11-15 with guest speaker Rob Slover. Services are: Bible Study 10 a.m. Sunday, Worship 10:40 a.m. and 4 lp.m. There is a Sunday Singing at 2:30 p.m. and week night services begin at 7 o'clock.

The church is located at 109 Providence Cemetery Road, Brodhead.

For more information, call 606-758-8524.

Upcoming Services at Philadelphia United Baptist

On Oct. 17th at 6 p.m. the Praise Singers will be at the church.

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We Are Inviting You To Join Us For A Special Series Of Bible Lessons

October 10-15

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Sunday 10 AM Bible Study, Worship 10:40 AM, 4:00PM

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What to expect when you come? Each service we will have opening announcements. We will have a period of congregational singing in giving praise to God. We will be lead in prayer by one of the faithful brethren. Brother Rob Slover will be our guest speaker for the week. On Sunday we will have the Lord's Supper, and Christians will have the opportunity to give to the collection. If you are a visitor we do not expect you to give. There will be NO nightly collections on the week nights.

Our goals for the meeting? We are seeking to share the message of salvation in Christ Jesus with the lost of the world. Jesus came to seek and the save the lost, Lk.19:10. We want to reach out to the wayward brethren, to seek the lost sheep of the family of God. And thirdly we want to edify or to build up the faithful to greater zeal and service in the Lord. So whatever situation you are in, you will be blessed by coming and being with us for this exciting week of teaching and worship to God.

Our Web Site: www.WhatSaithTheScriptures.com



Kayleigh Mink, a first grade student at Brodhead Elementary, felt called to help out after some of her friends and family needed help from the food bank and there was not enough food for them. So, she asked her mom and dad (Christina and Michael Rodriguez Pavon) if she could sell all her toys and clothes she didn't need any more and give the money to the food bank. Along with lots of help from church friends and family, the yard sale brought in over \$350 which was given to the back pack program for Lincoln Co. schools and over \$100 in food donations which was given to the homeless shelter in Rockcastle County. Shown with Kayleigh is Diane Messer, Coordinator for the Lincoln County Schools Back Pack program.

Library News



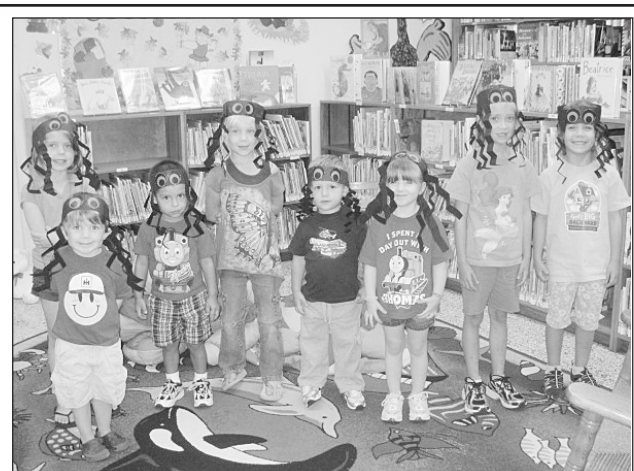
Pam Chaliff

Children at storyhour this past Friday had lots of fun making spider hats. This Friday at storyhour we will be painting pumpkins. Please remember to wear old clothing, as painting can get messy! Storyhour is every Friday at 1:00pm for preschool aged children. Next Monday at crafts we will also be painting pumpkins. Crafts is every Monday at 5 p.m. for kids ages 5-12.

The library currently has

books available for purchase. The books have a suggested donation price on them ranging from .25 cents to \$1.50.

The Bookmobile is back on the road. If you are interested in Bookmobile service and live out of the city limits, please contact the library at 606-256-2388. There is no bookmobile service Monday Oct. 11. On Tuesday Oct. 12th the bookmobile will be visiting: Green Hill, Fairview, and Lambert Road.



Rockcastle County Library storyhour children with their spider hats.



Inside of the new Rockcastle County Library Bookmobile.

Free and open to the public "Hope For America Tour" coming to Lexington

A new two-hour documentary focusing on the transformation of an Eastern Kentucky community will have its premier Kentucky showing in Lexington on Tuesday, Oct. 12.

Produced by The Sentinel Group, "An Appalachian Dawn" explains how local churches and residents have united through prayer and a common goal to fight back against drugs and corruption, and how this movement has made a dramatic change to their image.

The lives of a former drug addict and a notorious drug dealer, both of whom found salvation and a reason for living because of their

community's actions, are chronicled in the movie.

Part of a nationwide "Hope For America Tour, begins at 6:30 p.m. at Crossroads Christian Church's Main Room (Entrance C), 4128 Todds Road, the event is free and open to the public.

Representatives from The Sentinel Group and a team of "revival catalysts" featured in the documentary will be on hand to discuss the film.

"This film is relevant to every community across America - rural or urban, small town or large city," said Karen Kelly, director of the regional anti-drug initiative

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Bookmobile Schedule

Mon., Oct. 11th: No service. Tues., Oct. 12th: Green Hill, Fairview, Lambert Rd.. Wed. and Thurs., Oct. 13th and 14th: Regional Meetings.

Stop Hunger Event

Wayne Stewart Adult Health Care will host a Fundraiser and Spaghetti Supper at Rockcastle Middle School on Sat., Oct. 23 from 5 to 8 p.m. Tickets will be \$5 each are there will be singing, comedy show, crafts, a silent auction and much more. Tickets may be purchased at Wayne Stewart Adult Health Care or Mt. Vernon Pizza Hut. All proceeds go to AshleyHouse and Grateful Bread Food Pantry. For more info, call 606-256-0595.

Farm Bureau's Fruit/Nut Orders

Orders are now being taken for the 2010 Florida Fruit & Nuts from Rockcastle County Farm Bureau. Orders may be placed by calling 256-2050 or coming by the office.

Attention Retired Teachers

It's time to pay dues to your local KRTA organization. Dues are \$5 and checks should be made payable to Rockcastle Retired Teachers. Mail to: Carol Pybas, 350 Tammy Lane, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456. If you are not a member of KRTA, please join.

Bittersweet Festival Cruise-In

Pre-Festival Cruise-In: Thurs., Oct. 7, 5 to 8 p.m. First 60 to register gets collectible dash plaque. 6 awards to top winners. For more info: Charlie Napier cenapier@windstream.net or 606-308-3331.

Livingston School Reunion

The location for the Livingston School Reunion has been changed to the Preston Parrett Gym. The reunion will be held Oct. 30, 2010. All former students, teachers, family and friends invited. Classes of 1950, 60 and 70 will be recognized this year. Registration info has been mailed to previous attendees. For more info, call Barbara M. Castleberry 256-9188 or Retha Thompson 256-4740.

Kiwanis Club Meetings

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at Rock Fire Grill. Everyone welcome.

Rockcastle Regional Diabetes Education

The Diabetes Education program at Rockcastle Regional Hospital continues Tuesday, Oct. 12th at 4:30 p.m. The topic will be: "Physical Activity and Weight Management" with Rockcastle Regional Hospital Physical Therapy and Teresa Blair RD CDE. For more information, call 256-7714.

Caregiver/Alzheimer's Support Group

Please join us for a Caregiver/Alzheimer's Support Group meeting on October 11th at 7 p.m. at the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center, 7190 Main St., Brodhead. Refreshments will be offered.

CCFFG Meeting

The Concerned Citizens for Fair Government, CCFFG, meets every third Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Rockcastle Courthouse, 3rd floor. Please enter through rear entrance.

Livingston Haunted House

Haunted House in Livingston every Friday and Saturday in October. 7 to 7:30 - semi-lighted guided tour for children and those afraid of the dark - \$2.50. 8:00 to midnight, full scare, no guides, no young children, 10 and 11-year-olds with adult only, \$6.

Upcoming Events - Berea Parks & Recreation

Free Fun Flicks at the Russel Acton Folk Center on Sat., Nov. 6th at 7 p.m. Limited to 150 people-tickets are required and can be picked up at the Berea Parks and Recreation Office. **Berea Mayor Steven Connelly will lead a fitness walk** on Sat., Oct. 23, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Berea City Park. Registration and event start will be held in the student parking lot at Berea Community School. Registration begins at 9 a.m. This is a free event but you must register. First 50 to register will receive a "Mayor Connelly's Fitness Walk-Keeping Berea Fit t-shirt." Call 986-9402 for more information on these events.

VFW News

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

Historical Society Hours

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

RCIDA Meetings

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

NA Women's Meeting

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

Women's Narcotics Meeting

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

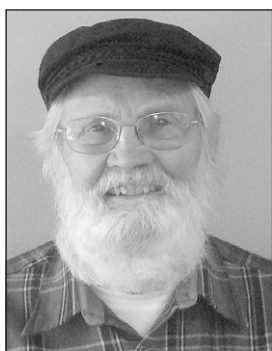
Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Re-Elect

JOHN HOLBROOK

1st District Magistrate



Your vote and support will be appreciated!

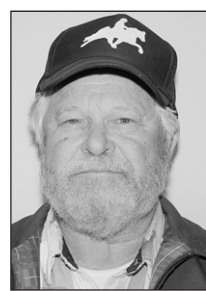
Being a Magistrate is about more than good roads!

It's about good ambulance service. **It's about** good volunteer fire departments. **It's about** getting good paying jobs to Rockcastle County workers. **It's about** being proud of how Rockcastle County looks, not only to us who live here, but to those visiting our county. **It's about** providing good places for our young people to play. **It's about** treating our visitors with respect so they will want to return.

If Re-Elected, I will work with the other magistrates to improve on what we have already accomplished!!

pd. for by John Holbrook

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4th District Magistrate

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Minds in the Middle

This Friday, October 8th will be the end of the first grading period. Report cards can be picked up at Parent-Teacher conferences on October 14th from 3:30-5:00.

Congratulations to the Voyagers team on having 100% attendance on Monday!

On September 30th, students and staff at RCMS paid \$1 to wear their favorite hats. From conservative to wacky, everyone brought out their favorite hats for a great cause! The Leadership Team raised an amazing \$273 to help patients at Rockcastle Regional's Markey Cancer Center. Thanks to everyone who supported this great fundraiser!

The RCMS Leadership Team is conducting a drive for the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge in Lexington. This is a facility where patients can stay when receiving cancer treatments in Lexington in order to avoid traveling long and often. The students are collecting cleaning supplies, toilet paper, tissues, laundry detergent, trash bags, and paper towels. The drive will end next Wednesday.

At last week's Unite Club meeting, officers were elected. Serving as president this year will be Addison Atkin, Treasurer Avery Bradshaw, Secretary Casey Walker, and Historians Caroline Coguer and Tiffany Fain. Congratulations to them all as the lead our award winning Unite Club.

The PTSA is sponsoring a photography contest. Entries are being accepted through October 8th. There will be a \$25 cash reward for one student and a \$25 award for one non-student. Entries will be judged during open house on October 14th. Contact Ms. Miller for more information.

4-H Poster Contest entries are due October 8th. Students can see the Youth Services Center for more details.

The Scholastic Book Fair will begin Monday in the media center. It will be open during our parent-teacher conferences on Thursday, October 14th.

During the next two weeks, our 6th and 8th graders are participating in a statewide survey regarding their experiences with drugs and violence. This information is given anonymously and will

help with the safe schools initiative.

There will be a PTSA meeting Tuesday, October 25th at 3:00 in the media center.

On Wednesday, the 8th

JROTC travels to ECU for Annual Cadet Stakes

Submitted by Cadet First Lieutenant Taylor Anderkin

The Rockcastle County's Raider team traveled to Richmond on September 25, 2010 to compete in the ECU 10th Annual Cadet Stakes. They participated in six events over the course of the day.

The first event was the Army Physical Fitness Test. Ten members of the team participated in one minute pushups, sit ups, and then a one mile run on a hilly, uneven cross country track. They performed well and placed fifth for this event.

The next event was the one rope bridge. A ten person team had to construct a one rope bridge across a muddy entrenchment and cross it with every member and the equipment, trying to get the fastest time as possible without any penalties. They placed fifth on this challenge and had no penalties.

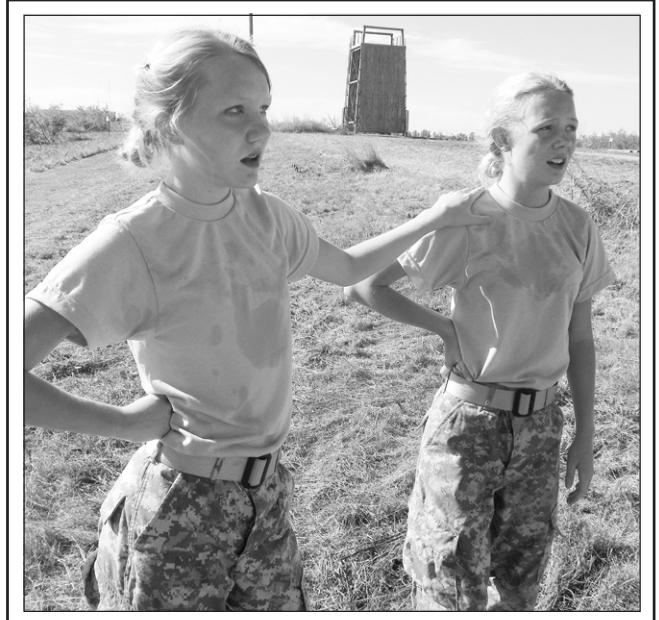
The third event was the Aid and Litter Carry. There were three legs for this event with each being 100 meters. For the first leg, they had to carry two sand bags on a litter and the other equipment also. During the second leg, one person had to be carried in a fireman's carry while the rest of the team carried the rest of the equipment. In the final leg, one member had to be carried in a buddy carry while the rest of the team carried the remaining equipment. During the event, they had to cross through the muddy banks of a moss covered pond. A few team members got stuck in the mud, but were pulled out without injury. They placed twenty-second in the event.

The next event was the Zodiac event. For this event, a team had to enter a pond and successfully navigate a course in the pond that was designated by the proctor. The team placed tenth in this event.

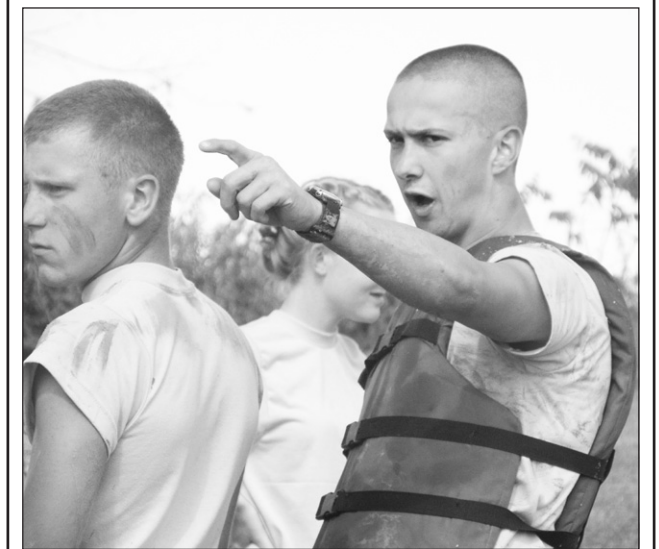
After this event, they traveled to the one rope bridge site and participated in tug of war. They won their first round, but sadly lost the second. They did not place in this event.

The final event of the day was the mystery event. Team members had to fill up a bucket to a marked point with water from a jug. They were not allowed to move the jug and they had to carry the water with metal canisters. After they finished with that, they had to run a little bit and then push a jeep along a designated path. They placed

grade Bravo students traveled to the elementary schools as historical figures. These famous people in history educated the 5th graders about important aspects of their lives.



Cadet sisters Felicia and Megan Boggs get their breath after the physical fitness event.



Cadet Command Sergeant Major David Lunsford gives directions for the Zodiac event.



On September 30th, students and staff at RCMS paid \$1 to wear their favorite hats. From conservative to wacky, everyone brought out their favorite hats for a great cause. The Leadership Team raised an amazing \$278 to help patients at Rockcastle Regional's Markey Cancer Center. Thanks to everyone who supported this great fundraiser. Above, 6th grade Leadership Team members Tiffany Fain and Caroline Coguer show their support of cancer patients by wearing caps in the Leadership Team's most recent fundraiser for local cancer patients. Below, (standing) Sara Clark, Kristen Forrester, Laney Poynter, Rachael Davis, Shelby Newcomb, (seated) Abbey Eaton, Brooklyn Bishop, Emily Childress, and Callie Asher assist Dalton Long as Brian Damrell waits to pay to wear his hat. We are so proud of the way RCMS supports cancer patients.



Cadets Nathan Singleton, Shawna Smith, David Lunsford, Jordan Moore and Justin Houk work as a team during the Zodiac Event.

Fiscal Court Violates Open Meetings Act

When I was sworn in as County Clerk, I took an oath to perform the duties of County Clerk to the best of my ability. I feel it is my duty to protect the office and my Deputy Clerks.

On March 12, 2010, Judge Carloftis, and all five magistrates, the Fiscal Court Clerk and the County Treasurer held a called meeting in the Judge's office. This meeting was not advertised according to the Open Meetings Act.

At this meeting, my budget was lowered for the third time in a three month period.

Even though I was in my office, next door to the Judge's office, neither Judge Carloftis, nor any of the five magistrates, informed me that my budget was being discussed.

This meeting was held on Friday. I found out about this meeting the following Monday when Patricia, the Fiscal Court Clerk, brought me a copy of the budget with the figures changed. I stated these figures were incorrect and she informed me that this was voted on at a meeting on the previous Friday.

I feel this was done in secret. In my opinion, all of the called meetings are done in secret so the public is not aware of business transacted and the public cannot make any comment or ask any questions.

Upon telephoning the Attorney General's office, I was informed that the meetings were illegal. I was advised to write a letter to Judge Carloftis and he had three business days to respond. He did not respond to my letter. By not responding, Judge Carloftis also violated KRS 61.846(1).

The Open Meeting Law specifically states that the following must be done:

1. All agents (this means all Magistrates) must receive a written notice at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. This written notice must state the date, time, place and the agenda of the meeting.
2. The news media (*Mt. Vernon Signal*) must receive a written notice at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting of the date, place, time and the agenda of the meeting.
3. A notice must be posted in a conspicuous place in the building where the meeting is to be held, stating the date, time, place and an agenda of the meeting. This notice must be posted at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

None of these three requirements were met at any of the called meetings. The Attorney General's opinion states that the notice must be a written notice. It also states telephoning and personal conversation do not meet the requirements.

After speaking to the Attorney General's office on March 15, 2010, I talked with Judge Carloftis in his office. I showed him a copy of the Open Meetings Law and informed him what the Attorney General's office had told me. I also informed him of the amount that he and each of the magistrates could be fined for each violation and the additional action that could be taken.

From January 1, 2008 through May 28, 2010, there were forty-three (43) "called" meetings. Since then, several meetings have been held, some of which, as of today, have not been recorded in the Fiscal Court Minute Book by the Fiscal Court Clerk.

Even though I informed Judge Carloftis of my telephone conversation with the Attorney General's office on March 15, 2010, Judge Carloftis and all five magistrates continue to hold these called meetings. Legal notices are not posted and written notice is not sent. This is in violation of Open Meetings Act KRS 61.823(3) and (4).

The Attorney General's opinion is in my office. Anyone who wishes to do so may see the opinion.

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Rockcastle FFA holds Fall Cookout

Submitted by Assistant Reporter Megan Martin
Every fall, the Rockcastle County FFA Chapter holds a fall cookout at Quail Park. Ag Olympics, a bow shoot, a meal, and time with friends are just a few of the events that took place at the annual cookout.

