



Okay, get out your calendars and draw, with a felt marker, a big red circle around Saturday, February 8, and don't be making plans to anywhere except the old Kirkville School Gymnasium after 7:00 PM that evening.

Then get on the phone with your friends who may not read the paper and tell them that you're going to be there and promise that you'll come and pick them up if they don't have a ride.

It's an evening of bluegrass music, leaning heavily toward the gospel side of the sound we love so much, and we all know that bluegrass gospel music is the way Elvis got started. Featured bands will include Wilderness-Trail, John Cobs & The Bluegrass Drifters, The Parker Brothers along with solo performances by Drama Cobs and Betty Wright.

(Betty, as many of you know, is my bluegrass hero, Mat Paul's widow.) Anyway, the music starts at 7 and will last until way up in the night. If you have a bluegrass gospel band and you are willing to work just for the attention you'll get, clear your throats and bring your hardware and come on out and we'll make sure you get on stage for a song or two.

Gate admission is \$8 dollars and you can use the change out of a \$10 spot to buy a cup of coffee and a big fat, real good hot dog when you get hungry later on and need something on your stomach to help you digest the wonderful music you are going to hear.

If baby-sitting is a problem, don't let that stop you. Admission is free to kids 12 and under. Just bring 'em in with you and throw 'em on the floor and then keep an eye on them because a lot of people will be stomping their feet. Please also try to keep them from hiding in the hands' guitar cases. Baby pee is an awful smell to get out of the fleeces inside a good guitar case. Bout the only thing worse is cat pee so please don't be bringing the family cat either. His/her tail would probably get stepped on and it would be a real pain to take home by him/herself for a change anyway.

In fairness to cats, we have decided to not let dogs in the gym either. I know, I know what you are saying yourselves, and believe me, Ole Blue, my own dog, who is a huge fan of bluegrass gospel, is under-

standably upset that he can't be there, but we've agreed to leave a boom box loaded with some Doyle Lawson tapes playing in the garage for him and he's now okay with the situation. You can probably cut the same deal with your dog.

Profits from this show will go to the Kirkville Community Center, which is in the process of resurrecting a wonderful old facility that formerly served as the school and church center of the community. Hundreds if not thousands of rural Kentuckians communities have lost much of their identity over the last few decades because their schools, the gathering places that people of all faiths and political preferences shared in common and trusted to care for their children—are largely a thing of the past.

The Kirkville School, sturdy built of stone and mortar, served as a high school until the late fifties and as an elementary school until January, 2000. It takes a lot of money to preserve and maintain but former graduates and community residents are staunchly determined to keep the school grounds and facilities an integral part of their Community.

"The school defines Kirkville," said resident, Bill Golden, who actually graduated when it was a high school. "It's a place for people who live out of state to come home to. It's still the best example or the best sign here for the people who still live here."

So you readers are invited and encouraged to come out on the evening of February 8 and rejoice in an evening of top-notch bluegrass and gospel music—clean family fun, no alcohol or dogs or cats allowed, and in the process of your enjoyment, you will be helping preserve a long standing institution.

I'll be there and I hope you will be.

If you need directions or other information, please call Johnny Johnson in Richmond at 859-624-0945, Darin Gentry in Lexington at 859-263-5422, or Yester Parker in Berea at 859-986-3611. If you need directions to Kirkville email me at: kirkdam@aol.com

Kirkville is in Madison County on KY 985, just off I-295, between Richmond and Lancaster. Just be there!

Our Readers Write



Afghan children with their donated clothes.

Dear Editor,
My son and I thank everyone who contributed to the people in Derrana, Afghanistan. Matthew informed that they had just made their last trip to the village and that they wouldn't have time to make anymore because they are scheduled to be re-located by early March and would be busy preparing to redeploy back home.

He said the village elder wishes to express his appreciation for all the things you sent, especially the clothes for the children and the school supplies.

Virginia Stevens Broadhead

Dear Editor,
This letter comes as an explanation to the citizens of Rockcastle County, regarding the transfer and ownership of vehicles controlled by the Sheriff's Department.

First of all, we need to understand that each county makes provision for Sheriff Department vehicles in several different ways.

Some county fiscal courts with large general funds (and much greater tax revenues) purchase vehicles with public funds for their sheriff's departments and allow the deputies and sheriff to use them.

Some county fiscal courts allow the sheriff to purchase the vehicles from the sheriff department's revenues as a budget item. (This, of course, assumes the local sheriff's department will generate enough revenues in the course of a year to make such purchases. Likewise, when this occurs, the sheriff will surrender fewer funds to the county's fiscal court each year, which is known as "cross fees.")

Some county fiscal courts permit the sheriff to purchase department vehicles with his personal funds and the fiscal court, in turn, does nothing. (When this happens, the sheriff is responsible for all insurance on the vehicles, and the vehicles are not

permitted to carry official license plates).

Rockcastle County's fiscal court, during the terms held by Sheriff Shirley Smith, entered into an agreement whereby the sheriff purchased the vehicles with his personal funds and then, in order to have insurance coverage by the county, and official plates, handed them over to the fiscal court. When a vehicle was removed from service due to mechanical problems or wrecks, the county returned the vehicles to him, and the sheriff then replaced the vehicle.

