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The monthly meeting of the **Eastern Rockcastle Water Association Board of Direc**tors was closed to visitors on Tuesday morning. Standing outside the meeting room in Livingston, were from left: Elmer Whitler, board member June Whitler, board member Sue Rodefer, who is also secretary and treasurer of the board, John Rodefer, Virgil Mullins and association clerk Jo Cook. Whitler and Rodefer did not attend the meeting in protest, after guests and Cook were not admitted. The sign at right was hanging on the door to the meeting room when visitors arrived Tuesday. ERWA President **David Ballinger did invite** the press to sit in on the meeting, but his offer was declined. (Front page photos by: Richard Anderkin)



In Mt. Vernon

More controversy at city council meeting

By: Richard Anderkin

Although for the most part on Monday night it was business as usual for the Mt. Vernon City Council, at the end things got a little out of hand.

After covering all items on Monday's night agenda, councilman Don Jones asked to address several issues as the last item of business before the council.

Jones told council members and Mayor Kirby that some city employees had told them they were "afraid of the jobs" and that the council should be informed of who was hired and fired and how much they were paid.

Jones read to the council from the Kentucky League of Cities Handbook about protections afforded under the 14th amendment to the constitution and protections afforded the good name of "at-will employ-

Jones told the council he was concerned that the Mayor's employment practices

A Conway family lost ev-

erything in an early morning

fire Saturday at their home on

broke out around 4 a.m. Saturday and, by the time fire units

from Brindle Ridge and Mt.

Vernon were able to arrive on

the scene, the mobile home was

completely engulfed in flames. Phillip Fox and his girl-

friend, Charli Feltner, were

home alone when the fire broke

out, according to Feltner's

mom, Kathy who said the two

got out of the burning structure

with only the clothes on their

back. "Charlie wasn't even

able to get her shoes or coat

been in the hospital before Fri-

Feltner said her daughter suffered from asthma and had

on," Mrs. Feltner said.

day night's fire.

Fire officials said the fire

Otter Lane.

Family loses everything

might open up the city for lawsuits against the city.

The Mayor told Jones she was following the city's handbook in her hiring and firing practices and that she was doing things correctly. The Mayor also told Jones "that we (the council), nor her were at Monday's meeting for a class on the subject and that he should have things put on next month's agenda if he wanted them brought before the coun-

Jones also said he would like to see a no smoking ban imposed at city hall because of complaints by some customers, and even a few employees. Jones' request received no action from the council or the Mayor.

Then Jones broached a subject that caused somewhat of a scene and caused the Mayor to dismiss the meeting without a motion to adjourn.

Jones told council members and the Mayor that they should be prepared at next month's

in early morning fire "Phillip had a hard time getting her out of the house," Kathy Feltner said.

Mrs. Feltner also noted that firefighters said that if the bedroom door, where the couple was sleeping, had not been closed they would have probably have been overcome by smoke.

"They're not sure what caused the fire, but Phillip was finally woke up by a smoke alarm going off. They think it started somewhere in the middle of the trailer," Kathy Feltner said.

Neither Fox's 11-year-old daughter, nor Feltner's 3-yearold daughter were at home when the fire broke out.

The family is currently living with Charli Feltner's grandmother, Lilly Dobbs, on Little Clear Creek.

Pres. Ballinger closes **ERWA** board meeting

By: Richard Anderkin

Eastern Rockcastle Water Association President David Ballinger closed Tuesday's regular monthly board of director's meeting to everyone except board members.

The closed meeting was apparently the first time ERWA's board meeting had been closed in its 15 year history.

Ballinger, who did say the Signal could sit in on Tuesday's meeting, said he was closing the meeting to cut down on possible controversy that might be caused by visitors.

Ballinger said the board didn't have anything to hide, but that he thought it was in the

School board will hear options for make-up day at April meeting

Rose Brown, the school system's Director of Students Services, said the local calendar committee would meet on Friday to discuss four options to make up one snow day.

The meeting was called after school was dismissed last Friday because of snow.

Friday's dismissal was the eleventh time school has been called off because of bad weather this school year.

At February's board meeting, it was determined that the local school system would not apply for any of the 10 disaster days approved by the state legislature because of the winter snow and ice storm that

crippled much of the state.

The local school system qualifies for three of those days but declined to apply for them, after discussion between the board, Brown and Superintendent Larry Hammond.

Brown said on Tuesday that the calendar committee would look at four options on Friday.

The comittee will either recommend that the school board apply for one disaster relief day from the state, go to school on Memorial Day, May 25th, on Saturday, May 30th or on Monday, June 1st.

As it stands right now, if

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LIHEAP program gets funding boost

The Daniel Boone Community Action Agency in Mt. Vernon has reopened the "Crisis" portion of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) that assists households in a heating crisis.

The deepening of cold winter weather, combined with rising utility costs, leaves many households unable to fully meet heating bills or purchase sufficient bulk fuel to keep

their families safe and warm. Your local Community Action Partnership (CAP) stands ready to help.

Households having already received their maximum CRI-SIS benefits in 2009 will not be eligible for additional assis-

A household shall be considered to be in a home heat-

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best interest of the association to include only board members, attorney Jerry Cox and General Manager Randy Corry in Tuesday's meeting.

Ballinger said that comments made by visitors in other board meetings made board members "nervous" and served no purpose in the operation of the association.

The recently-elected President said water association members could voice their comments and concerns to board members on a personal basis or at the annual membership meeting.

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Grand Jury indicts three

Only three indictments were handed down by a Rockcastle Grand Jury last Friday and included charges of trafficking in a controlled substance, stalking and theft by unlawful taking. Indicted were:

•Kevin R. Honican, 32, of 455 Richmond St., Mt. Vernon for trafficking of a controlled substance in or near a school (Mt. Vernon Elementary). Honican, who has been arrested and is in the Rockcastle Detention Center, was put under a \$20,000 cash or property bond and his arraignment has been set for April 10th.

•Merrill Keith Brown, 36, of 1330 McHargue Branch Road, Mt. Vernon was indicted for stalking, first degree. Brown has been arrested and was put under a \$25,000 full cash bond. He will be arraigned on March

•Teresa Messinger, 30, 554 Green Fish Hill, Mt Vernon, was indicted for theft by unlawful taking, involving a theft at Hardy Oil company over \$300. Messinger has not been arrested. Her bond has been set at \$20,000 cash/property.



School was dismissed for the 11th time this school year on Friday, when Mother Nature dumped another two inches of snow on the county. Above, local weatherman Bud Cox, measures what many hope will be the last snowfall of the season. During March, Cox has recorded precipitation on nine of the 18 days so far this month. The high recorded temperature in March was 76 on the 11th and the low recorded temperature was 11 on March 4th. As much as four inches of snow was measured in other areas of the county.

regular monthly meeting to discuss Councilman Wayne Bullock and his "inability to serve

"His inability is well known locally. He is an outstanding citizen, but one who, in my opinion, lacks the intellectual capacity to serve on a city council," Jones wrote in an email to the Signal on Tuesday.

on the council."

On Wednesday, Jones said that it was his understanding that under state law councils had the right to remove any council member for negligence, misconduct or inability to serve.

Following Jones comments about Bullock, and both men coming to their feet, Bullock, visibly upset, was escorted from the meeting into an adjoining office by city police of-

Since no motion was forthcoming from a member of the council, Mayor Kirby adjourned the meeting on her own and turned out the lights, leaving about ten people in semidarkness.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the council is April



The mobile home of Phillip Fox on Otter Lane at Conway was completely destroyed by fire early Saturday morning. The family lost everything in the 4 a.m. fire.

Editor's Notes

By Richard Anderkin



I was going to comment on what good representation Rockcastle County has in Frankfort these days, thanks to the hard work and joint cooperation of Republican State Representative Danny Ford and Democrat Senator Ed Worley, but Monday night's meeting of the Mt. Vernon City Council has my attention instead.

At the end of Monday night's meeting, councilman Don Jones told members of the council that at next month's meeting council members should be prepared to discuss fellow council member Wayne Bullock and his inability to

In an e-mail sent Tuesday to the Signal, Jones confirmed his comments, saying "his (Bullock's) inability is well known locally, he is an outstanding citizen but who, in my opinion, lacks the intellectual capacity to serve on a city coun-

Jones also said he thought Mayor Kirby was in control of Bullock.

The following are purely my

Councilman Jones may have crossed the line when he questioned whether or not anyone has the intellect to sit on the council. Who is to say that any council member, board member, office holder, (including Jones) has the intelligence to serve. He should also remember that Bullock has been elected to the council eight con-

Voters in Mt. Vernon could have <u>not re-elected</u> Bullock in seven different elections, but they have not done so.

City council elections are held every two years, a very brief term, and if voters are dissatified with a council person's performance, they can simply vote them out of office. The next elections for city councils in the county are only 20 months away.

It should also be noted that Bullock got the fourth most votes in the last election with 350 and Jones got the least at

Bullock also got 260 votes in 2002 when he was re-elected to the council, finishing fifth, and Jones got the least votes in that election when he garned

only 148 and finished last. As for Bullock always vot-

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ing with the Mayor, it is a simple fact that, in the past six years, except for the purchase of the Jerry Cox building, the majority of the council has voted in favor of the Mayor's

The bottom line for me is that we elect our office holders and we toss them out if the majority think they are incapable or do not have the best interests of the voters at heart. Let's let the political process deem who is fit or unfit to serve.

On a much lighter note, a couple of horses, identified as mules last week, certainly stirred several comments about my mistake.

I told everyone in this office that I was very proud of being able to take such a good timely photo for the front page, which was not staged or didn't involve a tragic accident or a devastating fire.

I am still proud of the timely photo, showing that Spring is just around the corner, that ap-

I have, in my back yard, be-

hind the garage, a decent sized

black walnut tree that is 40 or

so feet tall. During the recent

ice storm, when every tree that

size here in central Kentucky

took a beating and left broken

limbs lying all over the coun-

tryside, my walnut never shed

so much as a twig even though

it went three days looking like

it was encased in an inch of

through its lower branches and

when the trees across the road

commenced disintegrating ---

limbs breaking with a sound

like cannon shots and falling to

the forest floor, I was resigned

to the notion that the walnut

would eventually collapse and

take out the feeder of juice to

my place. But it didn't happen.

some evaluation as to whether

or not it would be better to just

cut off what's left of them, burn

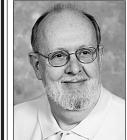
Nearby fruit trees still need

The power line goes right

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Points East

By Ike Adams



Rockcastle Memories

By David J. Griffin

Loosing My Marbles

Several weeks ago, my wife and I were discussing how much we enjoy our weekends together. We often stay up late watching our favorite television shows and sleep late in the mornings. Usually we plan to go to one of our favorite restaurants or go for a ride in the country to view wildlife or some other aspect of the natural environment.

From a very long time ago, we have made a conscious effort to set aside a good period of time to just be together, alone. We live with making a goal of creating such time on weekends – an escape from the real world. It seems the older we get, the more we cherish these weekends. We just enjoy each other's company when we do not have the stress of our responsibilities bearing down on

When I was a little boy in Rockcastle County, I was an avid collector of marbles, and I loved to play the game with

the whole pile, and start over.

At least three apple, two pear,

a plum, and three peach trees

were just becoming healthy

enough to bear a gain since the

previous onslaught in 2002.

I'm not sure that any of them

are worth the effort that rehab

might require and I'm getting

too damned old to start a new

be interesting to see what the

stumps and sprouts will pro-

duce before I die. I have one

peach tree that I would keep

alive if I knew that it would

only produce a couple of

peaches every year because

they would be huge, free-stone,

and everything a peach should

be and I would guard them

against birds and beetles. I have

no idea what the variety is

called nor where I got the

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tree—just that I have never

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On the other hand, it might

my friends. I still have some of the marbles that I collected as a youngster. (My wife calls me a "pack-rat.")

A number of years ago, I had the notion to use my marble collection as a gift for my wife. The idea became the kind of lesson in life that you sometimes hear about and actually gave me a good perspective on my own priorities. Allow me to

My wife was having a birthday. I got the idea to purchase a two-gallon, glass jar with a lid and put all of my marbles in it. By doing some math, I was able to deduce that if we counted the number of weekends in each year and multiply the number of years that we could expect to live, based on the life expectancy of a man of my age and health, then we could remove one marble each weekend and keep an account of the weekends that we have

I figured that we needed 1,248 marbles for the jar. When I placed the marbles from my childhood into the container, I still needed over 800 more. I began to visit every toy store in the area, purchasing every marble they had in stock. It took me weeks to locate enough marbles to fill the jar sufficiently to cover the weekends we hoped to have left in our lifetime.

I was also surprised to find that the cost of marbles had increased dramatically since I was collecting as a child. Just the purchase of the marbles cost enough that I could have bought my wife a very expensive gift. But, I was determined to finish the task, so I kept on looking for more marbles. I even ordered some from the internet. Finally, I had secured 1,248 marbles and placed them into the glass jar. (Do you know how much that many marbles weighs?)

Her birthday was still a few weeks away, so I stashed the jar in the back of my closet and waited for the exact time to try to wrap the gift. A few days before the day to celebrate, I took out the very heavy container and began my search for the right box. With wrapping paper in hand, I announced that she was not to come into the guest bedroom, where I prepared the present for my loving wife.

The following day, I took my wife to Columbia's, our favorite steak house in Lexington. While having dinner, I explained that when we returned home I was going to give her my birthday present. Upon arriving at home, she sat down on the couch and waited for me to fetch the box from my closet.

Can you imagine the look on her face when she opened the container and found a jar with 1,248 marbles? I carefully explained what the marbles meant and that she was to remove one marble each weekend until they were all gone. I thought she was

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Jimbo has jumbo love for high school hoops

A new Gallup poll claims the people of eastern Kentucky are among the most unhappy to be found anywhere.

Jim McGuire may be one of the first people to dispute that finding, based on his experiences in Sandy Hook this basketball season.

The retired Army man has rarely seen a non-smiling face in that isolated mountain community since starting a routine that may be unequaled in the history of Kentucky high school sports.

With absolutely no ties other than a love of the game, the man locals call Jimbo has made the 254-mile roundtrip from his Garrard County home to watch his favorite team of all time, the Elliott County Lions.

He has taken in all the home contests and missed only two on the road.

His travels have taken him more than 8,000 miles "to places I have never seen be-

A former star player for tiny

Burgin High School in Mercer County, McGuire's fascination for Elliott began last year when he saw them five or six times in Sandy Hook and followed their progress in the state tournament.

"They're more fun than any team I've ever watched," said the man who can recite statistics on the top teams in all 16 regions.

McGuire, who can usually be found decked out in Elliott County shirts and jackets, has befriended not only all the players on the state's top-ranked team, but their parents as well.

Most parents sit in what has been dubbed "The High Five Section," and McGuire has been right there with them.

"I'm just like home folk to them," he says.

Before beginning the long drive home, he has been gathering with the players and fans at Penny Mart, about the only place in Sandy Hook still open after 8 o'clock at night.

In a recent story by Pat

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Rockcastle Hospital recognizes March as National Kidney Month

Preventing Kidney Disease in Diabetes

Diabetes is the most common cause of kidney disease resulting in dialysis in the United States. Diabetes is an indolent disease that can go undetected for years before the diagnosis is made. Unfortunately, kidney damage and failure occur in 20-40% of people with diabetes and is related to the duration of the disease and how well it is controlled.

There are three main ways you can reduce or prevent kidney damage from occurring. One is to control your blood pressure. An elevated blood pressure also causes a great deal of damage to blood vessels and other organs in diabetes, so it must be controlled, preferably lower than normal standards.

The second way to prevent kidney damage is to control the blood sugar levels as tightly as possible. Tight control has been shown to delay the kidney damage in both adult onset and juvenile onset diabetes.

The third way is to treat the earliest signs of kidney damage with a medicine called an ACE inhibitor. ACE inhibitors are protective by blocking an enzyme in the kidneys.

The earliest sign of kidney damage is protein in the urine. Even very small amounts of protein in the urine is a sign that the delicate glomeruli, where impurities are removed from the blood, are being damaged.

When protein develops in the urine, ACE inhibitors are prescribed. The time to treat is when 30 mg of protein is detected in the urine. When the protein loss reaches 300 mg in the urine, it is a sign that there is progressive kidney disease and end-stage kidney disease is likely to progress over a number of years.

(March 24 is American Diabetes Alert Day)

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Obituaries

Patricia

Louise Leece

Lash

61, wife of Howard, of Copper

Creek, died Friday, March 13,

2009 at the Rockcastle Hospi-

tal. She was born August 11th,

1947 in Hedgeville, KY, a

daughter of Granville David

"G.D." Leece and Hester

Ellison Leece. She was a mem-

ber of the Church on the Rock.

She was a retired Medical Tran-

scriptionist at the Berea Hospi-

tal. Her hobbies and interests

were embroidering, sewing,

memories include: her hus-

band, Howard Wesley Lash of

Copper Creek; one step-son,

Dan Lash of Mt. Sterling;

one son-in-law, Bill Alexander

of Berea; one grandson, Nicho-

las Jacob Nathaniel Alexander

of Berea; her parents, Granville

David G.D. Leece and Hester

Ellison Leece of Copper Creek;

two brothers, Larry (Joyce)

Leece of Copper Creek, Roger

(Joyce) Leece of Berea; and

one sister, Judy (Clinton) Har-

ris of Berea; and a host of

by one daughter, Paula Diane

ducted Monday, March 16th,

2009 at the Marvin E. Owens

Home for Funerals Chapel with

Bro. Mark Sarver officiating.

Burial followed in the Wilmot

Brock, Rodney Ellison, Dustin

Leece, Dana Ellison, Joe

Condolences to the family may be

made to her online registry at

www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Stanley and Larry Lefler.

Casketbearers were: Tim

She was preceded in death

Funeral services were con-

friends and neighbors.

Alexander.

Cemetery.

Those left to cherish her

and Crochet.

Patricia Louise Leece Lash,



Mildred Higgins

Mildred Higgins, 84, of Brodhead, died Sunday, March 15th, 2009 at the Rockcastle Hospital. She was born on January 27, 1925 in Rillton, PA, a daughter of the late Louis and Cecelia Flander Shuster. She was of the Catholic faith, who was a loving and devoted mother and grandmother. On February 28, 1954 she was united in holy matrimony to Donald Higgins, and from that union came four children, Diane, John, Al and Donnie.

Those left to cherish her memories include: her children, Diane (David) Ott of Brodhead, John (Charlene) Higgins of Brodhead and Al (Cathy) Higgins of Lake City, PA; 10 grandchildren, David Ott, Jr., Amanda Ott, Rachel (Keith) Wynn, Joshua Ott, Lucas Ott, Johnna Higgins, Jonathan Higgins, Vanessa Robinson, Brittany Ross and Alyssa Higgins; two sisters, Frances Pytlak and Josephine Felger, both of Rillton, PA; and a host of friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Donald Higgins; a son, Donnie A. Higgins; a brother, Edward Shuster; and a grandchild, Micah David Ott.

Funeral mass was conducted Tuesday, March 17th, 2009 at Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church with Father Nick Pagano officiating.

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

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mvsignal@windstream.net

Mary Anglin Menting

Mary Anglin Menting, 78, wife of the late Edwin Hubbard Menting, of Fair Play, SC, died Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at her residence. A native of Mt. Vernon, she was the daughter of the late William and Clyde Sigmon Anglin. She was a retired school teacher from the Orange County Public School System in Orlando, FL and member of Delta Kappa Gama and the Eastern Star.

She is survived by: son, William Dale Menting of Fair Play, SC; daughter, Debra Gayle Menting of Fair Play, SC; and grandchild, Elizabeth Ann Menting.

No services are planned. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 128 Stonemark Lane, Colum-

bia. SC 29210.

Condolences may be sent at www.davenportfuneralhome.com

Death Notices Henry Hines

Henry Hines, 69, of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, March 18th at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington.

Arrangements are incomplete at Cox Funeral Home.

