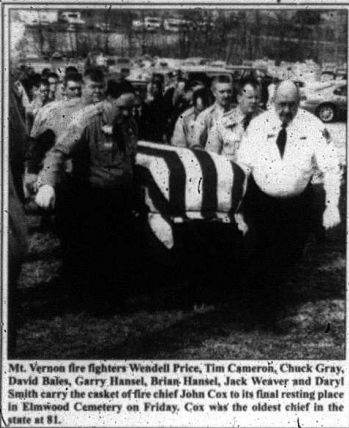




Mt. Vernon fire fighters Wendell Price, Tim Cameron, Chuck Gray, David Bales, Garry Hansel, Brian Hansel, Jack Weaver and Daryl Smith carry the casket of fire chief John Cox to its final resting place in Elmwood Cemetery on Friday. Cox was the oldest chief in the state at 81.

Card of Thanks

John Cox

Our family was deeply touched and will be forever grateful for the enormous outpouring of love and respect that was shown for our dear loved one. He truly loved his community and everyone in it. His greatest enjoyment in life was his public

service and he would have been absolutely thrilled with the superb job the fire departments did in joining together from across the county and the state to honor and pay such a special tribute to his memory. He would have been especially proud of the fellows on the Mt. Vernon Volunteer Fire Department for all their work in



Jack Lewis played the bagpipes during the funeral procession for Chief John C. Cox. Main Street Mt. Vernon businesses closed for Cox's funeral procession.

making sure he was laid to rest in great style and with much loving care.

We could write volumes about John and his life on this earth, but his daily walk spoke it all for him. He was a gentle giant to us and though our hearts have been broken, with his

leaving, we are comforted by his great strength and wonderful presence we were blessed with over these many years.

We thank you, the community, for again showing us with your wonderful food, flowers, and comforting words. A special thank you to Bud Shirley, Lewis and Keith at Cox Funeral Home for putting their arms around us and walking us through a most difficult time with such grace, caring and professionalism. Thanks also to Eddie Hamlin and Wendell Romans for their comforting words and prayers.

It is certainly at times like these that we feel we are all so blessed to live in this small town among so many caring friends. God bless you for circling your wagons around us in our time of loss and grief. We will be forever grateful.

John C. Cox Family

National Vocational Education Week

Secondary and postsecondary institutions across the Commonwealth are celebrating the value of occupational education during Career and Technical Education Week, which Governor Paul E. Patton has proclaimed as February 11-17.

The theme of Career and Technical Education Week is "Want Career Success? Get Career Skills." The event is sponsored by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, the state Cabinet for Workforce Development, the state Department of Education, and the Kentucky Association for Career and Technical Education.

Technical education assists Kentuckians in making the transition from school to postsecondary education or

the workplace, Patton said. "Technical education training initiatives supply the Commonwealth with a versatile, well-educated and well-trained workforce," the Governor said.

In Rockcastle County, KY Tech-Rockcastle County Area Technology Center hosted an Open House for parents and community members in conjunction with Rockcastle County Board of Education monthly meeting to recognize Career and Technical Education Week.

Almost 400 Kentuckians, from middle school students through adults, participate in the state's career and technical education programs. They may be studying business education at a high school, learning technical skills at a Kentucky

TECH campus, or receiving computer network instruction at a community or technical college. Programs focus on such areas as computer technology, construction technology, agriculture, automotive technology, family and consumer sciences, business or marketing education and health services.

"Success on the job requires thinking, learning and analytical skills," Governor Patton said. "Success on the job requires the ability to adapt—the average person will change careers five to seven times in his or her lifetime."

"Students and adults who need new skills can get the instruction and opportunities through Kentucky's network of career and technical education programs."



Mayor Karen King, center, proclaimed February 11-17 as National Vocational Education Week. Pictured above, front row from left looking on are: Melissa Miller, HOSA president and Stephen Hopkins, FBLA president. Back row from left: Billy Anglin, VICA president and FBLA Advisor Patty Himes.

ARE YOU SICK AND TIRED?

Sick of having family and friends destroyed by drugs, alcohol, abuse, disease and other devastation?

Tired of feeling like there is nothing that can be done?

There is something that we can do. "Again I tell you, if two of you on earth agree about whatever (anything and everything) they may ask, it will come to pass and be done for them by my Father in heaven. For wherever two or three are gathered (drawn together as my followers) in my name, there I AM in the midst of them." *Matthew 18:19-20 AMP*

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." *2 Chronicles 7:14 KJV*

IT'S TIME

Please join us for the following community prayer services

February 17 @ 7 p.m. - Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church

February 24 @ 7 p.m. - Lighthouse Assembly of God

March 17 @ 7 p.m. - Mt. Vernon Pentecostal Church

March 24 @ 7 p.m. - To Be Announced

Project Graduation

The Rockcastle County 2001 Project Graduation Committee convened on January 8, 2001. The committee is made up of parents of Rockcastle County High School 2001 graduating seniors. The Project is beginning its fourteenth year in our district. A goal of \$30,000 was established.

Project Graduation is a program that seeks to successfully implement a safe and drug free night from 9:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m. following senior high school graduation. This year Rockcastle County High School lists 176 seniors who will benefit from our efforts. We as parents are hoping to make this an unforgettable, fulfilled evening for the students. Events will include donated prizes, contests, refreshments, and games where students will earn Rocket Bucks to be used at an auction as a culminating activity. Money contributed for Project Graduation will be used to

purchase items to be sold at the auction and to support the total success of the program as determined by the Committee.

