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Council hears proposal for local event

— City supports small event

By: Mike French
Editor

The local tourism department presented an idea to the fiscal court during their last meeting for a special concert event to be held in Mount Vernon. The presentation, presented by William Leger and Emily Bullock, provided financial estimates for a large and a small event and the fiscal court was asked to provide start up monies for the event of their choosing.

Most magistrates voiced their preference for the large event agreeing with Leger who said "If we are going to do this, we should do it big."

However, when Bullock presented the same options to the Mount Vernon City Council, during their regular monthly meeting, all councilmembers and Mayor Mike Bryant agreed that the smaller

event would be a much better option.

"Since this is an experimental event and there are no guarantees, it seems to me that it would be smart to start with the smaller event and measure its success before jumping into the large event," said Mayor Bryant. Still, he strongly supported the idea of the smaller event saying "This is exactly what we have asked our tourism department to do - to become self-sufficient. They are doing what we asked them to do by planning this event."

Each councilmember (See "City" on A7)

Clarification

The article in the December 19 issue of the *Mount Vernon Signal* concerning the inmate who was allegedly tied to a chair and beaten, stated the event occurred in March of 2018. Some readers asked us to point out that the current Jailer Nathan Carter was not in office in March of 2018 nor did the accused deputy ever work for Carter.

Brodhead meeting

The Brodhead City Commission held a special called meeting Tuesday to adopt mandated resolutions concerning FEMA monies that will be used to correct flooding issues in the city. According to City Clerk Becky Bussell, this was the only item on the agenda.

RCIDA meeting

The Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority's monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, January 7 at 8:30 a.m. in the Rockcastle County Courthouse in the third floor conference room. The public is invited to attend.

The Rockets and Lady Rockets have been busy over the holidays. The Rockets took part in the Stultz Pharmacy Holiday Classic at Greenup County and defeated East Carter 55-49 and lost to Greenup County 72-57. Above left, Will Bishop goes for two in the Rockets' win over East Carter. Bishop was named Player of the Game in the Rockets' win. The Lady Rockets took part in the Jack Burford Chevy Christmas Classic at Madison Central and came away with wins over Henry Clay, Bourbon County and Lafayette. The girls then traveled to Greenville, TN and took part in the Andrew Johnson Bank Ladies Classic. In the opening game, the Lady Rockets lost to the defending champions, Oak Ridge, but bounced back with a win over Morristown West. Monday, the girls lost to Parkersburg, WV. The Lady Rockets are now 9-3 on the season. Shown above, at right, is Hallie Brown going for two during the Christmas Classic at Madison Central. Rockets' photo by Sara Coguer. Lady Rockets' photo courtesy of @MikeSportsShots.

City to work on street flooding problems

By: Mike French
Editor

The City of Mount Vernon was presented with an estimate to repair some local sewer lines that may be responsible for water backing up near Lovell Street. The estimate was presented at the city's most recent council meeting December 19th. According to Sewer and Water Supervisor

Frank Baker, the line from the city park down West Main Street needs attention to solve the problems.

City Administrator Josh Bray says the old lines are a clay type line that are susceptible to breaks and the invasion of roots after a certain age. Mayor Mike Bryant agreed that the repairs should be immediate. "The residents there have been very pa-

tient and we have been guessing at the problem as we tried to help them. But it just wasn't working," he said. "This way, we will know the problems and be able to provide relief to the people who live there," he said.

The estimate is slightly over \$9,000 and will include a camera traveling down the inside of the pipe to look for breaks or blockages.

"The camera will find the blockage and then, unless it is in the middle of the street, we will dig it up and repair the line and then send the camera on down looking for more problems," said Baker. If the blockage is in the street, a contractor will be hired to repair the damage.

Bray says the city is currently working on a much larger scale project

that would repair lines throughout the city that were placed many years ago. The city had been waiting to repair this area at the same time as part of the larger project in the near future but officials say the need in that area has become more immediate and needs attention

before the large scale project can begin.

According to Bray, the cost of the project will eventually pay for itself. "With the breaks in the line, groundwater is getting into our system and we are having to work our

(See "Flood" on A7)

Indictments returned by local grand jury

Fifteen persons were named in 13 indictments returned by a Rockcastle County Grand Jury Friday, December 13th.

Those indicted, the charges and the bond set are:

Mason L. Bowling, 31, of Quail View Lane, Mt. Vernon indicted for receipt of a credit card belonging to someone else, fraudulent use of a credit

card and unlawful access to a computer. His bond was set at \$20,000 cash/property (c/p);

William C. Baker, 37, of Indian Lane, Mt. Vernon was indicted for possession of a controlled substance. His bond was set at \$5,000 c/p;

Jacob W. Martin, 20, and Jamie Howard, 39, both of London were (See "Indict" on A7)

Local recycle center to help with holiday trash

By: Mike French
Editor

The gifts have been opened and the family members have gone home. But in some cases, you are left with the mess. Did you get a new computer for Christmas

since your old one broke last month? What will you do with the old one? What are you going to do with the loads of paper and boxes and ribbons and bows? Where will you put the old phones or

(See "Trash" on A7)

2019 The year in review

January thru June

January, 2019

2019 started with a bang as arguments about a new alcohol beverage control ordinance in Mount Vernon caused big disagreements among city council members. The sale of alcohol in Mount Vernon and Brodhead have since been taxed and both cities have reported no increase in alcohol related crime.

A Livingston City Commissioner, Charlene Newcomb, resigned her long time position and was replaced by Dwayne King.

It was also in January that the newly-elected Sheriff Shannon Franklin and newly-elected Jailer Nathan Carter took over the reins in their new position. Newly-elected Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell

Holbrook also took his seat at the county's highest elected office.

Of course in January many local boards such as RCIDA and the Rockcastle County School Board held swearing in ceremonies for board members and named chairmen and department heads.

The City of Mount Vernon announced the annexation of 285 acres along I-75 and in the Renfro Valley area. The annexation is part of a

plan for economic growth and the formation of a TIF (Tax Increment Financing) development district which could bring millions of dollars in grants to the community as well as several large investments from businesses.

A full house attended the TIF meeting held at city hall and the district was established soon after.

Also in January, heroin began showing up more often in drug busts in the area while extreme cold

temperatures and snowfall caused the closure of government buildings and schools.

February, 2019

In February, I-75 construction caused ramps to be closed on and off and the usual traffic problems that come with such construction kept congestion throughout the county during most of the ramp and lane closures.

The Microfoodery plant construction was (See "Year" on A7)

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



Wednesday not only marked the end of the year, but the end of the decade. It is amazing what can change in a single decade.

I know my life is 100% different than it was in January of 2010.

Back then I had my dad, my second mother Edna Mae, I lived in a different state, worked at a different job, drove a different vehicle, enjoyed different hobbies, had different goals, different hopes, different dreams and not nearly the aches and pains that I have today.

Every part of my life is different since the beginning of this last decade.

One can't help but imagine what life will be like at the end of this new decade. I know this past one sure threw a lot of curves at me.

Many of them were wonderful things and we

have the greatest POTUS ever in the universe, and I still love my God, my family and my country.

Of course, there are things that haven't gone so well also. There are changes that concern me about the future of our country and the human race in general

I predict problems for our country unless something happens to unite us all. Of course I guess every decade has us old-timers predicting the end of the world. But I have worries none the less.

I am very concerned about racism in America. I am afraid that as long as there are people who get blamed for something others did, that problem will not get better.

I am also concerned that Christian values and beliefs are fading from the normal, acceptable pattern by which we are governed. While we once

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Points East

By Ike Adams



A number of readers already want to know why the wooly worms got the winter weather forecast so wrong. You may recall that the National Association of Wooly Worm Winter Weather Watchers (NAWWWW) predicted that this winter would be a bad one and that it would be replete with numerous big snows.

Let me first remind you that, as of this writing, winter will not even be 2 weeks old by the time most of you are reading this column. We still have more than 11 weeks of winter to contend with, as well as 6 weeks of wintry spring. Let me also assure you that I will be one of the happiest people on the planet if NAWWWWW turns out to be dead wrong!

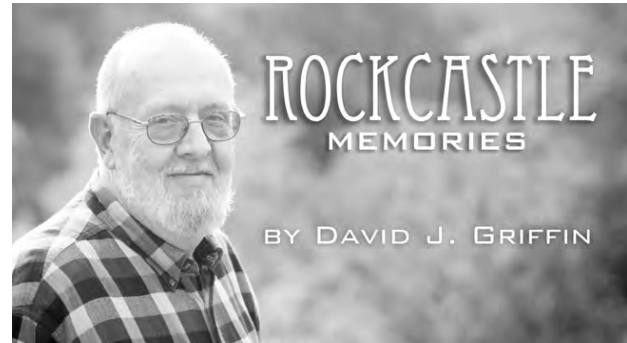
In fact, if I have to eat crow, I'd gladly eat it raw, without scorching feathers off the carcass, if that's what it would take to prove NAWWWWW's forecast totally wrong. In the meantime, I'm still dreading winter but hoping it doesn't happen.

I'd like to claim that the members of NAWWWWW, with whom I consulted, were a bunch of Yankees who were vacationing from places like New York and Pennsylvania. You may have noticed that people up there have already had more snow than most of them wanted. However, almost all the wooly worms who participated in the Paint Lick forecast

had, in fact, spent the summer in our basement and/or garage. Most of them are still right there. There should be no excuses if they have erred the way I'm hoping. Still, let me remind you that we've only just begun.

In other news, it does not seem possible that I am already due to have another birthday on January 5. There's a big prime rib steak, with my

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Apple Stack Cake

Once again, the Griffin clan gathered at Al and Eva's house in Mt. Vernon to celebrate Christmas. Eva worked her miracles for our traditional yuletide meal. She is an amazing cook, and the table was filled with: ham, turkey, "shuck" beans, dumplings, stuffing, candied yams, oyster casserole, frozen cherry salad, assorted pickles and olives,

and (of course) yeast rolls. We all stuffed ourselves and then gathered in the living room to visit and eventually open our gifts.

There is one dish that we no longer have that was always on my grandmother's (Mommie Katie) holiday table: her famous apple stack cake. Al, Eva, and I talked about the process that was required to prepare this classic Appalachian dessert.

Months before our Christmas celebration, Mommie Katie began by gathering the items necessary to produce this special cake. In the summer, she gathered, washed, and peeled the apples, which she then cut into thin slices. She would place the slices on trays, covering them with screen-wire to keep the bugs away. The drying process took place in the summer sun.

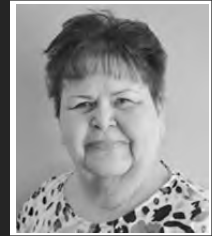
Sometimes, this task took a few days to complete. At night, the trays were taken inside to keep the dew away. When the process of drying was completed, Mommie stored the dried apples in large glass jars with secure lids, tucking them away for later use.

When it was time to make her stack cakes, Mommie would place the apples in water to be simmered with spices and brown sugar to make the "applesauce" type of mixture she needed to

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Old Christmas

Dear Journal,
A couple of days ago, I read a term I hadn't heard in many years. "Old Christmas" was a term I remember from my childhood days. On this day I would receive a small gift of some kind. One year, I got a child's small broom. I found it on the front porch where Santa had dropped it as he returned to the North Pole, or so I was told. It was about a yard long and meant for a little girl to sweep as her mom swept the floors. I was about five years old when I got it and I still have it.

After a little research, I have learned that the actual name is Epiphany. Although a few groups still celebrate it, the Amish, the Greek Catholics, and the Apolistic

Church. Other than "Old Christmas", it is called "Little Christmas" and "Women's Christmas".

It was brought to America primarily by the Irish. My family had Irish roots, so I guess that is where it came into play in our family. It wasn't really celebrated as much as just mentioned in passing.

It is celebrated on January the 6th and is thought to be the day the shepherds and wise men first saw the little Christ child. It is always counted twelve days after Christmas. This is the "Twelve Days of Christmas". The eve of Epiphany ends the twelve day count. There is a popular song about this. I always believed that this was the count to

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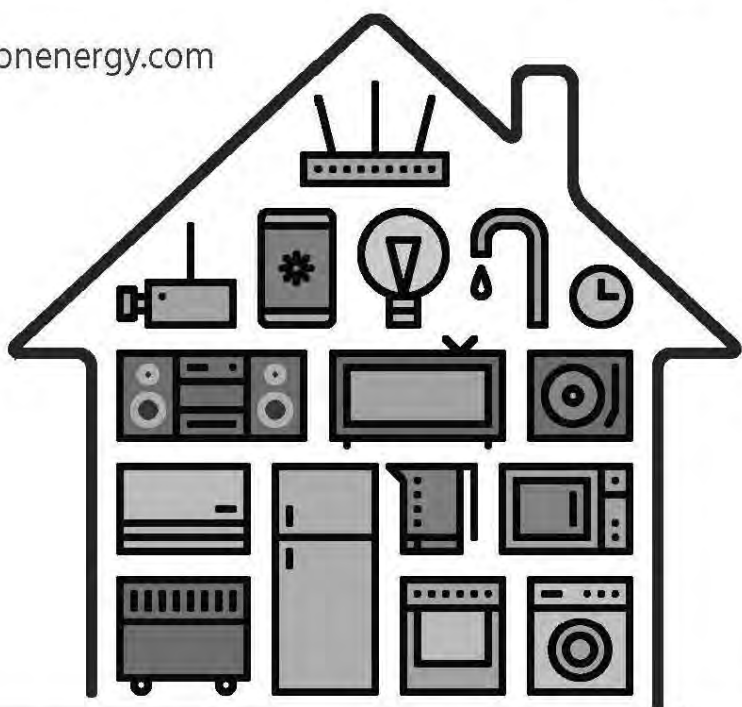
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“Aces”

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proudly stated “In God We Trust” and “One Nation Under God” we seem to be drifting away from those particular morals. It seems to me that each new law and each new “socially correct” behavior is further and further away from those values which formed our country. This is one of the reasons there are mass shootings and an opioid crisis.

I am concerned that government’s slow, methodical control over our daily lives is headed in the direction of socialism and even Communism instead of Christianity. Americans are more and more dependent upon government every day instead of the other way around.

This is why a life style that is an abomination to God is an acceptable behavior and killing innocent babies is called freedom of choice.

I worry about Democrats trying to get involved in what guns I own or how I protect my own family and I am certain that if they do, there will be a big problem. Why am I so certain? Because I’ll be in line with those fighting against it in whatever capacity it may require of me.

We tell our child (who is learning consequences for his actions from us) that if he does something we will “burn his butt.” Then when he does it anyway, we laugh and say “how cute.” Then we wonder why our child starts drugs at a young age and winds up in jail or worse,

We take from those who work and give it to those who won’t and call it an entitlement.

We destroy statues of heroes because some cry baby got his feelings hurt.

We spit at veterans who gave us a one nation under God, and celebrate football players who hate America.

We elect politicians who promise things and deliver absolutely none of it. Then instead of jail time, we reelect them.

We make stars and rich heroes of those who scream white men are the world’s problems.

Anyway, other than concerns I have about this next decade, I believe that as long as we all stick together and keep a little love in our hearts, it can go as well as the past decade.

All we have to do is remember where we came from. I mean “where we came from” in two ways. First, how we were established and what our forefathers had

in mind. Second, who created us and what He had in mind.

Happy New Year....Happy New Decade.

“Points East”

(Cont. from A2)

name on it, scheduled to be sliced next weekend. It feels like I’m still picking my teeth from the one I ate the last time.

Actually, according to Loretta, the last one was on Father’s Day but, as far as time goes, I can’t tell much difference between birthdays and Father’s Days. It’s usually hotter in June than it is in January but the time still flies.

It seems like, only last week, I turned 61 and now I’m hitting 71 if I last another few days. I’ve been told that the older we get, the faster time goes by, because each passing year becomes a smaller percentage of our total lives.

Aging, from 20 to 30 birthdays seemed like a lifetime. For that matter, getting from 50 to 60 seemed like a pretty long time, but 60 to 70 sure seemed like a very fast train on a downhill grade. On the other hand, I can tell an immeasurable difference between the things I could do ten years ago and what I’m able to pull off now.

It seems like only yesterday I could clean off my garden, spread a dump truck load of cow manure and till up the 7,500 square feet the plot encompasses. In 2010 I could do the entire thing in a single afternoon and still have time to go fishing for an hour or 2.

Now that 2020 has rolled around, I can’t even start the tiller, much less do anything with it. I didn’t even try to go fishing in 2019 because I got too tired to catch bait. My brother, Andy, would have had to tie on hooks and bait them, if I had a shot at catching anything. Then he would have had to clean any fish we caught.

Andy took Christmas Dinner with Loretta, yours truly and our brood of kids, grand kids and our 2 great grand daughters. Loretta pointed out that the sweet corn, she was serving, had come from the garden Andy and I raised last year. Andy told her that we’d sure have to raise another patch this coming year.

I’d already said that I wasn’t going to garden this year, but now I’ve already ordered the seed. In the spirit of “Hope springs eternal,” I went ahead and bought some fishhooks while I was still online.

“T.J.’s”

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Christmas itself, but it isn’t.

How is Epiphany celebrated? It is customary to give gifts as the three wise men brought to the Christ child and there is a “Three King’s Cake” made. The cake is baked with a small golden crown on the inside and a golden crown is put on the top. There is the “Feast of the Kings” as well. One would suppose that there is a nice meal prepared, too.

The celebration evidently goes back quite a way in history. My Grandpa Roscoe Norton, born in 1887, who came to Rockcastle when he was about two or three years old was the source from where I first heard of “Old Christmas”. The Norton family had roots in Ireland. I’ve actually heard him speak of other Irish stories that I guess have been passed down through the family.

I was waiting for Stanley in the book section at Walmart last week when I spied an Amish cookbook that said something about Old Christmas on it. Wow! It’s been a long, long time since I heard that term. I looked through it and the recipes looked very delicious. I’ll try to get it when I go back.

“Memories”

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place between the cake layers.

Days before our Christmas dinner, Mommie cooked six, thin-layered cakes that were nevertheless sturdy and capable of holding the apples. Each layer of cake was covered with the prepared apples. Layer after layer was stacked on top of each other.

Time is a key ingredient of a proper apple stack cake. Once assembled, the cake was wrapped to press the layers together, covered with cloth, and set aside to complete the moisturizing process. Mommie left her cake wrapped for at least 48 hours. When uncovered, the apple stack cake was moist, filled with the aroma of apples, and easy to slice.

I once read that apple stack cakes originated in the Beaumont Inn of Harrodsburg, Kentucky. I don’t know if that is so, but I suppose it could be.

I cannot say enough about the delicious stack cake prepared by Mommie Katie. It was tall, very aromatic, and tasted wonderful. The cake was kept wrapped until the last slice was consumed. There was never a particle that was

not eaten, nor a parcel that was ever wasted. Our family loved her traditional apple stack cakes.

I suppose, in our busy lifestyles, we will never again go to the trouble of preparing this wonderful dessert. I don’t even know anyone that dries apples in the summer months. But words fail me in trying to explain how much I would love a slice of Mommie’s masterpiece right now. If combined with a large mug of my coffee, I would consider it a royal treat.

Mommie’s apple stack cake was a labor of love. It took several days to prepare and was lovingly savored by each member of our family. Knowing Mommie Katie, she would be extremely pleased to know that at least memories of her cake live on and are recalled with such fondness.

(You can reach me at themtnman@att.net or you can drop me a line at 30 Johnson Avenue – Mt. Sterling, KY 40353. I appreciate your comments and suggestions.)

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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: Katheryn 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.

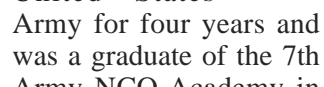
Kiwanis Club Meetings
The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Limestone Grill. Everyone is invited.

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.

Obituaries

Evans Gatliff Craig

Evans Gatliff Craig, 85, died Saturday, December 21, 2019, at the Terrace Nursing Home in Berea. He was born December 23, 1933 to the late Joe Sam and Nannie Susan (Elder) Craig in Rockcastle County. He was united in holy matrimony to Nell Wanda Parsons Craig on November 21, 1956, with whom he loved with all his heart. He proudly served in the United States



Army for four years and was a graduate of the 7th Army NCO Academy in Munich, Germany and completed a 19 month European tour of duty. He worked for 17 years as the Executive Director for the Cumberland Valley Area Development District. A graduate of Brodhead High School, Sue Bennett College and Eastern Kentucky University, he spent 11 years employed by the Rockcastle County Board of Education as a teacher, guidance counselor, and in other administrative roles. Later, he accepted positions in state government under two different governors' administrations in economic development and state planning. He was a lifelong farmer and a member of the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association, where in January of 2020 he will be inducted into the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association Hall of Fame. He served on many different boards, one of which was the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority on which he served for 28 years. He was a faithful and dedicated member of the Providence Church of Christ since 1955, where he served as a deacon and later as an elder for almost 30 years. A dedicated servant of God, he loved leading and mentoring his church family. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, working on his farm, reading, and watching sports. He was a dedicated husband, father, papaw, and a friend to all.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife, Nell Craig; children, Dana Lynne (Dave) Sanders of Colorado Springs, CO, Patrick Evans (Ann) Craig, and Christopher Joseph (Mary Lee) Craig, both of Brodhead; grandchildren, Anjelica Rae (Brad) Johnson, Mackenzie Lynn Craig, C.J. Stanford, Duncan Reed Stanford, Molly Elizabeth Craig, Keaton Patrick Craig; two great granddaughters, Ella and Reagan; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by 10 siblings, Mary McWhorter, Julia Hunt, Mabel Taylor, Martha Cope, Clarence Craig (infant), John Craig, Bill Craig, Jennings Craig, J.S. Craig, Jr., and Benny Craig.

Funeral services with military honors were conducted Friday, December 27, 2019 at Providence Church of Christ with Corey Craig, Robbie Cable, Bruce Blanton and Jacob Cook officiating. Burial was in Providence Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Duncan Stanford, Brad Johnson, Dalton Rogers, Tom Craig, William Craig, and Jeff Craig.

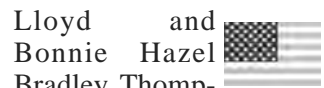
Honorary casket bearers were: Dave Sanders, Keaton Craig and Neil Craig.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Providence Cemetery in memory of Gatliff Craig

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

William "Bill" Ray Thompson

William "Bill" Ray Thompson, 80, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, December 20, 2019 at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. He was born September 12, 1939 in Maretburg, the son of the late William Lloyd and Bonnie Hazel Bradley Thomp-



son. He was a retired dry waller, a U.S. Army Veteran, enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, and was a member of the Grace Baptist Church.

Survivors are: his wife of 58 years, Carolyn "Gail" Elliott Thompson; two brothers, Roger (Donna) Thompson and Larry (Carolyn) Thompson; one sister, Nancy (Bill Gene) Sigmon; and two special nieces, Makaylee and Makenna McNally. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Parkey Thompson and (Helen), and Garry Thompson and Susan.

Funeral services were held Monday, December 23, 2019 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Raymond Offutt officiating. Burial was in Rimmell Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Gerald Owens, John King, Nathan Thompson, Zack Thompson, Tim McNally and Thomas Wagner.

Mary Elizabeth Collins

Mary Elizabeth Collins, 58, of Wildie, widow of Tommy Collins, died Saturday, December 28, 2019 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 1, 2020 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Jack Weaver. Burial was in Polly Family Cemetery.

A complete obituary will appear in next week's Signal.

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

Terry Harris

Terry Harris, 59, of Brodhead, died Tuesday, December 24, 2019 at his residence. He was born January 3, 1960 in Berea, a son of the late Arthur Harris, Jr. and Preda Bishop Harris. He was well known as the builder and operator of Harris Construction in Brodhead.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his three daughters, Terra (Shannon) Davidson, Brittney (Brandon) Campbell and Brandi Harris, all of Brodhead; grandchildren, Kierra, Braedon, Easton, Brody, Ezra and Blaine; brothers, Troy (Sheryl) Harris and Johnny (Worth Anne) Harris, both of Brodhead; his mother, Preda Bishop Harris of Brodhead; a sister, Donna (Steve) Howard of Livingston; Tammy Bailey, the mother of his children; a sister-in-law, Iola Harris of Berea; as well as a host of nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides his father, he was preceded in death by a brother, Rick Harris.

Funerals services were conducted Sunday, December 29, 2019 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Ralph Baker officiating. Burial was in Ottawa Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Austin Harris, Tyler Howard, John Harris, Ricky Harris, Brandon Campbell, and Shannon Davidson.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Ollie Mae King

Ollie Mae King, 86, of Crab Orchard, wife of Bro. Donald King, died Tuesday, December 24, 2019 at her residence. She was born September 27, 1933 in Brodhead, a daughter of the late Charlie and Alta Hazel Owens Leece. She was a faithful and dedicated member of Crab Orchard Pentecostal Church, where she served in many capacities. She was a loving and devoted wife and mother, who enjoyed quilting, gardening, her flowers and her family. On September 16, 1949 she was united in marriage to Donald King and they enjoyed 70 years together. From their union came three children, Kenneth, Donald Wayne, and Virginia Gail.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her husband of 70 years, Bro. Donald King of Crab Orchard; children, Kenneth (Irene) King of Poplar Bluff, MO, Donald Wayne (Pamela) King of Brodhead and Virginia Gail Owens of Crab Orchard; grandchildren, Stephanie (Travis) West, Michael (Dede) King, Melissa (Justin) Feldman, Kaitlin and Ashley Owens; great grandchildren, Tyler West, Luke West, Jacob West, Emerson West, Cassandra King, and Kadyne Feldman; and a host of nieces/nephews, church family, friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: three brothers, Willie, Edgar and Doug Leece; three sisters, Mary Masden, Betty Jo Reeks, Nellie Brummett; and her son-in-law Jackie Owens.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 28, 2019 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals Chapel. Burial was in Crab Orchard Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Justin Feldman, Kadyne Feldman, Travis West, Tyler West, Luke West, and Bobby French.

