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"Evening with the Clauses" at Senior Center

A couple weeks ago when Santa telephoned Mayor Kirby, he had mentioned that some of his older children at the Senior Citizen Center needed his help. He had asked that a special eyening be set aside so that he could spend time with the children- of the county and help raise money for the seniors. As such, the Senior Citizen Center in Mt. Vernon, in conjunction with the Renaissance Committee, has scheduled. 'An

Committee, has scheduled 'An Evening with the Claus' next Fri-day at the Senior Citizen Build-ing in Mt. Vernon, The evening will begin at 5:30

PM. The center will be divided PM. The center will be divided into various areas for ornament painting, story telling, pictures with Santa, and ice cream and cookies. Professional storyteller. Octavia (Beverly Sexton) will be on hand to share Christmas sto-

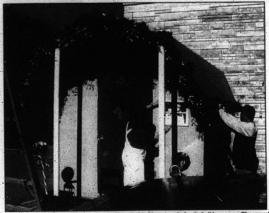
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ries with the children. Santa and some of his plevs will be assist-ing the children as they create their pieces of art.

This event is a fund raising event for the seniors. Meals on Wheels "program. Admission for the event will be five dollars per-child. In addition to spending time with Mr. and Mrs. Claus, sory telling, and ice cream and time with Mr, and Mrs. Claus, story telling, and ice cream and cookies, each child will receive one ornament to paint. The orna-ments can either be taken home, or given to Santa so he can deco-

rate his Christmas Tree at his

rate his Christmas Tree at his-house in downtown Mt. Vernon. Santa hopes that this will be a well-received event and he wants to ensure that this is a memorable night for each child. He also wants to make sure that he can spend quality time with the chil-dren. As such, Santa has asked that two time slots be given for the event. He asks those children 5 and under arrive at 5:30 PM. And those children over the age: And those children over the age of 5 arrive at 7:00 PM. Brothers and sisters, of different ages, can come at one time.



were busy Friday getting Santa's House in Mt. Vernon ready for the holiday sea arade will be Saturday, October 6th at 1 p.m. and will usber in Santa to occupy hilsts of children. In the photo, Lynn Gilbert and William Lawson put the finis which is a project of Main Street Renaissance. n. The an

Tree Lightning this Friday night

lightning ceremony in Triangle Park in Mt. Vernon will be held this Friday evening. This year's program has been expanded to

include several youth groups, solo performers, the Rockcastle County High School Band and a Bluegrass band. has also been expr ass band. The event area

Adult Day Care Center now open

Named in honor of Wayne Stewart

Rockcastle County has an-other Adult Day-Eare Center, which recently opened on the 461 by-pass in Mt. Vernon. The Wayne Stewart Adult Health Care Center is open from 6 a-m. to 6 p.m., Monday through

Friday.

The owner, Kelly Upchurch of Richanond, named the new adult day care center after Mr. Stewart, a former Rockcastle County business owner and long-time administrator of the Rockcastle Hospitalian and the control of the Rockcastle Hospitalian and the Rockc

Mr. Stewart died on March 7th

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Clients at the Wayne Stewart Adult Health Care Center were busy recently making handmade orna for the center's tree under the supervision of Kathy Hensley, activities director.



t The Wayne Stewart Adult Health Care Center on the 461 By-Pass are, from director of patient care; Kathy Riley Hensley, activities director and Julie Allen ter is open Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

modate more people. Members of the Kiwanis Club, the Renais-sance Committee and City Hall

sance Committee and City Hall have been busy putting up special decorations in the area and organizing a very special event for the folks of Rockeastle County.

The event will kick off promptly at 5:30 PM in Triangle Park. The first 50 people to arrive will receive an luminary. They will be permitted to place the luminaries throughout the park area in memory of fost loved ones. Bluegrass Christmas mu-

sic will be playing as people gather for the event. Youth and adult choirs from

Youth and adult choirs from Bible Baptist and Northside Bap-tist will be performing various Christmas carols during the event. Solo performers will include Glenn Thompson, Holly Bröwn, Shawn Burdette, Bóxanpe Hammonds, and Ambey Thanker The Rockcastle Coulty High School Band's Brass Section will do a special performance. And do a special performance. And the Mt. Vernon Christian Church

the Mt. Vernon Christian Church will provide a symphony of bells prior to the actual tree lightning. Mayor Clarice R. Kirby will light the tree around 6:30 PM. Performances will continue after the actual lightning and run until about 7:00 PM. Ms. Claus will close out the evening hy novidclose out the evening by provid-ing children with an update on

Santa.

A special request has gone out to Santa for a few snow flurries to set the tone for Christmas. And in the event that Santa comes through for us, members of the Bible Baptist Church will be on hand selling hot beverages and snacks to help keep everyone warm.

