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Mt. Vernon City Council Meeting rescheduled

Due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday on this past Monday, the City of Mt. Vernon council meeting has rescheduled to Monday, January 24th at 7 p.m.

Junior Pro and RCMS basketball teams being honored this Friday night

Rockcastle County Jr. Pro teams, as well as the coaches and players for the RCMS basketball teams will be honored at the doubleheader this Friday night.

Players and coaches of the Junior Pro League, including K-1 boys, and the RCMS basketball teams will be introduced during halftime of the second game.

All coaches and players who wear their jerseys will receive free admission to the games.

The first game (RCHS girls vs. Casey County girls) will tip-off at 6:30 and game two will feature the Rockets against the Rebel boys team with tip-off at approximately 8:00 p.m.



The Rockcastle County Lady Rockets are now ranked #2 in the state according to two separate polls. Miss Kentucky Basketball candidate and senior Sara Hammond leads the charge for the Lady Rockets, scoring 22 against the visiting Wayne County Lady Cardinals Tuesday night.

Allen sentenced last Friday to 24 years after guilty plea

Eddy F. Montgomery, Commonwealth Attorney for Rockcastle, Lincoln and Pulaski Counties, announced Wednesday that, Michael Allen, 29, of Mt. Vernon, was sentenced, on January 19th, in connection with a motor ve-

hicle collision that left one woman dead and her passenger seriously injured.

According to Asst. Commonwealth Attorney, Jeremy A. Bartley, who handled the prosecution, Allen was sentenced

following his plea of guilty to Manslaughter, Second Degree and Assault, Second Degree.

According to court records, on September, 2009, Allen crossed the center line, on U.S. 25 South in Mt. Vernon, in

his pick-up truck and collided with a car operated by Juanita Davis. Becky Davis, the granddaughter of Ms. Juanita Davis, was a passenger in the car. Juanita Davis was killed in the crash. Becky Davis received serious injuries.

Circuit Judge Jeffrey T. Burdette allowed Allen to address the court. Allen apologized to the Davis family, as well as his own family, the prosecution and the court.

Arguing for the imposition of the sentence, Bartley drew a sharp distinction between the choices Allen had made

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Students have specific interest in drug testing bill introduced by Napier

For the past two years, students at Rockcastle County Middle School have presented a bill during their Kentucky Youth Assembly to require welfare recipients to undergo random drug testing.

Even though the bills the students introduced were "mock bills," Kentucky State Representative Lonnie Napier (R-Lancaster) has introduced into the real House a similar one, House Bill 208.

This should be an exciting time for students to see how the legislative process works, especially since one piece of legislation is eerily similar to their own brainchild.

RCMS students Alaina Coguier, Rachel Cain, Kayla Cromer, Brianna Mink and Cheyenne Gilliam introduced a bill at the 2009 and 2010 KYA stating that Kentucky residents who received 50% of their income from state assistance would be subject to

random drug testing. If the person tested positive for illegal drug use, they would lose their state assistance and any minor children would be removed to protective services.

Representative Napier's bill, which has the backing of House Speaker Greg Stumbo, would also require random drug testing of adult Kentuckians who receive food stamps, Medicaid or other state assistance.

Also in Napier's version, which he plans to alter when the legislature resumes February 1, adults on welfare who test positive for drugs would lose their assistance, but could get it back by passing a drug test at a later date.

Even though the bills introduced by the students at KYA did not get out of committee, they are still very interested in seeing its fate in the Kentucky legislature. "I am anxious to see how far the bill gets in the real legis-

lature," said 8th grader Alaina Coguier. "I'm hoping that the adults in congress take it more seriously than the kids did at KYA."

Grand Jury hands down 13 indictments

By: Sara Coguier

The Rockcastle County Grand Jury handed down indictments against twelve people Friday, January 14th -- Four on multiple charges.

Lisa Baugh, 27, of Eubank was named in two indictments on two separate charges, stemming from arrests by the Rockcastle Sheriffs Department in May, 2010. She was indicted on one count each of committing the offense of trafficking in a controlled substance, by selling Oxycodone, a schedule II controlled substance to a confidential informant. Bond was set at \$25,000 cash/property for each indictment.

Tammy McCormick, 37, of Livingston, was indicted on one count of committing the offense of trafficking in a controlled substance, by selling Methamphetamine, a

schedule II controlled substance to a confidential informant. Bond was set for McCormick at \$25,000 cash/property.

James S. Bradley, 46, of Livingston was indicted, following an arrest on June 11, 2010, for trafficking in a controlled substance, by selling Oxycodone to a confidential informant. His bond was set at \$25,000 cash/property.

Bobby Hensley, 28, of Orlando, was indicted for receiving stolen property by having in his possession property belonging to Lisa Willis Lamb of a value of over \$500 and knowing it to have been stolen. Hensley's bond was set at \$10,000 cash/property.

Arthur Bailey, 32, of Mt. Vernon was indicted on one count of trafficking in a controlled sub-

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RCIDA discusses several items at regular meeting

By: Sara Coguier

In their regular monthly meeting, the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority discussed several items of business, including an update on their budget and the South Park business complex.

The authority has spent 78% of its appropriated yearly budget, for personnel, operating expenses, administration and debt services totaling \$698,946.25.

They had estimated receipts of \$898,096 for the fiscal year, including revenue from the county for their portion of the occupational tax, the lease from Sourcecorp and a cash balance of \$356,000 as of July 1, 2010.

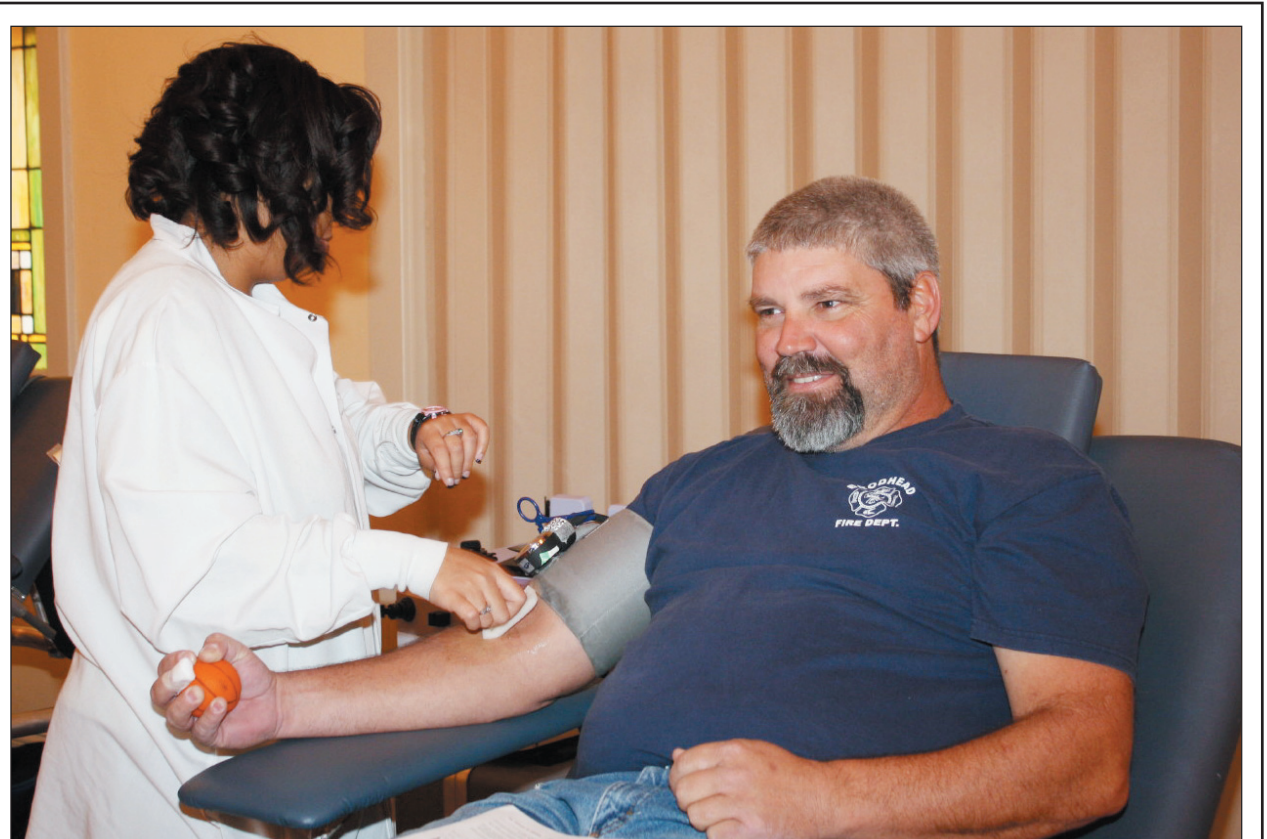
In other business, work is ongoing at the South Park business complex, with the authority beginning to complete the final touches to the park, including adding signage to the front entrance on Hwy. 150 and the side

entrance on White Rock Road, as well as landscaping around Sourcecorp.

The RCIDA Audit Committee reported that an audit had been completed, in conjunction with an audit of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, and the only finding was of a lack of adequate segregation of duties over some accounting functions.

The newly formed committee responded to the recommendation in the following manner: "In the short term the RCIDA Board realizes that this is not ideal, however we are managing the risk with monthly oversight of the financial statements at our regular board meetings as well as the implementation of our Audit and Finance Committees. In the long term, our goal will be to shift some of this process over to our newly hired

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Tim Albright, of Brodhead, was one of 17 people who gave blood at a drive at Brodhead Baptist Church. The Central Kentucky Blood Center will be hosting three blood drives in the Crab Orchard area on April 21st, July 28th and October 20th. Other blood drives for Rockcastle County are also in the works.

Ramblings . . .

A New Generation
by:
Sara Coguer, Editor



First off, I must apologize to newly elected magistrate Gary Burdette. I reported a couple of weeks ago that he was a retired farmer, and my information was incorrect. Magistrate Burdette is not retired, and I apologize for that error.

I was pleasantly surprised to see the headline in Monday's *Herald-Leader* about Representative Lonnie Napier's House Bill 208, requiring random drug testing for people on welfare.

The main reason is because my daughter Alaina, Rachel Cain, and Kayla Cromer introduced a very similar bill at KYA when they were seventh graders, and another group, including Cromer, Brianna Mink and Cheyenne Gilliam did the same their 8th grade year.

I hope the girls feel a little vindicated with this "real" legislation being introduced, because their bills went nowhere at KYA -- killed in committee. You go girls!

I have to admit that I am struggling with reading *The Power of a Positive Mom*. I received some encouraging emails from other mothers who were going to read it too, and I am just ashamed that I have only read one more chapter since I last spoke of it.

I can make all kinds of excuses about why I haven't read more of it, but the truth is it makes me feel bad because most of the time I do just the exact opposite of what it says to do. Who wants that guilt trip!

Honestly, I couldn't decide what to write about in my column this week so I thought, hey, read another chapter of the book, that ought to give you plenty to talk about and sure enough here I am.

Chapter three is about the power of positive words. I can't even use the excuse that I didn't know better, like so many grandmothers nowadays want to say about their own poor parenting skills back in the day.

If I have heard, "well, we just didn't know any better

back then" one time, I have heard it fifty. Really? I find that hard to believe, but whatever works for you.

I do know better, but that sinful nature just keeps getting the best of me, and I often speak before I think. I have told my children and a lot of my former students countless times, just because it comes into your head, doesn't mean it has to come out of your mouth. Boy, do I need to heed my own advice!

And isn't the Lord's timing amazing. Just last night, before I read the chapter on positive words, Jason and I (I'm not about to leave him out of this) spent a good hour berating Alaina on her less than stellar performance in her basketball game.

Sadly in our family, there are no good cops. I know a lot of parents play good cop/bad cop with their kids, and we do too. However, when it comes to basketball, we don't.

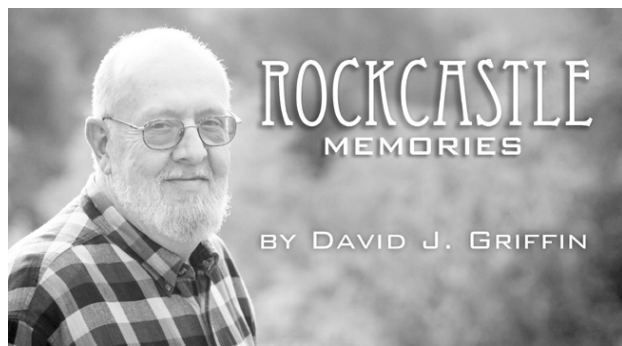
Jason really does know a lot about how to play and I like to think I do, so we are pretty much on the same side - which is usually against the kid. When one takes a breath, the other usually starts back in, and it's not very positive. So imagine my guilt when I read that chapter after that ballgame.

Of course, it's all Alaina's fault, if she had only played well I could have poured praise down upon her and she could have gone to bed feeling like a million bucks, but no . . .

I'm joking of course, Jason and I take full responsibility for our horrible parenting skills, and I have decided to get another copy of *The Power of a Positive Mom* and we (Jason and I) are going to begin a book study. Hey, he loves to inform everyone that he is the PCG (primary care giver) in our family, so I think he should have to share some of the guilt.

I know there is probably a father's version out there, but I mostly find those to be fluff. They tell men to "be men" and listen and lead and

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Remembering good teachers

Last week I was honored by being named as chair of the Powell County Board of Education. After returning home, I started to reflect on how a rascal of a boy from Rockcastle County could achieve such a high honor. In considering how this success was possible, I came to the conclusion that my entire educational experience (student - teacher - board member) was directly related to the excellent teachers that I had in Rockcastle County many years ago.

