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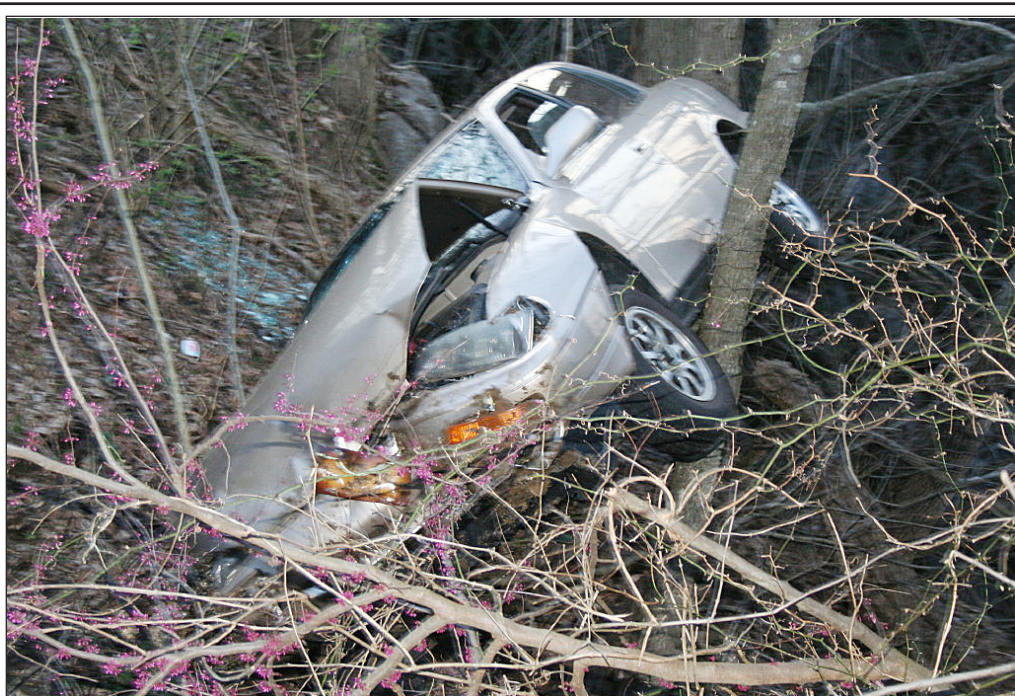
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Two employees from Miami of Ohio University escaped serious injury on Friday morning, when the female driver lost control of the above Ford F-350 she was driving at the interstate bridge that crosses Lake Linville Road, around 8:30 a.m. Mt. Vernon City Police Chief Terry Jackson said the two were hauling five kayaks to a competition in Chattanooga when the accident occurred. One lane of northbound I-75 was completely closed for approximately three hours while employees with David's Tire Center cleaned up the mess. (Front page photos by: Richard Anderkin)



A Mt. Vernon woman and her three passengers were taken to the Rockcastle Hospital Sunday evening, after she lost control of her Toyota Camry on New Brodhead Road, about a mile west of Mt. Vernon around 7:45 p.m. The Camry, shown above, was kept from going all the way down a deep embankment by trees on the bank, which held the car up in mid-air. Miranda Louise McClure, 25, Amber Allen, 21 and a 5-year-old female and 18-month-old male exited the wrecked vehicle through the passenger's side, according to a report filed by Deputy Sheriff Shannon Franklin.

On new fire department building

County and Mt. Vernon Mayor hammer out final lease agreement

If Tuesday's regular meeting of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court accomplished nothing else, it might have finally accomplished a lease agreement between the county and the city of Mt. Vernon for the new fire department building on Old U.S. 25 Loop.

The agreement has always been for Hal Holbrook's employer, the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program, to pay \$85,000 toward the cost of the building, giving them the right to house their emergency vehicles there.

The original lease agreement was drawn up several months ago by the city but was changed somewhat by the fiscal court when it was presented to them for signing.

They inserted the changes they wanted and sent it back to the city, who then refused to approve it and inserted some changes of their own, and this routine went on until yesterday.

Mt. Vernon Mayor Clarice Kirby was at the court meeting with the sixth draft of the lease and it was to the court's liking with the exception of two clauses, one saying the city

could break the lease with the county "for cause" and the other that, if the building were destroyed by fire the city would have the option of rebuilding.

After discussion between the mayor and the court, Kirby agreed that the "for cause" part would be eliminated and that the city would, of course, rebuild the building and she agreed to change that part of the lease.

The lease will now have to be approved by the city council at their regular meeting

April 21st at which time the county will turn over a check for \$85,000 to them. Kirby told the court that, to date, the city has put almost \$300,000 into the building and still has to complete the bathroom on their side by July 1st.

CSEPP will also have to complete the bathroom on their side by the same date.

Besides the \$85,000, the city council also used \$30,000

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Senior Center will get funds for new sewer system

The Rockcastle County Senior Citizens and Day Health Care Center, which was in danger of closing because of a failing septic system, will remain open.

Residents along Log Mountain had complained about a strong sewer smell, which was found to be coming from the building, located above their homes.

After complaints, local Health Inspector Clara Patton, inspected the site recently and gave officials at the center 30 days to either fix the problem or close.

The building, which is located on South Wilderness Road in Mt. Vernon, is owned by the state's Cabinet for Human Resources. Officials there first told local officials the \$14,000 needed for a new septic system was not available, because of frozen state funds.

However, Leisa Vanhook,

who has been the Administrator at the center for five years, said state officials came back on Friday and said the money would be available.

The center serves 88 seniors and adults with health problems every day and an additional 10 to 15 people two to three times a week.

The center is headed by the Office of Aging in Frankfort and operates on funds received from Medicaid and Medicare.

The Rockcastle Fiscal Court also kicks in \$250 a month for a share of the utilities.

The center has been located on South Wilderness Road/U.S. 25 since 1995 and before that was located at the Rockcastle Public Library.

Besides providing 50 baths a week to patients, the center offers numerous other services including: therapeutic exercise,

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Five local people are sentenced in federal court

Five Rockcastle County residents were sentenced to a total of 366 months in prison on Monday, March 31st, by United States District Judge Danny C. Reeves, for conspiring to manufacture 100 or more marijuana plants.

According to a news release from the United States Attorney's office, the defendants pled guilty to the charges and admitted their involvement in the conspiracy to manufacture and distribute marijuana earlier in March.

In court proceedings, 47-year-old Michael Shane Gabbard, of Hurricane School Road, and Ingrid Dekauwe, 43, acknowledged that they had a "marijuana grow" in their basement. Gabbard was held responsible for approximately 914 marijuana plants.

According to the news re-

lease, Gabbard was supplying Jerry Levi Muncy, 52, with plants and Muncy distributed the plants to others with the aid of his wife and son, Kathy Diane Baker and 28-year-old Christopher Matthew Muncy.

Gabbard received the stiffest sentence of 12 years and three months and ordered to pay a fine of \$7,500 for distribution of marijuana and possession of firearms by a prohibited person in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense.

Jerry Muncy received a sentence of seven and half years, Christopher Matthew Muncy got five years and 11 months, Dekauwe got 40 months and Baker received the highest sentence of 18 months.

Under federal law, the defendants must serve 85 percent

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State's new budget includes \$428,987 in coal severance projects for county

Under the new Kentucky state budget approved in the final hours of the legislative session last week, \$428,987 will flow into Rockcastle County, according to Republican State Representative Danny Ford and State Senator Ed Worley.

"Representative Ford and I work extremely well together. His knowledge of Rockcastle County as a lifelong resident is very significant to establishing funding priorities," said Senator Worley a Democrat from

Richmond.

"We tried to help as many people in Rockcastle County as possible by focusing on projects and funding that will impact our district. These projects represent funding from single county coal severance. There will be additional projects determined by April 15 -- the final day of the session," Worley said.

Coal severance monies are

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Fourth in a series of 12 articles

Economic Development: What is Infrastructure?

By Jim Holton, Consultant
Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority

There are certainly lots of things we take for granted in life, such as your car starting when you turn the key. How many of us really know what it takes to start the engine other than turning the key? Really, most people don't care what it

takes they just care that the car starts!

Infrastructure is one of those things in a community that we also take for granted. We drive down the road, we walk on the sidewalks, we drink a glass of water, we flush the commode and we watch TV. All of these

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The Rockcastle County Senior Citizens and Day Health Care Center, located on South Wilderness Road in Mt. Vernon, was in danger of closing because of a lack of funds to replace a failing septic system. However, on Friday, administrators at the center were notified that the Cabinet for Human Resources, which owns the building, would have the \$14,000 needed for the work. The non-profit center has been located on South Wilderness Road/U.S. 25 since 1995 and serves over 100 seniors and adults with health problems each week.





By: Don White

Bill Keightley:

From Farm To Fame

Becoming a legend probably wasn't on Bill Keightley's mind in 1936.

The Anderson County farm boy was only 10 when his father died, leaving the chore of milking the family's 24 cows and tending the crops to him and an older brother.

His only break from work came in the fall when he would scamper across the fields to his one-room school house. That's also where he was introduced to basketball, playing pickup games during recess.

"We worked hard and we played hard," the University of Kentucky equipment manager told a reporter several years ago.

By the time he was ready for high school, the muscular six-footer was seen as a player whose skills might transfer nicely from the dirt courts to the hardwood.

But there was one problem. The county high school was in Lawrenceburg, six miles away, and no bus service was available in 1941.

A neighbor came to his rescue.

"Bill told me more than once that if Roy Robinson hadn't had a morning milk route, he would never have made it through high school," said his friend and former Kavanaugh High teammate Paul Hanks. "Bill would ride into town with him every morning, sitting in the back of the truck on the milk cans."

The future "Mr. Wildcat" was following in the giant footsteps of three UK greats at the tiny high school.

Forrest "Aggie" Sale had starred at Kavanaugh before leading Kentucky to the school's first national title in 1933; Paul McBrayer was an All-American captain of the Cats in 1929-30 and later an assistant coach under Adolph Rupp; and Ralph Carlisle was named All SEC before returning home to coach at his alma mater in the 1940's. He went on to win state titles at Lexington Lafayette in 1950, 53, and 57.

Keightley once scored 21 points for the Tigers in a 25-23 victory over Frankfort, then the state's top-ranked team. He usually was leading scorer and was very crafty with his moves, being able to shoot a hook with either hand, according to teammates.

Carlisle was at the helm during Keightley's first two seasons, giving him his first taste of the demands of UK-style basketball.

"He could really get after you big time," said Keightley.

Graduation from high school was followed by a stint in the Marine Corps.

"All the guys (in the Marines) talked about how tough Parris Island was, but to me it was like a vacation after farming and playing under Carlisle," Keightley once remarked with his trademark bellowing laughter.

Combining firmness with fairness and a hefty dose of humor, the ex-farmer cultivated a crop of excellent student managers over his 50-year tenure. He often referred to the group collectively as "my boys," and they, along with players and

coaches, sought him out often for advice and counseling.

Back in his home county, those who knew him best were rehashing old stories and sharing new ones upon learning of his untimely death, allowing tears from sorrow and laughter to intermingle.

"He had more friends than anyone I have ever known," said Hanks. "Even in high school, he was a leader who drew people to him by being so genuine. He was even friends with all the opposing coaches. I was happy just to know him...to be his friend."

Former Lawrenceburg postmaster W. J. Smith was a starter for the UK freshman squad in 1941 and saw limited varsity action the next year as a practice player. He recalls visiting a UK practice session when

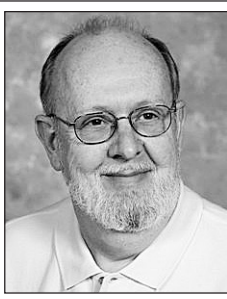
Keightley called the players over to meet him. "He said, 'Boys, this was one of Rupp's favorite players'; Rupp didn't much more than know my name, but Bill had those boys looking on in wide-eyed amazement," said Smith.

Another story making the rounds came out of an interview conducted with Keightley several years ago.

Rick Pitino was already at UK, but his family was still living in New York City. "He needed a ride to the airport," Keightley said. "I have always driven a pickup truck, and I had this old truck that needed a muffler.

"We were bouncing around New Circle Road and Rick said 'I wish Joanne could see me now. She says I always have to

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Rockcastle Memories

By David J. Griffin

Small Town Southern Man

Anyone who has followed my column understands just how much my grandfather, Eugene Stokes (Pop as we called him), meant to me. Another recent music purchase (I just can't help myself) again reminded me of him and his influence on my life.