The Ag Olympics consists of hay hurdles, a wheelbarrow race, hay stacking, a sack race, a tire roll, and hay toss. For every competitor, the scores in each event were added together for the total. The three people with the highest totals were our winners. In the male division, Dylan Hensley ranked 3rd,

Robby Bradley was in 2nd place, and Nathan Bullock placed 1st. In the female division, Lasondra Gibbons was in 3rd place, Sarah Saylor ranked 2nd, and Kristyna McKinney placed 1st.

Some members also participated in a bow shoot. Nathan Bullock took 3rd place, Spencer Baldwin ranked 2nd, and Brandon Evans won the event.

This year, our cookout was a success. We would like to thank Ray Hensley for cooking our meal and the Rockcastle County FFA Alumni. Our cookout would not have been possible without them.



29 RCMS Unite Club members attended the Unite Leadership Summit in London recently. RCMS is proud of these students for stepping up to the challenge of being drug-free leaders in their school and community. Students are, front row: Casey Walker, Rachael Davis, Katie Adams, Anna Poynter, Nikki McGuire, Brook Isaacs, Rachel Cain, Samantha Skinner, Sharla Kidwell, and Brianna Hood. Second row: Sponsor Kim Hunter, Eric Bullock, Brad Taylor, Tanika Chasteen, Amelia Eversole, Alyssa Chasteen, Majestic Hines, Caymen McClure, Douglas Nicely, Mikey McGuire, and David Gabbard. Third row: Sponsor Leshia Cromer, Avery Bradshaw, Levi Sparks, Addison Atkin, Joseph Hunt, John David Hurley, Steven Creech, Glenda Lear, Sara Clark, and James Clay Ballinger.



In the male division of the Ag Olympics, from left, Dylan Hensley placed 3rd, Nathan Bullock placed 1st, and Robby Bradley placed 2nd.



In the female division of the Ag Olympics, from left, Kristyna McKinney placed 1st, Lasondra Gibbons placed 3rd, and Sarah Saylor placed 2nd.



In the bow shoot, from left, Brandon Evans placed 1st, Nathan Bullock placed 3rd, and Spencer Baldwin placed 2nd.

Working Together Works

Recently, Brodhead Elementary participated in the annual UNITE Wipe Out Drugs Challenge toilet paper drive. Toilet paper collected was donated to local drug and rehabilitation centers.

Here at BES, we collected a total of 1435 rolls of toilet paper! The Orange POD collected the most toilet paper and was

treated with a cupcake party.

Things you need to know:

SunnyD Labels are due Nov. 19th 20 labels = 20 books for your child's classroom

Fazoli's Reader Program for K-5th. Every 5 library books that your child reads will equal 1 coupon for a kids meal at Fazoli's.

PTG Membership ends soon. The class with the most members gets an ice cream party. \$3 single membership or \$5 double Thursday, Oct. 7th Rocket Readers.

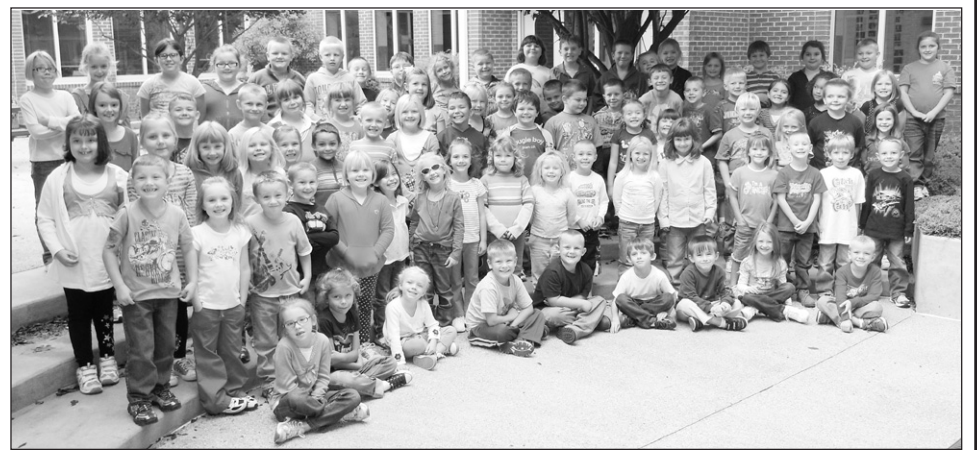


UNITE Club members Jacob Mobley, Madison Wilson, Katie Cook, Cayden Shaver, Bailey Chasteen, and Jordan Smith with all 1435 toilet paper rolls collected at BES.

Eagle Echoes

Mrs. Kelly Pensol's and Mr. Harold Woodall's second grade classes here at Roundstone Elementary School recently went on a nature walk around the school grounds to kick off their new unit of study entitled "Let's Explore."

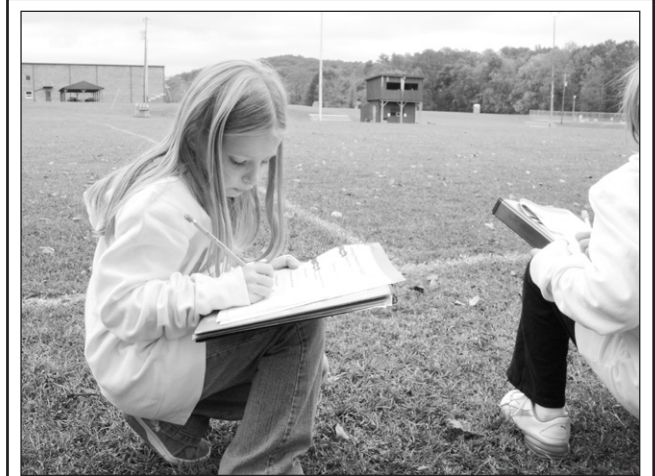
This unit will allow students to inquire and gain a better understanding of the natural world around them. They will be exploring both living and non living things and their importance to the environment.



Orange Pod takes a picture after their cupcake party for collecting the most toilet paper at BES.



Mr. Harold Woodall and class on their nature walk.



Jordan Miller from Mrs. Kelly Pensol's 2nd grade class recording what she observes on the class nature walk.

All school news needs to be submitted no later than noon Tuesday of the week of publication.

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
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Meeting Location – Rockcastle County Board Of Education
(Rockcastle Teaching & Learning Center) / 245 Richmond Street

AGENDA

Special Meeting
October 11, 2010
6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- A. Silent Prayer
- B. Roll Call
- C. Reading of Board Team Commitments

2. ADOPT AGENDA/ACTION:

3. COMMUNICATION: ASSESSMENT TRAINING (DAVID PENSOL)

4. OPERATIONS/ACTIONS:

- A. Approve minutes of the September 16 special meeting
- B. Approve bills for payment
- C. Approve Emergency Substitute Teacher Application TC-4:
- D. Approve non-resident student contacts for 2011-2012 school year with Berea Independent, Somerset Independent, Lincoln County, Garrard County, Madison County, Laurel County, Pulaski County, Jackson County and Powell County
- E. Approve Fund Raiser Request for RCHS
- F. Approve School Trip Forms

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION:

6. DISCUSSION/REVIEW:

- A. Review Monthly Financial Reports
- B. Review Superintendent's Personnel Action Report
- C. Other:

7. ADJOURNMENT:

In Kentucky

Fish and Wildlife Commission proposes waterfowl seasons

The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission proposed the 2010-2011 waterfowl seasons, established an elk archery and crossbow season and elected officers at its quarterly meeting August 13.

The Commission recommends all hunting, fishing and boating regulations for approval by the General Assembly and approves all expenditures by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. All recommendations must be approved by legislators before they become law. The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission must place waterfowl seasons within the framework mandated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service because all migratory game birds are under federal control.

Ducks, Coots and Mergansers:
 • Duck season opens Nov. 25 (Thanksgiving Day) and closes Nov. 28, 2010. The season opens again Dec. 6, 2010 and closes Jan. 30, 2011.
 • Hunters may take two hen mallard ducks and two north-

ern pintails this season daily as part of the daily duck bag limit. Hunters could only take one hen mallard duck and one northern pintail last season.

• Season dates for mergansers and coots are the same as the duck season dates for the 2010-2011 seasons. The daily bag limit for mergansers is five, only two of which may be hooded mergansers. The daily limit for coots is 15.

Dates for the goose hunting seasons are as follows:

- Canada Geese:
 • Western Goose Zone – Nov. 23, 2010 – Jan. 31, 2011
 • Pennyrite-Coalfield Goose Zone (including West-Central Canada Goose subzone) – Nov. 23, 2010 – Jan. 31, 2011
 • Eastern Goose Zone – Nov. 23, 2010 – Jan. 31, 2011
 • Northeastern Canada Goose Zone – Dec. 25, 2010 – Jan. 2, 2011 and Jan. 19 – 31, 2011
 White-fronted Geese, Brant:
 • Statewide – Nov. 23, 2010 – Jan. 31, 2011
 Snow Goose:

- Regular Season – Nov. 23, 2010 – Jan. 31, 2011
 Snow Goose Conservation Order Season:
 • Eastern Duck Zone: Feb. 1 – Mar. 31, 2011
 • Western Duck Zone: Feb. 1 – Feb. 4, 2010; Feb. 7 – Mar. 31, 2011
 Youth Waterfowl Season:
 Eastern Zone: Nov. 6-7, 2010
 Western Zone: Feb. 5-6, 2011

In other waterfowl-related business, beginning with the 2011-2012 waterfowl seasons, waterfowl hunters using wildlife management areas (WMAs) with a 2 p.m. closure time must not enter the area until 4 a.m.

Blind sites will be drawn annually for the area known as the Upper Goose Pond on Doug Travis WMA starting with the 2010 waterfowl seasons. The blind drawing for Doug Travis WMA begins at 9 a.m. Central time on Aug. 28 at the Doug Travis WMA office.

In elk-related business, the Commission recommended to the General Assembly estab-

lishing elk archery and crossbow seasons beginning with the 2011 elk seasons. The elk archery season will run from the third Saturday in September through the third Monday in January, except when an elk firearms season is open. The elk crossbow season will be the third full weekend in October and the second Saturday in November through December 31, except when an elk firearms season is open. The Commission also recommended allowing youth under the age of 16, those aged 65 or older and those with a crossbow method exemption to hunt elk with a crossbow during the entire elk archery season.

In fisheries-related business, the Commission recommended removing harvest restrictions for Asian carp in the Tennessee River below Kentucky Lake and in the Cumberland River below Lake Barkley. This regulation must still pass through the legislative process and should be in effect by late fall.

The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission also

elected officers who will serve until August, 2011. Stephen Glenn, 6th District Commission Member, was elected chairman while 9th District Commission Member Taylor Orr was elected vice-chairman. Dr. James Rich, 5th District Commission Member, was elected secretary.

The next Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting will be held at 8 a.m., Friday, December 3, 2010 at #1 Sportsman's Lane off U.S. 60 in Frankfort. Persons interested in addressing the Commission must notify the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's Commissioner's office in writing at least 30 days in advance to be considered for placement on the meeting agenda. People who are hearing impaired and plan to attend the meeting should contact Kentucky Fish and Wildlife at least 10 days in advance and the agency will provide a translator. To request to address the commission, write to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife, Commissioner Dr. Jon Gassett, #1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601.

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The Sentinel Group, headquartered in Lynnwood, Washington, is a Christian research and information agency comprised of cutting-edge researchers, filmmakers and ministers dedicated to helping enable communities to discover the pathway to genuine spiritual revival and societal transformation.

For more information about Operation UNITE visit their website at www.operationunite.org.

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Operation UNITE (Unlawful Narcotics Investigations, Treatment and Education). "It

Legal Notice

In accordance with Chapter 65 and 424 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes the following information and supporting data may be inspected by the general public at Rockcastle County Extension Office, 1050 West Main St., Mt. Vernon, KY on October 11, 2010 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Rockcastle County Extension District Board

Board Members:	Name	Address
Chairman	Roy Reynolds	2329 Bee Lick Road, Crab Orchard, KY 40419
Vice Chairman	Janice Hager	108 Scaffold Cane Road, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
Secretary	Barbara Congleton	343 Blue Sky Lane, Orlando, KY 40460
Treasurer	Virginia Hansel	4802 Willailla Rd., Brodhead, Ky. 40409
	Kevin Adams	717 John Rd., Brodhead, KY 40409
	Kathy Price	20 Hill St., Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
	Carol Sigmon	477 Rimmel Cemetery Rd., Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

Summary Financial Statement

For Fiscal Period 7-1-2009 to June 30, 2010

Revenues	
Taxes (All categories)	\$153,375.36
Charges for Services	0.00
Other Revenues	\$2,987.07
Interest Earned	\$1,165.55

Receipts and Cash	
Carryover from Prior Fiscal Year	\$152,028.28 (June 30, 2008)
Total Receipts, Cash & Revenues	\$309,556.26

Expenditures	
Personnel	\$58,776.00
Operations	\$49,512.69
Administration	\$3,784.00
Debt Service	\$54,140.27
Total Appropriations	\$166,213.23
Ending Balance as of June 30, 2009	\$141,082.28

I, the undersigned, Treasurer of Rockcastle County District Cooperative Extension Education Fund, hereby certified that the above is a true and correct record of the accounts of the Rockcastle County District Cooperative Extension Education Fund, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, as of October 1, 2010.

Virginia Hansel, Treasurer

Rockcastle County District Cooperative Education Fund

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the foregoing Affiant, Virginia Hansel, this 4th day of October, 2010.

Judy Dillingham, Notary Public, State of Kentucky at large. My commission expires: 3-27-13

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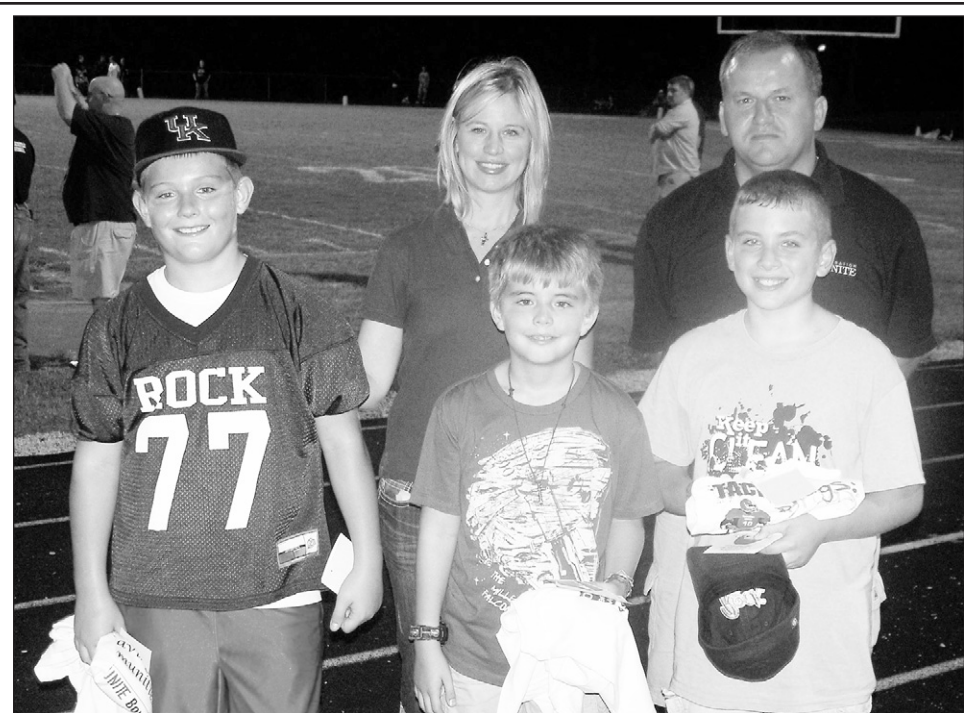
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Samantha Renner, of Mt. Vernon, was flown to the UK Hospital last Thursday night after crashing her Oldsmobile Alero over an embankment near Pine Hill off U.S. 25. The Mt. Vernon Fire and Rescue and Livingston Fire Department responded to the accident as well as Rockcastle EMS. The jaws of life had to be used to free Ms. Renner from her vehicle.



John Kern and Rockcastle Sheriff Mike Peters are shown assisting Rockcastle EMS in freeing Jimmy French, of Mt. Vernon, after he wrecked his Ford pickup down a 20 foot embankment off US 25N at Green Fish Hill on Monday. Sheriff Peters charged French with DUI at the scene. Mt. Vernon Fire and Rescue also responded to the scene.



Shown above are the district winners of the UNITE Coalition's annual anti-drug poster contest. Students from the 4th and 5th grade at each elementary school participated. The winners were, from left: JD Hamilton, 1st place, Jackson Cromer, 2nd place, and Evan Hendrickson, 3rd place. Also shown in the photo are Karen Engle, Executive Director of UNITE, and Carlos Cameron, Regional Coordinator for Operation Unite.

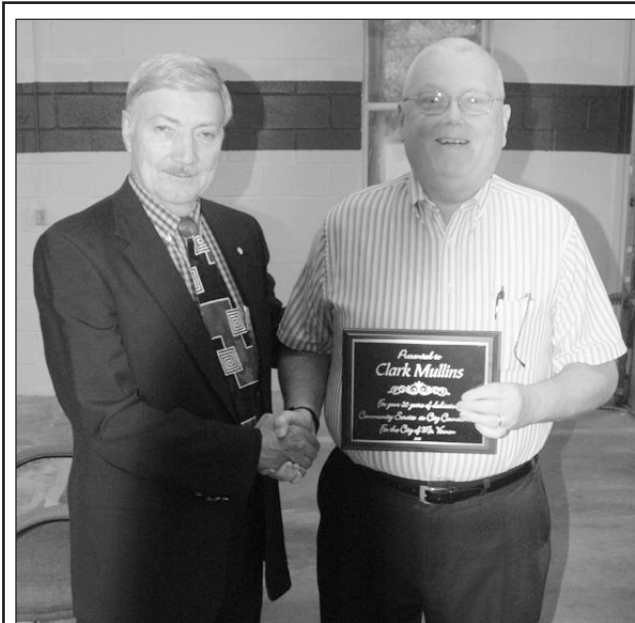
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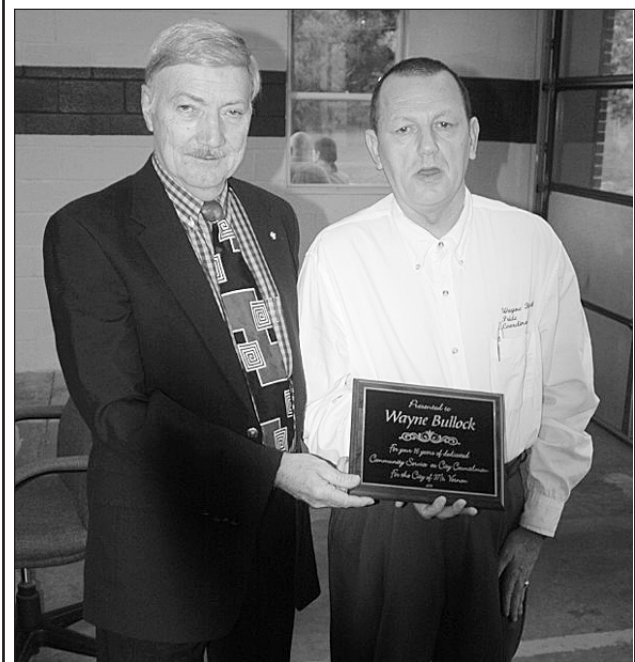
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- Parent Portal Training will be available in the computer lab
 - RCHS is pleased to offer parents/guardians access to the Campus Parent Portal as a means of enhancing communication between students, parents and educators and to promote educational excellence. The Portal gives parents/guardians access to view items such as grades, attendance and health records. The primary purpose of the Portal is to increase parent/guardian awareness and involvement in the education of their student. Parents/guardians who wish to obtain Portal access must attend an information session. During the session, parents/guardians will be given their Campus Portal Activation Key which is required to access the Portal and all Portal users will be asked to sign an Acceptable Use Policy.
- Close the Deal
 - Learn about the opportunities that are available to students interested in transferring high school credit to college. Earn college and high school credits at the same time. Save time and money. Come to a program sponsored by KY TECH Rockcastle County to learn about applying to college, college costs and using financial aid and KEES money.