Honorary casketbearers: Jacob West and Emerson West.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Marian Evelyn Brummett

Marian Evelyn Bray Brummett, 74, of Brodhead, died Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born in Rockcastle County on July 26, 1945, the daughter of Fairbanks and Dessie Hazel Mink Pennington. She was a homemaker and a member of Brodhead Christian Church.

She is survived by: her husband, Effie Brummett; a son, Shawn Bray of Hamilton, OH; three daughters, Chelsea Bray and Ryan Lair of Columbus, OH, and Paula Peel and Marsha and Wesley Weinel, both of Cincinnati, OH; a brother, Gary and Charlene Pennington of Mt. Vernon; and a sister, Debbie and Tim Goode of Mt. Vernon. Also surviving are grandchildren, Joshua Bray, Nicholas Nunn, Adam and Liz Bray, Wesley Weinel, Katie Weinel, and Zachary Hull; and several great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Fairbanks and Dessie Pennington.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 22, 2019 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Glen Burge, Jared Denham, Tim Goode, Ryan Lair, Nick Nunn, and Reggie Pennington.

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



Kenneth Clyde Clark

Kenneth Clyde Clark, 71, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, December 22, 2019 at his home. He was born in Madison County on July 11, 1948, the son of Benjamin and Lura Anglin Clark. He was a retired security captain for the Bluegrass Army Depot and a US Navy veteran.

He is survived by: his loving wife, Darlene Cope Clark; a son, Shannon Clark of Disputana; two daughters, Connie and Mitchell Lamb of Paint Lick, and Denise and Donald Alexander of Mt. Vernon; and seven grandchildren, Justin Clark, Austin Clark, Destiny Clark, Jessica Lamb, Caitlin Lamb, Natalie Alexander, and Kaleb Alexander. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: four brothers, Lloyd, Jimmy, Robert, and Cecil Clark; and a sister, Kay Clark.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 26, 2019 at Clear Creek Baptist Church by Bro. Jack Martin. Burial was in the family cemetery at Mr. Clark's home.

Pallbearers were: Dennis Clark, Eric Clark, Larry Cope, Louie Northern, Matt Northern, and Ernest Robinson.

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

Harrison Ackerman

Harrison Clay Ackerman, 21, died suddenly following a brief illness, on Monday, December 23, 2019 at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital in Somerset.

Clay was born April 17, 1998 in Knoxville, TN to Wayne and Carol Ackerman, both of whom survive.

He was a Governor's Scholar and a senior engineering/honors program student at the University of Kentucky. He was a talented musician, a dedicated Christian and youth leader in his church. He was part of the praise team at Russell Springs United Methodist Church, volunteered in the youth program at Southland Christian Church in Lexington and was a leader in the Chrysalis Youth Discipleship program.

Besides his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Amelia and Elizabeth, both of Columbia; his paternal grandfather, Tony Ackerman of Mt. Vernon; his paternal grandmother, Sue VanHook Kirby of Somerset and his maternal grandparents, Ramona and Earl Prinegar of Somerset.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Henry Tackett.

A memorial service for Harrison Clay Ackerman was held Friday, December 27, 2019 at 3 Trees Church in Russell Springs, Kentucky.

Cora Ann Sowder

Cora Ann Sowder, 91, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, December 29, 2019 at St. Elizabeth Healthcare in Edgewood. She was born October 5, 1928 in Mt. Vernon, to the late Estil and Myrtle (Abrams) Bullock. She married Glen Sowder on November 23, 1946 and from that union came one son, Lonnie Everett Sowder. She was of the Baptist faith, was an insurance underwriter and housewife, and she enjoyed quilting and crocheting.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her son, Lonnie Everett Sowder of Union; two grandchildren, Jason Sowder and Brian Sowder, and two great grandchildren, Logan Sowder and Turner Sowder

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Glen Sowder, and daughter-in-law, Barbara Sowder.

Visitation will be Saturday, January 4, 2020 from 11:45 a.m. until time for the funeral at 1 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals Chapel with Bro. Jeremy Ellis officiating. Burial will follow in Elmwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Perpetual Care Fund at Elmwood Cemetery.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Jewel Haarman

Jewel Haarman, 79, wife of John, died Monday, December 30, 2019 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital.

Visitation will be (today) Thursday, January 2, from 6-9 p.m. at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals.

Funeral services will be Friday, January 3, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals. Burial will follow in Piney Grove Cemetery.

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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.



Community Trust Bank recently recognized Sandy Durham for 25 years of service and Cathy Howard for 20 years of service.

Frankfort Update

By R. Travis Brenda State Representative Please share your thoughts on issues facing Kentucky

Below is my 2020 Legislative Questionnaire, which I hope you will take a few moments to complete. I am extremely grateful that the newspaper has made this

version available in order for me to receive your input. As you read these questions, please understand that by asking a question, I am not necessarily endorsing the issue. Instead, the questions are based on pre-filed bills and other proposals being discussed around Kentucky. By sharing your opinions on these issues, you will help me better represent you. I hope you will take a few moments and complete this questionnaire. It can be mailed to my Frankfort office at 702 Capital Avenue, Annex Room 329, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.



1. Some states have made it illegal to use a handheld cellular phone while driving. Are you in favor of making any handheld use - except in case of emergencies - of a cellular phone while driving illegal?
 Yes
 No
 Undecided

2. Do you support increasing childcare assistance for parents who want to enter the workforce?
 Yes
 No
 Undecided

3. Would you support increasing the tax on electronic cigarettes and other vaping products to the same level as regular cigarettes?
 Yes
 No
 Undecided

4. Are you in favor of allowing police and family members to petition courts to temporarily remove firearms from an individual who may present a danger to themselves or others (sometimes referred to as "red flag laws")?
 Yes
 No
 Undecided

5. Please rank the following, with 1 being the highest, as to which should be emphasized when considering a defendant's pre-trial release:
 Ability to post bail
 Danger to themselves or others
 Type of crime

6. Do you support the legalization of marijuana? Select all that apply.
 Under no circumstances
 Yes, for recreational and medicinal purposes
 Yes, for medicinal purposes only
 Yes, for medicinal purposes only, but no homegrown or smoking
 Only if specific to medical marijuana, which would be prescribed by a physician, for specific illnesses

7. Do you support expanded gambling in Kentucky in order to increase revenue without raising taxes?
 Under no circumstances
 Only sports wagering
 On a case-by-case basis, only when approved by local referendum
 Other

8. Are you in favor of increasing the state sales tax rate (currently at 6 percent), in order to lower the income tax on individuals and businesses?
 Yes
 No
 Undecided

9. Several local governments and business groups have asked the legislature to give local voters the option to approve a temporary local sales tax designated for specific projects. Would you support having the option to vote on a local sales tax to fund specific local projects?
 Yes
 No
 Undecided

10. With the increased use of electric and hybrid vehicles, there has been discussion of modernizing the gasoline tax. Do you support modernizing Kentucky's gasoline tax to ensure that owners of hybrid and electric vehicles contribute toward maintaining our roads and bridges?
 Yes
 No
 Undecided

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps Curb Appeal vs. Homeowner Appeal

Sometimes I hear folks mumble about spending some pretty hefty bucks on a landscape, and it's still a street or a neighbor's fence or outbuilding that they see when they stare out a window from inside. Rainy, cold or snowy days this situation is amplified. Or, in some cases, discovered for the first time. Should you spend on curb appeal when landscaping? Would you be more satisfied if your front yard had "owner appeal" rather than just curb appeal?

And how about the city codes that require 5 bushes and one tree? Ever see a builder "spec" home with a good view from INSIDE?

While it is smart to under-plant to begin, for all trees and shrubs will get larger with time, couldn't some of a landscape plan give you what you want from the perspective of looking outside from inside? If you wish, it probably can, you just need to get your landscaper to see it from your perspective. (Next time the big garden center offers a free quickie design for your yard...be sure to ask questions and be sure it makes you happy not just when you pull in the driveway, but also when you look out the windows.)

Traditionally, some foundation plantings and a tree or two between the house and the street are the usual landscaping. A red maple or a Bradford pear...plus economical taxus or juniper shrubs, with maybe a euonymus or a hydrangea to make it more interesting.

Have you ever thought of building a berm (a big raised bed area to showcase plantings or to cut down on noise of traffic) in your front yard? Perhaps a fence, a wall, or at least a close-planted grouping of trees and shrubs and grasses?

How about a tree that shows in all directions, but with some shrubs underneath it that face the street, plus some things just for your eyes on the side of the raised

ridge that faces your windows?

Or rather than the traditional plantings against the house—how about plantings out near the street that you can see from inside—certainly they can also be seen from the curb.

Nothing against foundation plantings, but if you spend all your budget there, it's your neighbors and the passers-by that mostly appreciate your efforts at creating a pretty landscape. Maybe I am asking for thinking outside the box, but it seems only reasonable to me that you get what you want to look at in landscaping. And not just what looks attractive from a visitors point of view. By asking a few questions, it's on the mind of quite a few folks when they spend for a landscape: "I want it to look good from inside", or "I want it to look good when I am entertaining in the backyard."

I will use a couple personal examples to illustrate this. One lady in Berea, Kentucky, said, "I don't care how it looks from the street—I'm not paying for a landscape I can't see from the porch!" (She has one that looks good from both directions in my opinion.) Another said, "we're not worried about what anyone thinks, we want to spend all our money in the backyard." And another great Kentucky couple wanted the best views created for when sitting by the swimming pool out back, plus having the perfect view from the master suite that faces the street.

That last one meant plants with wispy or color interest that would distract and also partially obscure the view of people driving by from seeing inside the master suite (without having to pull the blinds shut). But it also meant something nice to look at when gazing out the windows. Especially if the bedroom lights were dim or turned off.

Now that you're thinking about it, wouldn't some trees and shrubbery planted in the yard with a design that looks good from the kitchen or bedroom or family room be nice for your own yard?

If you have the budget to do it all, you could even have the fence or berm go all across the yard, with the driveway opening to the side be the only way to actually have a full-on direct view of the front door. And with lots of flowering shrubs and maybe some flowering perennials facing the house inside the fence or berm.

A little bit, or a whole bunch, when landscaping I recommend you do some of it for your benefit and not just for curb appeal. All the more so if you plan to make your present home your castle for a long time to come.

When designing your landscaping, put some of the effort into what will look good from wherever you'll be spending the most time looking at it. It is only paradise when you love being there in it and appreciating it.

The author, Max Phelps, is a landscaper. Phone (859) 684-0642 and website: www.rockcastles.net

Free book can help adults thinking about higher education

The 2020 edition of "Adults Returning to School" is now available from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

The 162-page book can guide adults who want to pursue higher education through the admissions and financial aid processes. It is divided into three parts.

Part I deals with the decision to return to school. It provides information about adult education programs, admissions and transferring.

The second part helps students through the financial aid process. It has sections about major student aid programs and other government programs that can provide help to adult students and their families.

Part III provides detailed information about trade schools and two- and four-year colleges. A section called "Areas of Study" lists schools

that provide programs in some three dozen academic and technical fields.

To request a free copy, email publications@kheaa.com.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES), need-based grants and other programs to help students pay their higher education expenses. KHEAA also disburses Advantage Education Loans, the state's only non-profit private education loan. For more information, visit www.advantageeducationloan.com.

Many of KHEAA's student aid programs are funded by Kentucky Lottery receipts. 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.

Happy New Year from the Mount Vernon Signal

Looking Forward

The little boy said to his Daddy, I look forward to the time I can put these crutches down and I can walk on my own. 1. God's help. 2. Desire and determination. 3. Medicine. 4. Exercise. 5. Encouragement. These are very important to a steady recovery.

1. God's help is always there we find. Matthew 7:7 Ask and it shall be given to you, seek and ye shall find, knock, and it shall be opened unto you. God longs to help us, through the good times and the bad, it seems sometimes we forget, that God is just a prayer away.

2. Many in the medical field mention how important it is to have desire to get well, reaching some type of health goal. They also mention the fact you can do very little for a person who has no desire to get well. I am sure we all know folks who go to the doctor and the doctor gives the patient different orders to follow, but the patient refuses to follow the orders, and they wonder why they never get well, sometimes they even blame it on the doctor. As trained men, they are paid to help us get rid of our virus or disease, when we follow their instructions.

3. As Christians we are to view sin as a disease, and the sooner we rid ourselves, the healthier we will be. Phil. 3:12 Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God which is in Christ Jesus. Sin really looks ugly when we are growing in Jesus Christ, and the closer we get to God, the farther away we want to be from sin.

3. Medicine, doesn't always taste good, but when we follow the directions on the label it usually works. When we follow the directions in God's word for living a Christian life. James 1:15 Sin when it is finished bringeth forth death. God's word can keepeth from sin and the destruction it brings to us physically and also spiritually. Hebrews 12:8 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth, every Son whom he receiveth. Chastising, taken with the right attitude will help us to grow, it is good medicine to the faithful, to those who are sincere it will make them stronger.

4. Exercise, by studying the word of God, 2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved workman unto God that needeth not be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth. This exercise will prepare us for every battle we face in this world, and we will be able to give a biblical answer to every question that is asked. 1 Peter 3:15

5. Encouragement. We all need to be encouraged, Hebrews 10:25 but exhorting one another more and so much more as see the day approaching. It is so important to keep our brothers and sisters in Christ encouraged and strong, that they can endure, through hardships, and struggles in life. We need to be strong in all these things I have listed in this short article, to be able to fight against the wiles of the devil, who goes about as a roaring lion seeking whom he can devour. Thank you for reading this article submitted by the Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ. I pray God has blessed you with the things you need and so much more. (An elderly Christian was asked, would you like to live your life over again? No, he replied, I am too close to home.)

If you have questions, we can assist you with you can get in touch with us at the numbers listed below? Bro. Dale McNew-859-582-4021- Bro. Ova Baker-606-878-8104

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



District Civil Suits

Portfolio Recovery Asso. v. Michael Barbour, \$1,483 plus claimed due.

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.

Choice Radio Corp. \$68.10

Tera A. Carter, \$99.49.

Tyree Gray, \$123.03.

Jack Hammond, \$177.97.

Leah Hoskins, \$60.28.

Leah Hoskins, \$115.19.

Joanie M. King, et al, \$397.77.

Douglas R. Lamb, et al, \$256.47.

Erin L. Linville, \$99.49.

David Mahaffey, \$648.95.

David Mahaffey, et al, \$170.17.

Freddie Mason, \$56.33.

Freddie Mason, Jr., \$138.76.

James C. Mason, \$122.64.

Shelby Miller, et al, \$83.80.

Cheryl Mitchell, \$115.19.

Catherine Mullins, et al, \$36.70.

Genett Newcomb, \$42.99.

Lillian Preston, \$225.08.

Kimberly Renner, et al, \$44.52.

Sheila Wilson, et al, \$60.28.

Dennie Sims, \$68.10.

David Slinker, \$217.25.

Tracey Slusher, \$382.07.

Ruth A. Tatavitto, et al, \$52.39.

Rodney Thomas, \$397.77.

Bobby Thompson, \$68.10.

Tina Tyree, \$374.24.

Alen Williams, Jr., \$36.70.

Ray Yingst, et al, \$132.07.

Midland Credit Management v. John Peterson, \$1,229 plus claimed due.

Absolute Resolutions Investments LLC v. Tanagene Blanton, \$1,818 plus claimed due.

Capital One Bank v. Neysa M. Bullock, \$2,583 plus claimed due.

Christine Dermott v. Jean DeLaune, breach of contract, undue enrichment and fraud claimed.

MCM v. Robert Renner, \$3,921 plus claimed due.

LVNV Funding v. Tamara King, \$1,279 plus claimed due. C-00593

Deeds Recorded

RCIDA, property in Rockcastle County, to KPS Holdings. Tax \$1

Charles Neal, Jr., property on Scaffold Cane Road, to N&S Company. No tax

Charles E. Higgins, Sr. and Vicki L. Higgins, property in Rockcastle County, to Hardin and Tammy Renee Gibbons. Tax \$45

Marvin Roth, property on Buffalo Hollow Road, to Deborah Baker. Tax \$22

Kevin Carder, property on Chestnut Ridge Road, to Benjamin E. and Candace Elizabeth Scheid-Caldwell. Tax \$165

Bige W. Towery, Jr., property o Richmond St., to Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc. Tax \$375

Lillie Marie Hensley, property in Rockcastle County, to Rita F. Brown. Tax \$140

Kimberly Bullock, property on Freedom School Road, to Timothy Michael Bullock. Tax \$140

James Lawrence and Shirley Ann Phelps, property in Rockcastle County, to Jamie Michael and Kristie Phelps. No tax

Morgan and Brandon Nicely, property on Buschner Lane, to Douglas Abney. Tax \$8

Gene Cromer, Executor, property on Locust St., to Anthony Cromer. Tax \$20

Circuit Civil Suits

American Express National Bank v. Jeremy Dawson, \$19,204 plus claimed due.

US Bank National Assn. v. Judy Parriman, et al, \$143,668 plus claimed due.

Heights Finance Corp. v. Victoria Carpenter, \$2,798 plus claimed

due. Stephani Anderson v. Kevin Trent, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Troy Dean Bullock v. Nikki Jo Bullock, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Emily R. Hamm v. Jessie D. Hamm, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Kevin Poynter, et al v. Betty Kemper, et al, complaint for partition of real property. CI-00261

Marriage Licenses

Megan Renee Peacock, 20, Mt. Vernon, homemaker and Joshua Travis Bullock, 24, Livingston, construction.

District Court

Dec. 16-18, 2019
Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless

Marco A. Barrios Hernandez: no operators/moped license, Viol Part 392, Fed Safety Reg, Driving of Motor Vehicle and 14 other charges, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

Joseph Adam Borel: speeding, \$50 fine plus costs; reckless driving, \$50 fine; no motorcycle operators license, \$100 fine.

Shelby Danielle Brown: one headlight, no/expired registration plates - receipt, bw issued for fta.

Rebecca J. Fultz: failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to use child restraint device in vehicle, bw issued for fta.

Jafar Gresham: speeding, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure to produce insurance card, no operators/moped license, bw issued for fta.

Jessica S. Lucas: fines/fees due (\$183), contempt for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full, bw issued.

Speeding: Amanda M. Murray, Chloe Yazmeen Edwards, Jessica Goff, license suspended for fta; Jarrod Withers, \$9 fine plus costs.

Rhonda G. Estep: possession controlled substance and public intoxication, bw issued for

fta. William C. Glover: speeding, \$46 fine plus costs; careless driving, \$25 fine, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine.

Dennis Teague, speeding, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, failure to produce insurance card, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, license to be in possession, bw issued for fta.

Shawnda Lynn Alcorn: failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta.

Justin Davis Strunk: failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta. James Lee Seals: public intoxication, bw issued for fta.

Aaron Matthew Smith: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta.

William R. Chasteen: public intoxication and drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, bw issued for fta.

David Lawing: alcohol intoxication, \$50 fine plus costs.

Joshua Mason Newby: unauthorized use of motor vehicle, 90 days in jail/to serve/costs waived.

Denver Swinney: assault, time served plus

restitution/costs waived. Charles Sambo Almgren: speeding, no/expired registration plates - receipt, license suspended for fta.

Lisa Faye Blackburn: failure to wear seat belts, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, bw issued for fta.

Amanda Bradley: fines/fees due (\$318), 7 days in jail or payment in full.

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

Samantha R. Naylor: fines/fees due (\$264)/converted to 25 hours community service work.

Megan Leshay Richards: hindering prosecution or apprehension, sentencing order entered.

another's operators license, failure to comply with helmet law, disregarding stop sign, booster seat violations, failure to surrender revoked operators license, bw issued for fta.

Jamie Howard: failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, 60 days in jail/costs waived/plus restitution.

Nickolas Cade McCarty: speeding, reckless driving, failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta.

Merita Ann Medley: no/expired registration plates-receipt, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, improper registration plate, bw issued for fta.

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going strong in February and the road to the plant was completed as officials were hoping to have the business operational by the holiday season. However, delays caused the new business to miss that season.

It was also in February that Brodhead announced a planned annexation that caused some local citizens to voice an opinion against the decision.

In heated discussion, Brodhead City Commissioners went ahead with the annexation plans.

Also in February, the Rockcastle County fiscal court gave \$25K to Livingston for upgrades and repairs of the sewer system.

Brodhead doubled their police force in February by hiring a second police officer.

Heavy rains caused flooding in the county in February as a state of emergency was declared by Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook and Governor Matt Bevin. Flood damage occurred throughout the county and several local parks and structures were damaged from the high waters.

Also in February, the Rockcastle Regional Hospital was named one of America's best hospitals.

Mount Vernon City Administrator Josh Bray and RCIDA Executive Director Jeff VanHook attended several hearings and meetings in Frankfort, on behalf of the city and county, making it possible to charge an alcohol tax in this area. The work of the two local men made statewide news as they spoke before committees and helped establish the tax to recoup the expense of the mandates by the state to be able to sell alcohol.

March, 2019

In March the RCHS and RCMS girls indoor track teams brought titles home to the county during the 2A State Championships at Mason County.

Local Judge David Tapp was honored by President Donald Trump for his service and was nominated by the POTUS to serve on the United States Court of Federal Claims.

The county was still suffering from flood damage in March as mud slides and roadway slips caused water mains to break and other damage as well.

Also in March, local youth golfer Conner Ford took part in the DC&P in Augusta. He was later named a winner in the event and brought nationally known trophies to Rockcastle County.

Over 400 local citizens attended the WTU banquet and over 50 guns were auctioned, raffled or given away.

The Farmers and Businessmen's Banquet was also held in March and again local support was reported as overwhelming.

The local sheriff's department filed suit over damaged police cruisers in March. The long battle resulted from the local department receiving new/used cruisers that had been damaged during transport to the county and then later were found to have experienced flood damage.

April, 2019

In April, Mount Vernon increased their

sewer rates and, along with the new alcohol tax, revenues were expected to increase for the city.

Again in April, there were several local drug busts, one of which netted over \$4,000 in cash and over 10 grams of meth confiscated.

In April, Livingston Mayor Jason Medley announced that a Marathon station will be coming to the community beside the new Family Dollar Store near the city limits.

Eleven year-old Samuel Rowland of Rockcastle County was recognized in April since his book, *Unlock Your Inner Warrior*, reached the best seller list on Amazon.

The Rockcastle County extension Center was on lockdown in April for security upgrades and system checks. Newly-elected Jailer Nathan Carter was busy making several changes throughout the local jail.

It was also in April that the Brodhead Fire Department announced an end to the 30-year tradition known as the Brodhead Fish Fry. Rising costs and low attendance forced the department to put an end to the monthly event.

In April, 18 year-old Brooklyn Reynold pled guilty to complicity to commit the murder of her parents William and Chara Bryant in 2017. She received 23 years.

The Mount Vernon/Rockcastle County Community Mission Team received the Governor's Service Award in April for personifying a "servant's heart".

May, 2019

Rockcastle County inmates graduated from a new training program at the local jail in May and the Rockcastle Speedway announced plans for the upcoming racing season.

The Second Annual Art Show in Mount Vernon was hailed a success as over 200 people attended the event and the National Day of Prayer event at the courthouse was heavily attended.

In May, RCIDA began promoting and marketing the former Eagle Mfg. building, even as a lawsuit continues against the previous owners.

During the May primary elections, Matt Bevin and Andy Beshear squeaked out victories to run against each other in the November elections. However, both of those candidates lost the Rockcastle County vote.

The new E-poll voting system was used for the first time in Rockcastle County and officials say the system cut voter waiting time by as much as 70% and proved to be helpful in many ways.

June, 2019

In June, a local man was arrested for stealing over \$80,000 while employed at the Marathon station next to Wendy's.

Also in June, Mount Vernon experienced a near crisis with the local water plant as newly purchased pumps broke down and then the replacement pumps broke down. Quick action and round-the-clock dedication by Water Superintendent Frank Baker kept the city with water service during the week long battle with the system.

RCHS Sophomore Valerie Kendrick finished as State Runner-Up with an amazing throw at the Class 2A State Track and Field Championship.

By the third week of June, streets were again flooded from heavy rains.

In fact, Brodhead, Livingston and Mount Vernon all contacted FEMA for emergency grant money to help with damage repair.

It was in June that Rockcastle County School Board member Carrie Ballinger resigned her position in order to seek employment as the school system's Student Services Director. Ballinger was later hired for the position.

Several telephone scams plagued Rockcastle County last year but in June one of the scams claimed the Social Security Administration was calling.

Also in June, the sheriff's department seized six horses in Rockcastle County and charged their owner with cruelty to animals. The six horses were boarded by the county and later sold at public auction.

In June the Rockcastle County Regional Hospital started a TRACK Program leading the way throughout the nation to help youth get involved in the career of their choice via on-the-job training.

