

"Ordinance"

(Cont. from front)

Cumberland Valley Area Development District for use on construction of public restrooms at the senior league baseball field at Broadhead. County Judge Executive Buzz Carlotta told the court he expected more grant funds to help defray cost of the project.

Approved a Tobacco Development Fund grant award of \$250,000 to Western Rockcastle Water District. Approved the receipt of \$242,000 from the Transportation Cabinet, awarded for blacktopping by Commissioner Bill Johnson under the Kentucky Rural Roads program. The county will have to complete and pay for the blacktopping projects and will then be reimbursed by the state.

Approved the transfer of \$38,500 from the general fund to the jail fund for an interest payment on a debt obligation of the jail.

The court received a financial update from County Treasurer Joe Clontz which showed all funds in the black except for the general fund (which had a deficit of \$2,023.52 as of November 13th). However, Carlotta said later that the county had received approximately \$260,000 in revenue after the date of the report and, after all bills were paid in November, including the \$38,500 interest payment on the jail note, the general fund presently shows a balance of approximately \$114,000. Of course, before the end of the fiscal year in June, 2004, the general fund will have to repay the road fund for over \$100,000 which was transferred to the general fund to meet expenses when there was no revenue coming in. A large portion of that money will, hopefully, be repaid by the sheriff's department from forfeiture money they have coming for participating in drug cases. Several vehicles were purchased from the general fund,

amounting to about \$50,000, for the sheriff's department. The increase in revenue for the general fund, Carlotta said, is from the new practice this fiscal year of the sheriff's department putting all their revenue into the general fund and withdrawing only operating expenses.

"Ceremony"

(Cont. from front)

The actual tree lighting itself, scheduled for 6:00 PM will be done while local church bells highlight the event. The evening will close with Mr. Claus giving to all an update on Santa's planned arrival into Rockcastle County. Please check next weeks Mt. Vernon Signal for a detailed program for this event.

We are told that Mrs. Claus is busily working with the staff at the Senior Citizens Center to create a very special "Evening with the Claus's" for Friday, December 5th. This fund raising event will allow children time to spend with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Rumor has it that some of the highlights, will be ice cream and cookies, story telling, and ornament painting.

Phyllis Deatherage still has room for additional participants in the Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 6th. Please contact her at 256-3437 if you would like to help escort Santa and Mrs. Claus to their new home in downtown Mt. Vernon. And please remember that the Christmas parade and other planned events are for the entire county. So make plans now on treating you and your love ones to these joyous Christmas events.

"Points East"

(Cont. from A2)

Musicians work. It's tough enough to make a living in this business, but when one of our own is down and out and needs a helping hand, the musicians show up, drop the opportunity to make a few hundred bucks at a paying gig, and bend over backwards to help a neighbor.

Coming up on Sunday, November 23, at 1:30 at Renfro Valley will be another Benefit Show. Ten Bucks at the door. As bluegrass bands from all over gather to play from their hearts and help raise money for one of their own—actually our very own and oh-so cherished—

Pam Perry—pretty Pam Perry, who plays the heart out of the mandolin and sings so sweet and who has been a mainstay of the Coon Creek Girls and Renfro Valley over the years, lost her 24 year old daughter,

Christine King, in a horrible automobile wreck on 1295 in Garrard County just weeks ago. Pam's three grandchildren, Hunter, Summer, & Trenton survived the wreck, in critical conditions, and the medical bills are piling in.

Please try to join us and enjoy the music! In the process, help Pam out. The line up is another who's who and the bands will play as long as one is standing.

It's the best and easiest way we can make Pam feel better and in the process help ease a huge financial burden.

If you can't make the show but you'd still like to help out, send contributions to Pam Perry, PO Box 62, Mount Vernon, KY 40456.

In the meantime, the show is Sunday, November 23, at 1:30 PM in Renfro Valley.

"TJ's Journal"

(Cont. from A2)

the heart. I'm also glad to know He's a God of mercy, as well as vengeance. And He will repay more justly than any human could. One day, we will all stand before God, but who has a clear conscience?

Society on a whole as well as relationships on a personal level could function smoothly if people could just learn to accept, use a little kindness, tact, good manners, and acknowledge others. This could eliminate hurt feelings on a lot of sides. I have a niece I made up years ago, and try to live by it daily: fail sometimes I fail. NEVER expect anything, and you'll never be disappointed.

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On Nov. 14, 2003, Country Care daycare, in the "Quail" area of Rockcastle, held their first annual Hop-A-Thon. MDA's disability awareness program. The Hop-A-Thon is both a unit in disability education for young children and a way to raise funds to benefit the research and service programs of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Official Hoppers in the Hop-A-Thon were standing from left: Trevor Sweet, Megan Taylor, Alyssa Bustle and Evan Hendrickson. Seated from left: Aaron Helton, Katie Helton, (not available for picture) Tasha Howard. The top "hopper" was Alyssa Bustle. Pledges that have been turned in total \$138.00, but sponsors have until November 24 to turn in additional pledges. Country Care would like to say "Thanks" to all the sponsors for your pledges, and to all the "Hoppers" for doing such a great hopping job!



Children enjoying the Hop-A-Thon



Thank You!

A big Thank You to Danny and Gaylen Settles of Wendy's in Mt. Vernon for coming to our rescue with a meal on a moment's notice for our meeting. Your efforts were greatly appreciated.

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Rockcastle Kiwanis Club President Connie Graham and Libby Hampton, Community Service Committee member are shown presenting Lynn Gilbert of the Main Street Renatissiance Program with a \$250 check to help with new Christmas decorations. The Renatissiance Program Committee is hoping to spruce up main street in Mt. Vernon for the holiday season.



The Rockcastle County Kiwanis Club presented Livingston Mayor J.C. Griffin with a \$500 check to assist with his playground project. Jerry Renfro, Exec. Director of the Rockcastle Development Corp. had personally donated \$500 and had challenged the club to match his donation. The club is always looking for ways to make life better for the children in our county. Mayor Griffin said he has collected over four thousand to date. He also stated that Mayor Kirby had donated some playground materials. Mayor Griffin will be happy to take other donations for this worthwhile community project. You can reach him at the Livingston City Hall, 453-2061 or at homes 453-2205. Pictured are: Gary Mink, Chairman of Community Service; Mayor Griffin; Dell Ponder; and Jessie Murray, Young Children Priority One Committee.



The Rockcastle County Conservation District and the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service held their Annual Farm Field Day on October 23 at the farm of Billy Gene and Nancy Sigmon. Students from local elementary schools attended the all day event where six educational stops were set up around the farm to educate the students on soil erosion, conservation practices, electricity safety, wild rivers, bears, underground water, and water quality. Special Thanks go out to the Sigmon's for once again allowing us to use their farm. Thanks to speakers: John McQuay, Tom Mills, Jon Garrison, Warden Alexander, Karen Combs, Martin Weldon, Randall Templemen and to Tractor Drivers: Donnie and Brenda Parsons, Joe Bullen, Johnny Purvis, L.D. Parsons, Carol Sigmon, and Tim McNalley. Without your cooperation, this event would not have been the success that it turned out to be.



Above, Randall Templemen and Warden Alexander make a presentation to the students.