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The City of Mt. Vernon held their annual Christmas Parade last Saturday and it was greeted with great weather and a good crowd. In the photo above is the city's float themed "Blue Lives Matter." Riding on the float, and sharing candy, were family members of officers of the Mt. Vernon Police Department. Also on Saturday, the City of Brodhead held their annual EJ Taylor Christmas Parade. In the bottom photo, Crossroads Assembly of God won for Best Decorated Float. Livingston is planning to have their Christmas Parade this Saturday night at 7 p.m. followed by a Christmas reception at the firehouse, which includes refreshments and a visit by Santa with a gift for the children.



Robbery, warrants, fleeing cause three arrests Thursday

By: Mike French Reporter

Employees of the Mount Vernon IGA store had a lot more excitement than usual last Thursday, November 30th when a man, inside the store, was suspected of stealing some items and a fight started between employees and the suspect.

According to an arrest citation issued by the Mount Vernon Police Department, Officer Adam Stallsworth was called to the store on a complaint of two men fighting. When the officer arrived, a store employee had Jordon McGuire, 21, of Mount Vernon, on the ground holding him down.

The store manager told police he observed McGuire attempting to leave the store with merchandise in his possession that he had not paid for. Two store employees attempted to stop McGuire but both were shoved away by McGuire. One of the employees, Amber Coffey was injured and police said her ankle was "disfigured." She was transported to the Rockcastle Regional Hospital by EMS.

McGuire had in his possession a Nestle strawberry drink and a bag of chicken. The total items were valued at \$5.97.

McGuire was arrested and taken to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was

charged with first degree Robbery. His bond was set at \$20,000 cash or property.

In other local police action, troopers with the Kentucky State Police were attempting to serve a warrant on Tyler Mobley, 24, of Brodhead, at Poplar Ext in Mount Vernon Thursday, November 30.

The uniform citation (See "Arrests" on A7)

Livingston Parade

Don't forget the Livingston Christmas Parade this Saturday, December 9 beginning at 7 p.m. down Main Street.

Anyone who plans to participate in the parade is asked to line up at 6:30 at the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Immediately after the parade, everyone is invited to attend a Christmas Reception at the Livingston Fire House where Santa will be waiting to meet and greet children from "one to 92." Officials also say Santa will have some gifts or treats with him to hand out to the younger visitors.

Mayor Jason Medley said the Livingston Fire Department has been a big help in organizing the event and offering the use of the firehouse afterwards.

Water taste and odor is not harmful to drink

By: Mike French Reporter

Many customers of the Mount Vernon water district have complained recently about a bad taste and a bad odor in the local water. In fact, some have attended city council meetings, called city hall and contacted the

plant complaining.

However, Josh Bray, City Administrator, says the city can explain the taste and odor. "There is one type of algae called Bluegreen algae, that attacks our water source every year at this time," he said. "This algae flourishes in warm, wet weather like we had this summer and it

"This taste and odor are in no way harmful to anyone."

Josh Bray

blooms in our lake."

But it's not actually the algae that residents are tasting and smelling. "We treat the water at our water plant

and kill the algae. The taste and odor is the by-product of our chemicals that killed the algae."

In fact, the city has been

fighting this problem every year about this time since the fall is when Bluegreen Algae grows.

"Nutrients are washed

into our lake and that feeds this algae," said Bray. "There are several places

(See "Water" on A7)

Kirby agrees to take Alford Plea

A former employee of the Rockcastle County Attorney's office has agreed to take an Alford Plea as a resolution to charges against her, originally involving nine counts of attempt abuse of public trust and one count

of theft by unlawful taking under \$500.

The plea resolves the case in which Patty Kirby, 59, of Brodhead was accused of taking cash pay-nine counts of attempt abuse of public trust and one count

(See "Kirby" on A7)

More enter race for May 22nd Primary

By: Mike French Reporter

Wednesday, November 8th was the first day to register as a candidate for an elected office in Rockcastle County.

Candidates may register for the May 22, 2018 Primary election until the last day of January.

The general election will be held Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

There have been some who have filed as candidates for public office since our last publication.

Matt Dees has filed to run for Sheriff.

Michael L. Smith has registered as Magistrate in the Fifth District.

For Constable in District One Teddy W. Rose and Ronald Dale Simpson have added their names to the race.

(See "Election" on A7)

Wildfires rampant in county

By: Mike French Reporter

Local fire departments have been working extra hard the past week, dealing with grass fires and woodland fires in Rockcastle County since the area has

been 12 days without rain.

Officials at most departments say the cause of the extraordinary number of grass fires this year is due to the combination of the recent dry weather and local residents not observing the burn ban.

Brodhead Fire Chief John Dyehouse said his department has been busy fighting fires over the past couple of weeks. Dyehouse also said recent high winds has helped wildfires spread faster.

"Most of our problems

have been people ignoring the burn ban," said Dyehouse. "It would really help if everyone would observe the burn ban and never burn within 150 feet of woods and don't burn

(See "Fires" on A7)



The Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to this grass fire on Little Clear Creek Road Monday evening. Upon arrival, it was discovered a quickly moving woods fire had also developed. Assisting on the scene was the Brodhead Fire Department. Firefighters were able to drastically slow the fire while protecting multiple structures that were along Little Clear Creek and Fairview Loop. The Kentucky Division of Forestry also assisted on the scene and deployed a hand crew and a bulldozer to help contain the fire. The cause of the fire was determined to be illegal garbage burning. In Kentucky, it is illegal to burn any material other than natural brush and lumber. (Photo courtesy of BRVFD).

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

Had a really good birthday celebration last week. The children decided we should mark the occasion with a trip, for both mine and Jamie's birthday, to Painting With a Twist in Lexington.

This was a new experience for me since I realized many years ago that I couldn't draw a recognizable stick figure. However, the children assured me that there would be plenty of help by instructors and I would be fine - note to children, I wasn't.

It was fun and I have to give kudos to son, Travis and grandsons, Aaron, Alec and Bryce all for being brave enough to attend knowing they would be the only males in a mainly female group. They seemed to enjoy it and their paintings turned out much better than

mine. I only managed to nail Paige once with my brush, leaving paint on a shirt sleeve, after we were told by the instructor at the beginning that the paint would not come out of clothes. So, now, Paige has some "paint clothes" compliments of me. You're welcome Paige.

I would actually prefer that my birthdays be a little less public. Don't get me wrong, I appreciate everyone I get to celebrate but sometimes the occasional "Gosh, you're older than dirt," look by acquaintances is a little off-putting.

I am sitting here, on Tuesday, writing this and dreading the forecast "winter weather." I have enjoyed our mild weather so far and only wish I could avoid the

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Points East

By Ike Adams



I'm wondering how many of you readers remember, from your elementary school days, a publication called The Weekly Reader? It was a publication that teachers subscribed to, shared with students, and was geared to specific grade levels from kindergarten through 6th grade.

Blair Branch Grade School only had one teacher per 3 grade levels for grades 3 through 8. First and second grade had 1 teacher, grades 3 through 5 had a single teacher as did grades 6 through 8. The building had three rooms for all 8 grades. Our teachers had individual subscriptions for each grade level.

I assume the school board covered the costs of the subscriptions or maybe we students peddled candy bars door to door to raise the funds, but I'm reasonably sure the little magazine came every week and we students took turns reading it while our teacher was busy doing lessons to one of the other classes in our room. It was entertaining to those of us who loved to read and educational in that it gave us glimpses of what life was like in other parts of the country and the world.

The thing I remember most specifically about The Weekly Reader is that it allowed students to participate in both presidential elections that occurred during my grade school days. The first mock election took place in 1956 when Eisenhower polled around 70 votes and Stevenson, 0 at Blair Branch. Even though the magazine had no edition for seventh and eighth graders, I believe those grades were allowed to participate in the mock elections.

In 1960 Nixon received the vast majority of the votes but JFK received a scant few despite the anti-catholic bias that pervaded Blair Branch and the fact that a lot of its residents claimed that the devil was a democrat. I know at least three people still living there who still make that bigoted claim. But my family and few others subscribed to Life and Look magazines that were replete with photographs of "Jackie" Kennedy. I am one of the few students who voted for JFK simply because I thought she was the most beautiful woman in the world at that time. Thank the Lord for secret ballots and rest assured that I never told my parents or my teacher about my "treachery". I suspect that the other 3 or 4 students who voted JFK will take that secret to their graves and I'm only confessing now because my parents are long deceased.

Anyway, after the election was over, our teachers mailed the results back to the magazine publishing company where they were tabulated with those of thousands of other schools

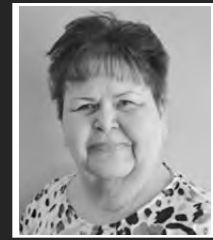
across the country. I don't recall who won the 12 year olds and under national vote in 1956, but I do recall being secretly pleased with myself when JFK defeated Nixon.

Wikipedia, the internet encyclopedia, says that Weekly Reader mock elections have correctly predicted the outcomes of the

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Water, Water Everywhere

Dear Journal, There's water, water everywhere but it seems there is not a drop fit to drink...at least out of the local lake. There is water in the creeks, river, ponds and even old rain barrels under the drip of the drain pipe and it probably tastes like water. However, the water in the lake is another story.

I don't really know what to compare the lake water to...maybe a blend of sewer water and swamp water. I do remember the first time I tasted it and thought I'd been poisoned.

It seems the water problem is ongoing. I first tasted it about 2004, not long after I moved here in 2003. It improves for a few weeks or months and you think it has been resolved. Just about then, it is back with a vengeance.

Here in southern Rockcastle County, there is not a water problem, thankfully. The southern portion where we live is served by the Wood Creek Lake in Laurel County. The water tastes fine and there isn't even an odor to it.

I've noticed that the areas served by Lake Linville water has a distinctive sickening odor. You'll forget about the problem, then, all of a sudden, you'll turn on the faucet and that odor will come up and hit you square



Tupperware Recollections
When my wife and I joined my brother Al and his wife, Eva, along with the rest of the family for Thanksgiving, I noticed that Eva had several Tupperware containers holding some of her dishes. Seeing those plastic food containers, reminded me of my grandmother, Mommie Katie. I

think she had every different style of Tupperware known to mankind.

The "burping seal" form of containers produced by Tupperware was first introduced to the general population in 1948. The idea belonged to a man by the name of Earl Tupper. In 1942, his idea caught on because, at that particular time, there was an increased interest in hygiene and food storage. Up until then, most women used aluminum foil to cover dishes that were placed into the refrigerator for use at a later time.

Mommie Katie had almost every shape and color in her Tupperware collection. Some were used exclusively for a particular dish that she prepared. For example, I know that there was one container which was only used to serve and store deviled eggs. Another container was designed to hold an entire loaf of bread.

The bulk of Mommie's hoard featured the "Wonder Bowl" design with its burping seal. Like many others, she had various sizes and colors. In her refrigerator, one could often find multiple stacks of these bowls - especially after a celebration dinner or a holiday.

Mommie also owned several of the almost transparent, rectangular, flat boxes. Those containers usually held bacon, sliced meat, or tomatoes - or during some occasions, they held her special chocolate chip cookies. She also had a collection of those colorful "Bell Tumblers," which Mommie used for juice glasses at her wonderful breakfasts. (My wife still has a small set of them today.)

One other Tupperware product that will always be a positive memory for me was called the Shape-O Toy. It was a colored, hard-plastic, ball-shaped toy, smaller than a soccer ball. Ten differently shaped openings were cut into its hard surface. Inside the ball

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



I have a core set of values. I was raised with a certain set of them. However, I don't believe what I believe because I was raised that way.

My raising provided me with information and an inside view of those beliefs. Then, as I grew into an adult (still arguable that I ever grew into an adult), I took those values that I was taught and investigated them thoroughly. Then I investigated the opposing views and some tangent views surrounding each topic.

It's from those investigations that I have my core belief system. There was no choice to it. I never chose a side and believed that way because I was supposed to believe that way. Instead, once I learned about the subject, I believed what I believed.

There is no switch on my back that I can flip and suddenly believe that way. I know how my dad wanted me to believe when it comes to politics and social issues and religion such as the death penalty, abortion, once saved always saved, govern-

ment, taxes, gays, keeping your word and all the other issues people face every day.

A few things I disagreed with him about and he would get very angry at me and point out that he "raised me better than that." In fact, he and mom did indeed raise me better than that. They raised me to look into a subject and process that information and then decide how I believed.

First and foremost was religion. Knowing our country was founded on Christian principles, I did a lot of reading about the subject. I read the Bible six times because everytime I read it, I got a different meaning in certain areas. But I also read other holy books that were not Christian. I read a lot about a group of people who believe cows rule the universe and other books that suggest certain planets created everything. I even read one book that explained to me that my ancestor was a glob of goo

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The next meetings will be at the Rockcastle County Emergency Operation Center, located at 755 Progress Dr., Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 at 12:00 p.m. 12/21/2017.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

HONEY CARROTS
 1 bag (1 pound) baby carrots
 2 tablespoons honey
 2 teaspoons cider vinegar
 1 and 1/2 teaspoons olive oil
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 Toss together all ingredients in a microwave-safe bowl.
 Cover and microwave on HIGH 6 to 7 minutes or desired doneness.
Pickled Dill Carrots
 7 medium carrots, sliced 1/4 inch thick
 4 sprigs dill
 3/4 cup white wine vinegar
 3/4 cups water
 1/3 cup sugar
 2 and 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
 1 teaspoon dill seeds
 1/4 coarsely ground pepper

let cool completely. Cover and refrigerate overnight or up to 1 week.

CARROT BREAD

1 and 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 2 teaspoons baking powder
 2 teaspoons cinnamon
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1 cup vegetable oil
 1 and 1/2 cups brown sugar
 3 eggs
 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
 1/2 cup canned chunk pineapple, drained
 1/2 cup raisins
 1 cup finely shredded carrot. Preheat oven to 350°. Grease and flour loaf pan. In a medium bowl, combine flour, baking soda, baking powder, cinnamon and salt and mix well. In a separate bowl, whisk together oil, brown sugar and eggs, pour into flour mixture and stir well (batter will be chunky). Stir in walnuts, pineapple, raisins and carrots. Pour batter into prepared pan and bake 40 minutes or until lightly browned.

Combine the vinegar, water, the sugar, salt, dill seeds, and pepper in a medium saucepan; bring to a boil. Pour the hot brine over the carrots in the jar and

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Wednesday, Dec. 13th: Maple Grove, Orlando and Climax.

KRP Meeting December 12th

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees (KPR) will meet Tuesday, December 12th at The Golden Corral Restaurant (next to Wal-Mart) in London. Mealtime will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow. Guest speaker will be Jerry Powell, the CERS representative for the Kentucky Retirement Systems Board of Trustees. Any retiree (and spouse) receiving retirement benefits from KERS, CERS or SPRS is welcome to attend. Membership information will be available at the meeting or on the website (kentuckypublicretirees.org). For more information, call 606-260-0490.

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

The Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce meets once a month, on the third Tuesday, at noon at Limestone Grille. All members are encouraged to attend.

VFW Post Item

VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all members and is also looking for new and associate members. New hours are: Wed. - Sat., 5 p.m. to ? Call 606-386-1490 for more information.

Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings

*Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Located in the Community Outreach Center (next to Fairgrounds), every Monday, 6 to 8 p.m. 606-308-3368 or 606-308-3099.

*Celebrate Recovery-Northside Baptist every Tuesday, 6 to 8 p.m. 606-256-5577.

*Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies. Northside Baptist, Wednesday at 7 p.m. 606-256-5577.

*Broken Chains Bible Study at Cruisers Motorcycle Sales on Hwy. 25 North, 4 miles north of Mt. Vernon every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. 859-302-2431.

*Celebrate Recovery-Livingston at Livingston School cafeteria. Friday, 6 to 8 p.m. 859-314-7828.

DAR Meetings

The Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meets the first Monday of each month, September-May at 6 p.m. at First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon. All prospective members are welcome to attend.

Brodhead Lodge Meeting

The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #566 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.

Kiwanis Club Meetings

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Limestone Grill. Everyone is invited.

Historical Society Hours

The Rockcastle Historical Society is open on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the RTEC garage building.

American Legion Post 71

American Legion Post 71 meets the second Thursday at 6 p.m. of each month at the Limestone Grill. Commander Rick Bobo (308-2271) invites all Rockcastle veterans to join this organization that honors American soldiers, sailors and airmen.



Hikers cover over 350 miles

Over 100 hikers from all over the world gathered at Livingston to celebrate this year's hiking class challenge. Special awards were given to all participants who completed hiking the Sheltowee from end to end over 350 miles that spans from Oneida, TN to Morehead.

"Ramblings"

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season entirely. The holidays are nice although I do very little to celebrate them these days. I do enjoy our week off at the end of December. Oh, who am I kidding, with my work week of approximately 20 hours I'm not exhausted by any means.

This has been a hard column to write this week. I usually try to segue into a tirade about the state of our nation but, frankly, I am so worn out with all the allegations of impropriety, skulduggery and general chaos coming out of our nation's capital that I am just about ready to throw in the towel.

I have just about decided that there is nothing I, personally, can do about anything except vote my conscience and hope for the best. After all, I'm now 76. How much longer will I have the energy or mental faculties to concern myself with what I fear, at times, is the last days of our nation as it was founded.

If that dreary statement doesn't put a damper on your holiday spirit then you are truly blessed and I applaud you.

"Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

There were ten plastic shapes which matched the holes on the surface. The toy was designed to teach children both shape and color - as well as honing dexterity by putting the right form into its corresponding hole.

I will never forget how my son Andy loved to demonstrate how quickly he could put the toys back into the container. One Saturday afternoon, he showed the toy to several of my coaching friends, who had come to watch a college football game. Later, when Andy had left the scene for an afternoon nap, I noticed that some of the coaches were sitting in a circle on the floor betting on how fast they could put the shapes back into the ball. I kid you not.

That same toy was, of

course, passed down to my younger son, Todd. My wife treasures her memories of the two of them playing with it when he was just a toddler and how he would squeal with delight at his own success.

So, I guess you could say that Tupperware has played a rather significant part of most of my life. Therefore, I will use this opportunity to issue forth a hearty "Thank you, Mr. Earl!" for enhancing the quality of our lives with the likes of Tupperware products. Who knew?

(You can reach me at themtnman@att.net or you can drop me a line at 2167 Furnace Road - Stanton, KY 40380. I appreciate your comments and suggestions.)

"Aces"

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that floated up out of the ocean and decided to be a monkey. And millions of people believe it.

If you can convince people of that, then there is no limits to human stupidity.

Once a person studies up on a subject, discovers what others believe and weighs the evidence, there is no decision to be made. You either believe something or you don't. There are some things that I wish I believed because my life would be much easier if I did. But I can't just decide to believe it. Either I do, or I don't.

I can claim to believe something all day long, like many do in churches when they raise their hand and shout in public for the recognition. I can swear to believe something. I can tell myself I believe it. But, none of that changes the fact that I either do, or I don't.

I wonder how many beliefs are completely because a person was raised that way. It has to happen a lot. Billions of people believe what they believe only because they were raised that way. If not, entire countries of the world would not believe in the same God while other entire countries believe in a completely different God,

It's by no means a coincidence that 90 percent of a population believes in the same God while 90 percent of another country believes that country is going to Hell and believe in a separate God. They are not all correct.

Some people believe once a person is saved, they are always saved no matter how much backsliding they do. Others believe one can be saved and then back sliding can cause them to be lost again.

Some believe abortion is murder of innocent children. Others believe an unborn child has no rights and the mother is doing nothing wrong by terminating the pregnancy.

Some believe being gay is a choice and an abomination to God while others believe they are born that way and there is nothing wrong with being gay.

Some believe making guns illegal will stop murders and the Second Amendment is outdated. Other believe it is every American's right to carry a gun to protect themselves and their family.

These are just a very few examples but they are very important issues with completely opposite beliefs. Both sides cannot be right. Beyond all doubt, at least one side is completely wrong on each issue

I wish people would research a subject before deciding what side of the fence to land on and not simply support a way because their daddy did.

Daddys used to support the idea that the world is flat. Let's all try to make educated decisions. Be well-informed on any given subject before deciding to protest a subject that you know nothing about except that your grandmother hated it.

I believe what I believe and I am certain that I am

right. I guess one would call that "set in my ways." and I am always open to new information. But I can't help what I believe. It wasn't a choice.

"Points East"

(Continued from A-2)

real presidential elections 13 out of 14 times. The lone exception was 1992 when elementary school students cast slightly more votes for George W. Bush than they did for Bill Clinton. I don't believe they did a mock election in 2016 because the print publication shut down in 2012 when it merged with a periodical called Scholastic News.

I'm not sure if my kids were exposed to The Weekly Reader when they were in school and as I sit here writing this column, already past deadline, there's no way of finding out because they would be upset if Dad called them at work for anything short of a dire emergency and even then they would want to know why it couldn't have waited until they got home.

Loretta says that she remembers the magazine well from her days at Kingston Grade School (Madison County) in the 1950s. I'm simply wondering whether or not other folks remember The Weekly Reader and enjoyed it as much as we did. This is nothing more than idle curiosity but I would appreciate your dropping me an email to ikeadams@aol.com if you have such memories. There's no sense trying to call me because Mr. Parkinson rarely allows me to have a phone conversation. Email is about the only way I can communicate unless we're standing face to face and even then you'd have to put up with "what? Would you say that again." Please believe me, it's more aggravating and embarrassing to me than it is to you.

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Karen Kay King

Karen Kay King, 64, of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at home surrounded by family and friends. She was born July 10, 1953 in Cincinnati, OH, a daughter of the late Leroy Mason Brown and Virginia Faye Cash Brown. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon, and the Kiwanis Club. She had previously served the City of Mt. Vernon as Mayor. She will best be remembered as a having her own tax accounting business where she assisted many people. She found great joy in gardening, reading and games.



Those left to celebrate her life are: her children, David Lynn King II and his wife, Wendy Michelle of Mt. Vernon, and Talona King Rogers and her husband, Kevin of Richmond, VA; her grandchildren, Carson David King, Addalyn Elizabeth King, Beckett Rogers, Paxtyn Rogers, Knox Rogers and Mercy Rogers; her brothers, Michael Mason Brown and wife, Patricia of Brodhead and Gregory Allen Brown and wife, Nicole Lynn of Russell Springs; her sister, Sharon Faye Brown of Brodhead; and special friends, Holly and Mick McGuire and Precia Bowling.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 1, 2017 at the First Baptist Church with Bro. Kevin Rogers officiating.

A private family memorial service will be held at a later date.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hospice Care Plus, 208 Kidd Dr. Berea, KY. 40403.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Pauline Shepherd

Pauline Shepherd, 82, of Livingston, died Friday, December 1, 2017 at her home surrounded by family. She was born December 24, 1934 in Piney Branch, to the late John Earl and Kitty (Smith) Sams. On February 23, 1952, she was united in holy matrimony to Roy Shepherd and from that union came Orville, Elaine, Jennie, John and Kitty. She had retired from the Wal-Mart in Berea with 15 years of service as a sales associate. She had attended the Pine Hill Holiness church and very much loved her family and tending to her flowers.



Those left to celebrate her life are: her children, Orville (Martha) Shepherd of Livingston, Elaine (Marty) Mullins of Mt. Vernon, Jennie Martin of Renfro Valley and John (Nikki) Shepherd of Winfield, TN; grandchildren, Jessica Shepherd, Jay Shepherd, Nicole Nicely, Kimberly Gibson, Jamie Phillips, Tawana Collins, Tori Smith, Samuel Martin, Daniel Martin, Sarah Smith, Abby Shepherd, Alivia Shepherd and Landyn Shepherd; 19 great grandchildren; brothers, Wade Sams, Charlie (Sadie) Sams and Vernon (Pam) Sams, all of Richmond, IN; sisters, Janet Miller of Jackson, Cora Gray and Joyce Tipton (Jesse), both of Richmond, IN; as well as many nieces and nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Roy Shepherd; daughter, Kitty Phillips; grandson, Stacey Mullins; and brother, Buster Sams.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Allen Hensley officiating. Burial followed in the Sams Cemetery in Livingston.

Casketbearers were: Blaine Collins, Trevis Gibson, Daniel Martin, Billy Mason, John Shepherd, Orville Shepherd, Ryan Roberts and Marty Mullins.

Honorary casketbearers were: Doug Smith, Samuel Martin, Jamie Phillips and Willie Martin.

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Ernestine "Tina" Wolfe

Ernestine "Tina" Fisher Ponder Wolfe, 89, of Berea, died Saturday, December 2, 2017 at the Berea Health & Rehab Center following an illness. She was a Haldeman native (Rowan County) born May 29, 1928, daughter of the late Ernest and Myrtle Hamm Fisher, homemaker, former secretary, loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother, and attended the Church of God. She was a resident of Dayton, OH until 1969, and a resident of Livingston until 1992 when she moved to Berea.



Survivors include: her daughter, Marsha (Jim) Jones; son, Larry (Rebecca) Ponder; granddaughters, Jamie (Jim) Kiefer, Nichole (Chad) Lashmett, Amy Crutcher and Kari Adams; great grandchildren, Riley, A.J., Ben and Jacob; and step daughter, Gail (James) Cope. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Fred Ponder, Jr.; second husband, Burl Wolfe; son, Terry Ponder; and brother and sister-in-law, Murvel and Mary Fisher.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at Reppert Funeral Home with Bro. Jack Martin officiating. Burial was in Red Hill Cemetery in Rockcastle County.

www.reppertfuneralhome.com

George A. Poynter

George A. Poynter, 78, of Richmond, died Thursday, November 30, 2017 at the Baptist Health Hospital in Lexington. He was born in the Boone community of Rockcastle County on May 16, 1939 to the late Laney and Agnes Lambert Poynter. He was a self-employed dental technician. He enjoyed spending time in his garden raising vegetables but he also loved to sow the seeds of love and generosity to everyone who came into his life. He was a member of the Fairview Baptist Church of Conway and the Calvary Baptist Church in Richmond.

Survivors include: his wife of 53 years, Wilma J. Poynter; one son, Mark (Julia) Poynter; one daughter, Sharon Poynter (Denise Shook); two brothers, Russell Poynter and David (Shirley) Poynter; two grandchildren, Kellis Poynter and Spencer Poynter; as well as a host of extended family and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: seven brothers, Warren, Marion, Robert, Delbert, Laney Jr., and Donald Poynter, and Clay Osborne; and a special mother-in-law, Agnes Good.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 5, 2017, at the Combs, Parsons & Collins Funeral Home with Bro. Bobby Greene and Rev. Vaughn Rasor officiating. Burial was in the Richmond Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Mr. Poynter are suggested to the Madison County Humane Society, PO Box 2094, Richmond, KY 40476.

Ada Mae Roberts

Ada Mae Roberts, 86, of Brodhead, died Friday, December 1, 2017 at the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was born December 30, 1930 in Rockcastle County, to Thomas Green and Anna Mae Barnett Roberts. She was a homemaker and a member of Union Chapel Holiness Church.



She is survived by: her brother, Robert "Rob" Roberts of Mt. Vernon. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: four brothers, Bill, Ebb, Ern and Wayne Roberts and four sisters, Bertha Southard, Hazel Whitaker, Juanita Lunsford and Edith Lunsford.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 4, 2017 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Troy Roberts and Bro. Billy Southard. Burial followed in the Roberts Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Anthony Roberts, Timothy Roberts, Gary Whitaker, Tommy Lunsford, Jason Roberts and Mark Lunsford.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.

An encouraging word:

A Reliable Guiding Force

By Howard Coop



After arising one mid-December morning, I quickly noted that it had turned cold, much colder, during the night, but the grass on the lawn was still green. By noon, it was white, and a short time after the quick freeze, it was brown. What a change!

Observing that unexpected change in the pattern of the weather, I remembered that change in life is more than a weather-related phenomenon. Nothing stays the same. Change is everywhere, and it is in everything. What is at the moment doesn't necessarily remain. In life, things may, and often do, change rapidly. What was yesterday may not be today, and what is today may not be tomorrow. In 1847, Henry F. Lyte got it right when he wrote, "Change...in all I see." Sometimes change is hardly noticeable, and it has little significance, but it is still there. At other times, it is enormous and dramatically noticeable; you can't miss it. Such change has a tremendous impact on almost everyone and everything.

Change can, and often

does, come rapidly and unexpectedly. I know, for I have experienced it. I will never forget Sunday, November 21, 1996. That was a beautiful day, and that Sunday I did what I wanted to do and enjoyed it immensely. At the end of that pleasant day, I went to bed early expecting a good night of rest that would bring renewed energy for the work of the new week that was ahead, but in about an hour, I was in the hospital where I was diagnosed with a heart attack that led, on Friday, November 26, to quintuple by-pass surgery. Now, that's rapid, and unexpected, change that impacts life and, forever, makes everything different.

About two thousand years ago in a world of change, some Wise Men from the East followed a star to Bethlehem in Judea where they knelt before a baby who had been born in a cattle stall. There they found a reliable guiding force to direct them in a ever-changing world. Since that moment, countless others have made the same discovery.



Let the Bible Speak

Tune in to "Let the Bible Speak," with Brett Hickey, on Sunday mornings at 6:30 a.m. on LEX18.

First Christian Christmas Events

First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon invites everyone to their Christmas events on December 17th. At 11 a.m., the choir will present "Glorious Song, Marvelous Light" a Christmas Celebration.

That evening, at 6 o'clock, the annual youth Christmas program will be presented.

For more information, or a ride, call 256-2876.

Special Service

On Friday, December 8th, at 7 p.m., Berea Gospel Tabernacle will have a special service with Bro. Randal Adams speaking.

Ralph Chasteen and congregation invite everyone.

Gospel Singing

Red Hill Baptist Church at Livingston will have a Gospel Singing on Saturday, December 9th at 6 p.m. featuring The Murphy's, along with our wonderful local gospel singers.

Come and enjoy heart-warming gospel music.

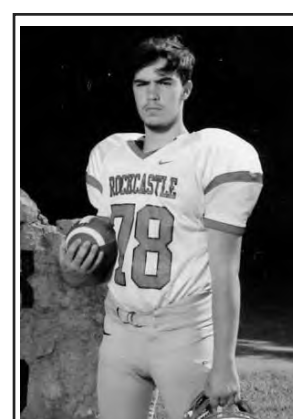
Singing

Mt. Vernon Church of God will have a Singing on Sunday, December 10th, beginning at 10 a.m. Featured singers will be The Massey Family from Glasgow.

Pastor Bobby Owens and congregation invite all to attend.

Philadelphia United Baptist Church

- Sunday School - 10 a.m.
- Worship Service at 11 a.m.
- Sunday night Service - 6 p.m.
- Wednesday Bible Study at 7 p.m.
- Church service at the Brodhead nursing home the first Sunday of each month.
- Church Singing every fourth Sunday at 6 p.m. Come out to sing or be with us. Everyone welcome.



Happy 17th Birthday Dylan Blake Bullock We love you! Your Family

Ponder recognized by Hospice Care Plus at annual dinner

Several individuals, groups, and businesses were honored November 16 at Hospice Care Plus's annual dinner, held in November to celebrate National Hospice Month.

Rockcastle County's Jennifer Masters Ponder was the winner of one of five employee awards. Ponder was presented

with the Directors' Award, given to employees who have a long-term commitment to the organization and are strong advocates for hospice care.

Also winning awards were Denise Sparks, admission nurse, who took home the Aspire Award for new employees; Sally Iseral, chaplain,

who earned the Compassion in Action Award; and Teresa Turner, nurse practitioner, who was presented with the Excellence in Care Award. The Synergy Award, intended for teams, was won by the team caring for hospice patients in nursing home settings, including the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Cen-

ter.

Hospice Care Plus also presented its community Above and Beyond Awards during the Nov. 16 dinner. This year's winners were the Baptist Health Lexington Palliative Care Program, Beattyville Christian Church, the ECU Student Alumni Ambassadors Program, and Peytown Baptist Church. These awards are presented to businesses, groups or churches that, for at least two years, have gone to great lengths to support the Hospice Care Plus mission.

Hospice Care Plus is a non-profit organization providing home hospice and palliative care to Rockcastle and five additional counties. The organization also owns and operates the Compassionate Care Center for inpatient hospice care. To learn more about Hospice Care Plus, visit hospicecareplus.org.



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Forgiveness

Jesus' parable of "The Prodigal Son" is recorded in Luke 15:11-32. This parable of Jesus is often used by ministers to show spiritual forgiveness. Most Christians have read the story many times. The father in the parable is a great example of a forgiving spirit.

The Word of God presents certain principles of forgiveness in this parable that we can learn and practice in our everyday lives. The younger son was thinking of only 'self' when in verse 12 he demanded of his father, "Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me". The younger son represents all today who have not yet obeyed the gospel of Christ. In order for one to obey the gospel, there must be a death of self.

The younger son wasted all his goods, then lost all his friends. Luke 15:14 says 'he began to be in want'. He would have starved to death, but got a job feeding the swine and 'ate the husks that the swine did eat'. The most important lesson of the parable is in verse 17 'and he came to himself'. He remembered his father's servants have bread to spare, and 'I perish'. He ask his father to return as a servant.

This is an example of true repentance. The lost son took action, left the pigpen and returned home. In taking these steps he was able to receive the father's forgiveness. We must remember the conditions of forgiveness. Repentance and obedience to the gospel are conditions of forgiveness. Christians should welcome the forgiven one back into the fold (verse 22-24).

Come visit us at the Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ.

This was submitted by...

• Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ •

Sundays @ 10 a.m. & Wednesdays @ 7 p.m. • Everyone Welcome
Bro. Ova Baker 606-878-8104 • Bro. Dale McNew 859-582-4021

Church is located 2 Miles South of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 25

Church Directory

Believers House of Prayer

156 Scenic View Lane
U.S. 25 N, left at 18 mile marker
Renfro Valley, Ky.
Sabbath School Sat. 10-11 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bill Davis
bhop@gmail.com

Berea Gospel Tabernacle

231 US 25 South
Berea, KY
Tuesday Night 7 p.m.
Sunday Night 6 p.m.
Bible Baptist Church
100 Higher Ground (off US 25)
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Church Phone 606-256-5913
e-mail: www.biblebaptist.org
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship/Children's
Church 11 a.m.
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Video services Tues., Thurs., &
Sat. at 11 a.m., 4 p.m. & 9 p.m.
Channel 3 - New Wave
Cable Channel 5 in Berea and
Richmond 1 p.m. Wednesdays
Pastor: Travis Gilbert
Associate Pastor/Youth:
Bro. Jeremy Ellis
Secretary: Jo Roberts
Music Director: Dan Dull

Blue Springs Church of Christ

7 miles south of Mt. Vernon on
Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Rd)
Services:
Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Preaching Brethren
Gary Reppert, Doug Hawkins
Marcus Reppert
Contact Info:
Marcus Reppert
199 E. Fork Skaggs Rd.
Mt. Vernon, Ky.
606-308-2794
marcusreppert24@hotmail.com

Brodhead Baptist Church

Corner of Silver & Maple St.
Brodhead, Ky. 40409
606-758-8316
Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. &
7 p.m.
(Nursery Provided)
Sunday Youth Bible Study
5 p.m.
Wednesday Adult & Youth
Worship/Bible Study 7 p.m.
Children's Programs:
RAs & GAs
Mission Friends and
Creative Ministry
Ralph Baker, Pastor
Brodhead Christian
Church
237 W. Main St. Brodhead
606-758-8721
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Tracy Valentine, Preacher
606-758-8662
Cell 606-305-8980

Brodhead Church of God

Hwy. 3245 • Brodhead
758-8216
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday evening 7 p.m.
Terry Orcutt, Pastor

Brush Creek Holiness Church

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.
Lonnie R. McGuire,
Pastor

Buffalo Baptist Church

Located 15 miles south of
Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249
(Sand Springs Rd.)
606-256-4988
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:15 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Tim Owens, Pastor
Calloway Baptist Church
76 Calloway Branch Rd.
(Off US 25) • Calloway
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.
George Renner, Pastor
606-224-4641

Central Baptist Church

86 Maintenance Rd.
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
606-256-2988
centralbaptistky.org
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning 11 a.m.
Bus Sunday School 5 p.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
"Central Time" Radio
Broadcast
WRVK: M-F 11:15 a.m.
WOPW: M-F 9:15 a.m.
Transportation and Nursery
provided for all services
Home of Well of Pure Water
Radio - 93.3 FM
Mark Eaton, Pastor
Church of Christ at
Chestnut Ridge
2 miles south of Mt. Vernon
Turn left off US Hwy 25
Sundays 10:00 a.m.
Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.
Bro. Ova Baker
Bro. Dale McNew
Bro. Philip Scott
Church of Christ on
Fairground Hill
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Different speaker each
Sunday
Clear Creek Baptist
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

Climax Christian Church

Hwy. 1912
308-2806 - 256-4138 - 256-5977
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Climax Holiness Church

Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.
Thursday Nights 7 p.m.
3rd Sat. of every month at
7 p.m.
Community Worship
Church of God
758 Hwy. 3245 • Crab Orchard
Worship Service
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Conway Missionary
Baptist
116 Meadow Lark Lane
Berea, KY 40403
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship
11 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship

6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service and
Bible Study 7 p.m.
Youth Meetings:
Sunday 5 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Bobby Turner, Pastor
606-758-4007
Crab Orchard Pentecostal
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Tuesday Evening 7 p.m.
Pastor: Donald King
606-355-7595
Crossroads
Assembly of God
Hwy. 150 • Brodhead
Bro. Steven Vanhook, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship
6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.
Cupps Chapel Holiness
Copper Creek Rd.,
Brodhead
Sunday 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Thursday Evening 7 p.m.
Pastor: Dewayne Carpenter
Dixie Park Cornerstone
700 N. Powell St. Berea, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service
6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Joe Vanwinkle, Pastor
Fairground Hill
Community Holiness
Church
Sunday Evening Service
6 p.m.
Thursday Service 7 p.m.
Robert Miller, Pastor
Fairview Baptist Church
520 Fairview Loop Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday Services
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Choir 6 p.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.
Sunday Adult Choir 8 p.m.
Wednesday Services
Creative Ministry 6 p.m.
Bible Study 7 p.m.
Youth Ministry QUEST 7 p.m.
RAs and GAs 7 p.m.
Mission Friends 6 p.m.
Vaughn Razor, Pastor
606-256-3722
email: fairviewbapt@aol.com

Faith Chapel Pentecostal

S. Wilderness Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.
Jack Carpenter, Pastor
First Baptist Church
340 West Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 606-256-2922
Jesse Wright,
Assoc. Pastor/Youth
website: www.fbcmtv.org
email: fbcmtv@newwave.net
Sunday Services: 8:20 a.m.,
10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Wednesdays: AWANA and
Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Live Broadcast WRVK 1460AM
Sundays at 11 a.m.
Broadcast on New Wave Cable
Channel 3 Tues., Thurs. & Sun-
day at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. & 8 p.m.

