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State Representative Danny Ford talks with Gov. Paul Patton during his visit to Mt. Vernon last week. Looking on at left is Mt. Vernon Mayor Karen Kling and at right Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Buzz Carlotis. The Governor was in the county to discuss the Renaissance program for the City of Mt. Vernon and the efforts of the Rockcastle County Development Board. He also brought a check to the Agricultural Development Association for \$425,000.



When Governor Paul Patton was in Mt. Vernon last week he talked with Justin Lear, an eighth-grader at Rockcastle Middle School.

Collinsworth receives Bronze Star from WWII

57 years after the fact Willard Collinsworth will receive an honor from World War II.

Collinsworth will be presented with the Bronze Star during a ceremony Monday at the VFW Post in Renfro Valley.

Brigadier General D. Allen Youngman, head of the Kentucky National Guard, will make the presentation to Collinsworth during the ceremony, which begins at 10 a.m. Collinsworth and his wife, Alene, live at Brindle Ridge and he is a retired businessman, who says the credit for Monday's honor goes to his grandsons, Michael Collinsworth and Andy Cummins.

"Michael was going through my

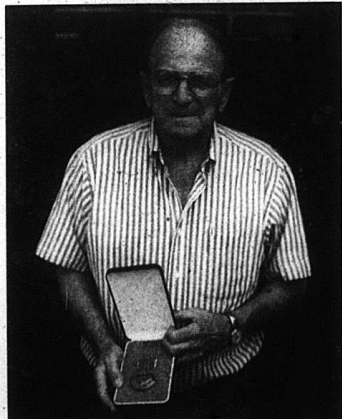
Mink held over to local Grand Jury

A preliminary hearing of Rocky G. Mink, 21, was held Monday, on charges of Arson 2nd Degree, five counts, class B felony. Mink has allegedly burned several vehicles during the early morning hours of August 27th in Mt. Vernon.

The court found that probable cause existed sufficient to hold the case over to the Rockcastle County Grand Jury, and the matter was held over for the November Grand Jury.

Assistant Chief Eddie Delaney of the Mt. Vernon Police Department testified that Mink had used lighter fluid and W-D 40 lubricant to accelerate fires in the parked vehicles.

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Willard Collinsworth holds his Bronze Star, which he received 57 years after it was awarded to him for his service in World War II.

By thirty percent

Insurance premiums for county employees increase

By: Richard Anderkin
The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court agreed to renew their health coverage for county employees on Tuesday, although the average premium is up 30 percent from a year ago.

Dorine Benjamin, an insurance agent with Cumberland Valley Insurance Management in Kentucky told the court that she had shopped everywhere for the best price and that

the county's current carrier, CHA was still the cheapest.
The court voted to stick with the same plan now offered to all county employees and officials, which will cost \$200.29 for an individual plan and \$620.77 for a family plan.
The court agreed to pay \$125.00 of the premium on both plans. Last year it was \$100.

The current plan calls for a \$500 deductible for individual plans and

\$1,000 for family plans.

Everyone who works under the county umbrella, including those in each county office, are eligible for the plan.

The maximum out of pocket expense is \$2,000 for an individual and \$4,000 for a family.

The court also agreed to allow Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Buzz Carlotis to sign three Master Commissioner Deeds for property along Oscar Lewis Road in northern Rockcastle County.

Rockcastle County Attorney Jeff Burdette told the court that three landowners, Charles Denver O'Neal, Ellis McNew, and the milla Karen Ramsey had refused to signed the deeds, over to the county, after the Circuit Court ruled against them in the county's condemnation suit.

Burdette said the Master Commissioner would sign over the three landowner's property.

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Gov. visits county

Governor Paul Patton was on hand last Wednesday to acknowledge Rockcastle County's Agriculture leadership in utilizing Phase I Tobacco Settlement Funds through cost-share programs.

Patton noted that Kentucky's state legislature was reinvesting 50% of Kentucky's tobacco settlement funds back to each individual county.

He thanked Representative Danny Ford and Senator Ed Worley for their efforts to improve Kentucky agriculture.

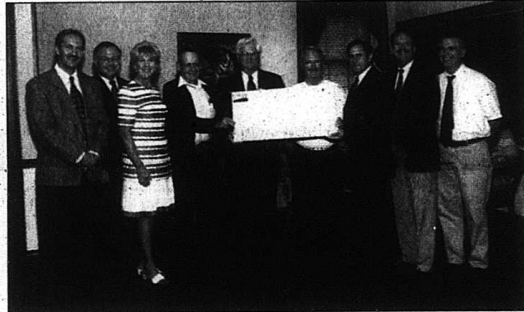
In Rockcastle County, an eight

member agriculture development council accepts program applications and forwards them to the Kentucky Agriculture Development Board in Frankfort.

Rockcastle County's Beef Cattle Association, as a nonprofit organization, has administered three cost-share programs approved by the state agriculture board.

These programs include the Forage Improvement Program, which was completed last spring with 218 applications submitted by producers

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Rockcastle Western Water Association has received \$733,000 in funding for waterline extensions in Rockcastle, Lincoln and Pulaski counties. Last week they held a ribbon cutting at their office in Mt. Vernon. Shown above from left are: State Senator Ed Worley, State Representative Danny Ford, Hilda Legg, Executive Director of the Federal Governments Agency which deals in such grant money, Western board member James Purcell, U.S. Congressman Harold Rogers, Western President Charles Denver Burton, Ken Sloan, State Director for Rural Development, Barry Larrimore, Director of Kentucky Rural Water Association and Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Buzz Carlotis.

Annual Bike-a-thon Saturday

Bicycle riders and donations are needed for the Cystic Fibrosis Bike-A-Thon, Saturday, September 14, No age limit, you may ride or walk to participate. A parent or Guardian MUST sign pledge sheets if child is under 18 before they can ride.

Have checks made payable to: Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.
The event will be supervised and refreshments will be served to all participants. The ones collecting the most money will receive one of the

following prizes: 1 of 2 - 26" bicycles, 1 of 9 baseballs, 1 of 3 pizzas (Pizza Hut), Renfro Valley Show tickets, 1 of 4 back packs, 1 of 8 sport watches, harmonica set, 1 of 2 music CD's, 1 of 2 hool-a-hoops, toss and catch game, Spongebob Ball, 1 of 2 Crazy Crafty Cutters, mini skate-board, mini gumball set, junior

These funds, along with a \$56,000 contribution from the Water Association, will be used to construct approximately 18 miles of waterlines to serve 117 new users in Rockcastle, Pulaski and Lincoln Counties. These funds will also upgrade approximately two miles of waterlines and an existing pump station, plus add telemetry controls to all existing pump stations—improving water service to 3,874 existing rural customers.

West is by far the county's largest supply of water.

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The Citizens Bank cookbook committee is dedicating the edition of Country Cupboard to all those whose lives have been touched by Cystic Fibrosis. They are donating all their proceeds to this charity in honor of Suzanne Graves, and her family who dedicated themselves to her with their love and tender care. May we always be as courageous when we are faced with such adversity. With her in mind, the cookbook committee is contributing the proceeds to this worthy cause in hopes of assisting to find a cure for this terrible disease. Shown above front row from left: Violet Cash, Committee Chairman Blanche Johnson, Louise Bengt (mother of Suzanne Graves), Clara and Bobby Proctor (grandparents). Back row from left: Kelly Bullock, Co-Chairman Glenda Gentry, Virginia Hansel, Delores Phelps, Sheila Lovell and Genevieve Reppert. Also on the committee is Carol Sims and Linda Wilson.