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RTEC held a building dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony last Friday morning following a major renovation of their buildings. In the top photo are, from left: Danielle Smoot, Field Representative for Hal Rogers, Vickie Bourne, Executive Director of Office of Transportation Delivery, Mt. Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant, Shirley Cummins, RTEC director and RTEC Board Members Bonnie Neeley, Linda McClure, Buzz Carloftis and Joyce Mink. In the bottom photo, Bourne and Smoot unveil the dedication plaque.



## County employees get 50¢ raise during fiscal court meeting

Come January, 2012, all county employees (road, 911, detention center and general fund employees) will have a little more in their pay check.

At Tuesday's regular meeting of the fiscal court, magistrates voted to give employees a 50c hour raise. This follows a 50c raise given beginning in mid-June of this year. County employees (about 50) who participate in the county's health insurance program, also received a \$500 supplemental insurance card. The total cost to the county for the raise and the insurance cards comes to \$169,000 but about \$60,000 of this amount was saved on the county's health insurance premium this year.

During the discussion, Magistrate Ralph Allen told the court that he felt that "we give money to everything else (we) ought to take care of our people." Allen made the motion for the increase and it was seconded by Magistrate Lee Earl Adams.

As the first item of business, the court approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Commonwealth Attorney's office to continue the Rocket Docket program.

The program essentially shortens the time that a prisoner spends in the county jail, without any reimbursement to the county, because, under the Rocket Docket a plea is entered disposing of the case.

Jeremy Bartley, assistant Commonwealth Attorney, told the court that the program had saved the county over \$100,000 in costs during the last year.

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## Two Mt. Vernon homes burglarized

By: Sara Coguer

Two Mt. Vernon homes were burglarized Tuesday afternoon, with the calls from homeowners coming in to 911 only a few minutes apart.

According to police, the homes of David and Betty Henderson on Lewis Street and Lloyd Mink on West Main Street were both burglarized.

Mt. Vernon City Policeman Kevin Fletcher responded to the Henderson break-in where costume jewelry and a camera were taken. The thieves went through Christmas presents but did not take any.

Mt. Vernon City Policeman Adam Stallworth responded to the Mink break-in where a safe was taken.

The police do not have any suspects at this time, but if you have any information about either break-in you are asked to call the Mt. Vernon City Police at 256-5372 or the non-emergency 911 number at 256-2121.

## Three one-step meth labs found in woods

By: Sara Coguer

A man and his children playing in the woods above Subway Tuesday afternoon found three one-step meth labs that had been abandoned there.

According to Mt. Vernon Assistant Police Chief Barry Adams, the meth labs appeared to have been used for their purpose and then dumped in the woods. The man did not know what he had found, but called police anyway with his concern.

No arrests have been made and police do not have any suspects.

## Board of Education gets thumbs up from auditors

By: Sara Coguer

In their regular monthly meeting Tuesday night, the Rockcastle County Board of Education received an "unqualified opinion" from their auditing firm Cloyd & Associates.

The "unqualified opinion" means there weren't any findings in the district's financial sector according to Auditor Matt Shackleford.

Shackleford told the board that the district was very well run and in great shape considering that

many districts are having a hard time financially.

Despite the reduction in revenue and decrease in state funding, the district has \$3.8 million in their general fund, which is above the state mandated 2% required for districts to keep.

The auditor also reported that the food services program had a net increase of \$49,000 last year. Shackleford stated that food services were in the red in many districts and so any net increase is good.

The audit also reviewed each of the schools, where Shackleford stated were usually the most risky areas of control because of so much cash flow and so many people being involved, including teachers, sponsors and principals.

The schools had seven minor findings, down from twelve last year, and were given an overall

good rating from the auditor. The auditor told the board that the findings that the schools had were very common, and could be taken care of with a little more oversight and understanding of procedures. The board approved the findings from the audit.

The board also approved all school activity

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### Rockcastle Remembers at Christmas

## Many "gifted" people lived in Roundstone & Clear Creek valleys

By: Sara Coguer

I was so pleased when Mrs. Norma Eversole walked into the *Signal* last Monday morning with a contribution to our Remembering Rockcastle series of Gifts to Rockcastle County.

I have heard a lot about the Roundstone / Clear Creek area all my life, as well as the Scaffold Cane area, where my dad grew up. Jason's mom's side of the family is also from the Roundstone area, so my

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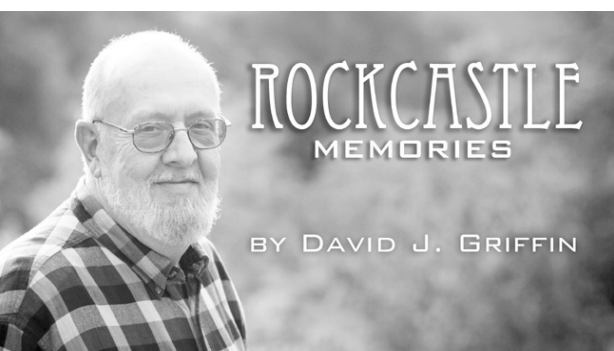


The Rockcastle Sheriff's Office is putting the finishing touches on their new building, which is behind the courthouse. The building, which will be used for the law enforcement work of the Sheriff's office, including interview and booking of suspects and workspace for deputies, is slated to be finished within the month. Normal business such as tax collection will remain in their current offices inside the courthouse. Monies for this project came from drug forfeiture funds.

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## ROCKCASTLE MEMORIES

BY DAVID J. GRIFFIN

**A Day at Mt. Vernon High**  
Living on the other side of the L&N Railroad from Mt. Vernon High School (MVHS) could be a stressful situation. This morning in December of 1961 was just an example of that condition. I woke up at day-break, grabbed a bite of breakfast, and rushed out the door to get into my '58 Chevy in order to make my way to school. To my dismay, the front tire of my vehicle was flat, and I had to put on my spare. This distraction caused me to be late driving down US 150 toward MVHS. Just as I rounded the corner of Main Street and Richmond Avenue, I noticed a train on the tracks in my path.

As I sat in my car waiting for the train to pass, I was thinking of how embarrassing it was going to be walking into home room tardy. Mrs. Lela Saylor was my homeroom teacher, and she did not allow any foolishness or tardiness. Sure enough, as I walked through the door, she asked, "Just where have you been, David Joe?" I told her my story, but as I explained each part (flat tire and a train delay) she seemed to question my truthfulness, and so did my fellow classmates. She said, "Go to the office and get a tardy note."

After getting my tardy note, I was also late to my first period geometry class, which was taught by Assistant Principal Bill Landrum. He, too, questioned my timing. Would this day ever get back to normalcy? Several of my friends were in that class, so naturally they teased me for having such reasons for being late. Charles Shivel wanted to know if I had been out too late with one of my girl-

friends the night before and asked, "Did you have a hard time getting home last night?" Marion Whitehouse, Lee Childress, Wayne Ballinger, and Dwight McNew joined in with Charles and poked fun at me for the rest of the class. Finally, the bell rang and into the hall we poured.

I needed to visit my locker, and as I walked down the hall, I noticed Joe Lambert with another huge load of books under his arm. Upon looking back, he must have already been preparing to become the Chief Justice of the Kentucky Supreme Court. While standing at my locker, Marty Sowder came up and asked, "Are you going skating in Berea on Friday night?" I responded by saying yes, and she reminded me that she would love to ride with me if that was alright. I was glad she asked because she was always fun to be with on the weekends. Even though she was a senior, we spent a lot of time together as friends and good buddies.

My next class was Chemistry, taught by Mr. Charles "Tuck" Baker. He began the class by giving us a quiz on the symbols of the elements listed on the periodic table. On the wall, above his head, was a very large Periodic Chart, but I am sure he did not remember that it was in front of us. For that particular quiz, we all made a perfect score. When the bell rang for us to go to our ten-minute break, we filed out of the door laughing at his mistake. Carla Baker, Sandy Murrell, Sharon Owens, James Cope, Lee Price and I laughed all the way to the soft drink machines. In a

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## The Roots of Rockcastle

by: Tonya J. Cook



**Landmark Restaurant Has Become a Memory to Sarah Kirby-Harris**

Quite unexpectedly I received a phone call the other day from Sarah Kirby-Harris concerning a column in the Roots series she had read. She now lives in Indianapolis, but remembers Rockcastle County with fondness and comes back to visit regularly.

She began talking about people, places, past events, and of course, old buildings. She had a good memory and recalled many things of the past.

Sarah was born April 13, 1937, to Ernest and Ethel Kirby in the northern part of the county, in Fairview. The area was called "Boone" according to the local post office. She had two brothers, Eric who died at about the age of thirty-two from influenza in Indianapolis, and G. E. who died at about age forty-nine in California.

The family lived in a house in Kirby Hollow, with her paternal grandparents living near. She even remembers her family living with the grandparents until she was about four years old.

Ernest and Ethel's church membership was at the Fairview Baptist Church, but in the 1950s, they began attending church at Brodhead Baptist. The elementary school where the Kirby children attended was next to the Fairview Baptist Church. The school taught grades 1 through 8. Sarah attended high school at

Brodhead, where she graduated in 1954. The school at Fairview had two rooms. The Kirby children walked to school. In order to get to Brodhead, Sarah had to walk about a half mile to a mile to Highway 25 in order to catch the school bus.

The community of Fairview was just a small hamlet with a school, post office, church and a general store. The store was owned and operated by Delia Barnett, who Sarah said was still living. The store sold general merchandise and had what we would call a delicatessen today as sandwiches and the like were sold there, as well. The store was located near the school. At one time, Delia owned the noted landmark, the Belly Achers Restaurant in Renfro Valley. After owning the restaurant, she opened the store in the 1950s.

Sarah's first job was at the Belly Achers Restaurant after graduation in 1954, as a waitress. She also worked as a maid, cleaning the cabins located to the side of the restaurant. This was in the era when the Renfro Valley area was the destination spot to hundreds of country and bluegrass music fans. Renfro Valley brought a lot of tourism and business to the whole county. Sarah remembers these days, and we will visit there next week through the memories of Sarah Kirby-Harris.

The subject matter in this column has not been researched nor verified.

## Points East

By Ike Adams



In the continuing spirit of friendship and many blessings, I bring to you my great friend, Jimmy Robinson. Jimmy runs a company in East Bernstadt, named Robinson Premium Meats. It used to be called Robinson Sausage and it is an old, historic, family business that Jimmy took over some years back and figured that grinding sausage was not enough to pay the bills.

I don't know the whole story, but Jimmy, entrepreneur that he is, branched the company out into premium deli cuts and cured hams and took the London legend to yet another level. I can tell you, for sure, that if it doesn't have Robinson's on the label, we don't buy deli meat in this household. We have tried other breakfast sausage and fed it to the dog and even Hershey will turn up his nose as if to say he knows the difference.

Anyway, Jimmy sends me a country ham every year and this has been going on for a couple of decades. Jimmy Robinson has

figured out how to cure and dry hams to a level of perfection that only my late neighbor, Charlie Brown, might have known. It is a secret and one well kept. I just know that it works.

The ham is stashed on our back porch and Loretta will spend 4 days making it into the most delicious hunk of meat that we will have this year. We will start at Christmas and maybe wind up at Easter. If you come to my house between now and then and you want a snack, thank my good friend, Jimmy Robinson. He cured the ham.