First Christian Church

West Main St. Mt. Vernon
606-256-2876
Bro. Bruce Ross, Pastor
Bro. Josh Haines,
Youth/Family Minister
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship
11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Flat Rock Missionary
Baptist
504 Maple Grove Rd. Hwy. 1004
Orlando, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Fellowship Hour 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Freedom Baptist Church

Freedom School Rd.
Mt. Vernon
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Discipleship Training 6 p.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.

Wedge Evening Prayer Meeting & Youth/Children Classes

7 p.m.
www.freedomsbc.com
606-256-2968
Hickory Grove
Pentecostal Church
Hwy. 1505 (6 miles from Brodhead)
Brodhead, Ky.
Randal Adams, Pastor
Youth Pastor, Scott Adams
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wed. Evening 7 p.m.
Lighthouse Assembly of
God
Hwy. 1004 • Orlando, Ky.
Tim Hampton, Pastor
606-256-4884 • 606308-2342
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship
11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Tues. Night Intercessory Prayer
7 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study
7 p.m.
Little Country Church
Jarber Rd.
Turn left off Rev. Green Loop
onto Jarber Rd.
Jack Weaver, Pastor
Sunday 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Livingston Baptist
Worship Service 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Gary Parker, Pastor
Livingston Christian
Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Arthur Hunt, Minister
Livingston Pentecostal
Holiness Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Jim Miller, Pastor
606-256-1709
Living Word
Community Church
"About our Father's Business"
246 Sycamore St. • Brodhead
Sunday School 11 a.m.
Sunday Worship Noon
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Joe Bussell, Jr., Pastor
606-308-4312

Macedonia Baptist

6567 Scaffold Cane Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Maple Grove Baptist
Hwy. 1004 (Big Cave Road)
Orlando, Ky. • 606-256-1873
Bro. Jerry Owens, Pastor
Home Phone 606-256-3075
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship
11 a.m.
WRVK Broadcast 2 p.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Maretburg Baptist
Church
2617 New Brodhead Rd.
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
Wayne Harding, Pastor
Phone: 256-8844
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sun. Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Sun. Discipleship Training/
Sunday Youth Missions
6 p.m.
Sunday Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
www.maretburgbaptist.org
maretburgchurch@yahoo.com
McNew Chapel
Baptist
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Jerry Ballinger, Pastor
Mt. Vernon
Church of God
1025 W Main St.
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Bobby Owens, Pastor
859-986-1317

Mt. Vernon Church of the Nazarene

40 Fair Street • Mt. Vernon
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
David Smith, Pastor
Mt. Zion Baptist Church
606-308-3293
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.
New Heights Church
316 Mini Mall Dr.
(off Richmond Rd., US 25 N)
Berea, Ky.
www.newheightsky.net
Sundays 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Worship & Children's Church
Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.
Midweek Gathering for all
ages; prayer & Bible study,
youth worship, and
Children in Action
Jon Burdette, Lead Pastor
Steve McDaniel,
Worship Leader
New Hope Baptist
Church
Jct. 1797 New Hope Tower Rd.
Orlando
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Bro. David Carpenter, Pastor
Northside Baptist Church
777 Faith Mountain Rd.
(Off 461 bypass) Mt. Vernon
606-256-5577
Kenny Allen, Pastor
Sunday
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.
Tuesday
Celebrate Recovery 7 to 9
Wednesday
Adult & Youth Worship 7 p.m.
Time Warner Cable
Tues., Thurs., Sun.
9 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m.

Ottawa Baptist Church

1074 Ottawa Rd. • Brodhead
Pastor: Bro. Michael Hail
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.
Sunday Discipleship
Training 5 p.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Services
Service 7 p.m.
758-8453
ottawabaptist@windstream.net
Our Lady of Mt. Vernon
Catholic Church
515 Williams St (across from MVES)
Mount Vernon, Ky.
606-256-4170
Mass Times:
Tuesdays at 5 p.m.
Sabbath Mass: Sat., 5 p.m.
Holy Days 5 p.m.
Fr. Michael Flanagan, Pastor
Sister Joyce Moeller,
Pastoral Associate
Jack Lawless, Groundskeeper
Tom Darst, Maintenance
Philadelphia United
Baptist
834 Bryant Ridge Rd. Brodhead
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.
Gordon Mink, Pastor
606-308-5368
Pine Hill Holiness
5216 S. Wilderness Rd.
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sun. Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Thursday Night Worship
7:00 p.m.
Pine Hill Missionary
Baptist Church
81 Limeplant Hollow Road
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456
Bro. Clyde Miller, Pastor
859-986-1579
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship
6:00 p.m.

Prayer Partners Ladies Meeting

monthly every 2nd Tues. at 6:30 p.m.
Pleasant Run Missionary
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.
1st Sunday in Month Church at
2 p.m. at Rockcastle
Respiratory Care
Bro. Gary Bowling, Pastor
Poplar Grove Baptist
145 Richlands Rd. • Brodhead
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Tony Shelton, Pastor
Providence
church of Christ
1 mile off Hwy. 70 on Hwy. 618
758-8524
Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship
10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
www.WhatSaithTheScriptures.com
Red Hill-Union Baptist
Church
4308 Highway 1955
Livingston, KY
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Bill Hammond, Pastor
606-392-1826
Everyone invited to come and
worship with us
Roundstone Baptist
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.
Sand Hill Baptist Church
Sand Hill Rd.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night 5:00 p.m.
Thursday Night 6 p.m.
Pastor Tommy Miller
Sand Springs Baptist
Directions: Take Hwy 1249, go
exactly 5 miles, church on right
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Eugene Gentry
Scaffold Cane Baptist
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. James Hardin
Skaggs Creek
Baptist Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Pastor:
Bro. Dennis Hammack
Everyone Welcome!
Union Chapel
Pentecostal
1505 Union Chapel Rd.
Brodhead, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
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SPORTS

Lady Rockets beat Estill; lose to Lincoln

The Rockcastle Lady Rockets are 1-2 in their first three outings of the 2018-19 season. Their first win came Tuesday night at home against the Estill Lady Engineers.

The Lady Rockets jumped out to an early 13-8 first quarter lead, but were down 26-25 at the half. But, in the second half, it was all Lady Rockets for the final 58-48.

Sophomore Shelby Newland led her team in scoring with 19; Senior Mackenzie Payne got 11; sophomore Kenzi Himes and freshman Casey Coleman scored nine points each; senior Emily Adams and junior Kassie Lay each scored three points and junior Emma Bullen and freshman Lindsey Jones got two points each.

Last Friday night, the Rockets and Lady Rockets traveled to Lincoln County to take on the Patriots and it turned out to be a long night for both teams.

Lady Rockets Head Coach Chrysti Noble graduated her entire starting line-up last year and the Lady Patriots obviously don't have the same problem since they immediately took over the game.

The score was 10-0 before the Rockets got on the board at the 3:18 mark of the first quarter on a basket by freshman Casey Coleman. The scores at the quarter stops were 19-5, 41-15, 57-28 and the final 70-30.

The Rockets were not the only ones demolished this young season by the Lady Patriots since they also put a 75-22 beat down on the Pulaski Co. Lady Maroons.

Coleman was the only Lady Rocket in double figures for the game with 11 points; Himes got six; Newland scored three points and senior Lea Ellen Rogers, Payne, Lay and Jones all scored two points each.

Turnovers plagued the Lady Rockets, 23 to Lincoln's nine and the Lady Patriots also sank seven three point shots to the Rockets one.

The Lady Rockets will take on the Somerset Lady Briarjumper Friday night, at home, in a district game doubleheader with the Rockets.

Next Tuesday night, the Lady Rockets will host the Jackson County Lady Generals.

Rockets lose to Estill and Lincoln

Rocket Head Coach Benny Blanton lost his entire last year's starting line-up to graduation and this year's team is having a little trouble getting on track.

In their last outing, Tuesday night at home, the Rockets hung on to the last second before finally losing by two, 51-49.

The Rockets were ahead 6-4 at the end of the first quarter, behind 18-17 at the half and down 33-37 at the third quarter stop.

Senior Devin Mullins led the scoring for his team with 17; junior Isaac Stratton got 13; sophomore Logan Noel scored eight; sophomore Josh Thacker got 5 and sophomore Trevor Todd and junior Cade Burdette, accounted for three points each.

The Rockets fared a little better at Lincoln County last Friday night, staying with the Patriots pretty much through three quarters, trailing 20-17 at the first quarter stop, 31-27 at the half and

46-38 at the end of the third period but, in the final quarter, the Patriots outscored the Rockets 29-10 for the final 75-48.

Turnovers also plagued the Rockets with 15 to Lincoln's 10 but the Rockets made six three point baskets to the Patriots three.

Stratton and Noel led the scoring for their team with 11 points each; Burdette got nine; Thacker scored six; Mullins got five points and seniors Nick Dillingham and Cameron Cornelius and sophomore Josiah West scored two points each.

Friday night, the Rockets and Lady Rockets will play in their first district game of the season when they host the Somerset Briarjumper.

The Rockets will then take part in the PRTC Classic at Jackson County where they are scheduled to take on Phelps in their first game on Saturday, Dec. 9th at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday night, Dec. 12th, the Rockets will travel to Anderson County.



Senior Lady Rocket Lea Ellen Rogers looks for a teammate in the Lady Rockets' loss to Lincoln County last Friday night. The girls picked up their first win of the season Tuesday night over Estill County.



Senior Lady Rocket Mackenzie Payne applies defense to a Lincoln Patriot in the Lady Rockets' loss Friday night. Payne scored 11 points in the Lady Rockets win over Estill County Tuesday night.



Josh Thacker puts up a jump shot in the Rockets' loss to Lincoln County Friday night. The Rockets lost a close one Tuesday to Estill County, 51-49.



Shelby Newland works to get out of a double team in the Lady Rockets' loss to Lincoln Friday night. Tuesday night, Newland led the Lady Rockets with 19 points in their win over Estill County.



Isaac Stratton goes up for two of his 11 points in the Rockets' losing effort to Lincoln County last Friday.



The Rocket Cheerleaders have been busy cheering on the Rockets and Lady Rockets in the very young basketball season. Both teams will host Somerset this Friday night. First game begins at 6 p.m.



Seniors Devin Mullins and Nick Dillingham put defensive pressure on a Lincoln Patriot Friday night. The Rockets came out on the losing end. Tuesday night, the Rockets lost a close one to Estill County, 51-49. Mullins led his team in scoring with 17.

Donate 500 toys to Grateful Threadz

Berea College students honor friend's memory



Jessi Adams and Isabella Gormanson, both students in Child and Family Studies at Berea College, helped Santa distribute toys at Christian Appalachian Project's Grateful Threadz annual Santa Day. Adams and Gormanson collected 500 toys in honor of their friend BriAnna Cowden, age 22, who passed away in early November after being involved in a head-on collision with a drunk driver. Pictured from left are: Mrs. Claus, Santa, Isabella Gormanson and Jessi Adams.



Rockcastle County Farm Bureau recognized

Rockcastle County Farm Bureau was recognized during the 98th Kentucky Farm Bureau (KFB) annual meeting in Louisville for its outstanding membership and program achievement in 2017. The award honors county Farm Bureau offices who meet the company's profitability requirements and whose insurance policy growth meets or exceeds its annual growth goal.

Pictured above: Terry Lawson, President of Rockcastle County Farm Bureau (center), accepts the award from John Sparrow, Chief Executive Officer of KFB Insurance Companies (left), and David S. Beck, Executive Vice President of the KFB Federation (right), during a December 1 recognition and awards program.

"Arrests"

(Continued from front)

says Troopers Scottie Pennington and Derick Combs were at 325 Poplar Ext clearing the home while Mobley was hiding in a bedroom of the house.

The citation says Tesla Pearson, 19, of Mount Vernon, locked the bedroom door and allowed Mobley to escape out a window.

The citation goes on to say Mobley was not dressed when he exited through the window but police caught up with him on Lawrence Lane in Rockcastle County a little over an hour later.

Pearson was arrested and charged with hindering prosecution or apprehension second degree and lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center. Her bond was set at \$2,500 cash or 10% to be released.

Mobley was taken to the jail also and charged with public intoxication of a controlled substance, fleeing or evading police second degree, disorderly conduct second degree and resisting arrest.

Mobley is being held on a \$1,000 cash/property bond.

"Water"

(Continued from front)

where our lake is fed and these nutrients are perfect for this particular algae to grow."

However, according to Bray, the water is safe. "Our water is 1,000 percent safe. We test it every single day and treat it constantly and maintain everything at the plant," he said. "This taste and odor are in no way harmful to anyone. It's just inconvenient to our customers."

Bray said the city and Frank Baker, Supervisor of the water plant, are "passionate about providing safe, healthy water" to every customer. "Safety is our first priority. And next is trying to eliminate that taste and odor."

To do that, Bray said the city and plant workers are experimenting with several ideas to find the best way.

"There are a number of ways to attack this problem and we have tried several ways. The only sure fire way to fix it is to replace our water plant, that was built in the 70s, with a new plant that would cost over \$20 million," he said. "Since we don't have \$20 million to spend, we are trying many other avenues and we have state workers and engineers and technicians

and specialists looking at the problem constantly."

Another way officials are trying to solve the problem is to locate the source of nutrients that are feeding this particular algae and stop the nutrients at the source and starve the algae.

One of the others methods would include feeding carbon into the system, according to Bray. "We are looking into this program that would introduce more carbon. Most experts think this would help the problem greatly. But it is taking a chance. There is no guarantee that it would work and that's thousands of dollars to try it."

In the meantime, the city is looking at several ideas that may help the problem. After November, the taste and odor usually leaves the water as the bluegreen algae dies out but, unless something is done, it will only return next fall.

"Everyone should know that we are very aware of the problem and are addressing it every day," said Bray. "With our antiquated water plant, we are trying everything we can come up with to help and we won't give up. Frank is constantly attacking the issue. He is doing everything he can to fight the problem and so is the City of Mount Vernon."

"Kirby"

(Continued from front)

ments for fines, keeping the cash and doctoring office records.

Kirby agreed Wednesday, November 29th, in district court, to take the Alford Plea, which means that she does not admit guilt of the charges, but does admit that the prosecution could likely prove the charges in court, to one count of attempt abuse of public trust.

She must pay restitution of \$665 by the time of final sentencing, set for May 23, 2018. At that time, she will be permitted to withdraw her guilty plea with prejudice which means that the charges, including the one of theft by unlawful taking, cannot be brought again at a future date.

Jessi Adams and Isabella Gormanson, both students in Child and Family Studies at Berea College, helped Santa distribute toys at Christian Appalachian Project's Grateful Threadz annual Santa Day. Adams and Gormanson collected 500 toys in honor of their friend BriAnna Cowden, age 22, who passed away in early November after being involved in a head-on collision with a drunk driver.

Adams and Gormanson are members of the Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society for exceptional students of Child and Family Studies, where Cowden served as president last year.

"Children were really close to her heart," Gormanson said. "BriAnna always had the biggest heart for everyone and just loved to help others. So, I think she would be really happy seeing all the faces of these kids light up."

The friends had been discussing ways to honor their Cowden this holiday season, when, by chance, Adams saw a Facebook post asking for donations to help the Grateful Bread Food Pantry and the Grateful Threadz Thrift Store.

"These toys came at a much-needed time," says Sherri Barnett, manager of the thrift store. "CAP has been so blessed by the students at Berea College. It is these types of generous partnerships that help us serve children and their families in Central Appalachia during the Christmas

season and all year long."

The graduating seniors wanted to have an impact beyond this inaugural event and they used the experience as a service project for their youngest students by partnering with Berea College's child development laboratory. Parents were encouraged to teach their children about helping others by choosing toys to donate.

"This was a great way for parents to teach their children about giving back," said Adams. "We were amazed at the response from the Berea community. We had so many toys, we were running out of space to store them."

Both young women reminisced how this was also a full-circle moment having both benefitted from food pantries and thrift stores when they were children.

"We had no idea how many people were impacting our lives when we were growing up," Adams said. "Now, we have an opportunity to help make another child's Christmas special like someone did for us."

Gormanson added, "We wanted kids to feel that Christmas joy. This was a great opportunity for us to give back to families in our community."

Karen Bradley brought her three-month-old grandson Taytum to Santa Day to get his first photo with Santa. "I've bought baby clothes here for my first grandchild. I was so glad

they were offering free photos with Santa. I wanted to take a photo to have on the tree so we could have memories to pass on for years to come."

Pam Napier, a volunteer at Grateful Threadz, and her husband, Eddie, who volunteers at Grateful Bread, brought their two granddaughters. "The Gratefals do a lot for the community. This is great event for the whole family."

Barnett said that over 200 children attended Santa Day where they had the opportunity to meet Santa, get pictures with him, and tell them what was on their wish list. The toys donated by Adams and Gormanson helped fill each gift bag presented to every child at Santa Day. Holiday cookies were an added treat for kids who came to visit Santa.

Cowden, who loved helping children, graduated from Berea College in May 2017 and received a Bachelor of Arts in Child and Family Studies. During her time as a student there, Cowden worked as a teaching assistant in the Child and Family Studies Department and at the college's child development laboratory. Adams and Gormanson plan to promote the toy drive again next year.

To learn more about service opportunities at the Grateful Threadz or Grateful Bread or to find out more about Christian Appalachian Project, visit christianapp.org.

"Fires"

(Continued from front)

until after 6 p.m. and keep the fire small and manageable." Dyehouse also suggests that residents never burn during high winds even if it is during acceptable hours for burning.

Livingston Fire Department Chief Chris Mason said his crews have been very busy as well. "We have had seven grass and woodland fires since last Saturday. A lot of ours is caused by ATVs backfiring in the woods."

Mason suggests ATV riders avoid dry areas and keep clear of combustible materials

Mason agreed that many of the fires that have gotten out of control are due to carelessness. "If people would pay attention to the burn ban, it would reduce the number of fires that get out of control."

David Bales, Chief of the Mount Vernon Fire Department said the city department has not had as many calls concerning brushfires. "We have been really lucky in Mount Vernon. But most departments outside the city limits have been covered up with grass fires, especially Climax."

In fact, the Climax Fire Department has had days with more than one grass and woodland fires.

Climax Fire Chief Brian Wynn said his department has been overrun with grass and wood fires recently. "We were certainly glad to

see this rain (Tuesday)," he said. "It has been so dry and windy that even tossing a cigarette out a car window could cause us to lose acres of land."

In fact the Climax responded to two separate fires on Burnt Ridge Road in one day this past weekend that burned over 20 acres of land.

But the biggest fire fight of all came Monday when the Climax Fire Department was called to Green Pond Ridge Road.

Wynn said the division of forestry helped with the fire and there were two bulldozers and a helicopter fighting the blaze.

"It was quite the scene up there fighting that one and when it was put out we had lost between 80 and 100 acres of forest," said Wynn.

Wynn agrees that most fires in the wild are caused

by carelessness or not observing the burn ban. "People need to obey the burn ban even if it is raining," he added.

The ban lasts in Rockcastle County until December 15 and makes it illegal to burn between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. or within 150 of brush or wooded areas even if the burn is in legal hours.

"Election"

(Continued from front)

In District Three Kevin Begley is now running for Magistrate.

In District Four, Donnie Cope entered the race for Magistrate.

All who have registered are listed as Republican candidates.

There are still no candidates registered for Coroner or Circuit Clerk.

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Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, December 7, 2017



Triangle Park in Mount Vernon was lit up Thursday night during the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.



Kiwaniis Club members Glenda McFerron, Tammy Cox, Keith Pierce and Gary Mink hand out goody bags during the Tree Lighting Ceremony last Thursday.



The RCHS Brass Band, under the direction of Mr. Greg Daugherty, performed during the Tree Lighting Ceremony Thursday night.

Visit Santa Claus this Friday night



Bring the children out to visit Santa Claus and enjoy the decorations Friday night starting at 7 p.m. at the home of Sam and Dana Singleton in Houston Point Sub-division on Cedar Rapids Rd.



Mailbox for Letters to Santa

Santa Claus installed a large red mailbox at Triangle Park in Mt. Vernon. Children that send Santa a letter will receive a response letter from their jolly friend. Just have your child write a letter, include your return mail address and drop it into the "Santa Letters" mailbox before December 20th. The Rockcastle County Development Board, Rockcastle Chamber and the Rockcastle High School Key Club partnered with Santa to provide this service to our children.



Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant spoke during the Tree Lighting Ceremony held last Thursday night in Triangle Park. The ceremony was coordinated by Kiwanis Club member Martha Cox.



The Mount Vernon Pentatones, under the direction of Mrs. Jamie Cornelius, entertained the crowd during the Tree Lighting Ceremony Thursday night.



RCHS senior Maggie Franklin sang "Mary Did You Know" during the ceremony Thursday night at Triangle Park.



Kiwaniis Club member John Lambert welcomed those in attendance to the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony held in Triangle Park.



MVES Pentatone member Miss Lila Holt led the crowd in prayer during the festivities.

News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Marriage Licenses

Cali Marie Parker, 22, Brodhead, social worker and Andrew Harvey Pensol, 25, Mt. Vernon, ambulance service director. 11/27/17
 Katessa Star Daulton, 34, Eubank, nurse and Greg Farmer, 36, Eubank, laborer. 12/1/17
 Carly Janie McClure, 25, Mt. Vernon, SRNA and Kenneth Lee Mason II, 28, Mt. Vernon, dispatcher. 12/4/17

Epperson. Tax \$77
 Robert L. Gray, property on the waters of Buffalo Creek, to Robert L. Gray, Jr. No tax
 Donald Littrell, Trustee, property on Charlie Hasty Road, to Kimberly Jo and Matt Dees. Tax \$185
 Ruby and Jeanitta Marie Montano, property on Copper Creek Road, to Richard A. Birney. Tax \$11
 Benjamin Eugene and Candace E. Scheid-Caldwell, property on Hummel Road, to Clinton W. and Tonya N. Mansfield. Tax \$150

Heights Finance Co. v. Ernest Cromer, \$2,214 plus claimed due.
 Midland Funding v. Virgil Mullins, \$746 plus claimed due.
 LVNV Funding v. Vickie Burdette, \$823 plus claimed due.
 LVNV Funding v. Ryan Kinney, \$1,159 plus claimed due. C-00394

District Court

Nov. 27-29, 2017
Hon. Kathryn G. Wood

Julia B. Brock: failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, license to be in possession and no operators/moped license, 10 days in jail, each count/concurrent plus one costs.
 Travis Aron Debord: public intoxication, 10 days in jail, plus costs.
 Lindsey Belew: no/expired registration plates - receipt, no operators/moped license, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).
 Jeffrey Chesnut: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, \$25 fine; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, \$500 fine/suspend \$400 on condition plus costs; operating vehicle w/expired operators license, \$25 fine.

Anthony Dylan Coomer: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.
 Jerry Lee Denny, Jr: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, improper registration plate, failure to wear seat belts, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, one headlight, bw issued for fta/license suspended.
 David Durham: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine; obstructed vision and/or windshield, \$25 fine.

Robert Shane Fain: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, improper display of registration plates, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, bw issued for fta/license suspended.
 Shelly Looney: drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, disorderly conduct, bw issued for fta.

Valerie Tamar Thompson: speeding, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, bw issued for fta.

Speeding: Samantha A. Baldridge, Jacob Elisharay Blevins, Kevin-Ray Michael Dawes, Dustin Ryan Hines, Jacob Wayne Witten, Dereck Jeremy Cameron, license suspended for fta; Cassandra Lynn Justice, William J. Richardson, paid; Corey A. Thompson, action slip; Valerie Thompson, \$18 fine plus costs;

Edward S. Wentz: failure to wear seat belts, speeding, Viol Part 392, Fed Safety Reg, Driving of Motor Vehicle, license suspended for fta.

Richard C. Young: Viol Part 392, Fed Safety Reg, Driving of Motor Vehicle, paid.

Ian D. Bryant: Ot 393, Federal safety Regs, Parts Needed for Safe Operation, Pt 396, Fed Safety Regs Inspect/Repair/Maintenance, Pt. 395 Fed Safety Regs I-Hours of service for drivers, bw issued for fta.
 Thomas Wayne Daugherty: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.

Jose Duarte-Cala: Viol Part 392, Fed Safety Reg, Driving of Motor Vehicle, bw issued for fta.

Earl G. Feathers: failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta.

Christopher Eugene Flannery: failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta.

Faith Allison Shannon: failure to wear seat belts, paid.

Eddy Soto: failure to wear seat belts, paid.

Donald Abney: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, \$50 fine; no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine; license to be in possession, \$50 fine; operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine plus costs.

Daniel Norman Blackburn: possession of

marijuana, 30 days/probated 24 months on condition plus costs.

Sad Tait Capresha: unauthorized use of motor vehicle, possession of marijuana, bw issued for fta.

Juan Manuel Casarrubias: improper registration plates, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, operating under influence of alcohol/drugs, no operators/moped license, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Paul Daniel Clark: improper equipment, failure to notify address change to Dept. of Transp., driving DUI suspended license, bw issued for fta.

Brian D. Fleenor: disregarding stop sign, \$25 fine; operating ATV on roadway, \$25 fine plus costs.

Tamia Nishay Good: unauthorized use of motor vehicle, possession of marijuana, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta.

Joshua J. Greenwell: drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, possession of marijuana, 30 days (each count/concurrent), probated 24 months on condition plus one cost.

Adam Herrera: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine plus costs, \$375 service fee, 30 days operator license suspension plus ADE.

Jesus C. Alain: speeding, \$50 fine; failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine; no operators/moped license, \$100 fine; reg & title requirements

veh. not oper. on hwy, \$50 fine plus costs.

Ernesto Maldonado-Colon III: careless driving, license suspended for fta.

Kim McPheron: failure to wear seat belts, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, license to be in possession/operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Stephanie Miller: no/expired registration plates, \$50 fine; no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, \$50 fine; failure to produce insurance card, \$50 fine; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, \$500 fine; license to be in possession, \$50 fine; failure to notify address change to dept. of transp., \$50 fine; failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, \$50 fine plus costs.

Thomas Laney Poynter, Jr: assault, falsely reporting an incident, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Harold Gene Robinson: possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, 60 days (each count)/probated 24 months on condition plus one cost.

Rayshawn M. Wilson: possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, 60 days (each count)/probated 24 months on condition plus one cost.

Demetria J. Lee: operating on suspended/revoked operators license and possession license when privileges are revoked, 2 days (each count), credit time served plus one cost.

Circuit Civil Suits

Cecil Smith v. Scottie Cotton, et al, verified petition for custody.
 Allyson Hoskins v. Grace A. Devine, et al, complaint.
 Kentucky Housing Corp. v. Amanda Stevens, et al, \$54,176.59 plus claimed due.
 Heights Finance Co. v. Tiffany Paks, \$5,148 plus claimed due. CI-00273

Scott Mullins, property in Benton Bullock Subdv., to Robert S. Mullins. Tax \$1
 Jeff and Alicia Wilson, property in Rockcastle County, to Renae Gadd. Tax \$18
 Oscar William and Ruby Day, property on US 150, to David Lawson and Jennifer Dyan Whitt. Tax \$65

Sarah Miracle, property on US 25, to Cody and Brittany Wallin. Tax \$62.50

Wanda Faye Lamb, property near Level Green, to Dennis and Donna Doan. Tax \$20
 Edward and Eliza Barnett, property in Rockcastle County, to Andrew Jones. Tax \$22.50

Danny and Wanda Allen, property in Rockcastle County, to Samantha Jolene and Justin Miller. No tax

District Civil Suits

Heights Finance Co. v. Jesse Martin, \$4,055 plus claimed due.

JH Portfolio Debit Equities v. Charlotte Broughton, \$4,191 plus claimed due.

Midland Funding v. Carri McKnight, \$1,914 plus claimed due.

Capital One Bank v. Carri McKnight, \$1,854 plus claimed due.

Capital One Bank v. Debbie Owens, \$1,141 plus claimed due.

Heights Finance Co. v. Ernest Cromer, \$2,214 plus claimed due.

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Deeds Recorded

Janet Elliott, Executrix and Kathy and Ed Arsena, property on waters of Renfro Creek and Clyde Barnett Road, to David James Woodson and Janet Elliott. No tax
 Luke and Sherry Linville, property in Lear Crest Subdv., Mark and Deanna Carpenter. Tax \$10
 James E. Bradley, property in Rockcastle County, to Masters Vintage Toys, Inc. Tax \$233
 Jones Kevin and Linda Hamm, property on old US 150, to Jarret Kevin Hamm. No tax
 Fernese Blevins, property in Brodhead, to Dan Epperson, Jr. and Ruby M.



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The project site is located at 1545 Cumberland Lake Pkwy, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456. The bid is to furnish all necessary labor, materials, tools, machinery, warranties, and all other items required to renovate the HVAC System, Replace Roof and E.I.F.S., Extend Drive Lane and repave existing parking lot to meet plans and specifications. Work to include, but not limited to; ceilings, lighting, electrical, hvac, roofing, E.I.F.S. and minor site grading, new asphalt paving and striping.

The project is separated into the following Bid Packages:
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 Bid Package No. 2 – HVAC Replacement
 Bid Package No. 3 – Asphalt Paving
 Bid Package No. 4 – Combination BID

Interested Contractors shall attend a mandatory pre-bid conference on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. at the project site, 1545 Cumberland Lake Pkwy, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after the opening. Each bid must include a bid security in the amount of 10% of the total bid in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, irrevocable letter of credit, or surety company bond made payable to the Rockcastle County School Board of Education.

If a bid security in the amount of 10% of the full bid amount is submitted with the bid, the successful bidder will be required to furnish a performance and payment bond and labor and material bond from an acceptable surety in the amount of 100% of the full contract amount. If a bid guaranty bond in the amount of 100% of the total bid is submitted with the bid, performance and labor and material bond will be required.

The contract documents have been prepared by N3D Group, 1204 Winchester Road, Suite 200, Lexington, KY 40505. For additional information or questions, send email inquiries to HYPERLINK "mailto:snoel@n3dgroup.com" snoel@n3dgroup.com or phone 859-303-5708. Copies of the documents may be purchased from Lynn Imaging, 328 East Vine Street, Lexington, KY, 40507, (859) 255-1021 or www.lynnimaging.com.

All provisions of the Kentucky Revised Code as it relates to bid guaranty's conditions, liabilities, and withdrawal of a bid are applicable to this contract. The owner reserves the right to waive any informality or to accept any bid which is deemed most favorable. The owner also reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

By order of the owner: Rockcastle County School Board of Education



RCHS JV Academic Team places second overall

The RCHS JV Academic Team placed second overall in the Section 10 JV Challenge competition held at Rockcastle County High School. The Quick Recall team finished second and the following students placed in Written Assessment: In Math, Autumn King placed third. In Science, Jonathan Cain placed third. In Social Studies, Drew Bullock placed first. In Language Arts, Audrey Childress placed third and Kristen Taylor placed second. In Arts and Humanities, Aden Amburgey placed third. And, in Composition, Kristen Taylor placed fifth.

Members of the RCHS JV Academic Team celebrating their strong performance at JV Challenge are front from left: Lydia Whittworth, Kristen Day and Brianna Owens. Back row from left: Drew Bullock, Jonathan Cain and Hayden Robinson. Not pictured: Aden Amburgey, Audrey Childress and Autumn King.



RCHS Band Members advance to final round of All-State auditions

Congratulations to members of the RCHS Band who auditioned at the district level for the 2018 KMEA All-State Band. The band members will represent District 11 in the finals rounds of auditions held at John Hardin High School on December 9th. Members include Abigail Fletcher on Tuba, Tarrylton Dunn on Alto Saxophone, and Brooklyn Lane on Clarinet.

Rockets archery season underway

The RCHS and RCMS Archery Teams began their season on Saturday at the Caudill Reindeer Shoot in Richmond. Congratulations to both teams on great beginnings during their first competition of the season.

For the RCHS Rockets, senior Sam Brickley led the team with 12 bullseyes and his all-time personal best score of 277. Sam finished 13th overall out of 95 male high school archers. Maggie Franklin led the girls with her personal best score of 275. Freshman Gentry Phillips also had his all time personal best on Saturday with 267, as did CJ Cameron with a score of 264. Freshmen Jillian Wallin and Brooke Renner achieved their top scores ever as well. Rounding out the top twelve for the team's final score were: Brylee Gill, Jackson Cromer, Megan Taylor, Sarah Allen, Kim Wheat, and Joseph Cowan. Brylee, Maggie and CJ each had 10 bullseyes. Congratulations to freshman Naomi Co on her good shooting during her first ever tournament.

It was a great performance for the RCMS team as well. 8th grader Emily Maupin led the middle school Rockets with her top score of 269 which finished her as 14th out of 80 middle school female shooters at the tournament. Emily hit the bullseye 10 times. TJ Ramsey had the most bullseyes for the team with 12 and led the male shooters for RCMS with a score of 266. Next in scoring for the Rockets were 7th graders Allison McCoy who scored her best performance ever with a 250 and Ethan Cromer who did the same with a 247. Other team members exceeding their previous bests were J.T. Kelley, Trace Boone, Cody Kirby, Adam Kimsey, Joseph Elam, and Kylee Rodefer. Other archers finishing in the team's top 12 and adding to their total team score were Liz Renner, Daejeon Dean and Alex Robinson.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on December 6, 2017 Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") have filed an application with the Public Service Commission, Frankfort, Kentucky for approval of revisions in its Demand-Side Management and Energy-Efficiency ("DSM-EE") program portfolio, as shown in KU's Adjustment Clause Demand-Side Management Cost Recovery Mechanism ("DSM") tariff and the resulting changes in its DSM Cost Recovery Component ("DSMRC") charges. In its application, KU will notify the Commission that the revised DSM tariff sheets are proposed to become effective on and after January 5, 2018; however, because KU anticipates the Commission will suspend the proposed changes in the DSM tariff to conduct an investigation of the proposed changes, KU will ask the Commission to approve the proposed changes in its DSM-EE program portfolio and resulting charges under the DSM tariff to be effective on January 1, 2019.

The proposed changes to the DSM-EE program portfolio, if approved, will result in changes to the DSMRC calculated under the DSM tariff for all affected electric rate classes as follows:

Rate RS, RTOD-E, RTOD-D, and VFD			
Current Charge per kWh \$ 0.00290	Proposed Charge per kWh \$ 0.00104	Difference per kWh - \$ 0.00186	% Change -64.1%
Rate GS			
Current Charge per kWh \$ 0.00142	Proposed Charge per kWh \$ 0.00106	Difference per kWh - \$ 0.00036	% Change -25.4%
AES			
Current Charge per kWh \$ 0.00095	Proposed Charge per kWh \$ 0.00357	Difference per kWh +\$ 0.00262	% Change +275.8%
Rate PS, TODS, TODP, RTS, FLS, SPS, STOD, and OSL			
Current charge per kWh \$ 0.00059	Proposed Charge per kWh \$ 0.00067	Difference per kWh + \$ 0.00008	% Change +13.6%

KU proposes also to make available DSM-EE program to, and to apply DSM charges to, industrial customers. KU is also revising its definition of "industrial" for the purposes of DSM to include only those customers engaged in activities primarily using electricity in a process or processes that involve either the extraction of raw materials from the earth or a change of raw or unfinished materials into another form or product. KU is also proposing an opt-out for industrial customers' meters serving energy-intensive loads, defined as any meter served under Rate TODP, RTS, or FLS. To be eligible to opt out, an industrial customer must state it has implemented cost-effective energy-efficiency measures not subsidized by other rate classes for the loads served by the meters to be opted out. Customers choosing to opt out eligible meters must submit an opt-out form to KU; properly completed and submitted opt-out forms will be processed and opt-outs implemented by the second full billing cycle following form submission. Opt outs will be effective indefinitely, though a customer may seek to opt back into DSM charges and DSM-EE programs for opted-out meters as soon as one year after opting out. Any opted-in meter or meter that serves load that has participated in a DSM-EE program may not opt out for at least three years after most recently opting in or participating in a DSM-EE program, whichever is later.

In addition, KU proposes to include DSM in the Adjustment Clauses section of Rate FLS because such customers will now be able to participate in DSM-EE programs and be subject to DSM charges unless meters served under Rate FLS are opted out.

The estimated amount of the annual change and the average monthly bill to which the proposed DSMRC charges will apply for each electric customer class is as follows:

Electric Rate Class	Average Monthly Usage (kWh)	Annual \$ Increase	Annual % Increase	Average Monthly Bill \$ Increase
Residential	1,179	(11,001,457)	(63.9)	(2.19)
Residential Time-of-Day	1,171			(2.18)
General Service	1,805	(618,661)	(25.2)	(0.65)
All Electric School	21,341	364,440	275.8	55.91
Power Service	41,148	431,732	15.2	3.29
TODS (Secondary)	245,336			19.63
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MVES.

Academic Team has practice on Monday, December 11.

If you haven't paid your archery dues please send this in by December 9th.

4-H Speech Contest will be Tuesday, December 12 at MVES at 6:00 p.m.

MVES Pentatones Christmas Concert will be Friday, December 15 at 1:30.

Christmas Break begins

Wednesday, December 20. Students will return on Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

FRC News

Christmas present pick up is Wednesday, December 20 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Class News

5th Grade Gifted and Talented students researched recipes and prices to make salt and flour dough for our preschool students. A good time was had by all!



Mrs. Kathy's and Mrs. Kaci's first grade classes at MVES enjoyed making butter last week. We had to shake the cream for a long time, but the butter was delicious.



Mt. Vernon Elementary Fifth Grade Gifted and Talented students researched recipes and prices to make salt and flour dough for our preschool students.

Money Tip for Students

Here's how to get in trouble with credit card debt

Students can get into trouble with credit card debt if they don't take time to think about what they're doing, according to the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

One quick way to get into trouble is to carry a high balance and pay only the minimum payment each month.

If you have a \$1,500 balance, your minimum payment might be \$30 a month, since many credit card companies set the minimum payment at 2 percent of the balance. Let's say your card carries a 22 percent interest rate. If you only pay \$30 a month and don't charge anything else until you pay off the entire balance, it will take you more than 11 years to pay your balance

down to zero — and you'll pay \$2,600 in interest.

It's worse, of course, if you pay the \$30 and turn around and charge another \$30.

That circle is especially bad for students. Many college officials say more students drop out because they have to go to work to pay off their credit cards than because they flunk out.

Before using your credit card, ask yourself if you really need what you're buying and if you can afford it. And if you can't pay off the entire balance, pay as much as you can, not just the minimum.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers Kentucky's grant and scholarship programs, including the Kentucky

Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES).