My education started at Mt. Vernon Elementary School, where I experienced several of my best teachers. I am hesitant to single out which teachers were the most talented because time and space does not allow me to list every teacher who had an influence on my eventual adult outcome.

I was blessed to sit in the classes of many very good instructors who had a variety of talents that shaped my educational experience. Mary Ellen (Hansel) Rhoney expressed it best, "We attended a 'one horse school' that produced a great many well rounded and successful individuals. Our teachers taught the basic subjects so well. We were certainly blessed with our educational experiences."

One of the first teachers who made an impression on me was Ms. Alza Mitchell, who taught my 5th grade class. One reason that I consider her to be one of my best was because I was scared to death of her. She absolutely allowed no foolishness in her class. She was responsible for teaching me the multiplication tables, and she taught them well! I had started dreading those tables when I was in the third grade.

Another teacher who influenced my life was Ms. Dorothy Landrum. She was absolutely the finest science teacher of her day. In addition to having expert knowledge of her subject, she also had sound classroom-management skills. No horseplay was even considered in her presence.

When contemplating a column about my favorite teachers, I also decided to call several of my school friends and get the names of their choice instructors. The following also listed Ms. Landrum as being at the top of their lists: Mary Ellen, Sandy (Murrell) Ruter, Patsy (Cummins) Barnett, Eva Griffin, and Marty (Sowder) Cox.

My sister-in-law, Eva, discussed her impression of Mrs. Landrum in this way, "She was a very cordial and gracious person. You could always talk to her, but she

was all business in the classroom." I completely agreed with Eva. There was never a discipline problem in her class because there was never an idle moment. She was always on task and taught her classes from bell to bell.

Marty Cox also listed Jack Adams (Band Instructor) as one of her favorite teachers. She said, "He was an excellent band instructor because he would not accept anything but your best."

Mary Ellen was a fan of Cleston Saylor. She explained, "Mr. Saylor made English come alive for me. He made us learn the parts of speech and had us 'diagram' sentences until we knew those parts of speech and how to use them well. I guess I learned more under him than any other teacher I had at Mt. Vernon."

Sandy Ruter got her education off to a good start because she listed her first grade teacher, Mrs. Marie Kruger, as being her favorite teacher of all time. "She was just so sweet," Sandy said.

My cousin Patsy Barnett agreed with me concerning Ms. Mitchell. Patsy recalled, "She made an impression on you. She emphasized discipline and always had order in her class. She took us from elementary school to middle school."

Lloyd Fain expressed his favorite as being Billy Hiatt. Lloyd said, "I had Mr. Hiatt in the eighth grade as my math teacher. He was not only a good teacher but a good man also."

All of the teachers named above had a love for the classroom. I find it amazing that none of them had electronic gadgets, smart boards, ample resource materials, video cassette recorders, classroom televisions, or even a wealth of library materials to assist them in teaching their classes. They knew the material and how to impart that knowledge to us, whether we wanted to learn or not. By the end of the semester we had learned the material, and we carried that knowledge with us throughout our lives.

As I get older, I am grate-

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Points East

By Ike Adams



We have a Maine Coon cat who rode home from the pet store in my coat pocket as a kitten just before Christmas in 2007. It was one of those deals where the breeder found imperfections in her markings or whatever and she was not fit material for a cat show. She could not be registered and part of the deal was that she had to be "fixed" when she was six months old. So the guys at the pet store had marked her down to ten bucks.

Months earlier, our old Siamese cat, Socrates, had passed to the great beyond just before he turned his 18th year on earth and Loretta had sworn that she would never have another cat in the house. (Too much mourning and sense of loss when they die. Too much turmoil of the heart)

But I kept asking her; "What is a house if it doesn't have a cat in it?" And she had no easy answer.

As long time readers already know, I have this keen superstition about mentioning pets by their first names in the paper because they seem to suffer a quick demise every time I do so. Which is why I am not mentioning our current feline by her given name. So, for editorial purposes let's just call her Underfoot Pussyfoot. Or UP for short.

We had gone into the pet store to get fish food for Lo's aquariums and I saw UP hunkered in a corner away from the other kittens in the cage. She was not as big as my fist. I reached in and picked her up, much to the amazement of the store owners who swore that she was ultra human-shy and basically untouchable. But she took to me like apple butter to biscuits and she cuddled in the crook of my

arm as we walked about the store. I suppose that I should say here that my wife has never seen a tropical fish that did not interest her which means that the shopping around took half an hour.

In the meantime, UP had gone to sleep there at my elbow and she and I had quietly fallen in love.

So, finally, I told Loretta that all I wanted for Christmas was this kitten and she finally acquiesced.

UP is now well over three years old and still growing and she is stunningly beautiful. The book says that Maine Coons grow until they are five years old. It also says that they are not lap cats, highly independent, but that they like to be around to "help" you do whatever it is that you are up to. In my case, UP is my constant on-site consultant whenever I'm doing anything inside the house. If I get up at night for any reason, she is immediately on my heel. UP fits the cat book description of Maine Coon from attitude down to the photo illustration.

When I am writing or checking email, she is never more than three feet away and her eyes follow my fingers on the keyboard. When I kick back on the couch to read, she sits atop the back behind my shoulder to make sure that I don't miss a word. When we take meals in the kitchen, she sits on the floor nearby to make sure that Loretta and I clean our plates. She doesn't beg unless she is hungry or if we are having fish for dinner and then she wants Purina in her food bowl.

Come bedtime, she either sleeps beside my shoes or

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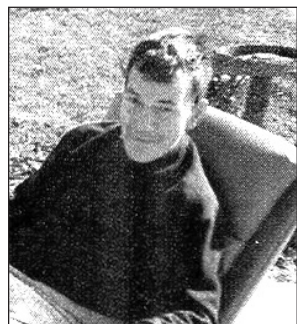
Lee Stokes

Lee Stokes, 47, of Orlando died Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born November 8, 1963 in Ohio, the son of the late Roy and Edith Stokes. He had been a mechanic for Portman Equipment and was a former Marine.

Survivors include four brothers, Roy Stokes, Jr. of Tucson, Ariz., James Stokes of Palmdale, Calif., PAH Ruhe of Springfield, OH and John Ruhe of Hamilton, OH and one sister, Stella Friend of Toledo, OH.

Funeral services were held Thursday, January 13, 2011 at Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Charles Shelton officiating. Burial followed in Johnetta Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Clarence Owens, Jack Navarre, Brian Castleberry, Mitchell Radar, Bill Walter and Tony Bullock.



Donald Lee Graves

Donald Lee Graves, 66, of Sand Springs died Tuesday, January 11, 2011 in Hopkinsville after a long illness. He was born May 18, 1944 in Rockcastle County, the son of the late Bob and Lula McLemore Graves. He had attended the First Church of Jesus Christ at Sand Springs.

Survivors are three brothers, Charles Graves of Brodhead, Shelby Graves of Sand Springs and Burl (Karen) Graves of Reading, Ohio and one sister, Irene (Fred) McFerron of Brodhead.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Jane Wells Graves, one daughter, Dawn Renae Graves and four brothers, George, Roy, Jack and infant brother, Billy Graves.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 15, 2011 at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Tony Shelton officiating. Burial followed in Skaggs Creek Cemetery.

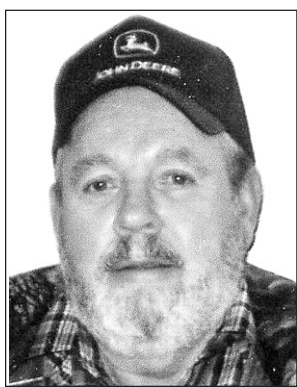
Pallbearers were: Bill Graves, Jerry Graves, Nelson Graves, Travis Graves, Dennis Graves and Anthony Graves.

Card of Thanks William Bill Mullins

The family of William Bill (Buzzie) Mullins would like to extend our special thanks to family and friends for their visits, the beautiful flowers and most of all the many prayers and the love and support shown during the recent illness and loss of our dear loved one. A special thanks Rev. Jack Martin for the wonderful words, Gevine Rice for the beautiful song and Lakes Funeral Home for being there for the family. I want to thank the Three Links Church for the food and prayers during our time of loss.

A special Thanks to the faculty at Hospice for the compassionate care, comforting words and tender care will never be forgotten. May God Bless everyone,

Sincerely, The Family of William Bill Mullins



James Thomas

James "Richard" Thomas, 70, died Friday, January 14, 2011 after a battle with cancer. He was born on May 6, 1945 to the late Lillie Mae Brooks Thomas and Everett Thomas. He was a Madison and Rockcastle native all of his life and a member of

Conway Missionary Baptist Church. He joined the United States Air force in 1965 where he was stationed in Greenland and Plattsburgh, NY where he met his wife Sandi. He came back to Kentucky in 1969 and was a self-employed truck driver for 15 years. He retired after 26 1/2 yrs. from the Bluegrass Army Depot as a locomotive engineer. He was an avid fisherman and very talented wood worker. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. His greatest joys in life where spending time with his wife, children and especially his grandchildren.

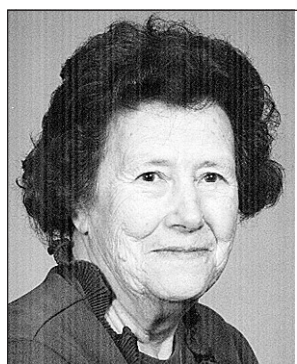
He is survived by: his loving wife of 44 years, Sandra "Sandi" Stearns Thomas; his children, James "Jimmy" Richard Thomas Jr. of Waco and Leigh Ann and Tom Mosier of Cartersville; and his grandchildren, Kaleb Thomas, and Kara Joan Mosier. Also surviving are: two sisters, Juanita Coleman of Liberty and Barbara (Sonny) Bennett of Mt. Vernon; a brother Paul (Phyllis) Thomas of Berea; and a best friend who was like a brother, Ronnie Burdett of Green Hill. Also, a very special sister in law, Florence Frensh of New York. Also surviving are: his Aunts Elizabeth Thomas, Gladys Laws, Thursie Carpenter, and Catherine Pingleton; and numerous nieces nephews and other family.

Services were held Wednesday January 19, 2011 at White Lick Baptist Church with Rev. Ed Hubbard officiating. Burial was in the Scaffold Cane Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Tim Burdett, Emory Moon, Don Bradley, Johnny Abrams, James Kelly, and Gary Miracle II.

Honorary pallbearers were: Ronnie Burdett, George (Georgie) Coleman, Dee Thomas, Lloyd Bennett, Sonny Bennett, William (Tubby) Leger, Peggy Angel, Mike Parsons, Rick Mullins, Lynn Horseman, Shannon Parkerson, Johnny King, and Otis Sandlin.

In lieu of flowers make donations to the Hospice Care Plus in memory of Richard Thomas.
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Mossie Noe Sowder

Mossie Noe Sowder, 102, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, January 16, 2011 at her home. She was born on October 7, 1908 in Wallins Creek, the daughter of the late Green and Minty Jane Blanton Noe. She had been a farmer and was a Kentucky Colonel.

Survivors are: one son, Leroy Sowder of Cincinnati, OH; six grandchildren, Ralph Sowder, Mike Sowder, Linda Burdette, Donna Sowder, Kay Abney, and Debbie Ray; 13 great grandchildren; and one brother, Wilse Noe of Brodhead. She was preceded in death by: two half sisters, Alfeir Noe and Sona Hooker; and four brothers, Jarve, William, Grant, and John D. Noe.

Services were held Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at the Freedom Baptist church with Bros. Albert McKinney and David Sargent officiating. Burial was in Freedom Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Alex Exum, Glen Adams, James Noe, Don Long, Joe Mullins, and Jessica Smith.

Arrangements were made by Cox Funeral Home.

View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at www.coxfuneralhomeky.com



William C. Mullins

William C. "Bussie" Mullins, 65, of Dayton, OH died Tuesday, December 28, 2010. He was born August 5, 1945 in Dayton, the son of the late William H. and Icyphine (Crews) Mullins.

He is survived by: his wife of 41 years, Cleo F. Mullins; children, William B. Mullins and Linda D. Mullins; sisters, Sue Crago and Romona Romines; grandchildren, Alexis N. Mullins-Purvis, Adelyn M. Mullins, and Abby M. Whisman; and numerous other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by: both parents; two sisters; and two brothers.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, January 4, 2011 in Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Three Links.

If desired, donations may be made to The Hospice of Dayton.

To send a special online message to the family, please visit www.NewcomerDayton.com.

In Loving Memories



Nancy Williams, you have been gone a year now, the 22nd, but if you were here, I believe this is what you would tell your children and grandchildren.

"Grandma's Pearls of Wisdom"

I've traveled paths you've yet to walk
Learned lessons old and new
And now this wisdom of my life
I'm blessed to share with you
Let Kindness spread like sunshine
Embrace those who are sad
Respect their dignity, give them joy
And leave them feeling glad
Forgive those who might hurt you
And though you have your pride
Listen closely to their viewpoint
Try to see the other side
Walk softly when you're angry
Try not to take offense
Invoke your sense of humor
Laughter's power is immense!
Express what you are feeling
Your beliefs you should uphold
Don't shy away from what is right
Be courageous and be bold
Keep hope right in your pocket
It will guide you day by day
Take it out when it is needed
When it's near, you'll find a way
Remember friends and family
Of which you are a precious

part
Love deeply and love truly
Give freely from your heart
The world is far from perfect
There's conflict and there's strife
But you can still make a difference
By how you live your life
And so I'm very blessed to know
The wonders you will do
Because you are my children
And I believe in you.

Sent in by Midge Smith



In Loving Memory of Janet Marie Burdine

March 31, 1963 - January 22, 2010

Janet has been missed so much over the last year. It is not the same without her.

Thanks to everyone who has been so thoughtful. We appreciate all the prayers, calls, cards and kind words. We know everyone loved her and has felt her loss as we have.

