



The Rockcastle County Road Department cleaned up a dumpsite on Vanzant Road near Burr last week. The dumpsite cleanup cost the county \$1,572. Work release prisoners from the county jail also helped out. The county has also identified two different waste tire dumpsites. The smaller tire dump was located on Exit 62 within a few hundred yards of the interstate ramp and had 341 tires in it. The second tire dump was located near Buffalo, off the Sand Springs Road and contained approximately 3,000 tires. The county had only enough funds to dispose of 484 tires from the second dump, but were able to completely cleanup the first dump. The county will apply for federal funds to help pay for the cleanup at the second dump. Waste tire dumps are prohibited on public or private property by state law.



Buster Denny and Freddie Cromer prepare to remove a car involved in a two car collision on Richmond Street in Mt. Vernon Monday afternoon. Cynthia Lankford, 19, of Mt. Vernon was treated for a shoulder injury at the Rockcastle Hospital. The other driver was not hurt.

Appalachian Harvest Festival set for October 6-8 at Renfro Valley

Even with today's modern conveniences and labor-saving devices life can be hectic. Imagine running a household where practically everything was made with your own two hands. Most of us are far removed from that directly independent spirit which pioneered many of the advances we enjoy today.

For three days, October 6, 7 & 8, Renfro Valley shines the spotlight on musicians, artists and crafts people who recreate for us the days when making do and making it yourself was a way of life. In this lush, green valley surrounded by tree-covered hills and bordered by clear country streams, visitors may witness firsthand the skills necessary for survival in rural Kentucky over half a century ago.

Antique farm machinery, often relying as much on muscle as on mechanics, bears witness to the days of the family farm. Nearby, a mile plods patiently in circles, powering an authentic molasses mill. The mill is grinding cane stalks which are boiled in great cauldrons over open wood fires. As the aroma of boiling cane fills the air, molasses is being made.

On hand will be a farmer's market and a wide selection of food items such as hams, jams, jellies, preserves, sauces and herbs, all made in Kentucky. Also, crafts people will be demonstrating their arts—blacksmithing, broom-making, woodworking, jewelry-making, soap-making, basket weaving, as well as Native American art and beading, and more. In addition, hand-stitched quilts along with other handmade craft items will be on display.

Visitors can see a real wagon train, and, new this year, they can walk through a "History-Mobile," a traveling exhibit which tours nationally, displaying memorabilia and relics of the Civil War in Kentucky. Activities for the children include a petting zoo, puppet show, face painting, balloons and Renfro Valley's first "Tiny Tractor Pedal Pull." Enjoy cloggers and live bluegrass, mountain and gospel music on Friday when Tennessee's "The Larkin Family" takes the stage; pick your favorites in the Country Talent Search on Saturday and Sunday, Sunday being the child and teen categories. Also, since Sunday is "Kid's Day" all children 12 and under are admitted free!

The Appalachian Harvest Festival has been selected as one of the top twenty October events by the Southeast Tourism Society—composed of members from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. It is fitting that this festival is staged at Renfro Valley, where wholesome family entertainment has been celebrated for nearly sixty-one years!

Festival hours are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$5.00 for adults, \$2.50 for children ages six to 12; children five and under are admitted free. For tickets and reservations for the Appalachian Harvest Festival call 800-764-7464 or 606-256-2638.

Gregory attends Smart Systems Conference

Bill David Gregory, of Lexington and formerly of Mt. Vernon, recently represented the University of Kentucky Robotics Center at the Smart Systems 2000 Conference held in Houston, Texas. The theme of the conference, sponsored by NASA and other research agencies, was "Smart Systems and Robotics in Medicine and Space."

Gregory presented in the poster session as to ongoing research in the "Investigation of an Improved Device for Laparoscopic in a Minimally Invasive Surgery (MIS) Simulator."

Gregory is a graduate of the University of Kentucky in physics and in mechanical engineering and is a graduate of Rockcastle County High School.

Memories of Mom & Dad

dedicated to Buster & Bessie Gadd

I remember when we were young growing up we had it hard. But Mommy and daddy showed us love. They had their hard times and their highs.

I can remember picking salad with Mom, picking blackberries and canning out of the garden. Sometimes we even killed a hog.

Something I can remember about my dad was his coin hunting dogs, and the tales he told, one about the coin that climbed in a tree, William shines the light where they both could see, they got that old coin. Dad and his son, I guess when you look back now, it was all just fun.

I can still see memories sometimes in my mind, of when my little sister became very sick, we had a team of mules and he hunched them up and off, we went off the Mammy's was our destination. We had to cross a creek that was roaring and wide, we washed down a time or two, but we made it to the other side. I remember cold winters, of coals and snow, Mommy and daddy would cover us with over

coats, to shed out the cold.

We never had to many Christmas times, but we never worried, we always had apples and oranges. They were always fine, sometimes Santa would bring us crayons and books.

