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Update Board to refinance \$4,860,000 in bonds

At their regular monthly meeting in December, the Rockcastle County Board of Education voted to resale bonds used to finance the construction of four classrooms at Mt. Vernon Elementary School in 1997 and the construction of the new Brodhead Elementary School in 2000.

Bids on the \$4,860,000 worth of bonds will be received at the central office until 1 p.m. next Thursday.

School Board Finance Officer Richard Bray, said the move would save the school system approximately \$294,767 over the life of the bonds, which ends in 2020.

In other business the board heard from CPA Artye White, who recently completed the 2006-07 school year audit.

White said the school system's approximately \$26 million in finances were in as good a shape as possible, saying it was an "excellent" audit.

"As an outsider looking in, I am always impressed with the way this school system is administered and financed. I compare the other school systems I audit to yours to see if they stack up," White told the board.

White said that he audits 13 school systems in the state of Kentucky.

The board also heard from former school bus driver Keith Bussell, who resigned on November 28th.

Bussell, who was asked to resign by Superintendent Larry Hammond after November 12th incident at the Rockcastle County High School, asked the board to intervene on his behalf and

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Rockcastle weatherman Bud Cox measured only a trace of snow on his snowboard outside the weather station in Mt. Vernon on Wednesday morning. It was the third time he had recorded a trace of snow this winter, with the most snow being on Wednesday. The small amount of snow caused some slippery driving conditions in the county, but it did not disrupt school as students were not scheduled to return to classes until today (Thursday). (Front page photos by: Richard Anderkin).

December was wettest month of year in county

The final tally is in and the year 2007 will no doubt go down as one of the driest ever on record in Rockcastle County.

When the books closed on 2007, at the Cox Funeral Home Weather Station in Mt. Vernon, only 40.51 inches of rain and three inches of snow had been recorded.

Of that 40.51 inches, 6.91 fell in the month of December and 4.99 fell in November, making the first ten months in the county dirt dry with only 28.61 inches in precipitation falling in the county.

Precipitation was recorded 18 of the 31 days in December with the most coming on December 10th when 1.53 inches fell and on December 27 and 28 when 1.08 inches was recorded.

The high temperature in December was 74 on the 11th and the low was 20 on

the 17th.

The high recorded temperature last year was 101 on August 16th. August was also the driest month of the year with only .78 of rain being recorded in the county.

The low recorded temperature for the year was six on January 31st, February 1st, 5th, 6th and 15th.

On the 5th of February the low/high temperature for the year was also recorded when the mercury climbed to only 18 after a low of six that morning.

Monthly totals for 2007 were as follows: **January** - 3.91 inches of rain and four traces of snow. High temperature was 68, low was six.

February - 1.89 inches of rain and three inches of snow. Low was six and high 63.

March - 3.22 inches of rain. High temperature of

83, low of 21.

April - 2.47 inches of rain and a very cold, cold month.

The high temperature for the month was 82 and the low was 20. Nine of ten days, April 5th through the 14th, the low recorded temperature was in the 20s.

May - 2.00 inches of rain. High temperature was 90, low 42.

June - 2.89 inches of rain. High temperature was 91, low was 50.

July - 4.87 inches of rain. High temperature of 90, low 51.

August - .78 inches of rain. High temperature 101, low 60.

September - 2.61 inches of rain. High temperature of 96, low 44.

October - 3.97 inches of rain. High temperature of 91, low 28.

November - 4.99 inches of rain. High temperature

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Local man held on \$75,000 cash bond after indictment

A Rockcastle County man is being held in the Rockcastle County Detention Center, after being indicted on Friday.

The Rockcastle County Grand Jury, which met in special session on Friday, returned a two count indictment against Clyde Chasteen, 46, of Hwy. 3245, Brodhead in connection with an alleged crime that has taken place over an 11 year period.

Chasteen was indicted on 50 counts of second degree sodomy and 50 counts of incest for crimes from 1996 to 2007, involving a child under the age of 14.

Chasteen was arrested on December 14th and has been held under a \$75,000 cash bond since that time.

Chasteen will be arraigned on January 25th.

Asst. Commonwealth Attorney Jeremy Bartley said

the case was presented to the grand jury as early as possible because of the seriousness of the case.

"This is a serious and emotional case that should be dealt with as soon as possible and we plan to move quickly to secure a guilty verdict, so that he, (Chasteen) will be behind bars where he belongs for a long time," Bartley said.



The Rockcastle Grand Jury returned a two count indictment against Clyde Chasteen Friday.

Steve Isaacs sentenced to six month in federal prison

Stephen Ray Isaacs, 45, of Mt. Vernon, was sentenced by United States District Court Judge Danny C. Reeves on December 20th to six months in prison and ordered to pay \$9,500 in restitution for committing mail fraud.

In August of 2007, Isaacs pleaded guilty to the charges and admitted that in April of 2005, while employed as a Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Officer, he knowingly de-

vised a scheme to defraud.

Isaacs admitted he instructed two Rockcastle County brothers, Michael and Jonathan McKinney who were fined \$12,500 in Rockcastle Circuit Court for illegal poaching of deer and turkey, to pay their fines to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife and make the money orders out to him and mail them to his Mt. Vernon Post Office box.

The scheme lasted from April 2005 through March 2006.

Isaacs, who served as Game Warden in the county from January of 2003 to April of 2006, could have gotten 20 years in prison and been fined \$250,000.

After completion of his six month sentence, Isaacs will be under the supervision of the United States Probation Office for three years.

Lady Rockets & Rockets host Casey County Friday night in doubleheader



The Rockcastle River was running out of its banks this week, after 6.91 inches of rain fell in the county in December. The above photo was taken near the same place in the river as was the bottom photo, which was taken just two months ago, when the river was almost completely dry. Last year, 13 fewer inches of rain fell in the county than in 2006.



King Bottling Co. is no longer giving free water

After vandals tore up the mechanism which distributes free water at King Bottling Company in Climax again in December, owner David King said he would no longer provide the free water.

King said vandals had torn up the distribution pipe on at least four different occasions in the five years he has been there and that he has stopped the service.

"I hate it, but it is a lot of work to fix the pipe each time it is torn down and to keep the drain clean after people use the overhead valve to wash out the beds of the trucks and to clean off their dirty vehicles," he said.

King said on numerous occasions he has had to clean out the drain because of debris and mud from vehicles and that it had just become too time consuming.



Because of vandalism at King Bottling in Climax, there is no more free water.

Editor's Notes

By Richard Anderkin



The New Year is a time for resolutions. It's a time when people commit to making a change in their life.

Losing weight, changing jobs, saving money, making money, finding a new relationship, getting in shape, going back to school, making better grades, giving up smoking, or many other vices, are just some of the goals we all set for ourselves on January 1st.

I am a firm believer that it is possible for anyone to make a change or a new start, but it takes determination, commitment and perseverance.

But, a new goal must be your own. You have to really want it - nobody else can want it for you and it happen.

Without a burning desire, your motivation will fade quickly and it will be just another year of unrealized goals.

However, I am living proof you can do what you set your mind to. Other people can be of help - but you and only you can make a change or reach a goal. Enough of advice 101 from me.

This year I am going to keep it simple.

I vow not to ever get my hopes up again that Kentucky basketball will bring me joy during the winter months.

I vow to not wait and put my seat belt on five minutes after taking the wheel and in a sharp curve.

I vow not to eat a large meal 15 minutes before I go to bed and, first and foremost this year, I vow to do a better job at this newspaper.

But, finally, I am going to vow to have more patience, while listening to the opinion of those I may not agree with, which is something that I am not very good at. That is going to be a hard one.

Sometimes I think we set our goals too high - notice I didn't say anything about los-

ing weight or getting in shape, because I really don't want to.

The good Lord willing, I will attempt those two things in coming years.

As we begin a new year, again, I want to thank everyone for their kindness, cooperation and support in 2007.

VIEW FROM THE BENCH

2008 Needs New Lyrics Like . . . "A Needle Needs a Vein"

In this first week of 2008 in which radio, cable and satellite airwaves are busy counting down last years' greatest everything, I've surmounted the final obstacle to impending dotage. I'm beginning to detest modern song lyrics.

This constant critique of popular music began only shortly ago. Now when I hear various references to **b o d i l y** functions, sex, and **l a w l e s s - n e s s**, I'm genuinely offended. And the stuff I listen to is comparably mild to what is available to those with . . . say a more metropolitan taste.

Take for example the wildly popular Tim McGraw hit "I Need You". McGraw is an outstanding young artist and has the fortune of being married to sweetheart Faith Hill, with whom by all accounts, McGraw is absolutely and insanely mad about. At least according to my kids.

My first exposure to McGraw's hit—occurring as it did while riding in my appropriately countrified pick-up truck—prompted an immediate searching of the radio chan-

nels for a replay to clarify if my ears actually heard what I thought they heard. They had.

"I wanna drink that shot of whiskey/I wanna smoke that cigarette/I wanna smell that sweet addiction on my breath . . . So I need you, like a needle needs a vein." Hmm. Okay. Well, that is certainly graphic and compelling, easy to understand the sentiment, but it's also kind of unsettling.

The problem (for me) with this particular choice of words is the evocative image it generates, the allusion to the overpowering compulsion of intravenous drug use, which is once again becoming increasingly commonplace in our small communities.

A 2007 Drug Enforcement Administration threat assessment notes an increasing, though thankfully still relatively small, demand for heroin in southeastern Kentucky. That's us. And given our proven inability to resist the lure of methamphetamine, cocaine, and prescription painkillers in this region, I can easily comprehend the business opportunity that some Mexican trafficking organizations might see around here for expanded heroin use. That bothers me. And it bothers me to hear that drug addiction, particularly one that is manifested in a particularly odious fashion, is used to in what purports to be a loving tribute.

Another winner among the ol' fuddy-duddy musical hit parade for 2007 has to be Carrie Underwood's pre-emptive nuclearesque strike song "Before He Cheats". You know the one I'm talking about. In anticipation that her boyfriend has strayed from a supposedly monogamous relationship, Carrie's fictional crazy woman decides to go on a crime spree, keying her boyfriend's car, cutting his leather seats, beating out his headlights with a baseball bat, aaaand . . . flattening his tires.

I realize that I'm perhaps a

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Loretta got me a cordless drill for Christmas. One of those 18 volt jobs with a hammer switch and so stout that it'll loosen lug nuts on a tractor.

Inside the case she'd put a Christmas card. So I'm thinking to myself, after I pointed

the drill around at the kids and grandkids, pulled the trigger and made it whirr a few times that, in addition to telling me what a wonderful fellow I am, the card would also contain a gift certificate for my choice of bit sets at Bluegrass Hardware.

Apparently she is of the opinion that the rusted bits and other drill accessories I already have scattered around will work just fine. Instead of a gift card she'd filled one of those long, yellow pages off a legal notepad with a list of stuff around the house that needs fixing.

All three storm doors, for example, have serious issues that have to do both with opening and with staying closed. Several cabinets have similar problems. Coasters need to be installed on several pieces of furniture. She is not at all happy with the curtain rods and drapery hangers in at least seven rooms. Several pictures throughout the house are "just barely hanging there and may fall at any minute."

She wants TV cable run into our bedroom and the outlet placed yea high on the wall.

The dryer vent needs to be replaced with solid pipe instead of that old flexible stuff that could catch the house on fire. The base plate on the dishwasher has never stayed on straight. She hates that light fixture in the dining room. Etc. I stopped reading halfway down the page.

And I'm supposed to fix all this stuff with a cordless drill and rusty bits before I go back to work on Wednesday. I had asked for the thing because I already have a jig saw and I've been thinking about building some bird houses in my spare

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dition? Undoubtedly so. Our controlling lifestyles are keeping us from quality family time, proper time to exercise, no time for a hobby, or a restful few hours a week, no time for friends and neighbors, and it robs us of time that we need to be in prayer or Bible study, which very well may be the most important of all.

I think that in 2008 I want to reclaim my life. It's gotten away from me for too long. I've wasted a lot of valuable time doing what needed to be done. Now I'm going to try to do the important things. If I could only find some kind of schedule, or something to better manage my time. That's the key. Proper time management.

In 2008, I certainly hope that Stanley and I, as well as the untold thousands whose lives have been set adrift in the vast sea of life can regain, and be the captain of their own destiny. We only have so much sand in our hourglass, and it is speedily flowing. Let's make good use of it.

Could it be that we're just coming to the realization that we are only two of untold thousands who are in the same con-

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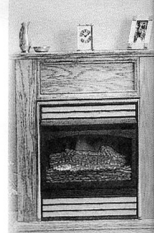
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Obituaries



Lucille Mae Brumett

Lucille Mae Bengé Brumett, 80, widow of Homer James Brumett, of Brodhead, died Saturday, December 29, 2007 at the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Facility in Brodhead. She was born on April 29, 1927 in Brodhead, a daughter of the late Syrus James and Sarah Belle Bishop Bengé. She was a Christian who attended Crossroads Assembly of God Church. She was a loving and devoted mother and grandmother, who had been a homemaker and a Cook at the Dix Point Restaurant. Her hobbies and interests included growing roses, sewing, quilting and her grandchildren. In the fall of 1961 she was united in holy matrimony to Homer James Brumett and from that union came two children, James and Barbara.

She is survived by: her children, James (Rhonda) Brumett and Barbara Wilcott, all of Brodhead; three granddaughters, Angela Nicole Roberts, Kaci Layne Wilcott and Megan Jalet Brumett; a brother, Jerry (Jewell) Bengé of Crab Orchard; two sisters, Mary Laswell of Ottawa and Mable Helton of Lancaster; and a host of nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides her husband, Homer James Brumett, and parents, she was preceded in death by: two brothers, Casper and George Bengé; and six sisters, Pearlite Proffitt, Rosie Bryant, Evy Robbins and three infant sisters.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 1st, 2008 at the W. Brodhead Church of God with Bro. Nathaniel Fugate officiating. Burial followed in the Negro Creek Cemetery.

Casket bearers were: James T. Bengé, Johnny Bengé, Troy Bengé, Jeff Laswell, Jerry Denney, and Don Vanhook.

Condolences to the family of Mrs. Lucille Brumett may be made to her online registry at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com



Patricia Irene Slate

Patricia Irene Slate, 63, of Brodhead, died Monday, December 17, 2007 at the St. Joseph Hospital Berea in Berea. She was born in New Castle, IN on November 19, 1944 the daughter of Edgar and Reba Hawkins Pierce. She had been a waitress.

She is survived by: two sons, Steven Slate and Steven Anthony Slate, both of Brodhead; two daughters, Rose Ann Matherly of Pfafftown, NC and Teresa Slate of Waynesburg; one brother, Eddie Pierce of Indianapolis, IN; and four sisters, Diane Abbott, Joyce Baker, Peggy Kilburn, and Lisa Lewis, all of Indianapolis, IN. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Richard Slate; two sons, Jerry Slate and Sammy Slate; two sisters, Sylvia Hubble and Debbie Staudigl; and one grandson, Rickey Pierce.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 21 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Ron Roberts. Burial was in the Choate Cemetery in Monticello, KY.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view Mrs. Slate's online obituary.



Sylvania Hall

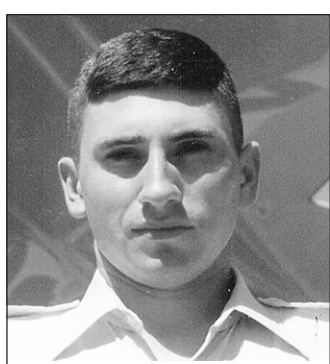
Sylvania Johnson Hall, 95, of Brodhead, died Friday, December 21, 2007 at the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Facility in Brodhead. She was born on January 15, 1912 in Weeksbury, KY of Floyd County, a daughter of the late Daniel and Elizabeth Burke Johnson. She had been a homemaker, a loving and devoted mother and grandmother, who enjoyed gardening, and cooking. She was a member of the Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church of Kite, KY. On May 30, 1930, she was united in holy matrimony to Forest Hall and from that union came 10 children, Bill, Jack, J.D., Joe, Alex, Mabel, Gearldine, Inez, Opal and infant Magnolia.

She is survived by: her children, Bill (Chris) Hall of South Amherst, OH, Jack (Eva) Hall of Elyria, OH, J.D. (Beulah) Hall of Kite, KY, Joe Hall of Kite, KY, Alex (Bobbi) Hall of Berlin Heights, OH, Mabel Carson of Brodhead, Gearldine (Alger) Burchell of Sheffield Lake, OH, Inez (Carl) Gabbard of Wyandotte, MI, and Opal (Earl) Blanton of Brodhead; 24 grandchildren; several great grandchildren; and a host of friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Forest Hall; a child Magnolia; two brothers, Melvin and Orbin; and two sisters, Roxie and Mary.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 23, 2007 at the Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church with Bros. Deffort Thornsberry and Cluitt Hall officiating. Burial followed in the Forest Hall Cemetery in Kite, KY. Casket bearers were her Grandsons.