Genis, Joyce, Steve, Wanda and Family

Card of Thanks

The family of Kelsey Carlton would like to sincerely thank everyone for all they did for our family when her accident happened. We won't list individual names for fear of leaving someone out.

To every individual, every church, every business, we are so grateful for all you did. We thank the Lord for David Allen for taking Kelsey, Scott and Landon to the hospital that day. The Lord sent him down the road on a mission to help my family and we will always be thankful for him. The Rockcastle Hospital staff, (the three Renees), and Drs. Rowe and Pund were so good to her.

I especially thank Joe Rush for going back to the scene to retrieve her arm. We will never be able to express our gratitude and appreciation to everyone.

I certainly above all praise the Lord for sparing my child's life. Anyone that knows Kelsey has met a true inspiration and amazing girl! Again, thank you and I truly pray God blesses you for everything.

The family of Kelsey Carlton
God Bless You,

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Guest Editorial

By: Travis T. Burton
Rockcastle Republican
Party Chairman

"2010 marked a pivotal year in our nation's history. Alarmed by the direction that the country was being taken, Americans from all walks of life decided that it was time to step up and make their voices heard.

The people of Rockcastle were not left watching on the sidelines. Citizens young and old were eager to do all they could to help turn the tide and take Kentucky and America back. Whether it was by running for office, making phone calls, putting out yard signs, or attending rallies, people got involved like never before in order to make a difference.

Up and down the ballot, Rockcastle Countians overwhelmingly responded to the message of lower taxes, less spending, and fiscal responsibility.

In the United States Senate, we will be well served when U.S. Senator Rand Paul joins U.S. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell to represent our

Rockcastle can also be proud that the Representative we are always proud to support, Hal Rogers, will be ascending to the Chairmanship of the powerful U.S. House Appropriations Committee.

Rockcastle Countians also made clear the type of representation they want in Frankfort. State Senator Jared Carpenter will be a valuable asset for our community and a fighter for common sense solutions in Frankfort. He will join our State Representative, Danny Ford, and together, I know they will be a team that will get things done for Rockcastle County.

All our local county offices will continue to be operated by proven conservative leaders. I know they will work well with the all Republican Fiscal Court who will be valiant stewards of our tax dollars and help our county progress.

Circuit Judge Jeff Burdette swore in our local officials three weeks ago. The state and national leaders have taken their post. 2011 is set to be a year

of true change and real solutions that take our communities forward."

Last week our new state senator, Jared Carpenter, was sworn in and began his service to the people of our county. Already Senator Carpenter has made big waves in Frankfort and worked tirelessly in the opening days of the 2011 session to advance legislation important to our community and all of Kentucky. He will be an asset to Rockcastle County.

Also, State Representative Danny Ford is a distinguished statesman whose service has long benefited Rockcastle County. I am excited, but not surprised, that members of the Kentucky House Republican caucus have elected Danny to serve as Republican Whip in the Kentucky House. He will be effective in promoting an agenda that will help take our state forward and his years of experience will certainly benefit our Commonwealth.

"Memories"

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ful for the professionalism they had as our teachers. As long as any of us are alive, they will never be forgotten. (You can reach me at mtman@mis.net I appreciate your suggestions and comments.)

"Ramblings"

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hug, and those are great, but they are a little vague for me.

I want a book written for men that when it says listen, it really means to put your cell phone down (or mute the tv or look up from the laptop) and look at your children and respond to what they have said, even if it's a song about poop (which my seven year old is very fond of making up these days).

I want a book written for men that when it says lead, it means by example. For instance, and not that this is an issue in my house, a good man will do a load of laundry when it is overflowing in your hallway/laundry closet and a good man shouldn't expect every one else in the house to applaud when you load the dishwasher.

Reading over my column, I realize that I am so trying to displace my guilt about my own poor parenting skills, and I have done a fantastic job! Applaud me all you mother's out there just like me - clap, clap!!

"Points East"

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bounces up to the foot of the bed and curls up as close as she can get to my feet without actually touching them. Several times a night she patrols her beat downstairs to make absolute sure no mouse is in the house. On at least three occasions, mice have made the mistake of entering our house and then

venturing out onto a floor. I have found one, quite dead, on my pillow and two in my shoe but that was more than a year ago. Word is apparently out in micedom this winter I that UP is one tough cop and takes no prisoners. At least we haven't seen a mouse or, for that matter, any sign of one since UP took on the job.

Once or twice a week she will hop up on either Loretta's or my chest when we reading in bed and demand a bit of loving. She will quietly purr for 5 or 10 minutes as she graces us with her affection and then she hops back off as if to say, "That's all you get this time. You can thank me later."

When company comes, UP disappears in favorite hiding places upstairs. As far as she is concerned, Loretta, son Christopher and yours truly are the only humans with a place in her heart. When we have house guests for a couple or three days, she will venture forth because even shy cats have to eat now and then, but she does not socialize with strangers.

Right now she is sitting just behind me and staring down the monitor in case I misspell something. I reach down to pet her and she scoots back just out of reach as if to say, "I'm just trying to help but let's not get personal about this."

And that's just fine by me. I appreciate the company and I know of none that would be better.

UP is easily the best Christmas present I've ever received and Loretta will readily agree that a home is not a home unless it has a good cat in it. UP proves that premise well beyond denying.

Martin named to Dean's List

Rebecca Martin, majoring in Biology at Davis & Elkins College in Elkins, WV, has been named to the Fall 2010 Dean's List. Martin, of Brodhead, is the daughter of James Martin. Students on the Davis & Elkins Dean's List must earn a 3.6 GPA on a 4.0 scale while taking a minimum of 12 semester hours.

The Roots of Rockcastle

by: Tonya J. Cook



Education and Refinement for Women Comes to Rockcastle, Part II

Previously in the Roots series, the Langdon School on Williams Street was discussed as well as the Home Economics structure that still stands. It has recently been restored by the home's current owner, Lynn Tatum. It was built in 1917, and became the home of Vernon "Swifty" and his wife, Cynthia Brewer-Cox who was the Home Economics teacher at the school. The Home Economics building was sold to the Cox family in 1938 according to the book called "Mount Vernon, KY". This week, the Roots series will take a closer look at Cynthia Cox and her husband, Vernon.

Cynthia Brewer came to Mount Vernon in 1925 to teach at the Langdon School from Leslie County. After being in Mount Vernon a few years, she married a local boy, Vernon Cox, who was a bank teller.

Early in their marriage, they went to Santa Fe, New Mexico. She worked as a dietician, and he as a manual trainer in a Presbyterian

girls' school.

About 1934, they returned to Mount Vernon where they later bought their home that was used as the Langdon School Home Economics facility, as the school was in the process of closing its doors to merge with the new high school.

Before being used as a Home Economics facility, it was used as a parsonage for the Presbyterian church. Also, from time to time, minor surgeries were performed there. Doctor Pennington from London came to perform the surgeries and nurses from the school assisted him.

During the Great Depression, Mr. Cox taught skills such as woodworking and masonry to local boys. It was during this time the stone wall was built around the park on Main and Richmond streets. He also worked for Cox Hardware for a time.

Vernon made his wife a loom on which she taught herself to weave. She became quite accomplished, and sold her rugs, along with

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Bible Baptist Fitness Program

Get Moving at Bible Baptist Church. Everyone is welcome to improve health and well-being. Flexibility and walking. For more information, call Rockcastle County Extension Office at 256-2403. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 11 a.m. to noon. Starts Monday, January 24th.

Project Graduation Meeting

Project Graduation 2011 will be held at the RCHS cafeteria on Thurs., Jan. 20th at 7 p.m., or immediately after the financial aid workshop. We need to elect officers, discuss committees and set time lines for fundraisers. Please plan to attend and be a part of the Project Graduation planning committee. Your work, contribution and caring will create a night of memories for all seniors.

Valentines Day Ball - Movie

A semi-formal Valentines Day Ball, for individuals with special needs of all ability levels and ages, on Fri., Feb. 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Russel Acton Folk Center in Berea. There will be a live DJ, dancing, snacks and the celebration of Valentine's Day. Also, the movie "Happy Feet" will be the family friendly flick at the Russel Acton Folk Center on Sat., Feb. 12th. The show begins at 7 p.m. and is free. Limited to 150 people. Call 986-9402 for more information on these events.

Ballroom Dancing for Adults

A six weeks class of Ballroom Dancing for Adults class will begin February 4th from 7 to 8 p.m. through March 11 at the Russel Acton Folk Center in Berea. For adults 18 and above. Call 859-986-9402 for more information.

Kiwanis Club Meetings

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

VFW News

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

Brodhead Lodge Meeting

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

CCFFG Meeting

Concerned Citizens for Fair Government, CCFFG, has their monthly meetings the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Rockcastle Courthouse, 3rd floor, please use rear entrance. There will be no meeting for December. The next meeting will be January 18th and will be an election meeting. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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.

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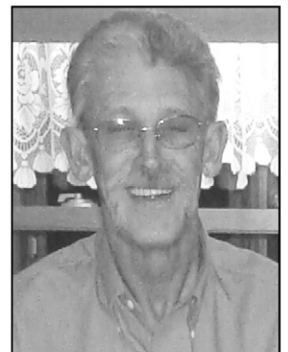


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Revival

Pastor Clyde Miller and members of Pine Hill Baptist Church would like to invite you to start the New Year off right. Revival services will be held January 23-28 with Bro. Randy McPherson serving as our evangelist. There will be special singing nightly. Sunday night service (Jan.

23) will begin at 6 p.m. and Monday thru Friday services will begin at 7 o'clock nightly.

Please make plans to join us. Pine Hill Baptist Church is located on Lime Plant Hollow Road, just off Highway 25 South.

Singing

There will be a singing at Sand Springs Baptist Church Saturday, January 22nd at 7 p.m.

Special singers are *Voices of Praise*. Pastor Bob Bradley and church welcome everyone.



Friday, January 21st, is the last day to sign up for the Books for Bikes Program.

Library News



Pam Chaliff

Friday, January 21, is the last day to sign up for the Books for Bikes Program. Children ages 3-12 can sign up for the program. Books for Bikes is a program where children can read age-appropriate books from the library or from their school library and complete a form about the book. The form is much similar to a summarized book report and are only available at the library. The forms can be turned in all at once or you can return them as you visit the library. The names of the top ten girls and top ten boys of each age group will then be put in a basket and have their name drawn out to win a bicycle. The age groups are as follows: 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. If you have any questions or concerns please call the Rockcastle County Public Library at 256-2388.

Please keep in mind that the library may be closed because of inclement weather. Sometimes the library will not open until

"Roots"

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other woven items, at the craft shop at Renfro Valley. She had a serious fall and became unable to produce the quantity that she once did. Lynn Tatum now owns this loom. Mr. Cox was an accomplished woodworker, gardener, stone mason, and artist, but he was also affected with crippling arthritis. Both of the Coxes were especially gifted in a variety of skills, and loved to share that knowledge with others.

Remember that I'm looking for good stories about the county, people and the events in their lives. I may be contacted at therootsofrockcastle@windstream.net.

Mt. Vernon Message

School News

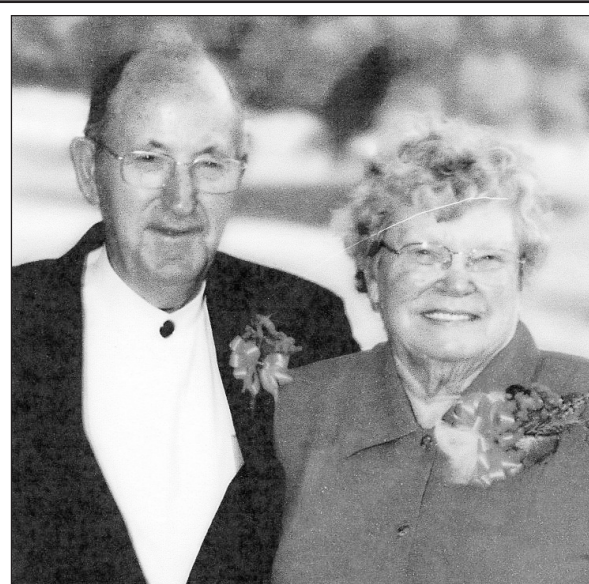
Character Word of the Month: LOYAL

Loyal means to be true to a promise or duty.

Report cards for the grading period completed will be sent home on January 24.

MVES FRC News

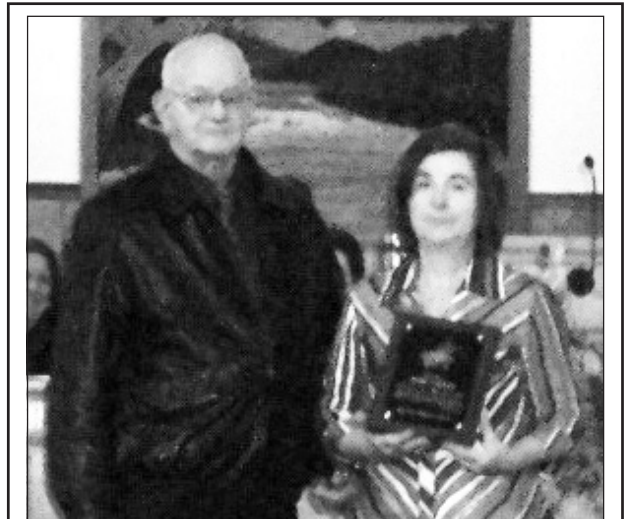
FRC/Adult Computer Class for parents and/or grandparents will begin on Monday, September 13. Classes go from 6:00 until 8:00 weekly. In this class, you will learn computer skills to assist you in everyday life as well as the workforce. If you are interested in attending, please contact Ms. Becky Daugherty at 256-2953.