In order to better formalize this agreement, this new fiscal court has decided that it would be better to actually purchase the vehicles from Sheriff Darrell Doan at the price he paid for them, from his personal funds, then allow the sheriff's department the free use of them. The sheriff's department, however, will be responsible for all maintenance and fuel costs, which are line items in the sheriff's budget approved by the fiscal court. Basically, the result is the same with Sheriff Doan as it was with Sheriff Smith with the only difference being that now the county purchases the vehicles from Sheriff Doan, while the county returned the vehicles owned by Sheriff Smith.

All grants generally flow through the fiscal court before being passed to an individual government entity.

At no time, did Sheriff Smith ever purchase vehicles with grant funds or department funds. The vehicles his department used were purchased by him personally.

Respectfully,
Buzz Carloliss
County Judge-Executive

Dear Editor,
Christmas has come and gone, but for many the spirit of giving lasts all year.

Sometimes the things that most of us take for granted, others do not have.

There is a mission in Broadhead that is truly a blessing to those in need.

The week before Christmas, I called them because I knew a person that needed some furniture. She is a single mother and works hard every day. But, she just didn't have enough to go to buy furniture.

Rock of Ages Mission called me and they had a living room suite and a dinette set that they would give to her. My husband picked up the furniture and delivered the living room suite. She had a dinette set so we knew another couple that needed it. I cleaned it up and stained it and my husband reupholstered the chairs.

It was truly appreciated by these two families.

If you have clothing or furniture items, please think of donating them to Rock of Ages instead of Goodwill which charges for them or other places that don't help those that need help. Thank you, Rock of Ages!

I would like to take this opportunity to invite everyone to our church, Mt. Vernon Pentecost.

If you don't come to our church, please go to another church.

God is Good!
Janet House

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Some Birthmarks are Treatable

Presented by Dr. David Bräken

Over the years doctors have told parents not to treat the common red birthmarks that some children have at birth. There was good reason for this advice; the treatments often did more harm than good, and many of the birthmarks would eventually go away on their own.

Numerous treatments have been tried and most have resulted in excessive scarring, especially in young children where treatment is most needed. But recently, newer methods of laser treatment have been shown to have better results.

"Yellow light" lasers have very low scar rates and they appear to be safer than other laser treatments for children whose thinner skin is more susceptible to thermal injury.

The yellow light laser is most effective for "port wine stains", which are large flat patches of red skin caused by dilated blood vessels. These are common on the forehead and face. The laser is not useful for strawberry birthmarks, which develop from a protruding cluster of abnormal blood vessels. The laser penetrates the skin only 1/16th of an inch, and feels like a snap of a rubber band. An average treatment may require up to 1000 "snaps", so young children may need anesthesia for the procedure.

Port wine stains are treated primarily for cosmetic reasons. Other reasons to treat the birthmarks are that they can become infected more easily than normal skin, and by middle age, the blood vessels may develop small blebs which can bleed easily with trauma.



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Community Health Nurse Position

The Cumberland Valley District Health Department is now accepting applications for a Full Time Community Health Nurse for the Rockcastle County Health Department.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor of Science degree in nursing or nursing administration from an accredited college or university, or associate degree or diploma in nursing from an accredited school of nursing and one (1) year of nursing practice in a hospital or community setting.

STARTING SALARY: Hourly \$12.15 Bi-weekly \$911.25

EXCELLENT FRINGE BENEFITS: with offer of hire, employment conditional pending criminal/civil record check.

Applications may be obtained at the Rockcastle County Health Department located at 120 Richmond Street, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Complete application materials must be received at the Rockcastle County Health Department by 1:30-03. Must submit transcript and copy of nursing license with application.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court - Division I Civil Action No. 02-CI-00124

National City Bank of Kentucky c/o National City Mortgage Co. Plaintiff

John T. Ryan and Margot M. Ryan Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on December 27, 2002, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of NINETY TWO THOUSAND SIXTY NINE DOLLARS AND 89/100 (\$92,069.89), plus interest, costs and attorney fees, I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Thursday, January 30, 2003
Beginning at the Hour of 2:00 p.m.**

Said property being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Lot 126 as shown on plat of William K. Guinness, et al., Phase No. 2, record in Plat Book 4, Page 262, Slide No. 487, Rockcastle County Clerk's office, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, reference to which is hereby made for a more complete description of said lot.

Being the same real property which John Ryan and Margot Ryan obtained by deed dated June 16, 2000, executed by Michael G. Kent, et al., of record in Deed Book 180, page 332 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

The property shall be sold on the following terms and conditions:

1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of 8.125% per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
3. Any liens or delinquent ad valorem taxes assessed against the real property shall be paid from the proceeds of sale.
4. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
5. In the event that the plaintiff is the successful purchaser, it shall be entitled to a credit of its judgment against the purchase price and shall only be obligated to pay the expenses of the sale.
6. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold as is.

**Willis G. Coffey, Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court**

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