Kentucky Governor Paul Patton, center, was in Mt. Vernon last week to discuss several local projects and bring a check for $425,000 for the Agricultural Development Association. Shown above from left are:State Representative Danny Ford, Geoff McGuire, treasurer of the Rockcastle County Beef Association, Patton, Doug Smith, president of the local Beef Association and State Senator Ed Worley. (Photo By: Doug Brock)

Portion of Hwy. 150 project completed in Lincoln County

A ribbon cutting officially opened a portion of the U.S. 150 and Cedar Creek Lake last Wednesday and signs were unveiled naming the road and a boat ramp for the man whose dream for the county is embodied in the project - John Sims.

Gov. Paul Patton and a multitude of local and state officials were on hand for the ribbon cutting, which followed a similar event at the new Lincoln County Technical Center adjacent to Lincoln County High School.

John Sims of Crab Orchard was county judge/executive and threw his political support behind a politically unknown Casey County native, Wallace Wilkinson, in his race for governor. Wilkinson, then a multimillionaire businessman living in Lexington, agreed to back Sims' idea for a fishing lake and realigned U.S. 150 between Stanford and Mt. Vernon.

More than a dozen years later, Sims is out of office and Wilkinson died in bankruptcy but the $11.7 million road was built and the lake is ready to start catching rainwater and impounding a 784-acre body of water that the state Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources hopes will become a fishing destination.

Cedar Creek Lake is expected to attract nearly 38,000 individuals on fishing trips annually, based on an estimate of 48 trips per acre of lake surface. Also based on historical estimates, those fishermen and women are expected to spend an average of nearly $20 each on trip-related expenses in addition to approximately $50 a person for fixing related expenses including boats, fishing gear and the like.

All together, the state expects sportsmen to spend $2 million a year trying to catch fish in Cedar Creek Lake.

The dam that will impound the lake was created when the new road was built. Rather than bridge Cedar Creek, the dam was built and the potential for fishing tourism created.

With normal rainfall this winter and next spring, it is expected the lake will fill in about a year. When the water starts to rise, which will come after the less desirable fish in the creek and ponds that will be inundated are killed, the state will stock sport fish. The less desirable types include carp, bullhead, catfish and green sunfish.

For starters, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources plans to stock 2,500 10-inch and 15,000 five inch largemouth bass; 20,000 black crappie; 180,000 one-inch bluegill; 120,000 one-inch redear sunfish and 8,000 nine-inch and 20,000 one-inch channel catfish.

Between the state wildlife agency, which owns the lake property, and the local Cedar Creek Sportsmen's Club, fish spawning habitats have been built into the lake bed. That is expected to help the stocked fish multiply rapidly and create a high quality fishing lake.

Cedar Creek Lake will be the second largest lake in the state-owned lake behind Lake Malone near Russellville. The Lincoln County lake will have 21 miles of shoreline and extend 3.6 miles from the dam upstream toward Ottenheim.

The lake will have a maximum depth of 60 feet and an average depth of 22 feet.

The state has been surveying the portion of the new 150 in Rockcastle County, but has not started buying right-of-ways.

A nation forever changed

By: Congressman Hal Rogers

The events of the past year will remain etched in our memories for generations, as will the ability of our nation's citizens to comfort each other and our resolve to pursue those who have attacked us. Amid the tragedy, we have seen an outpouring of charity to those in need and have witnessed a renewed faith in God and country. Today, we are a nation that is forever changed.

As we reflect upon September 11th it is important that our nation comes together to memorialize those affected by the events of that tragic day. Many lives were lost, and the amount of pain suffered can never be measured. We must never forget the victims, rescue workers and public safety officers who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist acts on America. We must never forget the brave people who fought their hijackers over the fields of Pennsylvania and made the ultimate sacrifice to save the lives of countless others. We must never forget.

Despite the tragedy of that day, America has proven again that she is at her best when challenged. In the wake of September 11th I was heartened to see thousands of Americans coming together to help those most affected by the terrorist attacks. Volunteers provided meals and comfort for the workers who tirelessly searched the rubble at ground zero. Men and women from all walks of life joined hands in unity and prayed for each other. Children donated their dollars to help boys and girls in a country that was half a world away.

September 11th marks a turning point in our history. No longer immune from the rest of the world's troubles, we now spend time looking around for danger. Our new reality is sobering and we cannot help but feel more vulnerable. Fortunately, though the help of thousands of individuals, our nation has come together to deal with the pain and sadness inflicted upon us. We have come together to face our fear in many ways -- through faith in God, devotion to family, fellowship with neighbors and friends, and courage.