For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7214.

DAR past national officer visits Rockcastle Chapter

NSDAR Past Registrar General and KSDAR Honorary State Regent, Sharon Withers was the guest speaker of the Rockcastle Chapter DAR. Her presentation was "War and Pestilence- 1918 Influenza Pandemic." Mrs. Withers' presentation focused on ground zero of where researchers think the epidemic began and how the spread of the influenza virus affected communities both here in Kentucky and abroad. Her presentation also focused on how the transport of WWI soldiers to Europe and back home contributed to the spread of the virus.

Mrs. Withers' presentation was part of the World War 1 centennial celebration of the DAR and one of the first events for the Rockcastle's yearlong "Paint the Town Red" themed program. Proclamations, preservation and restoration of WWI veterans' graves and planting of poppies throughout the county are just some of the events planned by the local chapter.



Chapter Regent, Debbie Brown and NSDAR Past Registrar General, Sharon Withers.



Students from Rockcastle County Middle School recently participated in Girls Exploring Math and Science Conference (GEMS), at Somerset Community College. GEMS was created as a way to encourage female students to consider mathematics-oriented and science-oriented careers, to gain confidence in doing mathematics and science and to take advanced level mathematics and science courses in high school. Pictured front from left are: Emma Hackworth, Molly Craig and Caroline Brickley. Back row from left: Laney Bryant, Darby Smith, Hope Sowder.

Minds in the Middle

The 8th grade class will be selling candy grams on Wednesday and Thursday next week. Those will be delivered on Friday, December 15th. The cost to send a candy cane to a friend is 50 cents. Profits will go toward their 8th grade trip.

The RCMS spring musical will be performing Beauty and the Beast Junior. Auditions will be December 13th after school until 4:30. Any student interested should see either Ms. Smith or Ms. Hunt for an information sheet and permission form.

Remember to purchase your yearbook. The cost is currently \$30 but will increase after Christmas break. If you are a parent/guardian of an 8th grade student and are interested in purchasing an ad for your child, those will be available until December 13th. Forms are available in the office.

The Builders Club is conducting a toy drive for needy kids in our community. The deadline to make a new toy donation is December 13th. The homeroom with the best effort will receive a pizza party.

The after-school dance originally scheduled for December 8th has been cancelled.

On Wednesday, we will be giving away two bicycles to a lucky boy and girl. There will be a drawing from among the students who had perfect attendance during the first semester. Thanks to Clifford Collins Backhoe for purchasing those bicycles and supporting our kids!

The Choir and Band will hold their annual Holiday Concert on Tuesday at 6:30 for the public. The concert will repeat for our students on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

Thank you to our Kind Kids for this week: Jamie Gray, Rebekah Daniel, Silas Durham, Connor McGuire, Makenzie Lopez, Joe Pickle, Dalton Simpson, Andrew Cope, Landon Gray, Ashton Sanders, and Halli Bales.

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Beautiful snow arrives in time for Livingston's parade

Livingston's annual Christmas Parade Saturday night was greeted with beautiful snow and cold. Despite the weather, a great crowd turned out for the festivities. In the above photo, Pastor Tommy Miller waves to the crowd from Sand Hill Baptist Church's "Oh Holy Night" float. In the photo at right, Isaiah and Kendra Barnes enjoyed meeting with Santa and Mrs. Claus after the parade in the firehouse. Those in attendance enjoyed hot chocolate and treats and visits with Santa Claus.



Rockcastle teen to be charged as an adult in double murder case

By: Mike French Reporter
A Rockcastle County teen will be charged as an adult in the double murder of her parents, after a hearing in Rockcastle District Court last week. Sixteen year-old Brooklyn Reynolds, whose name had not been released because of her age, will be charged with complicity to commit murder.

On June, 8 Chara Bryant, 35, and her husband, William Bryant, 36, were found murdered in their home in Rockcastle County and Reynolds is accused of helping her boyfriend, Christopher Evans, 22, of Somerset, murder her mother and step father. Police arrested and charged Evans with the murder and charged Reynolds (See "Murder" on A7)

Livingston sewer system to receive needed upgrades

The City of Livingston's sewer system will be getting a much-needed upgrade, thanks to the City of Taylorsville, Mayor Jason Medley told council members Monday night at their regular meeting. Medley said that he had heard that Taylorsville was in the process of upgrading their system and he e-mailed

them and asked for the equipment they would be replacing and they said yes. "This means our system will be up to standard for probably the first time in 10-15 years," Medley told the council. The mayor said the city would be getting pumps, control boards, etc. worth, at least, \$15-\$20,000 (See "Sewer" on A7)

Brodhead council proud of city lights and new city pride

By: Mike French Reporter
"I just want to say, Brodhead feels a lot different this year than it has in many years," said Brodhead council member John Burton. "We have our pride back.

The entire town looks phenomenal." Burton was referring to the town's Christmas decorations during the regular monthly meeting of the city council Monday night. "I couldn't agree more." (See "Sewer" on A7)

Candidates continue to register for primary

By: Mike French Reporter
Wednesday, November 8th was the first day to register as a candidate for an elected office in Rockcastle County. Candidates may register for the May 22, 2018 Primary election until the last

day of January. The general election will be held Tuesday, November 6, 2018. A recap of those registering as candidates, and the office they are seeking, thus far are: Janet Vaughn, Property Valuation Administrator. (See "Vote" on A7)

School, district rates high on audit report

By: Mike French Reporter
Once again, this year's audit by White and Associates, PSC, gave the Rockcastle County School District a rating of "clean," the highest rating, in the annual Independent Audit Report.

tions from the district was reduced by about \$21,000 this year since staff has provided a safe work environment in the district. "We received a premium rating which

helps our district greatly," she said. However, as part of the pension system overhaul underway now in Frankfort, a part of the bill already approved by the

Kentucky Retirement System, has increased the district's contribution by over \$400,000 next year for classified employees. "Our rate went from (See "School" on A7)

Large narcotic roundup in Rockcastle

By: Mike French Reporter

ing and another on Monday and police continue to search for one. Some of the 15 suspects had been under investigation for some time but in order to find the other individuals, arrests had to wait until the

MVPD arrests 14
investigation was complete. Rush said those involve specifically deal in one or (See "Drugs" on A7)

For the second time this year, the Mount Vernon Police Department has made a massive drug roundup in Rockcastle County. In fact, for the second time in 2017, it is one of the biggest roundups in Kentucky. Saturday, December 9, members of the Mount Vernon Police Department culminated a seven month investigation into the sale and distribution of narcotics in Rockcastle County with the arrest of 14 local residents.



According to MVPD Assistant Chief Joe Rush, the investigation has been on-going and has involved the entire department. Thirteen suspects were arrested Saturday morn-

Mount Vernon Police Chief Brian Carter returned to the Mt. Vernon Police Department with two of the 13 local residents who were arrested Saturday in a large narcotic drug roundup. The seven month investigation, led by MVPD Assistant Police Chief Joe Rush, led to a total of 15 indictments for those involved with the distribution of heroin, methamphetamine, oxycodone and hydrocodone tablets in Rockcastle County. Rush says investigations will continue and local police will never stop the fight against illegal drugs in the county.

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



Okay, I'll just state for the record that I am not one of those who complained about the heat this summer so I have every right to say, "I hate winter!"

Pipes freeze, batteries die, roads are slick and dangerous, house fires increase dramatically, electric bills go up, pools are closed, motorcycles are useless, yards are brown and dead, the ground is either wet or frozen, vehicle windows are covered in ice, snow is trampled through the house and gets your socks wet, skin cracks, schools close, the flu is everywhere, coffee gets cold before you can drink it, anything you leave outside freezes and bursts all over your car seat, doors get stuck, post-it notes don't stick as well, stores are packed with people, toilet seats are a block of ice, getting out of the shower makes me cry, touching a door knob shocks me like a 220 outlet, friends in Florida laugh at me, the dog only needs to pee at night, a snowball is likely to hit me at any given time, it gets dark before I get home, for the first three months of the year I write the wrong date on my checks, I slip and fall daily, lips chaps, snow plow back up beepers wake me like an alarm clock, pumping gas hurts, the floor in the morning frost bites my toes, I can't fish, my teeth chatter, it takes twice as long to grill a burger, but mostly my complaint is I'M COLD!

That's just a few of the things that make me sit and watch the calendar. Many people mark off days till Christmas on their calendar. I mark off days till spring.

No, I can't just move to a warmer climate and stop complaining because my family, my job and my band are here in this cryogenic state.

I guess I would say that I think snow is pretty. But personally, I would buy all the bright white cotton in the state and stare at it all day long this Sunday and that would fill my desire for that pretty white stuff.

I feel so sorry for police officers who have to stand outside and direct traffic. If I were a cop, there would not be a single traffic ticket from November to March.

And the poor plumbers who have to dig through frozen ground with a pick and stand in water up to their knees to fix a frozen water line must wonder if they chose the right profession every winter.

Anyway, I'll shut up now. Here's hoping that I got all that out of my system and now I can concentrate on other stuff. You know, stuff like hikes on a beautiful, warm day and working in the yard.

I'm glad there are those who love winter. Because without them, this would be a time when no one is happy.

Points East

By Ike Adams



Now that winter is rearing its icy head, I am not one of those people who wax nostalgic about fireplaces and heating their homes with open fireplaces or wood/coal burning stoves or furnaces.

Before 1998, when we bought our current home on Charlie Brown Road in Garrard County, Loretta and I relied on coal, wood or a combination of the two for winter heat, but that was nearly 20 years ago and I do not miss those days for one single second. I suspect that many, many other folks

who now enjoy modern heating systems feel the same way.

When we moved here in the late 90's our first major remodeling project was the removal of an old stoker coal furnace in the basement that only heated the first floor of a two story house and replacing it with a new one that relied on propane gas and was ducted and vented to the upstairs bedrooms. Last spring we replaced it with a HVAC system that is more dependent on electricity than gas and we have been led to believe our savings in fuel costs will pay for the new system in 5 years or so. The jury is still out on that because the weather has been anything but typical except for the last couple of weeks.

To this day, we have no idea how a previous owner managed to get the old coal furnace installed because we found it impossible to disassemble into parts any-

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



The Quest to Finish the Unfinished

Dear Journal,

Several years ago when my grandma Evelyn Norton died, she left behind many things. Some of those things were all wrapped up in some old material, a bundle of quilt pieces. They were the pieces for a flower garden quilt. She had sewn them together to make the flowers but the edges weren't sewn, but still had a raw edge.

Mom, Inez Hill, had them stored away and when she died, they passed to me. I found them one day when going through her things. They were from a time of long ago and I'm sure they carry many memories. I believe they date back to the middle 1930s through the middle 1940s. They were born out of the Depression Era, the Great Dust Bowl, and World War II. Being from this era, I'm pretty sure the various pieces are made from articles of our family's old clothing. Nothing was wasted during that era.

About ten years ago, I took the old quilt pieces out of a little decorative box in which I had them stored and began to hem the outer edges, making them ready to applique for a quilt top.

As life happens, I got involved with other things and was sick with cancer for

about two or three years and laid the project aside. I had around ten or twelve pieces actually done at that time.

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Concerned about duck hunters...

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my concerns about duck hunters at Lake Linville. Two weeks ago, the hunters were putting out decoys on the marina end of the lake. Rumor is they were told it's illegal to hunt in that area and the decoys were moved.

On December 10th, the hunters were hunting in the same area, so I called 911 and the city police came. Rumor is the officer called the game warden and was told it is legal to hunt all over

the lake.

If that is true, then the No Hunting sign the hunt-

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Jigsaw Puzzles

While recently reading an article about the favorite toys of each decade, I learned that jigsaw puzzles were the toy of choice during the 1930's. Because of the conditions of living in the course of the Great Depression, the jigsaw craze began in the United States and continued to spread around the world. Local libraries rented them to children for the sum of three to ten cents per day.

I found this tidbit of knowledge interesting because both my mother (Bee) and my grandmother (Mommie Katie) were jigsaw lovers. Our kitchen table was rectangular in shape, and it was common for the portion of the table at the far end of the kitchen to be covered with a large puzzle. This was especially true in the wintertime, when the weather did not permit Mommie Katie to work in her flower gardens in the yard.

When it was cold, I remember watching those two ladies sitting at the table, each with a coffee mug in her hand, working a large (and usually complex) puzzle. The wood-burning stove in the kitchen kept them warm as they spent hours searching for that missing piece of a particular scenic view.

Occasionally, they would allow Pop and me to sit with them to search for pieces of the puzzle they were attempting to complete. But Pop and I would quickly tire of this specific task and then move on to the living room, where we could settle in to watch television.

Bee and Mommie Katie often shopped for large jigsaw puzzles that were interesting to them. Most were scenes of nature or large, famous buildings. They would sit in silence as they searched for the tiny pieces to complete their puzzle. I once got out of bed in the middle of the night in order to go to the bathroom, only to find found Mommie Katie sitting alone working on her puzzle.

Jigsaw puzzles were originally made by painting a scene on a flat, rectangular piece of wood and then cutting that image into small pieces with a jigsaw; hence, the name. John Spilsburg, a London engraver, is credited with making the first puzzles in 1760. Cardboard became the resource material during the 1800's.

According to the Alzheimer Society of Canada, working these puzzles is one of many activities that can keep the brain active. Today, many nursing homes have tables where residents can sit for hours occupying their time with such brainteasers.

My wife also loves jigsaw and crossword puzzles. She can spend countless hours searching for the right word or piece of a puzzle. I guess I have come full circle, watching my loved ones and their puzzles, because Bee was the best crossword-puzzle person I have ever witnessed. Even as a very old lady, she worked the Herald Leader puzzle every day before lunch. It was

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Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

COC Election Results
 On December 6, 2017 Gloria Robbins, Andrew Laswell, John D King; Donnie Hurst and Timothy Mink and Carol Sigmon, Advisor were present for tabulated the COC election ballots for LAA-3. Tabulated ballot counting were as follows:

Brenda Parsons	99
Carol J Sigmon	1
Spoiled	9

Total Ballots received and counted 109

A total of 12 ballots were returned as undeliverable. Brenda Parsons was declared the winner. Brenda Parsons will take office on January 1, 2018. The COC members for 2018 will be Donnie Hurst, Timothy Mink and Brenda Parsons.

The Census of Agriculture is a Producer's Voice, Future, and Opportunity. In December farmers and ranchers across the nation will receive the 2017 Census of Agriculture. Producers can mail in their completed census form, or respond online via the improved web questionnaire. The online questionnaire has been revised extensively to make it more convenient for producers.

Conducted once every five years, the census of agriculture is a complete count of all U.S. farms, ranches, and those who operate them; it is the only source of uniform, comprehensive, and impartial agriculture data for every state and county in the nation.

Farmers and ranchers, trade associations, government, extension educators, researchers, and many others rely on census of agriculture data when making decisions that shape American agriculture – from creating and funding farm programs to boosting services for communities and the industry. The census of agriculture is a producer's voice, future, and opportunity.

For more information about the 2017 Census of Agriculture, visit www.agcensus.usda.gov. Next FSA County Committee Meeting Date: January 10, 2018 8:00 A.M. at the Mt. Vernon USDA

Service Center. **Office Closure Schedule**
 The Mt. Vernon Service Center (FSA, NRCS and Rockcastle Co. Conservation District) offices will be closed the following dates for observance of a Federal Holiday: December 25, 2017 - Christmas Day and January 1, 2018 - New Year's Day.

Important program dates and Interest Rates
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"Memories"

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 good for her to have that time-consuming hobby. Personally, I never caught the jigsaw puzzle craze. But I did find it somewhat fascinating watching my mother and grandmother spend hours sitting around that table. When I went away to college and for some time thereafter, I often purchased puzzles for them as gifts because I knew that it was a great way for them to pass the day.

I ain't a puzzler. But I have been surrounded by them all of my life. I guess, in a way, you could say it's a puzzler.

(You can reach me at themtnman@att.net or you can drop me a line at 2167 Furnace Road - Stanton, KY 40380. I appreciate your suggestions and comments.)

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
JUJUBE: Unusual and Attractive, Fruit Bearing Tree

The jujube, sometimes called Chinese date, is an unusual tree that isn't picky where you plant it, as it will grow most anywhere. Hot and sunny is the preferred environment for good crops. And the fruits are delicious,

"Points East"

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 where near small enough to get through any of the basement entrances. All I could figure out was that someone must have set the furnace on a concrete pad and built the house around it. However, it was mostly made of cast iron that we found fairly easy to break into manageable pieces with an 8 pound sledge hammer. It did not leave the building in pieces that could ever be reassembled into a working furnace and, to the best of my knowledge, nobody ever grieved for it.

When we first moved here, several nearby families in the neighborhood still relied on wood and/or coal burners as their primary heat sources and, I must admit, I did enjoy sitting a spell on the front porch on very cool evenings and cold, frosty mornings to savor the aroma of chimney smoke that often hung low and heavy on the breeze. If anybody hereabouts is still heating with wood or coal, I have been unable to detect them with my nose over the last couple of winters, nor, so far, this year.

Prior to taking up residence on Charlie Brown Road I spent many of my winter weekends cutting and hauling firewood from the forest owned by my late friend and fishing buddy, Junior Helton. While I do, indeed, greatly miss spending that time in the woods with Junior, I do not miss keeping a fire going in our old Fischer Mama Bear stove even though it was, arguably, the most fuel efficient wood burner ever invented.

While cutting the wood and spending with my buddy was actually enjoyable, getting the fuel from the wood pile into Mama Bear's constantly, hungry belly was anything but. Not to mention the fact that I was often travelling on business 3 or 4 days a week and worrying that Loretta would let the fire die and be unable to rebuild it.

Last week Loretta found a device that "will turn your television into a virtual fireplace." Apparently it runs off a thumb drive that plugs into the USB video port that is standard equipment on most tvs manufactured in this young century. You can sit back in your rocking chair and watch a wood fire burning and even imagine, I suppose, that it is putting off heat.

I would not get a single second of enjoyment out of it because I'd be sitting there wondering how long it was going to be before I had to run outside in the cold and pack in another load of wood.

fresh from the tree as they begin to turn color, fully colored, or dried like a prune or raisin. These small to medium sized trees have lovely shiny green leaves, which turn a pretty yellow in fall. About the only negative I can think of is there are a few thorns on most young shoots. Actually, deer like them, much as they do apple trees, so that could be a

"T.J.'s"

(Continued from A-2)
 This past week, I took out my little box of quilt pieces and began sewing again. I hemmed a few flower pieces and as I would sew, my mind began to wander. I thought about these remnants of material and the last time they were sewn. The time was many years before I was born, a time when Mom was just a teen or young woman, a time of world war, and that Grandma's hands were the last to sew these pieces.

Then, I began to wonder about the pieces. Are they from Mom's old play dresses, my grandpa's shirts, my uncle's pajamas, Grandma's apron, or maybe other family articles of clothing? There are so many unanswered questions. I'm sure if these quilt pieces could talk, they surely could tell a story.

A few years ago I took these pieces to "show and tell", so to speak at a quilting club I was in. The other ladies just loved them and some even wanted to buy them and even made me some offers. I, of course, declined. What price could you put on these wonderful old pieces? Each one is a piece of your family's history and is all actually a part of this country's history. Those eras played an important part in the country's future.

Now that I've embarked on this quest, I wonder if I'll finish the quilt? The quilt pieces have traveled with our family from Tennessee to Kentucky and four different places here, all incomplete. I believe the quilt deserves to be completed before I'm gone, so I'll do my very best to complete this unfinished project.

"Letters"

(Continued from A-2)
 ers were standing in front of needs to be taken down! And, yes, there was a worker on duty in the bait shop at this time. (How do you like the way all these tax dollars are working?) And, yes, the hunters left their shell casings all over the ground.

I'm all for the second amendment. It is concerning people, like these duck hunters, have guns. The hunters were told not to hunt in the area and they were standing in front of a No Hunting sign yet they did it anyway, and shooting toward the road, houses and people fishing from the bank.

While there are areas around the lake where it is legal to duck hunt, in front of a No Hunting sign is not one of them.

Sincerely,
 Kathy Horrar

P.S. I won't even go into the pollution problem in and around the lake. What difference will a little more lead, mixed in with gas, oil, trash and direct human feces make to the drinking water? The sewer plant workers can add more chemicals to make the perfect blend of sparkling water.

drawback in more rural settings.

The jujube tree is about as good as they come if you want to grow a nice homegrown fruit organically, and even if you don't have a "green thumb" you will probably succeed with this tree. Drought isn't a problem after the first year or two. Salt from city streets or the seashore; not a problem. And it looks as good as a redbud or a katusra tree with the added benefit of wonderful fruit.

Jujube fruits are roughly size of a cherry to size of a large plum, depending on the variety. One seed also like the plum or cherry. They are edible but bland when they are green. As they ripen, they get sweeter. And, dehydrated, they are like dates or raisins or dried figs in sweetness. If you live in a drier climate with little late season rainfall, they will dry right up on the tree, and can be picked and stored as you might store raisins.

From Houston, Texas to Cincinnati or Washington, DC you can successfully grow this tree. In USDA zone 5 it may damage in winter but still live and regrow. Someone has said "No other tree gives me so much pleasure for so little effort."

Most jujube trees are at least partly self fruitful, but having two or more varieties will insure good pollination.

These cultivars are self fertile: Li, Coco, and Shanx.Li. Most are somewhat self fertile, at least one exception is Lang.

The Li variety is easy to find, bears early in the season, and is self fruitful. Some of the sweetest are Honey Jar., Sugar Cane and GA 866.

With names like honey and sugar, they must be sweet!

Sugar Cane would make a good hedge, as it has the most thorns. The variety called "So" is contorted and most unusual. Sherwood makes a more tall and narrow tree, and they all appear to "weep" especially when loaded with fruits.

Other named varieties include these: Chico, SiHong, Black Sea, and Massandra. Ta-Jan might be your preference if a bit of acidity sounds good mixed with the sweetness.

Jujube fruit has 20 times the vitamin C of citrus. One sweet little jujube or one big sour grapefruit....your choice. The trees bud and leaf late, and bloom early summer. This makes them pretty much immune to frost.

The wood is durable, valuable, very useful. From wooden implement handles, furniture, gun stocks to a firewood that burns hot like hickory, the beautiful red wood would be treasured by a woodworker.

Always game to try new and unusual plants and fruits, I don't know why it took me until the last couple years to taste this fruit, and to obtain a tree. Because I think every yard should have one, and every orchard should have several. (You'll have trouble finding these trees, but an internet search or your favorite mailorder nursery catalog may be able to supply some.) I recommend the tree for landscaping purposes, as well as for it's fruits.

The author is a landscaper.
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Rockcastle Co. Health Dept.

Holiday Hours

The Rockcastle Co. Health Department will be closed December 25th and 26th, will be open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 27th and 28th and will be closed Friday, December 29th. The office will also be closed Monday, January 1st and will be open Tuesday through Thursday, January 2-4) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Friday, January 5th from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Change in Permit & License testing

Beginning in January of 2018, all testing for permits and licenses will no longer be on Fridays but will instead be on Thursdays. Written permit testing begins at noon. Road test is given at 8 a.m.

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

The Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce meets once a month, on the third Tuesday, at noon at Limestone Grille. All members are encouraged to attend.

VFW Post Item

VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all members and is also looking for new and associate members. New hours are: Wed. - Sat., 5 p.m. to ? Call 606-386-1490 for more information.

Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings

***Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead:** Located in the Community Outreach Center (next to Fairgrounds), every Monday, 6 to 8 p.m. 606-308-3368 or 606-308-3099.

***Celebrate Recovery-Northside Baptist** every Tuesday, 6 to 8 p.m. 606-256-5577.

***Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies.** Northside Baptist, Wednesday at 7 p.m. 606-256-5577.

***Broken Chains Bible Study** at Cruisers Motorcycle Sales on Hwy. 25 North, 4 miles north of Mt. Vernon every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. 859-302-2431.

***Celebrate Recovery-Livingston** at Livingston School cafeteria. Friday, 6 to 8 p.m. 859-314-7828.

DAR Meetings

The Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meets the first Monday of each month, September-May at 6 p.m. at First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon. All prospective members are welcome to attend.

Brodhead Lodge Meeting

The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #566 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.

Kiwanis Club Meetings

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Limestone Grill. Everyone is invited.

Historical Society Hours

The Rockcastle Historical Society is open on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the RTEC garage building.

American Legion Post 71

American Legion Post 71 meets the second Thursday at 6 p.m. of each month at the Limestone Grill. Commander Rick Bobo (308-2271) invites all Rockcastle veterans to join this organization that honors American soldiers, sailors and airmen.

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Obituaries

Henry Wayne Richards

Henry Wayne Richards, 66, of Orlando, died December 6, 2017 at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was the son of George and Ruth Richards. He worked as a logger and equipment operator his entire life providing for his wife,



Donna Richards, and two kids, Stacy Thomason and Justin Richards. He was known to always speak his mind and stand tall for what he believed in. He was a man of many other trades and always passing his knowledge on to others. Although he was sick, he managed to always keep a smile on his face, to give hope to his loved ones that everything was going to be ok. He will be greatly missed, but never forgotten.

He is welcomed into the Lord's House by: his parents; two brothers, Kelly Richards and Kenneth Richards; two sisters, Pauline Bowman and Evelyn Gibbons; and one son, Nealus Wayne Richards.

He is survived by: his wife, Donna Jean; daughter, Stacy Thomason; son, Justin Richards; son in-law, William Thomason and daughter in-law, Rebecca Richards; a brother, Frank (Roberta) Richards; and a sister, Jewell (Jerry) Brown. He also leaves his cherished memories in the hearts of four grandchildren, Isaac, Abigail, Dessie and Autumn.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 8, 2017 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bros. Clyde Miller and Johnny Rader officiating.

He was carried to his final resting place in Johnetta Cemetery by pallbearers: William Thomason, Kevin Miller, Adam Stallworth, Lester Steele, Nathan Carter, Stacy Faulkner and honorary pallbearers: Isaac Richards, Keashawanna, Kristen and Kayla Ginter.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Joyce Faye Hayes

Joyce Faye Hayes, 66, of Mt. Vernon and formerly of Hopkinsville, died Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born in Hamilton, OH on May 22, 1951, the daughter of Robert and Juanita Hubbard.

She is survived by: two daughters, Sylvia Hayes Bullen and Patty Hayes (Steven) Fletcher, both of Mt. Vernon and one brother, Doug Hubbard of Hamilton, OH. Also surviving are two grandchildren, Matthew Fletcher of Stanford and Abigail Fletcher of Mt. Vernon. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her son, Michael David Hayes, Jr.; two brothers, Vernon and Johnnie Hubbard; and a son-in-law, Bobby Bullen.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 2 p.m. at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. James Blanton. A private burial will be held at a later date in the family cemetery.

Friends may call from 12 noon until time of services. Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.

Lillian Jolene Bullen

Lillian Jolene Cope Bullen, 89, of Waco and formerly of Rockcastle County, died Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. She was born in Wabd, Rockcastle County on April 6, 1928, the daughter of Roy Lee and Nellie Norton Cope. She was a retired nurse for Rockcastle Hospital in Mt. Vernon, University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington and Bossier Medical Center in Bossier, LA and was a member of Maretburg Baptist Church.

She is survived by: one son, Thomas Lee Bullen of Waco; and one brother, Roy Burnerd Cope. Also surviving are: nine grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, James Willie Cope; two daughters, Donna Kay Eaton and Jimmie Yvonne Reed; one great grandson, James Thomas Bullen; one brother, Burnis Cope; one sister, Joy Saylor; and one granddaughter, Tamera Munsey.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 9, 2017 at Maretburg Baptist Church by Bro. Wayne Harding. Burial will be held at a later date at Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery in Haughton, LA.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

The Family request contributions to: Hospice Care Plus, 208 Kidd Drive, Berea, KY 40403.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.

Lucille Pingleton

Lucille (Simpson) Pingleton, 77, of West Chester, OH, died Saturday, November 25, 2017 at The Otterbein Nursing Home in Lebanon, OH. She was the wife of the late Rev. Cecil Pingleton. She was born in the Copper Creek community of Rockcastle County on January 6, 1940. She was a daughter of the late Garfield and Anna Mae (Brock) Simpson. She was a member of the Tuley Road Pentecostal Church of God in Hamilton, OH.

Survivors include: two daughters, Angela Morris and Peggy (David) Wick, both of Morrow, OH; siblings, Melvin Simpson of West Elkton, OH, Wanda Owens of West Chester, OH, and Danny Simpson and Lilly Durham, both of Copper Creek; four grandchildren, Brian and Amanda Vick, Amy Lynn Morris and Makayla Pingleton; and great grandchildren, Trinity, Jaymin and Gus Morris, Miracle Pingleton, Alyssa, Alexis, Alton, Aden and Andrew Jordan, Serena, Isaiah, Michael, and Elizabeth and Emma Vick.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by: her son, Timothy Dole Pingleton; grandson, Ryan Dale Morris; siblings, Clyde, Lewis, Beck, Don and Marietta Simpson and Beatrice Barnett; and son-in-law, Roger Dale Morris.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, December 16, 2017 at McKnight Funeral Home. The family will receive guests prior to the service beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Gravesite services will follow immediately after the memorial at Brock Cemetery on Copper Creek.

J. B. "Jay" Durham

J. B. "Jay" Durham, 90, of Fairfield, OH, died Monday, December 11, 2017 at Hospice of Cincinnati in Blue Ash, OH. He was born in Tazewell County, VA on November 2,

1927, the son of John Franklin and Sarah Elizabeth Turner Durham. He was a retired retail clerk and was a US Army Veteran of the Korean War. He was a Mason and was of the Christian faith.

He is survived by: his daughters, Brenda Mrusek, Jessie Mosley, and Denise Durham; and two grandchildren, Amber Durham and Aaron Durham. He was preceded in death by: his parents, John and Nannie Durham, and Sarah Sowder; and a daughter, Rhaje Jean Davis.

At the family's request, there were no funeral services. Burial was in Red Hill Cemetery.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.

John Baker

John Baker, 79, of Brodhead, died Friday, December 8, 2017 at his home surrounded by family. He was born June 11, 1938 to the late Chester and Katherine (Wilson) Baker in Manchester. He proudly served his country in the United States Army as an SPC 5. He retired from Duncan Machine and was also a carpenter. He found great joy in hunting, fishing, trading knives and guns and wood-working.



Those left to celebrate Johns life are: his children, Donna (Charles) Turner of Stanton and Sonda (Jerry Ketcham) Baker of Barbourville; his grandchildren, Sarah McKaig, Charlie and Taryn Gay; his great grandchildren, Gavin Sapp and Waylon Murphy; his sisters, Helen Allen and Dorothy Cooper of Frankfort; as well as many friends and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: his wife, Rose Helen Baker; brothers, Al, Arnold and Tom Baker; and sister, Odie Gilbert.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Tracy Valentine officiating. Burial was in Negro Creek Cemetery with Military Honors.

Casketbearers were: Bud Lucia, Jerry Ketcham, Charles Turner, Charles Gay, Gary Baker and Doug Baker.

Honorarybearers were: Chester Robbins and Howard Baker.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

An encouraging word:

Lest We Forget

By Howard Coop



On April 19, 1860, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, in a poem familiar to many of us, asked, "Who remembers that famous day and year?" Of course, the day Longfellow was asking about was "the eighteenth of April, in (seventeen) Seventy-five" when Paul Revere made his famous midnight ride.

For a long time, we, by almost every means, were reminded to remember another date, more recent but just as poignant, that profoundly changed our world. But have we allowed the memory of that fateful day to fade from our minds?

On Sunday morning, December 7, 1941, all was quiet on the beautiful Hawaiian island of Oahu. Early that morning, some say at 7:48 and others say at 7:55, a small plane, with the red Rising Sun, the symbol of Japan, on its wings, appeared out of the clouds over the Waianae mountain range on the west side of that peaceful island. That little plane appeared to be harmless, but it was followed by 352 warplanes in two groups, and in about two hours, Pearl Harbor was almost destroyed, but it was forever etched upon the minds of many American citizens.

History records what happened that morning. In that attack, 2,403 American servicemen were killed, and another 1,178 were wounded. Twenty American naval ships anchored around Ford Island were destroyed or seriously damaged and one report states that 170 planes of the United States stationed at Hickam Air Force Base were destroyed and 160 were damaged. In assessing the damages, Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz and E. B. Potter of the U. S. Naval Academy wrote, "These losses had the effect of uniting the people of the United States in a vigorous prosecution of the war that had been forced upon them, and President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in a speech before a Joint Session of Congress, called that day "A day that will live in infamy."

Lest we forget, last week a nation observed the seventy-sixth anniversary of that day of infamy.



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Christmas Eve Mass

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First Christian Christmas Events

First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon invites everyone to their Christmas events on December 17th. At 11 a.m., the choir will present "Glorious Song, Marvelous Light" a Christmas Celebration.

tion. That evening, at 6 o'clock, the annual youth Christmas program will be presented. For more information, or a ride, call 256-2876.

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When The Crazy Gunman Walks Into Church

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In these previous situations, do you cowardly deny everything you know to be true, or do you say, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit?" (Luke 23:46) A Christian must never deny Christ because only Jesus Christ offers the promise of hope that the godless murderer could never offer.

Jesus says (Matthew 10:28) "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."

We can find many examples of faithful men and women and their suffering in the Bible. Job was covered in boils, seeing the tragic death of all his children, and being tormented by his closest friends. Yet Job would not curse God and die as his wife encouraged him to do. Job said (Job chapter 19) "I know that my Redeemer lives....whom I shall see for myself." Jesus Christ hung from the painful cross of Calvary suffering from a Roman scourge, bleeding, and dying for you and for me. Yet Jesus said (Luke 23:34) "Father forgive them; for they know not what they do."

What does God expect of His children? Jesus tells his disciples that they will have to go through similar suffering if they choose to follow Him (Luke Chapter 6). Why did Jesus commit His spirit into the Father's hands? The answer will help us stand in front of the 'crazy gunman' with the same calm as Jesus and the early disciples. The answer lies in the CERTAIN hope of the resurrection. This is the reason the apostles preached resurrection over and over. If we accept Christ as our Savior, we too have the promise of hope of the resurrection, life-after-death, in our eternal heavenly home!

Reference: "The Christian Informer" Vol 36, No 06. December 2017 by Aaron Battey

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By Regina Poynter Hoskins



BLACKBERRY JAM CAKE

After Will and I moved to California, Mum asked me what I wanted for Christmas. My reply was "A blackberry jam cake with no raisins and lots of frosting." She searched until she came upon this recipe. This was much better than any present she could have gone out and bought for me. She made a double batch of frosting, so she could fill the hole made from tube pan with it. All ingredients should be at room temperature. Modify the spices according to how much or how little you like.

1/2 cup shortening
2 cups sugar
5 eggs
1 cup buttermilk
3 and 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon cloves
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon allspice
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons vanilla
2 cups blackberry jam
1 cup walnuts

Preheat oven to 300°. Grease and flour 10-inch tube pan. Cream together shortening and sugar until light. Add unbeaten eggs. Mix well. Stir in 1 cup buttermilk. Sift together flour and spices; add to egg mixture. Mix until well blended. Then add vanilla, jam, and walnuts. Mix well.

Pour into a greased and floured tube pan. Bake about 1 hour in 300° oven or until toothpick inserted comes out clean. If desired, frost with caramel frosting.

CARAMEL FROSTING

1 stick butter
1 cup light brown sugar, packed
1 cup milk
1 box (1 pound) powdered sugar

Mix butter, brown sugar and milk together in saucepan. Cook over medium heat until butter is melted. Take from heat and add powdered sugar. Beat until blended. Spread on cooled cake.

BLACKBERRY BREAD

2 cups unsweetened blackberry juice
1 and 1/2 cups sugar
1 stick salted butter
1 cup all-purpose flour
1 cup milk.

Preheat oven to 350°. Place an oven-proof loaf pan in oven; add butter. When butter has melted, dump everything else into dish and mix with fork or spoon. Bake for about 40 minutes or until toothpick inserted into center comes out clean.

NOTE: To make the juice, boil fresh or frozen blackberries until bubbly. Boil for one minute. Strain and let cool.

BEER CHEESE

1 pound of aged sharp cheddar cheese
1 pound of American cheese
2 or 3 cloves garlic

About 1 cup beer
2 tablespoon Worcestershire Sauce
1 teaspoon salt, or to taste
1 teaspoon powdered mustard
Dash tabasco Sauce, optional

In food processor, pulse cheeses, garlic, salt, mustard, Tabasco Sauce (optional) until paste forms. Pour enough beer in to make a smooth paste. This can be done in the food processor or with an electric mixer. Store in covered jars in refrigerator

BEER CHEESE BREAD

3 cups all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon baking powder
3 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1 bottle (12 ounce) beer, at room temperature
Dash of tabasco sauce, optional

2 tablespoons butter, melted
Heat oven to 375°. Spray 9 x 5-inch loaf pan with cooking spray or butter generously.

Mix flour, baking powder, sugar, and salt in large bowl until blended. Stir in cheese. Add beer an if desired, tabasco sauce; stir just until dry ingredients are moistened. (Do not overmix. Batter will be lumpy.) Pour into prepared pan.; drizzle with melted butter. Bake 35 to 40 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool bread in pan 10 minutes. Remove from pan to wire rack; cool completely.

BEER CHEESE SOUP

4 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 carrot, finely chopped

1 large yellow onion, diced
2 cloves peeled garlic, minced
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1 cup milk
1 cup half-and-half
1 (16 ounce) beer
1 tablespoon Dijon or stone-ground mustard
10 ounces sharp cheddar, shredded
Salt and Pepper

Melt the butter in a large pot over medium heat. Add the carrot, onion, and garlic; sauté 10 minutes.

Add the flour and stir well. Cook, stirring frequently, for 3 minutes until the flour turns golden brown.

Combine the milk and half-and-half. Slowly pour into flour mixture, whisking constantly until combined. Turn the heat up to medium-high and add the beer and mustard. Bring to a boil, whisking frequently until foam subsides. Simmer on low heat for 10 minutes until thick. Remove from heat and whisk in the cheese a handful at a time. Taste and add salt and pepper as needed.



Lauren Sanders celebrated her 10th birthday Saturday, December 9 at Main Event with family and friends. Lauren is the granddaughter of Charles and Jean Sanders of West Chester, Ohio.

Pastor Appreciation

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on December 6, 2017 Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") have filed an application with the Public Service Commission, Frankfort, Kentucky for approval of revisions in its Demand-Side Management and Energy-Efficiency ("DSM-EE") program portfolio, as shown in KU's Adjustment Clause Demand-Side Management Cost Recovery Mechanism ("DSM") tariff and the resulting changes in its DSM Cost Recovery Component ("DSMRC") charges. In its application, KU will notify the Commission that the revised DSM tariff sheets are proposed to become effective on and after January 5, 2018; however, because KU anticipates the Commission will suspend the proposed changes in the DSM tariff to conduct an investigation of the proposed changes, KU will ask the Commission to approve the proposed changes in its DSM-EE program portfolio and resulting charges under the DSM tariff to be effective on January 1, 2019.