Mary Leger

Mary Fern Leger, 77, of Conway, died Monday, March 16th. Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Dowell and Martin Funeral Home. Visitation from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

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

Irene Reams

Irene Reams, of Orlando, died March 17, 2009 at Hospice Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. She was born February 17, 1916.

Visitation will be at Flat Rock Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday, March 22nd at 4 p.m. Funeral services will be at the church Monday, March 23rd at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at Floral Hills Cemetery in Taylor Mill, Ky.

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



Martha Hines

Martha Hines, 67, of Livingston, died Thursday, March 12, 2009 at the Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. She was born in Harlan County, KY on Apr. 16, 1941 the daughter of George and Smarie Gibbons Wynn. She was a retired school bus driver for the Rockcastle County School System and was a member of the Faith Chapel Pentecostal Church

She is survived by: a son, Ernie (Annette) Hines of Mt. Vernon; two daughters, Tressa (Robert) Chesnut of Orlando and Joanie (Chris) Compton of Richmond; her mother, Smarie Wynn of Livingston; four brothers, Larry Wynn, Bobby Wynn and Billy Wynn, all of Livingston and Bruce Wynn of Orlando; and five sisters, Mae Howard and Magdalene Collins, both of Mt. Vernon, Dorothy Hines of Crab Orchard, Suzy Lovell of Livingston, and Leolla Hurley of Orlando. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Felecia Chesnut, Susan Chesnut, Lincoln Hines, and Hannah Compton.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Charles William Hines; her father, George Wynn; two brothers, Eugene and Elijah Wynn; and two grandchildren, Michael and Angela Chesnut.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 15 at the Faith Chapel Pentecostal Church by Bros. Virgil Bustle and Jack Carpenter. Burial was in the Wynn Cemetery.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were: Ralph Hines, Scottie Hines, Stephen Hines, Johnny Kirby, Cody Robinson and Levi Wynn.



Ruth Cotton

Mrs. Ruth Cotton, 80, of Mt. Vernon died Friday, March 6, 2009 at the Rockcastle Hospital after a long illness. She was born on April 26, 1928 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of the late Tommy and Oma Deatherage Bussell. She was a homemaker, enjoyed fishing and flower gardening, and was a member of the Pentecostal Church.

Survivors are: three sons, Dale (Ima) Cotton, Wayne (Lisa) Cotton, Coy (Patricia) Vance, all of Mt.Vernon; two daughters, Mrs. Wanda (Billy) Howard of Mt. Vernon, and Mrs. Linda Vance of Winchester; one sister, Mrs. Justine Hale of Mt. Vernon; and one brother, Bobby Bussell. Ten grandchildren, and three great grandchildren also survive. She was preceded in death by: her husband, Ernest Cotton; one son, Gerald Cotton; three brothers, Harold, Delbert, and Vernie Bussell; one sister, Ruby Bostic.

Funeral Services were held Monday, March 9, 2009 at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Elza Doan & Bro. Vernon Doan officiating. Burial followed in the Cresthaven Cemetery.

Pallbearers were John Griffith, Charlie Griffin, Lewis Cotton, Randall Wilson, Everett Wilson and Chris Griffin

Send condolences to the family online at www.coxfuneralhomeky.com

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Cards of Thanks Martha Hines

The children of Martha Hines would like to express their appreciation for the love and kindness shown during the loss of our dear mother.

We would like to especially thank Jack Carpenter, Virgil Bustle, the Doan Family, Faith Chapel, Pine Hill Holiness, her pallbearers and everyone for the flowers sent and food and money given. And, a very special thank you to Charlotte Hayes for being there.

Tressa, Ernie and Joanie
Charles "Tuck" Baker

We, the family of Charles "Tuck" Baker, want to thank everyone in the community for their prayers, e-mails, flowers, food, cards and visits. Every gesture of kindness was deeply appreciated. A special thanks to Marvin Owens Home for Funerals for their special care and to Bro. Eddie Nation and our entire church family at First Bapting.

Our Sincere Thanks, Pat, Janice, Karen, Mary Beth and Families **Delno Mink**

We, the family of Delno Mink, extend our gratitude to those who offered prayers, support and condolences during our loved one's illness and passing. Thank you to Dr. Karen Saylor, Dr. David Bullock and Dr. Vance, the Rockcastle Hospital Emergency Room and Acute Nursing Staff, and the Rockcastle Rehabilitation West Wing staff and administration for your care giving. To the Rockcastle Ambulance Service we extend a special thank you for the personable care we received. Thank you to Cox's Funeral Home and Staff for the special care of our loved one. A heart of appreciation is extended to Bros. Albert McKinney and David Sargent for the memorial service and their words of comfort that will remain in our hearts. We want to express our gratitude to our church family at Freedom Baptist for the love and comfort that you expressed during this time. A full heart is sent to the pallbearers and those who prepared the burial site. Thanks to everyone for the beautiful floral arrangements, monetary gifts, phone calls, food, cards and visits--you surrounded us in love and support in our time of loss. God's Blessings to all of you. Husband, father, grandfather, brother—you are deeply missed!

Recognizing

"American Diabetes Alert Day"

Health Fair

Where: Rockcastle Senior Citizens

and Day Health Center

When: Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Featuring:

- Blood pressure checks
- Free blood glucose meters
- Giveaways
- Educational material

For more information, contact 256-4316 or 256-7880.



2009 Redbud

2nd Annual Association of the Contract of the

"Blooming Tood Health"

Wednesday, April 1, 2009 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and Museum Renfro Valley, KY

Take a long lunch break and walk at your own pace while receiving prizes along the way.

- Free lunch and prizes when you complete the walk (limited to first 500 participants).
- Free Redbud seedlings.

For more information contact the Mt. Vernon-Rockcastle County Tourist Commission at **(606) 256-9814** or **(800) 252-6685**.









Our Readers Write

Thanks to Aletha's Florist...

Dear Editor.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Aletha's Florist for donating the trophies for my son's ball team, the Celtics, a Junior Pro team for second and third graders.

The trophies were really nice and very much appreci-

Woodrow Williams

In response to article...

Dear Editor,

As County Clerk, I feel it is necessary to respond to last week's article in the Signal regarding excess fees, salaries and my budget.

For many years, Rockcastle County Clerk's office has been the only clerk's office around that has not had a computerized index system in the vault for the recorded documents.

We have been criticized and laughed at for not being up-todate as other counties. Before last year, I could not afford one. However, in March 2008, all Kentucky counties, with under 20,000 population, received a check from Frankfort in the amount of approximately \$60,000.

The law specifically states that this check is to be used to supplement deputy salaries and to pay expenses in the county clerk's office. I obtained a grant to pay for part of the computer equipment for our vault. Then I used some of the check received from Frankfort to purchase software for the computer. This software does imaging and is an index system. Since this system was implemented, we have received many good compliments by attorneys, paralegals and citizens of our county on our improve-

Judge Carloftis had been mitted a budget to the Fiscal

Chase Home Finance LLC

Chris Compton and

Joanie Compton

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28th Judicial Circuit

Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II

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being in Block C of Jones Addition as shown on plat of same of record in Deed

Book 43, Page 430, to which said plat reference is hereby made for a more

Being the same property conveyed to Chris Compton and

Joanie Compton by deed dated November 5, 2007, ex-

ecuted by Tony Baugh, unmarried and recorded in Deed

Book 219, page 337 in the Office of the Rockcastle County

95 Ferguson Street, Mount Vernon, KY 40456

particular description of said property.

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in

told I was getting this system and paying for it from this check I received. Therefore, having been told by me that I was using the money, how could the Fiscal Court get a "surprise" when I made my settlement?

The article also states an inequality in my deputies' salaries and other employees. I have checked on other elected officials in the county and, those with employees with 25 years of experience as Janet Burdine has, are making the same as Janet. I feel when you compare salaries, the number of years experience at working at the same job should be considered. Salary of someone working 25 years should be more than someone working less years. All deputies worked more hours in 2008 than in 2007, many overtime hours. Therefore, the total deputy salary was more in 2008 than 2007. Deputy salaries are paid from fees collected in the county clerk's office. The county does not pay any salary - only the benefits. I try to give a 50c per hour raise each year for cost of living increase. Some years I have not been able to give that much.

Also the article stated that, according to KRS 68.250, KRS 68.210 and KRS 64.530 the county could fix a budget for the clerk's office. I have copies of all three of these laws and I do not find anywhere in these laws that gives the Fiscal Court authority to prepare a budget for the clerk's office. These laws only give the Fiscal Court the authority to set the maximum salary I can pay the Deputy Clerks as a total.

The law further states that the clerk is to determine the number to be hired and the individual compensation of each

deputy and assistant. On January 16, 2009, I sub-

Plaintiff

Defendants

Court. This budget was signed by me. The Fiscal Court did not approve this budget. Instead the copy of the budget signed by me was altered and changed. Someone used white out and blotted out my figures. Different figures were inserted without my approval. My signature was left on the document as if I had signed it. This is not legal. Documents cannot be altered and changed after it has been signed.

Sincerely, Norma Houk Rockcastle County Clerk Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456

Brodhead Alumni Banquet is Apr. 11...

Once again, it's time to start planning for the Brodhead Alumni Banquet which will be held Saturday, April 11, 2009

Honored classes will be 39, 44, 49, 54, 59, 64 and 69. Please keep in mind all graduates and all friends are welcome to ttend and renew old friendships and relive old memories. Please pass this information on to anyone who might be interested in attending.

If your class would like to have a room to meet in, prior to the banquet to just sit and talk, please call the school at 606-758-8512 and arrangements will be made.

We also still have some of the Brodhead throws for sale (\$40 each) and pictures (\$5 each). Paul Cash will be taking group pictures of the honored classes and you can order your copy at the banquet.

Please make reservations by calling the school at 606-758-8512 or mailing your reservations to:

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Brodhead, Ky. 40409-0187 Tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased that evening. Please make all checks payable to Brodhead Alumni Association.

> Sincerely, Alumni Committee

Commend officeholders...

Dear Editor,

I write to commend several local officeholders including Property Valuation Administrator (PVA) Margaret Offutt.

The fiscal court recently held the line on the budget of the County Clerk's office. Although holding the line on salaries is often difficult, their fiscal restraint was commendable. They paid attention to the input of several citizens who shared concerns about this matter. Their attention to detail and numbers was likewise notable. But most of all they spent our money like it was their money. All government should follow

this example in all cases. One group that does this is the Livingston City Council. Money is spent on the basic functions of government, not grandiose schemes that ignore economic reality. The money they save is being still being used to improve the lives of local citizens. It is just being spent anonymously by the citizens themselves, instead of glitzy but wasteful "Taj Mahals" like the castle, the Music Hall of Fame, and the Jones Building (which seems destined for government of-

I would suggest that the fiscal court consider updating the county's ethics standards regarding hiring family members. If family members could not be hired by officials who oversee them, and if the county assumed more control over the yearly salaries of family members grandfathered in, potential conflicts of interest would be

County Judge Executive Buzz Carloftis deserves recognition for publishing updated readable public notices that include why money is being borrowed and the amount borrowed. His prompt response to citizen input will help many citizens understand the actions of their government.

I would also like to recognize the outstanding service of Norma Houk. While her entire office is knowledgeable and accommodating, her personal knowledge of the laws, proficiency and outstanding efforts are exemplary. Additionally, if there is something that Norma does not yet know, she will be sure to track it down if you ask her about it.

The PVA's office and Margaret Offutt are also very helpful and professional. Part of my 11.21 comments contrasting her ability with that of some outside hired gun appraiser were intended to be satirical. I do not understand why anyone would think that some outside hired gun who claims the Cox law building is worth almost \$800,000, and the skateboard lot worth in the 200 thousands would be believed, much less believed compared to the PVA. To me everyone knows that the PVA's office produces professional appraisals that are accurately based upon the selling price of local properties and that reflect a neutral opinion. However, my satire was not obvious to all. I am sorry if this was the case.

Finally, before the editor criticizes the accuracy of the above price for the skateboard lot, as was done for my similar 11.21 description, let me point out that this number is not the amount it was sold for. Rather it reflects the additionally inflated price that was pushed by the mayor, and that went unquestioned by the Mt. Vernon City Council, in their November meeting.

Sincerely, Dr. Michael Sheliga Mt Vernon, KY

Thank you...

Dear Editor,

Rockcastle County High School's FCCLA Chapter would like to thank the following people/businesses for helping make our 2009 Prom Review such a success!

Jon Oliver; Silver Spoon, London; Inspired Image; Mary Kay Consultants - Renee Turner, Sandy Withers and Jill Rice; Katie Parsons, Hair Port, Lexington; Katie Stevens, The Potter's Shed, Berea; Celina Bullock; McDonald's; Spark's Flowers and More; KFC; Tobacco Barn, tanning bed visits; A Cut Above, tanning bed visits; Subway; Godfather's; PizzaHut; Rockcastle Professional Pharmacy.

Again, thank you so much. Carla Parsons, FCCLA Sponsor

Inquisiton style City Council...

Dear Editor.

To the residents of Mount Vernon,

I am writing this email out of concern for what our mayor has created in this town and how the citizens and council members appear to not have a voice on what is happening here in this quaint town.

I attended my first city council meeting on Monday the 16th of March and was very concerned that the only council member to speak up was Mr. Don Jones. All other members of the council sat in their chairs not counterpointing Mr. Jones or debating ordinances with him, but staring at the papers in front of them. The only person to speak out against Mr. Jones was the Mayor Clarice Kirby who should have been presenting the business on the agenda and not arguing points with Mr. Jones.

All points of business were addressed without incident and voted upon until the section marked other on the schedule was addressed.

Councilman Jones brought up business that was relevant to the hiring and firing of city employees and noted that the federal laws would preceed over any hand book that the city had in place and that many employees that worked for the city were concerned about the mayor's treatment of them and the safety of their jobs. The mayor claims that city business is within her power to do as she wishes. It seems to me that the constitutional rights of the citizens of Mount Vernon's residents are null and void under mayor Kirby's tyranical ram-

Next councilman Jones addressed the health and safety issues backed with facts and statistics of the issue of smoking and second hand smoke within city hall and felt that smoking should be designated to outside of the office. Mayor Kirby belittled councilman Jones' comments and said that it should be put on the agenda for next months meeting.

The mayor saw fit to close the meeting as councilman Jones was still addressing his concerns. The last of which was the competance of councilman Wayne Bullock on the city council. Councilman Bullock had to be escorted from the building after this claim by councilman Jones and councilman Bullock kept shouting "I've been here [on the council] for a long time.". Time does not dictate competance and from what I saw on the council there was little competance in giving the citizens of Mount Vernon a voice other than to be "Yes" men for the mayor.

I emplore the citizens of Mount Vernon to not sit idly by and let an inquisition style council dictate what we residents must and must not do and how our lives are dictated to us. Whether you are behind mayor Kirby or councilman Jones, it

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ment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.

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- 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.
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"Readers"

(Cont. from A4)

doesn't matter. Please state your opinion. Attend the city meeting and talk to your council and express your concerns.

To me, Don Jones has the interest of the city at heart and expresses his concerns, while the other council members sit quietly and collect their pay while the mayor does what she wants. This is not a democracy, but a farce of democracy.

Here is a wonderful quote which sums up our council.

"The test of courage comes when we are in the minority. The test of tolerance comes when we are in the majority." Ralph W. Sockman

Chris Longhurst Mt. Vernon City Resident

Americans need educating on size of government...

Dear Editor.

We live in a truly amazing country where a constitution was etched out by our Founding Fathers to protect the people from the excesses of government, which have existed all over the world since the dawn of ages. The size of government has always been inversely proportionate to the quality of civilization, according to Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society. It is impossible to know too much about too much.

Father Gavin Bitzer has very generously offered the educational facilities of St. James Academy, located at 5th and Fairmont (off Southern Parkway) in Louisville, to educate Americans so they do not lose the wonderful freedoms they have had. (Hosea 4:6... "My people are destroyed from lace of knowledge.")

The Founding Fathers said that the price of liberty was eternal vigilance. With this we agree. On March 26th at St. James Academy, located at 4049 S. 5th St. in Louisville, we will be showing to the first 150 people a DVD produced by the JBS. This DVD is 42 minutes long and entitled, "Dollars and Sense." It will teach you about the three kinds of money. There is commodity money, represented by gold and silver or whatever else you want to trade. There is fiduciary money, which is paper money backed by gold and silver. Finally, there is fiat money, backed by nothing. We now have fiat money. Now, as a result of almost a trillion dollars in increased debt announced Tuesday the 24th of February, we hve diluted the purchasing power of fiat money by approximately two-fifths. This will one day get us inflation, runaway inflation, depression and possibly devaluation. These have already occurred in 40 countries since World War II.

We will also show an educational series of 30 minute DVDs weekly starting March 26th (and running for 27 weeks, excepting April 9th and May 21st). This series will describe the "5,000 Year Leap" achieved and written about by W. Cleon Skousen. The "5,000 Year Leap" will describe the American Government, the Constitution and principles of freedom. The "5,000 Year Leap" will aid you in defeating subversion.

If you cannot attend, you can order the DVDs for yourself. To order "Dollars and Sense," call 1-800-342-6491 or 1-800-388-4512 to order "5,000 Year Leap."

Yours for God, Family and Country, Malcolm L. Lilly 7904 34rd St. Rd. Louisville, Ky. 40214 1-502-588-6645

(For detailed information, please call George M. Wolverton, MD at 1-812-944-0672).

Email your letters to the Signal at mvsignal@windstream.net

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"Notes"

(Cont. from A2)

peared on the front page of last week's edition.

I am however not proud of the fact that I called Ben and Charlie, mules. Ben and Charlie are actually 5-year-old Belgian horses.

For whatever reason, I didn't make sure of all the facts, which I really work hard at on a weekly basis. I apologize to Bill and Lavada Sowder for my mistake. But my mistake has made for a lot of good ribbing.

Beginning early last Thursday morning, I began encountering folks, who couldn't wait to ask me if I actually didn't know the difference between a mule and a horse.

The mistake was called to my attention by friends and some strangers in the courthouse, at gas stations, restaurants, public meetings, grocery stores, in the bank, while dumping trash and over the phone.

Lavada Sowder, who was laughing the whole time, said she and Bill had also received some ribbing about the mistake and had even gotten a card in the mail. She said the card was from folks from outside the state who said that although Ben and Charlie weren't actually mules it was good to see that the old time way of plowing a field was still in use. "It brought back good memories of the way it use to be," Lavada

They say you always learn from your mistakes and I will use this memory to always make sure a horse is a horse, a mule is a mule and that I always keep my sense of humor, even if the joke is at my own expense. Thanks for the comments and the equine educa-

"Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

going to cry. But then she said that any weekends we might have after that would be pure gravy (as from the Lord), and she grinned and hugged my neck.

Each weekend since, she has diligently opened the jar and removed one marble and has thrown it over Furnace Mountain. At this time, the jar is still slightly more than halffull. By being able to actually watch the marbles diminish, we have been compelled to con centrate more on the really important things in our lives together. The idea has made us prioritize our time with each other.

I hope to see the jar completely empty some day.

(You can reach me at mtnman@mis.net or you can drop me a line at P.O. Box 927 - Stanton, KY 40380. I appreciate your

comments and suggestions.)

"Points East"

(Cont. from A2)

eaten a better peach.

Suffice to say that I have reached no decision on the deorchardization matter even though my buddy, Ralph King, is trying hard to convince me that thorn-less blackberries are about my only choice now, if I want to harvest fruit in this life-

In the meantime, the walnut tree just keeps growing and growing and growing. We hull out an onion sack or two of nuts every fall, suspend them on the rafters of the garage for several weeks to dry and then crack them for maybe a pint of kernels to put in Christmas Candy, fruit cakes, cookies and like that. But this one tree, pollinated by cousins across the road, produces enough walnuts for a dozen families who enjoy the flavor and who might be ambitious enough to harvest

It is hard and nasty work, this saving of walnuts, and cracking them requires a heavy hammer and an anvil to do it properly but the taste is so unique.