Council Members Honored



Mayor Gary Cromer is shown presenting Clark "Joe" Mullins with a plaque at their regular monthly council meeting for his 20 years of service to the Mt. Vernon City Council.



Mayor Gary Cromer is shown presenting Wayne Bullock a plaque for his 16 years of service to the Mt. Vernon City Council. Cromer presented the plaque at the council's last regular monthly meeting.

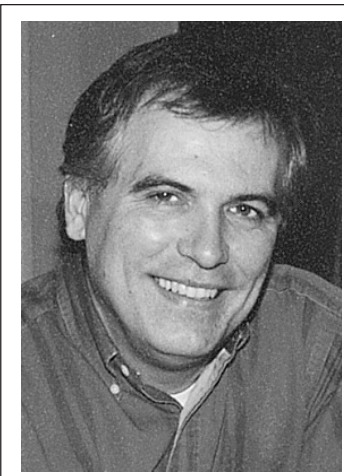
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Rockets roll over Southern 44-28

After losing two straight games, and only managing to get in the end zone once over the last 8 quarters, Rockcastle welcomed the chance to take on winless Madison Southern in a district matchup.

It would take a dominant ground game to overcome four turnovers and a 14-6 deficit in the 1st quarter to pick up the 44-28 road win over the Eagles last Friday night in Berea.

Coach Scott Parkey credited his offensive line for doing an "outstanding job of opening up holes and the blocking backs did their part by getting on the linebackers and sustaining the block to allow Clarke (Rowe) to get to the second and third levels of defense."

Rowe, the Rockets' junior tailback, had one of his best nights gaining 445 yards on 32 carries with four touchdowns to help Rockcastle to improve to 3-3 overall and 1-1 in the district. The 445 yards by Rowe set a school record for yards gained in a single game, breaking the previous record of 375 yards held by Dusty Miller.

Things did not start out well for Rockcastle. After scoring on their opening drive, the Rocket defense held the Eagles to a three and out but the Rockets fumbled on their second series deep in Madison Southern territory.

Southern scored on the very next play on a flea flicker that resulted in a 19 yard touchdown pass from Chris Roberts to Ethan Lake and, with the extra point, took a 7-

6 lead with 7:26 left in the first quarter.

The Eagles then extended their lead when Roberts once again connected with Lake on a 65 yard touchdown pass to go up on the Rockets 14-6 at the end of one quarter.

However, Rockcastle stormed back over the next two quarters to score 30 unanswered points. The onslaught started with a 75 yard drive that ended with a B.B. Bradley four yard touchdown run with 11:18 left in the second quarter. Bradley had four carries for 27 yards for the game.

Rowe then added his second touchdown of the first half, scampering in from 16 yards out, and the two point conversion pass was good from Jadon Brock to John L. Saylor giving Rockcastle a 20-14 lead at halftime.

Rockcastle stormed out of halftime behind another Rowe touchdown run, this one covering 59 yards and a two point conversion pass from Brock to Corey Baker and extended the lead to 14 at 28-14 with 7:26 left in the third.

The Rockets defense stopped Madison Southern on a potential scoring drive late in the third and the Rockets took over on downs from their own six yard line.

The Rockets then drove 94 yards that culminated with Brock going in from five yards out for the score. Brock then added the two point conversion run and the Rockets were in control at 36-14.

After a Madison Southern

touchdown, Rowe scored again, this time from 65 yards out and the two point conversion run by Saylor was good to put the Rockets on top by their biggest lead of the night 44-20.

The Rockets only went to the air three times in the game, with Brock connecting on two passes for 45 yards to the leading receiver on the team, Zach Reams. Reams also had 3 carries for 7 yards. John L. Saylor carried the ball from the full back position 10 times for 50 yards and Brock rushed the ball 7 times for 11 yards.

The Rockets rushing defense, which has been ranked in the top ten in the state most of the year, held the Eagles in check, only giving up 65 yards on the ground and just 42 passing yards. Even though the Eagles got in the end zone four times, they only had 107 total yards of offense on the night.

Leading the way on the defensive side of the ball for Rockcastle was Chris Luna and John L. Saylor, both with five solo tackles plus three assists. B.B. Bradley came up with five solo tackles and had two assists to turn in one of his best overall games of the season.

Jared Lake was credited with two solo tackles and three assists, Ben Lake had two tackles and four assists, Dylan Thacker got two solo tackles and one assist, Corey Baker had two solo tackles, Clarke Rowe and Zach Reams each had one solo tackle, and Boone Saylor was credited with one assisted tackle.

Rockcastle will turn their attention to district rival Knox Central (5-2, 1-1) this Friday night. Coach Parkey reports that Central is "big and physical with strong and fast skilled athletes."

Friday's game is for second place in the district, and Rockcastle is banged up with center Kenton Adams out for the year with an ACL injury from Friday night. Corey Baker has a torn muscle and it will be a game time decision as to whether he plays. Having said that, Coach Parkey reports that the team had a good weekend and good first couple of days of practice this week.

The Panthers own a two game win streak against the Rockets. Rockcastle lost to Knox Central 19-21 in 2008 and last year 21-20 in overtime down at Barbourville. Knox Central is coming off a 21-7 loss to Bell County. The game will be homecoming and kick-off is slated for 7:30 p.m.

Father and son face off this Thursday

Former Rockcastle County head coach Tom Larkey, and his son, former RCHS assistant coach Chris Larkey, will face off this Thursday night with their new teams, Harlan County and North Laurel, respectively.

The yearly matchup will be held at North Laurel High School beginning at 7:30 pm



Junior Chris Luna goes for one of his three solo sacks on the Madison Southern quarterback Chris Roberts. Luna led the Rockets in sacks, as well as most tackles along with John L. Saylor with five solo and three assist tackles each.



Junior Clarke Rowe led the Rockets with 445 yards rushing on 32 carries last Friday night against district opponent Madison Southern. The Rockets are now 3-3 on the season and face Knox Central this Friday night, which is also homecoming.



Junior BB Bradley scores on the Rockets second touchdown run of the night against district foe Madison Southern. The score came on a four yard run after a 75 yard drive by the Rockets with 11:18 to go in the second quarter. The Rockets scored the most points of the season last Friday to even their district record to 1-1 and will take on district rival Knox Central for second place in the district this Friday night beginning at 7:30 p.m. Homecoming festivities will be held at halftime.

Pvt. Brian Hasty graduates

Army Pvt. Brian J. Hasty has graduated from the Basic Field Artillery Cannon Crewmember Advanced Individual Training course at Fort Sill, Lawton, OK.

The course is designed to train servicemembers to maintain, prepare and load ammunition for firing; operate and perform operator maintenance on prime movers, self-propelled Howitzers, and ammunition vehicles; store, maintain, and distribute ammunition to using units as a member of battery or battalion ammunition section; perform crew maintenance

and participate in organizational maintenance of weapons and related equipment; and establish and maintain radio and wire communications.

Hasty is the son of Gordon

W. Hasty of Lancaster and Katherine J. Hasty of Crab Orchard.

The private is a 2009 graduate of Garrard County High School.



Phil Ard of northern Kentucky and Rylee Denney of Rockcastle County were the Corn Hole champs at Emily Barton's cookout on Labor Day.



Bill Melcher grew these nice sweet potatoes this year. They were dug by Clorine Graves and she says there was a "surprise in every hill".

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“Opinion”

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agenda, in a “conspicuous place” in the courthouse in the same time frame.

According to the opinion, “The language of the special meeting is exact. It requires the public agency to deliver written notice, consisting of the date, time and place of the meeting and the agenda, to members of the public agency and media organizations that have requested notification, at least 24 hours before the meeting is to occur.” The opinion goes on to state that the notice may be delivered personally, transmitted by facsimile machine or mailed but verbal notification by telephone or in person is not sufficient.”

In a letter to County Judge/Executive Buzz Carloftis on July 15th of this year, Houk submitted a complaint alleging that the Fiscal Court violated the Open Meetings Act in the three ways named above. The complaint alleged that between January 1, 2008 and May 28, 2010, “approximately forty-three (43) meetings were held” which did not comply with the Open Meetings Act. In her complaint, Houk suggested that as a means of remedying the alleged violations of the act, “the motions made at these meetings concerning my budgets and maximum deputy salaries, be rescinded.”

The opinion goes on to state that after Ms. Houk sent her original complaint to Carloftis on July 15th, “the fiscal court ignored Ms. Houk’s complaint, did not even attempt to address her specific allegations in responding to her appeal, with the exception of the first one (notifying the *Signal*), and it offered no evidence of any kind to refute Ms. Houk’s allegations...”

Houk pointed out on Tuesday that should she, or anyone choose to file suit in circuit court, the penalty for “wilful” violation of KRS 61.848 may be costs, including reasonable attorneys’ fees, incurred in connection with the legal action. And, at the discretion of the court, the complainant may be awarded an amount not to exceed \$100 for each instance in which the court finds a violation - all paid by the agency responsible for the violation. Also, any member of a public agency who knowingly attends a meeting that is covered by the Open Meetings Act but that is not held in accordance with the provisions of that Act shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.

When asked for comment on the opinion, Carloftis told the *Signal* on Tuesday, in a written statement “The Department for Local Government’s chief counsel explained to me that, while we failed to follow every “jot and tittle,” the spirit of the law regarding open meetings (i.e.,

having news media present) was certainly followed. He also stated that Rockcastle County’s procedures to call special meetings of the fiscal court are in line with almost every other county in Kentucky: a 24 hour notice is given by phone to magistrates and the news media. While not impossible to follow every single requirement, the procedure is, nevertheless, impractical for fiscal courts when business must be conducted. Additionally, nothing is done by the fiscal courts in the state that is not recorded in the county clerks’ records.

Carloftis contends that Houk’s complaint over the court’s procedure of calling special meetings was because the court reduced her maximum salary allowance from \$250,000 in 2008 to \$200,000 in 2009 and then to \$180,000 in 2010 after Houk informed the court that she would have only five employees in that year. “The clerk’s payroll for deputies and assistants increased almost \$60,000 over a two year period and this caused the fiscal court to apply brakes to the clerk’s spending. The fiscal court has a fiducial obligation to the taxpayers and the state regarding the proper use of public money,” Carloftis said.

“Debate”

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nate or cut some of the occupational, restaurant or city property taxes, Cromer said, “We pay less property tax than any community around us. The average city property tax bill is \$60 per year. Twelve years ago, when I was mayor, it was \$40. Our property taxes are an asset for our community.”

Since the candidates did not have a chance to give their two minute opening speech, each was offered a chance to make their opening remarks here in the *Signal*.

Don Jones wanted the voters to know that, if elected, he would not accept a salary the first year in office. He stated that he would put his paychecks in the bank, pay off any debts incurred while doing the business of the city and then return the excess to the city at the end of the year.

Mike Bryant is looking forward to the task ahead if elected mayor.

“We will have to work hard to attract industry and create jobs, ensure that our water and waste management systems are the best they can be, to provide recreational opportunities for our children and our youth, and to leverage our current tourist offerings while continuing to develop attractions and activities built around a philosophy of getting folks here and keeping them here,” Bryant stated.

Interim Mayor Gary Cromer highlights some of the activities that he has put into place since replacing

former mayor Clarice Kirby in February.

Cromer said, “I have managed to get the School Street and Newcomb Avenue project funded and under construction. I have received a 75/25 grant for three new police cruisers and we are near completion of the skate board park in the city parking lot, while saving the city over \$19,000 in insurance premiums. I am also bridging the gap with various funding and government agencies.”

“Second Sunday”

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will be blocked off so that families can come and take part in fun, free activities for people of all ages.

The event, titled “Be There, Be Healthy” is a joint effort to afford the citizens of Rockcastle County an opportunity to spend quality, active time with their families.

For more information call the Extension Office at 256-2403.

“Halloween”

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also will remain daylight for a longer portion of the event.”

Bring the family for a fun-filled night at Halloween on Main. Parking will be available in the City Parking Lots (near City Hall, Cox’s Hardware and the courthouse). Entrances to the event will be at the intersection of Richmond and Main and also at the south end of Main Street.

Businesses or organizations that wish to participate, please contact City Hall at 256-3437 to reserve space. Main Street will close at 4 p.m. for booth set up.

“Coguer”

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started.”

Sara is married to Jason Coguer, principal at the Rockcastle County Middle School, and they have three children, Alaina, Caroline and Reese.

To contact Coguer, call 606-256-2244 or send an email message to coguer@windstream.net.

“Festival”

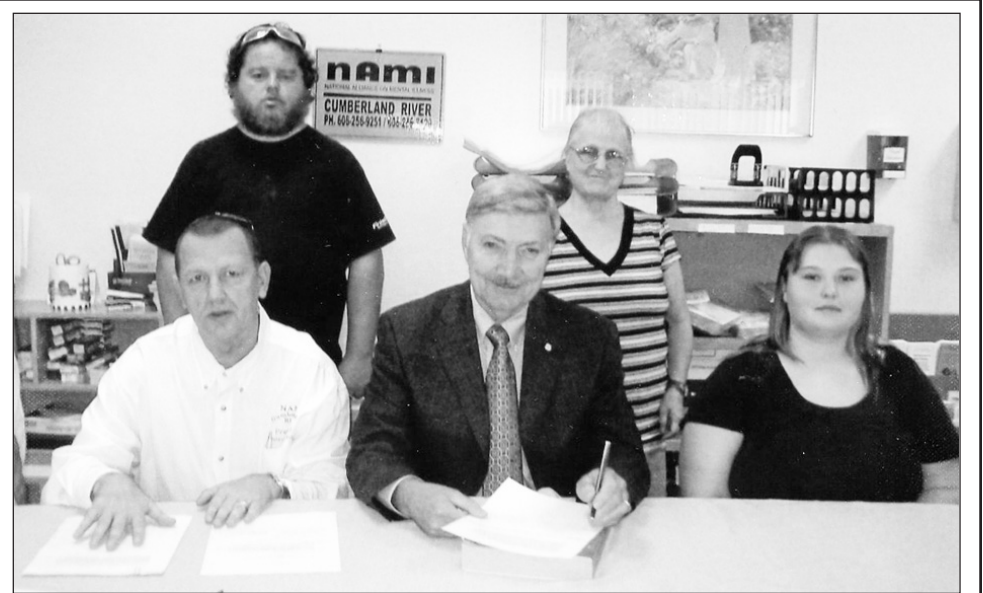
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main stage at 1:30 p.m. with Ruby Powell & Friends, followed by the 29 Strings Bluegrass Gospel Band at 2:45 p.m. Melissa Singleton will follow at 3:15 p.m. and the Bittersweet Cloggers will perform again at 3:45 p.m.

At 4:15 p.m. the Headin’ South Band will perform, with Southern Strings following at 6 p.m. and the Wild River Band ending the night’s festivities from 8 to 11 p.m.



Bill Barrett started with the Mount Vernon Police Department on June 11, 2010 Assistant Chief Barrett decided to retire effective 09-30-2010. Assistant Chief Barrett originally retired from the Colorado Springs Police Department in 2002 after serving 20 years with that agency. Assistant Chief Barrett worked for various police departments in New Jersey, Colorado and finally here in Mount Vernon, Kentucky. He originally graduated his first Police Academy in 1966. He is also a Marine Vet. and served in Vietnam. Assistant Chief Barrett will be missed by the officers and the citizens of Mount Vernon. I would like to wish him and his family the best!



October is Mental Illness Awareness Month as proclaimed by Mt. Vernon Mayor Gary Cromer. NAMI Cumberland River’s purpose is to erase the stigma of mental illness. NAMI and the Mount Vernon Comprehensive Care Center work closely together to provide information, as the Comprehensive Care Center provides assessments and treatment for those with mental illness. NAMI Cumberland River meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at noon at the CRCCC conference room. Cumberland Comprehensive Care Center can be contacted at 256-2129. NAMI can be contacted at 256-9520 or PO Box 3002, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456. Shown above is Mayor Cromer signing the proclamation on the 13th day of September, 2010. Present for the signing were, front row from left: NAMI Cumberland River president Wayne Bullock, Mayor Cromer, photographer Cassie Kendrick. Back row from left: program coordinator Robert Shackleford and treasurer Pearl West. Some not present were: Kelley Coffee, Flossie Cain, Charlie Ray Hayes and Marilyn McKinney.

Poynter to be inducted into Livingston Hall of Fame

George M. Poynter will be inducted into the Livingston School Hall of Fame at the 2010 annual reunion.

Mr. Poynter is a graduate of the class of 1956. He served on the Rockcastle County Board of Education for 16 years (1979-1994) and was chairman of the board for 7 years. While a member of the board, Poynter held oversee the construction of the new high school facility and the

development of a single middle school for the county.

The induction ceremony will take place on Saturday, October 30, 2010 at the Preston Parrett Gym in Livingston.

Graduates of the classes of 1950, 1960 and 1970 will also be recognized during the evening’s activities. All former students, faculty, staff and friends of Livingston School are encouraged to attend.

KCA to host Trail of Terror

Get ready for a few nights of fright October 21 - 23 as the Kentucky Christian Assembly Campground hosts the “Trail of Terror.”

See Biblical thrills and chills in the woods on the hill Thursday, Oct. 21st from 7:30 to 10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, Oct. 22nd and 23rd from 7:30 to 11 p.m.

Admission is \$6 with \$1 off for groups of 10 or more. Kentucky Christian Assembly is located on Grassy Branch Road off Chestnut Grove Road in Brodhead.

To All the Citizens of Rockcastle County

It is now just four weeks to the November 2nd General Election. One thing, for sure, it is not possible to cover all the county and see all the people in the time we have to work. I’m seeing as many of you as I possibly can and I’m learning more all the time about our needs.

Some of the things you are concerned with are our youth and jobs and the safety of our communities. The problems our youth face today are far greater than what we faced. We must do better. We must have strong families and our communities must all work together to provide more things for our youth. We need to attract more people to invest in our county. We need to work in all areas to provide jobs for our people, including lower energy costs for businesses, to recreation, to tourism and all the other things that are available.

Knowing no matter how hard I try, I will not be able to see all of you - I’m asking each of you for your vote on November 2nd.

