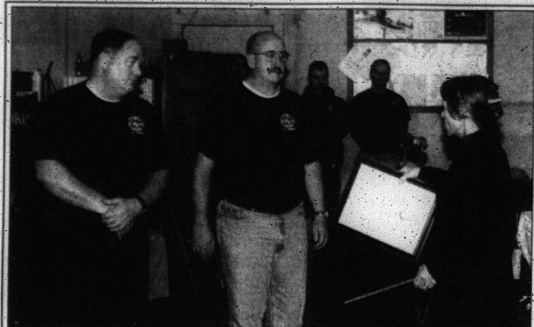
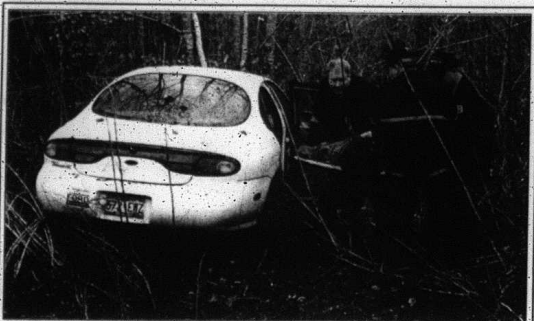




Mt. Vernon Mayor Clarence Kirby, right, presented 'Asst. Mt. Vernon Fire Chief David Bales, left and Chief Gary Hannel with plaques in recognition of their service to Mt. Vernon's volunteer fire department during a ceremony at City Hall last week. Hannel has been on the department for 33 years and Bales for 31. Hannel is only Mt. Vernon's second fire chief ever, replacing the late John C. Cox.



A Rockcastle County man was slightly injured last Thursday afternoon in a single car wreck on U.S. 25, just south of Hwy. 40. Above Rockcastle E.M.T.'s Roy Lucas and Jamie McClure along with David Mink of the County's Sheriff's Office. Below, Harvey Dean Bond, 62, of Livingston, the driver of the vehicle, was charged with drunk driving. Bond is due in court on January 29th.

Library News

By Ms. Kathy McKibben, Childrens and YA Librarian

2002

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Well, a new year has begun and all is well at the Public Library. Even with cold weather and blizzards, the patronage at the library has been good. A lot of people just like to snuggle up with a good book during the winter months. Many patrons are consistent with the use of technology to check their e-mail messages and look up items of interest on the computers.

We do have some new additions to the adult collection we would like to make you aware of. Fiction books added to the adult area are as follows: *By the Light of the Moon* by Dean R. Koontz; *Light in Shadow* by Jayne Ann Krentz; *Whispers at Midnight* by Karen Robards; *The Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold.

Non-fiction books added are: *Leadership: An American Legend* by Laura Hillenbrand; *Seabiscuit: An American Legend* by Laura Hillenbrand. This particular story was made into a movie and parts of it were filmed in Lexington. Other nonfiction books available include: *The Conquerors: Roosevelt, Truman and the Destruction of Hitler's Germany, 1941-1945* by Michael R. Beschloss; *Longitudes and Latitudes: exploring the world after September 11* by Thomas L. Friedman; *Let's Roll* by Lisa Beamer.

A number of adult paperbacks have been added, several of which are westerns that happen to be very popular: *Blood on the Plains* and

Comanche Raids by Jude Cote; *No Gold on Boothill* by Dan Chapman; *The Way of the Coyote* by Elmer Kelton; *Last Stand at Sable River* by Elmore Leonard and *Ross' Gap* by Clifton G. Wialer.

Several new books have been added to the juvenile area of the library. Including seven new *Dear America* series books. These books are fiction and are becoming very popular with the girls. Another *Remnants* has been added is that series which is mostly geared toward boys. There will be more new books added as we progress into the new year.

Since we were talking about the children's area, we want to remind you of Storyhour on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. for preschool children. We count, sing ABC's, recognize colors, shapes and numbers, read short stories, make crafts and have a snack. This all courtesy of your library, so come on out and take advantage of it. The preschool children are expected to have an adult with them at all times. We certainly appreciate all who attend and make the hour an enjoyable one.