That was fine with us, because we had Mom and Dad, that was all that we needed.

I can remember when Mom worked stripping tobacco. She bought us all three a doll that made us happy. I can remember and still can see my Dad cutting fields to get me to the doctor, because I always had asthma. But he always came through. We never got to go anywhere much, just to the store, or maybe to church. I can still see in my memories, my Daddy and Mommy carrying me on their back, when I was sick. It was the only relief I could get because I couldn't breathe.

When I look back now at all the hard times and such I thank God everyday that I still have them.

I love them very much. I could go on and on and tell you so much more about Mommy and Daddy, but I guess I better quit.

So Mommy when you read this poem for you and Dad you put us on this earth and I'll always be glad.

God bless you Mom and Dad!
Love,
Irene, Wanda, & Dorothy
Written for you all with love by
Linda L. Kirby

Marijuana found Tuesday

On Tuesday the Governor's Task Force was eradicating marijuana in Rockcastle County.

During a surveillance near the Rockcastle and Lincoln County line officers observed marijuana growing behind two residences on Gum Sulphur Road off U.S. 150 approximately three miles west of Brodhead.

Michael W. Carter, 45, of Crab Orchard and William M. Richeson, 38, of Brodhead, were both issued citations to appear in court on charges of cultivating marijuana under five plants, according to a news release from the Kentucky State Police.

Birthday Celebration

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Executive Officer and Cashier for one year at a salary of \$850.00 with the understanding they would raise the salary if the bank had the profit to justify doing so.

In 1926, a new building became necessary to meet expanding business. At this time, a burglar and fireproof vault and safe were installed with modern equipment for that era.

In 1935, the bank passed the rigid examination required to be admitted as a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. At that time, the F.D.I.C. insured deposits up to \$25,000. Today, your deposits are still insured by the F.D.I.C. at \$100,000 per account.

By 1948, the bank's resources (now called assets) had grown to \$1.8 million.

With almost a half a century behind it, the bank's strong commitment to sound management and banking was a testimony to its growth and success.

In 1975 after local ownership had prevailed for almost three quarters of a century, the bank's leadership changed dramatically when purchased by Kentucky businessman, Tracy Farmer.

The present building on Main Street was enlarged and remodeled. A helicopter landing on top of the bank brought an unfamiliar sound when Mr. Farmer's helicopter brought him from Lexington or surrounding areas.

Mr. C.F. Huffines became the president of the bank and William W. James served as Executive Vice President and Cashier.

The fall of 1977 brought yet another change for The Bank of Mt. Vernon.

Mr. Jerry S. Ikard, a Somerset businessman, became owner and Chairman of the Board. Mr. Jess F. Bullock, who began as a bank teller in 1956, became president of the bank in 1988.

The bank expanded into the Somerset, Richmond and Berea markets. A new facility was built on Highway 461 and, by this time, the bank had 60 employees at five sites.

Mr. William E. Ackerman was Chief Executive Officer from 1995 until 1999. Mr. Ackerman was a community activist and is credited with many civic and community accomplishments by The Bank of Mt. Vernon.

Desiring to retire and travel, Mr. Ikard sold controlling interest in the bank to Premier Financial Bancorp, Inc. in January of 1999. Mr. J. David Jury became Chief Executive Officer in March of 1999 and is serving in many capacities in community development and service.

Past presidents include Mr. Danny McKinney, and interim presidents, Mr. Charles Burdine and Mr. Cleo Routin.

Ten current employees have served The Bank of Mt. Vernon for over twenty years. Three of those have served over 23 years, five have served over 25 years, one has served over 35 years and one has served over 44 years.

The Bank of Mt. Vernon has been an integral part of the community for 100 years. Expanding services and products, technological advancement, and community and personal financial success and

development have always been the bank's goals. Tradition, Trust, Vision, Sound principles, sound practices. The Bank of Mt. Vernon desires to help people reach their personal financial goals.

Election

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stitution from Mike "BoChamp" Burdette, 46.

In Division two school board, incumbent Terry F. Burton, 45, will be unopposed as he seeks his third term on the board of education.

In the Mt. Vernon City Council race, incumbents Wayne Bullock, Jackie R. Renner, Clarice Kirby, Lonetta Daugherty and Clark Mullins will be joined by Gene Cromer and Barbara Bennett in the race for council. Six of the seven will make up the new city council in January. Councilwoman Lou Vanhoose did not file for re-election.

In Brodhead, incumbent members Curt Brown, Johnny Wilcop and Everett Albright are joined on the ballot by Larry Taylor. Councilman Larry Doyle did not file for re-election.

In Livingston, Curt McHargue, Todd Mick and Charlie Newcomb will file three of the four seats on that council. Dean Jones and Kathy Carpenter did not seek re-election.

