"Review"

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ing for their much awaited water project.

18,500 tires were collected throughout the county and a burning ban that would remain in effect for months was issued.

September

Burley tobacco farmers found out they would split 26 cents a pound for lost quotas as part of the nation wide tobacco settlement and the annual Livingston Homecoming was held.

The federal grand jury in London indicted more residents on drug charges and the Rockcastle Fiscal Court took a four percent tax increase on property taxes.

Most local students scored above the state average on the Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills and new security measures such as surveillance cameras and metal detectors were placed in Rockcastle schools.

Bobby Wilson was named Citizen of the Year at Livingston and Tim Cameron was chosen as director of 911 in the county.

The state finally approved the opening of the newly renovated and expanded Rockcastle Detention Center and Renfro Valley helped Country Music Legend George Jones celebrate his 68th birthday.

The family of the late Suzanne Graves spearheaded the annual Cystric Fibrosis bike-a-thon at Brodhead which raised a record $15,000 to help in the fight against the deadly disease.

Lou Vanhoose was appointed to the Mt. Vernon City Council after Lee D. Keene resigned and Mt. Vernon raised privilege license fees and property taxes.

A meeting was held to discuss the consolidation of Kentucky's 120 counties and residents learned that surveillance cameras would be used at illegal dumpsites throughout the county.

Tara Abney was crowned football homecoming queen and John Clontz received the Everett C. Brown Memorial Award for public service.

A survivor of the Columbine shooting spoke to the members of the Bible Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon.

A large crowd turned out for the Bittersweet Festival in Mt. Vernon and Governor Patton and Loretta Lynn helped dedicate the Kentucky Country Music Hall of Fame at Renfro Valley.

300 people attended a public hearing at Brodhead school to find out where the new Hwy. 150 will go. Many residents were upset when they found that they would lose their homes to the new road.

The Rockcastle Fiscal Court found out that their insurance carrier would not pay for any type of legal defense in connection with the posting of the Ten Commandments and the Brodhead Family Health Care Center opened for business.

Brodhead area residents learned that construction on their new school building would begin in June 2000 and Allen Pensol and Serena Stratton were re-appointed to the library bord.

Circuit Judge Dan Venters moved the murder trial of Earl Brent Kirby, 42, to Lincoln County and the local Kiwanis Club installed their new officers.

Glen Overbey of Mt. Vernon won a new Ford Mustang in a national contest and Gary Asher resigned as head of the county's Disaster and Emergency Services.

November

November began intragedy when Cornell Meece was shot to death in a armed robbery at Foodland Grocery Store in Brodhead. The gunman was wearing a Halloween mask and no arrests have been made.

Mt. Vernon made their first attempt at passing a 1.5 percent payroll tax, which was later rescinded and Democratic Governor Paul Patton, carried Rockcastle County in his successful bid for re-election.

Ninety-five residents and students completed a successful clean-up day in the county and Brady Durham and Marquita Phillips were sworn-in as new council members at Livingston.

Residents, who work in the city limits of Mt. Vernon, upset by the council's actions on a payroll tax began to circulate petitions against it and numerous forest fires destroyed thousands of acres in the county.

Longtime Rockcastle County doctor Dr. Orson L. Arvin died while on a mission trip in Tanzania, East Africa and tobacco markets opened on a sour note with prices lower and much of this year's crop going into the pool.

The Rockcastle County Rockets made it to the regional championship game against Lawrence County but lost 48-14.

December

A large crowd turned out to protest the city of Mt. Vernon's new payroll tax, which was rescinded, although Mayor Karen King did appoint a committee to continue to study the proposal.

The Rockcastle County boys basketball team defeated Clay County for the first time in school history and a group of community leaders announced they would apply for millions in grants to upgrade the county and the county spent $25,000 on disposal fees from the clean-up along Hammonds Fork Road.

Local officials announced they would seek $7 million in state funding for a new Technical School to be located adjacent to Rockcastle High School and the RCHS Rifle Team won the state title in competition in Owensboro.

Brady Durham resigned from the Livingston City Council and local funeral director Frank Watson died.

"CenterNet"

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expected to occur in early 2000 following renovation of the space.