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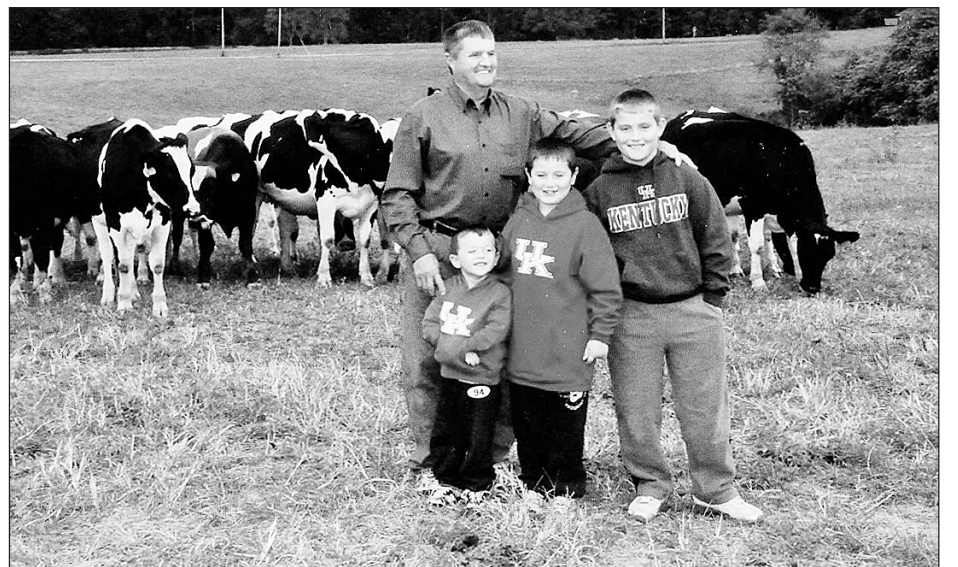
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Become an organ donor, join the Registry

Rockcastle Regional and the Rockcastle County Circuit Clerk Office are pleased to announce a month long initiative to bring awareness of the need for organ and tissue donation and transplantation to our community. Currently over 700 people in the State of Kentucky are on the waiting list for a life saving organ transplant, many of those people in addition to previous transplant recipients, live here in our county already!

It is through efforts like our County Circuit Clerk, Teresa Vanzant, that people are able to place their name on the newly created Kentucky Organ Donor Registry at the time they get their driver's license for the first time, or renew their license. Previously, the Clerk was required to ask if a driver would like to donate a \$1 for organ donor awareness. Now, clerks across the State are required to ask 2 questions, including would you like to place your name on the organ donor registry, along with the question of \$1 for awareness.

Because the waiting list is so long, it is our goal to have an additional 100 people sign the registry this month from

Rockcastle County. Forms are also available at the Driver's License Office and with the County Circuit Clerk's office. You can also go online and register by going to www.donatelifeky.org.

It is through these types of efforts that we will save more lives of those on the waiting list. Rockcastle

Regional and the County Circuit Clerk's office will also have a booth at the Bittersweet Festival for people to join the organ donor registry. The booth will be on Main Street on Friday, October 8 from 4-8 p.m. and Saturday, October 9 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

A planting ceremony

will be held at Rockcastle Regional on October 26th at 2 p.m. A Rose of Sharon tree will be planted in the hospital's Healing Garden to honor those organ donors in our community who have shared the Gift of Life and to also thank the skilled care givers at the hospital who work to save lives through organ

and tissue donation. If you are a transplant recipient or are an organ donor family member, we would appreciate your attendance at this ceremony and ask that you call Arielle Reese at 256-7880.

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Rockcastle County needs to be the next big area of growth in our state. Rockcastle County needs to be as successful in job development as it is in its education program.

Kentucky needs new leadership that's not afraid to make the tough decisions to help get things back on track. The 34th District deserves a...

Senator with a proven track record in development and business. A senator with a vision for how things can be as opposed to how they are. A senator that can reach across party lines and bring home projects. A senator that already has years of government experience and contacts. A senator that understands both tourism and industrial development!

Lee Murphy has a plan that will **WORK**. He has a plan that can bring business such as those mentioned above as well as tourism **and** industry to Rockcastle County.

*"Very few counties have the **POTENTIAL** that Rockcastle County has. Together, we can advance Rockcastle County in job creation and quality of life. On November 2nd you have a choice... vote for a **NEW FUTURE** or keep things as they are. I humbly ask for your vote to become a Senator that will work for the people of the 34th district."*

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Second Section

Thursday, October 7, 2010

W.E.G. Welcome Center welcoming many visitors



The W.E.G. Welcome Center located on Richmond St. in Mt. Vernon is open and staying busy with visitors enjoying all the local arts, crafts and quilts made by all Rockcastle artisans. The center is located in the former CarQuest building and is open Monday - Saturday from 10 to 6 and Sunday from 1 to 5. In the top photo, Nancy Meadows walks ladies from Hustonville through the displays and at left, Pat Baker and Jim Earl Hammons assists Sondra Mullins register.

Volunteers needed to pick up litter

Rockcastle County and cities eligible for \$5,250 for Roadside PRIDE

PRIDE will help local governments dispose of litter collected during October, which is Roadside PRIDE Month in 38 counties of southern and eastern Kentucky.

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court is eligible for \$4,500 in Roadside PRIDE funds. Mt. Vernon, Brodhead and Livingston are eligible for \$250 each. The Roadside PRIDE funding levels are based on each county and city's number of road miles.

The funds can be used to dispose of trash picked up by volunteers or collected at free drop-off events.

PRIDE also provided local governments with trash bags, vests and gloves to pass along to volunteers.

"Roadside PRIDE is a great way to serve your community while soaking in our gorgeous fall scenery," said Karen Kelly, PRIDE Director. "If you volunteer, you will enjoy the great outdoors, and you will make sure that everyone sees colorful trees, not paper bags and plastic bottles, during their scenic drives through our region."

"If you like to win trophies, Roadside PRIDE includes a friendly competi-

tion among the region's cities and counties," Kelly added. "If you put together a strong team of volunteers, then your county or city can bring home a Roadside PRIDE trophy."

In October, cities and counties will earn points for the number of volunteers who clean roadsides, the number of road miles cleaned and the amount of trash collected. Trophies will be awarded to the cities and counties with the highest scores.

Rockcastle County, Mt. Vernon, Brodhead and Livingston will compete against counties and cities with similar populations. A list of competitors is available at www.kypride.org.

Local PRIDE Coordinators will pass out cleanup supplies to volunteers, dispose of the trash collected and track the local Roadside PRIDE score.

To volunteer to pick up litter near you, please call your local PRIDE Coordinator. In Rockcastle County, please call James Renner at 256-1902. In Mt. Vernon, please call Jill Medley at 256-3437. In Livingston, please call Mayor J.C.Griffin at 453-2061.



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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

District Civil Suits

Discover Bank vs. Ashley L. Stewart, \$1,502.91 plus claimed due.

Discover Bank vs. Clifton Hammond, \$2,514.10 plus claimed due.

Midland Funding LLC vs. Lisa Coultrup, \$604.63 claimed due. C-00188.

Circuit Civil Suits

Cabinet for Health & Family Services ex rel Betty M. Cromer vs. Jeffery N. Jones, complaint for child support and medical support.

Rodney Smith and Rebecca Smith, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Asset Acceptance LLC vs. Shawnda D. Martin, \$12,398.17 plus claimed due.

Roy Clark vs. Wilma Gayle Browning, petition for custody.

FIA Card Services vs. Joyce C. Begley, \$8,782.66 plus claimed due.

Discover Bank vs.

Beverlee McGuire, \$8,594.41 plus claimed due. CI-00294.

Marriage Licenses

Carol Lynn Tillery, 53, Berea, disabled to Harry Lovell Feltner, 44, Berea, self-employed. 9/24/10.

Margaret Marie Chester, 48, Mt. Vernon, housewife to Thomas Dewey Collins, 65, Mt. Vernon, retired. 9/27/10.

Deeds Recorded

James Albert and Carolyn Hellard, property in Rockcastle County, to Nila Cope. Tax \$16.

Christopher Alton Bradley, property in Rockcastle County, to Clarence R. and Brenda G. Brown. No tax.

Mary Susan Cook Thompson, property on Poplar Grove Road, to Courtney and Amber Adams. Tax \$1.50.

Beulah Shepherd, property on Richmond Street, to Matthew Joel Shepherd. No tax.

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Secretary of Housing and Urban Dev., property in Rockcastle County, to Christie E. Turner. No tax.

Bobby Cromer, property in Hwy. 70 Subdv., to Richard D. Cromer. No tax.

Chris and Michelle Cromer, property on Bandy Road, to Ronald C. Turpin. Tax \$4.

Carroll and Joyce Cain, property in Rockcastle County, to Carl Lee and Kelly Cain. No tax.

Michael L. Hirka, property in Rockcastle County, to John and Susan Palladino. Tax \$120.

Marvin W. and Mary Lou McCracken, property on U.S. Hwy 25, to Donisha and Casey Freeman. No tax.

Donisha and Casey Freeman, property on U.S. Hwy. 25, to Marvin W. and Mary Lou McCracken. No tax.

District Court

Sept. 27-29, 2010

Hon. Kathryn Wood

David G. Alcorn: possession of marijuana, \$100 fine and costs.

Barry Blanton: theft by deception, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

Speeding: Harold D. Boyd, \$36 fine and \$133 costs; Edward R. Hubbard III, \$30 fine plus costs/\$30 suspended/state traffic school (sts) authorized; Shannon M. Worley, \$30 fine plus \$133 costs; Christopher T. Love, \$30 fine and costs/fine suspended; Kelly M. Miller, Brittany N. Payne, license suspended for fta; April L. Rock, paid; Ronald R. Dickson, Jr, \$32 fine and costs; Michael E. Hedges, Jr: part 39/Fed Safety Regs, paid; Amanda Vann, \$34 fine plus costs.

Boston A. Stephens: speeding, \$30 fine and costs; failure to produce insurance card, \$50 fine.

Virginia K. Montjoy: fines/fees due (\$718), bw issued for fta/15 days in jail or

payment in full.

Margaretta Petrocelli: fines/fees due (\$338), bw issued for fta/8 day in jail or payment in full.

Darrell W. Pigg: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Dennis L. St. Clair: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.

Christina M. White: speeding, \$42 fine plus costs; operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine; failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine; failure to produce insurance card, \$50 fine.

Heather M. Green: no operators license in possession, \$25 fine/suspended plus costs.

Eddie S. Hopkins: fines/fees due (\$163), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.

Shelly L. Hopper: fines/fees due (\$563), bw issued for fta/13 days in jail or payment in full.

James E. Houk: possession controlled substance and use/possession drug paraphernalia, 180 days/probated 24 months on condition (each count).

Jo Ann Isaacs: public intoxication, 3 days plus costs; theft by deception, 60 days/probated 24 months on condition plus costs.

Dustin W. Lynch: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine and costs, \$375 service fee, 30 days operator license suspension.

Christopher J. Wood: assault, 4th degree, 180 days/to serve 8, balance probated 24 months on condition.

Terra N. McFerron: no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine and costs.

Robert L. Sandusky: theft by deception, 10 days/probated 24 months on condition plus costs.

Joshua N. Abney: reckless driving, \$100 fine and costs.

Joyce A. Brock: disorderly conduct, \$100 fine and costs on condition.

Dan M. Christian, Jr: failure to produce insurance card, \$50 fine/suspended plus costs.

Evelyn Clines: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine; failure to produce insurance card,

\$50 fine; no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine and costs.

Robert DeBorde, Jr: fines/fees due (\$158), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.

Tommy Dees: DUI, 1st offense, \$200 fine and costs, \$395 service fee, 30 days operator license suspension.

Nicolase Denny: license to be in possession, license suspended for fta.

Randall Hasty: failure to maintain insurance, \$500 fine/suspend \$450 on condition plus costs.

Veronica A. Jones: fines/fees (\$213) due, bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or payment in full.

Byron Mason: theft of services, 30 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition plus costs.

Byron C. Mason: possession of marijuana, \$100 fine and costs; advertise drug paraphernalia, \$100 fine.

Robert E. Mason: disorderly conduct, \$50 fine and costs; possession of marijuana, \$100 fine.

Geranimo Ortiz: excessive windshield/window tinting; no operators/moped license, license suspended.

Justin W. Rose: fines/fees due (\$313), bw issued for fta/7 days in jail or payment in full.

Robert I. Rose: fines/fees due (\$248), bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or payment in

full. Anastasia Rowland: operating on suspended/revoked operators license and failure to wear seat belts, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Angela K. Samples: failure to produce insurance card, \$50 fine and costs.

Earnest L. Smith: illegal possession of alcohol in dry territory, \$250 fine and costs and forfeit any contraband.

Joe Spoonamore: speeding and four other charges, license suspended for fta/bw issued.

Medina G. Stamper: no/expired registration plates and seven other charges, license suspended/bw issued for fta.

Louise Tackett: drinking alcoholic beverage in public place, \$25 fine and costs.

William L. Thompson: failure to produce insurance card, \$50 fine and costs.

Randy Lee Vanwinkle: fines/fees due (\$25), bw issued for fta/1 days in jail or payment in full.

William Wilson: fines/fees due (\$436), bw issued for fta/10 days in jail or payment in full.

Christopher N. Carter: resident fishing w/o license/permit, bw issued.

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Rockcastle County Recycling Trailer Schedule Changes

The Rockcastle County Recycling Center is now providing recycling drop-off opportunities in outlying areas of Rockcastle County. Due to the purchase of two new recycling trailers, beginning June 1st, the recycling trailers will be left permanently at the following locations: City of Brodhead (gravel lot across from Citizens Bank), City of Livingston (gravel lot across from old Livingston Gymnasium), Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Department (at Conway), and at the Pongo Volunteer Fire Department. The trailers will only be pulled out to empty them and will then be taken back to the same location.

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.



October 1st thru October 31st will be Roadside PRIDE Clean-up Month

To schedule a clean-up event, call:
James Renner,
Rockcastle County PRIDE Coordinator
at 606-256-1902

Supplies and pick-up furnished on day of clean-up!
It's your county! It's your state! It's your Roadside! Take PRIDE!

An Appreciation Dinner will be given for all 2010 Rockcastle Fall Roadside PRIDE Volunteers on November 9th in the Telecommunications Room, 3rd Floor, Rockcastle Courthouse, 6 p.m.

Door Prizes and Appreciation Certificates!
Make this a special event for all your volunteers!
Young and old! Don't miss it!

ABSOLUTE Auction of Mr. & Mrs. Ben Coleman's 11 Acres in Tracts

Friday, October 8th, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

Hwy 934 – Somerset, Kentucky

Directions: Take North Hwy 39 approximately 12 miles to Hwy 934 and turn right. Follow Hwy 934 approximately two miles to the auction site. Auction signs are posted.

The Coleman's have relocated and no longer have need for this property. They have authorized our firm to offer this acreage at absolute auction.




Tract #18 measures 5.61 acres and has 208 ft of frontage along Hwy 934. This tract is mostly wooded with a cleared area, which would be an ideal location for building a log home nestled in a wooded setting!

Tract #19 consists of 6.14 acres and has 252 feet of frontage along Hwy 934. This tract is a combination of pasture and woodland. Excellent home site having that additional acreage for having a few cattle or a horse!

AUCTIONEERS NOTE: Country at it's best!! Leave city life behind and retreat to this wooded acreage on Hwy 934! When combined these tracts total 11.76 acres and would be excellent sites for building a cabin in a private setting or a great location for a small farming operation. Mark your calendar now to attend this absolute auction on Friday, October 8th at 5:00 p.m.

Note: This will be a multi-parcel absolute auction, giving each and every prospective purchaser the ability to purchase any and all tracts or combination of tracts.

TERMS: 20% down the day of the auction, with the balance due in full within 30 days.

AUCTIONEER/BROKER/SELLER DISCLAIMER: The information contained herein is believed to be correct to the best of the auctioneer's knowledge. The information is being provided for the bidder's convenience and it is the bidder's responsibility to determine the information contained herein is accurate and complete. The property is selling in its as-is condition with no warranties expressed or implied.

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The Marching Rockets get well deserved break

Submitted by A. B. Sharpe

The Marching Rockets took a well-deserved break last weekend. There were no shows, no football games, no rehearsals, and no parades. This week however, it is back to business. A full rehearsal schedule followed by a half-time performance at the football game this Friday evening and a competition in Powell County. The RCHS Marching Rockets are performing at the annual Pirate Classic being held at Powell County High School in Stanton. They are scheduled for 1:45 pm in the preliminaries and will perform again in the evening at the finals. For those planning to come and cheer on the Marching Rockets, directions to the event can be obtained at kyband.com. Go Rockets!

Marching Band competitions are judged by a panel of eight professionals. Two judges the Music Performance, two judge the Visual Performance, one judges the General Effect Music and one judges the General Effect Visual. There is a separate judge for colorguard and another for percussion. Music Performance is divided into 3 categories: Musicianship, Technique and Musical Content. Musicianship includes tuning/intonation, tone quality/control, balance/blend, phrasing/expression/dynamics and appropriateness of style. Technique includes accuracy, precision/timing, uniformity of articulation and attacks/releases. Musical Content is also assessed by the adjudicator to determine the level of opportunity for the performer to display their skills. Each judge's score is based on 20 points.

There are two judges for

the Visual Performance. Visual Performance is also divided into 3 categories: Technique, Form Control and Visual Content. Technique includes uniformity of method, timing, posture, carriage and recovery from error. Form Control includes accuracy, clarity, spacing/interval and alignment. Visual Content is determined by the opportunities in the show design that allow performers to display their skill in technique and form control. In this area each judge's score is based on 10 possible points.

Then there is a judge for General Effect Music. General Effect Music is divided into Effectiveness of Repertoire and Performer Effectiveness. Effectiveness of Repertoire includes creativity of musical program, pacing/continuity, integration of all elements, range of expression and effectiveness of staging. Performer Effectiveness includes communication of roles, emotional range, performer intensity, projection of style and confidence. This score is based on 20 points.

And there is one judge for General Effect Visual. General Effect Visual is also divided into 2 sub categories: Effectiveness of Repertoire and Performer Effectiveness. Effectiveness of Repertoire includes creativity of visual program, pacing/continuity, integration of all elements, range of expression and effectiveness of staging. Performer Effectiveness includes communication of roles, emotional range, performer intensity, projection of style and confidence. This judge also is on a 20 point scale.

Colorguard and Percussion are judged as part of the

repertoire and also separately. Each is adjudicated on a separate 100 point scale. Colorguard assessment is divided into two areas, each worth 50 points: Program Content in Form, Body and Equipment and Excellence in Form, Body and Equipment. Program Content includes coordination and construction, integration, musicality, creativity and Innovation, variety, use of form, body and equipment and expressive components (space, time, path, and flow). Excellence in Form, Body and Equipment includes technique, timing, position, method, communication, style and recovery from error.

Percussion is the marching drumline and the pit percussion section together. Percussion scores are also based on a 100 point scale divided into 3 areas: Musicianship/Technique and Execution, Overall Performance Effect, and Overall Program Content. Musicianship/Technique and Execution includes Musicianship/Artistry - The percussion section's ability to demonstrate a mature and professional approach to their performance. Balance/Blend - The proper volume level of the percussion section in relationship to the ensemble and the entire band and the clarity and balance of the percussion ensemble within its own section and with the wind sounds. Expression/Dynamics - Effective demonstration of musical expression and the appropriate use of different dynamic levels. Accuracy/Clarity - The proper performance of rhythms and alignment/timing within the section as well as across the ensemble. Technique/Uniformity - Demonstrates appropriate technique and proper handling of implements and the physical approach to the instrument as well as the uniformity of the technique within the field percussion and front ensemble.

Overall Performance Effect includes Coordination/Contribution - The percussion section's ability to enhance both the musical and visual portions of the overall musical program. Showmanship/Intensity/Emotion - The performer's attitude and input to the performance and the performer's ability to elicit interest and excitement from the audience. Style/Interpretation - The percussion section's ability to perform and convey the proper musical style of the music being performed. Visual Execution - The execution of visual per-

formance that the section communicates to the audience. If the section has field percussion, this will include marching and maneuvering. This also includes the visual performance, appearance and professionalism of the front ensemble.