A few days ago, I bought Alan Jackson's most recent CD entitled *Good Times*. Apparently the most popular song on it is *Small Town Southern Man*, because it is getting a lot of play time on local country radio stations. The song describes Pop in vast detail. The first time I carefully listened to my new CD, tears filled my eyes as the memory of Pop came flooding back.

Born the middle son of a farmer And a small town Southern man Like his daddy's daddy before him

Brought up workin' on the land Fell in love with a small town woman

And they married up and settled down

Natural way of life if you're lucky

For a small town Southern man

Pop was definitely a small town southern man. He and his family before him spent all their lives working small farms producing vegetables and meat for their families. Pop originally lived in the small community called Hopewell in Rockcastle County. When he took me to see the specific site where he had lived, we had to traverse a small creek in order to get to his old home place.

Callous hands told the story For this small town Southern man

He gave it all to keep it all together

And keep his family on his land Like his daddy, years wore out his body

Made it hard just to walk and stand

You can break the back But you can't break the spirit Of a small town Southern man

Even during the Great Depression, Pop worked hard and maintained his small farm in Rockcastle County. I never witnessed anyone who worked as hard or knew as much about

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Points East

By Ike Adams

It's been five years since the three peach trees in my little orchard have had more than a dozen or so fruits to actually ripen. Last year we didn't get a single one, nor, for that matter, did we get a single apple or pear. The late April freeze saw to that. In fact, the freeze, combined with the drought, killed one of the peach trees altogether. I only have two in full bloom and one waiting for me to pull the chainsaw back out. One of my apple trees has also succumbed to the elements.

I'm not expecting much of any of the survivors because they all suffered greatly in 2007. And I'll be very surprised if we don't get at least a couple more cold snaps accompanied by killing frosts. The pears can usually take it and, to be honest, I don't much care whether the apples do much or not. Having discovered Brummet's Orchard in Crab Orchard a few years back where 1,600 trees produce any variety of apple one cares to name, sold at prices so low I feel guilty that I might buy too many, I've since stopped worrying about my pitiful little dwarf winesaps and golden delicious.

But I literally dream about peaches that have ripened on the tree because nothing tastes as fine as a plump and mellow peach when it's eaten within seconds of leaving the limb that held it. I'm told that certain enzymes kick in the minute any fruit is picked---the same enzymes that cause it to ultimately rot after some time---

T.J.'s Journal

by: Tonya J. Cook



Dear Journal:

Thankfully, Stanley and I are both animal lovers, or anyone else couldn't stand either of us and we'd be divorced. There aren't too many people that would keep three cats and a dog in the house. I know there are a lot of people who would think that this was just about the nastiest thing possible, and let me tell you, it can be if you don't stay on your toes cleaning after them. It sure is a lot of work, but I suppose it is worth it.

The cats have pretty much the run of the house, except for

the kitchen. Being in there gives too easy of an access to jumping on the counters exploring for food so we try to keep them out of there as much as possible. We learned this the hard way. One night, one of the cats went exploring on the kitchen counter. He found the real butter we usually leave out so it will be soft for spreading. He licked the paper clean, and left a big greasy mess behind. In case you're wondering, we now have to hide the butter on top of the refrigerator.

On occasion, one or more of them will come and sneak into bed with us. They like to sleep down at the foot. On cold, wintry nights they make dandy foot-warmers. Sometimes, there will be a feeling of a cat jumping up on the bed and we'll look to see who's there, but there will be no cat to be found. We call this our "phantom cat."

I'm sure it all began when we were just kids. We both had a lot of pets. I always had a dog or cat around somewhere. I even had a goat. There were always the usual things such as goldfish and gerbils, too. Then, there were the mice. Once I had bought about four or five white mice from a girlfriend of mine in the seventh grade for fifty cents. She brought them to school in a little plastic box the next day. They stayed in the box all day, and I carried them from class to class, until about an hour before time to go home. The box tipped over, and the lid flew open. The mice made their escape. The escape proved to be quite exciting. There were a lot of laughs as well as shrieks. They "treed" some of the other girls, and our teacher. I would have never dreamed that little old woman could have jumped into a chair that quickly. Eventually, after all of the excitement, all of the rodents were corralled and put back into the box.

Stanley was raised on a farm. He always had a lot of animals around. He enjoyed riding horses with the neighbor kids, and milking the cows with his dad. He always had a dog or two around, and a few cats here and there.

Pets bring a lot of joy to peoples' lives. They often are companions to those who otherwise would be very lonely. Each of our pets means something uniquely special to all of us, and each blends with our personalities to make a special friendship. I'm so glad we have each of ours.

Our Readers Write

Thank you...

Dear Editor,

The Rockcastle County FFA Alumni Chapter would like to thank the following business and people for their generous donations for our auction held March 13, 2008. Without your help and generous support our auction would not be possible.

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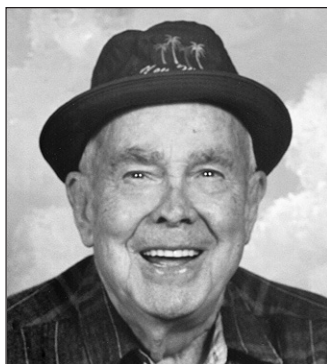
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Obituaries



Willis Richardson

Willis Richardson, 88, of Livingston died Sunday April 6, 2008 at his home. He was born on October 20, 1919 in Pinetop, KY the son of the late Clinton and Nona Thomas Richardson. He was a retired assemblyman for General Motors Corp., a WWII veteran, enjoyed fishing and hunting, and was a member of the Hazel Patch Baptist Church where he served as deacon for 27 years.

Survivors are: one daughter, Barbara (Billy) Fain of Livingston; two sisters, Mrs. Mattie Stroles of Dayton, OH and Mrs. Theresa Stamper of FL; two grandchildren, Rebecca (Roger) Isaacs of Mt. Vernon, and Jerry (Ashelyn) Fain of Frisco, TX; four great grandchildren, Grant and Will Isaacs, and Isaac and Karlie Fain. He was preceded in death by: his wife, Jessie Ponder Richardson; five sisters; and three brothers.

Funeral services were held Wednesday April 9, 2008 at the Hazel Patch Baptist Church with Bros. Randy Bingham and Clyde Eversole officiating. Burial was in the Red Hill Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Cox Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were: Billy Wayne Bryant, Bill Durham, Paul Ponder, Danny Richardson, Larry Richardson and Hardin Waddle.

Honorary pallbearers were: Deacons of Hazel Patch Baptist Church.

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



Denise Patsy Barnes

Miss Denise Patsy Barnes, 31, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, March 31, 2008. She was born in Rockcastle County on May 27, 1976 the daughter of Donavon "Rex" and Patsy Barnes. She was a nurse with North Point Health Care and was of the Baptist Faith.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by: her brother, Mickey Barnes of Mt. Vernon; her aunts and uncles, Kaye and Gene Howard, Sharon and Teddy Mink, Donna Marsh, Jerry and Debra Laughing, Harold and Pat Robinson, Keith and Barbara Barnes, Paula and Jamie, Carl Mink, Dwight and Vickie Mink, Doug and Loretta Mink, Larry Mink, Virginia and Wallace Hayes, Sadie Mink, and Junior and Glenna Overbay; three nieces, Jaiden Barnes, Hailee Alexis Barnes and Chelsea Barnes, all of Mt. Vernon; and a host of cousins.

She was preceded in death by: her grandparents, Richard and Dorothy Barnes and Ted and Evelyn Mink; and one uncle, Eugene Barnes.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 4, 2008 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Tommy Miller. Burial was in the Ted Mink Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Wallace Hayes, Jonathan P. Kirby, Anthony Mink, Doug Mink, Dwight Mink, and Larry Mink. Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view Miss Barnes' online obituary.

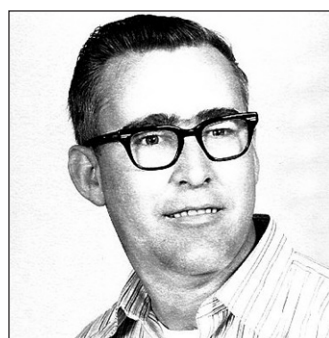
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Curtis Eversole

Curtis Eversole, 83, of London and formerly of Livingston, died Monday, April 7, 2008 at the Rockcastle Hospital.

Funeral services will be conducted (today) Thursday, April 10, 2008 at 1 p.m. at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Bustle Cemetery.

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



Herman Powell

Herman Powell, 68, of Richmond, IN died Sunday, April 6, 2008, at his residence with his family and friends at his side. He was born August 30, 1939, in Rockcastle County to Matt and America "Merkie" Owens Powell and had resided in Richmond since 1959. Herman worked for the Richmond Casket Co. over 10 years and retired as a boiler repairman at the Richmond State Hospital after 20 years. He was an active member of Full Gospel Chapel where he served as trustee. Herman enjoyed his church, raising, caring for and training horses and spending time with family.

Survivors include: his wife of 48 years, Kathleen Scott Powell; son, Michael H. Powell of Richmond; granddaughter, Becky Powell of Richmond; brothers, Matt (Ruby) Powell Jr. and Ray (Barbara) Powell, both of Mt. Vernon; sisters, Ethel (Bill) Day of Liberty, IN, Mildred (Roscoe) Himes of Orlando; six nieces, Linda Neal, Kim Sexton, Mona Powell, Carla Gully, Carolyn Holt and Sandra Himes; five nephews, Melvin Powell, Zandel Powell, Ricky Day, Roy Lee Day and Alvin Day; special brother-in-law, David (Erma) Scott of Cincinnati, OH; and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services for Herman Powell were conducted at Wednesday, April 9, 2008, at Doan & Mills Funeral Home, 790 National Road W., Richmond, IN with Pastor Darrel J. Hurst officiating. Burial will be at 1 p.m. (today) Thursday, April 10 in Corinth Cemetery, Orlando, KY.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Full Gospel Chapel, 915 Mendleson Drive, Richmond, IN 47374, or the American Cancer Society, Wayne County Unit, P.O. Box 689, Columbus, IN 47202.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com

This obituary courtesy of Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

Franklin Tyrone Johnson

Franklin Tyrone Johnson, 69, of Mt. Vernon and husband of Barbara Sue Abney Johnson, died Thursday, January 10, 2008 at the Rockcastle Hospital. He was born in Blossburg,

PA on October 27, 1938 the son of James Walter and Beulah Ayers Johnson. He was retired from the United States Army.

Memorial services will be conducted Friday, April 11 at 1 p.m. in the Maretburg Cemetery.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Notices

McKinney Cemetery

The McKinney Cemetery annual potluck dinner will be held Sunday, May 25, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. at the cemetery shelter. Everyone is invited to bring a covered dish and visit with family and friends.

Preceding the dinner, there will be a meeting to elect a vice president and one alternate. Everyone with an interest in the cemetery is eligible to vote.

The cemetery committee is asking for donations for the mowing and upkeep of the cemetery. Since this is the only way we have to provide for maintenance, we are hoping friends and family will be generous and help support our endeavor to keep the cemetery well maintained.

If you are unable to attend decoration or potluck, you can still make a donation to the: McKinney Cemetery Committee, P.O. Box 1691, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456. Please indicate how you would like your donation to be used.

Pine Hill Cemetery

Send donations for upkeep of the Pine Hill Cemetery to Lorene Mink Ponder, 314 Jessica Circle, Richmond, Ky. 40475.



Singing at Church of God

Humble Hearts from Nicholasville will be the featured singers at the 11 a.m. service Sunday, April 13th at Mt. Vernon Church of God. Everyone welcome.

3rd Sat. Night Service

Third Saturday Night Service will be held at Climax Holiness Church April 9th with preaching by Bro. Jack Carpenter and special singing by the Glory Bound Inspirations. The service will begin at 7 p.m. Weather permitting, there will be a hot dog potluck supper at 6 p.m. Please bring a lawn chair. Pastor Darrin Slone and congregation invite all. Luke 14:23.

Revival at Union Chapel

Union Chapel Pentecostal Church will be in revival April 13-19 with evangelist Tommy Hogue, the church is located on Hwy. 1505, about three miles east of Brodhead. Services are at 7 o'clock each night. Pastor Ralph Reynolds and congregation invite everyone to attend.