In other news, my best friend, Ralph King, and I have ventured and lost at many endeavors. Ralph has a farm and state of the art electronic photo processing at his fingertips. If it can be done digitally, Ralph can do it. Ralph does not blow things up but he understands dynamite. And he can make anything grow if it involves new ground and fertilizer.

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## Our Readers Write

### Hearfelt gratitude...

Dear Editor,

I cannot put into words my heartfelt gratitude for all of those that played a role in Brodhead Elementary School's Winter Wonderland Carnival. I don't know where to begin, from the many individuals and groups that helped plan the event, to the students, staff, parents and community members who either worked the event or donated items to the event, I say a heartfelt "Thank You, Thank You, Thank you!" I was totally amazed at the out pouring of our community in support of our school both in donations and attendance at the carnival. It made me so proud to be a part of this amazing community and so thankful that my children, both at home and at school, have the opportunity to grow up in such a wonderful place, where both parents and community members support the education of our children.

Brodhead Elementary Staff, Students and Parents would like to say a special

thank you to the following businesses and individuals

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# Obituaries

## Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



### Thurney Ray Rowe

Thurney Ray Rowe, 66 of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, December 5, 2011. He was born in Rockcastle on April 1, 1945 the son of Delbert and Josie Kirby Rowe. He was a sawmill worker, member of Blue Springs Church of Christ, US Army Veteran of the Vietnam War and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He is survived by: his wife, Bonnie Rowe; two sons, David Ray (Shandra) Rowe of Crab Orchard and Ricky Douglas (Mary Ann) Rowe of Mt. Vernon; one daughter, Patricia Ann (Carl David) Barron of Waynesburg; two brothers, Terrell Rowe and Derrell Rowe, both of Mt. Vernon; and three sisters, Ruby Cromer of Brodhead, Wanda McFerron of Beattyville and Rhonda Barron of Mt. Vernon. Also surviving are five grandchildren, Amanda Barron, Austin Barron, Cody Barron, Steven Rowe and Courtney Rowe.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Vernie Mink and his step father, Thurman Mink.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 8, 2011 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home by Bros. Marcus Reppert and Gary Reppert. Burial was in the Rowe Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Daniel Boone, Jeff Cromer, Devin Hasty, Arlis McFerron, Phillip McFerron, and Den Mink.

Visit [www.DowellMartin.com](http://www.DowellMartin.com) to view online obituary.

### Marty Sandlin

Marty Sandlin, 56, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, December 11, 2011 at his home. He was born in Dayton, OH on October 5, 1955 the son of Hobert and Verna Gibbons Sandlin. He was a truck driver and a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Mt. Vernon.

He is survived by: three sons, Shaddrick Ray Sandlin, Jarrett Lee Sandlin, and Derek James Sandlin, all of Dayton, OH; a daughter, Alisha Kaye Sandlin of Berea; his mother, Verna Sandlin; four brothers, Conley Sandlin of New Lebanon, OH, Ronnie Sandlin and Barry Sandlin, both of Dayton, OH, and Nathaniel Sandlin of London, OH; and two sisters, Nena Sandlin and Litha Smith, both of Dayton, OH. Also surviving are four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Hobert Sandlin.

There were no funeral services. Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Please visit [www.DowellMartin.com](http://www.DowellMartin.com) to view online obituary.

### Mildred Miller

Mildred Miller, 78, of Orlando, died Monday, December 12, 2011 at the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, December 16 at 2 p.m. at the Maple Grove Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the Miller Cemetery in Wildie.

Visitation will begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday at the church.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

A complete obituary will appear in next week's Signal.

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### Ethel Clark Croucher

Ethel Clark Croucher, 76, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, December 11, 2011 at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 14 at the Northside Baptist Church by Bro. Darren Slone. Burial was in the Clark Cemetery at Climax.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

A complete obituary will appear in next week's Signal.

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### Ruth Renner

Ruth Renner, 71, of Mt. Vernon, widow of Jessie Renner and mother of Donald Renner, died Saturday, December 10, 2011 at her home.

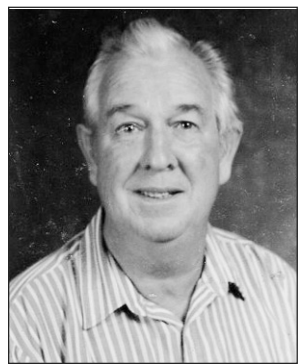
Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 14 at the First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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## In Loving Memories



### In Loving Memory

In loving memory of Glyn Bullock, who passed away December 13, 2006. Although it has been five years since you left me, there is still a very longing in my heart for you. You were a wonderful person, kind, gentle, and honest in every way to everyone. You loved your family very much and we all loved you and still do. We miss you every day, but I know and wait for the day when we can be together again. No more tears or sad goodbyes, just hello forever. I love you and hope to see you soon.

Love forever,  
Pat and children



### Remembering

Mary McWhorter's birthday on December 6th and Brenda McMullin's birthday on December 13th. Mother and sister of the Singleton family of Brodhead. Mary was a former Mt. Vernon Signal correspondent.



**EGGNOG POUND CAKE**  
1 box (18.25 ounce) yellow cake mix  
1 cup eggnog  
3 eggs  
1/2 cup butter, softened  
1/4 teaspoon fresh ground nutmeg  
Preheat oven to 350°.  
Grease and flour a 12-cup tube pan. In a large bowl combine dry cake mix with rest of ingredients. Beat on low until all is moistened. Beat on medium for two minutes. Pour into prepared pan and bake 40 to 45 minutes. Cool in pan for 10 minutes; revert onto wire rack and remove from pan. Let cool.

**BROWN SUGAR POUND CAKE**  
1 cup butter  
1/2 cup shortening  
1 box (16 ounce) brown sugar  
5 eggs  
3 cups all-purpose flour

1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
1 cup milk  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
Preheat oven to 300°.  
Grease and flour a 10-inch tube pan. Cream together butter and shortening in a large bowl. Gradually add sugar, beating until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating after each addition. In another bowl, combine baking powder and flour. Add flour mixture to creamed mixture alternately with milk, beginning and ending with flour, and beating well after each addition. Stir in vanilla. Pour batter into prepared tube pan. Bake for 1 hour and 15 minutes or until toothpick inserted near center comes out clean. Cool in pan 10 minutes, then invert onto wire rack to cool completely.

**BLACK WALNUT POUND CAKE**  
1 cup butter, softened

1/2 cup shortening  
3 cups sugar  
5 eggs  
3 cups all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1 cup whole milk  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 cup chopped black walnuts  
Preheat oven to 325°.  
Grease and flour a 10-inch tube pan. In a large bowl, cream butter, shortening, and sugar. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Sift together flour and baking soda. Combine the milk and vanilla. Add flour mixture and milk to creamed mixture alternately, beating on low speed until just combined. Fold in nuts. Pour into prepared pan. Bake for about 1 hour 25 minutes or until cake tests done. Cool 10 minutes on wire rack before removing from pan.



**Rockcastle Health and Rehab**

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## Cards of Thanks

### Emil Borchert

The family of Emil C. "Bo" Borchert would like to express our appreciation for the kindnesses shown us at the loss of our loved one.

We want to thank Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation and staff for their excellent care and Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Dr. Karen Saylor.

A special thank you to the Disabled American Veterans Chapter #158, Bro. Mark Eaton, Marvin E. Owens Funeral Home and our friends.

God Bless you,  
The family of  
Oliver and Harriet Miller

**Brenda Singleton McMullin**

The Singleton family would like to express sincere thanks and gratitude for the many cards, flowers and expressions of sympathy and concern from Brenda's

many friends and classmates, our family and neighbors, church family and family who were able to attend services in South Carolina.

### Larry Bell

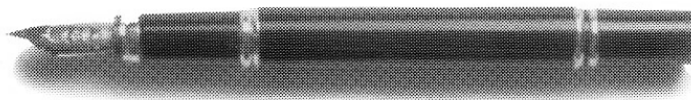
The family of Larry Bell would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support during the loss of our loved one. Thank you for all the cards, gifts, flowers, money given and all those who came by our home with food. A special thanks to Dowell & Martin Funeral Home, Bro. Tim Hampton and Kim, Shelly and Shane for the beautiful songs. Many thanks to the pallbearers and to those who gave their time to dig the grave. We truly appreciate all that was done for us.

Leisha Bell,  
Laura & Tommy Kidwell & Ethan  
Ashley Bell, Dylan Bell

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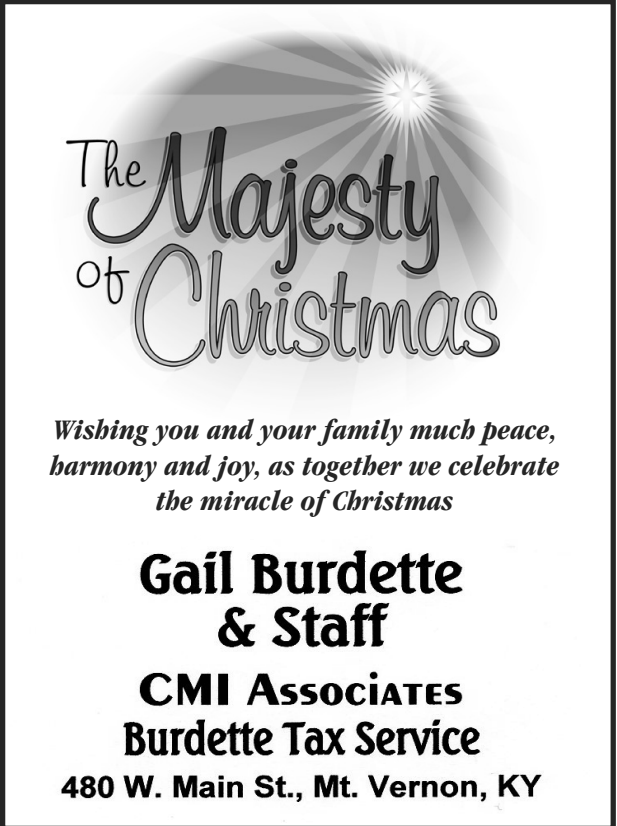
It's important to look at all the costs involved in funeral services because some funeral homes charge more for their services and less for their caskets and others will charge more for their caskets and less for their services. In order to do a fair comparison, you need to look at each item, line for line, to see what is included in the total price. Some funeral homes may offer you a "cheaper" price but do you know what you are getting for that "cheaper" price? You may be getting a lesser quality casket with no vault, no tent & chairs at the graveside for the family, no obituary notices, register book, flowers, etc. That is why you need to know what ALL is included in that "cheaper" price just as Federal Law requires.

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**TOUR Southern and Eastern Kentucky (TOUR SEKY) named Craig Barnett, Vice President of Public Relations at Renfro Valley Entertainment Center as its 2011 Rookie of the Year. Barnett received the award November 29, 2011 during TOUR SEKY's 11th Annual Tourism Forum. Pictured from left are: Miss Redbud Trails 2011 Lauren Rose, Craig Barnett, Jeff Crowe (TOUR SEKY) and Chris Girdler (Congressman Hal Rogers' Office).**

## Barnett named TOUR SEKY 2011 Rookie of the Year

TOUR Southern and Eastern Kentucky (TOUR SEKY) named Craig Barnett, Vice President of Public Relations at Renfro Valley Entertainment Center as its 2011 Rookie of the Year. Barnett received the award November 29, 2011 during TOUR SEKY's 11th Annual Tourism Forum.