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



Jerry Anthony "Tony" Hoskins

Jerry Anthony "Tony" Hoskins, 30, of Nicholasville, and formerly of Madison County, died Monday, December 24, 2007 at his home. He was born in Madison County, KY on April 4, 1977 the son of

Sterling Hoskins and Leah Harrison Hoskins and was a truck driver and a Veteran of the US Air Force.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by: his wife, Heather Hoskins; two sons, Trevor Hoskins of Mt. Vernon and Nathaniel Hoskins of Nicholasville; a sister, Sally Campbell of Brodhead; a step son, Quinten Edwards of Nicholasville; a step daughter, Imari Edwards of Nicholasville; a half brother, Sterling Hoskins, Jr. of Orlando; and half sister, Janie Mae Isaacs of Orlando. He was preceded in death by a brother, Tommy Hoskins.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 28, 2007 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home by Bro. Chad Burdette. Burial was in the Johnetta Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Shane Campbell, Robert Harrison, Sterling Hoskins, Jr., Shannon Mink, Michael VanWinkle, and Johnny Webb.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view Mr. Hoskins' online obituary.



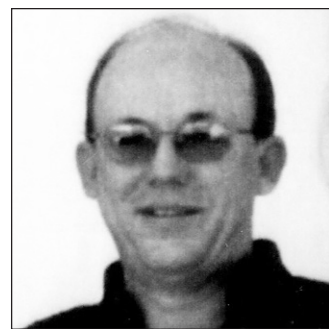
Justin Bradshaw

Justin Andrew Bradshaw, 24, of Brodhead, died Sunday, December 30, 2007. He was born on May 5, 1983, in Danville, the son of James Thomas Bradshaw and Jeleta Kay Taylor Bradshaw. He was a member of Brodhead Christian Church and the Rockcastle Saddle Club. He worked as a stone mason, and his hobbies and interests were horses, trail riding, fishing, and hunting.

He is survived by: his parents, James Thomas Bradshaw and Jeleta Kay Taylor Bradshaw; two children, Abigail Tessa Bradshaw and Alivia Morgan Bradshaw, all of Brodhead; one sister, Jamaica Kay Bradshaw (Reggie) Pennington of Mt. Vernon; maternal grandparents, Bobby and June Taylor of Brodhead; aunts and uncles, Regina T. Burton of Brodhead, Linda (Ricky) Cannon of Hustonville, Tina Rice of Harrodsburg, Garry (Lana) Bradshaw of Harrodsburg; one nephew, Avery Taylor Bradshaw; two nieces, Jordyn Alyssa Pennington and Jaelyn Elaine Pennington; a special friend, Courtney Barnett; and a host of family, friends, and neighbors. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, James and Lilli Bradshaw.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, January 2, 2008, at the Marvin E. Owens Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Shannon Franklin officiating. Burial will follow in the Fairview Cemetery in Willailla.

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



Timothy Lee DeBorde

Timothy Lee DeBorde, 49, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, December 21, 2007 at his home. He was born in Beech Grove, IN on November 29, 1958 the son of Edward and Ina Ruth Woodall DeBorde. He was an engineer at Toyotetsu America of Somerset and was a US Navy veteran. He was a member of the Walnut Grove Church of Christ.

He is survived by: his father, Edward DeBorde of Mt. Vernon; his mother, Ruth DeBorde Sheridan of Mt. Vernon; two brothers, Glen (Phyllis) DeBorde of Mt. Vernon and Junior Belcher of Lafayette, IN; one sister, Dianna (Steve) Kortzendorf of Bargersville, IN; three step-sisters, Melinda Young and Patty East, both of Indiana and Barbara Mitchell of North Carolina; three step-brothers, Kenny Kitts of California, John Kitts of Indiana and Eugene Kitts of Florida; three nieces, Tara DeBorde, Shannon DeBorde, and Gracie Kortzendorf; and one nephew, Curtis "Bud" Huffman.

He was preceded in death by: a sister, Margaret DeBorde Alcorn; and a step-brother, Jack Kitts.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 27 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Marvin Cromer. Burial was in the Friendship Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Junior Belcher, Curtis Huffman, David Keith, John Kitts, Kenny Kitts, Doug Phelps, George Renner and George Sandusky.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view Mr. DeBorde's online



Dorothy M. Hale

Dorothy M. Hale, 67, of Somerset, died Wednesday, December 19, 2007 at the Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital. She was born in Hamilton, OH on July 20, 1940 the daughter of Elbie and Berdie Stewart Brockman. She was a retired factory worker for Seal-Test and a member of the Tylersville Road Church of God.

She is survived by: her husband, Harry Elmer Hale of Somerset; three sons, Calvin Rogers and Jimmy Rogers, both of Hamilton, OH and Brian Rogers of Seoul, Korea; one brother, Merle Brockman of Hamilton, OH; four sisters, Lola Mae Donald, Viola Cornett, Mabel Bailey, and Wanda Oliver, all of Hamilton, OH; and four stepchildren, John (Nancy) Hale, Anita (Roy Gene) Todd, Jim Hale, and Jenette (Lee) Kendrick, all of Mt. Vernon. Also surviving are six grandchildren and five great grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: a daughter, Ramona Iyler; one sister, Opal Loman; and one brother, Warren Brockman.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 24, 2007 at the Brown-Dawson Funeral Home in Hamilton, OH by Bro. Jim Mullins. Burial was in the Rose Hill Burial Park in Hamilton.

Local arrangements were by the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view Mrs. Hale's online obituary.

Wendell McFerron

Wendell McFerron, 62, of Mt. Vernon died at his residence January 1st. Dowell and Martin Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



Michelle Bowman

Michelle Denise Bowman, 41, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, December 21, 2007 at her home. She was born in Lincoln Co., KY on May 5, 1966 the daughter of Tom, Jr. and Wanda Hodge Kidd. She was a homemaker and a member of the Maple Grove Baptist Church.

She is survived by: her husband, Donald Bowman; one son, Blake Lawson of Mt. Vernon; two daughters, Amanda (Benson) Coleman of Waynesburg and Emma Bowman of Mt. Vernon; her mother, Wanda Kidd of Livingston; five brothers, Danny Kidd of Indiana, Richard Caudill of Waynesburg, Jeremy Caldwell and Jason Caldwell, both of Livingston, and Wayne Caldwell of Mt. Vernon; and three sisters, Vicky Doan of Livingston, Donna Cummins of Waynesburg and Angelia Gentry of Mt. Vernon. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Austin, Tyler, Madison, and Bailey.

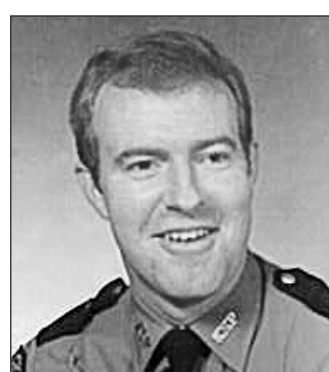
She was preceded in death by: her father, Tom Kidd, Jr.; two sisters, Connie Kidd and Patricia Kidd; and one brother, Michael Caudill.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 24 at the Maple Grove Baptist Church by Bro. Jerry Owens. Burial was in the Bowman Family Cemetery at Climax.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were: Thomas Blevins, Doug Caldwell, Wayne Caldwell, Benson Coleman, Dalmis Doan, Tim Gentry, Mike McGuire and Ricky Young.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.



Kenneth Ray Ball

Kenneth "Kenny" Ray Ball, 60, of Crab Orchard, died Friday, December 21, 2007 at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. He was born January 28, 1947 in Stanford. He is the son of Ray and Beulah Baker Ball. He was a member of Friendship Baptist Church. He is a veteran of the United States Air Force. He was a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University. He was a member of the Crab Orchard Masonic Lodge #636 of F&AM. He retired as a Kentucky State Police Detective after 24 years of service. Honors include being named both Kentucky State Police Trooper and Detective of the year.

Survivors include: daughter, Genia (Mike) Hardwick of Crab Orchard; parents, Ray and Beulah Baker Ball of Crab Orchard; one sister, Linda (Colson) Wilson of Brodhead; one grandson, Michael Wade Hardwick of Crab Orchard; and special friend, Jenny Lynn Whittaker of Lancaster.

Services were held Thursday, December 27, 2007 at the McKnight Funeral Home Chapel with Bros. Dan Gutenson and Cecil Roundtree officiating. Burial was in the Wilson Cemetery on Edwards Road, Crab Orchard with the Kentucky State Police Honor Guard and the Caswell Sauley American Legion Post # 18 of Stanford.

Memorial Contributions Suggested to be made to Kentucky State Police Troopers Island, Attn. Mr. Craig Sutton at P.O. Box 473, Albany, KY 42602 or to The American Kidney Fund at 6110 Executive Blvd. Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Pallbearers included: Gary Jenkins, Steve Brown, Tom Sawyer, Bill Snyder, Earl Dean McWhorter and Darrel Lee Whittaker.

Honorary pallbearers were: Johnny Sims, Lincoln Co. Sheriff's Office, Retired Kentucky State Troopers Of Richmond Post # 7 and all patients at Dialysis Clinic, Inc.

Kenneth Stevens

Kenneth Stevens, 85, of Loveland, OH, beloved husband of the late Viletha Stevens, died Friday, December 14, 2007.

He is survived by: children, Kenneth D. (Marylyn), Jack (Robyn) Stevens, Richard (Karen) Stevens, Jim (Penny) Stevens, Barney (Diane) Stevens and Elaine (Jerry) Beuerlein; nine grandchildren; six great grandchildren; brother, Jasper Stevens; and many nieces, nephews and friends. He is preceded in death by one sister and three brothers.

Friends will be received on Wednesday, December 19, 2007 from 6 to 8 PM at the Tufts Schildmeyer Funeral Home, 129 N. Riverside Ave., Loveland, OH. Services will be held (today) Thursday, December 20, 2007 at 11 a.m. at the Tufts Schildmeyer Funeral Home, 129 N. Riverside Ave., Loveland, OH. Interment will be held at Arlington Memorial Gardens, Mt. Healthy, OH with full military honors.

Family suggests memorial contributions be directed to Hospice of Cincinnati, PO Box 633597, Cincinnati, OH 45263.

Card of Thanks

Thank You

Thank you for all the calls of concern, cards of encouragement and prayer during my recent illness. I am now at home recovering.

Jennifer Fields



Margaret McCormick

Margaret Marie McCormick, 65 of Pine Hill died Thursday, December 27, 2007 at the Pattie A. Clay Hospital in Richmond. She was born on September 12, 1942 in Columbus, OH the daughter of the late Howard and Donna Watson Pressley. She was a homemaker, enjoyed quilting, crafts, spending time with friends at the Wayne Stewart Center, and was a member of the Central Baptist Church.

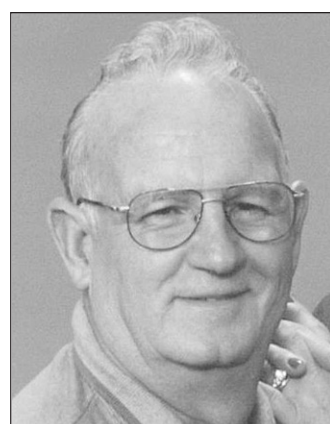
Survivors are: four sons, Raymond McCormick of Lexington, Glen McCormick of Frankfort, John and Jack McCormick Jr., both of Pine Hill; six daughters, Jackie Rayburn of Pine Hill, Johanna McCormick of Livingston, Phyllis Sutton of Berea, Lola Swinney of Mt. Vernon, Juanita Watkins of Lexington and Tammy Johnson of Irvine; one sister, Sandy Ramey of Richmond; 29 grandchildren; and 12 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Jack McCormick; and one daughter, Joyce Hampton.

Service were held Sunday, December 30, 2007 at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Mark Eaton officiating. Burial was in the McCormick Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Dallas Skinner, Clell Swinney, Jr., Richard McCormick, Jackie Ray Smith, Jerry Barron, Roger Mink, Eddie Stewart and Shawn Mink.

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



Edward C. Lewis

Edward C. Lewis, 63, of Somerset passed away Sunday, December 30, 2007 at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital. He was born in Leslie County, KY on August 22, 1944 to Gladys Howard Lewis and the late Raymond Lewis. He lived in Rockcastle County for part of his life. He enjoyed working on small engines, fishing, boating, and the outdoors.

He is survived by: his wife, Nora Hamblin Lewis, whom he married on August 4, 1962 in London, KY; a son, Bruce E. (Jackie) Lewis of Somerset; a daughter, Pamela S. (Larry) Jones of Somerset; four brothers, Theo (Doris) Lewis, Raymond Jr. (Barb) Lewis, Ulyess Lewis, and James (Amanda) Lewis, all of London; two sisters, Betty (Lohren) Jones, and Ginny (Wilkie) Couch; two grandchildren, Jessica Jones, and Jacob Jones; three step-grandchildren, Chan (Vicky) Hood, Sonya (Mike) King, and Shannon (Shelia) Hood; and three step-great-grandchildren, Madison King, Alex Hood, and Bryan Hood.

Along with his father he is preceded in death by a brother, Lawrence Lewis.

Funeral services will be held (today) Thursday, January 3, 2008 at the Chapel of Lake Cumberland Funeral Home at 11:00 a.m. with Bro. David Carr officiating. Interment will follow in Lakeside Memorial Gardens.

Condolences can be sent to www.lakecumberlandfuneralhome.com

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Our Readers Write

King Bottling should repair water line...

Dear Editor,

My name is Mike Gabbard, a member of the Rockcastle community. I am currently paying my debt to society for some things I have done. I do ask forgiveness.

It has come to my attention that another member of our community has also done something wrong and probably doesn't believe he has.

Mr. King from King Bottling Co. in Climax has shut down the free water station in Climax, next to this bottling company. It was supposed to be forever to our community and he has shut it down, claiming vandalism is why. How much vandalism can you do to a steel pipe with two concrete posts around it on a concrete slab. He may have put a new 4" fill line.

Sounds like besides the federal grant the community support for the very good water that it is, Mr. King is letting greed get in his way of keeping his word to his community and the man he made his deal with to purchase the property. The gentleman that sold him the property put it in for his community and part of the deal was he was to leave it for the community, no matter what. With the profit he has made off of free water, how much would it take for him to live up to his word.

Where is the love Mr. King should be spreading to his community. We, the community, love our water!!

Yours truly,
Mike Gabbard

Expressing our gratitude...

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Toys for Tots Foundation of Rockcastle County, we would like to take this time to express our gratitude to several individuals, businesses, organizations, and agencies.

This year we were able to serve 290 children in 130 families, which is a great success. We could not have done it without the generous help of so many. We would like to thank all of those in the county who

donated toys and funds to this great cause. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

We would like to thank Community Trust bank of Mt. Vernon (both branches), Mt. Vernon IGA, Wendy's, Citizens Bank (Mt. Vernon & Brodhead), Rite Aid, PBK Bank, Dollar General (West Main St.), Carter's Market, Rockcastle Co. High School, The Rocket Shop, Brodhead Elementary School, B&L Grocery (Hwy 70), and Hometown Market of Brodhead, for being toy drive and donation centers.

Special thanks to the Rockcastle Co. High School for again providing the facility for the toy give-away.

We would also like to thank the Rockcastle Area Technology Center, Teresa Vanzant and the Circuit Court Clerk office, Northside Baptist Church, Pizza Hut, Mt. Vernon Signal, WRVK Radio, Coffey and Ford Attorneys at Law, Billy Reynolds and the County Attorney office, Erin May and the U.S. Attorney Office of London, KY, the RCHS Student YMCA Club, and the Northside Student Mission Team.

Thanks to any we may have failed to mention who participated, donated, or supported this program in some way. This certainly would not have been possible without the cooperative effort of everyone involved. Thanks again and God bless you!

Sincerely,
GySgt Ryan Loudermilk
US Marine Corps Reserve
Jon Burdette, Youth Pastor
Northside Baptist Church

In response to Judge Tapp's column...

Dear Editor,

I write in response to the 12-6-07 "View From The Bench" column by Judge David Tapp about the Supreme Court, original intent, "living documents" and judicial activism. I look forward to Judge Tapp's columns as I find them well written and thought provoking. I am also aware the Judge Tapp positively presents both sides of most issues, a trait you rarely find in the national media. And while I agree with most of his commentaries, I must strongly

disagree with his analysis of judicial activism through "living documents" and the role of the Supreme Court.

