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For principal's job

## RCMS council will choose from at least eight candidates

The Rockcastle County Middle School Site Based Decision Making Council will have to choose between at least eight people who have already applied for the vacant principal's job at the school.

The opening came about after current principal Anthony Coffey resigned.

signed. applicants include current assistant principal Tammy Miller and KCMS 21st Century Director Jamon Coguer. The other ax applicants are from elsewhere. Rockcastle County School Superintendent Larry Hammond said that applications will be received in his office until June 12th.

Before the recent ruling, super-intendents had the authority to sub-mit only the applicants they felt would be best for the job.

"I think the ruling hurts the au-thority of the superintendent because even a principal who had been dis-missed could apply and the superin-tendent would have to submit his or her's name to the council and if the council saw fit they could hire them again," he said.

### **Budget for schools** is over \$22 million

The Rockcastle County Board of Education's tentative working budget for 2003-04 shows a decreased expected revenue from 123-338-004 to 322-903-868, finance officer for Rockcastle Schools Richard Favy told the board at their May meeting. The difference of \$344-436 comes primarily in the expected beginning balance, down to \$3,250,000 from the beginning balance last year of the discrease comes from the 21st Certain County Grant Count

#### Arson suspected in Brodhead fire

According to KSP arton injecti-gator Det. Steve Faulkner, arron is suspected in an April 30th first at the home of Sharon Simpson on Bowl-ing Ridge Road in Brodhead. According to Mrs. Simpson, her home awas: burning when she came home about 11 p.m. on April 30th. The fire apparently started in the laundry room in the rear of the home. The fire was extinguished but water and smoke damage ruined the inte-

ing. Mrs. Simpson, who had lived in the home almost all her life, said she and her son, Kevin, who lives with her, lost everything in the blaze. The house was not covered by insurance. No arrests have been made in connection with the incident.

The biggest single chunk of money the board receives comes from the state in the form of SEEK. Hunds (Support Education Lands) foundation produced to the state of the state o

3150,000 from interest income, down from \$314,319 just two years, ago because of the lower interest rates being offered.

Other areas of the \$22,693,868 estimated revenue includes \$2,991,300 from state and federal grafts such as Title 1, the Migrain program; EventSurf, federal spatial education money, etc. This amount may go higher, Bray said, since some expected letters of approval have not Cont. to A-7

#### Clarification

The Mt. Vernon Signal would like to clarify a point from last week's paper regarding a lawsuit against a local aursing home. Rockeaste Hos-pital was not involved in the case at trial. The case involved an incident

trial. The case involved an incident in 1998, and Rockcastel Hospital did not purchase the nursing facility until January 2002.
Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center, fine, carned accreditation from the Jint Commission on Accreditation from Petalletare Facilities in September 2002. It is one of only six percent of the state's long-term carr facilities to earn that designation.





Mt. Vernon Mayor Clarice Kirby is shown at right in the top photo presenting retlring Circuit Judge Dan Venters with a proclamation during a reception on Friday at the local courthouse. Mayor Kirb declared Friday as Dan Venters Day in Rockesistic Quotty. Venters been a Judge in the country for 24 yeary, 18 of Abone as Circui Judge. In the bottom photo, Judge Venters is filtower talking to Rebecce Light, a probation officer with the court vigtem. The reception was sponsored by Circuit Clerk Teresa Vanzant Voffice.

# Veteran's rep here

You may be entitled to receive, benefits from the federal veterans administration that may include compensation for disease or injury re-ceived while in service.

Pension for wartime veterans, sur-vor benefits and assistance with edical expenses. Rockcastle County receives over

erans Affairs provides counseling and assistance to veterans and dependants.

dependants.

A veteran's benefits field repre-sentative will be at the Rockcastle County Courthouse in Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, June 3rd, from 10 a.m. to 2

For further information call 1-...