The facility will include public use computers with access to the Internet, desktop conferencing and room-based video conferencing for large groups with the capacity to connect participants from all parts of the world. The CenterNet site will be open to the public during various hours each day with prior scheduling required for use of the videoconferencing system.

Several organizations and businesses joined forces with The Center to secure the site. These include Rockcastle County Development Board, Bank of Mt. Vernon, Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Rockcastle County Schools, Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, Citizens Bank, and the local Kiwanis Club.

CenterNet will serve as a community-focused, community-supported center for the application of technology to the educational, commercial and economic development needs of the people, organizations, businesses and industries of Rockcastle County.

For more information about the CenterNet project, contact Pam Bridgman, project manager at (606)677-6000.

"Settlement"

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own farm with labor s/he employs will receive three separate checks. Although all the checks were mailed on December 30, it is possible that some may arrive before others. The earliest checks should arrive by January 4, 2000. Recipients who expect multiple checks should have all their payments by January 10th. To verify that payment amounts are correct, Corporation staff encourages recipients to multiply the pounds reported on their application forms by the appropriate per pound rates of 8.65 cents per pound of basic quota and 7.84 cents per payments pound.

Inquiries concerning the timing of payments, the dollar amounts of checks and where the checks were mailed should be addressed to the Chase Manhattan Bank by calling 1-800-732-9955. Callers should be prepared to provide their name, social security or federal tax identification number, and their Farm Service Agency farm serial number. This toll-free number will be available through May, 2000.

Other inquiries can be directed to the Kentucky Tobacco Settlement Trust Corporation by calling 1-888-366-8698 beginning January 4, 2000 or by writing KTSTC at PO Box 2025, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-2025.

"Lady Rockets"

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Falin 1.

After an easy opening round victory, the Lady Rockets had advanced to the finals with an equally easy 62-47 win over South Laurel.

This time, Reynolds led the scoring with 23 points, which included hitting 12 of 14 free throws; Rickels got 11; Roberts 10; Jessica Cobb 7; Hammond 5; Falin 4 and Amber Denney 2.

RCMS Boys Basketball

Monday, Jan. 3, 2000

8th Grade vs. Corbin

RCMS	10	16	7	5	37
CMS	10	10	12	6	38

Devin Taylor 16; Tim McIntosh 8; Jarred Burdette 6; Shane Nicely 5 and Devon Bussell 2.

7th Grade

RCMS	11	10	8	5	34
CMS	24	6	8	4	42

Brandon Griffin 24; Matt Allen 4; Ricky Sandusky 3; Derrick Hurst 2 and Ronnie McClure 1.

6th Grade

RCMS	7	1	7	7	33
CMS	6	5	1	16	28

Colby Brown 19; Kyle Mullins 6; Weston Riddle 4; Gabe Stallsworth 2 and Matthew Burkhart 2.

"Tapp"

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experience also includes supervision of pre-trial defendants and law enforcement positions both in Kentucky and Hawaii. "As a new deputy sheriff, I learned what it's like to be self-dependent in a rural area. You have to make critical decisions about cases and people without a whole lot of input from more senior officers and without much time for consideration. That's a pretty daunting task for any young officer." As an investigator for the Honolulu prosecutor's office, and then a member of the Organized Crime Strike Force, Tapp dealt with complex criminal enterprises and conspiracies: "I learned a lot from that experience, particularly when dealing with organized groups from other cultures. I also had the advantage of working with tremendously talented and experienced investigators."

In addition to his professional experience, Tapp graduated from Morehead State University with a degree in History and Government. In 1990, Tapp received a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Chaminade University of Hawaii. Three years later, Tapp received his law degree from the University of Louisville.

"I've done a lot. I've been fortunate in having the opportunity to work with local officers who are dedicated to providing effective law enforcement," said Tapp. "Four years ago, right before I left public service, I told the local paper that a prosecutor would be better at his job if he also had experience on the other side. I believed that then, and I believe it now. Over the last couple of years, I've had the chance to represent people in my private practice who've been charged with some crime or the other. That experience, learning all sides of a case, learning the defense perspective, will let me anticipate some of the tactics that good lawyers use in representing their clients. I think I'll make a better prosecutor as a result of this experience."

