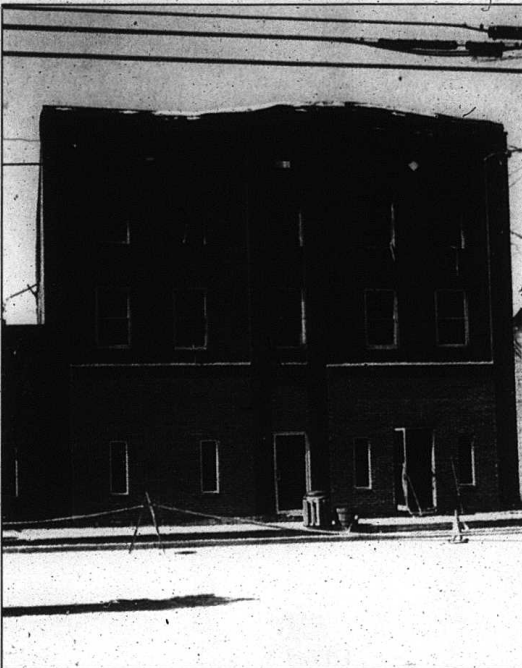




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Fire heavily damaged a historic Brodhead building on Saturday morning.

Building in Brodhead heavily damaged by fire

By: Richard Anderkin

An early morning fire in Brodhead last week heavily damaged a main street landmark.

The building which caught fire is currently owned by Danny McKinney, owner of Brodhead Farm Equipment and was being used as part of his operation, mainly to house parts in the first floor of the building.

McKinney said that fire officials are not sure whether the fire started because of lightning or because of a possible electrical problem.

The bottom floor, where McKinney housed many of the parts sold by his business, did not sustain any fire damage, but was heavily damaged by smoke and water.

The fire apparently started on the third floor of the three store building, which was built in 1925, by Hal Christie.

The building has been home to a hotel, restaurant, dry goods store, grocery store and other businesses throughout the years.

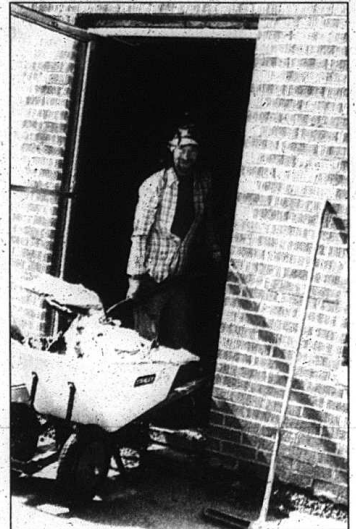
McKinney said that he had about \$100,000 in inventory in the building and that he was able to salvage some of the parts.

"Thanks to family members and employees we are still open," McKinney said.

McKinney's business is actually located in three buildings on the main street corner and his middle business also sustained heavy smoke and water damage, but his shop, where equipment is put together and repaired, was not damaged very bad at all.

The ceiling in the middle building.

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Doug Anderson, an employee with Brodhead Farm Equipment was busy Monday cleaning up after a fire that heavily damaged a Brodhead landmark.

Middle School's is May 29th Graduation at high school set for May 31

Local school officials have set dates for graduation ceremonies at the Rockcastle County High School, and the Rockcastle County Middle School.

Graduation at RCHS will be held Saturday May 31st at 4 p.m.

Graduation at RCMS will be held on Thursday night May 29th, at 6 p.m.

Baccalaureate ceremonies will be held for RCHS seniors on Sunday May 25th at 2:30 p.m. in the new barn theatre at Renfro Valley.

RCHS senior awards night will be held on Monday May 19th, beginning at 6 p.m.

Relay for Life Set for August 1st

Want to help find a cure for cancer? Then gather your friends and family, put on your walking shoes and join in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life! You are invited to be a part of this experience Friday, August 1, 2003.

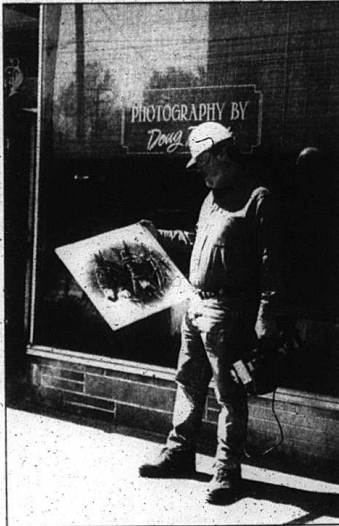
Rockcastle County will once again host this wonderful event at the Rockcastle County Middle School football field, beginning at 7 p.m. until 7 a.m.

