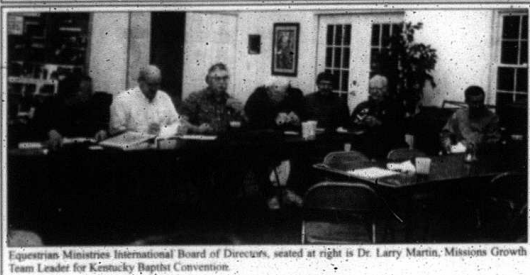




Mike Gates, center, speaking at Equestrian Ministries International meeting at Townsend, Tennessee. Bud Cox is seated at left.



Equestrian Ministries International Board of Directors, seated at right is Dr. Larry Martin, Missions Growth Team Leader for Kentucky Baptist Convention.

"Gates"

(Cont. from front)

1996-1999 and graduated with a Certificate in Ministry. "One thing I like about the ministry," Mike says, "is if God guides, God provides." Mike and his wife, Lori, are members of the First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon.

If you have any questions about this camp for the blind and disabled, please call Mike Gates at 1-888-254-6319.

"Mayor"

(Cont. from front)

Mayor King and council members Jackie Renner and Clarice Kirby have all filed for the office, along with Judy Adams.

The election for Mayor will take

place as part of the November General Election.

The filing deadline for the office is in late August.

The council had also briefly discussed a pay increase for council members, but did not take any action.

Currently, Mt. Vernon council members are paid approximately \$25 per month. The Mayor's current salary is \$52.50 per month.

Because all pay increases must be approved in a May election year, the pay for council members will not change for at least four more years.

The Mayor of Mt. Vernon is responsible for all personnel decisions, including hiring and firing as well as overseeing a combined budget in excess of \$2 million.

Mt. Vernon's water plant is also largely responsible for supplying water to the majority of residents in Rockcastle County.

"Arrested"

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The arrests came last Thursday afternoon as Deputies Toby Henderson and Ronnie Smith were helping the Rockcastle County officers search for Carl Jason Caldwell of Waynesburg in the southeastern portion of the county.

They found Caldwell, 18, with

Aaron William McKinney, 25, of Brodhead on C.E. Helton Road in the Broughtontown area shortly after 5 p.m. on Thursday.

On stopping the two men, officers searched their vehicle and found materials used in the manufacture of methamphetamine, a homemade drug made from materials available over the counter at hardware and discount stores.

The two were charged with conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. Caldwell also was charged with giving a false name to a police officer.

Henderson said he told police his name was Gary even after being warned that giving a false name is a crime.

McKinney, who was driving the vehicle, was also charged with carrying a concealed deadly weapon, a loaded .38 caliber revolver.

Participating in the arrest in addition to Smith and Henderson were Rockcastle Deputies Ronnie Roark and Aaron Matthews and Kynkrity State Police Troopers John Allen and Eric Taylor.

"Guilty"

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amphetamine. Baker didn't have any of the drug made but said was cooking up a batch that was nearly ready if Todd could wait. While they waited, officers from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and the Kentucky State Police pulled up on front.

On seeing the officers, Todd told police that Baker began pouring a flammable liquid around the front room of the house where the meth-making lab was set up. Baker then allegedly lit a match and told Todd that he might want to get out of the house before igniting the room. Baker was arrested trying to flee out the back door.

Todd originally was also charged with arson; but that charge was dropped when he agreed to plead guilty to the drug possession charge.

As part of the plea bargain, Todd will have to testify against Baker and attend a drug rehabilitation program. The Commonwealth Attorney is recommending a prison sentence of four years for Todd.

"Grant"

(Cont. from front)

mation regarding these grant funds or to pick up an application, please stop by the Rockcastle County Conservation District Office, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Telephone: (606)256-2525 Extension 3.

To date bids on 16 systems have been awarded. Five more bids will be awarded this week.

There is still time to apply for a free septic system.

"Rockets"

(Cont. from front)

As of Tuesday morning the Rockets had another nine games on the schedule. Each day starts at 5:30 a.m. for the Rockets and ends around midnight.

"We've got a lot of work to do and need all of the games and practice we can get right now," Bussell said.

When the Rockets return home they will host Madison Southern. The Rockets are again one of the teams predicted to win the 13th Region.

"Sweet n' Sour"

(Cont. from A2)

was used to fine linen, cut glass and crystal. Sparkling champagne over the dining table and dish cabinet full of treasures. Yet those facts were never mentioned when we talked of our family background. She bore all signs of being a genuine lady and I was pleased to call her friend. After she passed away Inez and Jr. tried as best they could to carry on tradition set by their parents by visiting me several times a year, especially Christmas and my birthday, always with a gift in hand. They remembered my birthday because their dad, Roscoe and I had always celebrated it together, his being the day before mine and his request of wanting homemade doughnuts instead of cake

always being honored by me making them and serving them hot along with the coffee he also liked, black and sweet. Roscoe and Mat had been friends since childhood, so it was simply an addition to the family. Inez was married and had a son, Don, and later a second marriage and a daughter, Tanya, who is now taking care of her mother during this serious illness.