Judge Tapp's 12-6-07 column discussed two different judicial philosophies: "original intent" and "living documents."

Original intent realizes that laws should be interpreted based upon our best understanding of the meaning of the law at the time it was passed. As an example of original intent, if you sign a mortgage contract with a bank to pay them \$100,000 at 8% interest to buy a house, such a legally binding document means what it says. It does not mean \$120,000 dollars because the house's appraisal increased, nor does it mean 5% interest because interest rates decreased.

To any intellectually honest person it should be clear that the meaning of such a legal contract does not change with time. This is common sense to average Americans. It is not a "living document" that 'evolves'. In fact it is the opposite. Contracts, laws, legal regulations and constitutional amendments mean what they originally meant, as reflected in the plain language of the text of the document. If not, how is one to decide what new meaning to create?

Unfortunately, for the past 40 years our most important legal document, the Constitution has not been interpreted in this manner. Instead it has been an, erhhh, "living document" and interpreted to mean whatever fits the personal social positions of the Supremacists on the Supreme Court.

Is it really a coincidence that the Supreme Court rules that every law, regulation and constitutional provision mandates the liberal viewpoint on social issues? Voting for the death penalty for juveniles: unconstitutional. Taking private property for shopping malls: constitutional. Voting for equal rights for unborn humans: unconstitutional. Voting against sodomy: unconstitutional. Infringing upon and outlawing bearing arms: currently constitutional. A brief student lead non-denominational prayer at a high school graduation: unconstitutional. Protecting society and children from pornographic smut: unconstitutional. "Marrying" three transsexuals, a cross dresser and a female sheep: coming soon.

Most people are not legal

scholars, however they are smart enough to recognize that if the Supreme Court tosses a coin 100 times and it comes up 'liberal' every time something is wrong.

"Living documents" judicial activists invariable spin this issue through a variety of good sounding phrases. Do not be taken in.

For example, you may hear that living documents 'evolve' to meet the current needs of Americans. While this phrase sounds good, who is to decide what the "needs" of society are? A rape victim "needs" a handgun to protect herself: anti-gun activists claim a need to prevent anyone from owning a gun. Landowners feel they have a "need" to own their property: others claim a "need" to use eminent domain for a shopping mall. Human rights activists believe that developing unborn humans had a "need" to live: "pro-choice and anti-abortion rights" national news anchors disagree. Which 'evolving needs of society' are to be met? And more importantly, who decides which "needs" are more important?

You may also hear judicial activism spun as 'flexible' or 'adaptable.' Again, changing the language is meant to sound good, but do not be taken in. If we truly wanted a "flexible" approach, we could simply allow one person, such as the president, to re-interpret laws based upon his personal views. At least the president is accountable to voters, unlike the Supremacists. Or we could simply poll the national media. I wonder what they would decide? Or how about the person with the most guns 'flexibly' making laws?

But alas, our founding fathers designed a different 'flexible' system (provided that the constitutional provisions regulating this has not also 'evolved.') In this system your mother, my father, your cousin's neighbor, and everyone from the corporate CEO to the homeless guy living below the bridge vote for representatives to a legislature who pass and amend laws.

It is exactly this system that liberals oppose. They know that they can not get their

wishes through most state legislatures. Besides, it is hard work try to convince other people: especially with the views they hold. Why go through all that trouble when you can have totally new laws simply declared by 5 unelected Supremacists wearing black robes?

You may hear those advocating judicial activism through "living documents" or a variety of other names decay that not having the Supremacists make up national laws will lead to a 'confusing patchwork array' of 'inconsistent' laws in different states.

Our founding fathers had a different name for this system. They called it democracy.

Michael Sheliga
Mt. Vernon, KY

"Points East"

(Cont. from A2)

time now that it's too cold to go fishing or work out in the garden.

I finally turned my attention to other presents which included a cell phone holder, a digital voice recorder and a computer flash drive all sealed in those hard, see-through, indestructible, plastic containers.

I was not the only person ogling presents we might never use because they seemed so permanently sealed inside this stuff. At least two people were already in the bathroom hunting for band aids because they'd been wounded trying to open stuff with knives. Another had burned his finger trying to melt a plastic cover with a candle lighter. Two pairs of heavy scissors had literally come apart at the joints and Loretta was wanting to know where I had stored the garden pruning shears.

I knew exactly where they were but I let on like I didn't because I didn't want to ruin them too.

And that's when I remembered that I had some tiny little rotary saw blades that mount in a drill. Sure enough, on my new drill they went through that plastic faster than a chipmunk on a peanut hull. I had my plunder opened in a matter of seconds before I loaned the drill to somebody trying to get at toys for one of the grand kids. It was, after

all, my idea and I knew that as soon as the drill left my hands I wouldn't see it again for hours.

I happen to know as a matter of fact that some venture capitalists read this column. So listen up Fred Beste. There's a fortune to be made here. Back the first entrepreneur who walks in your door with a plan to turn a small drill, equipped with a rotary blade about the size of a dime into a tool to be marketed specifically for opening plastic encased presents.

If you hurry, you might still be able to buy advertising space during Super Bowl.

I figure that my commission on gross sales should be about 12% but we can negotiate. So shake a leg there. I need a commission check right away. I'm looking back on this long Honey-do list and I'm not going to get out of Bluegrass Hardware with just a set of drill bits.

"Bench"

(Cont. from A2)

little more sensitive to these issues than most people, but come on! We spend millions every year attempting to modify attitudes about the acceptability of domestic violence (even when directed at cheating, low down, scum bags).

Despite these efforts, over four million domestic violence incidents occur annually, and an estimated three domestic violence murders occur nationally every day. The economic costs of domestic violence, in lost productivity alone, exceed \$70 million dollars annually. So why would a musical star, with the surfeit of talent that Underwood possesses, promote lyrics which popularizes criminal mischief as appropriate conduct in reprisal for suspected infidelity?

I don't mean to pick on either of these artists. I mostly like their music. And much of the music available today contains far more disturbing lyrics than these examples. And certainly music of my generation had its own problems, and perhaps was even more disturbing in some instances. It would certainly be nice, however, if the music of 2008 struck a little less of a discordant chord than some of last year's examples.

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

Small Claims

Kevin Blankenship vs. Carrie Vanzant Lowery, \$400 plus claimed due. S-00031.

Ola Smith vs. Judy Cromer, et al, \$1,500 plus claimed due. S-00032.

Marshall and Karen Damrell vs. Christopher and Rita Fleming, \$1,450 plus claimed due. S-00033.

District Civil Suits

Asset Acceptance LLC vs. Laura L. Hammond, \$1,248.51 plus claimed due. C-00259.

First Financial Credit, Inc. vs. Kyle Fletcher, \$1,000.15 plus claimed due. C-00260.

Nationwide Mutual Ins. Co. vs. Misty Peterson, \$2,767.52 plus claimed due. C-00261.

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Joan King, \$1,851.75 plus claimed due. C-00262.

Capital One Bank vs. Charles G. Hardegee, \$1,067.98 plus claimed due. C-00263.

Circuit Civil Suits

Tabitha Doan vs. Brian Doan, complaint for child support and medical support. CI-00317.

F.I.A. Card Services vs. Michael W. Begley, \$16,218.92 plus claimed due. CI-00318.

Timothy V. Willis vs. William Moore, et al, complaint. CI-00319.

Lori Elln Kyle vs. Russell Thomas Gilmore, complaint. CI-00320.

Kathy Lynn Hensley vs. Larry Wayne Hensley, petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00321.

CACH LLC vs. Rebecca Stewart, \$5,542.72 plus claimed due. CI-00322.

Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. vs. Stephanie A. Deaton, \$47,549.29 plus claimed due. CI-00323.

Donald Keith French vs. Rosie French, petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00324.

Ford Motor Credit Co. LLC vs. Mary French, \$6,482.40 plus claimed due. CI-00325.

Community Trust Bank vs. Doug Cromer, et ux, \$24,160.01 plus claimed due. CI-00326.

Marriage Licenses

Lillie Mae Bengé, 43, London, loan specialist, to George Anthony Sungy, Jr., 64, London, intelligence analyst. 12/12/07.

Virginia Irene Campbell, 22, Mt. Vernon, child care, to Robert Kevin Todd, 24, Crab Orchard, electrician. 12/15/07.

Tabatha Faye Howard, 23, Berea, unemployed, to Delmas Eugene McKinney, 53, Eubank, log inspector. 12/17/07.

Kendra Gee Owens, 17, Orlando, student, to Michael Aaron Mowery, 17, Mt. Vernon, student. 12/21/07.

Gail Teresa Matthews, 49, California, case manager to Karl Emmitt Lindblom, 50, Richmond, mining engineer. 12/26/07.

Deeds Recorded

Omer Overbay, Jr. and Jewell Overbay, property on Bowling Ridge Road, to Michael Hopkins. Tax \$10.

Eugene and Nivra Ann Senters, property in Rockcastle Heights Addition to Livingston, to Larry E. and Tammara Senters. No tax.

Netbank, property on Hwy. 1505, to Ira G. Partin. Tax \$46.

Sharon Cromer, property on Purr Rigsby Rd., to Denver and June Cromer. No tax.

Charles and Rosa Mae Mink, property in Rockcastle County, to Nelson and Kimberly McFerron. Tax \$9.50.

Huntington National Bank, property in Rockcastle County, to Everhome Mtg. Co. No tax.

Elaine Taulbee and Michael R. Abney, property in Rockcastle County, to Michael R. Abney. Tax \$5.

Ronnie and Glenna Spoonamore, property on St. Rt. 2549, to Marshall Norton. Tax \$14.

William Hasty, property in Robert Ford Subdv., to Dusty and Jennifer Burdette. Tax \$4.

Steven Jones, property in Rockcastle County, to Billy and Marietta Jones. No tax.

Crossland Homes, property in Rockcastle County, to Dennis and Kathy McClure. Tax \$15.

Dan Epperson, Jr. and Ruby Epperson, property in Rockcastle County, to Ted and Mary Ann Saylor. No tax.

Peggy Hurd, and others, property in Rockcastle County, to Danny L. Hurd. Tax \$65.

Dale and Melissa Lynn Johnson, property in Rockcastle County, to Heights Finance Corp. No tax.

Paul Cummins, property on Hwy. 461, to Mark Cummins. No tax.

Walter C. Reusch, property on U.S. 25, to William Buddy Settles. Tax \$17.

Jason Medley, property in Rockcastle County, to Anthony and Jill Medley. Tax \$35.

Kenny Duane Holt, property on Fairview Road, to Lloyd Dwayne Clark. Tax \$60.

Kristi M. Alcorn, property on waters of Lake Linville, to Mike McClure. Tax \$15.

Ralph and Elizabeth Tipton, property on south side of U.S. 150, to Transportation Cabinet, Dept. of Hwys. Tax \$55.

Alvin R. and Donna Pigg, property on south side of U.S. 150, to Transportation Cabinet, Dept. of Hwys. Tax \$38.50.

Ralph and Elizabeth Tipton, property on south side of U.S. 150, to Transportation Cabinet, Dept. of Hwys. Tax \$4.

Virginia Lee and Ronnie H. Thomas, property along U.S. 150, to Transportation Cabinet, Dept. of Hwys. Tax \$86.50.

Machelle Decker-Callahan and Floyd Callahan and Tina and Rodney Blanton, property in Rockcastle County, to Paul and Clarice R. Kirby. Tax \$30.

Doug Rowe and John C. and Ada Woods, property on Richmond St., Mt. Vernon, to Bobby and Felicia Lamb. Tax \$40.

Ina Bullock, property in Mt. Vernon, to Clifton and Virginia L. Bond. Tax \$42.

Gary W. and Wendi Allen, property in Rockcastle County, to Roger D. Hasty and Dorothy M. Hasty. Tax \$140.

Rick and Jerusha Robinson, property on waters of Roundstone Creek, to Frank and Marlene Stallworth. No tax.

District Court

Dec. 17-19, 2007

Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless
Roger Allen: theft by deception, \$20 fine and 20 days/probated 2 years plus restitution, service fees and costs.

Rebecca M. Baker: Speeding, \$46 fine; no operators license in possession, \$50 fine and costs.

Phillip J. Bingham: no/expired registration plates, and other charges, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Michael G. Blair: theft by deception, \$20 fine plus costs, 20 days/probated 2 years on condition plus restitution.

Speeding: Ryan C. Branan, \$30 fine plus \$128 costs paid; Heather H. Cinnamon, Jennifer D. Dansby, Martha L. Garcia, Jacob J. Hittler, Kareem R. Moore, Daniel A. Neu, Lee M. Owens, Jr., Martin A. Rawson, Lori A. Rogers, Gary J. Slone, Theodore M. Spoltore, Tracey L. Wells, Mark E. West, Maria M. Smith, Derrius M. Watson, Matthew K. Jones, Bryan R. Stier, Michael W. Baird, Mohammed A. Farooqui, Jose M. Garcia, license suspended for failure to appear; Jeremy D. Long, \$30 fine/suspended on completion of sts and payment of costs; Jonathan L. Morgan, \$62 fine and costs; Mikel R. Phillips, II, \$18 fine and costs; Jerry L. Smith, action slip; Mark L. Lundy, Siera N. Morrow, paid; James Wynn, \$18

fine and costs; Jordan L. Frey, \$24 fine plus costs; Amos Sandidge, \$40 fine/suspended on completion of sts and payment of costs;

Chad E. Shafer: possession of marijuana, \$100 fine and 10 days/probated two years on condition.

Jandell W. Singleton: alcohol intoxication in public place, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Jason D. Bullock: alcohol intoxication in public place, \$50 fine and costs.

Isreal Valazquez: no operators/moped license and failure to maintain required insurance, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Tomica A. White: failure to produce insurance card, \$50 fine and costs.

Sean P. Long: no/expired registration plates, and other charges, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Regina G. Morgan: public intoxication/controlled substance, \$100 fine and costs.

Abdel Nashnouch: speeding, and other charges, license suspended for failure to appear.

Farley E. Newcomb: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

William P. Northern: no/expired registration plates, and other charges, bench warrant issued for failure to appear/4 days or payment.

Richard L. Pendry: no operators license in possession, \$100 fine and costs.

Jamie Grubb: no/expired registration plates, and other charges, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Joni M. Hart: possession of controlled substance and operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing orders entered.

Randall G. Hasty: operating ATV on roadway, \$50 fine and costs; no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine; operating ATV w/o headgear, \$25 fine.

Michael C. Isaacs: fines/fees due (\$228), bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Shannon Day: criminal possession forged instrument, 3rd degree, sentencing order entered.

Larry R. Mink: giving of-ficer false name or address and

resisting arrest, sentencing orders entered.

Robert Northern, Jr.: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine; contempt of court, 2 days cts.

Robert E. Northern: possession of marijuana, \$100 fine; use/possession drug paraphernalia, \$100 fine.

Robert Northern: no insurance, \$500 fine/suspend \$450 on condition; no seat belt, \$25 fine.

Brenda Wheeler: no/expired registration plates, and other charges, action slip.

James Wynn: no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine and costs; failure to maintain req. insurance, \$500 fine/suspend \$450 on condition; no operators license in possession, \$100 fine.

Holly Ann Phillips: theft by deception, action slip entered.

Billy L. Mason: no operators/moped license, failure to wear seat belts, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, obstructed vision, 7 days/concurrent; failure to wear seat belts and failure to produce insurance card, \$100 fine each/convert to 7 days in jail/concurrent/each charge; no tail lamps, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, 7 days/concurrent/each charge; operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered/week end service agreement signed.

Scottie L. Hellard: failure to maintain insurance, \$500 fine/suspend \$450 on condition; operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine.

Victoria D. Clark: no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine and costs; failure to produce insurance card, \$50 fine and costs.

Brandon D. Collins: no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine and costs, failure to maintain insurance \$500 fine/suspend \$450 on condition; operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine; failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, \$25 fine; failure to wear seat belts.

Parviz Daneshjoo: improper lane usage, license suspended for failure to appear.

Galen L. Brooks: speeding, \$36 fine and costs; failure to

wear seat belts, \$25 fine; failure to produce insurance card, \$50 fine.

Margaret V. Cass: no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine and costs; no operators/moped license, \$25 fine.

Rhonda G. Anderson: no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine and costs.

Joseph K. Berry: alcohol intoxication in public place, time served plus costs.

James F. Broughton, Jr.: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, order entered.

Robert F. Busack: no/expired registration plates, \$25

fine; failure to maintain required insurance, \$50 fine and costs.

Myrtle Bush: failure to produce insurance card, \$50 fine and costs.

