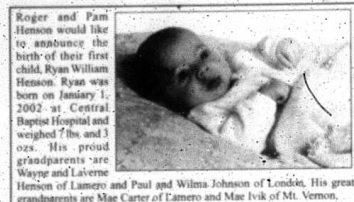




100th Birthday celebration

Mrs. Alice Abney celebrated her 100th birthday March 11, 2002 at her home in Murrell, Ky. on Sunday, March 10th. Bill Rose and wife Christine Rose and their eight children and 10 of their 11 grandchildren visited Mrs. Abney and her daughter, Irma Thomas at their home. The Rose family presented Mrs. Abney with a basket of 100 roses, sang her some songs and had a party with her. She seemed to really enjoy the evening very much. Her daughter, Irma is an only child living. She had one son who preceded her in death. We wish her (Mrs. Abney) many more happy birthdays.



Roger and Pam Henson would like to announce the birth of their first child, Ryan William Henson. Ryan was born on January 1, 2002 at Central Baptist Hospital and weighed 7 lbs. and 3 ozs. His proud grandparents are Wayne and Lavene Henson of Lanesboro and Paul and Wilma Johnson of London. His great grandparents are Mae Carter of Camero and Mae Ivik of Mt. Vernon.



Look who is 76 this month.
Happy Birthday
from E.C.S.



Jackson Douglas Cromer celebrated his second birthday on March 11th with a Buzz Lightyear party. He would like to thank everyone for his wonderful birthday gifts! Jackson is the son of Todd and Leola Cromer and grandson of Doug and Jennie Singleton and Ernel Cromer.

Happy 86th Birthday Mom.

We have truly been blessed to have you as a Mom.

We love you Fern, Nina, Mabel, Wayne, Raymond, Ethelene & Ella



To My Big Brother Carlos... I just want you to know that you're so special to me and I'm excited to wish you a happy 17th birthday on April 3, 2002. Love Always - Your Sister, Darlene Blackburn



Andrea and Matthew Gonzalez would like to announce the birth of their sister, Selena Rejoice Burdine. Selena was born on Thursday, December 27, 2001 at Pamie A. Clay Hospital in Richmond with a length of 20 7/8 inches and a weight of 7 lbs. and 11 1/2 ozs. at birth. Selena is the daughter of Stephen and Wanda (Hayes-Gonzalez) Burdine; granddaughter of Genia and Joyce Burdine and Floyd and Lena Hayes; great granddaughter of Clarence McKinney and the late Arthur McKinney and Eva Norton and the late Denver Norton. Selena is also welcomed by her aunts Janet Burdine and Jennifer Reali and her uncles Jessie, Randall and David Hayes as well as many other family members and friends. Selena wishes to thank everyone for loving her so dearly.

"Letters"

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Pharmacy, Broadhead Lions Club, Marvin Owens Home for Funerals and Monuments, Daniel Whitaker, Broadhead Arcade, Collins Respiratory Care, Adams Feed & Supply, C&H Storage, Rockcastle County Ministerial Association, Mt. Vernon Lions Club, Kwik Mart, Willa Grocery, Britton Chevy-Olds, Bruinier Studio, Dr. John Parsons, Juanita Norris Country Peddler, Rockcastle Embroidery, Marsha Flou, Flou, Bullock Muffler Shop, Town & Country Motors, Dabney Feed & Supply, Lennie & Teresa Vanzant, R&J Printing, John Ford, Attorney, E. Howard Saylor, Perry's Body Shop, Mink Builders, Broadhead Farm Equipment, Ford Brothers, Roy Todd Builders, Inc., Shirley and Elizabeth Smith, Marlene Lawson, L.L.C., Buckeye Christian Church, Heritage Furniture Gallery, Integrity Mold & Die, LTD, J&J Auction, Edwards Chiropractic, Inc., Rockcastle Veterinary Clinic, Miller Auto Sales, Sparks Flowers & More, Jeffrey T. Burdette, Floors, Etc., Inc., J&D Cabinets, Robert M. McCord, CPA, J&L Inc., Singletree & Associates, Inc., Wm. E. Taylor and Mary, Inc., Mt. Vernon PTA, Clarence & Louise Carter, John Hamm Auto Sales, Clifford Collins, Peoples Bank & Trust, Advance Auto, Davidson Kennels, R&J Excavation, Carpen-