# Graduation at **RCHS** set for Sat. at 4 p.m.

urday. Graduation will be held at 4 p.m. in the school's gymnasium ho ing the 174 graduates of RCHS.

The guest speaker will be Don Meyer the Director of Strategic Com-munications Office of the Secretary

from 1994 b 2001, Mr. Meyer held communication positions with members of the U.S. House and Senate, including a post as press secre-tary to the chairman of the House International Relations Subcommit-tee on Economic Policy and Trade. He was also a congressional cam-paign media advisor during the 1996 election cycle.

Miss Curmins is the daughter of Earl and Norma Cummins and Miss Thacker is the daughter of Jessie and Sharon Thacker.

Other graduates taking part in the graduation ceremony will be Travis Burton, Beriny Northern and Aaron Audeties.

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Anderkin Speaking at graduation will be Rockcastle School Superintendent Larry Hammond and assistant principal at RCHS, Barry Noble.

Principal John Hale will not be materiage because of the marriage of his oldest son, Andy.

Rockcastle County School Board Chairman Terry Burton will present diplomas.





# Renee Burdett to represent two schools SBDM councils All Rockcastle County Schools site base decision-making councils are set for next year. At Rockcastle County High School Iwo new parent members, Refiee Burdet and Beth Carpent and Rebekah Arvin. Arvin Arvin Singleton. At Roundstone, the site base council will be made up of teachers Renee Burdett, Ann Abney and April At Rockcastle County Middle are Passy Alcon, Charles Bullen and Council will be made up of teachers.

At Rockcastle County High School Iwo new parent members, Renie Burdett and Beth Camenter Hill four members, Renie Burdett and Beth Camenter Hill four met Rodde and Dana Singleton. Onnie Riddle and Dana Singleton, Burdett and Burdett and Roundstone, the site base council will be made up of teachers Renee Burdett, Ann Ahney and April Hudson. Mrs. Burdett is allowed to serve on both councils, one as a reacher member and one as a parent member. The parent members of Roundstone's council are Susan Jordison and Diane Walker.

At the Rockcastle County Middle

school the new parent members on the site base council are Rhonda Childress and Helly Childress. Teacher members are Pam Mar-tin, Kenwood Abney and Ken Mattingly.

#### Remembering at Red Hill...



Douglas Dell Fonder of Brindle Ridge and Christine Phillips, originally from Red Hill and now of Dayton, Ohio each placed a wreath at the dedication of the Red Hill Cemetery Veterans Memorial held Sunday, Doug's father, Eric, and other family members are buried at Red Hill and Mrr. Phillips husband, Earl, a veteran of WW II, is also buried therel, Aletha's Flowers and Giffs donated before wreaths for the ceremony. The Eagle for the top of the monument was donated by Mary's Home and Garden on Rt. 3, Mt. Vernon, owned by Jimmy Clark, Marvin E. Owens Home for Funeral, Dowell & Martin Funeral Home, Sparks Flowers and More and Clifford Collins were all major contributors to the monument. (Other photos on A-4)



Instead of a roadblock this year, Rockcastle County Hospital's main fund raiser for the WHAS Crusade for Children will be the raffling off of the handmade cedar chest shown in the above picture. The chest was made by Schuler's Custom Woods on Copper Creek Road and chances are being sold at the hospital for 51 sech or 6 for 55. In the photo are, left, Sybli Forsythe, Speech Pathologist at the hospital and Jenny Schuler, office manager for speech pathology, whose husband built the chest. During past years, the hospital has received over 5220/000 in grant some, which they have used for the purchase of a van, equipment for ventilator patients and material and equipment to work with outpatient children in physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy. The Crusade has doubted local funds raised each year, Linds Gregory, director of Speech Pathology sald. Mrs. Gregory also said that none of the funds are used for administrative purposes, all of it going to Kentucky and Southers Indiana counties for working with children. Donations will also be sought from individuals and businesses, Mrs. Gregory said.