Benefit Singing

There will be a benefit singing for Delbert and Brooke Slusher on Sat., April 12, beginning at 6 p.m., at the Livingston Fire Department. The family lost everything to fire on March 5, 2008. Several local groups will be singing and all singing groups are welcome. Concession stand will be available.

Revival at Skaggs Creek

Revival services at Skaggs Creek Baptist Church will be held April 10, 11 and 12 at 7 o'clock each night. Evangelist is Tess Lipps. Bro. Bill Wagers and congregation invite everyone to attend.

Gospel Meeting

We're inviting you to attend our gospel meeting April 13th - 18th at Providence church of Christ at Brodhead. Phil Morgan will be the speaker. Sunday Services at 10:00 and 10:40 a.m., Sunday singing at 2:30, evening service at 4 p.m. Weeknight services at 7:30 p.m.

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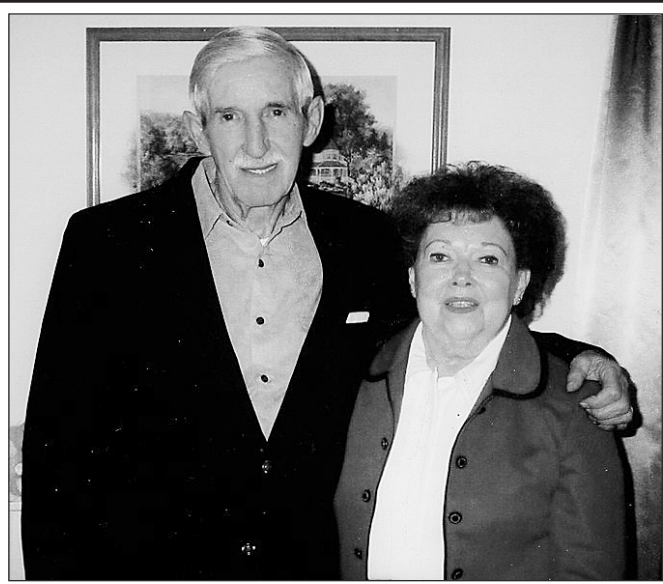
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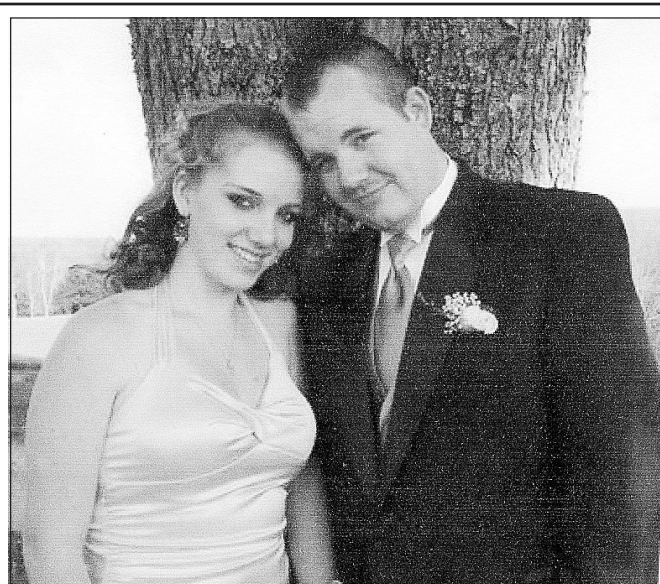
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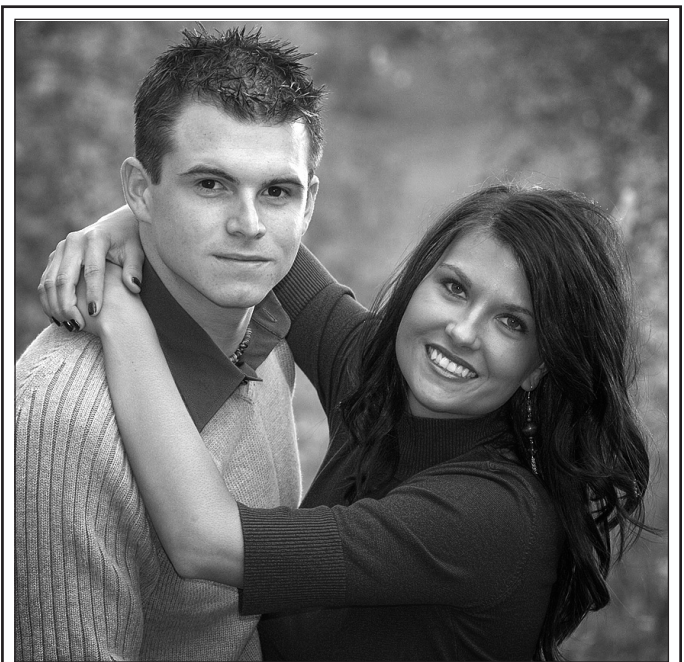
50th Wedding Anniversary

Ronald and Betty Dowell Niceley celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this past November, 2007. They were married November 19, 1957 and have two daughters: Rhonda Cromer and Chrissy (Jasen) Bartlett and four granddaughters: Heather, Kayla, Kendra, Cassidy and one step granddaughter, Taylor. Ronald's brother Phill and wife June (Taylor) Niceley stood up with the couple at their marriage.



Hoskins - Wilder

Anita Shackelford and Kenneth Wilder along with Kelley and Donna Hoskins and James and Kathy Bond Tyree are proud to announce the marriage of their children, Matthew Ray Vincent Wilder to Tamara Rochelle Hoskins. This joyous celebration will take place on Saturday, April 19, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. The wedding will be held at Brodhead Baptist Church. All family and friends are invited to attend.



Childress - Burnell

Mr. Benny and Judy Childress of Mt Vernon are proud to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter Vanessa Brook to Christopher Burnell, son of Debbie Mullins and Kevin Burnell of Berea. Vanessa is a cosmetologist at Salon 116 in Richmond and Christopher is employed at Precision Resource in Mt Sterling. The ceremony will take place at Acres of Land Winery in Richmond on June 21st, 2008 at 5:30 in the afternoon with the reception immediately following.

CAP offers workshops through month of April

The Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) Adult Learning Center and Somerset Community College PACE Program will be hosting workshops for students and community members in April. The workshops will be held at the CAP Learning Center at 4192 N. Wilderness Road. (on top of the hill above Renfro Valley). The workshops are FREE and available to all adults in Rockcastle and surrounding counties.

You do not need to be a current student to attend. Each workshop requires about an hour of your time and is packed with valuable tips and

useful information, provided by Kim Toby of Somerset Community College.

Monday 4/14, 2-3 pm
Tick Tock Taming the Clock: Time Management - Learn how to manage your time more efficiently and set realistic short term and long-term goals. Understanding what your goals are can play a huge role in how you spend your time each day to achieve that goal. Come join us to learn tips on how to make each day more productive and one day closer to your personal and financial goals.

Monday 4/21, 10-11 am
(Repeated Class from 4/14)

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Monday 4/28, 2-3 pm (Repeated Class from 4/7)

Balancing and Stretching a Budget: Healthy Tips for Your Wallet - Come learn some helpful financial tips to make ends meet. With increasing prices in gas, healthcare, and just about everything else, you need to know how to stretch your dollar for all its worth!

Call the Adult Learning Center at 606-256-5307 for more information and to register for these FREE workshops. You can register up to the day prior to the workshop.

The latest weapon in the fight against cancer? For women participating in the American Cancer Society's Look Good Feel Better program, the weapon of choice is a makeup brush.

Look Good.Feel Better helps women cope with the appearance-related side effects of cancer treatment by teaching them beauty tips that can help them enhance their looks and boost their self-image. The program is facilitated by licensed cosmetologists who volunteer their time.

Registration is currently underway for the next Look Good.Feel Better session in Rockcastle County, which will take place April 14th, 2008 at 4:00pm to 5:30pm. The session will be held at Rockcastle County Hospital in the Outpatient Services Center. There is no cost to attend.

Contact Arielle Reese at 256-7880 if you would like to attend.

In addition to changes in a patient's physical condition, chemotherapy and radiation can cause an increased susceptibility to infection. Look Good.Feel Better volunteers are trained to help patients deal with the physical side effects of cancer treatment and promote good hygiene.

Look Good.Feel Better is a non-medical program offered free of charge by the American Cancer Society, the Cosmetic, Toiletry, and Fragrance Association Foundation and the National Cosmetology Association. No product endorsements are given, and participants are never asked to buy anything from volunteers or participating organizations. For more information about Look Good.Feel Better or cancer, contact the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated

to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service.

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Sunday PM: Family & Friends Night
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Monday: Recognition of Rockcastle County Emergency Service Workers
Rev. Vaughn Rasor, Pastor Fairview Baptist
Worship Service 7pm

Tuesday: Recognition of Armed Forces
Rev. Darren Cupp, Pastor Mt. Zion Baptist
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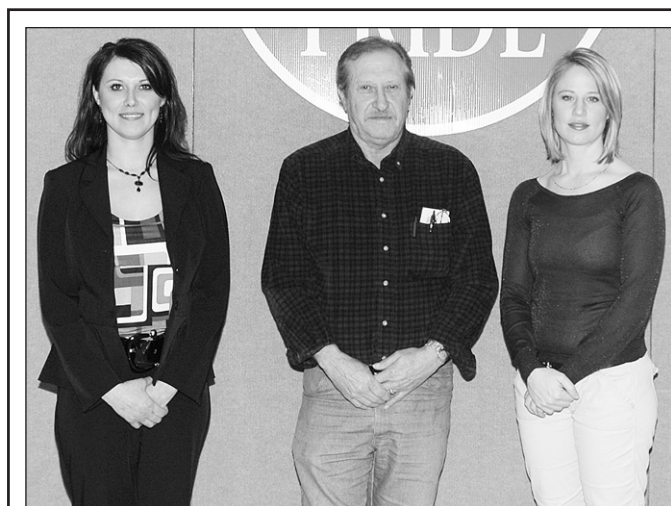
Wednesday: Sports Night
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Worship Service 7pm



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Medley and Bullock are PRIDE Co-Coordinators

Mayor Clarice Kirby reminds everyone that Jill Medley and Wayne Bullock are now serving as the City of Mt. Vernon PRIDE Co-Coordinators. In this voluntary position, they will plan local cleanup efforts and help the community take advantage of PRIDE programs. Spring Cleanup is April 5-19.

Ms. Medley and Mr. Bullock will lead the local PRIDE Spring Cleanup, April 5 through April 19. They are looking for volunteers for cleanup events across the community. PRIDE will supply T-shirts, trash bags, and safety vests for the volunteers.

Mr. Bullock works at Mt. Vernon School Grounds as Litter Coordinator. He has lived in City of Mt. Vernon County for 51 years and currently resides in the Mt. Vernon community with his family.

"I look forward to serving as PRIDE Coordinator because I like to keep the community clean," he said. "PRIDE is making a difference in City of Mt. Vernon by keeping the city litter free."

PRIDE Coordinators are volunteers who play a vital role in building PRIDE in their communities. The coordinators organize cleanup activities, recruit volunteers and track cleanup results. They assist local officials with the PRIDE programs, including applications for grants. They also serve on the PRIDE Board of Directors.

PRIDE promotes "Personal Responsibility in a Desirable Environment" in 38 counties of southern and eastern Kentucky. PRIDE links citizens with the resources of local, state and federal agencies to clean up the region's waterways, end illegal trash dumps and promote environmental education. PRIDE was started in 1997 by Congressman Hal Rogers and the late James Bickford, former Secretary of the Kentucky Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet.

For more information about PRIDE in your community or volunteering during the PRIDE Spring Cleanup, call Jill Medley today at 606/256-0344.

Renner to lead county's PRIDE Spring Cleanup

Judge-Executive Buzz Carlofits reminds everyone that James Renner is serving as the Rockcastle County PRIDE Coordinator. In this voluntary position, he will plan local cleanup efforts and helps the community take advantage of PRIDE programs.

Mr. Renner works at the Rockcastle County Courthouse as the Solid Waste Coordinator and Recycling Coordinator. He has lived in Rockcastle County for 37 years and currently resides in the Pongo community with his wife, Edna.

"I look forward to serving as PRIDE Coordinator because it gives me the opportunity to bring together local volunteers and community leaders to bring about positive changes to our environment," he said. "PRIDE is making a difference in Rockcastle County by providing us with the means to bring about these positive changes."