"We wanted to recognize the outstanding involvement and dedication of an individual who is new to the TOUR SEKY Program and has hit the ground running," said Jeff Crowe, TOUR SEKY President/CEO. "Craig has been an active TOUR SEKY participant for only a short time but he has made a tremendous impact at Renfro Valley and with our organization."

TOUR SEKY hosted the Annual Forum and Awards Luncheon at The Center for Rural Development in Somerset, KY. More than 300 tourism professionals, elected officials and tourism business representatives took part in the event. The theme was "Tourism, It's a

Jungle Out There!"

Participants attended a morning session which featured presentations from Berkeley Young and Tami Reist. Young is the President of Young Strategies, Inc. The North Carolina based company is known for its custom tailored approach in using research to address specific issues for Destination Marketing Organizations. Tammy Reist is the President/CEO of the Decatur-Morgan County, Alabama Convention and Visitors Bureau. She has nearly 30 years experience in the hospitality industry. Reist discussed some of the key elements to a successful and comprehensive tourism and travel marketing program. Sara Moreno, Director of the U.S. Commercial Service, Lexington, KY also addressed the group.

TOUR honored several other volunteers during the event and recognized all of the sponsors that helped make the event a success during the awards luncheon. For a complete list of award

winners, contact Michelle Allen at 606-677-6142 or mallen@tourseky.com. To receive a free copy of TOUR SEKY's Region Guide, call 1-877-TOUR-SEKY.

TOUR SEKY is an award winning initiative of Congressman Hal Rogers. The organization's mission is to educate, expand, develop and market the existing and potential tourism industry throughout southern and eastern Kentucky, while contributing to the economic, cultural growth, health and awareness, and overall quality of life of the region. For additional information about TOUR SEKY visit [www.tourseky.com](http://www.tourseky.com), or call 606-677-6093.

### Allen attends Fall Conference

Rockcastle County Clerk Danetta Ford Allen recently attended the Kentucky County Clerks' Association Fall Conference, in Louisville, Kentucky. While at the conference, Allen, who has served as county clerk since January attended numerous training sessions that were geared toward helping county clerks become more knowledgeable about their offices. Some of the sessions focused on election procedures, while others focused on procedures for recordings, and titling and registration of motor vehicles.

County clerks who attended the conference received training credit for the sessions they attended as part of their continuing education. For more information about the Kentucky County Clerks' Association, please contact Bill May, at 502-227-2922.

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## "Memories"

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matter of a few minutes, everyone had heard about our good fortune. And yet, Mr. Baker never did realize that we were looking at the answers while taking that quiz.

After purchasing our soft drinks, most of the guys took a seat on the rail outside the boy's bathroom in order to listen to one of our favorite adults, Custodian Charlie Hines. All of the students loved him, and he was most proficient at his task of keeping our classes amazingly clean.

The next thing – lunch. Mt. Vernon High School had what is known as an "open" lunch period, meaning that students were permitted to leave campus to pick up something to eat. Bob Ford's Grocery was within walking distance from the school. Several of us decided to grab a slice of bologna on crackers for our meal that day. Marty Sowder, Bud Cox, Paul Daily, Nancy Helton, and I grabbed our coats out of our lockers and briskly walked across the street to purchase our lunch. As usual, we had to stand in line to be served at the meat counter. I took my time getting back to class because I had Health and Physical Education under Coach Jack Laswell as my next class. He was not so strict about us being tardy, and we usually stretched our lunch period as long as we possibly could. When I arrived at the gym, the guys had already started to play basketball so I quickly put on my Converse All-Stars and joined the game. Coach Laswell never knew I was late.

Following lunch and while on my way to the gym, I entered the school just in time to see the cheerleaders headed to the gym in order to prepare for a pep rally that was going to be held during the final portion of last period. There they were – all together – looking..... very fine. The group included: Nancy Helton, Carla Baker, Sharon Owens, Martha Sowder, Jewell Anderkin, and Dorcas Woodall. They were one noisy unit moving down the hall, gearing up for the rally and the game.

The last period of the day, I was assigned to a study hall which was conducted by Mrs. Doris Niceley. As I walked through the door, Charlotte Fain was yelling at me to come over to her table. I took a seat and chatted most of the period with her, Mary Daily, Jim Barton Nunnelley, and Lloyd Fain. Lloyd and I decided to drive over to Berea that night to see what was going on at the local drive-in restaurant. Paul Daily came by later that period, and we asked him to go with us to Berea. During the last part of the period, we were called to the gym to join the pep rally to get us pumped up for a home basketball game that

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evening.

Finally, the closing bell rang, and we all casually walked out to the parking lot and filled our cars with teenagers. It was our custom to grab a snack at the Dinner Bell Restaurant at the end of the day. We ordered cherry Cokes and potato chips, which we dipped in ketchup. In the background, The Platters could be heard singing "The Great Pretender" on the jukebox.

1961 was a very good year!

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

## "Letters"

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who donated to our technology fund: Shirley Martin, Catherine Todd, Doris Blanton, Alma Jean Cable, Diane Masters, Rockcastle Kiwanis Club, Outback Steak House, Wildcat Warehouse, Ronnie Arnold, Beverly Harrison, Kim Woolums, Loretta and Barney Parker, Patsy Alcorn, Willene Burton, Elaine Murphy, Jennifer Neeley, Mary N. Cash, BES Cafeteria Staff, Marcy Lawrence, Nina Burton-Burkhart, Lois Lawrence, Audrey Bishop, Katherine Bradley, Renfro Candy Shop, The Thursday Club, O'Charleys, Wal-Mart, BES Parents and Students, Rockcastle Conservation

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*Thank you so much for your continued support. Caroline Graves, principal*

## "Points East"

(Cont. from 2)

The problem is that we are never able to turn our dreams and crops to money. I blame this all on Ralph. He sucks me into his dreams and I'm right there. We talk daily and he is more brother than friend. Everyone should have Ralph in their lives. I would be so lost without him. So lost--

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**CVFD Fireman Training**  
The Climax Volunteer Fire Dept. will have fireman training Fri., Dec. 16th. Safety/Fire Behavior starts at 6 p.m. at the Rockcastle County Courthouse, 2nd floor in the CSEPP conference room. Call Dennis Clark 606-256-3257 for more information or e-mail [climaxvfd@gmail.com](mailto:climaxvfd@gmail.com).

**City Council Meeting**  
The City of Mt. Vernon's next council meeting will be Monday, December 19th at 7 p.m.

**CCFFG Meeting**  
Concerned Citizens For Fair Government (CCFFG) will hold their next regular meeting Thursday, Dec. 16th at 6 p.m. on the third floor of the courthouse. Please use rear entrance.

**Books for Bikes**  
Registration will be held January 2-28 for the Ninth Annual Books for Bikes: Reading for Wheels at Rockcastle County Public Library. Call 256-2388 for more information.

**"Stomp Out Drugs"**  
Mt. Vernon Elementary School UNITE Club is sponsoring a "Stomp Out Drugs" shoe drive. We are asking for donations of new or gently used children and adult sized tennis shoes. We will be collecting shoes from Dec. 5th through Dec. 16th. Anyone with any questions should contact MVES UNITE co-sponsor Sonya Prewitt Parker at 256-2953.

**VFW News**  
VFW Post 5908 is open Sunday thru Tuesday and Friday and Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m. (closed Wednesday and Thursday) for members, their guests and all other military members who would like to come and visit. The monthly meeting is every 4th Thursday at 7 p.m.

**Kiwanis Club Meetings**  
The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at Smokehouse Restaurant in Renfro Valley. Everyone welcome.

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

**Historical Society Hours**  
The Rockcastle Historical Society is open on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the RTEC garage building.

**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.

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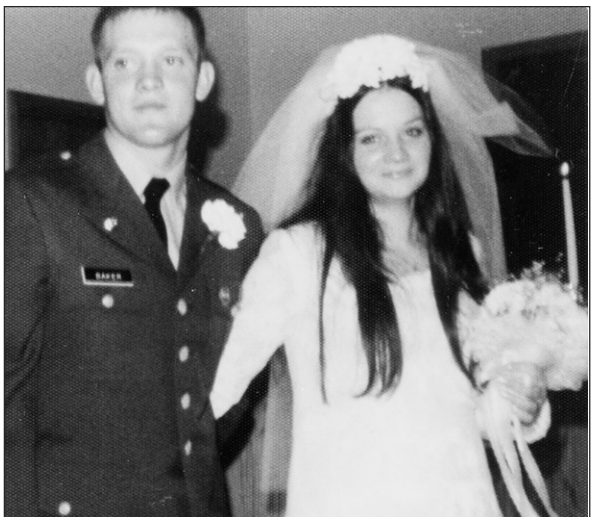
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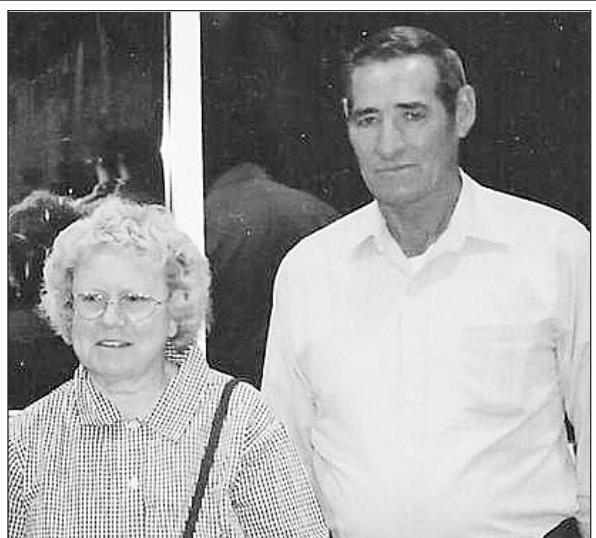
**35th Wedding Anniversary**

Larry and Elizabeth Seals Baker, of Roundstone, will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary Saturday, December 17th. The couple was married at Fairview Baptist Church. They have two sons, Christopher, of Roundstone, and Jason, of Ft. Lewis, Washington and four grandchildren - Zachary, Alexis, Shelby and Sara.



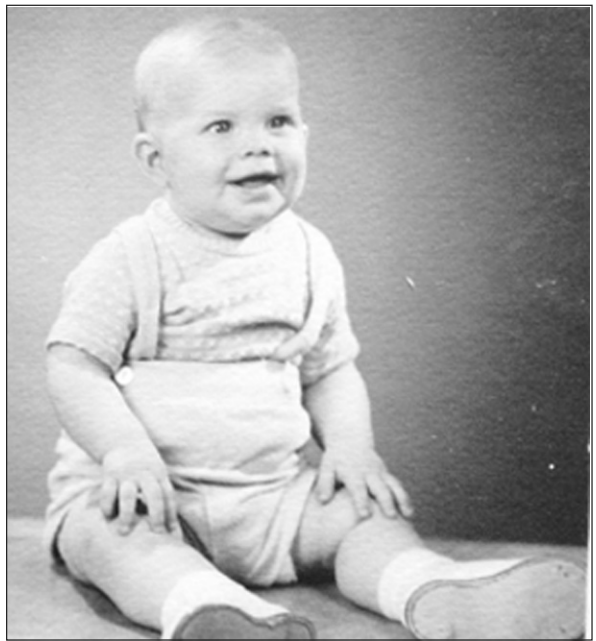
**90th Birthday Celebrated**

Mrs. Mae Doan celebrated her 90th birthday with family and friends on December 13th. "Miss Mae", as she is known to four generations of Brodhead families, was born in the Luner community and is a life-long resident of Rockcastle County.