The proposed changes to the DSM-EE program portfolio, if approved, will result in changes to the DSMRC calculated under the DSM tariff for all affected electric rate classes as follows:

Rate RS, RTOD-E, RTOD-D, and VFD			
Current Charge per kWh	Proposed Charge per kWh	Difference per kWh	% Change
\$ 0.00290	\$ 0.00104	- \$ 0.00186	-64.1%
Rate GS			
Current Charge per kWh	Proposed Charge per kWh	Difference per kWh	% Change
\$ 0.00142	\$ 0.00106	- \$ 0.00036	- 25.4%
AES			
Current Charge per kWh	Proposed Charge per kWh	Difference per kWh	% Change
\$ 0.00095	\$ 0.00357	+ \$ 0.00262	+ 275.8%
Rate PS, TODS, TODP, RTS, FLS, SPS, STOD, and OSL			
Current charge per kWh	Proposed Charge per kWh	Difference per kWh	% Change
\$ 0.00059	\$ 0.00067	+ \$ 0.00008	+ 13.6%

KU proposes also to make available DSM-EE program to, and to apply DSM charges to, industrial customers. KU is also revising its definition of "industrial" for the purposes of DSM to include only those customers engaged in activities primarily using electricity in a process or processes that involve either the extraction of raw materials from the earth or a change of raw or unfinished materials into another form or product. KU is also proposing an opt-out for industrial customers' meters serving energy-intensive loads, defined as any meter served under Rate TODP, RTS, or FLS. To be eligible to opt out, an industrial customer must state it has implemented cost-effective energy-efficiency measures not subsidized by other rate classes for the loads served by the meters to be opted out. Customers choosing to opt out eligible meters must submit an opt-out form to KU; properly completed and submitted opt-out forms will be processed and opt-outs implemented by the second full billing cycle following form submission. Opt outs will be effective indefinitely, though a customer may seek to opt back into DSM charges and DSM-EE programs for opted-out meters as soon as one year after opting out. Any opted-in meter or meter that serves load that has participated in a DSM-EE program may not opt out for at least three years after most recently opting in or participating in a DSM-EE program, whichever is later.

In addition, KU proposes to include DSM in the Adjustment Clauses section of Rate FLS because such customers will now be able to participate in DSM-EE programs and be subject to DSM charges unless meters served under Rate FLS are opted out.

The estimated amount of the annual change and the average monthly bill to which the proposed DSMRC charges will apply for each electric customer class is as follows:

Electric Rate Class	Average Monthly Usage (kWh)	Annual \$ Increase	Annual % Increase	Average Monthly Bill \$ Increase
Residential	1,179	(11,001,457)	(63.9)	(2.19)
Residential Time-of-Day	1,171			(2.18)
General Service	1,805	(618,661)	(25.2)	(0.65)
All Electric School	21,341	364,440	275.8	55.91
Power Service	41,148	431,732	15.2	3.29
TODS (Secondary)	245,336			19.63
TODP (Primary)*	1,241,109			99.29
Retail Transmission*	4,160,317			332.83
Fluctuating Load*	46,076,466			3,686.12
School Power Service	46,098			3.69
School Time-of-Day	118,621			9.49
Outdoor Sports Lighting Service	6,056			0.48

* KU formulated the DSMRC Charges applicable to Rates TODP, RTS, and FLS assuming that industrial customers taking service under those rates will choose to opt out eligible meters. Therefore, KU does not anticipate such customers will actually incur the costs shown; however, the table above reflects the impacts to such customers if they elect not to opt out, though the DSMRC Charges, and particularly the DSM Billing Adjustment, may change to reflect the additional revenues from such customers' load paying DSMRC Charges.

Complete copies of the proposed tariffs containing text changes and proposed rates may be obtained by contacting Kentucky Utilities Company at 220 West Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky, 1-800-981-0600, or visiting Kentucky Utilities Company's website at www.lge-ku.com.

Notice is further given that a person may examine this application at the offices of Kentucky Utilities Company, 100 Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky, and may also be examined at Kentucky Utilities Company's website at www.lge-ku.com. A person may also examine this application at the Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the commission's Web site at <http://psc.ky.gov>.

Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission, by mail to Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, or by sending an email to the Commission's Public Information Officer at psc.info@ky.gov. All comments should reference Case No. 2017-00441.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Kentucky Utilities Company, but the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication or mailing of the notice, the commission may take final action on the application.

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SPORTS

Lady Rockets defeat Somerset Briarjumpers

The Rockcastle Lady Rockets got an important second win of the season last Friday night, a 57-49 district win over the Somerset Lady Briarjumpers.

The Lady Rockets jumped out to a 12-8 first quarter lead that they never relinquished. They were ahead 27-22 at the half and 41-30 at the third quarter stop. Their biggest lead was in the fourth quarter at 46-30 but the Lady Briarjumpers had one last hoorah in them, cutting the lead to seven points, 50-43 with two minutes left in the game. However, the Lady Rockets sealed the win, hitting seven of ten free throws in the final minute of the game.

The Lady Briarjumpers hit five three points shots to the Lady Rockets zero. The Rockets turned the ball over 15 times to the Briarjumpers 19 times. The Rockets were 15 for 26 from the charity stripe and Somerset hit 10 of 12.

Sophomore Shelby Newland led her team in scoring with 18 points, which included going 10 for 11 from the free throw line; sophomore Kenzi Himes got 14; freshman Casey

Coleman, who picked up her second foul with with 5:53 left in the second quarter, got 13 points; junior Emma Bullens scored seven points; senior Emily Adams got three points and junior Kassie Lay scored two.

The Lady Rockets are now 2-2 on the season.

The Lady Rockets game with Jackson County, scheduled for Tuesday night, was canceled.

They will host the Casey County Lady Rebels Friday night in a doubleheader with the Rockets Friday night. Then, they will travel to West Jessamine next Monday night for a game before taking part in the Lady Marshall Holiday Classic at Marshall County, beginning Wednesday night, Dec. 20th with a game against Marshall County at 7:39.

They will then travel to Russell County to participate in the Bankers Hardwood Classic Dec. 28, 29 and 30. Their first game of the tournament will be against Marion County at noon on the 28th.

Their first game of the new year will be a doubleheader with the Rockets at Somerset on January 2nd.



Sophomore Kenzi Himes puts up a jump shot during the Lady Rockets' 57-49 win over Somerset Friday night. Himes scored 14 points for the Rockets. The team was led by Shelby Newland with 18.



Junior Emma Bullens looks to drive to the basket in the Lady Rockets' win over Somerset last Friday night. Bullens scored seven points in the contest.



Junior Cade Burdette scores on a layup during the Rockets' loss to Somerset Friday night. Burdette scored eight points on the night.

Rockets lose to Somerset; beat Phelps, lose to Anderson Co.

After starting the season 0-4, the Rockets got their first win of the season over Phelps, 66-26, Saturday in the PRTC Classic at Jackson County.

Last Friday night, the Rockets took it on the chin, at home, from the Somerset Briarjumpers 82-54 in their first district game of the season.

The only lead for the Rockets came on the first play of the game when junior Cade Burdette hit a basket to take the 20-0 lead over Somerset. After that, the Briarjumpers went on a 12-0 run and, at the first quarter stop, it was 21-10 Somerset.

Things just got worse from there with Somerset in front 41-29 at the half and 58-41 at the third quarter stop.

Senior Devin Mullins led his team in scoring with 11; sophomore Josh Thacker got 10; senior Grant Bryant, who only shot four times in the game (all three point shots), hit three of them for nine points; junior Cade Burdette got eight; sophomore Logan Noel scored seven points; junior Isaac Stratton got six points and sophomore Josiah West hit a three point basket.

In the turnover department, the Rockets had 12 to Somerset's six, Somerset got six threes to the Rockets five and the Rockets hit 11 of 16 free throws to Somerset's 15 of 21.

At Jackson County, the Rockets, in the PRTC Classic, the Rockets had an easy time with the Phelps Hornets, leading 25-4 at the first quarter stop, 40-18 at the half, 58-20 at the end of the third

quarter and 66-26 final.

Burdette led the scoring for his team with 12 points; Noel, Mullins, Stratton and sophomore Trevor Todd all scored eight points; West got 6; Bryant, sophomore Jacob Loudermilk scored 3 points and senior Nick Dillingham one.

Tuesday night, the Rockets traveled to Anderson County where they were defeated 83-56 by the Bearcats.

The Rockets trailed the entire game, behind 18-7 at the first quarter stop, 39-26 at halftime and 57-44 at the end of the third quarter.

None of the Rockets made it into double figures. Thacker led the scoring with nine points; Burdette, Mullins and Stratton got eight each; Noel scored six, Todd and Loudermilk 4 each and West and Bryant 3 each.

The Rockets will next be in action at home Friday night in a doubleheader with the Lady Rockets against Casey County. Friday, Dec. 22nd, the team will travel to Rowan County to play Augusta in the Ky. Bank Challenge at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday, the 23rd will play Rowan County at 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday night, Dec. 27th, the Rockets will begin play in the Bowman Classic at Lynn Camp in a game against Barbourville at 6 o'clock. Thursday night, Dec. 28th, the Rockets will play Owen County at 6 o'clock and, on the 29th, will play Lynn Camp at 7:30.

The Rockets will begin play in the new year with an away game at Somerset, a doubleheader with the Lady Rockets.



Sophomore Logan Noel drives to the basket during the Rockets' loss to Somerset Friday night. The Rockets picked up their first win Saturday with a 66-26 victory over Phelps. The Rockets next play Casey County this Friday at home in a doubleheader with the Lady Rockets.



Sophomore Jacob Loudermilk applies defensive pressure to a Somerset Briarjumper during the Rockets' loss Friday night. Also pictured is Rocket Jordan Nicely.



Freshman Casey Coleman goes up for two of her 13 points in the Lady Rockets' 57-49 win over Somerset last Friday night.



Senior Grant Bryant pulls down a rebound in the Rockets' loss to Somerset last Friday night. Bryant came of the bench to help the Rockets from the three-point-line going three for four. Also pictured is teammate Isaac Stratton.

• Help Wanted •

The City of Brodhead is accepting resumes for general worker/operator assistant. Duties vary and are with water/sewer department and city department. Must be 18 years of age and have a clean driving record. Resumes will be accepted until noon Friday, December 22nd. Hand deliver resumes to: 7 West Main St. • Brodhead, Ky. or mail to Brodhead City Hall PO Box 556 • Brodhead, KY 40409 City reserves right to reject any or all applications. Any questions? Call 606-758-8635

“Drugs”

(Continued from front)

more of heroin, methamphetamine, oxycodone and hydrocodone tablets.

All suspects were indicted by a Rockcastle County Grand Jury on Friday prior to the roundup on Saturday, according to Rush who said, “This is an example of our relentless commitment to eliminate these and all other illegal narcotics from our city and our county.”

Arrested Saturday were Michael Cromer, Davis Northern, Anita Adams, William D. Martin, Ernest Bishop, Nathan Gibbons, Carolyn Easten, Larry Shepherd, Debbie Hellard, Ronald Kirby, Ashley Whitehead, Greg McGuire and Anthony Spoonsmore.

Arrested Monday was Stacey Day and police are still searching for Jeff Chestnut. Anyone with information about Chestnut’s whereabouts is asked to call the Mount Vernon Police Department.

It was in January of this year that the department held one of the largest meth roundups in the state after a nine month investigation led to 23 arrests.

Throughout the year, officers with the city police department, as well as the Rockcastle County Sheriff’s office and the Kentucky State Police, have made many other illegal drug arrests in the county as well.

Rush said that the department was assisted by the sheriff’s office and the state police in the investigation.

“Pride”

(Continued from front)

said Mayor Walter Cash. “The town looks wonderful. We have people coming from Lexington just to see the lights in Brodhead.”

Burton continued his accolades concerning the Christmas Parade held last week. “I also can’t say enough about the Brodhead Christmas Parade,” he said. “I attended all three parades in our county and Brodhead should be very proud. It was the best parade I have seen in years and our fire department and all those who worked to create that atmosphere are to be congratulated.”

During the unfinished business of the agenda, Burton informed the council that he is in the process of ordering the new shelter for the “Little Park” and the company providing the materials will set the structure up once the building is purchased.

Council members also accepted the resignation of full-time water and sewer employee Brandon Evans. “We can’t blame Brandon for bettering himself and his family but we will surely miss him,” said Burton. “It’s hard to find good people like him.”

The city will advertise for the open position over the next two weeks.

Chief John Dyehouse reported that the Brodhead Fire Department has been busier recently due to the drop in temperatures and that all the fire trucks are in good shape.

Police Chief William Harris reported that the new officer, Travis Davis, is expected to begin his job with the city very soon. According to Harris, once all the tests are complete and paperwork is returned, Davis can start work immediately.

Harris reported the department has made 17 calls since the last meeting and is working two cases currently. Harris also said his department made one arrest and performed three mutual aid assists among other duties.

“Murder”

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with complicity in the murder soon after the incident.

Police say Evans admitted to entering the home on Wilderness Road in Mount Vernon with a handgun to

kill the couple who had reportedly forbidden him to see their daughter. Evans also admitted to burning his shoes and washing his clothes to hide evidence.

Commonwealth Attorney Eddy Montgomery requested that the teen be charged as an adult because of the seriousness of the charge and the county attorney’s office agreed with the request.

Reynold’s attorney has asked for her bond to be reduced and a hearing was scheduled for February 9 to determine the bond amount.

According to Montgomery, if charged as a juvenile, Reynold could only be held until she was 18 years old. “As an adult, she can be charged with life without the possibility of parole for 25 years,” he said.

Kentucky State Police Detective Ryan Loudemilk is in charge of the investigation.

“Sewer”

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if it had to be bought on the open market.

“Our system is at least 40 years old,” Medley said, “and it has been tough, tough to keep it going with little relief.”

He did caution the council that one person would have to be hired to help with installation of the equipment.

As to replacing the city’s system, Medley said it could not be done without grants and grants could not be obtained without the city’s audits being up-to-date. The mayor said the city was several years behind on audits, mainly because of the expense involved but that he was talking to Cumberland Valley Area Development Districts about grants available to help with audit expenses.

During the meeting, Medley also reminded councilmembers of upcoming events in the city, including the *Polar Express Movie* which will be shown Friday night, December 15th at 7 p.m. in the depot building and the potluck dinner scheduled for Friday night, December 22nd at 6 p.m., also in the depot building. This will be held along with the regular Friday night singing which will feature the Letter Box Boys from Jackson County.

At the end of the meeting, Mayor Medley noted that it was their last meeting of 2017 and he wanted to express his, and the council’s, appreciation “for everyone continuing to work hard and the support shown for what we are trying to do.” Medley also noted that, “Trail Town went to a whole other level this year.”

“Vote”

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Jeremy Rowe, County Attorney.

Doug Bishop and Howell Holbrook Jr., County Judge/Executive.

Danetta Ford Allen, County Clerk.

Shawn D. Simmons, Chris Mason, Shannon Franklin, and Matt Dees,

Sheriff.

Carlos McClure, Rick Brummett, John Burton, Nathan Carter and Stanley Payne, Jailer.

Richard Dean, Coroner. Shannon Bishop, Magistrate District 1.

William S. Denny and Kevin Gibbons, Magistrate District 2.

Doug Prewitt and Bentley Sowder, Magistrate, District 3.

Gary Burdette, Magistrate District 4.

Michael P. McGuire, Michael L. Smith, Merrill Brown, Magistrate District 5.

Rodney G. Adams, Teddy W. Rose and Ronald Dale Simpson, Constable District 1.

Chuck Gray and Steve Griffin, Constable District 2.

Kevin Begley, Constable District 3.

Donnie Cope, Constable District 4.

Charlie Newcomb, Constable District 5.

Every candidate registered thus far in Rockcastle County, has registered to run in the Republican Primary.

“School”

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19.18% to 28.05% for classified employees. This is already approved and doesn’t include our certified employees yet,” she said.

Superintendent David Pensol told the board there are still strong concerns about how the final bill will appear addressing the pension system. “The pension system is on educator’s minds. We are all deeply worried about what will happen with the pension system,” he said.

The board also approved the new calendar committee for the district and they will meet in February to create the proposed school calendar and then bring that proposal to the board for approval.

Approved for the new board are Jennifer Mattingly, Rebecca Isaacs, Jeffrey VanHook, Jenni Ellis, Ken Hopkins, Thomas Coffey, Nick Williams, Jamie Saylor, Brandon Reynolds, Mary Ann Childress and Steve McKinney.

The board also agreed to hold a special meeting on December 21 to accept bids for high school projects from contractors.

The board also reviewed the Superintendent’s Personnel Report.

Full time certified personnel employed were: Ainsley Bussell, assistant softball coach at RCHS and Dustin Reynolds assistant baseball coach at RCMS.

Full time classified personnel employed were: Beth Eaton, instructional assistant at RCMS and Tyler Holman, assistant baseball coach at RCHS.

Jeanette Hennessey was employed as a substitute cook/baker and Natalie Carter, instructional assistant at RCMS, resigned her position.

The next board meeting will be January 9 at 6 p.m.

County fares well during snow storm

By: Mike French Reporter

A sudden snowfall across the state caught many people off guard Saturday as roads were covered in a thin layer of snow and ice in a matter of minutes.

Reports from other counties indicate a large number of accidents. In fact, Fayette County reported over 200 vehicle accidents in a couple of hours and I-75 was closed in both directions due to accidents. One side was closed for almost seven hours in Fayette County.

However, Mike Peters, Rockcastle County Sheriff said local residents fared well during the storm. “I think people may have fig-

ured out that they need to slow down during snow and ice,” he said.

Peters said his department only responded to three accidents due to the weather.

Part of the credit for the lack of accidents belongs to the county and cities also, according to Peters.

“Our roads were in pretty good shape. The county was on top of things when the snow started and the temperature fell,” said Peters. “There were very few slick spots and traffic moved well in our county.”

Only .2 of an inch was officially recorded but the low temperature caused the small amount to stick to the roadways.

Fish and Wildlife proposes regulations

The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission proposed several new deer, elk and small game hunting regulations at its quarterly meeting Dec 8.

The commission recommends all hunting, fishing and boating regulations for approval by the General Assembly and approves all expenditures by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. Legislators must approve regulation recommendations before they become law.

In elk-related business, the commission proposed keeping the number of elk permits at 710 for the 2018-2019 elk seasons. The commission recommended issuing 250 bull permits, comprised of 100 bull elk archery and 150 bull elk firearm permits. The commission also proposed issuing 450 antlerless elk permits, comprised of 160 archery and 290 antlerless elk firearms permits.

In other elk-related business, the commission recommended including a question on the post-season survey for drawn elk hunters concerning elk wounded, but not recovered, by the hunter. Survey completion for drawn elk hunters will be mandatory.

In deer-related business, the commission proposed changes for deer quota hunts on wildlife management areas and quota hunts in general. These changes would become effective for the 2018-2019 deer seasons:

- Create a 10 percent cap on non-resident quota hunt participants.
- Adjust party applications for quota hunts to the average preference point total for the entire party.
- Move the West Kentucky Wildlife Management Area (WMA) deer quota hunt to the third Saturday in December to facilitate the upcoming American Kennel Association’s retriever championship. The deer quota hunt on the area re-

verts to the normal timeframe of the third Saturday in November for the 2019 hunting season.

• Move the Dewey Lake WMA deer quota hunt to the first weekend in November.

In other quota hunt-related business, the commission recommended removing the requirement that quota hunt applicants must enter their Social Security number to apply. Quota hunt applications will become online only. Applications by phone will be phased out after June 2018.

The commission will consider deer season dates and zone adjustments at the March, 2018 quarterly commission meeting.

In small game-related business, the commission proposed eliminating the upland bird quota hunt on Clay WMA in Nicholas, Bath and Fleming counties. They proposed replacing it with a two-day per week hunt framework where hunters could hunt on Tuesdays and Saturdays with a 3 p.m. closure daily. The open season would run from Nov. 1 to Dec. 31. Hunters must check-in and out at a self-service kiosk, display a hang-tag in their vehicle and must complete a hunting log each day. The daily bag limit for these hunts are four quail and two grouse.

In other small game-related business, the commission proposed eliminating the Peabody WMA quail quota hunts and replacing it with a two-day per week structure with a 3 p.m. daily closure. On the Ken Unit of Peabody WMA, hunters may hunt quail on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Hunters may hunt quail on Thursdays and Saturdays on the Sinclair Unit of Peabody WMA. The season would run from the Monday following the close of modern gun deer season until Feb. 10. Similar to Clay WMA, hunters must check-in and out at a self-service kiosk, display a hang-tag in their

vehicle and complete a hunting log each day. The daily bag limit is four quail.

The commission also recommended rabbit hunters check-in and out at self-service kiosks on the Ken and Sinclair Units of Peabody WMA, Clay WMA and Rockcastle River WMA in Pulaski County. They must display hang-tags in their vehicles and complete a daily hunting log. Season dates, bag limits and general hunting requirements for rabbit, quail and grouse hunting on Rockcastle River WMA will mirror these requirements on Clay WMA.

These small game changes would become effective for the 2018-2019 hunting seasons.

The commission also proposed a set of minimum standards for new agreements for Hunting Access Areas (HAA). All properties shall be accessible by a public thoroughfare with a minimum tract size of 100 acres. They shall be open to public hunting and have a leash law for dogs, except from Nov. 1 through Feb. 28.

Agreements in the elk restoration zone shall be signed and completed by June 1 in order to be eligible for an elk permit for the upcoming season. If Kentucky Fish and Wildlife and the landowner determines that special elk hunting restrictions are warranted, then a Limited Entry Area (LEA) will be created around the enrolled land or the hunters may be placed using the voucher sign-up process to limit elk hunters if deemed a better fit by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife.

The next regularly scheduled Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting will be 8:30 a.m. (Eastern time), Friday, March 9, 2018. Meetings are held at Kentucky Fish and Wildlife headquarters, located at 1 Sportsman’s Lane off U.S. 60 in Frankfort.

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Judge Lawless recipient of Judge Heaton Award

District Court Judge Jeffrey Scott Lawless, who serves Pulaski and Rockcastle counties, was recently named the 2017 recipient of the Judge Robert W. Heaton Award for his judicial leadership, his contributions to the judiciary and the commonwealth, and his enduring friendships with fellow judges. The Kentucky District Judges Association presented the award to Judge Lawless at the Kentucky District Judges College in September.

"It was my honor to present Judge Lawless with the Heaton award," said Jefferson District Court Judge David P. Bowles, who is chairman of the KDJA's Judge Robert W. Heaton Award Committee. "He is easily accessible to judges across the commonwealth and prompt in responding to ethics inquiries as a member of the Judicial Ethics Committee. His smile and personality are infec-

tious."

Judge Lawless said he was honored with the award from his fellow district judges.

"When this award was created several years ago, I told my colleagues that it represented a benchmark for our judges," Judge Lawless said. "We expect our judges to be scholars of the law. We want them to be mentors to other judges and lawyers, and we want them to be active in our communities. I think the fact that we present this award says even more about the judiciary than it says about the recipient."

District Court Judge Louis K. Myers, who serves Ballard and Carlisle counties, nominated Judge Lawless for the award.

The KDJA presents the Judge Robert W. Heaton Award annually to an elected or retired District Court judge who has demonstrated judicial leadership, contributed to the commonwealth through volunteering with civic organizations, promoted the image of the judiciary and the legal profession, and has a reputation for integrity, mentorship, scholarship and professionalism. The recipient has enduring friendships with colleagues. The award is named for Nelson County District Court Judge Robert W. Heaton, who passed away suddenly in 2012 while serving as KDJA

president.

Judge Lawless has served as chief district judge for the 28th Judicial District of Pulaski and Rockcastle counties since 2005, when he was appointed as a district judge by Gov. Ernie Fletcher. He was subsequently elected to the bench for three full terms. He is also the chief regional district judge for the Cumberland Region. Chief regional judges supervise the administrative business of the courts in their region, which includes assigning special judges in cases of conflicts or vacancies and providing general direction to the nonjudicial personnel assigned to those courts. He serves as the District Court member of the Judicial Ethics Committee.

Prior to becoming a judge, Judge Lawless was an assistant county attorney and practiced law in Somerset. He is a frequent speaker on the judiciary and has served with the United Way of South Central Kentucky, Operation HOPE, The Moore Complex and the South Central Kentucky Foundation for Families and Children. He has coached various youth teams and activities and is a Scout leader. He is an award-winning biscuit chef, having received the blue ribbon and red ribbon for baking powder biscuits and buttermilk biscuits at the Kentucky State Fair in 2002.



Judge Scott Lawless



Visiting with Santa Claus...

Noah and Ethan Whitaker visited with Santa Claus last Saturday in Mt. Vernon's Triangle Park. You still have another chance to visit with the Jolly Old Man this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Park.

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Frankfort Update...

By Jonathon Shell
State Representative
Critical House Work
Continues As Session
Approaches

I wanted to provide an update on the ongoing work in the House of Representatives. Even though we are not in session, we remain busy working to strengthen our state.



Discussions continue on how to best confront Kentucky's pension crisis. I continue to receive input on this issue and appreciate everyone who has contacted me. I am reading and keeping everyone's thoughts in mind as we work on this critical issue. There have been many productive meetings with education groups, the Senate, and the Governor's office and I am hopeful this issue will finally be addressed.

In addition to the pension crisis, we've also been looking at other issues that may receive attention in 2018. One of the areas where I see the most room for reform is how we manage adoption and foster care. While taking in a new child is certainly not easy, the problem itself is relatively straightforward: it costs too much and takes too long to open up your home to a new child. The excessive bureaucracy involved with this process

often results in children remaining in less than ideal living conditions, where their well being is not the priority it should be.

This is unfortunate, because improving the lives of children and families is a critical function of government, and a personal mission for me as a legislator. I am dedicated to fixing this problem, as it is something I've seen firsthand as an adoptive father and worked on during my time in the House. We currently have an outstanding, bipartisan working group that has been listening and developing solutions that make it easier to adopt, with a focus on streamlining the bureaucracy surrounding it. I look forward to reviewing their recommendations soon and acting on them in the 2018 session. It is my goal to make sure in Kentucky, we never have to hear the statement from those willing to adopt: "I would adopt but..."

We also have another bipartisan working group that has been developing reforms to Kentucky's outdated infrastructure funding formula. As the times have changed, the ways in which we fund our transportation systems have not. New technologies consistently lower fuel prices, an other funding shortfalls have made it more and more difficult to build and maintain our roads and bridges.

Far too many of Kentucky's roads and bridges are structurally deficient. Our economy demands that both businesses and consumers have access to safe and quality forms of transportation, and that is what we are trying to do. I look forward to seeing changes to our funding formula that are better aligned with our modern economy, and that make Kentucky the standard bearer for infrastructure.

Per Kentucky's Constitution, transportation projects are funded in the biennial road plan, which is crafted and voted on separately from the state budget. This means that vital transportation projects for our district will not be affected by larger budget cuts within state government. For example, even as the current state budget imposed cuts in order to keep our fiscal house in order, I was still able to work to secure funding for the much-needed expansion of I-75 in Rockcastle County.

Speaking of the state budget, the time to craft a new one is nearly upon us. While this process is never easy, money will be especially tight in the coming

years. Increased pension contributions, important needs for families plagued by the drug epidemic, and many other obligations will make for a tough budget. When the 60-day session begins in January, we will immediately begin working towards a fiscally responsible plan, which will keep our promises to public employees, protect the most vulnerable members of society, and show deference to the taxpayers who fund government services. The House is moving forward on preparing for the upcoming session, and fully prepared to effectively serve the public.

On a more personal note, I hope everyone had an outstanding Thanksgiving, and enjoyed time spent with family and friends. Not only am I grateful for my wonderful and supportive family, but I am also extremely grateful to each and every one of my constituents, who afford me the opportunity to serve them in Frankfort.

Rep. Jonathan Shell is the Majority Floor Leader in the State House of Representatives. He represents the 71st district, which includes western Madison as well as all of Garrard and Rockcastle counties.



News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

District Civil Suits

World Finance Corp. v. John Vanwinkle, \$4,496 plus claimed due.

World Finance Corp. v. Howard Bartlett, \$2,074 plus claimed due.

Midland Funding v. Beverly McKnight, \$1,503 plus claimed due.

Midland Funding v. Carolyn Hellard, \$727 plus claimed due.

Midland Funding v. Laurie Cole, \$2,501 plus claimed due. C-00399

Note: The Vicki Burdette, listed in last week's circuit civil suits, is not the Vicki Burdette that lives on Hurrican Scool Road.

Deeds Recorded

Park Community Credit Union, Inc., property on Copper Creek Road, to Ray Napier, Jr. Tax \$30

Harvey Whittemore and Tamera and David Seals, property in Rockcastle County, to A2R Property, Inc. Tax \$20

Matthew and Angela D. Hupp, property on Chestnut Ridge Road, to Nathan D. and Kimberly A. Kerr. Tax \$115

bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

Marlene McGill: no/expired registration plates and no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, \$25 fine (each count), both suspended on condition of no new violations; failure of non-owner operator to maintain reg. insurance, 10 days in jail/costs waived.

Ike Smith: failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta/bw issued.

Tyler Mobley: fleeing or evading police, 90 days in jail/concurrent with state time.

Lester James Powell: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

Wesley Robinson: public intoxication controlled substance, sentencing order entered.

Think safety during holidays

Lights and decorations are a staple of the holiday season but Jackson Energy wants to remind everyone that you need to light up the holiday season safely.

Here are some holiday lighting safety tips to remember:

Before hanging holiday lights outside, look out of overhead power lines. Never throw light strands into trees near power lines and remember to look up to check

for electric lines when you are hanging lights on outdoor buildings and houses.

Inspect all the lights you plan on using. Make sure the wires are in good condition – not cracked, brittle or frayed. The sockets should not be damaged, and no light bulbs should be missing.

Check that all light strands are certified and rated for the conditions in which they'll be used. Never use lights rated for

indoor use in an outdoor setting.

Never string more than three strands of lights together unless the packaging says it is safe to do so. Overloaded cords or outlets could start a fire.

Never tack or nail through a strand of lights. Do not place cords under rugs or in high traffic areas.

Lighted and electrical outdoor decorations should be plugged into ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) protected outlets.

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Sealed Bids will be received, opened, and immediately read aloud at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 19, 2017 for the Rockcastle County High School – HVAC/Roof Replacement Project. The bids will be received at the Rockcastle County School Board of Education, 245 Richmond Street, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

The project site is located at 1545 Cumberland Lake Pkwy, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456. The bid is to furnish all necessary labor, materials, tools, machinery, warranties, and all other items required to renovate the HVAC System, Replace Roof and E.I.F.S., Extend Drive Lane and repave existing parking lot to meet plans and specifications. Work to include, but not limited to; ceilings, lighting, electrical, hvac, roofing, E.I.F.S. and minor site grading, new asphalt paving and striping.

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Interested Contractors shall attend a mandatory pre-bid conference on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. at the project site, 1545 Cumberland Lake Pkwy, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after the opening. Each bid must include a bid security in the amount of 10% of the total bid in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, irrevocable letter of credit, or surety company bond made payable to the Rockcastle County School Board of Education.

If a bid security in the amount of 10% of the full bid amount is submitted with the bid, the successful bidder will be required to furnish a performance and payment bond and labor and material bond from an acceptable surety in the amount of 100% of the full contract amount. If a bid guaranty bond in the amount of 100% of the total bid is submitted with the bid, performance and labor and material bond will be required.

The contract documents have been prepared by N3D Group, 1204 Winchester Road, Suite 200, Lexington, KY 40505. For additional information or questions, send email inquiries to HYPERLINK "mailto:snoel@n3dgroup.com" snoel@n3dgroup.com or phone 859-303-5708. Copies of the documents may be purchased from Lynn Imaging, 328 East Vine Street, Lexington, KY, 40507, (859) 255-1021 or www.lynnimaging.com.

All provisions of the Kentucky Revised Code as it relates to bid guaranty's conditions, liabilities, and withdrawal of a bid are applicable to this contract. The owner reserves the right to waive any informality or to accept any bid which is deemed most favorable. The owner also reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

By order of the owner: Rockcastle County School Board of Education

Tiger Pause

Brodhead Elementary Fourth grade students have been visited by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife and Rockcastle County's local conservationist once a month during our fall semester. Each month the students have been introduced to the wildlife in Kentucky and the habitats that the local landscapes provide. The local conservationist share the unique wildlife qualities that the state of Kentucky has for our citizens to enjoy. This month, the students learned about hunting and gun safety. Students had the opportunity to learn rules of handling a gun (specifically when they are hunting), the colors you should wear while hunting, safe ways to cross an obstacle while they are holding a gun, safe ways to store their guns, and the difference between a rifle and a shot gun. Thanks to the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife department for sharing with our students and providing a curriculum for introducing the discovery of the great resources of Kentucky. Pictured are Sarah Mink, Isaiah Phelps, and Malik Bachman simulating a hunting situation to provide a visual for their educational experience.

Brodhead Elementary School would like to take this time to invite our students, families, and community members to our Winter Carnival. BES will be hosting a Winter Carnival on Monday, December 18th, from 5 until 7. The event will feature indoor activities, student lead games, bounce houses, concessions and student generated businesses for everyone to visit. Admission is free to the carnival with varying cost for products and games. Brodhead will also have a silent auction for themed baskets created by individual classrooms, which can be viewed on our school website and our PTG Facebook page.



Pictured are Brodhead Elementary students Sarah Mink, Isaiah Phelps, and Malik Bachman, along with Jamie Alton of Kentucky Fish and Wildlife, simulating a hunting situation to provide a visual for their educational experience.

FFA attends regional

On Thursday December 7th, Rockcastle County's FFA participated in regional FFA contest at the Lee County Area Technology Center in hopes of advancing to the state competition. Both the Agricultural Sales Team and the Small Engines Team competed and placed first in their respective contests.

Team members of the Agricultural Sales Team were Elisha Blanton, Janie Bowman, Hannah Denny and Kagan Miller, with alternates Alisha Denny and Rachelle Doan. Hannah Denny had the second-high individual score in the region and the team will

advance onto the state contest in June at the State FFA Convention at Rupp Arena.

Team members of the Small Engines Team were Austin Allen, John Bishop, Justin Brown, and Keaton Renfro with alternates Jarrett Burke and Patsy Thomas. Justin Brown was the regional high individual, John Bishop was the second-high individual and Austin Allen was the third-high individual in the regional contest. The Small Engines Team will advance to the state contest in August at the Kentucky State Fair in Louisville.



Members of the FFA Agricultural Sales Team are from left: Janie Bowman, Alisha Denny, Rachelle Doan, Hannah Denny, Elisha Blanton, and Kagan Miller.



Members of the FFA Small Engines team are from left: Justin Brown, Patsy Thomas, Jarrett Burke, John Bishop, Keaton Renfro, and Austin Allen.

Buddy Herring graduates from basic

U.S. Air Force Airman Buddy A. Herring graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

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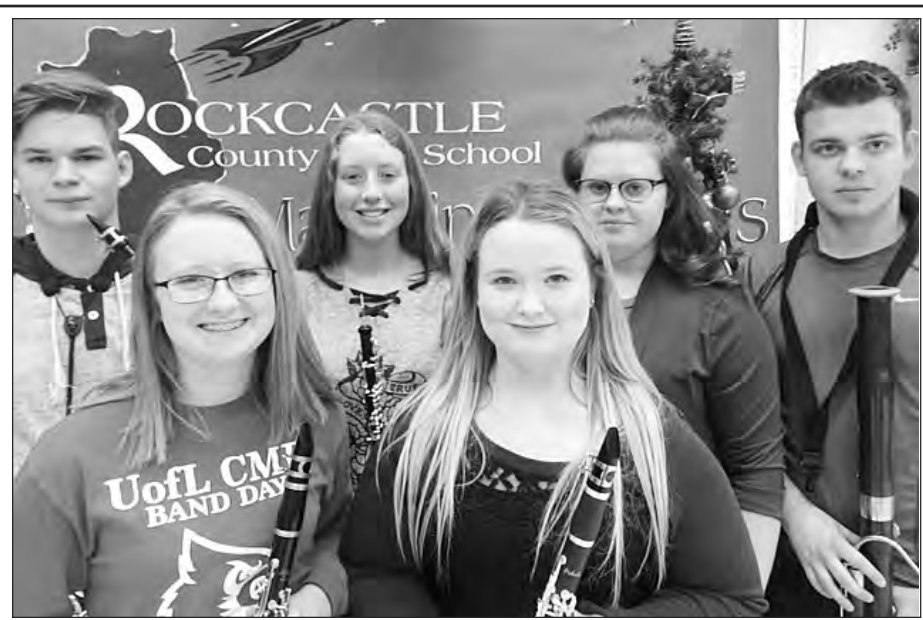
Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Buddy Herring of Stanford and Janet Busenlehner of Brodhead, and husband of Kristen N. Herring of



Airman Buddy A. Herring

Mount Vernon. He is a 2017 graduate of Rockcastle County High School.



RCHS Band Members selected for Bluegrass All-Regional Groups

Congratulations to members of the RCHS Concert Band who were selected by audition as members of the 2018 Bluegrass All-Regional Bands. The students competed with other players from 18 schools across the region to secure their spot in the ensembles. RCHS students selected include: Tarrylton Dunn, Symphonic Band; Brooklyn Lane, Concert Band; Devona Smith, Concert Band Alternate; Lizzie Dixon, 1st Chair Concert Band; Abigail Fletcher, 1st Chair Concert Band; and Connor Noble, 1st Chair Symphonic Band.

Mt. Vernon Message

Archery practice is every Monday until 5:00. Remember that if there is no school, there is no archery practice and at the moment practices will not be made up. If you are considering purchasing your child a bow, it must be a Matthews Genesis bow. However, it is not necessary to do so as the school has enough bows for every participant. If you have any questions see a coach after practice or call MVES.

MVES Pentatonos

Christmas Concert will be Friday, December 15 at 1:30.

Class News

Mrs. Kristy's 1st graders put together a Christmas care package for a military friend stationed overseas. They made cards and brought in some of his favorite candies.

Mrs. Cameron's 5th grade class read *Twas the Night Before Christmas* to Mrs. Cloia's kindergarten class. Then students colored the activity book together.

Miss Kami and Ms. Lisa's Kindergarten students sang Christmas Carols to their 5th grade helpers in Mr. Coffey's class and also worked with them reading stories afterwards.

