

City mayors and judge meet to discuss county

By Audrey Burke

Outside of Rockcastle County it may be considered an insignificant event, but within this county it was a milestone. On Wednesday, July 30, 2003 Judge Carlotis, Livingston Mayor J.C. Griffin, Mt. Vernon Mayor Clarence Kirby, and Brodhead Mayor Walter Cash sat down at a conference table for the first time to discuss the county as a whole.

The meeting, orchestrated by the Economic Development Board, was scheduled so that each Mayor and the Judge could be brought up to speed on Development Board projects within the county. It also set the stage for what will become regularly scheduled monthly meetings. Meetings in which the group can share ideas, experiences and knowledge pertaining to their area of the county, and state and federal programs.

"In working with each of the Mayors and the Judge over the past few months, I have recognized the fact that there is a lot of knowledge and experience among them," stated Jerry Renner, Executive Director of the Development Board. "What one of them may be working on, or getting ready to start on, another one of them had usually already dealt with or had

some knowledge of. By playing off each other's strengths and experiences, they can save valuable time and make serious strides in moving the county forward."

Mayor Griffin, who is new to government, acknowledged the fact that he was not aware of all the state and federal programs available to small towns. "Meetings such as this helps me to understand what is out there, who the players are, and how to go about getting things for Livingston," stated Mayor Griffin. "Recognizing the fact that I can draw off the knowledge and experiences of my counterparts will really help me to be more effective for the people in Livingston."

Judge Carlotis stated that one of the reasons why other counties in the area were so much more successful was that they had gotten past their inner-county differences and learned to work together towards common goals and objectives. As a first step towards helping each other, the Judge set the stage by offering to provide each of the cities with work release prisoners' one day per month.

The prisoners, normally a work crew of about four will be brought to the various city halls on designated days and the mayors or their designees will provide them with a list of projects to be completed that day. The mayors agreed to provide lunch for the prisoners so that valuable work time would not be lost due to having to transport them all the way back to the county jail for lunch.

Mayor Cash pointed out that 32 hours of labor a month means a lot when you have very limited resources to start with. He felt that the prisoners could really benefit Brodhead. He also mentioned the importance of community involvement and what citizens and various groups can accomplish. He applauded the Brodhead Baptist Church in Brodhead for approaching him with the idea of cleaning up and painting Brodhead's City Park. He stated that he was simply amazed when they came forth and volunteered without anyone asking them.

Mayor Kirby summed it up when he said "I think each of us wants the best for the county. And I think each of us has come to realize that in order to succeed as a county we must put personal differences and personal agendas aside and start working together, not only as elected officials, but also as citizens. Whatever knowledge or insight I may have, I want to share to help make the county better."

Fall baseball

There will be a trial run to see what the response by players and coaches is to Fall Baseball in the county.

There will be two leagues, one for 8 and 9 year olds and the other for 10-12 year olds.

The league is being developed to emphasize Fundamentals. It will involve two weeknights and Saturday. Possible interleague play with surrounding counties.

Practice is scheduled to begin the week of August 17 and continue through September.

Fundamentals will be taught and furthered. Coaches are being sought to put first and foremost the teaching of the game of baseball.

Sign-ups will be August 11 and 12 ONLY from 6 to 8 p.m. at Thacker Field.

For more information, call Don Roberts at 606-758-0090 or 308-1830.



Shirley Fish of Renfro Valley had a "tomato vines gone wild" experience this summer. He planted three Big Boy plants and, at last count, they had reached a height of 9 1/2 feet. Mr. Fish said he just keeps adding to his stake height.



David Owens, a staff sergeant with the National Guard and stationed in Bosnia, hands out school supplies and gifts to school children at the Seberetia School in Bosnia. The supplies and gifts were sent to the children, through Owens, from Pine Hill Baptist Church. Owens is the son of Willetta Owens and the late Clyde Owens.

A Word of Thanks

To the relatives and friends

of the late John Riley and Ida Mae Chasteen.

Elmer and his family would like to thank you for your kind words and praise of the memorial that Elmer has set in memory of his mother and father. Many times, family and friends have set with John in his front yard and heard him speak of the old days and how many years the land had been in his family, that his Mom and Dad had owned it and he seemed especially proud that his grandfather bought it in 1912. Even though the land is not of great value, it seemed important to him that it stayed in his family. We hope, with God's help, that many generations to come can build on and enjoy the land as Papa, John did. We would like to give a special thanks to McNew Monument for helping us make this memorial possible.



"Stewart"

(Cont. From Front)

Stewart left the mobile home and the woman locked the door behind him and called police.

Stewart was shot once in the upper right chest and he also received a head wound from a fragmented bullet after police arrived on the scene.

Stewart would later be released on bond in Madison County and Rockcastle in state court, but federal prosecutors tried him on the automatic weapon charge and he received a 37 year sentence in federal prison.

In the federal court system Stewart must serve at least 85 percent of his sentence before he is eligible for parole.

Commonwealth Attorney Eddy Montgomery said Tuesday that Stewart would either have to plead guilty to the murder charge or he would be tried for the murder.

"The family wants closure on this case and so does the Commonwealth. It is only right that justice is served, even if it is already in federal prison, although Stewart would be eligible for parole in 20 years. However his federal prison term takes precedence."

If convicted of the murder of Patty Clark, Montgomery said he would settle for no less than life in prison, although Stewart would be eligible for parole in 20 years. However his federal prison term takes precedence.



Rachel Brooklyn-Jade Lear was born July 30, 1937. Proud parents are Jessica Mason and Jason Lear. Grandparents are Tammy Sander and Michael Mason and James and Wanda Lear. Great grandparents are Otis Bradley and Doris Renner and the late Donald and Faye Mason.

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The entire contents of the building and some personal items, will be in the auction. Included will be baby items, candles, Christmas items, crystal, decorative accessories, dishes, display cabinets, fabrics, linens, flowers, new and used furniture, garden items, glassware, jewelry, lamps, mirrors, mid-century modern settings, antique frames, pillows, mugs, place settings, prints, vases, decorative shopping bags, stainless steelware, casseroles and many other items too numerous to mention.

Also included in the auction will be the estate of the late Robert E. Cain. The items for this estate include a 1998 Corvette, 2000 GMC 271-Cub-Cab Pickup, mahogany bow front cabinet, antique dishes, antique dining room table and an armoire.

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