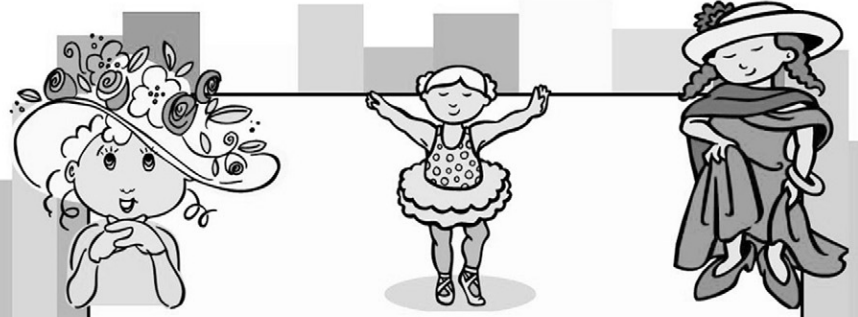
Overall Program Content includes Musical Demand - The musical requirements that are placed on the percussion section. Technical De-

mand - The physical requirements that are placed on the members including the tempo, complexity and exposure that is required of the student.

Creativity/Variety - The imaginative and expressive approach to the program. Implement Selection/Tuning - Appropriate sound and pitch from all tunable percussion instruments, including field percussion, concert bass, concert toms, timpani, etc. and use of suitable type of sticks or mallets to properly convey

the musical style being performed. Staging/Presentation - Field placement of the percussion section considering proper placement for both musical and visual needs and the integration of the percussion section into the overall drill design. Integration of Pit/Front Ensemble - The quality of musical opportunities for pit percussionists including exposure, contribution to the percussion book, musical compatibility of pit

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The Bittersweet Festival "Storybook Pageant"

- Saturday, October 9, 2010
- Ages 3 years to 8 years old
- "Characters" and their parents will need to meet with Melissa Singleton in the city parking lot (adjacent to Cox Law Offices) no later than 11:15 (registration) to march in the parade.
- Pageant will begin on the stage immediately following the Bittersweet Festival Parade. Characters and adults will need to gather at the stage area by 12:40 for recognition. (Melissa Singleton will be there to organize the group)
- Guidelines are: 1. Costumes must be original (not store bought), 2. Costumes must reflect storybook characters—fictional or non-fictional.
- All participants will receive a medal and a certificate of participation
- Contact Melissa Singleton if you have further questions. 606-224-2779 (after 4 PM)



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Absolute Auction of Mr. and Mrs. David Pigg's

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Saturday, October 9th • 1:30 p.m.

463 Dix River Branch Road, Brodhead, KY

Location: In Brodhead, turn onto Chestnut Grove Road, at the Nursing Home, and proceed approx. 6/10 of a mile to Dix River Branch Road. Go approx. 6/10 of a mile to the property. Auction signs are posted.

Since Mr. and Mrs. Pigg no longer have a need for this rental property, they have authorized our firm to sell this property at Absolute Auction.

This ranch-style home offers a floor plan of four bedrooms, kitchen with built-in oak cabinets, living room, two baths and utility room, There is also a two-car garage with a room off of it for storage. Other amenities include: a heat pump, laminate flooring in living room-kitchen-hallway, city water, septic, shingle roof, front porch, and flu for a wood stove.

This very private home is situated on three acres more or less.

Auctioneer's Note: If you want to be close to the convenience of town yet be private, then take a look. Call for an appointment to view this property. Remember, this is an Absolute Auction, last bid will buy!

Terms: 20% down the day of the sale, balance due within 30 days.

Announcements day of sale take precedence over printed matter.

For additional information, contact the selling agents.

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Nice! This vinyl sided home is situated on 10 1/2 acres m/l features LR, Kit, 3 BR, 2 BA and utility room. Other amenities include city water, septic system, heat pump, central air, detached garage and a 32x40 barn with (2) 12x40 attached sheds. If you're looking for a beautiful home with plenty of elbow room, then call today to view the property. \$159,000. M2583

Plenty of Elbow Room! Check out this brick home with 2 acres in the country! This quaint brick home has 3 bedrooms, living room, kitchen, bath and basement. If you like country living, in the midst of a farming area, you'll like this property. \$59,900. M2564

Must See! 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with hardwood floors, atrium windows, a jetted bath tub in the master bath and huge closets. This home is only 5 years young with a large level lot. Move in ready and close to everything yet a private setting. M2601

Looking for a Deal? Look no further...this 3 BR, 1 BA home, situated on 2 acres +/-, is the home for you. Property does need some TLC, but would make a good investment. Also, the home comes with a 3-story two-car detached garage. Priced at only \$25,000. M2588

In Mt. Vernon, ranch style brick home with walk-out basement and featuring 3 BR, a LR, kitchen/dining room combo, and bath all on the first floor. There is a large family/recreation room, utility and garage in the basement. Home has been newly wired and has a heat pump. All for \$68,900. M2603.

Country Delight... Cute country home with 5.5 acres, city water, KU electric and central heat/air. First floor features MB & BA, eat-in kitchen, BR and BA, utility room, spacious LR. There are 2 BR upstairs. Partial basement. All appliances remain with home. Plenty of pasture land with barn (concrete floors, 3 stall shed, water and electric). Plenty of storage space. Don't miss this one located at Pine Hill. \$110,000. M2593

Beautiful 2-Story Home...features 2 master bedrooms, 2 heating/air units, 2-car attached garage (with openers), 3 baths, large living room (with wood burning stove), kitchen, laundry off of kitchen, large utility closet, gas and electric heat & city sewer. Option to purchase adjacent lots. \$135,000. M2594

Great Fixer Upper! Convenient location on a dead end street. This 1 1/2 story home is situated on a 71x135 lot and features 3 BR, 3 BA, living room, kitchen-dining combo, family room, office, partial basement, and an attached 1-car carport. Just \$44,900. This home is selling in its AS-IS condition. M2559

Home Sweet Home! Join the neighborhood when you buy this nice vinyl sided home in Houston Point. This home offers 3 bedrooms, plus a nursery/office area, living, dining, kitchen combination, den, utility room and 2 baths. There's a rear deck to enjoy with friends and family and a large storage area for all your extras. Call today for your appointment. \$115,900. M2541

Commercial Property

1/2 Mile from I-75 - Tracts ranging from 3/4 acre to 4 acres - good visibility - high traffic count - city water and sewer available. M1772

SALE PENDING! Commercial Building - Main Street Mt. Vernon. Ideal for office or retail with city water and sewer. M2549

Nearly 3/4 of an acre of Commercial Property - great location across from Rockcastle High School. Backlot lot, water, sewer, 2 buildings. Ideal for offices, restaurant, auto shop, etc. Priced at \$199,000. Also, an adjacent lot measuring 3/10 of an acre with a metal building. Just \$99,000. Owners will sell property separately or together. M2510.

Commercial Concrete Block Building measuring 40x60 with 24x76 attached storage area with vault. City water, central heat/air, situated on 57/100 of an acre. Motivates sellers! Just \$59,900. M2528

Acreage

Do you like privacy? A great view? Woods? then you will like this 9 1/2 acres located on Hwy. 1249 near Pongo Fire Department. This acreage has city water and would be a nice building site. Just \$19,900. M2578

2 acres across from Rainbow Ridge Subdivision...in Mt. Vernon, KY. Priced at \$33,500. M2565

Reduced! Secluded! Unimproved vacant land ideal for hunting or as recreation land. Being sold by boundary deed. Deed copy available for your review. Approximately 8 acres for \$12,500. M2524

18 Acres Near McKee. Timber land. Priced at \$25,000. M2456

Mini Farm in the Quail Community...12 acres, gently rolling with city water. Build your dream home and enjoy country living. Only \$3,500 per acre. Priced at \$42,000 as a whole. M2602

7.35 acres in the Spiro Community of Rockcastle County. Mostly wooded with some cleared road frontage and city water available. Great neighborhood and priced at only \$15,900. M2605

Lots

They are hard to find... nearly level building lot in the city limits of Mt. Vernon, near RCMS. Restricted with water, sewer and priced at only \$19,900. M2590

Lot in Rainbow Ridge Subdivision - measuring 84/100 of an acre. Priced at \$9,900. Owner financing available -- with \$1,600 down buyer will finance the balance for 3 years at 8 3/4% interest, with equal monthly payments of \$262.97. Call today to reserve your home site! M2542

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

Two large commercial lots measuring 68/100 each. 135 feet of road frontage on each with water and sewer and KU electric. \$69,900 each. M2402

Great Residential Lot! in the Mareburg Subdivision. This spacious lot consists of 0.60 of an acre and will be a great spot for your new home. The lot is restricted and city water is available. Priced to sell at \$17,900. M2492

Future Auctions

Absolute Auction of Mr. & Mrs. Ben Coleman's Tract #18 - (5.615 acres) - Tract #19 - (6.149 acres)
Friday, October 8th at 5:00 p.m. • Hwy 934 - Somerset, Ky.

Absolute Auction of 1996 Stardust Houseboat
Saturday, October 9th, 2010 @ 1:30 p.m. • Docked at Lees Ford Marina "Sold on Site"

Absolute Auction of Eulene Hutchison Estate-Mobile Home, Vehicles, Furniture, Tools And Personal Property
Saturday, October 9, 2010 - 10:30 A.M. • 110 J W Cassidy Road, Keavy, Ky.

Absolute Estate Auction of the Late Mrs. Lavenia Brewer's House and Lot - Personal Property
Saturday, October 9, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. • 212 Powell Street, Stanford, Ky.

Absolute Estate Auction of the Late Mr. Henry William Hale's House and Lot
Saturday, October 9, 2010 at 11:30 a.m. • 625 Elm Street, Crab Orchard, Ky.

Absolute Auction of Mr. and Mrs. David Pigg's House and 3 acres more or less
Saturday, October 9, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. • 463 Dix River Branch Road, Brodhead, Ky.

Rockcastle School District to open Parent Portal

The Rockcastle County School District is pleased to offer parents/guardians access to the Campus Parent Portal as a means of enhancing communication between students, parents and educators and to promote educational excellence. The Portal gives parents/guardians access to view items such as grades, attendance and health records. The primary purpose of the Portal is to increase parent/guardian awareness and involvement in the education of their student.

Rockcastle County High School will be the first school to open the Portal to all parents/guardians of High School students. Information sessions for High School parents/guardians will be held

beginning in October. Parents/guardians who wish to obtain Portal access must attend an information session. During the session, parents/guardians will be given their Campus Portal Activation Key which is required to access the Portal and all Portal users will be asked to sign an Acceptable Use Policy.

Parents/guardians of High School students should email Betty Holt at bettyholt@rockcastle.kyschools.us to sign up to attend an information session. The following information should be included in your email: Date, time, and location of session you plan to attend, Student Name(s) and Date(s) of Birth, and Parent Name(s). Please specify if more than one par-

ent will attend the session. Students will NOT be allowed to attend the information sessions.

Campus Parent Portal Information Sessions Parents/Guardians of High School Students ONLY

Date*
Monday, Oct. 11, 2010 and Thursday, Oct. 14, 2010

Time
Session #1) 8:15 – 9:00 am
Session #2) 10:30 – 11:15 am
Session #3) 4:00 – 4:45 pm
Session #4) 5:00 – 5:45 pm

Location
Rockcastle County High School Computer Lab and Rockcastle County Area Technology Center Computer Lab

Date*
Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2010 (during Parent/Teacher Conference)

Time
Session #1) 3:00 – 3:45 pm
Session #2) 4:00 – 4:45 pm
Session #3) 5:00 – 5:45 pm

Location
Rockcastle County High School Computer Lab

*Additional dates will be scheduled as needed after all of the listed sessions are full.

The Campus Parent Portal is for use by parents/guardians only, students will NOT be given access to the Portal and parents/guardians MUST agree NOT to share login information with students as part of the Acceptable Use Policy.

“Band”

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and battery parts, and relative demand of pit to battery music.

The judges are all current or former music directors with remarkable acumen. They have eyes like an eagle that can detect one mis-rolled foot out of a hundred pairs in motion on a football field. Their hearing is in the supersonic range, they can identify even the slightest tuning error in a single instrument from high up in their press box. And they know the music score by heart to every song ever written. They are formidable and omnipotent and it all boils down to whether they liked your performance or not.

Coming Events

Come on out and show your support of the 2010 Marching Rockets!

October 9th – The Pirate Classic, Powell County

October 16th – South Laurel Invitational

October 25th – KMEA Quarterfinals at Madison Southern

Band Notes

Fundraising is a necessary part of any band program to help offset the high costs and provide opportunities for all students who wish to be involved in the music programs here in Rockcastle.

Spirit Cards will be on sale for only a couple more weeks! They are available for Mount Vernon, Berea, Somerset, Richmond, London and Corbin. They will save you money all year long and only cost \$10.00! All band students at both the high school and the middle school are selling them. Help yourself and the band at the same time!

And don't forget, Trailer Ad Sales are still underway. Those businesses and individuals wanting to show their

support for the band, and get some valuable advertising, may contact band parents to have ads placed on the band trailer which travels to all the band competitions and the local parades throughout the year. This trailer carries the instruments and other equipment all over the state following our faithful bus and driver Joe Masten as he transports the band to wherever we need to go. It has been seen by thousands of people. Please call Ann Craig at 308-3086 for more information if you would like to advertise on the band trailer.

The Marching Rockets' Colorguard also has a fundraiser underway. They are selling fine cutlery through a program called RADA. These are high quality knives that cannot be bought in stores. They are running this fundraiser until October 30th. For more information please call the Colorguard Instructor, Jessica Stallsworth, at 606-308-2423.



Three members of the Rockcastle Chapter Daughters of American Revolution recently attended the Fourth District meeting and luncheon in London. The meeting, hosted by John and Mary Jackson Chapter, focused on the United States Constitution. Pictured are: Registrar Debra Brown, Regent Betty Lindblom, Guest Speaker Darrell Saunders, and John and Mary Jackson Chapter Regent Mary Shear.

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Jonathan M. Robinson Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on August 31, 2010 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of NINETY THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS AND 08/100 (\$90,780.08) 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, October 15, 2010
Beginning at the Hour of 11:00 a.m.

Said property being more particularly bounded & described as follows:

3979 Sweetwater Road, Berea, Rockcastle County, Kentucky

Tract No. 1: A certain tract or parcel of land located in the east side of the Conway-Copper Creek Road, and more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a steel pin on east side of Conway-Copper Creek Road, one-fourth mile east of the Copper Creek Road (corner to Banks); thence with Banks as follows: South 68 degrees 40 minutes East 210 feet to a steel pin (corner to Isaacs); thence with Isaacs as follows: North 25 degrees 45 minutes East, 210 feet to a steel pin and North 68 degrees 42 minutes West 210 feet to steel pin on east side of Conway-Copper Creek Road; thence with said road as follows: South 25 degrees 45 minutes West 208.7 feet to the beginning and containing one (1) acres more or less.

Tract No. 2: A certain tract or parcel of land located in Rockcastle County, Kentucky and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an existing 3/4 inch pipe, 23.5 feet southeast of the centerline of pavement of Copper Creek Road, set a cap there in, the most northwesterly corner to Carpenter's present property, see Deed Book 125, Page 532; thence with the easterly right of way line of said road N 26 deg. 29'44" E, 210.00 feet, set a steel pin and cap in the fence line 27 feet from the centerline of said road, a new corner to Ralph Isaacs; thence leaving the road and severing the lands of Isaacs two calls: S 34 deg. 48'02" E 298.66 feet set a steel pin and cap a new corner; thence S 73 deg. 33'30" W 74.99 feet to an existing 3/4 inch pipe set a cap therein, the present northeasterly corner of Carpenter, which is this day made a new corner common corner to Ralph Isaacs and Kendall Kendrick; thence with the present line of Carpenter N 67 deg. 46'50" W 207.64 feet (for N 68 deg. 42' W 210 feet, Deed Book 126, page 532) to the point of beginning containing 0.743 acre.

This being the sale property conveyed to Jonathan M. Robinson, unmarried, by deed executed by Mae J. Storter, widow, dated February 23, 2007 and recorded in Deed Book 214, page 618 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 together as a whole.
2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
3. 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.
4. Unpaid taxes of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
5. The purchaser shall pay the 2010 local, county and state property taxes.
6. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
7. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
8. 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.
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".

John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court

Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I Civil Action No. 10-CI-00089

Kentucky Housing Corporation Plaintiff

v.

Harold Lee Renner, et al Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on August 31, 2010 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of SIXTY SEVEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THREE DOLLARS AND 90/100 (\$67,403.90) 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, October 15, 2010
Beginning at the Hour of 11:00 a.m.

Said property being more particularly bounded & described as follows:

Route 1 Box 353B, Brodhead, Rockcastle County, Kentucky

Beginning at a 1/2" conduit with a plastic cap stamped RLS #2773 in the South right of way of The Willialla Road and being a corner to Alvin Carpenter; thence going with said right of way South 45 28'52" E, 215 feet to a found 1/2" conduit with a plastic cap stamped RLS #2773 at the base of a post in said right of way and a corner to Charles Kirby; thence leaving said right of way going with the Kirby line S 69 01'53" W, 568.75 feet to a found angle post; thence S 77 01'53" W, 331.04 feet to a 1/2" conduit with a plastic cap stamped RLS #2773 in the line of Kirby and corner between Lloyd McKenney, Jr. and Alvin Carpenter; thence going with the line of Carpenter N 58 45'40" E, 838.81 feet to the point of beginning and containing 2.32 acres.

Being the same property conveyed to Harold L. Renner and Cathy L. Renner by deed dated December 1, 1999 and recorded in Deed Book 177, page 438 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 ninety (90) 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.
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John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court

Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II Civil Action No. 09-CI-00182

The Bank of New York, Mellon
fka The Bank of New York, as
Trustee for the Certificate-
Holders CWALT, Inc., alternative
Loan Trust 2006-26B, Mortgage
Pass-Through Certificates Plaintiff

v.

Andrew B. Carrera, Dana L.
Carrera, aka Dana L. Mason,
unknown defendant, spouse
of Dana L. Carrera aka
Dana > Mason and Mortgage
Electronic Registration
Systems, Inc. Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on February 12, 2010 and order to reschedule sale entered on September 10, 2010 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND 45/100 (\$137,947.45) 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, October 15, 2010
Beginning at the Hour of 11:00 a.m.

Said property being more particularly bounded & described as follows:

3 Perry Rigsby Road, Brodhead, KY 40409.

Lot No. 7 of Cedar Point Subdivision of record in Plat Book 4, Page 297, Slide 522 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk. Reference is made to said plat for a more complete description of said lots.

Being the same property conveyed to Dana L. Mason, single, nka Dana Carrera by deed dated 11/23/03, of record in Deed Book 197, Page 301 in the Rockcastle County Clerk's Office.

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

1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
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John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court

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Property For Sale

For Sale: 5 room/1 bath home. Good barn with 32 acres, more or less, two miles from Mt. Vernon. Call 606-274-4167. 43x8p

For Sale: About three acres with trailer and an older home on Brush Creek Circle. Price negotiable. 606-256-9669. 44x2p

For Sale: 5.3 wooded acres off Breezy Hollow Lane. For more info, call 859-391-0115. 43x4p

For Sale: Mobile home and lot in Brodhead with down payment. 606-758-4729. 39xntf

For Sale: Lots - mobile home lots available in Sunnyside Estates. Nice home lots for sale. Commercial lot on US 150. For more info, call Debra Stamper, Century 21 Gold, 859-353-1495.

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Posted

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Farmer Waddle and Clista Spivey heirs on Hwy. 490. Violators will be prosecuted. Not responsible for accidents. 7/6/11

Posted: Property of Zannie Burdine and Berice Carpenter in Calloway Hollow. No trespassing or hunting. Not responsible for accidents. Violators will be prosecuted.

