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RCIDA deals with many local issues

*Eagle law suits progressing
Farmer's Market to be bid*

**By: Mike French
Editor**

Members of the Rockcastle County industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) discussed several important issues during this month's regular meeting held at the new Microfoodery Plant on Richmond Street Tuesday morning.

Under old business, Chairman Corey Craig presented the financial statement for board approval. Craig said about the only unusual item this month is the annual \$25,000 fee to CSX Railroad to maintain the rail spur at the old Eagle Manufacturing plant.

Craig said the fee is in the budget as always but is due now. "If anyone has any suggestions about how to negotiate that cost, I'm all ears," said Craig.

Members agreed that the spur is a benefit to the building and the county and makes the property more attractive to potential buyers.

Speaking of the plant, Rockcastle County Attorney Jeremy Rowe attended this month's meeting to inform the board of progress on the law suits that have been underway since owners of the Eagle Manufacturing plant vacated the building.

"We met with the commonwealth attorney this week and it is my understanding that we are mov-

ing ahead very well concerning the criminal case," said Rowe. "The commonwealth attorney's office thinks we have a solid case."

As for the civil case, Rowe says that is going (See "RCIDA" on A5)

Noel Night Market tonight

Over 50 local makers and artists plan to set up during this year's Noel Night Market at the Arts Place on Main, Arts Annex on Church Street, and a heated tent in the City Park. The event will be held tonight, Dec. 5 from 5-9 p.m.

School Board

The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County School Board will be held Tuesday, December 10 beginning at 6 p.m. in the Teaching and Learning Center on Richmond Street. The public is invited to attend

Brodhead meeting

The regular monthly Brodhead City Commission meeting will be held Monday, December 9 beginning at 7 p.m. in the Brodhead City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Rock the Halls

The Rockcastle County FCCLA will present the Rock the Halls Vendor Event from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 7 at RCHS. Guests will meet Santa, have lunch, a silent auction, crafts and much more. Everyone is invited to attend the free event. For more information contact tammy.camel2@rockcastle.kyschools.us.

Main Street in Brodhead was once again flooded Saturday when rain fell for nearly 24 hours. FEMA funds, from previous floodings, will be used to eliminate the Main Street flooding problem when they are received. The flooding also caused many accidents and this motorist (right) who became stranded when a local roadway flooded. First responders were able to rescue two people from the trapped vehicle. Officials say drivers should always "Turn Around. Don't Drown."



Two rescued from truck in flood water

**By: Mike French
Editor**

Rain fell in Rockcastle County for nearly 24 consecutive hours this past weekend. As usual, with that much constant rain, Main

Street in Brodhead became flooded and waters in several creeks across the county overflowed their banks.

First responders were called to several rescues across the state but one of the closest calls came to

the Brodhead Fire Department Saturday night.

A truck became trapped in water that had flooded Goldfinch Lane near Pulaski County and the Brodhead Fire Department was called for mutual aid.

Pulling out of the fire station, through flood waters on Main St., Brodhead first responders found the trapped couple as flood waters had already reached the

(See "Flood" on A5)

Eight accidents on I-75 Saturday

**By: Mike French
Editor**

The Mount Vernon Fire Department responded to eight crashes on I-75 Saturday, according to MVFD Chief David Bales.

The continual rain over the weekend caused flooding problems but also caused continual vehicle accidents across the county, Bales said.

"People just won't slow down in the rain," he said. "Most of them also ignore the law to slow down or move over for emergency vehicles."

During rain in Rockcastle County, calls for vehicle accidents greatly increases, according to all first responders, and Saturday was no exception.

"We were busy all day responding to vehicle accidents on the interstate," said Bales. "Most of it was caused by hydroplaning."

One of the accidents in particular, caused first responders to have to extricate three victims from the overturned vehicle. Fortunately, all victims of Saturday's accidents were either treated and re-

leased, or required no treatment.

Along with the increased danger of driving too fast on wet roads, first

responders deal with vehicles who do not slow down as they are passing such incidents. "People drive by our firefighters,

in the lane next to us, just like it's a dry, clear day," said Bales. "It is very dangerous and it is the law that they slow down and

try to move into a lane away from the accident scene."

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Gambling machines seized from local store

**By: Mike French
Editor**

Brodhead Police Chief Travis Davis recently received information about a possible gambling operation underway at Rita's Get and Go on North Wilderness Road in northern Rockcastle County.

Chief Davis began an investigation into the allegations and upon re-

ceiving a search warrant he went to the store and located several gambling machines.

Davis seized the machines and cited Rita Lark, owner of the business, and employee Katherine Sizemore. Both were charged with permitting gambling and Lark was also charged with possession of gambling devices.

Upon further investi-

gation, Davis arrested Bobby Black and Carolyn Ramsey Jasper who were each charged with pro-

moting gambling first degree,

(See "Machine" on A5)

Animal cruelty charges made

**By: Mike French
Editor**

According to Kentucky Revised Statutes, one must provide for their animals even while incar-

cerated.

Tanya Cole, 61, of Childress Lane, has been charged with cruelty to animals, 2nd degree.

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Reminder

The Mount Vernon Christmas Parade will be at noon Saturday, December 7. Line up will be at 11:00 a.m. at MVES.

The Noel Night Market will be Thursday, December 5 from 5-9 p.m.

The Mount Vernon Tree Lighting is planned for Thursday, December 5 at 6 p.m.

The Brodhead Christmas Parade will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 7 with lineup at 1 p.m. at the elementary school

The Livingston Christmas Parade will be at 7 p.m., Saturday, December 14.

Woman held without bond after threatening texts against accuser

**By: Mike French
Editor**

Sarah Childress, of Brodhead, was arrested in August after it was discovered that she had written fake prescriptions at the local Rite Aid store.

According to the cita-

tion, Childress had written prescriptions to herself on forms she had taken from a doctor's office. She was arrested and released on a \$7,500 bond.

However, according to

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

This was the second year that we have taken our Anderkin family Thanksgiving at Camp Sheltowee in Laurel County. It's a two night trip that everyone seems to enjoy and gives us plenty of room to spread out and enjoy the family time.

There were 34 for Thanksgiving dinner on Saturday, although there should have been two more but great granddaughter Milly (oldest grandchild Aaron's daughter) got sick during the night and had to be taken home by her mother, Lauren.

Last year, the weather was a little more favorable but children can find a way to enjoy themselves even in confined spaces and that's one reason for the trip.

I really enjoy Thanksgiving, as do all my children, and especially with the attendance so good. By doing it this way, it frees everyone to spend actual Thanksgiving Day with the "other side," thus relieving the pressure of trying to satisfy two sides of a family with just one holiday.

In fact, life would be really good right now if it were not for the uncertainty that Democrats are insisting on putting our country through just because in 2016, Donald J. Trump was elected President when "everyone" knew it was Hillary R. Clinton's "turn" and her "due."

The present impeachment inquiries are causing huge division in the country and the Democrats seem to really be

reaching to come up with something -- anything -- to hang their hat on to overturn the will of the voters of this country.

But, of course, Democrats cannot behave themselves and let these things play out in the way set up in our Constitution -- you know, like kick Trump out next year in the Presidential election?

The present move to impeach our President, for allegedly pressuring Ukraine to investigate former vice-president Joe Biden for his dealings with Ukraine concerning his son, Hunter's sweet deal of an appointment to the board of Burisma (a gas company) at a salary of \$50,000 to \$83,000 per month (I've read both figures - take your pick), while his father was vice president is laughable. The only for sure pressure or interference by our government in the matter, comes for certain from Biden's own admission on national TV that he informed Ukrainian officials that he would withdraw aid money promised the country unless they fired a prosecutor who was looking into aforesaid dealings concerning his son's appointment.

This is actually getting ridiculous at this point and it is even worse because as our President is overseas representing this country at NATO meetings, our Speaker of the House is calling our President an "imposter." And, of

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Points East

By Ike Adams



As mentioned here last week, good friend, Whitesburg native and retired Air Force fighter pilot, Captain Mike Majority and I stay in frequent email contact with each other. After traveling and being stationed at military bases, throughout much of the world, Mike, his wife, April, and their, now grown up, college student daughter, Robin, have lived in South Carolina for most of the last 2 decades.

After I put out a recent call for column fodder suggestions, Mike has sent over half a dozen and they are still coming. I hope that Captain Mike realizes that I am printing them out and saving them in a 3-ring binder and that I will be using them throughout the foreseeable future.

This week's blade of Mike fodder was generated when we began reminiscing about weekend vendors who used to set up shop, right beside the road, on KY highway 15, as it passed through the little, Letcher County, town of Isom, back in the late 1950s until the early 1970s.

At that point in time, anybody traveling, from southeastern Kentucky to Whitesburg, had very few choices, in routes, if they didn't want to drive, smack dab, through the middle of Isom. Weekend traffic, through Isom, was slow and heavy in those days. Flea market and novelty business was brisk and lucrative. You could find anything from padded bras to used bicycle pumps, used shoes to old shotguns, kerosene lamps to carbide lights, comic books to Christmas ornaments and everything in between.

Then, about 1970, Highway 15 was reconstructed so that it bypassed downtown Isom. Weekend traffic that had previously crawled and frequently stalled, through Isom, now whizzed by, on the backside of town, at 55 mph, unless it was paused at the railroad crossing. Shortly after traffic deserted the little town, so did the weekend vendors.

One of the vendors,

arguably ever one's favorite and most successful, was Luther Johnson, a former coal miner, who lived on Goose Creek, near Neon Kentucky. In 1963 Luther's wife, Golda, a teacher, spotted him an investment of \$300.00 to build inventory. Golda was, apparently, as anxious for her husband to escape the dangers of underground mining as he was. During the week, Luther spent his time purchasing wholesale imports, factory items and any other "novelty" he thought might turn a profit. Peddling his wares out the back of a station wagon and, later, a covered, pickup truck, parked beside the old livestock auction yard, his business literally boomed.

In 1971, soon after traffic through downtown Isom had dwindled to nearly nothing, Luther built a new 100 X 50 feet

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T.J.'s Journal

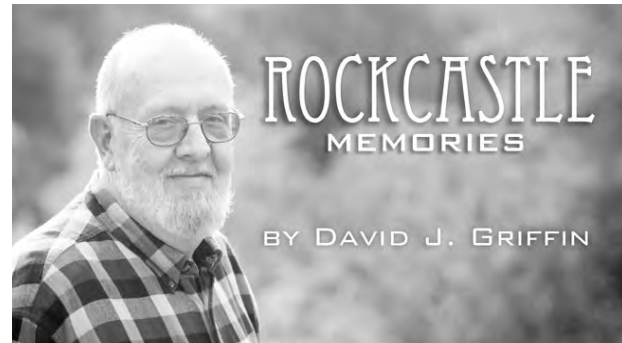
By: Tonya J. Cook



Bah! Humbug!

Dear Journal, Well, here it is, "that" time of the year. It's the time of the year that travel is a nightmare, the weather is tolerable at best and life is a challenge to stay healthy, and you have to just about get an appointment to get into a store, namely Walmart...to get an electric scooter you'd have as good of a chance as to win the lottery.

Poor old Ebenezer Scrooge. If he lived today he would go absolutely insane here at "this" time of the year. He complained because of one day, Christmas. People start celebrating it about Halloween. Let's all hurry and get those witches, ghosts and ghouls down so we can start putting up Santas, decorated trees, and reindeer. Thanksgiving is only a minor bump in the road. Notice it is all about getting. Getting candy at



Our New Home
By the time you are reading this column, my wife and I will be living in our new residence in Mt. Sterling. Yes, I know everyone thought we would live on Furnace Mountain until we passed away. Frankly, so did we. I remember Kathy saying, "You will have to have me carried out of this house feet first, because I am home. And I am never leaving."

What is that old saying about "never say never"? Old age has made us re-think the notion that we could live here forever. Frankly, it is just blatantly impractical for an elderly couple to have a bedroom upstairs. That fact was driven home when my wife took a fall on those stairs, which landed her bedridden for in excess of three months. We both had to face the fact that we

need a one-story home.

Upon thinking it through, we also began to realize that it would be much more convenient to live in a place where we could have a decent pizza delivered—and furthermore to be near a hospital. So we began our search in Mt. Sterling, where we both lived in the 60s and 70s.

We looked at several homes and finally selected a one-story, brick with a huge back yard that has large, old trees. We could immediately envision a place for a fire ring and for a picnic table.

Within a few weeks, we closed on the house and began to move boxes from Furnace Mountain to Johnson Avenue in Mt. Sterling. As a result, please allow me a personal aside here to make a strong suggestion: no one should wait until you are ancient to purchase a new home and move. It is hard on old folks.

I cannot explain how much "stuff" we had accumulated in twenty-eight years. We have taken several pickup loads to the garbage dump and countless boxes to Goodwill in Mt. Sterling. Our general rule is if we haven't used something in recent years, it is history.

We do not, however, intend to give up the small piece of woods next to our home here in Powell County. That was where our son, Todd, played as a boy. After he was killed in an automobile accident in 1992, we turned the area into Todd's Walk, and developed the woods into a very cool circle walk. It also has a fire-ring, picnic table, and chairs to sit by the fire. So at least we have a piece of woods to still visit.

The views from Todd's Walk are spectacular. The woods sit on top of Furnace Mountain, which is 1,380 feet above sea level. It is filled with oak, hickory, poplar, and assorted other hardwood trees. The place will allow us the option of visiting Todd's Walk and maintaining the place as

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“Ramblings”

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course, she is also overseas telling members of the Paris Accord on Climate Change that the

United States is still in the Accord, even though our President took us out of the agreement.

I'm bone weary of all of this. I'm tired of hearing that former President

Bill Clinton actually lied about only taking four trips on the Lolita Express (a private plane) to Jeffery Epstein's pleasure island for old men and underage girls, when the verified actual number of trips were 26 but, of course, he didn't know what was going on at this location which either makes him the dumbest President we've ever had or the biggest liar.

I'm tired of listening to the rantings of transgender females complaining that gynecologists won't see them because, in spite of them deciding they're a female instead of a male, a gynecologist is not exactly the doctor they need -- maybe a psychiatrist would be better?

I'm tired of seeing the demise of women's sports because the powers that be have decided that it's okay for men, who have decided they're now a woman, to compete with women who are actually -- well, women.

I'm tired of college students shutting down speakers who are conservative because their views don't align with their progressive agenda but -- you must remember that colleges are still a bastion of freedom of speech as long, of course, as that speech is in line with the accepted playbook of the progressives.

I'm tired of being told that white men are the problem in this country. I was married to a white man, have two white sons and 10 grandsons/great grandsons, not to mention five sons-in-law and let me tell you I am incensed that anyone would automatically blanket indict these men as anyone's problem when I know they are God-fearing, family-loving hard-working men who are only a credit to their family and this country.

Believe me, if any of these "white men," or any other of several hundred I could name from personal acquaintances, were put in charge of the big cities that Democrats are seemingly intent on destroying, they could put in place common sense measures that would only benefit all citizens.

Let's knock it off Democrats and some Republicans and, for once, think of what is good for this country instead of for the Democrat party who cannot win an election anymore unless they are allowed to vote illegals or the dead.

I shudder to think of the shenanigans that will go on in the next national election, but if present actions are any indication then it's going to be "Katie, bar the door."

“Points East”

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building out beside the "new highway/bypass. Constructed of, mostly, rough, sawmill lumber and painted red, the building boasted large signs, on each end and across the front roof, proudly identifying the place as "THE COWSHED TRADING POST", a throwback to the old stock sale days.

Luther and Golda moved, from Goose Creek, into an apartment on one side of the building. Business went from weekends to 7 days a week and customers never knew, until they got there, what they'd find next. It might be a load of rubber boots, coveralls, silk pajamas, transistor radios, sheets, blankets, quilts or chenille bathrobes. How about a genuine, 6 X 8 feet, velvet Elvis or a gold-framed, back-lit, 16 X 20 inch portrait of Jesus? The Cowshed always had those in stock along with deeply discounted radios, 8-track tape players, CB radios and almost any kind of electronic device.

A facebook reader recently told me that his dad purchased a clock from Luther in 1984 and the clock was still running as good as ever.

During Christmas shopping season, almost anyone could purchase firecrackers, cherry bombs, Roman candles, bottle rockets and other fireworks, if Luther knew who they were. You had to ask and you might have to wait a few minutes, until the place wasn't busy, before your order was located and filled.

Luther passed away in 1991 and, soon thereafter, another business had THE COWSHED torn down and replaced

with a more modern gasoline station/convenience store/restaurant that is still thriving, to this day.

There's an old business adage that says the 3 keys to success are location, location, location.

I know of very few people who could prove that better than the late Luther Johnson.

“T.J.s”

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Before leaving home, I wrote a shopping list of several things I needed from Walmart, just next door to the Golden Corral in London. I knew that the "Black Friday" sales would start about six in the morning, so I wanted to get all I needed for several days and I could avoid all of the madness on Friday and at least the next week. No such luck. We drove to the parking lot and people were parking wherever they could at Walmart. I think they would have tried to park in trees if they could. There must have been at least a thousand or more cars there. Stanley was brave enough to face this mob but I sat in the car. He absolutely had to get some dog and cat food. Our bunch would have had a riot.

Sunday morning, just as the first rays of sun peeked over the horizon, I was on my way to Walmart leaving, Stanley snoozing. It had rained very hard for about two days and the Rockcastle River was swollen out of its banks. By dawn, the sky had cleared and the most beautiful sunrise was mine to enjoy as I drove along this stretch of deserted highway. It reflected on the river water through the barren trees. It was one of the most beautiful and inspiring

In addition to Captain Mike Majority, I want to express heartfelt thanks to former Letcher Countians, Lena Adams Campbell of Lexington and Janet Meade Johnson of Bybee/Waco, KY, for supplying much the factual information in this column. Janet is Luther and Golda Johnson's daughter-in-law.

sights I've ever seen. It could be described as even spiritual. It just proves that even with all of the bad, there is good if we only look for it.

“Memories”

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a memorial to him.

We are looking forward to having the opportunity of multiple types of restaurants to frequent and to living in the town where we attend church.

After 28 years, we have made many friends in Powell County and will miss them terribly. However, we still have lots of friends in Montgomery County as well. They are excited that we are returning to our old place of residence.

Our new address will be: 30 Johnson Avenue, Mt. Sterling, KY 40353.

My email address that appears at the bottom of my column will still remain the same: themtnman@att.net

If you are in Mt. Sterling, you are welcome to visit us. It won't be the same as a visit to the mountain, but, alas, we are not the same couple that we were when we moved here years ago. It is someone else's turn to be blessed by this marvelously beautiful and peaceful place. We are ever grateful to the good Lord above, for the many years that He blessed us with it.

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Bookmobile Schedule
Mon., Dec. 9th: No service. **Tues., Dec. 10th:** Calloway, Red Hill, Livingston, Pine Hill. **Wed., Dec. 11th:** Maple Grove, Orlando and Climax.

Health Department Hours
The Rockcastle County Health Department will be closed Tuesday, December 17th for staff training.

Rockcastle Retired Teachers Meeting
Rockcastle Retired Teachers will meet at the Academy (across from the middle school) on Wednesday, December 18th at 11:30 a.m. This is one of our favorite meetings. We hope to see all of you there.

Kent Family Circus in Livingston
The Kent Family Circus will be in Livingston for a show on Saturday, December 7th, beginning at 4 p.m. Admission is \$6. Santa will also be there for the children!!

Roaring 20s NYE Party Tickets
Tickets available now through Dec. 19th for the Roaring 20s New Year's Eve Party at Churchill's in Berea on Dec. 31st, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Tickets are \$75 per person and include a live DJ, music, dancing, cash bar, refreshments and heavy hors d'oeuvres. All proceeds go to Hospice Care Plus. Reserve tickets at hospicecareplus.org or call 859-986-1500.

WRVFD Potluck and Christmas Tree Lighting

Western Rockcastle Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting their annual Community Potluck and Christmas Tree Lighting Saturday, December 7th at 6 p.m. on Hwy. 70. Join us and bring a dish filled with food. Turkey, ham and drinks will be provided. After the meal, will be the Christmas Tree Lighting. Hope to see you there for lots of fellowship and fun.

My Brother's Keepers, Inc. Fundraiser
Come one, come all to the third annual My Brother's Keeper Beard and Mustache Competition. The event will take place December 7th at the Rockcastle County Middle School. Doors open at noon with judging beginning at 2 p.m. The event will include prize packages for the winners. There will be vendor booths, a silent auction and live music. Fee is \$10 per competitor. Spectators enter free. Vendors include beard products, boutique clothing, cosmetics and homemade crafts. All proceeds benefit My Brother's Keepers whose mission is to help men gain freedom from addiction.

15th Annual Coat/Toy Drive for Children
The 15th annual Coat and Toy Drive for Children, sponsored by Cash Express, is underway. Toys, coats, shoes (washable), clothing and non-perishable food items will be accepted at many locations throughout the area. All donations should be received by December 15th, in order to have them delivered in time for Christmas.

Celebrate Sobriety Service
CrossPoint Church of God will host a monthly Celebrate Sobriety Service on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. We are located at 211 Industrial Park Road (across from the high school) in Mt. Vernon, KY. Call 859-582-2553 with any questions.

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
Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Community Outreach Center, 6 to 8 p.m. Leaders: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590/Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099.

Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside Baptist Church, 606-256-5577 Tuesday, 6 to 8 p.m..
•••Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.

Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies. Men Only. Northside Baptist, 606-256-5577, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Men Only. Small group.

Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only. Community Outreach Center, Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Leader: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099. **AA Meeting,** 8 to 9 p.m. Men and Women, everyone welcome!

Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe, Leader: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828. Friday, 6 to 8 p.m.

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.

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.

Brodhead's Annual

EJ Taylor Memorial

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Obituaries

Wayne "Bob" Bradley

Wayne "Bob" Bradley, 72, of Somerset, died Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at his residence, surrounded by his loved ones. He was born October 25, 1947 in Sand Springs, a son of the late James Russell Bradley and Ruby Juanita Renner Bradley. He had been the pastor at Elrod Church of God, was honored to be used by the Lord to preach his word for many years. He was well known as the co-owner of Bradley Barber Shop in Mt. Vernon, happily performing his barber duties for 53 years. He served his country in the US Armed Forces. He was a member of the Rockcastle Co. Coon Club. He loved his grandchildren and great grandchildren with all his heart. On November 9, 1969 he was united in marriage to Lela Claydean Lunn, and from that union came three children, Connie, Melissa and Stephanie.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife of 50 years, Lela Claydean Bradley; three daughters, Connie Lynn (Jimmy) Mason of Mt. Vernon, Melissa Ann Evans (Robert Hensley) of Brodhead and Stephanie Jean (David) Denny of Crab Orchard; grandchildren, Christopher and Candace Evans, Hannah, Alisha and Bridgette Denny, and Brittany Lakes; four great grandchildren, Braelynn Williams, Jadyann Asher, and Gunnar and Makinley Lakes; brothers, Jack (Paulette) Bradley of Mt. Vernon, Floyd (Carolyn) Bradley of Brodhead and Boyd (Sandy) Bradley of Mt. Vernon; sisters, Lois (Doug) Hayes of Crab Orchard, Joyce (Randy) McCracken of Mt. Vernon, Gail (Brian) Wilson of Russell Springs and Sharon Boone of Mt. Vernon; and a host of nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by sisters, Lucille Hasty, Eulada Bradley and infant twins. Funerals services were conducted Saturday, November 30, 2019 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Larry Bradley officiating. Burial was in Sowder Cemetery.

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

Dennis Frank Marler

Dennis Frank Marler, 70, of Sand Springs, died Monday, November 25, 2019 at his home. He was born in Rockcastle County on November 13, 1949, the son of Eddith Payne. He was a retired school bus driver and road worker for the Rockcastle County School System and Road Department. He was a member of Sand Springs Baptist Church and enjoyed fishing, hunting, and being with his family.

He is survived by: his children's mother, Bernice Marler of Mt. Vernon; a daughter, Lisa Marler and Pate Bullock of Mt. Vernon; a step-son, Kenneth Jo "Jody" Graves of Richmond; three grandchildren, Anthony Bullock, Dana Bullock, and Pate "Littleman" Bullock, Jr., all of Mt. Vernon; one future great granddaughter, Addilyn Bullock; five brothers, Junnie Paul Renner, Chad and Kathy Payne, Jessie Payne, and George Payne, all of Mt. Vernon, and Ernie Payne of Rochester, WA; and one sister, Margaret Payne and fiancé Don Rowland of Brodhead. Many nieces, nephews, and other beloved family members also survive. He was preceded in death by: his mother, Eddith Payne; a son, Frankie Marler; and a sister, Maisie Kirby.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 30, 2019 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Zandell Hasty. Burial was in Marler Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Anthony Bullock, Pate Bullock, Pate "Littleman" Bullock, Jr., George Evans, Kenneth Graves, and Chuck Miller.

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Reva L. Madden

Reva L. Madden, age 82 of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, November 29, 2019 at the Rockcastle Respiratory Care Center. She was born September 14, 1937 in Madison County, a daughter of the late Daniel Horn and Katherine May Stone Horn. She was of the Baptist faith, was a loving and devoted mother and grandmother, who found great enjoyment in cooking, her flower garden, and her dogs, "B", Baby and Fluffy.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her sons, Daniel (Brenda) Ray of Waco and Anthony (JoAnn) Ray of Irvine; grandchildren, Daniel Ray, Jr. of Irvine, Anna (Ray) Rose of Mt. Vernon and Amelia Ray of Richmond; eight great grandchildren; dear friend, Mary Williams; and a host of nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, granddaughter, three brothers and a sister.

Cremation rites will be observed for Mrs. Madden. A Memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

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

Edna Rose Kittle

Edna Rose Kittle, affectionally called "Mama Dawson", 88, of Mount Vernon, died peacefully in Marianna, AR on Thursday, November 28, 2019. She was born August 16, 1931 to Arthur and Julia (Beard) Cleaver in Georgetown, AR. She was a skilled seamstress making most of her clothes from scratch along with making pageant dresses for little girls. She also loved to cook for friends and family showing her love and appreciation for them. She was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses in the early 60s and stayed faithful until her death.

She is survived by: her children, Irene (Leslie) Chin of West Helena, AR, Linda Patterson of Wichita, KS, Joy Neeley of Mount Vernon, Alfredo (Marcelo) Rubio of Marianna, AR, Lennie Gail (Sam) Barlow of Senatobia, MS, Jeremy (Valerie) Dawson of Mount Vernon and her daughter-in-law Peggy (the late Tommy) Patterson of Mount Vernon, and her husband Melvin J. Kittle. She is also survived by 17 grandchildren, 32 great grandchildren and 20+ great great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by two sons, Tommy Patterson and James Glenn Dawson. She was also preceded in death by seven siblings, making her the last one of her generation.

A memorial service is scheduled for December 28, 2019 at 4 p.m. It will be held at the Mount Vernon Elementary School, 530 Williams St, Mount Vernon, KY 40456. Danny Hosier will officiate the ceremony. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Mama Dawson's life.

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Zachery Gadd, Jamie Howard, Sasha McHone a/k/a Sasha Scalf, Shawn McHone, unknown heirs of Kenneth L. Gadd, unknown spouse, if any, of Kenneth L. Gadd, unknown spouse, if any, of Kimberly S. Howard f/k/a Kimberly S. Gadd, unknown heirs, if any, of Kimberly S. Howard f/k/a Kimberly S. Gadd, unknown tenants/occupants, if any, Rockcastle County, Kentucky, Convergence Receivables L.C., Capital One Bank (USA), NA, Asset Acceptance, LLC, Commonwealth of Kentucky, Division of Unemployment Insurance Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on November 8, 2019 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants Zachery Gadd, Jamie Howard, Sasha McHone a/k/a Sasha Scalf; Shawn McHone, unknown heirs of Kenneth L. Gadd, Unknown Spouse, if any, of Kenneth L. Gadd, Unknown spouse, if any, of Kimberly S. Howard f/k/a Kimberly S. Gadd, Unknown heirs, if any, of Kimberly S. Howard f/k/a Kimberly S. Gadd, Unknown Tenants/occupants, if any, Rockcastle County Kentucky, Convergence Receivables L.C., Capital One Bank (USA), NA, Asset Acceptance, LLC, Commonwealth of Kentucky, Division of Unemployment Insurance, in the amount of THIRTY SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY THREE DOLLARS AND 30/100 (\$36,433.30) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, December 13, 2019
Beginning at the Hour of 11:00 a.m.

Said property being more particularly described as follows:

TRACT NO 1 – Beginning at the center of the Old Loop Ford Road at the Dan Cameron corner; thence southeasterly 72 feet with the Dan Cameron line to a white oak; thence northerly 60 feet to an iron stake; thence westerly 72 feet with lien of Robert L. Baker to the center of Old Loop Ford Road; thence southwesterly with the center of said road 60 feet to the beginning.

TRACT NO 2 – Beginning at a point in the center of Old Loop Ford Road, a corner of Dale McGuire; thence easterly with McGuire's lien 72 feet to an iron stake, McGuire's corner; thence southerly with McGuire's line 60 feet to a white oak in Dan Cameron's line; thence northerly 70 feet to a set stone, thence westerly 82 feet to the center of the Old Loop Ford Road; thence southwesterly 10 feet to the point of beginning.

TRACT NO 3 – Beginning at the center of the Old Loop Ford Road, corner to William Durham; thence southerly 82 feet to a stake, corner of William Durham in line of Robert Baker; thence easterly with Robert Baker 18 feet; thence northerly 82 feet to center of Old Loop Ford Road; thence westerly 18 feet to the point of beginning.

TRACT NO 4 – Beginning at a stake in the east right of way of Highway #1004; thence S 20 1/2 E 43 1/2 feet to a stake in old road; thence S 88 W 152 feet to a stake in the east right of way of Highway #1004; thence N 74 E 144 feet to the beginning.

1004 Big Cave Road, Orlando, KY 40460-9015
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Being the same property conveyed to Kenneth Gadd and his wife, Kimberly Gadd, by Deed dated the 12th day of April, 2013, and recorded in Deed Book 243, Page 305-307, Rockcastle County Clerk's Office. Kenneth Gadd died on October 7, 2016 and the property passed by survivorship to Kimberly S. Howard a/k/a Kimberly Gadd. Kimberly Gadd died on August 8, 2017. No probate case was opened for Kimberly S. Howard f/k/a Kimberly Gadd. Pursuant to Kentucky intestacy laws, legal title to the real property passed to the decedents heirs, Zachery Gadd; Jamie Howard; Sasha McHone a/k/a Sasha Scalf; Shawn McHone; and the Unknown Heirs, if any, of Kimberly S. Howard a/k/a Kimberly Gadd.

The property shall be sold upon the following terms & conditions:

1. The real property shall be sold together as a whole.
2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2019 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
6. Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
7. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
8. In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
9. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".

John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court

“RCIDA”

(Continued from front) well also. “We have court on the 13th of this month and we expect to get permission to sell the building on that day,” he said. According to Rowe, owners of the plant had admitted to “everything we accused them of doing” in court previously but said “they did it because (then Judge/Executive Doug) Bishop told them they could,” said Rowe. “But a judge already decided that Bishop did not have the authority to do that.”

Rowe said he will keep the RCIDA Board informed of progress in the suits.

Board members also discussed developments underway in Livingston where a Marathon Station is planning to locate.

Livingston Mayor Jason Medley, who is also a RCIDA board member, reported that things are moving ahead on the project. “They are squaring off the building now (on the lot next to the new Family Dollar) and they have decided to include a Hunt Brother’s Pizza in their store,” Medley said.

Medley reported that the new Family Dollar has eight to 10 employees and typically uses the facility to train new employees for other stores as well. “Things are going very well at the Family Dollar,” he said.

Still under old business, board members discussed the planned Farmer’s Market building. Executive Director Jeff VanHook said he believes required paperwork will be completed soon enough that the project can be “bid in mid January or early February. We are working on getting architectural and engineering drawings now,” he added.

Under new business, the board discussed several other issues including refinancing of the Microfoodery loan from a temporary construction loan to a permanent, 4% fixed rate 10-year loan. The City of Mount Vernon performed the same action for their half of the loan amount last month.

The total \$2,841,594 loan is one half administered by the county and one half by the city. The loan payment will be slightly over \$17,000 per month with a balloon payment at the end of the note.

Craig pointed out that refinancing of the loan is not a surprising turn of events. “This has been the plan from day one,” said Craig. “It is part of the process and is exactly the way the loan was structured from the beginning.”

VanHook also discussed more matters involving the proposed natural gas line through the county.

VanHook said part of the funding mechanism may be underway. “The Public Service Commission may allow a surcharge to Delta’s existing customers which would give them around \$80,000 per month to help pay for the pipeline,” he said. “This is one of the things we are working on currently.”

Members of the board also heard from Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook concerning the 2020 Census.

Holbrook told the board that he hopes everyone will participate and fill out the census lo-

cally. “It costs the county about \$2,000 for each person who doesn’t fill out the Census,” said Holbrook. “A family of five who doesn’t fill it out can cost the county \$10,000 in grants or other funding avenues.”

Holbrook said the census will contain no personal information and the information that is gathered will be sealed for 72 years.

Holbrook said the form is not complete yet but the questions have been approved and the census will be delivered to all citizens once it is complete.

Craig said the census can also provide good jobs for local residents. According to Craig and VanHook, the census bureau is seeking people to help with the census. “I understand they pay really well and there is no experience necessary,” said Craig. “They will work around your schedule and they are very flexible. It’s a good opportunity for a lot of people.”

Holbrook suggests that anyone looking for work, should search for Census on the internet and find job opportunities. “But most importantly, when it comes, people should fill it out,” he said.

The meeting ended with the Executive Director’s Report covering 22 issues including the TIF District, Kentucky Crossroads Economic Partnership, ARC grants and securing the \$1 million CDBG Grant for the new Kentucky Farmaceutical plant to be housed inside the Microfoodery Plant.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 7 at 8:30 a.m. at the Rockcastle County Courthouse.

“Flood”

(Continued from front)

hood of their truck. According to BFD Chief John Dyehouse, local firefighters were forced to enter the rising waters to rescue the two people who had attempted to drive through the waters.

“One person was still inside the vehicle and the other had escaped the vehicle but was trapped on a small island out in the running water,” said Dyehouse.

The chief said the island was a mound of mud that the water had not yet covered but was about to disappear when first responders arrived at the scene.

“The situation was very serious,” said Dyehouse. “They could have been killed.”

The two trapped people, who are unidentified, were safely rescued but officials say the situation was dangerous for everyone involved, including the firefighters who were forced to enter the high water to rescue them.

Officials at Brodhead have been approved for monies from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) which will be used to repair the flooding situation in Brodhead, according to City Clerk Becky Bussell.

“The projects we are about to begin will take care of the flooding on Main Street,” said Bussell. A time for completion of that project has not been set, but city commissioners and Mayor Walter Cash have discussed beginning the project at recent city commission meetings.

As for flooded roads, Dyehouse says there is a simple way to avoid such rescues and dangerous situations. “Turn around. Don’t drown,” he said.

“I-75”

(Continued from front)

Bales said first responders are sometimes slowed down in their rescue attempts and face much greater danger because of vehicles passing the scene at high speeds. “They pass by us sometimes at 80 or 90 miles per hour on wet roads,” he said. “We have our emergency lights on and some people don’t seem to care. It creates a very dangerous situation for everyone just because people are in too big of a hurry.”