Mr. Renner added, "PRIDE has been helping Rockcastle County for several years and I look forward to a long lasting relationship down the road." **Spring Cleanup April 5-19**
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cal PRIDE Spring Cleanup, April 5 through April 19. He is looking for volunteers for cleanup events across the community. PRIDE will supply T-shirts, trash bags, and safety vests for the volunteers for cleanup events across the community.

"I invite you to lend a hand during the Spring Cleanup because you will be amazed at the difference you can make by donating just a small amount of your time and energy. Together we CAN make a difference," he said.

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Griffin leads PRIDE Spring Cleanup in Livingston

J.C. Griffin is serving as the City of Livingston's PRIDE Coordinator. In this voluntary position, he will plan local cleanup efforts and helps the community take advantage of PRIDE programs.

Mayor Griffin works at the City of Livingston as Mayor. He has lived in Rockcastle County for 60 years and currently resides in the Livingston community with his family.

"I look forward to serving as PRIDE Coordinator because so much cleaning is needed in the surrounding area," he said. "PRIDE is making a difference in Livingston. I invite you to lend a hand during the Spring Cleanup because this is your neighborhood and a clean area is very impressive to tourism."

Mayor Griffin will lead the

local PRIDE Spring Cleanup, April 5 through April 19. He is looking for volunteers for cleanup events across the community. PRIDE will supply T-shirts, trash bags, and safety vests for the volunteers.

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For more information about PRIDE in your community or volunteering during the PRIDE Spring Cleanup, call J.C. Griffin today at 606-453-2061.

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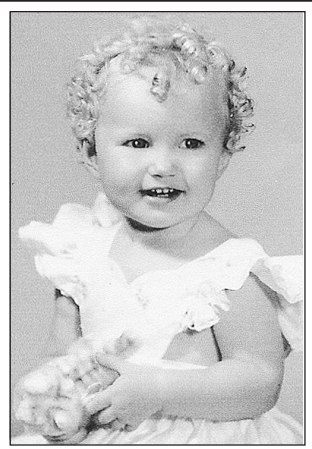
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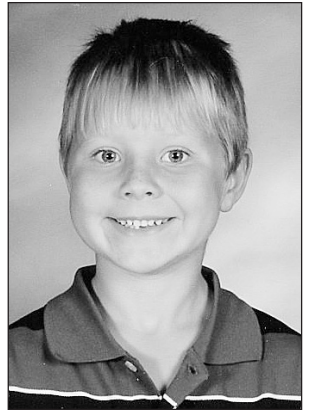
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Happy 40th Birthday Dana on April 9th! From your family and friends



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Library News



Pam Chaliff

Tuesday, April 15 story hour will be at Rockcastle Co. High school to watch a play. The students from the Child Development class will be performing "The True Story of the Three Little Pigs" for the children at 1:00pm-2:00pm. Please use the parking area in the rear of the building; check in with Ms. Linda Taylor, the parking attendant for specific spots. There will be students giving directions to where the play will take

place. All caregivers must sign in at the Youth Services Center and then go to room 146 for the play. Related Activities are planned and refreshments will be served. If you have any questions concerning the play please call 256-4816 ext. 140.

April 13-19 is National Library Week. Come to the library this week to check out our book display of new books in the main library in celebration of National Library Week.

What's so wrong with tobacco?

Nearly 90 percent of adult smokers took up the habit before they turned 19 — in other words, before they were old enough to realize they might not live forever. By middle age, they've learned otherwise, often in the hardest way possible. One out of every three smokers can expect to die of a disease caused by cigarettes.

If you can help your teenager resist taking that first puff, you will dramatically improve his or her odds for a longer and healthier life.

What's the attraction?

Adolescents turn to tobacco for a variety of reasons. Perhaps it's a form of rebellion, or maybe they just want to fit in with a particular group of friends. They may believe cigarettes will improve their concentration or help them lose weight.

Some teenagers see smoking as part of their identity or persona. They may feel more macho, sexy, independent or grown-up when they smoke.

Be a good example

If you smoke, quitting is one of the best things you can do to help keep your children off cigarettes. Only 2 percent of adolescent smokers have non-smoking parents. By contrast, 15 percent of adolescent smokers have both a mother and a father who smoke.

If you can't stop smoking, do the next best thing:

Don't smoke in your children's presence.

Avoid smoking in the house or car.

Don't offer cigarettes to your children.

Don't leave cigarettes where your children can get to them.

Parental disapproval of smoking, even from smoking parents, can help prevent adolescent smoking. Counseling children not to smoke must begin in grade school, since 25

percent of adolescents have smoked an entire cigarette before age 13. You may want to role-play with your grade-schooler, helping him or her practice what to say if offered a cigarette.

In a 2003 survey of more than 4,000 adolescents, 30 percent of current or former smokers had used nicotine replacement products while continuing to smoke — a medically dangerous practice. Among adolescents who had never smoked, 18 percent also reported using nicotine patches or gum.

Helping them quit

Nearly 23 percent of high-school students and more than 10 percent of the middle-school students in the United States smoke cigarettes.

A good approach to helping

(Cont. to A10)

'What Is Written'

We have been studying the past few weeks, the importance taking the scriptures in context. Let's look at another example.

In Matt.7:1 we read, "Judge not, that ye be not judged." Now this verse is misapplied many times in our world today. People will seek to say that it means we should never judge what another person is doing as wrong. I have heard it said to me when I may be pointing out the error in someone's doctrine or teaching, "Judge not, that ye be not judged." The problem with this is 3-fold. **First**, they have violated their own rule, for they are judged me for judging. **Second**, the context is teaching that we should not be making a hypocritical and a hypercritical judgment about another. How can I ask about getting a speck of dirt out of my brother's eye, when there is a beam or log sticking in mine? When I have clean up my own act, then I can see clearly to help my brother with the speck of dust in his own eye, vs.3-5. **Thirdly**, Jn.7:24 teaches us also, "Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment." So in the greater context of the scriptures, you see how Matt.7:1 is distorted, for we are to judge a righteous judgment.

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Auction #1: 11 Building Lots at Lake Linville, Renfro Valley
Auction #2: 6.7 Acres m/l in Tracts - Barnett Rd., Mt. Vernon
Auction #3: 7.4 Acres more or less in Tracts (Old Mt. Vernon Waterworks Property)

Intersection of Hwy. 461 Bypass & the Old Brodhead Rd., Mt. Vernon

Saturday, April 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

Sale will be conducted near the VFW Club at Lake Linville

Our firm has been authorized to sell these well-located properties for the absolute high dollar. The auction of all three properties will be conducted near the VFW Club at Lake Linville.

Absolute Auction #1: 11 Building Lots at Lake Linville, Renfro Valley

LOCATION: Turn off US 25 at Renfro Valley onto the Lake Linville Road. The property is located across from the VFW Club. Auction signs are posted.

Each of these ideal building lots are located within walking distance of Lake Linville and some even have a view of the lake. All of them have city water available and city sewer is nearby.

- Lot 1: 0.660 acres with 168.86 feet of frontage along Renfro Creek Road.
- Lot 2: 0.486 acres with 101.2 feet of frontage along Renfro Creek Road.
- Lot 3: 0.596 acres with 126.50 feet of frontage along Renfro Creek Road.
- Lot 4: 0.506 acres with 101.20 feet of frontage along Renfro Creek Road.
- Lot 5: 0.525 acres with 96.14 feet of frontage along Renfro Creek Road.
- Lot 6: 0.557 acres with 96.14 feet of frontage along Renfro Creek Road.
- Lot 7: 0.580 acres with 96.14 feet of frontage along Renfro Creek Road.
- Lot 8: 0.608 acres with 96.14 feet of frontage along Renfro Creek Road.
- Lot 9: 0.638 acres with 96.14 feet of frontage along Renfro Creek Road.
- Lot 10: 0.849 acres with 96.27 feet of frontage along Renfro Creek Road.
- Lot 11: 0.459 acres with 101.26 feet of frontage along Renfro Creek Road.



Absolute Auction #2: 6.7 Acres m/l in Tracts - Barnett Road, Mt. Vernon

LOCATION: Turn off US 25 at Renfro Valley onto the Lake Linville Road. Proceed approx. 2 1/2 miles around the lake. Auction signs are posted.

- Tract 1: This tract contains 0.519 acres with 291.27 feet of blacktop road frontage along Barnett Road. City water is available.
- Tract 2: Contains 0.533 acres with 109.79 feet of blacktop road frontage along Barnett Road. City water available.
- Tract 3: This tract contains 1.199 acres with 199.82 feet of blacktop road frontage along Barnett Road. This tract is also improved with a barn. City water available.
- Tract 4: Contains 0.721 acres with 117.24 feet of blacktop road frontage along Barnett Road and has 112.69 feet of frontage along Lake Linville. City water is available.
- Tract 5: This tract contains 0.527 acres with 157.51 feet of blacktop road frontage along Barnett Road and 105.29 feet of frontage along Lake Linville. City water available.
- Tract 6: This wooded tract contains 0.477 acres with an access road running through the property.
- Tract 7: This wooded tract contains 2.729 acres.



Auction # 3: 7.4 acres - Old Mt. Vernon Waterworks Property

Intersection of Hwy 461 Bypass & Hwy 1326 (Old Brodhead Road), Mt. Vernon, KY

- Tract 1: This tract contains 2.607 acres with 261.57 feet of road frontage along Hwy 1326.
- Tract 2: Contains 1.857 acres with frontage along Hwy 1326 and access through a 30' easement through Tract 1.
- Tract 3: This tract contains 2.936 acres with frontage along Hwy 461 Bypass and Hwy 1326. There is an access from Hwy 1326 through Tract 1 and Tract 2 for ingress and egress.

NOTE: These tract sizes were taken from an old survey. If the property sells in tracts, the property will be restaked. However, if the property is sold as a whole, no new survey will be done.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: If you're in the market for a nice building lot within walking distance of Lake Linville or a tract for a future investment, then be sure to check out these properties. Don't forget to mark your calendar for April 12th at 10:00 a.m. Remember, all of the properties will sell from one location near the VFW club.

MULTI-PARCEL AUCTION: This will be a multi-parcel absolute auction. The properties will be offered in tracts and combinations selling in the manner that reflects the best returns for the sellers. This concept gives each and every prospective buyer the ability to purchase his or her individual tract or combination.

TERMS: 20% down day of sale, balance in 30 days. Announcements day of sale take precedence over printed matter.

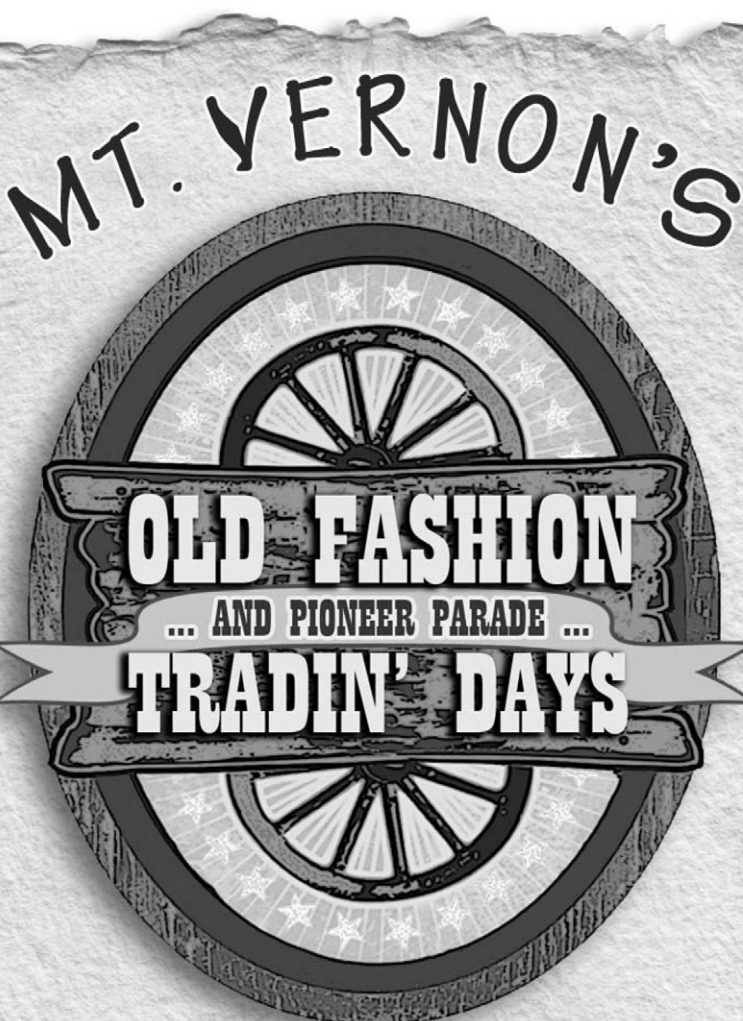
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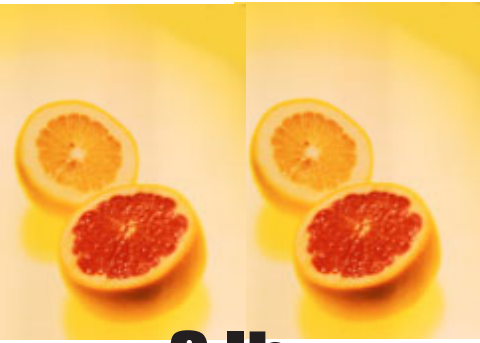
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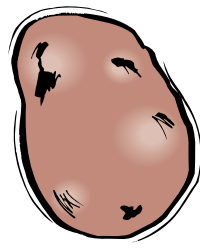
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During their stay, the students participated as voting delegates for their schools, elected state officers, conducted business of the SkillsUSA Kentucky organization, met with business and industry representatives and hear from government officials. And they had fun, too.