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

Paul Deatherage, Jr.: fines/fees due (\$138), bench warrant issued for failure to appear/contempt, 4 days or payment.

Charles T. Tenhet: hunt/fish/trap w/o license/permit/stamp (two counts) and contempt of court, action slip.

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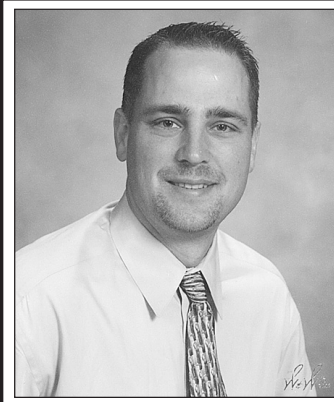
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Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church dates back to 1898

Compiled by
Teresa Parrett, Willetta Owens & David Owens

Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church is located at the corner of Lime Plant Hollow and Pine Hill Circle roads just off U.S. 25 four miles south of Mt. Vernon.

The date of the earliest known church ledger is from April 1898 when the church was known as the Pine Hill United Baptist Church of Christ. Reverend William Williams was listed as pastor, with Brothers Daniel Griffin and Phillip Holcomb as deacons, and Brother W.A. Miller as the church clerk.

Members' names and minutes of church meetings were recorded and preserved in an old faded brown journal that had

been kept (although its whereabouts is now unknown) by Mrs. Lela Turner, daughter of Johnny Hilton who was a deacon and church clerk from 1908 until his death in 1956. However, it is evident that the church origins are earlier from the records of the Rockcastle Baptist Association that lists Pine Hill Church as one of fourteen founding members in 1871. This date is probably correct as the Lebanon branch of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad reached Pine Hill in 1867.

The area was an early settlement along the famed Wilderness Road due to an abundance of high quality timber and coal with a limitless supply of limestone and sandstone water. In the early history of Pine Hill worship services, as was com-

mon in frontier communities, were conducted in private homes by itinerant preachers. The church had no designated place of worship until 1872 when a public building was built by interested citizens under the leadership of James Patrick Dolan, a Civil War veteran who was an immigrant from Lietram County, Ireland.

Following the Civil War, the Lebanon branch of the L&N railroad once again began building in an effort to reach London in Laurel County. Pine Hill was targeted for a railroad workstation because of the foresaid abundance of timber and coal plus a ready supply of limestone to quarry for railway beds. This created a large job market and Pine Hill's population grew into the largest township in the

county, there was even talk of making it the county seat.

James Dolan had come to Pine Hill in 1865 and worked in the design and construction engineering of the L&N Railroad from Crab Orchard to London. He, along with son-in-law Johnny Hilton, became major influences in the community and were major movers and shakers in developing plans to address the spiritual and educational needs of the fast growing community. The public building raised under Dolan's leadership became the first home of Pine Hill Baptist Church/Community Hall, as well as the school house. This building, located at the Pine Hill Cemetery, is in good condition and presently in use as a private residence.

A Baptist Church at Calloway was in existence as early as the Civil War, according to information handed down from previous generations, at least as early as 1897. The two bodies of Christ (Calloway and Pine Hill) interchanged holding worship services at Calloway and the Pine Hill Community Hall until 1908 when the two combined at Pine Hill under pastor Fred M. Jones. It was agreed in 1907 to choose a committee of five men: Daniel Griffin, Steau Roberson, Thomas Clift, J.T. Meadows, and J.N. Griffin, to select a site for a church house to be built. They chose the central part of the community of Pine Hill, near the old General Store and Post Office building that still stands on the old Pine Hill Circle Road. On Sunday, May 21, 1911, Reverend Fred M. Jones preached the dedication sermon for the new church house with 79

members in attendance.

On the night of April 21, 1936 the church building was

destroyed by fire and consequently the church records lost.

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Pastor Casey Hayes brought the message at Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday morning.



Members of the Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church, along with member Darlene Martin, left, sang a special during worship service last Sunday. Shown from left are: Martin, Dustin Thomas, Michael Thomason, Daniel Martin, Ileana Miller, Brittany Hayes, Elijah Lovell, Sarah Martin, Dustin Tuner, Gabby Miller, Taylor Johnston, Ciara Johnston, Bethany McKinney, Ashley McKinney and Shelby McKinney. In front are Callie Creech and Olivia Smith.



Pianist and church clerk Teresa Parrett is a life-long member of Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church.



Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church has undergone many improvements over the years. The church is located on Lime Plant Hollow Road and Pine Hill Circle.



The Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church's Ministry Building was dedicated in 2004.

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Kenny Shubert, Youth Pastor

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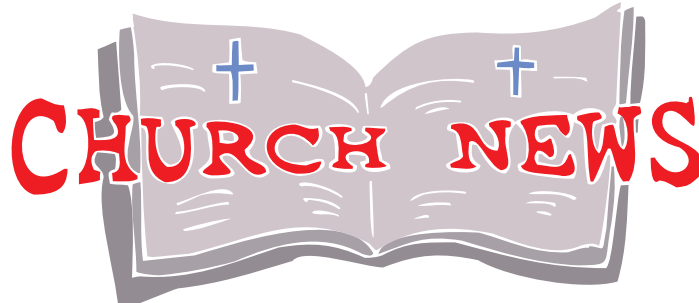
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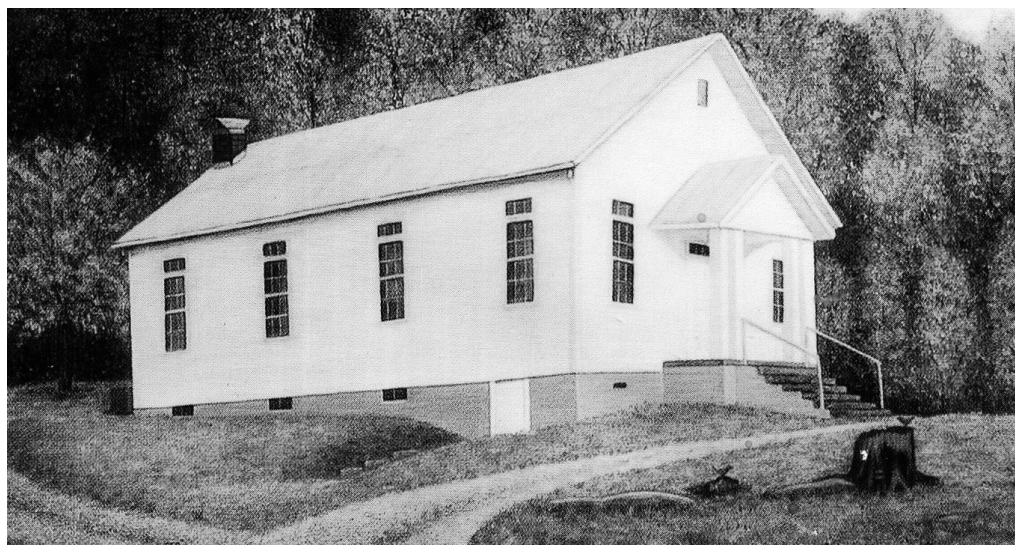
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The church building at Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church was first dedicated in 1937. The church has undergone many improvements in the 70 years since and currently has a membership of 180.



Members of the Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church Adult Choir sang a special on Sunday morning. Shown from left are: Coy Kirby, Carrie Cain, Jackie Burdine, Karen Martin, Sheila Falin, Diane Bradley, Don Bradley, Dana McKinney, Willie Martin, Becky Bullock and Darlene Martin. Willie Martin also serves as the church's van driver.



Sunday School Director Danny Bullock gave his report before worship services on Sunday at Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church.



Deacon Roger Smith welcomed everyone to Pine Hill Missionary Baptist on Sunday morning.



Some of those in attendance at Pine Hill on Sunday morning were from left: Patsy Falin with Carly Smith, Ellen Miller and Faye Thomason.



Talking before Sunday morning's worship service at Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church were from left: Jimmy Eversole, Paul Thomason and Coy Kirby.



Looking over the words of the song they were preparing to sing on Sunday morning with the Youth Choir at Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church were from left: Ashley, Shelby and Bethany McKinney. (Pine Hill Photos by: Richard Anderkin).

"Pine Hill"

(Cont. from A6)

Again the congregation went back to Pine Hill School and Community building to hold services and elected a committee to search possibilities to rebuild a church building. The committee was composed of David W. Grubb, J.W. Hilton, William Hansel, Willie Parrett, Edd Barnes, Joe Jackson, and J.L. McHargue, who died shortly thereafter from wounds suffered from the church fire. McHargue was replaced by Eli McDaniel.

By 1936 the "Golden Era" of Pine Hill had passed. The railroad terminus had reached and passed through the towns of Livingston, London, and on to Corbin, taking the bulk of the community's jobs as it moved

forward. This loss of employment opportunities led to a drastic depopulation of the township. Consequently, B.H. Egan and Howard Egan, owners and operators of the closing Pine Hill Lime and Stone Company donated real estate for the church to rebuild. The new home of the Pine Hill Baptist Church, which is the current site, was dedicated October 10, 1937 with Brother David W. Grubb preaching the sermon. Brother Grubb remained the church's pastor until July 1941.

Reverend Furmon Jones was elected the church's pastor in August 1941. In December 1945, Reverend Jones and several members withdrew and formed Bible Baptist Church. The remaining congregation at Pine Hill stayed at the present site.

Since moving to the current location, the main church building has undergone several renovations and additions. The interior and exterior of the building has seen many improvements. Additional Sunday School classrooms, a nursery, office, and storage areas were added. Also, a steeple and bell (donated by Charlie French in memory of his late wife Zillah) were erected.

James W. Lambert, former member and son-in-law of the late J.W. Hilton, donated two lots to the church, one on which our picnic shelter is built and the other on which a new ministry building was built.

The ministry building was built in 2004 and includes Sunday School classrooms, a kitchen, fellowship hall, storage areas and, soon to be added, a church library.

Currently Pine Hill Baptist Church has 180 members (134 resident members), with an average Sunday morning worship attendance of 71. The church is affiliated with the Rockcastle Association of Kentucky Baptists, Kentucky Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

We maintain the Holy Bible as being the Word of God and is the basis for our belief. Our primary objective is to carry out the mission of spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ, and also the commission that is given by Jesus in Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 16:15, and Acts 1:8."

In addition to Sunday School, Sunday morning and night worship services, and Wednesday evening Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, we have an active children/youth program, women's ministry, Discipleship Training, music ministry, Vacation Bible School, and are active in missions.

This past summer (2007) our children/youth and some of the adults helped to lead VBS at Livingston Baptist Church, worked with Flat Rock Baptist Church youth in interpretive movement, and had a retreat/mission trip to the Wendell Belew Center in Powell County. Our children/youth also visit the Brodhead Nursing Home on the first Sunday of each month.

We support missions through the Cooperative Program of the

Southern Baptist Convention, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions, the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions, the Eliza Broadus Offering for Kentucky Missions, and the Rockcastle Association of Kentucky Baptists. Support is also given to Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Oneida Baptist Institute, Sunrise Children's Services, Gideons, and Mt. Vernon First Baptist Church Food & Clothing Ministry. Donations are made to other church, community, and ministries as needs arise.

Service times are Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday evening Discipleship Training, 5:30 p.m. and Worship at 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, and Children/Youth activities at 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Casey McClure would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to Pine Hill to fellowship in Christian love and spirit. "I encourage you and your family to visit and fellowship with us and take the opportunity to grow in Christian maturity."

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15

Known pastors of the Pine Hill Baptist Church

(Early Records are incomplete due to the fire of 1936)

Jesse Tyree, William Williams, Fred M. Jones, David W. Grubb, Furmon Jones, Eugene Bradley, Lenville Coldiron, Vance Cloud, John Amyx, Harold Dunham, James Kinney, Jack Moore, George Anderson, Maynard Head, Wayne Henderson, John Zupancic, Stanley Stamper, E.P. Whitt, Billy Wilburn, Rick Everett, Carl McCray, John R. Jones, Wayne Hensen, Steve McKinney, David Sargent, Wayne Miller, Casey McClure.

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Rockcastle Baptist Association, by Jean Allen, Pg 39-40, Rockcastle County, Kentucky and Its People, Walsworth Publishing, 1992.



Don Bradley, left, and Jack Abney took up the offering at Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday.



Deacon and songleader Jackie Burdine shares a laugh with Willetta Owens, right and Shirley Dickerson on Sunday morning. Mrs. Owens, 80, is the oldest member of Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church.

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Candy Venable Activities Director at the Senior Citizens in Mt. Vernon helped Dorothy and Mary Beth Hurst bake cookies and make Christmas ornaments at the Evening With Santa on December 14th. Over 200 children were treated at the annual event.

Davidson receives pin

Bluegrass Community & Technical College's (BCTC) licensed practical nursing students recently participated in their annual pinning ceremony.

Andrea L. Davidson, of Rockcastle County, was one of the 34 to receive the medal.

First held in 1893, the ceremony originates from Florence Nightingale an English nurse and pioneer. Nightingale was awarded the Red Cross of St. George for her selfless service to the injured and dying in the Crimean War. It was then she decided to extend that honor to her outstanding graduate nurses by presenting them with a medal for excellence. The pinning is a proud tradition and a rite of passage in the nursing profession.



Over 200 children were treated at the fourth annual Evening With Santa on December 14th at the Senior Citizens building on U.S. 25 in Mt. Vernon. Getting the chance to talk to Santa, aka Mike Bryant, was B.J. Wynn.



Two of Santa's Elves who were on hand to help him at the Evening With Santa at the Senior Citizens Center in Mt. Vernon were Sam Cornette and Pam Burdette.

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Blood Drive at First Baptist

The Central Kentucky Blood Center will once again hold a Blood Drive at First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, January 29th from 2 to 7 p.m. Just a reminder: Photo ID is now required in order to be a blood donor.

Brodhead Tops

The Brodhead Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter is open for meetings every Thursday evenings with weigh-ins starting at 6 p.m. at Brodhead Christian Church. TOPS' mission is to support our members as they take and keep off pounds sensibly. Your doctor prescribes the diet -- TOPS provides the "do it." Call 758-9852 for more information.

NA Women's Meeting

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

Women's Narcotics Meeting

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Narcotics Anonymous

Narcotics Anonymous meets Thursday nights at 8 o'clock behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.

SWAT Team Meetings

SWAT (Servants with a testimony) group support meeting for anyone dealing with addiction or alcoholism on Thursdays at 7 p.m. at Northside Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon. Meetings are also held Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays at noon at the church.

H.O.P.E. Meetings

H.O.P.E. Support Group Meetings are held Thursdays at 7 p.m. at Northside Baptist Church. HOPE is a support group for anyone who has a friend or family member dealing with addiction or alcoholism. Please come join others who are or have gone through the agony and frustration you are experiencing. Do not suffer alone. It helps to talk with others who understand. Any discussion is kept confidential. Call 256-5577 for more information.

Booster Club Meeting

The Rockcastle County High School Boys and Girls Booster Club will have a meeting Friday, January 4th directly after the boys' ballgame.

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Rockcastle County High School Academic Showcase



Rockcastle County High School senior Sally Mize has a grade point average of 4.04 and is tied for the eighth place ranking among the 204 seniors at RCHS. Sally is the daughter of Ronnie and Terri Mize of Mt. Vernon and will attend the University of Kentucky in the fall, where she plans to major in Interior Design. Sally is the vice-president of the RCHS Student Council, Secretary of the Y-Club, a member of the Key Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Rocket Club. While at RCHS, she has been involved with UNITE, PRIDE Clean-up, Toys for Tots and Kenna's Kitchen. Sally enjoys painting in her spare time and she also helps her dad in his photography business in her spare time.



Delanie K. Reynolds, daughter of Sabrina Bowles of Mt. Vernon and Stephen Reynolds of Berea, granddaughter of Darlena and Darrell Allen of Mt. Vernon, Charles and Charlotte Bowles of Orlando, Mary Reynolds of Eubank and great granddaughter of Joe and Joann Allen of Brodhead will celebrate her fifth birthday on January 7th in Lexington at Chuckee Cheese with family and friends. *Happy Birthday! With love - Mamaw, Papaw, Mommy, Jason and Dylan*

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
 "Splashing, Trickling, Roaring: Coming Home to Relaxing Sounds of Water is Becoming More Common"

Almost seven years ago I began this column. Among the earliest stories were articles about waterfeatures and a need for creating a Paradise to come home to. With the passage of time, nicer landscaping is a growing reality. More and more people are trying to make their place look lovely. Adding an easy-care waterfall or pond that can function 24/7/365 is a popular choice in contemporary landscaping.

This phenomenon has a trend line that goes in just one direction - up.