**50th Wedding Anniversary**

Mac and Hilda Hampton will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, December 17th from 2-4 p.m. at Sunrise Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, Hwy 935 Woodstock KY. They were united in holy matrimony on December 18, 1961. They have: three children, Douglas Hampton, Timothy Hampton, and Patricia Cromer; five grandchildren, Adrian Beth Cromer and Joshua, Phillip, Bethany, and Destiny Hampton; two great grandchildren, Jaxon, and Abbigail Hampton.

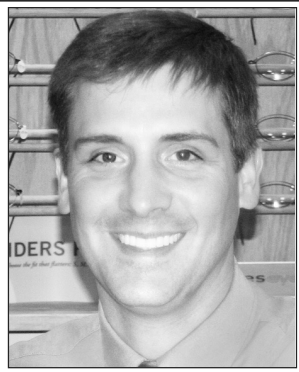


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**Christmas Spectacular**  
Grace Fellowship Church invites you to attend a Christmas Spectacular Celebration Sat., Dec. 17th at 7 p.m. and Sun., Dec. 18th at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. The church is located at 845A South Main Street in Carnaby Square, London.

**Christmas Play**  
West Brodhead Church of God, on Hwy. 3245, will have their Christmas Play on Sunday, Dec. 18th at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. For more information, or directions, call 758-8216.

**Philadelphia United Baptist Church Events**  
Schedule of events for Philadelphia United Baptist Church:  
**December:** Sunday School and church every Sunday at 10 a.m., Church

Sunday nights at 6 p.m.  
**Dec. 23rd:** Friday night we will have church at 7 p.m. No church on Dec. 25th.

**Dec. 31st:** Watch Night Service with Eugene Webb and group.

Come be with us. God loves you.

**Watch Night Service**  
Watch Night Service will be held at Sand Springs Baptist Church on Dec. 31st starting at 8 p.m. with Bro. Eugene Gentry. Everyone welcome.

**Youth Christmas Plays**

We welcome you to attend the Youth Christmas Plays at Roundstone Baptist Church on Sunday, Dec. 18th at 6 p.m.

The plays are entitled "Missing Baby Jesus" and "A Christmas Friend."

Please join us as we celebrate together during this wonderful time of year.

**Christmas Play**  
Maple Grove Baptist Church will have their annual Christmas Play Sunday, December 18th at 6 p.m., "Christmas in Crickent County." Please come out and look in on the "reading of Uncle Zeke's will."

# History of Quail Homemakers

**Quail Homemakers Submitted**

The Quail Homemakers Club began about 77 years ago and has developed over the years to its current approximately 30 members. We are a very active club in the community.

In 1977, members Roy and Flora Mae Brown had a dream of a place for children to play and adults to visit and relax. They donated 3 plus acres of land to the club with the understanding that if the club ever disbanded, the land would revert to their heirs.

The homemakers and husbands, along with the Browns, began the task of developing the park. The club received a loan of \$500 in 1977 from Kentucky Highlands to begin the work and they also received a matching grant for construction at the park.

There were many volunteers from the Quail community and surrounding communities to construct a 30x60 shelter house and two restrooms and a storage room. Before the construction of these buildings, the mostly wooded land had to be cleared. Volunteers with bulldozers and backhoe came to help and club members and their husband, along with the Browns, spent many, many hours digging ditches and laying drain pipe.

Along with all the work constructing the park, the Quail homemakers worked on Saturdays selling concessions at auctions held by Ford Bros. Members followed the auctions from county to county, working out of the back of a truck selling hot dogs, etc.

Because a lot of the homemakers had public jobs outside of the home, this practice had to be discontinued but, for the last 35-40 years, club members have worked the Ford Bros. Farm Machinery Auction at Brodhead on the first Saturday in March. Proceeds from this sale goes toward upkeep of the park. The club alone is responsible for all park expenses. The site is usually in use every Saturday and Sunday from April through October and is now getting

booked more all year round.

The Browns had another dream also. They wanted an enclosed building in the park for use of the community and surrounding areas. In 2007, this dream became a reality. Unfortunately, Mr. Brown passed away in 2001 and didn't get to see this dream come to fruition.

The club, with the help of Aaron Anderkin and Travis Burton, applied for a grant. The two worked with County Judge/Executive Buzz Carloftis and the fiscal court to write the grant and it was approved.

Judge Carloftis oversaw the construction of the building and new roofs on the existing shelter house and restrooms and put stone around the restrooms. New playground equipment was also purchased and street lights for the road and parking area were installed.

The club is very proud of the building which is heavily used, including more and more during the winter month. There is a charge for renting the building of \$25 per hour up to four hours and over that is \$150 per day. The shelter house is rented by donations only. Unfortunately, we have a limited amount of parking space so only one party can rent the park at one time. Most of the renters of the shelter house are very generous with donations and this helps to pay the wa-

ter and electric bills and keep tissue paper, towels and trash bags for the bathroom and outside trash cans. The electric bills last year, during the winter months ran between \$500 and \$550 per month. The club also provides a dumpster for people who use the park to put their trash in at a cost of \$18 each time it is emptied -- usually twice a month during the summer.

Three to four hours per week is necessary to keep the grounds mowed and weed eating done. Paul Hansel (ad Bobby Cameron) take care of these chores for the club at no charge and, with the price of gas, it is expensive to keep the area looking nice.

Each time the shelter house is rented, it is swept out and all the tables washed off. There are around 15 picnic tables with formica tops in the shelter and grills scattered throughout the park.

The inside building has a kitchen with appliances, two restrooms, 12 table with eight chairs each and three tables for food.

The Quail Homemakers

ers have put a lot of work and still do to keep the park a nice clean place for people to use. As you have read, it takes a lot of money to keep it going. All donations are appreciated and also the people who use it, keeping it looking nice by picking up all trash and putting it in the dumpster.

The building or shelter house may be rented by calling: Virginia Hansel, 606-758-8178 or 606-308-4271; Norietta Thompson at 606-308-3473 or Christine Taylor at 606-758-8781.

Not everyone is as careful as they should be when renting the facilities. People have written and drawn on the formica table tops, walked on the tables with muddy feet and broken out all light bulbs in the shelter house. Basketballs disappear, horseshoes are usually left on the ground and the shuffleboard sticks are all broken.

The homemakers just ask that the park be taken care of because there has been a lot of hard work and money invested in it and their plan is to keep it nice and clean for everyone to use.

An encouraging word:

**Value Is Important**  
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Several years ago the picture on the front cover of TOGETHER, a family oriented magazine, caught, and held, my attention. It was a picture of a very small boy, red headed and freckled faced, who pressed his nose tightly against a windowpane. As he looked outward toward something, there was a look of excitement and eager anticipation on his face. That picture brought to mind a flood of pleasant memories from the days of my childhood when, in the late afternoon on winter days, I would go to the window, press my nose hard against the windowpane, and anxiously look for my father to come home from a hard day's work. Indeed, that time of day was very special for me, for it was a period of genuine excitement, real expectation, and high hope. I anticipated a pleasant evening around the fireside with my father, my mother, and other members of our family.

Once more, we have entered a very special season of the year. Many people call

this season Advent, a word that means "coming or arrival." Beginning just after Thanksgiving, it is the period including the four Sundays just before Christmas. This special period is filled with genuine expectation, eager anticipation, thoughtful preparation, and high hope as we look forward to Christmas and the joyous celebration of the birthday of Jesus who was born just over two thousand years ago in a stable that belonged to an inn keeper in the little town of Bethlehem in Judea.

Together the preparations made and the hopes possessed always determine what the season of Christmas means to any individual. It can be just another holiday filled with frivolity, or if the right attitude is possessed and proper preparation is made, Christmas can be a high and holy day filled with genuine meaning and special significance. Advent is the time to adequately prepare the heart and mind for that coming so that Christmas may be experienced for what it really is.

*Refreshments will be served following Mass*



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# A new Christmas tradition begins at Rockcastle Regional

**By: Arielle Reese, Community Relations Director**

Residents of the Respiratory Care Center at Rockcastle Regional Hospital may have started a new Christmas tradition this year. Last week at the resident family Christmas dinner a new menu item was added – turducken.

The request for turducken to be included in the Christmas festivities came after two residents, Chris Campbell and Brian Knoops, saw a turducken being prepared on a Food Network show. They wanted to try the new dish and asked if the hospital chef could make the request happen.

Rockcastle Regional Chef Shannon Stevens ordered a specialty made turducken from a hospital food supplier. This particular turducken was a Creole boneless chicken and duck, stuffed in a turkey with Cajun seasonings and Creole stuffing. It baked at the hospital for five hours. Stevens presented the turducken at the Christmas dinner to nearly 75 people including residents and their families.

"It was the first turducken I've ever baked," said Chef Stevens. "I may even attempt to prepare and bake my own turducken next year. I've already gotten some requests on how the residents would like it prepared. We've got some time and there are lots of options. It's always fun to try new things in the kitchen."

The turducken received mixed reviews, but everyone appreciated the experience and were excited to try something new. Resident

Vanessa Milhorn said, "It was unusual and different, but I enjoyed trying it." Resident Lisa Haddox said, "That sure was a funny looking bird!"

Whether the residents liked the taste or not, they all had fun and enjoyed a new cuisine all the way from southern Louisiana to Rockcastle Regional.

## "Gifts"

(Cont. from front)

children are getting the benefit of listening to their great aunts about their history, on both sides of the family.

My hope is to continue this series all the way through Christmas so if you have a story about a person who has been a gift to our county, please share.

This week's story is from Norma Ramsey Eversole.

Rockcastle County has had a diversity of gifted people from its inception in 1810, and although the term itself may imply a particular classification of intellect, a number of everyday characteristics could also accompany that designation.

The following is a number of people who were born or chose to live their lives along the Roundstone / Clear Creek valleys, and a factor of their individual personality that may have helped shape their own type of "giftedness."

Determination and faithfulness to a cause must have driven old soldier, Jess Williams, as he made his way across mountains and through can-breaks to claim his land bounty for service for his country during the Revolutionary War. Oral

tradition tells that he walked until his shoes wore out and continued barefoot to reach the land on which we find his gravesite in the Roundstone valley.

Perserverance was surely the trait of Matilda Coffey, whose lifetime spanned a hundred years, including the Civil War when she watched her sons divide and go their opposite ways. After the death of her husband, she moved to the Roundstone/Clear Creek area where her descendents multiplied, among which were John Lair and Janie Ramsey, both gifts in their own right.

Entrepreneurship, even before the term was widely used, spurred two young brothers, T.J. and Alfred Wood to leave their home at Wildie and attain executive positions with Cincinnati's Proctor & Gamble and the Texas oil fields. At their deaths, both men left the bulk of their estates to colleges in Kentucky.

Bravery must be the word to describe the young lawman that lost his life enforcing safety on Main Street in Mt. Vernon. Charlie Ramsey, "a man too brave for his own good", grew up overlooking the waters of Clear Creek.