Posted: No hunting on any and all properties of Gary and Cheryl Sears, located in Rockcastle and Pulaski Counties. Not responsible for accidents or injuries that may occur. 45x1

Posted: The farm of Judyand Bradley Asher, located at 418 Doc Adams Road. No hunting or fishing. Violators will be prosecuted. 45x1

Posted: No trespassing on land belonging to James and Dorothy Rash heirs on Chestnut Ridge. Posted as private property. No hunting, camping, ATVs, trespassing for any purpose. Not responsible for accidents to anyone. Violators prosecuted. 52(09)x52

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

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

Posted: No hunting, trespassing or ATVs on land belonging to Jason and Sara Coguer at Roundstone. Not responsible for accidents.

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

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Notices

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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.

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Yard Sale: At Hill Top Produce. Given by Lillie Hensley and Kim Robinson on Thurs., Oct. 7th and Fri., Oct. 8th, 9 a.m. to ? Rain cancels.

Yard Sale: Sat., 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., across from Citizens Bank in Brodhead. Lots of girls clothes - sizes 5-16; ladies clothes; shoes; toys; coffee table; end tables.

Inside Community Yard Sale in the social room at Cave Valley Apts. Fri. & Sat., Oct. 8 and 9, 8 a.m. to

? lots of boys name brand hooded sweat shirts, infant girls clothes, lots of other items.

3 Families Yard Sale: 15400 Hwy. 39N. At junction of Hwys. 39 & 70. Take 39 N .4 miles. Doublewide on right. For more info, call 379-6516 or 305-8780.

Huge 3 Family Yard Sale: Hwy. 618 between churches go 1 mile - 5 miles south of Crab Orchard. Fri. & Sat, Oct. 8 & 9.

Yard Sale: Saturday only home of Debi Moore, U.S. 25 North across from NeNew Monuments. Coats, jackets - leather. Ladies 8-10, boys 8-12, men's large - XLg Tall, bridesmaid dresses, costumes, toys, books, movies. Rain cancels.

Yard Sale: 2 family at the home of Melvin and Lela Mae Harrison on Oct. 2nd from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Men's shirts, women's clothes, luggage, 2 wooden doll beds, lots of items for everyone. Rain cancels.

Yard Sale: 275 West Main St. Fri. & Sat., Oct. 8 & 9. Men's long sleeve shirts -

like new, lots of glassware - some Fenton, old small table, men's suits, sport coats, top coat, women's, girl's and boy's winter clothes, coats -- too much to mention. For moe info, 256-4601 or 606-224-0501.

Yard Sale: Sat., Oct. 9th, 9 to 3 at home of Barbara Bussell, Hwy 1505 in Brodhead. Women's - junior to plus sizes, men's - small to extra large, girl's clothes - newborn to 18 mnths, boys - 7-10. Jackets, shoes, purses, homedecor, computer set, computer desk, snap on timing lights, DVD, CDs. No early sales please.

Yard Sale: 15 Derby Lane, Houston Point, Mareburg. Sat., Oct. 9th, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Furniture, lamps, quilts, purses, shoes, clothes, baby clothes and misc. items.

Yard Sale: Fri. & Sat., 8 & 9, 10 a.m. to dark. Dogwood Gifts and Garden in #4 Greenhouse, 70 Hurricane School Road off 25N. Two college girls cleaned out closets - 50c tops, \$1 pants, odds and ends. 256-3007.



MVES Yard Sale

& Bake Sale

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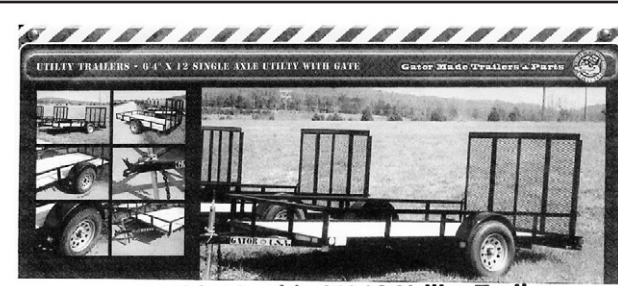
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tions regarding the success of her "kingship" and the coverups by her stepson and heir, Tutmosis. As Hatshepsut comes to life through the "swirling sands of time", the audience is transported back through the ages to find the truth about her and the accomplishments of one of Egypt's greatest rulers.

There is no admission charge and the performance is open to the public.



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Saturday, October 9th (cont.)

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 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. - Melissa Singleton
 3:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. - Bittersweet Cloggers
 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. - Headin' South Band
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RATC, RCHS affected by budget cuts

BY CHELSEA PAYNE

Rockcastle students are feeling the consequences and struggles of budget cuts in their classes at RATC and RCHS.

It is the state of Kentucky, which has been facing budget problems, that provides money to RATC.

"RATC has no money for buying new equipment or repairs needed to our equipment for vocational classes," said Mr. Ralph Baker, principal of the Rockcastle Area Technology Center.

Each teacher at RATC gets a supply budget and those amounts vary based on individual program costs. Baker also stated that RATC's flexible money (money RATC can spend for anything they

choose) was cut in half from August 2009.

Many students take classes at RATC every year.

Staff member Victoria Castle (Office Technology Instructor) has five different classes each day. One of those classes is Desktop Publishing where students produce several printed publications. Budget cuts have created a lot of limitations on the use of her color printer due to the tremendous cost of replacing the color ink cartridges. Castle stated that her color printer includes three ink cartridges that cost \$200 each.

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page 12

Students rewarded for perfect attendance

BY CRYSTAL HOLT

Over two hundred students will receive an extra break this week for perfect attendance during September.

This is the first step by RCHS administrators to improve school attendance by adding special incentives for students.

RCHS principal Jennifer Mattingly decided to offer the incentives after a principal's meeting for the district. At the meeting, she learned that RCHS was one of the schools with the worst attendance.

"Every year we fall second to last with our attendance of 93%," said Mrs. Mattingly.

She has set an attendance goal for the year of 96%.

In order to encourage students the school will offer incentives such as an extra break, a movie in the auditorium, and even a cook out later in the year.

"I understand that the middle school kids are more enthusiastic with a 97% average, and I want to encourage students to come to school," said Mrs. Mattingly.

Buster, Abney named Homecoming royalty



Homecoming King AJ Buster and Queen Kristen Abney were named with members of their court Friday night, during halftime of the Rockets' match-up against Knox Central. From left to right are Courtney Hasty, sophomore; Holly Ham, junior; Abney, senior; Buster, senior; Billy Cameron, junior; and Dylan Hensley, sophomore. Not shown are freshmen court winners Nicolene Joenborg and Gage Reynolds.

Students, coaches fight rising temps

BY MADISAN MILLER

Picture this: beads of sweat dripping down your face... the hot sun beating down on you... overwhelming thirst ravages you all over, controlling your mind, body, and spirit. Got it?

This is the life of athletes and band members, and this describes the long, exhausting practices they endure every day in the summer.

Since summertime practice conditions are frequently brutal, many precautions are taken to keep athletes and band members from developing heat sickness.

"We're here for the safety of the kids. That's always first priority," Rockcastle County High School football coach Scott Parkey stated.

Coaches and sponsors of both athletic and extracurricular

teams must practice often to be proficient in their activities. Often times, this means putting in long, hard hours of exhausting practices... all of which take place in the scorching, summer heat.

RCHS band director Greg Daugherty is very cautious not to over-work his students.

"We have Gatorade and water on hand during every rehearsal, and I am constantly reminding students of eating and drinking 'smart', which means lots of high quality food for breakfast and lunch paired with water or Gatorade during meals as well as breaks," Mr. Daugherty said.

Coach Parkey is also very conscientious about how he works his players during practice.

"We have frequent water

breaks, ice towels, ice on the field at all times" and an "emergency action plan," Coach Parkey said.

In the summer his team tries to practice in the morning when it's cooler, rather than in the afternoon when the heat is at its hottest point, he said.

RCHS has been fortunate in the fact that they've had no major events of heat exhaustion or sickness. As far as heat-related incidents go, "we have seen nothing major, like heat stroke," according to Mr. Barry Noble, RCHS athletic director.

"As soon as we see any signs [of heat sickness] we take pads off to cool the players down, and get

see "RISING TEMPS" on

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Hammond commits to U of L



RCCHS senior Sara Hammond, a starting forward for the Lady Rockets, committed to the University of Louisville's women's basketball program on September 20. Pictured above, Hammond is videotaped by a cameraman from WYMT.



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Time running out

6 the magic number for Gear-Up

BY KELSEY MATTINGLY

The 6-year GEAR-UP partnership between Rockcastle County Schools and Berea College will conclude at the end of this school year.

"There aren't many partnership grants. There's lots of paperwork and it's very stressful. But I think those are valuable because they help every student," said Nancy Hale, RCHS GEAR-UP Coordinator.

GEAR-UP is a federal grant that allows students to have every aspect of their life included in their education by giving them opportunities they might otherwise not have, according to Ms. Hale.

Rockcastle County Schools are wrapping up their second grant this year.

Rockcastle's first grant was implemented in 1996, starting with the 7th grade at the middle school. That grant ended in 2002 with RCS still qualified to apply for a second grant. It wasn't until 2004 when they decided to apply for the second grant. This grant serves Rockcastle, Estill, Lee, Jackson, and Madison counties.

In order for a school district to apply for a GEAR-UP grant, they must meet two requirements. These include at least 50% of their students are on free or reduced lunch, and the school must have problematically low test scores.

In 1996 and 2004, Rockcastle County Schools met both of those requirements. Today, RCS test scores have risen significantly where they are no longer qualified to apply for anymore grants.

GEAR-UP is a four pronged system. Money is split into the categories of academic skills building, lifting educational

aspirations, college pathways, and families as partners.

Academic skills building funds are used to increase academic abilities, so students will have the skills they need to go to college. Teachers are encouraged to provide more rigorous curriculum and provide better resources for struggling students. The academic skills building goal is to have 90% of students to graduate from high school and 60% to enroll in a post-secondary school.

"The biggest chunk of our money is going to be spent on ESS: after-school-tutoring," said Ms. Hale.

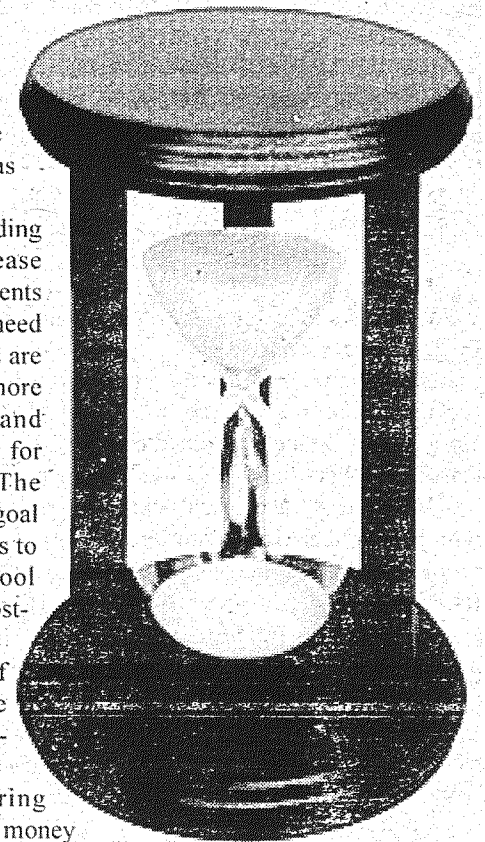
After school tutoring (ESS) receives most of the money from academic skills building so that students are given the opportunity to remediate work and get the help they need to have an environment to focus on their needs. Funds for this program reach about \$32,500.

Teachers as a whole receive the difference of \$75, 850 for instructional resources and to provide more intense instruction.

Almost \$10,000 from this money helped purchase the textbooks for RCHS's new college-readiness math course.

Other amounts are being used to buy books and MLA handbook guides for the senior class.

According to Nancy Hale, lifting educational aspirations provides ways to motivate students to overcome obstacles and to pursue post-secondary opportunities. Programs are planned including motivational



speakers encouraging students to work and try their best. The money, \$12,500, is also used to purchase other materials including agenda book planners, and many of the electronics found in Rockcastle County Schools.

The third prong, college pathways, exposes students to college life. Trips such as college visits, college classes, financial aid, workshops, and other events are funded by the college pathway portion of the GEAR-UP grant.

Ms. April Gonzalez, who teaches biology, is using \$24,000 from this category for a school trip. Ms. Gonzalez will be taking sophomores on a 2-day trip to EKU's Maywoods to conduct college research and studies.

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on page 12

New clubs: *Junior Historical Society, Game Club enter the school*

BY BRANDAN SIMPSON

Two new clubs have been formed at RCHS: Junior Historical Society and Game Club.

Junior Historical Society (JHS) is sponsored by social studies teacher Holly Robinson and is co-sponsored by Anita Nation from the central office.

"I was inspired to make this club by students," said Ms. Robinson. "I was an archiver and I'm a history teacher, so I was easily persuaded to create it."

Competitions will be a main part of this club, but members will not be required to participate in competitions. There will be other activities for members to participate in the club such as field trips, service projects, and fundraisers.

This club will mostly be functioning outside of school.

However, not all activities are planned out just yet.

"JHS will be good for college resumes, especially for officers," said Ms. Robinson. "And in this club, the members will participate in their local community."

JHS is still open for students to join and there is not a limit yet on members. The dues to join are \$15.

Game club was made for kids who are just looking for a good time, according to sponsor Ms. Susan Norton.

It is described as "a fun club during a typical serious day. I see it as a break for kids," she said

The club will be a good opportunity for all students to engage with others and just have a good time. "But it won't help with scholarships," said Ms. Norton.

Game club is in 2 different blocks to give more kids a chance to join.

"I know from experience that there are too many kids who don't join a club, and it's a fact that kids that are not in clubs are more likely to dropout. I wanted to give every student a club they could have been a part of. Not every student is an academic," said Ms. Norton.

The limit on game club is around 23 for each block. Right now, both blocks are filled, but spots may open next semester.



Shawna Smith, Nathan Singleton, and Justin Houk, along with other game club members, enjoy a quick game of Scrabble, just one of the board games available to students.

Commonwealth diploma still in reach for students

BY MADISAN MILLER

Following the departure of Ms. Angie Hendrickson, the former RCHS French instructor, many French students who were striving for the Commonwealth Diploma are left wondering how to complete this distinction they've worked so hard for.

When students went to pick up their schedules this year, many who had signed up for French came to the shocking conclusion that French was no more. Those who wished to take French 1, 3, 4, or AP (Advanced Placement) French found that the task was now impossible. The French teacher was gone.

New questions have now arisen about a replacement, or even an additional foreign language course.

However, "we have no positions available at the time," according to RCHS principal Ms. Jennifer Mattingly.

The lack of positions appears to be only one of the obstacles

prohibiting RCHS from getting a second foreign language.

"Latin, Mandarin Chinese... it would be nice, [to have another foreign language] but the budget just doesn't allow it right now", Ms. Mattingly said.

Therefore, as of now, Spanish is the only foreign language option.

So, how will those students who were taking French and striving for the Commonwealth Diploma, a prestigious graduation honor awarded to only a handful Kentuckians a year, get it if French isn't offered?

"They can continue [French] through online courses," Ms. Mattingly said.

This way, they can complete their course at even the AP level, which is what the Commonwealth Diploma requires.

And the best part is, the good news does not end here.

"Ms. Trembula received the training this summer to teach AP. Our goal is for that to be an option next year," Ms. Mattingly said.

With the addition of the AP

Spanish class, the Commonwealth Diploma can be attainable.

Taking a foreign language can help a student in the long run as well.

"I think every student needs to take advantage of learning a foreign language. It makes students well rounded and enables them to succeed outside of Rockcastle County," Ms. Mattingly said.

Where in the world is Ms. Hendrickson?

Many RCHS students are still puzzled about the seemingly abrupt departure of Ms. Hendrickson. After all, she taught the French class at Rockcastle High for 13 years.

Ms. Hendrickson departure was due to another opportunity in the district.

She is now the coordinator for Services for English Language Learners in the district. She is also working as gifted education coordinator at Brodhead and Roundstone elementary schools.

ACT scores drop; five percent of seniors college ready

BY DALTON HUTTON

RCHS seniors took the ACT last March. The scores have arrived and the results do not go in the favor of the school.

Only 5% of the class, this year's seniors, met all four of the benchmark scores established by the state. These benchmark scores indicate whether or not a student can be considered "college and career ready."

The English benchmark score is an 18, while the Math benchmark is 22. In Reading, the benchmark is a 22, and the benchmark in Science is a 24.

Forty-four percent of the students met the English benchmark, and 30% reached the Reading benchmark. However,

see "ACT:" on page 12

Lindsey Wilson scholarship winner to be announced in November

BY CHRISTINA PENDERY

For the second year in a row one senior from RCHS has the chance to receive a full ride scholarship to Lindsey Wilson.

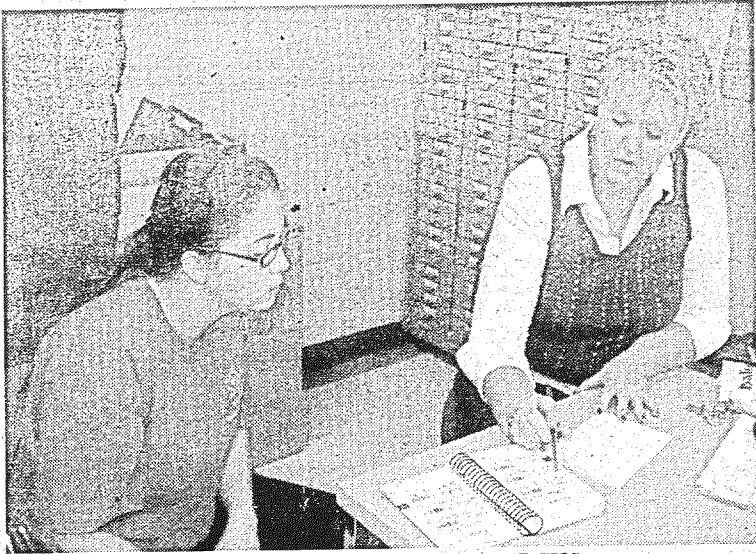
"The scholarship pays for everything except for your class textbooks," said Mr. Jesse Mahaffey, Youth Service Director.

All seniors should apply for the Lindsey Wilson scholarship opportunity said Mr. Dale Whitaker, Senior Councilor, "They will have good practice for filling out a college application."

Mr. Whitaker and Mr. Mahaffey will team with a group from Lindsey Wilson and they will be narrowing down the finalist to ten seniors.

The ten finalists will take a college trip in October to Lindsey Wilson and be able to see the college and see what the college offers.

Then the winner from RCHS will be announced during the Big Event which is to be held in November.



Ms. Tammy Reynolds formerly taught chorus at RCHS seven years ago. She is just one of seven new teachers at the high school and the area technology center.

New teachers arrive at RCHS

BY CARLY ASHER

Three former graduates, one returning teacher, and three totally new to the school... These are the seven new teachers at RCHS.

Ms. Tammy Reynolds, who currently teaches chamber choir, castle chorus, drama, and arts and humanities, taught at RCHS seven years ago, from 1996-2002.

When asked what was different about RCHS from 2002, she said, "I have my own classroom and I'm not sharing with the band, but everything else feels the same."

Also new to the school is Mr. David Clark, who teach earth science and physical science.

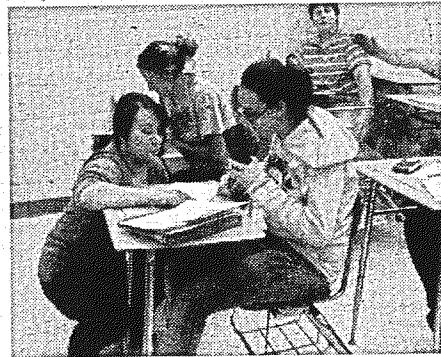
Mr. Clark was a student teacher last year with Ms. Misty Barker, but the situation is very different.

