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County gives \$1 for house and lot

Is it any wonder the federal government is in bad financial shape?

Tuesday, the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court learned that their bid of \$1.00 for a house and lot on U.S. 25 south of Mt. Vernon at Calloway had been approved.

Last week, Mrs. Ruth Martin, a representative of Daniel Boone Development Council met with the court to inform them that the federal government's Housing and Urban Development agency had foreclosed on the house in Rockcastle County.

The federal government placed the house with a realtor in California and six months passed without it being sold.

Because of the fact that the house had not been sold for six months, it became eligible for a government program, in which government agencies and community action agencies such as Daniel Boone could bid on the house.

The county did so, and will now turn the property over to Daniel Boone.

Local Daniel Boone Director Betty Russell said Wednesday that Daniel Boone would renovate the property and sell it to a low-income family in Rockcastle County.

The federal government's loss will be a local family's gain, she said.

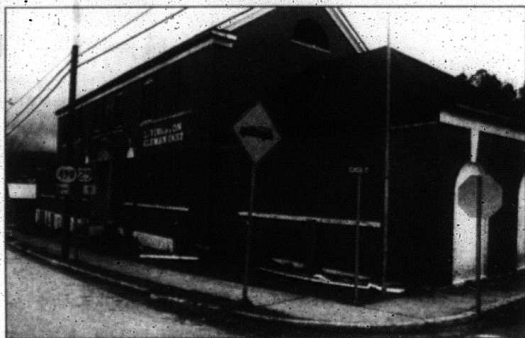
Next Week!

Did you know that Rockcastle County has a family, who are direct descendants of Daniel Boone?

Look for our feature next week on the local family who are ninth generation descendants of the very famous pioneer.



The county is in the process of renovating the former Livingston School gym and will turn the facility over to the City of Livingston once completed.



There is still a lot of work to do on the former Livingston School property which is evidenced by the top photo, but once the gymnasium has been renovated it will be turned over to the city for community events.

Thanks to \$100,000 grant

Work continues on Livingston School

By: Richard Anderkin

Renovation continues on the former Livingston School property.

This week workers are in the process of putting down a new hardwood floor in the gymnasium, which will cost approximately \$17,000.

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court is using a \$100,000 grant to begin renovation of the gymnasium and the former four room classroom building on the property, which will be turned over to the city of Livingston in the next few weeks.

The city of Livingston will use the classroom building as their new city hall.

The county has put a new roof on the classroom building and on the gymnasium.

"We are trying to stretch the \$100,000 as far as we can and we are using work release prisoners and every other resource that we can find," said Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Buzz Carlotti.

Besides the new roofs, the county has also replaced the windows in the classroom building, painted the interior there and are in the process of putting up new doors in that facility.

At one point the Daniel Boone Development Council owned the

property thanks to a \$40,000 state grant.

Daniel Boone was never able to secure the proper funding to renovate the property in a community center and last year the county took over ownership.

"In a perfect world we would go in there and spend whatever it took to fix the structure back to its original state, but we don't have those funds at the current time," Carlotti said.

Once the gymnasium is finished it will also be turned over to the city.

The city will be able to use the gym for whatever need arises, such as fund raisers for the fire department and community events," he said.

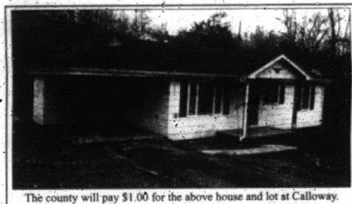
The actual school structure will be kept in a state of preservation until some other funding comes along, or until someone with money takes an interest in it, according to Carlotti.

Livingston school was closed in 1994 when the Rockcastle County School system created the middle school.

Students from Livingston were transferred to Mt. Vernon.

Livingston High School was incorporated along with Mt. Vernon and Brodhead High

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The county will pay \$1.00 for the above house and lot at Calloway.

3 local school administrators to retire in coming months

Three Rockcastle County school system administrators have announced their intentions

to retire.

School system finance officer Richard Bray, who also handles

personnel for the school system, told the Rockcastle County Board of Education on Tuesday that Mrs. Claudinna Cash, Shelby Reynolds and Onna K. Owens had decided to retire.

Cash, who is the school system's District Assessment Coordinator and Supervisor will retire effective July 1st.

Reynolds, who is the school system's Instructional Supervisor will retire effective September 1st.

Owens, one of the two assistant principals at the Rockcastle Middle School, will also retire effective September 1st.

Superintendent Larry Hammond said Wednesday that he would post all three jobs in the near future, even though it will be sometime before all of the retirements take effect.

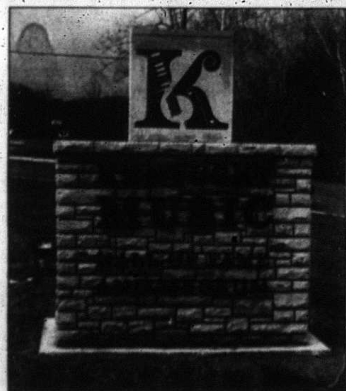
The board also approved the revised calendar for this school year.

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Hall of Fame to open on May 17th

The Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and Museum at Renfro Valley will officially open on May 17th. Officials had hoped for a soft opening in March, but problems with such things as the sprinkler system have delayed the opening. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at noon on the 17th and a Family Fun Day is scheduled for Saturday May 18th. The Hall of Fame and Museum will be open daily except Mondays, beginning the 17th.



Local man killed in Friday wreck

Last Friday Ronald K. Rash, 50, of Mt. Vernon died in a single car wreck on U.S. 25, four miles south of Mt. Vernon.

According to Kentucky State Police, Rash was driving a 1994 Toyota pick-up north on U.S. 25 when his vehicle dropped off the right shoulder of the roadway.

State Trooper Coby Smith said that Rash apparently overcorrected, causing him to lose control of his vehicle which crossed both lanes of travel, striking the earth embankment on the southbound shoulder and then overturned onto its top.

Rockcastle County EMS trans-

ported Ronald K. Rash to the Rockcastle County Hospital where he later died from the injuries.

Smith reported that seatbelts were not in use at the time of the accident.

Rash was the seventh person to lose his life on Rockcastle County roadways in 2002.

Of the seven people to die,

Rash and 15-year-old Aaron Poyner are the only local people to lose their lives.

An elderly Michigan couple,

two college students from Ohio

and a Lexington woman all died

in wrecks on I-75.



A Mt. Vernon man was killed Friday when he lost control of the above pickup on U.S. 25.