Sheriff Shannon Franklin said his department is going to start watching closely for such law breakers. “When a driver doesn’t slow down or move over at an accident scene, they are risking the lives of innocent people who are out there trying to help others,” said Franklin. “We have been made aware of problems created by drivers ignoring the laws regarding the safety of our first responders, emergency crews and school buses. We will be watching and citing drivers who are in violation of those laws. The safety of our children and our community is always our first priority.”

Still, according to Bales, a lot of the accidents could be easily avoided all together. “If people would just slow down on wet roads and never, ever drive across water in the road, this would avoid a large number of these situations all together.”

“Texts”

(Continued from front)

Rockcastle County Attorney Jeremy Rowe, Childress then began sending threatening text messages to those involved in the charges against her.

In fact, some of the messages allegedly named members of the county attorney’s office as family friends who would help her seek retribution if the charges were not dropped.

Apparently, the person receiving the threatening texts had previously filed a harassing communications complaint against Childress and believed these anonymous texts were from Childress also.

Brodhead Police Chief Travis Davis questioned Childress about the accusation and she then admitted to sending the harassing texts, according to the county attorney’s office.

Childress allegedly threatened the victim with the loss of their job, criminal charges and custody of their child.

Upon admitting the texts were from her, Childress was arrested again and taken to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where she was charged with harassing communications.

Rowe says Childress’s previous bond of \$7,500 has been revoked and she is currently being held without bond pending indictment.

“Animal”

(Continued from front)

According to County Attorney Jeremy Rowe,

Kentucky State Police Trooper Adam Hensley responded to a complaint about abandoned animals last Friday at the residence of Tanya Cole on Childress Lane in Mount Vernon.

Upon arrival, Trooper Hensley, and Rockcastle County Animal Control Officer Richard Gibbs, made contact with another resident of the home and they gave investigators permission to check on the animals.

Investigators found about 40 animals in kennels which appeared to be “extremely malnourished,” along with two dogs that had died.

Investigators report the home in “deplorable conditions” and the resident said there was no dog food left for the animals.

Trooper Hensley and Gibbs fed and watered the animals but before they were ready to be transported, one of the

dogs gave birth. Two of those pups died by the time the complaint was filed.

The report says there is a sign on the property that reads “Platinum Purebreds” but no such business could be found on the Kentucky Secretary of State business filing database.

Cole, who was already in jail on an unrelated incident, was then charged with cruelty to animals, 2nd degree.



Gambling machines such as these found at a local market on North Wilderness Road are illegal. These machines were found this week and Brodhead Police Chief Travis Davis cited the owner of the business and an employee and arrested the owners of the machines.

“Machine”

(Continued from front)

Davis says Blake owned the machines and admitted to coming by the store every Tuesday to collect gambling proceeds and to maintain the machines. Blake told Davis the machines were his only source of income.

Jasper stated that a local attorney had told those involved that “it was okay for the machines to be placed in the store.”

However, according to Rockcastle County Attorney, Jeremy Rowe, it is illegal to be in possession of the machines.

“All businesses should avoid having those ma-

chines on the premises,” said Rowe. “Possession of such machines is illegal.”

Lark and Sizemore were cited for their involvement but Blake and Jasper were arrested and charged with promoting gambling. Their bond was set at \$5,000 surety each.



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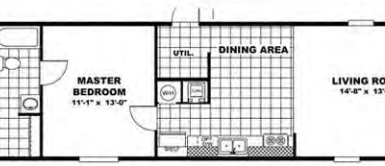
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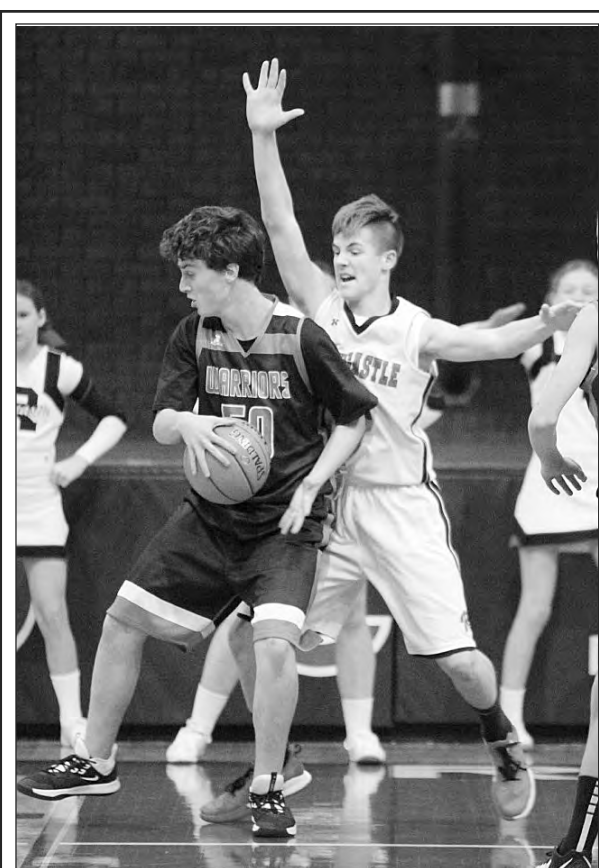
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SPORTS



Ben Brown applies defensive pressure during the eighth grade's 48-30 win over Foley. Brown led his team with 20 points. Others scoring were: Carson Carrera with 15, Skyler Durham added six, Harper McCool scored three, Lance Coffey and Jace Rogers each added two.



Rex Parkey tries to stop a driving Foley Warrior during the seventh grade's 36-48 loss. Also shown is Walker Craig, who led his team with 12 points. Carson Carrera added 10, Parkey, Kaleb Alexander and Jace Rogers each added four and Connor Hunt scored two.

Rockets open season with win over Raiders

The Rockcastle Rockets opened their 2019-2020 season Tuesday night with a 65-55 win over the McCreary Central Raiders. The junior varsity also came away with a win.

The Rockets and Lady Rockets travel to Lincoln County this Friday night for their first doubleheader of the season. The Lady Rockets will tip-off at 6 p.m.



Walker Craig drives to the basket during the sixth grade's come from behind win over Foley, 38-32. Craig led his team with 18 points. Others scoring were Maddux Parsons with 7, Zeke Fain, Hunter Pingleton and Xavier Leger with 4 each and Connor Wright added one.

Middle School Basketball



Skyler Durham makes a pass during the eighth grade's 48-30 win over Foley.



Carson Carrera applies defense during the seventh grade's loss to Foley.



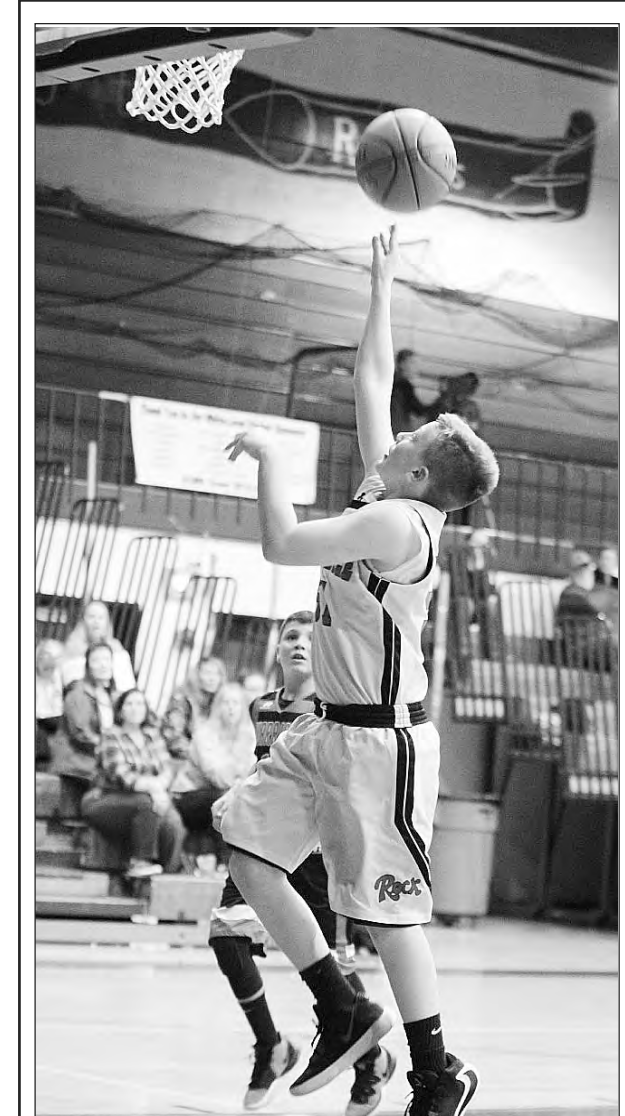
Maddux Parsons makes a pass up the floor during the sixth grade's come from behind win over Foley, 38-32.



Lance Coffey drives to the basket during the eighth grade's 48-30 win over Foley.



Jace Rogers looks over the offense during the seventh grade's loss to Foley.



Hunter Pingleton goes in for two during the sixth grade's win over Foley, 38-32.



"Alumni Come Home for Rocket Madness"

Nearly 30 former Rockets and Lady Rockets returned back to Rock Arena to participate in the 1st Annual Alumni Game at Rocket Madness. Alumni from the 1980's to 2019 played in the contest that saw Ms. Darla Reams Moore, Mr. Dale Whitaker, and Mr. Eddie Hammond break out their whistles to coach each respective team.

See inside this week's paper for our *Basketball Preview*

Junior Division

James Madison AJROTC defeats Rockcastle County AJROTC

In an undisputed contest, shooting their highest score this season, 1355.8 points, James Madison AJROTC defeated Rockcastle County AJROTC. James Madison AJROTC finishes the season in twelfth place overall and ninth place within their 'Jrotc' conference. They finished the season with a 3 - 4 record. James Madison AJROTC was led by, James Rodriguez who shot a 365.1. The remaining contributing members were Dylan Mangus, Kaden Harris, and Brandon Scanlon. James Madison AJROTC is from San Antonio, TX, and is coached by LTC Scott Koast.

AJROTC finished the season with a 1 - 5 record. They finishes the season in eleventh place overall and eighth place within their 'Jrotc' conference. Rockcastle County AJROTC is from Mount Vernon and is coached by Darren Sundys.

These two teams are competing in the Junior Rifle Club Precision Distinguished Division of the Orion National Air Rifle League. Sponsored by the Orion Scoring System, the league is a national team league for high school teams and junior rifle clubs. The league has two parts. An 8 week regular season going on now. Followed by a single game conference title game for the top two

teams in the JROTC and Junior Rifle Club divisions.

In each game the teams compete in what is known as a Standing Air Rifle match. The match is almost identical to the air rifle events in the Olympic Games. Each athlete shoots 40 shots in the standing position, the most difficult position in rifle competitions. Each shot is worth a maximum of 10.9 points. The sum of points scored in the 40 shots is the athlete's total. The team score is comprised of the best four athletes from each team.

For more information on the league, including complete standings, visit www.orionscoringssystem.com/AirRifleLeague



RCHS Band Students Selected for ECU Honor Band

Recently members of the RCHS Concert Band were selected as members of the 2019 ECU High School Honor Band Program held on campus November 24th-26th. Students had the opportunity to spend an intensive three days rehearsing with other top students from across Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, and Virginia. and performed in concert at the ECU Center for the Arts last Tuesday afternoon.

These students also worked with Dr. Frederick Speck, Director of Bands at the University of Louisville and Dr. Gary Speck, Director of Bands at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

RCHS students involved in the program were front from left: Evan Whipple, Allison Dunn, Lizzie Dixon, and Julian Cromer. Back row from left: Daniel Krebs, Thomas Ligon, Ethan Cromer, Tarrylton Dunn, Devona Smith, and Kaylee Deatherage.

Mamaw's Kitchen



By Regina Poynter Hoskins

PEANUT BUTTER FUDGE TRUFFLES

- 2 cups sugar
- 1 can (5 ounce) evaporated milk
- 1/2 cup butter
- 2 cups tiny marshmallows
- 3/4 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 12 ounces dark or bitter-sweet chocolate, chopped
- 2 teaspoons shortening
- Finely chopped peanuts (optional)

Butter the side of a medium heavy saucepan. In the saucepan, combine sugar, evaporated milk, and butter. Cook and stir over medium-high heat until mixture is boiling. Reduce heat to medium; continue boiling at a moderate, steady rate for 12 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Remove saucepan from heat. Stir in marshmallows, peanut butter, and vanilla. Transfer mixture to a large bowl. Chill for 45 minutes to 1 hour or until mixture is thick and can be molded.

Line a large baking sheet with waxed paper or parchment paper. Shape mixture into 1-inch balls; place on the prepared baking sheet. Freeze for 15 minutes. In a medium saucepan, combine chocolate and shortening. Cook and stir over low heat until melted. Dip balls, one at a time, into melted chocolate. Let excess

chocolate drip off balls. Place on a wire rack set over waxed paper. If desired, sprinkle with peanuts. Let stand until chocolate is set.

COCONUT BLUEBERRY TRUFFLES

- 1 cup coconut
- 1 teaspoon powdered sugar
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 2/3 cup frozen blueberries
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- zest of 1 small lemon
- extra coconut for rolling

Place all ingredients except extra coconut into medium bowl. Using electric mixer, beat on high speed for 1 minute. Scrape down sides and mix for another 30 seconds or so until smooth. Roll into truffle sized balls; roll in coconut.

LEMON GINGER TRUFFLES

- 2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- Zest of 2 lemons, grated
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup crushed gingersnaps, for coating

Using a stand mixer or a bowl and a spatula, mix the cream cheese, sugar, lemon zest, lemon juice, and vanilla. Roll into twenty 1-inch balls, cover with plastic wrap, and refrigerate for at least 2 hours or overnight. Before serving, roll each ball in the gingersnaps to coat.

Financial Aid Tip of the Month

Students should pay attention to deadlines for financial aid

High school seniors should keep track of deadlines for applying for college financial aid. Here are some tips from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA):

- File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible.
- Check with the financial aid offices of the schools to which you've applied to determine if they require any forms other than the FAFSA.
- Look for scholarships using KHEAA's "Affording Higher Education" and a free online scholarship search. You can find a link to a free search site under the "Paying for College" tab on www.kheaa.com.
- Attend any college fairs and financial aid seminars offered at your high school or in your area. If a company charges a fee for helping with applications, remember that you can do that yourself for

free. If you decide to pay for help, make sure the company is reputable by checking with the state Attorney General's office or the Better Business Bureau in your area, as well as the area where the firm is located.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers Kentucky's student financial aid programs, including the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES). Its sister agency, the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation, offers low-cost Advantage Loans to help students and parents pay for college or to refinance student loans. For more information about Advantage Loans, visit www.advantageeducationloan.com.

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.

Minds in the Middle

There will be a Snowball Dance on December 13th from 6-8. Tickets are on sale in the mornings for \$3 a ticket or a Pre-Sale special of \$5 which includes entrance to the dance, a slice of pizza, and a drink. Dress is not formal attire.

The top ten homeroom attendance winner last week was Mrs. Maples's 7th grade Adventurers homeroom. Mrs. Tracy's 6th grade Voyagers came in second place. Mrs. Renner's and Mrs. Stewart's 6th grade homerooms tied for third.

Thank you to our kind kids of the week: Kaylee Duncan, William Goins,

Lance Coffey, Anthony Goodin, Chloe Morris, and Stashia Washington.

There will be a brief Unite Club meeting on Thursday after Ovation. Members need to bring in Christmas cards to send to local rehab facilities. The Unite Club is also planning to march in the Mt. Vernon Christmas parade on Saturday.

There will be hot chocolate and cookies on sale at break on Thursday and Friday. This is an 8th grade fundraiser for the 8th grade trip.

For any girl interested in playing volleyball, there will be a volleyball clinic this Saturday at RCMS from 9-11.

High school juniors can apply for leadership program

High school students from Jackson Energy's service area have until January 10, 2020, to apply for the Washington Youth Tour, a leadership program for high school juniors that includes a trip to Washington, D.C.

Four junior students from local high schools will be selected to attend the week-long leadership program.

Students visit govern-

ment and historical sites, meet with Congressional leaders, and in addition, learn about the rural electric cooperative program.

In 2019, students visited the White House, Smithsonian Museums, Holocaust Museum and national memorials. They also assisted with a wreath laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.



Kiwanis Club of Rockcastle County recently made a donation to the Rockcastle Area Technology to help purchase supplies for their new CNC plasma cutting table system. Instructor Curtis Burton, has been working with students to learn how to set-up, program and produce parts. Eleventh graders Hannah Ruppe and Hannah Neeley have been producing some prototype signs utilizing the equipment. Anyone who may be interested in ordering a sign similar to the ones in the picture can contact Mr. Burton at curtis.burton@rockcastle.kyschools.us.

Washington Youth Tour

The tour is coordinated by the Kentucky Electric Cooperatives and local cooperatives – such as Jackson Energy. Applicant's parents or legal guardian must be a Jackson Energy Cooperative member with their primary residence or business served by the cooperative.

For more information on how to apply, visit www.jacksonenergy.com/

Washington Youth Tour

Following an interview process, eight students will be selected to attend a one-day Frankfort Youth Tour program, which highlights state government.

Four students will be chosen from the eight to attend the Washington Youth Tour, which will be held in June.

Visit Santa Claus this Friday night and enjoy beautiful decorations...

Bring the children out to visit Santa Claus and enjoy the beautiful decorations and lights Friday night, December 6th at the home of Sam and Dana Hamilton in Houston Point Subdivision on Cedar Rapids Rd. Santa will be visiting from 6 - 8 p.m. Also, bring your Santa letters and drop them in the mailbox for direct transport to the North Pole.

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April Renner Curtsinger

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April Renner Curtsinger grew up in Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, a small rural town where people wave when they pass you on the street and everyone knows your name. She attended Eastern Kentucky University and received a degree in Child Development. She has a love for children's books and animals, mainly the ones with fur. She combined the two, with their simple, light-hearted innocence, in her first attempt at writing. April now lives in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, where she enjoys spending time with both her human family and the furry ones alike.

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Microfoodery tour filled with surprises

A building in a building

By: Mike French
Editor

It's a building inside a building.

Members of the RCIDA Board, as well as Mount Vernon City Councilmember Cliff Mullins, Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook and Mount Vernon City Administrator Josh Bray, toured the new Microfoodery Plant Tuesday morning.

Owner Karl Crase enthusiastically led local officials through the tour and his enthusiasm seemed well placed.

The building itself houses features like no other and the forethought put into the design of the building caused gasps from those listening intently as Crase explained each area of the spotless facility.

Listening to Crase explain the heating and cooling system as well as the countless features designed for quality control and sanitation control, it was easy to see that nothing in this new building was left to chance.

In fact, the building that is seen by everyone who drives by the new plant, is not really the building at all. It is only the shell. The actual Microfoodery Plant itself is located inside a building that was constructed inside that shell.

Upon entering the visible building, one enters a huge warehouse with a building inside it. This internal building houses features for safety measures for employees a macro lab, a micro lab, anti-contamination areas, high tech coolers with roll curtain entrances and, in one important room, an \$80,000 mold inhibiting floor.

There is also a special kitchen and taste testing facility located inside the building.

There were many areas of the plant that clearly brought pride to the owners, including the high-tech compactor that will allow the business to produce less waste than almost any plant in the state. In fact, Crase says that every possible ounce of materials brought into the plant, in-

cluding cardboard and packaging, will be recycled. "Less than 1% of every ounce of material that enters this plant will end up in a landfill," he said with pride.

Coolers are built with very efficient insulated panels and the air circulation system is designed to use every ounce of heat throughout the building.

In fact, if you go outside your home now and stand next to your heat pump system, you will feel heat blowing up into the air above the unit. Crase and his engineers and architects have even found a way to use that heat.

"Those units produce heat that we are paying for anyway," he said. "We are using that heat through this building as well."

The building was so specifically designed to maximize heat and cooling that last year when the temperature reached 1 degree, Crase measured the temperature inside the building at 58 degrees. And that was before the heating system was installed.

Part of the building is built underground with a reinforced, poured concrete wall over two feet thick. "We may as well utilize that natural heating and cooling," he said.

The complex inside the shell is so well planned that even during transport from one location to another, the cheese will never be in a location above 50 degrees.

The owner continued to lead visitors through the building showing each room and laboratory and each cooler or storage area focusing on extreme sanitation, contamination avoidance systems, moisture control systems and specialized air duct systems designed to keep all materials fresh and clean.

And the owners kept their employees in mind as well as Crase showed elaborate break rooms and special facilities for delivery truck drivers so that contaminants are not carried through the building.

Bray had taken the tour earlier in the year and had already told City Council members, "It is an amazing building. It is something you would have to see to believe."

And, he was right. Every room inside the plant had something about it that was unexpected and above and beyond requirements for food safety and an employee-friendly environment.

The Microfoodery building, only takes up a portion of the visible shell as owners purposely left the rear of the steel structure empty for the planned Hemp processing plant that will be a part of the building.

Kentucky Farmaceuticals will also be locating inside the steel shell.

Near the end of the tour, Crase handed everyone present the world famous beer cheese that will be produced at the plant.

The tour was surprising to everyone who participated and the attention to cleanliness, sanitation, and freshness amazed each visitor during the tour. Crase was visibly proud of the plant and its countless high-tech features as well as the monthly savings that construction will afford. "This design will save thousands of dollars in heating expense each month," Crase said.

As for when the plant will actually be open for business, and the 50 initial employees hired, no date has yet been set. However, officials agree that the equipment that caused the delay has now been delivered, all plans are still on track and nothing has changed about the goals of the plant expect the opening date.

Though Crase was clearly proud of the design, the workmanship and the attention to details of the plant itself, he appeared mostly proud of the product the plant will produce. "This cheese is the number one selling product at the Sam's Club Deli," he said. "Taste it and you will see why," and those who tried it all seemed to agree.



Several local officials toured the new Microfoodery Plant on Richmond Street in Mount Vernon Tuesday morning. The building was filled with new innovations and high-tech design to better serve their clients and provide a safe workplace for all employees. Shown above, members of the RCIDA board along with City Administrator Josh Bray, and County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook watched as owner Karl Crase talked about one of the coolers in the building. Shown below is one of the labs used to produce their world famous beer cheese. Among countless other features, this room has an \$80,000 mold inhibiting flooring system.



Brodhead man helps national campaign against prostate cancer

The Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs' (CDMRP) Prostate Cancer Research Program (PCRP) consumer advocate, Ray Hensley, from Brodhead, recently participated in the evaluation of research applications submitted to the PCRP. Ray was nominated for participation in the program by ZERO-The End of Prostate Cancer (zerocancer.org), headquartered in Alexandria, VA.

As a consumer reviewer, he is a full voting member, (along with prominent scientists) at

meetings to help determine how the \$100 million appropriated by Congress for Fiscal Year

2019 will be spent on prostate cancer research. Consumer reviewers See "Cancer" on B6)

Checkpoints planned

The Kentucky State Police, London Post, which provides coverage for Clay, Laurel, McCreary, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Wayne and Whitley Counties, will be conducting periodic traffic safety checkpoints, as approved by the KSP policy and procedure manual.

These checkpoints will be conducted in an effort to enforce the traffic laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The KSP utilizes traffic safety checkpoints to promote safety for motorists using the public roadways and to provide a deterrent for those who violate laws contained in the KRS.

A complete list of these checkpoints is located at <http://kentuckystatepolice.org/post-locations/post-11/post-11-checkpoints/>



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Weekend Craft Workshops: November & December
- Christmas Bazaar - College Square**
12' X 12' Booth Spaces Available
Booths Open: 1:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- 34th Annual Twilight Christmas Parade**
Theme: "Christmas Past & Christmas Present"
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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



District Civil Suits

Midland Credit Management v. Eric Raines, \$871 plus claimed due.
 Capital One Bank v. Michael W. Combs, \$2,800 plus claimed due.
 LVNV Funding v. Angel Smith, \$764 plus claimed due.
 Harbin LLC v. Rhonda Chandler, \$2,196 plus claimed due.
 Sullivan University System v. Ashley Stone McClure, \$1,018 plus claimed due.
 Portfolio Recovery Asso. v. Kevin W. Ross, \$1,062 plus claimed due.
 Discover Bank v. Daniel Abed, \$4,043 plus claimed due. C-00465

Circuit Civil Suits

Becky Lynn Todd v. Derek Scott Todd, petition for dissolution of marriage.
 Kyle Wayne Barnett v.

Crystal Jean Barnett, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Kevin Napier v. Trevor D. Weaver, et al, complaint.

Desiree Smith v. KLevin Smith, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Sandra Collins v. Faris Properties DBA McDonald's, complaint. CI - 00244

Marriage Licenses

Vicki Lynn Stephens, 51, East Bernstadt, RN and Timothy Lee Goldy, 56, East Bernstadt, self-employed. 11/25/19

Katelynn Rose Cook Vance, 19, Brodhead, student and Margaret Clara Marra, 19, Watertown, NY, student. 11/27/19

Samantha Louise Bullock, 19, Mt. Vernon, pharmacy technician and Raymond Drew McGuire, 18, Mt. Vernon, factory. 11/27/19

Morgan Lee Robinson, 19, Crab Orchard, homemaker and Durham Mat-

thew Allen, 29, Crab Orchard, farmer. 11/27/19

Alaina Victoria Coguer, 23, Mt. Vernon, teacher and Bradley Forrest Taylor, 21, Brodhead, engineer. 11/27/19

Deeds Recorded

Leslie and David Reynolds and Allie Alexander, property on Flat Gap Road, to Clyde and Faye Powell. Tax \$28

Tommy J. and Samantha Smith, property in Willie Todd Family Project, to Albert F. and Tammy G. Hamm. Tax \$152

David Edward and Debra Blanton, property on Freedom School Road, to Billy and Tammy Hensley.

Ruby and Robert Baker, property in Rockcastle County, to Debra Duncan and Jody Houck. No tax

George and Robin Bills, property in Pine Valley Estates I to James Clay and Ellen Waller. Tax \$32.50

Ronnie and Katreka Cash, property on Solar Dr., Mt. Vernon to Sandy Brown. Tax \$110.

District Court

November 25, 2019

Hon. Kathryn G. Slone
 Speeding: Emily Brooklyn Abner, Matthew Charles Gilbert, \$40 fine plus costs; James D. Hamilton, Donald A. Brock, Israel Joseph Flag, Timothy Peter Hagerman, John E. Lowery, Jr, Bobby Ray Meece, Jeriah D. Privett, Derick Gregory Sears, Malcolm J. Tolliver, Marcella Mills Walker, license suspended for failure to appear (fta); Timothy Reeves, \$34 fine plus costs; Robert Michael

Brock, Nick Edward Cotter, paid; Jeffrey A. Nolan, \$38 fine plus costs; David A. Smith, \$30 fine plus costs.

Aaron M. Shinnevarre: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to notify address change to Dept. of Transp., bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Wesley Singleton: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, license suspended for fta/bw issued.

Jim Slone: attempt to operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Shanna Denise Tompkins: failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, operating vehicle w/expired operators license, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

William John Lewis: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, no/expired registration plates-receipt, failure to wear seat belts, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

James Dillion Hughes: possession controlled substance, 90 days/probated 24 months on condition plus \$250 fine plus costs.

Shauna G. Applewhite: speeding and no/expired registration plates, license suspended for fta.

James Cotton: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, 90 days in jail; license to be in possession, 90 days in jail; drug paraphernalia, 360 days.

Jessica N. Fuerst: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, license suspended for fta/bench warrant (bw) issued.

Amanda M. Gibbons: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.

Mickey Allen Gilley: fines/fees due (\$643), bw issued for fta/13 days in

jail or payment in full.

Arthur L. Wilson: part 395/Fed safety regs-house of service, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, operate w/inactive/cancelled/revoked weight distance tax lic., Viol Part 390 Federal Safety Regs - generalpolicy (two counts), violation of international registration plan, Pt 396, Fed Safety Regs Inspect/Repair/Maintenance (two counts), Pt 393, Federal Safety Regs, Parts needed for safe operation (two counts), bw issued for fta.

Chandler Blayne Woodward: speeding, \$48 fine; operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$10 fine; failure to surrender revoked operators license, \$100 fine plus costs.

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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Tuesday Evening 7 p.m.
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211 Industrial Park Rd.
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Sunday 2 p.m.
Thursday Evening 7 p.m.
Pastor: Matt Griggs
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Sunday 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
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Pastor: Dewayne Carpenter
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There is not enough time spent today in studying the holy scriptures Jesus said once, John 5:39 Search the scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. Any man who will not search the scriptures to see that Jesus Christ is who he says that he is, truly does not want eternal life, because there is evidence of who Jesus is, from beginning to the end.

The Bible tells us the Bereans were nobler than those at Thessalonica, in so much so they searched the scriptures daily to see if those things the preacher was preaching was so. Acts 17:11. I wonder how many folks picks up their Bible on a daily basis and studies the word of God, or how many checks to see if what the preacher has preached, is true.

The apostle Paul in his training of Timothy told him, 2 Timothy 2:15 Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. I wish we could see how important it is to study the word of God and grow in the knowledge of this Book, how much better our lives would become. And again, he told Timothy to give himself to reading the scriptures.

We need to remember knowledge is not given, but it is gained through study and prayer, of this holy book. Hopefully we remember what God told his people of long ago in Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. (Knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens). Thank you for reading this article submitted by the Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ. Bro. Ova Baker-606-878-8104 • Bro Dale McNew- 859-582-4021

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"Cancer"

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are asked to represent the collective view of patients by preparing comments on the impact of the research on issues such as diagnosis, treatment, and quality of life.

When commenting on serving as a consumer reviewer, Hensley said, "I truly consider it an honor and a privilege to receive an invitation to work with some of the most brilliant minds in the world and to have a part in reviewing the many promising research projects being proposed. "While I'm not at liberty to divulge the nature of the research projects being proposed, I can say that with the wealth of knowledge being gained and the advances in technology, we are getting closer and closer to a cure. I want to thank the PCR, the Department of Defense and ZERO for this wonderful opportunity to help make a difference," Hensley said.

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Colonel Stephen J. Dalal, Director of the CDMRP, expressed his appreciation for the consumer advocate's perspective during the scientific review sessions. "Consumer advocates are an integral part of the CDMRP's scientific review process. They provide a key ingredient to the review process, the patient's perspective, which is real and urgent. The collaboration of

Consumer Advocates, alongside the scientists' subject matter expertise, is a truly unique collaboration that is difficult to find in most medical research programs," said Dalal.

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City finalizes paperwork for \$1 million grant

By: Mike French
Editor

The Mount Vernon City Council held a special called meeting Tuesday afternoon in order to finalize "red tape" involved with the CDBG \$1 million grant the city has received.

The grant gives the money to the City of Mount Vernon, but the grant will be administered by the Rockcastle County Industrial Authority.

The funds will be loaned to the new Kentucky Pharmaceuticals that will be located inside the Microfoodery plant on Richmond Street at a 2% interest rate.

The fiscal court received a similar grant earlier which they loaned to

the Microfoodery plant.

The city met Tuesday to adopt ordinances and resolutions that are required by the grantor. These new resolutions put the paperwork in order so that the city is in compliance with the grant requirements, according to officials.

"This is simply the City of Mount Vernon meeting the guidelines set out for us to receive the grant," said City Administrator Josh Bray.

According to RCIDA Executive Director Jeff VanHook, \$30,000 of the grant is administrative fees from the grantor but \$970,000 will be loaned to the new business and repaid into a special account with the interest

(See "Grant" on A5)

Fiscal Court hears plans for a new national event

Tables Sheriff's Budget

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court heard a request from William Leger of the Rockcastle County Tourism Department for "upfront money" to hold a special event and concert in the county.

Leger presented the idea to the court during the regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening and provided the court with several levels of investment opportunities for the event.

According to Leger, the plan is to hold a two-day event culminating in a top-act concert in the field next to Renfro Valley on Labor Day weekend.

Leger provided members of the court with information about insurance requirements and plans for the event. "I think it could become a national event held right here in Rockcastle County and could become very profitable for the county and the City of Mount Vernon," Leger said.

Plans presented a range in initial investment amounts but Leger said he believes if the county agrees to the event, it should be all or nothing.

"We have small events quite often but they don't do what tourism is supposed to do," said Leger. "They are great events and local citizens enjoy themselves. Good times are had by all. But tourism events should bring people from out of state and from across the coun-

try to our town. Staying in our motels, buying our gas, eating in our restaurants. This event could be that big. This could be a multi-state, regional draw-

(See "Court" on A5)

Livingston Christmas Parade

The Livingston Christmas Parade will be Saturday, December 14 beginning at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend the event. It is the only nighttime Christmas parade in the county.

Mount Vernon Council

The Mount Vernon City Council regular monthly meeting will be held Thursday, December 19 at 6 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

No paper December 26

The Mount Vernon Signal will not publish a newspaper the week of December 26 in observance of the Christmas holiday. Next Thursday (December 19) will be the final issue of 2019.

Mount Vernon and Brodhead were busy last week with the Tree Lighting, Noel Night Market and Christmas Parades. Shown above is the tree lighting in Triangle Park. In the middle photo, Darla Reams with M&M Trading taking part in the Brodhead Christmas Parade and received first place in the float competition. Shown below is Flat Rock Baptist Church's float in the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade. This float received second place in Brodhead. Receiving third place in Brodhead was Climax Fire Department.

More photos from Noel Night and Tree Lighting can be found on page B1.

All Christmas parade photos can be seen in next week's Christmas issue of the Mount Vernon Signal.



Commissioners address several requests from Brodhead citizen

New officer on board

By: Mike French
Editor

Before city commissioners got into the agenda at Monday evening's regular monthly Brodhead City Commission meeting, guests were recognized.

Brodhead resident Cindy Walker addressed the commissioners on several areas of concern.

The guests asked about stop signs and street signs as well as a building in the city that she says has become dilapidated. Walker said the Christmas parade was nice but the city should refurbish buildings that may make the city look unkempt. "That old building has become an eyesore and it looked bad during the parade," she said speaking of a building near the city park.

City Commissioner John Burton said the city has been so involved in repairing flooding problems that officials had other priorities recently. However, he agreed the

building needs to be refurbished.

Still, Walker said the building has been in bad condition for many years and she suggested the city make a priority of repair-

ing structures that may "look bad on the City of Brodhead."

Burton and Commissioner Brian Bullock agreed and expressed their appreciation to Walker. "We thank you for bringing that to our attention," said Burton. "We will look into that problem immediately. We appreciate citizens getting involved and taking part in their community."

Walker also asked about the collections of the 5% alcohol tax the city installed earlier this year. "Is that money helping the city any?" she asked.

Police Chief and Alcohol Administrator Travis Davis explained that the tax was installed well after the sale of alcohol began and City Clerk Becky

School board holds last 2019 meeting

By: Mike French
Editor

The Rockcastle County School Board held the final regular board meeting of the year Tuesday evening at the Teaching and Learning Center.

Board members approved Van Meter Insurance as the provider for workmen's compensation insurance again this year though the premium is slightly higher than last

year. According to Finance Director Jenny Sweet, the rate is still among the lowest available since the school has an "outstanding record" of insurance claims. In fact, Sweet says "All of the old claims have been settled over the years and we have no claims at this time."

The higher rate is apparently due to the rising cost of insurance state

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

Got to watch my first Lady Rockets game Monday night and was very impressed with them as they laid waste to the Tates Creek Lady Commodores 70-37.