Christmas Break begins Wednesday, December 20. Students will return on Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

FRC News

Christmas present pickup is Wednesday, December 20 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.



Mrs. Kristy's first graders at MVES put together a Christmas care package for a military friend stationed overseas. They made cards and brought in some of his favorite candies.



Mrs. Cameron's fifth grade class at MVES read *Twas the Night Before Christmas* to Mrs. Cloia's kindergarten class. Then students colored the activity book together.



Miss Kami and Ms. Lisa's kindergarten students sang Christmas Carols to their fifth grade helpers in Mr. Coffey's class and also worked with them reading stories afterwards at MVES.

Minds in the Middle

There are only a few days left to purchase yearbooks for the price of \$30. The price will increase after Christmas break. Our annual Spelling Bees are underway at RCMS. Congratulations to the class spelling bee winners for the Comets team: Darren Quinley, Destiny Adams, Erica McGuire, and Granville Graves. The team winner was Darren Quinley.

Our kind kids for the week are: Landon Gray, Leigha Crutcher, Joshua Newcomb, Natalie Tolle, Silas Durham, Connor McGuire, Makenzie Lopez, Joe Pickle, Jamie Gray, Rebekah Daniel, and Halli Bales.

Our toy drive was a huge success. Thank you to all who donated to help kids in our community and to the Builders Club for heading up that project.

The 8th grade class will be selling Candy Cane grams on Thursday to be delivered on Friday. The candy grams are 50 cents each and can be sent to their friends or teachers. This is to help raise funds for their 8th grade trip.

Thank you to our Unite Club members who sent Christmas cards to local drug rehab facilities.

The art club has Christmas ornaments for sale for \$1. The ornaments are on the tree in the office.

Tuesday will be our annual Christmas Dinner for the students at RCMS with a special meal and entertainment by our staff. We will also be having an ugly Christmas sweater contest. Students will pay \$1 to enter the contest and proceeds will go to our Youth Services Center Christmas Program.

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Posted: No trespassing on land belonging to James and Dorothy Rash heirs on Rash Branch Road off Chestnut Ridge. No hunting, camping, ATVs, trespassing for any purpose. Not responsible for accidents. Violators will be prosecuted. 5x51

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Posted: Property belonging to Don and Kitty Reese on Smallwood Road at Roundstone. All trespassers will be prosecuted. 49xntf

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Posted: No hunting, trespassing or ATVs on land belonging to Jason and Sara Coguer at Roundstone. Not responsible for accidents.

Posted: No trespassing on Crawford Place - Old Brodhead Road. Danny Smith. 47tfn

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Responses must be in writing and submitted in a sealed envelope with PR-8447 clearly marked on the front.

Please send responses to Michelle Evans, Facilities Division, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1001 Vandalay Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601-9320. (FAX responses will not be accepted.)

Each proposal should include the type, location, and availability date of the property. Also furnish a floor plan showing the interior layout of the existing building to include walls, doors, windows, and columns.

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A representative of the AOC will make an appointment to inspect all proposed lease space that meets the requirements stated above. A determination will not be made until a visual inspection of all proposed properties has been made. Property must be approved by the Department of Housing, Buildings, and Construction, Division of Building Codes Enforcement, and must meet OSHA and the Americans with Disabilities Act specifications, as well as existing applicable building codes.

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Lions Club volunteers raised funds throughout the year to take children Christmas shopping at Walmart in Berea this past Saturday. Approximately 23 children enjoyed shopping and ending the day with a meal at McDonald's. Local police help with the effort and the Lions Club would like to thank all who donated to the cause throughout the year. Shown with the children are Sheriff Mike Peters, Rick Brummett, William Thomason, Connie Bullen, Josh Haines, Sam Brock, Kurt Mays, Mike Deborde, Ryan Messinger and Alfred McNew.



On Tuesday, December 12th, Kentucky State Police Post 11, London and the Kentucky State Police Professional Association Chapter 11 held its annual "Shop-With-A-Trooper" program at the London Wal-Mart. The program, which operates solely from donations, was able to help 14 children from our community have a better Christmas. The KSP appreciates the local businesses and special friends throughout the community that help in this endeavor. Troopers shown with the local children were: Darren Allen, Scottie Pennington, Chris Pruitt, Adam Hensley and James Royal.

Fiscal Court okays MOU for sale of Anchor building

At last week's regular meeting of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, the court approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with principals of Eagle Manufacturing of North America, Inc. for the purchase of the former Anchor building over a five-year period.

The MOU sets forth a purchase price of \$2,924,000 and an immediate non-refundable deposit of \$60,000 has already been made by the company which will go against the purchase price of the building.

The company will also pay CSX Railroad the \$25,000 rail spur fee for 2017 which will also be credited to the purchase price. The company will also be responsible for all future rail spur fees.

Under the terms of the agreement, Eagle will not have to make any further payments for the first twelve months of the agreement. Beginning in the 13th month, the company will pay the county \$18,000 per month which will be credited towards the purchase price.

At the end of the five year period, Eagle Manufacturing (See "Court" on A11)

Elaborate marijuana growing operation busted in Livingston

By: Mike French Reporter

There will be a lot less marijuana circulating around Livingston this holiday season, thanks to the efforts of KSP Trooper Darren Allen and an ongoing investigation into illegal drug activity across the state.

According to an arrest citation, Allen executed a search warrant last Wednesday, December 13th, at 100 Birch Hollow Road in Livingston, at the home of 42-year-old Matthew Green.

Upon arrival at the residence, the citation says an elaborate two-stage indoor marijuana-growing operation was discovered in a separate building on the property.

Police discovered 183 marijuana plants in various stages of growth and a search of the property, lasting several hours, turned up much more illegal drug materials.

Police say they also found a total of 1.5 pounds of packaged marijuana in-

(See "Busted" on A11)

Two men arrested after contacting police officers

By: Mike French Reporter

Two men were arrested this week in Brodhead after they each went out of their way to contact police. One of them had outstanding arrest warrants and the other had heroin on his person.

Brodhead Police officer Travis Davis was dispatched to West Main Street in Brodhead Monday, December 18th, after a call to the 911 dispatch center was disconnected.

According to the citation, the caller was John Chris Newland III, 45, of Brodhead, and Davis made contact with him in reference to a complaint he had made during the phone call to 911.

However, when Davis attempted to explain what Newland should do to re-

(See "Arrest" on A10)

Among other items of business

Court increases aid to sheriff's department

At last Thursday's regular meeting of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, Deputy Sheriff Dale McNew presented the court with Sheriff Mike Peters figures for the office's 2018 budget.

The budget shows expected income of \$605,356 for 2018, compared to \$538,436 for 2017. The difference comes primarily from an increase (to \$63,858

from last year's \$30,000) for three additional court security officers which are expected to be hired in January of 2018 to provide man-

power for the new court security system in the judicial annex building. These base funds will be provided by the Administrative Office of the Court (AOC). The other largest increase in income for the sheriff's department is an increase in the county's monthly contribution to the department from \$13,256 to \$15,970. McNew told the court the increase was being requested because of the increase in payroll brought about by a pay raise given to county employees in October of this year of \$1 an hour. The court approved the request for the increase in their monthly contribution.

The court also approved up to \$25,000 to cover an expected shortfall in income for 2017, \$14,000 of which, McNew said, is due directly to the pay increase. The exact amount will be determined by the amount of the

commission the sheriff's department collects on property tax bills during December.

(See "Sheriff" on A10)

Indictment released on teen accused of murder complicity

By: Mike French Reporter

The October 13 indictment for the Rockcastle County teen, who will be

charged as an adult in the double murder of her parents, has now been released.

Sixteen year-old Brooklyn Reynolds, whose name had not been released until last week because of her age, was indicted on two counts of complicity to commit murder.

On June 8, 2017, Chara Bryant, 35, and her husband,

(See "Teen" on A11)

December 31 deadline to change party registration

If you have an urge to change your party affiliation, the last day to do so for the upcoming primaries, is December 31st. During the May primaries, voters may only vote according to their registration.

To change your affiliation, voters may either go to the second floor of the Rockcastle County Court House and fill out a card, or go online and change it

(See "Party" on A10)

Lake Linville Duck hunting on agenda

Some controversy has arisen recently concerning duck hunting around Lake Linville and some residents are asking the Mt. Vernon City Council to change the existing ordinance to make such hunting illegal on the lake shore.

Though hunting is already illegal around some of the lake, the existing ordinance

(See "Duck" on A11)

New candidates register for the May Primary

Candidates may register for the May 22, 2018 Primary election until the last day of January.

The general election will be held Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

Adding their names to

(See "Election" on A11)

27 indicted locally

27 individuals were named in 28 indictments returned on Friday, December 8 by a Rockcastle County Grand Jury.

Indicted were:

Thomas D. Cromer, 76, of Mount Vernon - tampering with a witness. His bond was set at \$25,000 cash/

property;

Gerald D. Robbins, 65, of Brodhead - wanton endangerment, first degree. His bond was set at \$25,000 cash/property;

Amanda Brooke Slusher, 33, of Livingston on five

(See "Indict" on A11)



Workers with Eagle Manufacturing began unloading the first equipment to be installed in the former Anchor Packaging building last week and more equipment was installed this week. Shown with principals of the company were Magistrates Shannon Bishop and Billy McKinney and County Judge-Executive Doug Bishop.

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



The people of Mount Vernon have been very good to me. I love it here.

I was born and raised in Madison County but, to be honest, they usually vote the wrong way over there to keep me happy. I like Rockcastle much better. I feel like a life long resident here.

I have a very visible job and at most events that I attend, I'm standing out in front of people taking pictures for our readers and do my very best not to get in the way of police or fire or EMS workers.

They have all been so good to me and given me access and information to give the public every week. It's not only because we get along very well and they can see my respect for their job and appreciation for their work, but also because they are transparent and want the public to know what's going on in their county.

Public officials have also been very good to me. I have made pretty good friends with a lot of people you elected for office in the county. Judge Bishop and Mayors Bryant, Medley and Cash have been nothing but helpful to me and I appreciate their efforts so much. They don't hold back anything and keep the public very well informed.

Council members and Jailer Carlos McClure are also very open and honest with me and make my job so much easier by always answering any question I put to them.

Local residents should know how lucky they are to have such officials. I have worked in counties where getting information out of elected officials is like pulling hen's teeth.

David Pensol and the school board are the same way. I have never called them that they weren't willing to help. Becky at the school board, Becky at city hall in Mount Vernon and Becky at Brodhead City Hall help me get information for the public that would otherwise be difficult to find. I must get along well with people named Becky.

I know how busy police are. I've seen them in action. But Mike Peters and Brian Carter and Joe Rush and Travis Richardson and William Harris have never failed to answer their cell phone when I call. They are more than happy to cooperate with the press which is basically saying they want you to know how your tax dollars are spent and what your officials are doing in your city. That's saying a lot in my opinion.

The deputies and assistants are also always willing to help.

The principals, teachers and staff at our schools answer my every question about the schools that your children attend and they work diligently to provide safe, clean, education for

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Points East

By Ike Adams



Last Monday evening Loretta and I were among the several hundred parents and grandparents who attended the B. Michael Caudill Middle School Band's Holiday Concert at ECU's Center for the Performing Arts located on the Campus of Eastern Kentucky University.

I am not sure what we were expecting but I can tell you, for sure, that what we experienced was far, far better and so much more impressive that words fall short in describing the difference. Suffice to say that I can't recall the last time I was as emotionally moved by a live musical performance as I was by these 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade student musicians.

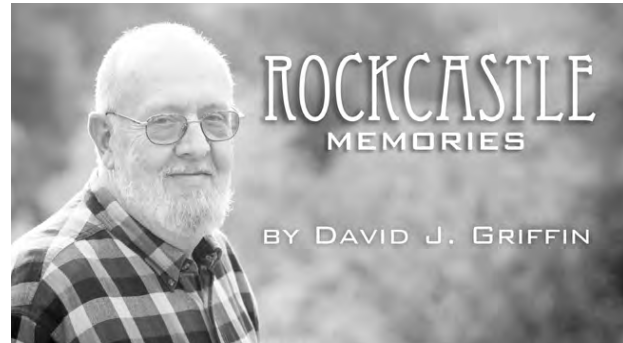
The entire "Band" would not have fit onto the stage at one time. Instead, there were three bands; one for each grade level. Assuming my math is close to accurate, there were 106 members of the 6th Grade Band, 70 7th, and 74 8th Graders or more than 240 all told. The 6th Graders as a group made for a very full stage.

Prior to this exposure to music in our public schools

at these grade levels, my mindset was on the most basic of beginner instruments—flute phones and the like and, perhaps, some beginner keyboards and the like.

I was not expecting the entire realm of real, adult, brass, woodwinds and percussion instruments one would expect to see in a high school or college con-

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A couple of hunting buddies

"All too soon our bookmark moments of Christmases past are edged in poignant thoughts of loved ones no longer with us." Byron Crawford's leading sentence in his most recent column (Christmas Train) was outstanding. It took me back to a special time with my grandfather (Pop).

When I was ten-years-

old, Pop purchased for me my first shotgun, a Stevens, single-barreled, 20-gauge, with a 30-inch barrel. As soon as he gave me this special gift, he and I began to squirrel hunt in the woods behind his house. He provided all the correct lessons on correctly using a firearm.

Later that same year,

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May the joyous spirit of Christmas reside in your heart throughout the holiday season and beyond.

Merry Christmas



Mayor Mike Bryant and Carol



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Christmas Wonderland a success at RES...

Dear Editor,
Roundstone Elementary School's Christmas Wonderland was a huge success! For the third consecutive year the Christmas Wonderland has allowed each student at RES to select two gifts and pick a gift for each sibling. They also got to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus and take a class picture and individual picture with them. Roundstone Elementary would like to thank several people and businesses for their time, effort, planning, and donations to enable this to happen.

First, a big thank you to Ms. Tanya Clark for planning, preparing, and having the vision to make this happen. Helping her in every step of the way was Ms. Becky Harding and taking photographs of each student was Ms. Tena Pigg. A special thanks goes to Mr. Ronnie and Ms. Helen Reppert for sharing the spirit of Christmas in their heart.

We also want to thank two local businesses for their generosity and kindness they have given to our students. The Dollar Store of Brodhead, and manager Amy Gilleand and cashiers, collected and donated the toys for our students and siblings to enjoy. Rite Aid and manager Jan Troxell developed our pictures so each student got their own at no charge. Also a huge thanks goes to the ladies from the Dollar Store of Brodhead and volunteers for our Eagles Nest Parent Group for coming to school and wrapping the sibling presents. They were Ashley Ashton, Karen Barron, Stephanie Blevins, Lisa Bloom, Ashley Brasher, Rachel Caldwell, Lois Dees, Amy Gilleand, Jackie Gleissner, Lori Hart, Laura Kidwell, Tiffany Pingleton, Chrystal Rice, Miranda Shearer, Natalee Taylor, and Tabitha Ward.

I would like to thank all

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“Points East”

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But there he was among the 6th Grade Band, our grandson, Braden Ochs, plugging a tenor saxophone more than half as big as he is and playing it far more proficiently than I would have come close to imagining.

As far as I know, Braden had never even touched a saxophone before last August. I’m betting that the flute, trumpet, clarinet, oboe, trombone, French horn, tuba, percussion and all the instrument players I’m leaving out also had their first meaningful contact with the instrument of their choice less than 5 months ago. If any of them had any contact with these very real instruments while they were in elementary school they sure kept quiet about it.

But there they were, up on the stage of one of the largest indoor concert venues (over 2,000 seats) in the state where you normally expect to see entertainers like The Doobie Brothers, The Oak Ridge Boys, Tim McGraw and Faith Hill, some big city orchestra or name your favorite concert entertainer. I would have thought the kids would consider this very heady stuff but they did not act like it was anything outside the ordinary.

These kids looked like they belonged there. Decked out in semi-formal black pants, white shirts and blouses, they looked as professional as an adult orchestra, and, at least to my ear, the music they made was far more impressive. I expect adults and even high school age bands to sound reasonably proficient. But I was not expecting to hear middle school kids perform, darn near flawlessly, relatively complex and sophisticated arrangements of traditional holiday music anywhere near the level we experienced last Monday evening.

I am embarrassed to admit that I failed to get the names of the adult teachers and directors who have taught these children to play very real music on well over

a dozen individual instruments and orchestrate it so incredibly well in such a short period of time but my hat is off to them. I am almost as impressed with the kid’s level of confidence in themselves as I am with the music and that, too, reflects very highly on their adult leadership. If anyone among the performers was nervous, it certainly did not show.

So, I’m hooked. If your middle school has a band and has a concert scheduled between now through Christmas of 2018, please drop me a note. If middle school kids all over are performing like the ones at Caudill, I could become a big time fan.

“Letters”

(Continued from A-2)

these individuals and businesses, along with the Roundstone staff for making this such a special event for the students of RES.

Sincerely,
Chris Bishop, Principal
Roundstone Elementary
School

When was ordinance changed?

Dear Editor,

After reading the letter to the editor on duck hunting, it reminded me that, at one time, there was an ordinance against hunting on the main body of the lake. Only Hysinger Hollow was specified for duck hunting.

Who changed the ordinance?

I have heard that the fish and wildlife personnel said hunters could hunt on any part of the lake.

Are they allowed to change Mt. Vernon’s ordinances?

It is sad that people blatantly disobey a law.

Polly Abney

Ordinance 15-90 governs duck hunting on lake...

Dear Editor,

It has been brought to my attention the No Hunting sign, by the Lake Linville

Marina, is under City of Mt. Vernon Ordinance 15-90, written in 1991. It states, in part, that waterfowl hunting is legal on the shoreline from Hysinger Hollow to KY 1326.

A lot of that area is legally too close to the road and houses to be hunted in 2017 (and beyond).

There are many homes along Rose Hill Road that were not there in 1991 and perhaps the distance in which one can legally hunt from the road needs to be changed.

I am hoping the mayor and other officials will ride out Rose Hill Road and decide if they would like to live in an area, where it is legal to hunt waterfowl, being that close to their home and road.

I’m also hoping officials will consider the size of the lake as being too small to have a significant amount of waterfowl that needs to be killed each season.

For example, a hunter is allowed 15 coots/day. At that rate, the coots here would be wiped out in a few days. Further, if there were a few boats of hunters hunting at the same time, it would be dangerous for the hunters in such a small area.

Lastly, waterfowl hunting does not bring in enough revenue to justify it being legal in 2017 (and beyond).

The ordinance imposes a \$50 fine for hunting outside the designated area (apparently our game warden doesn’t know the waterfowl laws for Lake Linville).

City officials -- please put an end to waterfowl hunting on Lake Linville ASAP!

Sincerely,
Kathy Horrar

“Memories”

(Continued from A-2)

1954, during Christmas break from Mt. Vernon Elementary School, he took me rabbit hunting in the fields owned by Dee Ramsey. This area was directly behind my mother’s (Bee) house.

As we slowly walked in those fields, it was snow-

ing, with a few inches already on the ground. Because this was my first time to hunt “cotton-tails,” Pop instructed me to stay a few steps behind him and to watch for movement in the clumps of briars in the field.

Because of the falling snow and the frigid temperatures, we were bundled to the hilt. I suppose I never felt closer to him than I did on that special day. As we gently walked through that hilly field, I could tell that he was more interested in teaching me the correct skills than he was in bagging a rabbit.

All at once, Pop pointed his 12-gauge toward a briar patch and whispered, “Walk slowly over that way and be ready to fire.” I did as he suggested, and a rabbit quickly ran from the area down the hill toward the woods. I fired my 20-gauge, and the rabbit was mine. The look on Pop’s face displayed a fullness of pride and satisfaction. I think he was more pleased than he would have been had it been he who had fired the shot. We picked up the rabbit and continued to stroll through the fields.

About 20 minutes later, I saw Pop pull his shotgun up and fire. Once again, a rabbit fell, and we gathered our second “cotton-tail.” Although we continued the hunt for about an hour longer, we made the decision that two rabbits were sufficient for our small family. Cold and wet, we headed back to his house, where we cleaned the rabbits in preparation for Mommie Katie’s cooking magic.

While Mommie Katie busied herself in the kitchen, Pop and I sat by his big Warm Morning stove drinking a mug of hot tea. We needed to warm up from our walking in the snow. We were a couple of buddies who were pleased with their hunt, and we discussed the details of our day. At that moment, even though I was a mere ten-years-old, I sure felt like a man.

Pop was a wonderful mentor and roll model. Even though it has been nearly 60 years, I have such wonderful memories of that special, snowy day with him in those fields. This one is a special Christmas memory—one that I revisit in my mind every year.

(You can reach me at themtman@att.net or you can drop me a line at 2167 Furnace Road - Stanton, KY 40380. I appreciate your comments and suggestions.)

“Aces”

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all students. They are so dedicated it amazes me.

Chiefs Bales, Dyehouse and Mason and all firefighters also help me above and beyond the call of duty.

Liza and Danetta are also among those who help me every week and never get tired of me asking questions or displaying my ignorance on any given subject.

This is a very special town. I know everyone thinks that about their own town but I have a rare insight since I have done this job in other counties as well.

Of course (in all mod-

esty) I do my best to work with them as well. At practically every single meeting or interview, someone of authority says “don’t write this part down Mike.”

But, the reason has always been for the benefit of the county or city and as long as it’s not just something they don’t want you to know about, I don’t print it.

For example, in some cases if I publish the name of someone being investigated for drug distribution, they will read it and warn their buddies who are selling drugs on our streets and police would never be able to stop them and protect our children.

It’s information they didn’t have to tell me in the first place but they know that if I am familiar with the situation, I can provide our readers with much more ac-

curate, detailed information afterwards. Everyone wins.

Anyway, I just wanted to use this space in our Christmas issue to point out a few of the many who work hard to keep the public informed, our streets clean and our city and schools in good shape.

I know I will get home tonight and realize I left out some very important, helpful officials who deserve accolades for their dedication to our county, but that’s just because I am getting old. Not because I meant to.

I personally wish every county and city official and first responder the merriest of Christmases and happiest of New Years.

It has been my pleasure to work with you every week and I look forward to about 40 more years of it. I may retire at 97.....nah.

T.J.’s Journal

by: Tonya J. Cook



Tea at the Tavern
Dear Journal,
I think Stanley and I have instituted a new tradition. Earlier this month we had an opportunity to attend a tea

at Boone Tavern in Berea. The teas are held quarterly in the dining room of the tavern and are arranged by

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Rockcastle Co. Health Dept.

Holiday Hours

The Rockcastle Co. Health Department will be closed December 25th and 26th, will be open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 27th and 28th and will be closed Friday, December 29th. The office will also be closed Monday, January 1st and will be open Tuesday through Thursday, January 2-4 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Friday, January 5th from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

County Extension Office Holiday Hours

The Rockcastle County Extension Office will be closed December 25th-January 1st and will reopen on January 2nd.

Change in Permit & License testing

Beginning in January of 2018, all testing for permits and licenses will no longer be on Fridays but will instead be on Thursdays. Written permit testing begins at noon. Road test is given at 8 a.m.

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

The Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce meets once a month, on the third Tuesday, at noon at Limestone Grille. All members are encouraged to attend.

VFW Post Item

VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all members and is also looking for new and associate members. New hours are: Wed. - Sat., 5 p.m. to ? Call 606-386-1490 for more information.

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DAR Meetings

The Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meets the first Monday of each month, September-May at 6 p.m. at First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon. All prospective members are welcome to attend.

Brodhead Lodge Meeting

The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #566 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.

Kiwanis Club Meetings

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Limestone Grill. Everyone is invited.

Historical Society Hours

The Rockcastle Historical Society is open on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the RTEC garage building.

American Legion Post 71

American Legion Post 71 meets the second Thursday at 6 p.m. of each month at the Limestone Grill. Commander Rick Bobo (308-2271) invites all Rockcastle veterans to join this organization that honors American soldiers, sailors and airmen.

Merry Christmas
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Obituaries

Wanda Boswell

Wanda Alene (Elder) Boswell, 56, of Eubank, died Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at the University of Kentucky Hospital in Lexington. She was born in Stanford on May 21, 1961, to David Wayne and Edna (Cottrell) Elder. She had worked as a seamstress for Palm Beach. She was a member of Fairview Church of Christ.

Survivors include: daughter, Starr (Greg) Farmer; parents, David and Edna Elder; sister, Linda (Danny) Dillingham; sister, Brenda Shackelford; brother, Harold (Barbara) Elder; brother, Wayne (Jeannie) Elder; several nieces and nephews: two grandchildren, Dreama Dawn and Mason Kyle Daulton; and one step grandson, Layne Farmer.

Pallbearers were: Matt, Bo and Dillon Elder, Jamey Waters, Chip Dagley and Mason Daulton.

Honorary pallbearers were: mom and daddy, and Harold and Wayne Elder.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 16, 2017 at Fairview Church of Christ with Bro. Curt Herrington officiating. Burial was in Fairview Church of Christ Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made towards Wanda Boswell Memorial Fund at McKnight Funeral Home at P.O. Box 97 Crab Orchard, KY 40419.

Edna Mullins Beard

Edna Mullins Beard, 92, of Huntington, WV, died Saturday, December 16, 2017 at the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House. She was born in Mt. Vernon on June 24, 1925, the daughter of Alfred Bentley and Edna Davis Mullins. She graduated from Mt. Vernon High School and retired from the banking business and the State of Kentucky.

She is survived by: her children, Christine Beard (Edward) Miller of Huntington, WV, and Charles Stoner (Priscilla) Beard of Naples, Italy; a sister, Barbara Bird Pennington of Frankfort; three grandchildren, Erin Miller (Kevin) Meehan of San Diego, CA, Sarah Miller (Ken) Kerr of Pensacola, FL, and Clara Beard of Dana Point, CA; and five great grandchildren, Jack Meehan and Mary Meehan of San Diego, CA, and Carter Kerr, Cameron Kerr, and Charles Kerr of Pensacola, FL. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Stoner Beard of Los Angeles, CA; and a brother, Charles Alfred Mullins of Mt. Vernon.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 1 p.m. at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Bruce Ross. Burial will follow in Elmwood Cemetery.

Friends may call from 12 noon until time of services on Thursday.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.

Marie Lonetta Faulkner

Marie Lonetta Faulkner, 80, of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at the Rockcastle Health & Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead. She was born in Philadelphia, PA on January 4, 1938, the daughter of Cornelius and Ellen Brown Rayzis. She was a homemaker and a member of Bible Baptist Church. She enjoyed writing, traveling, and reading.

She is survived by: a son, Joseph Robert Martin of Williamstown, NJ; and a daughter, Joyce Terwilliger of Waverly, NY. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Debbie Martin.

Memorial services will be Thursday, December 21, 2017 beginning at 6 p.m. at Bible Baptist Church.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.

Connie Sue French

Connie Sue (Adams) French, 68, of Crab Orchard, died Sunday, December 17, 2017 at her residence. She was the wife of Paul T. French, whom she married on November 24, 1965. She was born in Crab Orchard, on May 12, 1949, a daughter of the late George "Bud" and Anna Francis (Brock) Adams. She was a member of the Crab Orchard Baptist Church and enjoyed travelling to Florida, going yard selling collecting antiques and making new friends.

Survivors include: husband, Paul T. French; son, Ricky (Monica) French; daughter, Paula Hardy; sister, Georgia (Grady) Gilbert; brother, Buddy (Debbie) Adams; sister, Clydia (Larry) Akins; three grandchildren, Gibson French, Andrew Hardy and Tevin Holcomb; aunt, Bonnie Lee; uncle, Nathaniel (Edna) Brock; aunt, Betty Fields; special caregivers, Norma Decker and Janice Southard; and many friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, George and Kenneth Adams.

Funeral services are at 1 p.m., Thursday, December 21, 2017 at Crab Orchard Baptist Church with Bro. T.J. Godbey officiating. Burial will follow in Crab Orchard Cemetery.

Pallbearers are: Jimmy Hiatt, Chris Carter, Jay Smith, Paul Playforth, Larry Pettit, and David Osborne.

Honorary pallbearers are: Anthony Carpenter, Johnny Holcomb and Shayne Adams.

Visitation was held Wednesday, December 20 at Crab Orchard Baptist Church and visiting hours on Thursday are from 8 a.m. until funeral time at the church.

Blood Drive is next Tuesday

The need for blood doesn't take a holiday.

However, officials say blood donations can slow during this time due to travel and other holiday events.

This month, the Kentucky Blood Center, (KBC) is asking everyone to roll up your sleeves and be a holiday hero for a Kentucky patient.

A blood drive will be held Tuesday, December 26th from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon in the gym.

Anyone who registers for the drive will receive a KBC hoodie.

To schedule your appointment, or to get more information, call 800-775-2522, ext. 3758. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Donors must be at least 17 (16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, be in general good health, show an I.D. and meet other requirements..



Jerika Robbins
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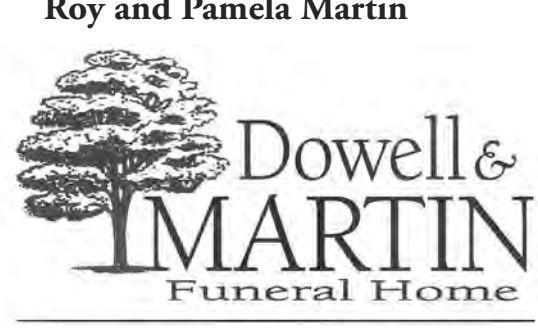
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4-H Speech Contest

Rockcastle County 4-H Speech Contest nine year old participants are shown at left: Hannah King, Bailey Adams, Julissa Alcorn, Susanne Mullins, Samuel Rowland, Aurora Reyes, Cailee Mullins, J'Lena Diaz, Dalton Deborde, Emma McCoy, Brooklyn Ledford, and Santana Hacker.



Rockcastle County 4-H Speech Contest 10 year old participants: Madison Hayes, Damien McGuire, Ally Hayes, Anna Chaliff, Ally Chandler, Kendra Barnes, Jaydon Bowles, Ella McKinney, Shawntel McGuire, Victoria Munguia, Madison York, Will Miller, Chloe Morris, Ethan Mills, Haley McClure and Makyla Hester. Not pictured: Liza Perrin.



Rockcastle County 4-H Speech Contest 11 year old participants from left: Ella Vance, Brylee Mullins, Justice Flora, and Bethany Chasteen.



Rockcastle County 4-H Speech Contest winners of the 9 and 10 year old age group are from left: First Place 10 year old - Haley McClure; Second Place 10 year old - Makyla Hester; 9 year old First Place winner - Dalton Deborde, and Second Place - Santana Hacker.

“T.J.’s”

(Continued from A-3)

Linda Jennings. She has traveled to England on a few occasions and has studied the art of the tea. I, of course, admire her very much. She is considered a “tea master”.

These teas are held in each season with that season in mind. I attended a spring tea about a year ago. It was just wonderful. Stanley's cousins, Cathy and Diana, went, too, and we all had such a good time. I've heard that the winter tea was the one not to miss, so I called to get tickets.

This time, I took Stanley along, thinking he would not like it very much. You know how we ladies drag our husbands here and there. As it turned out, he really enjoyed it.

We arrived a little early and waited in the lobby. Boone Tavern is one of my favorite places, with its beautiful colonial porch and inside décor. I just travel back in time

and soak it all in every time I go. My Mom attended Berea College as a young woman and worked, as all students must. She worked in the kitchen and hated every minute of it.

Finally, we were ushered to our reserved table. It was so outstandingly beautiful. There were tables with crisp, white table linens decorated with folded red linen napkins, and a fresh red rose in a vase with pine and holly adorned each table. There were chargers and china, too. All of this was set in a pastel blue colonial dining room. To add to the mystique, flakes of snow were falling outside. We could see, through the snow, the faint outlines of century-old buildings dedicated to learning.

Soon, the tea was poured and the “savories” were served. Each savory was delightful in its own way; I couldn't decide which one I liked better. Everything had been prepared by a fine chef. Another kind of tea was served (we were given a

choice of four or five kinds). I preferred a special blend called Christmas un a cup.

The tower of desserts were brought to the table. The desserts were so very well done. There were at least seven or eight kinds of delectable delights, each one as good or better than the “savories”. Champagne with a raspberry was served, also.

Soon after being seated, I saw a table near us where several of our friends were seated. The Hunt girls, Mary Alice and Virginia, were there, and the Poynter girls, Judy, Joan, Jill, and Jennifer. It looked as though they were having a wonderful time.

Soon the afternoon drew to a close and it came time to leave this enchanting scene. Stanley was afraid that he wouldn't like it and that there wouldn't be any men there. A few men were there and he enjoyed himself. I think we will be attending again next year. It is simply impossible not to enjoy a good tea.

No Paper Next Week

Signal office will be closed Dec. 22nd - Jan. 1st



Rockcastle County 4-H Speech Contest 11 year old winners are from left: Brylee Mullins - First Place and Ella Vance - Second Place. They will advance on to the District 2 4-H Speech Contest in May 2018.



May God bless each and everyone during this season and all year 'round.

Merry Christmas to everyone from the Burdettes Jeff, Twila, Thomas and Zoe

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Watch Night Service

A Watch Night Service will be held at Fairground Hill Community Holiness Church on Sunday night, December 31st, starting at 8 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Crab Orchard Pentecostal Note

There will not be a service on Christmas Eve at Crab Orchard Pentecostal Church. *Have a Merry Christmas! Bro. and Sister Donald King and congregation.*

Christmas Eve Mass

Our Lady of Mt. Vernon would like to wish you a Blessed Merry Christmas and invite you to our Christmas Eve Mass at 10:30 p.m. on December 24th. Please come and celebrate the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Medley Boys will be guest musicians, providing music before and during the service.

Philadelphia United Baptist Church

• Sunday School - 10 a.m. - Worship Service at 11 a.m.

• Sunday night Service - 6 p.m.

• Wednesday Bible Study at 7 p.m.

• Church service at the Brodhead nursing home the first Sunday of each month.

• Church Singing every fourth Sunday at 6 p.m. Come out to sing or be with us. Everyone welcome.

Fellowship Meeting

Crab Orchard Pentecostal Church will have their Fellowship Meeting January 1, 2018 at 7 p.m. Brother Randal Adams will be our speaker this month. Brother and Sister Donald King and congregation welcome all.



New member, Maria Creel (left), took the oath of membership in a welcoming ceremony during the DAR Rockcastle Chapter's annual Christmas meeting on December 4th. Regent, Debbie Brown and Chaplain, Tonya Cook presided over the ceremony. Ms. Creel's patriot is Private Nicholas Houck of North Carolina.

An encouraging word:

A More Important Fact

By Howard Coop



The church was decorated beautifully, the music was outstanding, and the congregation responded joyfully. When the pastor began his message, he talked for a long time about what "we don't know" about the first Christmas night.

After a while, the thought came to my mind: It's true that we don't know some things about Christmas, but that's not really important. We do know certain things, and that's what matters.

It happened when Caesar Augustus was Emperor of the Roman Empire, Quirinius was governor of Syria, and Herod was king. A decree went out that "all the world should be enrolled" and Joseph and Mary "went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled."

When Joseph and Mary arrived in Bethlehem, there was no room for them in the inn, but an innkeeper gave them a place to stay in a cattle stall. "While they were there, the time came for (Mary) to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger."

That humble birth did not go unnoticed. Shepherds, while watching their flock by night, were alerted by an angel. Then, leaving their flock untended, they went to Bethlehem and "found the babe lying in a manger."

Likewise, "wise men from the East," led by a star, came to Jerusalem. When they were given direction, they went to Bethlehem where they found the child, "fell down and worshiped him," and "offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh." After that experience, those wise men were redirected and "went to their own country by another way."

History records another fact. "When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him." "In a furious rage," he "sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under."

But there is another fact that is more important. Like the wise men that were redirected, across twenty centuries, countless individuals, encountering the manger child of Bethlehem, have had their lives redirected, and they, too, went on "by another way."

The Mission of the Church

The mission of the Church may seem apparent to some but is not known by many people in the world. "The Church" means nothing more to many people than a place where the community gathers for recreational activity. Still others see the Church as a social service organization that distributes food and clothing to the poor. The increasing trend in the world is to socialize the church services.

What then is the Mission of the Church? The mission of the Church provided by God is for three (3) actions. The first duty of the Church is Evangelism. Christ commanded that the gospel be preached in Mark 16:15-16. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Similar passages are found in Matthew 28:18-20 and in I Corinthians 1:21 and other passages.

The second duty of the Church is Edification. Edification refers to the duty of the Church in developing and growing its spiritual strength. Paul wrote in Ephesians 4:16 "... Maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love." Hebrews 5:12 says "For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God." The Church may edify its members through worshiping in spirit and in truth. (Hebrews 10, Colossians 3, and I Timothy 3). Edification is also through proper Church discipline (2 Thessalonians 3, I Corinthians 5: 1-13).

The third duty of the Church is Benevolence. The Church cannot be responsible for the whole world, however the Church is responsible for certain needy saints (I Timothy 5:16 "IF any man or woman that believeth have widows, let them relieve them, and let not the church be charged; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed." The early New Testament Church relieved the need of its destitute (Acts 2) and widows (Acts 6).

The Church that works to fulfill its God given mission will grow and prosper. We witness an alarming trend of young people neglecting the Church. Many Churches are closing their doors because no leaders are prepared to take over the leadership of the Church. God will not bless the Church that operates in fields of endeavor that are not part of 'The True Mission of the Church.'