Other during this serious illness. It stayed single till he was older and does not have children. Now his health is also failing and he is in the comfort of my own home and not physically able to do my part in returning all the nice things they have done for me since I have been widowed. I can look around and see the presents I have received for birthdays, Christmas and their sympathy gift when the farm house burned. They had always claimed that house as a second home to them and grieved with me when it burned. And I call this "friendship" worthy of recognition. Today I want to apologize to the family, Inez, Junior, Tanya, Don and their children for not being a "good friend" and doing unto others as they have done for me. And pray God to look over them in their time of need.

Grisham recognized that Mt. Vernon is well ahead of where Tynepele started out. "You have laid a lot of the necessary groundwork, you're well ahead of many communities. Rockcastle County has enormous potential. Cooperation, teamwork and leadership will be among the keys to succeeding in this effort."

On Saturday morning, Grisham led a working session at Community Trust Bank. "We had hoped to get twenty or thirty people to come back on Saturday," said Rockcastle County Development Board Chairman John Clontz. Friday's session must have it a fire in those who attended, as over fifty people filled the bank's second-floor meeting room.

At Saturday's session, task forces were established to address education, job creation, beautification, health care, tourism and leadership development. Over the next six months, the task forces will take on short-term projects and lay out a strategic plan for long-term development in each of these key areas. For example, the leadership task force hopes to establish an ongoing leadership development program for the county.

"Over the last two years, the Development Board has been focusing on planning, and they have really struck it with it. They recognized the importance of a strategic planning process, and now we are off to a great start," said Big Tower, the Board's Executive Director. "The Development Board is committed to working for the whole county, and I'm particularly pleased that we had representatives from Livingston, Brodhead and the rural areas of the community at these meetings. We hope to see even more people get involved as this work proceeds."

For more information, or to join one of the task forces, contact the Rockcastle County Development Board at 256-9307.

"Forum"

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started with almost nothing - nothing but their people." He explained that they invested heavily in education, and made good use of experts to help transform their economic base from cotton, to dairy, to industry, to service. Through educating their workforce, they were able to attract, high paying jobs. By working together, they achieved the kind of development they wanted. "They add over a thousand new jobs every year, but none of those come from expanding existing local businesses," he observed.

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Tired of drugs and/or alcohol controlling your life? Come join us at Narcotics Anonymous, every Thursday at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church, located on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon. For more info, call 256-9263.

AI-Anon
AI-Anon and Alcohol Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon. For more info, call 256-2129.

Republican Party Meets
The Republican Party meets the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at Kastle Inn.

Bookmobile Schedule
Mon., April 8: Calloway, Red Hill, Livingston, Lanero, Pine Hill.
Tues., April 9: Orlando, Maple Grove, Climax, Three Links.
Wed., April 10: No Service.
Thurs., April 11: Spino, Level Green, Williams.

Smoke Detectors
Rockcastle Hospital Home Health, with the assistance of local volunteer fire departments, is distributing smoke alarms to the

citizens of Rockcastle County who are over age 60 or disabled, and do not have a smoke detector in their home. To apply, call 256-1808. Necessary information: Name of applicant, address, date of birth, phone number, nature of the disability (if under 60 years of age).

Clothing Donations Needed

The Rockcastle County Migrant Program, 245 Richmond St. (across from the Board of Education) is in need of clothing of all types. Call for a pickup (256-2157) or bring your donations by the Migrant Office any work day 9:00-3:00.

Center Hours
Rockcastle County Senior Citizens and Day Health Care Center hours are 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

Fish Fry
Brodhead Vol. Fire Dept. and Ladies Auxiliary will hold their monthly fish fry Sat., April 6 at the fire department. Carry-outs start at 3:00 p.m. \$5 per carry-out. Dine-in starts at 6:00 p.m. \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children under 12. All proceeds go to the Brodhead Volunteer Fire Dept.

DAR Meeting
The next regular meeting of the Rockcastle Chapter DAR will be held Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00 PM in the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall. The program will be on the Insurgency and protocol. All members are urged to attend and prospective members as well as guests are invited to attend.

Board Meeting
The Rockcastle County Board of Education will meet in regular session Tuesday, April 9th at 7 p.m. at the Rockcastle County Board of Education Administration Building. The public is welcome to attend.

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