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“Indict”

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named in a joint indictment for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. Both men's bond was set at \$5,000 c/p;

Jeffery A. Poole, 52, of Crab Orchard was indicted for trafficking in a controlled substance and as a persistent felony offender. His bond was set at \$25,000 c/p;

Jennifer L. Bishop, 29 and Cody R. Miracle, 25, both of S. Main St., Brodhead were named in a joint indictment for the offense of abuse of a person under 12 years of age. Both of their bond's was set at \$30,000 c/p;

Penny L. Caldwell, 52, of Quarry Street, Mt. Vernon was indicted for the offense of possession of a controlled substance. Her bond was set at \$5,000 c/p;

Freddie W. Mason, 52, of Fox Glove Hill, Livingston was indicted on two counts of possession of a controlled substance. His bond was set at \$7,500 c/p;

Veronica C. Bray, 29, of Lewis Street, Mt. Vernon was indicted for the offenses of possession of synthetic drugs (second offense) and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her bond was set at \$7,500 c/p;

Angela J. Owens, 37, of Maretburg Road, Mt. Vernon was indicted on two counts, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her bond was set at \$7,500 c/p;

Crayton Bowman, 52, of New Dysart Way, Mt. Vernon was indicted for possession of a controlled substance. His bond was set at \$5,000 c/p;

Sarah M. Childress, 24, of Seminole Lane, Brodhead was indicted on a charge of tampering with a witness. Her bond was set at \$5,000 c/p;

Robert Hopkins, 54, of Lovell Lane, Mt. Vernon was indicted for possession of a controlled substance. His bond was set at \$5,000 c/p, and

Charles F. Ashcraft, 59, of Ottawa Road, Brodhead was indicted for possession of a con-

trolled substance. His bond was set at \$5,000 c/p.

“Trash”

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printers? The solution is closer than many may know.

The Rockcastle County Recycling Center (RCRC) is open and ready for drop offs.

The center is located at 2528 South Wilderness Road (US 25 South) next to the Rockcastle County Road Department garage. The center is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There is also drop off trailers in Brodhead, Conway, Livingston, Pongo and Climax.

Local residents may drop off magazines, office paper, junk mail, cardboard, paper, aluminum cans, aerosol cans, printers and toner, cell phones, car batteries, computers and countless other items that may be in your way after the holidays.

The RCRC is funded in part through a grant from the Kentucky Pride Fund, Division of Waste Management.

Ordinary trash may not be dropped off at the center and there are penalties for misusing the service. However, if you have any questions about what can or cannot be dropped off, call the Rockcastle County Solid Waste Office at (606) 256-1902.

“Flood”

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pumps twice as hard and twice as long and we are having to treat all that water," he said. "This will eliminate that part of the problem as well."

The project is expected to start immediately but the \$9,000 is only an estimate since officials do not know what the cameras will find. "We estimate about 2,000 feet of the line needs repair," said Bray. "But once we get in there, we may find that 5,000 feet is damaged."

Councilmember Jamie Bryant said she feels the project should move forward to help solve the backwater flooding and that if the cost runs over the \$9,250 estimate, the work should continue. She said rather than stop the work and hold another meeting to approve more funds, the work should continue. "Unless it goes over the \$20,000 limit, I think we should stay on the project and fix the problem for these people," she said.

The council agreed and voted to move ahead immediately.

“City”

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spoke out in favor of the event as long as the smaller event is chosen since start-up costs would be a much smaller investment from the tourism budget.

After much discussion, both councilmembers Clifford Mullins and Jamie Bryant said they would support an immediate vote to provide the funds as a loan to the tourism department for the small event to be repaid from the proceeds of the event.

The activities, which would be held in the Renfro Valley field and culminate in a top name concert if the large event were held, would include a much smaller act and

fewer events and be held behind the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame if the small event is chosen.

With all members in agreement, except Wayne Bullock who was absent from the meeting for the first time in recent memory, a vote to provide the \$30,000 start up funds for the small event was about to be held when Mullins brought up an issue. "What if we agree to provide the \$30,000 for the small event and then the fiscal court votes to hold the large event?" he asked. "Can we agree that the \$30,000 can go towards the large event if that is what the fiscal court chooses and then talk later about more help if needed?" The large event would require a \$75,000 start up fund.

Mayor Bryant then speculated. "The city and the county have worked so very well together over the past few years," he said. "Perhaps when the fiscal court gives this some more thought and discovers that the city is on board for the small event, they will choose the smaller event as well," said Mayor Bryant. "I think it makes a lot of sense to start smaller and see how it works and then go from there. It's a great idea and I support it. But we have to be good stewards and consider all possibilities."

Councilmember Sharon Saylor agreed. "I think the small scale event would be a much better idea to start with," she said. Mullins also pointed out that a large scale event should be a collaboration that involves Renfro Valley. "The small event will be nice at the Hall of Fame but when you do a large event, you should have Renfro Valley involved. This is what they do. They are experts at entertainment and we are not,"

Fire hazard season ends

Learn before you burn

By: Mike French
Editor

Mount Vernon Fire Chief David Bales says the fire hazard season has come to an end and will not be enforced again until February 15. However, he says there is a lot of information people may not know about what can and cannot be burned and about the rules and restrictions involved in burning anything at all.

"People should learn before they burn," said Bales. "There is more to it than most people realize."

In fact, it is illegal to burn animal bedding, hay, construction materials, household garbage, fence posts, mulch, all wood building materials, insulation, carpeting, tires or waste, Bales said.

According to the Kentucky Division of Air Quality, most common household items contain dioxins which are harmful to animals and humans. Officials say such chemicals enter the air and the ground and accumulate in ani-

mal tissue and enter our

food supply. However, it is legal to burn plant beds, storm debris such as tree limbs, natural growth and natural land management.

Workers may also have a construction site fire as long as it is contained in a 55 gallon drum and then must only include clean lumber (not treated, stained or painted), and may only be done when the temperature is 50 degrees or colder. Bales said the humidity levels change at 50 degrees and cause different reactions with the chemicals burned in high temperatures.

Fire hazard season is from October 1 to December 15 and from February 15 to April 30 each year. The Division of Air says never burn within 50 feet of any structure or near landfills, near streams or utility lines. Also never burn on windy days.

For more information about any kind of burning, call the Division of Air Quality at (502) 564-3999

Learn before you burn
(502) 564-3999

SPORTS

Rockets beat Casey; go 1-1 in holiday tourney

The Rockcastle Rockets got their second win of the season on December 20th against district foe, Casey County, 75-55.

The Rockets led from the outset, ahead at the end of the first quarter 20-10, 36-18 at the half and 52-32 at the third quarter stop.

Senior Logan Noel led the scoring for his team with 13 points, including three three-point baskets; sophomore Silas Shaffer got 12, including two threes and eighth grader Will Bishop scored 11 points. Sophomore Daniel Mullins got nine points; sophomore Reese Coguer scored eight and had three steals; sophomore Drew Hopkins got seven points; sophomores Jake Sanders and Matthew Chasteen each scored five points; senior Jacob Loudermilk got two points and senior Andrew Hurt scored one point.

The Rockets hit six three point baskets and went 10-15 from the free throw line.

The Rockets then traveled to Greenup County to play in the Stultz Pharmacy Holiday Classic where they picked up their third win of the season by beating East Carter 55-49 in the first game.

The Rockets took control of the game early, outscoring East Carter 14-9 in the first quarter, 17-10 in the second and 16-9 in the third quarter.

Will Bishop was named player of the game. He, along with Chasteen, scored 10 points. Hopkins led the scoring for his team with 12 points; Mullins got 11; Noel added four (all free throws); Shaffer and Coguer each got three points and Sanders scored two.

In the championship game, the Rockets were in early trouble, trailing 16-4 in the first quarter, but a Bishop stick-back just before the end of the first half drew the Rockets to within one at 33-32 at halftime.

However, the Musketeers came back, and at just a little more than a minute into the second half, Greenup County's lead was back to seven and they then outscored the Rockets 18-8 in the third and 21-17 in the fourth for the final 72-57.

Bishop led the scoring for the Rockets with 14 points, Sanders got 12, Noel scored 11, Hopkins 10, Mullins eight and Chasteen two.

The Rockets will play

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Lady Rocket Casey Coleman goes up for a rebound during action in the Jack Burford Christmas Classic held at Madison Central. The Lady Rockets are 9-3 on the season and will travel to Somerset Friday in a doubleheader with the Rockets. Game time is 6 p.m.



Rocket sophomore Matthew Chasteen plays defense on an East Carter player during the Rockets' win in the Stultz Pharmacy Holiday Classic held in Greenup County last weekend. Also shown is senior Bentley Taylor.

Rockets and Lady Rockets travel to Somerset Friday for doubleheader Game time 6 p.m.

Himes joins 1,000 point club Lady Rockets lose to Casey 54-41 for first loss of season

The Lady Rockets were 10th in the state when they met the Casey County Lady Rebels Friday night, December 20th and suffered their first loss of the season 54-41.

The Lady Rebels had the hot hand from the three point line, hitting eight to the Lady Rockets three and they outscored the Lady Rockets at the free throw line 9/13 to 6/7 but the turnovers were the killer with the Rebels only losing the ball seven times to the Lady Rockets 17.

One bright spot came in the first quarter when senior Kenzie Himes became a member of the 1,000 Point Club with her third goal of that quarter.

The score was knotted at 11 all at the end of the first period and the Lady Rockets were up 23-22 at the half and only down three, 33-30 at the third quarter stop. But, the Lady Rebels came out swinging in the fourth quarter, hitting three straight threes to begin the quarter and the Rockets were suddenly down 42-30, a deficit they couldn't overcome as the Lady Rebels finished the game hitting six of eight free throws.

Himes led the scoring for her team with 14 points, hitting all four of her free throws; senior Shelby Newland got 10 points, which included two three point baskets; junior Casey Coleman scored nine points; junior Lindsey Jones got five points; freshman Keelee King scored two and freshman Hallie Brown, plagued with early foul trouble, scored one free throw.

Tourney Games Results

Prior to the Lady Rockets game against the Lady Rebels on Friday night, they played in the first game of the Jack Burford Christmas Classic at Madison Central on Thursday night.

In that game, the Lady Rockets defeated the Henry Clay Lady Blue Devils 56-41.

The Lady Rockets had a big first quarter, outscoring the Lady Blue Devils 16-4. The Blue Devils took the second quarter but only by one 11-10 and the Rockets got the third 16-12 and it was a tie for the fourth quarter at 14 all.

Himes led the scoring in that game with 13 points and also grabbed 10 rebounds. Coleman was second in scoring with 11 points and she had nine rebounds, four assists, two blocks and a steal; Newland got nine points; King eight; junior Aliyah Lopez had seven points; Jones six and Brown two.

The Lady Rockets next game in the tournament was against Bourbon County and the Rockets came away with a close 57-54 win.

The Lady Rockets were up at the first quarter stop 14-10 and ahead 28-24 at the half. At the end of the third, Bourbon had cut the lead to one 38-37 but the Rockets came back to barely take the fourth 19-17 for the win.

One consequence of the game was the loss of Himes due to a knee injury which kept her out of the remaining tournament games.

King led the scoring for her team with 19 points, including four three point baskets and going 3/4 from the free throw line. King also got six steals in the game. Newland was next with 14 points; Coleman and Brown had eight points each and Coleman also contributed five steals and eight total rebounds; Jones got six points and Himes two.

The last game of the tournament at Madison Central pitted the Lady Rockets against the Lafayette Lady Generals and the Rockets came out ahead 55-42.

Newland came through with 18 points, including going 8 of 10 from the free throw line, getting two three point baskets and also contrib-

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Senior Logan Noel puts up a jump shot in the Rockets' game with Greenup County.



Drew Hopkins drives to the basket during the Rockets' loss to Greenup County.



Himes joins 1,000 Point Club

Lady Rocket senior Kenzi Himes joined the 1,000 Point Club with this shot shown above during the Lady Rockets' game with Casey County Friday, December 20th. Himes was presented the game ball by head coach Chrysti Noble. Photos by Tammy Sowder.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



FAJITA CHICKEN CHILI

1 tablespoon canola oil
2 and 1/2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breasts
2 large onions
2 large sweet red or green bell peppers, seeded
1 can (15 ounce) pinto beans, drained and rinsed
2 cans (14 ounces each) petite diced tomatoes
2 tablespoon chili powder
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon dried oregano
1 teaspoon salt
Shredded cheddar, sour cream, guacamole, and tortillas
Coat slow-cooker bowl with nonstick cooking spray. Thinly slice chicken breast on the diagonal.
In a large nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add chicken and cook 6 minutes or until lightly browned. Don't crowd the skillet, cook in two batches if necessary. Slice onions and bell peppers into 1/2-inch slices. In the slow-cooker bowl, layer onions, peppers, cooked chicken, and beans. Combine tomatoes, chili powder, cumin, oregano, and salt. Pour over beans.
Cover and cook on LOW for 6 hours.

diced tomatoes
1 can (4 ounce) diced green chilies
2 cups water
2 tablespoons taco seasoning mix
1 package Hidden Valley Ranch dressing mix
Cook meat and drain. Shred, if needed. Do not drain beans, tomatoes, or chilies! Add all ingredients to crock pot. Stir. Cook on HIGH for 2 hours or LOW for 4 hours. Keep on LOW until serving to keep hot. Garnish with sour cream, shredded cheese, chopped green onions, or tortilla chips.

QUICK CHICKEN CHILI

2 cans (14 oz each) chicken broth
1 can (14.5 oz each) tomatoes, undrained
1 can (about 14 ounce) white beans
1 can (about 15 ounce) chicken breast
1 teaspoon chili powder
1 can (4 ounce) chopped green chilies
1 cup tortilla chips, broken
Shredded Cheddar cheese, sliced green onions, cilantro sprigs and chopped peeled avocado, optional
Combine broth, tomatoes with their juice, white beans, chicken breast, chili powder, and the chopped green chilies in medium saucepan. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to low. Simmer 10 to 15 minutes, or until heated through, stirring occasionally. Top with tortilla chips. Garnish with cheese, onions, cilantro and avocados, if desired.

TACO SOUP

1 pound chicken, ground beef or any meat
1 onion, chopped
1 can (16 ounce) pinto beans
1 can (16 ounce) cannellini (white kidney) beans
1 can (11 ounce) Rotel® tomatoes with chilies
2 cans (14 ounces each)

Ms. Cloia Collins' class did a community service project for Christmas. The students brought in food for the backpack program at MVES. This project taught the concepts of wants vs. needs and promoted the thought that it truly is better to give than to receive.



“Lady Rock”

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uting four assists to lead her team in scoring. Brown got 15 points in the game and led in rebounding with eight, was 5 for 5 from the free throw line and got two steals. Coleman contributed nine points and seven rebounds, Lopez scored six points, both three point baskets and grabbed six rebounds; King got five points, along with five rebounds and seven assists and Jones and junior Jordan Harper had one point each.

One big difference in the game was at the free throw line where the Lady Rockets converted 20 of 26 attempts to Lafayette's nine of 14.

Following that tournament, the Lady Rockets were off to Greenville, TN to take part in the Andrew Johnson Bank Ladies Classic.

Their first opponent was defending champions from Oak Ridge, TN and easily handled the Lady Rockets 60-43.

The Lady Rockets managed to stay with them for the first period, only down one 14-13 at the quarter stop but the second quarter saw the Lady Rockets turn the ball over nine times and Oak Ridge go on a 21-0 run to take a 35-20 halftime lead.

Coleman was the only Lady Rocket in double figures, scoring 18 points to lead her team. Brown got nine points and led in rebounding with seven total; Newland got seven points, along with three steals; King had five points and Jones four.

The Lady Rockets next opponent in the tournament was Morristown West and the Rockets got the 56-43 win behind a game high 17 points by Coleman, who also had 10 rebounds. The score was close at the end of the first half with the Rockets barely up 26-25 but the Rockets won the second half 30-18.

Besides Coleman's 17 points, Jones got 13, including three three point baskets; King scored 11 points and had five rebounds; Brown got eight points but grabbed 16 rebounds for her team and Newland got seven points and four rebounds.

The last game of the tournament for the Rockets was Monday against a team from Parkersburg, WV and the Lady Rockets were defeated 68-42 to bring their season record to 9 wins against three losses.

The Lady Rockets will now play a doubleheader at Somerset Friday night and then participate in the Patriot Classic at Stanford on Saturday in a game against Rowan County at 3 p.m. Next Tuesday night, the Lady Rockets will play at Anderson County.

“Rockets”

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Friday night at Somerset in a doubleheader with the Lady Rockets, will meet Knox Central in the Raymond Reed Classic at South Laurel on Saturday, January 4th and will host Sayre next Tuesday night, January 7th.

Select special license plates to require mandatory donation

Administrative and pricing changes are ahead for the special license plate program to comply with legislative changes made during the spring General Assembly. At the end of December, the Division of Motor Vehicle Licensing will begin implementing House Bill 341's modifications to two statutes governing special license plates – the state's optional license plates manufactured for 44 approved non-profit organizations.

Effective Monday, Dec. 30, motorists purchasing or renewing select special license plates at county clerk offices will be required to pay a \$10 charitable donation to the organization represented on the requested plate. Currently, \$10 donations are optional. This change impacts 29 special license plates administered under KRS 186.164 to enforce the original intention of the bill. The majority of special license plates created under KRS 186.162, such as military plates, university/collegiate plates and nature plates, already have a donation requirement that will not change once the new legislation takes effect.

The 29 organizational plates with a new donation requirement are:

Alzheimer's Awareness, Autism Awareness, Breast Cancer Awareness, Kentucky Chiropractic Association, Choose Life, WHAS Crusade 4 Children, Curing Childhood Cancer, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Kentucky Firefighter Association, Friends of Coal, Juvenile Diabetes, Keeneland Association, KEEP Foundation, Ken-

tucky Colonel, Kentucky Dental Association, Kentucky Library Association, League of Kentucky Sportsmen, Linemen, Louisville Zoo, Masonic Order of KY, Norton Children's Hospital, Quail Unlimited, Rock Cares, Ryder Cup, Share The Road, Smallmouth Bass, Trust for Life and the National Wild Turkey Federation.

New fees for the 29 special license plates, including the required \$10 donation, will be \$44 at initial purchase and \$44 at annual registration re-

newal. Currently, the cost is \$44 at initial purchase including donation and \$31 at annual registration renewal including donation. HB 341 adjusted state license fees for initial purchases and renewals causing new pricing to reflect these totals.

The bill also brings administrative changes for organizations requesting plates. Approved organizations will be required to maintain a minimum of 500 registrations annually for the Cabinet to continue production of their plate design.

Deadline approaching for Washington Youth Tour

High school students from Jackson Energy's service area have until January 10, 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 government 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.

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 ap-

ply, 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 in March, which highlights state government. Four students will be chosen from the eight to attend the Washington Youth Tour, which will be held in June.

Berea College Dean's List

Juliann Kirby of Mount Vernon and Rebekah Renner of Brodhead were among more than 460 Berea College students named to the Fall 2019 Dean's List.

A student is named to the Dean's List who achieves a GPA of 3.4 or higher while passing at least four total credits, a course load equivalent to 16 semester hours.

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McKinney named to Dean's List

The academic honors' Dean's List for the Fall 2019 semester has been announced by Campbellsville University.

Elijah Morgan McKinney, a freshman, from Brodhead, has been named to the Dean's List.

The academic honors' list recognizes students who achieve a grade point average of 3.50 or above for the semester with a course load of at least 12 hours.

Hasty named to President List

The academic honors' President's list for the Fall 2019 semester has been announced by Dr. Donna Hedgepath, Campbellsville University's provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Kali Morgan Hasty, a junior, from Mt. Vernon, been named to Campbellsville University's President's List.

The academic honors' list recognizes students who achieve a grade point average of 3.50 or above for the semester with a course load of at least 12 hours.

The Fall 2019 academic honors' list includes a total of 828 students, with 347 named to the President's List for achieving a 4.0 grade point average, and 481 named to the Dean's List for achieving a 3.5 to 3.99 GPA.

Lyndsey Brooke Reed is proud to announce the early arrival of her beloved baby girl, Payton Lee Reed. Born on November 27th at 12:45 a.m., at Somerset Hospital weighing 6 pounds 15 ounces and 19 1/2 inches tall. Mom and Payton arrived home on November 29th as they were greeted by grandmother, Angela Lee Reed Jones and pawpaw, Donnie Lee Jones and great granddaughter of Larry Lee Travillian and Sue Colwell and Charles Colwell.



This is Lil Man. He is missing from the Mt. Vernon area and is greatly missed at home. If you have any idea of his whereabouts, please contact: 606-386-1004. \$150 reward for bringing him home!



Stages of Alzheimer's Disease: What to Expect



Join us 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.

Please bring your questions about dementia, brain health, and care and treatment for your loved ones. We look forward to an engaging session!

This event is FREE and open to the public. Registration is required.

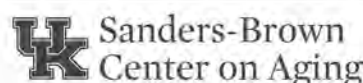
When?

January 23, 2020
6:30pm—8pm EST

Where?

Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center
145 Newcomb Ave, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
Hospital Chapel
Contact W. Anne Harris for directions:
606-256-7835

Please register by Monday, January 20
Worth Anne Harris 606-256-7835 or w.harris@rhcc.org



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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

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Posted: No hunting or trespassing on farms, belonging to Gary and Peggy Roberts, on KY 3245. Violators will be prosecuted. 47x50p

No Trespassing of any kind, and not responsible for accidents, on land belonging to James E. and Maxine Cass or Collin Cass in Rockcastle County. Violators will be prosecuted. 38x51

Posted: No trespassing on land belonging to James and Dorothy Rash heirs on Rash Branch Road off Chestnut Ridge. No hunting, camping, ATVs, trespassing for any purpose. Not responsible for accidents. Violators will be prosecuted. 30x51

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Brodhead P.D. back to one full time officer

— Chief Davis resigns

By: Mike French Editor

The Brodhead Police Department is back to one officer with the resignation of Police Chief Travis Davis last week. No official reason was given for Davis's resignation.

However, according to City Commissioners John Burton and Brian Bullock as well as Mayor Walter Cash, the Brodhead Police force is still running well.

"Josh (Foster) is doing a great job and he is on the street as well as handling everything that needs to be done," said Burton.

"Officer Foster is completing all the required work that Chief Davis would have been doing," said Bullock. "And he will continue to do so until a decision is made about who will be the next full time chief."

And that next chief will be carefully chosen, according to Burton. "We are going to do this right," he said. "We are not going to just fill a position that we have open. We are going to find the right person that will provide the biggest and best benefit for the City of Brodhead."

Bullock said applications are now being accepted and that the city will be looking closely at how to proceed. "We are not looking back," said Bullock. "We are going to continue to improve not only the police department but the city as a whole."

Until the decision is made to hire a new member of the force, Burton said the city is in good hands. "Josh is doing very well and we are confident he will handle things very well while this transition is underway," he said.

Financially, there is no problem finding another

(See "BPD" on A5)

Brodhead meeting

The Brodhead City Commission will hold their regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 13 at 7 p.m. at City Hall in Brodhead.

The public is invited to attend.

Fiscal Court meeting

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 14 at 4 p.m. at the Rockcastle County Court House third floor conference room. The public is invited to attend.

School Board

The Rockcastle County School Board will hold their regular monthly meeting in the Teaching and Learning Center on Richmond Street in Mount Vernon on Tuesday, at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend

RCIDA changed

The Rockcastle County Industrial Develop Authority (RCIDA) meeting scheduled this week was postponed due to illness. A new meeting time has not been set.

Former Mount Vernon man is charged in sex ring in London

In a four year investigation, officials have handed down a federal indictment relating to sex trafficking and drug

charges for six individuals, including Logan Ray Towery, 72, formerly of Mount Vernon. Towery, a past Berea

City Councilman and past candidate for Berea Mayor, was arrested in Mount Vernon in 2015, when an unidentified female was found deceased in a motel room after taking oxycodone that Towery admitted to selling her, officials say.

Police said at the time that Towery admitted to selling the drug, as well as other drugs, to clients in and around Rockcastle County for well over a year.

Police found over 600 pills, handguns, and large amounts of cash in Towery's residence in Mount Vernon and he was placed under arrest.

Towery then apparently moved to Laurel

County where he allegedly continued to purchase pills from the same supplier from Michigan.

In fact, Towery apparently recently admitted to detectives that he was now purchasing 300 to 500 pills per week from the supplier. However, an investigation by Kentucky State Police Special Agent Todd Tremain of the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearm Division revealed that Towery had a Facebook page called "Backpage.com" which he used as a prostitution ring.

According to an article by Dean Manning of *The Mountain Advocate*, the

(See "Ring" on A5)

Four file for Circuit Judge

By: Mike French Editor

It was in November of 2019 that Rockcastle Circuit Judge David Tapp was confirmed as Judge of the United States Federal Court of Claims, after being nominated by President Donald Trump. However this left the

District 28th Judicial Circuit judgeship, covering Rockcastle, Pulaski and Lincoln Counties, vacant.

The deadline to file to run for that seat is Friday, January 10 but four people have already signed on for the non-partisan race.

(See "Judge" on A5)

2019 The year in review

July thru December

July

The first week of July saw the biggest event in the county once again as the Blast in the Valley was heralded as a huge success. Even through two rain storms that evening, one of the largest crowds ever stayed till the end.

The first week of July was a big week in Mount Vernon as the

new 5% Alcohol Tax took effect for the first time in history.

That same week, inmate Joseph D. Morris escaped from the Rockcastle County Detention Center.

There was a double shooting on Shandon Lane in Rockcastle County in July and two victims were taken to the hospital after the incident. The county also received

\$648K in road funds from the state transportation cabinet.

Also in July, Christopher Evans was sentenced to 60 years for the murder of William and Chara Bryant of Mount Vernon. The couple's daughter Brooklyn Reynolds earlier received 23 years for complicity.

