



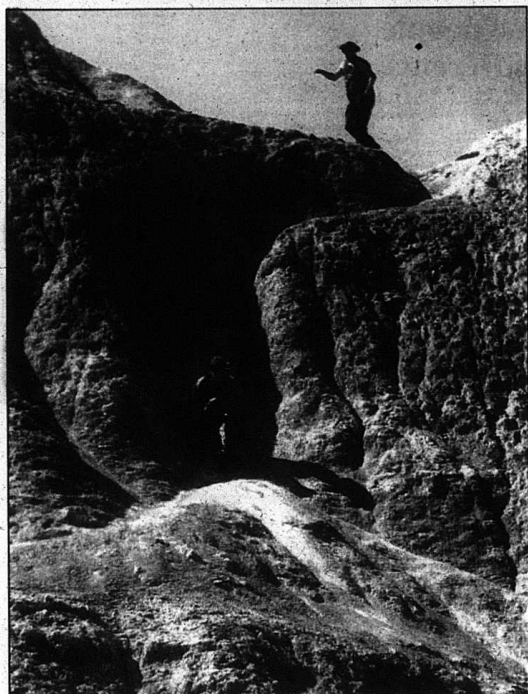
Great experience for local JROTC
Page A-4

Mount Vernon Signal

CHIEF OF POLICE: JAMES G. HARRIS
PHONE: 256-224-1111
400 S. LAMAR ST.
MOUNT VERNON, KY 40359

Mount Vernon County since 1887

Mount Vernon, Kentucky 40356 • Volume 116 • Number 42 • Ph. (606) 256-2244 • 50 a copy • Thursday, July 25, 2002



Some members of the Rockcastle County JROTC class spent three weeks in the Western United States this summer, including John Phelps and Joe Husband. The two are shown above in the Badlands of South Dakota. (See related photos and story on Pg. A-4 & A-5).

Count down for the Relay for Life continues

Only one more week until the American Cancer Society Relay for Life on Friday, August 2nd at the Rockcastle County Middle School football field and track. The event will start at 7 p.m. with an opening ceremony and a survivor walk to begin the evening's activities. There

will be entertainment throughout the evening by: Josh Bray, Dorothy Cromer Teague, Amber Thacker, The Bittersweet Cloggers, The Hunt Sisters (Cari and Casey Hunt) and Dog Leg Right. A live auction will also be taking place during the evening. Several of the participating relay

teams will also have activities taking place at their campsites for adults and children who attend the event. After sunset (about 10 p.m.) luminaries decorated with the names of those who have battled cancer will be lit and left glowing throughout the night (Cont. to A-11)

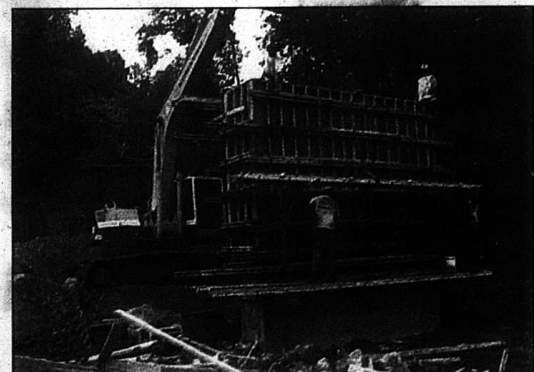
Flat Rock Baptist remember loved ones

Flat Rock Baptist Church will have two teams participating in the Relay for Life. The church has five cancer survivors in their family and in a year and a half seven members of their church lost their lives to cancer.

Darla Reams, team captain for one of the two teams, is a cancer survivor who teaches at Roundstone Elementary School. Kaye Mason, a Rockcastle County Hospital employee, is the team captain for the youth team. Kaye's sister-in-law,

Sandy Vanwinkle was one of the seven members who lost her battle to cancer in 1999. Sandy's son, Michael, will be walking on the team in memory of his mother.

Regina Hellard, a cancer survivor (Cont. to A-11)



Work is continuing on the new bridge on Mullins Station Road. The bridge is scheduled to be complete sometime in August and currently residents are driving through the creek bed. N&N Contracting has the \$155,000 bid on the project.

Indictments returned for numerous serious crimes

The Rockcastle County Grand Jury handed down indictments last week for alleged crimes ranging from attempted murder to sexual abuse of a minor.

Four men were indicted in connection with a March 10th shooting on Negro Creek Road, that injured a local woman.

Floyd Neeley, 31, of Berea, was indicted on a charge of attempted murder. Neeley is charged with allegedly trying to kill Donnie Jones that March night, but instead, Melissa Lawson, 23, of Brodhead was shot twice.