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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Thursday Evening 7 p.m.
Pastor: Dewayne Carpenter

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service
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Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
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Children's Choir 6 p.m.
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Creative Ministry 6 p.m.
Bible Study 7 p.m.
Youth Ministry QUEST 7 p.m.
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Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
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Fellowship Hour 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.
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Wednesday 7 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Arthur Hunt, Minister

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Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
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Sunday Evening 5 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
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Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Thursday Night Worship
7:00 p.m.
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Baptist Church
81 Limeplant Hollow Road
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
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Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night 5:00 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m.
Family Fellowship 6 p.m.
Bible Study 6 p.m.
Bro. Gary Pettyjohn, Pastor

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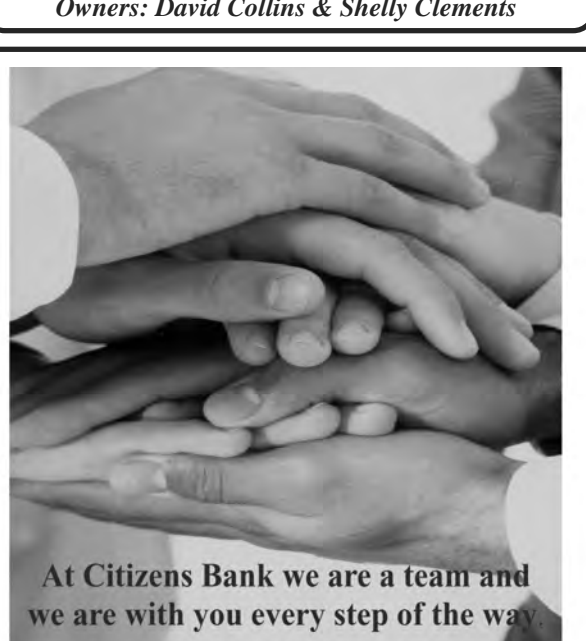
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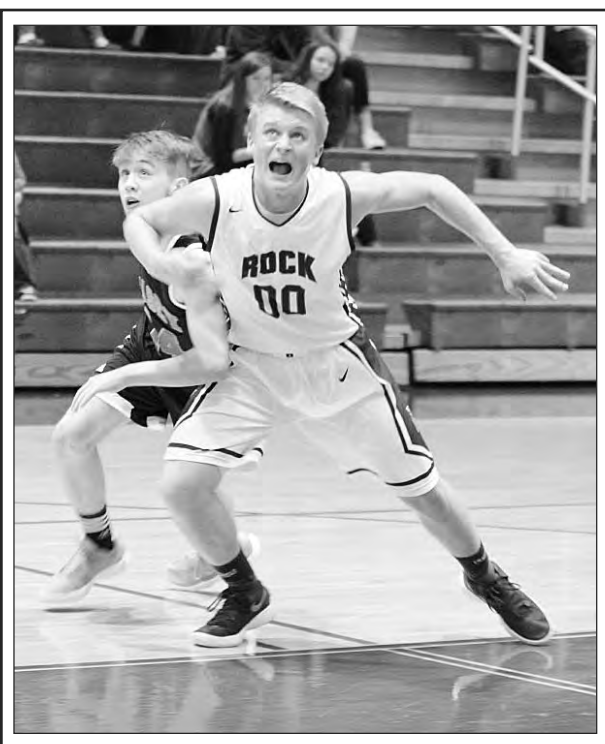


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SPORTS

Rockets defeat Casey 64-41

The Rockcastle Rockets picked up their second win of the season last Friday night, defeating the visiting Casey County Rebels 64-41. The score was tied twice in the game at 2-2 and 5-5 in the first quarter. After that, it was all Rockets all the time. (Cont. to A9)



Trevor Todd works hard for a block out in the Rockets' 64-41 win over Casey County last Friday night. Todd scored nine points on the night for the Rockets.



Isaac Stratton puts back an offensive rebound for the Rockets in their win over Casey County. Stratton scored seven points in the victory.



Josh Thacker makes a break for the basket in the Rockets' win over Casey County. Thacker scored nine points in the victory.



Senior Emily Adams goes for two in the Lady Rockets' 53-43 loss to Casey County last Friday night. The girls turned around and defeated West Jessamine Monday night, 44-33.



Madison McIntosh guards the block for the Lady Rockets during their loss to Casey County last Friday. McIntosh scored six points on the night.



Hallie Brown goes for a rebound in the Lady Rockets' loss to Casey County last week. The Lady Rockets were led in scoring in the game by Casey Coleman with 20. Coleman also led the Lady Rockets Monday night with 19 in the win over West Jessamine.

Lady Rockets lose to Casey; defeat W. Jess

The Rockcastle Lady Rockets split in their last two outings, losing to the Casey County Lady Rebels 53-43 in a district game and defeating the West Jessamine Lady Colts 44-33.

The Lady Rockets are now 3 and 3 on the season. In the home game against the Lady Rebels last Friday night, the Lady Rockets stayed relatively close throughout the game, cutting a 38-26 deficit at the end of the third quarter to three in the fourth at 44-41 but the Lady Rebels then took control in the last minutes, outscoring the Rockets nine to two for the win.

Freshman Casey Coleman led the scoring for her team with 20 points; sophomore Shelby Newland was next with eight; freshman Madison McIntosh got six; senior Emily Adams and sophomore Kenzi Himes, who was plagued with foul trouble from early in the game, scored four points each and junior Emma Bullens and freshmen Reagan Chasteen and Lindsey Jones all scored two points each.

At West Jessamine, the Lady Rockets only lost one. (Cont. to A9)



Shelby Newland races up the court in the Lady Rockets' loss to Casey County last Friday. Newland scored eight points in the loss.



Lindsey Jones runs a fast break for the Lady Rockets during the loss to Casey County Friday night. Jones scored two points on the night for the Rockets.



Nick Dillingham pulls down a rebound for the Rockets in their victory over Casey County. Also shown are Devin Mullins and Josiah West. Mullins led the Rockets with 17 points in the victory.

RCHS swim takes 2nd at Barbourville

The Rocket swim team placed second in the combined team scores for the girls and boys in their first two meets of the year.

In the first meet on November 16, the boys' 200 yard medley team of Silas Durham, Aidan Cain, Reese Sherrow and Dawson Nicely placed first. The 400 yard freestyle team of Silas, Vashuan Alexander, Reese and Dawson set the school record with a second place finish time of 4:21.69.

Individual top finishers were Emma Phillips - 7th in the girl's 50 yard freestyle and in the boy's 50 yard freestyle Silas Durham - 6th, Dawson Nicely - 7th and Reese Sherrow - 8th. In the girl's 50 yard butterfly Rebekah Lake placed - 3rd, Emilee Thomas - 5th and Riley Sherrow - 8th. Dawson Nicely - 3rd and Vashuan Alexander - 5th in the 50 yard butterfly. JD Hamilton finished 4th in the 50 breaststroke.

At the meet on December 12th, the girls placed 2nd in the 200 yard medley with a team of Emma Phillips, Emilee Thomas, Laurel Yates and Riley Sherrow. The girls' 400 yard team of Madalyn White, Autumn King, Emilee Thomas and Emma Phillips placed 2nd.

Individual top finishers for the girls were Laurel Yates - 1st and Madalyn White - 4th in the 200 yard IM. Avery

Bullock - 6th in the 200 yard freestyle. Emma Phillips - 3rd in the 50 yard free. Madalyn White - 3rd and Autumn King - 5th in the 100 yard fly. Emilee Thomas - 5th in the 100 yard free. Emma Phillips - 2nd in the 500 yard freestyle. Laurel Yates broke the school record in the 100 yard breaststroke placing first with a time of 1:15.99

The boys' 200 yard medley relay team of Silas Durham, Aidan Cain, Reese Sherrow and Dawson Nicely placed 1st with a new school record time of 2:03.14. The 200 yard freestyle relay team of Vashuan Alexander, Aidan Cain, Tristan Winstead and Dawson Nicely placed 2nd with a school record time of 1:57.41. The boys' 400 yard freestyle team placed 2nd.

Individual top male finishers were Vashuan Alexander - 3rd in the 200 yard free. Dawson Nicely and Tristan Winstead - 4th and 5th in the 200

yard IM. Silas Durham - 3rd in the 50 yard with school record time of 25.8 and Silas placed 1st in the 500 yard freestyle with school record time of 5:56.47. Dawson Nicely placed 2nd in the 100 yard butterfly. Reese Sherrow and Aidan Cain were 3rd and 4th in the 100 yard free. Reese Sherrow was 5th in the 100 yard backstroke and Aidan Cain placed 3rd in the 100 breaststroke.



Members of the Rockets' swim team are shown above, front row from left: Madalyn White, Riley Sherrow, Luree Gabbard, Emma Phillips and Vashaun Alexander. Second row from left: Coach Charon Burton, Emilee Thomas, Laurel Yates, Avery Bullock, Silas Durham, Kimhari Stallsworth, Riley Clark and coach Shannon Burton. Back row from left: Jenna Rumsey, Dawson Nicely, Autumn King, Tristan Winstead, Reagan Rumsey, Riley Sherrow and Aidan Cain.



The Rockcastle County Detention Center recently held a toy drive. The drive makes it possible for the inmates to give their children something special for Christmas. Rockcastle Jailer Carlos McClure would like to thank Cash Express and their employees Tammy Branham, Ashley Marcum, Amanda Gilbert and Elizabeth Sparkman. He also thanks Marcus Reppert, Lesha Cromer and RCMS for their donation of toys and Jeff and Sissy Miller and family for their donation as well.

"Lady Rock" (Cont. from A8)

quarter to the Lady Colts, the third at 9 to 6, for the 44-33 win. Coleman again led the scoring for her team with 19; Newland got ten; Bullens scored six; Himes four; junior Kassie Lay and Chasteen scored two points each and Mackenzie Payne got one. The Lady Rockets will next see action in the Lady Marshall Holiday Classic at Marshall

County, beginning Dec. 20th and will then participate in the Bankers Hardwood Classic at Russell County, Dec. 28-30.

They will travel to Somerset with the Rockets for a doubleheader district game and will host district foe Pulaski County with the Rockets on January 5th.

"Rock" (Cont. from A8)

The Rockets were up 12-10 at the end of the first quarter, 32-11 at the half and 50-22 at the

end of the third.

The Rebels scored one point in the second quarter and turned the ball over 12 times. For the game, they had 27 turnovers to the Rockets 15 and the Rebels hit 10 of 18 free throws while the Rockets made good on nine of 20.

Senior Devin Mullins led the scoring for his team with 17 points, junior Cade Burdette got 10 points; sophomores Josh Thacker and Trevor Todd each scored nine; junior Isaac Stratton seven; sophomore Josiah West scored five, sophomore Kaleb Burns three and sophomore Jacob Loudermilk and junior Jon Mark Loudermilk each scored two points.

The Rockets now embark on their holiday schedule, participating in three tournaments between December 22nd and January 6th.

They begin play Friday night in the Kentucky Bank Challenge at Rowan County. They will also play in the Bowman Classic at Lynn Camp December 27th-29th and then will travel to South Laurel on January 6th for the Raymond Reed Classic.

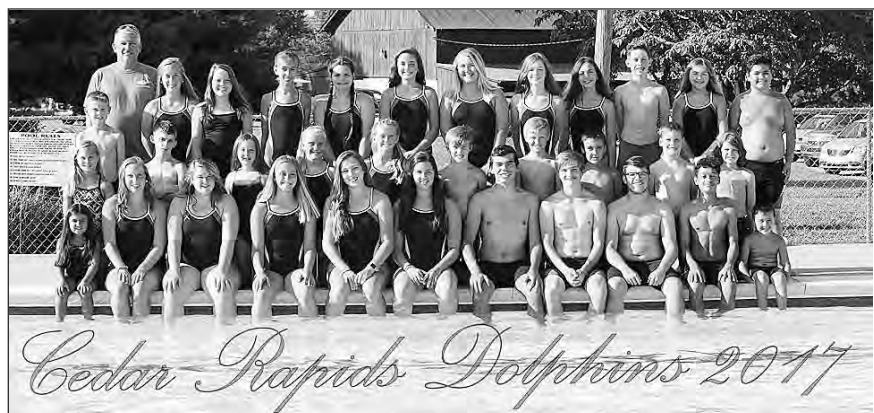
Their next home game will be Friday, January 5th with district foe Pulaski County after traveling to Somerset on January 2nd for another

district game, both doubleheaders with the Lady Rockets.

Signal office will be closed Dec. 22nd - January 1st

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Wishing everyone a

Merry Christmas & HAPPY NEW YEAR



Macy Spivey was the lucky winner of the Christmas Stocking given away by Mt. Vernon Marathon. Macy is shown in the photo with her dad, Joe and Mt. Vernon Marathon employee Chelsea Larkin.

Merry Christmas

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The City of Mt. Vernon held a ribbon cutting at the new office of Rockcastle County Attorney Jeremy Rowe last Friday. Rowe's new offices are located on Richmond Street in Mt. Vernon. On hand for the cutting were, from left: Crystal Rush, Becky Payne, Debbie Cameron, Mayor Mike Bryant, Rowe, Circuit Clerk Eliza Jane York, Clerk Renita Blanton and Jill Medley.

"Sheriff"

(Continued from front)

The court also approved maximum salaries for the sheriff's department (excluding the sheriff's salary) of \$350,000 for 2018 and also approved amended maximum salaries for 2017 to \$305,000.

Also, the court approved providing 45% of the cost of two 2018 Ford Explorers 4WD vehicles for the sheriff's department. McNew told the court that he had been in contact with the state and that it would be at least January before it is known if there will be grant money available for distribution in February.

The total cost of the two vehicles, fully equipped, from Paul Miller Ford will be \$63,392 and the grant will cover \$34,865 of the cost, leaving the county to provide the remaining \$28,527.

Sheriff Peters also gave the court an update on four used department vehicles, bought from a dealer in Chicago, which were involved in a wreck while being delivered from the dealer. Three of the vehicles were on the top tier of the transport vehicle when it collided with the bottom of a railroad overpass. The transport company was hired by the dealer.

One of the vehicles was not damaged, two were totaled and the fourth received severe damage to both the front and rear end.

Peters said that the transport's insurance company wanted to repair the vehicle but he was not comfortable accepting it since "you never know what condition it will be in even after being repaired." Peters went on to say that he was afraid the car's frame had been warped. "When the blow is hard enough to completely knock the vehicle off the trailer into the road, you never know," Peters said.

The sheriff said that the dealer in Chicago had told this department that he had two comparable vehicles

available to replace the two vehicles totaled and he had taken delivery of the one vehicle not damaged.

He said that, at present, it may take a lawsuit against the insurance company to resolve the issue but "I hope to get something resolved before January" Peters told the court.

Chris Mason, Chief of the Livingston Volunteer Fire Dept. was before the court to request \$8,500 to purchase a 2012 Ford 3500 pick-up to replace a 1974 Dodge which they had to recently take out of service.

Mason told the court the truck would probably be used as a rescue truck and the rescue truck they now have would be converted to a brush truck.

The court approved the request.

County Judge/Executive Doug Bishop told the court that, according to auditors, the terms of the contract, originally given to Rockcastle 911 Director Bonnie Roark, has to be changed to comply with federal law.

Bishop said under the terms of Roark's original contract, she was paid a salary to work up to 60 hours per week which is now illegal and she would have to be changed to an hourly rate employee with time and a half paid for anything hours worked over 40 per week.

Ms. Roark's pay will remain the same but will now be calculated at \$17.75 per hour with anything over 40 hours per week being calculated at time and a half.

The court approved the change retroactive to October of this year when the last pay increase was given to county employees.

Other items of business taken care of during the meeting included:

A \$250 donation to Special Olympics; a donation of \$2,750 to the Rockcastle County Boy Scouts to send ten scouts to camp; approval of a claim by Rockcastle Little League football for \$1,012 to Lowe's

for equipment; a \$200 donation to Comp Care for an adult trip to Panama City, Florida in the spring, and

Transfer of \$650,000 from the occupational tax fund to the general fund. From the general fund, \$130,000 will be transferred to the detention cen-

ter to cover an \$85,000 debt service payment and remaining payrolls for December and \$400,000 will be transferred to the road department. This money was spent on blacktopping and \$392,000 will be reimbursed to the county by the state from FLEX funds.

"Arrest"

(Continued from front)

solve his complaint, Newland reportedly became agitated and, when Davis asked for identification, Newland then became more irritable and began yelling and cursing at the officer, the report says.

After Davis had asked Newland to keep his hands out of his pockets three times, Newland then agreed to allow Davis to search him, according to the citation.

During the search, Davis located a metal container with a spoon, a napkin and three syringes. One of those syringes was loaded with what appeared to be heroin the report said.

Newland was placed

under arrest and while Davis was placing Newland in the cruiser, Phillip Caudill, of Crab Orchard, stopped his vehicle to inquire about Newland.

Davis then discovered that Caudill had outstanding arrest warrants from Lincoln County against him and he was arrested as well.

Both were lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center. Newland was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of heroin. His bond was set at \$7,500 cash/property.

Rockcastle County Sheriff's Deputy Matt Bryant assisted at the scene.

"Party"

(Continued from front)

there. According to officials at the county clerk's office, the online changes are handled exactly the same as the card and either way will allow anyone to vote in which ever primary they prefer.

Officials say this time of year there are more than the normal amount of changes made in Rockcastle County but there are many more registered Republicans than Democrats in the county currently.



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RTEC employees got into the Christmas spirit last week with their "Ugly Sweaters". Employees shown from left are: Jaime Napier, Chris Meece, Sandy Deubel, Michelle Robinson, Anita Shehan, Angie Mullins, Lois Hayes, James Phillips and Sheila Stallworth.

"Indicted"

(Continued from front)

counts of wanton endangerment, and three counts of assault in the fourth degree. Her bond was set at \$20,000 cash/property;

Eric D. Burke, 43, of Brodhead - flagrant non-support. His bond was set at \$4,000 cash/property;

Kevin Grant Halcomb, 39, of Richmond - flagrant non-support. His bond was set at \$18,000 full cash;

Jim L. Phelps, 25, of Berea - flagrant non-support. His bond was set at \$5,000 full cash;

Brandon C. Sutton, 27, of Brodhead - possession of synthetic drugs and promoting contraband, first degree. His bond was set at \$25,000 cash/property, and

Jessica Barron, 31, of Mount Vernon - welfare fraud. A summons has been issued;

The following indictments were returned from the drug roundup orchestrated by the Mount Vernon Police Department last week.

Michael A. Cromer, 43, of Mount Vernon - trafficking a controlled substance. His bond was set at \$25,000 cash/property.

Michael A. Cromer, 43, of Mount Vernon and Davis H. Northern, 46, of Brodhead

were named in a joint indictment - trafficking a controlled substance. Each bond was set at \$25,000 cash/property.

Paula Dumon, 54, of Brodhead - trafficking a controlled substance. Her bond was set at \$25,000 cash/property.

Ronald K. Kirby, 45, of Mount Vernon - trafficking in a controlled substance. His bond was set at \$25,000 cash/property.

Carolyn G. Easton, 57, and Anthony D. Jackson, Jr, 47, both of Mount Vernon were also named in a joint indictment.

Easton is charged with trafficking a controlled substance and Jackson with complicity to trafficking and as a persistent felony offender.

Each had a bond set at \$25,000 cash/property;

Danny Hansel, 37, of Brodhead - trafficking in a controlled substance. His bond was set at \$25,000 cash/property.

David Anthony Spoonamore, 37, of Brodhead - trafficking in a controlled substance. His bond was set at \$25,000 cash/property.

Anita M. Adams, 38, of Livingston - trafficking a controlled substance and persistent felony offender.

Her bond was set at \$25,000 cash/property. Deborah L. Hellard, 54, of Mount Vernon - trafficking in a controlled substance.

In a separate indictment, Hellard is charged with the same offense. Her bond was set at \$25,000 cash/property;

Larry Shepherd, 66, of Mount Vernon and Debbie Hellard were named in a joint indictment. Shepherd with trafficking in a controlled substance and Hellard with complicity to trafficking.

In this indictment Hellard's bond was set at \$10,000 cash/property and Shepherd's bond at \$25,000 cash/property.

Ashley Whitehead, 20, of Crab Orchard and Debbie Hellard were named in another joint indictment, both charged with trafficking in a controlled substance.

Each had a bond set at \$25,000 cash/property.

William Daniel Martin, 34, of Mount Vernon and Debbie Hellard were also named in another joint indictment - both indicted for trafficking in a controlled substance.

Each bond was set at \$25,000 cash/property.

William Daniel Martin, 34, of Mount Vernon - trafficking a controlled substance.

His bond was set at \$25,000 cash/property. Gergory K. McGuire, 45, of Mount Vernon and Jeffery S. Chestnut, 41, of Mount Vernon were named in a joint indictment - both indicted for trafficking in a controlled substance.

Each bond was set at \$25,000 cash/property. Jeffery S. Chestnut and Nathan Gibbons, 28, of Mount Vernon were named in a joint indictment both with trafficking in a controlled substance.

Each bond was set at \$25,000 cash/property. Jeffery S. Chestnut and Daniel Wilkerson, 34, of Mount Vernon were named in a joint indictment both with trafficking in a controlled substance.

Each bond was set at \$25,000 cash/property. Ernest Bishop, 64, of Brodhead and Stacey Day, 41, of Mount Vernon, were named in a joint indictment. Both were indicted for trafficking in a controlled substance.

Each bond was set at \$25,000 cash/property. Ernest Lee Bishop, 64, of Brodhead was also named in a separate indictment for trafficking in a controlled substance.

His bond was set at \$25,000 cash/property.

"Court"

(Continued from front)

agreed to a lump sum payment for the purchase price, less the \$60,000 earnest money deposit, the \$25,000 payment for the 2017 rail spur maintenance fee and all monthly payments which will amount to \$1,975,000.

Representatives of the company have told the court that they will not need all of the silos which are presently located on the site and, if any are disposed of, with the written approval of the court, these funds will go to the court and towards the purchase price of the building.

Under terms of the agreement, Eagle Manufacturing will be responsible for all maintenance on the facility, related to the interior and infrastructure, including plumbing, HVAC, chillers and all utilities. The county will be responsible for maintenance of the structure, including the roof, parking, landscape and snow removal.

Rockcastle County will also retain ownership of about four acres of land which will be surveyed, at the county's expense, and excepted from the parcel.

The company will have the right to terminate the agreement at any point during the five year term, with a 90 day written notice.

The company began moving equipment into the building last week.

"Busted"

(Continued from front)

side a deep freezer in the building and a set of scales and vacuum sealer were discovered in the kitchen of the residence.

Cut marijuana stems were found in a trash bag in the kitchen and a small amount of processed marijuana was also located in the kitchen.

Police say there were five children living in the home, ranging in age from five to 13.

According to the citation, Green told police, after he was read his Miranda Rights, that he packaged the marijuana for sale for delivery to Florida. He also told police he gets \$2,500 per

pound for the substance.

Police are sending the evidence to the state lab for further investigation.

Green was lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center on charges of cultivating marijuana, trafficking in marijuana and five counts of endangering the welfare of a minor.

His bond was set at \$25,000 property. By posting \$50,000 worth of property, Green was released on bond.

"Duck"

(Continued from front)

nance allows hunting the shoreline in the area between Hysinger Hollow and Highway 1329.

The issue is expected to be on the agenda during this Thursday's regular city council meeting at 6 p.m. at city hall and several local residents are expected to attend to express their opinion on the matter.

Everyone is invited to attend the meeting.

"Election"

(Continued from front)

the list of candidates since last week were: Gary V. Linville for Sheriff.

Incumbent Marvin E. Owens for Coroner. Incumbent Eliza Jane York for Circuit Clerk.

David Wayne Coffey for Magistrate in District 3. Ralph Carpenter for Magistrate in District 4.

Every candidate registered thus far in Rockcastle County, has registered to run in the Republican Primary.

"Teen"

(Continued from front)

William Bryant, 36, were found murdered in their home in Rockcastle County and Reynolds is accused of helping her boyfriend, Christopher Evans, 22, of Somerset, murder her mother and step father.

Reynold's attorney has asked for her \$1 million full cash bond to be reduced and a hearing has been scheduled for February 9, 2018 for a ruling on the motion.



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| Cox Funeral Home | Limestone Grille | Renfro Valley KOA | |
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| Danville Office Equipment | Mink Apartments | Rockcastle County Circuit Clerk | |
| Days Inn | Mt. Vernon Drug, Inc. | Rockcastle County Detention Center | |
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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Front row from left: Tyler Burris, Shirley Cummins and Lois Hayes.
Back row from left: Susan Creech, Jaime Napier, Heidi Parman, Randy Lewis, Freda Parsons, Sheila Stallworth and James Phillips.



From left: Jessica Coates, Lesley Burdette, Abram Taylor, Kim Woods, Anita Shehan, Michelle Robinson, Shondale Philbeck, Sandy Deubel, Jennifer Northern and Chris Gonzalez.



Front row from left: Dakota Smith, Jamie Weaver, Linda Proctor, Lorrie Santo and Tammy Jo Colbaugh.
Back row from left: Jake Kerr, Vickie Myers, Shonda Singleton and Mike Dixon.



From left: Randy Renner, Charles McDaniel, Pat Philbeck, Chris Hansel and Eddie Hayes.



Front row from left: Mat Getsi and Angie Mullins. Second row: Darlene Harris.
Third row from left: Chris Meece and Dale Shelton.



From left: Betty Rowe, Peggy Dickerson and Brianna Carter



From left: Stella Newcomb and Karen Carrillo



Frank Stewart



Scenes from the 2017 Livingston Christmas Parade



Chris Mason, Candidate for Rockcastle Sheriff, gave Santa and Mrs. Claus a ride in the annual Livingston Christmas Parade. Despite the cold, a good crowd enjoyed the parade as well as some snow.



The Rockcastle Recycling Center had a pretty decorated float for the Livingston Parade. The Christmas tree was made of recycled tires with other items on the float from recycled materials.

Merry Christmas



For unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given:
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:
and his name shall be called
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Kentuckians should search for unclaimed property on State Treasury's website

Kentuckians in need of extra Christmas cash should search for unclaimed property on the Kentucky State Treasury's website, www.treasury.ky.gov, Treasurer Allison Ball said in a statement on Wednesday.

"Returning unclaimed property is a priority of mine," Treasurer Ball said. "This Christmas, I am especially excited to return money to Kentuckians who can use it during this season of giving."

Treasurer Ball has returned over \$22 million in

unclaimed property in 2017 and over \$45 million since she took office in 2016. Over 15,437 individuals and entities have found unclaimed property to claim on the website this year alone. The Treasurer's office receives unclaimed funds from unclaimed insurance proceeds, bank accounts and stocks, among other things.

Schools, non-profits, businesses, and local governments should also check the website, as these entities may have unclaimed property to claim, too.

Blood Drive set for December 26th

The need for blood doesn't take a holiday. However, officials say blood donations can slow due to travel and other festivities.

This month, the Kentucky Blood Center, (KBC) is inviting everyone to roll up your sleeves and be a holiday hero for a Kentucky patient.

The blood drive will be held Tuesday, December 26 from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Mount Vernon First Baptist Church at 340 West Main Street. The event will be held in the gym.

Anyone who registers for the drive will receive a KBC hoodie.

To schedule your appointment or to get more information, call 800-775-2522, ext. 3758. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Donors must be at least 17 (16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, be in general good health, show an I.D. and meet other requirements..

Signal office will be closed
December 22nd - January 1st

No paper week of December 28th



Wishing you and yours a very
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



Front row from left: Michelle Bullock, Paul Playforth, Matthew Silcox and Sam Ford.

Back row from left: Danny Ford, Billy Wayne Bryant, Harold Bustle, Jeff Burdette, Jeff Cromer, Ben Allen and James Barron.



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The snow came, along with the cold, in time for the annual Livingston Christmas Parade. Those in attendance were treated to lots of candy, pretty decorated floats and a reception at the firehouse afterwards.



The Faulkner Family got into the Christmas spirit decorating their SUV with lights for the nighttime Livingston Christmas Parade.

The *Mount Vernon Signal* will be closed
 December 22nd - January 1st
 There will be no newspaper on December 28th

Three complete training program

The Technology Transfer Program of the Kentucky Transportation Center is proud to announce that 165 Roads Scholars and 144 Road Masters have completed the 2017 Kentucky Roads Scholars/Road Masters Training Program. Honored December 7th in Lexington were: David Campbell, KDOH District 8, as a Roads Scholar; Kenneth McGuire, KDOH District 8, as a Road Master; and Alice Garland, KDOH District 8, as a Road Master. They join the 2,867 Roads Scholars and 2,179 Road Masters who have already completed the program. Presenting the awards was Patty Dunaway, State Highway Engineer, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. The Roads Scholar/Road Master Training Program consists of nine and seven full-day courses, respectively. The combined programs total 96 training hours and serves individuals from local and state transportation agencies as well as private businesses. The Roads Scholar and Road Master Training Programs, as well as a broad selection of other training courses related to transportation, are offered throughout the year by the Technology Transfer Program of the Kentucky Transportation Center, located at the University of Kentucky, College of Engineering. More information on the Technology Transfer Program or the Roads Scholar and Road Master Training series can be found at www.kyt2.com or by contacting Martha Horseman, Program Manager, at martha.horseman@uky.edu or 800-432-0719.



Front row from left: Jeannine Lawrence, Donna McClure and Julie Pigg.
 Back row from left: Sandy Durham, Mike Blount, Anthony Asher and Janie King.
 Not pictured: Reagan Griffin and Heather Gentry



Kenneth McGuire, KDOH District 8, was honored as a Road Master December 7th in Lexington. Also pictured, and presenting the awards, was Patty Dunaway, State Highway Engineer, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.



David Campbell, KDOH District 8, was honored as a Roads Scholar December 7th in Lexington. Also pictured, and presenting the awards, was Patty Dunaway, State Highway Engineer, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.



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Merry Christmas

Warm wishes to all of you for a joyous holiday season.

Many thanks for your continued patronage.



Front row from left: Jaclyn Bullock, Katlyn Durham, Chere Embs and Mary Barron.
 Back row from left: Donna Stayton, Cathy Howard and Keith Pierce.

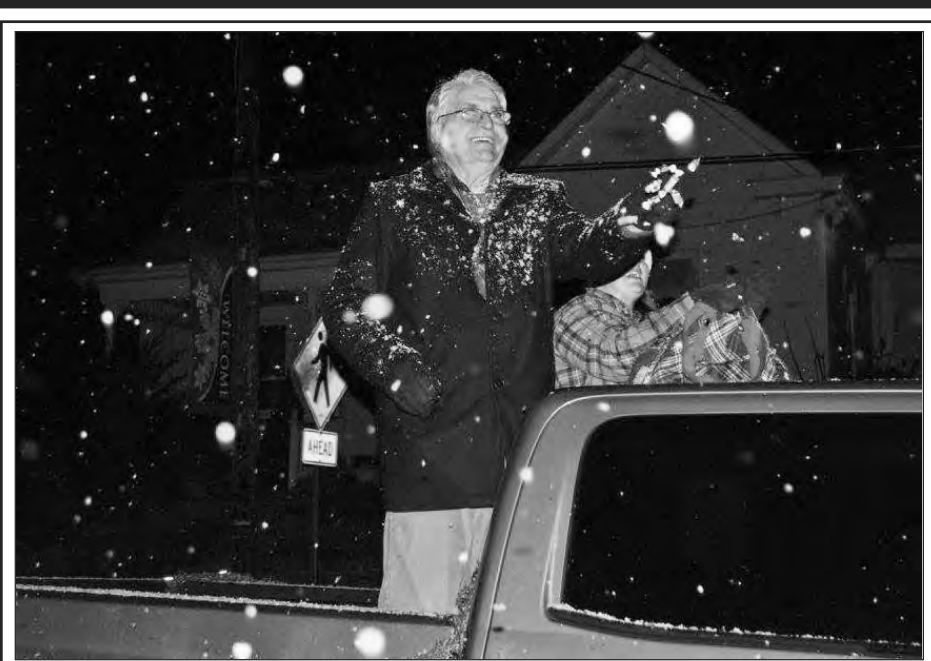
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Rockcastle Judge-Executive Doug Bishop took part in the annual Livingston Christmas Parade sharing candy with those in attendance.



Livingston Fire and Rescue took part in the annual Livingston Christmas Parade along with other fire departments throughout the county.



Candidate for Rockcastle Jailer, Stanley Payne, rode in the Livingston Christmas Parade.



Mount Vernon Fire and Rescue decorated their ladder truck with pretty Christmas lights for the Livingston Christmas Parade.



The Rockcastle County High School's JROTC marched in the Livingston Christmas Parade.



Western Rockcastle Fire Dept. took part in Livingston's Parade.

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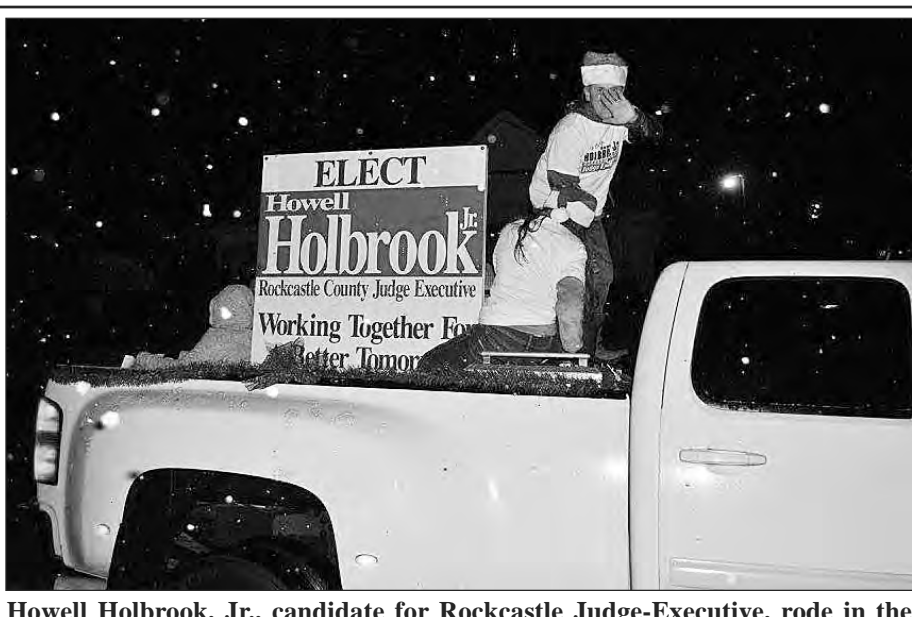
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From left: Jack Stephens, Marsha Stephens, Ashley Patterson, James Morgan, Tessa Nicely, Brooklyn McGuire, Kim Wheat, Elijah Jones, Sarah Cornelius, Joey Lamb, Bree Baisden, Heather Walling and Chris Settles.



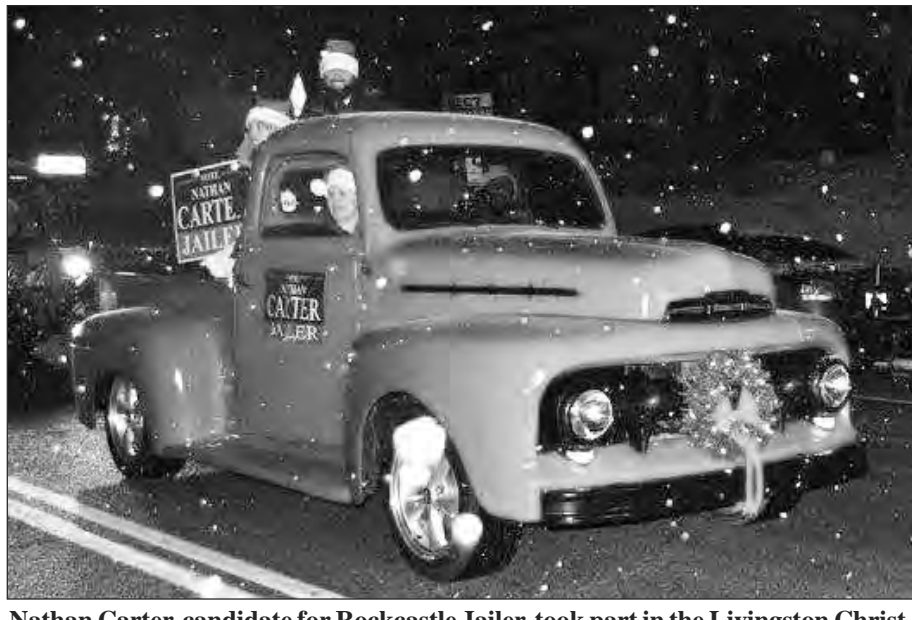
Rockcastle Sheriff Deputy Shannon Franklin, also a candidate for Sheriff, took part in the Livingston Christmas Parade.



Howell Holbrook, Jr., candidate for Rockcastle Judge-Executive, rode in the Livingston Christmas Parade sharing candy with those in attendance.



Circuit Judge David Tapp took part in Livingston's Christmas Parade. Judge Tapp is also a candidate for the Kentucky Supreme Court.



Nathan Carter, candidate for Rockcastle Jailer, took part in the Livingston Christmas Parade.



Rockcastle County Attorney Jeremy Rowe and Cynthia Wells send big waves during the Livingston Christmas Parade.



Fifth District Magistrate Mike McGuire and family rode in the annual Livingston Christmas Parade.

GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

May you and your loved ones enjoy all the splendor of this very special time of year.
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From left: Denise Wallin, Chris Hughes, Kaitlyn Santo, Russell Hood, Angel Smith, Lucy Cole, John Griffin, Hannah Barnett, Shannon Owens, Andrea Terry and Bentley Collins.
Not pictured: Linda Bowman, Matt Vanwinkle, Missy Owens, Chelsea Durham, Dixie Hammond, Jadon Wilkins and Leanne Spoonamore.

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Michael Smith, candidate for Fifth District Magistrate, rode in Livingston's Parade and shared candy with those attending.



Livingston Police Officer Travis Richardson drove the city's Humvee in the annual Christmas Parade.



Derek Wynn and Katie Adams, with Climax Volunteer Fire Department, took part in Livingston's Parade.



John Burton, candidate for Rockcastle Jailer, took part in the Livingston Christmas Parade.

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 —John 3:16



We would like to wish each and everyone a wonderful, blessed Christmas and bountiful New Year from the Bishop Family.
 —Doug, Janet, Julie, Sydney and Gracie



News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



District Civil Suits

Cavalry SPVI v. Shannery Nicely, \$831 plus claimed due.
Jack Collins v. Matthew Owens, et al, eviction notice. C-00401

Circuit Civil Suits

Michael Anthony Pecci, et al v. Brandi Michelle Shaw, et al, petition for grandparent visitation rights.
Jadon D. Brock v. Carly Brock, petition for dissolution of marriage.
Austin Lynn Thompson v. Kayla Thompson, verified petition for dissolution of marriage.
Jennifer Louise Elam v. Andrew S. Elam, petition for dissolution of marriage and custody of one minor child.

