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James W. Lambert and Curt Roberts were among those Veterans honored on Sunday at the middle school.



Rockcastle Kiwanis President Corey Craig was the master of ceremonies on Sunday.

Kiwanis Club sponsors event to show appreciation

The Rockcastle County Kiwanis Club honored local veterans, firefighters and police officers during a special ceremony at the Rockcastle County Middle School on Sunday.

It was a well attended event and one that was appropriate at this time in the country.

Mt. Vernon Christmas Parade set for Saturday

After rain cancelled last Saturday's Christmas Parade in Mt. Vernon, the city has rescheduled the parade for this Saturday at 10 a.m.

Line-up for participants in the parade will be from 9 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. at Mt. Vernon Elementary School.

The city has announced that there will be no parking on Main Street until the parade is over.

Children can visit with Santa Claus after the parade in the City Park until 4:15 p.m. on Saturday.

Veterans who have served in just about every war our nation has fought from World War II to Desert Storm took center stage to be honored.

Many local officials had words of praise for the veterans, firefighters and police officers.

About \$4,000 was raised at the event and was split between the county's four fire departments.

Veteran Alfred McNew was among those who spoke.

He talked about the 13 points of

the American Flag.

His remarks follow:
Have you ever noticed on TV or at military funerals that the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the American flag 13 times?

I've known how the 21 gun salute was determined (adding the individual digits of 1776). But only recently learned why the flag was folded 13 times when it is lowered

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DeBorde will be new administrator at Sowder

Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc. President and CEO Lee Keene announced Wednesday that Michael Robert DeBorde, RN, BSN, of Brodhead, has been selected to become the new administrator of Sowder Nursing Home.

DeBorde, 41, will assume his new duties on January 1, 2002 when Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc. begins operating the facility.

"When Linda Whitt told us she would be retiring at the end of the year, we decided to conduct a broad

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McKinney faces charge of attempted murder

A local state road department employee is in jail this week after he reportedly tried to kill his estranged wife on Saturday.

Mike McKinney, 30, of Brodhead was arrested by state trooper Lane Owens around 8 p.m. following the 7:30 p.m. incident.

The incident occurred at a house on Hwy. 150 in the stretch.

Meleissa McKinney told police that when she went to her former home that McKinney fired a handgun through the door.

According to Owens' report, glass from the door injured Ms. McKinney. Also according to Owens' report, when he arrested McKinney he told him he was under the influence of crack and marijuana.

McKinney is being held under a \$5,000 cash or property bond and charged with attempted murder and driving under the influence.

His next court appearance is December 17th.

Legal drug questioned by Congress

A powerful legal drug that has affected so many Rockcastle County families was the subject of a congressional hearing on Tuesday.

Veteran Congressman Harold Rogers of Somerset was one of the proponents of the hearing.

Congress will study Purdue Pharma's marketing campaign for OxyContin to see whether the company used excessive tactics to sell the powerful painkiller.

At a heated House appropriations subcommittee meeting yesterday, lawmakers grilled a Purdue Pharma

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Saylor, Smith, McKinney file for local office

Well-known Rockcastle County businessman Howard Saylor, a Republican, has filed for the office of Rockcastle County Judge-Executive.

Saylor, 50, will run in the May 2002 primary along with all other hopeful candidates.

For 26 years, Saylor owned and operated Saylor's Pharmacy in Mt. Vernon and he has been very active and supportive of Rockcastle County sports programs.

Saylor is the son of former Rockcastle County principal Cleson Saylor and the brother of local pharmacist Johnny Boone Saylor.

May's run for office will be for Saylor who issued a written release on Tuesday.

In that statement, Saylor said that if elected, he would work with other leaders in the county to Rockcastle become one of the most progressive areas in the state.

"I am committed to forming an alliance between the county and state governments that will allow the people of Rockcastle to not only dream of improved standards of living, but to make those dreams a reality," he said.

Other candidates to file this week were Rockcastle Sheriff Shirley Smith who is seeking a fourth term.

Smith, also a Republican, has served longer than any other Rockcastle County Sheriff and resides in Wildie with his wife Libby.

Incumbent two term third district magistrate Bill McKinney has also filed for office.

McKinney, a local businessman, is seeking his third term. He is also a Republican.

George Renner also filed his papers for magistrate in district five and Shannon York filed for constable in district two.

Former Rockcastle County Deputy Sheriff Darrell Doan is also a candidate for sheriff.

John H. Kemper Jr., has also filed

for Sheriff in May. Doan and Kemper join Wayne Lear Sr., who filed a couple of weeks ago.

Others filings include Incumbent Fifth District Magistrate Donald Bullock and Albert W. Carpenter who filed for Constable in district five.

Incumbents Rockcastle County Attorney Jeff Burdette, County Clerk Norma Houk, Jailer James Miller, P.V.A. Margaret Offutt, First District Magistrate John Holbrook and Fourth District Magistrate Fred Mullins, Jr. have all made their intentions known for re-election.

Others filing to date: Roger Rucker for magistrate in district four, William Denney in district two for magistrate, Mark Poynter and Merrill Keith Brown for magistrate in district five.

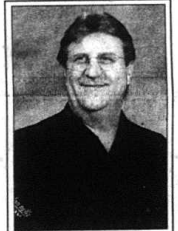
Delmo McClure has filed for re-election as constable in district two.

The only Democrat to file as of this week is John Holbrook, magistrate in district one.

Every county office, including councils and Mayors will be on the ballot, except for the Circuit Clerk's position.

Also in May 2002, State Representative

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Longtime Rockcastle businessman Howard Saylor, a Republican has filed for the office of County Judge-Executive.



Bill McKinney has filed for his third term as third district magistrate.



Santa arrived in Brodhead on Saturday during a very wet parade. Numerous people turned out for the annual parade and drawing. (More photos of the parade will be in next week's Signal)



Five members of a Letcher County family were involved in a single vehicle wreck on Hwy. 150 on Friday night. Four of the five were transferred to Lexington hospitals. Two of those transferred were a pregnant woman and a six-year-old child.