"Being a student teacher is like working with a net," he said. "You have someone to look over you and help you. Being an actual teacher, you don't have that luxury. You do it all on your own, and there is no net to help you."

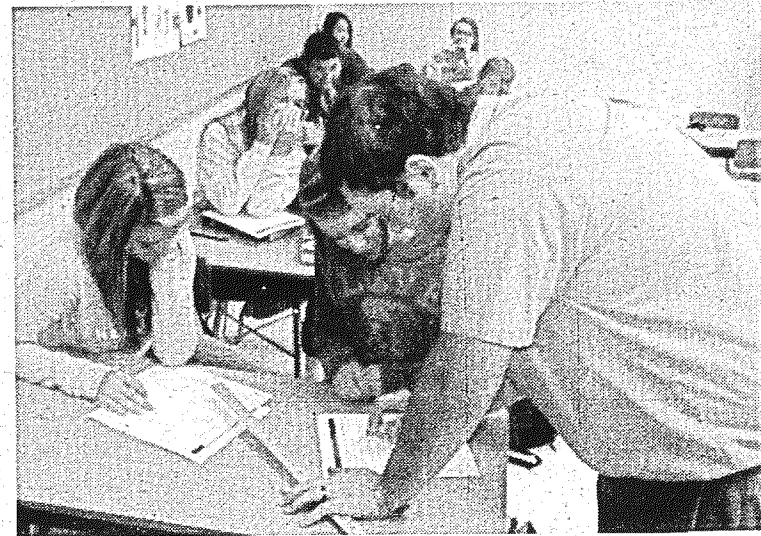
Ms. Donna Laureman, Ms. Shawnetha Smith, and Ms. Kayla Bryant are all new collaborating teachers that work alongside other teachers and with individual students.

Ms. Laureman is a sophomore English teacher who taught in Michigan.

"The school is very well-run," said Ms. Laureman, "but it's different seeing all the UK Wildcat shirts. It's different from where I used to live."



Math teacher Vanessa Adams and science teacher David Clark conference with students during class.



RCHS graduate Ms. Smith, also an English teacher, works with juniors and seniors.

"It was a totally different feeling. I made a lot of good memories as a student, and I'm excited to make memories as a teacher."

Ms. Smith says she is proud to be an RCHS graduate and now a teacher.

Ms. Bryant and Ms. Adams are also RCHS graduates.

Ms. Bryant, a former volleyball player, is now the head coach of the volleyball team. She teaches geometry and Algebra II.

"I like being able to make a difference every day," she said. "It's nice to come back and give back to the school that gave me so much."

Ms. Adams also teaches math, specifically Introduction to Algebra and Algebra I.

"I love teaching, but it was a totally different feeling walking in as a teacher than as a student," she said.

Students at the Rockcastle Area Technology Center also encountered a new teacher: Ms. Mullins, a former teacher at Winchester High, now teaches office technology.

"I think both the RATC and RCHS schools are ran well, and the students are very mature and well-behaved."

New lunch schedule takes effect

BY TYLER HOLMAN

RCHS is several weeks into a new lunch schedule that was developed by assistant principal Mr. Barry Noble to give the students more time to eat lunch. So far the reaction to the lunch schedule is mixed.

"I have had a couple of kids come up to me and tell me that they like the new schedule because they have a lot more time to eat. So it must be a little better than the old one," said Mr. Noble.

Some students like the new lunch schedule.

"Yes, I like the new lunch schedule because I don't have to stand in line as long, and a couple times last year, I had like 5 minutes to eat," said Zack Reams, a junior at RCHS.

But a lot of kids don't like it either.

"I don't like it because now I have last lunch and the food is

always cold," said junior Holly Ham.

Students may wonder why the times are so odd. For example third block lunch begins at 11:01 and ends at 11:26.

Use to there were only six lunch groups, now there is ten, and the lunch is more spread out.

"I figured it takes about 8 minutes for a student to get through the line, so that's how I came up with all the odd times," said Mr. Noble.

The newly developed lunch schedule was brought to Mr. Noble by Mr. Travis Brenda.

"We used a schedule similar to this at my old high school," said Mr. Brenda. "The idea wasn't just mine it was a combination of all the teachers in the math hallway; I'm just the one that brought it to Mr. Noble's attention."

Changes made to student council requirements

BY CHRISTINA PENDERY

Mr. Matt Brown, the new student council advisor, has made some changes for future student council members.

New requirements have been set for members of the student council. A member must have a 3.0 GPA or B average, participate in one club or be involved in one extracurricular activity, and meet the academic and discipline policy. This means a member is not absent or tardy frequently or not in PASS for discipline problems.

In the past there wasn't an actual set policy for members, students just nominated, according to Mrs. Mattingly.

These changes will make a better climate and a better relationship between students and faculty.

"I am looking forward to working with the student council," said Mr. Brown, who was selected by the administration to sponsor the student council.

Voting on final nominees should happen soon.

"Students will vote at the next homeroom, or possibly at lunch," said Mr. Brown.

Student council will meet every month on club day, during first part of fifth period.

Test scores lead to new math class

BY JAKE MINK

RCCHS seniors were offered a new math class this August that can help better prepare them for college-level math classes.

Aren't students prepared enough by taking the already required math classes? According to ACT test scores, the answer is no. The average score was 17.5. Only 14 % of RCCHS students met the benchmark for the math section of the ACT.

"A student must have a 22 on the math portion of their ACT to sign up for college algebra," says Mr. Scott Adams, chair of the math department at RCCHS.

If students do not score a 22 or higher they must take a math placement test. The score made on this test may put students into a

remedial math class, a non-credit class.

"We wanted to address the issue of students having to take non-credit math courses in college. Too many students have been going to college and taking prerequisite courses to college algebra," said Mr. Adams.

The new math class, according to Mr. Adams, will "review the content on the math placement exams."

The class will also include ACT review activities as well as a review of topics covered in previous classes

offered at RCCHS. The hope is that students will "get a greater understanding of that content, particularly the algebra content... and test-taking

strategies to help them improve their test scores," said Mr. Adams.

"I'm hopeful it will prepare the students for college courses. We want them to be successful in a credit bearing college algebra class," said Mrs. Jennifer Mattingly, RCCHS principal.

According to Mr. Adams, "Any 12th grade student can sign up for the class, however, the focus will be on helping students with less than a 22 math ACT sub-score."

The course lasts one semester. Three sections are being offered during the 2010 fall semester and one section will be offered during the spring semester.

This year's students had the option of choosing this class as an elective. Approximately 70 students signed up.

"I thought more would sign up, but I was still pleased by how many people did, considering that this was the class's first year," said Mrs. Mattingly.

"Too many students have been going to college and taking prerequisite courses to college algebra."



Senior Ronnie Denny prepares to dunk a basketball during the UNITE program held Friday, September 17.

School UNITE wins award

BY TYLER HOLMAN

Friday, September 17, RCCHS was awarded the most outstanding UNITE Club in the 5th Congressional district for the second year in a row.

The start of the program had some comedy with the UNITE mascots and high-flying action from SOAR (Sold Out and Ready), a small group from Liberty University out of Lynchburg, Virginia.

"They are a ministry group that travels the east coast to spread the word of Jesus Christ to students," said UNITE sponsor Nancy Hale.

The group members ran at a sprinted and bounded off a trampoline to dunk a basketball. Every time a spectacular dunk was thrown down, the RCCHS crowd went wild.

Mrs. Hale closed the program with a moving speech that focused on the influence that UNITE has made on people who are struggling with drug addiction.

Other area schools accepting awards were Rockcastle County Middle School and Mt. Vernon Elementary School.

What did you think about last month's UNITE program? How do you feel about the work UNITE does within the community? We would love to hear from you! Information regarding letters to the editor can be found on the back page.

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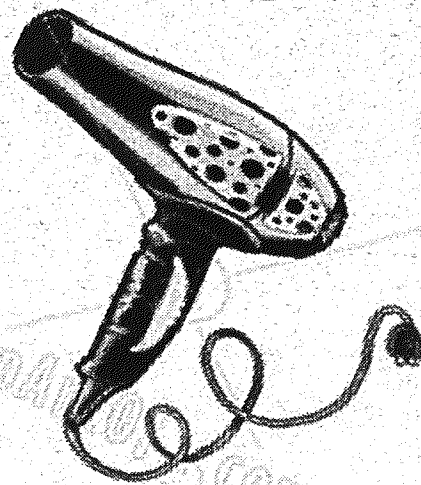
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Rockets look to redeem losses from last season

BY CARLY WINSTEAD

With redistricting next fall, the Rockets are hoping for a winning season this year.

Last year, the Rockets ended their season 5-7. Now, head coach Scott Parkey feels his team has what it takes to win and is focusing on practices to get ready.

"We are doing different blocking drills, advantage plays, action passing plays, and plays that involve faking the ball," said Parkey.

All of the teams this year will be competition for the Rock, but the

Rockets really need to watch out for the district games because they determine where the teams are in the play-offs.

District teams are Bell, Knox, Madison Southern, and McCreary.

"We go week by week with the games," said Coach Parkey.

When asked what one of the strengths this year's team has from last year's, Coach Parkey replied, "We have a good defensive front seven."

One thing holding the team

back this year is lack of experience on the field.

Two players this year were ranked in the top 50 juniors in Kentucky, Clarke Rowe, running back, and Ben Lake, line.

"I'm pretty thankful," said Rowe.

"It's pretty cool, said Lake.

The fans who come to the games should keep an eye out for these players, said Parkey.

Along with those players, seniors John Saylor and Corey Baker, and junior Zack Reams will be mak-

ing some big plays.

"Our biggest goal is the redemption of the losses. Our home play-off games we want to win," said Coach Parkey.



Seniors Allyson Washburn, Kayla Howard, and Shanlee Burton step forward to await the naming of the 2010 Jamboree Bowl Queen on Sept. 3.

Washburn named Jamboree Queen

BY KATIE COWAN

The Rockcastle County Rockets celebrated the 20th Anniversary of the Renfro Valley Jamboree Bowl on September 3. Every year seniors nominate several senior girls to participate in a running against one another to be named the Jamboree Bowl Queen.

Allyson Washburn, daughter of Louis and Sherri Cox of Mt. Vernon, was named the Jamboree Bowl Queen for 2010. Washburn

was crowned by Mrs. Kristy (Sargent) Parkey, who was the first Renfro Valley Jamboree Bowl Queen in 1990.

When asked about her experience of being crowned by the first Jamboree Bowl Queen Washburn answered, "It was a humbling experience, and I was very glad to be a part of it."

During half-time of the football game, the candidates and see "WASHBURN"

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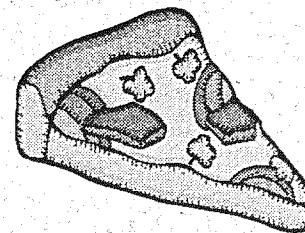
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Volleyball team hopes teamwork will lead to state

The Rockcastle volleyball team improved from a 14-12 season in 2009 to a 16-2 season so far this year.

Coach Bryant said that the key to the team's improvement was teamwork because it's not an individual sport. "It's a sport that is won by playing as a team."

"We have matured more, and we have gotten closer and used to each other," said Coach Bryant. "The girls also improved a lot over the off-summer, and the girls have more experience and some have picked up some leadership skills."

The volleyball team has been very successful. As of press time, the team had no region or district losses.

"It just shows me that the girls have matured, that they can play together and want to win. There

hasn't been a game where they have not gave their all," said Coach Bryant.

Coach Bryant also told that the Lady Rockets have a great opportunity to make it to state this year.

"There's no limit to this team. It's been the best volleyball team in the past couple years."

Senior Rachel Nicely agrees.

"This is the best team we've had in a long time," she said. "We have a great shot at making it to state if we continue to play our best."

The biggest strength to the team is their desire to win but the biggest need on an improvement is their ability to finish a game and put the opponent away, said Coach Bryant.

"The biggest threat to the Lady Rockets is Southwestern who we will be facing September 16, but I'm confident in the Lady Rockets winning districts. There is also a couple of new teams in the district, but we have played them before and know a little about them," said Coach Bryant.

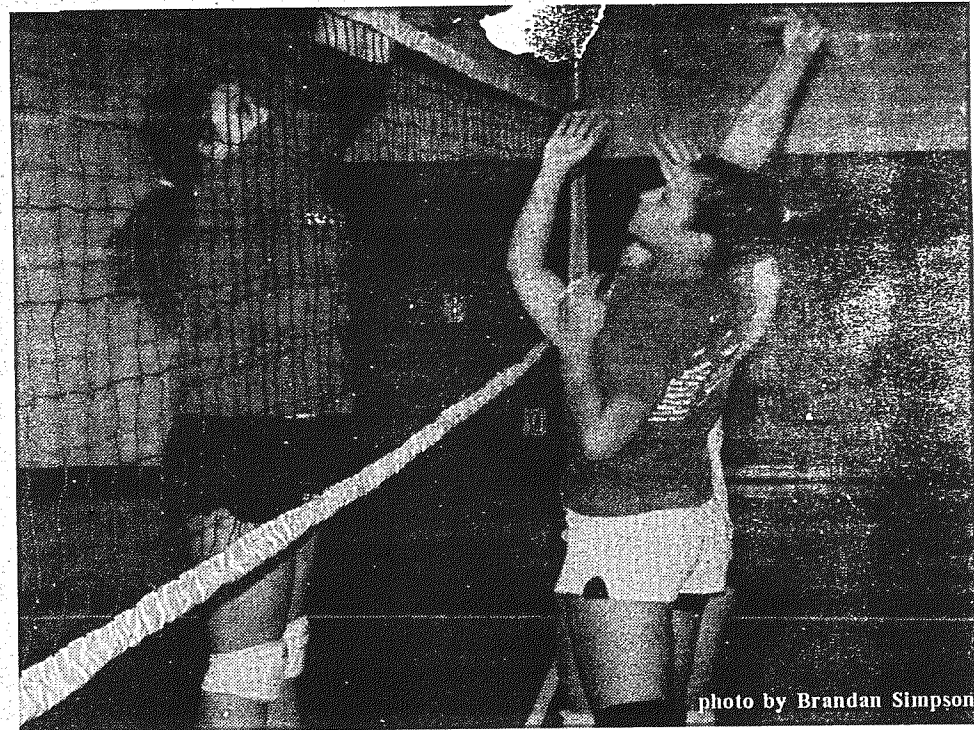
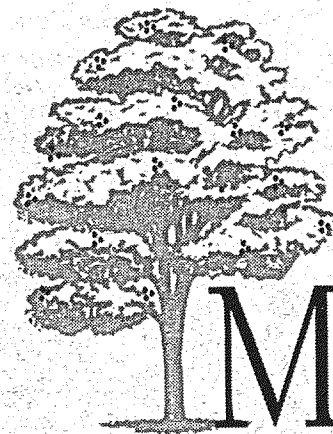


photo by Brandan Simpson

Sophomore Carly Asher goes to the net against ninth grader Nicolene Joenborg during volleyball practice.

"I'm very proud of the team this season. They have worked very hard and improved a lot. I can't

wait to see how this season goes," added Coach Bryant.



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First year difficult one for freshmen

BY CHELSEA PAYNE

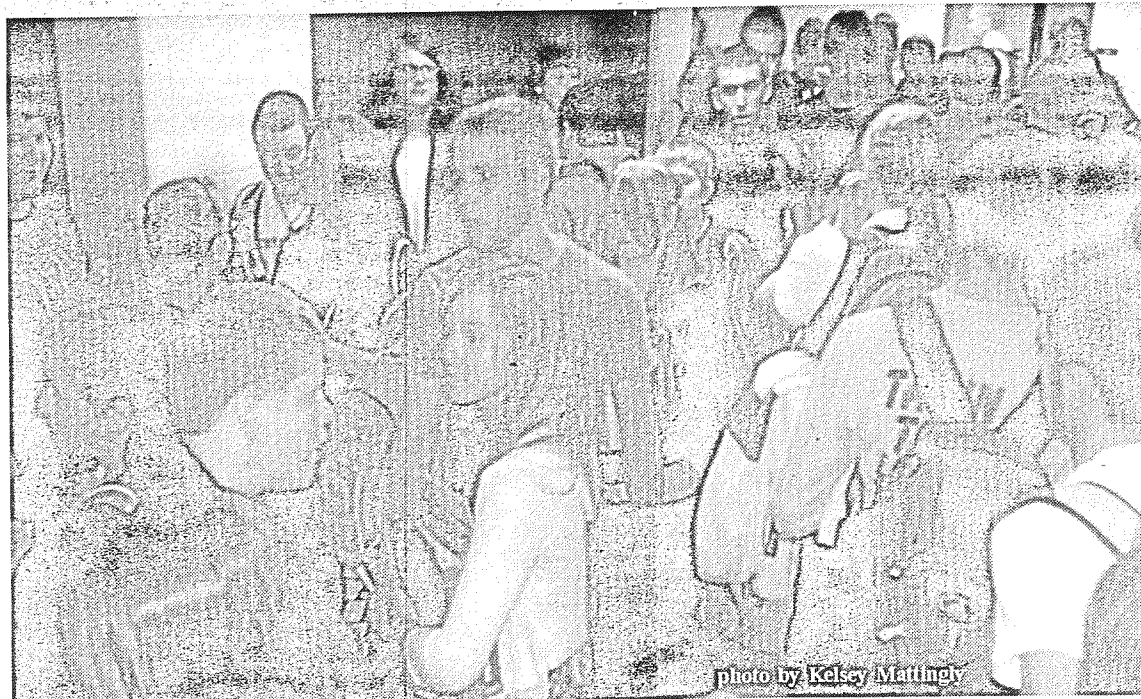
When coming into Rockcastle County High School, freshmen often struggle in many different ways. The changes they face are sometimes hard to deal with.

Freshmen face many changes during their freshmen year and experience different types of situations. These problems often affect a student personally and his/her work at school.

"Suddenly they went from being top dogs to being the youngest again. They come here with students who are more mature than them and there's all the boy-girl drama," said RCHS counselor Janice Miller, who works especially with freshmen and sophomores.

Freshmen are put in the Freshmen Academy. The freshmen academy is when freshmen students are scheduled within common classes in one wing of the building with dedicated teachers who are committed to addressing the needs of the 9th grade students. The reason is to create a personal atmosphere where these ninth graders are closely monitored and engaged. It is also to help improve attendance, reduce discipline, and increase performance on state assessments.

"I think the academy allows us to pay more attention to the



Students fill crowded the hallways of the freshmen academy wing after a class change.

students and their grades. It also helps us give students individual attention," said assistant principal and coordinator of the freshmen academy, Mrs. Ruth Hamilton.

Freshmen have a hard time the first year of high school dealing with the social aspects. Students don't have classes with all their friends, their friends change, they have boyfriend-girlfriend issues and they all meet new students and become in the cliques.

At RCHS, students get "freedoms" and "privileges". Some students have a hard time dealing

with this. It then affects them socially, academically and possibly leads to discipline issues.

Attendance is very important for success at RCHS. Teachers constantly remind students to come every day students can so they don't get behind and miss out on the curriculum.

"Students who have trouble with attendance in middle school most likely struggle with attendance in high school and it's a big problem," said Hamilton.

Freshmen are often classified as immature. Freshmen have

trouble with time management skills which affect their school work and their priorities.

"Some freshman think the first year is not as important as the other years of high school, but as a freshmen you have to build a strong foundation for the rest of your high school years to go on course; you must prepare now," said RCHS counselor Mrs. Angie Payne.

Freshmen are not the only ones who have trouble. New transfer students also have a difficult time.

"Breaking into all the cliques is hard. Just imagine walking into the lunch room and not knowing anyone" said Mrs. Miller.