58th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Raymond and Dorothy (nee Ball) Bond on celebrating their 58th wedding anniversary on January 10, 2011. Raymond is the son of the late Mary and John Bond and Dorothy is the daughter of the late Margie and Loyd Ball.

They have five children - Donna Kuhn, Pattie Ellis, Ray, Jr., Jeff and Christa. They also have 20 grandchildren. *Best Wishes - Your Family.*



Buddy Gabbard recently presented a plaque to Judy Cummins in honor of her 40 years of Perfect Sunday School Attendance at Fairview Baptist Church.



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Lady Rockets are 4-0 in district; beat Wayne Co.

The Lady Rockets found out on Monday that they had moved up to #2 in the Dave Cantrall Rating the State rankings behind only one team - Louisville Dupont Manual. They would try out their new ranking against the Wayne County Lady Cardinals Tuesday night at Rock Arena.

The Lady Rockets wasted little time in solidifying the new ranking and may have made a statement that they deserve the top spot as they rolled to a 65-41 win. The victory improved the Lady Rockets record to 16-1 on the season.

If the Lady Rockets were making the statement that they deserved to be number one then Sara Hammond made a huge statement to be Miss Basketball. Hammond led all scores with 22 points and claimed 12 rebounds and five blocked shots. The senior center also went an impressive 3-4 from beyond the three point arc and 9-13 from the field.

The Lady Rockets shot 60% from the field on 27 of 45, including an impressive five of eight from three point land. Rockcastle also won the rebounding edge 29-17, including nine second chance points.

Senior guard Ella McQueary continued her good play by contributing 12 points on five of six shooting. Kristen Abney added 11 points, going five of seven from the field. Angie Lawrence scored 9; Shanlee Burton, 7 and Sydney Arvin and Michaela Hunter, 2 each.

Rock vs. Casey

The Lady Rockets overcame a sluggish start on the

road last Friday night against district rival Casey County, trailing 8-6 at the end of the first quarter, to cruise to a 46-37 victory. The win gave Rockcastle a commanding lead in the district with a record of 4-0 with remaining games at Pulaski County and a home game with Casey County.

Casey County was still without their star player, senior forward Megan Pittman and Rockcastle exploited that weakness in the middle to regain the lead in the second quarter scoring eight points in the paint as well as going 7-10 from the free throw line to take a 21-13 lead at the half.

If Rockcastle came out slow in the first quarter they made up for it in the third. A 10-2 run mid way in the quarter helped fuel a 40-20 lead going into the fourth quarter. Casey would not go down quietly and took advantage when Hammond, who led Rockcastle in scoring with 16 points, picked up her fourth foul with 4:49 left in the game.

The Lady Rockets missed three one and the bonus free throws down the stretch and went scoreless in the final 2:53 but was able to hang on for the 46-37 final. The win improved Rockcastle's record to 14-1 on the season, Casey dropped to 10-3, 2-1 in the district.

Other Lady Rockets getting into the scoring column: Kristen Abney, 10; Shanlee Burton, 9; Angie Lawrence, 6; Katie Cobb, 3 and Michaela Hunter, 2.

Rock vs. Breathitt

Back in the day, Saturday morning matinees were dominated by serials. The one characteristic of a serial is that there was always an

element of excitement and anticipation of how the stories would come to a conclusion.

The Lady Rocket matinee last Saturday had none of the suspense that dominated the Saturday movie theaters of yesterday as they handily took care of Breathitt County 68-22 just 17 hours after they defeated Casey County. Ten different Lady Rockets got in the scoring column and were led in scoring by Sara Hammond with 15 points.

Rockcastle stormed out to an 18-4 lead in the first quarter on their way to a 33-11 lead at the half. The Lady Rockets outscored Breathitt 19-7 in the third to extend their lead to 34 points at 52-18.

Lady Rocket scoring: Angie Lawrence, 14; Kristen Abney, 5; Shanlee Burton, 8; Ella McQueary, 7; Micheal Hunter, 6; Syndey Arvin and Alexis Chasteen, 4 each and Katie Cowan, 3.

The next game for the Lady Rockets will be a doubleheader with the boys this Friday night at home

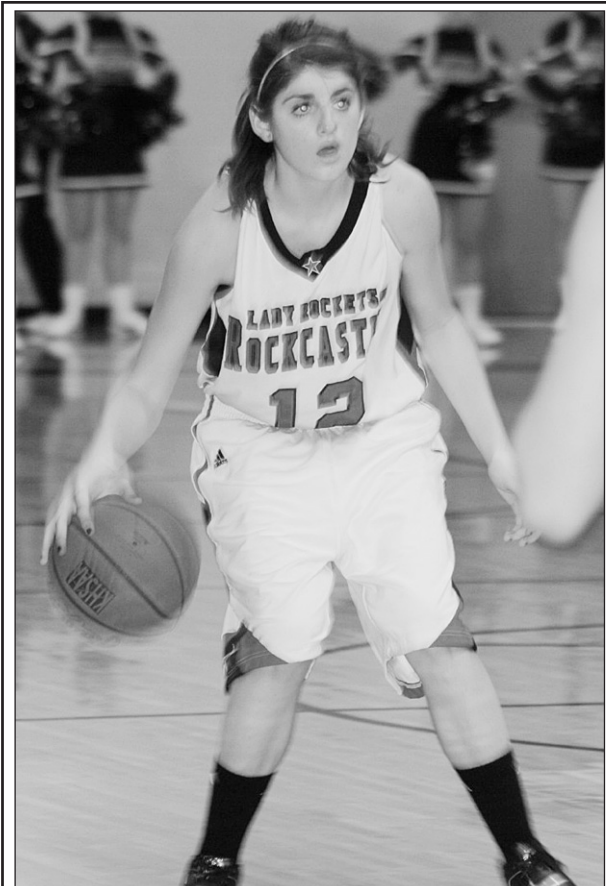
against Casey County. The girls begin the action at 6:30.

Lady Rocket Notes

- Coach Chrysti Noble notched her 400th career victory last week against the Clay County Lady Tigers.
- Sophomore guard Micheala Hunter is 4th in the state in field goal percentage shooting 62.1% while senior center Sara Hammond is 7th at 60.5%.
- Hammond is 7th in the state in rebounding averaging 11.6 rebounds per game.
- Rockcastle is 5th in team scoring, averaging 64.2 points per game and ranked 7th in team defense only allowing opponent 42.3 points per game.
- The Lady Rockets are 4th in the state in field goal percentage at 48.1% and ranked 3rd in scoring margin, defeating teams by an average of 21.8 points per game.



Senior Kristen Abney goes for two of her twelve points in Tuesday night's action against the visiting Wayne County Lady Cardinals.



Sophomore Michaela Hunter runs the Lady Rockets offense in Tuesday night action against Wayne County.

Rockets lose to Wayne Co. and district rival Casey

Rockcastle welcomed the 16-1, and ranked #2 in the 12th Region, Wayne County Cardinals Tuesday night to Rock Arena. The Rockets were trying to halt a three game double digit losing streak but it would be the Cardinals who were red hot, knocking down 11 threes in the game to romp over the Rockets 76-51.

Wayne County jumped out to a first quarter 28-12 lead by nailing six threes. Rockcastle battled back in the second quarter, outscoring the Cardinals 16-10 and cutting the lead to 10 going into the break. The Rockets got within seven points at 38-31 early in the third when Travis Carpenter connected for a three, but that would be as close as the Rockets would get as Wayne County extended their lead to 17 points at 53-36 after three quarters of play.

The Rockets placed only two players in double figures and were led in scoring by Josh McKinney with 24 points. Travis Carpenter added 16 as the Rockets dropped their record to 5-12 on the year. Other Rockets

who got into the scoring column: Cody Noe, 5; Tyler Smith, 3; Ben Allen, 2 and Tyler Harper 1.

Next up for Rockcastle will be an important district game rematch with Casey County on Friday night with tip-off slated for 8 p.m.

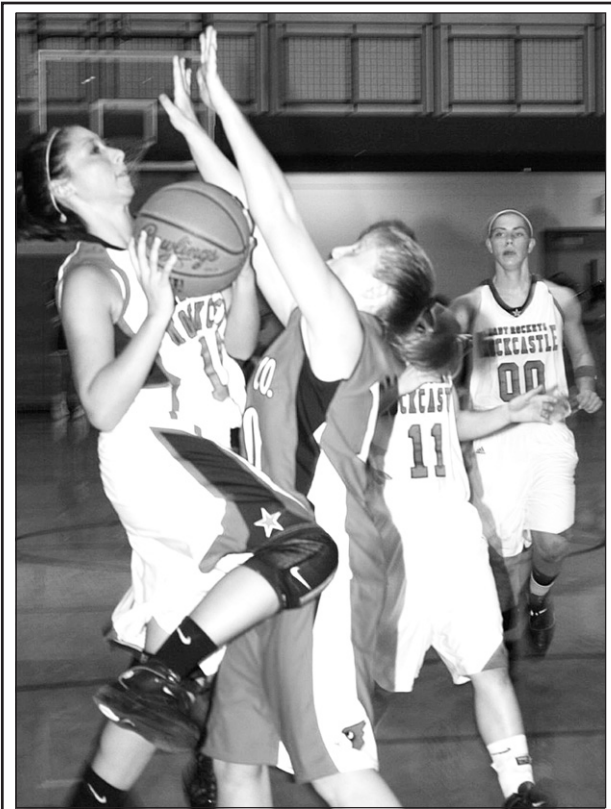
Rock vs. Casey

Rockcastle was looking to snap a two game losing streak when they traveled to Casey County to take on the 3-11 Rebels in an important 47th district match-up last Friday night. However, a long dry spell, where the Rockets failed to score a field goal for over seven minutes that spanned two quarters, sealed the 55-45 win for the Rebels.

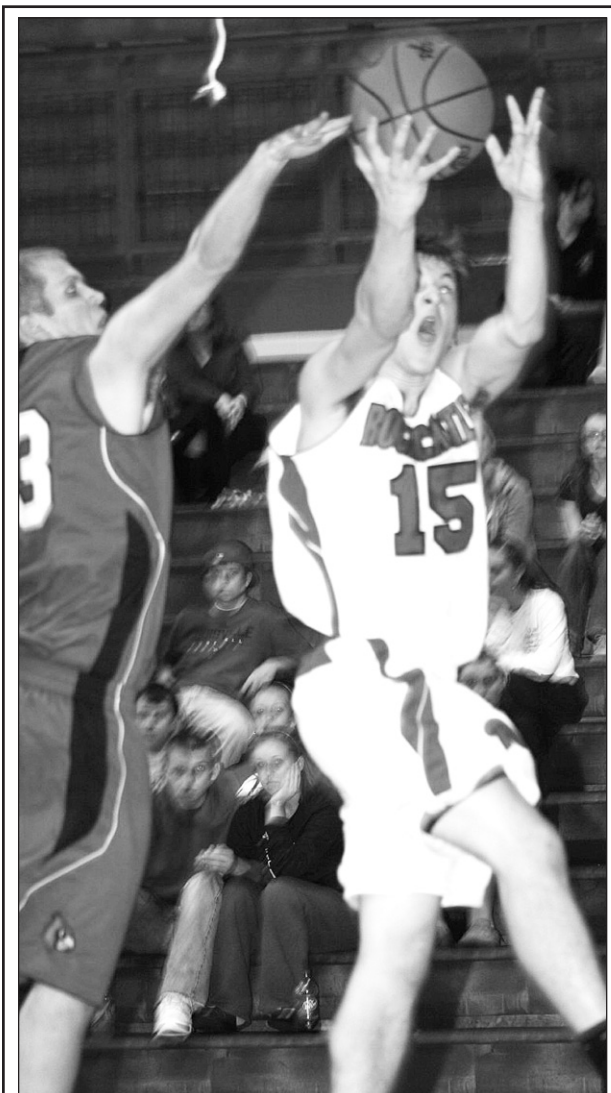
The loss placed Rockcastle at 1-3 in the district and the possibility of finishing fourth in the seeding for the district tournament. The Rockets desperately need another win to avoid the fourth spot and having to face the number one seed Pulaski County who is also hosting the district tournament.

The Rockets jumped out

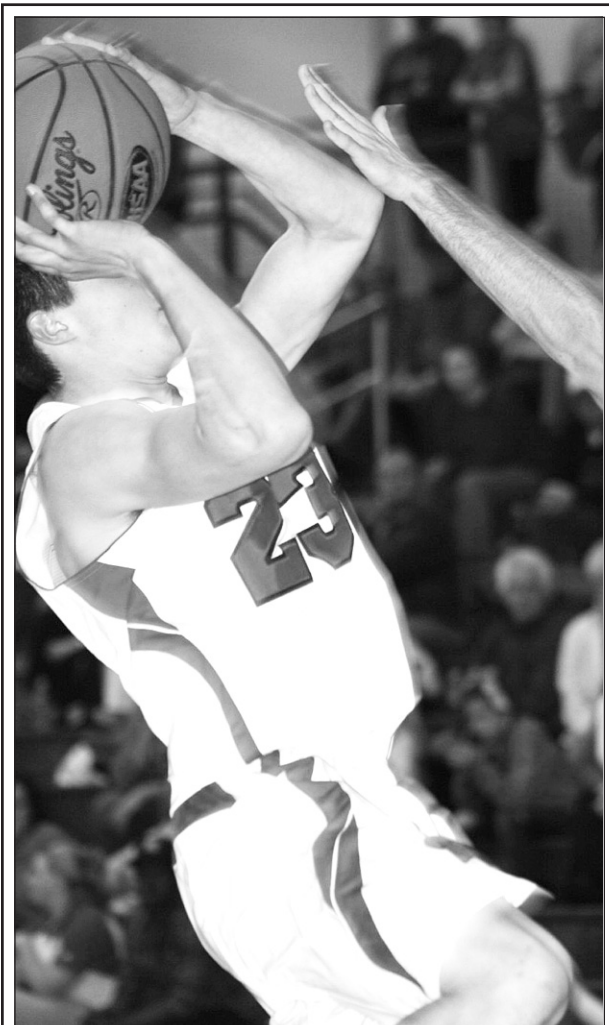
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Senior point guard Angie Lawrence shoots over a Lady Cardinal defender.