It is a beautiful day today and Ms. Parn is out on the Rockcastle, taking books to her patrons out in the county. Sometimes weather hinders, but she is diligent in seeing to the needs of her readers.

Make the connection @ your library!

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was recognized and The American Cancer Society held their Relay for Life at the middle school and raised a little over \$21,000.

Lisa Noe, a third grade teacher at Roundstone Elementary, was named principal at the school, replacing David Penski who took a job at the central office.

School began August 15th, with officials expecting about 3,000 to enroll.

Republican U.S. Congressman Ernie Fletcher visited the county as part of his exploration to make a run for governor. Fletcher met with county officials and members of the Young Republican Club.

The Fiscal Court agreed to borrow \$35,000 from the Kentucky Association of Counties for the Broadhead Rural Fire Dept. to help finish paying for property the department bought in the Quail area. The court was also presented with a contract from State Senator Ed Worley for \$200,000 to blightmap rural county roads.

The residence of Danny "Bird" Bustle in Mt. Vernon was raided Monday night, August 19 and components, allegedly used in the manufacturing of methamphetamine, were found.

Members and officers of the Rockcastle Development Board spent a Saturday evening in Mt. Vernon. One property cleaned up is at the corner of Main and West Main Streets and may eventually be used to house offices for many local agencies, including the development board.

No one was injured in a wreck involving a Rockcastle County school bus. 10 students were on the bus when it was struck by a high school student who crossed the center line on Hwy. 1505.

The Mt. Vernon City Council set the city's property tax rate at \$1.06 per \$1,000 assessed value of property, up from \$1.09 for 2001-02.

A seven car pileup on Interstate 75, in which two people were injured, backed up traffic for several miles and caused an overload on U.S. 25.

Bridgette Lean, escorted by her father, Bill, was crowned Queen of the Pigeon Classic on Saturday night when Rockcastle County held their only football game of the season, until the state championship, to Madison Co.

A Stanford couple lost their unborn child in a wreck on U.S. 150 when their car was bumped from behind, by a suspected drunk driver, causing it to spin up an embankment and flip over.

In September...

The former Livingston School Gymnasium, which has been completely renovated by the Fiscal Court, was named in honor of Preston Parrett, who coached at the school for 33 years.

Three Rockcastle men were arrested in a drug sting by federal agents. The arrests were made in Williamsburg when the three showed up to take delivery of the drugs. All three were charged with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute meth and marijuana.

Livingston held their annual 'Homecoming Parade with State Representative Danny Ford serving as Grand Marshal. Sam Stallworth as county citizens of the Year and Rockcastle Firefighters were honored.

Western Rockcastle Water Association received grants in the amount of \$733,000 from two federal agencies to construct 18 miles of new water lines and serve 117 new users in Rockcastle, Pulaski and Lincoln counties.

After 57 years, Willard Collinsworth, of Brindle Ridge, received a Bronze Star from WWII. Governor Paul Patton visited the county to discuss the Renaissance program for the city and the efforts of the Rockcastle County Development Board. He also brought a check for \$425,000 to the Agricultural Development Association.

Two local men were charged with

a litany of hunting violations after a cache of deer antlers, mounted deer trophies and turkey heads were recovered from their property.

Troy Kirby and Johnny Lee Bullock, both of Rockcastle County, were sentenced for conspiring in the manufacturing, possession and distribution of methamphetamines.

Elizabeth Matekovich was crowned Kentucky Valley Jamboree Queen at halftime at the Rocket's season opener.

The Cystic Fibrosis Bike-A-Thon, chaired by Clara Proctor, raised \$8,981, had 54 participants and 28 helpers.

Tim McIntosh and Shena Swiney were crowned Football Homecoming King and Queen at RCHS during halftime of the RCHS-Eastall Co. game.

In October...

One of Rockcastle County's leading citizens, died in a Knoxville Hospital.

