



50th Wedding Anniversary

C.C. and Mary Ponder celebrated their 50 years together on Christmas Day. They were married on December 25, 1962 at Calloway Missionary Church by J. William Hall, pastor of First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon. They have one son, Brian and daughter-in-law, Jennifer and two grandchildren, Logan and Emily. C.C. is the son of the late Clayton and Lucille Ponder and Mary is the daughter of the late Basil and Maxine Moore.



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James E. and Roberta (Bullock) McClure, of Mt. Vernon, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, December 1, 2012. Their daughter, Krystal Kelley, hosted an open house in their honor with a three tier wedding cake and punch. They want to thank everyone for their attendance and gifts.

“Ford”

(Cont. from front)

Cabinet.

As Surplus Property Director, Ford will oversee the disposal of excess federal and state surplus property that is not currently being utilized.

Ford started his new job on Wednesday and will make \$85,000 a year in his new position. As a retired

state legislator, Ford could also receive an enhanced state pension as well once he retires from his current position.

In 2005, the Kentucky state legislature approved a retirement pension program which allows lawmakers to receive a higher retirement pension if they get better paying government jobs for at least three years once they retire from the state legislature.

However, Ford said that he wanted to clarify that by taking his new position, the retirement pension he would have received as a retired legislator was postponed. He said he will only receive one retirement pension when he actually retires and that the amount of his retirement pension will be based upon the annual salary of his current position at the time of his retirement.

“A lot of people think that I am double dipping and that I am receiving a retirement pension while working in my new position,” Ford said. “That is not the case at all. I will not receive a pension until I retire from my current position.”

Ford said that he is thrilled and looks forward to the challenge of helping the state in handling their surplus property.

“I have forty years of experience in this line of work,” Ford said. “I believe I can be of benefit to the surplus property program.”



Jase Samuel Lear celebrated his 1st birthday on November 18th at the John Lair Home in Renfro Valley. We appreciate all our friends and family who made his day so special! Jase's proud parents are Jason and Jamie Lear. Grandparents are Terry Lear, Donna Smith, Michael McFeron and Patsy Ramsey.

Mt. Vernon pastor resigns

By: Doug Ponder

A well-known Mt. Vernon pastor recently resigned after accepting a new position at another church.

First Baptist Church Senior Pastor Eddie Nation resigned after accepting a position as Senior Pastor at First Baptist Church in Centre, Alabama.

Nation said that the decision for him and his family to leave was hard for them. However, he felt that God was calling him to preach at First Baptist Church in Centre.

“It was tough and it was really hard on all of us,” Nation said. “However, I feel that God has opened a door for us and I felt a calling from him to take the position.”

Nation became the Senior Pastor at First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon on August 5, 2001. After being the pastor at First Baptist for over eleven years, Nation said he has made many friends with his church family and community.

“Everyone here has always been like an extended family to us,” Nation said. “The hardest part of our decision was leaving everyone at our church and in our community. I will always plan to come back and visit as often as I can.”

Nation's last church service at First Baptist in Mt. Vernon will be Sunday, January 13th. His first service at First Baptist Church in Centre will be on Sunday, January 27th.

Nation said that members of First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon will select a pulpit committee within the next few weeks to begin the search for a new senior pastor. Until then, Nation said Kentucky Baptist Convention Consultant Alan Dodson will be preaching during the worship services.

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Circuit Clerk's New Hours

New hours went into effect for the Rockcastle County Circuit Clerk's office on Wednesday, January 2nd. The office will be open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Thursdays, the office will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month, the office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Body Recall Classes at Wellness Center

Community Body Recall Classes are now available at the Wellness Center at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. The classes will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. and participants can join any time. Body Recall is a program of lifetime for people of all ages and at all levels of physical ability. It is a structured program of slow, natural movement that is safe and pain-free. Fee is \$35 for yearly membership and a \$2 class fee for each session. A fitness center membership is included if members prepay the class fee. Come join us! Contact Betty Purcell, instructor, 256-7704.

CCFFG Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Concerned Citizens for Fair Government (CCFFG) will be Thursday, January 17th at 6 p.m. on the third floor of the courthouse. Please use rear entrance. The group meets the third Thursday of each month.

Kiwanis Meeting Change

Effective January 3, 2013, the Kiwanis Thursday luncheon meeting will be held at the Tea Cup Cafe, Main St., Mt. Vernon.

VFW News

During the winter months, the post will be closed Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday. On Saturday, December 22nd the Lose Change Band will be performing and on Monday, Dec. 31st (New Year's Eve Party), Josh Logan will be performing. The public is invited.

Brodhead Lodge Meeting

The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #556 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.

RCDB Meeting Notice

The Rockcastle County Development Board meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at noon at the Rockcastle County Courthouse 3rd floor Technology Center. The public is invited to attend.

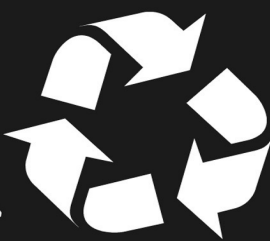
NA Women's Meeting

The Women's NA Serenity Group of Mt. Vernon meets each Monday at 8 p.m. at the Christian Appalachian Project Community Center, 64 Beiting Lane, Mt. Vernon. Open meeting, non-smoking.



Members of the recently-formed Girl Scout troops 1857 and 1858 at Roundstone sang Christmas Carols for residents of The Terrace in Berea on December 15th. Participating were, front row, from left: Emily Hounshell, Cameron Hall, Haley McClure, Ayley McClure. Second row: Delaney Kemper, Lacey Hounshell, Taylor Hall, Hannah Robinson and back row from left: Shelby Baker, Ashley Garrett and Sarah Powell.

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(Used)

New Holland Tractor Heavy Duty Axle w/Heat & AC/ min 87 PTO hp/ 4WD / 20 ft Boom Mower 50" head

Bids will be accepted in the Office of the County Judge-Executive until 9 a.m., Thursday, January 10th

Rockcastle County reserves the right to reject any and all bids

/s/ Buzz Carloftis, County Judge-Executive