The overnight event represents the fact that cancer never sleeps. A cancer patient endures months and sometimes years of treatments and life-changing issues. Staying overnight at the Relay for Life is one small way that we symbolize and support the struggles of cancer patients and their families.

The theme for this year's Relay will be "All American Relay." You can show your enthusiasm by creating outrageous team themes, decorating campsites, playing games and enjoying great food and fellowship.

If you have questions, or would like to know more about becoming involved, please contact Kelly McClure 256-4122, Betty Purcell 256-2195, Dreama Cromer 256-4916, Tricia McGuire 758-9447, Danielle Blanton 758-4581.

For cancer information, your American Cancer Society is available 24 hours a day by calling 1-800-ACS-2345 or visiting www.cancer.org.



Local professional photographer Doug Brock is shown looking at one of the pictures that was slightly damaged by water in a Saturday fire.

Circuit Judge Dan Venters to resign post on June 16th

A man who has resided over murder trials, decided how ties in a county election were broken and battled with the federal government over the seizure of bond money.

"An old lawyer once advised me, 'Don't stay in the judgeship so long

that people forget you were a lawyer.' I think I did that. It amazes me how many people don't know that I was a lawyer."

Late last week, veteran Rockcastle, Lincoln and Pulaski Circuit Judge Daniel J. Venters announced that he will resign the office of Circuit Judge, Division 1, 28th Judicial Circuit on June 16 in order to return to private practice in

Somers.

"Nearly 28 years ago, I moved to Somerset fresh out of law school, planning a career as a small-town Kentucky lawyer. After a little over three years, that plan was interrupted by the availability of a district court judgeship that nobody else wanted to fill," Judge Venters said. "It's time for me to get back to the original plan."

The 53-year-old widely-respected

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Circuit Judge Dan Venters

National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 1

The Rockcastle Ministerial Association will be observing the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 1, 2003 (today).

Everyone is invited to meet at the courthouse at 11:30 a.m. for a time of prayer and spiritual encouragement.

At 12:15, the Rockcastle County Kiwanis Club will provide lunch in the internet room on the top floor of the courthouse.

County Judge Executive Buzz Carlotta will be the speaker.

Crab Orchard Police Chief injured in Wednesday wreck

Crab Orchard Police Chief Butch Drury was seriously hurt last Wednesday as he tried to stop a stolen car being chased by Stanford police officers in a 100 mph chase along U.S. 150.

Phillips was released from Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center Friday morning after treatment for leg and chest injuries.

The man Stanford police were chasing was Anthony Drury, 19, of 1768, Pine Grove Road, Stanford.

Drury was on probation from a five year sentence in charges of auto theft and burglary. Along with two others, Drury stole a car in Danville last March and drove it to Leach's Market, where they broke in and stole merchandise and the cash register.

They later burned the car they had

stolen. Drury served 90 days in jail following his guilty plea last August and was given five years probation.

Phillips' cruiser was struck twice in the road block, once by Drury in the jeep stolen from John Williams of Redwood Drive, Stanford and a second time by Stanford Police Officer Kenneth McDaniel who was helping to apprehend Drury.

Phillips, who is recuperating at home this week, said that he was alerted to the high speed chase headed toward Crab Orchard on U.S. 150 by the 911 dispatchers.

The Crab Orchard chief headed west to head off the fleeing Drury. When he saw the approaching blue lights of Sgt. Greg Hill's cruiser,

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Family Court Circuit Judge Debra Lambert presented Gordon Pope with the Betty Lewis Children's Service Award at the annual luncheon last Friday at Community Trust Bank. With Mr. Pope and Mrs. Lambert in the photo are Mrs. Lewis's daughter, Lisa and Charles Napier, director of the Migrant Program for the school system. The award is given annually to recognize recipients' efforts on behalf of children. In remarks following the award, Pope, who is head of the Even Start Program for the school system, told the audience he considers this the highest award he could get. He also said that Mrs. Lewis was an example to everyone with her "grea. compassion and unconditional love" for children.