Plans continued to move ahead for the Farmers Market building planned for Richmond Street in 2020.

August

August started with a bang as the Little World's Fair was once again one of the most successful events held in the county.

Also in August, Rockcastle Regional Hospital received the "Excellence in Patient Care" award from Huron's Studer Group.

The Rockcastle County School Board experienced some changes as Carrie Ballinger resigned and Susan

Jordison was named vice chairman. Superintendent David Pensol announced his retirement plans and Misty Lakes was named as the new board member when Ballinger resigned to replace Becky Isaacs in the central office.

A bus crash on I-75 caused turmoil in the county after the driver of the bus was accused of texting while driving.

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

It has been a stressful time since the new year began, worrying about what is going to happen with the crazy Iranians and whether or not our President can handle the situation diplomatically enough to keep us out of WWII.

I'm not concerned about winning it, we could make Iran a parking lot with very little effort and I feel like this President wouldn't hold back on the effort if he felt it was justified. But, no one wants to imagine the collateral damage of untold numbers of Irani civilian deaths in case of such an action.

I don't entirely disagree with the President's action to take out Soleimani as punishment for his part in the attack on our embassy in Iraq and the fact that he was responsible for the deaths of hundreds of American soldiers. The Iranians are used to taking these actions and the U.S. doing nothing about it so our President had to retaliate just to let them know that their provocations have to stop.

When you strike an embassy, it's the same as a strike on a country's homeland and there is little choice but to retaliate.

Since there was no loss of life in Iran's strikes on Iraqi bases which house U.S. servicemen, perhaps it would be a good thing to call it even/steven at this point and let the diplomats take over.

I hope this year will be a little less stressful but I don't expect it to be since the Democrats will never let this President serve in peace. And, since a vast number of Americans back his policy of putting America first and his ongoing

ing success with our economy he will, in my opinion, be re-elected.

Meanwhile, here in our own home state, we are going to have all we can do to fight our own governor's policies which resemble closely those of Democrat governors across the country, some of which have resulted in the ruination of the states they govern.

He has already restored voting rights to 150,000 felons and told the federal government to send our state more refugees, among other partisan actions, so it's going to be an interesting four years.

It's too bad that Republicans elected the wrong one of the Republican candidates four years ago.

Points East

By Ike Adams



Keeping the old house, in the head of Blair Branch, warm enough to keep us from freezing to death in January, required a lot more effort than did, for example, trying to prevent heat strokes in July.

Every evening, just before dark, my brothers and I found ourselves packing in several buckets of coal to feed an open hearth fireplace, a kitchen cook stove and a big "Warm Morning" heating stove that occupied our major living quarters. We also had to pack in firewood for the open hearth

but, even it, had to be "banked" with coal to smolder throughout our sleeping hours.

In those days, everybody on Blair Branch heated with coal and wood. Coal could be purchased cheaply from any of the several, little mines on the holler. Many, if not all of us, had access to woodlands to supplement the use of coal, but a coal fire would usually last all night without tending. Wood was not nearly as reliable unless you wanted to get up a few times during the night.

Just before daybreak, the first person up would use an iron "poker" to stir up the smoldering coal and the dormant hearth would literally erupt into a blazing fire. Our parents used the same principal to bank coal in the big heater and the cook stove.

By the late 1950s, when I was 7 or 8 years old, we had acquired an electric "range" for cooking but the old coal/woodstove was still the only way to keep our kitchen warm. During cold weather, it also baked a lot of morning biscuits and simmered

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



My new decade is starting out with some rather strange events.

First, my Fossil watch quit working. After such grand service and accuracy, it just stopped. At 12 midnight on the last second of the last decade.

My arm feels so naked and I keep looking at my bare wrist. But each time I do, I am reminded that the very first thing to happen to me in the very first second of this decade, was that my watch just stopped.

Second, I got one of those game cameras for Christmas. Thanks, mom.

I've wanted one for years. But of course, rather than place it at my hunting blind, I'm using it for all kinds of cool surveillance things.

Naturally, I pointed it at a grave and left it for a few nights.

There are a lot of very unexplained events in life and something is setting the camera off every night.

Though there is nothing in most of the pictures, the camera is stationary yet limbs, and leaves on the ground, and sticks and such are moved from one frame to the next.

Going back and forth between frames, I can see that a limb on a tree has moved several inches while everything around it is still the same.

And the lighting is different.

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2020 Explorer

A few weeks before Thanksgiving, I visited Dutch's Ford in Mt. Sterling to place my order for a new 2020 Ford Explorer Limited. This is my fifth Explorer in a row, and they all came from my friend Dutch Ishmael's dealership. Dutch and I have been friends since I first moved to Mt. Sterling in the summer of 1968.

My new Explorer arrived the week before Christmas, and I was able to pick it up immediately. All of my previous versions of this vehicle have been black or white, but this time I ordered the



blue metallic model. (That was actually my wife's choice, and we both love the new color, which has been noticed and admired by others.)

During Christmas, I was asked by one of my weekly column followers

if I remembered my first new automobile. My answer

was a resounding, "Yes!" That new car was ordered by me and my grandfather (Pop) in 1963. The car was a '63 Chevy Impala Super Sport and was also blue. I will never forget the day Pop called saying, "David Joe, you better come home [from college] this Saturday so we can pick up your new Chevy."

Pop was totally surprised when he and I drove my new Chevy home. He was not expecting the bucket seats, four-speed transmission (mounted on the floor), or the 350 V8 engine.

He was almost as shocked as I was when I picked up my new car recently, because I was very excited to experience the technological features that come equipped on the new model.

I was surprised to learn how much the 2020 model has changed since my 2015 which I traded in at Dutch's. I will not bore you with all the features, but I just can't help

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



The Making of my Great-great Aunt May's Gingerbread

Dear Journal,

A few days before Christmas I found what I consider a "hot commodity". I found some genuine molasses at a store in Mount Vernon. Most store bought molasses is made in a factory with molasses flavoring instead of maple for syrup. I should have gotten more considering the opportunity. You would be surprised at the joy a quart

of real molasses can bring. I've reached the age, as I've said before, that it doesn't take much to please me, and there's probably more people of my age if you want to know the truth. I just stood in the aisle and imagined all of the good things I could make with them. There was baked beans, barbeque, popcorn balls, fruit cake, apple stack cakes, and my Great-great Aunt Mary's Grand Ginger-

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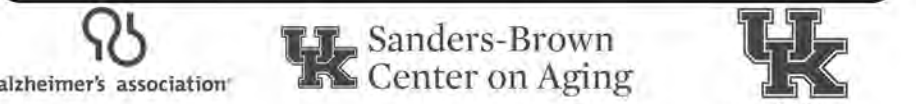
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“Aces”

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ferent from one frame to the next. The camera is sitting still at the same spot. Yet one photo at 2:05 a.m. and the next photo at 2:06 a.m. is lit completely differently.

I’m not suggesting anything. Nothing at all. I’m just saying these confusing things have started my decade.

Thirdly, I woke up in a sweaty, shaking fright the other night at 3 o’clock. Then I got so tickled I couldn’t go back to sleep for laughing.

In this “nightmare,” I was being ferociously attacked by a tiny, little kitten that would fit in the palm of my hand.

I remember it was all over me and the poor little thing was really mad about something.

Also, I got an Alexa, (I must have been a good

boy). It is the wildest thing. If you don’t have one, you wouldn’t believe what she is capable of.

This decade started so completely differently than the last. Ten years ago I could never, ever have imagined walking in my door and simply saying out loud “Alexa, turn on the lights and play the Eagles Greatest Hits album.” The lights would slowly rise and the house was suddenly filled with “Desperado” by The Eagles.

I sit on the couch watching tv and feel a pain in my toe and say “Alexa, what is a sudden pain in my toe?” Instantly, the house is filled with a lady’s soft voice telling me every detail about Gout and what to do about it and how to avoid it in the future.

Alexa is an amazing thing that could not pos-

sibly have been imagined when the last decade began, except on Star Trek.

Each morning I awaken to hear my better half say “good morning baby” and then I walk to the kitchen for coffee and hear “good morning Mike.” I say “good morning Alexa” and she begins to tell me the weather for the day or any special events that I have scheduled. “Oh, and Mike, don’t forget your RCIDA meeting this morning.” It’s amazing. (I’m convinced the government is listening).

And as if this new decade hadn’t already thrown enough brand new, unpredictable, unbelievable, crazy events at me, finally, just before the end of the holiday break, the morning I was about to come back to work, I turned on my radio to find NPR (Not Proper Radio).

The first thing I heard was Democrats supporting and praising and defending and bragging on an Iranian terrorist who had just ordered the attack of an American Embassy.

That was even funnier than the kitten. Go Trump!

“Points East”

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many pots of soup beans throughout the day.

Our electric stove was actually more of a nod to finding comfort from midsummer heat than it was to improved cooking techniques. The summer heat was simply bad enough without having to build fires to do our cooking. Still, I remember yearning for the first cool mornings of autumn when we could fire up the coal/wood-fired cook stove. Biscuits and cornbread tasted infinitely better than their electrified versions. Soup beans, in my humble opinion, were scarcely fit to eat unless they were cooked on something with a fire in it.

The only winter time advantage the electric stove had over the fired one was when it came to making homemade candy. We quickly learned that it was far easier to keep fudge from scorching when we could keep the electric burner at a constant temperature and that was almost impossible on the fired stove. We used a cooking thermometer to get the boiling mixture to the exact temperature the recipe called for.

The days of testing drops in cold water, to see if the candy was ready to set, ended with that electric stove.

We boys usually made batches of candy during cold weather, 2 or 3 times a week, but we cleaned up our messes and washed all our dishes in water heated on the old coal/wood stove. Still, I’ve seen mornings when last night’s dish water had a skim of January ice on it because someone forgot to throw it out.

Our nod to running water was to run out to the well and draw a bucket full and then run it back into the house. It was not unusual for the water bucket to be frozen over so hard, come early morning, that the dipper wouldn’t come out until someone had fired up the old stove and let the bucket sit to thaw on it for a few minutes. I don’t recall the well ever freezing over, which means that our kitchen was often colder, indoors, than the water in our outside well.

Still, if I had it all to do over, I’d gladly do it again, but not unless I was 60 years younger. I’m way too old to be packing in buckets of coal every night and I’m reasonably sure my grandkids wouldn’t do it for me. Actually, I’m absolutely positive on that one.

“Memories”

(Cont. from A2)

wanting to tell about the technology that I never had before.

The new Explorer has a range of features that contribute to the safety of the vehicle. For example, if you are traveling on the interstate, and the auto in front of you brakes, the Explorer will warn you and then apply the brakes if it senses a potential collision.

It also has the capability of parallel parking itself. You simply pull alongside a vehicle, hit a button, and it will line up perfectly next to the curb.

One feature that I had never experienced is the cameras that allow you to envision yourself from above, illustrating a view on all sides of the automobile. That is a safety feature that all cars need.

It also has a 12-speaker Surround System stereo which, if you so desire, can be controlled by your own voice. Just push a button on the steering wheel and tell it what you want it to do, such as switch to 50’s music.

One of the reasons that I decided to trade cars this year was the need to have a four-wheeled drive vehicle again. Even though Kathy and I have moved to Mt. Sterling, we still have wooded property on Furnace Mountain in Powell County. I wanted to be able to visit that wonderful area no matter the weather, which appears to be moving into the realm of greater extremes.

It will take a couple of months to learn how to use all of the features of my new automobile, but I think that will be so much fun. Can you tell that I am like a boy with a new toy car? Needless to say, I love my new Explorer!

(You can reach me at themtnman@att.net or you can drop me a line at 60 Johnson Avenue – Mt. Sterling, KY 40353. I appreciate your comments and suggestions.)

“T.J.’s”

(Cont. from A2)

bread.

Great great Aunt Mary Otey was born in Tennessee in August of 1881 and died in 1969. As a little girl, I ate many slices of her Grand Gingerbread. It was so very good and there was a caramel icing put on it or you could just eat it alone. Either way it was so good.

Stanley and I were invited to be with my family for Christmas dinner. I was to bring my famous corn pudding, baked beans and a dessert. I made the baked beans with molasses and of course I made the Grand

Gingerbread with the molasses too. I followed the recipe exactly. As I worked, I imagined how good it would be to taste the cake again. I was getting all excited as I hadn’t had any of the gingerbread in well over forty years.

It was finally done and I pulled it out of the oven. As it cooled, I made the caramel icing. Even the icing that I can’t make turned out just right What excitement! I couldn’t wait until the next day to cut into it.

After the Christmas dinner, it was time to cut the cake. It turned out a little dry and it was light in color. The ones I remember were very moist and very dark, about the color of a chocolate cake. It was good, but I was somewhat disappointed. I guess I had it built up too high in my mind.

There was some of it left over, so I brought it home and froze it. Now I can have a slice of it from time to time. Next time I see Great- great Aunt Mary, I’ll have to ask her where I went wrong.

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Census Workers Assistance
 Assistance with online application for part-time census workers at \$14.00 an hour will be available at the Rockcastle County Public Library on Wednesday, January 22, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Health Department Notice
 The Rockcastle Co. Health Department will be closed on January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
KPR Meeting is Jan. 14th
 The Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees (KPR) will meet Tuesday, January 14th at David’s Steakhouse, 125 W. Cumberland Gap Parkway in Corbin.. Mealtime will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow. Guest speaker will Connie Pettyjohn and/or Brian Towles from the Kentucky Retirement Systems, speaking about retiree health insurance.. Any retiree (and spouse) receiving retirement benefits from KERS, CERS or SPRS is welcome to attend. Membership information will be available at the meeting or is available on the website (kentuckypublicretirees.org). For more information, call 606-260-0490.
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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“BPD”

(Continued from front) officer, Burton said. “Our police department is in good financial shape and we are very competitive in our pay scale,” said Burton. “Our police department is doing very well. But, we are going to be smart about this process and make certain we make the best choice for Brodhead.”

Foster completed all academy training last month and Councilman Burton said the city is not in danger from being understaffed.

“We have a good working relationship and work in partnership with all the surrounding police forces and we are already looking into our next step,” said Burton. “The department is in good shape, Officer Foster is patrolling the city and all is well.”

The city also lost their K-9 unit since Chief Davis owned and trained the dog. “Bolt will come with me,” said Davis. “He is more than a dog. He is my partner, my protector and my friend.”

However, Burton said the K-9 unit is not a priority for the city. “We won’t be looking to start another K-9 unit anytime soon,” said Burton. “We are fine without a K-9 unit and that will not be a priority right now. It was very helpful to us but our priority right now will be to find the right person to be our next officer or chief.”

Burton, Cash and Bullock all agreed that Davis will be missed. “It was good to have Chief Davis with us and he was a part of making our department financially stable,” said Burton.

It was just one year ago that Davis ran the department alone and was able to help create the K-9 unit, help locate and acquire police cruisers, help secure the evidence lockers and help position the department for an additional full time officer. Davis also secured donations from local businesses for police department materials and equipment. “It was good to have him and we will miss him,” said Burton. “We wish him well in all his future endeavors. But this kind of thing happens and we will move ahead and everyone can rest assured that we will proceed with care and do the right thing.”

“Ring”

(Continued from front) indictment, handed down by a Laurel County Grand Jury, Towery, Albert D. Davidson, 62, of Grey, Mark Milsage, 50, of Lexington, Berdenia Johnston, 38, of Lexington, James Martin, 73, of Gray and David Pennington, 71, of London, were all charged with conspiracy to knowingly and intentionally, in an affecting, interstate commerce, recruit, entice, harbor, transport,

provide, obtain, and maintain by any means, a person, knowing and in reckless disregard of the fact that force, threats of force, fraud, and coercion would be used to cause a person to engage in a commercial sex act.

However, in another indictment on a drug charge of conspiracy to distribute drugs, only Towery, Davis and Gary L Cupp, 54, of Williamsburg were named.

According to the article, Towery admitted to investigators that he traded pills to women to perform sex acts at a motel for his clients.

In a search of his London home, investigators found over 100 oxycodone pills and over \$43,000 in cash along with more handguns.

The article goes on to list conversations with girls who allegedly admitted to working for the sex ring in exchange for pills.

The investigation is ongoing.

“Budget”

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The biggest revenue expected by the department include \$192,478 from the fiscal court and \$175,000 from commissions on taxes collected.

The \$192,478 from the fiscal court reflects and additional \$180 per month payment from the court which was given to enable the sheriff to provide a 50c per hour raise for his road deputies bringing the total per month supplement from the court to \$16,040.

Major disbursements from the office include \$162,160 for deputies salaries and \$165,858 for clerk/baliff salaries (\$57,358 of this amount is reimbursed by the state) and \$45,000 for gas/fuel.

Besides the \$328,010 combined deputies salaries, the budget also includes \$30,000 for overtime and \$18,500 for KLEPF payments which are also reimbursed by the state.

The court approved the budget with the \$180 per month increase in their contribution. They also approved a maximum salary cap for all deputies of \$380,000.

“Judge”

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Those already filed are Jerry Cox of Mount Vernon, A.C. Donahue of Somerset, Walter F. McGuire of Somerset and Teresa Whitaker of Science Hill.

These four will run in the May Primary elections (unless more file by Friday). The top two vote-getters in the May Primary will then run against each other in the November General Election.

The Governor has the authority to appoint someone to the position until the November election but, in order to do so, a committee of three, including attorneys and citizens, must be appointed to submit three names to the governor. That committee has not yet been formed.

Students should consider these tips

Income tax season is approaching, and students may want to consider these tips from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) to help the process go more smoothly.

Although you may not have earned enough to be required to file, you may be able to get a refund if your employer withheld taxes from your pay. Before you file, discuss the situation with your parents. They may be able to claim you as a dependent, which could save them thousands of dollars.

Students and parents may be able to take advantage of these programs on their federal taxes:

- American Opportunity Credit, available for the first four years of college.
 - Lifetime Learning Credit, available if a taxpayer or a dependent is taking college courses to acquire or improve job skills.
 - Tuition and fees deduction, which lets taxpayers deduct qualified education expenses paid during the year for themselves or a dependent. The expenses must be for college.
 - Student loan interest deduction, which lets people deduct up to \$2,500 per year on federal taxes for interest paid on federal student loans.
- For more detailed information about federal

programs, go to www.irs.gov to download the free Publication 970 Tax Benefits for Education.

Kentucky also offers a tuition tax credit for undergraduate students who attend state colleges.

Tax rules may change from year to year, so make sure you have the most up-to-date information before filing.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES), need-based grants and other programs to help students pay their higher education expenses. KHEAA also disburses Advantage Education Loans, the state’s only non-profit private education loan.

For more information,

visit www.advantageeducationloan.com.

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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.

Financial Aid Tip for Students You can avoid these common student financial aid mistakes

Many students spend more for college than they should by making some common mistakes when seeking financial aid. Follow these tips from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) to make sure you get the help you need.

Some people don’t bother to apply for financial aid because they don’t think they’ll qualify. But they should submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to find out if they’re eligible for state and federal student aid programs. Not filing may hurt their chances of getting more free money for college.

Another common mistake is waiting until the last minute to apply for financial aid. Some programs have deadlines,

while others have limited funds.

Colleges send each student who has applied for student aid a financial aid package. Students and their families should look it over carefully. They should compare offers if they have received packages from more than one school to see which is the best deal. Of course, students should also consider other factors, such as whether a school offers the academic program a student wants or if it meets other expectations.

Students who need loans to help pay for college must be good consumers. Not all lenders offer the same rates and benefits. Borrowers should pay close attention to what lenders call the back-end benefits: the

interest rate and principal reductions offered when repaying the loan.

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

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“Year”

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The accident injured several and the highway was closed for several hours.

In August, officials held a groundbreaking ceremony for the new water basin at the water plant at lake Linville that is expected to correct the bad taste and odor in the local water system.

September

In September, officials announced plans for a gas line to hopefully come through Rockcastle County serving Crab Orchard, Brodhead and Mount Vernon. If plans proceed, officials expect the natural gas line to boost the overall economy of the county.

The Livingston Homecoming was called a huge success in September.

In September, a chemical spill killed countless fish in Renfro Creek during a routine maintenance at the Mount Vernon Water Plant. Officials moved quickly to clean up the spill.

The county experienced such a drought in September that Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook issued a burn ban by Executive Order.

It was in September that Mount Vernon City Administrator Josh Bray was named the Kentucky League of Cities Employee of the Year bringing statewide recognition to the City of Mount Vernon. Bray was chosen from about 20,000 city employees.

Livingston imposed a 1% occupational tax in September in an attempt to increase city revenues. In the same month, the new Family Dollar store opened its doors in Livingston.

Also in September, The Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce hosted the annual State of the County address with all three mayors and the judge/executive discussing the progress, successes and plans for the county and the cities.

October

Inmate Jon McClure escaped from the Rockcastle County Detention Center. He was captured the next day and officials began improvements at the jail to prevent similar escapes.

Jaclyn Chadwell was crowned Queen of the RCHS Homecoming event.

As always, the Bittersweet Festival was a rousing success in Mount Vernon with even more performances and activities throughout the event.

In October, officials announced the D.A.R.E. Program would be coming back to Mount Vernon with MVPD Assistant Chief Joe Rush at the helm.

Also in October, officials began destruction of the Parsons Building on Main Street.

A ceremony was held for Bobby Proctor in recognition of his service as Brodhead Mayor and CEO of Citizens Bank.

The second double shooting of the year occurred in October as John Reynolds and Rita Robinson were both shot on Mohawk Lane. Both survived the shooting.

In October officials in Brodhead and Mount Vernon changed the dates of Halloween events due to forecasted rain and cold temperatures. Both events were well attended and the Trunk of Treat event also went well, according to Livingston officials.

November

The general election was held in November and as usual, the GOP dominated local races. Statewide, Republicans won all state offices except for governor.

It was in November that owners of the Microfoodery plant announced they would also open a business called Kentucky Pharmaceuticals in which they would process the hemp plant for CBD oils.

Rockcastle County schools received an extremely high rating during the annual audit.

David Tapp was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as a federal judge.

There was a dog rescue in November as the Brodhead Fire Department used their special training in animal rescue to save a dog from a 100-foot hole.

In November, City Administrator Josh Bray filed for State Representative.

The Rockcastle County Sheriff’s office brought a technical training program to the county for all law enforcement to receive advanced training. Working closely with the Rockcastle County School system, the program increases safety for all local residents as well as all school children.

December

In the first week of December, the Noel Night Market was a huge success along with the Mount Vernon Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and the Mount Vernon Christmas parade.

Flood waters filled local creeks and once again flooded Main Street in Brodhead as two people became trapped in a truck that was stuck in high waters.

The Mount Vernon Fire Department responded to many accidents the first week of December, including eight on the first Saturday alone on I-75.

The City of Mount Vernon finalized paperwork for a \$1 million grant for the new hemp processing plant locating in the city and the fiscal court began talks about a new national event and concert that may be held in the county annually.

Residents throughout the county enjoyed the many holiday festivities in Brodhead, Livingston and Mount Vernon.

A federal indictment against former Deputy Jailor Derek Steven Clark charged him with having an inmate tied to chair and then beaten.

Also in the last week of December, Mount Vernon released details about the new park planned for the St. Clair property.

Also in December, the Shop with a Lion program was called a great success as law enforcement workers and staff took children to buy Christmas presents.

SPORTS

Now 2-1 in district

Lady Rockets continue winning ways with victories over Somerset, Rowan and Anderson

The Rockcastle Lady Rockets got their second district win last Friday night, at Somerset, their second win this season over the Lady BriarJumpers.

The game was never in question for the Rockets, as they led 9 to 4 at the end of the first quarter; 23 to 9 at halftime and 35 to 21 at the third quarter stop enroute to the game final 50-26.

Two Lady Rockets were in double figures with freshman Keelee King leading the way with 17 points, including three three point baskets. Junior Casey Coleman was next with 14 points. Freshman Hallie Brown, who was in early foul trouble, picking up her second with 3:33 to go in the first quarter, saw limited action but still managed seven points; junior Aliyah Lopez scored five points; senior guard Shelby Newland got three and senior Kenzi Himes, who returned to action in this game, fol-

lowing a knee injury and sophomore Darby Smith each scored two points.

The Lady Rockets won despite having 12 turnovers to the Lady BriarJumpers five and were 4/5 from the free throw line while Somerset hit 10 of their 13 free throws.

Saturday the Lady Rockets played Rowan County in the Patriot Classic at Lincoln County and came away with their eleventh win of the season 58-50.

The Lady Rockets had a big first quarter and never trailed in the win.

The team was led in scoring by junior Casey Coleman with 17 points; Shelby Newland, Keelee King and Aliyah Lopez each scored 10 points; Kenzi Himes got eight and Hallie Brown, 3.

At Anderson County Tuesday night, the Lady Rockets picked up a big win, defeating the Lady Bearcats, who were

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Lady Rockets Keelee King and Jordan Harper double team a Lady BriarJumper during the Rockets' win Friday. The girls are now 12-3 on the season.



Aliyah Lopez stops a driving Lady BriarJumper during the Lady Rockets' win Friday.



Silas Shaffer applies pressure during the Rockets' loss to Somerset Friday night.



Senior Shelby Newland applies defensive pressure during the Lady Rockets' win over Somerset last Friday night.



Casey Coleman joins 1,000 Point Club

Lady Rocket junior Casey Coleman joined the 1,000 Point Club during the Lady Rockets' win over Anderson County Tuesday night. Coleman had 999 points going into the game and scored early in the first quarter to reach the milestone. Coleman is shown at left with the game ball after the Lady Rockets' big win over Anderson.