Creativity both in music and visual arts shaped the lives of two Clear Creek men, "Monkey John" Gadd and Bert Mullins. They spent their lives plying their own talents and enriching the lives of others, "Monkey John" with his champion fiddle playing and Bert Mullins with the paintings and murals that still grace many of our public buildings.

This short list from such a small area of our county should only begin to make us remember and appreciate the years and years of individual lives that have made us who we are today.

## Subscribe



Resident Chris Campbell, left, and Brian Knoops, right, had the idea to serve turducken at their family Christmas dinner at the Respiratory Care Center at Rockcastle Regional. Hospital Chef Shannon Stevens, center, prepared the turducken.



Residents of the Respiratory Care Center at Rockcastle Regional Hospital enjoyed turducken at their annual Resident Family Christmas dinner this year. Resident Lisa Haddox, left, and Resident Vanessa Milhorn, right, with Chef Shannon Stevens, center.

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**ACROSS**

- Giles novel *40 \_\_\_ and No Mule*
- Top of the heap
- Shake up
- Push
- Sounds from the meadow
- Mixed bag
- Kentucky Literary Award winner, author of *The Memory Keeper's Daughter*
- Distinctive flair
- Quick study
- Speed along
- French film
- Group values
- Be reluctant
- Seemingly forever
- Orbital high point
- A Jackson Purchase city
- Minorities, e.g.
- Brain "body"
- Really fancy
- Arrange systematically
- Bluegrass music "Brothers" from Kentucky
- Turns back, perhaps
- Some votes
- Waterfall effect
- Question
- Faculty member, for short
- Blood-typing letters
- Recollect
- Polly, to Tom

**DOWN**

- Shows curiosity
- Word following micro or silicon
- NFL QB Tony
- Tied up
- Bulrush, e.g.
- Attorneys' org.
- Drive-in employee
- Kentucky county named for 4th U.S. President
- To be, in old Rome
- Former Courier Journal journalist from Benton, KY
- Former MLB shortstop, Kentuckian \_\_\_ Beard
- Jungle climber
- In shape
- Monsoonal
- "Gotcha!"
- Brightest star in Cygnus
- Computer programs, for short
- Trot or canter
- Mystery writer

**Buchanan**  
61. Kentuckian, author of *A Parchment of Leaves*

**63. Prefix with European**

**64. Drummer Benny**

**65. Persian Gulf ship**

**66. Superbright or a Letcher Co. hamlet**

**67. Tosses in**

**68. Habitué**

**31. Mercury and Mars**

**33. Clever**

**34. Stout relatives**

**36. Copter's forerunner**

**37. White-tailed eagle**

**38. Understands**

**42. Another name for U of L mascot**

**43. The Buckeyes, briefly**

**45. Drove (around)**

**47. Iberian Peninsula country**

**48. Wrinkled fruit**

**49. Kentuckian, NBA player Rajon**

**51. College football selection system**

**52. California/Nevada lake**

**54. Golf grp.**

**56. Butcher's cut**

**57. Doozy**

**58. Computer operator**

**59. French "senior"**

**62. Stomach muscles, briefly**

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## Circuit Civil Suits

Levi Cox vs. Kenneth Gordon Stewart, et al, complaint.

Cabinet for Health and Family Services ex rel Melissa Sue Lear vs. Timothy Saylor, complaint for child support and medical support.

Cabinet for Health and Family Services ex rel Crystal Barnett vs. Jeffery Jones, Jr., complaint for child support and medical support.

Tax Ease Lien Servicing LLC vs. Otis Bradley, et al, complaint.

Bonnie Kirby vs. Godfather's Pizza, complaint. CI-00318

## District Civil Suits

Capital One Bank vs. Michael Mason, \$3,384.61 plus claimed due.

Capital One Bank vs. Barbara S. Hall, \$2,821.90 plus claimed due.

DH Capital Management, Inc. vs. Thomas B. Saylor, \$592.22 plus claimed due. C-00278

## Deeds Recorded

Ardella E. Thompson, property on Mullins Station Road, to Melissa and Tinnie Kirby. Tax \$15.

Jean Drew and Claude Laws, property on waters of Crooked Creek, to Lawrence and Angela Drew. Tax \$4.

Betty C. and Jerry Dowell, property on Maple Grove Road, to Wendell and Virginia Renner. Tax \$9.50.

Federal National Mortgage Assn., property on Red Bird Road, Mt. Vernon to John and Lisa Bloom. No tax.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., property in Rockcastle County, to Pinnacle Ventures LLC. No tax.

Olive Mink, and others, property in Rockcastle County, to Michael D. Wolken. Tax \$62.50.

Phillip R. and Trisha Doan, property in Rockcastle County, to Ronald Greg Carpenter. Tax \$38.

Glenda Carolyn and Charles S. McKinney, property on Mt. Vernon-Somerset Road, to Anthony Dwayne and Reva M. McKinney. No tax.

Wayne and Annie Rigsby, property on Old Loop Ford Road, to Eric Calico. Tax \$8.

Sabrina Hensley, property on Maple Grove Road, to Karson Shane Cromer and Katelyne Marie Cromer. No tax.

## Marriage Licenses

Amie Lee Hale, 32, Mt. Vernon, disabled to Jeffrey Robert Phelps, 39, Mt. Vernon, disabled. 12/6/11.

Heather Ann Whitaker, 29, Mt. Vernon, unemployed to Gary Dale Coffey, 31, Mt. Vernon, unemployed. 12/7/11.

Tabetha Storm Addison, 21, Mt. Vernon, unemployed to Nicklous Clay Booth, 21, Mt. Vernon, unemployed.

## District Court

11/30/11 - 12/7/11  
**Hon. Kathryn G. Wood**  
**Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless**  
 Speeding: Chelsea N. Anders, \$34 fine and costs/

state traffic school (sts) authorized in lieu of fine; Harden Lewis, Jr, Christopher J. Hartley, Rachel A. Parker, Bryan K. Rhodes, Kelsie J. McNeil, bw issued for fta, license suspended; Gary W. Stephens, \$30 fine plus \$133 costs;

James R. Lindsey III: no operators/moped license, \$100 fine; failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine/suspended; failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, \$500 fine/suspend \$400; improper turning, \$50 fine/suspended; disregard/fail to yield right of way, \$25 fine.

Elva Marcum: criminal trespassing, \$100 fine and costs.

Anthony Martin: fines/fees due (\$119.75), bw issued for fta/3 days in jail or payment in full.

Samuel A. Martin: fines/fees due (\$388), bw issued for fta/8 days in jail or payment in full.

Cody F. McGuire: fines/fees due (\$38), bw issued for fta/1 day in jail or payment in full.

Joseph D. Miller: operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

Buford R. Pearson: fines/fees due (\$158), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.

James A. Peters: fines/fees due (\$308), bw issued for fta/7 days in jail or payment in full.

Cody M. Ramsey: fines/fees due (\$308), bw issued for fta/7 days in jail or payment in full.

Jessica Robertson: fines/fees due (\$228), bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or payment in full.

Timothy D. Rock, Jr: fines/fees due (\$718), bw issued for fta/15 days in jail or payment in full.

Nathan D. Short: fines/fees due (\$151), bw issued for fta/3 days in jail or payment in full.

Danny R. Spoonamore: no operators license in possession, \$50 fine and costs.

Sammy D. Stewart: fines/fees due (\$218), converted to 5 days in jail/concurrent.

Michael J. Turner: fines/fees due (\$613), bw issued for fta/13 days in jail or payment in full.

Robert L. Vanhose: fines/fees due (\$258), bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or payment in full.

Michael W. Wombles: alcohol intoxication, bw issued for fta.

Michael D. Anderson: fines/fees due (\$233), bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or payment in full.

Robert R. Ballard: speeding, no operators/moped license and operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, bw issued for fta.

Ronnie W. Belt: leaving scene of accident/failure to render aid, failure to notify owner of damage to unattended vehicle, failure to report traffic accident, failure to maintain required insurance, no/expired registration plates, bw issued for fta.

Aaron L. Blackburn: fines/fees due (\$100), 2 days in jail or payment in full.

Joshua C. Brown: speeding (two counts), bw issued for fta/3 days in jail or payment in full.

Thomas J. Browning: fines/fees due (\$283), bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or payment in full.

Stephanie A. Cameron: fines/fees due (\$288), bond applied to fine/balance converted to 4 days in jail/concurrent.

Justin Childress: fines/fees due (\$733), bw issued for fta/15 days in jail or payment in full.

Jamie L. Clifford: fines/fees due (\$243), bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or payment in full.

Donald W. Crowe: no/

expired registration plates-receipt, bw issued for fta.

Teddi F. Day: fines/fees due (\$708), bw issued for fta/15 days in jail or payment in full.

Albert T. Deatherage: fines/fees due (\$233), 5 days in jail or payment in full.

Jesse A. Gillispie: fines/fees due (\$158), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.

Derrick L. Helton: fines/fees due (\$233), bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or payment in full.

Joseph S. Holsing: fines/fees due (\$243), 5 days in jail or payment in full.

James D. Hughes: no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine and costs.

Randy L. Jones: fines/fees due (\$708), bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or payment in full.

Raymond W. Jones: controlled substance not in original container (three counts), \$100 fine each count plus one cost.

Christopher Kincer: operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

Jason M. Durham: fleeing or evading police, sentencing order entered; theft by deception, \$20 fine and 30 days/probated 12 months plus cots and restitution.

Daniel S. Witt: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

David L. Cress: theft by deception, bw issued for fta.

Jennifer R. Kidwell: theft by failure to make required disposition of property, sentencing order entered.

Robert L. Lear, Jr: drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, \$100 fine and costs.

Jeremy D. Long: theft by unlawful taking, dismissed on payment of restitution.

David Miller: operating on suspended license, \$100 fine and 2 days in jail.

Bobby R. Powell: possession of marijuana, \$100 fine and costs.

Michelle A. Saylor: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs and failure to wear seat belts, paid.

Tabetha Sabrina Kates: alcohol intoxication, \$50 fine and costs.

Heather N. Logue: speeding and failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for fta.

Tammy R. McNew: public intoxication, bw issued for fta.

Jose I. Molina: driving without license/negligence in accident and failure to maintain required insurance, license suspended for fta.

Alisa C. Mullins: theft by deception, restitution, fees and costs.

Donovan W. Mullins: fines/fees due (\$233), bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or payment in full.

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

Jason D. Nickle: improper registration plate-receipt, failure to produce insurance card, be issued for fta, license suspended.

Francis A. Bailey: fines/fees due (\$163), bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta)/4 days in jail or payment in full.

Dominique K. Barnett: theft by unlawful taking, bw issued for fta.

Ashley E. Brock: no operators license in possession, \$100 fine and costs/suspend \$50.

Jeremy D. Caldwell: fines/fees due (\$130), bw issued for fta/3 days in jail or payment in full.

Elizabeth Cornish: fines/fees due (\$58), 2 days in jail or payment in full.

Marty R. Crawford: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine; possession license when privileges are revoked, \$100 fine; failure or owner to maintain required insurance, \$500 fine

and costs.

Gary L. Day: fleeing or evading police, bw issued for fta.