Although our foundation has been shaken, America still stands strong. Our grief from the huge loss of life has turned to resolve and we are determined to find those responsible for the terrorist attacks and bring them to justice. The men who perpetrated these acts thought they would bring America to her knees. However, their desire to disrupt and demoralize us as a nation backfired and their cowardly acts have only made us stronger and more determined than ever.

We are facing the first war of the 21st century and our democracy, our freedoms, our way of life and our security are all on the line. This is a war we cannot lose. It is important to remember that we were attacked because of our beliefs. For that reason alone we cannot wayer and must continue to stand strong in our fight against evil. One way to do that is by remaining true to our values. By restoring our faith in God and through a renewed sense of patriotism we are sending a message around the world that we cannot be defeated. Today, we have a whole new perspective on what it means to be an American and a whole new determination for the patriots on what it means to be an American and a whole new determination for the patriots who live among us. Now, America's guard is up. We are vigilant and watchful and prepared for battle.

Although nothing will ever repair the losses we suffered on September 11, 2001, we can work together to ensure that America continues to be a beacon for freedom: I encourage you to take pride in America and remember that we are fortunate to live in a country that is free. May God bless you and your families during this anniversary and may He look favorably upon our great nation as we continue to move forward.

"Hammond"

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over) and Dylan Nicley, a second in barebow (8 and under).

Dennis Asher, Sr. received a first in shot put, 12 lb., (40-49), a first in javelin (40-54) and a first in discus 1.6 KG (40-49). Heather Hammond, took a first in the 300M hurdles 30 In. (15-16).

James Bullen got a gold in the 5 K (40-44); Willis Coffey won bronze in the 5K (35-39); Brandon Cole took a bronze in the 13-15 age group 5K and Andrew Nelson a bronze in the 16-19 5K age group.

"Bronze Star"

(Cont from front)

to the Infantry Badge, they realized that Collinsworth also had been awarded the Bronze Star, but had never received it.

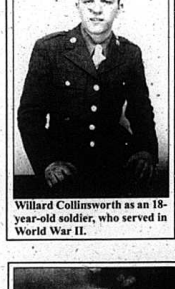
Collinsworth served in the South Pacific as part of the American Division of the 182 Infantry Regiment. Collinsworth was part of E Company and saw combat on several occasions.

"I guess I didn't get it then because I just wanted to get out of there," he said.

"I was kind of hoping that a big deal wouldn't be made out of this, but I do appreciate what everyone has done to make sure I got my medal," Collinsworth said.

"I simply was doing my job just like every other soldier," he said.

A Bronze Star is a U.S. Military decoration awarded either for heroism or for meritorious achievement in ground combat.



Willard Collinsworth as an 18-year-old soldier, who served in World War II.

"Bike-A-Thon"

(Cont from front)

bubbles set, jump rope, inky spirolator, mini basketball door game, nerf basketball game, 50 twinty balloons set, mini chalkboard, 6 pk. hot cars, walkie talkie set, 1 of 2 marble games, kite, ring toss set, super party, 250 pk. water balloons, Lisa Frank beauty set, 2 pk. yoyo's, jump rope pack, frisbee, 1 of 2 magic mitts, Lisa Frank hair wave set, 1 of 2 groovy diaries, Etech-A-Sketch game pen, yard horse shoe set, 1 of 3 puzzles, 1 of 2 gripe-rite balls, 1 of 2 8 pk. water gun sets, hair products from Celena's. The one collecting the most money may choose a prize - then second - third - on through.

In addition the prizes above:

Collect $10.00 and get an ice cream cone from Dari Delite. Collect $5.00 and receive an CF t-shirt. Plus many other choices listed on each sponsor sheet.

In honor of Don Coyle, the Kiwanis Club of Mt. Vernon will be available to perform bike safety checks and do repairs on bicycles starting at 11:00 a.m. September 14th at the Brodhead Elementary School, before the Cystic Fibrosis Bike-A-Thon.

Any questions? Call Clara Proctor (606)758-8585.

"Mink"

(Cont from front)

Vehicles belonging to Gary Mink, Garner Mink, Robert Hornsby, Jerry Mullins and Jack Rowe, all of Mt. Vernon, were burned to varying degrees after Mink allegedly poured the accelerants on the driver's side seat, and ignited them. Mink was observed in the area, stopped and lighter fluid and W-D 40 was found in his possession.

Also, Delaney testified to finding a footprint that matched the shoes worn by the defendant, Rocky Mink.

Over Rockcastle County Attorney Jeff Burdette's objections, the court reduced Mink's bond from $250,000 cash to $100,000 fully secured bond. Burdette argued that considering the seriousness of the class B felonies which carry 10 to 20 years in prison each, that Mink posed a threat to the community if released. The court indicated that the bond seemed excessive, and that the $100,000 dollars would be sufficient.

Mink remains in jail at this time.

