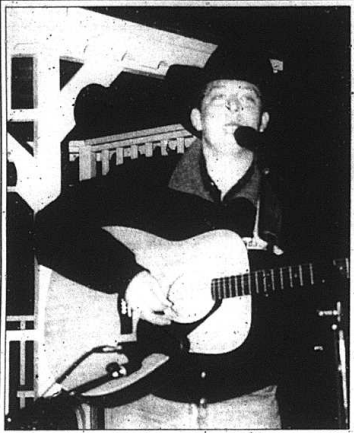




As in the past the Renfro Valley Barn Dance again shared some of their musical talent for the "Christmas in the Park" event. This year Jeff Watson took time out to play and sing.



The RCHS Brass Band, under the direction of Greg Daugherty, donned their festive santa hats and braved the cool night to perform in the triangle park for the crowd. Their joyful sounds and instruments added much to the occasion.



Several children joined in the festivities in the Triangle Park in Mt. Vernon Friday night to watch the lights being turned on and to hear the music being sung. Canned food was collected that will be used at the Baptist Mission during this holiday season.

Our Readers Write

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to let your students know of a great summer job opportunity available at the Kentucky Sheriff's Boys & Girls Ranch for the summer of 2001.

Our camp is located in Gilbertsville, Kentucky - about 20 miles east of Paducah, 30 miles north of Murray - at Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park. We are a non-profit summer youth camp for needy children in Kentucky between the ages of 8 and 11.

We are currently looking for young men and women who have a special interest and talent for nature activities, sports and recreation, arts and crafts, games and skits, musical talent, swimming and water safety, lifeguards and general supervisory skills. We have positions open for general counselors, specialized counselors, head counselor and monitor. Our camper to counselor ratio is approximately 10 to 1.

The camp program runs for nine weeks during the summer months, which includes one week of pre-camp training. The pay is somewhat

higher than most camps pay, with room and board included. Counselors and staff are required to live on the property, however, adequate time off during each session is arranged.

I would like to urge any student interested in working with "at-risk" children and making a difference in their lives to please contact us for an application. We may be reached at PO Box 57, Gilbertsville, KY 40244; phone 270-362-8660; fax 270-362-7534; web page www.kysheriffs-ranch.com; or e-mail us at khranch@aape.net.

Please keep in mind that this is not an easy job; however, it is very rewarding. It requires stamina and determination on the part of each and every person involved. These jobs are well known for being one of the most difficult jobs you will ever have, but also the most rewarding.

If you are willing to devote your time and energy to helping unfortunate children this summer, please contact us for an application. We will begin the hiring process early in January, so contact us as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Ray H. Stoss
Ranch Director

Dear Editor,

Sometimes a person goes so far above your expectations that you just have to tell people. I have traded trucks several times in Lexington. I was always discouraged by the salesmen and their half-truths.

Recently, I purchased a truck from Larry Gooch at Town and Country Motors. This was the third vehicle I had purchased from Larry. He had always told me he would take care of any problems I had with his vehicles. I had never had any problems before.

This time was a little different. After several problems with the engine, he arranged to have it replaced. He handled everything, including giving me alternative transportation during the repair. When the vehicle could not be repaired to my expectations - he really surprised me! He told me he would get another auto of the same value.

I never expected to be treated so fairly by a car salesman. Larry Gooch has restored my faith. I will continue to trade and recommend him to my friends and family. Thank you so much.

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Several members of the Rockcastle Kiwanis Club joined with Mayor Karen King and several folks in the community ushering in the Christmas season by turning on the lights in Triangle Park in Mt. Vernon Friday night. Those present enjoyed a program of music and songs put together by Community Chairman Gary Mink. Kiwanis members pictured above are: County Attorney Jeff Burdette who was Master of Ceremony for this annual event, Martha Cox, Kiwanis president Donald Coyle, Teresa Vanzant, Jessie Murray, Michael Greer and Joan Coyle. The Kiwanis Club would like to thank the city employees for the street decorations, to Bentley Cromer for the use of his sound system, to Mayor King and especially to the musicians for making this community event so special.

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December 12, 2000

SPECIAL MEETING

6:00 p.m.

DRAFT Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Silent Prayer
- B. Roll Call
- C. Reading of Board Team Commitments

2. ADOPT AGENDA/ACTION

3. COMMUNICATIONS:

4. OPERATIONS/ACTIONS

- A. Approve minutes of the November 14, 2000 special monthly meeting
 - B. Approve Application for Emergency Substitute Teacher: Kimberly Renee Wolfe
 - C. Approve bid for new office construction space at RCMS to Sears Glass Shop/\$13,750.00
 - D. Approve 2001-2002 contract between Rockcastle County Schools and the Student Service Consortium Center (AmeriCorps)
 - E. Approve bills for payment
 - F. Approve school trips.
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5. DISCUSSION/ACTION

- A. Review/approve application grant for 2000-2001 Rockcastle County Community Education Service-Learning Grant
- B. Review/approve request for additional classified Special Education Instructional Assistant 1 for special needs students [5 Mt. Vernon Elementary/5 Brothead Elementary]

6. DISCUSSION/REVIEW

- A. Review Monthly Financial Report
- B. Review Attendance Report Month 4
- C. Review Special Education Form (Revised as mandated by KDE)
- D. Review Draft Board Policies 03.11/Certified Personnel Hiring; 03.21 Classified Personnel Hiring
- E. Review Superintendent's Personnel Actions Report
- F. Review Perpetual Calendar
- G. Other

7. ADJOURNMENT