Lewis C. Denny: fines/fees due (\$743 and \$718), converted to 146 hours community service work (csw).

Kelly Doney: no/expired registration plates-receipt, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta.

Derrick R. Drury: public intoxication, bw issued for fta.

Angel L. Dyer: fines/fees due (\$208), bw issued for fta.

Landon L. Fletcher: fines/fees due (\$733), bw issued for fta/15 days in jail or payment in full.

Kristopher G. Garrison: fines/fees due (\$283), bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or payment in full; failure of owner to maintain required insurance and no operators/moped license, bw issued for fta.

Dustin R. Godsey: too many passengers in vehicle, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, license suspended for fta, bw issued.

Troy Eugene Haight: driving on suspended license, \$100 fine and costs.

Tabitha J. Halcomb: fines/fees due (\$543), bw issued for fta/11 days in jail or payment in full.

Jeffery C. Howard: theft of services and criminal mischief, bw issued for fta.

Raymond G. Howard: possession of marijuana, \$100 fine; operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine and costs, \$375 service fee, 30 days operator license suspension/ADE authorized.

Elmer D. Johnson: fines/fees due (\$553), bw issued for fta/12 days in jail or payment in full.

Jennifer R. Jones: fines/fees due (\$233), bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or payment in full.

Larry J. Lawson: fines/fees due (\$295.50), bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or payment in full.

Joshua C. Owens: probation violation, to serve balance of 320 days.

Karl W. Pittman: driving DUI suspended license, \$100 fine and 30 days/probated 24 months on condition; failure to maintain required insurance, \$500 fine; improper registration plate, \$50 fine and costs; no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine.

Johnnie Hamp Renner: theft by deception, bw issued for fta.

Dana M. Reynolds: fines/fees due (\$158), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.

Dennie A. Smith: fines/fees due (\$238), bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or payment in full.

Crystal Janel Stewart: public intoxication, \$100 fine and costs.

Wanda Stewart: no/expired registration plates-receipt, failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta.

Jamie L. Sutton: fines/fees due (\$188 and \$163), bw issued for fta/8 days in jail or payment in full.

Ashley L. Willis: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Mark W. Alexander: failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta.

Thomas L. Bruer: part 395/Fed Safety Regs-Hours of Service for Drivers, bw issued for fta.

Kimberly R. Bowen: speeding, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, failure to maintain required insurance, improper display of registration plates, bw issued for fta.

Matthew B. Childress: theft by unlawful taking, bw issued for fta.

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## “Court”

(Cont. from front)

This is the fourth year the county has participated in the program.

The court had the job of appointing two new members to the Rockcastle County Extension District Board. The magistrates and judge voted and Norietta Thompson and Jeff Hayes were named to the board for 2012.

Water projects were also discussed by the court and approved an agreement with Western Water Assn. to provide 1800 feet of pipe for a water line on Houston Farm Road with Western doing the remainder of the work.

The court was also informed by County Judge/Executive Buzz Carloftis that residents of Green Pond Ridge Road would soon be receiving water from Eastern Water Assn. and the county would be helping with the project. Also, Carloftis said that, in the Hummel area, the best route for a water line to a remote area was being discussed by Western Water. One route, the shortest would go across Roundstone Creek and under the railroad which could mean acquisition of an expensive permit from the railroad.

Carloftis said this area was one of the last in the county where water was not available but Gary Mason, a visitor at the meeting, reminded him that residents of Lower River Road still did not have water. Carloftis said this would have to be discussed with Eastern Rockcastle Water and the county would help with the project. “We are one of the heaviest ‘watered’ counties in Kentucky,” Carloftis said, estimated that 98% of the county was covered for water service.

The court also voted to let bids for the one mile center section of Lambert Road. The first mile constructed, beginning from

the end of the road, has been completed, except for blacktopping, at a cost of \$96,910.18, not including a \$2,493 expense approved Tuesday for repairing or replacing fencing along the road.

Carloftis said Wednesday that construction on the second section would possibly begin in February of 2012. Magistrate Gary Burdette, in whose district the road is located, reminded the court that they “needed to get it (Lambert Road) done since Flat Gap Road is needing it too.”

The court also approved paying a \$600 bill for surveying of site for the newly-formed Climax Volunteer Fire Dept. However, the site was deemed unsuitable for the fire department building and Virgil Mullins, a member of the board of the fire department, told the court that, at present, a new site had not been located.

As one of the final items of business, the court had to approve a \$150,000 transfer into the detention center account to meet current bills and a \$34,748 insurance payment for workmen’s compensation and general liability. Jailer James Miller told the court that he could transfer \$20-\$25,000 from his commissary account to help pay bills, specifically a \$23,367 bill to Rockcastle Hospital which has been due for some time. The transfer was needed, in part, because the jail has not received their November check from the state for state prisoner care which totals about \$60,000. To date, the county has transferred \$75,000 to the jail during this fiscal year, beginning in July, 2011.

The money for the transfer will actually come from the occupational account, which is part of the general fund, which had a balance of \$676,000 at the end of November.

Carloftis also brought

before the court the need for a Parks and Recreation Board which would coordinate all recreational activities and the different parks in the county.

However, Carloftis asked County Attorney Billy Reynolds about Quail Park being exempted somehow to allow the Quail Homemakers to continue managing the park. “They (Quail Homemakers) have done a great job and we need to protect their management of the park,” Carloftis said.

Reynolds, however, said he felt a Parks and Recreation Board would have to have county-wide control and the board couldn’t “handpick” which parks it would have authority over. He did later say that perhaps the Quail Homemakers could be grandfathered in but the matter would have to be researched thoroughly.

Carloftis said the board would consist of five members, appointed on a rotating basis by and under the direction of the fiscal court. He suggested that of the five, there should be someone appointed with a legal background and someone with a knowledge of construction.

Magistrate Lee Earl Adams asked if Little League activities would be included under this board and was told that it would be, along with the Brodhead Fairgrounds, Livingston gym, etc.

Sam Hamilton, who heads up the Recreation and Wellness Task Force, told the court that the parks and recreation board could appoint members of a subcommittee for various entities, including Little League. Hamilton said the aim of this board would be to coordinate all activities and would “bring consistency county wide.”

No action on the proposal was taken by the court at the meeting.

## “Board”

(Cont. from front)

fund raisers, including several for the high school baseball team who wants to go to Florida to play games during Spring Break.

The board approved the fundraisers with the understanding that they were not approving the Florida trip unless the district had an entire week off for Spring Break, instead of the two days that are currently scheduled.

However, Hammond said he would go ahead and have the calendar committee meet to amend the dates to make Spring Break a full week, and then give the amended calendar to the board for approval.

Instructional Supervisor David Pensol asked the board for \$150,000 for technology upgrades for the district. The money, which would have to come out of the general fund, is needed, according to Pensol, so the district can keep up in the technology department.

The funds, according to Pensol, would be used to add a ceiling mounted projector in each classroom in the district, to be used in conjunction with the document cameras that are already in place. Monies would also be used to mount the projectors already in place at the high

school, middle school, and in some elementary classrooms, as well as upgrading some of the high school and middle school’s existing technology.

The board approved the expenditure of \$150,000 and Pensol stated that the project should be done in time for the beginning of the 2012-13 school year.

The board also approved a draft of a new dress code for employees, which basically states that all faculty and staff will dress and act professionally and be an example for students. “In order to provide a learning environment consistent with the purpose of educating children, all employees shall dress professionally, and in a manner commensurate with their professional responsibilities,” the code states.

Examples of appropriate dress, included in the code, include dress shirts, or knit shirt with collar, crew neck, or turtle neck, tee-shirts or sweatshirts with appropriate school related logos on approved days, dress slacks, khakis or Dockers style, business suit, sport coat or sweaters, blouses, tops and dresses with appropriate professional fit and length or women’s business suits, business pant suits, dress slacks or capri length pants.

Employees will also be

required to wear an identification badge at all times.

The board also discussed a tobacco policy, with no action being taken. Hammond told the board he would take the drafts back to the drawing board, adding new language or adjusting the current language, and then visiting the tobacco policy again at the next board meeting.

The board reviewed Hammond’s personnel action report which included the hiring of Dana Carrera, Loren Reynolds, and Blake McKinney as substitute teachers and in classified positions hiring Samantha Smith, Jennifer Owens, and Alivia Bullock as substitute instructional assistants, Kimberly Kerns as a substitute cook/baker and substitute bus monitor, and Barbara Hall as a substitute cook/baker.

Hammond told the board that Brodhead and Roundstone Elementary Schools have been recognized with an Energy Star label, for their work in making their schools more energy efficient.

The board also recognized Rockcastle County Middle School for receiving the 2011 Winners Circle Award for the TELL survey. Principal Jason Coguer was on hand to receive the appreciation plaque for the middle school.



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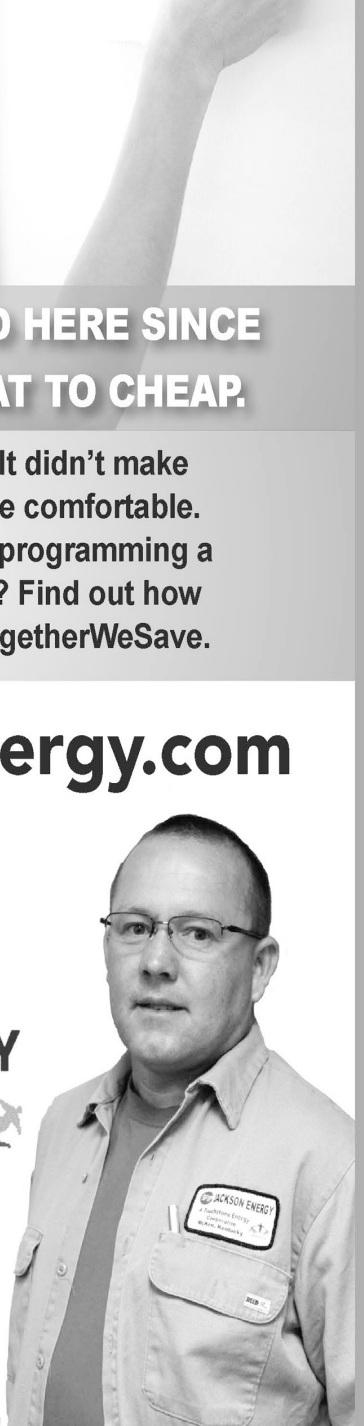
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# Lady Rockets get district win; beats Estill Monday

By: Sara Coguer

The Rockcastle County Lady Rockets have won two of their last three games, including their first district win against Somerset last Friday night, 65-48.

The Lady Rockets and the Lady Briar Jumpers played head to head during the first half, with Somerset having the advantage at the end of the first quarter 15-13.

The Lady Rockets outscored Somerset 15-12 in the second quarter to take a one point, 28-27, lead.

Rockcastle outscored the Lady Jumpers by eight in the third and six in the fourth to pull away for the 65-48 win.

The Lady Rockets traveled to Lexington Saturday to take on Lafayette High School and fell short of the

victory, losing 59-45.

Lafayette went into halftime up 34-26, and Rockcastle could only muster nineteen points the second half, to Lafayette's twenty five.

On Monday night, the Lady Rockets hosted Estill County and despite going into halftime down four, 31-27, Rockcastle held Estill County to only two third quarter points to end the third period up fifteen, 48-33.