Transfer students have problems dealing with how other people accept them for who they are. They have to make new friends and get to know there way around the school since it's a new setting to them.

Overall, freshmen deal with the drama issues, friend issues, the cliques, stress, attendance, school work and the extra freedom they have at RCHS.

RCHS students have many people at the high school who are more than willing to help students having trouble or who just need someone to talk to and listen to them. Mrs. Payne said she will do her best to assist any students and if she feels they need other support systems in place, she will refer them to get exactly what they need.

How did you feel as a freshman? Do you think RCHS does enough to help incoming students? We'd love to hear what you think! See our back page for info on writing a letter to the editor.

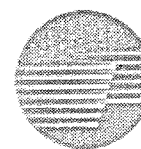
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Most common college questions answered

BY DALTON HUTTON

A new school year has started for RCHS which means a whole new senior class has arrived. Already, questions are beginning to circulate on the subject of college. Who do I go to for advice about college? How do I find information about scholarships?

If there is ever a question about college, the ideal person to go to is school counselor Dale Whitaker. He is the guru on colleges and universities. Mr. Whitaker has tips that will answer questions for the class of 2011.

When do I need to start thinking about college?

The beginning of senior year would be the best time to start getting serious about higher education, according to Mr. Whitaker.

The process of searching for the perfect university really starts around September. At this time seniors should have a list of at least 3 universities of their choice.

Preferably, they will have a choice of a small school like Cumberland, as well as larger schools like Western Kentucky University or the University of Kentucky.

What is the most important factor in selecting a college?

Many students may think that tuition is the main fact when it comes to choosing a school, but that not the case.

"Programs offered," said Mr. Whitaker "It's the one factor that drives the others."

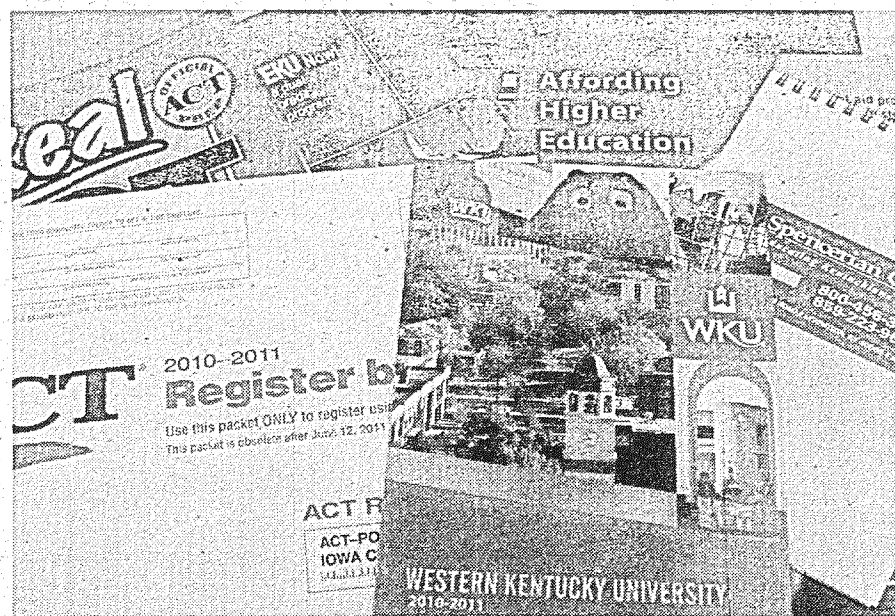
The four main factors of choosing a college or university are programs offered, school size, location, and tuition. Without the program needed there would be no reason to apply to that school, the other factors wouldn't matter.

"Do not let money get in the way of you and your choice of a university," said Mr. Whitaker. "That is what scholarships are for. Just focus on if the college has what major you are looking for."

How do I get scholarships?

"The best way to get information about scholarships is going to the website of a university of your choice," said Whitaker. They should have all the information you need about applying for that certain scholarship. According to Mr. Whitaker, scholarship information will most likely be on the university's home page. If not, it will be on the school's calendar.

Also, fastweb.com is another website that can help seniors find information on scholarship opportunities, according to Mr. Whitaker. Fastweb.com is a government based website with information on scholarships.



Is the ACT important for me to take?

"Yes, it is very important," said Mr. Whitaker.

The ACT is a way that universities narrow down the process of applications, the higher the score the better the chance of getting accepted into the

university. Also, the higher an ACT score the more money that can be gained through scholarship opportunities.

"If there are any questions you should feel more than welcome to come to me and talk about college," said Whitaker.

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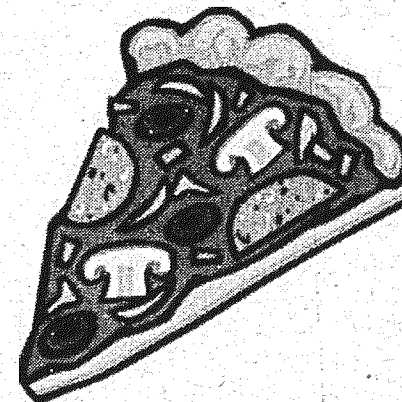
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The following story was based on a real interview. However, Matt Poyle is NOT, we repeat NOT, Justin Bieber!

Freshman admits to Hannah Montana/Miley-like cover up!!

BY KELSEY MATTINGLY

Tweens all across the globe dream of international pop heart-throb, Justin Bieber, singing to them as his 'Baby, Baby, Baby.' But for the students of Rockcastle County High School, their shot at a chance with the teen-sensation Bieber could be just a class-change away!

Finally, one of their fellow students is ready to open-up about the struggles of living a double life, and why he decided it was time for a change.

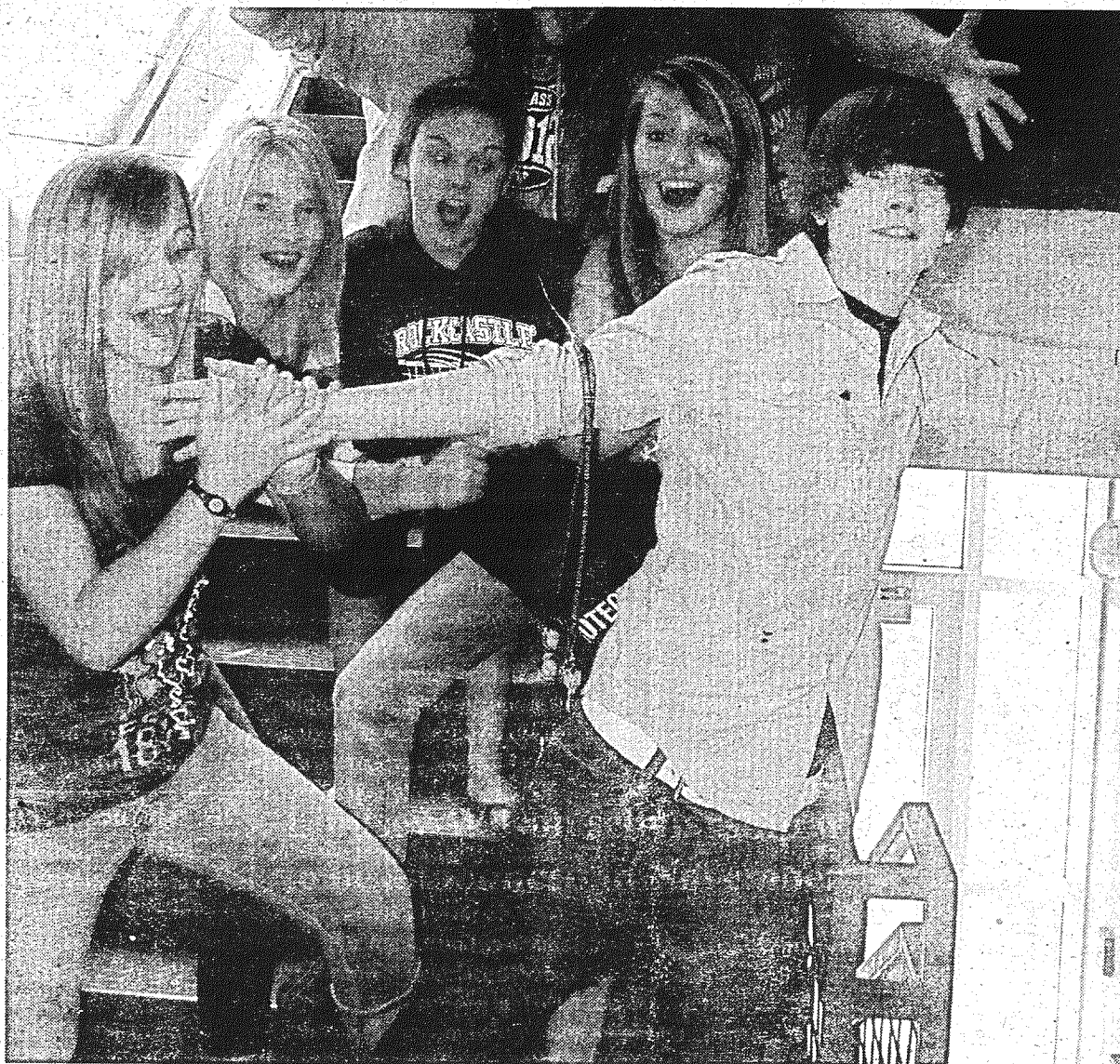
If you've been paying attention to the most popular music styles and rising stars, then you've most likely heard of Justin Bieber. The 16 year old Canadian music star has traveled all over the world serenading many teenagers, and sometimes even their parents!

One thing any Bieber Mega-Fan certainly couldn't tell you however, is the fact that he has been living a double life ever since his rise to stardom. But recently, Matt Poyle, a student attending a small-town high school, decided it was time to start living the life he always dreamed of. Just as himself.

"Yes, it's hard keeping the secret. I'm just playing along." Matt Poyle, freshman at RCHS, stated.

"It would be better I guess if people knew the real me. Matt Poyle - not the 'Justin Bieber,'" said Poyle.

"My stage name is Justin Bieber. My name, by birth, is Matt Poyle. We did the whole, 'Hannah-



Freshman Matt Poyle, also known as singing sensation Justin Bieber, is mobbed by young girls on the staircase at RCHS.

Miley/Justin-Matt' thing when I started to become famous."

People who have suspected that Matt Poyle contains qualities similar to those of Bieber have already begun to 'stalk' Poyle!

"One girl followed me from my engineering class all the way out the door... she wouldn't shut up!" Poyle said this about his 'first day of high school stalker.'

Poyle, similar to Miley Cyrus of the show 'Hannah Montana'

has struggled with keeping his secret in many ways. Whether it's autographs or signatures, or even a Wal-Mart mistake, he claims it's been a tough road.

"Sydney Arvin once asked me to sign something, but instead of

signing Matt Poyle, I signed Justin Bieber. Before now, she was the only one who knew my secret," Poyle spoke about his first and only secret keeper.

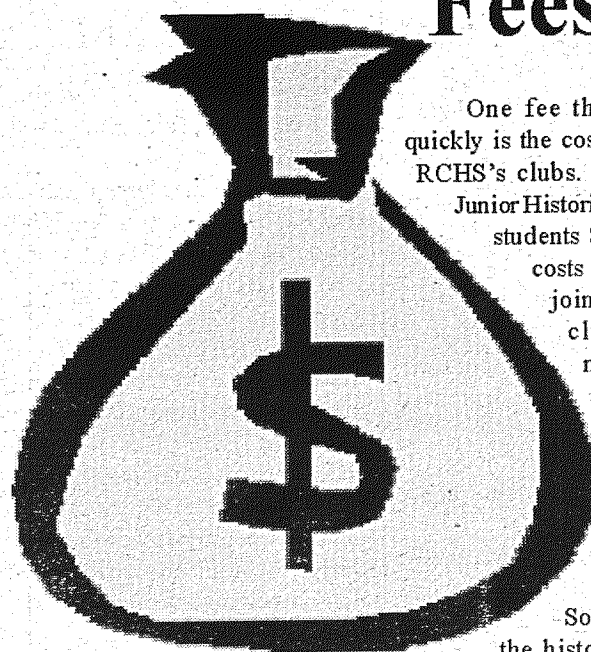
"I have nicknames like J.B. or Justin. People don't usually call me by my real name, because they don't know my real name." Students still pick on Poyle for looking similar to Bieber, not knowing that they are in fact one-in-the-same.

During our interview, Poyle told me of the time when he was just on an outing, when someone spotted him and almost compromised his identity.

"Me and one of my friends, we walked into Wal-Mart and I saw this elderly woman that rolled in on her electric wheelchair and just rolled right back out and grabbed her grandchildren and started yelling that I was Justin Bieber. The kids thought I was too. She (the elderly woman) wanted to touch my hair... it was creepy. I was out as myself, Matt Poyle, when it happened, so I had to say no, I wasn't and hide in the tire section until they left," Poyle stated about his Wal-Mart escape.

Poyle is, "tired of being two people," and ready for a change. So, students of RCHS, next time you do a double-take of Poyle, wondering, "could it really be Justin Bieber!?" now you'll know - it's the real thing. 'You smile, he'll smile.'

Fees add up fast for RCHS students



One fee that can add up quickly is the cost to join one of RCHS's clubs. For example, Junior Historical Society costs students \$15 and Y Club costs another \$20. To join just those two clubs students must pay \$35.

Where does that money go?

"Of the \$15 fee for Junior Historical Society, \$10 goes to the historical society in

Frankfort and is used to get each member a card to get in free into any historical site or museum. The other \$5 goes into the club account," said club sponsor Mrs. Holly Robinson.

Y Club dues pay registration in the official state office. The rest

helps pay transportation costs, said Mrs. Robinson, who also co-sponsors Y Club.

Some students may think some of the money goes to the school, but that's not true.

The money is to keep the club functioning and to pay for trips and food. For example, Math Club's annual trip to King's Island is paid in part by the club sign-up fee.

Club fees are just one way students empty their pockets. If students want a locker, there's a fee for that, too. Also, students who drive must pay for a parking pass.

"The money for lockers helps pay for maintenance and the parking pass money goes to pay for new passes the following year," said Mrs. Sondra Mullins, who oversees the school's financial records and accounts.

So in the end these fees help the students more than the school for it is the students that are in the

clubs and are using the lockers and using the parking passes.

Something that most don't think about till the end of the year is the lost text book fees. When a student loses one of the textbooks they have to repay the \$40 or more fee to replace the book.

According to Mrs. Mullins, the money is returned to the student if the lost textbook is found and returned, whether it's a student's first year or senior year of high school.

But what happens to the money if the book is never found?

The money goes into the cost of either ordering new books or ordering a replacement book, said Mrs. Mullins.

One time students won't get their money back is if they lose their driving privileges. Mrs. Mullins compared it to losing a drivers license.

"When a person loses his license, that person doesn't get the money from buying it back: They have to wait and go buy a new one. So the thing is that the school isn't responsible for the misdeed that the student did."

How much do you pay for club dues or other school related fees? We'd love to hear from you about this or any other stories in this issue! See the back page for info on how to contact the paper.

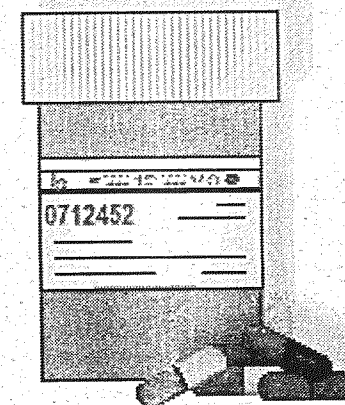
BY JAKE MINK

Parking passes, lockers, clubs. The cost can add up quickly for the average high school student to just exist in school, and many students may wonder why a locker should cost—well, anything.

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their escorts were introduced one by one. The top 3 candidates with the most votes from the student body were Shanlee Burton, Kayla Howard, and Allyson Washburn.

In addition to the top three, other candidates for Jamboree Bowl Queen were Taylor Anderkin, Jessica Albright, Candace Damrell, Jennifer Hackworth, Mallory Harper, Angie Lawrence, Amelia Smith, and Regan White.

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only 14% met the Math benchmark, and only 10% made the goal in Science. Even though scores in reading improved, the majority of seniors did not meet the benchmarks.

RCHS principal Mrs. Jennifer Mattingly said the scores could be much better.

"Those scores are just not us," she said. "I don't know what happened, but I know that we should have done better."

The question is where does RCHS go from here? How can the school improve scores?

"We are working on many things to better scores," said Ms. Mattingly. "Since math was the lowest scored area in the ACT we are having freshmen, sophomore, and junior math class teachers do review every day."

Students in Ms. Lana West's math class are spending the first

minutes of class practicing prior ACT questions.

"We are trying our best to prepare this year's juniors to be ready for the ACT in the spring," said Ms. West.

The junior class is also learning test taking strategies for the ACT.

Another effort to improve scores, and college readiness, is a new math elective. The class can help students who didn't reach the benchmark in math. The college math readiness class covers areas such as Algebra 1 and 2, as well as geometry.

Perhaps the main reason for the lower scores is that many of the students don't feel comfortable when taking tests. They become very anxious and forget basic test taking skills, said Mrs. Mattingly.

"We must fix this problem. The only way to better our scores is to practice taking the test."

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Textbooks are also an issue in Castle's classes.

The resources such as text books that students use to learn how to use the software are outdated. In Desktop Publishing, students use Microsoft Word 2007 and there is no text book students can use for a guide. Students must learn from taking notes and primarily from Castle's demonstrations.

Castle manages her classes more efficiently but with some limitations.

"The task of preparing our students for life after high school becomes even more challenging when we don't have the resources we need to prepare them to the full extent," said Castle.

Castle's classes at RATC are not the only area affected.

RATC is occupied by the state, therefore the staff is state employed.

The Department of Education is requiring schools like RATC to close one day in each month from September to May, as part of the plan to implement six furlough days. A furlough day is a day that state employees will not report to work and won't get paid.

"Because we are state employed, the furlough days will cause RATC teachers to lose \$1100 to \$1500 this year! It's a financial strain for all of us," said Mr. Baker.

RCHS is facing budget problems, too. However, the high school's budget works differently from RATC's.

RCHS gets money based on the enrollment of students in the school. RCHS has a budget committee that over-see the distribution of the budget money. Teachers within RCHS request how much money they feel they need for the year for their classes. They then give RCHS principal Jennifer Mattingly this information. She then passes the information on to the budget committee.

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them out of the sun," said Coach Parkey.

There are measures taken by the KHSAA (Kentucky High School Athletic Association) as well as the coaches themselves.

"We must follow the KHSAA Guidelines, such as numerous mandatory water breaks, and practice cancellations" at a heat index of over 103 degrees, according to Mr. Noble.

"We keep documentation on heat, temperature and humidity daily through the middle of September and turn it into the KHSAA," said Coach Parkey.

Although there are many rules and restrictions when it comes to practicing, in the end the ultimate decision to practice is the coach's.

"We put a lot of faith in our coaches that they will follow the guidelines," Mr. Noble said.

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Families as partners ensures that students' parents and guardians are aware of how they can help their child succeed. Many of the parents may not have gone to college so they don't know how to help their kids prep, fill out applications, and research colleges.

Gear-Up spends \$7,650 on printing and getting together monthly newsletters, providing financial aid on trips, and other family-friendly workshops.

Ms. Nancy Hale is the head of GEAR-UP at Rockcastle County High School, and is willing to endure the stress of writing grants to help these kids in any way she can.

"These kids don't think about all the stuff they [GEAR-UP] do for us," Ms. Hale said.

What will happen when GEAR-UP is gone? Will test scores drop? How will students be affected? Only time will tell what the future without GEAR-UP holds for Rockcastle County Schools.

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