Rockets are 1-2 in district; 4-9 overall

The Rockets district record fell to 1-2 last Friday night as they traveled to Somerset and were soundly defeated by the BriarJumpers 74-43, their second loss to Somerset this season.

The Rockets were only down three at the first quarter stop 19-16 and behind by one early in the second quarter 24-23 but, from that point on, it was all BriarJumpers as they outscored the Rockets 50-20 the rest of the game.

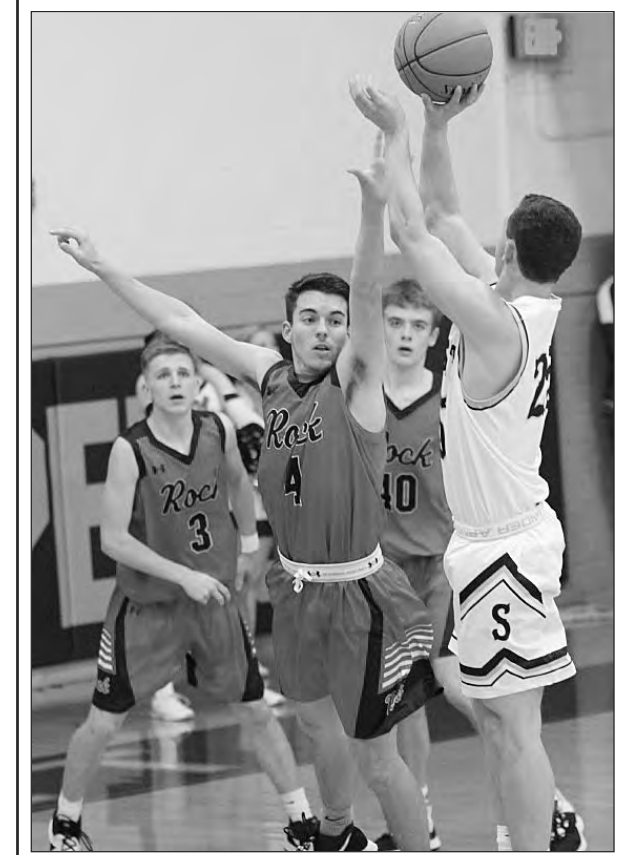
19 turnovers hurt the Rockets to 4 for Somerset and they got only six tries at the free throw line, converting two, to Somerset's 11 of 19. The BriarJumpers also hit eight three point shots to the Rockets four.

Leading the scoring for the Rockets, and the only player in double figures, was senior Logan Noel with 10; sophomore Silas Shaffer got eight;

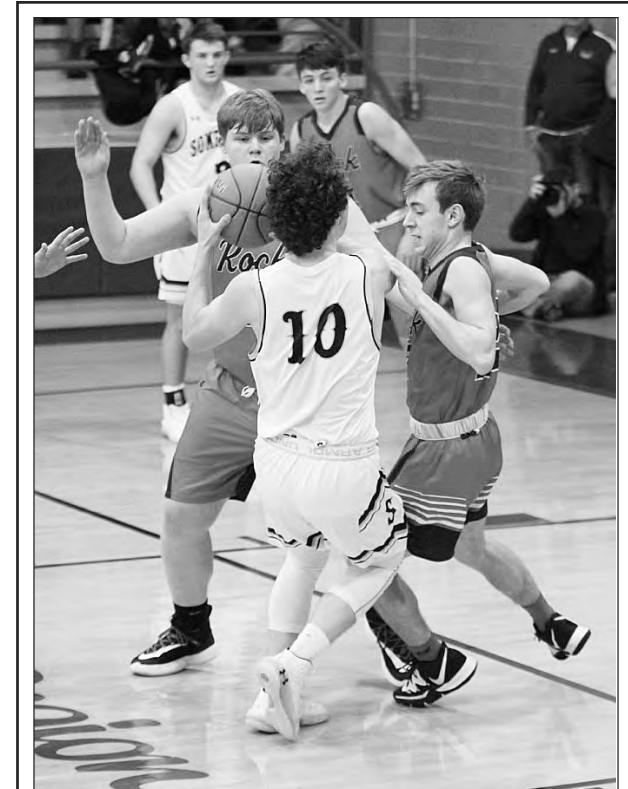
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Daniel Mullins puts up a three against Somerset. Mullins exploded for 30 in the Rockets' loss to Knox Central last Saturday.



Jacob Loudermilk puts a hand in the face of a shooting BriarJumper during the Rockets' loss to Somerset Friday night.



Jake Sanders and Reese Coguer stop a driving BriarJumper in the Rockets' loss to Somerset Friday night.



News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

Circuit Civil Suits

Jackson County Bank v. Jeff Wright, et al, \$50,612 plus claimed due.

Capital One Bank v. Scotty J. Bullen, \$5,163 plus claimed due.

Mid South Capital Partners v. Lizzie Kirby, et al, \$254 plus claimed due. CI-202

Marriage Licenses

Sharon Ann Heath, 54, production supervisor and Davey Franklin Russell, 51, Mt. Vernon, engineer. 12/30/19

Deeds Recorded

Clinton Kyle and Angela Dill, property on Anglin Falls Road, to Charles Saunier and Angela Garcia-Saunier. Tax \$199

Willie Sturgill, Diane Newman, Mary Sturgill, Lisa King, Benjamin V. Buckler, Sr. and Stephanie Gill, property on US 25, to Billy T. Parker, Sr. and Hazel Parker. Tax \$1

Bible Baptist Church, property in Rockcastle County to Michael and

Melinda McGuire. Tax \$7
Elvin R. and Judy G. Bowman, property on Camel Watson Land, to Shannon Bishop, John Hamm and Jim Neeley. Tax \$130

Elvin R. and Judy G. Bowman, property on Peachtree Lane, to Bob Lunsford. Tax \$90

Terry and Marlene Lawson, property in Rockcastle County, to John D. and Jessica Lawson. Tax \$242

Wayne Berry, property in Rockcastle County, to Terry and Marlene Lawson. Tax \$140

Tony Lykins, property in City of Mt. Vernon, to Scotty D. and Melissa Anne Owens. Tax \$102

Chad and Cathy Payne, property in Owens Subdv., to Jeanette Renee Orso. Tax \$8

District Court

Dec. 30, 2019
Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless

Kristie M. Dean: operating vehicle w/expired operators license and failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, 5 days in jail/each count/costs waived.

Samuel V. Geames: possession of marijuana, 10 days in jail/costs waived.

John Collinsworth: public intoxication, 20 days in jail/costs waived.

Money Tip for Students

Learn the difference between a need and a want

A big step to financial security is learning the difference between a need and a want, according to the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA). Students who learn that difference will find that their bank accounts grow more quickly.

Needs include clothes, food and, for many students, transportation.

With clothes, a want may mean wearing only designer items that cost more than clothes that last just as long and look just as good.

Students might want to eat a deluxe cheeseburger at a fast food restaurant every day, even though they can save money by making their own sandwich and brown-bagging it.

If a student needs a car, a want would be a new sports convertible instead of a reliable, used car with good gas mileage and less flash.

Before making a purchase, students should ask themselves if they can get by with a less expensive item — or without that item completely.

They should save the money they don't spend so it's there when they really need something.

KHEAA is the agency that administers Kentucky's grant and scholarship programs, including the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES). The agency also provides financial literacy videos at <http://itsmoney.kheaa.com> and free copies of "It's Money, Baby," a guide to financial literacy, to Kentucky schools and residents upon request at publications@kheaa.com.

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Mt. Vernon Message

School News

Archery practice will be every Wednesday from 3:15 until 5:00.

Academic Team practices each Tuesday from 3:15 until 4:15.

Girl Scouts meet every Thursday.

MVES PTG meets Thursday, January 9 at 5:15.

Report Cards will be sent home Friday, January 16.

No School on Monday, January 20 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Singleton named to Dean's List

Julianna Singleton from Mount Vernon qualified for the Fall 2019 Dean's List at Belmont University. Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

Approximately 38 percent of Belmont's 8,481 students qualified for the Fall 2019 Dean's List. Belmont Provost Dr. Thomas Burns said, "This achievement for the fall semester indicates that these students have placed a high priority on their work at Belmont and have invested time and energy in their studies. It is our strong belief that consistent application in this manner will reap great benefits, which will equip them for a lifetime of learning and growing."



Lauren Sanders celebrated her 12th birthday on December 5, 2019 at her home in West Chester, OH. Helping her celebrate were her parents, Bob and Angela, grandparents Jean and Charles Sanders, Sally and Ben Chapman, cousin Mia Divenere, Mia's stepdad Matt Eulberg and Uncle Dave Sanders.

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"Rockets"

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eighth grader Will Bishop scored seven; sophomore Daniel Mullins got five; sophomore Jake Sanders scored four; senior Bentley Taylor hit a three and sophomores Drew Hopkins and Reese Coguer scored two points each as did senior Jacob Loudermilk.

At South Laurel Saturday, in the Raymond Reed Classic, the Rockets played Knox Central and lost 74-66.

The Rockets got down early in the game, losing the first quarter 18-8 but bounced back in the second quarter, behind 13 points by Mullins, to only be down two at the half 27-25. It was 53-52 Knox Central at the third quarter stop, when Mullins again poured in 13 points but the Panthers outscored the Rockets 21-14 in the fourth quarter for the win.

Sophomore Daniel Mullins hit six three point baskets and had a game high 30 points for his team; eighth grader Will Bishop scored 16 points, including going six for six from the free throw line; sophomore Jake Sanders got 10; senior Logan Noel scored six points and sophomores Matthew Chasteen and Reese Coguer each scored two points.

At home Tuesday night against Sayre, the Rockets won a nail biter 46-45 and picked up their fourth win of the season against nine losses.

It was a close game all the way with the score knotted at 11 at the end of the first quarter. The Rockets were up four at the half 23-19. The Spartans put up a big third quarter, going ahead 36-30 but the Rockets came back in the fourth quarter, behind 10 points by Mullins for the one point win.

Mullins led the scoring for his team with 12 points, Coguer got eight; Chasteen and Shaffer had seven each; Hopkins got four; Bishop and Noel each had three points and Sanders two.

The Rockets will play Pulaski County at home Friday night in a double-header district match-up with the Lady Rockets, will play Warren East Saturday at Russell County in the BSN Sports Kay Morris Classic in a 1:45 p.m. game and will play a doubleheader at home with the Lady Rockets against North Laurel on Tuesday night, January 14th.

"Lady Rockets"

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ranked in the top ten in the state in several polls this week, 59-51.

During the first quarter of the game, on her first basket, junior Casey Coleman joined the 1,000 Point Club, the second Lady Rocket this season to achieve that milestone.

The Rockets were down 12-8 at the end of the first quarter but came back in the second, to outscore the Bearcats 16-7 for a 24-19 halftime lead. The Lady Rockets managed to hang on in the second half, outscoring Anderson 35 to 32 for the win.

King led the scoring for her team with 14 points, including three three point baskets; Himes was close behind with 13 points, including going seven for seven from the free throw line; Newland got 11; Coleman eight; Lopez seven and Brown six.

It was a game that saw 44 free throws taken with Anderson hitting 19 of 24 and the Lady Rockets 16 of 20.

The win Tuesday night brought the Lady Rockets' record to an impressive 12-3 on the season.

The girls will next host district foe Pulaski County this Friday night in a doubleheader with the Rockets and will also host North Laurel, along with the Rockets, next Tuesday night.

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Local inmates becoming good citizens through MRT Program

By: Mike French
Editor

Jails exist to punish those who break the law by housing criminals until they serve their time. The Rockcastle County Detention Center is there to also give criminals a second chance.

Rockcastle County Jailer Nathan Carter had heard mumbling from his prisoners about their wish to "get a fresh start" when they get out of jail. He heard them talk about their wish to be a productive member of society, instead of falling back into the same traps that put them in jail in the first place. So, he decided to find a way to help them do just that.

"I met Carl Weaver who headed the MRT (Moral Reconciliation Therapy) Program and I went to talk to him about getting him here to provide that for our inmates," said Carter with a proud smile on his face. "Our inmates earned 93 certificates in the first year."

The MRT Program is operated throughout the United States and in nine other countries but had never been tried at the RCDC -- until now.

"65 of our inmates graduated. There were 32 females and 33 males," Carter said. "And we already have more people enrolled for the next classes."

The program focuses on how to alter how offenders think and how they make decisions about right and wrong, according to their manual. "We teach them classes and provide their books to show them how to move away from the lifestyle that got them there in the first place," said Carter.

And, it's working. In fact, Carter says he sees his past inmates out in the community working jobs and being a part of "normal" society almost everyday. "I see them out doing right things with their families and friends and working hard to provide and support themselves and their loved ones. I also get reports from those who hire them after they leave me."

One of those Carter uses as work assistance is Kimberly Chasteen of Highland Diversified, who gives Carter applications and then once the inmate has completed the program, Carter helps them get a job with the company. "Kimberly gives me reports on how they are doing and it is clear this program is working," he said.

Of those taking the classes, 12 females and eight males earned multiple certificates in different courses. And those certificates do a lot for each inmate. First, it shows their accomplishment. Second, it helps them get a job once they leave the facility after having served their time. Third, each certificate and completed course re-

moves 90 days from their sentence. An inmate with three certificates has 270 days taken off their sentence.

The program was started at RCDC in February of 2019 and the first graduating class now includes 65 proud inmates.

Classes the inmates completed include anger management, untangling relationships, parenting for women, and how to escape "your" prison.

The books do cost a little money and there is some expense to the program in general. But Carter says he pays for it all through the jail's commissary and through donations as well as anyone else who may want to help support the program. The truth is, the entire community benefits each time an inmate is taught to escape the vicious circle that is a typical prisoner who leaves the facility only to return to the same lifestyle, Carter said.

The program is clearly working since it started with 16 inmates registered and grew to 65 in the first year. And this year, the program is starting the year with 37 already enrolled. "This is what we do. We find ways to help them, not punish them. We teach them to adapt to life after jail. We teach them to recognize triggers that set them off before and how to deal with those triggers. That way, everyone wins," he said.

The program is not an easy thing to provide for all the inmates. Workers and staff have to deal with anger issues of some inmates at times. Deputies have to keep a closer watch on things each time an inmate is outside their cell. Records must be kept. Paperwork and red tape must be dealt with. It can be a lot of extra work for jail staff.

But when hearing a suggestion that the jail itself or even Carter himself should receive some benefit or recognition for providing the program for the inmates, his response without hesitation was, "Oh, I do get a reward for it all. When I see a past inmate out with his family eating dinner and laughing with loved ones, that's when I get my reward."

Anyone interested in donating or helping the MRT Program at the RCDC should call the jail and ask for Jailer Carter.

Rogers Scholars application deadline is January 24th

The deadline for the 2020 Rogers Scholars application is fast approaching. Before students complete the online application process, The Center for Rural Development recommends that applicants complete all items on the application's checklist.

The deadline to apply



This crash on I-75 on New Year's Eve caused the closure of the highway for several hours and a traffic back-up from Berea through Mount Vernon.

Fatal crash closes I-75 for several hours

By: Mike French
Editor

I-75 and U.S. 25 were backed up for several miles on Tuesday, December 31 after a fatal collision caused the closure of the interstate.

According to a press release from the Kentucky State Police, Jack McIntosh, 69, of Richmond, was operating a

wrecker, pulling a disabled semi truck, and was merging onto I-75 when 70-year-old Samuel G. Thomas, of North Carolina, rammed into the disabled semi from the rear.

Thomas was pronounced dead at the scene. Both McIntosh, and his passenger, Damion Covington of North Carolina, were uninjured.

The accident occurred five miles south of Berea in the southbound lanes and caused the closure of the highway for several hours which caused the traffic congestion from Berea through Mount Vernon.

Police do not know the reason why Thomas hit the semi and the cause of the crash is under investigation.

KSP Senior Officer Brandon Durham is investigating the incident. He was assisted at the scene by Sgt Randall Honeycutt, the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Dept., EMS, personnel of Emergency Management, the Rockcastle County Coroner's office and the Mount Vernon Fire Department.

New Children's home may be coming to Mount Vernon soon

By: Mike French
Editor

"It's a God thing"

This is how Edith and Luke Barnett describe their newest endeavor -- The Mount Vernon Children's Home.

The local couple has spent their life finding ways to take care of children in need. And now they have an idea that may take care of a lot of children in need all at the same time.

The local couple has five children in their own home, and they have been involved in foster care for nearly 10 years. But, every week, Edith gets a call or hears about another local youth that is needing a home or a place to stay for awhile.

"The need is great and we were able to get a huge home," said Edith of their newly purchased location on Red Foley Road. "There is room for 22 kids there and we know we will fill that quickly."

But the house isn't open yet. "There is a tremendous amount of red tape," said Edith. "We put up all we had and sold everything we could sell trying to get the new home ready. But now, af-

ter a year of working with them the state says we have to install a fire sprinkler system."

The couple has been blessed with donations and help from many sources, including local citizens, churches and businesses trying to help.

The new sprinkler system alone is going to cost nearly \$40,000 dollars and that is after finding someone willing to donate the labor. Such surprises has the new children's home on hold for the time being because, "no one has bothered to mention that we had to have that until now," she said.

Still, the Barnetts hope to find a way to open the children's home in February if they can meet all the state requirements.

"We are trying to open as soon as we can," said Edith with a shaky voice as she talked about those children born addicted to drugs. "It is a hardship on a mother and we want to be there for them."

Once open, the home will accept youth of all types with needs of any kind. "We won't turn someone away if they need a place," said Edith. "We hope to take the kids

that they can't find a place for. Especially pregnant girls who have nowhere to turn."

The task has indeed been a challenging endeavor but the Barnetts never gave up. "We were so hoping to be ready by Christmas because that's when a lot of need arises," she said. "But, once we open we will have three floors and lots of room."

The couple is already working closely with doctors, social workers, counselors and many others who will provide services at the children's home and, once operating, any youngster with nowhere to turn will once again have an option.

"Most of the kids are placed by social work-

ers but we sometimes just have a young person knock on our door," said Edith, "and we answer."

The home will even accept babies. "So many times a young girl has a baby born with an addiction and the mother just doesn't know what to do," she said. "We will be there. There should be no more babies left behind."

If everything works the way the Barnetts have planned, local kids with a need will have another place to turn and another door to knock on when times are at their hardest. And come February, the Barnetts say they will answer the door.

For more information, or to seek help or direction, anyone may call (606) 308-3985.

New Constable appointed in district four

By: Mike French
Editor

Though details are sketchy, reports indicate that Donnie Cope, Rockcastle County Fourth District Constable, has resigned his post and has been formally charged with theft by deception.

According to the circuit clerk's office, Cope was indicted on July 12, 2019 and later resigned his post as constable though the cause for the charges are not clear.

Officials say Cope was officially charged in July of last year but was only replaced last week when Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook appointed Dale

Miller as the new Rockcastle County District Four Constable.

Officials at the circuit clerk's office say a plea from Cope is scheduled for January 24 in District Court.

However, the appointment of Miller is only binding until the primary elections on Tuesday, May 19 when he may run for the office.

In Kentucky, a constable has the authority to enforce both the traffic code and the criminal code of the state. They may execute warrants, summonses, subpoenas and orders of court in all criminal, penal and civil cases.

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.

Special Service

There will be a special service at the Berea Gospel Tabernacle on Friday, January 10th, beginning at 7 p.m.

Stevie Isaacs of Big Hill will be the special speaker.

Ralph Chasteen and congregation invite everyone.

Monthly Singing

Philadelphia Baptist Church will hold their monthly singing Sunday night, January 26th, beginning at 6 p.m.

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Only in a small town -- Shortly after Christmas, Rockcastle County was experiencing some beautiful non-winter weather and Lucille Carloftis of Livingston decided she needed a haircut. The steps into Medley's Barber Shop in Livingston are challenging to us older folks, so Jason, who is also mayor of Livingston, accommodated Mrs. Carloftis by giving her a haircut on the sidewalk in front of his shop. Just another perk of small town living.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

CHICKEN ALFREDO DIP

- 1 package (8 ounce) cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup alfredo sauce
- 1 cup mozzarella cheese
- 2 cup shredded chicken
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

In a medium mixing bowl combine cream cheese, Alfredo sauce, and half of the mozzarella cheese; stir in chicken until all ingredients are thoroughly combined. Spoon into oven-safe casserole dish or baking pan. Top with Parmesan cheese and remaining mozzarella cheese. Bake at 350° for 25 minutes; then broil 3 to 5 minutes until cheese is golden brown and bubbly. Serve with a selection of crackers or vegetables.

CHICKEN ALFREDO LASAGNA

- 2 cups chopped cooked chicken
 - 2 jars of Classico® alfredo sauce
 - Salt and pepper
 - Garlic powder
 - 1 box lasagna noodles, uncooked
 - 2 cups mozzarella cheese
 - 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
 - 1 cup Parmesan cheese shredded
- Heat oven to 350°. In one bowl mix together the chopped chicken, seasoning and 1 and 1/2 jars of the alfredo sauce. In a second bowl mix together the mozzarella and Parmesan. In a 9 x 13 baking pan create your layers: 1/4 jar of alfredo sauce, noodles, chicken and sauce mix, cheese mix, noodles and repeat. For the top layer

spread the rest of the sauce from the jar and 1 cup of shredded Parmesan cheese. Cover with foil and bake for 50 minutes.

SLOW COOKER CHICKEN ALFREDO LASAGNA

- 1 container (16 ounce) ricotta cheese
 - 1 cup grated parmesan cheese
 - 10 to 12 lasagna noodles, uncooked
 - 2 jars (16 ounces) alfredo sauce
 - 1/3 cup water
 - 1 and 1/2 cups chicken, cooked and diced
 - 2 cups grated mozzarella cheese
 - 2 Tbsp Parmesan cheese
- You will want to use a LARGE slow cooker, at least a 5 to 6 quart pot. Mix ricotta and grated parmesan cheese in a bowl. Set aside. Spray your slow cooker with nonstick cooking spray. Break 3 to 4 noodles to fit in the bottom of your slow cooker. Layer a third of the Alfredo sauce, half of the water, and half of the chicken over the noodles. Spread half of the ricotta cheese/ parmesan mixture over noodles. Sprinkle a third of the mozzarella cheese over ricotta mixture. Add another layer of noodles. Layer a third of Alfredo sauce, remaining chicken, water, and ricotta cheese mixture. Sprinkle second third of mozzarella. Layer remaining noodles, sauce, and mozzarella. Sprinkle the 2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese on top. Cover and cook on LOW for 4 to 5 hours (no longer than 5 hours or noodles go soft and mushy).

Session on alzheimer's

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.

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The Little Member

I think everyone knows what we are going to look at today and what the Bible tells us about the tongue and how we are to control it. While many make resolutions, about exercising more and eating better and getting more sleep, all of us need to work on controlling our tongues.

James 1:26 If any man, seem to be religious and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is in vain. James tells us very clearly if our tongue is out of control our religion is in vain. The tongue can be such a wonderful instrument in the work of the Lord. On the other hand, the tongue can be one of the most destructive members of the body and be most harmful.

The tongue can devise much mischief and wickedness. Psalms 52:2 The tongue is like a sharp razor, working evil. Much of the evil, in the family, the community, and the church comes from a tongue that is out of control. The unbridled tongue can do its work of stirring up strife and wickedness, war and bloodshed.

Proverbs 16:28 A whisperer, separateth chief friends. Friends who have been close for thirty or forty years, can be separated to the point that they will no longer talk to each other or even look at each other. Many times it is over things that are not true, but because of jealousy and pride. Folks if we are the ones who whisper things without proof, we are doing the body of Christ great harm.

Jesus said in Matthew 7:21 Not everyone that saith unto me Lord, Lord shall enter into the kingdom of Heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in Heaven. Folks if we say and fail to do what God's word teaches is not our religion in vain? We must be doers of God's word and not hearers only.

Our religion is in vain when we don't put our hearts into what we are doing. Matthew 15:8 These people draweth nigh unto me their lips, but their heart is far from me. Folks if when we sing if we are just saying the words and they don't come from the heart our worship is in vain or if we pray and we are not sincere, our prayer will not be heard. The apostle Paul, 1 Corinthians 14:15 I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with the understanding I will pray with spirit and I will pray with the understanding also. Our worship must come from the heart or it will not be accepted by our Lord. If our focus is some where else than on worshipping the Lord our worship is in vain, and it will be rejected. Romans 6:17-18 We must obey from the heart.

When we go to the house of the Lord in 2020 let us make sure that we enter the doors of the church building, ready to worship the Lord in spirit and in truth.

Thank you as always for reading this article. I pray God has blessed you with the things you need another week and you have been kept safe. If you would like to get in touch with one of the brothers at Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ, we would love to hear from you. You can contact at the numbers listed: Bro. Ova Baker: 606-878-8104 or Bro. Dale McNew: 859-582-4021

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Posted: No trespassing on land belonging to James and Dorothy Rash heirs on Rash Branch Road off Chestnut Ridge. No hunting, camping, ATVs, trespassing for any purpose. Not responsible for accidents. Violators will be prosecuted. 30x51

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Posted: No trespassing of any kind on land belonging to Eugenia Cykowski Heir(s) at 402 Albright St., Brodhead, Ky. 17xntf

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Glen Roberts at 560 Dix River Branch Road, Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 35xntf

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Rockcastle County Public Library partners with elementary schools

The Rockcastle County Public Library recently participated in Dave Pilkey's "Drop Your Drawers" program. Pilkey is the author of the "Captain Underpants" book series. During this program the library collected underwear for local elementary schools' Family Resource Centers. 99 pairs of underwear were donated.