Police said that Jones' trailer on Negro Creek was hit 13 times by gunfire around 1 a.m.

At the time, police said it was a drive-by shooting, but later reported that Neeley had allegedly been paid with illegal drug methamphetamine to kill Jones.

Indicted at the same time as Neeley was the alleged people who wanted Jones, 26, killed.

Henry Baker, 32, of Crab Orchard and his brother Benny Baker, 35, have also been charged in Lincoln County.

Also indicted in the same case was Jason Caldwell, 19, of Mt. Vernon, who has pled guilty in Lincoln County to other charges and apparently is turning state's evidence.

Earl Overbay, 36, of Rt. 5, Mt. Vernon was indicted on four counts of sexual abuse involving an underage family member.

Christopher Collins, 27, of Rt. 4, Mt. Vernon, was also indicted in connection with an alleged sex crime.

Collins is accused of sexual abuse of a sex crime involving a family member.

Michael Denny, 34, of Rt. 5, Mt. Vernon, was indicted for allegedly trying to obtain a false prescription for Tylox.

Billy Joe Spoonamore, 58, of Mt. Vernon was indicted for running off from a Work Release Detail on January 31st. He is still not in custody.

Winslow Marcum, 42, and Roy Blevins 35, both of Gray also are accused of walking away from a work

release program on March 8th. They are both back in custody.

Arthur Bishop, 57, of Mt. Vernon was indicted on a count of Wanton Endangerment in the second degree and later, his charge was reduced to a misdemeanor by Circuit Judge William Cain.

Walter B. Price, 50, of Rt. 5, Mt. Vernon was indicted on six counts, which apparently involved a traffic stop last November.

Price is accused of manufacturing Methamphetamine, possessing the drug, possessing scales and other drug paraphernalia while in possession of a firearm, operating a vehicle under the influence of drugs or alcohol, operating a vehicle on a suspended license and running from police.

Dalmas James Doan, 35, of Mt. Vernon, was also indicted for an alleged drug related crime.

Doan is accused of possessing Methamphetamine last November.

Thomas Renner, 33, of Mt. Vernon was also indicted on four counts, which apparently involved a traffic stop on November 16th of last year. He is charged with possession of a control substance and three traffic violations.

Tony Gore at Renfro

Tony Gore became captivated with Southern Gospel Music at the tender age of 10-years-old as he listened to a local radio station in his hometown of Clanton, Alabama. The dream of singing Gospel Music grew in his heart until he started singing locally at the age of 14. His next step was singing with The Southmen, a regional group based out of Birmingham, Alabama. Tony then joined The Wilburns from Carthage, Tennessee. The Wilburns' songs featuring Tony's incredible voice started leaping up the charts. During his nine years with The Wilburns, Tony captured the hearts of Southern Gospel fans all across the nation.

In 1993, Tony left The Wilburns to form Tony Gore and Majors, and began touring in the spring of 1994. Immediately they were embraced by Gospel Music fans everywhere. The first song they released in 1993, "Thank God," was a Top Five song. Then they released "I Know What It's Like," another Top Five song. "Put on a Crown" was a Top 10 song, but is still the most requested song they have ever done.



Tony Gore will appear at Renfro Valley on August 3rd.

Was first football coach at RCHS Mr. Glenn Polly dies on Monday

The first ever head football coach at Rockcastle County High School died Monday at the Baptist Regional Medical Center in Corbin.

Coach Glenn Polly, 70, of East Bernstadt, who was well-known throughout the county, had been in poor health for the past several years and had received a heart transplant a few years ago.

When Rockcastle County consolidated the three county high schools in 1972, Polly was brought in to head the football program.

He had played at the University of Kentucky as a linebacker in the Paul "Bear" Bryant era and had coached at Hazel Green High School in Laurel County, before leaving there to work for the American Heart Association.

After resigning from his job at RCHS, he was later hired as head football coach of then Laurel County High School.

Local attorney John Clontz, who played quarterback for Polly in 1974 and 1975, said Polly was a tough, unique man, whom he admired very much.

"I did not play high school football until my junior year and having Mr. Polly as my coach was the best thing that could have happened to

me," he said.

Polly is survived by his wife Louise, a son, Mike Polly, and a daughter, Cathy Farris, among others.

His son Mike played football for his dad at RCHS until a broken leg ended his career.

Funeral services for Coach Polly were held Wednesday at Bowling Funeral Home in London.



Glenn Polly



Some members of Flat Rock Baptist Church are deeply involved in the Relay for Life effort. Five cancer survivors are pictured above, on the front row, from left: Darla Reams, Regina Hellard, Janice Mason, Emily and Leonard Barton. The fund raising event is August 2nd.