Lee D. Keene, who had been Administrator at the Rockcastle Hospital for 13 years and a member of the Mt. Vernon City Council for several years, died at the age of 70 from an apparent brain hemorrhage.

The Mt. Vernon Volunteer Fire Department and City Council agreed upon the purchase of a new fire truck for the department. The price tag was \$64,000.

Highway deaths for 2002 continued to grow in October when two more people died in wrecks on Rockcastle roadways.

Frankie E. Marler, 29, of Sand Springs and a Whitley County man died in separate accidents.

The Rockcastle Fiscal Court discussed possible cutbacks in the number of prisoners being held at the Rockcastle County Detention Center and Danny McKinney of Broadhead kept his job as head of the powerful Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative.

The Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center (former Sowder Nursing Home), in Broadhead got high marks for the quality of their operation.

A large crowd attended the annual Bittersweet Festival in Mt. Vernon and a former Mt. Vernon Police Officer, Larry Thompson, was arrested by federal agents and charged with several drug trafficking crimes.

Thompson has been accused of being the mastermind behind a cocaine and marijuana operation that stretched from Kentucky to Texas.

The Mt. Vernon City Council voted to take five more roads out of the city's work program; and the Rockcastle County Animal Shelter at Roundstone opened for business.

Rockcastle Circuit Judge William T. Jones ordered that the Rockcastle Speedway at Cove Branch in order to pay creditors and the general election was winding down.

The big news in November was the General Election.

Mt. Vernon voters elected Clarence Kirby as their new Mayor. She defeated several challengers, including incumbent Karen King.

Voters in Mt. Vernon also elected three new council members: Ken Kenfro, Brian Hansel and Betty Carter Russell.

State Representative Danny Ford of Mt. Vernon soundly defeated Democratic challenger J. Park Noma, a Stanford attorney. Ford will begin his 11th term in office this week.

Tina Cain Hay defeated Steve Owens in the division three school board race and she tallied over 700 votes. She retained his seat on the board by defeating challenger Donna Hays.

J.C. Griffin defeated incumbent Livingston Mayor Curt McHugh and Republican David Gibbs defeated the term Democratic Magistrate John Holbrook. Gibbs will now represent the county's first district.

The Rockcastle Fiscal Court received a \$10,000 bill for a pregnant prisoner and County Clerk Norma Houk reported that there were no problems in Rockcastle, as far as voting went, on election day.

Local businessman and contractor David King announced that he would open a food bottling company in Climax and Larry Thompson's federal court trial was set for January 16th in Lexington federal court.

Construction accident shut a main phone line in Mt. Vernon and knocked out service for hundreds of businesses and residents. Service was interrupted for 24 hours in some cases.

The Kentucky District Council of the Assemblies of God filed a lawsuit demanding that the local Assembly of God property, now the River of Faith, be sold. The Council said the sale should take place because there have been broken between the council and the local church.

Family members, friends and colleagues of the late Dr. Orson Arvin gathered at the Rockcastle Hospital to commemorate his life and work in Rockcastle County.

The Rockcastle County Rocket football team won their third straight

district and regional title in November.

The Rockets went on to win another state semi-final game and play in the state championship game.

They defeated the Highland Bluebirds 4-5. Highland did not score until the last play of the game.

Rockcastle's new Game Warden Steve Isaacs charged at least thirty people with violations of the Fish and Wildlife laws in Kentucky and a woman, convicted of the kidnapping of a local man, was sentenced in federal court.

Former Rockcastle Constable Tommy Bullens was sentenced in federal court on drug related charges brought while he was constable and a Mission Team helped out at the local Christ Outreach Center.

In December...

Rockcastle County Schools were closed for three days after the first snowfall of the season.

Jonathan McKinney, 22, and Michael McKinney, 26, received some of the largest fines ever handed down in a case involving wildlife and a Rockcastle man, Bobby Ray Grubb, 44, was shot to death during a domestic dispute.