Last fall, at the end of yet another drought, I picked up a couple of sacks full and let bushels and bushels of walnuts wash away or just lie there on the ground because I was too lazy to rake them up and haul them away. I figured they would rot and eventually become food for the earth as compost but that isn't happening.

Several are already sprout-

ing and promise to make new seedling trees which I will gladly give away.

And now that the storms are maybe over, three big fox squirrels have taken to barking at me when I pull into my driveway at the end of the day. They are hauling away the walnuts, two or three at a time each trip and packing them to the woods across the way.

And they seem to be saying that if I'd called my dog off last fall, they would have long been finished with this chore.

I will keep you posted but, at first glance, it looks like we will have a couple or three dozen walnut trees to give away come June. Email me now if you want to get on the waiting ikeadams@aol.com

"Ken & Tucky"

(Cont. from A2)

Forde on ESPN.com, McGuire is quoted as saying he "has visions of '54" when he sees the Lions play.

McGuire was making reference to the legendary Milan Miracle in Indiana, made even more famous by the movie Hoosiers.

The film depicts one of the smallest schools in Indiana winning the state champion-

McGuire's love of basketball began in grade school when his hero was Anderson County Bearcat and later UK super star Jimmy Dan Conner.

He has attended every state tournament since retired from the Army in 1999, but his first was in 1971 when Conner and teammates were runner-up to Louisville Male.

Throughout that season, McGuire attended as many Bearcat games as he could con someone into bringing him to.

Conner and another former UK great, Rex Chapman, still reign as his favorite players of all time.

Ironically, McGuire will be cheering against Conner's alma mater when Elliott squares off against Anderson in the final game of the opening round of the state tournament Thursday

He's confident of victory for his Lions, a team he calls "the best I've ever followed."

His second best team was the Marion County Knights, led to a state championship in 1993 by future UK star Anthony

According to McGuire, the key for an Elliott victory is to make at least 40 percent of their field goals; because they are so small, they are often out-rebounded.

In an earlier match-up this year, Anderson pulled down 47 rebounds to Elliott's 26, according to McGuire.

Elliott won that game after trailing by 23 at the half.

Asked what his plans are for next year when Elliott will be without most of its star players, he says he'll still follow them, but probably not make as many

They will come back to earth and probably finish 14-11. I'll still go down, but maybe not as religiously as I have. Maybe see just eight or 10 games."

When basketball season ends, the man who loves to back a winner, says he'll probably watch more golf "now that Tiger is back."

One thing McGuire learned during his years of travel with the Army, there is no place in the world where basketball is as special as in Kentucky.

"I tried watching high school basketball in places like Alaska and South Carolina, but it's just not the same," says the 1984 Eastern Kentucky University grad.

McGuire is also a fan of University of Kentucky basketball, and he has a solution to solving the Cats' recent prob-

"They just need a good point guard to distribute the ball to Patterson and Meeks.

"If only we could bring Rajon Rondo back." Rondo isn't coming back, of

course, but memories of the Milam Miracle may be about to resurface.

And if they do, maybe Gallup should take another

Columnist Don White has served as editor at several Kentucky newspapers. His Kentucky Traveler features are published throughout the state.

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Spring Awakening Revival

First ChristianChurch in Mt. Vernon will hold their Spring Awakening Revival beginning Sunday morning, April 19 and running through Wednesday, April 22. Speaker will be Doug Parkey from Brazil, Indiana.

The Sunday morning meeting will begin at 11 o'clock, Sunday evening at 6 o'clock and the rest of the meetings will be at 7 p.m., all at the church building located at 160 West Main St., Mt. Vernon.

For rides, or more information, call Bruce Ross at 256-

Revival

Cupps Chapel Holiness Church will continue in Revival through March 20th with evangelist Billy Bryant. Services are at 7 o'clock each

Pastor Dwayne Carpenter and congregation invite every-

Revival at New Hope

Revival Services will be held at New Hope Baptist Church at Orlando March 23-28 at 7 p.m.. Evangelists will be Rick Holt and Marlow Napier.

David Carpenter, pastor, and the congregation invite everyone.

Spring Renewal Women's Conference

A Spring Renewal Women's Conference will be held at Pine Hill Holiness Church March 20 at 7 p.m. and March 21 at 10 a.m. with lunch following. Sis. Reva Kasey of Louisville will be the speaker.

Everyone is invited to come worship and be renewed with

Philadelphia United Baptist Church

Services will be held on Saturday night at Philadelphia United Baptist Church, beginning April 4th at 7 p.m.

Eugene Webb and group will be singing and preaching

on Saturday, April 4th. Please come and be with us.

The church is also in need of a good reasonably priced keyboard. Please call Bro. Gordon Mink.

The church is located at 834 Bryant Ridge Road, Brodhead. **3rd Saturday Night**

Singing

There will be a Third Satur-

day Night Singing at McNew Chapel Baptist Church on Sat., March 21 at 7 p.m. featuring the Azbill Family.

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Fifth Sunday Singing

There will be a Fifth Sunday Singing at Maretburg Baptist Church, on Hwy. 150, Sunday evening, March 29th at 7 o'clock. The Calvary Heirs will be featured and fellowship will follow.

Bro. Wayne Harding, pastor, and congregation invite and welcome everyone for this ser-

Revival at Lighthouse

Bro. Joe Moberly, with Crusades for Christ in London, will be in Revival at Lighthouse Baptist Church in Berea on Sunday, March 29 at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Monday, March 30 through Friday, April 3 at 7

There will be special singing each night.

Revival

Buffalo Baptist Church invites you to a Revival, March 30-April 3, at 7 o'clock nightly. The church is located 15 miles south of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Road) and 3 miles north off of 1956.

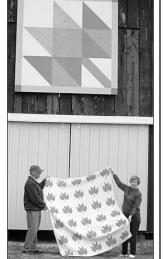
Speakers will be: David Terwilliger, Monday night; Jason Ivey, Tuesday night; Kevin Bullock, Wednesday night; Larry Proffitt, Thursday night and Vernon Morris, Friday night. There will be special singing each evening.

Everyone is welcome to come and join us in worship and praise. Marvin Buddy Rose is pastor.

Maple Leaf Memories

Bill and Shirley Long chose the Maple Leaf quilt block for two reasons. Mrs. Alma Gentry Long made a quilt of this pattern sometime before 1960 and gave it to them as a wedding present.

Mrs. Long loved the huge old sugar maples in front of the original white farm house, which is beside the barn. They keep the yard, porch and house



Bill and Shirley Long with their Maple Leaf Quilt.

shady and cool in the summer and are a beautiful sight in the fall when the leaves turn to bright orange.

The maple leaf quilt block reminds them all year of their fall beauty and of the quilt made by the woman who enjoyed them so much. Beverly New, Bill's sister still lives in the original farm house. The quilt square was painted by Miachel Robbins, who is Alma Long's great nephew.

You can see this quilt block and others during the Redbud Quilt Barn Tour on April 18th.



Mrs. Alma Gentry Long and Beverly Long New as a child.

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Ethan Eversole and his daughter, Amelia, performing a minstrel hit from the Civil War era.

Eversoles entertain at March DAR meeting

At their March meeting, the Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of the Ameircan Revolution, was treated to a musical presentation by Ethan Eversole, based on Mr. John Lair's publication, "Songs Lincoln Loved." Ethan had previously researched and compiled this presentation for the Discovery Festival held last June in Renfro Valley.

Ethan's first selection was "Gentle Annie," a melancholy song by Stephen which he sang and played on the guitar. His second selection was "Lorena," a plaintive Civil War melody that was a favorite of the Confederate Army but banned from being sung on marches because it was believed by officers to contribute to soldiers running off to go back home.

Ethan then went to a banjo which he had crafted and modified to have a softer tone in keeping with its early history as a parlor instrument of that era. On an early version of "Arkansas Traveler" he was accompanied by his daughter, Amelia, who kept rhythm with a set of "bones." The father and daughter duo completed their set with a lively minstrel version of "Jim-along-Josie" on the banjo and tambourine.

Ethan and Amelia were accompanied to the meeting by wife and mother, Melissa, and younger daughter, Megan.



Take control of your life TODAY!

An encouraging word:

Just Look At The Birds

By Howard Coop



When I looked out the kitchen window on a beautiful morning about the middle of February, I saw a robin, the first one of the season. Perched on the rail of our patio, the robin's feathers were a bit ruffled, and it appeared to be resting.

Since robins are migratory birds, they fly south in the fall to spend the winter in a warmer climate, and we do not see them until they return in late winter to spend the spring and summer in this area. Those who presume to know have told me that, usually, robins return to the same area year after year to build nests and raise their young. So, there is a good chance that the first robin I saw that February morning was one of the robins that nested in our dogwood and looked for worms on our lawn last summer.

When I saw the lone robin that spring-like morning in February, one of the first thoughts that came to my mind was the familiar Biblical admonition: "Look at the birds of the air." That admonition suggested to me that, apart from admiring a beautiful creature of nature, there is something worthwhile to learn from bird watching. So, for several minutes, I watched the robin, home at last after a long migratory flight, that seemed to be sleeping peacefully on the familiar rail of our patio.

According to that wellknown Biblical admonition-and my observation--the robin neither plants in the spring nor stores in barns for winter. Yet, day after day, the robin simply harvests through the hard work of seeking that which is provided for it, and its basic needs are met. And then came the zinger: "Are you not much more valuable than they?"

The One who guides the robin on its long migratory flight and provides for it basic needs day after day is able to guide my steps and provide for my needs on a daily basis.

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The Honorable Buzz Carloftis, Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Honorable Norma Houk, Rockcastle County Clerk Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court

Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying statement of revenues, expenditures, and excess fees - regulatory basis of the County Clerk of Rockcastle County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2007. This financial statement is the responsibility of the County Clerk. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for County Fee Officials issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the County Clerk's office prepares the financial statement on a regulatory basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the revenues, expenditures, and excess fees of the County Clerk for the year ended December 31, 2007, in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated October 20, 2008 on our consideration of the Rockcastle County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Based on the results of our audit, we have presented the accompanying comments and recommendations, included herein, which discusses the following report comments:

- The County Clerk's office lacks an adequate segregation of duties
- The County Clerk should improve internal controls over cash receipts
- The County Clerk's expense allowance should be disbursed in twelve equal payments
- The County Clerk should prepare budget amendments

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the County Clerk and Fiscal Court of Rockcastle County, Kentucky, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ross & Company, PLLC Certified Public Accountants

October 20, 2008

Church Directory

Believers House of Prayer 156 Scenic View Lane U.S. 25 N, left at 18 mile marker Renfro Valley, Ky. Sabbath School Sat. 10 -11 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Evening Worship 7 p.m. Wednesday 7 p.m. Pastor: Bill Davis bhop_7@yahoo.com

Berea Reformed **Evangelical Church** 1309 Hwy. 21 • Berea 859-248-1600 Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Bible Study 6 p.m.

Xon Hostetter, Pastor **Bible Baptist Church** 100 Higher Ground (off US 25) Mount Vernon, Ky. Church Phone 606-256-5913 e-mail: www.biblebaptist.org Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship/Children's Church 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7 p.m. Video services Tues., Thurs., & Sat. at 11 a.m., 4 p.m. & 9 p.m. Channel 3 - New Wave

Cable Channel 5 in Berea and Richmond 1 p.m. Wednesdays Pastor: Don Stayton Associate Pastor/Youth: Bro. Jeremy Ellis Kids for Christ Children's Ministry: Bro. Jarrod Amyx Secretary: Jo Roberts Music Director: Dan Dull

Blue Springs Church of Christ 7 miles south of Mount Vernon on Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Rd) Services: Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. Preaching Brethren

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

Zade McClure, Gary Reppert,

Bride of Christ Church High St. Mt. Vernon Sunday Services 7 p.m.

Brodhead Baptist Church Corner of Silver & Maple St. Brodhead, Ky. 40409

606-758-8316 Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. (Nursery Provided) Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m. Children's Programs: RAs & GAs Mission Friends and Creative Ministry

Ralph Baker, Pastor Brodhead Baptist Church is a friendly church where everyone is welcome

Brodhead Christian Church 237 W. Main St. Brodhead, Ky. 40409 606-758-8721 Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. Tracy Valentine, Preacher 606-758-8662 Cell 606-305-8980

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Lonnie Reese McGuire, Pastor **Buffalo Baptist Church** Located 15 miles south of

Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Rd.) 606-274-5197 • 606-256-4988 Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11:15 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.

Marvin (Buddy) Rowe, Pastor **Calloway Baptist Church** 76 Calloway Branch Rd. (Off US 25) • Calloway Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Scott Mullins, Pastor **Central Baptist Church**

Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

86 Maintenance Rd. Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 606-256-2988 centralbaptistky.org Pastor: Mark Eaton Home of "Central Baptist Christian Academy" K-12 Private School "Central Time" Radio Broadcast WRVK 1460AM Every weekday Mon.-Fri. 11:15 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Morning and Children's Church 11 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Meeting and "Patch the Pirate Club" 7 p.m. Transportation and Nursery provided for all services Mark Eaton, Pastor

Wednesday Bible Study, Prayer

Climax Christian Church Hwy. 1912

308-2806 - 256-4138 - 256-5977 Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Wade Johnson, Minister

Climax Holiness Church Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m. Thursday Nights 7 p.m. 3rd Saturday of every month

at 7 p.m. 1st Sunday of each mo. at 11 a.m. Darrin Sloan, Pastor

Conway Missionary Baptist Church U.S. 25 between Mount Vernon

and Berea Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service and Bible Study 7 p.m. Youth Meetings:

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

Cupps Chapel Holiness Copper Creek Rd., Crab Orchard Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.

Thursday Service 7 p.m. Dwayne Carpenter, Pastor **Dixie Park Cornerstone**

Baptist Church

700 N. Powell St. Berea, Ky. 40403 859-623-8292 • 859-985-2484 Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Service 7 p.m. Gene Smith, Pastor

Fairview Baptist Church 520 Fairview Loop Road

Mount Vernon, Ky. Sunday Services Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Children's Choir 6 p.m. Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m. Sunday Adult Choir 8 p.m. Wednesday Services Creative Ministry 6 p.m. Bible Study 7 p.m. Youth Ministry QUEST 7 p.m. RAs and GAs 7 p.m. Mission Friends 6 p.m. Vaughn Rasor, Pastor 606-256-3722 email: fairviewbapt@aol.com

Fairground Hill **Community Holiness Church** Thursday Worship 7 p.m. Sunday Worship 6 p.m.

Pastor: Benton Hurd **Faith Chapel Pentecostal**

S. Wilderness Road Mount Vernon, Ky. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m. Wednesday Service 7 p.m. Saturday Service 7 p.m. Virgil Bustle, Pastor

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

Bro. Eddie Nation, Pastor website: www.fbcmvkyorg email:fbcmtvernon@newwave.net Sunday Services: 8:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesdays: AWANA and Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Live Broadcast WRVK 140AM Sundays at 11 a.m. Broadcast on New Wave Cable Channel 3 Tues., Thurs. & Sunday

> at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. & 8 p.m. **First Christian Church** West Main Street Mt. Vernon, Ky. 606-256-2876

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

Bro. Bruce Ross, Pastor

Kenny Shubert, Youth Pastor **Flat Gap Baptist Church** Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

James Povnter, Pastor 606-256-3969 Flat Rock Missionary

Baptist Church 504 Maple Grove Rd. Hwy. 1004 Orlando, Ky. 40460 859-925-4048

Sunday School 10 a.m. Fellowship Hour 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. Thursday Night Visiting 7 p.m. Contact: Doris Brown

606-256-0188 burtonpromos@prodigy.net **Freedom Baptist Church**

Freedom School Rd. Mt. Vernon, KY Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Discipleship Training 6 p.m. Sunday Evening Worship 7 p.m.

> Meeting & Youth/Children Classes 7 p.m. Pastor: David Sargent 606-256-2968

Wednesday Evening Prayer

God's Church of Zion 35 McFerron St. Mt. Vernon, KY Wed. Night 7 p.m. Sunday School 2 p.m. Sunday Worship 3 p.m. Pastor: Fred Hecker

Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church Hwy. 1505 (6 miles from Brodhead) Brodhead, Ky.

Randal Adams, Pastor Youth Pastor, Scott Adams Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening 7 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

Lighthouse Assembly of God Hwy. 1004 • Orlando, Ky. Tim Hampton, Pastor 606-256-4884 • 606308-2342 Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Tues. Night Intercessory Prayer 7 p.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 p.m.

Little Country Church Jarber Rd. Turn left off Rev. Green Loop onto Jarber Rd. Jack Weaver, Pastor Sunday 6 p.m.

Wednesday 7 p.m. **Livingston Baptist Church** Sunday School 10 a.m. Adult & Youth Classes Available Worship Service 11 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study & Meeting

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

Livingston Pentecostal Holiness Church

Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Service 7 p.m. Jim Miller, Pastor 606-256-1709

Maple Grove Baptist Church Hwy. 1004 (Big Cave Road) Orlando, Ky. 40460

606-256-1873 Bro. Jerry Owens, Pastor Home Phone 606-256-3075 Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m. WRVK Broadcast 2 p.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Maretburg Baptist Church 2617 New Brodhead Rd. Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 Wayne Harding, Pastor Phone: 256-8844

Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Discipleship Training 6 p.m.

Sunday Youth Missions 6 p.m. Sunday Evening Worship 7 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7 p.m. www.maretburgbaptist.org maretburgchurch@yahoo.com

McNew Chapel Baptist Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

Jerry Ballinger, Pastor Mt. Vernon Church of God 1025 W Main St. Mount Vernon, Ky.

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New Hope Baptist Church Jct. 1797 New Hope Tower Rd. Orlando Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7 p.m. Bro. David Carpenter, Pastor

Northside Baptist Church 777 Faith Mountain Rd. (Off 461 bypass) Mt. Vernon 606-256-5577

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Sunday Sunday School 10 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Children's Church 11 a.m. Hispanic Services 4 p.m. Evening Worship 6 p.m.

Wednesday

Adult & Youth Worship 7 p.m. WLJC-TV 65 (Dish Network and regional TV cables) Thursday 8:30 p.m. New Wave Cable (KET2 ch. 3) Tues., Thurs., Sun.

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Ottawa Baptist Church 1074 Ottawa Rd. • Brodhead Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Children's Church 11 a.m. Sunday Discipleship Training/ Youth Mission Groups 6 p.m.

Wednesday Services Youth Choir 6 p.m. Children's & Youth Bible Study 6:45 p.m. • Service 7 p.m. Jim Craig, Pastor • 758-8453 ottawabaptist@windstream.net

Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church 515 Williams St. (across from MVES) Mount Vernon, Ky. 606-256-4170

Mass Times: Tuesdays at 5 p.m. Sabbath Mass: Sat., 5 p.m. Holy Days 5 p.m. Father Nick Pagano, Pastor Sister Joyce Moeller, Pastoral Associate

Philadelphia United **Baptist Church** 834 Bryant Ridge Rd.

Brodhead, Ky. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Service 7 p.m. Saturday Service 7 p.m. Gordon Mink, Pastor 606-256-9724

Pine Hill Holiness Church 5216 S. Wilderness Rd. Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 Allen Hensley, Pastor

453-4801 illholinesschurch com email: pinehillhc@aol.com Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 7 p.m. Thursday Night Worship 7:30 p.m. Saturday Night Worship 7:30 p.m. WRVK (1460 AM) Broadcast Noon Sundays

> **Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church**

81 Limeplant Hollow Road Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 Contact: Casey McClure 606-308-4570 email: jcmclure@aol.com Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Discipleship Training 5:30 p.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Youth Service at 7:00 p.m. Prayer Partners Ladies Meeting

Poplar Grove Baptist 145 Richlands Rd. • Brodhead Bro. Jimmy Perkins, Pastor 606-355-2734

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www.WhatSaithTheScriptures.com **Rose Hill Church** Pastor: Bobby Barnett Sunday School 10 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. **Roundstone Baptist Church** Rick Revnolds, Pastor

606-758-8095 Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night 7 p.m. **Sand Springs Baptist Church**

Directions: Take Hwy 1249, go exactly 5 miles, church on right Bob Bradley, Pastor Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.