The students participated in the Leadership and Skills Championships, held on Wednesday, April 2 and Thursday, April 3. More than 1,000 students competed in more than 87 occupational and leadership skill areas. Winners from RCHS were as follows: Mitchell Weaver placed 3rd in Action Skills and Dakota McFerron and Dakota Mahaffey placed 3rd in Chapter Display. SkillsUSA Kentucky programs also help to establish industry standards for job skill training in the class-

room. SkillsUSA Kentucky is a chapter of the national organization, SkillsUSA that serves trade, industrial and technical students in area technology centers, public high schools, career and technical centers, and community and technical colleges state wide. SkillsUSA Kentucky has more than 5,600 student members annually, organized into more than 125 sections and all of the counties in the Commonwealth. SkillsUSA Kentucky has served more than 1.5 million members.

SkillsUSA Kentucky is a partnership of students, teachers and industry representatives; working together to ensure Kentucky has a skilled work force. It helps each student to excel. SkillsUSA Kentucky is an applied method for preparing Kentucky's high performance workers in public career and technical programs. It provided quality education experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development. It builds and reinforces self-confidence, work attitudes, high ethical standards, superior work skills, life-long education, and pride in the dignity of work. SkillsUSA Kentucky also promotes understanding of the free enterprise system and involvement in community service.

Games on Sat., April 12th begin at 9 a.m. Admission is \$2 for 12 years and up. Under 12 years is free.

Come on out and enjoy basketball games and support your team and Project Graduation.

•Project Graduation 2008 Car Show will be April 19th at 9 a.m. at RCMS. Call John at 859-582-8505.

•Country/Western Concert for Project Graduation at RCMS Saturday, May 3, 2008 at 7 p.m. Admission \$3. Wild River Band featured.

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MVES sends out thanks for support Scholastic Book Fair Reading Road Trip

The MVES Library Media Center would like to say thank you to all the grandparents and family members who participated in our recent Scholastic Book Fair Reading Road Trip. It is a joy for us to see the excitement on our student's faces when their grannies and papa's come to visit.

We would also like to thank the following friends of the library for donating food or time to help us with our book fair: Pat Allen, Marcia Cain, Charles Carter, Traci Collins, Julie Copenhaver, Leon Davidson, Bridgette Lear, Kami Lovell, April Martin, Darlene Mink, Ira Napier, Peggy Patterson, Billie Tankersley, and Mary Woodall.

A special thank you is sent out to all of our great MVES Cafeteria staff for the excellent

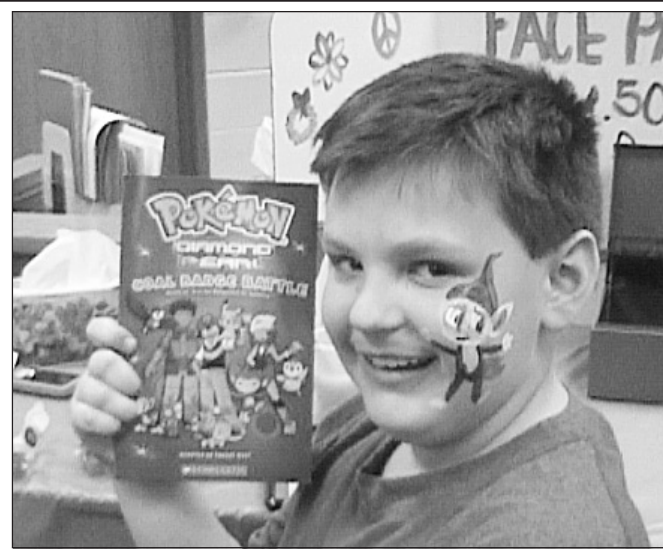
food they served during our Grandparent's Days. We appreciate their efforts not only during our Grandparent's days but throughout the school year. It is extremely difficult to prepare over 800 lunches each day in addition to the extra grandparent lunches. The hard work and devotion of our "lunch ladies" is truly appreciated!

Our book fair netted \$3,141.00 which will be used to purchase library books and curriculum materials for our students.

Sincerely,
Sharon Lovell
Library Media Specialist
Janice Dooley
Library Media Assistant
Mt. Vernon Elementary School



Mrs. Lovell helps Logan and his granny select a book.



Tanner selected a book and had his face painted.



Ray McElroy a former NFL Safety for the Indianapolis Colts, the Chicago Bears and finally the Detroit Lions treated the Rockcastle County High School and staff to a very enthusiastic talk. His motto, "You're not born a winner, You're not born a loser, You're born a chooser" set a tone that entire student body was listening to. Pictured above with McElroy, is Loren Reynolds, President of FCA and a member of the UNITE Club. The program was organized by RCHS UNITE and FCA.

Local educator participates in ECU Sabbatical Program

Johnnie Coffey, principal at Rockcastle Academy, was one of 18 local educators from 13 schools in 10 districts participated this spring in a week-long Teacher Sabbatical Program (TSP) hosted by Eastern Kentucky University's College of Education.

The TSP, now in its second year, is "an effort to get meaningful input from our constituents into our programs in the College of Education and in the discipline fields taught across the campus." Participants "are asked to assist us in the redesign of courses and programs to ensure that they address the issues and realities that exist in the Commonwealth's schools."

The group included teachers from the elementary, middle and high school levels, as well as principals, counselors, librarians, central office administrators, and others.

The 18 educators spent five days on the ECU campus during their Spring Break and will return to campus for two days during the summer term for follow-up activities with participating ECU faculty.

Thames termed the program a "renewal opportunity" for the participants. "Evidence indi-

cates that many teachers face a mid-career crisis that may lead to burnout or in their leaving the profession. Our hope is that this Teacher Sabbatical Program will provide that renewal that educators need at this time in their careers."

TSP participants and their families were housed at a local hotel for the week, with the participants spending each day on campus as an adviser or consultant to address a College curriculum issue or need. Each participating educator will also host a two-day school site visit by participating ECU faculty to their classroom or school during ECU's fall break.

To be selected for the TSP, educators must submit a letter of application, with an endorsement by an immediate superior. Each applicant must have at least 10 years of experience, a master's degree or Rank One certification, and be recognized as a committed leader in the school or district, with significant experience and interest in assessment and/or differentiated instruction.

For more information about TSP, contact Thames at 859-622-2581 or at William.Thames@eku.edu.

Mt. Vernon Message

School News

Welcome Back! We hope you had a restful spring break. Testing is just around the corner so get prepared by getting at least eight hours of sleep each night!

Our Spring Book Fair was a huge success. Thank you to each parent and grandparent who attended the book fair and lunch with your child/grandchild. Proceeds from the book fair will go toward purchasing new library books!

UNITE Club/Coalition Annual Meeting and Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, April 10th at 6 p.m. The meeting will take place at First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon.

MVES PTG monthly meet-

ing is scheduled for Monday, April 14th at 3:30 p.m.

FRC News

FRC 100% Club meets on Thursday, April 10th. K, 3rd, 4th and 5th grades will meet at 8:30. K, 1st and 2nd will meet at 12:30.

FRC Spring Enrichment Classes begin Monday, April 14th from 3:10 until 4:30.

FRC/CAP GED Classes will be held each Tuesday from 1 to 2:15 p.m.

FRC Adult Computer Classes are each Monday at 6 p.m.

Project Wisdom

Our quote for this week is "The highest result of education is tolerance."

"Smoking"

(Cont. from A8)

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Jessie Mahaffey, RCHS Youth Service Center, 256-4821 x142

Angie Payne, RCMS/RCHS, 256-5118 x250

Jill Ponder, RCMS/RCHS, 256-4821 x209

Becky McNabb, RCHS UNITE Club, 256-4821 x137

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Steven Scalf, son of James and Elizabeth Scalf, received the Outstanding Youth Advocate Award at the regional HOT conference in Somerset. Steven is highly creative and energetic senior at RCHS. He has done an excellent job working with the RCHS UNITE club as well as the Coalition to help keep Rockcastle County Drug Free! Thanks Steven for all you do!

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Senate Week In Review

By Senator Ed Worley

After a long week of tough negotiations between House and Senate leaders over how to best use limited resources to provide essential state services, where to tighten our belts, and what our priorities should be, we passed a budget this week that will see our Commonwealth through the next two years.

Like any household facing tough times, we had to do without in some areas. In fact, for the first time in recent memory, the new budget actually spends less money than the one before it. There are very few construction projects, and most of these budget items reflect a safety, health, or emergency need.

Still, this budget has the potential to keep our state competitive and growing. The governor proposed 12 percent cuts to higher education, but we have replaced most of that money. We are providing critical infrastructure at Fort Knox, which will see an overwhelming influx of new troops in the next few years. We are also sup-

porting two events that will focus the world's attention on Kentucky — the 2008 Ryder Cup in Louisville and the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games in Lexington.

We have funded \$150 million for water and sewer projects across the state through coal severance and tobacco settlement agreement money. We also added specific economic development projects in coal counties across the state. Finally, we found ways to continue the Louisville Bridges project without sacrificing road projects across the state.

We have made sure that a new Eastern State Hospital can be built to take care of those in need of mental health care. We are funding drug courts and anti-drug programs to address the meth, OxyContin and other scourges in our state. We will save money on prison costs by letting non-violent offenders enter community programs rather than sit wastefully in jail cells.

(Cont. to A12)



Julie Sumner, American Cancer Society Representative accepts a check for \$1000 for PBK Bank's major sponsorship for Rockcastle County Relay for Life from David Woodall, President, Rockcastle Market and Maria Hensley, CSR and team captain for the PBK Bank Team. Relay for Life will be held June 20th.



A Blazing Star quilt block now adorns the barn of Eddie and Virginia Wilson on Flat Gap Road. The block was hung on March 25th by Jackson Energy Cooperative. The quilt block is part of the Rockcastle County Quilt Trails Project. For more information on the project, please contact the Rockcastle County Extension Office at 256-2403.

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps

"Planting a Tree Can Make Such a Difference"

Nothing affects the pleasantness of a yard and home for the size of the investment anymore than does the careful selection and planting of even one tree.

One evergreen — like a magnolia or deodar cedar or an Alaska cedar, perhaps a Hemlock or a spruce — can be the glory of the neighborhood when most yard trees are bare.

One red maple or sugar maple, one gum or sourwood, can set your yard apart in such a splendid way in October or November as it shows its glorious colors off among neighborhoods of Bradford pears.

One flowering cherry or saucer magnolia or crabapple or flowering plum can look rich among greening maples, bare oaks, and daffodils and crocus, in early spring.

Just one majestic oak or ginkgo can make a grand statement, (and just one may be enough to fully cover some yards). And green lawn grass will even grow under the ginkgo!

So many of you folks now live in developments created by large building contractors, called subdivisions. You know, the ones with the flat rows of houses, no topsoil much, and fifty dollars worth of shrubbery

that supposedly passes for "new home with landscaping for sale".