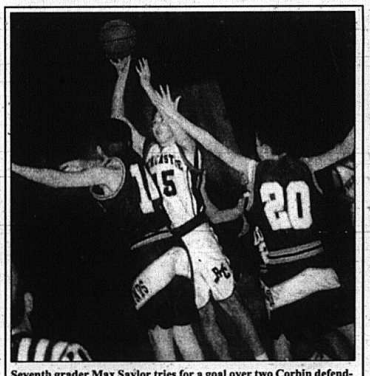
Tapp is married to Patricia Sue Tapp. They have three children, Beth, Adrian and Morgan, all of whom attend Pulaski County Schools. Tapp has been active in local civic groups and area charities. He attends the First United Methodist Church of Somerset.

"I'm really looking forward to this election. I believe in hard work and commitment, and that's exactly how I intend to approach this campaign. If I'm fortunate enough to succeed, that's how I'll approach the job as well." According to Tapp, all three counties could benefit from more jury trials and a generally more aggressive prosecutor's office. "All you have to do is go out and talk to the public in the workplace and in their homes. People are tired of rampant crime. And the perception is that little is being done to curtail it. Even in those cases where a conviction is obtained, it's usually a plea bargain, and it's usually much less than the original charge called for. We can do better than that. We can make a difference…but only if we elect a prosecutor, not a politician."

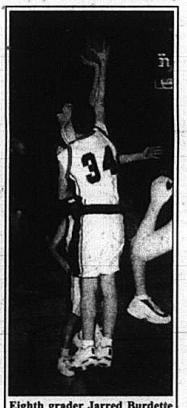
Happy Birthday Dad
Doug - Jan. 4th
We love you,
Lisa, Sandy, grandchildren
and rest of family

Happy 22nd wedding
anniversary Mom and Dad
Dec. 30th
We love you and may God bless
you with many more.
We love you,
Lisa, Sandy, grandchildren and
rest of family

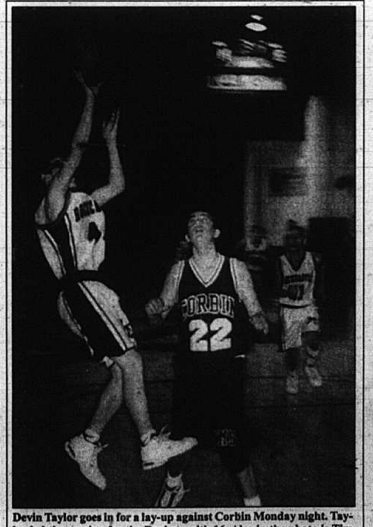
Classified Deadline is Noon Tuesday



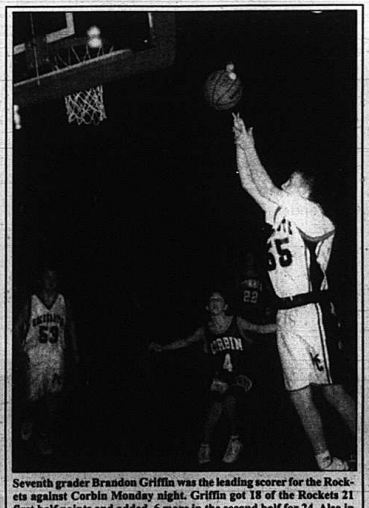
Seventh grader Max Saylor tries for a goal over two Corbin defenders. The seventh graders lost 42-34.



Eighth grader Jarred Burdette blocks the shot of a Corbin Redhound during action at the middle school Monday night. The Rockets almost pulled off the upset of the much bigger Redhounds, losing 38-37. Burdette scored 6 points in the game.



Devin Taylor goes in for a lay-up against Corbin Monday night. Taylor led the scoring for the Rockets with 16. Also in the photo is Tim McIntosh, No. 11.



Seventh grader Brandon Griffin was the leading scorer for the Rockets against Corbin Monday night. Griffin got 18 of the Rockets 21 first half points and added 6 more in the second half for 24. Also in the photo is No. 53, Matthew Allen.