Coach Chrysti Noble is very fortunate in her team makeup this year and, we are sure, will take the utmost advantage of it.

Her twin towers, Keelee King and Hallie Brown, are only freshmen and are two of the most talented ball players to come through our system in years both offensively and defensively. Senior Kenzi Himes has started the season out as though she is carrying the entire team on her shoulders and junior Casey Coleman and senior Shelby Newland are contributing their usual hustle and heart to the team.

Noble is also fortunate to have a talented bench that will contribute greatly. Juniors Aliyah Lopez and Lindsey Jones came off the bench Monday night and Lopez drilled five three point baskets out of six tries.

They are a fun team to watch and you could do worse when you have a free night then spending your time watching them.

It was very disappointing and disheartening Monday when the Democrats finally fulfilled their dream since November of 2016 and brought two articles of Impeachment against President Trump.

There is some talk that several moderate Democrats are leaning toward censure instead of impeachment but either one would be wrong given the evidence the Democrats managed to manufacture.

The good news is that a poll released this week shows President Trump now significantly ahead, in three important swing states - Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin, of all the Democrat candidates so evidently the Democrats continual hounding of this President isn't going over well there either.

It was amusing yesterday to hear several times on different shows that Hillary Clinton will be a late entry

into the Democrat Presidential campaign.

Of course, she has already said on TV that she could beat President Trump "again" but the amusing part is that she actually thinks she "beat" the President since she certainly isn't the one sitting in the oval office and, God willing, won't ever be.

Of course, she is referring to the fact that she won the popular vote, entirely from California and New York where the illegal immigrant population is high -- not saying that's why but... she isn't smart enough to realize that doesn't count if you can't win the Electoral College which Trump did overwhelmingly.

Actually, he has given the populace many other reasons to vote for him such as the booming economy and his gargantuan efforts to fulfill the campaign promises he made. He has managed to fulfill several of them, despite being un-

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



We often forget how quickly we could simply disappear from this world. We also forget how many times per day, a Guardian Angel has to get physically involved and save our necks.

But, when some things happen, in life, we are sometimes reminded just how fragile life is and how good we have it when we simply wake up in the mornings.

Last week, I had three such reminders in one week. Imagine how many there must have been that I didn't even notice.

As a fan of the movie, *Final Destination*, I know how a series of unpredictable events can change one's life, or actually take it, in the blink of an eye. So there is no telling how many things happen each day that could have resulted in my being mashed like grandma's

potatoes if not for Angels.

The times I am rescued that I am well aware of is amazing. I can't imagine how amazing it would be if I knew of them all.

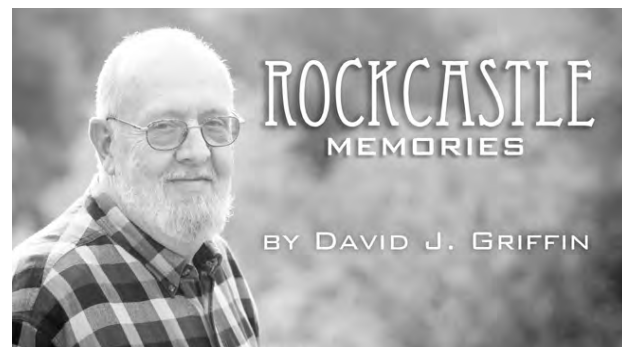
First, on a rainy midnight hour Wednesday night, a deer leaped in front of my truck as I was driving 50 mph on a back, country road.

I lost complete traction, all four tires slid sideways and the back of my truck nearly passed the front. As I fought to stay in the road and avoid the deer, my truck slid past her grazing the hair on her white tail.

She trotted off safely as if nothing happened. But I knew how close it was to being a big deal.

Then on Sunday, I

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The Cardinal

One of the last dashes that my wife and I made in moving to our new home in Mt. Sterling was to gather up our assortment of bird feeders.

We now have a spacious and fenced-in backyard, making it possible to place the feeders so that they are visible from different windows. We enjoy birds, year-round. And if you are going to enjoy them during winter, feeders are a must. The first visitor that I

noticed was a bright red, male cardinal. He was kicking seeds all over the yard, then flying to the ground to retrieve them.

I thought it was significant that the cardinal was the first visiting bird that I noted in our yard. I have just read an article about cardinals from an Appalachian publication. The author, Betty Benedict, be-

lieves that these majestic birds are messengers from above. She stated, "When cardinals appear, angels are near!" Somehow, I believe that is true. I love the thought that angels are watching over our house and yard.

The article also fed me some information that I did not know. (Or, if I did, I had forgotten.) "The cardinal is the state bird of seven states: Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio, Virginia, and West Virginia." That means the bird is relatively popular in this region of the United States.

Cardinals always remind me of my mother (Bee). When it was snowing, and she saw one, she would "squeal" with delight and point out the beautiful bird. She usually put food out for the cardinals on our front porch. She scattered seeds onto a flat metal pan and watched through



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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



If Walls Could Talk Dear Journal,

For the last several days, when I'd be driving here or there, I'd notice all of the Christmas decorations and bright lights. Some homes had just a few decorations, some had over-the-top decorations that were visible from outer space, and some had none. It reminded me of my childhood days when our family would load up in the car and drive around our neighborhood after supper and see all of the Christmas decorations. It took about an hour to just cruise along at a snail's pace and take it all in.

Then, when we got back home, we would make homemade hot chocolate. It was from scratch, not a little packet you were to add hot water. You know, that was probably the first thing I ever learned to make on my own. Then, to make it really special, a marshmallow was added. We would talk about what we had seen and which house was the prettiest. My, how those days have changed. They are now gone forever but they do provide a lot of good memories.

Today, when I'm out driving at this time of the year, I see all of the same thing but it doesn't seem as special. Back then, the decorations were few for the most part and not very elaborate. It seems that every generation has to have a little bit more or a little bit bigger or a little more elaborate and a little more ornate...at least in their eyes. All of this doesn't make it any more special. The "special" part, as I've come to realize more and more as the years pass, that it is about who you are enjoying these sights with. The song, "I'll be home for Christmas", if only in my dreams, is a motto for people of a certain age.

When driving about, I

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Points East

By Ike Adams



Have you ever had a vivid, unusual dream and then woke up and wondered what it meant or if it portended a sign of things to come?

To Dream of Elephants (and Other Stories About My Old Stuff) is the title of Berea author, Todd Moberly's, new book, but you'll have to read it if you want to find out why thoughts of pachyderms may have interrupted your sleep. I simply don't want to ruin the surprise.

This title is, in essence, a continuation of Moberly's 2018, Notes on Cracker Barrel Napkins.

In that book, fictional, central character, Clay Hall, compiled a series of short stories based on, mostly, antique items and artifacts he had accumulated over the years.

Clay is also the narrator of To Dream of Elephants and the set of 24 new stories are mostly placed in fictional, Fordsville, KY and peopled by the same bunch of characters readers loved in the first novel. The same set of old timers still frequently gather at the old, dwindling, grocery store, just

before the close of business, to tell tales during the so-called "Children's Hour", a daily, social gathering where Clay is the only child present. Readers should assume that the language got a little rough when Clay wasn't present.

Fordsville, mostly because it once had a commercial ferry crossing the Kentucky River, could have been modeled after any or all of the numerous, small, agrarian, riv-

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“Ramblings”

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favorably portrayed by the mainstream media 94% of the time.

It’s going to be interesting to see how this impeachment hoax plays out, particularly given that Republicans control the Senate and can stop the process dead in its tracks. Several Democrats have said if this happens they will just repeat the process in the

House over and over thereby ensuring that the country remains torn asunder as evidently Democrats want it to be.

I’m glad that we have a man in the White House that has a thick skin. He is just about the strongest man I know that can absorb these slings and arrows and keep on functioning. Now if a few of the Republicans in the Senate would grow a backbone, and I’m not talking about our Rand Paul, we could bring this foolishness to a screeching halt.

“Aces”

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watched as two family members were admitted to the hospital at the same time.

One, known to all around her as “Granny,” had a mild stroke. The other had an accident and had broken both jaws. We basically jogged from the second floor of the hospital to the emergency room and back and forth all day long.

Watching them both I knew it could have been me lying there in pain and miserable. But again, I was blessed to be the helper instead of the helped.

Then Monday morning, again in pouring rain, in the early hours on the way to work, the car in front of us apparently hydroplaned and was smashed to bits by the oncoming mail truck.

We watched in horror, helpless as after the impact, the mail truck left the roadway and traveled into a deep ditch while the little car he had just demolished spun around in the road and came to a stop a few feet in front of my truck, half on the road and half in the ditch.

Over a dozen vehicles passed us by and gawked but then drove on their way as we tended to an 82 year-old lady who was hurt pretty badly and trapped in the small car.

We waited till the ambulance arrived in about 20 minutes, and I heard my lady tell the elderly woman “I won’t leave your side till the ambulance gets here to help you.”

As we drove away, I suddenly remembered being just a tiny bit frustrated that the lid to my coffee cup didn’t fit right that morning and it took me an extra attempt to get my coffee cup ready to go.

If that hadn’t happened, if my coffee cup had worked perfectly, and I had left the house 4 seconds earlier, I would most likely not be writing this column.

Such things remind us often of our mortality and I wonder if we would even want to know of the times we are rescued from terrible events that we never know about.

I am betting it happens constantly throughout our days.

If we wake up in the morning, it is most likely because a dozen, or a hundred, or a thousand things happened that kept us safe and well.

One second earlier last Wednesday and I would have hit the deer.

With my food choices, I could have had a stroke.

With my clumsiness, I could have broken both

of my jaws.

Four seconds earlier Monday morning and I may not be here.

It’s something to think about. More importantly, it’s something to “thank” about.

“Points East”

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erside communities that dotted rural, central Kentucky, before 1960, or thereabouts. Dozens and dozens of little hamlets that thrived, economically, before The Great Depression of the 1930s, struggled mightily, for the next 3 decades, but most never regained much resemblance to the industrious vigor they had enjoyed prior to 1931.

Simply put, Fordsville was one of those places where the depression never really ended, as far as economics are concerned, but there was never anything poor about the communal spirit of the people who lived there. If you took the ferry out of Fordsville, it could, just as easily, be Paint Lick, Waco, Livingston, Swiss Colony, Blacky, Isom or any one of several dozen Appalachian Kentucky villages that never quite recovered their former being.

If you are over 50 and have ever lived in one of these little places, I guarantee that practically every single character you meet in Fordsville, eccentric or not, will fondly remind you of someone you used to know. If you are younger, you will wish you’d known them. Be it a carved walking stick, a red-handled flour sifter, a child’s little ladder backed chair, an old pocket watch or one of the other 2 dozen other artifacts pictured in this book, your memory is bound to spring to life.

You will find yourself laughing so hard that your spouse is ready to kick you out of bed. Two paragraphs later you may be so teary-eyed that he or she commences wanting to know why you got so quiet, all of a sudden. To Dream of Elephants is that kind of book. If you have already read Notes on Cracker Barrel Napkins, you know what I’m talking about, and this one is even better.

The author, Todd Moberly, a retired, popular, Madison Southern High School, history teacher, is the most gifted story teller this writer has come across in decades. I would tell you that he missed his calling but I have some nieces who swear he is the best teacher they ever had.

Mr. Moberly will be selling and signing his new book in the library at Madison Southern High School

In Berea from 2 until 4 PM on Saturday, December 14. Everyone is invited. If you have copies of either of his books, purchased at other locations, please feel free to drop by and have them autographed. He hopes to, also, have copies of the first book at this signing.

You can purchase the new book at the Boone Square Mini Mall or at Robie Books on Chestnut Street in Berea. I understand that the John B Adams General Store in Isom (Letcher County) sold 50 copies of the first title and at least a dozen copies of the new one should be there by the time you read this column.

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“Memories”

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the front room window as they picked at the seeds.

My wife and I had a large feeder just outside our second floor bedroom window on Furnace Mountain. It is comforting to know that the cardinals remain our neighbors here in Mt. Sterling. They have always been one of our favorite song birds.

Two other birds that we love used to come to our bedroom window. They were downy woodpeckers and cowbirds. I hope both of them also visit us in Mt. Sterling.

I also found it interesting to learn that cardinals are preyed upon by a wide variety of predators. Their enemies in this area include: hawks, several types of owls, snakes, blue jays, squirrels, and domestic cats.

The diet of the cardinal consists mainly of weed seeds, grains, fruits, insects, and snails. They feed their young almost exclusively on insects.

I think one of their most cherished traits is the fact that pairs mate for life. They stay together year-round. Mated pairs sometimes sing together before nesting. Their habitat includes woodlands, gardens, lawns, shrub lands, and wet lands.

“T.J.s”

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often see older homes, maybe almost a hundred years old or older. I can’t help but think of all the families who have lived there over the years. In some cases, several generations of the same family has lived there.

Imagine all of the special occasions the old house has known and all of the people who have lived there. I wonder how they decorated for Christmas. How many births and birthdays have been celebrated there? Maybe there have been weddings there as well. I’m sure that along with the celebrations, there have been sadness and hardship. There has been the death of family members, sickness, disappointment, and various losses have been contained within the walls.

To carry the thought a little further, I can’t help but think that houses have absorbed a part of the essence of the ones who have lived there in the past. No, not to say that it is haunted, by any means, but I have to wonder if houses have absorbed a personality of their own inspired by its owners in the past and present.

There is an old house in London near the old Sue Bennett College that I just love. I’ve loved it for many years. It was for sale a few months ago. It looked to have been built in the 1920’s. It was a very nice brick home with a guest house in the back. It was very elaborate for the day.

There was a tile porch, the remains of a once beautiful garden, built in bookshelves and a grand staircase. It may have been built for the president of the college. It has always “called” to me from the street.. Since it was for sale, it presented a perfect time it look at it. Stanley and I looked around and in the windows. It was me in the form of a house. I could feel that there was a widow and her cat somewhere in the mix, I just didn’t know where.

I went so far as to call and inquire about the house. As it turns out, my suspicions were right on the money. There had been an elderly widow live there for many years all alone until she died. She had a cat, too. Sometimes the walls do talk. Be careful, your house may be listening.

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Health Department Hours

The Rockcastle County Health Department will be closed Tuesday, December 17th for staff training.

Rockcastle Retired Teachers Meeting

Rockcastle Retired Teachers will meet at the Academy (across from the middle school) on Wednesday, December 18th at 11:30 a.m. This is one of our favorite meetings. We hope to see all of you there.

Boys Basketball Registration

K/1st Grade Boys Basketball Registration is open. Forms will be sent home to all boys this week. The deadline for turning in the application, and paying the registration fee, is December 19th. No applications will be accepted past this day. Practice will begin January 11th. If you have any questions, please send a message to our Facebook Page listed under “Rock Youth Basketball.”

Roaring 20s NYE Party Tickets

Tickets available now through Dec. 19th for the Roaring 20s New Year’s Eve Party at Churchill’s in Berea on Dec. 31st, 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Tickets are \$75 per person and include a live DJ, music, dancing, cash bar, refreshments and heavy hors d’oeuvres. All proceeds go to Hospice Care Plus. Reserve tickets at hospicecareplus.org or call 859-986-1500.

Holiday Schedule for Circuit Clerk’s Office

Circuit Court Clerk Eliza York-Hansel has released the following Holiday schedule for her office. Closed December 24th and 25th. Closed December 31st and January 1st. No permit or driver testing, due to training, on January 2nd, 2020.

15th Annual Coat/Toy Drive for Children

The 15th annual Coat and Toy Drive for Children, sponsored by Cash Express, is underway. Toys, coats, shoes (washable), clothing and non-perishable food items will be accepted at many locations throughout the area. All donations should be received by December 15th, in order to have them delivered in time for Christmas.

Celebrate Sobriety Service

CrossPoint Church of God will host a monthly Celebrate Sobriety Service on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. We are located at 211 Industrial Park Road (across from the high school) in Mt. Vernon, KY. Call 859-582-2553 with any questions.

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

Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Community Outreach Center, 6 to 8 p.m. Leaders: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590/Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099.

Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside Baptist Church, 606-256-5577 Tuesday, 6 to 8 p.m..
•••Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.

Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies. Men Only. Northside Baptist, 606-256-5577, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Men Only. Small group.

Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only. Community Outreach Center, Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Leader: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099. **AA Meeting,** 8 to 9 p.m. Men and Women, everyone welcome!

Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe. Leader: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828. Friday, 6 to 8 p.m.

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.

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

Coy Edward Bradley

Coy Edward Bradley, 79, of Renfro Valley, died Friday, December 6, 2019 at his home. He was born at Sand Springs in Rockcastle County on August 4, 1940, the son of Eugene and Minnie Doan Bradley. He had been an auto parts clerk for NAPA Auto Parts and was of the Baptist Faith. He loved wood-working, trading Fords, and working outside, but especially loved his grandchildren.

He is survived by: his wife of 58 years, Nancy Hiatt Bradley; a daughter, Tracey (Pete) Childress of Renfro Valley; a son, Troy (Melissa) Bradley of Renfro Valley; two brothers, Tommy Bradley and Tinnie (Doris) Bradley, both of Nicholasville; a sister, Geneva Whitaker of Radcliff; four grandchildren, Kevin (Jessica) Childress and Brooke (Josh) Gabbard, both of Berea, Adam (Tracy) Childress of Somerset, and Laura (Lafe) Owens of Renfro Valley; and seven great grandchildren, Kylee and Andrew Gabbard, Londyn, Bensyn, and Owen Childress, and Quinn and Emalyn Owens.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Ona Pruitt and five brothers, James "Bud", Lacy, Bee, Willie, and Chester.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 8, 2019 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Travis Gilbert. Burial was in the Hiatt Cemetery in Renfro Valley.

Pallbearers were: Adam Childress, Kevin Childress, Josh Gabbard, Jones Conn Hiatt, Shane Lynch, and Lafe Owens.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook page to view Mr. Bradley's online obituary.



Marcella Louise Hasty

Marcella Louise Hasty, 86, of Mt. Vernon, wife of Jearl, died Saturday, December 7, 2019 at her residence. She was born October 29, 1933 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of the late Ernest and Nadine Doan Creech. She was of the Holiness faith, and had been employed at Parker Seal, Dresser, and Cowdens Manufacturing. She found great enjoyment in crocheting and reading. On December 31, 1949, she was united in marriage to Jearl Hasty and from that union came six children, Carol, Eddie, Michael, Gordon, Shannon and Connie.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her husband of 69 years, Jearl Hasty, of Mt. Vernon; children, Carol Shepherd of Crab Orchard, Eddie (Janet) Hasty of Lancaster, Michael (Brenda) Hasty of Lancaster, Gordon Hasty of Lancaster, Shannon (Carol) Hasty of Livingston and Connie Kincer of Mt. Vernon; 20 grandchildren; a host of great grandchildren; seven great great grandchildren; a brother, Bill (Donna) Creech of Ohio; and a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Wayne Creech and grandson, infant Johnathon.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at the Marvin E. Owens Chapel with Bros. Nathan Bennett and Danny Robbins officiating. Burial was in Mareburg Cemetery.

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



Bennett Leon Brown

Bennett Leon Brown, 77, went to his heavenly home on November 19, 2019, at his home in Huber Heights, Ohio. He was born in the Ottawa section of Rockcastle County March 31, 1942 to the late Edward J. Brown and Viola (Susie) Brown.

He was preceded in death by: his wife, Berthe Brown; his parents; brothers, Clarence J. and M. Austin Brown; sisters, Mildred Thompson, Betty Lawrence and Joyce Whitaker; four brothers-in-law, two sisters-in-law and one special nephew.

Left to mourn his passing are: three children, Henry (Cheryl) Brown, Matthew Brown, and Ashlee (Fred) Rowley; two granddaughters, Ginger (Andrew) Heindl, and Jade Rowley; two great granddaughters, Autumn and Trinity Heindl; three brothers, Floyd Brown, Casper (Ida) Brown, and Irvin (Margie) Brown; one sister, Viola Robbins, all of Ohio; and a life-long special friend, Katie Norman; numerous nieces and nephews, as well as many foster children and grandchildren, friends, co-workers, and all who knew him.

He served his country proudly during the Vietnam War, spent many years with Sowder Concrete as a cement finisher, and retired from Chrysler Corporation in Dayton, Ohio, as a welder. His favorite pastime was his farm animals, especially his goats, watching wrestling, his Harley motorcycles, and hanging with friends at the Legacy and Abner's. He loved flea markets, where he and his wife, Berthe, could be found there almost every weekend prior to Berte's death on December 25, 2017.

A memorial in Bennett's honor will be held at a later date, in accordance with his wishes, at the family's convenience. No viewing or funeral will be conducted.



Christopher Hooker

Christopher Andrew Hooker, 22, of Stanford, died Thursday, December 5, 2019, at his residence. He was born December 14, 1996 in Boyle County to Scotty and Ethel Bishop Hooker. He was self-employed doing mechanic work and "junking".

Those left to celebrate Andrew's life are: his wife, Chelsey Johnson Hooker of Stanford; three children, Tucker, Adalee, and Axel Hooker of Stanford; and his parents, Scotty and Ethel Hooker.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Alexander and Benjamin Hooker.

Funeral services were held Monday, December 9, 2019 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. B.J. Sipe officiating. Burial was in Negro Creek Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Travis Long, Ashton Stull, Dustin Cordier, Cameron Guffey, Alex Denny, Nathan Owens, and Austin Hubble.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to help with funeral expenses.

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



Kathleen Rowe Bearden

Kathleen Rowe Bearden, 95, of Little Rock, Arkansas, died Monday, November 25, 2019 at Parkway Health Center in Little Rock. She was born February 8, 1924, in Mount Vernon, the daughter of the late John Henry and Elizabeth (Liza) Cornett Rowe. She was an accomplished pianist, having taught music at Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Little Rock.

Survivors are: two cousins, William H. Hickey of Glen Burnie, MD, and Carl R. Hickey of Monkton, MD. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Lois Rowe.

Graveside services were conducted Friday, November 27, 2019 at Elmwood Cemetery in Mount Vernon. Arrangements are by the Cox Funeral Home.

View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at www.coxfuneralhomeky.com.



Ben Chaliff, son of Matt and Julie Chaliff, said a prayer during last Thursday's Tree Lighting Ceremony in Mt. Vernon.



Kiwanis Club President Kayla Prewitt welcomed the large crowd to the 2019 Tree Lighting Ceremony in Mt. Vernon's Triangle Park.



The Grinch sure didn't scare Henry Gullett during the Noel Night Market last Thursday night.

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Success after success throughout county

E.J. Taylor Christmas parade

By: Mike French
Editor

The Annual E.J. Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade in Brodhead was once again

filled with jolly onlookers as Main Street in Brodhead was lined with classic cars, holiday floats and old Saint Nick himself. The event was held immediately after the Mount Vernon Parade so that Santa would have time to ride in both events.

Brodhead Mayor Walter Cash said the parade was once again a joyous occasion for all who took part and all who watched. "Christmas is a special time of the year and we all had a wonderful time celebrating Christmas in Brodhead," said Cash. "It's another chance to enjoy our community and everyone had an excellent time."

Fire trucks and Brodhead police cruisers joined classic cars and trucks as well as old tractors in the long, fun-filled parade.

Mount Vernon events

The Annual Mount Vernon Christmas parade was held on a beautiful, sunny day and the large crowd stood in awe at the many floats and displays that filled Main Street at noon last Saturday.

As always Santa made his appearance among the many floats and displays and Smokey the Bear made a special appearance as well this year while the Mount Vernon Fire Department and Police Department also displayed their vehicles..

Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant says this year's parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony were the best ever. "We had great weather, a huge crowd and a wonderful Christmas spirit," he said. "It was the best yet in my opinion."

The Mayor also said the great success of the events was due to the work of many who helped. "We offer many thanks to all of our city folks, Kiwanis, Rockcastle County Arts Association, sponsors and participating merchants. The Christmas Parade was outstanding this year."

Noel Night Market

The Annual Noel Night Market has once again been labeled a huge success by all local officials.

The event was held Thursday, December 5 in downtown Mount Vernon and many say this was the largest crowd yet to attend the many displays and events during the festivities.

Officials at the Rockcastle County Arts Association said the event brought downtown Mount Vernon together and the association is "grateful for a community that participates and supports each other." Rockcastle County Arts Association officials say the level of talent displayed by the musicians as well as the vendors was "amazing."

Mount Vernon City Administrator Josh Bray said this may have been the most successful Night Market event yet. "It was a huge success and we have received numerous compliments from people about how proud they are," he said. "We owe a big 'thank you' to the Rockcastle County Arts Association." Spokespeople say plans for next year's event are already underway.

New City Commissioner



Livingston Mayor Jason Medley swore in Julie Hazelwood as the newest member of the Livingston City Commission last week after Commission member Bryan Mahaffey resigned to take the position as City Water Superintendent. Mahaffey received his license recently and has now been hired as the new superintendent. The Mayor says the city now plans to place a new, stronger focus on the city's water and sewer infrastructure. Medley says he looks forward to working on the commission with Hazelwood who will "bring a young, new voice to the commission."

"Court"

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Leger talked about many details of the event but said he was seeking interest before moving forward. "Before we move ahead with this, we need some idea if the fiscal court is interested," he said. Leger discussed a possible \$75,000 initial investment and another option up to \$300,000 as one of the options but "the bigger we go, the more we stand to make," he said. "And I think, if we do this, we should go big."

Apparently, most fiscal court members agree. Magistrates Shane Thacker and Shannon Bishop both expressed their support for the idea. "I think it's a great idea," said Bishop. "There are some details that need to be addressed but this is exactly what we need to build that area back up."

"I think it could work. I support it," said Thacker.

Leger agreed to investigate more details such as insurance costs and requirements for booking a top country music act and then return to the court with that information.

"I think this could be a very positive thing for our county," said Leger.

In other action, the fiscal court heard reports and approved \$20,168.69 in support for the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority and \$1,209 for the Rockcastle County Development Board program.

Magistrates heard the monthly financial report from Joe Clontz, County Treasurer who listed county departments and the funds received and disbursed in each department.

The fiscal court also heard a detailed report from Rockcastle county Sheriff's Deputy Dale McNew. But before approving the submitted Sheriff's Department Report and Budget, Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook asked to table the report and the budget until magistrates could meet and discuss the issues involved.

Last month, the sheriff's department requested a \$1 per hour raise for all road deputies. But this month, McNew said, after further review, "it doesn't seem fair to give some a one dollar raise and the rest nothing at all." So, McNew said he is requesting a 50-cent raise for everyone employed by the sheriff's department.

McNew discussed line items in the budget which is over \$17,000 above last year's budget.

However, he said the sheriff's department could cover most of that cost through increased property tax commissions and serving summons. But the county would need to foot \$7,000 of the increase in order to balance the budget.

Holbrook asked if the court needed to act immediately on the issue and McNew said he hoped to have the budget before the next calendar year starts. However Holbrook asked the court to table the issue till next week. "When it comes to increases and this many details, there is a lot to consider before we act," said Holbrook. "We need to table this and meet next week to discuss all these areas," he said.

Members of the court then discussed the Administrative Code which will have some changes.

In their final action, the court voted to transfer \$400,000 from the Occupational Tax Fund to the General Fund and then transfer \$15,000 from the General Fund to the LGA Fund, \$150,000 from the General Fund to the Jail Fund and \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Road Fund.

"Brodhead"

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Bussell explained that businesses do not have to start paying the tax until they have earned enough in alcohol sales to cover the cost of the license fees that were charged by the city. "We haven't started collecting that yet," said Bussell.

Brodhead Emergency Management Director Brian Bussell said the city will most likely not be able to see the actual benefits from that tax until the end of 2021. "There are two more locations that will probably begin to sell alcohol in Brodhead and that will help make a difference as well," said Brian Bussell.

However, several members of the commission spoke up about the

effects of alcohol sales on the City of Brodhead. "There has been no negative effects from the sale of alcohol in Brodhead," said Davis. "In fact, DUIs and crime in general have gone down."

In one last note, Walker said some of the street lights in Brodhead are nearly useless. "They are very yellow and dim," she said. "Some of them may as well not even be there."

However, Bullock told the guest that the electric company replaces those lights. "Turning yellow usually means they are about to go out and the electric company won't replace them until they are out," he said.

In other action, Burton announced that the city should receive the 2016-2017 audit within two weeks. The city audit has been an area of concern for city commissioners since they became two years behind, but Burton says he understands that this particular audit is very near completion.

Commissioners also agreed to pay the city's bills. During Department reports, Davis reported that Josh Foster has been serving part time as a police officer in Brodhead, he has now completed the Police Academy training and is the second full time police officer on the Brodhead Police force.

"He did extremely well in the academy and I am certain he will do extremely well as a police officer for the City of Brodhead," said Davis. "He completed over 800 hours of intense training and we are very proud of him." The commission entered executive session to officially present Foster with a \$2/hour raise since he is now a full time, graduated police officer and commissioners and Mayor Walter Cash discussed certain areas of concern that they asked the new officer to "keep an eye on" while performing his duties.

Commissioners then entered open session and adjourned the meeting.

"School"

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The new rate is about \$47,000 higher but Sweet says this rate is less than most. "We have an excellent safety record and our staff and department heads do a wonderful job of providing a safe environment for our students and our employees." Board member Jeff VanHook asked some technical questions about the policy itself and Sweet provided all the information in question. The motion to approve the insurance was approved in a unanimous vote.

In other action, Student Service Coordinator Carrie Ballinger asked which board member would volunteer to be on the school calendar committee for the next school year. Chairman Angela Mink said "I think our newest board member would be excellent at that job," referring to Misty Lakes who recently replaced Ballinger on the board. "If you think I am qualified for the job, I would be pleased to do it," said Lakes. All members agreed that Lakes was "more than qualified" and the motion passed unanimously.

During the discussion of next year's budget, Mink also asked Sweet about outstanding debt

for the district. However, Sweet did not have those figures with her and promised to get that information to Mink.

The board also heard the Superintendent's Personnel Action Report. It is as follows:

Full Time Certified Employees: Chris McGuire, Guidance Counselor at RCMS; Gina Nicely, LBD Teacher in the Hospital Classroom; Sarah Hasty, LBD Teacher at RCMS; Morgan Smith, Teacher at RCMS.

Full Time Classified Employees: Bert King, Assistant Girl's Basketball Coach at RCHS; Ashley McKinney, Volunteer Assistant Girl's Basketball Coach at RCHS; Reva McKinney, School Secretary at RCMS; Jenni Ellis, Clerical Assistant at RCMS; Brenda McKnight, Custodian at RCMS; Aaron Rupard, Head Softball Coach at RCHS; Mike Pingleton and Tabitha Gay, Bus Drivers.

Resignations: Eliza Barnett, School Nurse (LPN) at RCMS; Aaron Rupard, Assistant Softball Coach at RCHS.

Certified Substitutes: Charlotte Cameron and Caroline Coguer, Substitute Teachers.

Classified Substitutes: Gregory Sartin, Substitute Custodian and Becky Todd and Isaac McClure, Substitute Instructional Assistants.

"Grant"

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"This money was going somewhere and we are very lucky that we received the two grants here in our county," said VanHook.

According to VanHook, once the loans are repaid, the city and the county can reloan that same money to any other new project they choose or simply use the money for economic development. "This way, we are using the money to have new businesses in our community which will impact our economy, and then the city of Mount Vernon and Rockcastle County will still have a million dollars each to use as we need it," said VanHook.

Council member Cliff Mullins asked if 2% is the required interest rate, or if the city could charge more. According to VanHook, 2% is the minimum required interest rate but in order to promote local growth and help new businesses to start here in the county, the lowest possible rate was used. However, the next time the money is loaned out, the city or the county may charge a higher rate if they choose.

The city called the special meeting because the paperwork has to be completed by December 30.

"Since there is only one more council meeting before December 30, we decided to have this done in case there are any glitches, or things we need to change, we will have time to do that at the council meeting next Thursday," said Bray.

The council agreed to adopt the resolutions and policies required for the grant. The motion passed unanimously.

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SPORTS

Lady Rockets open season with big win over Lincoln County

Four Lady Rockets scored in double figures, led by freshman Hallie Brown with 13, in the Lady Rockets' big 66-37 win over the Lincoln County Lady Patriots in their opening game of the season last Friday night.

Besides being the leading scorer, Brown also registered a double double with 13 rebounds; junior Casey Coleman was close behind with 12 points and added five rebounds and three assists; senior Kenzie Himes and freshman Keelee King each scored 10 points with Himes getting seven boards and King five; senior Shelby Newland scored eight points, along with junior Lindsey Jones. Newland also pulled down five rebounds and had four assists. Also scoring was junior Aliyah Lopez with five points.

The game was never in question as the Lady Rockets jumped out to an early 19-12 first quarter lead, led by eight points from Brown and three point baskets from Brown, Newland, Himes and Jones.

The Rockets were up 39-17 at halftime and 56-25 at the end of the third quarter.

Saturday, the Lady Rockets participated in the 12th Region vs. 13th Region Challenge at South Laurel and annihilated their opponent, the Whitley County Lady Colonels 84-45.

Himes led the scoring for her team this time with 21 points (nine for nine from the field), along with seven rebounds. Coleman came through with 16 points, six rebounds and seven assists; Newland had 15 points and two assists; King got 13 points, including going three for five from three point range and picked up two rebounds and two assists.

Brown had another great game on the boards with eight rebounds to go along with seven points and seven assists and Jones picked up eight points and two steals. Junior Jordan Harper and sophomore Addison McClure rounded out the scoring with two points each.

The Rockets were up

23-10 at the end of the first quarter, 44 to 25 at the half and 62-32 at the third quarter stop.

Monday night, the Lady Rockets had absolutely no problem with the Lady Commodores from Bates Creek.

The score was tied one time at 4 to 4 in the first quarter and that was as close as Bates Creek ever came as the Rockets steadily built their lead throughout the game to the final 70-37 score.

At the end of the first quarter, the Lady Rockets were up 16-9. It was 41-15 at the half and 62-25 at the end of the third quarter.

Himes once again led the scoring with 16 points, followed closely by junior Aliyah Lopez, who came off the bench to hit five of six three point attempts for 15 points. Hallie Brown, who had several blocks to her credit, scored 11 points; Shelby Newland got 10; Keelee King 7; Casey Coleman 5; Lindsey Jones 3; Jordan Harper 2 and Haley Thacker 1.

The Lady Rockets are scheduled to take on Somerset in a doubleheader with the Rockets this Friday night at home and will play at Boyle County next Tuesday, Dec. 17th.

Lady Jayvee Rockets lose to Bates Creek

The Lady Rockets Jayvee fought valiantly Monday night, against the Bates Creek Lady Commodores but came up just short 25-22.

Turnovers plagued both teams but free throw shooting hurt the Rockets the most as they only hit 5 of 15.

Leading scorer for the Lady Rockets was Haven King with 5; Calliegh Burdette got 4; Hayley Thacker, Kaylee Cameron, Savannah Santo and Cameron Cash, two points each and Karlee Smith, one point.

*Rockets/
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host Somerset
Friday night*



Hallie Brown works hard in the paint for two of her game high 13 points in the Lady Rockets' 66-37 win over Lincoln County Friday night.



Shelby Newland and Casey Coleman apply defensive pressure in the Lady Rockets' 66-37 win. Coleman had 12 points while Newland added eight.



Keelee King puts up a jump shot in the Lady Rockets' 66-37 win over Lincoln County Friday night.



Kenzie Himes drives to the basket during the Lady Rockets' 66-37 win over Lincoln County Friday night.