> **Scaffold Cane Baptist** Chris Cobb, Pastor Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night 7 p.m. **Union Chapel Pentecostal Church** 1505 Union Chapel Rd. Brodhead, Ky.

Ralph Reynolds, Minister 606-355-2638 Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening 7:00 p.m. Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.

Wildie Christian Church 1478 Wildie Rd. • Wildie 606-256-4494 Kenton Parkey, Minister Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m. Family Fellowship 6 p.m. Wednesday Nite Cafe 5:15 p.m. Bible Study 6 p.m.

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Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

2009 Crop Acreage Reporting Deadlines

Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds agricultural producers of the acreage reporting requirements that must be met prior to receiving program benefits. Filing an accurate acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs.

Producers must report acreages to maintain eligibility for Price Support

Programs, Noninsured Crop Assistance Program (NAP), and Conservation

Reserve Program (CRP). All cropland on all farms must be certified to remain eligible for these programs. Producers are encouraged to report all crop acreages for eligibility to participate in future farm programs.

Producers are reminded that final crop acreage reporting dates are:

- 15 calendar days before the onset of harvest or grazing (April 7th) for crops covered by NAP
- May 31 for small grainsJuly 15 for certification of all other crops

Additional information is available at your local USDA Service Center.

Farmers Reminded to Report

Losses to FSA
Farmers that suffered losses due to the recent ice storms are reminded to keep detail records of livestock and other production losses to ensure eligibility for FSA disaster assistance programs. Farmers that lost livestock or other production losses directly related to the ice storm should report the losses to their local FSA County office to ensure future program eligibility.

Rockcastle County farmers are reminded the last day to request cost share due to the ice storm for debris removal and/or fencing is April 10th.

Production losses that are covered by the Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP) should be reported to the local FSA office within 15 days of when the loss becomes apparent.

Additional information on FSA programs is available on FSA's website at

http://www.fsa.usda.gov.

Rural Development

The Rural Development Representative with concern to low income housing loans will be in Rockcastle County at the Rockcastle FSA office the fourth Tuesday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Bank account changes
If your bank account number changes or there is a change in your banks name notify FSA immediately to ensure pay-

ments reach your account

This is very important to those receiving FSA payments as payments can be delayed if we are not aware of changes to your account or routing numbers

Spousal authority

A husband and wife may sign FSA and CCC documents on behalf of each other UN-LESS written notification is on file in the FSA office denying a groups this outhority.

a spouse this authority. *Important program dates*DCP signup continues

MILC signup continues Conservation Reserve Program Continuous signup continues

Quality Crop Disaster signup continues

Farm Ownership Loans, Farm Operating Loans, Limited Resource Loans Farm Storage Facility Loan-

March 2009 interest rate-2.250%

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Loan-March 2009 interest rate 2.000%
Tobacco Transition Pay-

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The fee offices of the County (sheriff and clerk) operate on a calender year (January - December) budget. All other County offices operate on a fiscal year (July - June) budget. All other County offices will be published at the end of their fiscal year. Fiscal Court, by state law, determines only the gross amount each of the fee officials may expend for deputies and assistants; the Court has no authority to determine the salaries of individual deputies and assistants within the sheriff's of clerk's respective offices.

Rockcastle County Cler	k's '08 Salaries
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Norma Houk	\$81,145.19
Russell Houk	\$47,200.00
Janet Burdine	\$45,004.00
Sonya McGuire	\$44,274.24
Amy Price	\$29,582.75
Anita Moore	\$27,064.50
Briana McFerron	\$25,246.00
Thelma Adams	\$18,997.50
	\$318,514.18
Rockcastle County Sheri	iff's '08 Salaries
Michael E. Peters	\$70,495.64
Barry Adams	\$58,519.52
Joe M. Rush	\$31,066.01
Jason A. Kirby	\$30,200.17
James S. Franklin	\$26,293.18
Connie Bullen	\$23,880.00
Ronald E. Bradley, Jr.	\$14,924.00
Rick Brummett	\$14,728.00
Tammy C. Bryant	\$12,792.00
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Derrick L. Price	\$2,704.40
Michael Brummett	\$352.00
	\$290,267.42

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However, sales of bottled water have tripled over the last 10 years. Some believe this is due to marketing ploys; it's hard to tell if it really is better for you than just plain tap water. In fact, 25 percent of bottled water is taken directly from the same reservoirs where we get our tap water.

There are three different kinds of bottled water: natural mineral water, spring water, and purified water, each having different characteristics. Natural mineral water is drawn from water tables underground and has healthy minerals in it. Spring water is similar to mineral water but does not have the constant mineral composition. Purified water is taken from lakes, rivers, or underground springs and has been treated to rid it of minerals and contaminants, which makes it almost identical to tap water. As a result, the Food and Drug Administration is considering placing more restrictions on bottled water.

If you purchase bottled water there are several things you can do to help the environment. Cut down on the amount of plastic in landfills by saving and refilling your bottles, but be sure to wash and rinse your bottles between each use. After you are finished with the bottles, recycle them. Recycling eliminates landfill waste and the plastic can be used to make a variety of byproducts, including clothing.

When purchasing bottled



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"What Is Written"

Our Lord, in an interesting discussion with the Jews in John 8, makes an important point for us to consider. The text reads, Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad. Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. vs.56-58. The Jews could not figure out in their minds how Jesus could have seen Abraham when he was not even 50 years old. Our Lord makes a very profound statement: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am." The significance of this phrase goes back to the discussion God had with Moses back in Exodus 3, "And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? And God said? unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you." vs13-14. The phrase "I AM" carries the idea of the existent one, which suggests that God always was, and always will be. God has existed before creation, and will continue to so exist after the world is on fire. It's not "I WAS" or "I WILL BE" but "I AM". Jesus was affirming his divine side there in John 8. The Jews understood this, for they were going to stone Jesus, vs59. Have you bowed in submission to Jesus, the Divine Son of the God?

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the City Council Mt. Vernon, Kentucky

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the City of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Limited accounting controls are exercised over the inventory for the City of Mount Vernon, Kentucky. Limited controls included not obtaining reliable and accurate pricing or a physical count for the inventory. Accordingly, we were unable to sufficiently audit the beginning or ending balance of inventory.

In our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the inventory referred to in the preceding paragraph been susceptible to satisfactory audit tests, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky as of June 30, 2008 and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated February 3, 2009 on our consideration of the City of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of law, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of the testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis information, beginning on page 3, is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements of the City of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky. The accompanying financial information listed as supplemental information in the table of contents, is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financials statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Craft, Noble & Company, PLLC February 3, 2009

Health Council challenges community to Walk the Rock

activity for most people. Upon new sidewalks are a great place

waking in the morning we walk to the bathroom or to the kitchen. We walk at work. S o m e

people walk to work.

But for our bodies to really benefit from walking as a form of exercise we need to be intentional. Walking to improve heart health and body tone should be sustained and focused. That means it should quicken our heart rate and deepen our breathing for at least 15-20 minutes.

Rockcastle Community Health Council would like to challenge the citizen of Rockcastle County to intentionally Walk the Rock during the months of April and May.

Walking is a normal daily For those of you in town the

walk. Did you know it is 1 mile walk from the corner of Main St. where the sidewalk ends

at Rite Aid? For those of you in Brodhead it's a little over a mile to walk from the bank to the nursing home and back. In Livingston there is a mile marker on 490 one mile from the end of the bridge.

If you are interested in logging your walking, stop by the health department for a Walking Log. The health department will also keep a before and after record of height, weight, BMI, and % body fat for any one who is interested. All you have to do is stop in at the Rockcastle Health Department

tion about the team's perfor-

mance will appear next week.

grade Shooting Stars team on

having perfect attendance last

Thursday. All 104 students

were in attendance. Great job!

There will be a RCMS Unite

Club meeting this Friday at

12:40. Several Unite Club

members will be wearing their

Congratulations to the 7th

anytime during the last week of March or first week of April. Those who register will get a water bottle and a Walk the Rock cap.

Walk the Rock with us. Rockcastle Community Health

Sponsers: City of Mt. Vernon, City of Brodhead, City of Livingston

March is here, it's come at Now your forties are in the past.

Don't despair, cause fifty is fun.

I've said my piece and I am done. Happy Birthday to Philip and Serena



Happy 7th Birthday **Destiny** We love you very much. Mommy, Mamaw, Chelsev

and Jana



Happy 18th Birthday Sam Marie Love - Mom, Cora, Dale and Austin

Happy Belated Birthday

Angie on March 13th

P.J. on March 11th

Happy Birthday from

Mommy, Mamaw, Papaw

Uffman, and all Uffmans

and Great Grandma

Janice

Minds in the Middle Tuesday. Additional informa-

RCMS Parent Teacher Conferences will be held this Thursday from 3-6:00 p.m. Take advantage of this opportunity to see what is going on at your child's school. Report cards may also be picked up at this time.

During the conferences on Thursday, the RCMS Leadership Team will be holding a Cakewalk. Proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. All community members are welcome. Participants pay \$1 for an opportunity at five delicious cakes or other desserts made by RCMS staff members. Cakewalks will begin at 3:30, 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. The team will also be holding a bake sale during this time in the main lobby.

Students have been auditioning this week for our annual Rock Idol. The show will be held next Friday afternoon beginning at 12:45. Parents are invited to attend and watch the vast array of talent at RCMS.

Congratulations to the Archery Team. In their first year, they placed second in regional competition and participated at the state level on Monday and

new t-shirts. The club sends a big thanks to 8th graders Jaleigha York for designing the new shirt.

tic Book Fair will end this Friday. All students with money on Friday will have the opportunity to make purchases. The book fair will also be open during Parent Teacher Conference Thursday afternoon.

The media center's Scholas-

We were pleased to have staff from Woodland Middle School in Kenton County visit with us on Monday. It is always a pleasure to show off our wonderful school.

Remember that school will not be in session March 30-April 3 which is Spring break for Rockcastle County schools. Enjoy the extra family time!

Email the Signal at mvsignal@windstream.net

Commonwealth Cleanup Week Celebrates 11 Years!

March 22 - 28, 2009, marks the 11th annual event. designed to "spring clean" Kentucky. We encourage businesses to join with civic and religious groups and other nonprofit groups to coordinate cleanup activities.

Register through your county Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902 and complete a cleanup project; nonprofit groups are eligible to win one of three \$200 cash prizes in a random drawing.

Sponsored by the Energy and Environment Cabinet

Attention:

All civic, religious and other nonprofit organizations. You could win up to \$200 by helping to clean up the environment!

Commonwealth Cleanup Week March 22-28, 2009

Organize a cleanup in your community and get registered for a random drawing for one of three cash prizes.

Contact your Solid Waste Coordinator at 606-256-1902 for details or visit www.waste.ky.gov Sponsored by the Energy and Environment Cabinet

NOTICE

New Office Hours for City Hall • Mt. Vernon, Ky. will start March 23, 2009

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

We hope this will better serve the public. Anyone 65 or order in the city limits of Mt. Vernon can ask for and receive a 10% discount from water bills.

This has been an ordinance since 1992 and periodically try to publish this.

Mayor Clarice R. Kirby and Mt. Vernon City Council Members

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For a full list please visit our website at www.fordbrothersinc.com

or stop by our office and pick up a free copy of Kentucky Homes Magazine.



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



Farmer's Paradise! House and 38.19 acres. This vinyl sided home features 3 BR, 1 BA, Kit/LR/DR combo, city water and septic system. Other amenities include 2 barns, spring fed pond creek and some timber. \$160,000. M2428



Well Kept! Located just outside Mt. Vernon on Carter Ridge Rd. This doublewide in country setting has 3 BR, 2 BA, DR-Kit. Combo, LR and Utility room. Larger master bedroom and bath with large tub and separate shower. Also includes kitchen ap pliances, washer and dryer, central heat and air, and is afford able at \$43,900 with immediate possession. M2409



Thinking of Owning? One look at the price on this 3 bedroom, 1 bath home will help make your mind up. Located in the Brindle Ridge section of Rockcastle Co. this home is conve nient to Brodhead, Mt. Vernon and Berea. Settle your thoughts! See this home today, call for your appointment. \$85,500.M2424



home features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, a kitchen/dining room combo, trey ceilings, heat pump, and white vinyl siding. Possible 100% financing. Priced at %94,500. M2448



vated home with over 4,000 sq. ft. of living area, overlooking the bottom land. Barns - Ponds - Creek - End of road privacy, road frontage on 2 additonal roads. In-ground pool, 2-car garage. All for \$359,000. M2438



End of the Lane. This tan, vinyl sided home is a new build with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchen/dining room combo, heat pump, great view from rear patio overlooking pond. \$84,500.



Sneak a peek at this brand new home that has never been occupied. Features include 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and a dining room - kitchen combo with Oak cabinetry. This home is near a stream, has a concrete drive, vinyl flooring, heat pump, a 2-car garage all on a one acre lot. \$87,500. Call today! M2446



Indulge in the value of this quality brick home. This home offers an open living area consisting of living room, kitchen and dining area. There are 2 spacious bedrooms and 2 baths. Other amenities include new central heat/air system, fireplace in the living room, 2-car garage, and a partial basement with plenty of storage area. Call today to see this home located in the Mt. Vernon city limits. \$124,900. M2407



165 Acres more or less by survey. This property is improved with a 1 1/2 story home (fixer upper), barn and water falls. If you're looking for acreage for hunting, recreational or a get-away then be sure to call today for an appointment to look at this property! \$175,000.M2415



Under Construction! This new 1,500+/-sq.ft.home will feature a LR, Kit/Dining combo, 3 BR, 2 BA and Utility Room. This home is located in the beautiful Lear Crest Subdivision. Other amenities include a 2-car attached garage, heat pump/central air, city water, septic system and patio, Priced at \$94,500, Call today! M2422



Gorgeous! This newly built home is absolutely gorgeous and is situated on a nice lot in the Lear Crest Subdivision. Features include 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, living room, dining room, kitchen and utility room. This is a newly built two-story home with central heat and air, with a deck that measures 12x16. Close to Berea, Brodhead and Mt. Vernon, Call today! \$146,900.

Lots For Sale

295 Acres - secluded within the Daniel Boone National Forest. Lots of woodland, some bottom land, creek, new unfinished house. In Rockcastle near Jackson line. Make an offer! M2439

If you're looking for a getaway or camping spot then check out this lot by the lake. Approximately 1,000 feet from Lake Linville with city water available. Call today. Pricd at \$15,000. M2433

Two lots located in the beautiful Lear Crest Subdivision. Consists of 1/2 acre m/l each and has city water available. These lots are ideal building lots and convienent to Mt. Vernon, Brodhead, Berea and Lake Linville. Priced at \$9,900 ea. M2260 Great View! Near Cedar Creek Lake. 1 acre nearly level lot with restrictions. M2357.

Nice and Convenient! Nice level lot in the city limits of Crab Orchard with water and sewer available. Just \$5,900. M2360 **Great Opportunity!** Building lot located in Lear Crest Subdivision. This lot has blacktop roads, city water and underground utilities. Restricted for your convenience. Priced at only \$11,900. M2355

Lots Available! Now in the Lear Crest Subdivision. There are 8 lots to choose from so hurry to take your pick. M2346 Make this your building site. - Measuring 0.73 of an acre this lot is located in Cedar Point Subdivision. \$6,500. M2345 They're Going Fast! - Conveniently located between I-75 and 461, there is over 100 restricted building lots in the newly developed Rainbow Ridge Subdivision. Newly blacktopped roads - city water - some lake views. Prices range between \$7,900 - \$16,900. M1798 Hwy. 461 - Pulaski County. Easy access to Somerset - Lake Cumberland and I-75. Spacious Lots - Restricted - City Water - Paved Streets - \$11,900 each. M1363

REDUCED! Investment Opportunity! Don't delay starting earning income today! 7 trailer lots in the Mt. Vernon city limits. City water, city sewer and KU electric. Included in this package is a separate lot located on T Street in Mt. Vernon... Lots of potential. Priced

Some Timber. Property joins National Forest. Creek runs through this property. M2203

"A" Rated! Prime and almost perfect is the best way to describe these well-located lots! Located in exclusive neighborhood between Mt. Vernon and Brodhead on Highway 150, these restricted lots are ideal for your new dream home! Prices range between \$10,000 and \$14.500. A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity awaits you here! M1941 Lots! Lots! Lots! Several large country lots with a great view - Holbrook Estates in the Brindle Ridge section - Convenient to either

Mt. Vernon or Berea. City water - Cable TV - lots range in size from 3/4 acre to 1 acre. M1796

Future Auctions

Absolute Auction of Mr. Mervin W. Hoover's Excavation Equipment, Vehicles, Farm Equipment, Construction Tools, Guns and Personal Property • Saturday, March 21st at 10:00 a.m. • South Fork Creek Road, Liberty, Ky.

Absolute Estate Auction of the late Mr. Richard Haney's House and Lot Located - 111 Hideaway Drive - 10:00 a.m. 26 Acre Farm in Tracts on Piney Grove Road and Tractor, Vehicle & Personal Property - 12:00 p.m. Saturday, March 28th • Nancy, Ky.

Absolute Estate Auction of the late Mr. Owen Dillingham's House and Lot - Personal Property Saturday, April 4th at 10:00 a.m. • 220 Lovell Lane, Mt. Vernon, Ky. Absolute Estate Auction of the late Ms. Nora Burton's House & 4 Acres More or Less and Personal Property

Saturday, April 4th at 10:30 a.m.

Absolute Estate Auction of the late Ms. Eva Bullock's House & Lot - Personal Property Saturday, April 4th at 1:30 p.m. • Langdon St. - Somerset



Kayleigh Ann Miller celebrated her 1st birthday on March 16, 2009. Happy Birthday Kayleigh Mom and Dad





COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY 28TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ROCKCASTLE CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION I CIVIL ACTION NO. 03-CI-00225

RUBY H. STEWART, individually and as Executrix of the Estate of Wayne Stewart PLAINTIFF

v NOTICE OF SALE

KENNETH STEWART and Wife, JUNE STEWART, CITIZENS BANK, CUMBERLAND VALLEY NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF LONDON

DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on March 5, 2009, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment in favor of Cumberland Valley National Bank and Trust Company against the defendants in the amount of FORTY-EIGHT THOU-SAND TWO HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$48,210.75), 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, APRIL 3, 2009
BEGINNING AT THE HOUR OF 1:00 P.M.

Parcel No. 1: KNOWN AS THE JORDON FARM

Being all of the same property the borrower's acquired by deed dated the 18th day of January, 1968 from William Jordon and Lorette Jordon, husband and wife, of record in Deed Book 88, page 517 and W.S. and Sadie Stewart conveyed a 1/2 undivided interest to Kenneth G. Stewart by deed dated February 21, 1969 of record in Deed Book 88, page 582, records of the Rockcastle County Court Clerk's Office and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a stone corner of J.M. Parsons, and bearing as follows: South 14 West 24 chains 40 links to a stake in T.F. Hays line, hickory pointer; thence South 59 1/2 East 12 chains to a rock pile west of knob; thence N 88 1/2 East 28 chains 40 links to two white oaks and red bud at a water fall; thence south 62 1/2 East 6 chains to a stake in Arthur Jordon's line; thence with his line North 2 East 34 chains, post and sugar tree; thence south 89 1/2 West 4 chains to a post, two black oaks and mulberry; thence south 65 west 12 chains 25 links to a stake in a drain; thence south 75 west 15 chains 50 links to a stone, Parson's corner; thence north 38 west 11 chains 35 links to the beginning, containing 104 acres, more or less.

There is also conveyed by this instrument an undivided one half interest in the 15 feet right of way reserved by W.H. Jones in the conveyance of J.M. Parsons, the deed to which is recorded in the office of the Rockcastle County Court Clerk in Deed Book 26, page 265, to which reference is made for a more particular description; it being the intention of the grantors to convey a one-half interest in whatever right in and to said right of way they have.