Ky. Housing Corp. v. Dustin Miller, et al, \$54,962 plus claimed due.
Community Trust Bank v. Robert Blake Lovell, et al, \$29,250 plus claimed due.
Lawrence Burdette v. Tamela Burdette, verified petition for dissolution of marriage.
Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Co. v. Herbert E. Richardson, \$26,754 plus claimed due. CI-00283

Deeds Recorded

Donald Dees, property on Blue Jay Loop, to Anna Mae Shelton. No tax
Brent Callahan, property in Rockcastle County, to Charles K. Cornelius II and Heather S. Cornelius. Tax \$69.50
Sherman and Margaret Brockman, property in Rockcastle County, to Loretta Burgess. Tax \$2
Norma Rada and Wesley Eugene Mobley, property in Rockcastle Co., to Norma Rada. No tax
Sandra Collins, property

in Rockcastle County, to Kenneth and Sandra Collins. No tax
Larry and Brenda McKnight, property in Scaffold Cane community, to William T. Kirby. Tax \$185
Cecil and Judy King, property in Rockcastle County, to Charles W. Gray. Tax \$5
Donald Dees, property in Rockcastle County, to William Ketchum. Tax \$60
Paul R. Griffin, property on Barnett Road, to Billy Ray and Donna Sherry Hacker. Tax \$44
David R. Rahbany, Acting US Marshal for the Eastern District of Kentucky, property in Rockcastle County, to Rickie and Katherine Hysinger. No tax
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Jane and Henry D. Saylor, property on Old State Road, to Pedro Ramos. Tax \$30
Roy E. and Judy L. Adams, property in Cedar Point Subdivision, to Danny C. and Sheena D. Settles. Tax \$3.50
Kathleen Abney, and others, property on waters of Clear Creek, to Trenton D. and Ashley Harding and Perry D. and Phyllis Harding. Tax \$125
John D. and Joyce A. Dawson, property in Flat Gap Community, to Julia Paige Wildman. Tax \$79
Greg and Kristie Jensen, property on west bank of Roundstone Creek, to Courtnie Smith. Tax \$66
Amy Holtkamp, property on Smith Drive, to James E. and Ruth Lunsford. Tax \$4

Marriage Licenses

Teresa Violet Sorrels, 43, Brodhead, housewife and Davidson Ferrer Taylor, 50, Brodhead, SourceHOV. 12/14/17
Angela Nicole Coffey, 29, Mt. Vernon, pharmacy tech and Todd Allen Brendel, 36, Marine, Illinois, lab tech. 12/16/17

District Court

Dec. 11-13, 2017
Hon. Jeffrey S. Laswell

Jessica M. Day: escape, 30 days in jail, costs waived.
Jerry L. Denny: operating on suspended/revoked operators license and failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, 90 days in jail/each court concurrent/costs waived.
David Durham: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.
Michael W. Flannery: drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, 10 days in jail/concurrent/costs waived.
James Joseph Gleissner: assault, 60 days in jail/costs waived/concurrent with state time.
William Martin: no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine/suspended; no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, \$25 fine/suspended; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, 10 days in jail/concurrent/costs waived.
Joey Yancy Thacker: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to produce insurance card, possessing license when privileges are revoked/suspended, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).
Michele L. Anderson: fines/fees due (\$843), bw issued for fta/9 days in jail or payment in full.
David E. Bass: fines/fees due (\$228), bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or payment in full.
Paul G. Burleson: Viol Part 392, Fed Safety Reg, Driving of Motor Vehicle, disorderly conduct, menacing, resisting arrest, sentencing orders entered.
Kelly R. Caldwell: fines/fees due (\$243), bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or payment in full.
Darrell Wayne Clift: fines/fees due (\$258), bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or payment in full.
Tyler R. Cox: fines/fees

due (\$263), bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or payment in full.
Jarred A. Davidson: fines/fees due (\$168), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.
Jennifer Elam: fines/fees due (\$143), bw issued for fta/3 days in jail or payment in full.
Fancie Lynn Ferguson: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.
Christopher Scott Foster: fines/fees due (\$198), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.
Brittney Goosey: fines/fees due (\$198), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.
James L. Hall: fines/fees due (\$143), bw issued for fta/3 days in jail or payment in full.
Lesley D. Herring: fines/fees due (\$153), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.
Charles Julian: fines/fees due (\$218), bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or payment in full.
Robert Lear: fines/fees due (\$268), bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or payment in full.
Shelley Looney: fines/fees due (\$218), bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or payment in full.
Bradley W. Magee: fines/fees due (\$268), bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or payment in full.
Donald V. Means: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, failure to produce insurance card, possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, possession controlled substance, controlled substance prescription not in original container, bw issued for fta.
Tony Nester: speeding, failure to wear seat belts, obstructed vision and/or windshield, failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta.
Billy Rayburn: fines/fees due (\$228), bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or payment in full.
Hazel Robinson: fines/fees due (\$143), bw issued for fta/3 days in jail or payment in full.

Zachary Tyler Smith: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, no/expired registration plates, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, failure to produce insurance card, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, possession of marijuana, one headlight, bw issued.
Adrien Staley: fines/fees due (\$183), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.
Jamey Summers: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, bw issued for fta.
Eugene Whitt: theft by unlawful taking, sentencing order entered.
Lyndsay M. York: theft by unlawful taking, bw issued for fta.
Speeding: Jared Michael Burgett, Dwayne R. Sellers, license suspended for fta/bw issued; Dester K. Phillips, paid.
Lee Roy Williams: failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, 14 days in jail/concurrent/costs waived.
Jonathan E. Allison: fines/fees due (\$743), bw issued for fta/15 days in jail or payment in full.
Zachary David Begley: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, no/expired registration plates, failure to produce insurance card, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, bw issued for fta.
Johnny Bowling: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to notify address change to dept. of transp., bw issued for fta.
Justin Burkhart: falsely reporting an incident and harassing communications, violation of Kentucky EPO/DVO, sentencing orders entered.
David Couch: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, license to be in possession, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta.
Angela L. Cox: fines/fees due (\$298), bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or payment in full.

Melissa Ann Gross: speeding, no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for fta.
Ashley Hays: public intoxication controlled substance, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, sentencing orders entered.
Billy Hellard: assault sentencing order entered.
Cheyenne Hensley: flagrant non-support, bw issued for fta.
Laura L. Howard: possession controlled substance, bw issued for fta.
Merita Medley: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, bw issued for fta.
Timothy L. Niceley: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, fleeing or evading police, bw issued for fta.
Karlee Payne: fines/fees due (\$288), bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or payment in full.
Tesla Pearson: hindering prosecution or apprehension, sentencing order entered.
Christy D. Smith: fines/fees due (\$248), bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or payment in full.

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Rockcastle Sheriff Mike Peters and staff



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Brodhead Elementary students become authors as they publish their own book. We are very proud to say that two classes at Brodhead Elementary had the opportunity to become published authors.

Thanks to Studenttreasures Publishing, Mrs. Sierra's 3rd grade class and Mrs. Skyler's 2nd grade class received their publications in December. The two classes began the writing process in November to write a class book.

Mrs. Sierra's class had been researching animals and decided to write a fun book to get people to guess what animal they researched. They wrote sentences that described their animal and asked the reader to guess their animal.

Mrs. Skyler's class created a spinoff of A Bad Case of Stripes by David Shannon, called A Bad Case of Chameleonitis. Crystal Roosevelt wakes up for 22 days with a new pattern all over her body, from stars and stripes to the alphabet. Each student created a different pattern and illustrated the part of the creation.

Brodhead Winter Carnival and basket auction was a major success. Smiling faces and joy filled the front halls of Brodhead Elementary as students came back to school to celebrate the friendships and community that has been built at BES. 5th grade students opened their own businesses selling handmade crafts, 4th grade students offered bounce house fun and a variety of winter games, and 3rd grade students kept the winter spirit as they sold tasty winter treats with their concession sells. The classroom baskets were the prize of the night. Many anxious bidders tried their luck to capture the bundles of joy. Thanks to the Brodhead Elementary students for their work to make the night a shining example of the great things that take place at BES. Thanks to our staff for the direction that they provided our students in their adventure. We would also like to say thanks to the awesome community that supported and continues to support the efforts at BES.

A special thanks to these people and businesses that made the night possible: Best Little Hair House, Vintage Charm, Vintage Pearls by Emily, Furniture Owlet, Cincinnati Reds, Cracker Barrel, Speedy Taco, Morgan's on Main, Bill Adkisson, Pizza Hut, Lip sense by Cayci Mahaffey, Jennifer Ponder, Massage by Kristi, Pegs Food Mart, Touch of Class, Snack Shack, Godfathers, Roberts' Barber Shop, Medley's Barber Shop, Megan Noel, Baskets by Charlene Gentry, S&T Hardware, A Cut Above, Marcella's Farm to Fork, Citizens Bank, Cedar Rapids LLC, Gibson Bay Golf Club, London Country Club, Boone's Trace Golf Club, Battlefield Golf Club, Renfro Valley Entertainment, Just Kick-N-It Ranch, Lake Linville Boat Dock, Rite Aid, Tammy Shaver, Mimi's General Store, Cummins Gun Shop, Jack's Hardware, Mark's Hardware, Dollar General Store in Brodhead, Jenny McKinney Soy Candles, Jamie Isaacs Photography, BES Staff, BES Students, and our BES Parents. Thanks.

Everyone have a very Merry Christmas. May your holidays be filled with family, friends, and happiness.



Guess What Animal We Are by Mrs. Sierra's 3rd grade class. **Front Row (Left to Right):** Jacob Anderson, Jayden Wren, Callie Thacker **Middle Row:** TaeShawn Baker, Jaylen Smith, Sadee Payne, Kayleigh Miller, Jaken Masters, Keara Santo, and Zakary Lear **Back Row:** Mrs. Sierra, Gracie Robinson, Makala Johnson, Aubrey Clouse, Kendra Bullock, Caden Barnett, Conner Catron, Madison Hysinger



A Bad Case of Chameleonitis by Mrs. Skyler Bradley's 2nd grade. **Front Row (Left to Right):** Abigail Todd, Austin Scoggin, Ruby Hoskins, Ysabel Botellos, Mia Jaimes, Hailey Thomas, Deligha Rose, and Logan Collins **Middle Row:** Jacob Gadd, Carson Coleman, Jaydon Clemmons, Emilee Robinson, Amberly McClure, Landon Bradley, and Micah Childress **Back Row:** Harley McKinney, Taylor Wilson, Lilly Cameron, Caleb Kendall, James Coldiron, and Alyrica Dillingham: Not pictured Kaleb Rigby



We'd like to join you and your family in giving thanks to our Lord for His love and guidance, just as we thank you for your trust and support this past year.

Coffey & Ford, PSC *Attorneys At Law*

Willis Coffey and John D. Ford



Front row from left: Willis Coffey and John Ford.
Back row from left: Tracy Mink, Jenni Ellis and Nicole Nicely.

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Santa and his elf, Patrick, visited Mrs. Jamie Bryant's first grade class at MVES. The students enjoyed their visit very much!



Miss Kami and Ms. Lisa's Kindergarten classroom donated food to the FRC Snack Pack Program at MVES for Christmas.



Mr. Blake McKinney's class at MVES read "The Night Tree" in class and then made their own night trees for snack.



Mrs. Angie Hunt's kindergarten class conducted a community service project and collected over 150 items for the MVES backpack program.

Mt. Vernon Message

Christmas Break begins Wednesday, December 20 and resumes Wednesday, January 3, 2018. Have a restful break!

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FRC News
Christmas present pickup is Wednesday, December 20 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Nathan Carter & family would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Please remember me in the upcoming election for Rockcastle County Jailer. Your vote would be greatly appreciated!

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RN, full time, for Hospice Care Plus at the Compassionate Care Center. 36 hours/week, primarily day shift. Graduate of accredited school of nursing, KY. RN license and one year of experience required. For more information, call 859-986-1500 Sue Lunsford, HR Coordinator or send your resume to email: sue.lunsford@hospicecp.org. EOE 50x1

Rockcastle County 911 is accepting applications for a part-time position. Starting pay is \$10 hour. You can pick up an application Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the courthouse from the county judge's secretary. Must be at least 18 years of age to apply, have a high school diploma or GED and be willing to submit to criminal history/background check. Rockcastle 911 is an EOE.

Miscellaneous For Sale

Three Burial Lots in Cresthaven Cemetery. Two side by side, one single. \$600 each obo. Call Larry 513-659-4547 or 513-607-0116. 37xntf

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS INVITATION TO LEASE

The Administrative Office of the Courts desires to lease approximately 250 to 500 square feet of office space for the Rockcastle CDW Office. Space should be available for occupancy on or before February 15, 2018.

Responses must be in writing and submitted in a sealed envelope with PR-8447 clearly marked on the front.

Please send responses to Michelle Evans, Facilities Division, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1001 Vandalay Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601-9320. (FAX responses will not be accepted.)

Each proposal should include the type, location, and availability date of the property. Also furnish a floor plan showing the interior layout of the existing building to include walls, doors, windows, and columns.

All proposals must be received before 1:00 PM EDT, Friday, January 5, 2018. All bids received will be opened and publicly read at the AOC offices at that time.

A representative of the AOC will make an appointment to inspect all proposed lease space that meets the requirements stated above. A determination will not be made until a visual inspection of all proposed properties has been made. Property must be approved by the Department of Housing, Buildings, and Construction, Division of Building Codes Enforcement, and must meet OSHA and the Americans with Disabilities Act specifications, as well as existing applicable building codes. For additional information, contact Michelle Evans at (502) 573-2350 ext. 50933.

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Posted: No hunting, trespassing, 4-wheeling on property belonging to James and Juanita Chasteen, located on Little Hurricane Branch Road in Rockcastle County. Violators will be prosecuted.

Posted: Property belonging to Don and Kitty Reese on Smallwood Road at Roundstone. All trespassers will be prosecuted. 49xntf

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Glen Roberts at 560 Dix River Branch Road, Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 35xntf

Posted: No hunting, trespassing or ATVs on land belonging to Jason and Sara Coguer at Roundstone. Not responsible for accidents.

Posted: No trespassing on Crawford Place - Old Brodhead Road. Danny Smith. 47ftn

Posted: Absolutely no hunting, fishing or trespassing on property belonging to Mark and Debbie Cummins. Violators will be prosecuted. 9x52p

Posted: No trespassing, hunting or fishing on land belonging to Rachel Denney on Hwy. 3245 (former Reggie Bengé property).

Posted: No trespassing on property known as C.B. Owens Farm across from Fairgrounds in Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 25ftn

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Scenes from the Brodhead Christmas Parade



Miss Rockcastle Sheradyn Cox gets a ride on Brodhead Fire Department Rescue 13 during the annual EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.



Santa Claus made an appearance during the Brodhead Christmas Parade.



Crossroads Assembly of God won the float contest during the Brodhead Christmas Parade. The Blair Family won for best decorated home and Citizens Bank of Brodhead won for the Best Decorated Store Front.



Mark's Hardware got in the Christmas spirit with their float and tractors.

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Brodhead Police Chief Bo Harris led the annual EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade down Main Street.



Firefighter Christian Sagraves drove Brodhead's Rescue 19 in the annual Brodhead Christmas Parade.



Brodhead Fire Department's Engine 10 was one of many fire trucks from across the county in the annual Christmas Parade.



Brindle Ridge Fire Department brought Engine 804 for Brodhead's Christmas Parade.



Firefighter Larkin Prewitt and Skylar Holcomb rode along in Brodhead's Engine 12 in the annual Brodhead Christmas Parade.



Livingston Police Department was represented in the EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade in Brodhead.

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
Fissures and Ledges

Two different landscape features, naturally occurring in the world, are large ledges of stones that appear stacked, and fissures such as might result from a major earthquake ripping a crevice or clef in the earth. The western states have many natural fissures. Ledge stones can be all sizes and of many types of rock. (The Palisades of the Kentucky River have the look of grandiose ledge stones. These cliffs are up to 220 feet high and are downriver from Ft. Boonesboro.) Let's take a look at these two stone features as they apply to landscaping a yard or property.

Ledges are typically large flat stones in a horizontal position. Often seen stacked up, but they may be stair-stepped or randomly placed in a slope as well. Big, flat, weathered stones are commonly called "ledge stones" no matter their intended landscape use. Large stones placed to function as a retaining wall are a common use for ledge stones.

Large ledge boulders with moss on them can be imposing, and so are better paired with a larger building.

Smaller stones can create a ledge effect just the same, but without heavy equipment being needed to move them.

Weathered stones look better for this purpose, but stone from a quarry will age in time.

Double rows or large ledge boulders have been sited in the Botanical Garden in Denver, Colorado. Between them a gravel path resembling an arroyo or stream offers rock gardening bounty and an impressive display. A ledge created by a homeowner or landscaper on most residential properties would be constructed much less

immensely. Fissures are typically vertical disruptions of jagged rocks and may be at weird angles, not necessarily 90 degrees.

Real fissures occurring in mountainous regions are extremely dangerous, especially if fallen into unexpectedly.

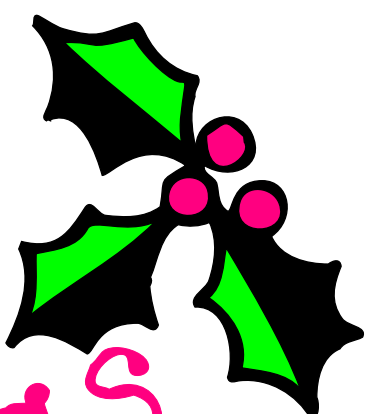
Man-made landscape fissures can be anywhere from small tame looking rocks stood up with a gap between them to a more formidable look where they would indeed deter man or animal crossing the area where the fissure was designed and installed. Smaller pieces of stone between larger imposing stones with sharp points or corners, a good landscaper can construct a fissure replicating a natural one. Larger elements will require heavy equipment to assist with the placement of the stones and other excavation or dirt movement.

Unusual to be sure, massive ledges or fissures offer something different on the landscaper's palate. Certainly not for everyone, but how would a ledge, fissure, or stone outcropping look in your front yard or backyard? Size should be reflective of the size of the home or property. A tiny fissure is not going to impress anyone if lost in a big yard. Neither will a massive ledge look good in the yard of a "dollhouse".

Large fissures and rock ledge layouts created with dozers, backhoes and cranes can cost thousands and even hundreds of thousands of dollars to build. Amusement parks or botanical gardens may have the space and the money for this. The average homeowners will be thinking of something on a much smaller scale for their yards.

The author is a landscaper specializing in waterfalls.
Email Max at rockcastles@gmail.com

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From left: Phillip Gilliam, Caitlin Mullins, Christa Taylor, Susan McNew, Marlene Lawson and Shelly Mullins.

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Gage Reynolds gave candidate for Rockcastle Jailer Nathan Carter a ride in Brodhead's Christmas Parade.



Troop 2403 from Brodhead took part in the annual EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade in Brodhead.

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"Little Caesar" was on hand for Mount Vernon's Christmas Parade.

A Hillbilly Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas
 And far from my home,
 A little bit scared as I traveled alone,
 I stopped to rest and rented a cabin,
 Late in the night, unsure what might happen.
 I settled in quick and went right to bed
 Happy at last to just lay down my head,
 When all of a sudden somewhere on the mountain,
 The Hillbillys began singing, dancing, shoutin'.
 The sound was like thunder, it woke the whole town,
 The Hillbillys were having a Christmas Ho-Down.
 Me in my cabin unable to sleep,
 Standing in nightshirt and only sock feet.
 No hope for rest I decided to go,
 So I dressed myself warmly, and walked out of my
 cabin
 And into the cold.
 Walking in the moonlight on a new fallen snow,
 Passing through the woods to a place I didn't know.
 I arrived at the cabin not sure of the time,
 It was a very big cabin much larger than mine.
 The inside was well lit and gave off a glow,
 That shone out the windows and on to the snow.
 Taking a breath, I knocked on the door,
 The host was a man I had never seen before.
 After looking me over, saying get on in here!
 Once inside I knew I had nothing to fear,
 Even hillbillys won't shoot you this time of the year.
 The festival inside was wonderful to see,
 The hillbillys were happy as happy could be.
 In the corner an old jug band was playing a song,
 In the center of the room a great dance going on.
 I was invited to dance, but danced very little,
 When I saw a great table just loaded with vittles.
 After filling my plate and a jar of country wine,
 I sat with the hillbillys and started to dine.
 After eating and dancing for most of the night,
 I realized these hillbillys are really all right.
 Growing tired and sleepy, and ready to go,
 I thanked my new friends as I walked out the door.
 As I headed toward my cabin the stars as my light,
 I was filled with new hope on this wonderful night.
 Arriving back home and warm in my cabin,
 I pondered this night, and all that had happened.
 Lying in bed, I thought of this place,
 My heart filled with joy and warmth of God's grace.
 So for all of earth's people, and all of life's faces,
 And for those far from home, staying in strange places,
 I prayed to our Lord on this most Holy of Nights,
 Take care and watch over us and help us do right.
 Merry Christmas, God Bless...and to all a Good Night!!
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Front from left: David Collins, Doug Clements, Shelly Clements and Dawn Myers. Back: Matthew Bustle

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The RCHS Marching Rockets Color Guard marched in the Brodhead Christmas Parade. Some of the members shown above are Emily Alexander, Jasmine Ashcraft and Devona Smith.



The RCHS Marching Rockets, led by Drum Major Brooklyn Lane, marched in Brodhead's Christmas Parade and delighted the crowd with beautiful music.



Brodhead Mayor Walter Cash drove his late model Chevy in the EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.



Mount Vernon Fire Department brought along Rescue 613 for Brodhead's Christmas Parade.



Candidate for Sheriff Chris Mason, along with family and friends, took part in Brodhead's Christmas Parade.



Candidate for Rockcastle Jailer John Burton took part in Brodhead's annual Christmas Parade.

Christmas is not like it was

By: Madge Smith

When I was at home, at Christmas, we had a good dinner that came from our garden that mother had canned and our own meat.

We got plenty of candy, fruit and nuts we passed out to our friends. We didn't buy gifts at a store, just new shoes every year at Christmas.

There were nine of us children. Mother and Daddy taught us that the tree we had stood for the death of Jesus Christ because of His dying on the cross for our sins and life eternal. He promised that to all who believe.

We also made our own gifts that some still have today. Love was one of them. Our decorations were strings of popcorn and paper chains. Our neighbors would get pies or cakes and invited to dinner.

Some people define Christmas by what they see, tree lights, shopping, gifts, food and parties. However, that is not what Christmas is all about.

Our plan of Salvation had to begin with the birth of Christ, the Son of God. Without him we wouldn't be here to celebrate anything.

Be sure to call your sisters and brothers. They would like that more than a card bought from a store. Hug your kids and tell them Jesus loves them and you do to. When they grow up, they will not forget it, because I haven't.

Merry Christmas! Jesus loves you

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

CHICKEN REUBEN
 4 skinless, boneless chicken breasts, cut in half (8 pieces)
 Seasoned salt and pepper to taste
 1 can (16 ounce) sauerkraut, drained, squeezed dry
 1 and 1/4 cups thousand island dressing, divided
 8 slices Swiss cheese
 8 slices rye bread
 Preheat oven to 325°. Pound the chicken breasts to an even thickness with a meat mallet.
 Placed the breasts in a greased 13 x 9 baking dish. Season with seasoned salt and pepper.
 Combine sauerkraut and 2 to 3 tablespoon thousand island dressing. Divide the sauerkraut mixture among the chicken breasts. Top with swiss cheese, and then spread generously with the remaining thousand island dressing. Cover the pan with foil. Bake for 45 minutes to 1 hour, or until the chicken is cooked through (juices with run clear when the meat is pierced with a knife).
 Serve on the rye bread.

CROCK POT PASTA FAGIOLI SOUP
 2 pounds ground beef
 1 onion, chopped
 3 carrots, chopped
 4 stalks celery, chopped
 2 cans (28 ounces each) diced tomatoes, undrained
 1 can (16 ounce) red kidney beans, drained
 1 can (16 ounce) white kidney beans, drained
 3 cans (10 ounce) beef stock
 3 teaspoons oregano
 2 teaspoons pepper
 5 teaspoons parsley
 1 jar (20 ounce) spaghetti sauce
 8 ounces pasta
 Brown beef in a skillet. Drain fat from beef and add beef to crock pot with everything except pasta.
 Cook on low 7 to 8 hours or high 4 to 5 hours. During last 30 minutes on high or 1 hour on low, add pasta.

ARTICHOKE DIP
 2 cans (14 ounces each) water-pack artichokes, drained
 2 cups Parmesan cheese, freshly grated
 1 cup of mayonnaise
 Salt and pepper
 Preheat oven to 350°. Coarsely chop the drained artichokes. In an oven-proof baking or serving dish, mix together the chopped drained artichokes, the grated Parmesan cheese, and the mayonnaise.
 Bake for 20 to 25 minutes. Add salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste. Serve with crackers, endive leaves, or toasted thinly slice bread or baguettes.



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from
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Jeremy Rowe & staff



Front row from left: Julie Adams, Kathy Robinson and Meredith Gross. Back row from left: Kathy Burgin, Samantha Wynn, County Attorney Jeremy Rowe, Assistant County Attorney William Leger and Abbey Eaton.

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Rockcastle County High School's JROTC Color Guard members marched in the Brodhead Christmas Parade. Members are shown, from left: Zach Poyle, Hunter Medley, Chandler Cole and Eli Price.



Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Doug Bishop and his granddaughter, Sydney, share candy with those attendance at the Brodhead Christmas Parade.



Circuit Judge David Tapp took part in Brodhead's Christmas Parade sharing candy with those in attendance. Judge Tapp is also a candidate for the Kentucky Supreme Court.

Randy Powell takes honors at state florists' convention

Randy Powell, an employee of Foley's Florist in Berea, recently took two honorable mentions and a third place at the Kentucky Florists' Association during their 60th Annual Convention held in Louisville.

In the Wedding Category: Years of Wedding and the Arrangement Category: It's All About Texture, Powell received Honorable Mention. He took a third place in the Sympathy Category: A

Timeless Tribute.

In the second part of the competition, the four designers with the highest total combined score competed in a live, on-stage design challenge. They have twenty minutes to complete a design of their choice and Powell was one of these designers.

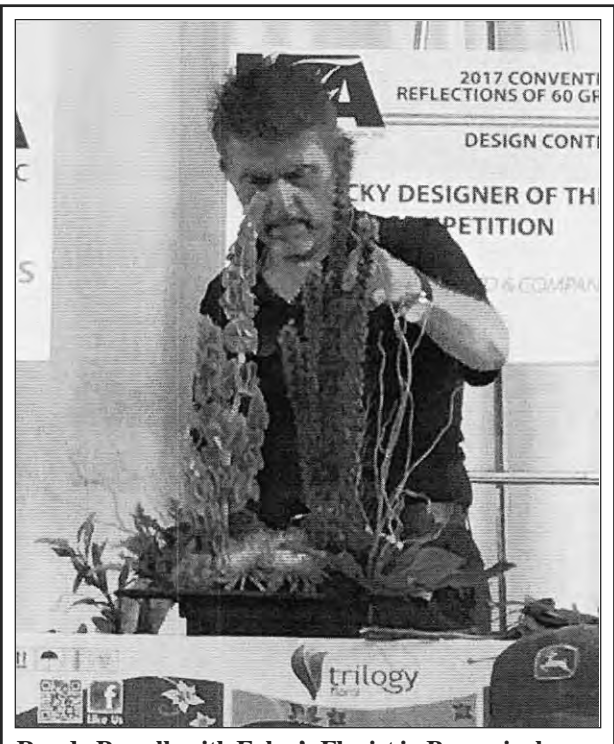
The Kentucky Florist's Association also supports the annual Hats for Hope Silent Auction benefiting Kosair Char-

ities where designers create Derby hats and fascinators which are then judged by a panel of evaluators.

All hats are donated to Hats for Hope to use in their next silent auction.

Powell was the winner of this competition.

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Randy Powell, with Foley's Florist in Berea, is shown in the above photo with his entry into the final four competition at the recent Kentucky Florists' Association's annual convention held in Louisville.



Powell, far left, is shown in the above photo with the other three designers chosen for the final four competition at the Kentucky Florists' Association's recent convention in Louisville.

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Candidate for Judge-Executive Howell Holbrook took part in Brodhead's Christmas Parade.



Rockcastle County Attorney Jeremy Rowe and Cynthia Wells wave to the camera during Brodhead's Christmas Parade. The two were being drive by Rowe's wife, Jacinda.



Candidate for Jailer Stanley Payne rode along in the annual EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.



David's Tire Center brought out "Big Bertha" for the Brodhead Christmas Parade.



State Representative and Housing Majority Floor Leader Jonathan Shell took part in Brodhead's annual Christmas Parade.



Candidate for Sheriff Shannon Franklin along with his wife Jill and daughters, Maggie and Valerie, took part in the annual Christmas Parade at Brodhead.



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The project site is located at 1545 Cumberland Lake Pkwy, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456. The bid is to furnish all necessary labor, materials, tools, machinery, warranties, and all other items required to renovate the HVAC System, Replace Roof and E.I.F.S., Extend Drive Lane and repave existing parking lot to meet plans and specifications. Work to include, but not limited to; ceilings, lighting, electrical, hvac, roofing, E.I.F.S. and minor site grading, new asphalt paving and striping.

The project is separated into the following Bid Packages:
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 Bid Package No. 2 – HVAC Replacement
 Bid Package No. 3 – Asphalt Paving
 Bid Package No. 4 – Combination BID

Interested Contractors shall attend a mandatory pre-bid conference on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. at the project site, 1545 Cumberland Lake Pkwy, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after the opening. Each bid must include a bid security in the amount of 10% of the total bid in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, irrevocable letter of credit, or surety company bond made payable to the Rockcastle County School Board of Education.

If a bid security in the amount of 10% of the full bid amount is submitted with the bid, the successful bidder will be required to furnish a performance and payment bond and labor and material bond from an acceptable surety in the amount of 100% of the full contract amount. If a bid guaranty bond in the amount of 100% of the total bid is submitted with the bid, performance and labor and material bond will be required.

The contract documents have been prepared by N3D Group, 1204 Winchester Road, Suite 200, Lexington, KY 40505. For additional information or questions, send email inquiries to HYPERLINK "mailto:snoel@n3dgroup.com" snoel@n3dgroup.com or phone 859-303-5708. Copies of the documents may be purchased from Lynn Imaging, 328 East Vine Street, Lexington, KY, 40507, (859) 255-1021 or www.lynnimaging.com.

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Jamie Osborne, Amanda Osborne and Billy Gale Osborne rode on the Rockcastle Recycling Center's float and shared candy during the Brodhead Christmas Parade.



Rockcastle County Jailer Carlos McClure, along with his family, took part in Brodhead's Christmas Parade.

Holidays not always cheerful for those battling holiday depression

The holiday season is underway and as families gather to celebrate, it's important to remember it's not always the most wonderful time of the year for everyone. While depression can occur at any time, the holiday season particularly may bring on loneliness and a lack of fulfillment for some. During the month of December, Saint Joseph Berea, part of KentuckyOne Health, encourages people to learn more about holiday depression and how it might impact loved ones.

Those suffering from depression may experience feelings of sadness and emptiness that won't go away, extreme irritability, restlessness, thoughts of suicide and death, insomnia or sleeping too much, difficulty concentrating, loss of interest in favorite activities, weight gain or weight loss.

"Depression may occur at any time of the year, but during the holiday season, it's often amplified," said Elizabeth Clark, MS, director of Senior Renewal Center, Saint Joseph Berea. "Many factors can increase a person's level of stress and

anxiety during the holidays, including financial pressures, recent loss of a loved one or other major life changes, social isolation, excessive commitments and unrealistic expectations."

To help find relief from holiday-induced stress, it's important to set realistic goals and expectations during the holidays, share responsibilities with loved ones, reach out to friends and family, avoid excessive drinking and overeating, and talk to a therapist to help you identify your feelings and find solutions to overcome them.

Social isolation is often a major factor in depression around the holiday season. Some people may not have a large group of friends and family with whom to celebrate. As a result, they feel disconnected during the cheerful holiday months. To avoid increased social isolation, it's important to find support from family or friends, seek out social events, or talk to a physician or therapist about these feelings of isolation.

Others may be grieving the loss of a loved one dur-

ing the holidays. Strategies to help lessen the risk of depression for those experiencing loss include acknowledging your feelings, finding a new holiday tradition away from home, volunteering time to help others, and spending time outdoors.

Depression this time of year may also be caused by another factor - the loss of sunshine. Seasonal affective disorder, or (SAD), is a disorder that is caused by the reduced number of daylight hours during the winter months.

To treat SAD, your provider may recommend talk or light therapy, antidepressants or lifestyle changes.

"For those who suffer from depression this time of year, it's important to talk to a provider to determine its cause, whether it's the stress or loneliness of the holidays, or another external factor like the lack of sunshine," said Clark. "Depending on the type and severity of the depression, it can be treated with medications, psychotherapy, brain stimulation techniques, lifestyle changes, or some combination of these. Reaching out for help is the key to feeling better."

Signs of depression should not be taken lightly. Contact Our Lady of Peace for an assessment by calling the Assessment and Referral Center at 859.313.3515. If you find yourself having suicidal thoughts, immediately dial 911, go to a hospital emergency room, or call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK.

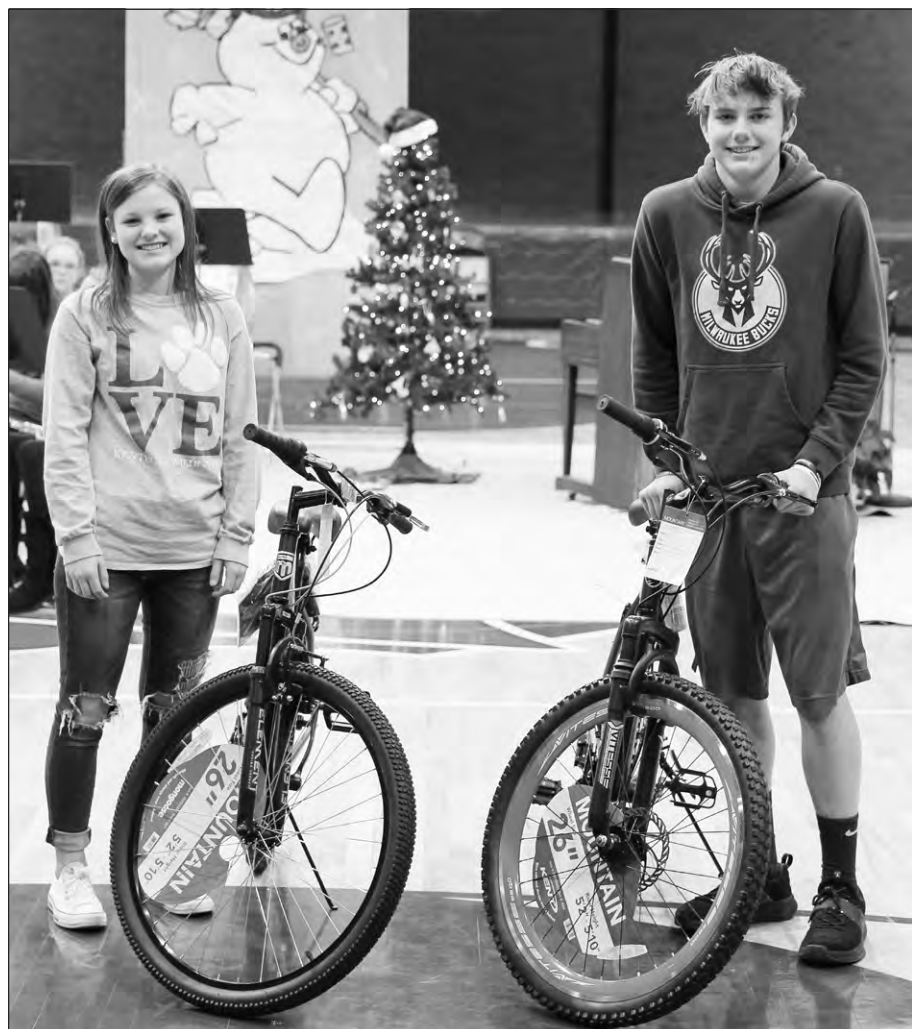
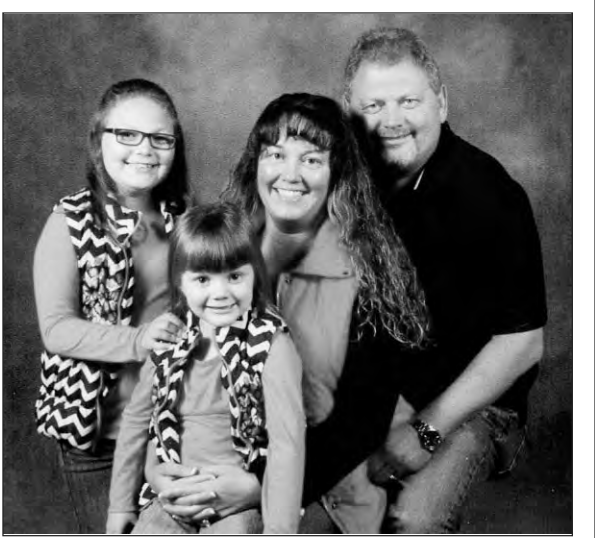
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Carlos McClure**
and family - Tara, Palin & Bristol



Thank you to Clifford Collins Backhoe for donating two bicycles to encourage good attendance at RCMS. All students who had perfect attendance during the fall semester were in a drawing for a girl's or boy's bike. Emma Hackworth and Austin Vanwinkle were the winners. We appreciate all of our students who put forth the extra effort to be at school every day.

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MVES first graders write Santa Letters

Mt. Vernon Elementary

Mrs. Robin Bowman's class

Dear Santa: Esme's List,

Can you please get me a xbox1. I was good and cinda nody. I still want a LoL Dolls, a digit dimind, a doll, Robo cat, and a nuther Robo cat for my cusen. I Love you.

Love, Esme'

Dear Santa,

I wood get a rodt vosratr and a rodt t-rex and I have din goob.

Love, Jacob Scott Dykes

Dear Santa,

I was really good. This year I want a JoJodoll for Christmas. And a angelldoll. And I want to meat Santa.

Love, Karleigh

Dear Santa,

I like Pokemon, ok gitme it!! I woud like a bord game.

Love, Zaydon

To Santa:

You'l have extra cookies at crismastime. I'v ben good or bad I don't now. You do now what I want for crismasright? Pokemon cards and Arceaccard. By the way theresia surprise.

From: Roscoe

Dear Santa,

I want a Xbox one S for Crismas. I bin Good and Santa I will leav you cookies.

Love, Gage

Dear Santa,

I want a horse and a sadule pless. I hope that you can fit it in the slay. Put the horse and the sadule in the pasture at Grandmas. I have been a good girl.

Love, Hailey

Dear Santa,

I bin good tisyear. I want you to be safe win you drivthe sled. I what giants NFL stuf. I want you to have a mere ckrimas. I am goweg to lev you cookiesand milk. Odell is the numr 13 I want the jurze NO cow boy jurze's. I Love god.

Love, Josiah

To Santa,

I have bin rile good I wnt a xdox ones and rme min, cumputr, cozmo and ill lev you som cookies.

love, Jace

Dear Santa,

I have bna good girl. I rwall a my lif doll rebrn. I'm going to lev you cukey! Love you Santa.

From Grace

Dear Santa,

I hab bna good girl. I want elsa toyz from santa becuz I lik elsa dols. I wnt anna thags for ckismis. Love you Santa.

Love, Tabitha

Dear Santa,

I have stayd in the green so can you make me a reil gocartwith a motor? I hope it can fit in the slae!