Not only have waterfeatures increased dramatically in popularity in much of the country, there has actually been a lifestyle change that now includes outdoor amenities like outdoor kitchens, fireplaces, waterfalls in front yards, backyard ponds, usable hardscapes and low maintenance softscaping. Also, the trend has turned from "show me how to do it" to "please, do some of it for me!"

I cannot take much credit for the wide spread popularity of water gardens. However, I did see the trend coming early, and have thoroughly enjoyed creating some spectacular waterfalls, as well as some ponds with splashing water at one edge, for a spot of paradise in the yards of appreciative homeowners from Kentucky to Florida. It is rewarding, personally, to see the speechless expressions when the homeowner sees and hears their waterfall for the first time.

For a wider look at the growth of ponds and waterfalls, Disney World and similar parks have added numerous attractive

waterscapes. Folks get a dream of transforming their own yards. They bring these dreams home, and they want something nice in their yard.

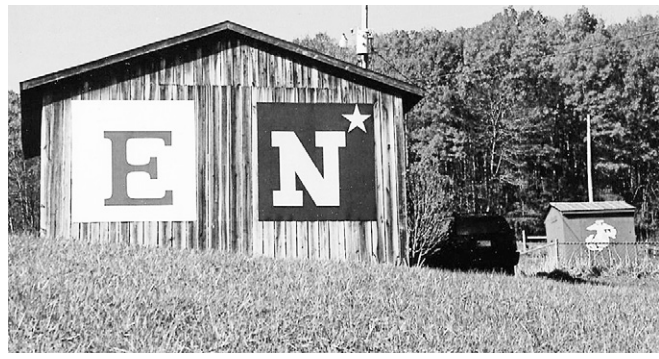
Developers have come to see that creating a dramatic waterfeature (rather than a stormwater retention pond) can be a real attraction to nicer more exclusive residential developments or subdivisions.

Golf communities (such as Crooked Creek in London, Kentucky) have transformed blah to spectacular with the addition of numerous lovely waterfeatures. Home values rise as developers introduce such pleasing amenities into their gated communities and upscale subdivisions.

I believe this trend that has much room for growth. Even in Atlanta, with current water rationing, accommodations are made where wildlife and pets are threatened with death if the pond is shut down. (This comes from Dave Jones, President of IPPCA in Woodstock, GA.) After all, well-built waterfeatures use less water than a sprinkler keeping the same size area of lawn lush and green.

So, I take today's article to re-affirm my belief in 2001 when I first wrote in this vein, that adding waterfeatures to our landscape is a trend that is alive and well. And, I take this opportunity to suggest homeowners everywhere take some of their winter downtime to formulate a plan for spring-time home landscape improvements. For just about every landscape contractor, April and May are hectic. Getting a jump on the spring rush makes sense. So does having a plan to improve your home paradise.

The author is a freelance writer and landscaper. Send feedback to max@rockcastles.com



The Guilfoil Family's contribution to the Quilt Block Project in Rockcastle County is a little different from most. They are displaying their various allegiances in the form of an "E" for Eastern Kentucky University where their son Gabe goes to college and his mother, Joann, teaches, the N* is for the U.S. Naval Academy where daughter, Anna, attends and the eagle, globe and androv is for the father, John, who was in the Marines.



Midn. Anna M. Guilfoil, a 2004 graduate of RCHS and a senior at the U.S. Naval Academy, was a recent guest speaker to Ms. Melissa Singleton's 8th grade Social Studies class. Anna also visited RCHS, Madison Southern High School and Model Lab in Richmond as part of the OP-INFO program at the United States Naval Academy in which some upper class midshipmen apply and are granted additional leave during Thanksgiving break to meet with interested students concerning the military academies, military career and preparing for college.



Shawn and Helen Pollock, of Livingston, recently welcomed their three sons home for the holidays. Dustin is in the Infantry and is stationed in Swinefort, Germany. He recently re-enlisted for four years and in February will be stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky. He has recently returned from Iraq. Matthew recently completed his Air Force Basic Training where he graduated with honors. He is currently stationed in Biloxi, Mississippi for nine months where he is being trained in Doppler Radar. After completing his training he will be stationed in Salt Lake City, Utah. Nathan is in the 82nd Airborne and is stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C. He recently re-enlisted for five years with the 101st Airborne and in March will be stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky. He has also recently returned from Iraq.

Pike graduates with honors



Andrea Corrine Pike, daughter of Steven Pike of Mt. Vernon and Corinne Heid of Lexington, has graduated with honors from the Defense Language Institute. The Defense Language Institute is the largest language school in the world and has the toughest academic standards. Students are expected to master their particular language of study in only 15 months. Andrea graduated with a 3.60 GPA in Arabic and achieved a perfect score on her final proficiency test. In addition, she was promoted to Petty Officer in the Navy. She is presently in Pensacola, Florida in order to earn her aircrew certification.

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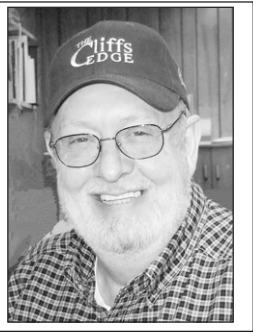


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Rockcastle Memories

By David J. Griffin



During the past year, this column has peaked the interest of many readers who have responded to me using e-mail or the regular postal service. I appreciate every response and have decided to share a few tidbits hoping that you will enjoy them also. I will keep writing, and I trust you will continue to respond. To date, I have heard from readers in 28 different states. Thank you! And may the New Year bring each of you memories to savor.

"Thanks for bringing back our old friend Epsom Salts. I wonder how many (besides myself) ran out and bought a box after reading your column, because I emailed it to all my friends, and I hope others did too."

"I really enjoy the articles that you write and the one recently about the hummingbirds – and how you're not afraid to say you believe in prayer..."

-Lena Griffin

"I just wanted to let you know how much I enjoy your articles in the paper each week. Your stories bring back many memories of the late 60's and 70's. Keep on writing!"

-Richard Shivel

"I subscribe to the paper and refer to it as a letter from home. I enjoy your column every week and, like so many others, can relate to many of your stories."

-Nikki Moore

"We enjoy your column so much! We always read it first and look forward to it. Please keep sending us those great memories!"

-Shirley Cox

"Mountain Man – I enjoy reading your handiwork. You have talent and may even become a big-time journalist."

-Guy Strong

"Keep those memories coming!"

-Gary Foster

"What a wonderful train story – I always felt you were a lucky

little boy and now I know for sure."

M-artha Cox

"What a great blast from the past! I haven't thought about fender skirts in years. Thanks again for the column."

-Myrna Childress

"I love your column – it's so right on! You certainly have a gift for story telling. Thanks for a wonderful walk down memory lane"

-Sandy Ruter

"Can you please send me Mommie Katie's blackberry cobbler recipe? I really enjoy your column."

-Earlene Gronewold

"I really enjoy your stories about Mommie Katie and Pop."

-Faye Cummins

"David, it is really refreshing to read your articles in the paper. I just wanted you to know that we really enjoy your work."

-Michael Hunt

"I just wanted to say hello and to let you know that the article about growing up in the 50's was wonderful. It would be nice to be able to travel back in time."

-Diana Byrd

"I read your column every week – congrats on consistently coming up with winners."

-Ike Adams

"Hello, fellow philosopher. I got the paper today. I think your articles can make a very nice book someday. May God bless and protect us all."

-R. C. Watts

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

PLAINTIFF

v. NOTICE OF SALE

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

DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on July 22, 2005, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment in favor of Citizens Bank against the defendants in the amount of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-TWO CENTS (\$257,765.72), plus interest, costs and attorney fees, I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

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PARCEL NO. 1

Tract No. 1 – Beginning at a large sycamore on the bank of Clear Creek; thence down the Creek with its meanders as follows: S 21 _ E 4 poles and 6 links, S 47 E 8 poles, S 24 E 9 2/5 poles, S 53 W 12 poles, S 81 W 9 poles, S 35 W 6 poles, S 10 W 10 poles, S 40 W 27 poles, S 28 E 8 poles and 7 links, S 55 E 20 poles, S 66 _ W 39 poles, S 64 W 48 2/5 poles, N 82 _ W 13 _ poles, S 66 W 16 poles and 4 links to a stone in the right of way of the L & N Railroad; thence with the L & N right of way N 18 E 101 poles to a stone at the edge of the County Road; thence leaving the Railroad S 86 _ E 36 poles to a stone; thence N 20 _ W 29 2/5 poles to a stone by an old stump at the forks of the county road; thence with the road N 11 W 17 2/5 poles to a stake in the road; thence leaving the road N 71 E 4 poles and 18 links to a stone, corner of Sallie Parsons; thence N 11 _ E 30 poles to a stone 3 feet west of a 20 inch maple; thence S 14 E 16 poles to a beech; thence S 38 _ E 16 poles by an old stump at the upper side of an old road; thence with the old road S 16 E 1 _ poles, S 62 E 8 poles, S 30 E 4 poles, S 45 E 8 poles, S 37 E 4 poles, S 27 E 4 poles, S 25 _ E 8 poles, S 79 East crossing the old road 2 poles to a stake by the edge of the road; thence N 43 East 5 poles to a stake; thence N 87 E 2 poles to a stake in the road; thence S 39 E 6 poles to the beginning and containing 60 acres and 130 square rods.

Tract No. 2 – Beginning in the middle of Clear Creek on the south side of the county road leading from William Stewart's to Mt. Vernon and about 100 yards east of said Stewart's dwelling house; thence running with the meanderings of the road N 19 W 8 poles, N 87 W 2 poles, S 43 W 5 poles, S 79 W 2 poles to a stake near Stewart's barn; thence N 27 West crossing County Road, and running with an old road 8 poles, N 37 W 4 poles, N 45 W 8 poles, N 30 W 4 poles, N 62 W 8 poles, N 16 W 1 _ poles to a stump on side of road; thence N 39 W 16 poles to a beech; thence N 14 W 16 poles to a stone; thence N 71 _ E 20 _ poles to a white oak stump; thence N 15 E 45 poles to a dead walnut; thence N 24 E 32 poles to an apple tree; thence N 2 E 13 poles to a stone near a spring; thence N 83 E 4 poles, S 86 E 4 poles, S 78 E 6 poles, S 56 E 28 poles to the middle of Clear Creek; thence running down the middle of the creek with its meanderings S 4 W 12 poles, S 14 E 17 poles, S 35 W 34 poles, S 30 W 32 poles, S 26 W 22 poles, S 22 W 10 poles, S 11 E 25 poles to the beginning, and containing 38 _ acres more or less.

There is excluded from the above .17 acre conveyed to L & N Railroad by deed of conveyance dated April 1, 1930, recorded in Deed Book 51, page 402.

There is further excepted a right of way 60' x 440 to Rockcastle County, Kentucky by deed of conveyance dated June 22, 1973, recorded in Deed Book 94, page 255.

And being the same property which W. S. Stewart obtained by deed dated March 27, 1944, from Dr. R. H. Lewis and wife, Addie Lewis, which said deed is duly recorded in the office of the clerk of the Rockcastle County Court in Deed Book 62, page 255-256.

PARCEL NO. 2

Tract No. 1 – Beginning at a large white oak stump, the beginning corner of the whole boundary; thence N 8 W 69 3/5 poles to a stone; thence N 33 W 39 2/5 poles to a stone in a drain with walnut pointer, a corner to the Phillips heirs; thence N 25 E 19 poles to a stone with ironwood and walnut pointers; thence N 36 _ W 36 poles to a stone with hickory pointers, W. H. Jones corner; thence N 36 E 36 poles to a stone by a white oak stump; thence N 84 _ E 11 1/5 poles to a stone; thence N 1 E 24 poles to a stone by a white oak stump, with white oak pointers; thence N 66 _ E 38 poles to an ash; thence S 83 E 33 poles to a stone at a white oak stump at a cross fence in a field; thence N 6 E 50 poles to a stake with ash and hickory pointers in a cedar bluff; thence S 88 E 45 poles to a stake in an old road with black oak pointers; thence with the old road S 27 E 8 poles, S 13 E 10 poles, S 1 W 12 poles to a stake with maple pointers; thence S 8 E _ poles to a stake with pointers; thence S 26 W 10 poles, S 38 W 24 poles to a stone with pointers, S 45 W 8 poles to a stake with white oak pointers, S 54 W 5 poles to a stake with maple pointers, S 29 W 8 poles, S 31 W _ poles to a stake with hickory pointers; thence leaving the old road S 28 E 5 poles to a large poplar in a drain; thence N 68 E 68 poles to a large white oak; thence S 6 _ E 54 poles to a stone by a branch with white oak and beech pointers; thence S 70 W 54 poles to a stake with black oak pointers; thence S 16 E 22 poles to a sycamore on the west bank of Clear Creek, corner to C. D. Chenault; thence his line up a drain N 53 W 28 poles to a sugar tree; thence N 75 W 6 poles to a large beech; thence N 82 W 8 poles to a stone by a black walnut just below a spring, corner to Tract No. 2; thence with a line to Tract No. 2 N 86 W 2 _ poles including a spring to a bunch of walnuts, just above the spring; thence N _ E 10 poles to a stone; thence S 85 W 49 poles to a stone; thence S 10 _ E 54 poles to a large sugar tree near this spring 3 poles and 17 links N 87 W from head of said spring; thence S 50 W 42 and 2/5 poles to the beginning, containing 155 acres and 53 square rods.

Tract No. 2 – Beginning at stone in the L & N right of way near a bridge and on the bank of Clear Creek; thence down the creek S 49 E _ poles, S 16 W 10 _ poles, S 21 _ W 5 2/5 poles, S 42 W 6 poles 22 links, N 77 _ W 18 _ poles, N 7 _ W 13 poles, N 52 _ W 11 _ poles, N 14 W 18 poles, N 14 E 21 poles, N 67 _ E 16 poles, N 43 _ E 15 poles, N 28 W 5 poles, N 80 W _ poles, N 51 W 3 3/5 poles, N 13 W crossing creek 4 poles to a beech; thence N 6 E 33 4/5 poles to a bunch of lines on the side of the hill above a bend in the county road; thence S 86 _ E 55 3/5 poles to a stone in the county road; and in the L & N right of way; thence with said right of way S 86 E 106 poles to the beginning, containing 33 acres and 50 square rod.

There is excepted from the above .25 acre conveyed to John F. Parsons by deed dated August 1, 1975, recorded in Deed Book 99, page 3.

And being the same property which William Stone Stewart obtained by deed dated January 7, 1924, from the Trustees of Leander T. Stewart, et al, which is duly recorded in the office of the clerk of the Rockcastle County Court in Deed Book 44, page 601-602.

There is EXCLUDED from this sale the following:

- 6 Real property conveyed to John F. Parsons of record in Deed Book 62, page 255 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk;
- 7 Real property conveyed to Carol Ann Stewart Abney, et al. of record in Deed Book 173, page 140 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk;
- 8 Any and all real property which has been conveyed to Rockcastle County and or the Commonwealth of Kentucky Highway Department as may be of record in the Rockcastle County Clerk's Office.

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

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3. Unpaid taxes or liens of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of sale.
4. Buyer shall pay the 2008 County, State and School taxes on the property.
5. Buyer shall have possession of the premises upon compliance with the terms of sale.
6. In the event Citizens Bank is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of its judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required and the property will be conveyed to purchase in due season upon payment of the expenses of sale.
7. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".

Jerome S. Fish
Special Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court

Lady Rockets win Greenwood Holiday Classic, are 2nd at Shelby

Basketball Stories
By: Richard Anderkin
 The Rockcastle County Lady Rockets had a very successful run during this past Christmas break.

Chrysti Noble's team went five and one in two different holiday tournaments winning the Greenwood Classic in Bowling Green and finishing second in the Shelby County Invitational in Shelbyville.

At Shelby County, the Lady Rockets defeated Louisville Eastern, 77-54 and Shelby County, 61-54 on their way to the championship game, where they lost to Louisville Butler, 68-45.

The Lady Rocket win over host Shelby County in the semi-finals came over a team, which was the defending 8th region champs and one that had been ranked 16th in the state in pre-season.

In the championship game, the Lady Rockets were simply "outgirded" by Louisville Butler, which was ranked sixth in the state in pre-season polls. "They were better than us. They simply play at a level

where we are not at, yet," said head coach Chrysti Noble.

Senior Sarah Rowe and freshman Sara Hammond were named to the all-tournament team at Shelby.

Rowe led her team in scoring with 18 against Eastern, had 31 against Shelby County and 20 in the championship game against Butler.

Hammond had two double-doubles in the tournament and, in the first game against Eastern, she had ten points, ten rebounds and eight assists.