Junior guard Cody Noe attempts a layup against a Wayne County defender in Friday night's game against Wayne County.



Freshman Corey McPhetridge goes for two in Friday night's loss to the Wayne County Cardinals.

Calhoun coaching Tennessee team

By: Sara Coguer

Slade Calhoun, a Rockcastle County product and 1997 graduate of RCHS, has accepted the head coaching position and Director of Football Operations for Haywood County Schools in Brownsville, Tennessee.

Calhoun, who was named to the Rockcastle County Football Hall of Fame in 2008, began his coaching career at Rockcastle, then progressed to Southwestern and Brighton High School in Tennessee, where he served as defensive coordinator, receivers coach and strength coach.

Coach Calhoun will be responsible for the total football program (varsity,

freshman, junior high and middle).

Haywood County Superintendent said, "We are excited to have Coach Calhoun as a part of Haywood County Schools and are confident, considering his background and experience, that he will add great value to our rich football tradition in Haywood County."

Calhoun received a Bachelor of Arts in History from Eastern Kentucky University and is currently pursuing graduate studies towards a Masters of Educational Theory and Practice at Arkansas State University. He is the son of Mitzi Alexander of Berea and the grandson of Faye McCauley of Mt. Vernon and the late David McCauley, Sr.



Slade Calhoun being introduced as the new head football coach in Haywood County, Tennessee.

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Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

Eating a piece of this cake is a pure pleasure, but its name provides me with the right place to relate this memory. Talking about it afterwards is certainly more pleasurable than living through it at the time. Do you remember where you were and what you were doing at exactly 5:04 p.m. Pacific Time on Tuesday, October 17, 1989? I was in San Francisco, but I wasn't eating a piece of this cake. I was actually experiencing a real, honest-to-goodness earthquake. We later found

out that it registered 7.2 on the Richter scale. We were among the lucky ones. We were together, we were unharmed, the house was not damaged and we had wonderful neighbors. This recipe was already named by the time Ann's mother-in-law first fixed it for me. Eating a piece of this sinfully delicious rich cake almost made me forget all the bad things about one of the events for which it was named—the San Francisco earthquake of 1989.

EARTHQUAKE CAKE
 1 1/2 cups coconut
 1 1/2 cups pecans, chopped
 1 box German Chocolate cake mix
 1 box (8 ounce) cream cheese
 1 stick butter or margarine
 4 cups powdered sugar
 Preheat oven to 350°. Sprinkle coconut and nuts in bottom of 13 x 9 baking pan. Prepare cake mix batter as directed on box; pour over nuts and coconut. Melt butter and cream cheese. Add powdered sugar. Spoon cream cheese mixture down center of batter—DO NOT MIX. Bake for 45 minutes at 350°. Let cool. Serve warm or chilled.

LEMON CHESS PIE
 1/4 cup butter
 1 1/2 cups sugar
 4 eggs
 1 tablespoon white corn meal
 Juice of 2 lemons
 1 unbaked 9-inch pie shell
 Preheat oven to 325°. Cream the butter and sugar. Add eggs, one at a time. Stir; do not beat, after each egg. Add cornmeal and lemon juice. Mix well. Pour into pie shell and bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until a fairly hard crust forms on top. Chill.

“Rockets”

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to a 10-5 lead, with 3:41 left in the first quarter, only to be outscored 10-2 in the final three minutes to trail the home team at 15-12. The second quarter did not get much better for Rockcastle as they only scored seven points in the quarter and trailed at the half 25-19.

Casey County increased their lead to 10 at the end of third quarter and the home team looked to cruise from that point. Rockcastle had other ideas as they cut the lead to five at 43-38 with 4:49 left in the fourth behind five straight points by Travis Carpenter. However, Casey made 8-10 free throws in the final three minutes and the Rockets went 2-10 in that same time period to secure the victory for just their second win in the district.

Rockcastle Scoring: Travis Carpenter, 16; Josh McKinney, 11; Cody Noe, 9; Jaden Brock, 4; John Curtis Wilson, 3 and Ben Allen and Ashton Arvin, 2 each.

Frankfort Report

By Jared Carpenter, State Senator

My first week in Frankfort serving as your state senator has been a whirlwind of activity. I was appointed to the important Appropriations and Revenue Committee, the Banking and Insurance Committee, the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee, the Economic Development, Tourism, and Labor Committee, and the Education Committee. Further, I will be chairing the Budget Review Subcommittee on Education. These committees reflect my passions and will give the people of Senate District 34 a seat at the table on important public policy decisions. And with Senate Bill 4, legislation on public servant accountability, I even passed my first bill.



Going around my district, I heard over and over that the people demanded action. Usually, the first week is an organizational week during which the different parties elect their leadership. This year was different. We in the Senate moved aggressively on passing legislation regarding job creation, education, and transparent and responsive government. With the passage of these bills, the “Agenda for Prosperity,” very few can say that the Ky State Senate didn't move in a focused and determined manner to deliver.

Jobs and the economy are on the minds of many. Kentucky needs a clear and fair tax code that encourages current businesses to hire more Kentuckians and new employers to relocate in the commonwealth. Senate Bill 1 creates an independent commission of tax experts including economists and accountants who, with assistance from other interested parties, will review, revise, and most importantly, draft a new state and local tax system. If passed during the session, the proposal would be considered by the 2012 General Assembly. An independent panel without a political agenda has the best chance to overhaul an antiquated system.

Senate Bill 8 makes it easier for employers to cut through government red tape by consolidating on one website everything a business needs to file taxes or apply for licenses.

Education was a focus of mine in the Fall and I was pleased to vote for two measures that, if passed by the House, will have a positive impact on our children's futures. We passed SB 13 and SB 3. The former will offer financial incentives to teachers whose students do well in math and science advanced placement exams and the latter allows voluntary charter schools autho-

rized by the local school district. These bills prepare students for the work needs of the future as well as provide parents with choice on the education of their children.

Five bills addressed the need for transparent and responsive government. My bill, SB 4, increases accountability of public officials by demanding more frequent reporting of campaign contributions, restricting contributions from lobbyists, and perhaps most significantly, moves the filing deadline to file as a candidate from late January to after the legislative session. In this way, the public will be able to review the full legislative record of any legislator.

Senate Bill 7 put the financial data from all three branches of government and universities online.

Senate Bill 5 requires any bill that deals with appropriations to be posted at least 48 hours prior to voting. Senate Bill 11 gives Kentucky officials another tool to aggressively go after those who attempt to defraud the state's Medicaid program.

The Senate also moved forward with protecting our traditional values. Senate Bill 10 protects Kentuckians' sovereignty under the 10th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution by banning federal mandates forcing the purchase of health insurance on individuals, prohibiting expanded gambling without a vote of the people, affirming the free practice of religion, promoting coal over environmental extremists, and guaranteeing the right to hunt and fish. SB 9 enhances the informed consent statutes already on the books by ensuring a face-to-face meeting between a woman considering an abortion and her doctor—as opposed to a recorded message—and requires doctors to make available ultrasound images of the unborn baby to the mothers. Finally, SB 6 is immigration reform that will help local governments uphold federal immigration laws.

It's been a long and productive week. The General Assembly will now take a three week break and then come back in February to consider any further bills as well as any bills that the House may pass. Please feel free to call me toll-free with any questions or comments at 1-800-372-7181 or TTY 1-800-896-0305.

You can also find us at www.lrc.state.ky.us.

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
 Walking in Darkness;
 Looking for the
 Light of Springtime

Dark when you get up and dark when you get home from work? Since ancient times people have been gazing at that low-hanging winter sun in the sky and anticipating when it will begin to return and bring longer, brighter days. Though I'm no sun-worshiper, I do take note of winter's doldrums and that the days are headed towards longer and brighter times.

Similarly, our state and national economies are in a dark spell. I've been looking for glimmers of light at the proverbial end of the tunnel. While far from the sunniness of five years ago, there are a few bright rays to look at and hope for better times.

One ray of hope came from a customer who is employed by a major bank. Expectations of a good 2011 from their perspective seemed obvious.

Another beam of light among the doom and gloom comes from a national survey of companies and professionals in the “green industry”. Slightly more job hirings and slightly fewer layoffs are expected versus expectations from the same survey done a year earlier. Polling is pretty accurate these days when the questions are posed in an objective manner. This looks mildly promising going forward.

Just like failed banks and corporations, individuals must sometimes go all the way into darkness via bankruptcy in order to start back at ground zero (from which point things indeed look brighter).

“It's darkest just before dawn” as the saying goes.

I've seen a few landscape companies fold up this year. I've seen a few garden centers and retailers close their doors. The farmer, the little guy, the grower seems to be hardest hit of all. (Always wanted to be a tree farmer? You can buy a whole farm full of seedlings in McMinnville, Tennessee for less than half what the same farm would have cost you a couple years ago.)

Those who don't have a lot of debt and those who are walking with the light shining on their financial statements will probably survive. For those wandering in uncertainty and in darkness, it may take longer for them to see some light.

Even in the Great Depression of the 1930's there was still demand for the skills of about three-fourths of the nations workers. We may all have to tighten our belts at times, but there will continue to be demand for skilled artisans who perform quality

work. Ditto for fresh produce from the land.

The desire to relax in lush homes and yards, the desire to entertain and be entertained, will continue.

Yet, tough times bring out caution and thriftiness even among the more affluent or above average on the socio-economic 'totem pole'.

A more unsettling darkness than that of long winter nights, I believe, is the darkness our governments at all levels seem to be wandering around in. However, if I digress to hit more than one or two short beams of light on this subject, the whole paper would be filled, and there would be no treatise about creating a lovely yard at all.

Just a word before I move on: When an individual gets six months behind in making payments, he's lost his credit rating and is probably about to be foreclosed upon. A number of our cities and states are in such fateful circumstances.

And Uncle Sam's feverish running of the printing presses can have no other eventual consequence than that everything you and I need and want will cost more and more. Higher gas prices, for example, are not the fault of Arab sheiks or BP, but rather the nation's leaders and policy makers (and those who placed them into positions of power).

I cannot refute that we are in dark times, but the farmer and gardener, and landscaper too, seems eternally to find a glimmer of optimism the closer we get to springtime and a new planting and growing season. Things always look better when blossoms commence to burst forth.

The slow economy has chased away a few weak and unprepared companies and unprofessional individuals in many fields. Maybe that process is still ongoing. But the survivors should do a good business as things gradually improve.

Another ray of sunlight I see is that a number of people are growing a bit of what they eat, or buying locally more at places like farmer's markets. This can't help but be a good thing!

Pausing to be sure we really need or want that new item (whatever it be) for our homes and lifestyles is also not a dark thing. Indeed, it's sensible to evaluate and be sure in any decision we make. We can then be considered wise stewards of our blessings as we make choices that improve our lives.

So, as the days surely will increase in length soon again, let us look with optimism for a brighter new year.

The author is a freelance writer and landscaper. Email questions and comments to rockcastles@gmail.com

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Eagles' Nest Parent Group planning Winter Festival

The Eagles' Nest Parent Group at Roundstone Elementary is hard at work bringing together their Winter Festival planned for Saturday, February 5th. Proceeds from the festival, being held in conjunction with their annual Benefit Singing, Silent Auction and Cake and Pie Auction, will go toward completion of the new school playground.

Individuals, families, businesses, church, and other organization, are needed to sponsor games and prizes, as well as work their booth/game at the Winter Festival. There are two ways anyone can help. The first is for you to sign up for a specific game and buy/order the necessary supplies needed for children to play the game and to donate money to help buy prizes. For example, if you chose to sponsor the Duck Pond, you would need to buy a plastic or inflatable pool, ducks and donate money to help buy prizes. The second way would be to donate a specific dollar amount, of \$50 or more, and you will be assigned a game and supplies needed for the game will be purchased and the rest of the money put toward the purchase of prizes. Either way, sponsors will need to have two people to work your booth/game. This would be a great activity for youth groups, clubs and community service hours for high school students. Any extra game/prize donation money will be used as a donation to the playground fund.

Admission to the games will be with an armband

costing \$6 for the first child and \$3 for each additional sibling, purchased in advance, or \$8 at the door for the first child and \$4 for each additional sibling. The armband allows children to play unlimited games to earn tickets for prizes or to go to booths to make crafts, get their faces painted, balloon animals, etc. All children or persons who play a game would win at least one ticket for participating and more for success at the game. The tickets are then saved and traded in at the prize booth for the prize or prizes of the child's choice, based on the number of tickets won. Each child will be given a bag at the door with his/her name on it in which to keep the tickets.

By having community members and organizations sponsor games and prizes, all proceeds from armband sales will go to the playground fund. Sponsors will have the opportunity to pass out appropriate information about your church, organization or business and a poster at your booth will relate the name of the game and sponsors name. This would be positive advertising for your organization while helping the children at Roundstone Elementary.

Please read the volunteer sheet in this week's *Signal* and sign up to help. We have lots of jobs that need to be filled with volunteers.

For more information/questions, contact Cynthia Wolfe Rogers or Tonya Parrett Clark at the school 606-256-2235.

Legislative Update

By Danny Ford, State Representative
New Year Brings New Energy, Leadership for House Republicans

The start of a new year always brings hope for our community and our Commonwealth. This year's legislative session is bringing new energy and a new outlook for House Republicans and all Kentuckians.