PARCEL NO. 2: KNOWN AS THE FISH FARM

Being all of the same property W.S. Stewart and Sadie Stewart, undivided 1/2 interest and Kenneth Stewart and June Stewart, undivided 1/2 interest, acquired by deed dated January 10, 1970 from Edward Fish and Mary Fish, husband and wife, of record in Deed Book 89, page 542, records of the Rockcastle County Court Clerk's office and being more particularly described as follows:

Tract No. 1: Beginning at a stone on the bank of Clear Creek and about six feet above the mouth of the spring branch, thence 12 1/2 E 43 poles to a stake at the center of a gateway on the west side of the spring branch; thence N 2 3/4 W 44 poles to a stake in the branch where once stood a beech; thence N 3 1/2 E 14 poles to a stone on the west side of the branch where once stood a beech; thence N 47 3/4 W 4 poles to a stone at the angle of a fence, G.D. Gutherie's corner; thence with the fence S 84 W 14 4/5 poles to a cedar; thence N 69 W 5 poles and 4 links to a stone; thence N 60 W 8 poles and 12 links to a cedar thence 55 1/2 W 13 poles and 9 links to a stone on the north side of a branch; thence with the fence up the hill N 11 W 16 poles and 5 links to a white oak; thence 42 1/2 W 100 poles to a stone pile with a dogwood and white oak pointers in Will Hayes line; thence N 87 1/2 W 10 poles and 13 links to a stake in the ridge road with two dogwood pointers, Bill Stewart's line; thence his line and road S 27 E 8 poles; S 13 E 10 poles; S 1 W 12 poles; S 8 E 3; S 26 W 10 poles; S 38 W 24 poles; S 45 W 8 poles; S 54 W 5 poles; S 29 W 8 poles to a stone by the fence in Claud Ford's line; thence with his line and fence N 47 W 11 poles and 13 links to a cedar S 71 W 6 poles and 13 links to a cedar; thence S 85 1/2 W 4/25 poles to a cedar; S 1/2 W 12 poles to a stake by the fence; thence S 4 1/2 W 18 poles and 16 links to a stone below a road and including the road between Bill Stewart and Claud Ford's land to an old road at Stewart's line; thence along the lower side of the road, S 79 1/2 E 3 poles and 6 links; S 63 E 12 2/ 5 poles; S 49 1/2 E 2 poles; S 41 1/2 E 8 poles to a stone; thence N 66 1/2 E 42 poles to a stone where once stood a white oak; thence S 7 E 51 poles to a stake; N 6 E 2 3/5 poles from a beech; thence S 89 E 6 poles to a stone; thence S 13 E 16 poles to a stone on the bank of a drain; thence S 6 W 23 poles to a stake on the north bank of Clear Creek; thence same course crossing the creek 4 poles to a stake in the road; thence up the creek about 40 poles to the beginning and contains 70 acres. The Grantee herein owning all abutting land no provision is made for the roadway into the George H. Ballinger farm. The grantee owning said Ballinger farm.

Tract No. 2: Bounded on the north by Stewart heirs; on the east by Edwan Ballinger; on the south by Clear Creek; on the west by Stewart heirs; and containing about five acres being the same more or less.

Tract No. 3: Beginning at a double beech, corner to Elbert Ballinger and W.H. Ballinger and Stewart heirs, N 5 E 2 poles and 15 links to a stone; thence E 6 poles and 20 links to a stone, thence S 14 E 18 poles to a stone near a drain; thence S 5 E 23 poles to a stone on the bank of Clear Creek; thence with the creek S to W.H. Ballinger's and W.H. Fish's original line and containing two acres more or less.

This conveyance is subject to an easement dated December 5, 1969, between Edward Fish and wife, Mary Fish and Robert Fish, said easement being duly recorded in the office of the clerk of the Rockcastle County Court in Deed Book 89, page 485.

And being the same property conveyed to the grantors by deed dated January 11, 1964, executed by Noal Pigg, Jr., and wife, Belle Pigg, which said deed is duly recorded in the office of the clerk of the Rockcastle County Court in Deed Book 83, page 395.

PARCEL NO. 3: KNOWN AS THE WOODS FARM

And being the same property the undersigned acquired by deed dated February 15, 1972, from T.J. Parsons and wife, June Parsons, of record in Deed Book 92, page 496, records of the Rockcastle County Court Clerk's Office, and being more particularly described as follows:

Tract No. 1: Beginning at a black oak on the west bank of Clear Creek; thence W 30 poles to a stake on the west side of an orchard at a fence; thence N 3 E 192 poles to a stake in Warren ______, W.M. Bullen's line; thence N 81 W _____ poles to a stone corner to the said ______, now J.L. Bullen and W.M. Hayes; thence with W.M. Hayes line S 83 W 28 poles to a stake in Wm. Stewart now W.M. Hayes line; thence with said line S 10 W 99 poles to a stake 15 feet east of a small black walnut corner; thence on with Stewart's line, now Hayes line S 25 W 341/2 poles to a stone corner; thence N 16 W 23 poles to a stake corner of said Stewart and Wm. Wood, now Wm. Hayes and J.J. Wood corner;

thence with Wm. Wood line, now J.J. Wood line, S 29 E 6 poles to a beech; thence

4 W 12 poles to a sycamore on the east bank of a branch; thence S 5 E 44 poles to

a gate post; thence S 11 W 40 poles to a stake just above the mouth of Cave Spring Branch at Clear Creek; thence up said creek and with its meanders to the beginning and contains seventy-five acres more or less.

Tract No. 2: Beginning at a beech standing on the northside of the county road that leads up Clear Creek, it being a corner also to the land now owned by A.W. Stewart and in an old line of McFarlin's lower survey; thence with one of McFarlin's old line N 1 E to a corner of Mason Fish's land; thence with said Fish's line to a division line made by the second party mentioned in this deed (Joseph Wood deed) and W.M. Hayes; thence with said division line S 3 W 192 poles to a stake; thence with same division line E 20 poles to a black oak standing on the west bank of Clear Creek; thence down said Creek with its meanders to a stake, it being the last corner to that part of the same farm, deed to W.M. Hayes; thence to the beginning.

Tract No. 3: Beginning at a black oak, corner in G.D. Gutherie and H.H. Wood's line, N 30 E 14 poles to a stone corner to same parties; thence N 98 poles to a stone corner to same parties with white oak pointer; thence S 33 W 6 poles 12 links to a stone on bank of branch; thence with meanders of the branch S 44 poles to a stone with black gum pointer; thence S 4 W leaving the branch 66 poles to the beginning, containing 3 1/2 acres more or less.

And being the same property conveyed to the grantors, T.J. Parsons and Stewart Parsons, by deed dated January 20, 1947, executed by Eliza Wood, et al., which said deed is duly recorded in the office of the clerk of the Rockcastle County Court in Deed Book 66, page 259.

PARCEL NO. 4: KNOWN AS THE ALLEN FARM

And being the same property W.S. Stewart and Kenneth Stewart acquired by deed dated August 27, 1956, from Edith Phillips Allen, et al., of record in Deed Book 77, page 348, records of the Rockcastle County Court Clerk's office, and being more particularly described as follows:

Tract No. 1: Beginning at a stone, corner to C.L. Brock and lands herein conveyed; thence N 20 1/4 E 31 poles and 16 links; thence S 42 1/2 E 36 poles; thence S 26 W 19 poles; thence N 24 1/2 E 20 poles; thence S 33 1/4 W 21 1/5 poles; thence S 7 1/2 E 33 poles and 22 links; thence N 89 W 12 poles; thence S 11 1/2 E 9 3/5 poles; thence S 32 W 6 poles; thence N 79 W 8 poles; thence S 63 W 9 poles; thence N 25 W 4 3/4 poles; thence S 57 1/4 W 12 2/5 poles; thence N 33 W 24 4/5 poles; thence S 86 1/2 E 12 poles; thence N 33 W 30 2/5 poles; thence N 86 1/2 W 12 poles; thence N 33 1/2 W 55 poles; thence N 81 1/2 E 62 poles to the point of beginning and containing 42 1/2 acres by survey.

There is excluded and not herein conveyed from the above described boundary a cemetery consisting of approximately one half acre, said cemetery being on the line which adjoins the property of C.L. Brock. There is further excluded from the above described tract and not herein conveyed, a small parcel heretofrom deeded to the Rockcastle County Board of Education by the grantors herein by Deed dated _____ and of record in Deed Book _____, page _____, reference being made thereto for a more complete description of said exclusion.

Tract No. 2: Beginning at a marked corner, corner to L & N R R Company and R.H. Lewis property; thence N 59 1/2 W 82 feet; thence N 56 1/2 E 285 feet and 8 inches; thence S 33 E 97 feet; thence S 54 1/2 W 239 feet to the point of beginning, and containing one half acre.

Being the same property which the first parties derived by virtue of deed dated April 20, 1983, executed by Earl Phillips, et al., and of record in Deed Book 57, page 62 in the Rockcastle County Clerk's office, and by virtue of the laws of Descent and Distribution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the death of Bogie Phillips as set out in Affidavit of Inheritance dated June 10,1938, executed by Earl Phillips and of record in Deed Book 57, page 61, in the Rockcastle County Clerk's office.

PARCEL NO. 5: KNOWN AS THE CLARK FARM

And being the same property W.S. Stewart acquired by deed dated October 30, 1964 from Nathan Clark and wife, of record in Deed Book 84, page 179, of record in the Rockcastle County Court Clerk's office, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a stake in the L & N Railroad right of way; thence S 55 1/2 W 10 poles 21 1/2 links to a stake; thence S 65 W 36 poles 20 links to a sycamore on the west bank of Roundstone and continuing on 9 poles 17 links to the edge of the cleared land; thence same course 90 poles 3 links in all 137 poles 13 1/2 links to a sugar tree in the outside line with the gum and hickory pointers; thence S 37 1/2 E 3 poles 23 1/2 links to a gum; thence S 34 E 34 poles to a stone with a white oak pointer; thence S 74 1/2 E 19 poles to an ash; thence S 71 E 4 poles to a beech on top of the hill; thence E 24 poles to a stone on the west bank of Roundstone; thence N 30 poles 15 links to a lynn; thence S 84 E 53 poles 18 links with the county road to the R.R. right of way; thence with the R.R. right of way N 17 1/2 E 24 poles 1 link; thence N 15 E 5 poles; thence N 7 E 9 poles 15 links, N 3 E 5 poles 18 links, N 4 W 21 poles 17 links, N 20 W 9 poles 2 links, N 21 W 9 poles 17 links, N 37 W 8 poles 19 links to the beginning and containing 56.69, acres.

Grantees herein shall also have the right and privilege to use the road located on grantors' property where the same is presently located in order to get access to the property herein conveyed, it being a roadway 10 poles 21 1/2 links long and between corners No. 1 and No. 2 of a plat.

And being a part of the same property conveyed to the grantors by deed executed by W.L. Hiatt and wife, which said deed is duly recorded in the office of the clerk of the Rockcastle County Court in Deed Book 79, page 96.

PARCEL NO. 6: KNOWN AS THE CARPENTER FARM

And being the same property W.S. Stewart and Kenneth Stewart acquired by deed dated September 7, 1965, from Tommie Carpenter, single, of record in Deed Book 85, page 104, of record in the Rockcastle County Court Clerk's office, and being more particularly described as follows:

Tract No. 1: Bounded on the north by the lands of Virgil Abney; on the east by the W.H. Jones tract; on the south by the lands of Dewey Bullen; on the west by the lands of Bert Thacker and the old Dixie Highway, and containing eighty-five (85) acres more or less.

Tract No. 2: Beginning at a stake in the Scaffold Cane Pike, in old line between Frank Seals and Thomas F. Hayes; thence with the right of way line of the said road approximately five chains to mouth of culvert; thence a southeast direction, approximately two chains to a walnut, or the old line between Frank Seals and Thomas F. Hayes; thence a northerly direction with said old line to the beginning and containing one-half acre more or less.

THE PROPERTY SHALL BE SOLD UPON THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- Each parcel of land shall be sold separately and individually.
- 2. The real property shall be sold cash or upon a credit of sixty (60) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of ten per cent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of the sale and to secure the balance with a bond with adequate surety bearing interest at twelve per cent (12%) per annum. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
- 3. Unpaid taxes or liens of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of sale.
- 4. Buyer shall pay the 2009 County, State and School taxes on the property.
- 5. Buyer shall have possession of the premises upon compliance with the terms of
- 6. In the event Cumberland Valley National Bank and Trust Company is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of its judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required and the property will be conveyed to purchase in due season upon payment of the expenses of sale.
- 7. 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".

Jerome S. Fish Special Master Commissioner Rockcastle Circuit Court



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PRIDE WANTS YOU!!!!!!!

Eastern Kentucky Pride, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that promotes Personal Responsibility In a Desirable Environment in 38 counties of southern and eastern Kentucky by encouraging and assisting individuals, local governments, schools and

- Clean up illegal dumps and other solid waste problems

PRIDE is funded by a grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

April is PRIDE Spring Cleanup Month: Our theme this spring is "PRIDE WANTS YOU"

We, as PRIDE Committee Members, and Solid Waste Coordinator, are asking that you get with your church members, your firefighters, your family and friends, your government and local citizens and volunteer for our Rockcastle County Spring Roadside Cleanup. Our goal for the 12th Annual Spring Cleanup is 20,000 volunteers. PRIDE has dedicated the entire month of April to Spring Cleanup activities.

This will be the ideal opportunity to beautify your community Supplies and free t-shirts will be provided for Spring volunteers (while supplies last) and pick-up and disposal will be done on the day of your clean-up. This is a 'Call to Action' and we are asking for your help.

PRIDE needs you!

You may contact James Renner at 606-256-1902. Choose any day in April and let us know when and where you would like to help with Roadside Clean-up. only for one hour, is important to us and to our county and our beautiful state. It's your County, it's your State, and it's your Roadside! Please take PRIDE! We need you! We will look forward to hearing from you as to Volunte Roadside Clean-up.

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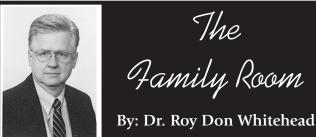
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Dating abuse is a pattern of violent behavior: physical, emotional, or sexual – by one partner in a dating relationship toward the other partner. Abuse may be:

Physical: Pinching, shoving, slapping, grabbing, etc., Intimidation (blocking doors, throwing objects), Use of weapons

Sexual: Unwanted touching, Forced sexual activities, Pressure to have sex, Threats to find someone who is willing to do what he/she wants sexually

Emotional and Verbal: Threats, Put-downs, Insults, and Rumors, Possessiveness, Overdependency, Huge mood swings, Humiliation, Accusations, Withdrawal of attention, Isolation from friends or activities

Dating Abuse Statistics

•About 1 in 4 teens reports verbal, physical, emotional, or sexual abuse each year.

•Nearly 80% of girls who have been physically abused in their dating relationships continue to date their abusers.

•Nearly 1 in 5 teenage girls who has been in a relationship said a boyfriend had threatened violence or self-harm if presented with a break-up.

•Teen dating abuse most often takes place in the home of one of the partners.

•54% of all rape cases occur before the victims reach 18 years of age.

•Nearly all female teenage rape victims know their attackers. 56% of teenage girls who are raped are raped by a date, 13% by a friend, and 11% by a boyfriend.

•57% of American teens know peers who've been physically, sexually, or emotionally abused.

•Teens who experience violent relationship abuse are more likely to take risks sexually, are at risk of doing poorly in school, and have an increased risk for depression and alcohol use. Girls are at higher risk for pregnancy and suicide attempts.

Safety Tips

•If you are in immediate danger, contact 9-1-1 for help.

• Talk with people you trust, and seek services. Contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-SAFE (7233), 800-787-3224 TDD or www.ndhv.org or your local domestic violence shelter. You can also contact the National Sexual Assault Hotline 1-800-656-HOPE (4673), National Sexual Violence Resource Center www.nsvrc.org, National Youth Violence Preven-Resource Center tion www.safeyouth.org, or Love Is Not www.loveisnotabuse.com for

helpful information and advice. •If you are, or think you

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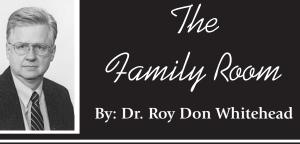
Neubauer **Basketball** Camp

Jeff Neubauer and his staff at Eastern Kentucky University are proud to announce the dates for this year's upcoming basketball camp. The camp will run June 22-25 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and is open to boys and girls ages 7-16.

Head Coach Jeff Neubauer, along with his staff and current EKU players, will focus on offensive and defensive fundamentals that will improve each camper's individual basketball game. The camp will be conducted in the air conditioned Alumni Coliseum. The cost is \$175 per camper, with a \$25 discount if your application is received before June 1, 2009. Campers will compete in both shooting and 5 on 5 full court games daily.

For more information regarding camp please contact Coach Ryan Hart at 859-622email ryan.hart@eku.edu or visit www.ekusports.com.

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person you are dating, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline or the National Sexual Assault Hotline.

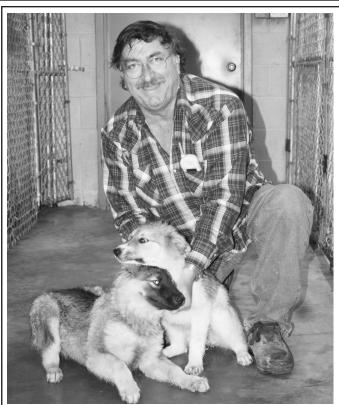
•Recognize early warning signs of potential physical violence, like extreme jealousy, controlling behavior, or verbal threats.

•Know what services are available for people involved in violent relationships in your community.

•Keep a list of these services on hand in case you or a friend ever needs help.

•Learn as much as you can about dating abuse. Information is available in libraries, from local and national domestic violence organizations, and on the Internet.

[These facts are from the Kentucky Domestic Violence Association. For more information call Family Life Abuse Center at 800-755-5348.}



Animals make good companions

Several dogs and pups are up for adoption at the Rockcastle Animal Shelter on Deep Hollow Road, off Old Sigmon Road, at Roundstone, including the two part Collies shown above, with animal shelter director James Kidwell. Both animals are approximately four to six months old. Currently there are about 25 dogs and pups available for adoption at the shelter. The adoption fee for any animal is \$20. The shelter is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., except for Tuesday when it is closed from noon to 2 p.m. For more information call (606) 256-1833 or go online at www.pets911.com.

ALL AMERICAN CLUB PROCLAMATION For March as the Clean-up Month for Mt. Vernon Club

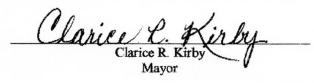
Now that spring has arrived, it is time for all of us to clean-up our property.

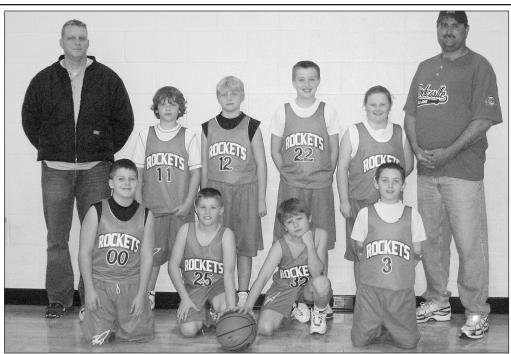
We must all do our part to keep Mt. Vernon one of the cleanest and most attractive towns in the state.

In as much as the All American Club has been instrumental in keeping our community clean; and

In as much as the City of Mt. Vernon acknowledges the efforts of the All American Club;

The Mayor and the City of Mt. Vernon wish to express their appreciation to the All American Club for their efforts and do hereby proclaim the month of March to be Cleanup Month for the All American Club in Mt. Vernon





Rockcastle Rockets 5th Grade AAU Team had a great season. Members of the team include, back row: Coach Mike Jones, John Harris, Lucas Jones, Lucas Gentry, Mahayla Saylor and Coach Mickey McClure. Front row: Carson Noble, Austin Saylor, Chase McClure and Zachary Loudermilk.