The Rockcastle Library is always excited to get to partner with the local school system and hope to triple the amount collected next year.

Regina Thompson, Children's Coordinator for the Library presented the underwear to each school Family Resource Coordinator this week.



Regina Thompson and Regina Hull-Brown, FRC Coordinator at MVES.



Regina Thompson and Angela King, FRC Coordinator at BES.



Regina Thompson and Sandy Bullen, FRC Coordinator at RES.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Newly Elected County Committee Member (COC)

Rockcastle County Committee tabulated the votes received for LAA #1 COC member on December 4, 2019 with the following results: Bill McKinney-73 votes; Clayton Cash-60 votes. Rockcastle Co. COC wishes to welcome Bill McKinney as the newly elected COC member. In the event of Mr. McKinney not being able to attend, Clayton Cash will serve as his alternate.

Elected county committee members serve a three-year term and are responsible for making decisions on FSA disaster, conservation, commodity and price support programs, as well as other important federal farm program issues.

Next County Committee Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 8:00 A.M. at the Mt. Vernon USDA Service Center.

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in the COC meeting should contact Warden Alexander at (606) 256-2525 or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 three days prior to the meeting date.

Office Closure

January 20, 2020- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

February 17, 2020- President's Birthday

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"Scholar"

(Continued from B1)

activities: Extracurricular activities are defined as school-related activities that you are a part of in addition to your regular classroom work. Examples include school-sponsored clubs, organizations, associations, programs, and athletic teams. This section is divided into three categories: leadership, technology, and entrepreneurship.

• Community Service: Community service activities are defined as those activities that involve your time and volunteer efforts for a community-related group or project. This section is divided into two categories: school-related activities and non-school related activities.

• Essay: Students are tasked with writing a short essay. The essay will be scored in five areas: content, insightfulness, creativity, spelling and grammar, and formatting. The essay prompt can be found on the youth programs' website mentioned above.

• Transcript and GPA: Applicants must provide their official academic transcript, including their guidance counselor's contact information and unweighted GPA.

• Letters of Recommendation: Applicants are required to provide three letters of recom-

mendations: two from their respective school district and one from a community member.

• Parental Consent: All applicants must have parental consent in order to fill out the online application.

Rogers Scholars—The Center's flagship youth program—is open to rising high school juniors in Southern and Eastern Kentucky. Students apply during their sophomore year and attend prior to the start of their junior year.

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.

During the intensive one-week summer program, Rogers Scholars work on building their leadership skills; participate in a series of team-building exercises; receive hands-on instructional training from professional experts in engineering, healthcare, communications, and space science; and interact with nationally recognized business leaders.

If selected, students will attend camp in one of two locations—Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia, KY, or Morehead State University in Morehead.

For more information or questions about the Rogers Scholars pro-

gram, call Allison Cross at 606-677-6000 or email across@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,

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Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I Civil Action No. 10-CI-00100

Flagstar Bank, FSB Plaintiff

V.

Michael Bruce Houk a/k/a Michael Houk, Jessica Houk, Cumberland Financial Services, University of KY Federal Credit Union, Commonwealth of Kentucky, Finance and Administration Cabinet Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to the judgment and order of sale entered in this action on October 11, 2019 for satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of TWO HUNDRED FORTY SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHT DOLLARS AND 87/100 (\$246,508.87) 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, January 17, 2020 Beginning at the Hour of 1:00 p.m.

Said property being more particularly described as follows:

PVA MAP NO. 022-00-034.01 1305 Maretburg Cemetery Rd., Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

Being located through and upon a part of the same tract of real property conveyed by deed to Federal National Mortgage Association from Flagstar Bank, FSB, Michael Bruce Houk a/k/a Michael Houk, Jessica Houk, Cumberland Financial Services and Commonwealth of Kentucky, Finance and Administration Cabinet by John D. Ford, Master Commissioner, duly recorded in Deed Book 239, Page 485 and being located through and upon a part of the same tract of real property conveyed by deed to Michael Bruce Houk, a married man, from Michael Bruce Houk and Jessica Houk, husband and wife, duly recorded in Deed Book 218 page 660 and being located through and upon a part of the same tract of real property conveyed by deed to Michael Bruce Houk, married, from Vernon Bruce Houk and wife, Joyce Houk, duly recorded in Deed Book 192, page 426, all records of the Rockcastle County Clerk's Office, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky.

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

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. The purchaser shall pay the 2019 local, county and state property taxes.
4. 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.
5. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
6. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
7. In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
8. 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".
9. If the property includes insurable improvements, then the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid, in the amount of the court-appraised value of the improvements or the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, as a minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Master Commissioner of the Rockcastle Circuit Court and Flagstar. The purchaser shall furnish written evidence of such insurance to the Master Commissioner within twenty-four (24) hours of the date of sale. Failure of the purchaser to obtain such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require, Flagstar to obtain said insurance and furnish the policy or premium thereon, and the property portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as the purchaser's costs. If there are purchase money bonds in connection with the purchase of the Property at the sale, the deed of conveyance shall provide that such insurance shall be carried and failure to carry such insurance shall be a default on the part of the purchaser for which the purchase money bonds may be declared due.

John D. Ford Master Commissioner Rockcastle Circuit Court

Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I Civil Action No. 18-CI-00267

Interstate Intrinsic Value Fund A, LLC Plaintiff

V.

Jason Brock, Melissa Brock aka Melissa Nicole Kirby aka Melissa Kirby, Kentucky Housing Corporation Suntrust Mortgage, ING Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to the judgment and order of sale entered in this action on October 11, 2019 for satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of FIFTY FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT AND 38/100 (\$54,678.38) 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 Thursday, January 17, 2020 Beginning at the Hour of 1:00 p.m.

Said property being more particularly described as follows:

PVA MAP NO. #021NE-00-009.12 96 Chestnut Street, Brodhead, KY 40409

Being the same property conveyed from Jason Brock and Melissa Brock F/K/A Melissa Kirby to Jason Brock and Melissa Brock, husband and wife, by deed recorded February 23, 2006 in Deed Book 209, Page 157 in the County Clerk's Office, Rockcastle County Kentucky.

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

1. 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.
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Storms blow through Rockcastle

— No injuries reported

By: Mike French
Editor

"I think this broke some records," said Mount Vernon Fire Chief David Bales.

Heavy rains, thunder and lightning and straight line winds came through Rockcastle County Saturday on one of the warmest January 11th days in history.

While temperatures reached near 70 degrees, high winds were reported in places up to 80 miles per hour and torrential rains caused several accidents and wind damage.

According to Bales, the local department had 11 calls for service on Saturday alone. "I don't recall having that many calls in one day," said Bales.

In fact, departments

across the county received calls during the day long storms ranging from trees across road-

(See "Storm" on A5)

Mount Vernon meeting

The Mount Vernon City Council will hold their regular monthly meeting tonight (Thursday, January 16) beginning at 6 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

Census jobs open

The 2020 Census Bureau is looking for workers. The Rockcastle County Public Library is offering free assistance with the online applications on Wednesday, January 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Census jobs pay \$14 per hour in Rockcastle County. Pay rates vary in other counties.

Constable race

Dale Miller and Casey McClure have filed to run in the May Primary elections for the office of 4th District Constable in Rockcastle County after the resignation of Donnie Cope left the office vacant. Miller was appointed to the position but that appointment expires after the May election.



This mobile home was torn from its foundation and flipped over onto its top during Saturday's heavy storms in the Brindle Ridge area. Officials say the home rolled onto a car in the driveway and two occupants were inside the home when it rolled. However, neither occupant was injured. Reports of wind damage came from all areas of the county but no injuries were reported.

Rockcastle is newest Second Amendment Sanctuary County

By: Mike French
Editor

Moments before the crowd erupted in applause, the Rockcastle County fiscal Court voted unanimously to make the county a Second Amendment Sanctuary County at their regular monthly meeting Tuesday.

Joining over 30 other counties in Kentucky, Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook drafted a resolution stating that the fiscal court, the sheriff's department or no other entity of the county will use resources of the county to enforce any additional laws passed which could be construed to infringe upon the Second Amendment of the Constitution of any Rockcastle County resident or visitor to the county.

The wording of the

resolution indicates that all magistrates, county officials and law enforcement officials within the county support the Second Amendment which guarantees the right of individuals to bear arms and that those rights shall not be infringed upon by any government, including the state or federal government.

Kentucky counties are falling in line drafting similar resolutions, since the election of Governor Andy Beshear who has publicly spoken out against Second Amendment rights.

With a quick and enthusiastic unanimous vote, all magistrates voted in favor of adopting the resolution. Though the room was quiet for a moment after the vote, Holbrook asked Mount Vernon City Administrator Josh Bray if he had any comments about the

resolution. Bray held his hand up and said "good job" as the large crowd erupted in applause.

After the vote, Assistant County Attorney William Leger spoke to the court on behalf of the Tourism Department concerning a planned event on Memorial Day. "The

city (Mt. Vernon) elected to go with the smaller of the two options so we aren't here asking the court for money," said Leger. "We just ask that you help us gravel some parking areas if needed and help us with a few things we may need to get the annual event going."

Magistrates agreed to support the event.

Next, Holbrook presented the court with a proposal from Microfoodery asking that the county release the lien on some of the property where the new plant is

(See "County" on A5)

Woman charged with murder in man's death

— Seen beating motionless body

By: Mike French
Editor

Donald D. Abner, 55, of Richmond, was pronounced dead at the scene after a Mount Vernon woman and her Pit Bull allegedly killed him Friday, January 10.

According to reports from the Kentucky State

Police (KSP) and the Rockcastle County Sheriff's office, Melissa D. Wolke, 38, of Pug Lane in the Conway area, has been charged with the murder of Abner.

Police responded to the scene just before 4 a.m. Friday after 911 received a call from a local man stating another man was

being assaulted by a woman and her dog in his backyard.

Reports say the caller said he observed the woman jumping up and down on the victim and yelling attack commands to the dog. The witness told police the woman

(See "Murder" on A5)

Water installs to increase to \$700 in Brodhead

By: Mike French
Editor

In an 11 minute meeting, the City of Brodhead handled several items of business Monday evening.

After approving the minutes for the December regular meeting and a special called meeting to secure required paperwork for state grant approvals, members of the Brodhead City Commission agreed to raise the water install fee from \$500 to \$700.

Commissioners agreed that the cost increase to provide the meter box, meter and other required parts and labor to new customers was justified due to rising costs of the materials. "We haven't raised the price for water installs in a long time," said Commissioner John Burton. "It is understandable since the price of the parts cost us more now."

One of the four candidates who have submitted a resume for the Police

(See "Water" on A5)



Climax and Mount Vernon Fire Departments were called to this mobile home fire on Three Links Road Thursday morning. Upon arrival firefighters found the home completely engulfed in flames. The cause of the blaze is unknown at this time but the home was a total loss. There were no injuries but officials are holding a benefit at the Deatherage family on Saturday, February 22 at the Rockcastle County Middle School. The public is invited to attend the event.

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

I write some of my best ramblings columns, in my head, at about four in the morning. That's the time, or earlier, that I usually wake up from my night's rest and get little more sleep until I drag myself out of the bed sometime after daylight - on the weekends, a long time after daylight.

How do I know they are some of my best columns, because I find myself chuckling out loud at my witty, and, sometimes, a little sarcastic (okay, sometimes a whole lot sarcastic) remarks.

Of course, the whole problem with this scenario is that by 8 a.m. the same morning, I can't remember 90% of what I found so amusing at 4 a.m. and therefore my readers get stuck with the same tired arguments of why voters should never elect a Democrat again - for anything!! (No, really, that's what I have been trying to convince my readers of for years and I make no apologies for it, particularly with this latest batch of Democrat Presidential candidates who all promise to turn us into a full-blown socialist country almost immediately if they gain the Presidency).

But, back to my sleep habits which I know are of utmost interest to everyone. It doesn't seem to matter when I go to sleep, I always wake up after about three or four hours. Recently, I was very tired and went to bed at 9:30.

Now, mind you, I take two over the counter sleeping pills every night and they usually work really well to put me to sleep. The problem is they're not so hot at helping me stay asleep.

On the night I went to bed at 9:30, I awakened later and reached for my phone to check the time, thinking it would be three or four o'clock and it was midnight. That night it was four or five o'clock before I finally dropped back into a restless sleep.

Of course, during those times, all of the decisions I have made during my life come back to

(Continued on A3)

Aces Over

By: Mike French



I am so frustrated.

I know I love the old ways of doing things better than the new ways, in most cases. Still, I agree that modern advancements make life easier.

The trinkets and gadgets and digital lifestyle we live now sure seems to be less hard work than anything used to be.

My argument has always been that there isn't anything wrong with a little hard work. In fact, I think it is damaging to society as a whole that people rarely have to leave their chair anymore to accomplish things that used to take some actual thought and effort.

I do see the advantages

to the digital age we live in now. There are many benefits. I just wonder if the benefits are worth the cost.

I stopped at a parts store in Berea Saturday for a new windshield wiper blade. But, due to the storms, the power was off.

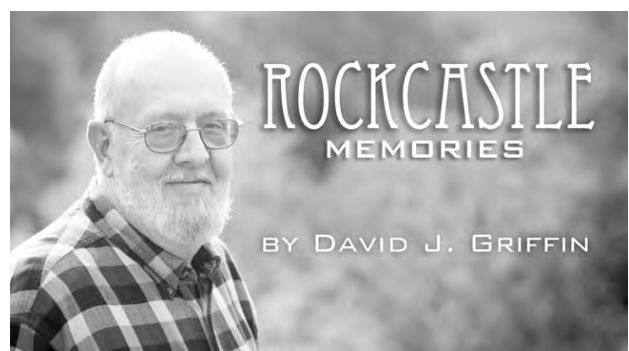
Though a grown man was standing there behind the counter, and the wiper blade said on it \$14.55, he simply refused to sell it to me. He had no clue how to do business without that little machine telling him what to do.

I tried to explain that including tax, the price would be \$15.82, but he simply refused my business. I would have to come back sometime when his little computer told him it was okay to sell his product.

I even offered him a \$20 bill. "Keep the change." But nope. He flat out refused.

Apparently the use of a piece of paper and a

(Continued on A3)



Hickory Nuts

As some of my readers are aware, my wife and I own a small wooded plot of land on Furnace Mountain, which we call Todd's Walk. The reason we refer to the woods as Todd's Walk is because this is an area where our son played when he was young. He was killed in an automobile accident when he was 15 years old.

After his death, we developed the woods into a circle walk through the property in his honor. We added seats, bird feeders, and wind chimes. One of our friends, Jack Brewer, has assisted us with the landscaping and maintenance of the property. His skills in this area are unsurpassed.

One afternoon, Jack and I were noticing the vast number of hickory nuts that fall from our American Hickories and shagbark hickory trees. We commented on the small size of the actual nuts. The next day, Jack brought me a grocery bag of huge hickory nuts that



he acquired from a friend of his. I was delighted at the size of these nuts, which were at least 2-3 times larger than mine.

Since my wife and I now reside in a home in Mt. Sterling containing a large back yard, I wondered if I could plant some of these huge nuts to attempt to grow a couple of these trees on our new property.

I checked the internet to see if any advice was available to plant hickory nuts. To my delight, I found what appears to be a very complete set of instructions about planting the large variety of these nuts.

The instructions indicate that the nuts should be dried if they were not going to be planted immediately, which I did. It also explained that the nuts should be planted in the fall of the year and allow the winter season to "refrigerate" in the ground. A good deal of mulch is recommended to cover the planted nuts.

Once germination is complete, shading is needed in order to protect the new plants until they develop.

I have selected several of these nuts to plant in my backyard next fall. I am hopeful that I can get a couple of these wonderful trees to grow. Who knows, maybe it will work!

This plan that I have hatched also reminded me of the delicious hickory nut fudge that my grandmother

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Points East

By Ike Adams



By the time I was 5 or six years old and big enough to climb it there was a young, fruiting, Chinese chestnut tree that grew, just a few feet behind the porch, in the backyard directly behind our house. My grandfather, Mose (Pap) Adams had planted it and a nearby sibling as seedlings in the mid 1940s.

The tree, practically in our back door, must have been particularly fond of the soil conditions because it grew about three

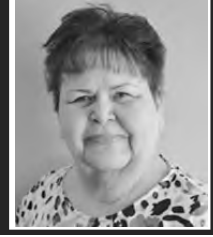
times faster and larger than its twin sibling, situated less than 100 yards away, on the backside of one of our vegetable gardens.

The tree in the garden bloomed as profusely as the one behind the house but it seldom produced more than a seasonal handful of mature nuts. Apparently the wind on Blair Branch only blew in one direction during June when the trees were in full bloom. The tree in our yard was consistently loaded down with mature nuts. Our theory was that it was downwind of its sibling and the latter's pollen fertilized it. Since the wind didn't blow in the other direction, the only way the garden tree was apt to be pollinated would have been by bees or wasps carrying pollen from the other tree. Chinese chestnut blooms are white and shaped like fuzzy rat tails and up to a foot long. They have a rather pungent smell and I find it reasonable to assume than most self-respecting bees would not visit them if anything else was blooming. In any

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Was Cousin Patsy Right?

Dear Journal,

This Facebook deal has turned out to be one of the greatest inventions of all time. It had been out a long time before I tried it and I may have never been on it had it not been for seeing Stanley's page. He got me signed up and I finally got used to being able to chat with old high school friends and relatives who live far away every day if I want.

My father's family, the Oxendines, live in North Carolina, so I don't get to see them very often. However, I keep in touch with some of my cousins pretty often. My Cousin Patsy is my main contact. We met for the first time back in 2007 and hit it off like we had known each other all our lives. We seem like sisters instead of cousins and even call

each other "sis". We look quite a bit alike, but all of the Oxendines do.

A few days after Christmas, she put a post on her page wondering if any one had a "merry" Christmas. She said that almost all of the people she knew and had personally spoken with said that they did not and was taking her own survey to see. I told her that I didn't either. In fact, it was one of the most sad, sorrowful and otherwise pitiful excuses for a holiday I had ever seen. I don't think I'd want to relive that period again for money, even a lot of it. She had arrived at the conclusion that very few had a Merry Christmas.

Then, I got curious. Did people really have a "merry" Christmas around here? I started to

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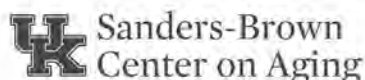
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Obituaries

Danny R. Mink

Danny R. Mink, 70, of Mt. Vernon, departed this life for his heavenly home on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. He was born in Mt. Vernon on June 2, 1949, the son of Floyd Mink and Rosie Prewitt Cromer. He worked for over 30 years for Cintas in Lexington, before working for several years at Town & Country Service Station prior to retirement. He was a member of Freedom Baptist Church and enjoyed working on cars, taking care of his yard, watching WLJC and the Kentucky Wildcats, and playing with his grand and great grandbabies.

He is survived by: his wife of 51 years, Mary Whitis Mink; daughter, Angie (Gary) Bullock of Mt. Vernon; a son, Danny, Jr. (Michelle) Mink of Mt. Vernon; grandchildren, Dustin (Tabetha) Johnson of London, and Brianna Mink, Jaydon Bullock, and Camden Mink, all of Mt. Vernon; two great granddaughters, Gabrielle and Paisley Johnson of London; and his brothers and sisters, Donnie (Patsy) Cromer, Johnny Cromer, Eddie Cromer, Dennis (Desiree) Cromer, Gene (Nell) Cromer, Freddie Cromer, Tommy (Vanessa) Cromer, Kenny (Barb) Mink, Rodney Mink, Rosetta Eaton, Teresa (Cecil) Childress, and Paula (Steve) Wrenn. Several step grandchildren that are also remembered include: Louise and Chuck Cole, James Hood, Victoria Hood, Ricky and Brianna Hood, and Brianna and Gordon Witt; and step great grandchildren, Caitlyn, C.J., Landon, and Chelsey Cole, Bentley, Cecelia, and Collette Hood, and Alivia, Sawyer, and Rylan Witt. Numerous brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and cousins also survive.

He was preceded in death by: his father, Floyd Mink; his mother and step-father, Rosie and Fred Cromer; and an infant sister, Donna Mink.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Jason Brown and Barry Hurst. Burial was in Mareburg Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Gary Bullock, Jaydon Bullock, Eddie Cromer, Dustin Johnson, Camden Mink, and Marvin Mink.

Honorary pallbearers were: Bill Grider and each of Danny's brothers and brothers-in-law.

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Ruth Eleanor Johnson

Ruth Eleanor Fridley Johnson, 76, of New Castle, Virginia, went to be with her husband, Ernie, and her Lord on Thursday, January 2, 2020. She passed away peacefully surrounded by those who loved her most. The 14th chapter of John was read, a hymn was sung, and a prayer was offered by her brother, Allen.

She was born in Alleghany County, Virginia, on December 15, 1943. She was a graduate of Dunlap High School and Kentucky Christian College. She retired from Carter Bank & Trust.

She was a very selfless woman with a generous heart. She was a devoted Christian woman who will be missed by her church and community. She devoted 13 years to the youth at the New Castle Christian Church by coaching Bible Bowl teams. During her time as coach, her teams won 11 championships. That does not include the many tournaments in which her teams participated, contributing a total of 63 trophies to the church. She will be forever remembered as a cherished coach to all who were lucky enough to be on her teams. She touched so many lives by her example.

She was preceded in death by: her husband of 55 years, Ernie; father, John Fridley; mother, Eleanor Wickline Fridley; brother, Paul Fridley; and brothers-in-law, Tom Kelley, Terry Simpson, and Jay Johnson.

Those left to cherish her memory are: her sons, Wade (Sheila) Johnson and John "Bucky" (Melinda) Johnson; daughter, Amanda (Duane) Wentz; grandchildren, Jasmin, Rachel, Virginia, Morgan, Will, and Isaiah; great granddaughters, Zaylin and Abigail; brothers, Ledford, Allen (Billie), Calvin (Phyllis), Delbert (Susan), and Michael (Emily) Fridley; sisters, Rebekah "Becky" Kelley and Elizabeth "Libby" Simpson; along with several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life was held at New Castle Christian Church on Saturday, January 11, 2020 with the service conducted by her beloved nephew, John Kelley.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks you to donate generously to the Chestnut Grove Church College Scholarship fund at P.O. Box 272, New Castle, Virginia, 24127.

"Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all. Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate." Proverbs 31:28-31.



Ella Mae Hoggard

Ella Mae Hoggard, 90, of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, January 9, 2020 at St. Joseph Hospital in Berea. She was born in Ledford, IL on June 11, 1929, the daughter of Harold and Beatrice Pickering McDermott. She was a retired waitress and was of the Baptist Faith. She enjoyed gardening, cooking and baking, and knitting.

She is survived by: her daughters, Marlene Stallworth of Mt. Vernon, and Darlene Davis of Deckerville, MI; and four sisters, Mary and John Gee of Pana, IL, Della Farver of Prudenville, MI, Micky and David Charlick of Paris, MI, and Sue and Ralph Charlick of Birmingham, MI. Six grandchildren, Andrew Davis, Jennifer Didelot, Krystal Hoggard, Jerusha Robinson, Adam Stallworth, and Erik Stallworth; and 14 great grandchildren also survive. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Warren Hoggard; a son, Harold "Poncho" Hoggard; a grandson, Nathan Davis; two great grandchildren; four brothers, Theodore, G.B., Evert, and Harold Lloyd McDermott; and two sisters, Loretta and Martha.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Dave Charlick. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Jack Alexander, Andrew Davis, Elijah Didelot, Alex Robinson, Adams Stallworth, and Erik Stallworth.

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Wilma Jean Haire

Wilma Jean Haire, 90, of Corbin, died Thursday, January 9, 2020 at her home. She was born in Middlesboro on May 21, 1929, the daughter of Roy and Emma Pate Carroll. A graduate of Black Star High School in Harlan, she had been a homemaker and had attended Bible Baptist Church.

She is survived by: a son, Jim Haire of Corbin; two daughters, Tabatha (Elmer) Marcum of Corbin, and Shirley (Calvin) Grant of Lexington; and two daughters-in-law, Cheryl Haire Garrett of Lexington, and Susanne Haire of Petersburg, VA. Also surviving are six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, James E. Haire; a son, Clyde Haire; three brothers, Clyde, Tommy, and Cody Carroll; two sisters, Gwen Ponder and Gladys Dash; and a granddaughter, Erin.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 13, 2020 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Joe Bussell. Burial was in Bluegrass Memorial Gardens in Nicholasville.

Pallbearers were: Terry Carroll, Derek Graves, Robert Hughes, Elmer Marcum, J.D. Rouch, and Joe Rouch.

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William Pigg

William Pigg, 56, husband of Michelle, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born in Mount Vernon on September 17, 1963, to the late John Franklin Marcum and Eleanor Pigg. He was a member of Full Gospel House of Care and loved to preach the word of God. He was an avid University of Kentucky fan, loved to coon hunt and fish. He loved spending time with his family.

Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, John Russell, Dewey Franklin, and Daniel Wayne Pigg, and his father-in-law, Glenn Griffin.