A specimen tree that gets attention can make your house stand out from the crowd because of size, texture, color, etc. And putting a row of trees like our grandparents might have done is not so stylish anyhow. One well-placed tree can make a big difference, it really can.

And, if planting one special tree on a smaller lot, you probably should be willing to go ahead and spend some money and get a good one. For those with large lots, planting can still be done on the cheap by putting in \$15 and \$30 dollar potted trees and shrubs all over it.

Groupings of trees, with smaller plants underneath and then mulch, not only cut yard-mowing time, but look terrific, too. At least it will in a few years if you have planned carefully and allowed for the space mature plants will want and need.

Fall or spring are ideal times for tree planting, though container grown trees can be planted anytime the ground is not frozen. Fall is actually best in areas without sub-zero winter temperatures.

Send feedback to max@rockcastles.com or visit www.rockcastles.com

RCMS

SBDM Parent-Member Elections

There will be a called meeting to elect SBDM Parent Members, Thursday, April 24, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

All parents of students who will attend Rockcastle County Middle School during the 2008-2009 school year are encouraged to attend and vote.

Nominations for Parent Members of the 2008-2009 SBDM Council will be accepted April 10th - April 23rd.

Submit your nomination in writing, signed, to the principal by 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 23rd.

I nominate _____ to serve as a Parent Member of the Rockcastle County Middle School SBDM Council for the 2008-2009 School Year.

Signed: _____

Anyone who is the parent/guardian of a child who will be enrolled in Rockcastle County Middle School for the 2008-2009 school year is eligible to serve on the council or to nominate someone to serve on the council.

Parent members of the council cannot be relatives of Rockcastle County Middle School staff members.



On Tuesday, March 25th, a Grandmother's Flower Garden quilt block was hung at the barn of Pauline Eaton on Hwy 25 at Conway. The quilt block is a copy of a block from a quilt made by Pauline's mother. Shown in the photo are Pauline Eaton and family members; Lori, Johnny IV, Lorena, Jessie, Thomas and Timothy Eaton.

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RCHS baseball team 4-2 after trip to Florida

By: Richard Anderkin

The RCHS baseball team is 4-2 after their annual trip to Cocoa Beach, Florida over Spring Break.

During their trip last week, the Rockets defeated Pulaski County, Greenup County, Rose Hill Academy and Walton-Verona.

Their two losses were to Boyle County and West Jessamine.

Boyle County 6 - Rockets 2

In their first game at the Cocoa Expo Center, which was also their first game of the season on March 30th, the Rockets fell 6-2.

Senior Dakota Smith picked up the loss in the game, although four Rocket pitchers went to the mound.

At the plate, Smith was 1 for 2 with a walk, senior Jake Woodall was 1 for 3 with a RBI, junior Dustin Bullock was 2 for 3 and scored one of the Rockets' two runs, freshman John Saylor had one hit - a triple and a RBI, senior J.J. Barnett was 1 for 3 and freshman Josh McKinney had one hit-a double and scored the other Rocket run.

Rockets 8 - Pulaski Co. 6

In game two in Florida, the Rockets evened their season record at 1-1 with an 8-6 win over the Pulaski County Maroons.

Sophomore Dustin Reynolds picked up the win and junior Justin Bryant got the save.

At the plate, Smith was 2 for 4 and scored 3 runs, Woodall was 2 for 3 and scored one run, junior Tanner Perkins had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 3 RBI, Saylor had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and knocked in a run, junior Logan Kincer was 2 for 3, Barnett was 1 for 1, a double and he had 1 RBI.

Reynolds, Bullock and junior Jake Riddle all had a RBI in the win.

Rockets 5 - Greenup Co. 4

In game three in Florida, the Rockets defeated Greenup County, 5-4.

Perkins was the winning pitcher and Bryant picked up another save.

At the plate, Perkins had 3 RBI, going 2 for 3 and also scoring 2 runs, Smith was 2 for 3 and he also scored 2 runs, Riddle was 1 for 3 with a RBI, Bullock was 1 for 2, a triple, and he also had a RBI, Bryant was 1 for 2 and Barnett walked and scored a run.

W. Jessamine 7 - Rockets 2

In game four in Florida, the Rockets lost to West Jessamine, 7-2.

Smith went the distance for the Rockets, picking up the loss, although he struck out six batters.

Smith did not give up any earned runs, but the Rockets made five errors in the field.

At the plate, Kincer and Perkins were both 2 for 3, Saylor was 2 for 4, Woodall

was 1 for 4, and Riddle and Barnett were 1 for 3. Woodall, Perkins and Saylor each had doubles and Perkins and Saylor had the two Rocket RBI.

Rockets 12 - Rose Hill 0

In game five in Florida, the Rockets easily defeated Rose Hill Academy 12-0 in five innings.

The Rockets had 13 hits, which included 6 doubles and a triple.

The winning pitcher was Dustin Bullock, who went the distance, striking out 12 and walking only one in the two hit shut-out.

At the plate, Smith was 1 for 2, a double, he walked, stole a base and scored once.

Perkins was 1 for 2, a double, he scored 2 runs, knocked in 2, walked once and stole one base.

Riddle was 1 for 3-a double. He had 3 RBI and scored a run.

Bullock was 2 for 2, one hit a triple, and he knocked in 2 runs, scored 2 and walked once.

Saylor was 2 for 3, one for a double, he knocked in one run, scored 2 and walked once.

Kincer was 2 for 4, one a double, he knocked in one run and scored one.

Justin Bryant was 1 for 2, scored a run and had 1 RBI.

Sophomore Grant Burdette was 1 for 1, a double, he knocked in two runs, scored once and walked once.

Junior Pat Kirby was 1 for 1 and freshman Luke Allen was also 1 for 1.

Rockets 5 - Greenup Co. 4

In the final game in Florida on Friday, the Rockets defeated Walton-Verona 9-0, also in five innings.

Perkins and Justin Bryant combined for a shut-out with Perkins facing 10 batters and Bryant 6.

At the plate, the Rockets had 13 hits, 4 doubles and 2 triples.

Smith had 2 hits, one a double and he knocked in 3 runs scored 2 and had a stolen base.

Riddle was 2 for 3-one a triple and he had 2 RBI.

Perkins was 2 for 3, one a double, he knocked in a run, scored twice and stole 2 bases.

Bullock was 2 for 2, 1 a triple. He had a RBI, scored once and was hit by a pitch.

Kincer was 2 for 3, one a double and he had a RBI.

Barnett was 2 for 3, one a double and he scored a run.

Justin Bryant was 1 for 3 with a RBI and he scored once. Junior Andrew Bryant walked and scored a run and freshman Josh McKinney also scored a run.

Rocket head coach J.D. Bussell will lead his team into action for the first time this season on Kentucky soil when they host Pulaski County on Thursday (tonight) at 5:30 p.m. In his eight years as head of the Rocket program, Bussell has led his teams to eight straight district titles and three regional titles.

Last season, the Rockets finished with a record of 25-10, losing to West Jessamine in the semi-finals of the 12th region tournament.

The RCHS Lady Rocket softball team will also return to their home field when they host Garrard County on Thursday.

Varsity softball action will also begin at 5:30 p.m.

"Senate"

(Cont. from A11)

We were also able to give teachers and state workers a 1 percent pay raise each year. If we exceed revenue forecast, we have allowed for a two additional 1 percent pay increases. If our revenue exceeds forecast, we have also allowed for new construction projects at our universities.

The flurry of activity this week also saw passage of a critical bill that will help give struggling homeowners more options in the future. House Bill 552 would lower the fees borrowers have to pay to refinance their mortgage, making it more feasible for many to get a better fixed rate on their house payment rather than pay the hundreds of extra dollars when their adjustable rate resets. The pre-payment penalty on these refinance deals, currently a maximum of 5 percent, would be capped at 3 percent of the loan in the first year, dropping to 2 percent and 1 percent each year after that.

To help many home seekers avoid payments they cannot afford, HB 552 also sets new affordability requirements for home loans that charge at least \$3000 or 6 percent of the loan cost in fees. This would make sure that anyone approved for a mortgage has the income to pay not only the initial monthly payment, but the maximum potential monthly payment when the adjustable rate resets. We believe this could prevent many of the current problems from happening in the future. Many homeowners now facing foreclosure are losing their homes because the new rates they are paying far exceed what they expected to pay.

The bill also allows the Kentucky Housing Corporation to create a Homeownership Protection Center to counsel and

advise those who are facing foreclosure. By taking early steps, homeowners can find a way to keep their home instead of losing their investment.

Finally, we set clear caps on how much mortgage brokers can charge, the ethical guidelines they must abide by, and set harsh penalties — up to 10 years in prison, in some cases — for tricking and deceiving borrowers into mortgages that are not in their best interest.

A plan to protect our children at school also was sent to the Governor this week. House Bill 91, as our joint committee finalized it, will require the state Department of Education and local school districts to have policies in place to address harassment and intimidation in our classrooms and school premises. If the harassment is serious enough, local law enforcement would be contacted to investigate, and annual reports would be made to Frankfort and to legislators so we could track school violence and find ways to prevent it in the future.

We will return to Frankfort on April 14 for two final days of legislative action. There are several bills we hope to act on then, as well as any vetoed bills the governor may send back to us. We still have major issues looming before us, from the escalating cost of state employee pensions to ethics legislation to offering our students a challenging curriculum. Between now and April 14, I hope you will take the opportunity to visit our website at www.lrc.ky.gov and follow our work. If you have an opinion on any bill, call our Legislative Message Line at 1-800-372-7181 or e-mail me at ed.worley@lrc.ky.gov.

Rockcastle County High School Academic Honor Roll



Rockcastle County High School Senior Zac Miller has a 4.0 GPA and is ranked 11th of the 204 seniors in the 2008 graduating class. Miller is the son of Kenny and Janice Miller of Bee Lick and plans to attend Western Kentucky University in the fall. Miller is undecided on his major field of study. Miller is a four year member of the RCHS Marching Band, where he plays the trombone. He has received several awards for his play with the band, including being named to the Eastern Kentucky University All-Regional Band for two years and the Western Kentucky University All-Regional Band for one year. Miller is a member of the Beta Club, Technology Students Association (TSA), Chess Club and Young Democrats. He serves as Sgt. of Arms for TSA. While at RCHS, Miller has earned college credit in English, this school year.

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RCMS eighth grader Ben Lake is all smiles after getting his first turkey on the opening day of youth weekend in Garrard County.



Jacob Vanover, 13, of Calloway, killed his first turkey on April 5th, 22lb. 10 inch beard, also killed his second turkey on Sunday, same size. Thanks again to Phillip Doan for accompanying Jacob on his first turkey hunt. Congratulations Jacob!



On Sunday, April 6th, Cameron Brown killed his first turkey. Cameron's dad, Cletis Ray Brown, Jr. took him hunting, in the Brush Creek area, where the above Jake was harvested. The Jake weighed 15 lbs, 10 oz.

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Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Buzz Carloftis, center, proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Rockcastle County on Tuesday. On hand for the proclamation signing were front row, from left: Mt. Vernon Asst. Police Chief Eddie Delaney, KSP Post 11 Commander Capt. Lisa Rudzinski, Carloftis, County Attorney Billy Reynolds and Court Appointed Special Advocate Jerry Bailey. Back row, from left: employees from the state's local office of Protection and Permanency; Supervisor Cheryl Franklin, Joyce Cummins, Terri Pushell, Jennifer White, Amy Yates, Kayce Storm and David Townsend. Not pictured was Rockcastle Sheriff Mike Peters. Last year, 428 cases of child abuse or neglect were reported in Rockcastle County. Anyone with information about possible child abuse, neglect or dependency, you should call 1-800-752-6200.

“Budget”

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being allocated to such projects as the renowned Kentucky Music Museum Hall of Fame.

"The center attracts thousands of people from across the state each year," said Rep. Ford, R-Mt. Vernon. "Tourism is a great source of revenue because every new dollar that is spent by a tourist turns over in the community seven times. These dollars are spent in our local restaurants, gas stations and retail stores and help to provide not only additional tax revenue, but more jobs and opportunities."

The budget appropriates funds, which target economic development, infrastructure and public safety. These include:

- Kentucky Music Museum Hall of Fame, \$195,363;
- Courthouse renovations, \$57,624;
- Mt. Vernon City Park, \$50,000;
- Brodhead Fire Department, \$18,000;
- Livingston Fire Department, \$18,000;
- Mt. Vernon Fire Department, \$18,000;
- Brindle Ridge Fire Department, \$18,000;
- Pongo Fire Department, \$18,000,

- Western Fire Department, \$18,000, and

- Rockcastle Fire Department, \$18,000. The Rockcastle Fire Department is the county department manned by volunteers of the Mt. Vernon Fire Department.