2009 Rockcastle Co. Rocket Youth Baseball Camp





Saturday, March 21st @ RCHS Baseball & Softball Complex

Ages 5-8......10:00am – 12:00pm Ages 9-12......12:00pm – 2:00pm Registration Fee \$10 per player includes lunch & instruction from RCHS players and coaches

First Name:	Last Name:		Male or Female (Circle one) Age	
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Home Phone:	Cell Phone:			
Parent(s) Name(s):				
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Emergency Contact#2		Phone #		
Players Primary Physician		Phone #		
Please list any Allergies (includin	g food allergies) or existin	g medical conditions w	e should be m	ade aware of:

Consent/Waiver Form (Each parent must sign this form)

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that participation in this camp and related activities involves an inherent risk of physical injury, and the undersigned, on behalf of the registrant, hereby assumes all such risk and does hereby release and forever discharge Rockcastle County Schoos, all employees and agents from any and all liability of whatever kind of nature, arising from and by reason of any and all known and unknown, foreseen and unforeseen bodily and person injuries, damage to property, and the consequences there of, resulting from the registrant's participation in or involvement with this camp, including any failure of equipment or defect in the premises. I hereby grant permission at any time for the registrant to receive outside or professional medical attention. I hereby give my consent to the Rockcastle Courty High School baseball staff to secure the service of whatever medical facility selected and to secure whatever transportation is deemed necessary. I hereby state that I am a legal guardian of said child

Signature of parent/guardian

Date

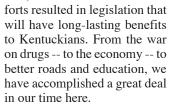
Senate Week in Review...

By State Senator Ed Worley

As expected, this last week was the busiest of the year's 30day "short session," with a flurry of bills winning final pas-

sage and negotiations in conference over the details of others.

Even facing a money crisis, in the end, our ef-



One of the lasting successes of this session will be a pretrial diversion program aimed at getting Kentuckians off drugs and breaking their cycle of crime. Senate Bill 4 would allow local jails to screen people when they are first arrested. Trial judges could make outpatient drug treatment a condition of their bail, and serious addicts could voluntarily undergo inpatient treatment to get clean.

The goal of SB 4 is to eliminate situations where drug problems lead to repeat felonies, driving up sentences and the cost of housing prisoners. State corrections officials tell us that more than three-fourths of all prisoners in Kentucky are there in some way because of substance abuse. Not only is it expensive to keep people in prison, it also robs our society and economy of the valuable contributions these Kentuckians could make if they were drugfree and living productive lives.

We also agreed this week to complete a legislative study of our entire criminal code, including drug laws. Our State has not comprehensively updated its criminal laws since the 1970s, and a great deal has changed in the meantime. We have changed crimes and punishments piecemeal, without regard to how the whole pattern fits together. We hope Senate Joint Resolution 12 will help us bring coherence to our criminal justice system, so punishments fit the crimes; lawbreakers are sent to jail or entered into treatment programs, whichever is more appropriate; and ultimately the taxpayers save

Another long-lasting benefit of this session will be our reform of the State's school testing system. For all the strides we have made in the last 20 years, we have lost our focus on individual student achievement. Senate Bill 1 will make sure that tests allow for relatively quick feedback and individual assessment by eliminating open-response questions -- with their highly subjective and overly lengthy grading system. Likewise, in the arts, the emphasis will be on students creating art and music - to truly appreciate their virtues.

SB 1 will also move the focus for teachers to student learning rather than test preparation and other assessment pressures. Writing portfolios provide a valuable tool to help students develop their language skills, but they will now simply be a tool, rather than an end goal, as they have been in our current system. The tests that students do take, meanwhile, will be wrapped up in five days rather than the current 10.

The number of school days devoted to testing is especially worrying this year. Between windstorms from Tropical Storm Ike last fall and winter

ice storms in late January, many districts have missed 20 days or more. Making all those days up would mean school year would continue well into June -- long after State testing has been completed. House Bill 322 will allow school districts to request the Commissioner of Education for a waiver of up to 10 days once they have used their makeup days.

We also addressed the health risks of high school athletes. Media attention has focused on Kentucky in recent months because of the death of a high school football player in Jefferson County, and we want to make every effort to keep our children safe and healthy. House Bill 383 would ensure that all high school coaches complete a safety course, and that starting next school year one coach with proper certification is at every practice and game. Meanwhile, we have directed the KHSAA to study athlete safety and ways we can protect all students.

The legislature also did its part to put federal stimulus money to work and get our economy moving again. By working with the state Transportation Cabinet, we identified more than \$370 million in 'shovel-ready" road and bridge projects that can begin immediately. These projects are part of the State's overall Road Plan in House Bill 330, which also includes infrastructure improvements across the Commonwealth.

Another way we worked to boost the economy was in helping local governments save money on exploding pension costs. House Bill 117 allows cities, counties and other members of the County Employees Retirement System to phase in their health care contributions over 10 years, just as the State does. In the short term, this will allow local governments to save money in these rough economic times, keeping taxes as low as possible while preserving needed public safety money.

We will return to the Capitol on March 26, for two days of final decision-making on a wide range of issues, including any gubernatorial vetoes. As always, you may call our Legislative Message Line at 1-800-372-7181 to let us know how you feel, or follow our work e-mail me

Legislative Week in Review..

By State Rep. Danny Ford

The last day before the veto recess of a General Assembly session almost always vibrates with urgency – and a big dose of uncertainty. Normally, a raft of major, controversial bills remain unresolved in conference committees from each chamber, as lawmakers struggle, sometimes late into the night, to work out differences between versions passed by the House and Senate so the unified bills can go to the gover-

Getting to that step is key to why the Legislature started building a 10-day 'veto recess' into its schedule. Since the governor must veto a bill within 10 days of receiving it, saving a day or two of its allotted 30 for after recess gives the General Assembly a chance to override that action.

This year, that last-day urgency was muted - in a way that reflected something leaders and observers have remarked upon: A cooperative spirit of 'get things done in the face of tough times' that has descended on Frankfort this long winter.

Consider what the Legisla-

ture faced when it went to work that last day, Friday, and how it

played out: •The biggest sticking point anticipated for this year's session – how to plug a half-billion dollar hole in the state budget – was resolved weeks ago. Cigarette and alcohol taxes were raised, further but not Draconian agency spending cuts were authorized, and Rainy Day funds were temporarily transferred to make up the difference. House and Senate leaders worked with the governor to get this done, and the bill passed without much

•An issue that in past years would have almost surely caused deadlock – dumping the controversial CATS testing system in state schools and replacing it with something different, more focused, and more able to track individual student achievement – had broad bipartisan support this year. A bill to that end passed both chambers, with minor differences. A conference committee worked Friday to iron out some technical details of its implementation, including timing of the changeover and what to use for testing in the transition to a new state test. Agreement was arrived at later in the day.

•The one sticking point still out there Friday on an ambitious \$3.7 billion multi-year road package was, 'when to pass the pennies?' Even this, one leader called 'just a disagreement over process.' The state gas tax is based largely on the price of gasoline. It's currently 22.5 cents. The Senate wanted to pass the bill to freeze the state gas tax at its current level (four cents a gallon higher that it will otherwise be April 1, when it's scheduled to drop because gas prices have plunged) only after the governor signs the Road Plan bill itself. The House wanted the pennies passed now and sent to the governor as part of the overall transportation package, since the road projects will need that money. Failure to freeze the tax rate would cost the Road Fund \$128 million in lost revenue. Both bills were stalled Friday as the final process was negotiated in conference committee, with agreement reached later in the day to pass the tax freeze now.

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Start the Walking Now

RCMS Cake Walk

For Relay for Life Thursday, March 19th





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13th Region Champions

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Redbud Quilt Barn Tour

Mark your calendar for quilt show. April 18. Plan to see 11 of Rockcastle County's quilt blocks during the Redbud Quilt Barn Tour.

Buses for the quilt tour will leave the Rockcastle County Middle School at 10:00am, 11:00am, 12:00am and 1:00pm. Tickets for the buses will cost only \$2.00. Individuals who wish to drive their own automobiles will be provided a map of the tour route. The tour will include 11 quilt barns located in the Brodhead, Quail and Willalia communities.

A quilt show will be open to the public at the Rockcastle County Middle School cafeteria from 10:00am - 5:00pm. The quilt show will accept quilts from 8:30am – 9:30am. Quilts will be picked up by owners from 5:00pm - 6:00pm. Ribbons will be awarded in each category, except antique quilts. There will be a \$25 award for viewer's choice. Admission to the quilt show is free. Families that have antique quilts are being asked to bring them in for display during the

Quilters throughout the county are also asked to display their quilts on clotheslines in their yards. This county-wide quilt airing will encourage everyone to go for a drive and enjoy our beautiful country-

Another added feature for the tour will be a geocache game featuring quilt barns in Rockcastle County. The geocache is planned to run for 3 weeks only during April.

The Redbud Quilt Barn Tour is sponsored by Southern & Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association, Mt. Vernon-Rockcastle County Tourist Commission and the Rockcastle County - University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service. A car show will also be held at the Middle School on April 18 and Old Fashioned Trading Days will be held on Main Street.

For more information on the quilt tour activities, contact Hazel Jackson, at Rockcastle County Extension Office at 256-2403.

May 4

May 5

May 8 May 9

May 11

May 14

May 15

June 3-5

June 10-13

May 18 - 22

May 25 - May 29

Attorney General warns about debt-relief scams

Attorney General Jack Conway announced today that his Consumer Protection Division is receiving an increased

Week in Review

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Otherwise, in a busy week, several other bills of note cleared both chambers, including:

·Passed and sent to the governor was House Bill 489, which requires that judges include health insurance or health coverage for children as part of child support arrangements.

 Heading for the governor is Senate Bill 4, under which persons charged with a felony would be screened for substance abuse before they go to trial. At a judge's discretion, the offender could be ordered into an outpatient recovery program as a condition of bail. Upon completing the pretrial diversion program (and assuming no further offenses) the charges could eventually be dropped and no felony listed on his or her record. The bill is aimed in part at reducing the population of our clogged and costly prisons, while returning substance abusers to productive lives in the community.

•HB 444, a bill to regulate so-called payday lending, would require that a state database be created by July 2010 for lenders to search for any outstanding loans a customer might have. It would impose penalties on businesses that violate the two-loan/\$500 or less per-customer limit now on the books, and prohibit new payday loan stores from opening over the next ten years. It's been sent to the governor.

•Schools that missed many instructional days due to this winters ice storm and last fall's Hurricane Ike will welcome HB 322, which allows school districts to ask the state to waive up to 1- "disaster days" once all planned makeup days are used. It would also allow schools to extend the instructional day by 30 minutes to prepare for statewide testing, and lengthen school days to make up any days missed due to bad weather.

As mentioned, the Legislature leave today on a planned recess, a 'veto recess' while the governor reviews bills for any he'd like to strike. Lawmakers then return for the final two days of this session March 26-27, to consider overriding those vetoes, and to tie up loose ends and pass – or not – any bills not agreed to by both chambers at day's end Friday.

You can stay informed of legislative action on bills of interest to you this session by logging onto the Legislative Research Commission website at www.lrc.ky.gov or by calling the LRC toll-free Bill Status Line at 866-840-2835. To find out when a committee meeting is scheduled, you can call the LRC toll-free Meeting Information Line at 800-633-9650.

number of complaints from victims of financial scams. In addition to calls from victims, investigators are receiving several calls per day from consumers just wanting to report contacts from suspicious companies.

While more Kentuckians are unfortunately facing layoffs during the economic downturn, scam artists are working overtime to prey on people's fears and trick debt-ridden consumers into paying money for bogus debt-relief services or nonexistent government grants," Attorney General said Conway.

The Attorney General's Office reports that some bogus debt relief companies are calling consumers to leave messages that may entice them to return the call, such as, "it appears that you qualify for a \$1,000 advance, if you call today, you will get first priority status." Upon calling the 866 number, a staff member at the Attorney General's Office was greeted with profanity and then switched over to a supervisor to process the request. The number appears to ring into an offshore boiler room. The supervisor indicated someone would call back to explain the program.

"Bogus calls are being reported to my office regularly," General Conway said. "Consumers report that they obtained information from the Internet on free government grants or stimulus payments, or received unsolicited telephone calls. Consumers should not respond to the offers, nor should they complete online forms in order to qualify for the so-called 'free grants.' These could be efforts by con artists to steal credit-card information, to make unauthorized charges, or to steal personal information to further victimize the consumer with identity

theft." Consumers are urged not to respond to these calls or other calls offering foreclosure relief. Avoid any company that requests an upfront fee. Check locally with non-profit credit counseling services, the Better Business Bureau and the Office of the Attorney General before you do business with a company offering these types of services. Debt adjusters are required to register with the Office of the Attorney General.

If you are in danger of foreclosure, contact Protect My Kentucky Home at 866-830-7868 for advice and assistance. To report suspicious companies offering debt-relief services, contact the Consumer Protection Hotline at 888-432-9257.

Christopher Ayers reports for duty

Marine Corps Pfc. Christopher T. Ayers of Mt. Vernon and 2008 graduate of Rockcastle County High School, recently reported for duty with Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 267, 3rd Marine Aircraft

Wing, Camp Pendleton, Calif. Avers joined the Marine Corps in June 2008.

Rockcastle Co. Rockets Baseball 2009 Schedule 2006 & 07 47th District Champions

Date Day **Opponent** Site Time <u>Team</u> March 17 Madison Southern (Scrimmage) Away HOME Tue. 5:00 pm OPEN (Scrimmage) March 20 Fri. 5:00 pm North Laurel March 23 **HOME** 5:30 pm V/JV Mon. 5:30 pm March 24 Danville **HOME** V/JV Tue. March 26 V/JV McCreary Central 5:30 pm Thur Away March 27 Fri. Wayne Co. Away 5:30 pm V/JV **Spring Break** March 29-TBA Sat. Cocoa, FL 6 Varsity Cocoa Expo April 4 Fri. 9 JV April 6 5:30 pm Mon. South Laurel Away V/JV April 7 HOM 5:30 pm V/JV Tues. Harlan Co. Pulaski Co. 5:30pm April 9 Thurs. Away V/JV April 10 V/JV **HOME** Wayne Co. 5:30pm Fri. Rockcastle vs. McCreary Central April 11 Sat. HOME 11:00am V only McCreary Central vs. Bell Co. 1:00 pm V only **HOME** Rockcastle vs. Bell Co. 3:00 pm V only April 13 Mon. HOME V/JV Casey Co. 5:30 pm April 14 Tues. Madison Central Away 5:30 pm V/JV April 16 5:30 pm Somerset* Away V/JV April 17 Lincoln Co. V/IV Fri. 5:30 pm Away 11:00 am April 18 Sat. Corbin Away JV/V April 20 Mon. Pulaski Co.* (Little League Night) **HOME** 5:30 pm V/JV April 21 North Laurel 5:30 pm V/JV Tues. Away April 23 5:30 pm V/JV Thurs. Casey Co. Away **HOME** V/JV April 24 Fri. Southwestern 5:30 pm April 25 Rockcastle vs. Madison Central **HOME** 11:00 am V only Madison Central vs. Perry Central 1:00 pm V only **HOME** 3:00 pm Rockcastle vs. Perry Central V only April 27 Mon. **HOME** 5:30 pm V/JV April 28 V/JV April 30 Thurs Corbin **HOME** 5:30 pm **Knox Central HOME** May 1 Fri. 5:30 pm V/JV **OPEN (Prom)** May 2 Sat.

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47th District Tournam

12th Region Tournament

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Free Mature Driver **Improvement Class**

The Blue Grass Auto Club Safety Foundation and the Kentucky State Police are offering a free mature driver improvement class for anyone interested.

49th District Champions

"93","94", "98","00","01"

"02","03","04","05"

The four-hour class will be held on Tuesday March 31ST at the Laurel County Health Department at 525 Whitley Street in London.

The class will begin at 9:00 AM and last until 1:00 PM.

There are no tests involved and upon completion of the class students will receive a certificate which, under Kentucky law, entitles anyone over the age of 55 to a three-year discount on their auto insurance.

Students must attend the complete four hours to receive their certificate.

The Blue Auto Club Safety Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization founded by AAA Blue Grass/ Kentucky to promote traffic safety in 48 counties in central and eastern Kentucky.



The Rockcastle UNITE Coalition meets on the second Wednesday of each month, at noon, at the Renfro Valley Lodge.

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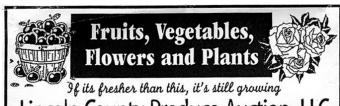
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Bus Drills Early Dismissal

The Rockcastle County Schools will be conducting bus drills on Friday, March 27, 2009. The Rockcastle County High School and Middle School will dismiss at 2:45 p.m. Buses will proceed to the elementary schools where the drills will be conducted. Please adjust your schedule for this early dismissal.

No school March 30th - April 3rd **Spring Break**





Horses not Mules....

Bill Sowder, of Mt. Vernon, took advantage of the Springlike weather on Sunday, March 8th to plow a small field in front of his home on the Old Brodhead-Mt. Vernon Road, where he will plant a 100 pounds of potatoes. His Belgian horses, Ben and Charlie, are five-years-old and were pulling the plow at quite a pace. The horses were incorrectly identified last week as mules.

"Options"

(Cont. from front)

nothing is done to amend the calendar, school for students will dismissed on June 1st.

Brown said that all school personnel had been consulted about the options and that their imput would also be discussed on Friday.

Brown emphasized that once the committee has a recommendation it will go to the full school board when they meet on April 14th for either their approval or for no action.

The school system has until May 1st to apply for the disaster day from the state.

"LIHEAP"

(Cont. from front)

ing crisis situation when the household meets the basic LIHEAP eligibility criteria and:

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

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

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

For all bulk fuels (wood, coal, propane, fuel oil, kerosene) verification of a crisis situation may be self-declaration by the applicant. For natural gas and electric-

heated households, the applicant must present an appropriate disconnect notice from the vendor.

Applications will be taken at Daniel Boone Community Action Agency on Main Street in Mt. Vernon, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 256-5315.

"ERWA"

(Cont. from front)

Ballinger also had obtained a copy of a 1978 Attorney General's Opinion, which stated that water associations, such as Eastern, are not subject to the Open Meetings Law of Kentucky.

In the opinion written by the late Robert F. Stephens, he concluded that water associations such as Eastern are nonprofit, non-stock private corporations and as such would not be subject to the Open Meetings Law.

Eastern attorney Jerry Cox also said that in his opinion, Eastern's board meetings could be closed to only board members and those who might be invited. Cox said he thought Eastern's only requirement for an open meeting was at the annual mem-

bership meeting.

Joe Burns, who works for the Kentucky Rural Water Association, also said that he thought the ERWA board was well within their rights to close their board meeting.

Burns made his comments as he stood outside the meeting room in Livingston on Tuesday.

Burns, board members June Whitler and Sue Rodefer, as well as Elmer Whitler, Virgil Mullins, John Rodefer and association clerk Jo Cook, all stood outside the meeting room, while the meeting took place.

Board members who attended the meeting, besides Ballnger, were Murphy and Margaret Martin, Dell Ponder, Anna Mize and George Shackleford. Cox and Corry also attended Tuesday's meeting.

Deputy Sheriff Shannon Franklin also spent a very short time outside the meeting, saying he had been asked to drive by the meeting by Sheriff Mike Peters.

Elmer Whitler, who has been somewhat critical of the board's actions over the past few months, said he did not agree with closing the meeting because, in his opinion, ERWA is subject to Kentucky's Open Meetings and Open Records Laws.