Rockets lose big to Lincoln Co. Patriots

After a 65-55 opening season win over the McCreary Central Raiders, the Rockets traveled to Lincoln County last Friday night and were soundly defeated 61-39.

The Rockets had a terrible first half, managing only eight points against Lincoln's 31, before playing even with the Patriots in the second half 31-30.

Leading scorer for the Rockets was eighth grader Will Bishop with 22 points; senior Logan Noel got 8; sophomore Reese Coguer scored 4; senior Bentley Taylor and sophomore Silas

Shaffer, 2 each and senior Andrew Hurt 1.

Tuesday night, the Rockets traveled to Anderson County and was defeated in a low scoring game, 49-30.

The Rockets will play a doubleheader with the Lady Rockets this Friday night when they both take on district foe Somerset at home.

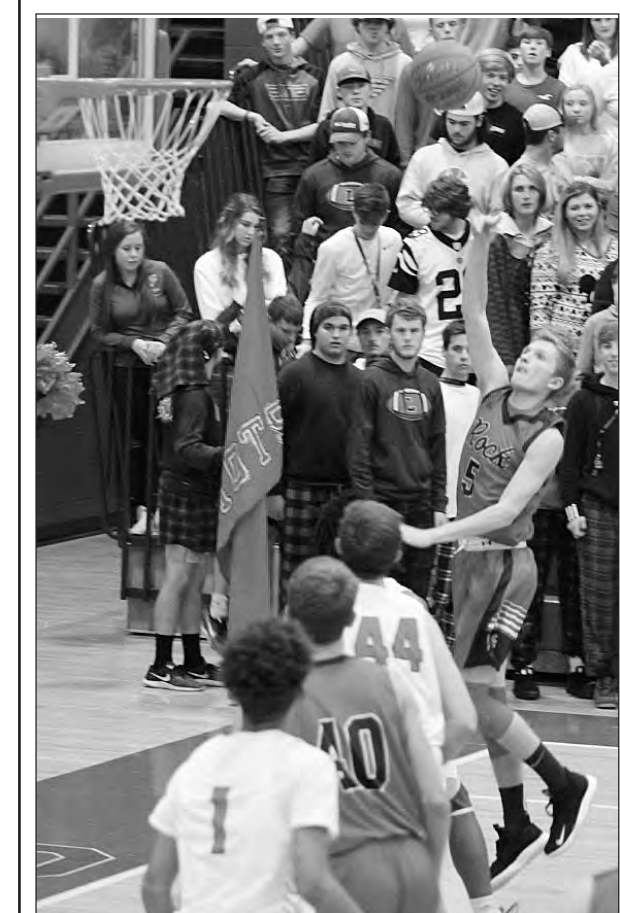
The Rockets will then play Western Hills in the Jim Lankster Classic at Sayre on Saturday, Dec. 14th before hosting Southwestern at home on Monday, Dec. 16th and traveling to Boyle County next Tuesday night.



Will Bishop goes up for two of his team's 22 points in the Rockets' loss to Lincoln County Friday night.



Logan Noel looks for a teammate during the Rockets' 63-39 loss to Lincoln County Friday night. The Rockets opened their season with a 65-55 win over McCreary Central.



Drew Hopkins puts up a jump shot in the Rockets' loss to Lincoln County Friday night.



Reese Coguer works around a defender during the Rocket junior varsity's loss to South Laurel Saturday.



Xander Fletcher goes for two during the Rocket freshmen's loss to South Laurel Saturday.



Rylee Deleon goes in for two during the Rocket junior varsity's loss to South Laurel Saturday.



Silas Shaffer puts up a jump shot during the Rocket junior varsity's loss to South Laurel Saturday.



Bryson Atkin works around a defender during the Rocket freshmen's loss to South Laurel Saturday.



Ethan Medley puts up a shot during the Rocket freshmen's loss to South Laurel Saturday.

Rockcastle Farm Bureau receives Gold Star Award

Recognized for the achievements of its women's program this year, Rockcastle County Farm Bureau received the 2019 Gold Star Award of Excellence during Kentucky Farm Bureau's annual meeting in Louisville. The award honors county Women's Committees for active participation in leadership development programs, agricultural promotion, educational initiatives and numerous other aspects of support to the local Farm Bureau.

Kentucky Farm Bureau, with more than 462,000 member families statewide, is the state's largest general farm organization. Approximately 2,000 members attended KFB's 100th annual meeting in Louisville, December 4-7, to recognize this year's individual and organizational achievements and adopt policy for 2020. To view all the updates released from this year's annual meeting, visit KYFBNewsroom.com.



Carla Parsons (right) of the Rockcastle County Farm Bureau Women's Committee, accepts the 2019 Gold Star Award of Excellence from Vicki Bryant, chair of the Kentucky Farm Bureau state Women's Committee. The award was presented during a December 6 recognition program at the 100th Kentucky Farm Bureau annual meeting.

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Financial Aid Tip of the Month

Students should pay attention to deadlines for financial aid

High school seniors should keep track of deadlines for applying for college financial aid. Here are some tips from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA):

- File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible.
- Check with the financial aid offices of the schools to which you've applied to determine if they require any forms other than the FAFSA.
- Look for scholarships using KHEAA's "Affording Higher Education" and a free online scholarship search. You can find a link to a free search site under the "Paying for College" tab on www.kheaa.com.
- Attend any college fairs and financial aid seminars offered at your high school or in your area. If a company charges a fee for helping with applications, remember that you can do that yourself for free. If

you decide to pay for help, make sure the company is reputable by checking with the state Attorney General's office or the Better Business Bureau in your area, as well as the area where the firm is located.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers Kentucky's student financial aid programs, including the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES).

Its sister agency, the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation (KHESLC), offers low-cost Advantage Loans to help students and parents pay for college or to refinance student loans. For more information about Advantage Loans, visit www.kheaa.com.


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Scenes from Tree Lighting/Noel Night



Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant led the turning on of the lights in Triangle Park last Thursday.



The RCHS Brass Choir, under the direction of Mr. Greg Daugherty, delighted the crowd with Christmas tunes during the Tree Lighting.



Jaelyn Bullock was a featured singer during last Thursday's Tree Lighting Ceremony in Mt. Vernon.



The MVES Pentatones, under the direction of Mrs. Jamie Cornelius, performed for those in attendance during the Tree Lighting last Thursday.



Twinkle, Santa Claus, Patrick and Penelope enjoyed visiting with those in attendance at Noel Night Market in Mt. Vernon last Thursday.



Jordan Eaton, Twila Burdette, Hannah Laswell, Kara Brown, Beth Eaton, Amy and Jamie Cornelius enjoyed walking through the streets of Mt. Vernon singing Christmas carols.



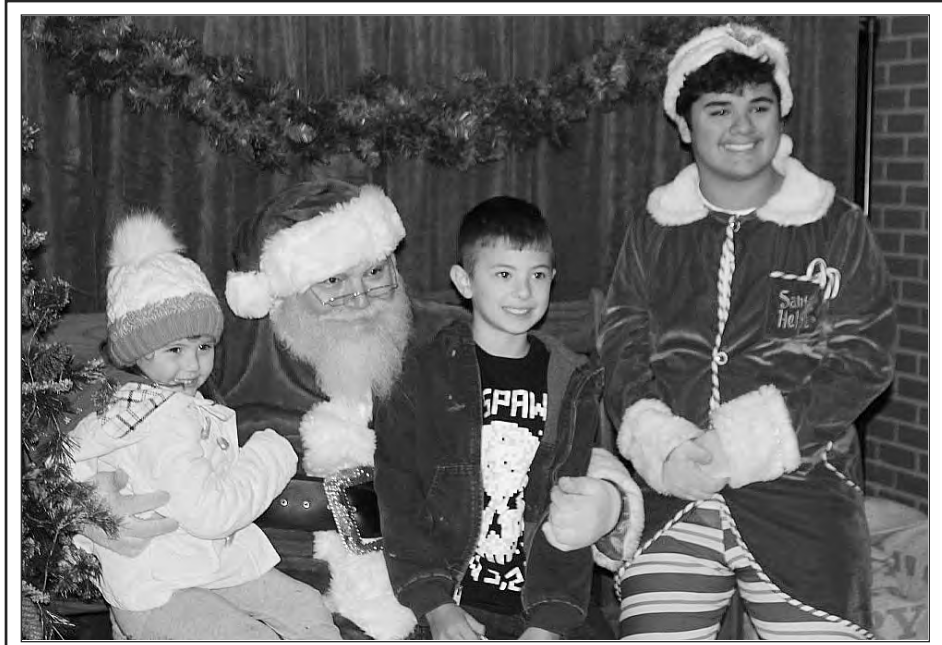
Alia Hensley, Kai Cox, Martha Cox and Emma Hensley help pass out fruit the Kiwanis Club gave to the children in attendance after Thursday's Tree Lighting Ceremony.



A vendor tent was set up in the parking lot beside Citizens Insurance Agency during the Noel Night Market Thursday.



The Rockcastle Arts Association's building was buzzing with vendors and shoppers during Noel Night Market last Thursday.



Those in attendance at Noel Night, young and old alike, enjoyed a visit with Santa Claus and Patrick the Elf. Shown above are Silas and Max Brummett, children of Michael and Jerrica Brummett, visiting with the big guy from the North Pole.

News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Circuit Civil Suits

Kentucky Housing Corp. v. Hubert L. Glover, et al, \$18,051 plus claimed due.
 Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. Paula Barron, \$6,940 plus claimed due.
 Commonwealth of Kentucky Cabinet for Families, Ex Rel Sherri Brolin v. Kenneth D. Brolin, complaint for child support and medical support.
 Credit Acceptance Corp. v. Ryan Rudie, \$9,062 plus claimed due. CI-00247

District Civil Suits

Printed below are recent civil suits filed against delinquent 2017 property taxpayers and the amount owed.
 The suits were all filed on behalf of the Commonwealth of Kentucky By and Relation of William Landrum III, Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet.
 Adams Higgins, \$60.29.
 Crystal Jones, \$36.70.
 Darrin Kelley, \$83.80.
 Melissa Kirby, \$256.47.
 Kenna N. Lawrence, \$688.14.
 Mike Lear, \$297.72.
 Gary Marler, \$83.80.
 Danny Martin, et al, \$177.97.
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Heather McClure, \$805.92.
 Herbert McPherson, \$209.39.
 Charles Miller, \$52.39.
 Rocky Miller, \$256.47.
 Travis Miller, \$75.95.
 Darrell Morgan, \$60.28.
 Brenda Moss, et al, \$177.97.
 James Price, \$146.58.
 Snowie Niceley, \$99.49.
 Lester Ratliff, \$177.97.
 Kenneth Reams, \$115.19.
 Amy Renner, \$256.47.
 James Renner, \$334.96.
 Jeff Richards, \$115.19.
 Rick Robinson, \$491.98.
 Amber Rowe, \$83.80.
 Bennie Sanders, \$491.98.
 Tom D. Sandlin, \$592.44.
 Janet Simpson, \$115.19.
 Dawn Smith, \$177.97.
 Bonita Spoonamore, et al, \$130.90.
 Mary Stallworth, et al, \$99.49.
 Jerusha Stallworth, \$115.19.
 Artie M. Stevens, \$177.97.
 Mary Jo Stewart, et al, \$1,119.90.
 Megan Stewart, et al, \$60.28.
 Krista Stewart, et al, \$648.95.
 Jessica Thomas, et al, \$130.90.
 Autumn Kern, et al, \$99.49.
 Lowell Whitson, et al, \$513.94.

James D. Wilson, \$99.49.
 Frankie Woodall, \$99.49.
 Tommy Woodall, \$83.80.
 Candi Wright, \$272.20.
 Second Round Sub v. Ashley Barnett, complaint. C-00547

District Court

Dec. 2-4, 2019

Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless
 Michael L. Adkins: speeding, careless driving, no/expired registration plates-receipt, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to surrender revoked operators license, failure to produce insurance card, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).
 Mathew R. Fletcher: failure to produce insurance card, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. ins., no operators/moped license, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, license to be in possession, rim or frame obscuring lettering or decal on plate, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, bw issued for fta.
 Zachary B. Goebel: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure of owner to maintain insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, no/expired registration plates-receipt, bw issued for fta.
 Joshua D. Hughes: speeding, license to be in possession, rear license not illuminated, improper equipment (two counts), license plate not legible, bw issued for fta/license suspended.
 John Bishop Kemper: speeding, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, no/expired registration plates - receipt, bw issued for fta.
 Joshua L. Wright: public intoxication, bw issued for fta.
 Speeding: Alexander H. Ayres, Sidney L. Brown, Jo A. Buzzard, Robert I. Hendrickson, Eileen A. McKnight, Crystal L. Miller, Trinity M. Ross, Kelsie L. Thomas, Ronald J. Varda, Jeffery Dwain Wilkerson, Devin Lawrence Miller, Scott Brenton Smith, Connie Lynne Hall, Tayshahn Douglas Kane Stamper, license suspended for fta; Aldo Alberto Barnes, \$30 fine plus costs/fine suspended; Brianna D. Bybee, \$28 fine/suspended on condition.
 Gary M. Berryman: possession of marijuana, bw issued for fta.
 Christopher S. Brock: speeding and operating on suspended/revoked operators license, 5 days in jail for contempt.
 Charles Julian: alcohol intoxication, \$100 fine plus costs; alcohol intoxication, \$50 fine plus costs.
 Ashley Yauger: public intoxication, 15 days in jail/probated 24 months/costs waived.
 Brian Yauger: disorderly conduct, 5 days in jail; criminal trespassing, \$100 fine.
 Mark Baker: failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, \$500 fine plus costs.
 Georgeanna L. Blackburn, possession of

controlled substance, sentencing order entered.
 Ashley D. Bussell: fines/fees due (\$143), bw issued for fta/3 days in jail or payment in full.
 Thomas J. Carpenter: fines/fees due (\$303), bw issued for fta/7 days in jail or payment in full.
 Jarrod Cheatham: Viol Part 392, Fed Safety Reg., Driving of motor vehicle; Pt 396, Fed Safety Regs, Inspect/Repair/Maintenance, bw issued for fta.
 Brianna Clem: fines/fees due (\$573), bw issued for contempt/12 days in jail (to serve).
 Jennifer R. Creech: fines/fees due (\$173), bw issued for contempt/4 days in jail.
 Kevin Damrell, Sr: fines/fees due (\$213), bw issued for contempt/5 days in jail.
 Stephanie R. Doyle: fines/fees due (\$298), bw issued for contempt/6 days on payment in full.
 Ricky Duvall: speeding, license to be in possession, license suspended for fta.
 Dwayne L. Elam: fines/fees due (\$468), contempt, 10 days in jail or payment in full.
 Rasales Macias Francisco: speeding, no operators/moped license, failure to wear seat belts, license to be in possession, bw issued for fta.
 Dustin H. Gilbert: fines/fees due (\$165), contempt, 4 days in jail/bw issued.
 Erin Hayes: failure to wear seat belts, license to be in possession, no/expired Kentucky registra-

tion receipt, failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for fta.
 Terry Lynn Hensley: theft by unlawful taking, sentencing order entered.
 Leah C. Johnson: theft by deception (two counts), bw issued for fta.
 Kyle P. Laclair: speeding and reckless driving, license suspended for fta.
 Delbert Wayne Leger: fines/fees due (\$288), contempt, 6 days in jail, bw issued.
 David Lee Mahaffey: failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, failure to produce insurance card, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, improper display of registration plates, failure to or improper signal, bw issued for fta.
 Jacob Martin: possession controlled substance, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, bw issued for fta.
 Kalah Martin: fines/fees due (\$143), contempt, 3 days in jail/bw issued.
 Megan Elizabeth McCracken: fines/fees due (\$773), 16 days in jail/to serve/concurrent.
 Trevor McGrath: fines/fees due (\$163), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail.
 Alexander D. New: no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine/suspended; no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, \$25 fine/suspended; failure of non owner operator to maintain req. insurance, \$500 fine/costs waived; inadequate signaler, \$50 fine/sus-

pending.
 David R. Pearson: fines/fees due (\$223), 5 days in jail/bw issued.
 Gary R. Ramsey: fines/fees due (\$158), 4 days in jail/bw issued for fta.
 Richard Zane Sewell: speeding and reckless driving, license suspended for fta.
 Seth Thomas Taylor: fines/fees due (\$398), eight days in jail/to serve concurrent.
 Christian Vazquez: speeding, no operators/moped license, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, failure to produce insurance card, failure to wear seat belts, no/expired registration plates-receipt, license to be in possession, failure to notify address change to dept. of trans., bw issued for fta.
 Angelico Palacios Velasco: speeding, \$36 fine plus costs; no operators/moped license, \$100 fine.
 Elizabeth A. Weakley: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, careless driving, bw issued for fta.
 Landon Winchester: fines/fees due (\$950), bw issued for fta/18 days in jail.
 Tammy Winstead: fines/fees due (\$143), bw issued for fta/3 days in jail.
 Brian Yauger: public intoxication, 5 days in jail/costs waived/concurrent; criminal trespassing, \$100 fine/costs waived.



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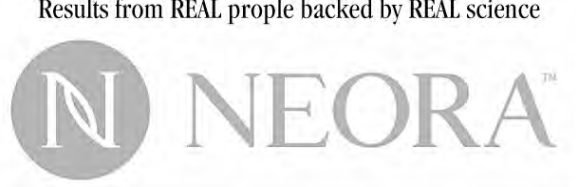
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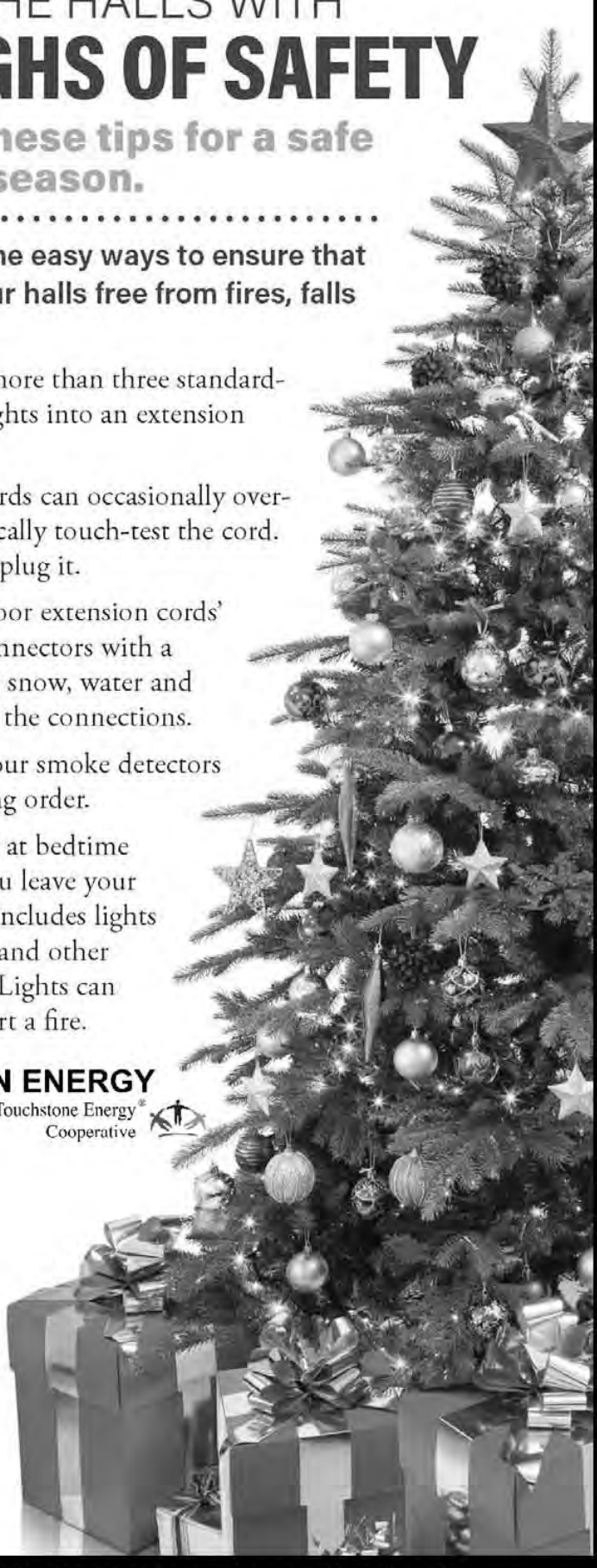


DECK THE HALLS WITH BOUGHS OF SAFETY

Follow these tips for a safe holiday season.

Here are some easy ways to ensure that you deck your halls free from fires, falls and fears:

- Never plug more than three standard-size sets of lights into an extension cord.
- Extension cords can occasionally overheat. Periodically touch-test the cord. If it's hot, unplug it.
- Elevate outdoor extension cords' plugs and connectors with a brick to keep snow, water and debris out of the connections.
- Make sure your smoke detectors are in working order.
- It's lights out at bedtime and when you leave your house. That includes lights on your tree and other decorations. Lights can short and start a fire.



The Dove's Wings Are Broken

Jonah, like a lot of people, decided to leave his post of being one of God's servants. He ran from God. Where can you go and get away from God? There is no place. David said, Proverbs 15:3 The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

The word Jonah means a dove. His flight as a messenger of God, had once been of great benefit to the work of the Lord. The dove is a bird that is a thing of beauty, the way it darts here and there, its speed in which it flies. Jonah was also a thing of beauty at one time, until he decided to flee from God. When he decided to rebel from the Lord began his downfall, and he fell all the way to the bottom of the sea. Psalms 139:7-8 If I ascend up into the heaven, thou art there, If I make my bed in hell, thou art there?

Why did he run? These people were not his own people. These people were hostile to Jonah's people. They were Assyrians and Gentiles, occupying the general vicinity of the area where Desert Storm was fought. Jonah may have run because of fear. He may have feared these wicked people would turn on him with God's message of doom. He may have feared his own people might turn on him and think of him as a traitor.

His wages for running. He expended a lot of time and energy trying to get out of doing God's work, not only that doing what he did, put a lot of people's lives that were innocent in danger. Those men that were on the ship not only were their lives in danger they lost most of their wares, that was on the ship.

Jonah actually wanted the city of Ninevah to be destroyed. Often men rejoice in iniquity. The apostle Paul said charity, rejoiceth not iniquity. Proverbs 24:17 Rejoice not when thy enemy falleth and let not thy heart be glad when he stumbleth. It is easy for man to have hate for an enemy and aggressor and have hope they fall to their death, but this is not the way of a Christian. Pray for them who despitely use you. Bless and curse not.

Had Jonah taken time to really ponder God's message, he would have seen these people were closer to him, than they ever had been because they received God's message.

The dove is a masterful bird in flight but crippled wing like sin, dry docks the masterful bird and stills the flight. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies.

(Nothing sets a person so much out of the devils reach as humility) Thank you for reading this article submitted by the Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ. We would love for you to come and worship with us- Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. or Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. You can contact us at these numbers (Bro Ova Baker 606-878-8104 or Bro Dale McNew 859-582-4021).

Thank You for reading this article, I pray God blesses your household and keeps you safe.

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



Let the Bible Speak

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

Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings

Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Community Outreach Center, every 6 to 8 p.m. Leader: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590/Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099.

Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt.Vernon. Northside Baptist Church, 606-256-5577, Tuesday, 6-8 p.m. **Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride on the church van.

Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies. Northside Baptist, Mt. Vernon at 7 p.m. 606-256-5577. Men and women, small groups.

Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only. Community Outreach Center, Brodhead, every 6 p.m. Leader: Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099.

Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston at Livingston School cafeteria. 6 to 8 p.m. Leader: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828.

Special Service

There will be a special service at the Berea Gospel Tabernacle on Friday, December 13th, beginning at 7 p.m.

Pastor Jimmy Miller will be the special speaker.

Ralph Chasteen and congregation invite everyone.

Christmas Program at First Christian

First Christian Church will hold their Christmas Program on Sunday evening, December 15th at 6 o'clock at the church building on West Main Street in Mt. Vernon.

The program will be a combined choir and youth group celebration of Christmas called "I'll Be Home for Christmas."

All are invited and, if you need more information and/or transportation, please call 606-256-2876.

Live Nativity at CrossPoint Church

Join us for a Live Nativity on Saturday, December 21st from 6 to 8 p.m. at CrossPoint Church, 211 Industrial Park Drive.

Hot cocoa and cider will be served.

Pastor Matt Griggs and congregation invite everyone.

Gospel Singing

Chad's Hope will hold a Gospel Singing on Sunday, December 15th, beginning at 6 p.m. at Crossroads Assembly of God, South Main Street, Brodhead.

Ralph Reynolds, Pastor and congregation welcome all.

First Baptist Christmas programs

Join us this Christmas season at First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon as we celebrate His birth!

Our Christmas Presentation will be Sunday, December 15th at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The Christmas Worship Service will be Sunday, December 22nd at 10:45 a.m.

The Christmas Eve service will be held Tuesday, December 24th, beginning at 5 p.m.

A Special Christmas Message

I'm greeting you from Heaven,
My glorious home above;
Where there's a host of angels
Surrounding us with love.
We knew our parting day was nearing,
"Let us not be afraid;
Lord, give us just the strength to bear it!"
Was what we daily prayed.

Somehow, we got it all together--
The strength we sought was won!

We clasped the outstretched hand of God
And said, "Thy will be done."

Yet, still I'm sure you feel alone
But, Dear, we're not apart;

The best of me I left with you,
It's called a beating heart!
Now when you feel discouraged,

When no one seems to care,
Just place both hands upon the spot
And find me waiting there!

From Ivan McKinney (1921-2012) to my lovely wife, Flossie Christine.

Merry Christmas,
Darling

I Love You!!

Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I Civil Action No. 19-CI-00120

First Southern National Bank Plaintiff

V.

Zachery Gadd, Jamie Howard, Sasha McHone a/k/a Sasha Scalf, Shawn McHone, unknown heirs of Kenneth L. Gadd, unknown spouse, if any, of Kenneth L. Gadd, unknown spouse, if any, of Kimberly S. Howard f/k/a Kimberly S. Gadd, unknown heirs, if any, of Kimberly S. Howard f/k/a Kimberly S. Gadd, unknown tenants/occupants, if any, Rockcastle County, Kentucky, Convergence Receivables L.C., Capital One Bank (USA), NA, Asset Acceptance, LLC, Commonwealth of Kentucky, Division of Unemployment Insurance Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on November 8, 2019 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants Zachery Gadd, Jamie Howard, Sasha McHone a/k/a Sasha Scalf; Shawn McHone, unknown heirs of Kenneth L. Gadd, Unknown Spouse, if any, of Kenneth L. Gadd, Unknown spouse, if any, of Kimberly S. Howard f/k/a Kimberly S. Gadd, Unknown heirs, if any, of Kimberly S. Howard f/k/a Kimberly S. Gadd, Unknown Tenants/occupants, if any, Rockcastle County Kentucky, Convergence Receivables L.C., Capital One Bank (USA), NA, Asset Acceptance, LLC, Commonwealth of Kentucky, Division of Unemployment Insurance, in the amount of THIRTY SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY THREE DOLLARS AND 30/100 (\$36,433.30) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, December 13, 2019
Beginning at the Hour of 11:00 a.m.

Said property being more particularly described as follows:

TRACT NO 1 – Beginning at the center of the Old Loop Ford Road at the Dan Cameron corner; thence southeasterly 72 feet with the Dan Cameron line to a white oak; thence northerly 60 feet to an iron stake; thence westerly 72 feet with lien of Robert L. Baker to the center of Old Loop Ford Road; thence southwesterly with the center of said road 60 feet to the beginning.

TRACT NO 2 – Beginning at a point in the center of Old Loop Ford Road, a corner of Dale McGuire; thence easterly with McGuire's lien 72 feet to an iron stake, McGuire's corner; thence southerly with McGuire's line 60 feet to a white oak in Dan Cameron's line; thence northerly 70 feet to a set stone, thence westerly 82 feet to the center of the Old Loop Ford Road; thence southwesterly 10 feet to the point of beginning.

TRACT NO 3 – Beginning at the center of the Old Loop Ford Road, corner of William Durham; thence southerly 82 feet to a stake, corner of William Durham in line of Robert Baker; thence easterly with Robert Baker 18 feet; thence northerly 82 feet to center of Old Loop Ford Road; thence westerly 18 feet to the point of beginning.

TRACT NO 4 – Beginning at a stake in the east right of way of Highway #1004; thence S 20 1/2 E 43 1/2 feet to a stake in old road; thence S 88 W 152 feet to a stake in the east right of way of Highway #1004; thence N 74 E 144 feet to the beginning.

1004 Big Cave Road, Orlando, KY 40460-9015

Map ID #060W-00-003

Being the same property conveyed to Kenneth Gadd and his wife, Kimberly Gadd, by Deed dated the 12th day of April, 2013, and recorded in Deed Book 243, Page 305-307, Rockcastle County Clerk's Office. Kenneth Gadd died on October 7, 2016 and the property passed by survivorship to Kimberly S. Howard a/k/a Kimberly Gadd. Kimberly Gadd died on August 8, 2017. No probate case was opened for Kimberly S. Howard f/k/a Kimberly Gadd. Pursuant to Kentucky intestacy laws, legal title to the real property passed to the decedents heirs, Zachery Gadd; Jamie Howard; Sasha McHone a/k/a Sasha Scalf; Shawn McHone; and the Unknown Heirs, if any, of Kimberly S. Howard a/k/a Kimberly Gadd.

The property shall be sold upon the following terms & conditions:

1. The real property shall be sold together as a whole.

2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.

3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.

4. The purchaser shall pay the 2019 local, county and state property taxes.

5. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.

6. Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.

7. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.

8. In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.

9. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".

John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court

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A CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

Please join us at **BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH** as we celebrate the gift of God's salvation.

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100 Higher Ground Lane in Mount Vernon

Join us this Christmas season at
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Mt. Vernon**
as we celebrate His birth!

Christmas Presentation
December 15th at 10:45am & 6:00pm

Christmas Worship Service
December 22nd at 10:45am

Christmas Eve Service
December 24th at 5:00pm

Classifieds

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- Local Rates - \$4 for 25 words or less - .10 each additional word
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Deadline for Classifieds is 10 a.m. TUESDAY

For Rent

Brand new house at 501 Tyree St., Brodhead. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. Laminate floors throughout. Central AC and heat pump. Dishwasher/microwave furnished. **No pets. No exceptions.** Background checks and references required. Single family residence. \$650 month and \$650 deposit. Cecil/Judy King 606-510-3759/606-510-3719/606-758-9683. 43xnf

2 Bedroom Trailer in Mt. Vernon. No pets. \$400 month plus deposit. For more information, call 859-358-3560. 39xntf

House and Trailer in Brodhead. No pets. 758-4729. 33xntf

Chism Drive Thru Storage. 9 1/2 x 14 indoor units. \$50. 24 hr. access and security cameras. 859-559-9903. 3xntf

Trailers and house in Brodhead. No pets. 758-8922. ntf

Mt. Vernon Housing Authority open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Applications accepted Monday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rent based on income. 256-4185.

Accepting Applications For 2 and 3 bedroom units at Valley View Apartments. Rent based on income. Call 256-5912. TDD for hearing impaired only. 1-800-247-2510.

For Rent
Maple Street Storage of Brodhead
606-308-2491

Mobile Homes For Sale/Lease

Lease/Purchase: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 14x70 mobile home. \$34,500. \$3,450 down with first payment of \$450 monthly. Call Jack at 606-308-5459 or 606-256-8603. 37xntf

Miscellaneous For Sale

Triple S Firewood: Heat voucher approved. All hardwood. Delivered. 606-308-1858 or 254-289-2913. 42x8

Cemetery Plot in Cresthaven Cemetery. Asking \$500. Call Larry at 513-659-4547 or 513-607-0116. 29xntf

Cresthaven Cemetery Plots. Contact Billy Dowell, 606-308-1058. 39xntf

Firewood For Sale: \$55 a load. Call 606-308-9423. 35xntf

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Frankfort Update

*By R. Travis Brenda
State Representative
Reduction in Drug
Overdoses, Local Issues
Highlight Final Interim
Committee Week*

This year's Interim Joint Committee meetings have come to an end, giving us a peek at the topics we will likely consider during the 2020 Regular Session. With the session just weeks away, committees spent time delving into issues like the opioid crisis, infrastructure, and changes coming to Kentuckians' driver's licenses.

One of the major good pieces of news from the week was the Health and Family Services Committee, where it was reported that drug overdose deaths in Kentucky had decreased by 15 percent from 2017 to 2018. Meanwhile, drug overdose deaths nationwide only declined by 5 percent, showing that the Commonwealth is ahead of the curve when it comes to identifying and implementing solutions to fight this epidemic. Policies enacted by the General Assembly, including expanding treatment access and reducing the prescribing of addictive opioids, played a large role in reducing overdose deaths, according to testimony presented to the committee.

While this is fantastic news for the war on opioids, it is by no means the end of this battle. Too many families still face the trauma and devastation from losing a loved one to the drug epidemic, and continuing action is needed. We need to continue further expanding access to drug treatment,

cracking down on drug traffickers and taking other actions that are essential to battling this scourge.

The Local Government Committee likewise met and heard testimony from the Kentucky Association of Counties (KACO) and the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC). These groups consist of local officials who are dealing with many of the same challenges state government is confronting – including infrastructure and the drug epidemic.

Mayors, county judge-executives, and other local officials expressed their wishes to see state action on improving Kentucky's infrastructure. While any solution should be comprehensive and include reforms to how we fund our roads and bridges, most people agree that more transportation revenue is needed. This reality exists for a variety of reasons, including the impending loss of federal road money as well as the rise of fuel-efficient vehicles that reduce the need for gas consumption. Presenters noted that they would like to see a modernizing of our funding model that would direct more revenue for roads and bridges to local governments.

Before the Transportation Committee, state officials also announced their plans to comply with a federal mandate requiring the issuance of new driver's licenses by October 1, 2020. Known as Real ID licenses, these new special driver's licenses are a more secure form of identification passed by the federal government in the wake of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Recently, the state has begun issuing these licenses in Franklin and Woodford

counties, and soon plans to expand their availability to state operated centers in 12 regional offices across Kentucky.

The state's vehicle registration commissioner also testified that they would eventually like to see 28 fully-operating regional offices. It is important to note that it will be completely optional for Kentuckians to get Real ID license. However, not having one could come with added inconveniences. This includes being required to show a passport when flying even within the United States, or when visiting military bases or federal buildings such as the White House or federal courthouses. Once these regional centers get up and going, please reach out to me with your feedback as to how the process of receiving new licenses, if you wish to get one, is going.

Information regarding committee meetings and potential legislation is available through the Kentucky Legislature Home Page at www.lrc.ky.gov. As always, I can be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181, or via e-mail at travis.brenda@lrc.ky.gov. You can also follow me on Facebook or Twitter @RTravisBrenda.



Mrs. Lyndsey Reams' class at MVES is excited for their November \$1 Scholastic Book. Thank you again to all class sponsors to make this possible for each student to receive a book every month.

Mt. Vernon Message

School News
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search Mount Vernon Elementary, Mount Vernon, Kentucky. Yearbooks are \$24 plus \$1 handling. These will be shipped to

MVES and we will send home with your child.

Girl Scouts meet every Thursday. No meeting this week due to PTG dance.

Minds in the Middle

There will be a Snowball Dance on Friday from 6-8. Tickets are on sale in the mornings for \$3 a ticket or a Pre-Sale special of \$5 which includes entrance to the dance, a slice of pizza, and a drink. Dress is not formal attire.

