



Defensive coach Tony Saylor, center, talks with members of his defensive unit, #56 Jason Leger, #10 Josh Hale, #53 Adam Childress, #80 Stephen Boring and #63 Tanner Abney. The Rocket defense had a hard time with Boyle County's offense in Saturday's state championship game in Louisville. The Rockets lost 49-14.



Michael Brummett, #64 and Tanner Abney, #63 and the rest of the Rocket offensive line had a hard time opening holes for Rocket backs on Saturday.



A large crowd, including John and Shelia McQueary and Melinda Kincer were on hand at Renfro Valley on Thursday night.

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Meeting Location - Centernet/Rockcastle County Courthouse

December 11, 2001

6:00 p.m.

Special Meeting
DRAFT Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADOPT AGENDA/ACTION

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Brodhead Elementary Reading Program/Mrs. Caroline Graves
- B. Coach Recognition (Coach Larkey/AP Coach of the Year)
- C. Recognition/Presentation to *Mt. Vernon Signal*

4. OPERATIONS/ACTIONS

- A. Approve minutes of the October 30, 2001, November 13, 2001 and November 15, 2001 special monthly meetings
- B. Approve bills for payment
- C. Approve Emergency Substitute Teacher: Larry Lee; Julie Ham
- D. Approve school trips as listed:

Date	School	Grade	#Students	Location
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5. DISCUSSION/ACTION

6. DISCUSSION/REVIEW

- A. Review Monthly Financial Report
- B. Review Month 4 Attendance
- C. Review Superintendent's Personnel Actions Report
- D. Review Perpetual Calendar
- E. Other

Rambling on and on

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In this business, if you don't overlook ignorance it can make you act ignorant, so over the past 20 years I have learned the hard way to overlook people who really don't know what they are talking about. Last week my wife, who doesn't even work here, received a harsh complaint from a parent who did not think we have covered the accomplishments of the JROTC program at RCHS as well as we should have.

She said it upset her that the football team was getting as much publicity as they were about their state title run. She went on to say she thought the Rifle team at RCHS had been slighted by this publication because we had not properly given them there due for their accomplishments.

It is hard to believe that an intelligent person would even make such a comment, but then again, most of us parents are crazy when it comes to our own kids.

We have always supported the JROTC program at the high school - a program that is very worthy of all of the publicity they get.

At no time since the program started have we not done anything we were asked to do and there have been times when the program was spotlighted on the front page.

The JROTC program is something the school system and the county should be proud of and I know they have received the proper coverage from this publication.

And for this week's last rambling, elections for just about every county office are coming up next year.

In order to keep a Mayor or council from raising their own salaries after they are in office the state requires that any raises be approved by the sitting council and Mayor for the next Mayor or council.

That has to be done in the same year as the elections are held.

So, therefore, many councils and Mayors across the state balk at raising their pay because of fear of not being re-elected.

At Mt. Vernon the Mayor makes about \$50 a month.

Also, at Mt. Vernon the Mayor's job is an awesome responsibility.

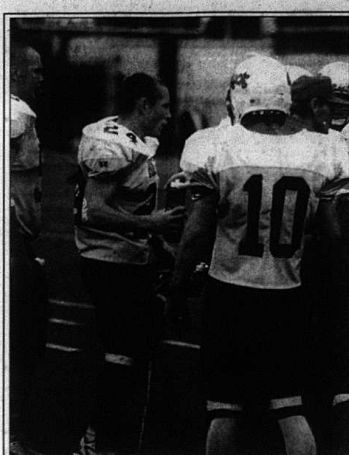
There are numerous employees and the city is ultimately responsible for providing water to most areas, either through their own lines or by wholesaling the water to other water districts.

That is just part of the responsibilities of the Mayor.

The Mayor's job in Mt. Vernon is almost as time consuming as the County Judge-Executive's job. That pays in excess of \$60,000 per year.

I think most people would understand if the council voted themselves a small raise and the Mayor a huge raise. Pay raises may also make more people become interested in serving for the public good.

The City of Mt. Vernon has become a large enterprise to run and the one in charge should be compensated accordingly.



Junior Marty Reagan, center, was held to just 61 yards rushing on Saturday.



Rocket supporter Larry Dale Carter spoke at the Community Pep Rally

Fish Fry Saturday

The Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will host a Fish Fry this Saturday from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the fire station in Conway.

Menu includes fish, french fries, cole slaw, hush puppies, desserts and drink. Adults \$5, children under 12, \$3. Carry-outs are available, call 256-0000.

"Rockets"

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for an average of 29.5.

"No matter what happened on Saturday - these kids should be proud of the season they had - I know I am proud of them," Larkey said.

Last week, Larkey was named Associated Press Coach of the Year, by the daily newspaper sports writers across the state.

No Rockcastle players were named.

All Churches, Schools, Clubs, Civic Organizations and Individuals

Join Grand Marshal Alan Cutler for the

2001

City of Mt. Vernon
Annual
Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 8th at 2:00 p.m.

We will meet at the Mt. Vernon Elementary School at 1:00 to 1:30 for lineup

The theme of this year's parade is:

"Celebrating His Birth as God Blesses America"

We could use red, white and blue, if you need to decide on a color, of course, you don't have to use these colors.

Participation in the "Spirit of Christmas" will be great

If some elves show up to walk with Santa, this will be great. Santa will have treats and stay in town after the parade to greet the children. All participation is needed and will be appreciated and enjoyed by the community.

The United States Flag will lead our parade this year, carried by the Rockcastle Co. Army JROTC program

12"x18" flags are available at City Hall

We are trying to get \$5.00 each for the flags. The City of Mt. Vernon purchased the flags and all proceeds go to the American Red Cross disaster victims in New York.

Contact Phyllis Deatherage at City Hall at 606-256-3437 to participate

Thank You So Much and Merry Christmas from
Mayor Karen K. King and staff at the City of Mt. Vernon