We kicked off part one of the 2011 Session of the General Assembly by welcoming ten new members to the House Republican Caucus. The ten new legislators raise the total number of Republicans in the Kentucky House of Representatives to 42.

The first week of the session is always a special time, not only for the new members experiencing it for the first time, but also for those legislators returning for the fourth, fifth, or even sixth time. Traversing the hallways and House Chamber that first day, one feels both awesome responsibility at our tasks and also humility at the trust and confidence voters in our communities have in us by electing us to represent them.

The beginning of a new session also represents a time of organization. During our first week, members selected those who will lead the Republican Caucus for the next two years. Representative Jeff Hoover of Jamestown was elected to a sixth consecutive term as House Republican Floor Leader. Representative Bob DeWeese of Louisville was elected to a sixth term as House Republican Caucus Chair and chose me to serve as House Republican Whip.

We also prepared for the second portion of this legislative session that will convene on February 1 by receiving our legislative committee assignments. These assignments, which we typically hold for at least a two-year term, allow us to have a hand in shaping legislation that affects many different sectors of our Commonwealth. This year, I am honored to be serving on Agriculture and Small Business Committee, Banking and Insurance Committee, Budget Review Subcommittee on General Government as a Liaison Member, and the Government Contract Review Committee.

With the organizational events and leadership elections out of the way, our focus is now on passing the legislative agenda we announced last year, "A New Day, A New Direction for Kentucky." This agenda includes bills that, if passed, would make all bills dealing with tax dollars available to the public 48 hours before a vote could take place, and also post all government expenditures and contracts dealing with taxpayer dollars on line.

Finally, our caucus proposes that if we as legislators fail to pass a budget in a regular session, that we will receive no pay in any subsequent special session. Our past failures to pass a budget in a regular session have led to the unnecessary expenditure of additional tax dollars in a special session, and it is time that state government holds ourselves responsible to you if we fail to pass a budget in the 2012 Session.

As always, I welcome your comments and concerns for the upcoming session. I can be reached at home, or through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. A taped message containing information on legislative committee meeting schedules is available by calling 1-800-633-9650, and information on the status of each bill is available by calling 1-866-840-2835. If you have Internet access, I can be reached at danny.ford@lrc.ky.gov, or you may keep track of leg-



islation through the Kentucky Legislature Home Page at www.lrc.ky.gov.

Indicted

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stance, by selling Oxycodone to a confidential informant. His bond was set at \$25,000 cash/property.

Westley T. Perkins, Jr., 48, of Brodhead, was indicted on two counts stemming from an arrest made September 1, 2010 during which Perkins was charged with manufacturing methamphetamine, first offense, while in possession of a firearm.

He was also indicted for possession of a controlled substance, Methamphetamine, a schedule II controlled substance while in possession of a firearm.

Michael Edwin Roberts, 22, of Somerset, was indicted on three counts, stemming from an arrest on June 13, 2010, for robbery, first degree, by threatening or using physical force upon Michael Callahan and Cora Callahan while armed with a firearm and while in the course of committing a theft.

Perkins was indicted on a second count of burglary, first degree, by entering or remaining unlawfully in the home of Michael and Cora Callahan with the intent to commit a crime, while being armed with a firearm, and a third count of committing the offense of theft of a controlled substance, by taking or exercising control over controlled substance belonging to Michael and Cora Callahan, of a value under \$300. Roberts' bond was set at \$100,000 cash or property.

Robert Robinson, 31, of Mt. Vernon was indicted on one charge of theft by unlawfully taking of property (a firearm) belonging to Oscar Hensley. His bond was set at \$10,000 cash/property.

Bobby Hensley, 28, of Orlando, and Brandi "Fredrick" Robinson, 27, of Mt. Vernon were both indicted on one charge of complicity to theft by unlawful taking by counseling, planning, promoting or aiding Robert Robinson in the unlawful taking of property. Their bonds were each set at \$7,500 cash/property.

Allen

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Bartley drew a sharp distinction between the choices Allen had made for himself and those made by Ms. Davis. He noted that while Ms. Davis tried to enhance the community by being a civic leader, Allen chose to use drugs despite having earlier been convicted of felony theft.

Bartley also informed the court, that according to the investigation by Craig Reed, of the Kentucky State Police, Allen's own family had urged him not to get out on the roads because he was intoxicated.

The assistant Commonwealth Attorney then urged the court to impose a 20 year sentence for the DUI crash case, and four years for a probation violation. In closing, Bartley told the court that although "many say drugs are a victimless crime, Ms. Davis and her granddaughter place a face on the human toll that drugs can place even on completely innocent bystanders."

Judge Burdette ruled that imprisonment was necessary for protection of the public and that to impose a lesser sentence would not do justice for the "great amount of harm caused (by Allen's actions)."

Montgomery, commended the efforts of his assistant prosecutor and noted, "I had the pleasure of knowing Ms. Juanita Davis and know that this

community, and the area at large, definitely miss her and her work. There is no giving back the life that this criminal took, but I hope it sends the message that if you use drugs, get out on the road and kill someone, you're going to pay."

In other court news from Friday, Heather Emerson, 26, Mt. Vernon, was sentenced to one year imprisonment for Receiving Stolen Property, over \$500.

RCIDA

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Executive Director in order to work toward a more segregated system that has checks and balances."

Executive Director Regina Crawford gave her report, including a Flex E Grant of \$10,000 from the Brushy Fork Institute funded through ARC for a recreation/health and wellness center feasibility study.

According to Crawford, the county will also be hosting a forum with the Distance Earning Initiative about its mission and how it can be available for the unemployed person in Rockcastle County who has a higher skill set available. The forum is planned for February.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Eagles' Nest Parent Group is needing volunteers to work our Winter Festival on Saturday, February 5, 2011 from 1:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. Inclement weather date is Saturday, February 12, 2011. If you are able to assist us, place a check mark next to the event(s) which you or your group can help with. To volunteer, return this sheet to Roundstone Elementary, fax it to the school at 606-256-2259 or call Tonya Parrett Clark at 256-2235 with your information.

I/We will sponsor a game/activity at the Winter Festival. If you volunteer for this, please fill out the information below.

Name of person, family, business, church or group sponsoring the game/games:

Phone No. _____

I/We will purchase items needed for our game and donate \$_____ for prizes.

I/We will donate \$_____ for Eagles' Nest to use to buy the items needed for our game and prizes. The suggested amount is \$50 or greater. Make check payable to Eagles' Nest Parent Group Playground Fund.

If possible, the game/activity I/we would like to sponsor is:

- _____ Duck Pond _____ Balloon Pop _____ Fishing Game
 - _____ Ring Toss _____ Craft Table _____ Face Painting
 - _____ Temporary Tattoos _____ Crafts w/Beads
 - _____ Golf (Hole In One) _____ Balloon Animals
 - _____ Bullseye Using Velcro _____ Book Walk
 - _____ Baseball Target Practice _____ Can Knock Down
 - _____ Football Throw _____ Football Throw
 - _____ Other (please specify) _____ cupcake/cookie walk
 - _____ Hot Shot Basketball (3 tries to make a basket)
 - _____ Karaoke Room (Idol Mania)
 - _____ Archaeological Dig in Sand
 - _____ Bingo for children _____ Corn Hole Bag Toss
 - _____ Bowling with plastic plus
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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

Circuit Civil Suits

Bank of New York Mellon vs. Katherine M. Robinson, et al, \$55,721.60 plus claimed due.

Fred Morris vs. Ginger Lynn Littleton, petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00007

District Civil Suits

DH Capital Management, Inc. vs. Jessica Robinson, \$631.28 plus claimed due.

Capital One Bank vs. Shirley A. Still, \$2,970.55 plus claimed due.

Capital One Bank vs. Rebecca Richardson, \$2,404.21 plus claimed due.

Capital One Bank vs. Ashley L. Stewart, \$1,176.29 plus claimed due.

Jefferson Capital Systems LLC vs. Jerry L. Harper, \$1,339.35 plus claimed due. C-00011.

Marriage Licenses

Timber Lynn Shelton, 20, Brodhead, Wal Mart, to Kristopher Aaron Craig, 19, Corbin, Worship. 12/22/10.

Sandra Riley, 63, Cannon, Ky., retired to David Gordon Mason, 46, Barbourville, construction. 12/29/10.

Sarah Anne Hyserman, 34, Brodhead, director, to Brian Keith Doan, 31,

Brodhead, home manager. 1/5/11.

Danielle Nicole Mink, 20, Mt. Vernon, Rockcastle Hospital to Joshua Logan Childress, 19, Mt. Vernon, Community Ties of America. 1/7/11.

Amber Lamb, 15, Livingston, student, to Mason Phillips, 17, Livingston, student. 1/10/11.

Rayronnie Joe Young, 16, Berea, unemployed to Anthony Cleveland Foster, Sr., 21, Berea, Bluegrass Industrial. 1/11/11.

Nadine Holbrook Denny, 47, Brodhead, unemployed to Jerome Sullivan Fish II, 54, Brodhead, lawyer. 1/12/11.

Deeds Recorded

Bryan Russell and Cassandra Lyn Taulbee Houk, property in Mountain View Estates, to Russell and Norma Houk. No tax.

Nancy Lovett, executrix, property in Rockcastle County, to Clyde B. and Melissa C. Jones. Tax \$4.

Nancy Lovett, executrix, property in Rockcastle County, to Clyde B. and Melissa C. Jones. Tax \$28.

Robert Lewis Presnell, property in Rockcastle County, to Cathy Sowder. No tax.

Elbert Carl and Trina G. Bustle, property in Brodhead, to Judy Stevens. Tax \$80.

Federal National Mortgage Assn., property in Rockcastle County, to Donald E. and Donna J. Gabbard. No tax.

David and Khara S.

Phelps, property in Rockcastle County, to Mark A. and Linda Callebs. Tax \$117.

Charles and Jacqueline Goff, property on Poplar St., Mt. Vernon, to William and Lisa Blanton Swinney. Tax \$9.

Bob Lunsford, property on Hwy. 1250, to Juanita S. Cloud. Tax \$13.50.

William B. Bailey, Sr. and Louise Bailey, property in Eastern View Subdv., Mt. Vernon, to Maria Bailey Weaver. No tax.

Joseph L. Osolnik, trustee, Daphne Maureen Osolnik, Sharon Ann Osolnik, Michael Jesse and Christina Osolnik, David Dale Osolnik and Joseph L. Osolnik, property on Scaffold Cane Road, to David R. Speicher, Sr. and Bonnie E. Speicher. Tax \$215.

Nick and Edna Chasteen, property on Copper Creek Rd., to Eugene Nick and Teena Chasteen. No tax.

Gary and Diana Barnett, property in Rockcastle County, to Clifford and Tammy Sandlin. No tax.

Homesales, Inc. property near Livingston, to Chris and Judy Mason. Tax \$25.50.

Mildred Jean Harding and Brentley Jay Harding, property in Rockcastle County, to Polly Gail Mattison. Tax \$6.

Bishop's Sportsman Store, property on Ky. 2549, to Mark C. Petrey. Tax \$45.

Kenny and Patty Collins, property in Rockcastle County, to James Noe. Tax \$2.50.

District Court

Jan. 10, 2011

Hon. Kathryn G. Wood

Joie Thomas Brown, Jr: leaving scene of accident/failure to render aid or assistance, costs plus 90 days/probated 24 months on condition.

Jerry C. Cain: fines/fees due (\$133), bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta), 3 days or payment in full.

Speeding: Kelley J. Colwell, paid \$153 total fine/costs/fees; George M. Green, paid \$169 total fine/costs/fees; Tammie L. Anderson, Catherine E. Birdwhistle, Sarah B. Murray, paid; Christopher M. Gregory, Christopher D. Johnson, Tracy L. Laswell, Ginger B. Thompson, license suspended for fta; Eric S. Radford, \$34 fine plus costs;

Justin D. Clark: theft by unlawful taking, \$250 fine and costs; operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine and costs, \$375 service fee, 30 days operator license suspension and 30 days/probated 24 months on condition.

Charles Jeffrey Alcorn: probation revoked/50 days to serve/credit 18 days time served/balance probated on condition.

Jerry Barron: assault, 20 days.

Jerry V. York: faulty

equipment, \$100 fine and costs.

Roger L. Stanton: speeding, \$38 fine and costs; failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine/suspended.

David J. Couch: speeding, \$48 fine and costs; failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.

William Joshua Hacker: no operators license in possession, \$25 fine and costs.

Joshua Hancock: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine and costs, \$375 service fee, 30 days operator license suspension/ADE authorized.

Billy R. Henry: fines/fees due (\$178), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.

Paul H. Mays: fines/fees due (\$888), bw issued for fta/18 days in jail or payment in full.

Matthew E. Newcomb: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine; failure to maintain required insurance, \$500

fine/suspend \$400 on condition.

Robert E. Rogers II: failure to wear seat belt, and four other charges, bw issued for fta.

Meghan L. Russell-Bennett: speeding, and three other charges, license suspended for fta.

Randi F. Saylor: public intoxication, \$100 fine and costs; no operators license in possession, \$25 fine and costs.

Daniel R. Smyth: failure to wear seat belts, and four other charges, license suspended for fta.

Gregory W. Spoonamore: menacing, \$100 fine and costs and 30 days/probated 24 months on condition; terroristic threatening, \$100 fine and 30 days/probated 24 months on condition.

Nena M. Weaver: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine; failure to produce insurance card, \$100 fine and costs.

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**Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I
Civil Action No. 10-CI-00139**

Kentucky Housing Corporation Plaintiff

v.