The Rockets played hard but lost in the state championship game for the second straight year to Boyle County by a score of 21-0 and Shemmas Allen, 67, of Broadhead died in a single vehicle wreck on the Hill on Hwy. 150. Allen was the 13th person to die on Rockcastle roadways in 2002.

The Rockcastle County Board of Education honored outgoing Chairman Dr. G.W. Griffith for his 10 years of service to the board and Kentucky Governor Paul Patton let eight prisoners out of the Rockcastle Detention Center early because of the state's budget crisis.

Three Mt. Vernon City employees, Dennis McClure, Burgess Mullins and Junior Gray, were honored for their 20 years of service to the city and Broadhead and Mt. Vernon held their annual Christmas parades.

Burdette

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neither confirm or deny.

"I am happy serving as County Attorney where I can be a part of my community's progress and growth," Burdette said. "It is gratifying that people around the state have had me to represent them for the past 10 years. I am sure others are considering a run. I only have in mind right now what I believe is best for Rockcastle County and my family. We have a lot to do here."

It has been reported that Burdette has met with individuals and donors statewide recently, but denies reports that Republican officials, including U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell, has encouraged his candidacy.

"Any primary run by Republicans would not involve those officials," Burdette said. "I am certain that neutrality in all key word-ends until the general election in the fall."

"The people of this county" have been so supportive of me, and my family, especially in our fight against those who traffic in drugs, lies and wrongdoing. We enjoy working with our citizens and our local state and federal authorities in putting these things down," Burdette added.

Burdette is married to the former Two Rivers resident. They have two children, Theodore, 4 and Zoe, 2. They reside in Mt. Vernon.

Western Project

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omitted federal funds be directed to these projects.

One of the projects recommended by the governor would enable Western Water to Association to extend water service for approximately 48 miles. The association and improve service for 50 households in Rockcastle, Lincoln, Pulaski and Garrard counties. The grant is for \$250,000.

Reynolds

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focused on ensuring our employees have the resources and tools needed to obtain employment in the community. Employees will receive severance benefits continuation and job search assistance."

Reynolds Food Packaging offers a full line of stock and custom products for the foodservice, supermarket and processor markets. Products include foil, film, aluminum and plastic containers and lids, canteen trays, bags, wraps, baking cups and trays, all in a wide range of sizes and configurations for food preparation, serving and storage.

The company has 129,000 employees in 38 countries. Locally the company employs approximately 120 people, down from a workforce of nearly 400 at one time.

"What Saith the Scriptures"

In Hebrews 12:14 we read, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Holiness signifies a separation to God and a separation from the world - the domain of darkness, which Satan is the Prince of. Holiness demands that we shun the evil, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, and holiness also demands that we seek to live right in this world.

A lot of folks are preaching a "cheap" grace, that demands nothing of its hearers. God's grace is costly! It cost God the life of His Son on the cross! And God's grace teaches us, yes, compels us to live a godly and holy life! Even in Jude's day men were "turning the grace of God into lasciviousness." Jude 4. Men are saved by grace through faith (Eph. 2:8), but real faith that saves, moves men to obey the gospel, and live a life of holiness. 2 Corinthians 7:1, "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." In passages like Gal. 5:19-26; Eph. 4:17-5:12; Col. 3:1-16, we have a list of some of the "filthy" garments that need to be cast aside, and the wonderful fruits of righteousness and holiness that is to be put on. So few are willing to walk the highway of holiness. What about you, are you willing to walk the way of holiness? It all begins by becoming Christian first, Ac. 2:36-41. Remember dear friends, without holiness no man shall see the Lord.

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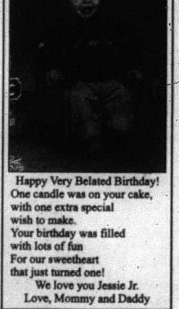
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Nifty Nifty Look who's 50!! Happy Birthday John!



Happy Very Belated Birthday! One candle was on your cake, with one extra special wish to make. Your birthday was filled with lots of fun. For our sweetheart that just turned one! We love you Jessie Jr. Love, Mommy and Daddy