He is survived by: his wife, Michelle Pigg; children, William Dylan (Paige) Pigg, and Emily Kay Pigg, both of Mount Vernon; two grandchildren, Mariah and Lucas Pigg; sisters and brothers, Louise Seals, Roger Pigg, David (Julie) Pigg, all of Mount Vernon, and Tony Pigg, and Carolyn Pigg, both of Berea; mother-in-law, Dianna Griffin; and two very special friends, Janet Roberts and Donnie Fleming.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at Davis & Powell Funeral Home with Bro. Doug Collins and Bro. Roger Pigg officiating. Burial was in Scaffold Cane Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Roger Hoover, Doug Pigg, Tony Barnes, David Pigg, Jr., Brandon Roberts, and Joel Lakes. Honorary pallbearers were: Chris Croucher, Jay Croucher, Donnie Fleming, Joey Reeves, Matt Durham, Joseph Kelley, and Tim Pigg.

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Lela "Lil" Kay Griffin

Lela "Lil" Kay Griffin, 69, of Livingston, wife of J.C., died Wednesday, January 8, 2020, at Saint Joseph - London. She was born February 24, 1950 in Oneida, to the late Robert and Cora (Potter) Peters. She married Raymond "J.C." Griffin on June 8, 1969, and from that union came two daughters, Lisa Faye Blackburn and Sherry Ann Newcomb. She was of the Pentecostal faith and enjoyed her grandchildren. She will be remembered as the owner, operator of Lil's Restaurant in Livingston for many years.



Those left to celebrate her life are: her husband of 50 years, J.C. Griffin of Livingston; daughters, Lisa Faye (David) Blackburn and Sherry Ann (James) Newcomb, both of Livingston; six grandchildren, Jordan Blackburn, Jessica Miller, James Matthew Newcomb, Caitlyn Campbell, Andrew Newcomb, and Carley Newcomb; three great grandchildren, Brent Miller, Jasey Bowles, and Aiden Miller; one brother, Johnny (Kay) Peters of Grey Hawk; and two sisters, Linda (Gary) Gabbard and Jean (Wilburn) Coffey, both of Grey Hawk.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Walter, Jack, and Robbie Peters.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 11, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Raleigh Coffey officiating. Burial was in Red Hill Cemetery.

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

Marvin Venson Wasson

Marvin Venson Wasson, 81, of Nancy, died Monday, January 13, 2020, at his residence. He was born July 27, 1938, in Fitchburg, to the late Elbert and Nancy (Lane) Wasson. He was an Electrician for Rockwell International for 27 years. He married Jenny Hamm on June 10, 1972, and from that union came eight children, Marlene, Zandra, Nancy, Martha, Annitta, Shamo, Shawn, and Joe. He was a member of the Cooks Methodist Church, enjoyed fishing and hunting, and was a member of the F & A.M. Masonic Lodge 491 in Nancy.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his children, Marlene Wasson, and Zandra Swanson, both of Jabez, Nancy Wasson of Winchester, Martha (Barry) Morton of Andersonville, TN, Annitta Lykins of Franklin, OH, Shamo (James) Creech of Stanton, Shawn (Lesley) Hugel of Peebles, OH, and Marvin (Joe) Sparks of Nada; one granddaughter he raised as his own, Johnna Kennon of Clay City; a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren; one brother, Malcom Wasson of Richmond; and four sisters, Betty Ruth Rose and Elsie Lee (Randy) Morefield, both of Winchester, Rosemary (Elhan) Sahingolu of Hickory, NC, and Lois (Ike) Brandenburg of Lexington; and sisters-in-law, Joyce Hamm, and Pattie Wasson.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: his wife, Jenny Wasson, three infant grandchildren; four brothers, Bill, Sydney, Morris, and Tony Wasson; and one sister, Alweena Marcum.

Visitation for Marvin Wasson will be Friday, January 17 from 5-8 p.m. with Masonic Rites being conducted at 7 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals.

Funeral services will be Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 2 p.m. at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Scott Weddle officiating. Burial will follow in Ottawa Cemetery.

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

Memories

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(Mommie Katie) used to make for me when I was a youngster. Hers was a mighty fine special treat.

This idea should give me a project for next fall and winter. I would love to have a couple of these trees in my new backyard. If it works at all, I will attempt to update my progress. (If, not, you will likely never hear from me again on the subject.)

However, if I am successful, I will be happy to share my treasure of nuts with my friends and regular readers of this column. If any of you have any relevant advice on growing a hickory nut tree, I would be most grateful to receive it. I can be reached as shown below. Wish me luck!

(You can reach me at themtnman@att.net or you can drop me a line at 30 Johnson Avenue - Mt Sterling, KY 40353. I appreciate your comments and suggestions.)

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Announcement

Pursuant to 804 KAR 9:010 the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control gives notice of the following vacancies in Livingston:

a.) Two (2) Quota Retail Package Liquor License

Applications for these quota vacancies will be accepted by the Department for a period of thirty (30) days beginning January 9, 2020.

Allison Taylor, Commissioner
Carol Beth Martin, Malt Beverage Administrator
Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control
500 Mero Street, 2NE33
Frankfort, KY 40601

SPORTS

Lady Rockets lose to PC and North Laurel

The Pulaski County Lady Maroons came to town last Friday night and handed the Lady Rockets their fourth loss of the season, and second district loss, 56-47.

The score was tied in the first quarter at eight all when the Maroons went on a 15-2 run, behind five three point baskets, for a 23-10 first quarter lead. The Rockets were down 34-18 at the half and 42-29 at the third quarter stop.

The Lady Maroons wound up hitting nine three point baskets against two for the Rockets. The turnover ratio was 18 for the Rockets to 17 for PC. The Rockets did have a good night at the free throw line, getting 19 chances and hitting 16 of them to PC's 11/15.

Freshman Hallie Brown led her team in scoring with 11 points;

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Will Bishop goes for two of his 18 points during the Rockets' loss to Pulaski Friday night.



Bentley Taylor looks over the offense during the Rockets' loss to Pulaski County.

PC Maroons easily defeat Rockets 82-56

The Rockets fell easily to district foe Pulaski County last Friday night, losing 85-56 and bring their district record to 1-3 and their season record to 4-10.

The Rockets were down 20-12 at the first quarter stop; 40-22 at halftime and 57-39 at the end of the third quarter.

The Maroons hit seven threes in the game to the Rockets five and were 9/13 from the free throw line to the Rockets 7/12. It was in the turnover department that the Rockets were hurt, committing 14 to the Maroons six.

The Rockets closed the gap somewhat in the third quarter, battling back from a 19 point deficit 44-25 to being down by 12 at 47-35 but the Maroons then went on a run, outscoring the Rockets 13-4 to take a 60-41 lead early in the fourth.

Eighth grader Will Bishop led his team in scoring with 18 points; sophomores Daniel Mullins, Drew Hopkins, Silas Shaffer and Jake Sanders all scored seven points; senior Logan Noel got six and sophomore Matthew Chasteen scored four points.

Saturday at the BSN Sports Kay Morris Classic, the Rockets suffered their 11th loss of the season at the hands of Russell County 66-52.

The Rockets were up 30-29 at the half, behind four three point baskets by Shaffer and eight points by Bishop but they were outscored 37 to 22 in the second half for the loss.

Shaffer's 12 points was high for the game; Noel got 11; Hopkins and Bishop each scored eight points; Mullins got six; Sanders four and sophomore Reese Coguer three.

The Rockets made 10 three point baskets to Russell's six but only got six tries at the charity stripe, hitting four while Russell County was 10 for 19.

Tuesday night against North Laurel, the game was never in question as the North Laurel Jaguars (12 and 4) outscored the Rockets 17-6 in the first quarter; 13-10 the second quarter and 27-12 the third quarter with the Rockets taking only the fourth quarter 19-15 for the 71-47 loss, their twelfth of the season against four wins.

Leading scorers for the Rockets were Hopkins and Coguer with 10 points each; Bishop got eight; Mullins six; Noel and Shaffer got five points each; Chasteen scored two and Sanders one.

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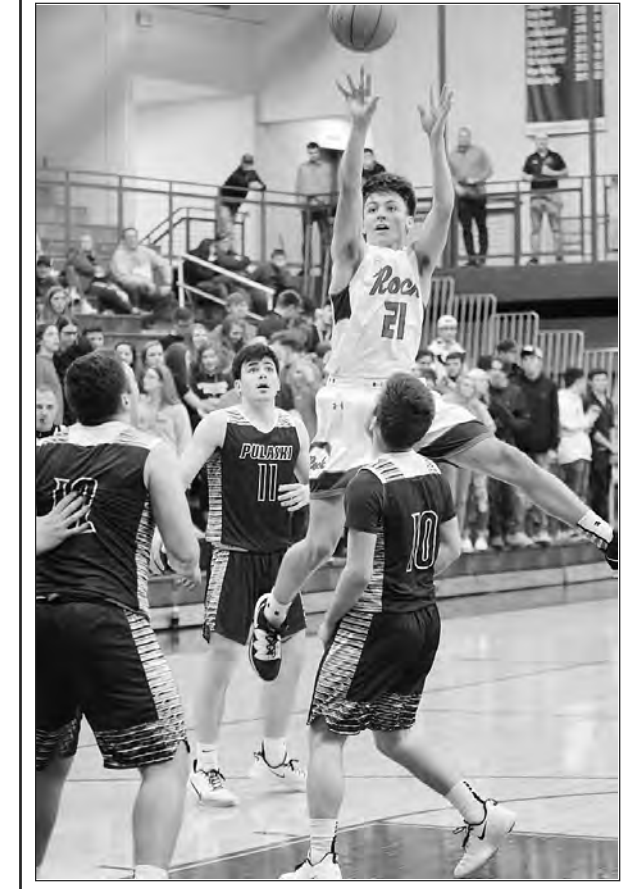
Junior Casey Coleman works to the basket in the Lady Rockets' loss to Pulaski County last Friday night.



Kenzi Himes goes for two in the Lady Rockets' loss to Pulaski County last Friday night.



Hallie Brown fights for position on a free throw in the Lady Rockets' loss to Pulaski County last Friday night.



Daniel Mullins puts up a jump shot during the Rockets' loss to Pulaski County last Friday night.



Keelee King comes up with a steal during the Lady Rockets' loss to Pulaski County last Friday night.



Senior Rocket Logan Noel applies defensive pressure during the Rockets' loss to Pulaski County last Friday night. Noel scored six points on the night. The Rockets travel to Casey County this Friday for a district double-header with the Lady Rockets. Game time is 6 p.m.



RCMS Cheerleaders kept the crowd involved during Rockets and Lady Rockets district action against Pulaski County last Friday night.

RCMS Honor Roll

Enterprisers - Emily Akemon, Nathaniel Alexander, Alexis Ballinger, Jayden Bowles, Emaleigh Bowman, Chelsey Branham, Calli Brooks, Michael Camel, Carson Cameron, Aubree Clark, Allison Combs, Devin Combs, Kai Cox, Walker Craig, Rilee Duncan, Shannen Eckert, Luke Ellis, Ezekiel Fain, Elizabeth Falin, Evie Haddix, Colin Hamilton, Michael Hargis Jr. Caydence Hasty, Keathlee Justice, Hannah King, Taylor King, Xavier Leger, Emma McCoy, Ella McKinney, Jaden Melton, Austin Miles, Kayla Miller, Katelynn Minton, Cailee Mullins, Aisha Njie, Emma Noel, Christopher Parsons, Rachel Patel, Isaiah Phelps, Hunter Pingleton, Clayton Powell, Kendal Rader, Ainslee Renfro, Emily Renner, Jocelyn Reynolds, Maggie Reynolds, Samuel Rowland, Macy Spivey, Isaac Turner, John Yates.

Voyagers - Kennadie Anderson, Jared Barron, Katelyn Barron, Dustin Belt, Hannah Bengel, Joyce Blevins, Donovan Bradley, Ricky Brasher, Chloe Bray, Dillan Bullock, Logan Bullock, Gracie Burdette, Janaye Burton, Brilie Bussell, Addison Carter, Kaitlyn Carter, Ally Chandler, Colton Conn, Lauren Cromer, Nevaeh Daniels, Dalton Deborde, Steven Engle, Angela Estes, Emma Estes, Matheu Eversole, Adrianna Graves, Santana Hacker, Samantha Harris, Hayden Hasty, Allyson Hayes, Brianna Hensley, Serenity Henson, Cody Jackson, Mary Jackson, Dillon Kinder, Addalyn King, Brooklyn Ledford, Cole Martin, Tristan

McKinney, Mahala Miller, Cheyenne Moore, Harrison Mullins, Susanne Mullins Aryanna Neeley, Adrianna Nottingham, Abby Phillips, Aubrey Phillips, Joseph Poynter, Jackson Reams, Makayla Renner, Austin Saylor, Shyanna Sprinkles, Jady Sturgill, Christian Swanigan, Lily Thomas, Jailun Tyree, Jacorey Washington, Abigail Watson, Ava Watson, Addyson White, Caulin, Wilson, Sydney Woods, Connor Wright, Emili Wright.

Adventurers - Sara Abney, Kaleb Alexander, Kendra Barnes, Madison Barnett, Adyson Bradley, Carson Carrera, Anna Chaliff, Gabriel Clouse, Shala Couch, Savannah Davis, Abigail Day, Victoria Dykes, Haley Fletcher, Christopher Frederick, Patience Gleissner, Lola Harrison, Ashtin Hensley, Bailey Hensley, Makyla Hester, Alyssa Hodge, Lila Holt, Connor Hunt, Kaylee Johnson, Caitlyn Kirby, Jaziley Lamb, Dylan Lefler, Aidan Lohrey, Alexisanna Ludemann, Landon Martin-Fouts, Caylie Mobley, Brylee Mullins, Victoria Munguia, Matthew Owens, Allie Payne, Alivia Permenter, Dillon Pickle, Lincoln Rader, Markley Richards, Shakota Samples, Caleb Saylor, Holleigh Senters, Wesley Shurr, Tanith Slusher, Anna Smith, Brooklyn Smith, Joshua Smith, Nicholas Stevens, Lilyann Storm, Logan Thomas, Tyler Turpin, Brandon Valle, Benjamin Vance, Danica Wallin, Ethan Weaver.

Shooting Stars - Alexandra Anglin, Hannah Atkinson, Aiden Baker, Gavin Betsworth, Kierra Bingham, Benjamin Brenda, Bailee

Brooks, Jaily Brown, Bethany Chasteen, Dwayne Clark, Abby Deleon, Nathan Doan, Katie Dobbs, Jenna Eaton, Ethan Faulkner, Florence Fields, Clayton Flannery, Emerick Goff, Faith Harris, Madison Hayes, Emory Hazelwood, Cerrina Henson, Dalton Hopkins, Micah Hughes, Matthew Johnson, Kali Jones, Parker Kidwell, Aaron King, Carly Ledford, Levi Lovell, Makaylee McNally, Haylee Miller, Will Miller, Lonny Mink, Chloe Morris, Melissa Mullins, Conner Nicholas, Rex Parkey, Gracie Peavie, Learin Reagan, Regan Robinson, Jace Rogers, Hana Singleton, Rilee Smith, Abigail Sparks, Jackson Stallsworth, Isaac Steele, Ella Vance, Conner Winstead, Brandon Wright, Madison York.

Challengers - Ashleigh Abney, Jacob Ashcraft, Callie Bengel, Destiny Bullen, Alison Bullock, Ella Bussell, Cheyenna Bustle, Jaden Cameron, Jordan Carpenter, Raychel Carpenter, Carley Carter, Camryn Cash, Paige Cash, Lance Coffey, Jacob Copley, Kelsey Coy, Jacob Cromer, Alex Damrell, Noah Dennison, Alyssa Dyer, Michael Estes, Daisy Flannery, Ethan Gibson, Jocelyne Hagan, Kamryn Hall, Ethan Hodge, Jacob Houk, Kole Jackson, Hailey Johnson, Alivia Kirby, Madi Lewis, Deanna Lunsford, Sandra Madden, Harper McCool, Kyndall McNew, Kameryn Medley, Marlana Miller, Zackery Miller, Wyatt Martin, Jeremiah Mikeworth, Michael Mills, Bailey Mink, Jordan Mink, Alexis Neeley, Noah Phillips, Joseph Prickett, Grace Reams,

Landon Reppert, Brooklyn Robinson, Ryder Robinson, Ashton Sanders, Alivia Shepherd, Emily Thacker, Alexia Vair, Connor Vanwinkle.

Comets - Madison Abrams, Lydia Amburgey, Miya Bachman, Eliana Baker, Charles Bell, William Bishop, Benjamin Brown, Noah Brown, Garrett Bryant, Abigail Burdette, Landon Carlton, Kaylee Carpenter, Shelby Chesnut, Makayla Coffey, Corey Coleman, Kaliee Collins, Landon Collins, Eli Cook, Austin Cope, Landon Creech, Jamie Cromer, Katelyn Denney, Makayla Denney, Averi Dillingham, Alexis Dotson, Haylee Durham, Skyler Durham, Alyssa Edwards, Briely Fowler, Anthony Goodin, Hailey Goosey, Ezekial Graves, Kayleigh Griffin, Allison Hamm, Lillian Hoover, Molly Irvin, Kylie Isaacs, Abigail Jones, Haven King, Alexis Martin, Bethany Martin, Brock Mason, Brian Cody Maupin, Inan McFarland, Emily McGuire, Jadon Ramsey, Gracelyn Robinson, Kelsey Rowe, Dalton Simpson, Amber Brooklyn Smith, Israel Smith, Mia Smith, Daniel Seth Sowder, Chole Stevens, Bailey Terry, Keeley Tiravanti, Alexandra Todd, Devin Tompkins, Andrew Whicker, Leah Whitworth, Elijah Winkler.

“Rockets”

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The Rockets will travel to Casey County this Friday night, along with the Lady Rockets, for a district game. They will then host Barbourville on Monday, January 20th and will host Wayne County for a doubleheader with the Lady Rockets on Tuesday, January 21st.

“Lady Rockets”

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senior Kenzi Himes got 10; senior Shelby Newland and juniors Casey Coleman and Aliyah Lopez each scored seven points and freshman Keelee King got five.

Tuesday night, at North Laurel, the Lady Rockets took the first half 22-20 but the Lady Jaguars (14-1) won the second half 43-31 for the 63-53 win.

Leading scorer for the Lady Rockets was Newland with 13 points; Brown got 12; Himes and Lopez had eight each; Coleman got seven and King five.

The Lady Rockets are now 12-5 on the season.

They will travel to Casey County Friday night with the Rockets for a doubleheader district game, play Fleming Co. at George Rogers Clark Saturday at 11 a.m. and will host Wayne County in a doubleheader with the Rockets next Tuesday night.

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
Tax-Free, Triple Digit Returns?

Yes, landscaping, and especially gardening that includes fruits and vegetables rather than just the flowers and greenery, can “yield” a monetary “dividend” (as well as good home grown food). This is still a gardening column, but for over two decades I operated a tax service helping folks keep as much of their hard earned money as I could. Having now been in the landscaping business about nineteen years, I believe I know both the aesthetic as well as the financial benefits of turning your yard into a veritable paradise.

I have two main points I hope to convey on this subject. Number one, in the short run, growing a garden of things you can eat is like putting twenty dollars (\$20) into the bank and later that same year drawing out a hundred dollars (\$100) – and not having to report it on your income tax return (or against your government benefit check if that happens to be your situation). I don't believe you need a college degree in accounting or economics to see the logic of doing this.

Gardening provides not just a “profit” that is untaxed, it provides a free pass to the 'gym' for your exercise, is good for your mental health as has been proven in studies, the food is about as “local” as you can obtain and is therefore the most environmentally responsible, plus you also

know what pesticides and fertilizers were used (if any). Talk about a win-win-win situation!

With fruiting bushes and trees, the time between “investing” and “reaping a return” may take more than a season—but think of it as an “annuity” that pays out a dividend every year while the principal keeps growing. Wow!

The second point of this discussion is a little less dramatic, but still a sensible form of investing while at the same time getting benefit of a lovelier yard. You see, quality well planned landscaping grows value as the trees and shrubs mature. You benefit from a nicer yard right away. Then, someday when you sell your property, you pay “capital gains tax” on the “profits”. Not so good as the deal for growing edibles, but tax savings can ultimately be “cashed out” of a well planned and carefully implemented landscape.

The higher your tax bracket, the more appealing the capital gains rate becomes.

To answer our original question, “Yes!” there are real and measurable economic advantages to growing a garden and also doing lovely landscaping that improves the value of your property. I hope the “light bulb” came on for some of my readers today. Wishing you all the tax breaks you can qualify for, along with the peace of mind of connecting with nature.

The author is a landscaper.
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School Board hears draft 20/21 budget

By: Mike French
Editor

Finance Director Jenny Sweet presented the Rockcastle County School Board with the first draft of the 2020/2021 budget during Tuesday evening's regular monthly meeting.

According to the draft, the total general fund for the Rockcastle County School System includes \$27,554,938 and total expenditures of \$25,708,978.22. The budget does not include the II which Sweet says is grant monies that have not been calculated by the state as of yet.

The contingency funds is shown at \$1,845,960.14, which is well above the amount required by the state.

As always, the huge majority of the budget is used for instruction. In fact, the instruction budget is about 150% of all other categories combined.

"As always, our budget is focused on instruction and student services," said Sweet. "I am very proud that our budget always puts our students first."

Board members also discussed creating a new position which would combine two existing positions. Student Service Director Carrie Ballinger said the new position would be District Health Coordinator which would be licensed from a Registered Nursing Program.

The Coordinator would be housed at the middle school and the salary would be \$31,000 per

year and operate under the same school calendar as all other employees.

Ballinger says the coordinator would lead a comprehensive school health program that supports both students and families.

The board agreed to post the position soon.

Now that the high school project is completed, board members and Superintendent David Pensol began discussion about a possible future project involving the Mount Vernon Elementary School.

Discussion among those present included the heating and cool system as well as other systems throughout the building.

"The building itself is in good condition but the systems will need updating," said Sweet. "There is money in our budget that we lose if we don't use it and we need to start these conversations"

Pensol announced his retirement earlier this year and will only remain through this school year.

The board also heard a report from Jason Coguer concerning preschool and kindergarten students.

"In 2013 just 38.5% of state funded preschool students were kindergarten ready," said Coguer. "But reports show that in 2019, 46% are ready for kindergarten. I think that is a very positive sign and we are proud of those numbers."

The board also heard the Superintendent's personnel action report. It is

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Two brand new cruisers coming

By: Mike French
Editor

The Rockcastle County Sheriff's office will soon be patrolling the streets with much more reliable cruisers.

With a USDA grant through the Cumberland Valley Area Development District, and the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, two brand new Chargers will be delivered to the Sheriff's Department soon.

The two 2020 Chargers will cost \$67,798 in-

cluding the special police equipment and lights that will be installed.

The grant provided \$37,289 of the funds needed and the fiscal court approved the remaining \$30,509.

"We are truly grateful for the assistance received from the Cumberland Valley Area Development District grant and the generous contribution from our fiscal court," said Sheriff Shannon Franklin. "Your Sheriff's office is working hard to provide

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In addition to trees on power lines, metal from a barn belonging to Eric Clark in Climax was torn from the roof and dropped on an electric line causing one of many electrical outages during the storms this past weekend. Other structures throughout the county were also damaged from high winds and rain storms. The Mount Vernon Fire Department received a record breaking 11 calls for service in one day, yet no injuries were reported. Other volunteer fire departments in the county remained busy all day as well. Power was out for several hours in some areas as power lines and poles were damaged.



RCIDA working to get natural gas to county

Other projects on track

Gas and Columbia Gas to complete the \$1.245 million project which would place the pipeline in the Lincoln County Industrial Park, according to VanHook. This pipeline would then provide a place for Rockcastle County to tap into the line and bring natural gas to the county.

"It is all part of a strategic plan to have access to gas ourselves," he said. "We have to have a supply point and once the pipeline is in Lincoln County, we have a place to tap on."

VanHook said all the work and grant money is helping Lincoln County right now but in the long run this will provide Rockcastle County with

access to an otherwise inaccessible gas line.

"We (Rockcastle County) can't even get on the list of possible locations for a lot of factories and businesses because we don't have natural gas available," VanHook said. "This will be a massive marketing tool for our county and could bring us tremendous growth."

Board members also

discussed the Farmers Market building planned for Richmond Street in Mount Vernon.

VanHook said preliminary drawing have been completed and will be sent for state approval and he hopes the \$350,000 project will be ready to bid out in February..

\$275,000 in grant funding is already secured for the project, ac-

ording to VanHook and RCIDA members, as well as the City of Mount Vernon and the fiscal court, have plans in the works for the remainder of the funding needed.

The building, once completed, will be a multi-use facility which can be used year round for many different opportunities, he said.

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Joseph Casey
McClure

for
DISTRICT 4
Constable

RCMS Spelling Bee winners



The RCMS Spelling Bee winners are Steven Engle (6th Grade Enterprisers), Will Bishop (8th Grade Comets), Jordan Smith (7th Grade Shooting Stars), Ryder Robinson (8th Grade Challengers), Emaleigh Bowman (6th Grade Voyagers), and Anna Chaliff (7th Grade Adventurers). Anna Chaliff was the school Spelling Bee winner. Congratulations to all those who participated.

I am honored to have the endorsement of retired Rockcastle County Sheriff Mike Peters. I learned a lot from Mike as one of his deputies and I am humbled by his trust in me. I now ask the voters of the 4th District for **your** trust and **your** vote.