After Christmas the Lady Rockets packed their bags for Western Kentucky, where they won four straight games taking home the championship of the 12 team tournament.

In the first game, the Lady Rockets defeated Warren Eastern, 51-47, a team ranked second in the fourth region.

In game two, the Lady Rockets put up 31 points in the third quarter against Adair County, winning 67-40.

In the semi-finals against 10-1 Hart County, the Lady

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Rockets win three straight, finish third in Berea Tourney

The Rockcastle County Rockets have righted the ship somewhat over the holidays, winning four of the eight games they played and finishing third in the Berea Christmas tournament.

The Rockets began the two weeks of Christmas break basketball in the Hoopin' It up Classic in London, where they won their first game against Leslie County 74-61, but lost their next three contests.

In game two, the Rockets lost to host team North Laurel 77-74 in a contest that saw the home team get all the calls.

North Laurel shot 47 free throws, compared to the ROCK's 16.

The officiating was so bad, that with less than two minutes to call, the low key head coach of the Rockets, Benny Blanton got a technical. "I'm not one

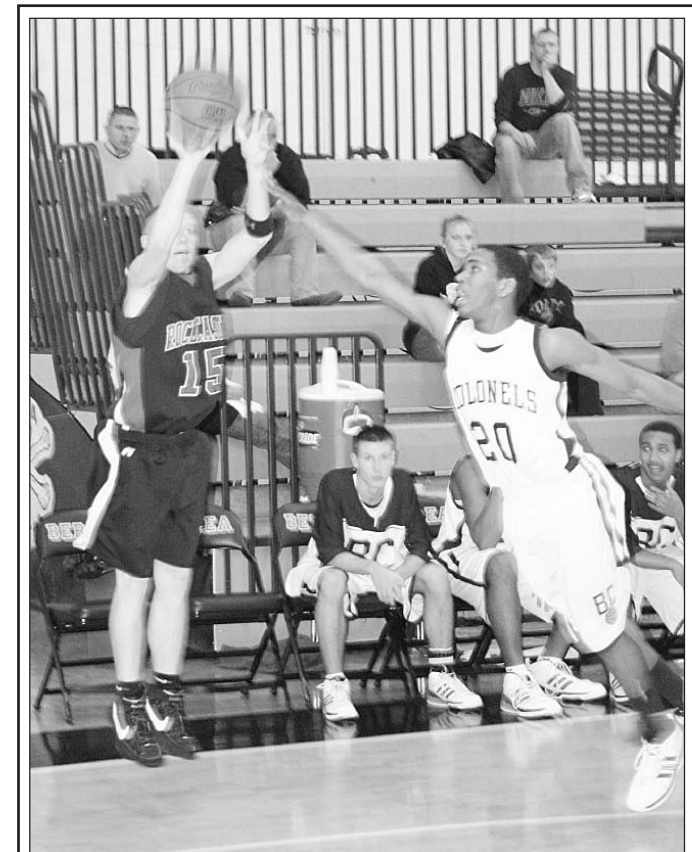
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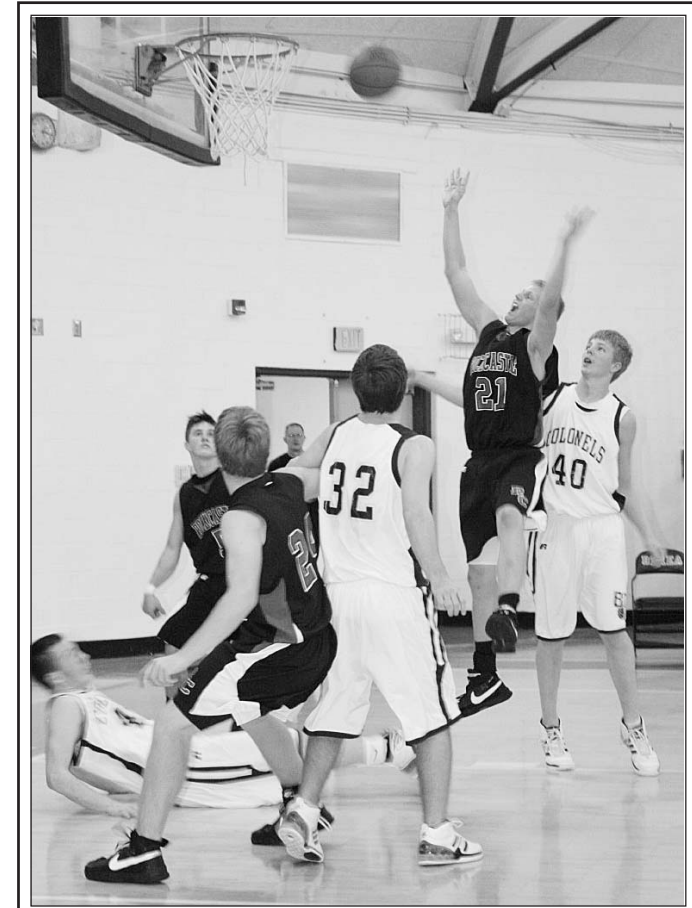
Lady Rocket Morgan Collins passes the ball into the paint in the Lady Rockets' 67-45 over Louisville Eastern in the Shelby County Invitational. Collins had four points in the contest.



Senior Lady Rocket Sarah Rowe puts in two of her 18 points in her team's win over Louisville Eastern. The lone senior Lady Rocket is the team's leading scorer and has led her team to a 9-2 start this season. Rowe was named to the all-tournament team at Shelby County.



Senior Rocket Jake Woodall puts in one of his three pointers in the Rockets 67-52 win over Bourbon County on Friday afternoon in the Berea Christmas Tournament. Woodall hit four three pointers on the way to 17 points.



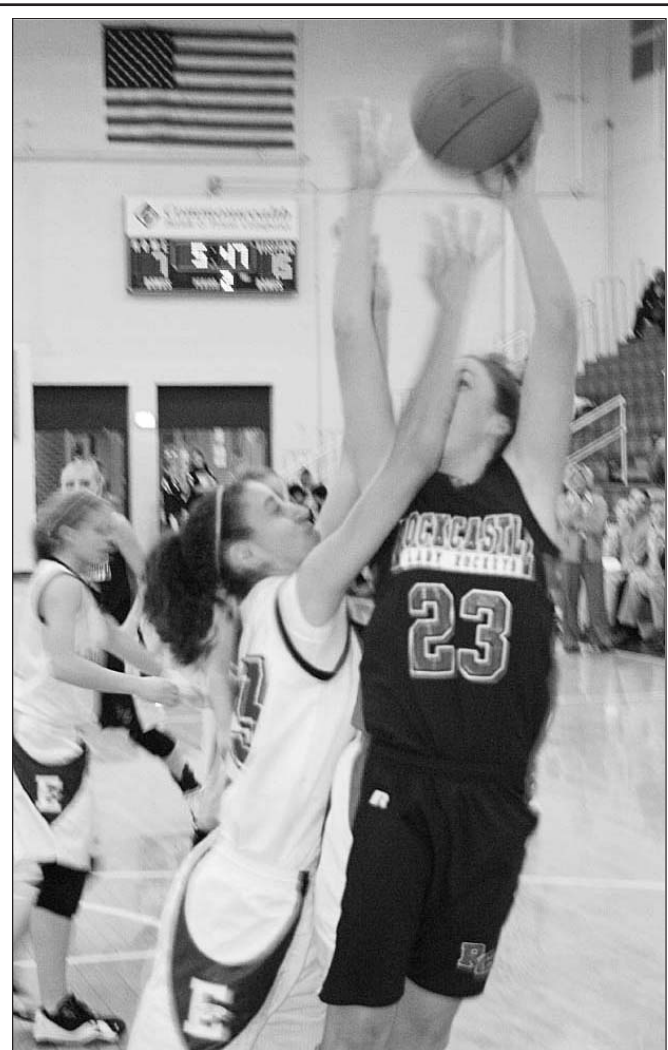
Junior Rocket Spencer Mullins puts up a shot in the Rockets win over Bourbon County. Mullins had eight points in the game, helping his team to a 67-52 win. The Rockets have now won five games on the season and will host Casey County on Friday night.



Senior Rocket Devin Hasty goes up for two of his 19 points against Bourbon County in the Berea Christmas Tournament last week. The Rockets won three straight games in the tournament and finished third.



Freshmen Lady Rocket center Sara Hammond had two double-doubles in the Shelby County Invitational. In the above photo she puts in two against Louisville Eastern, where she had ten points, ten rebounds and eight assists. She was named to the all-tournament team.



Junior Lady Rocket Ashley Robinson, puts up a shot in the Lady Rockets win over Louisville Eastern. Robinson had eight points on the night. The Lady Rockets finished runner-up in that tournament and won the Greenwood Holiday Tournament the next week.



Lady Rocket Sophomore Jackie Alexander picks up a Louisville Eastern player in the Lady Rocket press, which was very successful against Eastern. The press helped the Lady Rockets to come back from a 7-0 deficit to start the game. (Sports photos by: Richard Anderkin).



Sophomore Rocket Matt Bullens goes after a rebound in the Rockets 67-52 win over Bourbon County last Friday. Bullens had 11 points in the contest. The Rockets and Lady Rockets host Casey County this Friday night.

12-1 Casey County at the ROCK Friday night

Although the Lady Rockets are off to a fast 9-2 start they will host an even hotter team in district foe Casey County on Friday night.

The Rebels comes to ROCK Arena with a 12-1 record for the second game of a double header with the boys.

Over the holidays, Casey County won the Campbellsville Holiday Classic and finished second in the Shively Sporting Goods Invitational. Their only loss was to Central Hardin, the host team, on Central Hardin's home floor.

The Lady Rebels are 4-0 in the region and 2-0 in the 47th district with wins over Pulaski County and Somerset.

Last year the Lady Rockets defeated Casey County two of the three times they met, including the championship game of the 47th district where the Lady Rockets won, 73-49.

Game time for the Lady Rockets will be approximately 7:45 with the boys game beginning at 6:30 p.m.

“Lady Rockets” (Cont. from A12)

Rockets won 57-52 after trailing by ten at half-time and 12 in the third period.

Hart County is currently ranked 18th in the state in the Litkenhous ratings.

In the championship game, the Lady Rockets throttled Muhlenberg North, 70-41. Muhlenberg was ranked 12th in the state in pre-season and are currently ranked first in the third region.

Four teams in the 12 team field at Greenwood are ranked in the top 20 in the state, including Hart County, Muhlenberg, Fern Creek and Franklin-Simpson.

“I am very pleased with this team's play over the holidays and we showed a little glimpse of that killer instinct I've been looking for. But we've got a long way to go and the most important part of our season begins Friday night,” said Noble.

“We have got to stay focused, because the 12th region is much more balanced and talented this year,” she said.

“Rockets” (Cont. from A12)

that usually complains about the officiating, because complaints don't usually help, but it was obvious that our team wasn't going to leave North Laurel with a win - it was really bad,” said third year head coach Benny Blanton.

“Our team played hard - they played good enough to win and if the game had of been called the way it should have been, they would have won,” he said.

In game three, one of the top teams in the state, Madison Central simply blew out the Rockets 92-41. “They are better than us and they pressed us for three quarters and you see the result - we've got to do a better job of taking care of the basketball,” Blanton said.

In the final game of the tournament, the Rockets lost to Whitley County 80-69.

However, the Rockets regrouped after Christmas and traveled to nearby Berea, where they won three of four games and finished third in the Berea Christmas Tournament.

The Rockets lost to South Laurel in the first round of the tournament, 59-41, shooting only 27 percent from the field.

But, the Rockets shooting percentage, and win loss column, would get much better before the tournament was over.

In game two, the Rockets defeated Madison Southern, 61-50 in the first round of the losers bracket.

In the semi-finals of the losers bracket, the Rockets outscored Bourbon County 46-18 in the second half on their way to their fourth win of the season.

In the championship game of the loser's bracket the Rockets played well, defeating Richmond Model, 87-71.

“We are starting to learn how to win and not how to keep from losing,” Blanton said.

“I think we'll play much better down the stretch, but we have got to work hard every day - there simply is no easy games for us - we've got to earn everything,” Blanton said.

The Rockets will host Casey County in the first game of the district double header on Friday night.

The Rebels are 6-8 on the season, but are 2-0 in district play with wins over Somerset and Pulaski County.

Last season the Rebels defeated the Rockets in both meetings.

The boys will tip things off on Friday night at 6:30 p.m. in ROCK Arena.

Next week the Rockets and Lady Rockets play the other two teams in their district, Somerset and Pulaski County on the road.

The two teams will play at Somerset next Tuesday and at Pulaski County next Friday.

Rockcastle High School Boys' Linescores Dec. 18th at the ROCK

Freshman 48-Lynn Camp 45

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCHS	6	9	12	21	48
L. Camp	10	12	12	11	45
Scoring - Brandon Burdette 10, Josh McKinney 7, Travis Carpenter 12, Brandon Proctor 3, John Lawson 2, Brent Callahan 6, Zach McClure 2, Dalton Blevins 6.					

Record 3-5

Boys' JV 58-Lynn Camp 48

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCHS	11	12	18	17	58
L. Camp	8	13	12	15	48
Scoring - Grant Burdette 8, Jamie Todd 11, Dustin Reynolds 9, Matt Lunsford 9, Kyle Riddle 2, Dustin Bishop 7, Derrick Pittman 11.					

Record 3-3

Dec. 20-23 at N. Laurel Hoopin' It Up Classic

Varsity 74 - Leslie Co. 61

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCHS	18	16	20	20	74
Leslie	6	20	16	19	61
Scoring - Devin Hasty 9, Jake Woodall 21, Bryan Clontz 4, Spencer Mullins 13, Matt Bullens 2, J.J. Barnett 4, Derrick Thacker 8, Kyle Lear 2, Jamie Todd 11.					

Record 2-5

Varsity 74 - N. Laurel 77

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCHS	17	10	19	28	74
North L	11	20	25	21	77
Scoring - Devin Hasty 15, Jake Woodall 11, Bryan Clontz 2, Spencer Mullins 15, Matt Bullens 10, J.J. Barnett 4, Derrick Thacker 13, Dustin Poynter 2.					

Record 2-6

Varsity 41 Madison Central 92

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCHS	10	9	12	10	41
Central	28	25	21	18	92
Scoring - Devin Hasty 4, Jake Woodall 10, Spencer Mullins 3, J.J. Barnett 1, Derrick Thacker 4, Chris Evans 6, Dustin Poynter 2, Kyle Lear 3, Jamie Todd 3, Dustin Reynolds 5.					

Record 2-7

Varsity 69 - Whitley Co. 80

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCHS	15	13	20	21	69
Whitley	16	16	19	29	80
Scoring - Devin Hasty 21, Jake Woodall 14, Bryan Clontz 2, Spencer Mullins 19, Matt Bullens 9, Derrick Thacker 2, Jamie Todd 2.					

Record 2-8

Dec. 27-29 at Berea Berea Invitational

Varsity 41 - South Laurel 59

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCHS	8	4	9	20	41
S. Laurel	16	10	14	19	59
Scoring - Devin Hasty 8, Jake Woodall 4, J.J. Barnett 4, Spencer Mullins 13, Matt Bullens 4, Bryan Contz 3, Jamie Todd 3, Derrick Thacker 2.					

Record 2-9

Varsity 61 Madison Southern 50

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCHS	12	17	11	21	61
Southern	17	13	6	14	50
Scoring - Jake Woodall 18, Devin Hasty 9, Bryan Clontz 5, Spencer Mullins 11, Matt Bullens 6, J.J. Barnett 2, Derrick Thacker 6, Jamie Todd 6.					

Record 3-9

Varsity 67 - Bourbon Co. 52

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCHS	8	13	22	24	67
Bourbon	15	19	5	13	52

Scoring - Jake Woodall 17, Devin Hasty 19, Bryan Clontz 7, Spencer Mullins 8, Matt Bullens 11, Derrick Thacker 2, Jamie Todd 3.

Record 4-9

Varsity 87 - Model 71

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCHS	20	18	20	29	87
Model	10	17	20	24	71
Scoring - Jake Woodall 9, Devin Hasty 20, Bryan Clontz 5, Spencer Mullins 8, Matt Bullens 20, J.J. Barnett 2, Derrick Thacker 12, Jamie Todd 5, Dustin Reynolds 2, Dustin Poynter 4.					

Record 5-9

Rockcastle High School Girls' Linescores Dec. 15th at Rocky Hollow

Freshmen 35 - Somerset 37

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCHS	6	13	5	11	35
Somerset	9	10	8	10	37
Scoring - Alivia Bullock 3, Sydney Arvin 3, Ella McQueary 1, Shanlee Burton 9, Sara Adams 1, Katie Cowan 8, Kim Willis 3, Bree Tillery 2, Holly Ham 2.					