"Even though it was not invoked today as a reason for not letting the public attend the ERWA board, Mr. Ballinger and others have recently maintained that the ERWA is a private organization and is therefore not covered by Kentucky's Open Meetings and Open Records laws. This ignores several facts. The open meetings and open records laws pertain even to a private organization, either for profit or not for profit, if it derives at least 25% of its revenues from state and federal funds. This is indeed true for the ERWA, which operates at a deficit of approximately \$2,000 per month of expenses over revenue resulting from monthly payments by its water users.

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grant and loan funds (rev-

enues) to help cover its oper-

ating expenses and to main-

tain and construct water lines

and pay for water," Whitler

wrote in a four page e-mail to

the Signal after Tuesday's

Wednesday that Ballinger had

not told him whether or not it

would be a regular practice

for board meetings to be

closed to the public in the fu-

The board meets the third

The annual membership

Some ERWA customers,

Tuesday of each month at 10

a.m. in the homecoming room

meeting is held each Septem-

ber, when board members are

current and former board

members and Corry, have

been, at times, involved in a

lot of controversy over the op-

eration of the assoication

since last year, when ERWA's

office was moved from Cli-

ERWA has approximately

max to Livingston.

600 customers.

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elected.

Attorney Cox said

meeting.



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Second Section Thursday, March 19, 2009

County's Kentucky Music Hall of Fame & Museum remains a top attraction in state

The Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and Museum at Renfro Valley honors Kentucky performers, songwriters, publishers, promoters, managers, broadcasters, comedians, and other music professionals who have made significant contributions to the music industry in Kentucky and around the world.

It is also one of the premier interactive museums in the country that highlights Kentucky's music heritage, honors the contributions of Kentucky music artists to American music, educates local youth, scholars and music fans of the world and maximizes the economic impact of Rockcastle County and Renfro Valley to the Kentucky tourism industry.

In 2008, ten years after the vision of the Hall of Fame first took form, a total of 39 of Kentucky's most influential members of the music industry—musicians, composers, and managers—have been inducted into the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame averages between 17,000 and 20,000 visitors per year. Of those visitors, approximately 40 percent are school and civic groups, according to Executive Director Robert Lawson.

The museum includes a music room where students and visitors can see, touch, hear, and perform with five interac-

The Kentucky Music Hall tive exhibits exploring beat, pitch, style, composition, melody, harmony and other elements of music.

A historic timeline includes exciting exhibits and dioramas, taking the visitor from the pioneer beginnings of Kentucky music at "Brush Arbors" to the first WHAS Radio studio in the 1940s to a "ballyhooing" vintage automobile.

"Ballyhooing" promoted bluegrass and folk concerts on courthouse steps, town squares and ball fields all over the state.

"The Hall of Fame realized early on that developing partnerships with local schools and civic groups would really move the museum forward. Through these partnerships, the Hall of Fame has created the most detailed educational program in the state of Kentucky," Lawson said.

Lawson added that the program gives school groups of all ages the opportunity to learn about all genres of Kentucky music. The Hall of Fame also has ongoing partnerships with other groups, including the International Bluegrass Music Association, Renfro Valley Entertainment Center, Kentucky Educational Television, Hazard Community & Technical College's Bluegrass and Traditional Music Program, University Of Kentucky School of Music, WKYT-TV Channel 27, Clear Channel Radio Lexington and Louisville,

Thursday night at 7 p.m.

"Rally in the Valley" to benefit Rockcastle UNITE

Renfro Valley Entertainment, Inc. is hosting a special performance of their "Spring in the Valley" performance for the Rockcastle UNITE Coalition on Thursday, (tonight) March 19th, at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased at the Renfro Valley ticket office or at the door for only \$10, half the normal admission price.

Several UNITE members have donated tickets to each of the Rockcastle County Schools for students to be able to attend the program.

Those donors are: Amanda Goff (Brodhead Elementary),

Circuit Judge Jeff Burdette (Roundstone), Margaret Offutt (Mt. Vernon), Mayor Clarice Kirby (Rockcastle County Middle School), Brodhead Pharmacy (Rockcastle County High School), and Citizens Bank (Rockcastle Academy).

Everyone is encouraged to attend the "Rally in the Valley" for a great night of family entertainment and also to support the work of the Rockcastle UNITE Coalition.

For more information contact the Renfro Valley ticket office at 256-2664.



Mt. Vernon Mayor Clarice Kirby presents a check to John Hale, Rockcastle UNITE Coalition Chairman, as a sponsor of Renfro Valley Entertainment's "Rally in the Valley" musical presentation for Rockcastle County Middle School students.



Rockcastle County Middle School 8th grader Ashton Arvin, right, gave his monologue of a young Abraham Lincoln, to members of the Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce during their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday. Chamber President, Jerry Pensol, presented Arvin with a photograph and \$25 as a token of appreciation. Arvin has been elected the new Youth Governor for the state YMCA.

Rockcastle County Kiwanis, Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Rockcastle, Blue Highway TV and Great American Country TV.

The museum is open

Wednesday thru Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. with several events already planned for this year.

• April 1st, 2009- SEKTDA Red Bud Health Walk. • April 28th, 2009- 3rd Annual Hall of Fame Golf Scramble, hosted By John Michael Montgomery at Gibson Bay Golf Course.

• August 23rd, 2009- Hall of Fame Cruise In Car Show.

• September 26th, 2009- 3rd Annual Hall of Fame Poker Run & Motorcycle Rally.

For information on any of these events please contact the Hall of Fame at (606)256-1000.



The Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and Museum is located on Richmond Street in Renfro Valley and is in its tenth year of operation. The Hall of Fame is currently open Wednesday through Sunday. For more information call 256-1000.

Santa's giving for 2008 included Relay for Life's fight against cancer

One of Santa's gifts to Rockcastle County during 2008 was for Relay for Life in the fight against cancer.

Santa (aka Deputy Mike Bryant), through a coordinated effort with Mt. Vernon Pizza Hut Manager, Pam Burdette, raised \$819.80 during 2008.

This program, along with several others by Santa, is sponsored by the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department.

The over \$800 was generated from the folks who ate the last Wednesday of the month at Pizza Hut and stated they were there for Santa's Relay for Life Fundraiser.

A percentage of all of those meals goes directly to the program.

Santa, Sheriff Mike Peters and Ms. Burdette would like to thank all of the patrons who so graciously made a point to eat at Pizza Hut on those days. It is a wonderful way to show the spirit of Christmas all year.

Prior to the Pizza Hut program, that started in January of 2008, during December of 2007, Santa raised \$125 in the one month for Relay for Life. Santa Mike began his portrayal of the man behind the red suit during the 2007 Christmas season.

Everyone is urged to participate again this year. The goal for 2009, on the last Wednesday of every month at Pizza Hut, is to exceed the amount raised during 2008. Just show up on that day any time during business hours, tell the fine folks who work there that you are there to eat and help Santa's Relay for Life Program.

During 2007, Santa Mike performed at 38 events in 24 days in 5 towns, involving 9 counties. The schedule was so heavy, that during the 2008 season he trimmed the schedule down to 25 events in 21 days in 6 towns, involving 12 counties. Both years were kickedoff with the Mt. Vernon Parade, followed by appearances at hospitals, Hospice, schools, agencies, businesses, private parties, home visits, the City of Mt. Vernon, etc. During 2008, fourteen of the events were in Rockcastle County.

Santa Mike is a graduate of the International University of Santa Claus and has a Santa's workshop at his Mt. Vernon home (the one used while not at the North Pole). He is a member of the Amalgamated Order of Real Bearded Santas; Santas Across the Globe; Southeast Santas (a Wreath of SATG); the Red Suit Society (IUSC Alumni Association); ClausNet (the world's premier and largest Santa Claus network in the world), Santas for Jesus and the Fellowship of Servant Santas. Throughout the year, he also networks and fellowships with Santa Jack Pattie, the radio talk show host, who is Lexington's Santa, as well as numerous other Santas in several states and several countries through Facebook. Currently, Santa Mike has a website, which is under construction. It presently only lacks photos for completion. Those will be added in the near future.

The 2008 season provided Santa Mike with some unique photo opportunities with some well known folks, including the current Miss Kentucky Emily

Cox (who finished in the top 12 in January's Miss America Pageant in Las Vegas; the former Miss Kentucky and Miss America, Heather French Henry; Tim Couch (and family), who played quarterback at UK and the Cleveland Browns; well-known actor, Steve Zahn (and family); and Fox 56 Morning Edition News Anchor Jennifer Palumbo (and family).

Santa Mike was honored to be inducted into the Santa Claus Hall of Fame in February of 2009. St. Nick would also like to thank Kentucky Elves Pam Burdette, Sam Cornette, Casey McClure and Annie Stewart for all of their help and hard work during these past two seasons.

What is Santa's favorite activity during the Christmas season? To have so many doors opened to share the true meaning of Christmas and talk about the birth of Jesus!

Everyone be "real good" during 2009. Remember, Santa is making a list to see who's been naughty and nice----and, don't forget, he's checking it twice!



From left: Rockcastle Sheriff Mike Peters, Melissa Brock (Relay Chair), Pam Burdette (general manager Pizza Hut) and Sheriff's Deputy Mike Bryant were at Pizza Hut last Wednesday to discuss Santa's work for the Relay for Life program in the county.

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Circuit Civil Suits

William Eugene Pillars vs. Carla Kaye Pillars, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Cabinet for Health and Family Services, ex rel Christina Combs vs. Michael Combs, complaint for child support and medical support.

Cabinet for Health and Family Services vs. Mary Hunsucker, complaint for child support and medical support.

Cabinet for Health and Family Services vs. Daniel Hunsucker, complaint for child support and medical support.

Wells Fargo Bank vs. Robert C. Neeley, et al, \$52,470.95 plus claimed due.

Claudette Partin vs. Glen Partin, et al, petition for permanent custody.

Palisades Collection LLC Lykins, \$1,462.68 plus claimed

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vs. Andrew B. Carrera, \$6,921.42 plus claimed due. CI-00072.

District Civil Suits

Capital One Bank vs. Chad E. Shafer, \$1,103.03 plus claimed due.

Midland Funding NCC vs. Sherry Vanover, \$840.20 plus claimed due.

Asset Acceptance LLC vs. Patricia A. Begley, et al, \$1,612.55 plus claimed due. Midland Funding LLC vs.

Mary Purcell, \$578.10 plus claimed due.

Capital One Bank vs. Saundra Osborne, \$893.52 plus claimed due.

Capital One Bank vs. Mary Hasty, \$1,043.95 plus claimed

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Capital One Bank vs. Tonile N. Carmack, \$973.74 plus claimed due. C-00049

Marriage Licenses

Tracy Lynn Hacker, 31, Mt. Vernon, data entry operator to Delbert Ry Stewart, 30, Mt. Vernon, factory. 3/6/09.

Ashley Rose Stone, 25, Crab Orchard, server to Bobby Joe McClure, 26, cook. 3/10/

Mary McCormick, 26, Livingston, unemployed to James Shawn Mink, 33, Mt. Vernon, construction. 3/11/09.

Deeds Recorded

Federal National Mortgage Assn. (Fannie Mae), property on KY 1505, to Tony Baugh.

Ruby H. and James Thompson, property in Willailla community, to Randy L. Hasty. No

Community Trust Bank, et al, property in Rainbow Ridge Subdv., to Jerry Carter. Tax

James H. and Martha Sue Cox, property in Mt. Vernon, to Ernest Bullock, Jr. and Eva B. Bullock. Tx \$115.

Terry J. and Marlene Lawson, property Rockcastle County, to Mike Anderson Portable Welding

Larry and Barbara M. Conner and Jeremy T. and Chasity Allen, property in Rockcastle County, to Larry and Barbara M. Conner. No

Larry W. Clouse, Sr., property on Freedom School Road, to Jamie Grubb. No tax.

Jason and Sara Coguer, property on West Main St., to Roy A. and Pamela L. Martin. Tax \$54.

Margie and Orbin Brock, Laverne Albright Robertson and Phillip and Lila Karnes, property on KY 1229, to Phillip and Lila Karnes. Tax \$3.50.

Ruth Ella and Gerald Carey, and others, property in Rockcastle County, to Mary Claudette Madison. Tax \$4.

Malcolm Shepherd, and others, property in Rockcstle County, to Matthew and Beulah Shepherd. Tax \$2. Chester Azbill, property in

Rockcastle County, to Chester Azbill, Ralph Alan Azbill, Ronald Earl Azbill. No tax.

Anna B. Renner, property on Bethurum St., Mt. Vernon, to Jerry Renner, Tax \$18.50.

District Court

March 9-11. 2008 Hon. Kathryn G. Wood

Brenda M. Gates: detention and arrest of shoplifting suspect and theft by unlawful taking, and other charges, defendant failed to appear.

Ottie Kirby: criminal mischief, 120 days/probated on condition of restitution plus

Tyler McLean: no/expired registration plates, and other charges, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta). Amber D. Ramsey: criminal

possession of forged prescrip-

tion, 360 days/probated 24 months plus restitution and court costs. Dusty L. Richardson: possession of marijuana, \$100 fine and costs/fine suspended 24

months on condition. Speeding: Jordan E. Ritchie, costs paid/fine suspended/state traffic school au-

thorized; Cody Spoonamore: no operators/moped license, and other charges, bw issued for fta. David L. Mitchell: failure to

ADE authorized; driving on

DUI suspended license, 7 days/

wear seat belts, paid. found in KY David J. Wigand: alcohol

intoxication, bw issued for fta. 32 Pointless Matthew B. Childress: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$350 fine and costs, \$375 service fee, 12 months operator license suspension, 7 days (to serve),

concurrent.

Ottas L. Cromer: public intoxication, \$100 fine and costs. William S. Alexander: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine and costs, \$375 service fee, 90 days operator license

suspension/ADE authorized. Jose L. Cortes: no operators/ moped license, \$100 fine and

Blade C. Rader: fines/fees due (\$158), bw issued for fta/4 days or payment. Teresa A. Willis: public in-

toxication, and other charges, bw issued for fta. Kevin York: criminal tres-

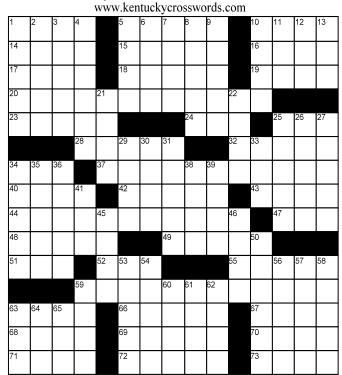
pass, 30 days/probated on condition plus costs.

Bobby J. Salyers: fines/fees due (\$238), bw issued for fta/5 days or payment.

Michael R. Saylor: operting on suspended/revoked operators license, 14 days in lieu of fines; operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/ drugs, \$350 fine and costs, \$325 service fee, 12 m onths license suspended/ADE autho-

Shannon C. Vaughn: possession of marijuana, \$100 fine and costs; operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine.

Kentucky Crossword # 406



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ACROSS

- 1 Purpose 5 Kentuckian, country 55 KY county of
- music singer, songwriter Johns 10 Label
- 14 KY's "Lion of White Hall"
- 15 Like Humpty Dumpty
- 16 Harlan Co. hamlet, 66 Georgetown
- or grows old Sunburn soother
- 18 Official seal
- 19 Frolic 20 Many Kentuckians
- on this stage 23 Come to pass
- singer-songwriter T. Hall
- Common TVA landscape change
- 28 Hodgenville, KY is
- this county's seat
- 34 Kentuckian John
- Conlee sings "Common __ 37 Kentuckian, Grammy-winning

guitarist; his picking

- style bears his
- 40 Dressed 42 Our state rock,
- Kentucky 43 Matchstick games
- 44 Kentuckian, his self-titled debut
- album included the country music hit
- That's Just Jessie" 11 In the past 47 Calendar square

- 48 Circumvent 49 Carpentry grooves 21 Paper stack
- 51 Sushi order
- 52 Large flatboat
- Hindman Settlement School 59 Many Kentuckians
- have been regulars 30 Spur (on) on this stage
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- of Bill Monroe

Kentuckian.

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2 Osborne Brothers

duet with him

4 A survey view

7 Indian music

9 Nametag word

10 Kentuckian, folk

singer Travers

3 K particles

5 Average

8 Leaning

12 Sleep stage

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- 45 Approach have been regulars 69 Kentuckian, former 46 Harness
 - WBA heavyweight 50 Saws logs 53 Derby and Oaks, champion
- 24 Kentuckian, country 70 A Great Lake for two
 - 54 Small hill 71 The Kentucky
 - Headhunters, e.g. 56 Musical production for Kentuckian

13 KY troopers' org.

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31 Oxlike antelope

34 Jackson Co.'s seat

36 The "N" of U.S.N.A.

38 Volcano in Sicily

39 Golfer's action

33 Indian bread

35 Advil rival

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27 Cluttered

29 Study

- William Ray 57 Get in shape
- 58 Used a keyboard
- Yummy 60 Big name in
- pineapples
- 61 Merle Haggard's
- Muskogee"
- first country chart 62 For fear that
- appearance was a 63 Unruly crowd

 - 64 "Bingo!" 65 Yang's opposite

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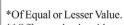
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Childress graduated from Rockcastle County High School in 2008 with a 3.9 grade point average (GPA). She ranked Twenty-Eighth in his graduating class of 202.

Childress is seeking an Associate Degree Nursing (RN) Degree at SCC. She currently has a 4.0 GPA.

During high school, Childress was a member of the BETA and Honors Clubs. She was also active in the Young



Laura Childress

Laura Megan Childress of Republicans, UNITE, Rocket Club, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

> She is the daughter of Pete and Tracey Childress of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky.

> For more information about scholarships to attend Somerset Community College contact Veronica DeBord at (606) 451-6647 or call toll free at (877) 629-9722, ext. 16647. Additional scholarship information is also available at the SCC website listed be-

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Somerset Community Col-

2nd place of the 4-H Variety Show Club Act was Ms. Burdett's 5th grade 4-H Club from RES.

Ms. McQueary's 4-H 5th grade club from MVES won a blue ribbon at the 4-H Variety Show.



Mt. Vernon Message

follows:

School News Project Wisdom Readers for last week were:

Monday: Leah Bustle Tuesday: Will Lewis Students preview Lights,

Camera, Reading Book Fair.

There will be a PTG dance on Thursday, March 19 for grades 3-5. The dance will begin at 3:15 and end at 4:15.

Rally In The Valley will be Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 in the New Barn. Admission is \$10 at the door. Proceeds benefit the Rockcastle County UNITE Coalition.

5th Grade UNITE Club meets on Friday, March 20 at 2:05.

10:30 Friday, March 27 is the All School Sing/Musical Dress Up Day. The all school assembly will begin at 1:15.

> FRC News FRC Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday,

Book Fair Activities are as

Monday, March 23: Grand-

parents Day for Kindergarten,

AM students 9:30-10:00, PM

Tuesday, March 24: Muf-

fins for Mom 7:30-8:30;

Grandparents Day for Pre-

school AM students 8:30-

9:00,PM students 1:15-1:45,

Grandparents Day for Pri-

Wednesday, March 25:

Thursday, March 26: Do-

Friday, March 27: Grand-

parents Day for 4th Grade 9:00-9:30, 5th Grade 10:00-

nuts for Dad 7:30- 8:30;

Grandparents Day for Pri-

Primary 1 11:30-12:00

mary 2 9:30-10:00

mary 3 9:30-10:00

students 12:25-12:55

March 25 at 12:30. Spring Enrichment classes for 4th and 5th grades are each Monday 3:15-4:30.

Jump Rope club is scheduled for Tuesdays at 3:10.

FRC Family Literacy Night is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24 at 5:00. All P2 and P3 students and families are invited to attend.

FRC Adult Computer classes are each Monday from 6:00 until 8:00.

Our quote for this week is: "Since we're all in one boat, won't we accomplish more if we all row together."



Junior Specialty Act winners were 1st place, Hailey Harper (above) from BES and 2nd place, Brooklyn Bishop from BES.