"Governor"

(Cont from front)

and 198 seeding practices completed utilizing $120,000; the Genetic Improvement Program receiving 67 applications with 44 bulls or semen purchased, utilizing $41,300; and the Cattle Handling Facilities Program receiving 87 applications, and to date, have 44 projects completed, utilizing $47,750.

No further applications are being taken, however farmers are completing approved projects and are expected to utilize nearly $100,000.

The Beef Cattle Association has utilized Southern Kentucky Agriculture Development Association to handle these funds by writing checks and federal 1099's. Projects to utilize remaining funds will be planned this fall.

"Insurance"

(Cont from front)

"We will be able to properly fix that road now," said Carloftis.

The road was the subject of much controversy in the past and the police were even involved at one time when a landowner refused to move a fence.

"All of the other landowners agreed to sign their deeds," Burdette said.

O'Neal will receive $1,134 for his property, McNew will receive $417 and Ramsey will get $18.00.

In other business, former Livingston basketball coach Preston Parrett thanked the court for naming the recently renovated Livingston gym after him. He called it quite an honor and said that the gym was in better shape now than when the school closed.

Parrett taught and coached at the school for 34 years.

The court also agreed to rent the former Brodhead Senior Citizen's building to a Community Action Agency from Barbourville for $400 a month and utilities.

The building is currently vacant, but is used for elections twice a year.

Magistrate Bill McKinney suggested that the court make a stipulation that the building still be available for the Primary and General Elections.

The court also discussed the Animal Shelter at Roundstone, which is still under construction.

The court discussed the hiring of a director for the facility and whether or not to hire one of the local veterinarians to put the animals at the shelter asleep.

The court is planning to use work release prisoners at the facility and county secretary Anna Rose Mullins told the court it would probably be cheaper to contract with one of the local veterinarians rather than hire someone and foot the bill for their training.

Court members and Jailer James Miller also voiced concern about housing the injection medicines needed for the euthanasia procedure. "It would probably be better for the medicines not to be around the inmates," Miller said.

The court also opened a bid for a low water ford on Ten Foot Hole Road near Lower Piney Branch.

N&N Contracting was the only bidder on the project and the cost will be $123,000.

Jeff Nicely, co-owner of N&N, told the court that although he would do the work, he thought the county would be better off to build a bridge across the creek.

Carloftis told Nicely that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) had approved the low water ford and not a bridge and that getting FEMA to change its paper work was almost impossible.

The court also approved a Solid Waste Hauler Permit for Waste Management, although Waste Managment is already doing business in the county.

Kentucky solar buildings showcased

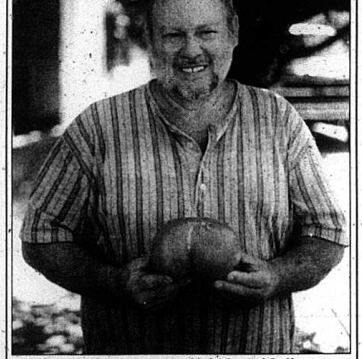
Do you want to learn more about solar energy? The best way to understand solar energy is to see homes and buildings that use energy from the sun for power. Watch the electric meter on an office building run backwards as the solar panels on the roof generate electricity, feel the warmth in a solar-heated room, compare your electric and heating bills to those of solar energy buildings. You can find out what it is like to generate your own electricity and to have the option of building your home in an ideal location rather than one determined by the placement of nearby power lines.

On October 5, solar homes and buildings across the U.S. will open their doors to the Seventh Annual American Solar Energy Society (ASES) National Tour of Solar Buildings. The public is invited to experience first-hand the various solar features of homes and other buildings.

This year, in Kentucky, two homes and an office building will be showcased in Rockcastle County. The homes are owner-built with very unique appearances and attributes. The Livingston home is passive solar heated by many south facing windows. The Disputanta home is a round geodesic dome with a cupola and wrap-around porch. The electricity for both homes is produced with solar electric panels. The office of Appalachia - Science in the Public Interest (ASPI), a nonprofit group in Mt. Vernon, has a net metered system with 20 solar panels that cut the electric bill in half. When a net metered solar system is producing more energy than the building is using, the electric meter on the building spins backwards. ASPI also uses a solar electric car for daily errands.

Take the Kentucky Solar Building Tour and explore the ways people are using energy that is less damaging to the environment than conventional methods of generating electricity and heat.

For more information and directions, please contact ASPI by calling (606)256-0077. We look forward to seeing you!



Earl Cummins, of Mt. Vernon, grew this 2 1/2 pound Ox Heart tomato, this summer in his garden. Cummins says the secret is mulching and cages made out of concrete wire. Cummins says he will have green tomatoes at frost. Call 256-4465.

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