Record 5-3

Freshmen 35 Southwestern 20

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCHS	2	13	8	12	35
S.W.	7	4	5	4	20
Scoring - Alivia Bullock 2, Sydney Arvin 3, Ella McQueary 8, Shanlee Burton 10, Sara Adams 4, Katie Cowan 8.					

Record 6-3

Freshmen 33 - Pulaski 25

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCHS	5	3	8	16	33
Pulaski	6	6	7	6	25
Scoring - Alivia Bullock 7, Sydney Arvin 6, Ella McQueary 3, Shanlee Burton 4, Kim Willis 1, Holly Ham 2, Michaela Hunter 9, Katelyn Blair 1.					

Record 7-3

Dec. 17th at Whitley Co.

Freshmen 31 - Whitley 18

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCHS	9	5	8	9	31
Whitley	3	8	6	2	18
Scoring - Sydney Arvin 10, Ella McQueary 2, Shanlee Burton 6, Kadi Cobb 11, Emily Miller 2.					

Record 8-3

JV 49 - Whitley 46

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCHS	10	13	12	14	49
Whitley	10	13	9	14	46
Scoring - Sarah McKinney 10, Sasha Bullock 3, Jackie					

Alexander 21, Angie Lawrence 9, Kristen Abney 3, Cheyenne Hensley 2, Shanlee Burton 1.

Record 8-0

Dec. 20-23 at Shelby County Shelby Co. Invitational

Varsity 67 - Lou. Eastern 45

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCHS	13	24	12	18	67
Eastern	7	13	11	14	45
Scoring - Sarah Rowe 18, Katy Mattingly 5, Ashley Robinson 8, Mary Saylor 14, Sara Hammond 10, Morgan Collins 4, Jillisa Lay 6.					

Record 4-1

Varsity 61 - Shelby Co. 54

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCHS	14	8	21	18	61
Shelby	13	9	8	24	54
Scoring - Sarah Rowe 31, Ashley Robinson 6, Mary Saylor 14, Sara Hammond 6, Morgan Collins 4.					

Record 5-1

Championship Game Varsity 45 - Lou. Butler 68

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCHS	10	9	12	14	45
Butler	14	9	22	23	68
Scoring - Sarah Rowe 20, Ashley Robinson 2, Sara Hammond 12, Morgan Collins 7, Jillisa Lay 2, Nicole Locklear 2.					

Record 5-2

Dec. 27-29 at Greenwood Greenwood Holiday Tourney

Varsity 51 - Warren East 47

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCHS	12	11	13	15	51
W. East	10	10	10	17	47
Scoring - Sarah Rowe 23, Katy Mattingly 4, Ashley Robinson 6, Mary Saylor 4, Sara Hammond 6, Morgan Collins 5, Jillisa Lay 3.					

Record 6-2

Varsity 67 - Adair Co. 40

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCHS	10	14	31	12	67
Adair	11	14	6	9	40
Scoring - Sarah Rowe 22, Katy Mattingly 7, Ashley Robinson 7, Mary Saylor 13, Jillisa Lay 2, Sasha Bullock 2, Jackie Alexander 3.					

Record 7-2

Varsity 57 - Hart Co. 52

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCHS	14	5	18	18	57
Hart	14	15	14	9	52
Scoring - Sarah Rowe 18, Katy Mattingly 2, Ashley Robinson 4, Mary Saylor 15, Sara Hammond 9, Morgan Collins 4, Jillisa Lay 2, Nicole Locklear 2.					

Record 8-2

Championship Game Varsity 70

Muhlenberg North 41

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCHS	16	17	20	17	70
M. North	9	10	14	8	41
Scoring - Sarah Rowe 26, Katy Mattingly 2, Ashley Robinson 2, Mary Saylor 18, Sara Hammond 7, Jillisa Lay 2, Nicole Locklear 5, Jackie Alexander 6, Sarah McKinney 2.					

Record 9-2

Rockcastle Middle School Rocket Linescores Dec. 15th at South Laurel

7th grade 31 - Bell Cent. 61

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCHS	9	3	9	10	31
Bell	10	19	14	18	61
Scoring - Blake Jones 3, Chris Wren 2, Zack Poynter 11, Tyler Smith 5, Eli Haddix 4, Ashton Arvin 2, Bryson Amyx 7, Bo Harris 2, Elijah Lovell 2.					

Record 4-7

8th grade 46 - Bell Cent. 36

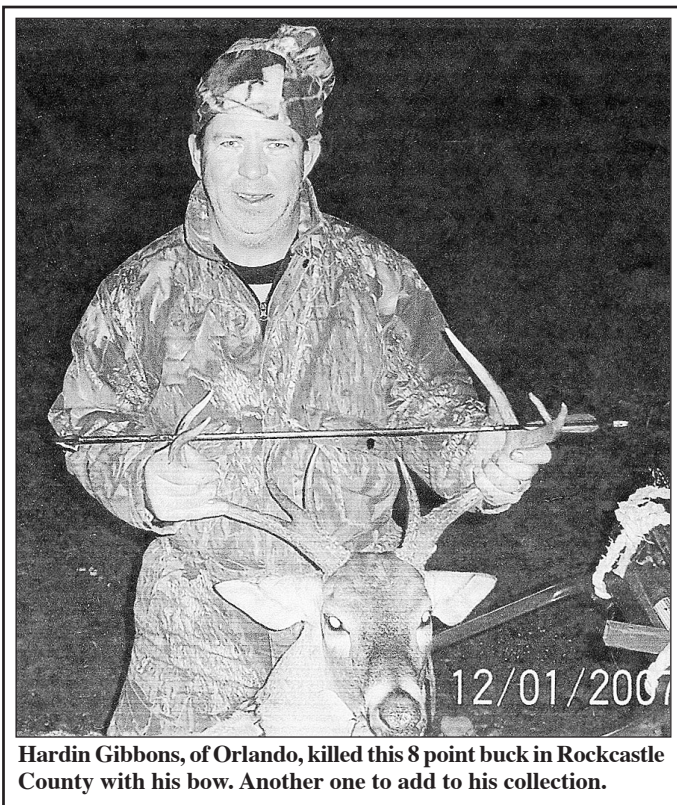
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCHS	6	11	15	14	46
Bell	6	13	9	8	36
Scoring - Zack Reams 11, Ben Lake 6, Jordan Whitaker 9, Dustin Cromer 6, Jaden Brock 6, Cody Noe 1, Will Reynolds 4, Zack Walker 3.					

Record 2-9

7th grade 49 - N. Laurel 61

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TL
RCHS	12	8	14	15	49
North L	16	14	12	19	61
Scoring - Chris Wren 2, Blake Jones 11, Ben Allen 11, Zack Poynter 11, Tyler Smith 7,					

Record 2-11



Hardin Gibbons, of Orlando, killed this 8 point buck in Rockcastle County with his bow. Another one to add to his collection.

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Meeting Location – Rockcastle County Board Of Education (Rockcastle Teaching & Learning Center) / 245 Richmond Street

AGENDA Regular Meeting January 8, 2008 7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- A. Election of Officers
- B. Develop/Approve 2008 Regular Board Meeting Schedule
- C. Silent Prayer
- B. Roll Call
- C. Reading of Board Team Commitments

2. ADOPT AGENDA/ACTION:

- 3. COMMUNICATION:
- A. Early Childhood Updates/Plans

Veteran reflects on what it was like being an ambulance driver during World War II

Former World War II ambulance driver Paul Witt of Renfro Valley remembers the trail of blood he witnessed outside Normandy following the D-Day invasion on June 6th, 1944.

"It was something you will never forget," Witt said. "It was a bloody place."

Witt, 86, who was married to the former Oneida Burdette, a retired Rockcastle school teacher, who died in 1992, said he had two fatally-wounded soldiers and was looking for a French graveyard shortly after D-Day when he ran across a truck driver at an intersection.

Witt said he asked for directions to the graveyard and the officer directed them to that vicinity where Witt was instructed to follow the pool of blood that marked the road.

The bloody trail resulted from the transport of patients along the road by ambulances carrying the injured and dying. The Army veteran explained.

During the course of the war, Witt transported wounded from the beaches at Normandy, survived a direct mortar attack, was on the scene at two concentration camps, witnessed fighting in the Ardenne Forest and met the Russians at the Elbe River at the close of the war in Europe.

Witt, who was in his early 20s when all this occurred, said he still wonders how he and others survived all they experienced.

"How we made it I'll never know," Witt says now. "I think there's a higher power in it."

Witt was 20 when drafted in December of 1943 and reported for basic training at Camp Forrest, Tenn. Upon completion he was sent to New

York, where he boarded a ship for England.

Things got off to a bad start for Witt.

On the trip over, Witt was injured in a mishap on the ship in which several of his teeth were knocked out. Witt said he was accidentally struck in the face by another man while moving items in a kitchen.

After a short stay in England, Witt's unit, the 454 Medical Collecting Company, part of the 68th Medical Regiment, landed at Normandy in the days following the initial invasion.

It was baptism by fire. "There in Normandy it was something," Witt remembers. "You didn't know what was going on. There was so many dead people. I saw where they met the Germans and fought them hand-to-hand."

Witt, who says he was too young to fully understand the carnage he witnessed, followed the Allied push eastward to St. Lo, site of more intense fighting. Casualties were high and the city was essentially flattened by bombing prior to his unit's arrival, Witt said.

"The only thing I could discover alive was the cats," Witt recalls.

Led by U.S. Gen. George S. Patton, U.S. Forces, including Witt's unit, embarked on a lightning quick four-day march to Paris, Witt said, where troops were beginning to believe the end of the war was imminent.

"We thought the war was pretty well over when we made that breakthrough there," he said.

As they continued forward Allied forces stumbled upon a discovery that would change the course of the war - the Nazi concentration camps.

First, there was the camp at Godgan where bodies were stacked like cord wood and furnaces had been used to burn the remains of the Jews, Poles and others the Nazis considered of no value.

Witt and his unit offered medical attention to those who were lucky enough to survive.

Allied commanders reportedly ordered the townspeople of a community nearby to come to the camp to see the horror for themselves. The townspeople, however, all denied any knowledge of what had occurred, Witt said.

Witt said superiors believed the townspeople had used those at the camp for free labor and were now denying any knowledge of what happened for fear of retribution. The smell had to give away the camp's existence, Witt suspects.

Shortly after the discovery there, Allied troops came across another camp at Nordhausen.

Witt, already floored by the inhumanity he had witnessed, said he was fortunate that he did not have to go inside the camp at Nordhausen and was spared further psychological scars.

"Fortunately I didn't have to go in there and I'm glad I didn't" he said. "There were so many people starving to death and crawling around the ground getting ahold of your britches leg, it doesn't take much of that to do you. Life didn't mean a thing at that point," he added, speaking of the Nazis.

Further fueled to fight by their experiences at the concentration camps, Allied troops marched into the Ardenne forest as winter struck with full force.

With no winter gear, Allied soldiers dug in as German troops tried to stave off their advance.

Fighting was brutal and Witt was busy moving the injured and sometimes dead troops from the front lines to aid stations in the rear. To keep his ambulance from freezing up Witt kept the engine running at all times occasionally adding alcohol as a preventive measure, he said.

Allied forces eventually overwhelmed the Germans and marched them back to the Elbe River in Germany where they met the advancing Russians.

The Russians, marching

from the east, arrived in Germany at roughly the same time.

Witt said he hoped to head back home to the U.S. after victory in Europe, but instead had to prepare for battle half a world away in the South Pacific.

The U.S. was planning to invade the Japanese mainland when the two atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, ending the war there.

"Somebody asked me not long ago what I thought about (former U.S. President Harry) Truman dropping the bomb," Witt recalls. I said, "He saved my hide."

Looking back, Witt said he remembers two particular instances that impressed upon him how fragile life could be in a war zone.

On one occasion he was moving a group of German prisoners of war in his ambulance (Witt wouldn't ordinarily, but he was acting on orders from a captain) when Germans began firing mortar rounds at a tank immediately ahead of him.

Some of the rounds struck the outside of the ambulance and Witt feared the worst, he said.

Terrified, Witt said he

dropped the ambulance into four-wheel drive and slipped around the tank to safety.

On another occasion a fellow ambulance driver in a field struck a mine with his vehicle and, when it caught on fire, the driver got out to douse the flames. He then stepped on a mine himself and was killed.

Witt returned from the war a decorated soldier with five bronze stars, one for meritorious service.

Witt, who is a retired car dealer from Mt. Sterling said that while he was able to cope with the tragedy of war as a young man, it began taking its toll when he got home from the war.

He said he drank to calm his nerves. Fortunately, Witt said, he gave up drinking after realizing it had become a problem. He hasn't had a drink in 35 years, Witt said, but still gets the jitters when he thinks about the war much.

"Back then I had a job and I didn't think a whole lot about it," Witt said. "After you get out and get older you think more about it. If I thought then what I think now I couldn't have made it."

I think to myself, how did we make it," he said. "I still don't understand it."

(Editors Note: In the coming year we will bring you the story of several servicemen from the county who have served our country or are currently serving - Adam

Stallsworth, from Roundstone, a private in the US Army, who served in Iraq for two years will be featured next. Give us a call if you know a soldier who you think should be featured. RFA).



86-year-old Paul Witt, shown with the medals he received while serving in the army in WWII, lives at Renfro Valley with his sister, Bonnie Coffey. Witt was married to Oneida Burdette, until she passed away in 1992. Mrs. Burdette taught school in Rockcastle County for 34 years. Witt has lived in Rockcastle County, twice, first from 1970 to 1982 and from 2000 to present time.

"Weather"

(Cont. from front)

71, low 21.

Tuesday, the county got their first taste of snow for 2008 when a trace fell in most of the county with the northern end of the county getting more.

The low temperature on Wednesday morning was 11 degrees and the high on Tuesday was 30.

"Board"

(Cont. from front)

allow him to keep his job, after serving a suspension.

"I am asking for a second chance," Bussell said.

Board Chairman Terry Burton told Bussell after a lengthy presentation by Bussell, that by state law the board had no say in personnel decisions.

None of the other board members commented on the situation, nor did Superintendent Hammond.

The board also reviewed a proposed increase in the meal prices for the 2008-09 school year for students and staff.

Under the proposal elementary school lunches would increase from \$1.00 to \$1.25 and lunches for middle school and high school students would increase from \$1.25 to \$1.50. Adult lunches would go from \$2.00 to \$2.50 at all schools.

Breakfast prices would likely stay the same or increase only slightly.

The board also briefly discussed the school activity fund at RCHS.

Board member Martin Vanzant, who has been very outspoken about the monies from all booster clubs being included in the fund, said that he would go along with the rest of the board if they wanted to leave things the way they were and let administrators at the high school deal with the issue.

Vanzant had requested that the board's policy on activity funds be reviewed and the language changed, which would require all booster clubs to participate. However, for now things will remain the same.

LAKE CUMBERLAND Regional Hospital

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A Breath of FRESH AIR

Dear Neighbor,

At Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital, we are concerned about your health. That is why we have taken the important step toward a healthier environment by eliminating the use of all tobacco products on our hospital property - both inside and outside - as of January 1, 2008.

Our mission calls us to improve the health of not only those we serve and their families, but also those who work with us. Tobacco use is the number one source of preventable disease worldwide and is responsible for approximately one in five deaths in the United States. More than 8,000 Kentuckians die each year due to tobacco-related diseases as a result of smoking or being subjected to second-hand smoke. Tobacco use in and around hospitals poses a very real health and safety risk for patients, visitors, physicians and employees.

We know that taking a stand to stop this public health epidemic is not only important for us as a healthcare provider ... it is the right thing to do for our community. Our tobacco-free policy is intended to create a healthy environment for everyone who comes to Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital to receive care, visit or work.

We value the relationship that we have established with our friends and neighbors in the Lake Cumberland area. Over the last 31 years, we have worked alongside many of you to help make a positive difference in the communities we serve. And, we're grateful for the many positive comments and the encouragement we have received from so many of you since making the announcement last March of our intentions to implement this tobacco-free initiative.

With January 1 fast approaching, we want to reiterate the importance of this decision, and ask for your continued support. With your support, we will maintain that forward momentum, true to our mission of leading the way to better healthcare ... and to better health for everyone.

