

State at fault over landfill



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First of all let me apologizing for the inaccurate statement in last week's newspaper concerning the location of a proposed landfill in the county.

The proposed site is at Little Clear Creek, at the Madison-Rockcastle County line and not at Clear Creek, as I stated.

There were a lot of people at Tuesday's Rockcastle County Fiscal Court to voice their opposition to the landfill.

As I sat and listened to their concerns and comments, I realized just how important an issue this is for those people.

They all had legitimate concerns and they made those concerns known as they should have.

But as I listened - I also thought about the other side of the issue.

David McFarland is a business man, apparently a pretty good one and he is attempting to make his business run smoother and more profitably.

From all indications, he has gone through all of the right steps and in no way has attempted to hide his intentions.

He said this week that he would

show the site to whomever was interested and explain what he could in detail about the proposed landfill.

He also pointed out that the site was on his own property only a short distance from his home and the site of his brother's future home.

From my conversations with him, I don't think he would do anything to harm his own living environment - after all he is going to be living closer to the site than anyone else.

So don't the mad at Mr. McFarland - be mad at the state of Kentucky for making it so easy to obtain a permit for this type of landfill.

It is just another case where the state hasn't done a very good job of coming up with regulations to protect landowners and the environment.

Like the county attorney said - it is ridiculous that it is apparently so easy to meet the guidelines for such a landfill.

The Judge was brutally honest and correct Tuesday when he said that even if the state was supposed to monitor the things that are dumped in the landfill, the state probably wouldn't do it correctly.

There may be nothing citizens can do to stop this landfill from being built and you can't blame David McFarland for looking out for his best interests.

But you can get hold of your state representative and state senator and ask them to consider some type of legislation that will make it more difficult in the future to obtain such permits.



Rockcastle Circuit Court Clerk Teresa Vanzant, at left, was sworn-in for her first full term last week by Circuit Judge Dan Venters. Above, Venters also swore-in deputy clerk's Freda Renner, Brenda McKnight, Joyce Houk, Liza York, Crystal Griffin and Teresa Amis.

Ten free flowering trees

Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during January 2001.

The free trees are part of the non-profit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The ten trees are two white flowering Dogwoods, two flowering Crabapples, two flowering Pear, two Washington Hawthorns and two American Redbuds.

"These compact trees were selected for planting in large or small spaces," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said. "They will give your home the beauty of lovely pink, white and yellow flowers - and also provide winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between February 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, *Arbor Day* and *The Tree Book*, with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE FLOWERING TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by January 31, 2001.

Holiday credit card bills will shock many

"The gifts are open. The parties are ending. The decorations are being put away. Now comes the reality of facing the bills for all of the guilty pleasures," says Steve Rhode, president and co-founder of Myvesta.org, a nonprofit financial services organization. To help people deal with their money troubles, Myvesta.org is offering a free publication called *Avoiding Post-Holiday Headaches*.

"Many holiday shoppers will be shocked when they open their credit card statements in the next few weeks," Rhode said. "January is one of our busiest months because holiday overspending pushes people into debt problems." A Myvesta.org survey found that the average holiday shopper planned to spend \$1,220 on

holiday gifts.

The free publication coaches people to take control of their spending and track expenses so they can find enough extra money to pay off their bills in six months. "The most important thing," Rhode added, "is to pay more than just the minimum payment due on your credit card bill. If people pay just the minimum on their holiday debts, their total cost skyrockets." By making minimum payments on \$1,220 at 18 percent interest, it will take 22 years to pay off and interest payments will top \$2,520.

"Make 2001 the year to break free and rise above the superficial 'stuff' that drains wallets and keeps you in a perpetual cycle of debt," Rhode said. Read and download copies of the free publications at Myvesta.org.

"Council"

(Cont. from front)

Mayor King told them that at the present time the city could not find the needed funds - but they were still looking.

Both men suggested that the city take the interstate into the city limits, which they said would free up federal funds for both the police and fire departments.

Councilman Gene Cromer asked how much money the city had taken in from their payroll tax, since it was implemented in April.

Neither Mayor King or City Clerk Kaye Rader could answer his question.

The council for 2001 and 2002 is comprised of Joe Mullins, Jackie Renner, Clarice Kirby, Lonetta Daugherty, Wayne Bullock and Gene Cromer. Cromer is in his first term as a council member. The other five have served previously. Jackie Renner was selected as vice-mayor for the coming two years.

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"Recap"

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Richard Lovell, of Burr, a man a federal judge described as the head of cocaine smuggling ring in Rockcastle County pled guilty and received ten years in federal prison.

Rockcastle County leaders learned they had been turned down for a state program that would have made several improvements in the county and the Bank of Mt. Vernon celebrated their 100th birthday.

In October the state released the final route of the new Hwy. 150 and all five county schools received awards for their good test scores.

Former Brodhead Mayor Billy Russell died and Warren Rosenthal received the Everett C. Brown award for community service.

The Bittersweet Festival was held in Mt. Vernon and Citizens Bank held an open house at their new location on Hwy. 150.

Halcomb East Road residents learned they would get city water and Billy Hitt was named outstanding business person of the year by the Mt. Vernon Lions Club.

The Rockcastle County Rockets completed a perfect 10-0 regular season, something that had never been done at RCIS and the RCIS Cross Country team advanced to the state.

In November, Debra Lambert was the first Rockcastle resident ever elected Circuit Judge and Ryan Riddle was released of his duties as baseball coach at RCIS.

The Bank of Mt. Vernon was sold to Community Trust and eighth grade girls' basketball team at RCMS completed a perfect three year run with another conference championship.

Integrity Mold and Die held an open house at their new location in the Rockcastle Industrial Park and the Rockets made it to the final four teams in Class AAA in football, when they won their first ever regional title.

Benson Bullock was indicted for allegedly knowingly buying stolen tobacco and the RCIS JROTC rifle won the state championship again.

Governor Paul Patton visited the county and David Lovell pled guilty to the murder of Charles "Toddy" Baker.