"These volunteer fire departments provide much needed services in the rural areas of Rockcastle County," said Rep. Ford.

"In the event of an emergency, having these fire and rescue squads ready to respond can mean saving a house or even a life," he added.

The \$195,000 + to the Hall of Fame will be used to replace old equipment and for operating expenses, according to board chairman Roy Martin.

The \$57,600 for the courthouse will be used to renovate the front of the old courthouse, where steps are broken and where at least one person has fallen, according to Judge-Executive Buzz Carloftis.

Mt. Vernon Mayor Clarice Kirby said the city will use their \$50,000 for improvements to the city park on William Street, including a roof over the amphitheater.

The coal severance tax is 4.5 percent levied on every ton of coal mined in Kentucky. Legislators in both the Senate and House work hand-in-hand with

local county officials in targeting projects for the coal severance dollars.

"We are fortunate to have the coal severance monies to assist our city and county governments," said Rep. Ford. "These funds are important for improving services to our citizens. I am glad that Senator Worley and I were able to obtain this money for Rockcastle County."

Ford went onto the say that the projects Worley mentioned that the two men were working on before the April 15th deadline, were for funds for water and sewer projects in all three cities in the county and a bond issue for road funds.

“Griffin”

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sible for prosecution, declined to reopen the case.

Griffin claimed he was acting in self-defense when he shot Danny Simpson, 60, also of Copper Creek, on October 29th of 2006.

Reynolds, who had asked that the case be reopened mainly at the request of family members, said he was disappointed but that his office did not have jurisdiction over the matter at this point.

Public invited to budget meeting April 11th; 9 a.m.

The public is invited to attend a meeting Friday, April 11th at 9 a.m. at the courthouse.

Everyone interested in the way their local government uses taxpayers' money for public purposes should attend the meeting. All proposed budgets supervised by the county's fiscal court for the coming fiscal year (effective July 1, 2008) will be open for consideration, regarding both expenditures and revenues.

"Although such meetings have also been open to the public for scrutiny, please consider this a special invitation to better understand how your local government works. Your suggestions will be welcomed. After all, your local governing bodies are the closest government you have to home," said County Judge/Executive Buzz Carloftis.

The meeting will be held on the third floor of the courthouse.

“Center”

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activity labs, transportation through a partnership with RTEC, nursing care, wound care, gastric feedings and care for Alzheimer's patients.

The center also has a Meals on Wheels program and other in-home services, which includes minor home repair.

Vanhook said staff members at the center are committed to providing excellent care to their clients and much-needed relief to caretakers, who have the awesome responsibility of their daily needs and their healthcare.

"We really work hard to keep the family unit together," Vanhook said.

There are 11 full-time and three part-time employees at the non-profit center. For more information call 256-4316.

“County”

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of coal severance funds given them by the county and the county has paid \$7,000 for gravel used on the premises.

In other action, the court heard a proposal from Bonnie and Letha Hall of Pike County to establish a Bingo parlor in the county to operate two nights a week. Bonnie Hall told the court that they must have two charities to share the proceeds of the parlor and she asked that the animal shelter be allowed to be one of the charities benefiting.

Ms. Hall said that the average payout for the charities would be \$700 a session for the charities. Of course, pay outs are determined by attendance, Hall told the magistrates.

The court decided to think over the proposal and make a decision at a later date.

The court did approve a resolution for an interlocal agreement with Laurel County for Laurel to pick up recyclable material. The approval is conditional on the county receiving a grant to purchase four sub-compactors for the materials.

The court also approved a no smoking policy for the Rockcastle Detention Center, effective May 1st. The ban was put into law by the state legislature so the court was required to go along with the new policy.

Several claims and requests for donations were approved by the court, including \$695.20 for the four telephone lines used by the Kiwanis Club in their recent radio auction; a \$200 donation to the City of Brodhead for their upcoming Homecoming Celebration, a like amount to the City of Mt. Vernon for their Old Fashioned Tradin' Days event, scheduled for the last week end in April and \$130 to sponsor an athlete in the state's Special Olympics.

The court also approved the appointment of Rockcastle County School Board member and pharmacist Tina Hasty to the Rockcastle County Board of Health.

The court also heard a report from County Clerk Norma Houk, explaining some items in her 2006 audit.

Mrs. Houk told the court that there were no discrepancies in

the money part of the audit but the state did write her up for not having an employee open the mail and then not having anything to do with handling financial transactions the rest of the day. Then, of course, Ms. Houk said the state wanted her to have an employee to check out the office's receipts at the end of the day who did not have anything to do with handling money during the work day. "This would require two additional employees to be hired in my office," Houk told the court. She also said that this had been noted on county clerk's audits across the state in offices with less than 10 employees. "I was told by the man who did the audit not to change anything," Houk told the court, "but I just wanted to explain these items to you."

The court also received the Recapitulation of the Real Property Tax Roll from Property Valuation Administrator Margaret Offutt's office.

The report shows the total taxable value of residents lots in the county, including land and improvements, to be \$205,922,562. Farmland is valued at \$74,767,600; commercial, industrial, telecommunication and leasehold interests at \$58,173,605 for a total real estate value of \$338,863,827. \$43,433,900 is exempted under the Homestead Exemption Act for property owners disabled or 65 years and older; \$13,759,100 in exemptions for farmland and \$103,200 in exemptions for commercial property.

“Sentenced”

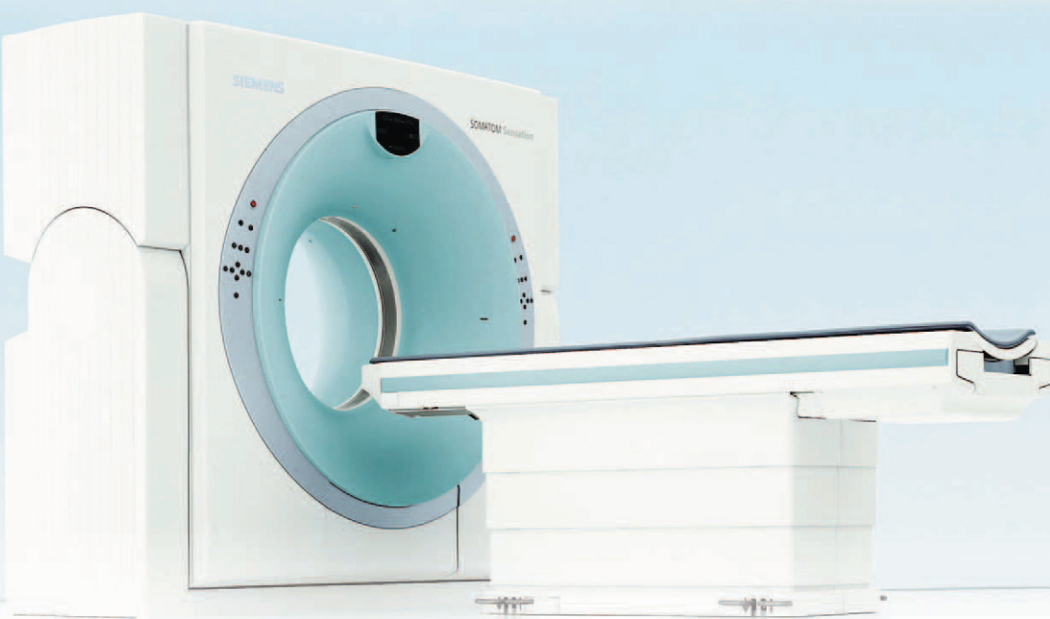
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of their prison sentence. Upon release, they will be under the supervision of the United States Probation Office. Probations will range from three to eight years, according to the release.

The five defendants were indicted in October of last year, after the "Up in Smoke Campaign" conducted by authorities in late summer and fall revealed the indoor growing operation at Gabbard's residence.

All five defendants are already in federal custody.

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Second Section

Thursday, April 10, 2008

A history of slavery and African Americans in Rockcastle County

Remembering Rockcastle's invisible people

By David W. Owens

The following account is a history of slavery and how it affected African Americans in Rockcastle County, Kentucky. Throughout the ages, slavery has been an essential part of countless societies. From Ancient Greece to America of a century ago, slavery has been a major phenomenon of human history. The intent is not to embarrass or lay blame, or place today's moral standards upon that time. Right or wrong, the events that happened here regarding African Americans mirrored events everywhere in America during the same time frame. The intent is simply to rediscover some of the history of a people that were once a vital part of our community. A close examination of records— from cemeteries, memoirs, contemporary writings, and government records— reveals the strength, courage, and endurance of the people who suffered so much at the hands of our ancestors.

Situated on a hill side in a grove of pine trees just at the northern edge of Mt. Vernon, along the old Richmond road route (along side US 25 North), near present day locations of Rite Aid and Kirby's Variety Store (the old Ernie Tolle Grocery) stands as a lone sentinel, the foundation of the old Christian Church for the Colored, which was a meeting house for African Slaves prior to the Civil War and later African-American freedmen. A cemetery is close by, with several graves, but with only two cut tombstones which reveal the names of the souls that sleep there. This site stands testimony of a people, long forgotten, who once lived and toiled here as slaves.

Following the Civil War, Rockcastle had a somewhat significant black population (1.), but over the years the number dwindled smaller till none remained. Since few blacks had any significant land holdings with only menial job opportunities available, they soon migrated from the county. Also, education for the African American in Rockcastle County was limited. Records at the Rockcastle County Central Education Office reveal there was a segregated school for blacks on Niggertown Hill, (now Sally J. Lane and Rainbow Ridge—the area was split in two by the 461 Bypass), but the school was provided with limited resources. The student enrollment records black children with surnames of former Rockcastle slave owners.

1. 414 blacks and mulattoes are listed in the 1880 Rockcastle Census.

The records show that there were not enough desks for students, few text books, and no school library. Interestingly, at one time the school was taught by former Confederate Soldier Richard Martin (who was wounded in the knee at Gettysburg.) The May 25, 1900 edition of the Mt. Vernon Signal recorded Mt. Vernon School Superintendent W.A.B. Davis, who stated there were 45 students at the colored school. The student body (2.) number dropped so low in the 1940's that blacks of school age were sent to Berea for their education. The majority of the last few blacks that were left vacated the county during the Second World War (1941-45) when job opportunities came open else-

where.

2. The last known Colored School Teacher's report recorded at the Central Education Office recorded 9 black students—5 girls and 4 boys in the 1934-35 school year. Lena Marshall, graduate of Kentucky State College—now EKVU—was the teacher whose annual pay was \$613.90. Her report stated that she did not have a desk but had a chair. Rockcastle Education records of the Colored School researched by Mrs. Rose Brown.

According to county tax records there were 163 slaves here at the county's formation in 1810. The largest slave owners were John Burdett with 22, Mathew Orander 14, and Hezakiah Faris with 11. In 1860, the year before the Civil War (1861-1865) began, tax records record 358 slaves were owned by 92 whites in Rockcastle County. The largest Rockcastle slave owners in 1860 were Moses Newcomb with 16, brothers William Peasley & Bennett Hiatt with 13 each, and Thomas Smith with 12.

Some of our older citizens may remember that there was a Black Church on Niggertown Hill near the Jarber Colored Cemetery on Rainbow Ridge where former slaves and descendants worshipped, and where at least two former slaves Gus Jabber (22 May 1842-23 May 1907) and his wife Mary (20 August 1852-12 Aug 1912) are buried and the last of those slave descendants of Rockcastle, Sally J. Newcomb was laid to rest in 1972.

An investigation of county records reveal that the Niggertown Hill Church property (now located on Rainbow Ridge) was deeded by a black man named Samuel Owens to the Mt. Vernon Christian Church for the Colored on 24 August, 1929 then sold 22 October, 1955 by John Jarber, the last surviving member of the colored church to Dewey and Frances Alcorn who were white. This marked the end of the last African American institution in Rockcastle County.

According to the *Rockcastle Cemetery Book* by Jeanne Snodgrass Bonham and Patricia Heylmann Hiatt, at an unknown date, the older Richmond Road church site had burned down. Consequently it was replaced by the newer site in 1929 on Rainbow Ridge.