The 6th grade Enterprisers team took the top three spots in the homeroom attendance race last week. Mr. Bottoms's homeroom took first place, Mrs. Tolle's homeroom came in second and Mrs. Renner's homeroom came in third.

Thank you to our kid kids of the week: Emily Stokley, Leigha Crutcher, Ashley Nicholson, Annalee Snyder, Chloe Miracle and Serenity Stone.

There will be hot chocolate and cookies on sale at break on Thursday and Friday. This is an 8th grade fundraiser for the 8th grade trip.

Tuesday evening at 6:30 will be our Band & Choir Christmas concert. A repeat performance will be on Wednesday morning at 10:00.

School will not be in session on December 20 through January 6.

There will be a MVES PTG Meeting on Thursday, December 12 at 5:15.

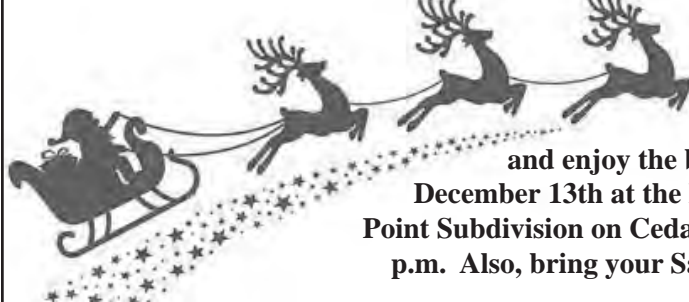
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Friday, December 13 MVES Pentatones Winter Concert at 1:30.

Kindergarten Holiday Program will be Tuesday, December 17 at 6p.m.

Last day of school before Christmas Break is Thursday, December 19. Enjoy time with family and friends.

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Dennis Wilder, with First Baptist Church, was one of many who spoke to those in attendance at the annual Give Hope last Saturday at the middle school. The ministry of compassion is sponsored by the Rockcastle Baptist Association and the Community Mission Team and provides children with backpacks, blankets and toys for Christmas.

Inmate is beaten while strapped to chair inside jail — Former deputy accused

By: Mike French Editor

According to a federal indictment, a former Rockcastle County Deputy Jailer is accused of having a local inmate secured to a restraint chair, and then ordering another inmate to assault him while he was restrained. The indictment says former Deputy Derek Steven Clark is charged with conspiracy, aiding and abetting, deprivation of civil rights, obstruction

of justice and making false statements, after he (See "Beaten" on A10)

No paper next week

The Mount Vernon Signal will not publish a newspaper the week of December 26 in observance of the Christmas holiday. Today, Thursday (December 19) will be the final issue of 2019.

Mount Vernon Council

The Mount Vernon City Council regular monthly meeting will be held tonight, December 19 at 6 p.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Years ago in history

According to officials, it was about this time next week a child was born in Bethlehem over 2,000 years ago. Merry Christmas from the Mount Vernon Signal.

St. Claire History Garden underway

Chamber office coming

By: Mike French Editor

The City of Mount Vernon, Rockcastle Development Board, DAR, Chamber of Commerce, Friends of Boone Trace and more have joined hands to create the new St. Claire History Garden.

The new city park on the old St. Claire property is about to be something everyone can be proud of, according to Lynn Tatum, Director of the Rockcastle County Development Board and Manager of Vitalize Mount Vernon. The property is seen by nearly everyone who travels through Mount Vernon and had become run down and, according to Tatum, the city had been trying to purchase the property. The St. Clair family

then sold the property to the City of Mount Vernon for a mere \$20,000, about a quarter of the asking price, and Tatum immediately started putting to-

gether ideas for the use of the property. "The city didn't have an immediate need at the time so we began thinking of the best way to use the property,"

she said. "We needed an area to be proud of and to represent our community."

After many meetings and discussions, all those involved decided upon the St. Claire History Garden which will serve as a tourist stop and destination for anyone traveling through the area.

According to Tatum

the area will now fill several needs the city has had for quite some time. One of those needs is a new Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce office. "Most cities have a chamber office but we didn't have one," said Tatum. "Once the building is finished it will house a Vi-

(See "Garden" on A10)

Shop with a Lion is rewarding for more than kids

By: Mike French Editor

"This is a wonderful chance to make a positive difference in people's lives and that's the whole reason so many people work so hard to make this happen," said Rockcastle County Sheriff Shannon Franklin about the "Shop with a Lion" Program. "Smiles were everywhere we looked."

Last Saturday, the Shop with a Lion event took 18 young people from Rockcastle County to the Mount Vernon Pizza Hut and then to Wal Mart in Berea on a Christmas shopping spree.

The youngsters get to travel with a police officer and pick out their own Christmas gift and each year many law enforcement officials say it is their favorite part of their job.

"Our deputies, Mount Vernon Police officers, Our sheriff's department personnel and their families joined hands with the Lions Club and the entire community and had a

wonderful day," said Franklin.

As always, officials say some of those selected for the event may not have had a Christmas celebration at home and this program not only reinforces the relationship between law enforcement and the community, but it

(See "Lion" on A10)

Drive sober or get pulled over campaign underway here also

By: Mike French Editor

Rockcastle County Sheriff Shannon Franklin and his deputies are taking part in the national campaign against drunk

drivers.

"Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" is a national campaign established to lower the number of deaths per year due to

(See "Drive" on A10)

Sheriff's Report

The Rockcastle County Sheriff's office has released their monthly action report. According to Sheriff Shannon Franklin, his office received 400 total calls in November.

Of those calls, 18 were resident alarms and seven were commercial alarms.

There were 28 total arrests in November, five of which were traffic arrests and seven were criminal felony arrests.

There were also 10 criminal misdemeanor arrests.

KBC needs blood for winter

A blood drive will be held Tuesday, January 7 from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium of the First Baptist Church at 340 West Main Street in Mount Vernon.

Donors will receive a KBC hoodie to help keep warm this winter.

Officials with KBC say donations decrease each year at this time but the need for blood usually increases.

All who are willing are urged to give.



Four people were injured and taken to the Berea Hospital after a two vehicle crash near the Rockcastle County/Jackson County line Sunday. (Photo courtesy of Dougie Jones of the Lily Fire Department.)

Four injured in two car crash at the county line

On Sunday, December 15, the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Dept. was called to investigate an injury accident that occurred on Hwy 421 (Big Hill) on the Rockcastle/Jackson line.

Upon officer's arrival it was determined that a Green 1996 Ford Explorer, driven by Patsy L Stone of McKee, had been traveling North on US 421 and had pulled off on the North shoulder of the road.

The Explorer then attempted to make a u-turn from the shoulder and turned into the path of a northbound 2015 Chevrolet Equinox driven by Caitlin M. Schoen of Tyner.

This impact caused the Equinox to roll completely over and end up back in the upright position.

The driver of the Explorer had to be extracted from

(See "Crash" on A10)

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

Another Christmas season has rolled around, faster than you can say "Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year."

It's also a bittersweet time. The grief over the loss of loved ones seems to be more pronounced during the holiday season, particularly with the memories of past Christmases coming to the forefront.

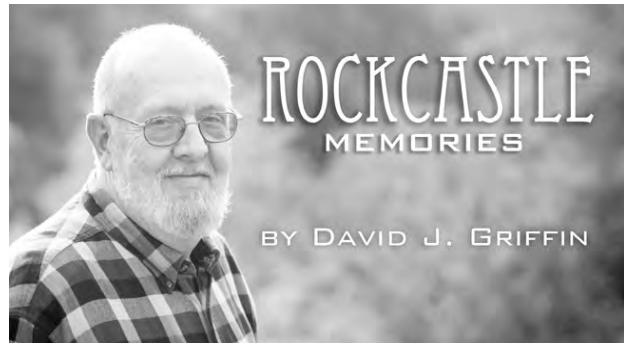
But, the continued growth of our family, granddaughter Megan just announced that she will produce my fifth great this summer, is always something to be so thankful for and to celebrate.

It was a busy happy weekend last week when granddaughter Alaina and Brad Taylor tied the knot. The whole family gathered for the occasion and a good time was had by all. Thankfully, I am at an

age when my only duty to these occasions is to show up when and where I'm told to and usually someone is delegated to make sure that happens.

I don't know the political affiliation of all of my extended family -- I know what I hope it is -- but mainly I hope they realize how important family is, right behind God. I have noticed that politicians tend to put the order as God, country, family but I feel that a strong

(Continued on A3)



Memorable Italian Fare

One of my favorite hangouts as a teenager was a spot called Little Mama's, which served

Aces Over

By: Mike French



Excitement filled the air. The room, covered in old wallpaper, was cold enough to freeze water in the cup beside the bed. But the boy was toasty warm under his mother's handmade quilts.

Cracks in the wooden walls allowed tiny points of air to whistle through so the boy's toes had to stay under the quilts all night.

But on this morning, in his long underwear, he leaped from the bed and

ran to the living room and got next to the wood burning stove. Crumpled into a ball with his arms folded to preserve heat, he sat next to the old stove as his brothers and sisters made their way into the same room. Each one by one, they huddled next to the stove which was next to the Christmas Tree.

Finally, all were present as the old stand-up radio played holiday songs and the old man

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Points East

By Ike Adams



One of the biggest problems with writing a weekly newspaper column, for nearly forty years in a row now, is that I sometimes write, again, about the same old memories from long ago. The problem is that I have numerous readers who have been reading this column for as long as I've been writing it.

I'd rather not get into specific instances, but a few astute readers have

told me, over the years, that I'd just told the same story, in a current column, that I'd used several years ago, in a previous article. Then they told me that my facts had changed from one story to the next.

I simply tell these readers that my memory is a lot like good whiskey. The older it gets, the better it's supposed to be. Of course, it has been so

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something listed on the menu as "pizza pie." Little did I know that this new dish would become one of my preferred adult meals.

Bertha Fish was the owner's name, but everyone called her Frau. Understand that this was my first time to taste what was purportedly real Italian food. The only pies that I had ever encountered were for dessert. This new item was filled with meat, tomato sauce, spices, and cheese covering a thin pie crust. It was something very unusual for teenagers from Rockcastle County. We were hooked! From that point on, droves of us piled into our cars and spent our weekend nights with "Little Mama" in nearby Berea.

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



The Vanishing Landline

Dear Journal,
The old landlines of yesterday had a very distinctive ring. Too bad the newer generations will never hear it. I remember when I was a kid, you would have to listen to see if anyone else was on the line before you started to dial. It was known as a party line. Some lines had up to four or five houses on it. It was just force of habit to listen. People got mad if you dialed over them. I occasionally listen before dialing even now. A phone in the house was considered a luxury for many. A small community may not have had over three or four phones. It was common to leave a number where you could be reached and if your neighbor felt like it, they would bring a message to you. Between eavesdropping and messengers, the community knew your business as

much as you did. Back then, most people didn't have much to hide so they didn't care. Our family had a phone and you had to be a certain age to answer it. Sometimes I'd sneak and call the operator just for company.

I'll bet the younger generation doesn't know what an operator is...or directory assistance, for that matter. You had to know when the long distance rates changed and ask for a three minute call if you wanted one. You learned to put a lot of words into three minutes. Then, there was the person-to-person call, but that is another story. In other words, you had to know the "ropes".

By the time I was in my twenties or thirties, they came out with all of the "star" stuff. You could block certain numbers, have call forwarding and about a dozen more by pushing "star" and two numbers. I wonder if they

still have that feature on landlines. That was the smartphone of the day. When I would go out for a bit and come back home, it would ask, "Who are you and what do you want?"

A few years ago Stanley bought me one of those new phones with all of the features. After hearing the sales pitch and all of the things it could do, I got the salesman's goat. I asked him if you could make and receive a call on it. People are always calling me on it. Unless I'm away from the house, it probably isn't even turned on. I should have recorded, "I have a wonderful operational landline at home and if you would call it, I'm at home and will speak to you".

Stanley showed me an article telling that most homes don't have a landline anymore. You know that you will eventually need one. When you lose your cell phone, you'll have to call the cell to find it. Where we live the signal is poor at best. In order to make a call without being dropped, you have to go outside, climb way up in a tree, stand on your head and hold your mouth just right. That is only on a Tuesday afternoon after two.

"Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

The food at Little Mama's was simply outstanding. We were not accustomed to real Italian food, and we could not get our fill. The place became so popular that on Saturday nights you had better arrive either very early or very late. Teenagers kept the road hot between Mt. Vernon and Berea.

On nights when we were financially strapped, we ordered her awesome bread sticks with that fabulous garlic butter. All of this was completely novel to us at the time. Because we had discovered the place, we considered it ours. We had found a spot that was fresh and contemporary. What else could we need: pizza pie, cokes, music, and "Little Mama" to watch over us?

Recently, my wife and I moved to Mt. Sterling and have rediscovered a restaurant that we once frequented. It, too, is an authentic Italian dining establishment. The name of the place is Melini Cucina.

The description of the business listed on-line is as follows: "Melini Cucina Italian Restaurant is a family owned restaurant that has been serving for over ten years. The Italian restaurant started out in Grayson, KY and branched out into three other locations: Morehead, KY; Mount Sterling, KY; and Ironton, OH. We provide our guests with an authentic Italian dining experience. We serve everything from Pasta, Pizza, Calzones, to Soup and Salads."

Not only does the establishment provide awesome Italian fare, the ambiance is warm and cozy. My wife and I both love one of their special dishes called Gamberi Scampi. The menu describes the meal as: "Shrimp with fresh garlic in a traditional scampi sauce of lemon, butter, and white wine." Because it is real Italian, you have the choice of several types of pasta. We emphatically prefer the "Angel Hair" pasta for this particular dish. It is served with the most wonderful Italian bread sticks and Mariana sauce, a great salad, and homemade dressings.

As a couple, we have already made this our choice of restaurant for a date. In other words, we will be frequenting this establishment for what we consider to be special occasions—even if they are only special to us. We are always more than satisfied when we leave, and we have never had a disappointing meal at Melini Cucina.

In spite of the fact that my wife is not exactly a fan of Italian cuisine, I will never have any difficulty getting her to Melini Cucina—and I will be taking full advantage of the many tasty dishes that they offer. That, of course, will include one of those "pizza pies" that I learned to love so long ago.

Please Note: My address has changed and is 30 Johnson Avenue - Mt. Sterling, KY 40353. You can still reach me at themtnman@att.net also. I appreciate your comments and suggestions.

"Points East"

(Cont. from A2)

long since I've tasted any whiskey that I wouldn't swear to that. Not that I have anything against whiskey other than I'm not supposed to drink it with most of the medicines I have to take two or three times every day.

Anyway, if you are among the readers who remember a previously told "Letters to Santa" story in this space, please don't get upset if my memory has improved in the one I'm about to tell.

When I was growing up, at Blair Branch Grade school in Letcher County, during the 1950s, one of the favorite Christmas Season activities, for us kids, was rushing home, after school let out, and turning on the radio to see if our letters to Santa were going to be read "on the air".

Of the thirty-something households with school-age kids on Blair Branch, in those days, the number with televisions could have been counted on the fingers of one hand and two or three digits would have been left over. Our only form of electronic entertainment was the family radio and it had limited capabilities. During daylight hours we were limited to fewer than half a dozen stations we could actually hear and, on Blair Branch, the only reliable, day-time station was WTCW, the 500 watts broadcaster in Whitesburg.

Every afternoon, between 4:00 and 5:00 pm,

starting the week after Thanksgiving until Christmas Eve, announcers would read "Letters to Santa". Anyone who mailed a letter, addressed to the station, in care of Santa Claus at The North Pole, had a chance of getting their Christmas wishes read to anyone everyone tuned in to the station.

A postage stamp only cost three cents, throughout my first three years of school, but the population of Letcher County, at that point in time, was over 35,000. The population of Santa soliciting grade school kids was far too large for all the letters to get read on the air, but we were assured that they would all get to The North Pole, regardless of any potential radio notoriety.

A, now deceased, WTCW radio personality once told me the station received over 1,000 Santa letters every year but they only got to read about one fourth of them.

Some of us letter senders quickly discovered that if we promised to leave the jolly old elf a bottle of RC and a big Moon Pie, under the tree, our chances for getting our letters read on the air. Royal Crown Cola Bottling Company and Kerns Bread, the Moon Pie distributor, sponsored the one-hour program. Plugging both companies, in our letters, was simply good for business.

RC also bottled Upper Ten, Nehi and Diet Rite Colas. It was not unusual for letter writers to leave all four brands under the tree. I recall mentioning that I'd heard Mrs. Claus was trying to lose weight and was leaving a 16 ounce bottle of Diet Rite for Santa to take home for her.

That letter got read, but, to this day, I still don't understand why anybody ever tried to drink more than one serving of Diet Rite Cola.

Finally, if this column differs much from previous ones, about letters to Santa, I promise you that I have not been sampling from the whiskey jug. My memory is simply evolving.

ramblings...

(Cont. from A2)

family unit is essential to a strong country.

Anyway, if I continue in this vein much longer I will get terribly maudlin and depressed and I'm getting enough of those sensations simply by the sound bites from the Democrats determination

to rend this country asunder with their foolish persecution of our President masked in their "No one is above the law" rhetoric. Of course, they never add except for Hillary Clinton, Joe Biden, Jim Comey, etc.

I was watching a news report last night of a homeless man going into a grocery store in San Francisco, getting a roll of toilet paper and defecating in a food aisle, "in front of God and everybody" as my mother used to say when she was particularly outraged by someone's conduct.

It seems that House Leader Nancy Pelosi, in whose San Francisco district this occurred, might better spend her time in trying to guarantee a reasonable quality of life to her constituents in that area than in trying, ever since he went into office, to bring down a sitting President.

You would think that recent polls which have shown that President Trump has been gaining in popularity since these impeachment proceedings started would have some effect on their actions but evidently they are too blinded by their anger at Trump's insistence on bringing the corruption of our political system to light.

I, personally, would love to see the list of congressmen who used taxpayer money to pay off sexual harassment complaints released. If there are Republicans on it, which there probably are since I don't see any of them demanding the release of the names, then so be it. This is an outrage and should be one of the first "perks" for congress exposed and done away with.

I have gotten a long way away from what I intended to do originally which was to thank our readers for their loyalty through the years and to promise that we will continue to provide the news of our county -- and my unsolicited opinion on many subjects. And, for those of you who usually don't agree with my opinion, there's even a silver lining there -- I turned 78 in November and you probably won't be subjected to them much longer (how's that for a guilt trip?).

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Mon., Dec. 23rd: Spiro, Level Green, Willailla, Ottawa, Bee Lick, Hwy. 3245 and Bryant Ridge. No service the remainder of the week.
Extension Service Holiday Hours
The Rockcastle County Extension Service will be closed December 23rd through January 1st and will reopen January 2nd, 2020.
Holiday Schedule for Circuit Clerk's Office
Circuit Court Clerk Eliza York-Hansel has released the following Holiday schedule for her office. Closed December 24th and 25th. Closed December 31st and January 1st. No permit or driver testing, due to training, on January 2nd, 2020.
Celebrate Sobriety Service
CrossPoint Church of God will host a monthly Celebrate Sobriety Service on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. We are located at 211 Industrial Park Road (across from the high school) in Mt. Vernon, KY. Call 859-582-2553 with any questions.
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
Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Community Outreach Center, 6 to 8 p.m. Leaders: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590/Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099.
Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside Baptist Church, 606-256-5577 Tuesday, 6 to 8 p.m..
***Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.
Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies. Men Only. Northside Baptist, 606-256-5577, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Men Only. Small group.
Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only. Community Outreach Center, Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Leader: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099. **AA Meeting,** 8 to 9 p.m. Men and Women, everyone welcome!
Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe, Leader: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828. Friday, 6 to 8 p.m.
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.
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

Glenna Margaret Coffey

Glenna Margaret Coffey, 90, of Mt. Vernon, passed away on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at Hospice of Cumberland Nursing & Rehab in Somerset. 2 *Corinthians* 5:8 "We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord" became joyous reality for Margaret.

Margaret was born to Joe William and Louanna Stokes Cromer and graduated from Mt. Vernon High School. She was a lifelong servant of the Lord and a member of Cornerstone Church of Mt. Vernon where she was the secretary for many years. Margaret enjoyed church, her family, sewing, crocheting and quilting. She was a homemaker and a retired employee of Hiatt's 5 & 10 in Mt. Vernon.

On June 10, 1950, she married Henry Josh Coffey. They were married for 64 years and from that union came two children.

Survivors include: a daughter Janice I. (Roger) VanZant of Mt. Vernon; a son, Dr. Henry Dale (Phyllis) Coffey of Burnside; two grandchildren, Morgan Blair (Dustin) Poynter of Burnside and Austin Madison (Erin) Coffey; two great granddaughters, Amelia Rose and Sophia Marie of Ward, Colorado; one brother, Gary Ray (Janie) Cromer of Mt. Vernon and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Josh Coffey; one sister, Christine Coffey and three brothers, Robert, Jack and infant brother Billy Cromer.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 13 at Dowell and Martin Funeral Home with Addison Atkin and Tom Atkin officiating. Burial followed in Elmwood Cemetery in Mt. Vernon.

Pallbearers were: Austin Coffey, Jessie Ray Coffey, Todd Cromer, Jackson Cromer, Bryson Atkin and Dustin Poynter.

Joel Deatherage

Joel Deatherage, 37, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, December 9, 2019 at his home. He was born December 25, 1981 in Somerset, the son of Joe and Phyllis Bishop Deatherage of Mt. Vernon. He was a bridge builder, enjoyed hunting, fishing, woodworking, and was a member of the First Baptist Church. He loved football and was #56 for the Rockets.

Survivors besides his parents are: his wife, Bethany Clark Deatherage; two sons, Aaron Thomas Deatherage, and Hayden Deatherage; two daughters, Ava and Anabealla Deatherage; and one brother, Lee Deatherage, and (Ashley), all of Mt. Vernon.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday December 14, 2019 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Chad Burdette and Bro. Zandell Hasty officiating. Burial was in Hansel Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Jeremy Adams, Jake Childress, Matt McClure, Matt Renner, Mickey Lee McClure and Wesley Fain.

Honorary pallbearers were: David Lynn King, Coman Deatherage, Jonas Adams, Barry McClure, Kyle Hayes, Matthew Hayes, Tommy Bussell, Doug Phillips, Chayse McClure, Brandon Chase and Faith Burdette.

View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at www.coxfuneralhomeky.com.

John Henry Jones

John Henry Jones, 89, of Orlando, died Saturday, December 14, 2019 at his home. He was born in Clay County on January 11, 1930, the son of Gilbert and Edna Griffint Jones. He was a retired carpenter for Sadler & Wiseman Homes.

He is survived by: two daughters, Carol Watterman of Lexington, and Teresa Hobbs of Danville; and two brothers, Tommy Jones and Bobby Jones, both of Indiana. Four grandchildren and six great grandchildren also survive. He was preceded in death by: his wife, Marie Jones; a daughter, Phyllis Salyer; a son, Ricky Jones; three brothers; and four sisters.

Per family request, there were no funeral services. Interment was in Bluegrass Memorial Gardens.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook page to view Mr. Jones' online obituary.

VFW Christmas awards and special dinner

All military personnel (prior service or currently serving), all first responders and family members are invited to a Christmas dinner at VFW Memorial Post 5908 on Saturday, December 21 from 3 to 5 p.m. The event will be held at the post's facility at 32 Mt. Zion Road, Mt. Vernon.

Those businesses and individuals in Rockcastle County, who have made it possible for the VFW to be here and give back to our community, will also be honored during the event.

If anyone would like to bring a favorite dish, that will be fine but is definitely not required.



Rita Jone Harris Cash

Rita Jone Harris Cash, 84, of Brodhead, died Friday, December 13, 2019 at the Hospice Care Plus Compassionate Care Center of Richmond. She was born October 2, 1935 in Spiro, a daughter of the late John E. Harris and Edith Jones Harris. She was a member of the Providence Church of Christ, was a loving and devoted mother and grandmother, who found great enjoyment in her family. She will be most remembered from her 30+ years serving her many customers who visited Brodhead

Hardware. She also served as her daughter's Girl Scout Troop Leader and she loved her church family.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her daughters, Allison Elaine Cash (Roger) Reynolds of Brodhead, Lorrie Anne Cash (Steve) Parker of Lexington; grandchildren, Jason Dale (Ashley) Reynolds of Mt. Vernon, and Loren Elaine Reynolds (Matt) Maples of Brodhead; one great grandchild, Trinity Grace Reynolds; three sisters, Katherine Bradley of Brodhead, Jennie (Jackie) Payne of Mt. Vernon and Judy Carter of Lexington; one sister-in-law, Mabel Cash of Brodhead; and a host of nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, David Franklin Cash; and three brothers in-law, Jackie Cash, Frank Bradley and Floyd Carter, Jr.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals Chapel with Robbie Cable and Danny McKibben officiating. Burial was in Providence Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Jason Reynolds, Matt Maples, Dennis Harris, Shannon Cash, John Payne and Kevin Fletcher.

Honorary casketbearers were: Dean Jones, Larry Harris, Paul Cash and Gene Roach.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Care Plus Compassionate Care Center of Richmond, KY.

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

Tommie Horace Thompson

Tommie Horace Thompson, 74, of Tyner, died Sunday, December 15, 2019 at Veterans Hospice Facility in Lexington. He was born in West Palm Beach, FL on September 21, 1945, the son of Tommie Watson and Lillie Mae Hutchison Thompson.

He served in the US Army for over 22 years with two tours in Vietnam. He enjoyed horse-back riding along with raising cattle and German Shepherds. His volunteer service to the Kent County Youth Fair in Lowell, MI was a great joy to him. He will always be remembered for being straightforward with his opinion, his direct view of politics, storytelling, and his great sense of humor. Tommie will be greatly missed by family and friends.

He is survived by: his wife of 40 years, Doris "Cricket"; two daughters, Cheryl (Ted) Goins of Salisbury, NC, and Stacey (Cail) Towns of Ft. Bragg, NC; two sons, Mark (Teresa) Thompson of Hamlet, NC, and Bobby John Thompson of Breckenridge, CO; and two sisters, Carolyn (Johnny) Felmeay and Patricia Russom. Six grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews, also survive. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, December 20, 2019 at 11 a.m. at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. David Wilson, Travis Gilbert, and Jeremy Ellis. Burial will follow in Camp Nelson National Cemetery in Nicholasville.

Friends may call at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home after 10 a.m. Friday.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook page to view online obituary.

Doyle Eldon Allen

Doyle Eldon Allen, 55, of Riverside, Ohio, passed away Monday, December 9, 2019. He was born April 17, 1964 in Dayton, Ohio to Jesse and Freeda Allen.

Doyle loved his family and his dog, Windsor. He was loving, caring and would literally give the shirt off his back for anyone. He always wanted to help people and there wasn't anything he wouldn't do for anyone. It was important to Doyle to put smiles on people's faces by joking and laughing with them. He was a good cook and enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time outdoors. He is loved and will be missed by many.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Freeda and nephew, James Michael Allen. Survivors are his father, Jesse (Romy) Allen; his brother, James (Terri) Allen; a sister, Unavee (Darla) Allen; nephews Isaac, Tommy and Aaron; great nieces and nephew, Kylie, Kaylie, Kenzie, Kyle, Alexia, Natalie, Makenzie, Lauren, Alexandria, Jenna, Gabriella; aunts, Lola Shelton and Jean Henson and uncle Arley Allen.



Kathy Sue Ramey

Kathy Sue Ramey, 59, of Crab Orchard, died Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at Ephraim McDowell Regional Hospital in Danville. She was

the wife of Michael J. Ramey, whom she married on January 2, 1987. She was born in Indianapolis, IN on February 13, 1960. She was the daughter of the late Floyd and Joyce Faye (Burton) Payne. She was the former owner and operator of The Past Time Cafe in Crab Orchard and previously worked at Palm Beach and Red Wing.

Survivors include: her husband of 32 years, Mike Ramey of Crab Orchard; a daughter, Katrina (Todd) Salyers of Stanford; a son, Chris Ramey and companion Tiffany of Charleston, SC; a step son, Bryn (Jolene) Ramey of London; three grandchildren, Zachary Salyers and Dustin and Devin Ramey; sisters, Deborah (Buddy) Adams of Crab Orchard and Connie (Mark) Denny of Brodhead; and a brother, Ricky (Marilyn) Payne of Crab Orchard.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Tonya Marlene Payne.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 14, 2019 at McKnight Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Randall Adams officiating. Burial was in Crab Orchard Cemetery.



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Rockcastle County Farm Bureau was recognized during the 100th Kentucky Farm Bureau (KFB) annual meeting in Louisville for its outstanding membership and program achievement in 2019. 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. Terry Lawson, President of Rockcastle County Farm Bureau (center left), accepts the award from John Sparrow, Executive Vice President and CEO of KFB Insurance (left), Mark Haney, President of Kentucky Farm Bureau (center right), and Drew Graham, Executive Vice President of the KFB Federation (right), during a Dec. 6 recognition and awards program.

“Aces”

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said something like “okay, go ahead.” All of them leaped up from the warmth to rip their stockings off the wall behind the stove. Sitting back on the floor in their pajamas, each of them reached into the stocking for the annual orange, apple, handful of walnuts and candy cane.

Oh the joy they felt. Oranges were quite the treat and the idea of a candy cane was indescribable to them. It was so rare that sweet sugar filled their palates but every Christmas that was their gifts.

Sometimes, my dad would share his candy cane with his younger brothers or sisters. But in those days, they shared most everything. What one needed, the other found. What one wanted, the other gave.

They would nurture that candy cane like it was the only one they would get. Because it was, until next Christmas.

When I was a young lad I got such things as electric race tracks, bicycles, even motorcycles. in my later years. But to them, that candy cane and orange were just as special as my big, shiny new bicycle was to me.

How they must have enjoyed those rare treats.

I'm not sure when things changed and Christmas became the marketing tool that it is today. It must have been right in that generation. About 50 years ago it seems.

Life went from appreciating the small things that were rare, to taking for granted the big things that were expected.

Somehow we moved from appreciation to expectation. From celebrating Jesus to targeted markets. From somber and grateful fellowship

to ribbons and bows. From bowed heads in thankfulness to tinsel and trinkets.

I think it started about the time television reached every home in America and marketing companies discovered that telling people they aren't a good parent unless they buy their child a certain toy, actually worked.

At that point, we became more involved in the hooplah and keeping up with the Jones than we were with the spirit of the event.

Me too. I'm one of them. One of the Jolly Old Consumers resting in a memory foam mattress who barely acknowledges the straw and swaddling clothes in the manger.

I've done what I had to do again this year. Under my tree, my kids all have the biggest and best of what they wanted. Mostly thanks to mom's help. I tried to remember my friends and get something that seems as though I am a thoughtful person.

My tree is decorated, lights adorn my porch, and a feast is being prepared.

Here's hoping that this year, as we rush to our presents on Christmas morning, in our warm and comfortable home, with our bellies full, that we reach out towards each other as much as we reach for the gifts.

And here's hoping whatever you open, means as much as a fresh orange did to my dad. Not because of which store it came from, but because of which heart it came from.

But my biggest Christmas wish is just this. After the tinsel is taken down and the lights are turned off, and all the ribbons and bows are put away until next year, May we all continue to share our candy cane.

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will be closed
December
20-27 in
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of the
holidays*

Summer programs for middle and high school

The Center for Rural Development is accepting online applications for its 2020 Rogers Scholars, Rogers Explorers, and Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute (ELI) summer youth leadership programs for students in grades 8-11.

“Each of our youth leadership programs gives students a chance to build their skills and become the best they can be in school and in life,” said Lonnie Lawson, President and CEO of The Center for Rural Development. “These young people are our future leaders and entrepreneurs and our hope for a better tomorrow. Each program also instills in students a commitment to service and dedication to serve others.”

*Rogers Scholars:
Deadline to apply Jan.
24, 2020*

Rogers Scholars—The Center's flagship youth program—is open to rising juniors in Southern and Eastern Kentucky. The program provides valuable leadership skills and exclusive college scholarship opportunities to help students realize their potential as the region's next generation of business and entrepreneurial leaders. Students apply during their sophomore year.

If selected, students will attend camp in one of two locations—Lindsey Wilson College in Co-

lumbia, KY, or Morehead State University in Morehead, KY.

*Rogers Explorers –
Deadline to apply is
Feb. 7, 2020*

The Rogers Explorers program is an intensive three-day, two-night program for rising ninth graders that focuses on cultivating skills in leadership, technology, math, science, and community service.

Rogers Explorers is developed, coordinated, and supervised by The Center in partnership with the University of the Cumberlands, Lindsey Wilson College, Eastern Kentucky University, Asbury University, Morehead State University, University of Pikeville, and Union College.

Students apply when they are in the eighth grade and attend before the start of their freshman year. Rogers Explorers learn what it is like to live and study on a Kentucky college campus. They actively participate in practical college courses, fine-tune leadership skills, and develop a network of friends and resources throughout Southern and Eastern Kentucky.

*Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute (ELI):
Deadline to apply is
March 6, 2020*

The purpose of ELI is to develop future business leaders and entrepreneurs in Southern and Eastern

Kentucky.

ELI, a one-week summer leadership camp, is open to high school freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. Participants are encouraged to develop their creativity, work as a team, and build their business and leadership skills.

The Institute is developed, coordinated, and supervised by The Center and held at its facility in Somerset, KY. ELI will conclude with a team business concept competition and the chance to compete for a college scholarship.

To apply for Rogers Scholars, Rogers Explorers, or ELI, visit www.centeryouthprograms.com. For questions or more information, call Allison Cross at 606-677-6000 or emai1across@centertech.com.

The Center's youth programs are offered at no cost to students in the following counties: Adair, Bath, Bell, Boyd, Breathitt, Carter, Casey, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Elliott, Estill, Floyd, Garrard, Green, Harlan, Jackson, Jessamine, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lincoln, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary, Menifee, Metcalfe, Monroe, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Rowan, Russell, Taylor, Wayne, Whitley, and Wolfe.



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From left: Andrew Nelson, Amanda Mastin, Margaret Crabtree, Charlotte Hansel, Savannah Bullock, Melissa Slone, Samantha Bullock, Kendall Kilbourne.

Not pictured: Lisa McClure



Quid Pro Quo?...

Dear Editor,
I am told the new governor promised each teacher a \$2,000 dollar pay raise if they would vote him into office. Look out!!!

Remember, one week before the election, I said we should have a primary opponent for Mr. Brenda. We now have a good one. Get behind and help elect a good leader in Josh Bray. He's from a good family.

Bob Lunsford

SPORTS

Lady Rockets are now 5-0

The Lady Rockets are undefeated thus far this season beating the Somerset Lady Briarjumpers last Friday night 52-37 and the Boyle County Lady Rebels 68-46 Tuesday night.

In the Somerset game, the Lady Rockets jumped out to an early 11-4 lead at the end of the first quarter and were ahead 23-11 at the half. The Lady Rockets were up 34-24 at the end of the third quarter, and had stretched the lead to 14 points in the fourth quarter when the Lady Briarjumpers went on a scoring run and cut the Rockets lead to three points. However, the Lady Rockets survived that reality check and won 52-37.

Freshman Keelee King led the scoring for her team with 13 points; senior Shelby Newland got 10; junior Casey Coleman and senior Kenzi Himes each scored eight points; freshman Hallie Brown got six points; junior Lindsey Jones scored five and junior Aliyah Lopez scored two points.