ters Custom Building, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Lee's Famous Recipe, Thompson Gunter Shop, Richmond St. Eyecare, Lovell's Gun Repair, Dr. Kim Cornelius, Dr. Michael Hamilton, Dr. Kevin Rowe, Dr. Karen Saylor, Dwan Adams, Garard Stockyards, Madison Stock, Yards, Hall's Printing, Godfather's Pizza, Pizza Hut, Carpenter's Farm Equipment, Burkman Feeds, Wendy's, Cutting Edge, Mt. Vernon Drug, James E. Miller, Sam Stallworth, Roberts Barber Shop, Mt. Vernon Automotive, Thelma Mullins, Kentucky Utilities, Pat Allen, Janice Taylor, McDonald's, Martine Phelps, Lumber King, Rockcastle Hospital, Touch of Class,

Renfro Valley Entertainment, J.R. Reed, Barnett Cycle Shop, Hair Unlimited, Geraldine Robbins, Pam Taylor, Wm. Robbins, Burdette Hardware, Merritt's Garage, Car Quest-Berea, Adair Backhoe & Dozer, Hardee's, Morgan's Plumbing & Repair, Mobley's Electric Service, National Wild Turkey Federation, Randall Durham's Greenhouse, Rockcastle Farm Bureau, NACCO, Preston Parrett, Brindle Ridge Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon Pentecostal Church, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Conway Baptist Church, Country Sam's, Bishop Tire Service and Jerry's Laundry Mat, D&L Variety & Grocery, Pizza Hut, State Farm Insurance Agent Teresa Jackson, Mt. Vernon Plumbing, Dairy Queen, ALCA Aluminum, Pleasant Run Baptist Church, Cox Funeral Home, Broadhead Christian Church, Cimax Christian Church, Cintas Corporation, Berea Lodge #677, Kentucky Malt Beverage, Kiwanis, Tokico, PPG Industries, Aunt Polly House, Mike Smith, Magdalene Collins, Carter's Market, Magdalene's Tire, Xtreme Fitness and Dr. Tony Arvin. If we have accidentally left someone out, please feel free to call us and let us correct the error.

Nancy Hale, Chairman
Project Graduation
2002 Committee

Dear Editor,
April is Child Abuse Prevention Month in Kentucky. Abuse is a problem and finding solutions depends on involvement among people throughout the com-

munity. Approximately 3 million children are reported abused and neglected in this country each year. A year in the life of Kentucky's kids: 6,100 are physically abused; 14,000 suffer from neglect; 1,700 are sexually abused; 2,400 are emotionally or psychologically abused; 18 children die from maltreatment and in the 28,000 confirmed cases of child maltreatment; 23,000 of the perpetrators are one or both of the child's own parents.* per U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.*

What you can do to help prevent child abuse is:

1. Be a nurturing parent.
2. Help a friend, neighbor or relative if they are having difficulties with their children.
3. Get involved - be an advocate for services to help families.
4. Volunteer at a local child abuse program.

For social service agencies, schools, churches, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community, contact The Department of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children for assistance. The telephone number is 1-800-456-1386; Email: www.kbbhc.org. Speakers are available for civic organizations and churches at no charge.

KBBHC has provided continual, uninterrupted care to children and families seven days a week, 24 hours a day since 1869. The real mission was a mission to hurting children and families. The way KBBHC has gone about fulfilling its mission has continued to evolve from an orphanage to children's homes to full service family ministry.