The Lady Rockets would continue their dominance during the fourth quarter, outscoring Estill County 22-19 for the 70-52 win.

### Linescores

**RCHS** 9 14 8 20 50  
**Lincoln** 7 14 18 22 61  
 Kadi Cobb, 6; Katie Cowan, 3; Sara Adams, 3; Alexis Chasteen, 15; Michaela Hunter, 10; Emily

Miller, 8.

**RCHS** 13 15 21 14 65  
**Somerset** 15 12 13 8 48  
 Kadi Cobb, 12; Katie Cowan, 9; Sara Adams, 10; Alexis Chasteen, 16; Michaela Hunter, 8; Emily Miller, 10.

**RCHS** 16 10 7 12 45  
**Lafayette** 18 16 12 13 59  
 Kadi Cobb, 13; Alexis Chasteen, 9; Michaela Hunter, 17; Emily Miller, 6.

**RCHS** 11 16 21 22 70  
**Estill** 17 14 2 19 52  
 Kadi Cobb, 4; Katie Cowan, 6; Sara Adams, 6; Alexis Chasteen, 21; Michaela Hunter, 30; Emily Miller, 3; Hannah Sowder, 2.

### Boys lose to North Laurel

The Rockcastle County Rockets have yet to win a game this season, going 0-5, with their latest loss Tuesday night against North Laurel, 67-51.

### Linescores

**RCHS** 11 7 2 17 37  
**Lincoln** 8 11 21 14 54  
 John Curtis Wilson, 10; Ashton Arvin, 9; Ben Allen, 11; Zach Poynter, 3; Sam Pensol, 2; Jadon Brock, 2.

**RCHS** 10 16 15 20 60  
**Barbourville** 32 20 19 22 93  
 Cody Noe, 12; John Curtis Wilson, 9; Ashton Arvin, 13; Ben Allen, 2; Zach Poynter, 2; Corey McPhetridge, 8; Sam Pensol, 3; Jadon Brock, 6.

**RCHS** 8 14 8 24 54  
**Estill** 11 17 10 25 63  
 Jadon Brock, 4; Cody Noe, 11; John Curtis Wilson, 6; Ashton Arvin, 8; Ben Allen, 12; Zach Poynter, 2; Sam Pensol, 3; Corey McPhetridge, 8.

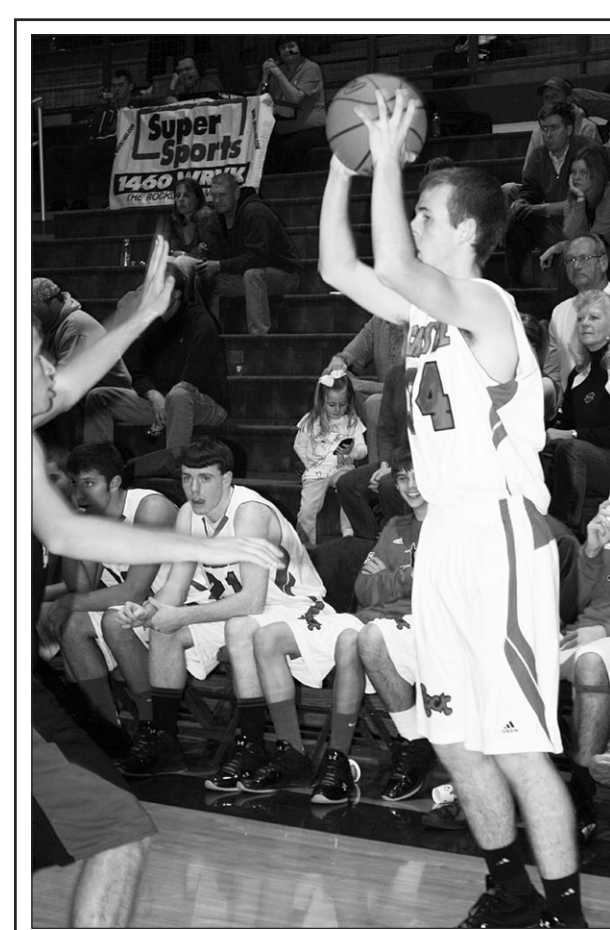
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Senior Kadi Cobb puts back the offensive rebound during the Lady Rockets district win against Somerset last Friday night.



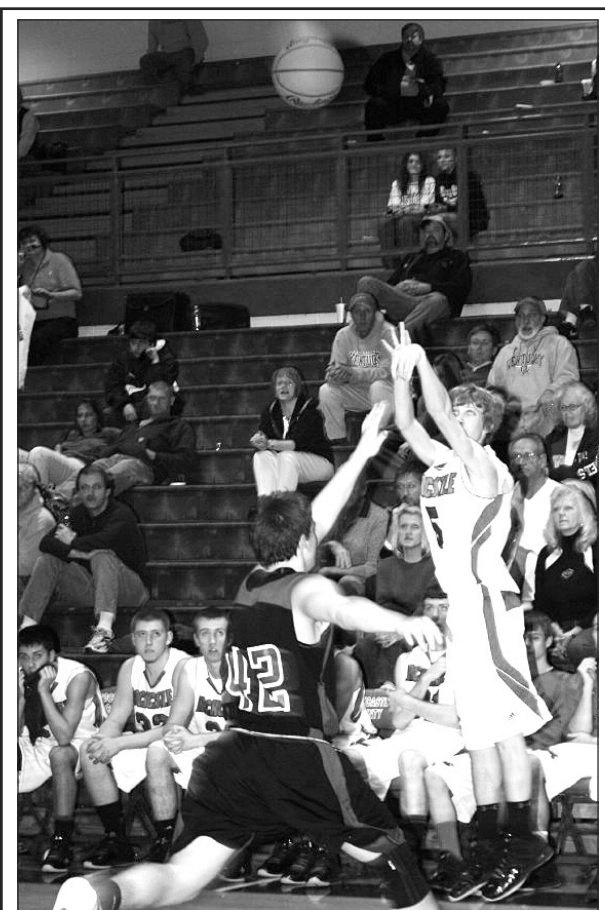
Senior Holly Ham drives around a Somerset defender during play last Friday night.



Junior Zach Poynter looks to pass the ball in Monday night's game against Estill County. Poynter had two points on the night.



Sophomore Hannah Sowder defends against an Estill County player during the Lady Rockets 70-52 win Monday night. Sowder had two points on the night.



Freshman Sam Pensol hits a three in Monday night's play against Estill County.

## RCHS News Notes

There will be a Financial Aid workshop for senior parent/guardians at 6:00 p.m. this Thursday, 12/15/11 in the high school auditorium. Parents will receive assistance in completing the FAFSA. Bring a pen/pencil and a copy of 2010 tax return.

Following the financial aid workshop, there will be a Project Graduation meeting for senior parents/guardians. This is an organizational meeting to elect officers and make some fundraising decisions. If you are interested in having Project Graduation for the Class of 2012, please attend this meeting, which will be held in the high school cafeteria.

Grades will be sent home with high school students on Friday, Dec. 16th, 2011. Please contact the high school if your child does not bring this progress report home to you.



Cody Kirby, 8, of Mt. Vernon, killed his first deer, a 7 point buck while hunting with his Dad, Charlie Kirby on November 19th. Great job! Love - Mom, Dad and Kayce.

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## Middle school receives Operation Round-Up grant

Rockcastle County Middle School will be able to buy more Christmas gifts for needy students, thanks to a Jackson Energy Operation Round-Up grant. The middle school's Youth Service Center was recently awarded a \$500 grant through the Operation Round-Up program.

"Operation Round-Up is an easy way for co-op members to give a small amount each month to deserving individuals and organizations in their local communities, like the Youth Service Center," said Phil Thompson, Jackson Energy's Rockcastle County Director.

Accepting the funds was Angie Payne, who said the money will go a long way to help the center meet their growing shopping list. Operation Round-Up works when co-op members voluntarily have their electric bill rounded to an even dollar amount. For example, if a bill was \$94.62 and the

member had volunteered to participate in Round-Up, it would automatically be rounded up to \$95.

The additional 38¢ would go directly into the Round-Up account. The average contribution over time is approximately 50¢ per month.

The donated funds go directly into a trust account that can only be used for grant funding. This account is administered by a seven-person Board of Trustees who meet quarterly to review grant applications. Any individual or community group with a worthwhile project can apply for funding.

"More than \$100,000 has been donated to area community service projects since Jackson Energy began this program in 2003," Thompson added.

For more information on Operation Round-Up call 1-800-262-7480, or log on to Jackson Energy's website, [www.jacksonenergy.com](http://www.jacksonenergy.com).



Pictured is Mrs. McKinney's 3rd grade class selling a variety of ornaments. Shown from left are: Chelsea Stephens, Haley Caldwell, Madison McIntosh and Tessa Vickers.



Pictured is Mrs. Peavie's 4th grade class selling wrapping paper and ornaments. Shown from left are: Ashley Garrett, Katelyn Singleton, Kaleb Sparks, Blane Smith and Austin Tillery.

## Minds in the Middle

The Unite Club sponsors would like to thank the club officers, Caroline Coguer, Caleb Ballinger, Jackson Cromer, Tiffany Fain, Abby Bray and Erin Thompson for the excellent job they did Wednesday evening on WRVK. The officers were special guest on the radio show "Chatter That Matters." Thanks to them for sharing about the importance of being drug free!

The end of the grading period is December 16th. Report cards will be mailed after the Christmas break.

Congratulations to Mrs. Franklin's 6thgrade Enterprises homeroom on winning the attendance race last week. Mrs. Bobo's 6th grade Voyagers homeroom came in second place, followed by Mr. McGuire's 7thgrade Shooting Stars. Congratulations also to the Comets on having 100% on Friday!

We need your help! The RCMS Unite Club and Student YMCA are currently conducting their annual food drive. All proceeds

will go to the local Mt. Vernon Food and Clothing Mission. The homeroom that brings in the most items will receive a popcorn and movie party.

Our Youth Service Center is in need of new or slightly used sweat pants and belts. If you could bring those items, please drop them off in the mornings at the Youth Service Center.

The current Box Tops collection period will run through December 15th. The winning team will receive an extra incentive with the administrative staff.

The Art Club has Christmas ornaments for sale. Those are on the tree in the front office and can be purchased for \$1 each.

This Friday is the last day of school for our students this year. We will be having our Christmas dinner for students on that day which is also a high attendance day. Students will have a chance to "Dash for Cash." Students will return to school on January 3rd.

## Filing FAFSA early helps students for state grants

Kentucky students planning to attend an in-state college or university beginning in fall 2012 should file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after January 1. Filing early increases a student's chance of receiving a state need-based grant administered by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA). The FAFSA is available at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov).

Students attending Kentucky colleges and universities may qualify for College Access Program (CAP) Grants. To qualify, a student must show financial need and be enrolled for at least half-time toward an associate's or bachelor's degree. The maximum CAP Grant award is currently \$1,900 per year.