William A. Hayes, et al Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on September 24, 2010 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of FIFTY TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY TWO DOLLARS AND 68/100 (\$52,552.68) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street
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Beginning at the Hour of 11:30 a.m.**

Said property being more particularly bounded & described as follows:

215 Shirley Street, Mt. Vernon, Rockcastle County, Kentucky 40456

Lot 15 of the Robert Ford Subdivision as shown on revised plat of record in the Plat Book 3, Page 22, in the Office of the Clerk of the Rockcastle County Court, Mount Vernon, Kentucky.

Being the same property conveyed to William A. Hayes and wife Krystal Hayes by deed dated June 6, 2003 of record in Deed Book 194, Page 636 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 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.
3. Unpaid taxes of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2011 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
6. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
7. In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
8. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".

**John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court**

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28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I
Civil Action No. 10-CI-00270**

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Plaintiff

v.

**Garland E. Adkins and
Joyce A. Adkins Defendants**

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on November 24, 2010 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of TWENTY THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWO HUNDRED THIRTY ONE DOLLARS AND 02/100 (\$20,231.02) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, January 21, 2011
Beginning at the Hour of 11:30 a.m.**

Said property being more particularly bounded & described as follows:

282 Buffalo Hollow, Berea, Kentucky 40403

Lot No. 7 of the Gail Ann Miller survey as shown on plat of record in Plat Book 4, Page 165, Slide 390, in the Office of the Clerk of the Rockcastle Court, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky. Reference is made to said plat for a more complete description of said lot; the improvements thereon being known and designated as 282 Buffalo Hollow Road, Berea, Kentucky.

Being the same property conveyed to Garland E. Adkins and wife Joyce A. Adkins by deed dated October 21, 2010 of record in Deed Book 163, Page 435 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.
3. Unpaid taxes of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2011 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
6. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
7. In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
8. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".

**John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court**

**Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I
Civil Action No. 10-CI-00238**

**Nationwide Advantage
Company Plaintiff**

v.

**Steve Renfro a/k/a
Steven Renfro and
Ercela Hope Renfro Defendants**

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on November 24, 2010 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of FIFTY TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR DOLLARS AND 33/100 (\$52,824.33) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, January 21, 2011
Beginning at the Hour of 11:30 a.m.**

Said property being more particularly bounded & described as follows:

155 Lovell Lane, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456.

One lot of land lying and being at the intersection of Lovell Lane and William Street; fronting 130 feet on Lovell Lane and 110 feet on William Street and bounded on the north by Lovell Lane; on the east by the property of Lela O'Mara (Clarence Carter); and on the south by property of Lela O'Mara (Clarence Carter); and on the west by Williams Street.

There is excepted from the above that portion conveyed to Jack Cromer by deed dated November 8, 1977, recorded in Deed Book 106, Page 379, described as follows:

Beginning at the southeast corner of intersection of Lovell Lane and Williams Street; thence with Lovell Lane S 56 degrees 41' E 75 feet to a pin; thence S 22 degrees 53' W 110 feet to a pin in the line of Clarence Carter; thence with line of Carter N 56 degrees 41' W 75 feet to a pin in Williams Street; thence with Williams Street, N 22 degrees 53' 110 feet to the point of beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Steve Renfro and his wife, Ercela Hope Renfro by deed dated August 3, 2004, of record in Deed Book 201, Page 235 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.
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Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court**



Leadership Rockcastle members work with local residents and children to improve Brodhead City Park.



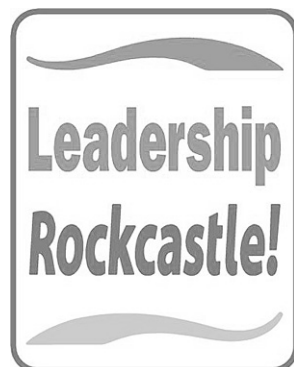
Over the past seven years, Leadership Rockcastle has accomplished many community projects. The Class of 2004 produced the successful, yearly "Cruise in the Valley" car show.

Leadership Rockcastle community projects

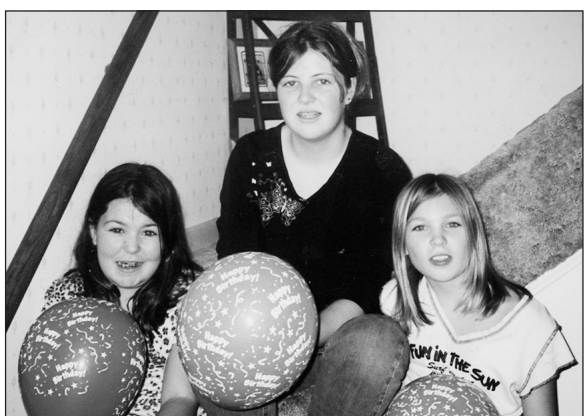
The Development Board and Leadership Rockcastle are looking for Rockcastle residents to participate in the 2011 Leadership Rockcastle program. This year the

opening session will take place on Saturday, February 19th at the Center for Rural Development in Somerset.

Leadership Rockcastle, which started in 2004, has graduated ninety three to date. It provides community members with leadership training and networking. It is a nine month course with two full day sessions in February and March and seven, four-hour sessions, ending in October. The sessions include discussions about community assets, county



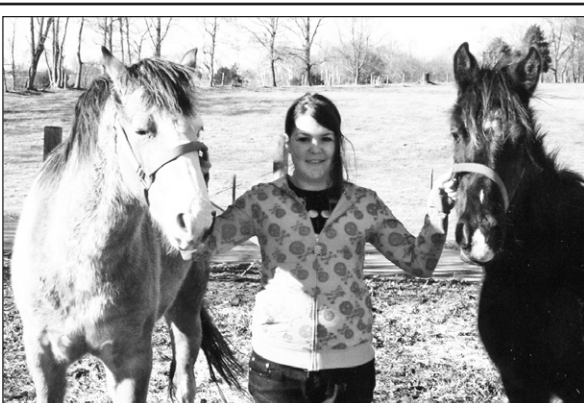
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McKinney Girls Celebrate Special Birthdays
Shelby turned 16 on January 8, 2011, Bethany turned 16 on December 29, 2010 and Ashley turned 13 on December 2, 2010. Shelby and Ashley are the daughters of Jeff McKinney and Tammy Riley and Bethany is the daughter of Tim and Dana McKinney. *Congratulations Girls! Love - From all your family*



It's that time of year again - Ruby Ball is celebrating her 78th birthday on January 22, 2011. Ruby is the daughter of the late Margie and Loyd Ball and the granddaughter of the late Jennie and Major Ball of Brush Creek. Ruby now resides at Rosedale Manor Rest Home at 4250 Glenn Avenue, Covington, KY 41015. She would love to hear from her friends in the Brush Creek and Mt. Vernon area. *Happy Birthday Red -- Love - Dot, Kat, Jim and Paul.*



Happy 16th Birthday Shelby!
We love you - Dad, Ashley and all your family

UNITE "Accidental Dealer" campaign

Rockcastle County to launch program for awareness of need to properly secure meds

A new UNITE initiative to raise awareness in Rockcastle County about the need to properly secure over-the-counter and prescription medications will be launched at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, January 20, at Mt. Vernon Elementary School.

"The majority of youth who experiment with prescription drugs for the first time obtain these drugs from family members or friend's family members without consent, making them an 'accidental dealer'," said Karen Kelly, director of Operation UNITE. "In southern and eastern Kentucky the average age of first-time drug use is age 11, so this is a particularly critical issue."

The Accidental Dealer Community Campaign will be implemented from January through March and specifically target parents, grandparents and other caregivers.

"We are in dire need of volunteers to help spread the word about the dangers of being an accidental dealer," Kelly said. "Volunteers are needed to assist with very specific tasks leading up to a community-wide awareness event."

During the one-hour meeting on January 12 a

UNITE representative will explain the various components of the campaign, provide all materials needed to carry it out, and assist the local coalition begin the organizational process.

To learn more about the

meeting or about the campaign contact Carlos Cameron at 606-438-9130 or ccameron@centertech.com, or visit the UNITE website at www.operationunite.org.

**Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I
Civil Action No. 10-CI-00222**

John Henry Cope and Edith Cope **Plaintiff**

V.

Ed Randall Rector, et al **Defendants**

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on November 24, 2010 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY ONE DOLLARS AND 31/100 (\$101,621.31) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, January 21, 2011
Beginning at the Hour of 11:30 a.m.**

Said property being more particularly bounded & described as follows:

A certain tract of land located on the east side of Copper Creek on the west side of Lambert Road approximately 3 miles west of U.S. Highway #25 in Rockcastle County, Kentucky, being bound by a survey conducted by S.W. Waddle, PLS 2234, May 6, 2000, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a steel pin and survey cap 10 foot west of the centerline of a 12 foot gravel road (Lambert Road), said pin also being situated S 76° 24' 42" W, 27.32 feet from a set stone (found), said stone being the original southeast corner to the eight acre parent tract; thence leaving the beginning point and Lambert Road the following five calls: S 73° 13' 47" W, 493.81 feet with the line of Robert G. and Becky Gregory to a new corner in the centerline of Copper Creek and passing at 478.81 feet a steel pin and survey cap reference point; thence with the centerline of Copper Creek, N 08° 53' 28" W, 142.41 feet to a corner in the centerline of Copper Creek; thence leaving Copper Creek N 73° 13' 47" E, 453.02 feet to a steel pin and survey cap situated 10.00 feet west of the centerline of Lambert Road, and passing at 10.00 feet a steel pin and survey cap reference point; thence along the line situated 10.00 feet west of Lambert Road, S 23° 33' 17" E, 142.06 feet to a steel pin and survey cap, being the point of BEGINNING and containing 1.540 acres, more or less; and the improvements thereon being known and designated as 2975 Lambert Road, Mt. Vernon, KY.

AND BEING THE SAME property conveyed to John Henry Cope and Edith Cope, husband and wife, by deed dated April 16, 2004, from Donnie Ray Lamb, a single man, and recorded in Deed Book 199 at page 258, in the office of the Rockcastle County Clerk, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky.

AND BEING THE SAME property conveyed by Land Contract dated April 16, 2004, to Ed Randall Rector and Sammy Lynn Rector, husband and wife, of record in Deed Book 199 at page 336, in the office of the Rockcastle County Clerk, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky.

Ed Randall Rector and Sammy Lynn Rector, husband and wife, conveyed any interest that they had by virtue of said Land Contract, to John Henry Cope and Edith Cope, husband and wife, by quitclaim deed dated July 1, 2005, and recorded in Deed Book 205 at page 651, in the office of the Rockcastle County Clerk, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky.

AND BEING THE SAME property further conveyed by Land Contract dated July 1, 2005, to Ed Randall Rector and Sammy Lynn Rector, husband and wife; and Steve Jones and Alene Jones, husband and wife, of record in Deed Book 205 at page 654, in the office of the Rockcastle County Clerk, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky.

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

1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
3. Unpaid taxes of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2011 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
6. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
7. In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
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**John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court**

**Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I
Civil Action No. 09-CI-00339**

Community Trust Bank, Inc. **Plaintiff**

V.

Duane Didonato, Sherry L. Didonato, MGM Collection Agency, (a division of MGM Security, Inc.), Carlene Davidson, 84 Lumber Company (a PA Limited Partnership), Morgan Plumbing, LLC, Rockcastle County, Kentucky and Michael McClure **Defendants**

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on November 12, 2010 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of EIGHTY FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTEEN DOLLARS AND 75/100 (\$84,616.75) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, January 21, 2011
Beginning at the Hour of 11:30 a.m.**

Said property being more particularly bounded & described as follows:

Beginning at a point corner of Barnett Road; thence leaving said Barnett Road easterly 204.9 feet to a point; thence southerly 195 feet to a point in the Barnett Road; thence north 84 degrees 00 east to a stake; thence south 71 degrees 30 east 35 feet to a stake; thence south 42 degrees 30 east 35 feet to a stake; thence with the Barnett Road 70.6 feet to the point of beginning and containing .94 acre.

Being the same property conveyed to Duane Didonato by deed dated February 11, 2005, executed by Carlene Davidson, single, of record in Deed Book 203, Page 441 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.
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**John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court**

Classifieds

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For Rent: 2 bedroom apartment, located at Wildie. 256-9369. 7x1

For Rent: Small 2 bedroom house, \$350 per month. Located on 461. Reference required plus deposit. \$350 deposit. 308-3963.

For Rent: 2 BR trailer in Mt. Vernon. No pets. 758-4729. 7xntf

For Rent: 2 BR mobile home w/foundation, large yard. Between Berea and Mt. Vernon. \$385 month/\$385 deposit., 859-625-2487. 7x1p

For Rent: 2 or 3 bedroom trailer in Brodhead. 758-8922. 6x4

For Rent: In Lancaster. Newly decorated retail or office space on heavily traveled street, near other going retail stores. Call 859-339-2817 or 859-582-6576. 5x4

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For Rent: Accepting applications at Mt. Vernon Housing Authority on Mondays 9 a.m. til 12 noon. Rent based on income. 256-4185. 14xntf

Accepting Applications: For 2 and 3 bedroom units at Valley View Apartments. Rent based on income. Call 256-5912. Equal Housing Opportunity, TDD for hearing impaired only. 1-800-247-2510. 36tfn

Property For Sale

Lot For Sale: One acre lot, mobile home ready with electric, water and septic system. Concrete footers for doublewide with tie downs. About 1 mile from Hwy. 461 and Hwy. 150 intersection at 140 Christmas Tree Drive, Mt. Vernon, just off Freedom School Road. \$10,500. Sorry, no land contracts. Call 606-256-3558. 7x4p

For Sale By Owner: Nice 3 bedroom house in Mt. Vernon. Reduced to \$36,900. 606-256-0492. 7x1

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

For Sale: 5 room, 1 bath home. Good barn with 32 acres, more or less, two miles from Mt. Vernon. Call 606-274-4167. 4x8p

For Sale: 1.9 acre wooded lot on Freedom School Road. Septic tank and city water already there, 3/4 mile from 150. 606-308-2290. 37xntf

Lots For Sale: Castle Ridge Subdivision. Use same entry way as Bible Baptist

Church. All lots have city sewer and underground utilities. starting at \$12,900. 606-256-5692 • 256-4504 • 308-3730. 20xntf

For Sale: Mobile home lots, located in Sunnyside Mobile Home Park. 1.2 acre lots - \$500 down and \$100 per month. Call 606-256-5692 or 606-256-5648.