April's observance of Child Abuse Prevention Month is an appropriate opportunity to remind ourselves of our collective responsibility to prevent the abuse and neglect that robs so many of our society's children of childhood, their sense of security and well being and their future.

Imagine a world without child abuse. Together, we can make a difference.

For more information concerning "Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky" E-mail: www.pcakyp.org
Gilberta Hurst
Women's Advisory Board Member



Taco Bell

SPECIAL OF THE WEEK

Taco Salad & Med. Drink

\$3.99

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"A Servant of the People"

To the Voters of Rockcastle County,
Subject to the Republican Primary May 28, 2002
I earnestly ask for your support in my race for Sheriff of Rockcastle County.

I spoke of my qualifications for Sheriff before in previous ads, now I would like to explain some of the duties associated with this office, they are: • Collecting Taxes • Courtroom Security • Patrolling the Roads (including rural county roads) • Theft and accident investigations • Juvenile and prisoner transportation • Provide mental health patient transportation • Domestic, child and senior citizen protection services.

These are just a few of the duties the Sheriff's office is responsible for. I hope you as voters in Rockcastle County will examine the qualifications of each candidate and vote accordingly.

This is the reason I completed the training offered at Eastern Kentucky University, so that I could be the best law enforcement officer for the people of Rockcastle County. However, I also know that there is more to law enforcement than just training.

The ability to communicate and cooperate with others is vital to this office. I am one of 13 children and we learned early in life to get along with one another, as well as our neighbors. I believe in the Golden Rule to treat others, as you would have them treat you. I urge all candidates to respect each other, because after this Primary, we all have to live together to make Rockcastle County a better place to live.

Sincerely,

Darrell Doan - Candidate for Sheriff

Paid for by Darrell Doan

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Vote ★ E. Howard Saylor ★ for Rockcastle County Judge Executive



As I travel throughout Rockcastle County, I encounter many citizens who have to drive outside the county just to find low-paying jobs. These people can barely afford an automobile that gives them an adequate means of transportation and can't borrow money to meet an emergency because their budget has no room to pay it back. I also meet many people who have had substantial jobs outside the county but are being laid-off or forced to take an early retirement at a tremendous cost, forcing a complete change in their lifestyle. These people cry out to the leaders of this county, "Give us a chance to live and work in Rockcastle!"

Having attended recent meetings of the Rockcastle Development Board, listened to ideas from representatives of various state agencies, and gained a feel for the determination of many local citizens, I am convinced that many Rockcastle Countians realize the urgency of creating occupational opportunities for our citizens. I have also been encouraged that many citizens seem willing to serve on various boards aimed at revitalizing the local economy. As County Judge I will work tirelessly and diligently to give Rockcastle citizens a chance to live and work in Rockcastle County.

Once again, I will make the statement "I am *not* for a 5% payroll tax," besides the fiscal court has to vote on any increase.

I feel that the county's highest elected official should show support for the young people of this county. Many young people, both male and female, have worked hard in recent years to reach the state level, and I have a conviction that the County Judge Executive should support these young people by being in attendance at events that acknowledge the accomplishments of our children.

Building up the next generation of Rockcastle citizens should be among our top concerns. We are a farming community, and we should attempt to secure funding to initiate activities such as livestock shows for our young farmers. Also, we must emphasize and support our wonderful county library to maximize its potential to serve our children and citizens.

Having witnessed the efficiency of local fire departments in recent weeks, I believe we have some of the most dedicated and highly trained volunteer firemen anywhere. These departments deserve all the financial support the county can offer them.

I have been asked if various people would help me as assistants. I welcome the advice and ideas of experienced people, but there won't be an assistant judge. I feel that my career in business and my experience dealing with people will make me a good ambassador for the county and a capable administrator.

In closing, let me emphasize that the time for positive, progressive, and productive leadership is now. Making our county economically self-sufficient is imperative, and working to meet the needs of all our citizens is demanded.

Thanks,

E. Howard Saylor

Paid for by E. Howard Saylor