Rockcastle residents can also run for council and school board as write-in candidates. However, to run for school board as a write-in candidate, residents must file in County Clerk Norma Houk's office by October 30.

In the race for U.S. Congressman, longtime Republican incumbent Harold Rogers of Somerset faces little known Democrat Sydney Jane Bailey.

Republican George W. Bush will face Democrat Al Gore in the Presidential race.

The General Election is November 7 and the final day to register to vote in the General Election is October 9, in Rockcastle County Clerk Norma Houk's office.

Red Carpet

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be eligible to win \$50 from the Signal that will be given to one lucky winner every other week for the next six months.

Be sure and register at all 54 of our Red Carpet Days businesses.

Those businesses participating are: Town & Country Motors, Brodhead Farm Equipment & Trailers, Movie Warehouse, Mt. Vernon Dentures, Checker's Outlet, Kawasaki of Richmond, Wendy's Hilltop, Oakwood Homes, Family Post Homes, James A. Cunningham, M.D., Jack's Pro Hardware, Dabney Feed & Supply, Farm Bureau Insurance, Champion Homes, Triple T Motorsports, ShopRite, B&M Liquorators, Oakwood Homes, Family Cafe, Silver Threads, Taylor's Furniture, David's Tire Center, Rockcastle Farm Supply, Commonwealth Ford, Denny's, Bishop's Tire Service, Hatt's S&L, Appliances Service Center, Cox Hardware, Mt. Vernon Florist, Dogwood Gifts & Crafts & Garden Center, Mt. Vernon Car Wash, Mt. Vernon Laundromat, Adams Feed & Supply, A Cut Above, The Florist, Hammond Interiors, Dillingham's Transmission, Dairy Queen, Country Sam's Furniture Warehouse, East Kentucky Metal Sales, Inc., Brodhead Tobacco Barn & Sports Cafe, Peg's Food Mart, Hilltop Shop, Honda of Lexington, Paines, Payne's Auto Sales, NAPA-Mt. Vernon Automotive & Marine, Inc., Radio Shack, Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals, Rockcastle Farm Supply, Thompson's Auto Shop, Honda of Lexington, Kastle Inn Restaurant, Toback Barn/Desert Sun, Food World and Johnson's A-1 Auto Sales.

Banquet

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chair the House's Education Committee. He later played an instrumental role in engineering Kentucky's sweeping education reforms through his positions on the state Task Force on Education Reform. Governor Martha Layne Collins' Excellence in Education Committee, and through his leadership roles in the Southern Legislative Conference's Education Committee and the Legislative Advisory Council of the Southern Regional Education Board.

In 1987, Richards was chosen by his Democratic colleagues in the House to serve as their Majority Caucus Chairman, one of the body's five leadership programs. In that role, he was responsible for informing caucus members about important measures and issues confronting the General Assembly and dealing with intricate procedural matters, such as the rules by which the House and committees operate. In 1995, Richards reached the culmination of his nearly two decades of legislative service and leadership by being chosen Speaker of the House.

Tickets, which are \$6.00, can be purchased from any Conservation District Board member. Mt. Vernon Lion's Club member, or may be purchased at the Rockcastle County Conservation District office in the USDA Service Center located on Highway 150.

Rockets

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To score another touchdown And help salt the warrior away.

It was a telling quarter for the Rock As Marty Regan scored on a run, And the Rock led 29 to zip At the half-time gun.

The Rock band and flag girls Put on as good a show as ever seen And out of all the beautiful candidates Tara Abney was the new Jamboree Bowl Queen.

The warriors fought back gamely As for eight minutes they marched down the trail, But the Rock came up with the ball And the warriors effort was to no avail.

Chris Parsons threw a beautiful pass Which was gathered in by Josh Hale, And he scored on a 27 yard Touch to help put the Rock on the victory trail.

The warriors chased Rock runners Until their throttles were worn thin, Then Marty Regan took off on an 80 yarder And they had to chase again.

It was a great game for the Rock As they got the Jam out of the Jamboree Bowl, And with their victories in a row They're really on a roll.

Congratulations to team, coaches and supporting cast You all really put on a great show, And about all anyone can say Is that's "The way to go."

Ag News

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ice Agency (FSA) on their 2000 crop year. Apiarists who have extracted their honey and stored it in acceptable containers by December 31, 2000, can receive a loan approximately 59 cents per pound for this year's production. The marketing assistance loans for honey have a term of nine months, and can be requested through March 31, 2001. Additional program details are available at your local FSA office. Providing the nation's honey producers with marketing loans for their crop is another agriculture service offered by FSA.



Kentucky Senate President Democrat David Williams, left, was in Mt. Vernon with Republican State Senator Albert Robinson last week to help him in his re-election bid. Robinson faces Democrat Lawrence Kuhl. Both Robinson and Kuhl are from London. Williams called the Senate race in the 21st district one of the six "hottest races" in the state.