We are accepting contributions at this time, including monetary or other items your business would like to donate. When you contribute, your name will be published in the Mt. Vernon Signal with our appreciation. The Project Graduation Committee will also make available a receipt to you for tax purposes.

We sincerely hope that you will show your support of your future graduates by becoming a sponsor of Project Graduation. You may receive a call or a visit from a committee member if you have contributed previously. If you would like to sponsor this valuable project, you may contact Melanie Lyons, Chairman at 256-2125, or any other parent of a Rockcastle County High School senior.

Church News

Youth Night

Lighthouse Assembly of God Youth Night every Friday, 7 p.m. Special Youth Night service Sunday, February 18th, 6 p.m. Youth oriented Holy Spirit led Jacob Burdette, who has recently been called to the ministry will be speaking. Lots of songs and skits. Everyone welcome.

Revival

Mt. Vernon Church of God Revival,

Sunday, February 18th - February 23rd with Rev. Billy Bryant, Evangelist. Sunday night 6 p.m. Week night 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Revival

Livingston Memorial Holiness Church will have revival February 18th until 7 with Evangelist Bro. George Poynter. 7 p.m. nightly. Bro. Jim Miller, pastor welcomes all. Ph. 606-256-4866.

Card of Thanks

Joyce Everett

The family of Joyce Lee Everett wishes to express their thanks to all of the people for their support at the time of our loss. A special thanks to Hospice and to Marvin and Judy Owens at Owens Funeral Home of Broadhead for their care and consideration.

We would like to thank the people who brought food and sent beautiful flowers. A special thanks to Peggy French for her much needed support. We appreciate everything that everyone has done for us at our time of sorrow.

David & Diana Overbay and the Burke Family

"Indictments"

(Cont. from front)

erty, has been indicted again in connection with the same case. Benton Bullock, 53, of Mt. Vernon was indicted on a charge of being a witness in the case.

He was indicted in December after he allegedly confessed to police that he knowingly bought tobacco he knew had been stolen from a farm. The owned by Kenneth Stewart of Wildie.

Bullock is scheduled to appear in Rockcastle Circuit Court on February 23 for a hearing in connection with the first indictment.

Stevie L. Lamb, 24, of Mt. Vernon was indicted for first degree burglary, theft by unlawful taking and unlawful transaction with a minor.

He is accused of entering the home of Mark Sander on December 25, armed with a handgun and taking property valued at over \$300.

Alvin Floyd Knuckles, 32, of Mt. Vernon was indicted on a charge of first degree assault, in connection with a January 21 shooting incident on Barnett Road, in which he is accused of shooting Mark Miller.

"Man, Wife"

(Cont. from front)

and promoting contraband, first degree. Putman was on home incarceration from a felony offense in April 2000 when he removed his home incarceration detection device and left his residence, resulting in the escape, second degree charge and while incarcerated in the Rockcastle County Jail Putman had in his possession a controlled substance.

The Commonwealth has recommended a sentence of four years imprisonment, according to Montgomery.

Montgomery further stated that Righteous M. Durham, 22, of Sand Gap, pleaded guilty to the offenses of burglary, first degree and theft by unlawful taking over \$300. The charges stem from an August 2000 incident when the defendant unlawfully entered the residence of Jeremiah Lane and stole several items. The Commonwealth has recommended a sentence of ten years imprisonment for Durham.

No Trespassing

Land belonging to Camella R. Ramsey ("Oscar Isaac Reed, Sweet 'water, Conway") To whom it may concern to harass and stalk, during the late and early hours of the morning. As to the old song says "This land is your land, this land was my land." I will take all action of protecting my home and children and myself and visitors.

And the First Prince Psalm always read: The Footprint will always be left behind, etc., all in love.

For I have a Dream. This boundary line has and needs to be proven and put out so I can act on my common sense. I have had to work, etc., to be done. "I want my line set." And mine set. I, 102, prove. First Prince showing to 1/2 (only three teeth) evidence.

Tampering with evidence in which (Gordon, also stated in writing that Roger Isaac stated of fact: falsification of the stated consideration and sale of property is a felony! Subject to the fact that the evidence is proven before your eyes and ears. The Commonwealth has recommended a sentence of ten years imprisonment for Durham.



In Memory of Ronnie Patrick Johnson

You ask God to send me a rainbow

The day after the rain,

Somehow it reassured me and

Reminded me you feel no pain.

I often wonder why

You left me here,

But I remember how you loved

Through each shed tear.

I find this world is cold

And not many seem to care,

How hard life is or how sad I am

Knowing you're not there.

Still, I move on.

From day to day,

I know you're somewhere

Guiding my way.

And you will be there

Until the end, -

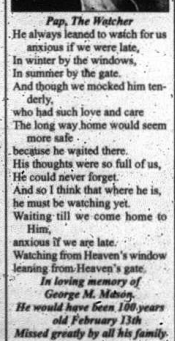
Watching over me

With Angels to send.

Sadly missing on your birthday,

Love your daughter,

Tammy Blackburn



Pop, The Watcher

He always seemed to watch for us anxious if we were late, in winter by the windows, in summer by the gate.

And though we mocked him tenderly, who had such love and care The long way home would seem more safe.

because he waited there. His thoughts went so full of us, He could never forget.

And so I think that where he is, he must be watching yet. Waiting till we come home to Him,

anxious if we are late. Watching from Heaven's window leaning from Heaven's gate.

In loving memory of George M. Mahon. He would have been 100 years old February 13th Missed greatly by all his family.