Against Boyle County Tuesday night, the Lady Rockets once again got off to a great start, leading the Lady Rebels 19-12 at the end

of the first quarter and 35-22 at the half. Senior Kenzi Himes poured in eight of her game high 17 points in the third quarter to give her team a 16-10 edge in that period.

Himes, with her 17 points, led the team in scoring and she also added five rebounds. King got 15 points, including one of the two three point baskets her team got in the game; Newland added 12 points and three steals; Jones got eight points, including the other three point basket, and four steals; Brown and Aliyah Lopez each scored six points and Casey Coleman added four points, along with six assists and seven rebounds.

The Lady Rockets will journey to Madison Central Thursday night to play Henry Clay in the Jack Burford Chevy Christmas Classic at 5:45 and will play another team (TBA) the same night.

On Friday night, they will play the Casey County Lady Rebels in a home game doubleheader with the Rockets and on Saturday will return to Madison Central to play Bourbon County. On De-

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Casey Coleman works hard to get to the basket in the Lady Rockets' 52-37 win over Somerset.



Kenzi Himes works to get around a defender in the Lady Rockets' win over Somerset last Friday.



Jacob Loudermilk runs a fast break during the Rockets' loss to Somerset Friday night.



Jake Sanders goes for a block during the Rockets' loss to Somerset. Also pictured are Daniel Mullins and Will Bishop.

Rockets are 1-6 on season

The Rockcastle Rockets are having a hard time getting it together this season, starting out with one win against six losses.

After an opening win over McCreary Central, the Rockets have dropped games to Lincoln Co., Anderson Co., Somerset, Western Hills and Boyle County.

At Anderson County on December 10th, the Rockets were defeated 40-30.

Sophomore Daniel Mullins led the scoring for the Rockets with 11 points, including the only three for the Rockets; senior Logan Noel and eighth grader Will Bishop got six points each and sophomores Silas Shaffer and Matthew Chasteen each scored two points.

The Rockets were five for 10 from the free throw line

Against district-foe Somerset last Friday night, the Rockets were

trounced 62-38 with no Rockets scoring in double figures.

Sophomore Drew Hopkins led the scoring with 9 points; Mullins got 6; Chasteen, senior Jake Loudermilk (who got the only three point basket in the game for the Rockets) and sophomore Jake Sanders all scored four points each; sophomore Reese Coguer got three and Noel, senior Bentley Taylor, Bishop and Shaffer each scored two points.

The Rockets were seven of 12 from the free throw line.

At Sayre Saturday, in the Jim Lankster Classic against Western Hills, the Rockets lost by 17 72-55.

Hopkins led the scoring in that game with 17 (hitting five of six free throws); Bishop got 11; Mullins got nine; Noel scored eight points; Sanders three; Taylor and

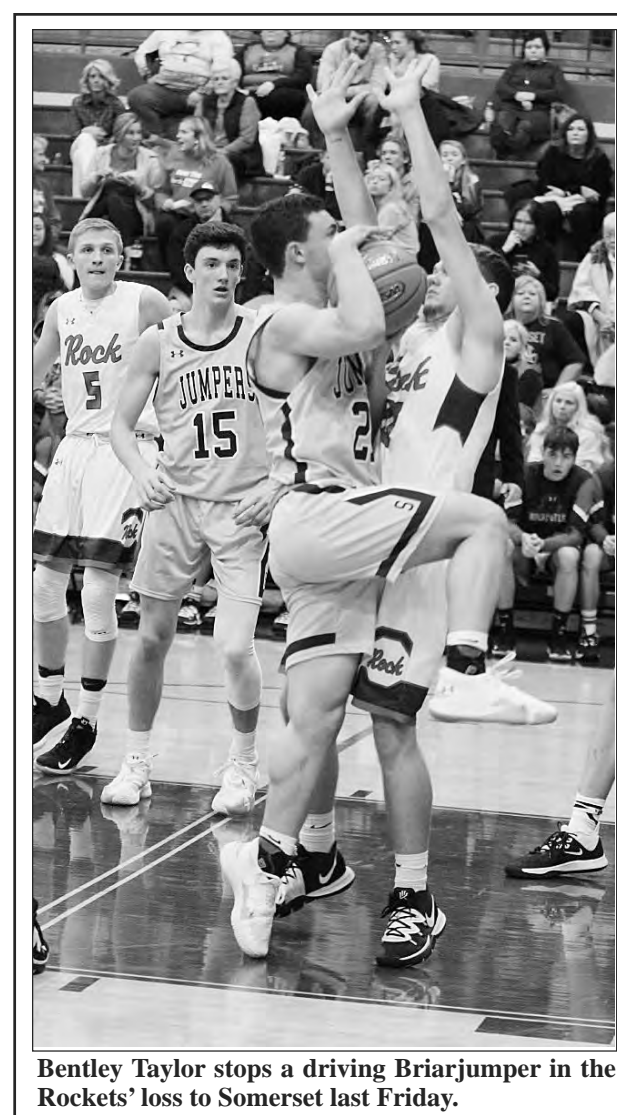
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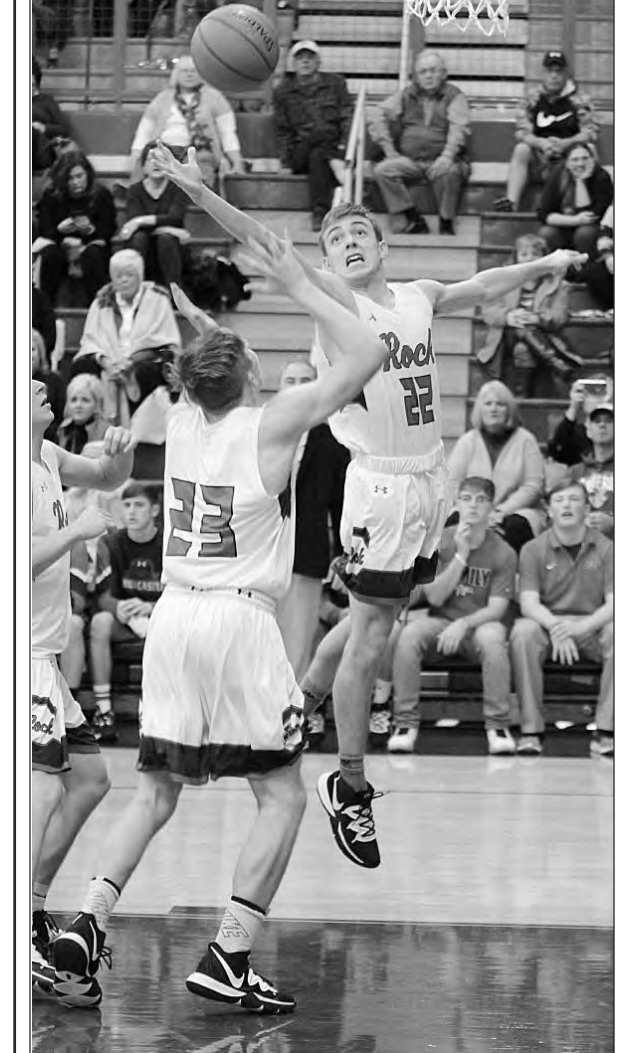
Aliyah Lopez fights for a loose ball in the Lady Rockets' 52-37 win over Somerset last Friday.



Lindsey Jones catches a pass on a fast break during the Lady Rockets' 52-37 win over Somerset last Friday.



Bentley Taylor stops a driving Briarjumper in the Rockets' loss to Somerset last Friday.



Reese Coguer goes up for a rebound in the Rockets' loss to Somerset last Friday. Also pictured is teammate Matthew Chasteen.



RCMS Cheerleaders were busy supporting the Rockets and Lady Rockets during their district matchup with Somerset last Friday night.



Sixth grader Colin Hamilton competed on the sixth grade All-Star team and had a strong showing with a 2-1 record beating a Connecticut and Utah All-Star team and losing to a New Jersey All-Star team.

“Rockets”
(Cont. from A6)

Shaffer two each and Loudermilk one. The Rockets hit four

three point baskets in the game and converted 15 of 19 free throws.

Monday night, the Rockets hosted the Southwestern Warriors and again took it on the chin 76-59.

Bishop led the scoring in the game for the Rockets with 15 points; Noel got 14; Shaffer had 10 points; Mullins 9; Chasteen six; Sanders and Loudermilk two each and Coguer one.

The Rockets hit seven three point baskets in the game, three by Shaffer and 14 of 23 free throws.

Tuesday night, the Rockets hosted the Boyle County Rebels and picked up their sixth loss of the season 61-52.

Bishop had a team high of 24 points, including going 2-11 from the free throw line and he was the only Rocket in double digits. Chasteen picked up eight points; Hopkins got six; Mullins and Noel had five each and Sanders and Coguer each scored two points.

The Rockets will next be in action Friday night when they host the Casey County Rebels. They will then not see action again until Friday night, Dec. 27th when they journey to Greenup to play in the Stultz Pharmacy Holiday Classic against East Carter and in the same tournament on the 28th against a team to be announced. They will play a double-header with the Lady Rockets at Somerset on January 3rd and at Knox Central at South Laurel in the Raymond Reed Classic at 3 p.m.

“Lady Rock”
(Cont. from A6)

December 26th, they will take part in the Andrew Johnson Bank Ladies Classic in Greenville, TN and will then travel to Somerset for a double-header with the Rockets on January 3rd before playing Rowan County at Lincoln County in the Patriot Classic on January 4th.

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Mt. Vernon Message

School News

Spirit Cards are available for individual purchase. We have Mt. Vernon, Somerset, London/Corbin and Berea/Richmond cards available. Please contact Linda Hamm or Cindy McCullough to purchase.

Class News

As part of their 12 Days of Christmas Kindness activity, Mrs. Kaci's and Mrs. Kathy's first grade classes were challenged to "Fill the Firemen's Firehouse Fridge" with soft drinks. The students brought in 415 cans/bottle of pop which they proudly presented to members of the Mt. Vernon Fire Department.



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Merry Christmas

Wishing you and your family peace, love and joy during this holy season.

From
Rockcastle County Jailer Nathan Carter
and the entire staff of the
Rockcastle County Detention Center

May your heart and home be filled with peace, hope, and love this Christmas season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

HOWELL HOLBROOK
ROCKCASTLE COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE



Howell, Hope and Gail Holbrook



Paul and Natalie Holbrook



RCMS seventh graders Carter Powell, Dylan Lefler, Corey Day, Rex Parkey and Jacob Leger competed with the KY All-Stars team at the Pro Football Hall of Fame National Youth Championships and finished with a 2-1 record for the tournament beating Connecticut and Indiana All-Stars before losing to Indiana Select, a team who won the championship.

No paper next week!
Signal office will be closed
December 20 - 27

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We have tools, household items and Christmas decorations

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Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year!

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CHURCH NEWS

Let the Bible Speak

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

Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings

Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Community Outreach Center, every 6 to 8 p.m. Leader: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590/Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099.

Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon. Northside Baptist Church, 606-256-5577, Tuesday, 6-8 p.m. ****Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride on the church van.**

Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies. Northside Baptist, Mt. Vernon at 7 p.m. 606-256-5577. Men and women, small groups.

Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only. Community Outreach Center, Brodhead, every 6 p.m. Leader: Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099.

Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston

at Livingston School cafeteria. 6 to 8 p.m. Leader: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828.

Live Nativity at CrossPoint Church

Join us for a Live Nativity on Saturday, December 21st from 6 to 8 p.m. at CrossPoint Church, 211 Industrial Park Drive.

Hot cocoa and cider will be served.

Pastor Matt Griggs and congregation invite everyone.

Christmas Eve Mass

Christmas Eve Mass at Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church will be Tuesday, December 25th at 10:30 p.m. Everyone invited.

FBC Christmas

Join us this Christmas season at First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon as we celebrate His birth!

The Christmas Worship Service will be Sunday, December 22nd at 10:45 a.m.

The Christmas Eve service will be held Tuesday, December 24th, beginning at 5 p.m.

DAR presents awards at Christmas Dinner

The Rockcastle Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution recently met and celebrated the holidays with their annual Christmas dinner

and presented awards to students and members of the community.

Chapter Regent, Karen Adams and Chapter Historian Tonya Cook

presented the following awards: Mrs. Melissa Benson Owens of RCMS received the chapter award for Outstanding American History Teacher. Mrs. Owens' application has been sent to the state society for further judging. RCMS students Anna Chaliff and Ella McKinney were this year's 7th and 6th grade winners of the American history essay contest. Aedan Owens of Roundstone Elementary School was the 5th grade winner. All recipients received American History medals and certificates. Their essays have been sent to state for further judging.

can History Award was posthumously awarded to Mrs. Zivra Tackett Graves for her work on the National Task Force V1 B-2 on Voluntary Action by women. This task force was appointed by President Nixon to focus national attention on the nutritional needs and problems of all Americans, especially the poor. The award was accepted by Mrs. Graves' daughter, Polly Abney.

An annual chapter fundraiser auction concluded the evening's festivities raising funds for the proposed American Revolutionary war patriots of Rockcastle monument.



The Women in American History Award was posthumously awarded to Mrs. Zivra Tackett Graves for her work on the National Task Force V1 B-2 on Voluntary Action by women. The award was accepted by Mrs. Graves' daughter, Polly Abney. Also pictured are Karen Adams (left) and Tonya Cook (right).



RCMS students Anna Chaliff (above) and Ella McKinney (below) were this year's 7th and 6th grade winners of the American history essay contest. Also pictured are Karen Adams (left) and Tonya Cook (right).



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Earning Salvation

The question asked? If we must do something to gain salvation, how will we know when we are saved? The Bible does not teach we earn salvation, but it does plainly teach we cannot be saved without faithful obedience to the word of God. It is a constant work that we do to make our calling and election sure. Hebrews 6:1-3 It is going on to perfection each and everyday. (It is spiritual maturity.) We have studied this grace point before but let's look again.

The original question is assumed to be unanswerable, but is it? Can one know he is a friend of Jesus? John 15:14 Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you. Can one know positively that he loves Jesus? John 14:21 He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me.

Can we know that we are Jesus's disciples? John 8:31 If ye continue in my word ye are my disciples indeed. Can we be positive we know the Lord? 1 John 2:3 Hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

If we can know these things that we have just considered, it is not unreasonable that we can know we have been saved from our sins and that we have the hope of Heaven. How? Let the Bible speak. The murderers of Jesus Christ asked in their sinful guilt, what shall we do? The inspired apostles replied. Acts 2:38 Repent and be baptized for the remission of your sins. This does totally free us from our past sins, but does this save us eternally? Revelations 2:10 Be thou faithful unto death and I will give you a crown of life. It is impossible for sinful man to be perfectly faithful. Correct. 1 John 1:8-9 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (The pulpit and the pew, is the blending of God's plan for edification, each blessing the other.)

Thank you for reading this article, I pray it sheds a little light on the gospel plan of salvation. If you have any questions about this article or any article submitted by the Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ. Please give us a call at the numbers listed below, we would be happy to discuss those things from God's word that are a concern to you in love. You can reach one of the brethren at these numbers listed: Bro. Dale McNew-859-582-4021 or Bro. Ova Baker-606-878-8104

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Tuesday, Dec. 24 @ 10:30 p.m. at
Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church
Williams Street • Mt Vernon, Ky.

The people of Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church wish each and everyone a Blessed and Holy Christmas and a Faith Filled New Year.

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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.
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Sat. at 11 a.m., 4 p.m. & 9 p.m.
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7 miles south of Mt. Vernon on
Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Rd)
Services:
Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Preaching Brethren
Marcus Reppert
Contact Info:
Marcus Reppert
606-308-2794
199 E. Fork Skaggs Rd.
Mt. Vernon, Ky.
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.
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237 W. Main St. Brodhead
606-758-8721
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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
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(Sand Springs Rd.)
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Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
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Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.
George Renner, Pastor
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.

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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.
Thursday Nights 7 p.m.
3rd Sat. of every month at
7 p.m.

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Wed. Prayer Service and
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Youth Meetings:
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Wednesday 7 p.m.
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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Tuesday Evening 7 p.m.
Pastor: **Donald King**
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Mt. Vernon, KY
Sunday 2 p.m.
Thursday Evening 7 p.m.
Pastor: **Matt Griggs**
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Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

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Thursday Service 7 p.m.
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Saturday Service 7 p.m.
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Orlando, Ky.
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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 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Prayer
Meeting 6 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. **Barry Hurst**
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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
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Wednesday Night Bible Study
7 p.m.

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Wednesday 7 p.m.

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Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
Wednesday 7 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Arthur Hunt, Minister

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
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Sunday Morning Worship
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WRVK Broadcast 2 p.m.
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Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

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Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.

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Steve McDaniel,
Worship Leader

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Orlando
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
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(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
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Wednesday
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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.
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ottawabaptist@windstream.net

Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church
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Mount Vernon, Ky.
606-256-4170
Mass Times:
Tuesdays at 5 p.m.
Sabbath Mass: Sat., 5 p.m.
Holy Days 5 p.m.
Father Gary Simpson,
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Jack Lawless, Groundskeeper
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Philadelphia United Baptist
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Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sun. Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Thursday Night Worship
7:00 p.m.

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
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6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting &
Youth Service at 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Partners Ladies Meeting
monthly every
2nd Tues. at 6:30 p.m.

Pleasant Run Missionary
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.

Ist Sunday in Month Church at
2 p.m. at Rockcastle
Respiratory Care
Bro. Chris Reynolds, 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.

Providence church of Christ
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758-8524
Robby Cable, Evangelist
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Sunday Morning Worship
10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
www.WhatSaithTheScriptures.com

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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**

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Cash Express would like to say "Thank You" to the entire community for their cooperation in the recent Toy and Coat Drive. Because of everyone's generosity, Cash Express exceeded the list of needs and were able to benefit more children and families.

"Crash"

(Continued from front)

the vehicle. Both drivers and one passenger in each vehicle were transported to Berea Hospital.

Assisting at the scene was Kentucky State Police Post 11, Rockcastle County EMS, Mt. Vernon Fire and Rescue, Brodhead Fire and Rescue, Climax Fire, Lily Fire and Rescue. (Brodhead and Lily had been covering calls in Jackson due to a first responder's funeral service).

"Beaten"

(Continued from front)

allegedly tried to place the blame for the attack on the victim, who was originally arrested on a D.U.I. complaint.

The indictment alleges that Clark gave false information to an investigator with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and made other false reports concerning the incident.

Clark apparently left his position as deputy Jailor shortly after the incident occurred in March of 2018.

Officials would not release the name of the victim or the inmate who carried out the alleged beating at this time but more information is expected soon.

Clark has pled not guilty to the accusations and a trial is scheduled to begin in February of 2020.

"Lion"

(Continued from front)

also provides Christmas gifts for some who may otherwise be left out.

"This is always a good day for law enforcement," Franklin said. "Yes, the kids had fun. But no more than we did."

Franklin says the effort strikes a personal note when he sees the gifts that some of the children choose. "You'd think kids would run for a toy or something children should be interested in," he said. "But when you see these kids so excited to be able to get a pair of shoes or a coat for the winter, that's when you know you are taking part in a good thing."

Franklin says the Lions Club is the foundation for the program but donations from several local businesses and private citizens make the difference and makes the event possible. "This is truly a community effort," he said. "Citizens, law enforcement, the Lions Club, and businesses such as Wal Mart and Pizza Hut, make all this possible."

The program was originally called "Shop with a Cop" but due to administrative reasons and auditing regulations, Franklin said the program was about to have to end. But, that's when the Lions Club stepped in, changed the name of the program and kept it going, according to Franklin.

"This is a very rewarding experience for everyone involved," said Franklin. "This event gives us all a chance to give back and yet it's actually us who receive the most reward."

"Drive"

(Continued from front)

impaired driving.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, over 10,000 Americans are killed each year due to drunk driving.

Franklin says he and his deputies are going to fight that statistic beginning immediately. "We will be watching closely," he said. "Drunk driving is a choice, that's why it is considered a crime and not an accident."

Franklin says the statistic is one of the most tragic circumstances law enforcement deals with.

"An innocent family losing a loved one because someone chose to drive under the influence is a terrible, tragic thing," he said. "And it is even worse this time of year if that's possible."

So, Franklin is taking the national campaign very seriously and deputies have received training concerning what to look for and how to spot a possible impaired driver.

There will also be checkpoints throughout the county by the set up by the sheriff's department and across the state by the Kentucky State Police.

"If you drink, drink responsibly, and don't drive. We can all live with that," he said.

"Garden"

(Continued from front)

talize Mount Vernon office, a Rockcastle

County Development Board office, a Chamber of Commerce office and a nice storage area for all the seasonal decor for the city."

Along with new sidewalks and the monument, which has been the talk of the town recently, there will be four raised garden areas, and about six signs telling about the history of the area.

"Tourists can stop and read about Stephen Langford who founded Mount Vernon," said Tatum. "Other signs will talk about how Mount Vernon was named and give a history of our area and the Wilderness Road."

The remodeled building is expected to have detailed architecture work that will beautify the park and, along with the gardens, the monument, and the history signs, Tatum says the area will provide information to many tourists who may use the park as a sort of Mount Vernon museum.

As for the new monument, many have wondered about the significance of the deer atop the 10-foot granite structure. "When Mount Vernon was established, it was used by pioneers who came here to hunt for deer hides," said Tatum. "Deer are an important part of our town. Some towns have hands displayed to represent their art-centered community. We have a deer to remind everyone of Mount Vernon. We chose a deer because we are a pioneer town and longhunters came here because of our deer population."

Tatum enthusiastically tells anyone about the new park and tourism in the area. "Mount Vernon was an important stop in 1796 along the Wilderness Road," she said.

As for funding, the City of Mount Vernon is helping with the projects but Tatum says all those involved are also helping with expenses. In fact, the Development Board has already obtained a \$5,000 ARC grant and other entities are also seeking grants or other funding to help with the projects. "This is mostly being done with tourism dollars and everyone working together," she said.

Once completed, all the projects together will make up the St. Claire History Garden and officials expect the area to be a huge addition to Mount Vernon. Tatum expects the park to be completed sometime next spring. "This will be a beautiful addition to our community and everyone who travels through our city will see it and possibly learn more about our historic town," said Tatum. "We have a lot of history and a lot to offer. This garden is one way to let people know that."

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Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
LANDSCAPING: Smart Money Investment

Is landscaping a good investment? Does it add value over time to your home? Does it give instant return if you're wanting to sell the home? And how much, where and why might you want to invest in your property with wise landscaping? My readers should have quite a bit of new and useful information on landscaping as an investment by the time we conclude.

Spending 5% of the total value of your home on landscaping, doing it wisely, can add 15% or more to the value of your home, according to Smart Money magazine in its March 2003 edition. A caveat, poor design and installation could have the opposite effect, so wise use of money is needed in order to reap such nice gains. I am betting a chance to add \$30,000 in value to a \$200,000 home with a \$10,000 investment will encourage you to read on.

A Clemson University study found that prospective buyers value landscaping as adding up to 11.5% to their estimation of a property's worth versus a similar home that is not landscaped. Traditional thinking is that a kitchen or bath update or upgrade will return from 75 percent to 125 percent on the dollars spent. While it's not recommended someone wanting to market their home immediately spend on major landscape upgrades, minor work that delivers a positive curb appeal is a super idea.

And, in time, a good landscape can deliver up to 200% or more in return. (Example: a tree that you buy and plant for \$100 or one you hire done for \$225—that tree, depending upon species and what part of the country you're talking about, may be valued by an appraiser at somewhere between \$1,000 and \$10,000 in a decade or two when it becomes a large tree, provided it's healthy and was planted in an appropriate spot to begin with.)

In the real estate sales

business they talk a lot about "comps" or comparable homes. Above average landscaping raises pricing 4-5 percent. However, landscaping below neighborhood standards can negatively affect price 8 to 10 percent!

Landscape improvements not only add value, they can help a property sell 5 to 6 weeks faster, according to the American Nursery and Landscaping Association. Again, we have to qualify this to modest expenditures that improve appearance of a home. Fancy or extensive new landscaping to a place you are selling is not wise, both from a cost/return perspective and also that the more elaborate projects will only appeal to a smaller portion of prospective new homeowners looking at your home with the 'for sale' sign. Fairly simple but tasteful is the key. Let the next owner do the big expensive stuff.

What about the homeowner who plans to keep his property for many years and wants to invest in the landscaping? There is more freedom here to do involved projects, and those that are on his family's need or wish list. A swimming pool or a jungle gym may not return full value at selling time, but if it means the kids and grandkids really have a good time and it makes for a much better quality of life, who is to say it isn't money well spent! (Not everything can be totaled up with a dollar value.)

Long term, some of the best return on money spent comes from planting small but healthy trees and shrubs, and they become much more valuable in time. Hardscaping such as patios, decks, terraces, swales, walks, water features and so on are also important to long term satisfaction and reward to the homeowners. The tough part for the beginning new homeowner is visualizing when they plant that shade tree that it shouldn't be planted in a certain spot if a pool or patio or new driveway or

a second garage will need to go there at some future date. Hiring a designer early on in this matter may be much cheaper than dealing with mistakes as time passes and some things have to be removed to make way for more projects at a later date. Planning is useful—so often I see people shopping for trees or shrubs and they have little idea until they get home how it is going to fit in some good looking scheme.

Right tree? Not only right size, right shape needs to be considered. What does your proposed tree look like in each of the four seasons? Will it bloom? Should it be an evergreen tree? Will it tolerate sun, shade, drought, swampy areas, poor soil, acid or alkaline soils? Will it survive salt trucks, salt mist or runoff water from treated streets that is salty?

Considering just the color of the leaves, or that it has such a pretty bloom can lead to poor choices and followed on by poor performance if planting conditions and other factors are not in line with the preferences of the tree you dream about. This could lead to negative return on your investment, or even death of the tree, not to mention the time wasted and the delay in having the dream tree you want.

The value of a good looking yard that also is functional and usable is huge. Broken sidewalks, rotten porches, unfenced yard with pets: these detract from values. A yard that appeals to the most people will be a winner if selling is in your future. Having all the little particulars you want are fine if you plan on staying awhile, your own comfort and preferences may be a good investment for you and your yard.

Trees and greenery relax people. So does the sound of water. And sometimes wind. Being able to swim, grow a garden, cook outdoors, all of these can be wise investments. They just may not return the same good returns if you are just looking at dollars return for dollars spent. Again, not everything can be priced as having a certain dollar value. Making your place the way you want it is money smart too. Doing things yourself

will save money in the short run. And perhaps even long term, if you do your homework and do things with utmost care and attention. It will be easier, for sure, if you turn it over to someone experienced and reputable.

What if you do need expert help? Well, my first bit of advice is don't go to a garden center that also has a landscape crew. The more expensive stuff they sell, the happier they'll be. Instead try going to a place that sells yard furnishings, or a mulch and stone yard perhaps, someone who will feel responsible for it if they refer a poor choice to you. You'll get the best names such a business knows about usually.

Another tactic to insure you don't get a bad contractor or job? Go through some neighborhoods and ask who did the job for that home? And, especially, inquire who did the landscapes that you think look bad! If several homes on a street mention a certain landscaper, and you're looking at what's before your eyes, and you're underwhelmed with crooked, dead, mismatched or unsuitable choices for the location, you may realize going to that extra effort saves you from the error of calling the same company to do your work!

In conclusion, time is your friend. The right landscaping will gain steadily in value over the years. I believe landscaping, well planned and executed, will produce a positive return on your investment and will be money well spent. (And even if spending money on your property increased the value in an exactly equal amount to what you spent, you would still enjoy the new landscaping, and not for a few days like you would a vacation, or a few hours like a Superbowl, or a few minutes perhaps if you gamble those dollars away. Instead you accumulate equity in your home that will endure and grow as time passes.)

Evidence is abundant, good landscaping is a super investment.

The author, Max Phelps, is a landscaper. Your feedback is encouraged. www.rockcastles.net

Scott Thompson named CEO for Hospice Care Plus

Scott Thompson has been announced as the new CEO at Hospice Care Plus, Rockcastle County's provider of hospice, palliative and bereavement care.

At its December 10 meeting, the organization's Board of Directors unanimously approved a resolution naming Thompson as CEO. He follows Gail McGillis, RN, MSN, who announced her retirement earlier this year after 26 years of service.

Hospice's board initiated a CEO search in August. According to board president Donna Angel, after interviewing several strong candidates from around the country, Thompson emerged as the most qualified choice.

"We agreed right away that he had the experience and preparation to lead us," Angel said. "Just as importantly, he brings humility and compassion to his leadership style, which is essential for our organization."

The fact that Thompson resides in the organization's service area was an important factor as well.

"It was appealing to us that Scott has called Mount Vernon home for his entire life, that he worked for so many years in Madison County, and that he's very familiar with Estill, Jackson, Lee and Owsley counties as well," said Angel. "His understanding of our service area, and his record of being very involved with and supportive of our communities, made him an even stronger candidate in our minds."

Thompson comes to Hospice Care Plus from Russell County Hospital in Russell Springs, Kentucky, where he served as CEO. Prior to that position, Thompson spent 11 years at Saint Joseph Berea Hospital, holding several positions before being promoted to director of operations.

"Hospice has always held a very sacred place in my heart and mind," said Thompson. "During almost 30 years in healthcare, I have seen the impact these selfless individuals make in the lives of the people they serve. It will be an honor to move alongside the staff, volunteers, leaders, providers, board, and advisory members at Hospice Care Plus as they continue to honor and care for those who need us so much. I am excited for this opportunity and realize the weight of the responsibility and the blessings that will surely accompany it."

Thompson is currently in orientation with McGillis and will assume full CEO responsibilities at the end of December.

Hospice Care Plus is a non-profit organization serving Estill, Jackson, Lee, Madison, Owsley and Rockcastle counties. Services include hospice care, palliative care, bereavement outreach, and hospice inpatient care at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. All services are provided regardless of insurance status or ability to pay. For more information, visit hospicecareplus.org.



Scott Thompson



Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



Front row from left: Danny Ford, Michelle Bullock, Sam Ford.
Back row from left: Matthew Silcox, Seth Hembree, Billy Wayne Bryant, Jerry Ham, Ben Allen, Jeff Burdette, Paul Playforth.
Not pictured: Jeff Cromer, Darrell Tate, Phil Herald, Roy Adams.



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Front row from left: Mike Dixon, Lorrie Santo, Becky Bullock and Jake Kerr.
Back row from left: Tonya Chasteen, Shonda Singleton, Jamie Stanley, Bridget Clark and Tammy Jo Colbaugh.



From left: Shondale Philbeck, Anita Shehan, Karen Carrillo, Jessica Coates, Michelle Robinson, Leslie Burdette, Rebecca Hammond, Anne Weber, Sandy Deubel, Richard Heath, and Abram Taylor.



From left: Dale Shelton, Darlene Harris, Stella Newcomb, Angie Mullins, Chris Meece and Mat Getsi.



Front row from left: Karen Carrillo, Lesley Burdette and Jennifer Northern.
Back row from left: Michelle Robinson, Jessica Coates, Abram Taylor, Rebecca Hammond, Anne Weber, Anita Shehan and Shonda Philbeck.



From left: Betty Rowe, Peggy Dickerson and Sheila Owens.



Front row from left: Denise Watson, Sandy Hale, Frank Stewart and Eddie Hayes.
Back row from left: Charles McDaniel, Randy Renner, Chris Hansel and James Morgan.

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Last call for one of the oldest working certified police officers in the state

Officer William Barrett, known in Rockcastle County as "Colorado Bill," is patrolling and protecting the community for what will soon be the last time.

Deputy Sheriff Barrett is known to be one of the oldest certified working police officers in the state of Kentucky. Now at the age of 77, he has decided to retire and enjoy life with his wife of 56 years, Susan.

In 1967, after serving his country as a United States Marine, Officer Barrett began his career in law enforcement in Flemington, New Jersey.

Things were certainly different back then, compared to today's conveniences of technology.

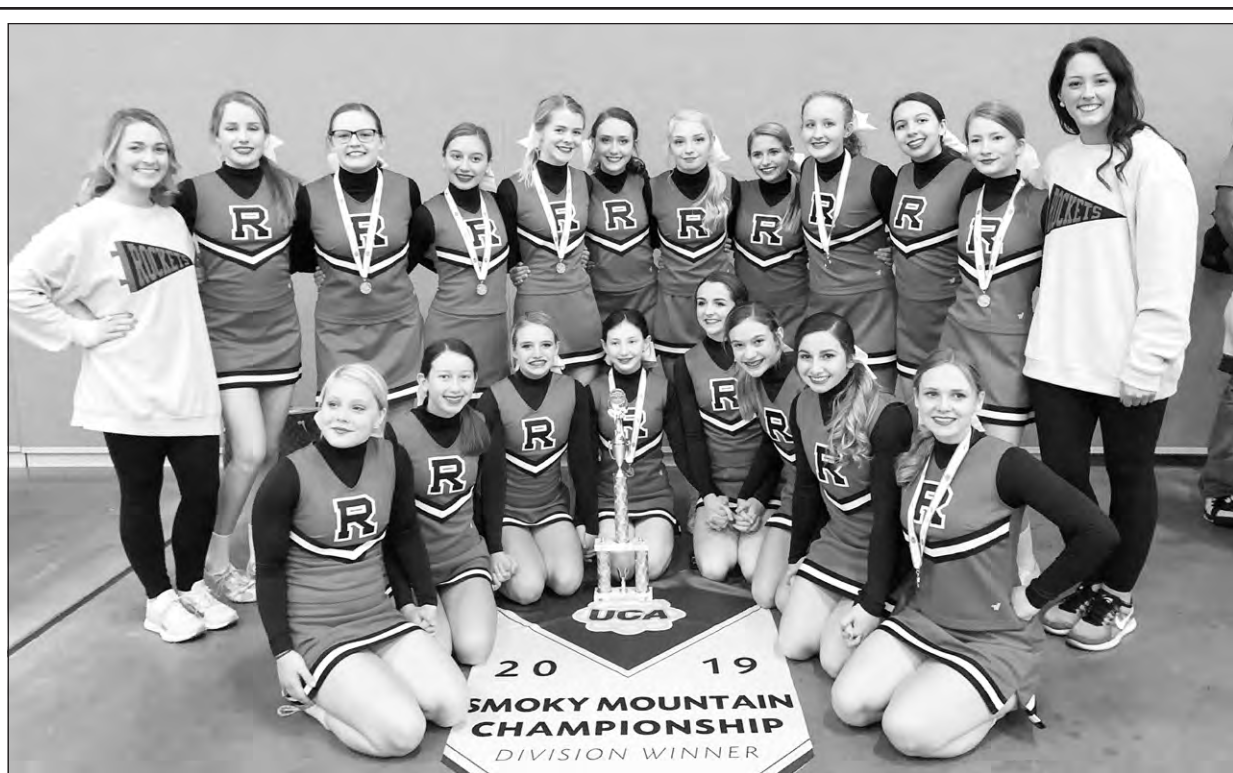
Officers did not even have police radios instead, they would wait and watch for a signal light on top of a

telephone pole in the center of town that would alert them if there was a call. The officer would then go to the call box mounted on that pole and gather the information over the telephone.