Jeff Seraphine
President and CEO



Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, January 3, 2008

Plant closing, RCMS fire among top stories in 2007

By: Richard Anderkin
With the beginning of every new year comes a look back at the many headlines of the previous year.
2007 was no different from any other in the history of Rockcastle County as recorded through this publication, with good news for many and unfortunately bad news for others.
January - The year began with over 60 elected officials taking the oath of office and one elected official being notified that he could not hold two county offices.
Marvin Owens, owner of Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals in Brodhead had been elected to the Brodhead City Council, but he also is one of the county's two deputy coroners. Under state law he could not hold both offices and he opted to give up his seat on the council.
57-year-old Billy R. Wynn,

a Rockcastle County native living in Bere, died in a two car collision at the intersection of Hwy. 70 and 39 and several fires in the county were attributed to arson.
As the month continued, the vacant home of James and Judy Kidwell on Doc Adams Road was destroyed by fire and John Bellamy was hired as Brodhead's new police officer.
The Rockcastle Fiscal Court learned they were on sound financial footing and had a bonding potential of \$6 million.
Local school board members were honored during January's Board Appreciation Month and they were also notified there would be an expulsion hearing for a Rockcastle High School student who had taken a gun to school in October.
Board members Dr. Tina Hasty and Angela Stallsworth Mink were sworn-in to new four year terms on the board

and the Lady Rockets improved to 3 and 0 in district play.
Later in the month, Agricultural Commissioner Richie Farmer spoke to approximately 230 people at the annual Farmers/Business Banquet and Clay Colson, a well-known Rockcastle County farmer and the former Soil Conservation specialist in the county was inducted into the county's Farmers Hall of Fame.
Kelly Doyle Thompson, 36, of Orlando was indicted for manslaughter in the death of Enita Bradley, 34, of Mt. Vernon, who died after Thompson crashed his car while driving under the influence in October of 2006.
The RCHS Academic team finished third out of 17 teams in the Lake Cumberland Academic League. Team members were Samantha Renner, Erik Jordison, Amy Poynter, Joey Howard, Dustin Johnson, John

Lambert, Kayla Frederick, Becca Martin and Holly Brown. The team was coached by teachers Stephanie Harmon and Allene Cornelius.
January drew to a close with one of most tragic stories of the year when 12-year-old Dustin Brian Taylor died in a fire at his Pongo home.
The middle school student died in the 4 a.m. fire after a ventless gas furnace malfunctioned.
Tammi Martin was hired as the new city clerk at Livingston and Billy Hiatt announced he would retire after 46 years at Hiatt's 5 & 10.
Ernie Mobley was chosen to replace Marvin Owens on the Brodhead City Council and over \$3,000 was raised at a fundraiser for the fight against Cystic Fibrosis.
RCHS Lady Rocket coach Chrysti Noble was honored for her 300th win in her 17 seasons at the ROCK and junior Sarah Rowe joined the 1,000 point club at RCHS.
RCMS student Sarah Woodall won the county wide spelling bee and the city of Mt. Vernon won their fourth straight first place Roadside PRIDE Award.
Old Man Winter had a firm grip on the county when the month of February began with the temperature rising above freezing only three of first eight days and snow falling four of those eight days.
Donald R. Martin, 48, owner of Southern Stars, a modeling and photography studio in Mt. Vernon was sentenced to 30 years in federal prison for producing sexually explicit pictures of young boys and girls between ages of 11 and 13.
RCHS senior football player Brad Durham signed a letter of intent to play football for the University of Kentucky and the Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department took delivery of a new fire truck, to replace

the one wrecked in December.
The Rockcastle County Board of Education gave Superintendent Larry Hammond another one year extension on his contract, running it through 2010. Hammond is in his 13th year as Superintendent of the local school system.
Betty Miller, along with relatives Harold and Mary Woodall, were the new owners of Hiatt's 5 & 10 in Mt. Vernon and workers were busy getting the new roadsides ready for county roads with new names because of changes for 911.
John and Sue Rodefer lost everything in a fire at their Climax home on February 19th and 18-year-old Nicholas Kirby of Mt. Vernon died in a ATV accident on February 21st.
The late Earl Cummins was inducted into the county's Republican Hall of Fame at the annual Lincoln Day Banquet and the county's development board discussed the need for a facility that could be used for countywide events and projects.
In the wake of the tragic fire that claimed the life of a 12-year-old Dustin Brian Taylor in January, a meeting to form a new volunteer fire department in the southern part of the county was held the last week of February.
Over 75 people attended the meeting at the Brookfield Lodge on the cleft Rock Retreat property at Pongo.
March began with very bad news for the 115 employees of Mt. Vernon Plastics when company officials announced it would close on April 30th, after 26 years in business in Industrial Park #1.
Local officials, especially Rockcastle Development Board Chairman Corey Craig began work immediately to replace the factory and keep the lost jobs in the county.
30-year-old Brandy Chasteen Brock of Copper

Creek was involved in a wreck on Ky. 80 and maintenance supervisor Jack Weaver received first degree burns in a fire at Denny's Restaurant.
The RCHS girls' indoor track team won their second straight 2A state championship and the local Kiwanis Club raised \$6,000 at their annual radio auction.
The Rockcastle County Lady Rockets won their fourth straight district title and Zach Powell of Mt. Vernon won \$100,000 in a Kentucky Lottery scratch-off game.
The Lady Rockets lost in the semi-finals of the 12th region to Southwestern and thieves stole \$5,900 from an elderly Three Links woman.
39-year-old Raymond Miracle of Mt. Vernon admitted to having \$1,600 in counterfeit money in his possession when he was arrested by police on March 13th and Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher made one of many visits to the county.
Fletcher's opponent in the primary election, Anne Northup, also visited the county in March and the state announced construction of the new Hwy. 150 between Brodhead and Crab Orchard would begin in the next several months.
Western Water continued to prosecute customers who were stealing water and Jackson Energy customers got a 2 percent rate increase.
Burgess King was the first person to receive care at the Rockcastle Hospital's new Emergency Department in the first week of April and the Rockcastle Board of Education gave all 485 employees a pay raise, ranging from 5.9 percent to 9.5 percent annually.
The Pongo Volunteer Fire Department became incorporated becoming the 6th fire department in the county and the



Rockcastle County Middle School principal Jason Coguer looks over the damage to the Rockcastle County Middle School, after three students set fire to the building in late April. The fire at the school caused million of dollars in damage and closed school at the middle school for the remainder of the school year. The fire was one of the top stories in the county in 2007.

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Posted: Absolutely no hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Mary Gadd at Pine Hill (Lime Plant Hollow). Violators will be prosecuted. 2x5p

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Farmer Waddle and Clista Spivey Heirs on Hwy. 490. Violators will be prosecuted.

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Andrew and Stephanie Hensley (old Joe Cameron place), 3/4 mile out 1004. Violators will be prosecuted. 5x3p

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

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

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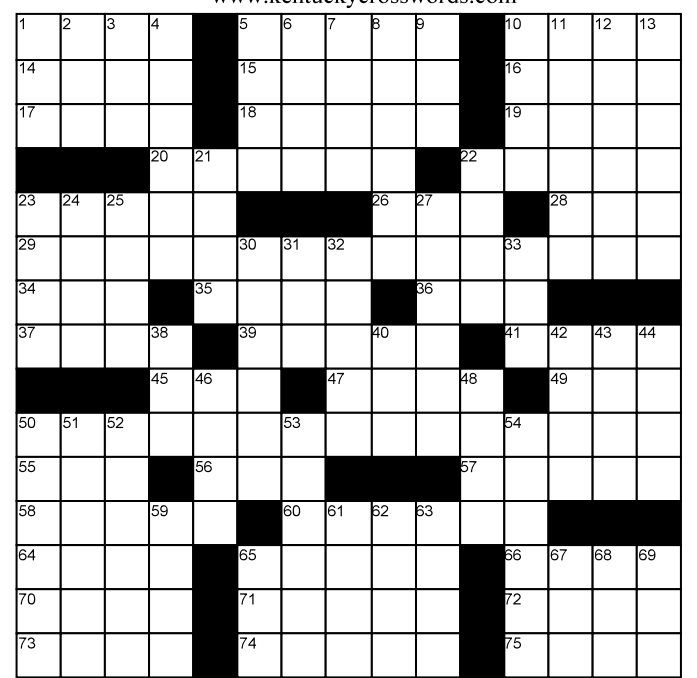
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ACROSS

- 1 Metcalfe Co. area, or stopper
- 5 Winter wrap
- 10 Island tree
- 14 Franklin and Scott border this KY county to the south
- 15 "Suzanne" songwriter
- 16 Nabisco cookie
- 17 Laurel Co. site, Jackson State Park
- 18 Dress style
- 19 "Scram!"
- 20 Kentuckian, author Caroline
- 22 A KY county bounded by Ohio R. on N and NE
- 23 Even if, briefly
- 26 Shoshonean
- 28 Part of A.A.R.P.: Abbr.
- 29 KY has them in Jackson, Paducah, and Louisville
- 34 NCAA conf. of EKU, Morehead St. and Murray St.
- 35 Clinton Co. spot, or winter forecast
- 36 Lexington race track, Mile
- 37 A "Land Between the Lakes" county
- 39 Quake
- 41 Union foe
- 45 Vichy water
- 47 Herr's wife
- 49 Family card game
- 50 2007 KY general election winner
- 55 Literary collection
- 56 That ship
- 57 Like some floors
- 58 Kentuckian, author
- 64 KY county; named for the 12th US president
- 64 Vigor
- 65 Floyd Co. site, Jenny State Park
- 66 Power
- 70 They're inflatable
- 71 Assoc. of SE Asian Nations
- 72 Shade of black
- 73 Unit of force
- 74 Back of a boat
- 75 U of L's basketball team during WWII were all members of this military branch

DOWN

- 1 Rank above maj.
- 2 IOU part
- 3 Speed (up)
- 4 Chess piece
- 5 Former wound
- 6 Tattled
- 7 One of three Kentucky counties named for a river
- 8 Perry Co. hamlet, adopted the reverse spelling of its intended name
- 9 WSW's opposite
- 10 Sit for a photo
- 11 Famous jockey that rode five Kentucky Derby winners
- 12 Sluggish
- 13 Sacred songs
- 21 and aahs
- 22 Dole out
- 23 Absentee
- 24 Tax
- 25 Shell sandwich
- 27 Paved surface
- 30 Guarantee
- 31 Fish eggs
- 32 Speedy
- 33 Tags
- 38 Modern: Prefix
- 40 Lanka
- 42 Ringlet
- 43 Wager
- 44 Natives of this KY county include Wynonna Judd and Chuck Woolery
- 46 Stiff and sore
- 48 no good
- 50 Patted gently
- 51 Pizzaz
- 52 KY county; location of the state's geographic center
- 53 Kentuckian, Frank Duveneck, for one
- 54 KY's 123rd Contingency Response Group, e.g.
- 59 Olympic gold medalist, Kentucky Ralph Waldo
- 61 Toward shelter
- 62 365 days
- 63 Kentuckian known as the "First Lady of Country Music"
- 65 Used to be
- 67 Legal org.
- 68 Thanksgiving mo.
- 69 " questions?"



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“Stories”

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Rockcastle Fiscal Court approved \$10 million bond issue for industrial development in the county.

220 people attended the annual Brodhead High School Alumni Banquet and Brodhead Mayor Walter Cash announced that a new grocery store would open in that town.

The Lady Rocket varsity softball team was 11-4 on the season and the Rocket baseball team was 10-3.

Brodhead Elementary School students celebrated after they had the best scores in the county and the third best in the state on the CATS test in 2006.

Also in Brodhead, a couple was charged with sexual abuse of their 21-month-old child and KET was busy filming a segment on Cox Hardware in Mt. Vernon.

Possibly the biggest news story of the year broke the last week of April when three Rockcastle County Middle School students set fire to the school.

Financial losses from the fire totaled over \$3 million and closed the middle school for the rest of the school year.

Over 600 people including, Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher, attended a dedication ceremony for the new Outpatient Services Center and 19-Bed Ventilator Unit addition at Rockcastle Hospital, to round out the month of April.

Gov. Fletcher visited Rockcastle County again in May when he and running mate Robbie Rudolph stopped at Renfro Valley for a spaghetti supper for Relay for Life and a stolen Western Water service truck was recovered.

State Representative Danny Ford and State Senator Ed Worley brought a \$125,000 state grant to the county for work on the Jones Building in Mt. Vernon the second week of May as graduation exercises were being set for the RCHS Class of 2007.

43 students received their GED diploma from the CAP Adult Learning Center and Young's Pharmacy in Mt. Vernon was broken into.

Lura Cash was named Valedictorian and Rebecca Cummins, Salutatorian at RCHS and the Lady Rockets and Rockets won their 47th district championships.

34-year-old Josh Morgan was arrested after a shooting at Dusty Trail Trailer Park, but was later found not guilty

by a Rockcastle County jury. Former Fish and Wildlife officer Steve Isaacs was indicted on 17 counts of mail fraud. One of the three juveniles accused of setting fire to the middle school pled guilty.

David Brock was named Citizen of the Year at the Brodhead Homecoming and Joanie Alexander was crowned Homecoming Queen.

Kelly Doyle Thompson was sentenced to 30 months in jail after pleading guilty to reckless homicide in the death of Enita Bradley in October of 2006 and the RCHS girls' track team won their 7th regional title.

79-year-old Bill Cass received a degree from Berea College, after falling one class short 43 years earlier and King Bottling Company at Climax began to bottle Rocket Fuel.

June began with good news for the Rockcastle economy and especially for many former workers of Mt. Vernon Plastics, which had closed in April.

Development Board Chairman Corey Craig announced that Mt. Vernon Plastics had been sold and would re-open as Plasticware.

The Rockcastle County High School Lady Rockets placed third in the state class 2A state championships and Debbie Bullock and her three teenage daughters lost everything in a fire on Sally J Road in Mt. Vernon.

Over 200 people attended an Open House at the Livingston Fire House, after the completion of a renovation project and KSP officer Ryan Loudermilk of Mt. Vernon was named Outstanding Police Officer in Administration by the State Police.

The Rockcastle Fiscal Court loaned the jail \$30,000 to meet expenses while they waited on checks from the state and Benny Anglin, a resident at Rockcastle Rehab in Brodhead turned 110.

Local radio station WRVK celebrated 50 years in business and longtime well known basketball coach Preston Parrett died at the age of 79.

The Mt. Vernon City Council voted to investigate the process to expand the city limits and U.S. Congressman Harold Rogers was in Renfro Valley to attend a ribbon cutting for the new Streetscape and Tunnel.

A wreck near Berea on I-75 completely shut down the southbound lanes of the interstate in Rockcastle County for 15 hours and claimed the life of a UPS truck driver.

Ribbon cutting ceremonies were held at Brodhead's Hometown Market and 34-year-old inmate, Dallas Clifford walked away from a work release detail at Livingston.

The Relay for Life Golf Scramble at Cedar Rapids raised over \$2,000 and over 500 people attended the Longest Day of Play at the Mt. Vernon Elementary School.

(Editors Note: Headlines from the last six months of 2007 will appear in next week's issue. RFA).



The Thursday Club went to the historical Hiatt Place in Renfro Valley for lunch recently. This was a special treat for everyone. We were treated royally and the luncheon was delicious. The Hiatt house and grounds were the home of Pappy and Mammy Hiatt and has been in the Hiatt family since the 1800s when the house was built. The structure, owned by Pappy and Mammy's grandson, Jones Conn Hiatt and wife Ramona, is on the National Registry of Historical Places. The house has been renovated and furnished with relics dating back to the 1800s. Two members of the Thursday Club, Betty Lou (Hamm) Adams and Molly (Hamm) Belcher, are granddaughter of Mammy and Pappy Hiatt and they were our hostesses for the day.

This Thursday Club is a group of retired ladies that meet each Thursday for lunch and just enjoy being together. Each lady donates one dollar per week to be used for various needs in the community. This year, 2007, over \$600 has already been distributed to different charities.

Those attending are shown above, front row from left: Betty Ann Glovak, Geraldine Robbins and Molly Belcher. Second row from left: Shirley Martin, Jean Gentry, Betty Lou Whitaker, Elnora Burke and Clara Proctor. Back row from left: Betty Lou Adams, Doris Blanton and Delores Morris.



Four students from Master Eric Bullock's Mt. Vernon Shaolin Karate Club participated in the blackbelt competition and won medals at the Shaolin Fall Tournament at Lexington Catholic High School. Pictured left to right: Robert Nantz won first place in point sparring and fourth place in weapons katas; John Wells won third place in point sparring; instructor Master Eric Bullock participated in the demonstration by doing the three section staff kata and the double chain whip; Sam Mathis won fourth place in point sparring and third place in weapons katas. Joe Harmon, not pictured, won first place in non-stop sparring, first place in empty hand forms and first place in weapons and became the 2007 Grand Champion.

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