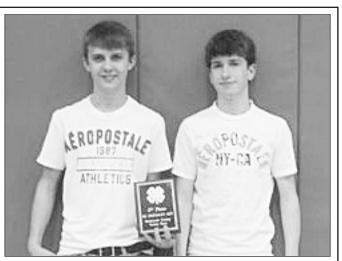
Master of Ceremonies of the 4-H Variety Show was Laiken Coffey from RCMS.

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4-H Variety Show held at MVES last Tuesday



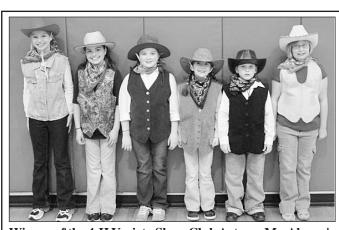
Participants from the recent 4-H Variety Show Specialty Acts were, front from left: Cassie Poynter, Harley Bishop, Matthew Newcomb, Caitlin Daugherty, Caitlin Spoonamore, Samarah Lovins, Leah Bustle and Dana Hatfield. Second row from left: Erin Thompson, Taylor McClure, Allie Johnson, Kendra Kelley, Emily Childress, Rachel Davis, Brooklyn Bishop and Amber Collins. Back row from left: Alexis King, Destiny Pickering, Madison Stewart, Nikki McGuire, Amelia Berryman, Cheyenne Gilliam, Dylan Bishop and Chase McGuire.



Winners of the 4-H Senior Specialty Act at the Variety Show were Dylan Bishop and Chase McGuire from RCHS.



Erin Thompson participated at the 4-H Variety Show and won a blue ribbon. Thompson is from Ms. Alcorn's 4th grade 4-H Club from BES. She played "Woodchuck".



Winner of the 4-H Variety Show Club Act was Ms. Alcorn's 4th grade from BES.

Transportation Enhancement (TEA-21) Grant Program

Logan Taylor, a fourth-grade student at Mt. Vernon El-

ementary School in Rockcastle County, competed March

14 in the 2009 Kentucky Derby Festival State Spelling Bee,

an annual event sponsored by Kentucky Farm Bureau.

Pictured with Logan are (from left to right): Catherine

Smith, KDF Spelling Bee Committee chair, and David S.

Beck and Steve McCormick of Kentucky Farm Bureau.

Whereas, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is accepting applications for funding consideration from eligible applicants through the Transportation Enhancement Act (TEA-21) program; and

Resolution #2009-1 Relating to the FY 2009

submit an application for funding consideration from the TEA-21 grant program; and

Whereas, the City of Mt. Vernon is submitting a Sidewalk Replacement project

Whereas, the City of Mt. Vernon is an "eligible" applicant and is proposing to

application; and

Whereas, the City of Mt. Vernon has public support for implementing such a project;

Whereas, the City of Mt. Vernon agrees to assume responsibility in securing the required local match, maintenance responsibilities, environmental compliance, project design and inspection, and any other responsibilities as may be required; and

Whereas, the City of Mt. Vernon assures the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet it will enter into such agreements to accept the award and initiate the project in a timely manner.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Mt. Vernon City Council as follows:

Section 1: Authorize the Mayor to submit the application to Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for the Downtown streetscape, sidewalk restoration and pedestrian light replacement project for an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

Section 2: Authorize the Mayor to act on the City's behalf in signing any documents required for accepting the grant and implementing the project.

Adopted this date ___March 16____, 2009

Attest: s/s Jeanette Robinson, City Clerk

s/s Clarice R. Kirby, Mayor

February 16, 2009 Date of first reading

Date of second reading

s/s Mayor Clarice Kirby

March 16, 2009

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER #2009-1, ADOPTING A COMPREHENSIVE PERSONNEL SYSTEM FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS OF THE

Whereas, it is the intent of the City of Mt. Vernon to maintain a current and up to date personnel policy manual, and;

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Whereas, from time-to-time circumstances and issues coming before the City warrant a review of current policies and past decisions, and;

Whereas, it is the desire of the City of Mt. Vernon to provide for the health, safety and welfare of its employees through the practice of equitable and reasonable policies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY the City of Mt. Vernon that the Comprehensive Personnel Manual, as adopted by ordinance, is hereby amended as follows:

Section One: Section 3.3 Hours of Work, amend sub-section A to read;

Administrative Personnel -Seven hour shift (8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) Eight-hour shift (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) - 40-hour workweek

Section Two: This ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication as required by law.

Adopted this ____16th_ day of March, 2009.

ATTEST: s/s Jeanette Robinson, City Clerk

RCHS Winterguard Team advances

Submitted by A. B. Sharpe

The RCHS Winterguard Team with their show "Viva la Vida" by Coldplay once again bettered their scores at the TriState Pageantry Arts Circuit competition held Elizabethtown High School last Saturday. Under the dedicated direction of Jessica Stallsworth and Tasha Ramsey, this team is proving to be quite proficient in this highly competitive and difficult sport. They finished 7th overall in Class B with a score of 58.30. This score is greater than the scores received by many others competing in the higher categories of Scholastic A.

Each time out this season their score has improved. After each competition, the critique from the judges and the videotape of their performance are very carefully scrutinized for any minuscule flaw. Suggestions for improvement by the judges are then scrupulously implemented and relentlessly rehearsed. Their show

has tightened up these past several weeks and the increase in their score reflects their hard work and diligence. This past Saturday the judges again were particularly impressed by team's execution of the difficult circle lift. Six guards gather in a circle and lock arms lifting up Mackenzie Craig. They then rotate in unison before letting her gently down. According to Coach Tasha Ramsey, "I've never seen any other team do this."

Their next contest is the TriState Pageantry Arts Circuit Championships. This is the last event of the season and is being held at Ryle High School in Union City, Kentucky on Saturday, March 28th.

And other Band News of Note

Recently members of the RCMS 7th and 8th grade band were chosen by audition to perform with the 2009 District 11 Middle School Honors Band. These students, along with other top middle school musicians from around the district, performed under the direction of guest conductor Mr. Mike Arthur. Mr. Arthur is a native of Estill county and has been directing bands for nearly ten years. He is currently band director at Eastern High School in Louisville. The students rehearsed nearly 9 hours before giving their concert on Saturday March 7th at Danville High School which featured tunes such as James Swearingen's "Hymn for a Child" and Andrew Balent's "Armed Forces on Parade".

And don't forget about the Band Booster events scheduled

April 6th – Eat at Pizza Hut in Mount Vernon and mention

April 17th – The Rockcastle High School Band Boosters invite you to their 4th annual Theme Party and Auction, Friday evening, April 17th in the RCHS cafeteria at 6:00pm.

This delightful event offers an evening of catered dining and live entertainment by members of the RCHS band. It also features an auction of items of interest during the dinner. There will also be door prizes and plenty of fun. Proceeds from this annual event benefit the RCHS Marching Rockets. The Marching Rockets will begin preparations for their 2009 Marching Season in May and they will continue to rehearse throughout the summer and into the fall. The Marching Rockets, who were moved to Class AAAA competition last season, are looking forward to another exciting season as they set their sights on a second State Finals appearance.

Tickets for the Theme Party and Auction are \$12, special rates are available for groups of we ask that you reserve your seat in advance. For tickets, general information, or to find out how you can become a table sponsor, contact Sherry Harper 606-758-9963 or Connie Taylor 859-623-2404. If you have an auction item you would like to donate, contact Ann Craig 606-758-0160.

April 18th - Classic and Muscle Cars on Main at Rockcastle Middle School. New this year, the Band Boosters are planning a Car Show to be hosted by none other than our own "Country" Charlie Napier. The show will include trophies for individual class winners, commemorative dash plaques for the first 25 to vehicles registered, food, door prizes and much more. The show will run in conjunction with Mt. Vernon Old Fashioned Days and the Redbud Quilt Show and Tour. Admission to the show is FREE! Come and enjoy this day of family fun in Mt. Vernon!

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Anita.Nation@Rockcastle.kyschools.us or call 606-219-0908. Provide vehicle make and model, your name, address, phone number and e-mail address. •POTENTIAL SPON-SORS: E-mail

Anita.Nation@Rockcastle.kyschools.us or call 606-219-0908. There are several levels of sponsorship from Corporate to Friends of Classic and Muscle Cars on Main. Sponsorship offers you a unique opportunity to advertise your business and provide much needed support to the

band programs in Rockcastle County. •VENDORS: Vendors of

auto-related accessories, car dealerships, basically anything to do with autos are wanted. Some specialty food vending may be allowed. E-mail Sherry.Harper@Rockcastle.kyschools.us or call 606-758-9963 for information on how to become a vendor. Specify food or product information, set-up needs, and provide name, address, phone and e-mail address.

Library News



Movie day is this Friday March 20th, at 4:00pm. This Friday the library will be showing Space Buddies. Refreshments will be served during the movie and all ages are welcome to attend.

At story hour and at crafts on Tuesday March 24, the children will be making Dr. Seuss Hats. This past story hour and crafts on March 10th, the children painted wonderful pictures. Story hour is every Tuesday at 1:00pm for children ages birth to 4 and craft time is every Tuesday at 5:00pm for children ages 4-10.

Tax forms are still available at the library. Federal forms can be found in the front of the main library. If you need state tax forms, the library assistant at the front desk can print them for you for a small fee.

The library will be closed Thursday March 19th for automation updates. The library should be open Friday March



Caleb Tompkins, Haley, and Laura Beth Saylor enjoy painting during story hour.

RCMS 7th and 8th Grade Honors Band members include, from left: Brandon McFerron, Mackenzie Craig, Angel Shelton, Matt Gonzalez, Lillian Beichler and Adam Alcorn.

Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I Civil Action No. 08-CI-00251

Community Trust Bank, Inc.

Plaintiff

Rebecca Lynn Robinson Hamm, unknown spouse of Rebecca Lynn Robinson Hamm; Tax Ease Lien Investments 1, LLC; **Community Bancshares Series** 2007 A, LLC and Rockcastle County, Kentucky

Defendants

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on February 6, 2009 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of SEVENTY SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINE DOLLARS AND 75/100 (\$77,909.75) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Ken-

NOTICE OF SALE

tucky. At the Courthouse on East Main Street Mt. Vernon, Kentucky on Friday, March 20, 2009 Beginning at the Hour of 1:00 p.m.

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

Beginning at a stake in the west right of way of State Road 1650 and corner to the house and lot; thence North 68 1/2 West 165 feet to a stake; thence North 40 1/2 East 79 feet to a stake; thence North 44 1/2 West 516 feet to a stake in the fence; thence North 48 1/2 East 253 feet to a stake where a sweet gum is called for; thence South 45 1/2 East 642 feet to a take in the right of way of State Road 1650; thence with said right of way, South 40 1/2 West 310 feet to the beginning and containing four (4) acres.

Being the same property conveyed to Michael Lynn Hamm, Jr. and Rebecca Lynn Robinson by deed dated December 14, 1996, executed by Denver French, et. ux., and recorded in Deed Book 164, page 139 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

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

- 1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
- 2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
- 3. Unpaid taxes of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
- 4. The purchaser shall pay the 2009 local, county and state property taxes.
- 5. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
- 6. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale. 7. In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the
- plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required. 8. The sale shall be made subject to all easements,

set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".

Willis G. Coffey **Master Commissioner** Rockcastle Circuit Court

Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I Civil Action No. 08-CI-00164

First Franklin Financial Corporation

Plaintiff

Emma L. Collins and **Danny L. Collins**

Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on December 17, 2008 and order to reschedule sale dated February 9, 2009 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of FIFTY SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWELVE DOLLARS AND 17/100 (\$56,212.17) 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, March 20, 2009 Beginning at the Hour of 1:00 p.m.

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

6913 Brindle Ridge Road, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

Beginning at a stake in the north right of way of the Brodhead-Conway Road, at the east edge of roadway leaving off said road; thence northerly with the east edge of roadway to top of hill; thence continuing northerly to a stake 30 feet from power line; thence S 85 deg. E parallel with power line to a stake on a cliff; thence S 12 degrees E 125 feet to a pine; thence S 15 deg. 140 feet to a black oak; thence S 27 1/2 W 107 feet to a stake, corner of Sarah Scherlag in north right of way of Brodhead-Conway Road; thence S 88 deg. W with right of way of Brodhead-Conway Road to the point of beginning and containing one (1) acre more or less.

Being the same property conveyed to Emma L. Collins and husband Danny L. Collins by deed dated July 5, 2007, executed by Rita Huff, et vir. and recorded in Deed Book 216, page 629 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

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

- 1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
- 2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
- 3. Unpaid taxes of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
- 4. The purchaser shall pay the 2008 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 prop-
- erty 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
- 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".

plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.

Willis G. Coffey **Master Commissioner** Rockcastle Circuit Court

Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I Civil Action No. 08-CI-00280

Peoples Bank and Trust Company of Madison County

Plaintiff

Robert S. Clark and **U.S. Bank Custodian SASS**

Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on February 13, 2009, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY FOUR DOLLARS AND 44/100 (\$28,764.44) 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, March 20, 2009 Beginning at the Hour of 1:00 p.m.

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

Beginning at a stake at the County Road; thence 304 degrees Northwest, 325 feet to a stake; thence 307 degrees Northeast, 300 feet to a stake; thence 320 degrees Northwest, 322 feet to a stake; thence 280 feet Southwest to the point of beginning, same containing approximately 2 acres, more or less.

Included in this property description is a 1996 14 X 56 Hort Mirage Mobile Home, VIN #H116340G.

Being the same property conveyed to Robert S. Clark by deed dated June 26, 2003, executed by Floyd Harding and recorded in Deed Book 195, page 214 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

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

- 1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
- 2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price. 3. Unpaid taxes of record at the time of entry of judg-
- ment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
- 4. The purchaser shall pay the 2009 local, county and state property taxes. 5. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be
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- 6. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
- 7. In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
- 8. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".

Willis G. Coffey **Master Commissioner Rockcastle Circuit Court**

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

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Posted

Posted: No trespassing on property of Darrell and Helen Whitaker, located on East Fork of Skaggs Creek and Cut Gap. Keep out!! 32(08)x51p

Posted: No hunting or tres-

passing on property belonging to Thomas and Ina Peeples on McMenifee Lane off Old Brodhead Road. Violators will be prosecuted. 14x4p

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on Ed Wilson Farm, 5320 Hummel Road, Wildie. 44(08)x52p

Posted: No trespassing, ATVs on land belonging to Billy Whitaker on Skaggs Creek. **Posted:** No fishing, hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Dwight and Carmen Poynter in the Level Green section of Rockcastle Co. Violators will be prosecuted.

Posted: No hunting/trespassing on property belonging to Farmer Waddle and Clista Spivey heirs on Hwy. 490. Violators will be prosecuted. Not responsible for accidents. 42(08)x50p

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

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

Posted: No hunting, trespassing or ATVs on land belonging to Victoria Reese at Roundstone. Not responsible for accidents.

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

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on property owned by Doug and Judy Brock known as Brock's North Hill Farm at Maretburg consisting of the Swinney Place, Brock Place, Hensley Farm, Lakes Farm. 3tf

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dozen. 256-8780. 16x4p For Sale: Mixed hay, \$5 bale. Cecil King, 606-510-3719. 13xntf

For Sale: Cemetery lots, Cresthaven Cemetery, Mt. Vernon. Call Bill Dowell at 308-1058. 31xntf

Carhartt stonewash denim jeans, relax or regular fit. \$26.50. Large selection of Carhartt rough and casual wear. Napier Brothers Clothing Store, 35 Public Square, Lancaster. 859-792-2535.

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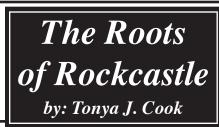
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This week's history stop takes us out of Mount Vernon "proper" to the little community of Mullins Station, as remembered by Pauline Mullins-Eaton, who was so kind to give me an interview. Mullins Station is located south of Mount Vernon, between Brush Creek and Livingston on the L&N Railroad. Pauline was born in 1924 at Mullins Station to Estill and Grace Bullock-Mullins, and spent her childhood there. She had an older brother, Julian, born in 1920. Pauline married John Eaton, Sr.

Her education began, as did that of the other children of Mullins Station, at the T. R. (Thomas Riley) Mullins School. It housed grades 1-8 in one room. If you went to high school, which most did not, you had to go to Livingston, or to the Annville Institute located in Jackson County. These evidently were the closest two high schools. Pauline went to the Livingston High School, and lived with her uncle, Cecil Forrester Mullins and family in Livingston. Other children, who weren't as fortunate to have family near the school, had to walk. In those days, bus service wasn't provided to the children of Mullins Station to the Livingston High School because it was thought too dangerous to transport the children

over four railroad crossings.

The Rockcastle Board of Education had to rent the Fairview Christian Church which also doubled as the T. R. Mullins School in order for the elementary children of that area to be educated. On Friday evenings, before leaving class, the children moved their desks to a back corner, and prepared the room for church services.

Pauline remembers a time that would be hard to imagine for a student of today. Back then, the students would gather small branches, sticks, and such for kindling. The kindling was stored under the school/church that evidently was on blocks or the like. An older male student, who lived close by, was either selected or volunteered to arrive early to build a fire every morning in an old, pot-bellied stove so the room would be somewhat warm when the others arrived. He was paid about a quarter a week. One load of block coal was provided by the school system each winter. Out back, behind the school, were the outhouses: one for the boys and one for the girls; and just beyond that was the cemetery. The children got their drinking water from a nearby spring owned by Otto or Emmett Mullins. Each child brought their own individual glass for drinking. The water was transported on a long stick supported on each end by a student.

Pauline was hungry for a good education and completed the eight years at T. R. Mullins, four years at Livingston High School, and a total of four years at Eastern Kentucky University, where she earned a teaching degree; she graduated in 1943. She taught for a total of thirty-nine years: thirty-seven years in the Rockcastle County school system at the T. R. Mullins School, Livingston Grade School, and the Livingston High School. Two of the thirty-seven years she taught in Rockcastle County was as a traveling speech therapist in various schools in the county. She also taught two years in the McCreary County school system.

In those days, when Pauline was growing up, every little community had a school. She named at least twenty or more, right here in the county. As it turned out, the schools "in town" (Mount Vernon, Livingston, and Brodhead), went nine months starting in September, similar to today. However, the rural schools out in the county only went seven months, from July to January due to the harsh weather.

At the heart of every community was its churches. Pauline's family attended the Fairview Christian where the T. R. Mullins School was located through the week. There was a Brother Rose, who came from Jackson County once a month

for services. The services were held on Saturday night, and Sunday. I'm sure, as I've heard in the past, the traveling parson stayed with locals in the community as did the schoolmarms, if they didn't have a local home. The schoolmarm would stay a week at a time with volunteering families in the community where they taught. I don't know if this was the case here in Rockcastle County or not, but I've heard it was a common

practice during a certain era.

Some local families preferred to go to the Red Hill Baptist, where Brother Huey Ponder, was the pastor, or Brother Richards' Holiness Church. One of Pauline's best memories was two missionaries from Calloway (who were down here from Ohio) coming to the schools and telling Bible stories. One of the missionaries was named Cornelia Short.

The young people of Mullins Station liked to get out from time to time, and would walk across a swinging bridge, and go to places like Red Hill, Crooked Creek, Piney Branch, or Brush Creek to church. They had revivals, pie suppers to raise money for the schools, Christmas and Thanksgiving plays and programs, and the occasional spelling bee. The local families would loan out their bedsheets to make the stage curtains. The children would stand and quote Scriptures, or recite poems from memory at the programs. There was a live tree put up for Christmas, with homemade decorations on it, no doubt. For the Fourth of July, some of the local families managed to get their hands on a few fireworks. One of the young people's favorite stops was the Piney Branch Baptist, about a mile or more away, and pastored by Brother George Anderson. A Holiness Church in that area was also a favorite.

If the heart of the community was the church, the backbone surely must have been the local businesses. The L&N Railroad has also surely impacted the little community of Mullins Station. Next time, we'll examine these aspects, and the local life and times growing up in the rural sections of Rockcastle County.

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NAMI Meeting

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New Hours for Historical Society

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RCIDA Meeting

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

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