The old Christian Church for the Colored was as were many community churches the hub of social events for its members and friends. The August 11, 1899 Mt. Vernon Signal recorded the following event that occurred there.

W.P. Chasteen, colored of Berea gave an interesting lecture at the colored church, on the subject of the negro. The colored folks picnic here Tuesday was a success. The cake walk at night was immense. Walker Dulany, Will Mack, and Will Faris of Crab Orchard were winners. The best of order prevailed the day and night.

It is believed that all those buried at the Richmond Road site were slaves who had tasted the bitter life of bondage, or the freed children of those slaves. While we do not know the names of the others who sleep (3.) there, the two cut tombstones reveal a wealth of information. The stones themselves, beautifully engraved with

a Northern Star at the top, which was a symbol of freedom for former slaves, have the names of George Adams (11 May 1858 with no death date) and Jalie Adams (2 April 1851 to 25 January 1910.) Their birth dates reveal that both were born into slavery and that George was freed by the 13th amendment (1865) when he was 7 years old and Jalie when she was 14 years old. This may account for their having the only cut stones. Being freed at a young age, they could have worked and earned money to buy tomb stones, while many of the others buried there probably died while in bondage and consequently had no money to purchase tombstones.

3. The Rockcastle Cemetery Book quotes the late local historian Clayton B. Ponder, that known to be buried there are: Saunders & Hattie Fish Smith, Henry Gasket, and a adopted daughter of George & Jalie Adams.

Some official records, such as census and tax records, and slave schedules, provide limited information about the black people of Rockcastle County. Limited marriage records also exist. These records lend support to oral history (interviews and recollections) about the black's in our community.

Rockcastle County, as did all counties, did not keep records of marriages and vital statistics of slaves. (4.) The only record of them is tax records and slave schedules which listed their white owners. The Adamases however were married after emancipation and their wedding date was recorded as 30 December 1879.

4. Slaves were property and not legal citizens of the state. They were listed under the white owner's names in slave schedules and taxable property. Vital statistics of black citizens were not recorded in county records until after they received freedom.

The marriage record also records that George was a junior and Jalie's maiden name was Fish. The 1870 Rockcastle Census lists George Junior living at home with his father George senior a farmer, his mother Martha and a sister named Elizabeth. The only record of their existence is found in a 14 March, 1974 article of late local

historian, John Lair, in the *Mt. Vernon Signal*.

In my boyhood, Uncle George Adams was my favorite of all the ex-slaves still around. He worked for my father during crop season and came to work each morning riding a limber-legged thin sorrel horse that would weave from side to side as he walked. Uncle George called him Lil' Dii' (Little Dick) and felt a great affection for him although always free to admit, "Dev wuzn't much hoss to him." When, boy like, I would sometimes dash up beside him on a frisky colt and banter him for a race, he would take it as a huge joke and laugh loudly and immoderately.

Uncle George had a philosophy in life I would have done well to listen to and remember. As was the custom of the day, when we had work hands for dinner my mother set a separate table out on the back porch for Uncle George or any other colored help. One day, feeling the boyish urge, to stir up something, I went out on the porch and started telling him about the imaginary feast of good things we had on the dining room table and asking him if he didn't wish he was in there eating with us. His reply was something I never forgot. He said, "Hit make no differ what yo eat, Honey. Atter yo git full, yo do'n no but what it wuz, chicken and pie."

There is a third former slave burying ground (5.) in Mt. Vernon located on Richmond Street (behind the Car Wash beside Chadwell Dental Office) called the Newcomb Cemetery. Noted local historian, the late Ralph Griffin, related this heart warming story of Walker Newcomb in a series of articles titled, *Facts and Stories*, dated 5 through 20 October, 1939 that appeared in the *Mt. Vernon Signal* from oral information passed to him from Mr. and Mrs. M. Gentry.

5. According to the Rockcastle Cemetery Book there is also a slave burying ground just south of Mt. Vernon at Cove Branch, near the Langford cemetery who were a slave holding family. There is no doubt several slaves and freed people of color are buried in Rockcastle County in unmarked/ unrecorded graves.

Among the early settlers of Rockcastle County was a man by

the name of William Newcomb. Mr. Newcomb was fairly well-off financially and listed numerous Negro slaves among his other possessions, as was customary among prosperous people of that day. In marked contrast to many slave owners, however this gentleman was most humane and dealt with his slaves according to his idea of the Golden Rule.

After his negroes had completed what he considered a reasonable day's work, Mr. Newcomb gave them the opportunity of

spending their spare time as they pleased, within limits. To most of these folks this leniency meant blissful hours of rest, a chance to putter about the garden patch, or a chance to go fishing. To one of them, however, it meant a God-given opportunity for freedom.

Life had dealt harshly with Walker. That was all the name he could lay claim to, just Walker, although according to custom he took the family name of his white

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The well at the old Mt. Vernon Christian Church for the Colored. Photo by Bruce Ross.



Painting by Rockcastle County artist Troy Hansel that depicts how the Mt. Vernon Christian Church for the Colored may have appeared. Painting based on land terrain features, foundation footprint, and period building techniques.



The engraved Northern Star on the Jalie Adams' tombstone. Photo by Bruce Ross.



The African American Cemetery at the old Mt. Vernon Christian Church for the Colored. Photo by Bruce Ross.

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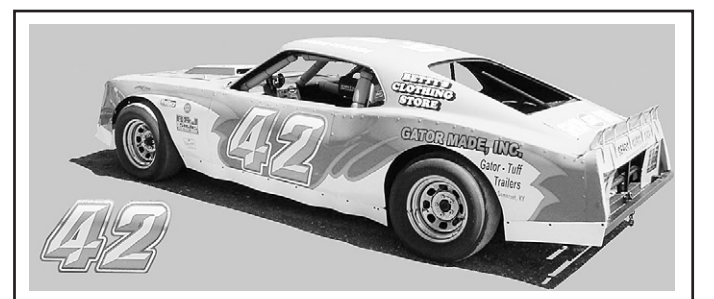
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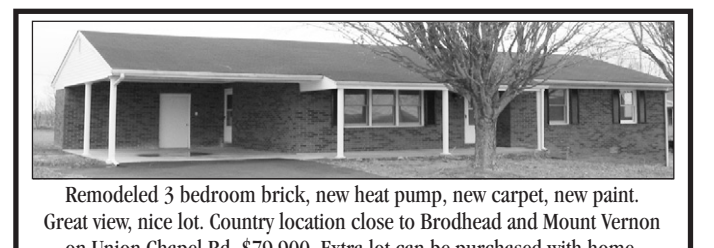
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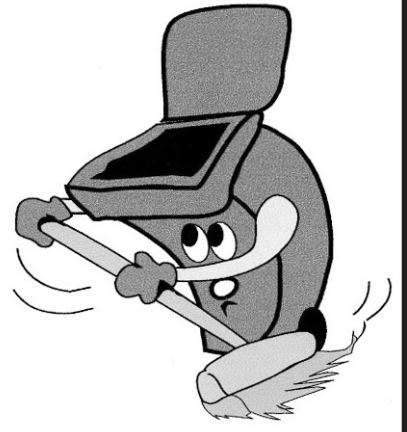
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Commonwealth of Kentucky Rockcastle Circuit Court 28th Judicial Circuit • Division I Civil Action No. 07-CI-00183

WCRSI, LLC

vs. **NOTICE OF SALE**

DAPHNE RENEE DURHAM administratrix of the estate of Myrtle Smith a/k/a Myrtle F. Smith a/k/a Myrtle Fish Smith, et al

Pursuant to a Final in Rem Judgment and Order of Sale entered in this action on January 28, 2008, I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property and personal property located in Rockcastle County, Kentucky:

AT THE COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF MT. VERNON, ROCKCASTLE COUNTY, KENTUCKY, ON EAST MAIN STREET ON FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2008, BEGINNING AT THE HOUR OF 1:00 P.M. OR THEREABOUTS, THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, TO WIT:

A certain tract of land located in Wildie, on Roundstone Creek, Rockcastle County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of A.T. Fish's Lot, corner of M.L. Lum Lot; thence running with Lum Lot Line S 35 1/2E 100 Feet to a stone, Lum Corner, also corner to H.H. Wood; thence N 54 E 250 Feet to a beech tree in the J.F. Butner line, now L.T. Stewart's line; thence with his line N 9 W 115 Feet to a stone near where a large white oak once stood in J.F. Butner's line; thence S 54 1/2 W 305 Feet to the beginning, containing three-fourths of an acre, more or less, and known as the Frank Richmond Lot, but out of this boundary is excepted a road belonging to L.T. Stewart's heirs.

There is excluded from the above; that portion conveyed to Jeffrey Dean Durham, and wife, Daphne Renee Durham, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a Cherry Tree in the Stewart line; thence running east 180 Feet to a maple tree; thence a line running South 180 Feet to an iron post; thence running west 180 Feet to an iron post in the Stewart line; thence 180 Feet North to the beginning, containing 3/4 acres more or less.

There is an existing roadway across the S.W. portion of the grantors property that is hereby granted as an easement for the purposes of ingress and egress.

Also sold with the real estate is the 1970 Fleet manufactured home, having a Vehicle Identification Number of S0289, which said mobile home has been legally affixed to the lot as real property.

Being the same property conveyed to William I. Smith and his wife, Myrtle F. Smith, from William I Smith and wife, Myrtle F. Smith, by Deed dated 10/04/1993, recorded 10/14/1993 in Deed Book 151, page 631, Rockcastle County Clerk's Records. William I Smith died on June 31, 2001, and the property passed to the survivor Myrtle Smith a/k/a Myrtle F. Smith a/k/a Myrtle Fish Smith, thus became the sole vested title-holder in fee simple by right of survivorship of the property in question. Myrtle Smith a/k/a Myrtle F. Smith a/k/a Myrtle Fish Smith died on February 3, 2006, as evidenced by Probate Case No. 06-P-00024, wherefore appointing Daphne Renee Durham, Administratrix of the Estate of Myrtle Smith a/k/a Myrtle F. Smith a/k/a Myrtle Fish Smith Being the same property known as Route 6 Box 264, Mount Vernon, KY 40456.

The foregoing property shall be sold by the Special Master Commissioner of the Rockcastle Circuit Court upon the following terms and conditions:

The purchaser shall take the sale real estate free and clear of all liens and encumbrances except:

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At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days and a sale bond bearing interest at twelve percent (12%) per annum. In the event that the Plaintiff is the successful purchaser, any deposit or sale bond shall be waived, and Plaintiff shall be entitled to a credit of its judgment against the purchase price and shall only be obligated to pay the court costs, fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes payable pursuant to this order. Any other party who is the successful purchaser of the property may take credit against any judgment in that party's favor against the Defendant(s) property owner for the required deposit and purchase price to the extent that the sale price is sufficient to pay such judgment considering the priorities and amounts previously adjudicated in the action.

The Special Master Commissioner has served notice on the Attorney for Plaintiff and on all other parties, of the date of sale in compliance with the court's judgment.

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William D. Gregory
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Rockcastle Circuit Court

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Posted: Absolutely no trespassing on property belonging to Mary Gadd at Lime Plant Hollow at Pine Hill. 16x20p

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No Trespassing, hunting or fishing on property belonging to Frances McClure on Hwy. 3245. No one on property without written permission. There is video surveillance. 20x2p

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. 17x25p

Posted: No hunting, trespassing or ATVs on property belonging to Murrell Smith, located at 7682 South Wilderness Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456. Violators may be prosecuted. Not liable for accidents. 20x8p

Posted: No trespassing on Crawford Place - Old Brothead Road. Danny Smith. 47fn

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

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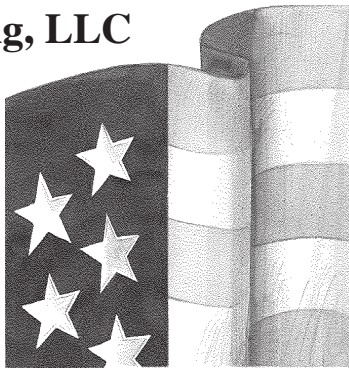
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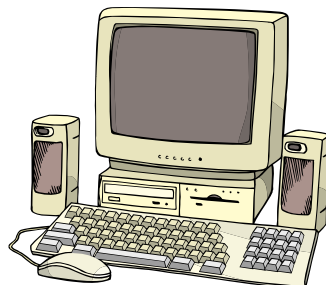
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