Students attending most of Kentucky's private colleges and universities may qualify for a CAP Grant and a Kentucky Tuition Grant

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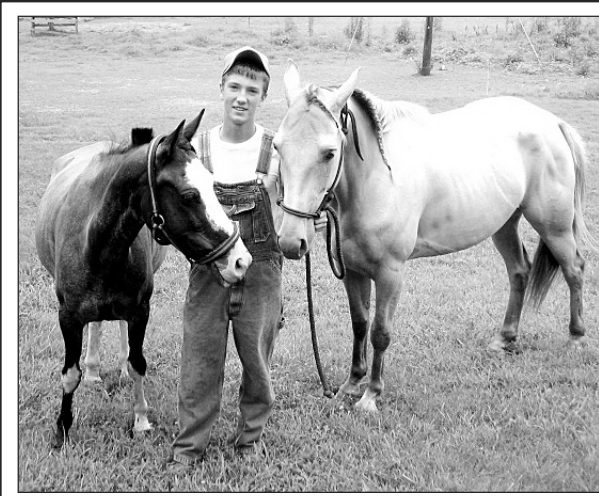
Funding for CAP and KTG is limited, with awards made to qualifying students on a first-come, first-served basis. Award amounts may change based on available funding.

For more information about CAP and KTG, visit [www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com) and click on "Grant Programs for Kentucky Residents" under Students and Parents or Adult Learners. You may also e-mail [grants@kheaa.com](mailto:grants@kheaa.com).

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Angie Payne, Rockcastle County Middle School Youth Service Center Director, accepts a \$500 Operation Round-Up grant check from Jackson Energy Rockcastle County Board Member Phil Thompson. The funds will be used to purchase Christmas presents for needy students.



## SAE Spotlight...

The SAE Spotlight for the month of September was Matt Alexander, a sophomore at RCHS. He is the son of Dennis Alexander and Amy Bowling.

Matt's SAE project was working with and caring for horses. This included breaking them to ride and teaching them to pull sleds and wagons. Matt worked numerous hours while doing his SAE project. The equipment he used to accomplish his work was using a saddle, bridle, harness, sled, and a curry comb for grooming the horses afterwards. Matt also trained horses for other people and made about \$250 a month per horse.

Matt is in the Rockcastle County FFA and has made several achievements within our chapter. As a freshman he was a member of the JV Parliamentary Team, his team won at the regional level and went on to the state level and has competed in the tractor driving contest. Several trips he has attended while being in FFA are the Farm Machinery Show, State FFA Convention, and Regional Banquet. As a freshman Matt received his Greenhand degree and this year hopes to receive his Chapter degree. Next year Matt would like to run for an officer in FFA. In the future, after high school he wants to attend a Vocational/ Tech school for two years and become a welder.

Pictured above is Matt with two of the horses he worked with. The white horse is Shadow and the black horse is Shorty.

## Roundstone Elementary holds 2nd Market Day

Roundstone Elementary School held its 2nd Annual Market Day on December 8th from 4 to 6 p.m. Thanks to the E Discovery grant students from 2nd through 5th grade were able to learn about economics and entrepreneurship through hands on experience. Some of the items students made and sold were Sandy Candy, wrapping paper, calendars, ornaments, candles, and lots of other treats.

Chaz James, a fifth grader, said, "My favorite part was making the prod-

uct. We got to "cook" the candles and choose the scents and colors for them."

Kaitlyn Conner, another fifth grader at RES whose group sold chocolate covered pretzels, said, "The experience was good because we learned what it would be like to own our own business and we got to see how it actually worked."

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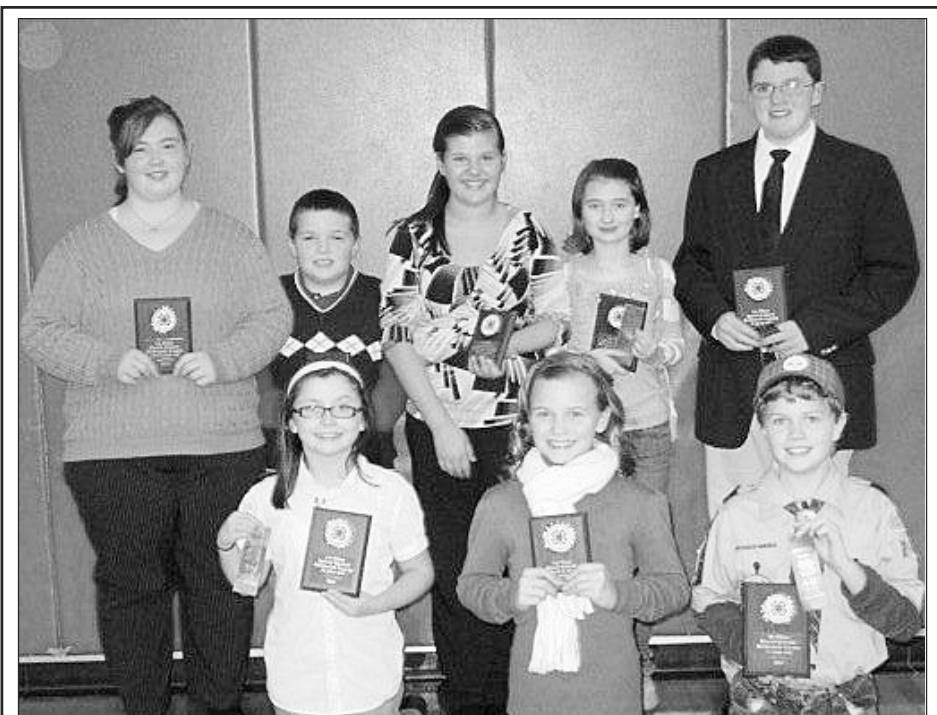
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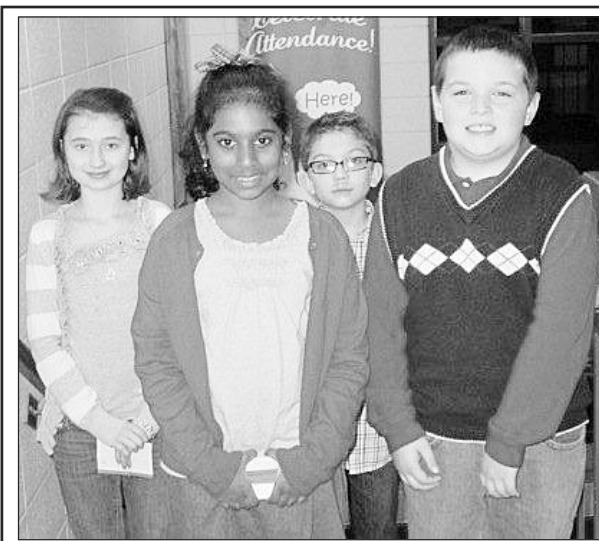
## 2011 4-H Speech Contest



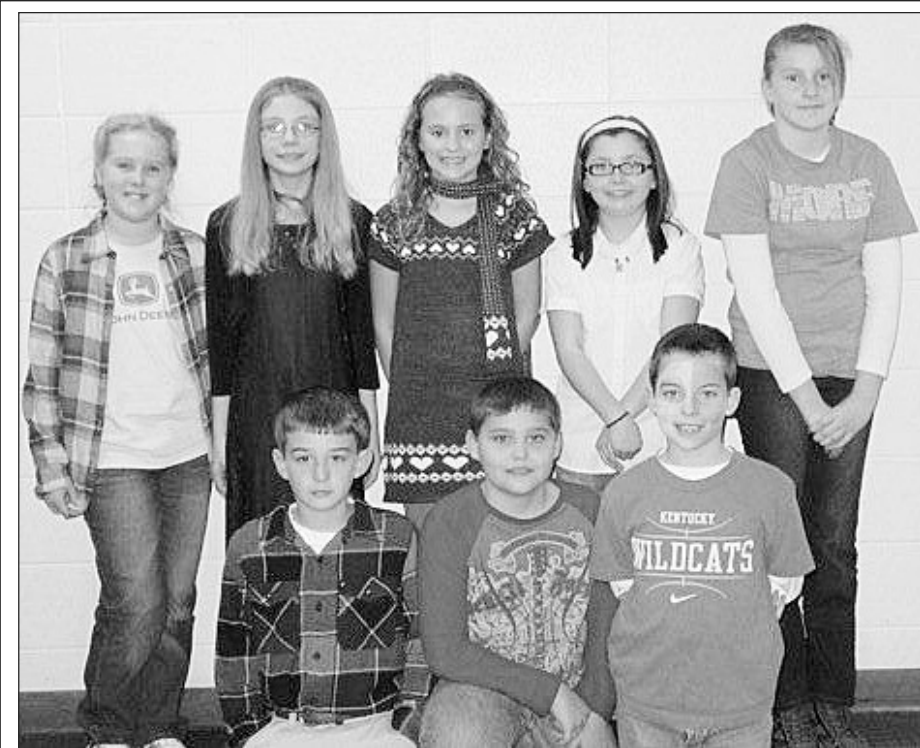
Winners of the 2011 4-H Speech Contest were front from left: Zoe Burdette, Sheradyn Cox and Ben Tyler. Back row from left: Laiken Coffey, Zachary Taylor, Brooklynn Smithern, Ashlynd Brock and John David Hurley. Not pictured: Madisan Miller.



10 year old 4-H Speech Contest participants were front from left: Chase Roberts and Morgan Johnson. Back row from left: Brittany Doan, Sierra Hansel, Brooklynn Smithern, Clifton Boone and Emily Ponder.



9 year old 4-H Speech Contest participants in the Annual Talk Meet were: Ashlynd Brock, Katherine Coffey, Luke Peavie and Zachary Taylor.



10 year old 4-H Speech Contest participants were front from left: Wesley Clark, Jonas Cox and Jacob Loudermilk. Back row from left: Callie Lewis, Leann Tankersley, Caroline White, Zoe Burdette and Katelyn Singleton.

## Clinical Educator award announced by Somerset Community College

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program at Somerset Community College has announced the recipient of its 2011 Outstanding Clinical Educator Award. Emmett S. Mastin, a physical therapist assistant employed by Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center has been named this year's winner. The award is presented annually to one physical therapist assistant clinical educator who demonstrates excellence in teaching and a commitment to the ideals of

the physical therapy profession. Mastin was nominated for the award by 2011 graduates Stephanie Meade and Brittany Cooke.

Mastin, who resides in London, holds a degree from Eastern Kentucky University and is a 2008 graduate of the Somerset Community College Physical Therapist Assistant Program. He is an active member of the American Physical Therapy Association and serves on the PTA Program's Advisory Board. He was the recipient of the SCC PTA

Program's Total Rehab Award for Outstanding Second-Year PTA Student in 2008.

"Mr. Mastin has been an important part of our program's history and is an excellent role model to our students. He served as a leader while in the program and, as a graduate, has made a difference through his leadership and teaching abilities. We could not be more pleased to recognize him for the many contributions he has made to our program and the physical therapy profession," says Dr. Steve Hammons, PT, the PTA Program Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education.

Mastin will be the program's nominee for the Kentucky Physical Therapy Association's Outstanding Clinical Educator Award in 2012.



Ages 11, 14, 15 and 17 year old 4-H Speech Contest participants were: John David Hurley, Savannah Bullock, Ben Tyler, Samantha Bullock, Sheradyn Cox and Laiken Coffey. Not pictured: Madisan Miller.



Emmet Mastin, PTA (center) was named the recipient of the Somerset Community College Physical Therapist Assistant Program Outstanding Clinical Educator Award for 2011. He was presented the award by students Glenn Trail of Lexington and Josh Yancey of Science Hill.

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