

Our Readers Write

Dear Editor,

I would like to say thank you to the Rock of Ages Mission. My daughter needed help with furniture. She was sleeping on the floor. Now she has a bed to sleep on. If we need help they will help. We

the people should sponsor this mission instead of sending money to other countries. This way we know where our money is going. Thank you Rock of Ages Mission. Martha Stanifer
P.S. They really help the needy a real friend in need!

It's Your Money

By Jonathan Miller, Kentucky State Treasurer

Need a little extra jingle for the holidays? Santa could come early for you with much needed money for the holiday season.

That's because my office holds over \$50 million in unclaimed property, just waiting to be returned to thousands of rightful owners across the state. It's my job to return the money, and let me tell you, there is no greater thrill than presenting a check to an unsuspecting taxpayer.

When I tell people that they may be one of the rightful owners of unclaimed property, they usually look at me in disbelief. But so many people who weren't expecting a dime have found out that they are significantly richer. Perhaps they left money or valuables in a savings account or safety deposit box. Or they left a job but didn't get their last paycheck. Or they are the heir to someone who died before they could claim their property.

One of my favorite stories of holiday cash comes from Madisonville.

A lady living at the Ridgewood Terrace Nursing Home had moved to Kentucky from Tennessee and had left \$415.00 in her checking account. After seven years, the account was closed and the funds were turned over

to my office. I gave the check to her on December 23, 2001 and asked her what she would do with the money. Her response was "I'm going to buy presents for my grandchildren." It is nice to be able to play Santa Claus in real life.

Most recently I have been taking our unclaimed property on the road and soon will be at a mall near you. My office had an unclaimed property booth at a mall in Lexington last month in which one man found he was owed over \$117,000 dollars in cash. I hope this could be you, so you can get that needed extra money to help pay your holiday bills.

Maybe you too will find money or property that is rightfully yours. By clicking a few buttons on your computer and typing in your name, you can find out if you are a rightful owner in the privacy of your own home. Simply access our continually updated database at www.kytreasury.com. At our website, you can also do a nationwide search of unclaimed property databases, just in case Kentucky has not always been your home. And if computers scare you, you can always call us toll-free at (800)465-4722, and we'll do the search for you.

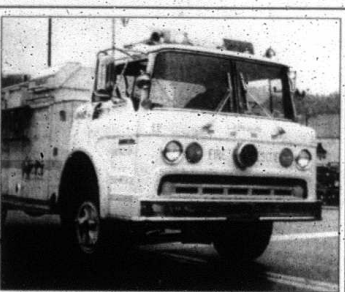
I hope this holiday season will prove to be rewarding for you, your family and your friends.



Members of the Brindle Ridge Fire Department participated in Saturday's parade.



Mayor-Elect Clarice Kirby was in Mt. Vernon Christmas parade on Saturday.



Livingston Fire Department drove their truck in the parades on Saturday.



Natalie Owens and the rest of the gang from the Rockcastle Rehab Center in Broadhead waves to the crowd on Saturday.



Mt. Vernon Fire Department was on hand for the parade Saturday.

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No Paper Next Week

Due to the Christmas holiday, the **Mt. Vernon Signal** will not publish next week. Our next issue will be January 2, 2003. The **Signal** office will be closed December 23-27, 2002 and will reopen December 30th

Notice

Due to changes of new office elected the Rockcastle County Sheriff's office will not be collecting tax bills after December 30, 2002. New collection date will be noted in the Mt. Vernon Signal in January 2003.

RCMS Lady Rockets Booster Club

will be hosting the 6th, 7th & 8th grade girls banquet on December 19th at 5 p.m.

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Tired or drags and/or alcohol controlling your life? Come join us at Narcotics Anonymous every Tuesday at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church, located on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon. For more info. call 256-9263.

Alcohol Anonymous

Alcohol Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon. For more info. call 256-2122.

Republican Party Meets

The Republican Party meets the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at Kastle Inn.

Center Hours

Rockcastle County Senior Citizens and Day Health Care Center hours are 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Mon-Fri.

Mission Hours

First Baptist Church Food and Clothing Mission's hours are Mon. & Wed. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Mission is located on 30 Church St., Mt. Vernon.

Bookmobile Schedule

Dec. 23-27: NO SERVICE
Happy Holidays!

Mon., Dec. 30: Hallowfairs!

Disputants, Anglin Falls, Gear Creek, Wildie
Tues., Dec. 31: Buffalo, Old 461, Negro Creek.

Fire Season

Due to increase in fire activity in

Kentucky the Kentucky Division Forestry is now taking applications for fall fire season. Call Co. Ranger 256-5031, Crew Leader 256-9884 or Crew Boss 256-0725.

Clothing Needed

The Rockcastle County Migrant Program is in need of light shirts and jeans to replenish the clothing closet. Please bring your donations to the Migrant Office across from the Rockcastle Central Office at 245 Richmond St. or call 256-2157 for pickup.

Chair Caning

There will be a class on Chair Caning taught at the Extension Office on Fri., Dec. 20. Class is limited. For more details call 256-2403.

Diabetic Support

The Diabetic Support Group will hold their monthly meeting Dec. 16th at 6 p.m. in the basement of the Home Health building. The theme will be celebrating the holidays with low fat and low concentrated sweets. Bring a vegetable salad or dessert.

Gardener Class

Master Gardener Class will be offered locally by the Rockcastle County Extension Office beginning in February. For more information, call the Extension Office at 256-2403. Early January registration is required.

Scrapbooking Class

Free Scrapbooking class will be taught at the Extension Office at 10:00 a.m. on Jan. 17. For more details call 256-2403.

Quilted Purse Class

Jan. 17, 11:00 a.m. learn to make a Quilted Backpack Purse at the Extension Office. For a list of materials and to register call 256-2403.

Seu Turbans

Jan. 21 & 22 you are invited to Seu Turbans for Cancer Patients at the Extension Office. All turbans will be donated to cancer centers. All supplies are provided. Call 256-2403 for more info.