Posted

Posted: No trespassing on James Smith, Jr. property on McHargue Branch Road.

Posted: Absolutely no trespassing, 4 wheeling, hunting, etc. on property owned by Darrell Clifford behind Sand Springs Baptist Church on Hwy. 1249. Violators will be prosecuted.

Posted: No trespassing on 20 Smith St., Brodhead.

Posted: No trespassing on

land belonging to James and Dorothy Rash heirs on Rash Branch Road off Chestnut Ridge. No hunting, camping, ATVs, trespassing for any purpose. Not responsible for accidents to anyone. Violators prosecuted.

Posted: Absolutely no trespassing on property of Dell Ponder on Red Hill and Black Bear Lick Lane. Violators will be prosecuted.

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on Shannon Hellard property on Cove Branch Road without written permission. 48x12p

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: No trespassing on Crawford Place - Old Brodhead Road. Danny

Smith. 47fn
Posted: Absolutely no hunting, fishing or trespassing on property belonging to Mark and Debbie Cummins. Violators will be prosecuted.

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.

Notices

Rockcastle County Public Library will accept sealed bids for a 1991 step van, used as a bookmobile with an almost new O'Nan generator. The bids must be for the bookmobile and generator together. Please mail bids to "Bookmobile" c/o Rockcastle Co. Public Library, 60 Ford Drive, Mt. vernon, Ky. 40456. Bids must be received at the library no later than 6 p.m., February 11th. The library board reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. 6x2

Stanford EMS & Rescue Inc. will be hosting an EMT class beginning around February 1, 2011. Anyone interested in the class needs to call 606-365-2957 or 606-365-2833, ask for Ashley, Jeff or Linds or you can stop by the building and pick up an application at 100 South Second Street, Stanford, Ky. 40484. 6x2

Epperson Air Conditioning, Heating, Plumbing & Electric wishes to partner with similar operating businesses and assets. Call (606) 679-7476. Located at 112 West University Drive,

Somerset, Ky. 42503. 37xntf, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.

Notice is hereby given that Debbie Anglin, P.O. Box 1034, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed executrix of the estate of Jack Anglin on the 3rd day of January, 2011. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Debbie Anglin or to Hon. William D. Gregory, 240 East Main St., P.O. Drawer 220, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before July 6, 2011 at 11 a.m. 6x3

Notice is hereby given that Mary Frances Whitehead, P.O. Box 174, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 has been appointed executor of the estate of Dwight Whitehead on the 20th day of December, 2010. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Mary Frances Whitehead or to Hon. John E. Clontz, 6405 Innisbrook Drive, Prospect, Ky. 40059 on or before May 23, 2011 at 11 a.m. 6x3

Notice is hereby given that Christine Nicholas, 6759 Brindle Ridge Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Billy Ray Nicholas on the 3rd day of January, 2011. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Christine Nicholas on or before July 6, 2011 at 11 a.m.

Notice is hereby given that Gary M. Reppert, P.O. Box 174, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed executor of the estate of Ray Johnson, Jr., on the 10th day of January, 2011. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Gary M. Reppert or to Hon. John D. Ford, 45 East Main St., P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before July 11, 2011 at 11 a.m. 7x3

Notice is hereby given that Linda Derossett, 9002 Long Pickett Court, Huntersville, NC 28078 has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Patricia Mahaffey on the 10th day January, 2011. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Linda Derossett or to Hon. William D. Gregory, 240 E. Main St., P.O. Drawer 220, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before July 11, 2011 at 11 a.m.

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Reduced! 3.03 A on Menifee Hill Rd. - \$19,900

2.5 A on Menifee Hill Rd. - \$18,900

SOLD! Lot #7 - Hwy. 1249, 3.7 A. - \$21,000



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193 BISHOP LANE - 3 bedroom, 2 bath singlewide, 12.2 acres. \$47,000. MLS 38481
175B STEPHENS RD - 1 bedroom, 2 bath, 38 acres. \$124,900. MLS 38835
126 TULIP CRT. LANE - 3 bedrooms, 2 bath doublewide, 21 acres. \$139,000. MLS 38740
914 PLEASANT DR - 7.2 acres. \$12,900. MLS38127
6732 BRINDLE RIDGE - 3 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home, 5 acres. \$129,900. MLS 37601
COPPER CREEK RD. - 138 acres. Blacktop road frontage. \$225,000. MLS 36693
530 MT. VERNON RD - 1 bath mobile home, 2 bay garage, 80x80 unfinished Butler building. \$159,900. MLS36970
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RCMS Band gets back to business in 2011

Submitted by A. B. Sharpe

School resumed for the first time in three weeks and Mr. D. was busier than ever. The RCMS Band had to be recorded for their honors band placement and nine RCMS band members traveled to Madison Central High School in Richmond last Thursday-Saturday to participate in the Bluegrass All-Regional Band. They had qualified at the auditions at South Laurel High School in early December. Senior Mallory Harper, sophomore Caleb Coffey, Matt Gonzalez and Mary Weaver, and freshman Mackenzie Craig qualified for the Concert Band and seniors Matt Fields and Ethan Miller, junior Jarrett Hamm, and sophomore Brandon McFerron, for the Symphonic Band.

The rehearsals started Thursday evening, after school, continued from early Friday morning until late evening and were set to resume early Saturday morning. The weather wreaked some havoc with this schedule; they were delayed Friday on the interstate by some car wrecks. According to Jarrett, "Joe (the bus driver) got us there safe." Saturday's early rehearsal was then postponed until noon due to icy conditions. That gave our band members time to shop and eat in a beautiful winterscaped Richmond. The concert culminating the three days of intense rehearsals was Saturday afternoon at 2. The Concert Band performed under the direction of Mr. Robert J. Dubinski, esteemed adjudicator, clinician, DCI expert, and Director of Bands at Bloomington High School South, Bloomington, IN. The group's first piece, "Emperata Overture" featured RCMS' own Caleb Coffey on solo flute. Next was Samuel Hazo's "Southern Hymn", followed by the Bizet classic "Farandole" arranged by Jay Bocook. For their final selection, the Concert Band performed the classic Carl King work "Valley Forge Marge" as arranged by Michael W. Sweeney. Then, the Symphonic Band took the stage under the baton of Mr. George Boulden, best known for his work as the Associate Director of Bands at the University of Kentucky. The Symphonic Band played "American Fanfare" by Rick Kirby,

"Lux Aurumque" by Eric Whitaker, "First Suite in E Flat for a Marching Band" by Gustav Holst, "Rough Riders" by Carl L. King, and "March of Hope" by Nachman Yariv.

Some of the participants shared their views:

Matt – "It was great. It was intense. We played "Rough Riders", a march used to wake us up each morning at band camp."

Mallory – "It was a great learning experience. My favorite piece was "Emperata Overture" because it varied in tempos throughout the piece."

Ethan – "It was really nice. My director was part of the Music Dept at UK. He was a really nice guy who focused on the learning process and not just playing the music."

Jarrett – "It was great. It was a lot of practice and it was all worth it. I really liked playing "First Suite in E Flat" by Gustav Holst.

Caleb – "It was a whole lot of fun. I especially loved playing "Emperata Overture" by Claude T. Smith because I had the solo in it."

Kenzie – "It was fun. I really enjoyed "Southern Hymn" by Samuel R. Hazo. *Musismakers Among Us*

This week Judge Executor Buzz Carloftis, a Rockcastle County High School Band Alumni, shares some of his fascinating recollections of the history of the band and how it helped shape his life. "The schools in Rockcastle had a consolidated band long before there was a consolidated high school (we were bused from Livingston and Mt. Vernon every Monday evening to Brodhead – finally, Brodhead and Livingston were eventually meeting at the Mt. Vernon School). This was begun by Jack Adams and continued throughout high school. (By the way, while under the direction of Jack Adams, the band generally received top marks at competitions for concert material.)"

Buzz started in band as a 4th grader at Livingston where "music was thrust upon me – and band. I was not particularly interested, but my parents somehow insisted. I remember that prospective band members met in the library at the school with the director at that time, who was Jack Adams (a brother of Dr. Adams, the veterinarian). We were evidently not permitted to really 'choose' our instruments (as I recall, I had the choice between trombone and flute). As a fourth grader, I realized even then that I would not want to be burdened with carrying a trombone, when a flute (also piccolo) could easily be slipped under my arm or in a pocket. I remember that I wanted to drop out, but my mother (especially) refused to let me. So I stayed on and, during the 6th grade, for some reason a lot of my friends dropped band. I stayed. I

finally began liking it and enjoyed practice (although I was forced to take private lessons from a high school student from Mt. Vernon)."

"Needless to say, I found myself in a minority – the only male student playing flute whenever we went to competitions (making it much more interesting). And Jack Adams was an excellent director (I think he left and went to Connecticut). We had his successor (I don't remember his name) for a few years, but he was not at all popular, and band members dropped by the droves. After that, we had a woman director by the name of Karen Marx (I think that is correct). Finally, Bob Pybas."

"Just before graduating from Livingston High School, I auditioned for the United States School Band at Bob Pybas's insistence. The band was to tour the U.S. that year. Not dreaming of getting in, I was notified that I had made it, but the itinerary had been changed: the band was to be guests of the Yamaha Corporation and tour Japan for three weeks that summer. A tremendous trip, but grueling rehearsals (our director was the head of music from the University of Michigan, and he was simply a tyrant, pure and simple. He gave no quarter to any slacker – and I distinctly remember at one rehearsal in Japan (we were rehearsing the encore – Stars and Stripes Forever – when the brass sections would leave the stage and perform in front – and a trombone player tripped on the stairway. The other members stopped to help the player, but the director ordered the other players to stomp his trombone flat – stating that would teach him to fall again. This really happened. My stomach was in knots.)"

"I was invited back the following year (my freshman year in college); this time we went to Great Britain. The third year we toured Canada. (I was the only Kentucky student chosen for the first two years.)"

"While in college, I played first flute and piccolo. I also played for the Orchestra of the Cumberland (a college-based orchestra, which was very enjoyable to play with all the string instruments). I remember that, at one concert, I found myself rehearsing with a trumpet player from Julliard. We were playing one of the Brandenburg Concertos, so I was playing piccolo along with the trumpet's line. He played beautifully. Then, that evening during the concert, he somehow got started and completely dropped out, leaving the entire burden upon me, which I played, according to him, flawlessly. It was fun."

"I also played for a short time in a community band in Lexington with friends who were in the Kentucky National Guard Band at the time. I now play piano for our church services. I have gone through numerous flutes, and still have the one from college, although seldom play."

Coming Events
January 27th – 29th – WKU Honors Band
February 24th-26th – ECU Honors Band
February TBA – Winterguard season will begin.

March 22nd -24th – KMEA Concert Band Festival

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.

Monday, February 7th – Pizza Hut Night! Start planning now to eat out. Whether dining in or carrying out, mention the band and you can know that you helped them out.



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Minds in the Middle

The 2nd grading period ended on Friday, January 7th. Report cards will be mailed home this Thursday, January 20th. In that mailing, the 8th graders will also be receiving copies of their ACT Explore score summary. Those students will

be bringing home a booklet for parents which will help with interpreting the scores. Parents with additional questions may contact Ms. Cromer.

Once again we are proud of our RCMS student body for showing compassion for our community. During the annual RCMS United Club/Student YMCA food drive, 2,891 food items were collected for the local Mt. Vernon Food and Clothing Mission. Congratulations to the Challengers team for bringing the most items. The team met the school goal themselves by bringing in 2,010 items and will be treated to a pizza party.

Any parents who wish to have access to the Parent Portal feature on our student database may come by the office during school hours

for a brief training. Parents are given a password to gain access to such information as their child's grades, attendance, and behavior referrals. If you would like the training, but cannot come during the school day, please call Ms. Cromer to set up a time.

Congratulations to Mrs. Tracy's 6th grade Voyagers on winning the latest weekly attendance battle. Mrs. Bohannon's 6th grade Enterprisers placed second, followed by Mrs. Martin's 8th grade Challengers homeroom.

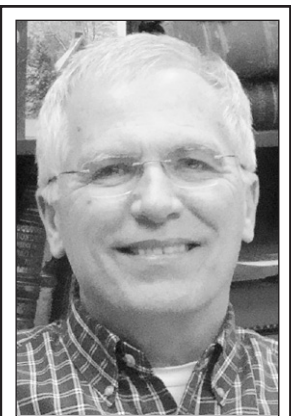
The RCMS yearbook will be in full color this year for the first time ever. The cost of a yearbook is \$35.00. If students wish to have their names on the front cover, they must order by January 26th.

"Leadership" (Cont. from pg. A10)

history, personal styles, dealing with conflict, etc.

Over the past seven years, Leadership Rockcastle has accomplished many community projects. The Class of 2004 produced the successful, yearly "Cruise in the Valley" car show. In 2008 members took on improvements to the Brodhead City Park and the 2010 class worked with Mt. Vernon Mayor Gary Cromer to establish a skateboard park. The Chamber of Commerce was organized by graduates of Leadership Rockcastle.

Anyone interested in participating in this year's class should contact the Rockcastle County Development Board, Project Coordinator Lynn Tatum @ 606-256-8007 – email ltatum@rockcastlecountyky.com.



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