

"Wreck" (Cont. from Front)

"It is simply a horrible tragedy. Our hearts go out to all three families," said Rockcastle County High School Principal John Hale. "These students are all good kids

who you see in church on Sunday and a lot of our students and staff are having a difficult time coping," he said. "Thousands of people attended the visitations and funerals for both young men. Ben McKibben was the son of

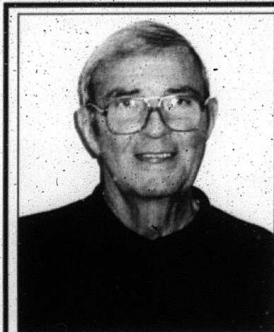
Danny and Kathy McKibben and besides them he is survived by his three older brothers, Josh, Luke and Aaron McKibben. Chris Tolle is survived by his parents, Bobby and Janice Tolle. Complete obituaries appear in this week's Signal.



Rescue workers had to remove the top of a Mustang after a Saturday wreck which claimed the lives of two Rockcastle County High School sophomores.



The Brodhead Class of 1952 was honored at the annual Alumni Banquet held recently. Members of the class are shown above, front row from left: Frankie Hayes, Betty Lou Burton Whitaker, Jean Bullen Hayes and Helen Mosley Abney. Second row from left: Don Cummins, Joyce Kirby Robbins, Burdette Owens Brummett and Lois Kincer Hampton. Back row from left: Lavern Albright Robertson, Ardilla Mullins' Jean, Tinch Riddle Silcox, Georgetta Fletcher May and Albert Payne.



Elect Billy Kirby Jailer

Rockcastle County

When serving as jailer, my wife and I were largely responsible for expanding the county jail, with no extra cost to Rockcastle taxpayers. We built two new dormitories, an inside recreation facility, put in new commodes and a visiting booth and built the first ever drunk tank inside the jail.

We managed to do all of this work within a years time, all the while keeping a full jail.

We did not have the luxury of walking into a million dollar facility and we still left the county with a surplus of \$250,000.

We know it takes experience and hard work to run the detention facility properly - everyone knows we will put in the time to do that.

But we also know that you must treat all prisoners and family members fairly and by being at work, like you should, we can make sure that no one is treated unfairly and we can make sure that we correct the illegal drugs being brought into the jail.

Thank You,
Billy Kirby

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Community mourns losses experienced by local families



Richard Anderkin
Editor
Mount Vernon
Signal

Many Rockcastle families throughout the years have experienced the tragic loss of loved ones in auto accidents.

But when those losses involve teenagers it just seems to make it that much harder for the families.

Our hearts are heavy this week after Saturday's accident in which two Rockcastle County High School sophomores, Ben McKibben and Chris Tolle were killed.

Knowing both of them, I truly believe they were good kids - and knowing both families - I can only imagine what they are going through now and what they will go through in the future.

Our prayers are also with the Jameson Cable family who is recovering from his injuries.

It has to be a parent's worst nightmare and one that no family should have to go through.

I'm sure the overwhelming show of support and sympathy has helped these families, but it still has to be almost more than they can bear.

Again, our hearts go out to all of the families.

I know that each of the families would like to thank the EMT's, firefighters, residents in the area and others who stopped at the wreck scene on Saturday for all their help and compassion.

On a much brighter note: I attended the Rockcastle County Future Farmers of America annual banquet last Thursday night and it was a very enjoyable time.

Roy Reynolds, Jeff Hayes and Jeffrey Taylor obviously do a very good job with the local chapter and have some great students involved.

The local alumni members of the chapter support FFA in many ways, which means they as parents and former students think the high school FFA program is very worthwhile and properly administered.

Rockcastle Hospital announced this week that the hospital's President

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the great improvements and expansions he was largely responsible for there, he has always been involved in other community matters such as economic development.

Mr. Keene would always do what he could to make Rockcastle County a better place to live and work. He is a true public servant.

**Classified deadline
is Noon Tuesday.**

and CEO, Lee Keene will soon retire. Mr. Keene has been at the hospital for the past 13 years and besides



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Once again, I want to thank everyone in the second district. I appreciate each of you and I am looking forward to serving as your Magistrate another term. We have accomplished a lot the past 16 years, but still there is work to be done. If elected to a fifth term, I will continue to work with you and for you. Together we can make things happen.

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Carloftis Responds...

My opponent, Mr. Saylor, has name a number of comments in his recent political advertisements that require a response. I do not believe that he would knowingly make false and misleading statements. Our county's fiscal court is the local government body that is entrusted to handle public matters. My Saylor's educational training is in pharmacy; I have two degrees in government (political science).

In one of his recent ads, he said the county spends too much; while in the very next paragraph he suggested that we spend more.

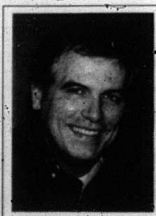
Regarding finances for the county, he has publicly stated it must be changed. This is very peculiar, especially since Rockcastle County has been able to meet its obligations. For example, he mentioned the judicial annex as a 'county' debt. He is mistaken. First of all, that was built before I got into office. While it appears on the county's list, it does so because the state law requires it be listed, even though the state pays most of the obligation. Secondly, Mr. Saylor evidently fails to understand the public's budget process. The Kentucky Infrastructure Authority, for example, requires their funding for water projects, etc., be listed by the county in order for people to have water lines constructed. Western Rockcastle Water Association, however, pays this obligation; it is merely listed on the county's report.

A couple of the fire departments in Rockcastle County, also, in order to receive extremely low interest rates, go through the fiscal court for equipment upgrades, etc. Again, these are only listed on the county's report.

My opponent also listed the jail. He evidently fails to understand that, had we not expanded the jail to bring in over \$55,000 every month, our citizens would have had to send our money to other counties to house prisoners, and that would have been disastrous.

My opponent also suggested that we spend too much on maintaining and making better roads. I know that school buses now travel on roads that were not passable by them when I first got into office. As long as I am in office, I intend to continue making roads better, and we have much more work to do.

Rockcastle County has made great strides in infrastructure improvements. I don't think we need to stop making improvements for our citizens.



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