We hope that everyone from all over our community (county) will come out and make this a very special, very memorable evening.

Season tickets on sale for Rocket seasons

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Mt. Vernon by-pass to get traffic devices

the news that traffic signals will be installed at the old Brodhead-Vernon (1326)-461 bypass in-ection and at U.S. 25 - 461

Bussell spearheaded a drive to gather signatures on petitions to be presented to the State Highway Department in support of the re-quest for the signal because of the number of wrecks and fatalities

at the sites.

He obtained a resolution of support from the Rockcastle Fiscal Court and from the Cumberland Valley Area Development District (CVADD) in London and was preparing to present the petitions, along with facts and figures about the two dangerous intersections, to the State Highway Department at

Somerset.

Bussell said he noticed activity in the two areas and called CVADD to inquire if they had heard any news. They, in turn, called the state to ask about the

called the state to ask about the status of the projects and was told they were approved.

On Tuesday, the Signal was told by an installer for the state that the Old Brodhead-Mt. Vernon Road intersection had been approved and approval was expected for a set of traffic signals at the U.S. 25 intersection since a traffic count had been conducted at that intersection and it met at that intersection and it met

at that intersection and it met specifications.

Three advance warning systems will also be installed, one at the top of the hill before getting to the light at the Old Brodhed-Mt. Vernon Road intersection. Another will be installed as you approach the U.S. 25 intersection (from the high school) of the other words are the second of the other sections. and another as drivers leave the interstate and go toward the U.S.

Work will begin on the Old Brodhead-Mt. Vernon Road Mon-

day but the crew installing the lights also maintains and repairs signals in a ten county area and will probably not be able to work everyday on the projects. Spring is the estimated completion date

is the estimated completion date for both projects. In a statement released Tues-day, Mr. Bussell said, "I am very thankful the transportation cabi-net listened to our request, via The Mt. Vernon Signal through the

ADD Board. Even though we had not officially set up a meeting to present our petition, they listened by way of the media and by the CVADD. I would like to thank CVADD. I would like to thank Rep. Damp Ford, Mayor Clarice Kirby, County. Judge Buzz Carloftis, Superintendent Llarry Hammond, Transportation Direc-tor David Perkins, the Mt. Vernon City Council, Rockcastle County Magistrates, the Cumberland Val-ley Area Development District. the Rockcastle County Develop-ment Board, Joe Clontz, The Mt. Vernon Sironal and Betty Carter Vernon Signal and Betty Carter bussell.

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These are the ones who I met with in the beginning and advised me and supported this project. To all who signed the petition and for those who meant to, I thank you

A special thank you to SPC Home medical who has allowed me to work on this during the day and The Mt. Vernon Signal for keeping us updated. To the Ken-tucky Transportation Cabinet, thank you for listening to our re-

quests.
It's a great day in Rockcastle, especially knowing that our loved ones are a little safer at these in-

Isn't it amazing what the power of prayer and uniting together can accomplish?"

Rockcastle River anglers asked to release fish in study

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR), in conjunction with Eastern Kentucky University (EKU), has begun a walleye radio telemetry study in the Rockcastle River.

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The telemetry study is being funded by KDFWR and conducted by Dr. Stanley Harrel at EKU. Obscituses of the study are to obtain movement patterns of the native walleye withinthe river and walleye stocked in Lake Cumberland and determine if there is interbreeding of Rockcastle River walleye, with Lake cumberland walleye.

The remnant Rock-castle river walleye may be identified as a native Kentucky walleye and is genetically distinct from walleye stocked in Lake Cumberland, Biologists have implanted several

Biologists have implanted several walleyes in the Rockcastle River with a radio transmitter to aid in tracking where the fish are at any given time.

Local resident to compete for Miss Kentucky Teen USA title

Brittany, Nicole Perkins; 1-6, of Brodheid will compete for the title B. Chottz. C.P.A., her grandpacents of Mass Kernicky Feel U.S. 1/2006 in Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Elam and fam November 28th and 29th, 2003 at the Center for Rural Development in

Somerset.
Miss. Perkins is the daughter of
David Perkins and Becky Saylor and
is a junior at Rockcastle County High

The winner of the Miss Kentucky Teen USA 2004 will go on to repre-sent the state in the 2004 Miss Teen USA competition:

U.SA. competition.

Brittany's aponsors, include:
Mahaffey's Quick Lube, Dr. John
Parsons, Brodhead Csp' Wash
And Storage, Community Trust Bank,
Steve Ponder Construction, Food
World of Mt. Vernon, Mt. Vernon,
Signal, Cifizers Bank, John Pont,
Mt. and Mrs. Hank Vanzant, Mt. and
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