Love, Landon

Dear Santa,

I ben gud dis yer so can I have a Ben ten OBtrix and a toy het blat toy and toy dimendn toy tht cum with this hnd. The Lego Movie pack.

Love, Jacob W.

Dear Santa,

This year I think I have been good. I want elf on the shelf, a new bow, a Amaican Doll, a JoJo Poster, a new Santa doll, some new sherts and a stoking.

Love, Marlee

Mrs. Kristy's First Grade

Dear Santa,

How are you? I have been nice this year. I would love to get a love dela dall.

Sophi L.

Dear Santa,

How are you? I have been both this year. I would love to get a Hoveorbord for Christmas.

Jasper

Dear Santa,

How are you? I have been nic. I would love to get a gun for Christmas.

Colson

Dear Santa,

How are you? I have been nice this year. I would love to get a tv for Christmas.

Audrey

Dear Santa,

How are you? I have been good this year. I would lov to get a tow tuk for Christmas.

Casen

Dear Santa,

How are you? I have been nis this year. I would love to get a dog stuf animl. Kynlee

Dear Santa,

How are you? I have been good this year. I would love to get a bick for Christmas.

Andrew

Dear Santa,

How are you? I have been nis this year. I would love to get a popthowset for Christmas.

Sawyer B.

Dear Santa,

How are you? I have been nice this year. I would love to get a jet pac that shots fir ot uv it for Christmas.

Sawyer C.

Dear Santa,

How are you? I have been nis this year. I would love to get a cat for Christmas.

Katie

Dear Santa,

How are you? I have been nice this year. I would love to get a Barbe doll for Christmas.

Alexis

Dear Santa,

How are you? I have been nice this year. I would love to get a toy car for Christmas.

Dillon

Dear Santa,

How aer you? I have been nice this year. I would love to get a Barbe mrrmaed for Christmas.

Grace

Dear Santa,

How are you? I have been nis this year. I would love to get a doll hws far Christmas.

Sophia L.

Dear Santa,

How are you? I have been both this year. I would love to get a tv for Christmas. Merry Christmas!!

Addie

Dear Santa,

Haw are you? I have been nice. I would love to get a dron.

Lincoln

Dear Santa,

How are you? I have been nice this year. I would love to get a fingerling and a amarican girl doll for crismas. its name is Lea Lila

Lila

Dear Santa,

How are you? I have been nice this year. I would love to get a video game. Merry Christmas.

Jaxon

Mrs. Jamie Bryant's class

Dear Santa,

I hope you like the cookisand milk. I have been good all year. I riley want a hatchamlfor Christmas. Have a Mary Christmas and by the way I am 7.

Love, Bryce

Dear Santa,

Thank you for my puppy? I have been pretty good all year. I wont UK to when all year. Can you keep me oof of your naughty list all year pless.

Love, Parker

Dear Santa,

I hop your are ther. I like your job. I have been good all year. I hop you bren me one fone. Mary Crismas.

From, Kaylee

Dear Santa,

How are your elvs? I've been a little naughty all year. I hope you bring me a L.t. extreme Land sea rc for Chrimas. Mary Chrimas.

Love,Levi A.

Dear Santa,

Hooare you? I have been good. I wuld take a toy traktr harvrstr.

Love, Levi B.

Dear Santa,

How was your year? I have been a little naughty this year. All I wontis love, Santa. Mary Crismis.

Love, Kealee

Dear Santa,

I love you Santa. I have been niceall year. Mere Krismis. I hop I get a baby dolalive. Mree cressisme.

Love, Callie

Dear Santa,

What are your elf doing? I have been pretty good all year. Dear Santa, can I pleshave a Baby alive. Mree cressisme, Santa.

Love, Tatum

Dear Santa,

How is your elvs doing? I have been working a little beder. I wont a remut cuntlrerace car. Mary mary crissmisand have a happy new year.

Love, Beckham

Dear Santa,

I like yor elf and ther so funy. I have been a litl nauhty and merwe cresmas. I wonted for chrimas is a pichro thurshy. Have a good yegr.

Love, Isaiah

Dear Santa,

How are your downin? I have been pretty good all yrer. I wunt for crismis a rill rifhl. Have a good yrer.

Love, Gabe P.

Dear Santa,

How hard is it to dliver to all of the children in the world? I have been pretty good this year. I hope you get me a nintindo swichfor Christmas. The end. Merry Christmas and have a happy new year.

Love, Caleb

Dear Santa,

How is mis. Klos? I have been good all year. I wint makup for crisms. Have a good crisms.

Love, Sophia

Dear Santa,

How are you? I have been good all year. I want you to bring me makeup. Have a good chrimas.

Love, Emma

Dear Santa,

Merry Crismas. How was your day? I have ben goodall year. I hope you bring me desentens 2. I want desentens2. Happy new year.

Love, Macensie

Dear Santa,

How Is yor elvs? Mere crismis. I have benpretty good al year. I want a remot contlcar.

From, Gabe S.

Dear Santa,

You have good elvs. I have been good all year. I woint you to give me manstr trucus for chrimis. Have a mere crismis.

Love, Breylan

Dear Santa,

Haw re yor ranedear? I have bin nis this yir. I wod lick sum surprisis for Cristum.

Love, Mary Grace
Kathy Price's class
Edited

Dear Santa,

This Christmas, I am 6 years old. Does Mrs. clause work in your village? I have been good all of the time this year. I clean up the house and I put my toys away. I would like some boots and a dirt bike and some gear for it for Christmas. I promise to leave out some milk and cookies for you. Please say "Hi" to Rudolph for me!

Love, Dawson

Dear Santa,

How do you fly? I am 7 years old this Christmas. I have been good some of the time this year. I cleaned up my room. I would like a racecar and some army men for Christmas. I will leave you some candy canes and milk. Please say "Hi" to the reindeer for me!

Love Kevin

Dear Santa,

This Christmas, I am 6 years old. I have been good all the time this year. I help

my mom pick up the living room. How do the reindeer fly? I would like an Xbox and a nerf gun for Christmas this year. I promise to leave out some cookies for you. Please say "Hi" to Dancer for me!

Love, Hunter

Dear Santa,

Do you have a long beard? I am 7 years old this year and I would like some Hot Wheels and an ImaginexRudolph for Christmas. I have been good all year long. I let my friends play tag with me and I help Dad carry stuff to the car. I promise to leave out some cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. Please say "Hi" to TJ the Elf for me! Have a safe trip!

Love, AJ

Dear Santa,

Are you and Mrs. Clause married? I am 6 years old this Christmas and I have been good some of the time this year. I just cleaned the house for my Christmas party on Saturday. I would like a Barbie Dream House and Calico Critters for Christmas this year. I will leave out some cookies and milk for you. Please say "Hi" to Jimmy the Elf for me!

Love, Brynna

Dear Santa,

Can Rudolph fly over a tree? I am 6 years old and I have been good all year long. I helped the lunch ladies stack up the trays and I help my mom with my brother when he is going to sleep because he always wants to stay up and play. I would like my 2 front teeth

and a mermaid tail for Christmas. I promise I will leave you some cookies and milk on Christmas Eve. Please say "Hi" to Rudolph for me! Have a safe trip!

Love, Aliyah

Dear Santa,

Do you have a puppy? I am 7 years old and I have been good all the time this year. Sometimes I help my mom clean on Saturdays when we don't have anything else to do. I would like some make-up and Hatchimalsfor Christmas. I will leave some milk and cookies for you on Christmas Eve. Please say "Hi" to Rudolph for me.

Love, Kaleigh

Dear Santa,

I am 6 years old this Christmas and I have been good all year long. I would like a karaoke machine and an art set for Christmas. I will leave out some cookies for you on Christmas Eve. How do you fly with your reindeer? Please say "Hi" to Rudolph for me! Have a safe trip!

Love, Addison

Dear Santa,

This Christmas I am 6 years old. How do you get all the toys to fit inside your bag? I have been good all of the time this year. I have been nice to my brother and my two sisters. I would like some cars and an Ipadfor Christmas. I promise to leave cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. Please say "Hi" to Rudolph for me.

Love, Dakota

(Cont. to C9)



and many thanks to our good friends,
everywhere!

Happy Holidays from everyone at

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From left: Melissa Slone, Megan Dowell, Amanda Mastin and Andrew Nelson.
Not shown: Kendall Kilbourne, Charlotte Hansel, Terri Renner,
Lisa McClure and Kali Lay.

Santa Letters

(Cont. from C8)

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I am 7 years old and I have good all this year. How do you get all of the toys into your bag? I have been good all the time this year. I help my mommy with the dishes and when Reagan can't find something I help her find it. I will leave cookies out for you on Christmas Eve. Please say "Hi" to Rudolph for me. Have a safe trip.

Love, Sydney

Dear Santa,
I am 7 years old this Christmas and I have been good all year. I help my mom do laundry and I help my step mom tell my brother to wear the shoes he's wearing today and not his game shoes. How do you reindeer fly? I would like a tablet and Legos for Christmas this year. I will leave some cookies and milk for you on Christmas Eve. Please say "Hi" to Rudolph for me.

Love, Tyson

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 7 years old and I have been naughty (but nice!) I do help my grandma crack walnuts and I helped my mom with Thanksgiving dinner. I would like a TV and a Nintendo Switch for Christmas this year. By the way, do you have a dog? Please say "Hi" to Rudolph for me.

Love, Jaydon

Dear Santa,
I am 7 years old I have been good this year. I went and bought my sisters a Christmas present. I would really like some nerf guns and some cars for Christmas this year. I will leave you some cookies and milk. How do you make the reindeer fly? Say "Hi" to Rudolph for me. Have a safe trip.

Merry Christmas Santa!

Love, Mason

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am almost 7 years old. This year, I have been naughty (but nice!) Sometimes my brother is mean to me and sometimes I am mean to my brother. I would like a JoJo Siwa doll and some JoJoBows for Christmas this year. I promise to leave out some milk and a PBJ sandwich for you on Christmas Eve. I was wondering how you make all those toys. Please say "Hi" to Rudolph for me. Merry Christmas Santa!

Love, Elizabeth

Mrs. Kaci's First Grade Edited

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I want a purple tablet. I need some Nike socks.

Love, Ava

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I want a remote control helicopter. I need a bunch of new socks.

Love, Blake

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I want a remote control car. I need some short sleeve t-shirts.

Love, Xavier

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I want an Ana doll. I need more jeans and t-shirts.

Love, Emily

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I want a blue teddy high. I need an orange jacket for when it rains.

Love, Jadyn

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I want some Power Ranger toys. I need some new clothes.

Love, Connor

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I want a yellow my little pony. I need a pair of longer pants.

Love, Abby

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I want a dirt bike, boots, and helmet. I need a new pair of hi-top shoes.

Love, Eyan

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I want a Spiderman toy that shoots webs. I need some more apples to eat.

Love, Christopher

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I want a blue hover board. I need a couple pairs of new jeans.

Love, Levi

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I want a mud mask that cleans my face. I need some more dresses.

Love, Aubrey

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I want a purple tablet. I need some Nike socks.

Love, Ava

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I want an HP laptop. I need a couple pairs of new jeans.

Love, Alyssa

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I want a robot to play with. I need shirts that fit 7 year olds.

Love, Zeik

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I want an LOL doll named Bon Bon. I need rubberbands for my hair.

Love, Madison

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I want a bike that looks like a dune buggy. I need shoes that are size 8.

Love, Zain

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I want a LOL doll with black hair. I need pink and purple underwear.

Love, Karleigh

MVES second graders perform for patients at Rockcastle Regional



Mrs. Paula and Mrs. Sheila's second grade classes at MVES performed a play called "Christmas Is..." to the patients at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. Thank you to all who came out to enjoy.

No Signal week of December 28th



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Front row from left: Alma Hoggard, Morgan Coffey, Lauren VonLinger and Teresa Shafer. Back row from left: Shirley Cromer, Tracy King, Callie Asher and Tim Young. Not pictured: Sandy Durham and Arie Lawson.

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS INVITATION TO LEASE

The Administrative Office of the Courts desires to lease approximately 250 to 500 square feet of office space for the Rockcastle CDW Office. Space should be available for occupancy on or before February 15, 2018.

Responses must be in writing and submitted in a sealed envelope with PR-8447 clearly marked on the front.

Please send responses to Michelle Evans, Facilities Division, Administrative Office of the Courts, 1001 Vandalay Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601-9320. (FAX responses will not be accepted.)

Each proposal should include the type, location, and availability date of the property. Also furnish a floor plan showing the interior layout of the existing building to include walls, doors, windows, and columns.

All proposals must be received before 1:00 PM EDT, Friday, January 5, 2018. All bids received will be opened and publicly read at the AOC offices at that time.

A representative of the AOC will make an appointment to inspect all proposed lease space that meets the requirements stated above. A determination will not be made until a visual inspection of all proposed properties has been made. Property must be approved by the Department of Housing, Buildings, and Construction, Division of Building Codes Enforcement, and must meet OSHA and the Americans with Disabilities Act specifications, as well as existing applicable building codes.

For additional information, contact Michelle Evans at (502) 573-2350 ext. 50933.

RES Kindergarteners write Santa Letters

Kindergarten Classes Roundstone Elementary

Dear Santa,
My name is Ryan. I am six years old and I live in Renfro Valley.
I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was wash dishes. A nice thing I did at school was help people.
Please bring me a remote control car for Christmas. I will leave cookies, milk and carrots for you and your reindeer.
Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
My name is Braxton. I am six years old and I live on Clear Creek.
I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was wash dishes. A nice thing I did at school was help them at recess.
Please bring me a Nintendo Switch for Christmas.
I will leave cookies and cupcakes for you and your reindeer.
Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
My name is Sophie. I am five years old and I live in Fairview.
I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was helped them do the laundry. A nice thing I did at school was played with Kyndall.
Please bring me a Barbie House for Christmas. I will leave cookies, milk, water and carrots for you and your reindeer.
Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
My name is Makenna. I am six years old and I live on Brindle Ridge.
I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was fold laundry wash dishes. A nice thing I did at school was played with others.
Please bring me a computer for Christmas. I will leave cookies, milk, carrots and water for you and your reindeer.
Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
My name is Krysta. I am five years old and I live in Renfro Valley.
I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was help Momma cook. A nice thing I did at school was help my friend when she fell.
Please bring me a pink purse for Christmas. I will leave cookies, milk and carrots for you and your reindeer.
Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
My name is Camden. I am five years old and I live on Lambert Road.
I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was wash dishes. A nice thing I did at school was help people.
Please bring me a Spiderman bicycle for Christmas.
I will leave cookies and corn for you and your reindeer.
Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
My name is Destiny. I am six years old and I live in Disputanta.
I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was minded my mom and dad. A nice thing I did at school was shared my crayons.
Please bring me a rocking horse for Christmas. I will leave milk, cookies and carrots for you and your reindeer.
Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
My name is Chloe. I am five years old and I live in Berea.
I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was I did the laundry. A nice thing I did at school was helped somebody.
Please bring me a Barbie Doll for Christmas. I will leave carrots for you and your reindeer.
Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
My name is Harlan. I am six years old and I live on Stephens Road.
I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was I helped with the dishes. A nice thing I did at school was tell them to be quiet.
Please bring me an Elf on the Shelf for Christmas. I will leave milk and cookies for you and your reindeer.
Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
My name is Jase. I am six years old and I live at Roundstone.
I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was dust the furniture. A nice thing I did at school was sweep and do trays.
Please bring me a remote control spider for Christmas. I will leave milk, cookies and carrots for you and your reindeer.
Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
My name is Mya. I am five years old and I live in Orlando.
I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was cleaned the living room. A nice thing I did at school was be quiet.
Please bring me a robot horse for Christmas. I will leave cookies, milk, carrots and water for you and your reindeer.
Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
My name is Kyndall. I am six years old and I live in Conway.
I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was wrap presents. A nice thing I did at school was follow the rules.
Please bring me an Elf on the Shelf for Christmas. I will leave cookies, milk and treats for you and your reindeer.
Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
My name is Vivie. I am six years old and I live on Brindle Ridge.
I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was sweep the house. A nice thing I did at school was help someone with their words.
Please bring me a sewing machine like my Aunt Chelle has for Christmas. I will leave cookies, milk and carrots for you and your reindeer.
Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
My name is Eli. I am six years old and I live on Sweetwater Road.
I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was picked up my toys. A nice thing I did at school was helped friends.
Please bring me a dirt bike for Christmas. I will leave milk and cookies for you and your reindeer.
Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
My name is Colten. I am six years old and I live on South Dogwood.
I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was clean the house. A nice thing I did at school was helped others.
Please bring me a Nerf gun for Christmas. I will leave cookies and milk for you and your reindeer.
Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
My name is Bayleigh. I am five years old and I live on Sweetwater Road.
I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was I helped my Mommie do the dishes. A nice thing I did at school was helped carry trays at lunch.
Please bring me a baby doll for Christmas. I will leave milk, Oreos and carrots for you and your reindeer.
Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
My name is Milanah. I am five years old and I live in Hummel.
I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was I helped clean the house. A nice thing I did at school was clean the floor.
Please bring me Daniel the for Christmas. I will leave cookies, milk and carrots for you and your reindeer.
Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
My name is Astrid. I am five years old and I live in Kentucky.
I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was cleaned my room. A

nice thing I did at school was did my homework.
Please bring me a dragon set for Christmas. I will leave some candy canes for you and your reindeer.
Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
My name is Jeremiah. I am five years old and I live in Kentucky.
I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was I loved them. A nice thing I did at school was listen to the teacher.
Please bring me a power wheel for Christmas. I will leave presents for you and your reindeer.
Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
My name is Jaylee. I am five years old and I live in Berea.
I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was clean my house. A nice thing I did at school was I let a friend borrow my crayons.
Please bring me an L.O.L. doll and a My Little Life Doll for Christmas. I will leave carrots, cookies and milk for you and your reindeer.
Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
My name is Lilah. I am six years old and I live on Blue Lick Road.
I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was I helped my mom and dad clean. A nice thing I did at school was help people on the playground.
Please bring me a big Barbie House for Christmas. I will leave cookies and a carrot for you and your reindeer.
Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
My name is Eli Hayes. I am five years old and I live on Rolling Hills Road.
I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was I helped do chores. A nice thing I did at school was listen to my teacher.
Please bring me a Nintendo Switch and Super Mario Odyssey for Christmas. I will leave carrots, cookies and milk for you and your reindeer.
Merry Christmas.

Letters (Cont. to C12)

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Dylan Hensley
Tim Owens
Clell Swinney
Dana Billock
John Baker
Jul May
David Baker
Cabrini Masco
Merry Christmas from all of us at the City of Mt. Vernon

Season's Greetings

We'd like to send our greetings for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our neighbors and friends!

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Rockcastle Shaolin Do holds rank advancement...

Rockcastle Shaolin Do students gave another great performance at their rank advancement this December, with 25 students advancing into their next rank. New classes will be starting in January for ages 4 and up, get signed up for a month with uniform included for only \$25 through January. Text (859)588-8905 for more information.



Audrey Jennings, Harrison Mullins, Aaliyah Abney, Sensei Cassie Bullock; bottom row: Alexis Helvey, Owen Cromer, Kylee Ashcraft, Austin Ashcraft, Mikey Green, Matty Green, Caylin Noe, and Isaac Turner. Shown at left are Owen Cromer and Caylin Noe performing sparring technique.

Students pictured above after testing with instructors and Grandmaster Sin The'. Top row from left: Talmadge Walden, Matthew Smith, Silvia Coldiron, Christina Napier, Renee Oliver, Shelby Napier, Rachel Carrol, Sensei Stephen Robinson, Master Eric Bullock, Sensei Haley Bullock, Grandmaster Sin The', Sensei Josh Stallworth; middle row: Raleigh Walden, Mark Walden, Austin Napier, Susanne Mullins, Jailun Tyree, Aiden Jennings,



Austin Ashcraft testing white to yellow belt.

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Jailun Tyree performing Sea Dragon Cane.



Harrison and Susanne Mullins performing Sea Dragon Cane.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
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 Mt. Vernon City Councilman Wayne Bullock
 and NAMI Vice-President Cassie Bullock

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“Letters”

(Cont. from C10)

Dear Santa,
My name is Nicholas. I am five years old and I live on Little Clear Creek Road. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was play with my brother. A nice thing I did at school was play with my friend Shelden.

Please bring me a Ninja Training Course for Christmas.
I will leave cookies and milk for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
My name is Clara. I am five years old and I live in Kentucky. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was clean up the living room. A nice thing I did at school was play with my friends.

Please bring me a Fingerling and a Hatchimal for Christmas.
I will leave a chocolate for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
My name is Boaz. I am six years old and I live in Kentucky. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was helped them. A nice thing I did at school was be nice.

Please bring me Wild Kratt video games for Christmas.

I will leave cookies and carrots for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
My name is Lily. I am six years old and I live on Wilson Road

I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was helped them make a Christmas tree. A nice thing I did at school was be kind to others.

Please bring me a Kitty Cat Kitchen for Christmas.

I will leave cookies, apples and milk for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
My name is David Burgess. I am five years old and I live in Kentucky.

I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was I carried in the groceries. A nice thing I did at school was make friends.

Please bring me a motor bike for Christmas.

I will leave milk and cookies for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
My name is Ariel Lear. I am six years old and I live on Boone Gap Road.

I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was helped them clean. A nice thing I did at school

was pick up trash.
Please bring me a scooter for Christmas.

I will leave cookies and a candy cane for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
My name is Cody. I am six years old and I live in Kentucky.

I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was decorated our Christmas tree. A nice thing I did at school was be quiet.

Please bring me Star Wars Legos for Christmas.

I will leave candy canes, cookies and milk for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
My name is Cameron. I am six years old and I live on Jonance Road.

I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was I gave my mommie a flower. A nice thing I did at school was I did not get tallies one day

Please bring me a costume for Christmas.

I will leave a treat for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
My name is Alden Dale Gadd. I am five years old and I live on Lambert Road.

I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was I fed and watered the kitties. A nice thing I did at school was helped a friend

up when she fell.
Please bring me a monster truck with a controller and batteries for Christmas.

I will leave reindeer cookies and cocoa for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
My name is Addi. I am five years old and I live in Kentucky.

I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was clean the kitty litter. A nice thing I did at school was checked on Alayna.

Please bring me a Nintendo Switch for Christmas.

I will leave carrots, cookies and milk for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
My name is Alena K. Shearer. I am five years old and I live in Kentucky.

I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was clean my room and clean the table. A nice thing I did at school was listen to my teacher.

Please bring me a small motorcycle for Christmas.

I will leave cookies for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
My name is Hannah Cole Parsons. I am five years old and I live on Little Clear Creek.

I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year

was helped Mom and Dad make the bed. A nice thing I did at school was helped Braxton when his knee was bleeding.

Please bring me crayons and a coloring book for Christmas.

I will leave cookies, milk and a carrot for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
My name is Alayna. I am five years old and I live in Rockcastle County.

I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was I cleaned for my mom. A nice thing I did at school was be kind to my friends.

Please bring me a toy vacuum cleaner for Christmas.

I will leave cookies and milk for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas.

Dear Santa,
My name is Cecil Thacker. I am six years old and I live in Kentucky.

I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was open a door for dad. A nice thing I did at school was play a game with my friends.

Please bring me a Paw Patrol set for Christmas.

I will leave cookies for you and your reindeer.

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Scenes from the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade



The Mink family decorated a beautiful float, "Let it Snow", for the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



Glenna Settles walks along side Flat Rock Baptist Church's float, "A Child Is Born", during the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



Santa Claus made an entrance in the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade to the delight of the little ones in attendance.



The Rockcastle County High School Marching Rockets marched during the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade and delighted the crowd with Christmas music. The Band also took part in the Brodhead Christmas Parade later in the day.

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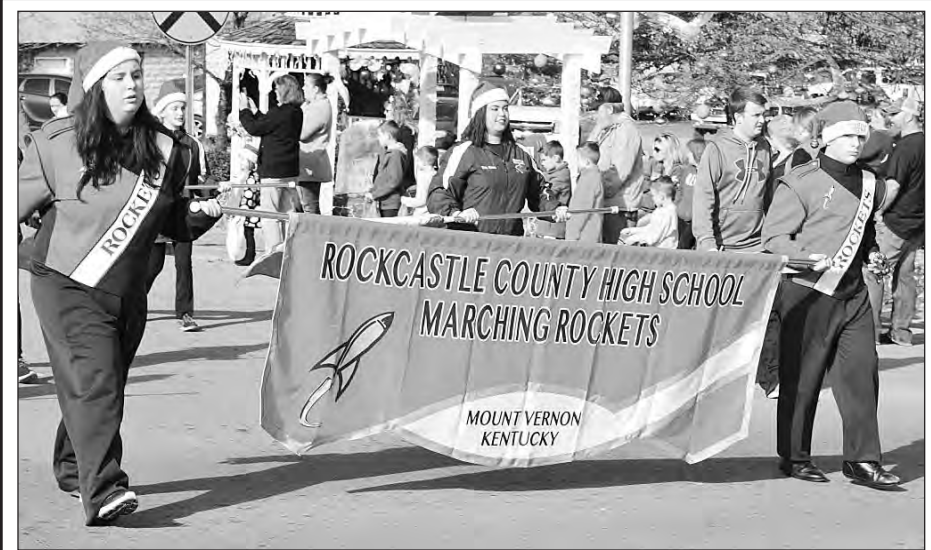


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More photos of the 2017
Mount Vernon Christmas Parade



Mount Vernon Police Chief Brian Carter and his son, Troy, led the Christmas parade through the streets of Mount Vernon.



Jillian Roebuck and Darren Quinley carried the banner for the Rockcastle County High School Marching Rockets during the annual Mount Vernon Christmas Parade. The Rockets also took part in the Brodhead Christmas Parade later the same day.



Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Doug Bishop took part in the annual Mount Vernon Christmas Parade sharing candy with those in attendance. Judge Bishop also took part in Brodhead and Livingston's Christmas Parades.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy New Year!

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and yours this
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Sherry Barron, Lindsey King, Dicie Allen and Terri Woodall



from

County Clerk Danetta Allen

and staff

Pictured at left, bottom from left: Sonya McGuire and Danetta Ford Allen. Second row from left: Amy Mink, Janet Blevins and Becky Mays. Back row from left: Tina Gibbs and Anita Moore.

May the spirit fill your hearts this Christmas.

County Clerk's Office Closed for Christmas: December 23 - 26, 2017
Closed for New Year & State Yearly Tax Updating December 29, 2017 - January 1, 2018



Circuit Judge David Tapp took part in Mount Vernon's annual Christmas Parade as well as Brodhead and Livingston. Judge Tapp is a candidate for the Kentucky Supreme Court.



Candidate for Sheriff Shannon Franklin, wife Jill and daughters, Maggie and Valerie rode in Mount Vernon's Christmas Parade as well as Brodhead and Livingston.



Rockcastle Jailer Carlos McClure, wife Tara and children Palin and Bristol rode in Mount Vernon's Christmas Parade.



Magistrate Gary Burdette and family took part in Mt. Vernon's Parade.



Candidate for Sheriff Matt Dees took part in Mt. Vernon's Christmas Parade.



Candidate for Sheriff Chris Mason, family and friends, took part in Mount Vernon's Christmas Parade as well as Brodhead and Livingston.

Merry Christmas

from

Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Doug Bishop

and the

Rockcastle County Fiscal Court

May this great season find each of you in health and good will for your neighbors and families.



Front row from left: magistrate Bill McKinney, Court Clerk Patricia Martin and Vicky Miller. Back row from left: magistrate Gary Burdette, magistrate Shannon Bishop, magistrate Mike McGuire, magistrate William Denny, Judge-Executive Doug Bishop, County Attorney Jeremy Rowe and County Treasurer Joe Clontz.



Candidate for County Judge-Executive Howell Holbrook, along with friends and family, took part in all the Christmas parades recently held in the county.



Gage Reynolds gives Nathan Carter, Candidate for Rockcastle Jailer, a ride during Mount Vernon's Christmas Parade.



County Attorney Jeremy Rowe rode along with Mount Vernon's Christmas Parade. Waving from the back seat is Kennedy Hopkins.



Those attending Mount Vernon's Christmas Parade enjoyed candy shared by parade participants.



Candidate for Jailer John Burton participated in Mount Vernon's annual Christmas Parade as well as the other parades in the county.



All the County Fire Departments were busy participating in the annual Mount Vernon, Brodhead and Livingston Parades over the last two weeks.

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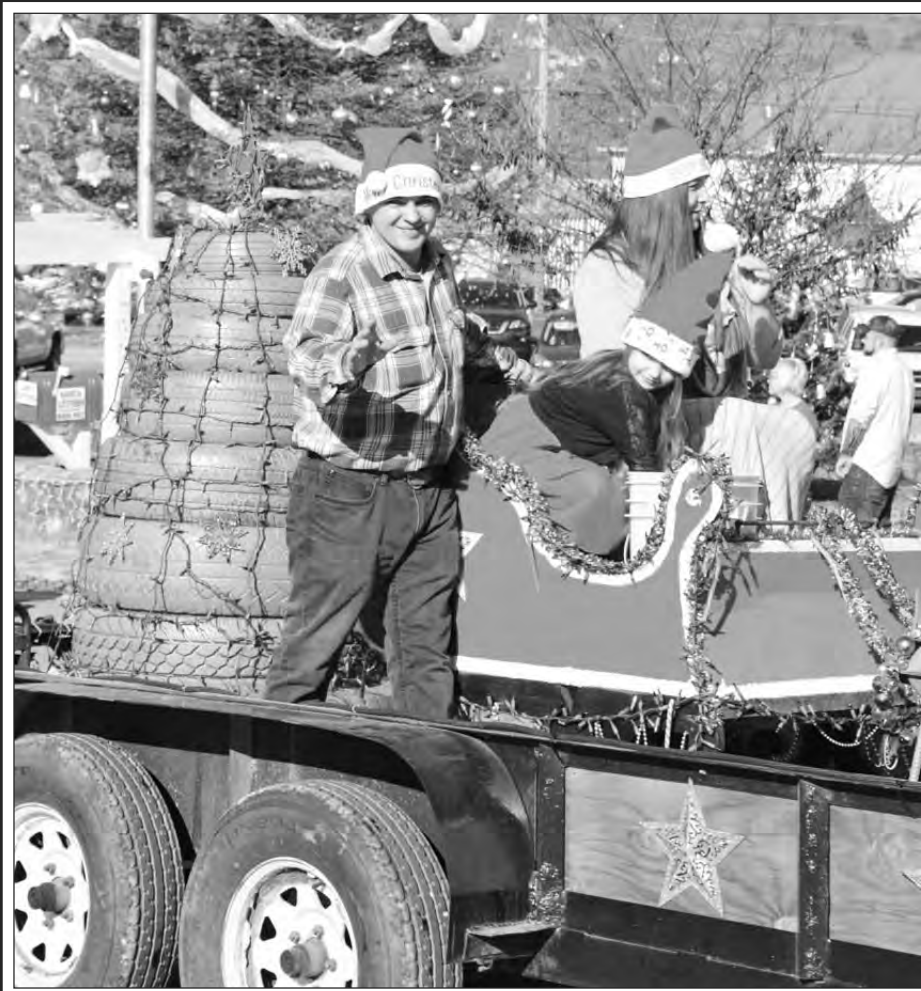
To all our friends we hold so "deer," a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Thank you for your kind patronage.



Front row from left: Stephanie Allen, Brittney Mullins, Sandra Hamm, Kim Denny and Eliza Jane York.
Back row from left: Priscilla Napier, Renita Blanton, Sam Alcorn, Marcia Olinger and Brenda Miller.

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Jamie Osborne, Amanda Osborne and Billy Gale Osborne rode on the Rockcastle Recycling Center's float and shared candy during the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



Donnie and Terina Helton led quite a few historic cars through the streets of Mount Vernon during the annual Christmas Parade.



Chase McGuire and Samantha Bustle with McGuire's Music and More rode in Mount Vernon's Christmas Parade.

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UNITE Poster Contest...

A UNITE poster contest was held during the month of October among all three elementary schools, where the students were asked to create a poster which conveyed a drug-free message. Mrs. Nacole Smith, UNITE co-sponsor at MVES, presented each of the poster winners with a certificate of recognition at the monthly UNITE coalition meeting. The district winners were also given a UNITE t-shirt and a gift certificate.



RES winners, who were recognized at the November coalition meeting: Kyra Crain, 3rd place; Ella McKinney, 2nd place; and William Miller, 1st place.



MVES winners, who were recognized at the November coalition meeting: Shannen Eckert, 3rd place; Macy Spivey, 2nd place; and Lila Holt, 1st place.



BES winners, who were recognized at the December coalition meeting: Allison Combs, 1st place; Janaye Burton, 2nd place; and Addison Carter, 3rd place.



District winners, who were recognized at the November coalition meeting: Aisha Njie, 3rd place, MVES; William Miller, 2nd place, RES; and Lila Holt, 1st place, MVES.

Tips for a safe and healthy holiday season

Nobody wants to spend the holiday season in the emergency room. But, the nation's emergency physicians will be there when you need them anytime.

"There is typically an uptick of visits to the ER during the holidays related to flu, pneumonia, falls or hypothermia, particularly among children and seniors," said Paul Kivela, MD, MBA, FACEP, President, American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP). "A little bit of planning and preparation can help you avoid spending the most wonderful time of the year in the ER."

Prepare for cold weather. The chill in the air can add to health risks whether you are inside or outside. If you are enjoying an outdoor activity or playing in the snow it is important to dress appropriately for the weather and monitor the amount of time spent outside. Early signs of frostbite include numbness or burning, or cold skin that turns hard and pale.

Hypothermia or dehydration risks increase the longer you spend exposed to the elements, particularly at altitude. If you are driving, make sure your car is equipped with a full emergency kit that includes a warm blanket, roadside flares and other necessities.

For those who stay inside more frequently in inclement weather, check to make sure smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly. Respiratory issues are among the leading causes of winter ER visits. While a normal cough or cold is likely better addressed by a primary care physician, if an illness comes with complications, such as difficulty breathing, it could be appropriate to go to the emergency room.

Get a flu shot. Experts note that this flu season could be particularly severe and say that a flu vaccine is the best way to reduce your risk of getting sick. Vaccines are important and so are annual check-ups. Pinning an annual check-up to a calendar event such as a holiday or birthday is an easy way to make it part of your health routine.

Beyond winter weather, preventable accidents or

health emergencies can happen during holiday preparation and celebration, too.

Indulge in moderation. Rich holiday meals and snacks are delicious but typically are high in salt, sugar, cholesterol or fat content. Too much of any festive food or drink can complicate existing health conditions, like diabetes. Eating slowly is one way to avoid choking, and it is important to make smart choices such as monitoring or limiting your alcohol intake.

"One important safety tip is pretty simple and could save your life — don't drink and drive," said Dr. Kivela. "Arrange for a designated driver in advance or call a taxi. Far too many accidents happen when people are inebriated and decide to get behind the wheel."

Go slowly, go safely. Accidents and back injuries are common around the holidays from lifting heavy objects and decorations to injuries from hanging lights or slipping on ice. Around 2.8 million people go to the ER annually from falls and, among seniors, falling is the leading cause of injury. Slow down to avoid slipping or falling in snow, ice or wet conditions.

Make a schedule to tackle your holiday shopping, entertaining, commuting or other tasks methodically and avoid the last-minute holiday scramble. "Holiday heart," cardiac issues that arise in otherwise healthy individuals, is a condition that can arise from the added pressures of holiday duties. Planning, entertaining, family stress or any number of factors can contribute to emergency visits relating to depression or anxiety seen around this time of year.

"To reduce your risk, reduce your stress," said Dr. Kivela. "One of the best gifts you can give yourself this holiday season is to commit to taking better care of your physical and mental health all year round."

ACEP is the national medical specialty society representing emergency medicine. ACEP is committed to advancing emergency care through continuing education, research and public education. Headquartered in Dallas, Texas, ACEP has 53

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PRIDE Fall Cleanup very successful for 2017

By: James Renner, Rockcastle County Solid Waste Coordinator

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the groups and individuals that participated in the 2017 Rockcastle County Roadside Pride Fall Cleanup. Once again, we had a very successful fall cleanup.

There were 68 volunteers that worked a total of 190.25 hours to clean up 183 bags of trash and 10 tires over a span of 22 miles along 12 different stretches of roadside. These numbers do not include the totals from the Cities of Brodhead, Livingston, Mt. Vernon, and the Rockcastle County Work Release Crews.

Congratulations on an outstanding Fall Cleanup.

The following groups and individuals participated: All-American Club/NAMI: Wayne Bullock, Cassie Kendrick, Michial Shackleford and Amber Woods; Brindle Ridge Baptist Church: Ron Roberts, Mike Sowder, Kim Ramsey, Marcia Coffey, Zach Coffey, Melanie Childress, Marilyn Coffey, Larry Bullock, Donna Bullock, and Mike Yelton; Concerned Citizens of Cleft Rock: Edna Renner, Stephanie Sizemore, Kenneth Cromer, Zoey Holland, and Bella Cromer;

Concerned Citizens of Menifee Hill Rd: Ron Coffey, and Lamonica Coffey; Concerned Citizens of Pongo: Gerardo Munguia, Erika Munguia, Jonathan Munguia, Victoria Munguia, Regina Munguia, Nathan Munguia, Edna Renner, Stephanie Sizemore, Kenneth Cromer, Bella Cromer, and Zoey Holland; Freedom Baptist Church: Sheryl Bullock, Doug Singleton, Carolyn McKinney, C.S. McKinney, L.A. McKinney, Beverly McKinney, Ray Bullock, Tabitha Bullock, and Norma Singleton; University of Notre Dame: Emma Laberge, Eric Lee, Claire Squire, Andrea Tapalla, Susanne Seiler, Kiana Caranto, Garrett Schwartz, Sarah Harrison, McKenzie Samson, Kim Nguyen, Abby Korn, and Matt Sahd.

Once again, a job well done.

Photos were not available for all groups.

Special thanks to the Rockcastle County Work Release Supervisors: Freddie Cromer, Josie Adams, Ricky Kirby, and Coy Cromer and their respective crews.

I apologize in advance for any misspellings or omissions.



Fifth grade students from MVES recently performed and sang Christmas songs for the patients at Rockcastle Regional.



Many thanks to our customers and friends this holiday season



All of us at Brodhead Pharmacy would like to thank all of our customers for a great year.

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Front row from left: Kenny Adams, Howard Saylor, Amber Collins, Megan Randolph, Lisa Norris, Angela Coffey, Janet Adams, Cherie Collins and Michelle Coffey.

Back row from left: Graham Fay, Matt Burkhardt and David Collins.

Not present: Sheena Pittman and Spencer Childress.

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