It is safe to say that Officer Barrett has seen a lot of changes to law enforcement over the years. Barrett has proudly served for almost 50 years and has received many commendations from various departments. Some of the departments he has served with includes:

- Fleming, New Jersey - police department officer;*
- Vineland, New Jersey, police department officer;*
- Brunswick, Georgia - sheriff's deputy;*
- Special Assignment Musgrove Plantation - President Jimmy Carter;*
- Colorado Springs, Colorado - El Paso County Sheriff's Deputy;*
- Eagle Colorado - Chief of Police;*
- Colorado Springs, Colorado - Police Department Officer (retired 1993);*
- Mount Vernon, Kentucky - Deputy Chief of Police (retired 2010), and*
- Mount Vernon, Kentucky - Rockcastle County Sheriff's Deputy.*

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RCCHS Cheerleaders place first in UCA Smoky Mountain Championship

The RCCHS Cheerleaders competed in the UCA Smoky Mountain Championship Saturday, December 7th in Sevierville, TN. The team placed first in their division with their best score of the season. Their performance also qualified them for the National High School Cheerleading Championship. Team members are pictured front row from left: Elisabeth Owens, Maddie Ellis, Emma Ballinger, Victoria Dykes, Kerrigan Medley, Halli Bales, Lebrana Sparks, and Ashley Garrett. Back row from left: Coach Rachel Johnson, Kaylee Brock, Jenna Eaton, Paige Lovell, Kameryn Medley, Taylor Hall, Jaelyn Pennington, Kendra Gibson, Taryn Powell, Riley Betsworth, Lindsey Robinson and Coach Joanie Alexander. The team is coached by Joanie Alexander, Rachel Johnson, and Lauren McQueary.



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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Circuit Civil Suits

Jordan Moore v. Tiffany, \$15,000 plus claimed due.
 Kara Dalton v. Johnathan Dalton, verified petition for dissolution of marriage.
 Josh Hayes v. Amanda Jones, verified petition to claim minor child on taxes.
 University of Kentucky Federal Credit Union v. Jeremy E. Dawson, et al, \$11,475 plus claimed due.
 Lakeview Loan Servicing LLC v. David Ray Bailey, et al, \$63,406 plus claimed due. CI-00254

District Civil Suits

Midland Credit Management v. David Richardson, \$858 plus claimed due.
 Portfolio Recovery Asso. v. Jeffrey McLemore, \$549 plus claimed due. C-00554

Deeds Recorded

Delno and Linda McClure, property on Sand Springs Road, to Carlos McClure. No tax
 Jonathan A. and Amy K. Burdette, property in Renfro Valley, to Greg and Kimberly Poynter. Tax \$15
 Shelia and Rick Nicely and Rick and Brenda Miller, property in Rockcastle county, to William and Tanya Mason. Tax \$119.50
 U.S. Bank National Assn., Trustee, property on Sowder School Road, to Chimera REO 2108-NRI LLC.
 Chimera REO 2108-NRI, property on Sowder School Road, to Andrea Wiseman.
 Adam Dwight and Tana Michelle Culbertson, property in Rockcastle County, to Christopher Juergen and Jaqlyn Renae Ruebsam. Tax \$76.50
 James Donald Barnes, property in Rockcastle

County, to Justin and Raquel Michelle Fleming. Tax \$35
 Estate of Patricia Diane Fain, property in Rockcastle County, to Matthew Caleb Caldwell. Tax \$55
 Steven Duane Caudill and Douglas Myron Caudill, co-executors, property on Brodhead-Chestnut Grove Road, to Derick G. and Kaitlin Thacker. Tax \$230
 Cynthia and Keith Goff, property in Lear Crest Subdv., to Amanda Burgess. Tax \$129
 Michael Lee Price, property in Brodhead, to Crystal Davidson. No tax
 William L. Adams II and Mark Parsons, Administrators, property in Rockcastle County, to Mark Parsons. Tax \$160
 Edward E. and Patsy D. Daugherty and Larry E. and Terri Susan Daugherty, property on the waters of Wiggins Creek, to Brian Kelly. Tax \$30
 Ercel Cromer, property in Mt. Vernon, to Danny and Sue Ford. Tax \$47.50
 Arthur L. and Lois Singleton, property in Rockcastle County, to Stacy B. Singleton. No tax

Gerald and Kathy Rolfes, property on Old Scaffold Cane Road and Conway Road, to James R. Prewitt. Tax \$195
 Adam and Kinsye Collins, property on Daugherty Ridge Road, to Kentucky Hardwood Lumber Co. Tax \$84

District Court

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Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless
 Cole T. Hammond: public intoxication, 10 days in jail/to serve/concurrent/costs waived.
 Joshua Clayton Emerson: fines/fees due (\$285), bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).
 Robert Shane Fain: failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security (two counts), \$500 fine/costs merged.
 Stevenson Hargis: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security,

\$500 fine plus costs; license to be in possession, \$50 fine.

Kristina Lynne Kern: use/possess drug paraphernalia, public intoxication, bw issued for fta.

Paul R. Kidd: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine plus costs; failure to produce insurance card, \$50 fine/suspended; disregarding stop sign, \$25 fine/costs waived; operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine; failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, \$100 fine; improper display of registration plates, \$25 fine/suspended; no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine/suspended; no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, \$25 fine/suspended.

Julia Kirby: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, Reg. & Title Requirements Veh Not Oper on Hwy. failure to produce insurance card, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, bw issued for fta.

Roberto Domingo Mendez: no operators/moped license, \$100 fine; possess open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle, \$50 fine.

Natasha Nicole Samples: no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine plus costs; no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, \$25 fine; failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, \$500 fine; failure to produce insurance card, \$50 fine.

Angela L. Smith: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, \$500 fine plus costs.

Speeding: Jerrell C. Coleman, Billy Milburn, William F. Norris, Billy D. Raleigh, Nicole Lynn Walden, Donovan K. Williams, Garland C. Thorpe, license suspended for fta.

Andrew C. Romans: failure to notify address change to dept. of transp., time served/costs waived.

George W. Bradley: speeding, no/expired registration plates-receipt, failure to produce insur-

ance card, license suspended for fta.

Jonathan Lee Bullock: criminal trespassing, \$100 fine/costs waived.

Amber Dyer: permit unlicensed operator to operate motor vehicle, license suspended for fta.

Jeffery W. Farmer: possession controlled substance and operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, bw issued for fta.

Lola K. Mink: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/

drugs, sentencing order entered.

Joshua Daniel Owens: public intoxication, \$100 fine plus costs.

Erin N. Reynolds: possession controlled substance and drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, bw issued for fta.

Tony L. Thurman: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, all other traffic offenses not listed, no/expired registration plates, failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for fta.

“Last Call”

(Cont. from B1)

Those that know Officer Barrett will tell you he is a man of his word. He has great compassion and a heart of gold. His faith is strong, knowing that God has been with him, protecting him every step of the way.

This is a man that dedicated his life to a career in law enforcement for all the right reasons. He has served with great honor and pride, putting his life

on the line daily fulfilling his oath to protect and serve. As an officer, he has been honest and faithful, never straying from the path of duty.

On January 3, 2020, Officer William Barrett “Colorado Bill” will make his last call.

In appreciation for the many years of service, sacrifice, tireless work ethic and professionalism, we say Thank You.

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Scenes from 2019 Livingston Christmas Parade



Livingston Mayor Jason Medley greeted the crowd during the Livingston Christmas Parade.



Santa Claus waves to the crowd during the Livingston Christmas Parade.



The Rockcastle County JROTC Colorguard led the Livingston Christmas Parade down main street in Livingston this past Saturday night.



Livingston Baptist Church took part in the Livingston Christmas Parade.



State Representative R. Travis Brenda took part in the Livingston Christmas Parade.



The Livingston Holiness Church took part in the Livingston Christmas Parade.



*No paper next week!
Signal office will be closed
December 20th - 27th*

*Merry Christmas
from the
City of Mt. Vernon
2019*



*Merry Christmas
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!*

This Christmas season, as we spend time with family and friends, let us remember the reason for the season.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11

-Representative R. Travis Brenda

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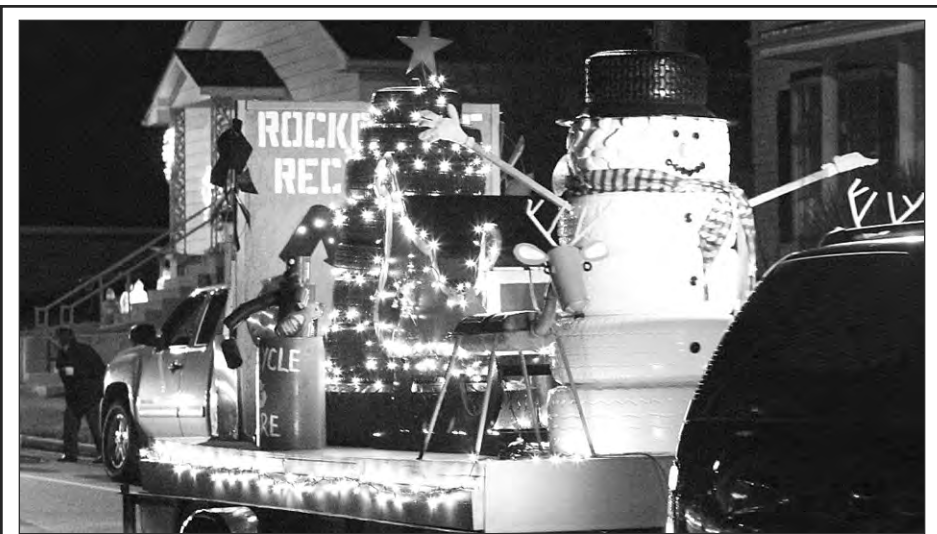
Katie Wynn and Smokey the Bear handed out candy to children during the Livingston Christmas Parade.



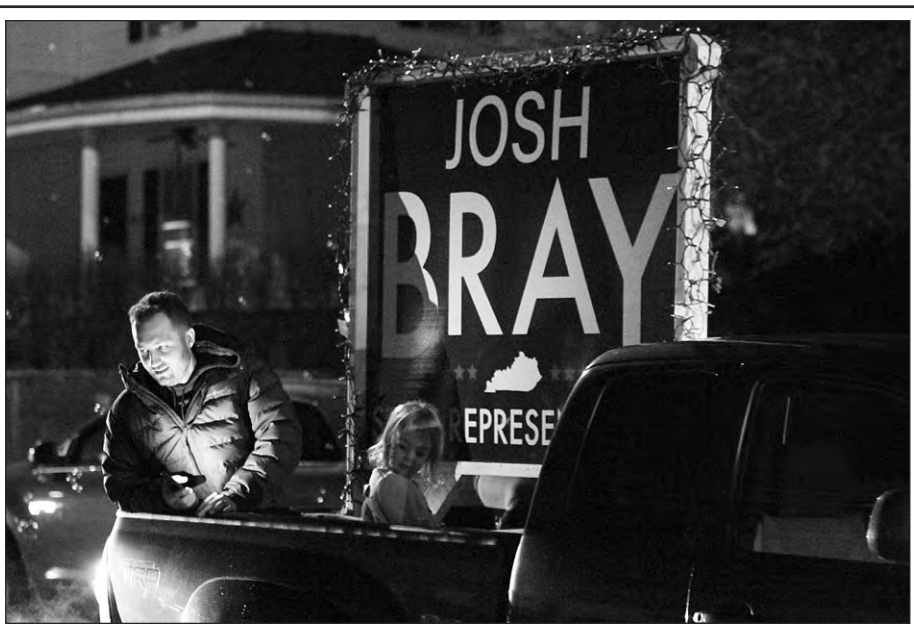
Climax Volunteer Fire Department participated in the Livingston Christmas Parade. Other departments throughout the county participated as well.



County Judge-Executive Howell Holbrook pulled his Radio Flyer float in this year's Livingston Christmas Parade.



The Rockcastle Recycling Center float was lit up for those in attendance during the Livingston Christmas Parade.



Candidate for State Representative Josh Bray and daughter Isla participated in the Livingston Christmas Parade.

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&
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New Year!

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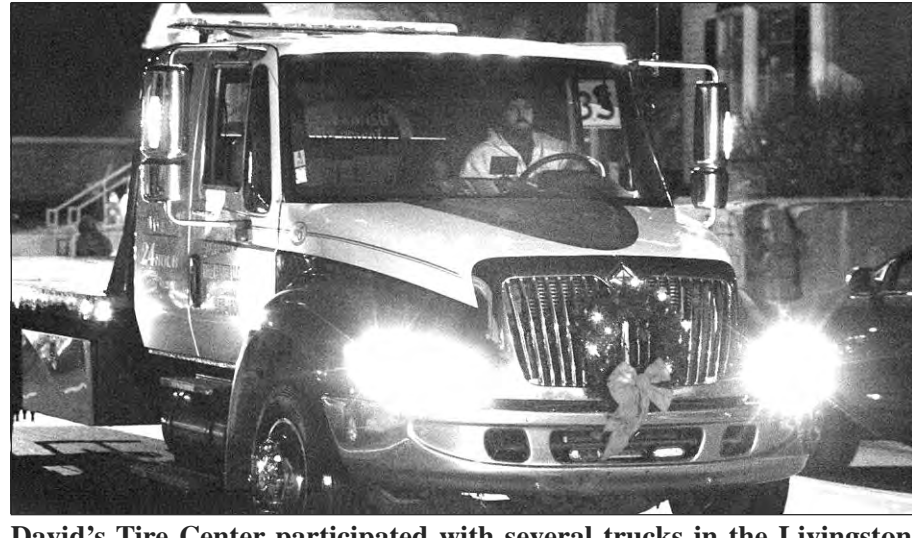
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Some of the Wendy's employees shown above, from left: James Houk, Ashley Wilkins, Marsha Parsons, Jack Parsons, William Angel, Rebecca Steiner, Kristy King, Katelyn Singleton, Josh Thornton, Brandon Houk and Scotty Hellard.



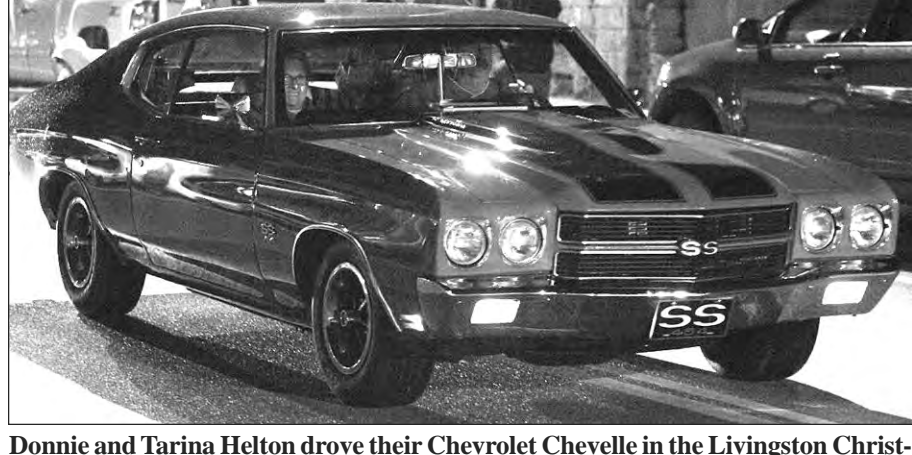
Flat Rock Baptist Church had their float in the Livingston Christmas Parade.



David's Tire Center participated with several trucks in the Livingston Christmas Parade.



Darla Reams Moore tossed candy to spectators on her float for M&M Trading during the Livingston Christmas Parade.



Donnie and Tarina Helton drove their Chevrolet Chevelle in the Livingston Christmas Parade.



Brady and Sue Ann Hensley participated in the Livingston Christmas Parade.



David Thompson and Judy Bruner rode their 4x4 in the Livingston Christmas Parade.

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Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
Home Grown Holiday
Greenery

Traditions of decorating with greenery about the time of the winter solstice go back to ancient Mesopotamia and evidence of such is abundant in Assyrian and Egyptian history. Decorating homes with evergreen boughs and trees was prohibited in the first American colonies in New England. Gradually, Irish plantation owners in the South and German settlers in the North began to popularize the gathering of seasonal greenery and decorating their homes around the 1840's. In 1848, British Queen Victoria first used a tree at Windsor Castle. Public tree decorating in America didn't really catch on until the Great Depression. Today, it seems to begin by the time the leaves turn colors in the fall and last until early January.

With that introduction to the topic; I want to bring to the attention of the reader that you can grow a lot of your own greenery for decorating, and you can collect from the wild (or your yard if you have a lush green one) and save green (your money) and also have the freshest and most unique when it comes to decorating for the holidays.

Decorating with greenery is more prevalent today than ever. And fresh greenery seems much preferred. Greenery such as ivy, cedars, firs, pines and hollies all add a fresh look and natural scents to our homes.

Spruce trees, hemlocks, boxwoods, evergreen viburnum and laurels don't hold up well in indoor heated situations, but these and many other items can be turned into outdoor decorations.

Home grown greenery is cheaper, fresher, more environmentally friendly, and you can customize it rather than be like everyone else. Finding greenery can begin with your own landscape. And from there, expand to the neighborhood. (Just remember to select carefully, and get permission if you're going to harvest from private property that doesn't belong to you.)

What can you find? Well, let's see—what do you have growing in the yard? Hollies? A pine tree? Junipers? Arborvitae? Laurels? False cypress such as gold thread and saybrook gold? Maybe ligustrum or rhododendron? How about some large green magnolia leaves, or some trailing ivy or winter creeper? Nandina, too.

Since yard plants are part of your landscape, consider, harvesting some greenery as "pruning" of your bushes! You want to take off evenly or remove limbs that won't make it look odd, while at the same time collecting a whole box or basket of green clippings, from which you can make wreaths, sprays or garland, or a table piece.

Adding seed heads, fruits, nuts, grass plumes, pine cones, magnolia pods, rose hips and the like can enable the personalized touches not obtainable from store-bought decorations.

Keep your trimmings out of the sun as you collect. Soak in water for awhile if they appear dried out. Same for a Christmas tree, you can cut off an inch or two from the trunk and put it in water for a few days to extend its life.

A precaution or two as you harvest for your home decorating. Holly berries may be harmful if eaten. Mistletoe berries are definitely deadly poisonous.

Juniper berries have a seed that is deadly poisonous. Bittersweet is poisonous. Laurel and ligustrum berries are poisonous. This isn't a complete list—so do your homework if children or pets might get at your decorations and might put them in their mouths.

Even though you collect your own greenery, or maybe go to a local farmer or Christmas tree grower, after a few weeks even the freshest and most long lasting greenery won't stay fresh forever. So, delay collecting and decorating, or be prepared to throw away items that are going bad and replace with fresh new ones if you wish to keep your decorations on display for more than two or three weeks.

Another word of caution would be that an open flame such as a candle burning, or possibly a short in wiring of electric lights, could turn pretty decorations into a fire. Evergreen boughs that have been dead for long will burn fast and hot if they should ever get on fire. Be especially vigilant with the use of candles or open flames around old and dried greenery.

Growing or making your own decorations is definitely a smart idea if the budget is tight and you can find a bit of time. All the more so, if you have artistic flair for decorating. But, you don't have to be broke from buying gifts or whatever, you may find it is actually emotionally satisfying to create fun and lovely wreaths, sprays, garlands, etc. Don't forget harvesting your own tree from the forest or from the Christmas tree farm.

If you've read this far, you probably are going to take up the idea of creating some decorations yourself. And if you don't have any trees or shrubbery in your yard that will work—I'm guessing that would make you a red maple and Bradford pear person like a huge number of other people—perhaps you want to figure out what to plant in your yard so you have the option of doing your own next time. I can help.

Spruce trees and holly bushes are easy to grow, at least in a temperate climate. From there, you have junipers, cedars, firs, pines, hemlocks, cryptomeria, false cypress and more. There are broadleaf trees such as magnolia grandiflora, tinus or Prague viburnum, pittosporum, distylum, euonymous, ligustrum, English laurel, mountain laurel, Japanese laurel, and there are citrus trees.

Think of how much nicer your yard might look if a few of its trees or bushes didn't change colors and drop leaves in the fall and winter. This might be the notion that incentivizes you to tear out a landscape that wasn't working very well and redo it. Or just that you will plant a big spruce tree in the front yard this fall or next spring, maybe you'll plant some arborvitae or euonymous to screen some utilities or a view of the neighbors you don't really enjoy, makeovers of the yard come in small adjustments for some and major transformations for others. If planting some evergreen trees and shrubs or vines would make your place look better, then why hesitate. You'll also be able to use some "prunings" for seasonal decorating with your own home grown greenery.

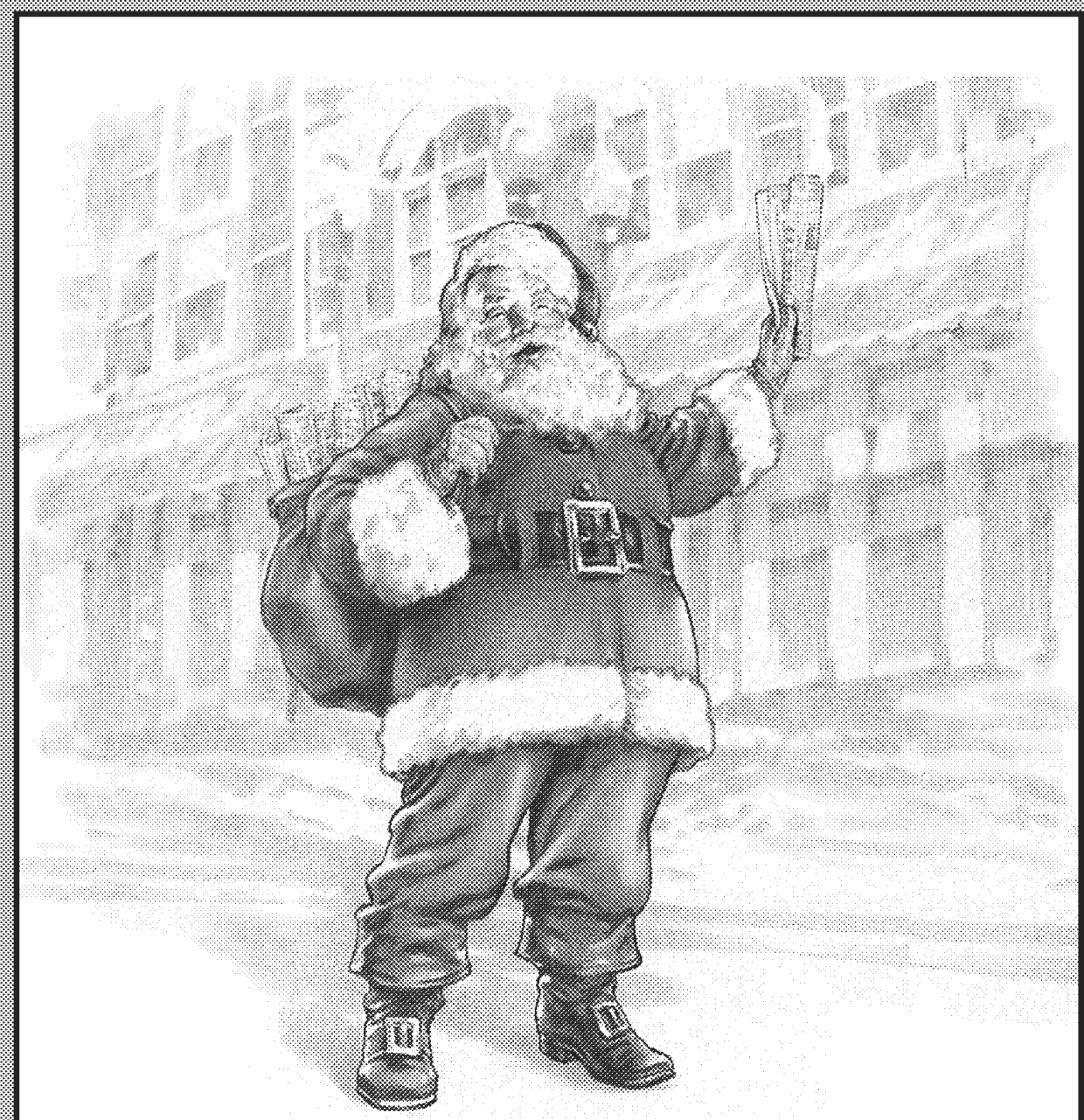
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Marching Rockets represent Rockcastle County in Inaugural Festivities

The Rockcastle County High School Marching Rockets were recently invited to be part of the Inaugural parade held in Frankfort on Tuesday, December 10. Frankfort was full of excitement and celebration as the Commonwealth inaugurated the 61st Governor. Public school educators played a central role during all the activities of the day. More than 200 educators across Kentucky dressed in red and led the inaugural parade down Capital Avenue as Grand Marshals. The Marching Rockets performed their Christmas Parade tune "Good Swing Wenceslas" along with a custom arrangement of the state song "My Old Kentucky Home" arranged by Senior Drum Major Tarrylton Dunn. Pictured with the Marching Rockets Banner are band members Autumn Dixon and Jacob Anglin along with Colorguard Members Emily Alexander, Devona Smith, Kylee Carpenter, and Taylor Long. Behind them is Drum Major Tarrylton Dunn and the RCHS Marching Rockets horn and drum lines.

Operation Unite Region 4 Coalition Coordinator Carl Varney presented the RCMS Unite Club with the Regional Middle School Club of the Year Award. This is the 11th year for the club to win this award. Pictured with Mr. Varney are the Blasting Rockets Unite Club officers Anna Chaliff, Allie Payne, and Leigha Crutcher.



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'17 TOYOTA CAMRY LE Stk. #W369 \$16,900	'18 CHEVROLET IMPALA SEDAN LT Stk. #W232 \$17,500	'19 NISSAN KICKS SV FWD Stk. #2818A \$17,800	'17 JEEP CHEROKEE 4WD LATITUDE Stk. #W270A \$17,800	'16 TOYOTA CAMRY SEDAN SE Stk. #W316 \$17,800	'17 TOYOTA CAMRY LE Stk. #W367 \$17,800	'07 TOYOTA TUNDRA CREW CAB 4WD LIMITED Stk. #1788A \$17,900
'16 TOYOTA RAV4 AWD LE Stk. #W356 \$18,800	'19 NISSAN ALTIMA 2.5 SR Stk. #W357 \$18,800	'18 NISSAN ROGUE SL CROSSOVER 4WD Stk. #W350 \$18,800	'18 TOYOTA CAMRY SEDAN SE Stk. #W303 \$18,800	'17 TOYOTA CAMRY SE Stk. #W361 \$18,800	'18 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN GT Stk. #W370 \$18,900	'17 TOYOTA CAMRY SE Stk. #W368 \$19,800
'18 TOYOTA C-HR XLE PREMIUM Stk. #2888A \$20,800	'15 HONDA CRV AWD EX-L Stk. #2648A \$20,900	'14 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 LT 4X4 Stk. #3055A \$21,800	'18 TOYOTA RAV4 AWD XLE Stk. #W373 \$21,800	'17 GMC ACADIA FWD SLT1 Stk. #2790A \$21,800	'19 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN GT Stk. #W371 \$21,900	'18 TOYOTA RAV4 XLE AWD Stk. #W336 \$22,800
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'15 DODGE RAM 1500 CREW CAB 4WD SPORT Stk. #3181A \$27,900	'16 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER AWD XLE Stk. #W343 \$28,800	'17 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER AWDLE PLUS Stk. #W284A \$28,900	'19 NISSAN PATHFINDER 4WD SL Stk. #W348 \$29,800	'18 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER AWD XLE Stk. #W304 \$29,800	'16 TOYOTA TUNDRA CREW MAX 4WD TRD OFF ROAD Stk. #2719A \$32,800	'19 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER AWD XLE Stk. #W320 \$32,800

2019 TOYOTA SIENNA LE STOCK #W365, 8 PASSENGER.....	\$26,900	2019 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER XLE STOCK #W319.....	\$34,900	2019 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN 4WD LT STOCK #W363.....	\$42,900
2019 TOYOTA SIENNA LE STOCK #W383, 8 PASSENGER.....	\$29,900	2019 TOYOTA 4RUNNER SR5 STOCK #W270, 4WD, PREMIUM.....	\$35,800	2019 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN LT STOCK #W220.....	\$43,800
2018 TOYOTA TACOMA STOCK #W242A, DCAB, 4WD, TRD OFF ROAD.....	\$33,800	2017 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER AWD STOCK #W362, LIMITED.....	\$35,900	2019 RAM 2500 BIG HORN STOCK #W337, QUAD CAB, 4WD DIESEL.....	\$44,800
2019 TOYOTA TACOMA STOCK #W329, DCAB 4WD, TRD OFF ROAD.....	\$33,800	2019 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED STOCK #W366.....	\$35,900	2019 FORD F150 KING RANCH STOCK #W329.....	\$45,800
2017 TOYOTA TUNDRA SR5 STOCK #2819A, DBL CAB, 4WD.....	\$33,800	2019 JEEP WRANGLER UNLIMITED SAHARA STOCK #W333.....	\$36,800	2019 FORD F150 KING RANCH STOCK #W326, 4W, SUPER CREW.....	\$46,800
2017 CHEVROLET SILVERADO LT Z71 STOCK #2987A, 1500, 4WD.....	\$34,800	2019 NISSAN TITAN PRO-4X STOCK #3115A, 4WD.....	\$40,900	2015 GMC SIERRA DENALI STOCK #W332A, DURAMAX, 4WD, 2500HD, DIESEL.....	\$46,800
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\$1.79 8 oz pkg



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\$2.29 12 oz pkg



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Mount Vernon Signal

Third Section

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Scenes from Mount Vernon Christmas Parade



Steve Griffin gave Santa Claus a lift in the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



Mt. Vernon Police Chief Brian Carter and his son, Wyatt, led the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade down Main Street.



Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Howell Holbrook pulled a Radio Flyer float in the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



Gracie, Ava and Ryder Parker tell Santa Claus what they'd like for Christmas after the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.

Merry Christmas

All of us at Brodhead Pharmacy would like to thank all of our customers for a great year. Stop by to see us and let us help you with all your prescription needs.



Front row from left: Katie Wynn, Howard Saylor, David Collins, Lisa Norris, Krystal McClure and Michelle Coffey. Back row from left: Kenny Adams, Janet Adams, Cheyenne Parman, Lillie Foster, Matt Burkhart and Sheena Stewart.

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David Collins, Owner

Howard Saylor, Pharmacist



Tatelynn Clouse and her dad, Jessie, drove behind the RCHS Marching Rockets during the Mount Vernon and Brodhead Christmas Parades.



Ralph and Joanne McClure rode their 4x4 in the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



Rockcastle Jailer Nathan Carter with his wife Dana and daughter Carley took part in the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade sharing candy with those in attendance.



David Thompson and Judy Bruner rode their 4x4 in the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



James and Delina Bowles rode their RZR in the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.

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Session on alzheimer's disease

Join us January 23, 2020 from 6:30-8 p.m. at Rockcastle Regional Hospital & Respiratory Care Center in the Hospital Chapel for an educational session focused on the stages of Alzheimer's disease.

Discussion will include what to expect as the disease progresses from a behavioral and functional standpoint. There will also be tips on how to support your loved one throughout the disease.

Following the presentation we will have a general questions and answer session. A panel of experts from the UK Sanders Brown Center on Aging and the Alzheimer's Association will discuss updates and answer any questions pertaining to dementia. This program is offered through an interactive telemedicine system to connect with persons who are impacted by Alzheimer's disease and related memory disorders, providing education and supportive services across the state of Kentucky. Registration is required. Contact Sally Scherer at the UK Sanders Brown Center on Aging at 859-323-5550 or sally.scherer@uky.edu. Deadline to register is January 16th! This event is free and open to the public.



Front row from left: Julie Pigg, Donna McClure and Janie King. Back row from left: Betty Frederick, Katie Barnes, Anthony Asher, Ashley Reynolds and Megan Coffey.



Warm wishes to all of you for a joyous holiday season.

Many thanks for your continued patronage.



From left: Sandy Durham, Katlyn Durham, Keith Pierce, Cathy Howard and Jaelyn Bullock.



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The RCHS Marching Rockets, under the direction of Mr. Greg Daugherty, entertained those in attendance at the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



Livingston Fire and Rescue brought Engine 302 to the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



State Representative Travis Brenda participated in the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



Climax Volunteer Fire Department took part in the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



Mount Vernon Fire and Rescue took part in the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Department brought Engine 804 to the Mount Vernon 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!!

L.H. Bennett



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John Bray, candidate for State Representative for the 71st District, took part in the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade. He is shown above with his daughter, Isla and Sydney Woods. Also on the float were his wife Jana, son Trapper and Spencer Woods.



Brodhead Mayor Walter Cash took part in the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



Flat Rock Baptist Church's float, "God's Greatest Gift - Jesus" during the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



Katie Wynn and Smokey the Bear, with the Climax Volunteer Fire Department walked in front of the fire department's float and shared candy with those in attendance at the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



Skylar Holcomb and Larkin Prewitt threw candy from Engine 10 of the Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department during the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.

Money Tip for Students

Students should learn about their credit scores

Students should be familiar with credit scores, according to the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

Your credit score is a three-digit number that has a long-lasting effect on your buying power. When you apply for credit, your credit score will be checked. The higher your credit score, the better the chances you will be approved.

Although there are several scoring methods, the most widely accepted one comes from FICO. Your FICO score ranges from 300 to 850. These items make up your FICO score:

- 35 percent is based on your payment history. Early payments will have a higher number than on-time payments, which will have a higher score than late payments.
- 30 percent is based on outstanding debt. This outstanding debt is how much you owe on car loans, mortgages, credit cards, etc. The number of credit cards you have and if those cards are near the maximum borrowing limit will hurt your score.
- 15 percent is based on the length of time you have had credit. The longer you have been borrowing money and

paying it back in a timely manner, the better your score.

- 10 percent is based on new credit. If you have opened several new accounts, that will have a negative effect on your score. Also, the more inquiries on your credit report in a year, the lower your score.

- 10 percent is based on the types of credit you currently have. It helps to have a mix of loan types. If you have a credit card, an installment loan will even the credit out.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers Kentucky's grant and scholarship programs, including the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES).

KHEAA's sister agency, the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation (KHESLC), offers low-cost Advantage Loans to help students and parents pay for college or to refinance student loans. For more information about Advantage Loans, visit www.advantageeducation.com

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.

M E R R Y

Christmas!

from

Rockcastle Circuit Court Clerk

Eliza Jane York-Hansel

Wishing you and your family all the gifts of this magical time of year.

For your friendship and support, we are deeply grateful and look forward to serving you in the year ahead.

Front row from left: Sam Alcorn, Marcia Olinger, Sandra Hamm, Priscilla Napier and Stephanie Allen.
Back row from left: Brenda Miller, Brittney Mullins, Kim Denny, Renita Blanton and Eliza Jane York-Hansel.

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Darla Reams Moore walks beside her float for M&M Trading during the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



Rockcastle EMS took part in the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.

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Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



WHITE BEAN AND SAUSAGE CP SOUP

4 cups white beans
1 jar (25 ounce) crushed tomatoes
1 tablespoon garlic powder
1 tablespoon salt
12 ounces kielbasa sausage, cut into bite size pieces
Place navy beans in a large bowl and just cover with water. Leave at room temperature overnight. The next day, drain the beans and pour them into the bowl of a crock pot. Cover the beans with water and stir in the tomatoes, garlic powder, salt, and sausage. Put the lid on, set the crock pot to high, and cook for 8 hours, or until the beans are tender. Add more salt or garlic powder to taste. Serve.

BEER CHEESE SOUP

4 tablespoons 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 bottle (16 ounce) beer
1 tablespoon Dijon or stone-ground mustard
10 ounces sharp cheddar, shredded
Salt
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.

CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP

NOTE: I sometimes use canned chicken in soup if I don't have any fresh chicken on hand.

2 chicken breast halves, boneless and skinless
1 medium carrot, sliced
1 stalk celery, sliced
1 onion, chopped
2 tablespoons butter
1 cup water
4 cups rich chicken broth
1 cup uncooked egg noodles
Cut chicken into bite-sized pieces. In a 2-quart saucepan over medium-high heat sauté chicken, carrot slices, celery, and onion in the butter for 5 minutes or until onions are tender. Add water and broth to the chicken mixture. Heat to a boil. Stir in the noodles. Reduce the heat to medium. Cook for 10 minutes or until the chicken is cooked through and the noodles are tender.



*During this holiday season
and throughout the year,
may God quiet you with
his peace, comfort you with his
presence and bless you
with his love.*

Merry Christmas from the staff at

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Owners: David Collins & Shelly Clements



*Our very best wishes for
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*For the privilege of serving you,
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Front row from left: Katie Clements, David Collins and Shelly Clements.
Back row from left: Doug Clements, Dawn Myers, Brandon Crew and Matthew Bustle.

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Members of the Higher Praise Ministries walked in the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade and brought their float - "Let His Word Unwrap The Magic of Christmas".



Mt. Zion Baptist Church's float in the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



Roundstone Baptist Church's float in the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



Juicy McGuire drove his Chevy Corvair in the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.

Minds in the Middle

The Rogers Explorers application is now open for 8th graders. This is a three-day summer program at a local university for students who have a strong interest in developing skills in leadership, technology, math, science, and community service. You must have at least a 3.0 grade point average to apply. See Mr. McGuire for information. Congratulations to Mrs. Renner's 6th grade Enterprisers homeroom on winning the attendance race last week. Mrs. Rachel Johnson's 7th grade Shooting Stars homeroom came in second place followed by Mr. Todd's 8th grade Comets homeroom in

third place. Thank you to our Kind Kids of the week: Chloe Stevens, Lilly Thomas, Gage Woodall, Shawntell McGuire, Eli Cook, Harley Mink, Jaden Minton, Kali Jones, Abby Sparks and Katie Dobbs. Congratulations to the Comets' team spelling bee winner Will Bishop and the Enterpriser team winner Emaleigh Bowman. Thursday is ugly Christmas sweater day! School will not be in session on December 20 through January 6. Report cards will be sent home following break.

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Merry Christmas

May your days be merry and bright with the light of God's love.

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from

Rockcastle County Attorney
Jeremy Rowe
& staff



Front row from left: Kathy Burgin, Ravyn Bullens, Kathy Robinson and Meredith Gross. Back row from left: Autumn King, Assistant County Attorney William Leger, County Attorney Jeremy Rowe, Julie Adams and Selena Thompson.

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James Renner with the Rockcastle County Recycling Center pulled a float with Stephanie Sizemore, Amanda Osborne, Billy Gail Osborne, Danik Sizemore, Zoey Holland and Bella Cromer sharing candy with the crowd during the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



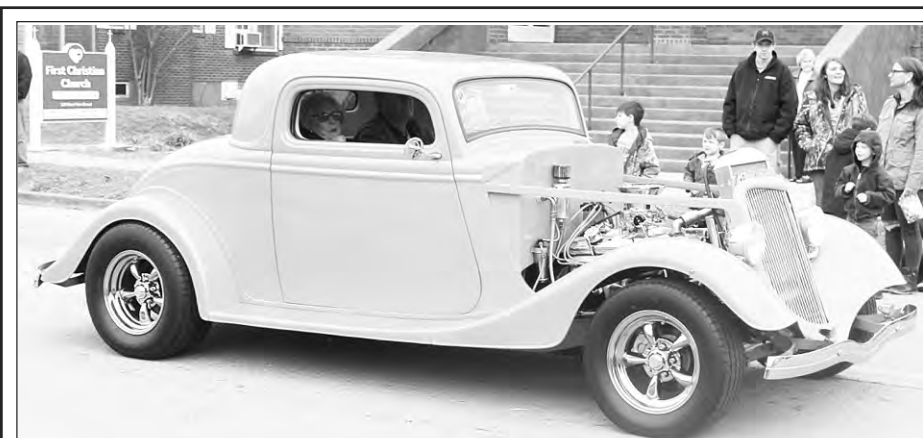
Olivia French and Jeremiah Caudill brought the Rockcastle Public Library's Bookmobile to the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



Donnie and Tarina Helton drove their Chevrolet Chevelle in the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



Carlos McClure and his daughters, Palin and Bristol along with Krissy Richmond and Keelee Bowling took part in the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



Dale and Joyce Lark drove their Ford Coupe in the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



Eugene and Sarah Taylor drove their '40 Ford in the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



Cecil and Judy King drove their '41 Ford in the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



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Meredith Gross and little Maddux took part in the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



David's Tire Center took part in the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.

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Owner*

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Steve Singleton and his mother, Carl Dean, rode in his GMC truck during the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



Eric and Sadie Adams enjoyed taking part in the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.

MVES first graders write Santa Letters

Jamie Bryant's First Grade Class
(Unedited)

Dear Santa,
How are the elvsdong? I have been awsum ths yer. You should know I'm gong to maek yu kukeys. I hope for a nintndo swich.
Love, Kayden
Dear Santa,
How are the Rain dear and the others? I have been preetygood. You should no I love my fmyly. I hope you bring a 1000 pond toy.
Love, Christopher
Dear Santa,
How are you with the Ranedear? I have been bad and good this year. You should know that I want to know all aboutyou! I hope my brother gist that Sharc game that he wantd.
Love, Maggie
Dear Santa,
How are you doing ritenow? I have been hoping to see you. You should know I'm going to by coogks. I hope for a dert bicke.
Love, Aiden
Dear Santa,
How are your raindearand you? I have been hopeingto see you. You should know my mmom and Dad is good to me! I hope that you brangme a baby bed for my baby.
Love, Jaden
Dear Santa,
How are you and your raindear? I have been pretty good and a litle bad this year. You should know my sissy has been a little meento me. I hope you brag my sissy a pet bird.
Love, Bristol
Dear Santa,
How are you doing at the Nuthpole? I have been pretty goodall year. You should know that I want to see Ruodof! I hope

you make my mommy not wock.
Love, Alex
Dear Santa,
How is Misis Santa dowing? I have been a little bad this year. You should know my bruthr has ben noutey. I hop you brig me a LOL doll.
Love, Raeleigh
Dear Santa,
How are you and MisisClos doing? I have been bad and good but a little bit. You should know mi sister is bad and mi bruther is badand I am bad! I hope you get a UK shert to me Santa.
Love, Audrey
Dear Santa,
How are your randirring? I have been pretty good at skoll. You should know that Elfie has been notty! I hope you bring aomg doll.
Love, Abigail
Dear Santa,
How are the elvs? I have been hoping to see you. You should know I love my tooth! I hope you breg me a apl wochthat I can play on.
Love, Christin
Dear Santa,
How are the Ran der and elfies? I have been bad and good. You should know that Jamie is veremen. I hope you bring me a fone cace.
Love, Ashton
Dear Santa,
How are you magik? I have been hoping to see you. You should know I am going to make kukes. I hope you breg me a nintndo swich.
Love, Carson
Dear Santa,
How are you and Mis Cloz? I have been pretty goodall year. You should know Kashton, he love kukys! I hope I get a Nemsis rifl.
Love, Jase
Dear Santa,
How are you doing,

Santa? I have been bad and good all year. You should know that I love my family. I hope you bring me two boxes of LOL confetipop.
Love, Madison
Dear Santa,
How are you doungSanta? I have been good all year and a little bad. You should know I reaked on the dun buge. I hope you bring me a dun buge.
Love, Chase
Dear Santa,
How are the rainder and Rudof? I have been a little gud this yer. You should know that you are skrdof lite! I hope that I get a invizublcape that you can download on the free app.
Love, Bentley
Mrs. Kristy's First Grade
(Unedited)
Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I wood wont a buch uvcars3 cars. And a Holktoy. And I wood wont a lillid toy rudoff-the-red-nose.
Waylon
Dear Santa,
I have been good. I would like Pla4 Station 4 for Chrstmas.
Love, Bladen
Dear Santa,
I have been good. I would like a light saver for Christmas.
Ryden
Dear Santa,
I have been good. I would like xbox ror Christmas.
Liam B.
Dear Santa,
I have been good. I would like a doll for Christmas.
Rachael
Dear Santa,
I like Santa, and I been a good boy. I love Santa, I like toys I woot a pep chey andn a muny chrey and Crayola.
Liam M.

Dear Santa,
I have been a gud girl I would love to have some bore's and sume slim and a heerbow. Thin I wite a box fo sum moocrs.
Emma
Dear Santa,
I like you Sata, this year I have been a good gorle. I would like to a babs and toy nosis for my babs. I love you Sata.
Ava
Dear Santa,
I wont 5 yorke and 10 more yorke and mabey I more yorkeif you have time to do that. I have been noteey and nis. Biy Santa!
Paisley
Dear Santa,
Hiy. I been a good boy. I want a nerf gun that can split in have and I want a caten umaira for weler and I want a vanos fest that can moov inside.
Tristian
Dear Santa,
Hi how have you been? I have been a good girl. I would love to have a BarBe doll.
Ella F.
Dear Santa,
Hi I have ben god. I wut a now word bodol for crsmes and bascbal and scatbod.
Jasse
Dear Santa,
Are you good? I have been a good grlethis year. I woot a toy bab doll and a toy prisins makup set anb a toy doll and a toy santa klos and a toy misis klos
Love, Ella C.

Dear Santa,
I hav ben a gud boy and I hav lesndto my papaw. I want a boy red ring and a go crt and a jacit weth spicx. Merry Christmas santa.
Christian
Dear Santa,
I hav obad my parts and my techr ths yer. I wuta ps360.
Chase
Dear Santa,
I have bin a goob girl this yeerat home and at school. I would liycka baby dol.
Madelynn
Dear Santa,
I have bena good boy. I wout a basketball gol and a ps4 and a nu jaket. I love you Santa.
Corey
Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I woyud like a toy story gift under the Christmas tree.
Love, Brody
Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I would like a farm set.
Love, Bella
Dear Santa,
I have been good. I would like deer huntin' clothes.
Love, Braxton
Mrs. Kaci's First Grade
(Edited)
Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I want a remote control kitty. I need new t-shirts.
Love, William W.
Dear Santa,
I have been good this

year! I want a Jo Jobow. I need new pajamas.
Love, Kennedy
Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I want n LOL Glitter Glam doll. I need a hoodie.
Love, Layla
Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I want a Winter Disco LOL doll. I need some bras.
Love, Elizabeth
Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I want a Hair Adorable LOL doll. I need some pretty clothes.
Love, Charlotte
Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I want a big orange nerf gun. I need new hunting clothes.
Love, Colten
Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I want some Robloxtoys. I need a new backpack.
Love, Avery
Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I want make-up. I need bras.
Love, Rachael
Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I want the Rock wrestling man. I need new shoes.
Love, AJ
Dear Santa,
I have been good this year! I want a puppy. I need long sleeved t-shirts.
Love, Kindle

(Cont. to A9)



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Dear Santa, I have been good this year! I want some pink lipstick. I need shorts for summertime.
 Love, Hanna
 Dear Santa, I have been good this year! I want a Ben-Ten Creation Chamber. I need a new shirt.
 Love, Zane
 Dear Santa, I have been good this year! I want a Barbie Fashionista doll. I need new snow boots.
 Love, Emmalee
 Dear Santa, I have been good this year! I want a remote controlled car. I need new clothes.
 Love, William B.
 Dear Santa, I have been good this year! I want a blue nerf gun. I need a new backpack.
 Love, Grayson
 Dear Santa, I have been good this year! I want a Barbie dog that walks. I need new shoes.
 Love, Kenzley
 Dear Santa, I have been good this year! I want a poke-mon toy. I need a new backpack.
 Love, Wyatt
 Dear Santa, I have been good this year! I want a sonic figurine set. I need longer pants.
 Love, Christopher
 Dear Santa, I have been good this year! I want a Barbie dollhouse. I need new scrunchies.
 Love, Trinilyn
 Dear Santa, I have been good this year! I want a PS4. I need new shoes.
 Love, Jasper
Robin Bowman's First Grade
(Edited)
 Dear Santa, My name is Abby, I am 6 years old. A camera and

an Olaf. Also, a Barbie Doll is what I want for Christmas!
 Love, Abigail
 Dear Santa, My name is Matthew Dravin, I am 7. I have been very good. I want a Nerf Ultra 1, a Nerf Blaster and Nerf Sniper Rifle. I want a Nerf Golden Scar and a fake RPG gun. I will leave you Oreos and milk.
 Love, Matthew Dravin
 Dear Santa, My name is Riley and I am 7 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas please bring me a Deluxe ATK Remote Control vehicle and a Really Rad Robot Turbo Bot.
 Love, Riley
 Dear Santa, Xavier is my name and I am 6 years old. This year I have been very good. For Christmas, please bring me a Tumbo, and a Nerf Blaster.
 Love, Xavier
 Dear Santa, My name is Jace and I am 6 1/2 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas please bring me a NINTENDO SWITCH and NINTENDO SWITCH game, and the game is called MARIO ODESSEY.
 Love, Jace
 Dear Santa, My name is Connor. I want to have a motorcycle, and scooter. I want to have a bicycle too.
 Love, Connor
 Dear Santa, My name is Anabella and I am 6 years old. This year I have been very nice! For Christmas, please bring me a horse. I will leave you milk and cookies to eat.
 Love, Anabella
 Dear Santa, My name is Caleb Thompson I am 6 1/2 years old. I have been very

nice, my big sister has been naughty! For Christmas, please bring me a NINTENDO SWITCH Super Mario Odyssey game, and headphones. Also, bring me the other things I want.
 Love, Caleb
 Dear Santa, My name is Landyn and I am 6 years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me: Adventure Force T-Rex and an Adventure Force Dragan.
 Love, Landyn
 Dear Santa, My name is Mason Fletcher and I am 6 years old, this year I have very nice. For Christmas, please bring me a FORTNITE Squad Pack, a Jumanji Game, and the 5-Pk collectors set of FORTNITE Figures. I also want a Roblox card for my big sister and an Olaf for my baby sister.
 Love, Mason
 Dear Santa, My name is Chloe and I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas, please bring me an American Girls Doll Gourmet Kitchen Set and please bring me a Mommy's Diaper Bag Basics set.
 Love, Chloe
 Dear Santa, My name is Keelyn and I am 8 years old. This year I have been very naughty! For Christmas, please bring me a Phone and also let me have mommy's big tablet and mommy you are also naughty!
 Love, KiKi
 Dear Santa, My name is James and I am 7 years old. I have been nice this year! For Christmas, please bring me a Nitendo Switch, a Mega Construx Build a Pikachu and a PJ Masks Deluxe Figure Set.
 Love, James
 Dear Santa, My name is Paisley and I

am 6 years old. I have been real good this year! For Christmas, please bring me a LOL Doll and LOL Dollhouse, a JoJo hair bow and a notebook!
 Love, Paisley
 Dear Santa, My name is Addilyn and I am 7 years old. This year, I have been very nice. For Christmas, please bring me a hamster cage and some black boots. Also, I would like a jacket with some cat ear muffs and wristbands that have hearts on them, pants come with it too. I want an American Girl Doll that matches that same outfit, please mom!
 Love, Addilyn
 Dear Santa, My name is Allie Mullins and I am 7 and a half. For Christmas I want a hamster set and a colored hair clip, you pick the color!
 Love, Allie Mullins
 Dear Santa, My name is Landon, I am 6 1/2 years old. I have been nice this year. Please mom can I have a Nerf Blaster and a real

shotgun. I will leave you milk and cookies on the table!
 Love, Landon
 Dear Santa, My name is Ezekiel and I am 7 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas, please bring me a Baby and a Hyper 24 Electric Motorcycle. For my big sister, please bring

her an American Girl Doll.
 Love, Ezekiel
 Dear Santa, My name is Gabriella and I am 6 years old. This year I have been nice. For Christmas, please bring me a Baby Alive doll and a Fur Real Cubby the Curious Bear.
 Love Gabriella

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Clerk's Office Holiday Schedule and Closings
 Due to AVIS Outages.
 Christmas - December 23-25, 2019
 New Year - December 31, 2019
 & January 1, 2019

from

County Clerk Danetta Ford Allen

and staff

RES kindergarteners write Santa Letters

Mrs. Imogene Williams's Kindergarten Class

Dear Santa,
My name is Gemma and I am five years old. I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was help mommy bake a cake. A nice thing I did at school was I don't get tallies. Please bring me a little kitty and other things. I will leave a letter for you and your reindeer.

Dear Santa,
My name is Zarina and I am six years old. I live on Locust Street. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was cleaned up trash when Mom told me to. A nice thing I did at school was I made friends. Please bring me a Peppa Pig set. I will leave cookies for you and your reindeer.

Dear Santa,
My name is Westyn. 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 I gave grandpa food. A nice thing I did at school was work hard. Please bring me a Christmas tree and a monster truck. I will leave milk and cookies for you and your reindeer.

Dear Santa,
My name is Travis and I am six years old. I live on Flat Gap Road. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was clean up my room. A nice thing I did at school was give Jeremiah a hug. Please bring me a Thomas the Train and a Batman action figure. I will leave milk and cookies for you and your reindeer.

Dear Santa,
My name is Emmie Lou and I am five years old. I live on Sunset Ridge. I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was clean my room. A nice thing I did at school was share my crayons. Please bring me an Elsa Doll and an Anna Doll for Christmas. I will leave candy canes for you and your reindeer.

Dear Santa,
My name is Nicholas and I am five years old. I live in Berea. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was help my dad pick up stuff. A nice thing I did at school was help Jagger cheer up. Please bring me a blue Elf on the Shelf for Christmas. I will leave cookies and milk for you and your reindeer.

Dear Santa,
My name is Weston and I am six years old. I live on Copper Creek. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was to do what they said. A nice thing I did at school was bring snacks. Please bring me an air hockey game for Christmas. I will leave a whole bag of apples and carrots for you and your reindeer.

Dear Santa,
My name is Forrest and I am five years old. I live in Rockcastle County. I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family was chores when my mom was sick.

A nice thing I did at school was I didn't scribble on my work. Please bring me an arrow dart gun for Christmas. I will leave cookies and milk for you and your reindeer.

Dear Santa,
My name is Bryer and I am five years old. I live on Sinking Valley Springs Road. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family was not get tallies. A nice thing I did at school was be good. Please bring me a chameleon for Christmas. I will leave myself for you and your reindeer.

Dear Santa,
My name is Jeremiah and I am six years old. I live on Iron Weed Road. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was helped do chores. A nice thing I did at school was be good. Please bring me a Paw Patrol Tower with a watch that you put a card in. I will leave hay, cookies and milk for you and your reindeer.

Dear Santa,
My name is Elizabeth and I am five years old. I live on Sinking Valley Springs Road. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was help mommy cook. A nice thing I did at school was not tattle on people. Please bring me an Elf on the Shelf and a reindeer for Christmas. I will leave cookies, milk and carrots for you and your reindeer.

Dear Santa,
My name is Jagger and I am five years old. I live in Wildie. 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 be good for my teachers. Please bring me an Apple watch for Christmas. I will leave cookies and milk for you and your reindeer.

Dear Santa,
My name is Calypso and I am five years old. I live in Kentucky. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was my chores. A nice thing I did at school was make friends. Please bring me a dinosaur toy that talks. I will leave carrots and water for you and your reindeer.

Dear Santa,
My name is Maelee and I am five years old. I live in Mt. Vernon. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was clean our house for Mom when she was sick. A nice thing I did at school was my homework. Please bring me school stuff for Christmas. I will leave some cookies, milk and celery for you and your reindeer.

Dear Santa,
My name is Brantlee and I am five years old. I live on Lambert Road. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family year year was do the dishes. A nice thing I did at school was play with other kids. Please bring me a race car track for Christmas. I will leave cookies and carrots for you and your

reindeer.
Dear Santa,
My name is Noah and I am six years old. I live on Old Garrard Road. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was help clean. A nice thing I did at school was be nice. Please bring me a toy bat and my sister a baby doll. I will leave cookies and carrots for you and your reindeer.

Dear Santa,
My name is Kash Fowler and I am six years old. I live on Copper Creek Road. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was help my mom cook. A nice thing I did at school was help Gemma. Please bring me a Jo Jo Sewa styling head. I will leave carrots for you and your reindeer.

Dear Santa,
My name is Kinsli and I am six years old. I live on

Burnt Ridge Road. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was chores. A nice thing I did at school was never get a tally. Please bring me an iPad and a Maximus horse for Christmas. I will leave milk and cookies for you and your reindeer.

Dear Santa,
My name is Liam and I am six years old. I live on Tiny Lane. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was help them. A nice thing I did at school was be nice. Please bring me a costume for Christmas. I will leave cookies for you and your reindeer.

Mrs. Tanya Clark's Kindergarten class
Dear Santa,
My name is Ava Lynn and I am five years old. I live on Lambert Road. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was help with laun-

dry. A nice thing I did at school was work hard. Please bring me my own small Christmas tree for Christmas. I will leave carrots for you and your reindeer.

Dear Santa,
My name is Payton and I am five years old. I live on Green Fish Hill. 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 pushed people on the swings. Please bring me a Rainbow Unicorn vet set. I will leave chocolate milk and cookies for you and your reindeer.

Dear Santa,
My name is Graceson and I am five years old. 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 room. A nice thing I did at school was play with my friends. Please bring me a giant Godzilla for Christmas. I

will leave cookies and milk for you and your reindeer.

Dear Santa,
My name is Zaylee and I am five years old. I live in Disputanta. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was clean my room. A nice thing I did at school was help my friends. Please bring me a real phone for Christmas. I will leave carrots and cookies for you and your reindeer.

Dear Santa,
My name is Maycee and I am five years old. I live in Roundstone. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was help Mommy clean the kitchen. A nice thing I did at school was push my friends on the swings. Please bring me a scooter for Christmas. I will leave milk and apples under the tree for you and your reindeer.

(Cont. to A11)

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“Letters”

(Cont. from C10)

Dear Santa,
My name is Cole and I am five years old. I live in Little Clear Creek. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was put my cup in the sink. A nice thing I did at school was give a kiss to Mrs. Becky on the cheek.
Please bring me Spiderman headphones for Christmas. I will leave cookies, milk and carrots for you and your reindeer.

Dear Santa,
My name is Hunter and I am six years old. I live in Scaffold Cane. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was help decorate the tree. A nice thing I did at school was follow directions.
Please bring me a Shy Guy shirt for Christmas. I will leave snacks for you and your reindeer.

Dear Santa,
My name is Easton and I am five years old. I live on Sweetwater Road. I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family was clean my room. A nice thing I did at school was push my friends on the swings.
Please bring me a football for Christmas. I will leave carrots for you and your reindeer.

Dear Santa,
My name is Kingston and I am five years old. I live at Conway. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my

family this year was clean my room. A nice thing I did at school was push my friends on the swings.
Please bring me a remote control car for Christmas. I will leave Oreos, milk and carrots for you and your reindeer.

Dear Santa,
My name is Audrey and I am five years old. I live in Clear Creek. I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was to mop. A nice thing I did at school was follow the rules.
Please bring me a Frozen 2 purple Elsa dress for Christmas. I will leave apples and water for you and your reindeer.

Dear Santa,
My name is Noah and I am six years old. I live in Boone Gap. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was clean the garage. A nice thing I did at school was help open candy.
Please bring me a scooter for Christmas. I will leave carrots and cookies for you and your reindeer.

Dear Santa,
My name is Ian and I am six years old. I live in Sweetwater. 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 follow directions.
Please bring me a bike for Christmas. I will leave milk and cookies for you and your reindeer.

Dear Santa,
My name is Mason and I am five years old. I live in Sweetwater. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was help wash the dishes. A nice thing I did at school was play with my friends.
Please bring me a bicycle for Christmas. I will leave cookies and milk for you and your reindeer.

Dear Santa,
My name is Jon Luke and I am six years old. I live in Mt. Vernon. I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was fold towels. A nice thing I did at school was push everybody on the swings.
Please bring me a Madden 20 for Christmas. I will leave milk and cookies for you and your reindeer.

Dear Santa,
My name is Daimen and I am six years old. I live in Little Clear Creek. I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was wash dishes. Please bring me a Lego Titanic for Christmas. I will leave milk and cookies for you and your reindeer.

Dear Santa,
My name is Gabi and I am five years old. I live in Mt. Vernon. I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was hug them. A nice thing I did at school was help my friends.
Please bring me a go cart for Christmas. I will leave milk and cookies for you and your reindeer.

Dear Santa,
My name is Mason and I am five years old. I live in Sweetwater. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was help wash the dishes. A nice thing I did at school was play with my friends.
Please bring me a bicycle for Christmas. I will leave cookies and milk for you and your reindeer.

Dear Santa,
My name is Mason and I am five years old. I live in Sweetwater. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was help wash the dishes. A nice thing I did at school was play with my friends.
Please bring me a bicycle for Christmas. I will leave cookies and milk for you and your reindeer.



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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Isaiah 9:6

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Mamaw's Kitchen



By Regina Poynter Hoskins

SALTED NUT SQUARES

4 cups salted peanuts (no skins), divided
2 and 1/2 tablespoons butter
2 cups peanut butter chips
1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk
2 cups miniature marshmallows
Sea salt, optional
Place 2 cups peanuts in the bottom of an ungreased 13 x 9 pan.
Melt butter and peanut butter chips in a large saucepan over low heat. Stir until smooth. Remove from heat. Stir in condensed milk and marshmallows. Continue stirring until smooth and blended well.
Pour peanut butter mixture over peanuts in pan. Sprinkle remaining 2 cups peanuts over top of peanut butter mixture. If saltier bars are desired, sprinkle lightly with salt. Cover and refrigerate until chilled. Then, cut into bars. Bars can be served chilled or at room temperature.

PEANUT BUTTER FUDGE

1 cup brown sugar
1 cup white sugar
1/2 cup milk
1 and 1/2 cups peanut butter
1 teaspoon vanilla
Cook brown sugar, white sugar, and milk to a full boil. Remove from heat. Add peanut butter and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Stir until smooth. Line a pan with wax paper. Pour mixture into pan. Chill.

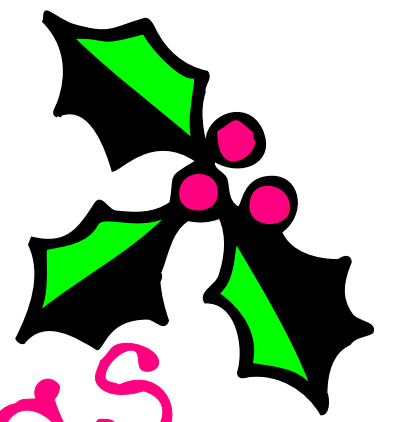
BROWN SUGAR FUDGE

1 cup packed brown sugar
1/4 cup butter
1/3 cup milk
1 tablespoon light corn syrup
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 to 2 and 1/4 cups powdered sugar
Line 8-inch square pan with aluminum foil, leaving 1 inch of foil overhanging on opposite sides. Grease foil. Mix sugar, butter, milk, and corn syrup in 2-quart saucepan. Heat to boiling over medium heat, stirring frequently. Boil and stir 1 minute; remove from heat. Cool without stirring for about 45 minutes or until bottom of pan is lukewarm. Stir in vanilla and powdered sugar until mixture is very stiff. Press into prepared pan. Refrigerate about 30 minutes or until firm. Cut into squares.

MICROWAVE FUDGE

3 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 can (14 ounce) condensed milk (not evaporated)
Dash of salt
1 cup chopped nuts
1 teaspoon vanilla
In 1-quart glass measure with handle, combine chips, condensed milk, and salt. Cook on HIGH for 3 minutes or until chips melt, stirring after each 1 and 1/2 minutes. Stir in remaining ingredients. Spread evenly into foil-lined 8- or 9-inch square pan. Chill 2 hours or until firm. Turn fudge onto cutting board; peel off foil and cut into squares. Store loosely covered at room temperature.

Merry Christmas



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From left: Shelly Mullins, Katy Chrisman, David Burton, Christa Taylor, Marlene Lawson, John Lawson, Ashley Harding and Tammy McVey.

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From left: Amanda Brown, Heidi Weatherly, James Cox, Cody Kirby, Shari Proctor, Jerry Cox and Teresa Whitaker.

Scenes from 2019 Brodhead Christmas Parade



Brodhead Mayor Walter Cash rode his Gator in Brodhead's Christmas Parade.



Brodhead Fire Chief John Dyehouse gave Santa Claus a ride during the annual EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.



Brodhead police officer Josh Foster led the EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade down Main Street.



Cecil and Judy King rode in their '57 Chevy during the EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.

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The RCHS Marching Rockets, led by senior Tarrylton Dunn, took part in the EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.



Darla Reams Moore with M&M Trading took first place in the EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.



State Representative Travis Brenda took part in the EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.

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Merry Christmas



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Mount Vernon Fire and Rescue's Engine 612.



Brodhead Fire Department's Engine 1, 1948 Chevrolet.



Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Department's Engine 804.



Mount Vernon Fire and Rescue's Ladder 611.



Children enjoyed the candy thrown from parade participants.



Samuel Brock enjoyed telling Santa Claus what he wants for Christmas after the annual EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.



Little Paisley Johnson enjoyed visiting with Santa Claus after the annual EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.



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.

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Willis Coffey and John D. Ford



From left: John Ford, Nicole Roberts and Willis Coffey

With Our Gratitude



To all our friends we hold so "deer," a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you for your kind patronage.

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Climax Fire Department was one of many local fire departments taking part in Christmas parades.



Flat Rock Baptist Church's float, "God's Greatest Gift - Jesus", took second place in the EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.



Climax Fire Department's float took third place during the EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.



Cork Haberek waves as he drives his daughter and son-in-law, Jana and Josh Bray, candidate for State Representative for the 71st District.



Members of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church took part in the EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.



Andrew Pensol, with Rockcastle County CSEPP, took part in the EJ Taylor Memorial parade in Brodhead.

Peace & Joy
TO ALL THE WORLD

**Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year**

*May God bless you and your
family this holiday season.*

**Senator
Jared Carpenter**



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Steve Griffin drove Mount Vernon Fire and Rescue's Rescue 613 truck during the EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.



Livingston Fire and Rescue's Engine 302.



Howard Saylor, shown at right, took part in the EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade sharing candy with those in attendance.



Santa Claus talks with Charles and Cameron after the EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade in Brodhead.



Glen Burton and Ruth Holman took part in the EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.



Jerry and Jewel Brown took part in the EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.



Larry and Debbie Napier took part in the EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.



Mike and Paula Freson drove their Maverick Can-Am in the EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.



Michelle Coffey rode her RZR in the EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.



David Thompson rode his 4x4 in the EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.



Have a Happy and Healthy Holiday!

We're dispensing our best wishes and they include a large measure of thanks to our loyal customers.

We truly appreciate your trust in us.



From left: Steve Sears, Teresa Shafer, Brinkley Abney, Morgan Coffey, Tim Young, Sandy Durham, and Alma Hoggard.

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County Judge-Executive Howell Holbrook pulled a Radio Flyer Christmas float in the EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.



James Renner with the Rockcastle County Recycling Center pulled a float with Stephanie Sizemore, Amanda Osborne, Billy Gail Osborne, Danik Sizemore, Zoey Holland and Bella Cromer sharing candy with the crowd.



Josh Chaliff drove his children, Jack and Laura, in a David's Tire Center truck during the EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.



Donnie and Tarina Helton drove their Chevrolet Chevelle in the EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.



Quincy Allen drove his Chevrolet Camaro in the EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.



Harold Taylor drove his Chevrolet Impala in the EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.

Merry Christmas

from

Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Howell Holbrook

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: Vicky Miller, County Judge-Executive Howell Holbrook and Court Clerk Patricia Martin. Back row from left: magistrates Shane Thacker, William Denny, Mike McGuire, Shannon Bishop, Doug Prewitt, Sheriff Shannon Franklin, County Attorney Jeremy Rowe and County Treasurer Joe Clontz.



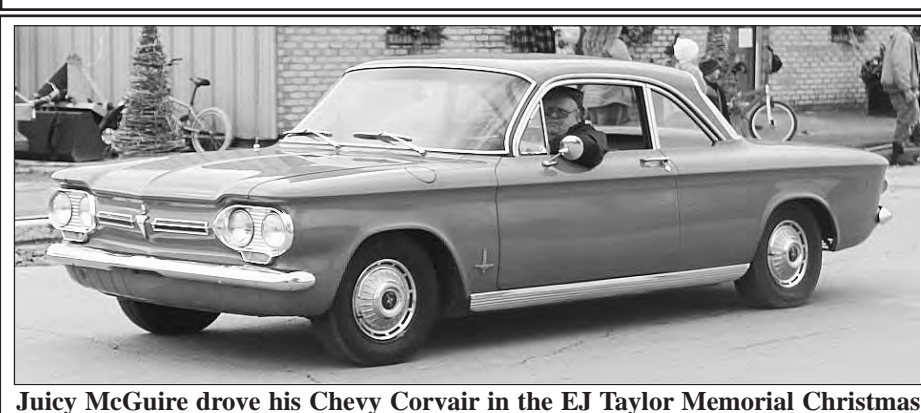
Wayne Bullock drove his Chevrolet 4x4 during the EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade in Brodhead.



Carlos McClure and his daughters, Palin and Bristol along with Krissy Richmond took part in EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.



Eugene and Sarah Taylor rode in their '54 Ford F100 during the EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade in Brodhead.



Juicy McGuire drove his Chevy Corvair in the EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.



Dale and Joyce Lark drove their Ford Coupe in the EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.



Steve Singleton drove his GMC truck during the EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade in Brodhead.



Frankie Anderkin gave thumbs up during the EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade



Thomas and Deb Philbeck took part in the EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade in Brodhead.

Signal office will be closed December 20th through December 27th



Randy Anderkin took part in the EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.

Merry Christmas

May you and your family enjoy the many blessings that give true meaning to the holiday season.

We feel privileged and blessed to have you as our customers.

Thank you for your patronage.



Dennis Elliott took part in the EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.



From left: Bobby and Felecia, Gracie, Beverly, Sherri, Sue, Caroline Not shown: Laurie



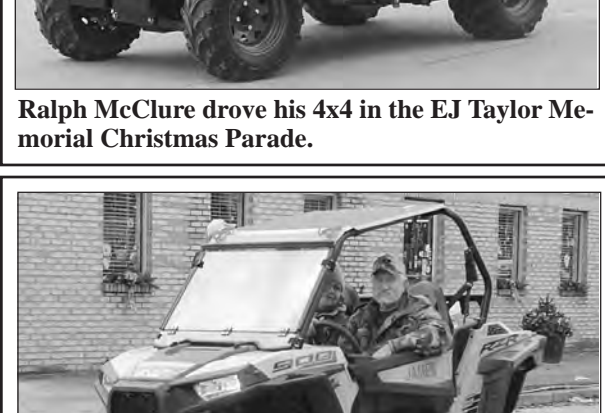
Ralph McClure drove his 4x4 in the EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.

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James and Delina Bowles rode their RZR in the EJ Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

& Happy New Year

At this festive time of year,
we'd like to display our gratitude to
our neighbors and friends

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