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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Marriage Licenses

Stacy Ladonna Higginbotham, 39, Livingston, disabled and Jason Eugene Mason, 45, Livingston, farmer. 1/7/2020

Sowder School Road, to Deborah and Dean McClure. No tax

Willard and Irelean Neeley, property in Rockcastle County, to Lanita Sue Denny, Willard Darryl Neeley, Eva Malinda Neeley, Marilyn Elaine Gastineau, Kristie Karen Thacker and Anthony Dana Neeley. No tax

Cassie Ethel Litteral, property on Poplar Gap Road, to Herschel Waterman. No tax

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Jeremy Steven Wagers: theft of services, bw issued for fta.

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Ana Elizabeth Marcum: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

John Carl Mayer: Pt 393, Federal Safety Regs, Parts Needed for Safe Operation, \$25 fine; failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine/costs merged.

Jessica A. Nunnally: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

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Alexis N. Diza: theft by unlawful taking, bw issued for fta.

Morgan A. Dixon: fines/fees due (\$1,066), bw issued for fta/17 days in jail or payment in full.

Sarah Elizabeth Doyle: hindering prosecution or

apprehension, possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, drug paraphernalia-deliver/manufacture, bw issued for fta.

Jeremy Lee Harless: speeding, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Ricky Callahan: assault, terroristic threatening, failure to wear seat belts, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, no operators / moped license, improper registration plate, bench warrant (bw) issued for fta.

Tameka Lynn Chadwell: flagrant non-support, non-support-enhanceable, bw issued for fta.

David Robert Treant Clifford: speeding, careless driving, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to surrender revoked operators license, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Paul Ray Kidd: theft by deception, bw issued for fta.

Jacob T. McCormick: speeding, \$50 fine; no operators/moped license, \$100 fine plus costs.

Farron A. Miller: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, obstructed vision and/or windshield, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Jackie Palmer: speeding, failure to wear seat belts, operating vehicle w/ expired operators license,

license suspended for fta.

Gregory Pitman: criminal trespass, \$100 fine plus costs.

Melissa Smith: failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Erik R. Tompkins: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, operating

on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to surrender revoked operators license, failure to wear seat belts, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Jennifer Vaughn: speeding, \$30 fine; failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, \$500 fine plus costs.

Craig A. Cromer: disorderly conduct, 90 days in jail/probated 24 months on condition plus costs.

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District Civil Suits

Tommy Taylor v. Frances Mounce Taylor, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Beverly Huitt v. Thurman C. Raines, et al, complaint. CI-00004

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Grant Showalter and Bianca Nery, property in Rockcastle County, to Aaron McKeel. Tax \$73

Norma R. Eversole, property on Green Pond Ridge Road, to Ethan and Melissa Eversole. No tax

Lloyd Shannon McFerron, property on

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The operation is located on the Maretburg U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the pit method of mining. The surface area to be added is owned by Rock and Dirt, LLC. The operation is approximately 0.4 miles west of Jack Creek.

The application will be on file for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources Frankfort Office, 300 Sower Blvd, Frankfort, KY. Written comments, objections, or request for a permit conference must be filed with Director, Division of Mine Reclamation & Enforcement, 300 Sower Blvd, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, within 15 days of the date of this advertisement and briefly summarize the issues to be raised at the conference.

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- Livingston (between Liv. Fire Dept. & City Hall)
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Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings
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Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery- Mt. Vernon - Northside Baptist Church, 606-256-5577 Tuesday, 6 p.m. •••Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.

Alcoholics Anonymous: 7 p.m. on Williams St., Mt. Vernon.

Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies. Men Only. Northside Baptist, 606-256-5577, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride on the church van.

Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only. Community Outreach Center, Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Leaders: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099 and Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

AA Meeting, 8 p.m. Open Share at the Brodhead Center.

Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe. Leader: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828. Friday, 6 p.m.
Saturday - Celebrate Recovery: Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Road, Mt. Vernon. 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Leaders: John Burton 859-621-9881, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.

Benefit Chili Supper
Scaffold Cane Baptist Church's WMU will have a Benefit Chili Supper, to fund community mission projects for this year, on Saturday, January 18th, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Cost for the meal is \$5 or donation per person. All are invited to attend.

The church is located at 361 Scaffold Cane Loop.

Monthly Singing
Philadelphia Baptist Church will hold their monthly singing Sunday night, January 26th, beginning at 6 p.m.

The Mountain View Bluegrass Gospel Singers will be the featured singers.

Everyone welcome.
If you or your group are interested in singing at these services, call 606-392-2294.

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"This is a tremendous blessing to CAP at the start of the new year," said Sherri Barnett, manager of CAP's Grateful Bread Food Pantry. "We are so thankful and grateful to the Latter-Day Saints Charities for this huge donation of non-perishable food that will be distributed in CAP's service area to children, their families, seniors, and individuals with disabilities."

"Latter-day Saint Charities is the humani-

tarian arm of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS)," said Laura Davis, director of public affairs for the LDS. "Our purpose is to relieve suffering, foster self-reliance and provide opportunities for service. Sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Latter-day Saint Charities follows the admonition of Jesus Christ to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, take in the stranger, clothe the naked and visit the sick and afflicted."

Winter months can present additional challenges to communities that daily struggle with food insecurity and poverty. "During the winter months so many families are unable to afford basic groceries," Barnett explained. "They must often choose between purchasing food and paying electric bills or health care for

their families. This donation of nutritious food will relieve families of some of the stress of having to worry about where the next meal is coming from."

There are Latter-Day Saints congregations in the surrounding areas including Berea, Mt. Vernon, Corbin, Winchester, Paris, Lexington, and Beattyville. Local church leadership knew that CAP provided services and resources to several Kentucky counties, and they wanted to partner with an organization that would make the greatest local impact on communities in need.

"I feel blessed to have been a part of this awesome donation and experience," Davis added. Several members of the local LDS congregations volunteered to assist with the unloading of the tractor trailers that delivered the food to CAP's Opera-

tion Sharing warehouse in Corbin for distribution. "I'm grateful to be a part of a worldwide church that blesses so many throughout the world, including my Kentucky neighbors." Members also serve as community volunteers and give of their time to help at CAP's food pantry.

A portion of the donation will be used to support the work of the Beattyville Hope Station. The local Latter-Day Saint church in Beattyville partners with that shelter throughout the year to donate money, resources, and time.

"It is our pleasure to support the Christian Appalachian Project, said Kent Wilson, bishop of the Berea and Mt. Vernon congregations. "CAP is doing wonderful work in Appalachia. Through our partnership we are glad to be doing a small part to help our neighbors."

Your bad habits affect your children

By: RCHS Freshman Payton Shian Isaacs

There is something happening in the world that is truly sad.

Children are losing parents to drugs, alcohol and other things which means more and more children are being left without family members.

This leaves children feeling lost, lonely, unloved and like they have nobody.

No one should feel like this, especially not a child.

Children need love, attention and to feel wanted. When a child loses a parent, it's bad and younger children don't understand why Mommy or Daddy haven't been around.

It's bad enough they don't get to be with their family members but not getting to see their family is even worse.

Children who have parents who are incarcerated should be able to see them because it causes problematic behaviors. No relationship with family members and stress associated with parental incarceration.

Children with incarcerated family members tend to have problematic behavior. Studies show that when parents are incarcerated, it has many negative effects on children. Children tend to act out and be rebellious when they don't get to see or be with their family members. Studies show that seventy percent of children with incarcerated mothers have emotional and psychological problems. Children show signs of anxiety, withdrawal, shame and guilt, just to name a few.

Some people may say that children shouldn't be allowed to be around parents who have done things to get themselves

put in jail. Seeing family members in jail may be sad, but it gives children peace of mind knowing that their family members are safe.

Some may also say that it will make the children depressed. But not being able to see and talk to family members will make children more depressed and upset and can have bad effects over all for the child.

Everyone needs love and attention, especially children. Parents are supposed to love and care for their children but parents can't love and care for their children if they are incarcerated.

This means children won't have a good relationship or a relationship with their parents at all. This can cause negative effects on child development.

Some may argue that children that have incarcerated parents don't need a relationship with them because it could have negative effects on the child.

They may also argue that the child could pick up bad habits from the parents but, other argue that children need the parent-child relationship because not having this relationship can have a social and emotional effect on children.

Now, as for children picking up bad habits from their parents, children are more concerned about spending time with their families than what their family members did.

Everyone gets stressed but studies show that parental incarceration is associated with stress. Not being able to be with family members stresses children out.

Stress can cause not only mental problems but health problems such as

heart disease, high blood pressure, heart attack and stroke, just to name a few.

Stress can also cause overthinking and overthinking can lead to mental health problems such as depression and anxiety and can make your mental health decline.

Stress affects mental health and having mental health problems can make children anti-social and not be able to form relationships with people. Some may say that children are stressed because of school, friends or other family members.

However, studies show that having incarcerated parents causes more stress on average for children. Others may also say that being around incarcerated parents would make children more stressed.

However, getting to see incarcerated parents would make them less stressed.

Seeing parents, and knowing where they are and knowing they're safe, would make the children less stressed and

happier.

The problematic behaviors, no relationship with family members and stress that the children face today are caused by many things such as school, friends and just life in general.

However, according to Rutgers University, "Children and Families of the Incarcerated Facts Sheet." In 2020, 1.5 million people were in state or federal prisons in the U.S., 750,000 in jail." Take a minute and think about all the children that don't have their parents. That's hundreds of children that had to spend Christmas without daddy or mommy.

What makes it even worse, is that it is not the children's fault. The children didn't ask for their parents to be incarcerated.

Considering all the ways parental incarceration hurts children, could lawmakers not find it in their hearts to let children see their parents?

This law needs to be put in place as soon as possible.

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Jesus asked Simon Peter three different times in John 21:15-17 Each time Peter answered Jesus, he said Lord thou knowest that I love thee. The love Peter has, is not just puppy dog love. What God calls love and the world calls love is different as night and day.

Is it possible for us to know that we have the love of God in our hearts God requires of us? Can we really know that we love the Lord and also love one another? Some think that doing good deeds one for another proves our love for another. The apostle Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 13:3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Without true love in our hearts all the things we do will be in vain, it profiteth me nothing.

If we have true love in our hearts we can know, if it is the love the Bible speaks of in John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give unto you that ye love one another, as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this all will know ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another. This love that John is speaking of is a special love, one that should dwell in all Christians. Let us look at some of the traits the Bible tells us we should have: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 Love suffers long and is kind, love does not envy, love does not parade itself, it is not puffed up. Does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil. Does not rejoice iniquity but rejoices in the truth. Bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. When we look at these Christian traits, do we see ourselves, or are these things we need to work on to be the disciple Christ is pleased with? To be a true follower of Christ, these are things we must work on every day, so people will know we love the Lord and that we are a true follower of Jesus Christ.

When we suffer as a Christian are we ashamed? Do we get upset and wonder why bad things are happening to me, or do we like Peter said we should do in, 1 Peter 4:16 glorify God on this behalf. This proves to the world who we really are and how much we truly love the Lord. After a hard day at work, do we treat people the same as we do in the morning, we must remember we are Christians twenty-four hours a day, and not just in the morning or evening.

Knowing these characteristics of love can help us to know if we truly have love in our hearts. Do we really love one another? Do we really love Jesus? 1 John 5:2 We can know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep his commandments. If Jesus were to ask you this very day, Lovest thou men? What would your answer be?

Thank you for reading this article, I pray God has blessed you with the things you need, and your family is well. If you would like to get in touch with someone from the Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ, you can reach us at these numbers: Bro. Dale McNew-859-582-4021 or Bro. Ova Baker 606-878-8104.

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Notice is hereby given that Gene Cromer has filed a final Settlement of his accounts as Executor of the Estate of Rosie Cromer, deceased. A hearing on said settlement will be held February 10, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before that date. 51x1

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Region band members had the opportunity to work with two great conductors as well, Dr. Susan Creasap, retired director of bands at Morehead State University and Mr. John Johnson, director of bands at Boyd County High School in Ashland.

RCHS members pictured are front from left: Allison Dunn, Lizzie Dixon, Tarrylton Dunn, and Kaylee Deatherage. Back row from left: Greg Daugherty, RCHS Director, Evan Whipple, J.J. Clouse, Zaydan Barnett, and Devona Smith.

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 presenta-

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The board also heard reports that the Marathon Station in Livingston is on schedule and officials hope to be open for business by Memorial Day.

VanHook also said the Dollar Store in Conway is on schedule and will also provide jobs and convenience for those in the area.

Plans for the hemp processing plant are also underway and officials are working to begin that project as well, he said.

The board also followed suit with Mount Vernon by moving the Microfoodery loan into a permanent 10-year loan. Until now, the company had only made interest payments but will now begin making principle and interest payments with a balloon payment at the end of the ten-year note.

tion 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.

**Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I
Civil Action No. 10-CI-00100**

Flagstar Bank, FSB **Plaintiff**

V.
**Michael Bruce Houk a/k/a Michael Houk,
Jessica Houk, Cumberland Financial
Services, University of KY Federal
Credit Union, Commonwealth of Kentucky,
Finance and Administration
Cabinet** **Defendants**

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to the judgment and order of sale entered in this action on October 11, 2019 for satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of TWO HUNDRED FORTY SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHT DOLLARS AND 87/100 (\$246,508.87) 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, January 17, 2020
Beginning at the Hour of 1:00 p.m.**

Said property being more particularly described as follows:

PVA MAP NO. 022-00-034.01
1305 Maretburg Cemetery Rd., Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

Being located through and upon a part of the same tract of real property conveyed by deed to Federal National Mortgage Association from Flagstar Bank, FSB, Michael Bruce Houk a/k/a Michael Houk, Jessica Houk, Cumberland Financial Services and Commonwealth of Kentucky, Finance and Administration Cabinet by John D. Ford, Master Commissioner, duly recorded in Deed Book 239, Page 485 and being located through and upon a part of the same tract of real property conveyed by deed to Michael Bruce Houk, a married man, from Michael Bruce Houk and Jessica Houk, husband and wife, duly recorded in Deed Book 218 page 660 and being located through and upon a part of the same tract of real property conveyed by deed to Michael Bruce Houk, married, from Vernon Bruce Houk and wife, Joyce Houk, duly recorded in Deed Book 192, page 426, all records of the Rockcastle County Clerk's Office, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky.

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

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. The purchaser shall pay the 2019 local, county and state property taxes.
4. 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.
5. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
6. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
7. In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
8. 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".
9. If the property includes insurable improvements, then the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid, in the amount of the court-appraised value of the improvements or the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, as a minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Master Commissioner of the Rockcastle Circuit Court and Flagstar. The purchaser shall furnish written evidence of such insurance to the Master Commissioner within twenty-four (24) hours of the date of sale. Failure of the purchaser to obtain such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require, Flagstar to obtain said insurance and furnish the policy or premium thereon, and the property portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as the purchaser's costs. If there are purchase money bonds in connection with the purchase of the Property at the sale, the deed of conveyance shall provide that such insurance shall be carried and failure to carry such insurance shall be a default on the part of the purchaser for which the purchase money bonds may be declared due.

**John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court**

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1/2 cup chopped onion
1 tablespoon mustard
1 cup bacon bits or crumbled cooked bacon
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TOPPING:

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1 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese
1 stack round butter crackers, crushed
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VEGETABLE RICE

2 cups water
1 tablespoon butter or margarine
1 chicken flavor bouillon cube
3/4 cup uncooked regular long grain rice
1/2 cup coarsely grated carrot
1/2 cup chopped red bell pepper
1/2 cup sliced celery
1 tablespoon finely chopped onion
1/2 cup frozen peas, thawed
2 green onions, sliced

In medium saucepan, heat water, margarine or butter, and bouillon cube to boiling. Stir to dissolve bouillon cube. Add rice, carrot,

bell pepper, celery, and onion, stir to mix. Bring to a boil, cover, and reduce heat to simmer 20 minutes or until rice is tender and liquid is absorbed. Add peas, cook an additional 5 minutes. Sprinkle with green onion. Serve.

**Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I
Civil Action No. 18-CI-00267**

**Interstate Intrinsic Value
Fund A, LLC** **Plaintiff**

V.
**Jason Brock, Melissa Brock aka
Melissa Nicole Kirby aka Melissa
Kirby, Kentucky Housing Corporation
Suntrust Mortgage, ING** **Defendants**

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to the judgment and order of sale entered in this action on October 11, 2019 for satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of FIFTY FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT AND 38/100 (\$54,678.38) 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, January 17, 2020
Beginning at the Hour of 1:00 p.m.**

Said property being more particularly described as follows:

PVA MAP NO. #021NE-00-009.12
96 Chestnut Street, Brodhead, KY 40409

Being the same property conveyed from Jason Brock and Melissa Brock F/K/A Melissa Kirby to Jason Brock and Melissa Brock, husband and wife, by deed recorded February 23, 2006 in Deed Book 209, Page 157 in the County Clerk's Office, Rockcastle County Kentucky.

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

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Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court**

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Crystal Hester, Volunteer Softball Coach at RCMS; David Fain, Volunteer Baseball Coach at RCMS; Tyler Holman, Head Baseball Coach at RCMS.

Resignations

Tyler Holman, Assistant Baseball Coach at RCHS; Stephanie Mink, RN, District; Beth Eaton, Instructional Assistant at RCMS.

Certified Substitutes

Cassandra Weckerly, Hope Kelley, Ruth Blanton and Mark Cain, all Substitute Teachers.

Classified Substitutes

Sherry Bullock, Substitute Bus monitor; Jamie Shafer, Substitute Cook/Baker; Jayna Albright, Becky Todd and Anastasia Silverthorn, all Substitute Instructional Assistants.

"Cruisers"

(Cont. from B1)

service to the citizens of Rockcastle County and this shows the magistrates and County Judge/Executive recognize our efforts and are keeping their promises to support law enforcement."

Franklin said the help of those who made the purchase possible is a benefit for everyone. "By providing these vehicles, the USDA/CVADD and the fiscal court are helping the Sheriff's office increase professional, reliable law enforcement services that the citizens deserve and can be proud of," he said. "Occasions like this show local government working for the citizens. That's the way it should be."

Franklin says the new cars will help his department serve each citizen better. "We can be the best trained, most prepared sheriff's department in the state. But it doesn't matter if we can't get to you when you call," he said.

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The third mobile home fire in three weeks destroyed another home on Davis Street in Mount Vernon last Wednesday, January 15th. Mount Vernon Police Chief Brian Carter is working with the Kentucky State Police Arson Unit investigating the three fires as well as threatening text messages received by neighbors after the third fire. Residents in the area are urged to keep and eye out and call 911 if any suspicious activity is observed.

Three fires in three weeks

By: Mike French Editor

Some residents of Davis Street, at Ramsey Trailer Park in Mt. Vernon, are living in fear every night. Three homes have been destroyed and another

damaged by fire in the past three weeks at the same mobile home park. Mount Vernon Police Chief Brian Carter is working closely with the Kentucky State Police Arson Unit to find what has been called the work of a serial arsonist in Mount

— All three homes destroyed

Vernon. On January 2, the Mount Vernon Fire Department was called to a mobile home fire on Davis Street. The fire destroyed a vacant home but at the time, officials did not suspect arson since the home was an older unit. However, one week later on January 8, the fire department was called back to the same

Seven named in six indictments

Seven people were named in six indictments handed down by a Rockcastle County Grand Jury Friday, January 9th.

Named in the indictments, and their offense(s), were: Brittany Nicole Collins, 19 of Camron Lane, Brodhead, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance. Her bond was set at \$5,000 cash/property (c/p); Phillip C. Falin, 45, of

Williams St., Mt. Vernon, was indicted on two charges, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. His bond was set at \$3,000 c/p; Terry Edward York, 49, of Chestnut Grove Road, Brodhead was indicted for the offense of trafficking in a controlled substance. His bond was set at \$20,000 c/p; Rhonda Gail Estep, 50,

of Richmond Street, Mt. Vernon was indicted for possession of a controlled substance and promoting contraband (into the Rockcastle County Detention Center).

Her bond was set at \$10,000 c/p; Jason Wayne Nelson, 46, of Flat Gap Road, Berea was indicted for

(See "Indict" on A5)

County is ready for snow storms

By: Mike French Editor

At 8 a.m. Tuesday morning, Rockcastle County roads were clear. By 9:30 a.m. most were covered with a light layer of snow.

Weather forecasters had predicted no accumulation in central Kentucky but a surprising amount of snow stuck to the ground Tuesday morning catching many unprepared.

However, officials with the Rockcastle County School system said the weather never threatened school closure. "We watched closely but the roads were fine," said Superintendent David Pensol.

The Rockcastle County Road Department was more than ready, according to Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook. "Our bins are stuffed to

(See "Snow" on A5)



A surprise snowfall hit Rockcastle County Tuesday morning causing the streets to be lightly covered in snow. Though forecasts did not warn of upcoming snow, the ground was nearly covered within an hour. Roads were clear within hours and the county road department says there is a full supply of salt ready for adverse conditions this winter.

Wolke to remain incarcerated on murder charge

By: Mike French Editor

Melissa D. Wolke, 38, of Pug Lane in Conway, stood in Rockcastle District Court Wednesday morning for a preliminary hearing on charges of murder, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, public intoxication and menacing.

Wolke is charged in the death of Donald D. Abner, 55, of Richmond, after she and her pit bull

dog allegedly attacked Abner in Conway on January 10.

According to police reports, Wolke was still sitting on top of Abner, hitting him repeatedly in the face while the dog was attacking his throat and face area, even after police arrived on the scene.

A caller alerted police of the attack and arrest citations say that a local

(See "Wolke" on A5)

City to receive \$800,000 FEMA Assistance grant

By: Mike French Editor

City Administrator Josh Bray told Mount Vernon City Council members, at their January 16th meeting, that the city's request for help from the Federal Emergency Management Agency in February of 2019 (FEMA) was answered last week.

Bray says the city has now been approved for \$800,000 in assistance, after a heavy storm caused damage throughout the city nearly a year ago. Mayor Mike Bryant said the money will be a big help to the city. "it's an unbelievable blessing to the City of Mount Vernon," said Mayor Bryant. "This will be used for the water system throughout the city."

Bray agreed. "The water and sewer system is our top infrastructure priority in the city and this money will be a true blessing."

The grant is a 12% matching grant and Bray

says he is looking into ways to provide that 12 percent. "We may be able to give in-kind work as

(See "City" on A5)

Census meeting

Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Holwell Holbrook has scheduled a Census meeting for Friday, January 31 at 9 a.m. in the third floor Conference Room of the Courthouse. For more information, call (606) 256-2856.

No book fines

As of January 1, 2020, the Rockcastle County Public Library announced there will be no more overdue fines and all past due fines are forgiven.

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



I have decided there is a distinct difference between "electric" and "electronic." And an even bigger difference between "electronic" and "digital."

There are a bunch of things that I know very little about. But this subject would be towards the top of my ignorant list.

I do know that if something is "electric" then that means a power source sends electricity through wires to a device. That's my extreme layman definition.

But to me, that's how it works. So, when you flip a light switch "on," that sends current to a light bulb and causes elements to overheat and emit light.

If the light doesn't come on, then there is only a certain number of things that could be wrong. The elements are broken (blown bulb), the wires are touching somewhere (short), or the switch is bad (cheap).

But, if something is "electronic" then apparently there are about half a million things that could cause the bulb to not light up.

My phone, which has become the very lifeline to my existence, is apparently "electronic."

How on earth a mechanical device can have an opinion of its own is beyond my capacity to understand.

My phone has "bad moods." It can be cheery and have an excellent day, or just plain cantan-

kerous and not do anything I ask of it.

The same button on this frustrating piece of carbon-fiber/glass, is liable to do 30 different things depending upon which day of the week it is.

Sometimes when I hit the button that I have hit every hour of every day for a year, it performs a completely different task than ever before.

It just changed it's mind.

In my day, every time I hit the light switch, the exact same results happened. The light came on. But now, with the existence of "electronics" hitting a button may or may not give you the results you expected. Depending upon how the device feels on that particular day.

Even my truck does it to me.

When I hit the key, there is a hesitation before anything happens. If it were "electric" then hitting the key would send current to the starter at 186,000 miles per second. That's not much hesitation.

But since it is "electronic" when I hit the key, my truck has to evaluate some things before the starter engages. It has to "think about it" for a moment.

They say it is checking to make sure "systems are all okay" before it decides to start and it is making sure my foot is on the brake.

Well, I don't like that!

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Points East

By Ike Adams



Speaking of chestnuts, which we did in last week's episode, a few readers have asked what I know about the American Chestnut restoration efforts that have taken place over the last few decades. I have not spent a great deal of time on the internet researching the subject, but a couple or three hours have not turned up much in the way of impressive results.

If there are any large stands of American Chestnut trees in eastern Kentucky that have blight-free, nut bearing, adult trees, I don't know about them. On the other hand, that certainly does not mean they aren't there. If any readers know of any, please, please do let me know. This is something I would love to follow up on.

When I was just barely big enough, in the mid 1950s, to climb the mountains on Blair Branch and follow my maternal uncles, Willie Adams and Stevie Craft, to hunt for ginseng, mountain tea (teaberry), yellow root (goldenseal), ground hog holes, bee trees and numerous other "ways of the woods", I followed them around at every opportunity. Both uncles had grandchildren my age, or older, and essentially took over "grandpa" duties after my own "Pap" died just before I turned 6. I literally worshiped the ground they walked on.

Uncle Stevie was my Mom's brother in law. Born in 1892, he was more than 20 years older than her. Uncle Willie, born in 1896, was Mom's older brother by 18 years. Both started raising families in their late teens. Mom was over 30 when I came along. They were old enough to fit the Grandpa roles they played in my preteen years.

Even though the giant chestnut trees of their youth were long gone by that time, both uncles were fond of reminiscing about them and pointing out spots where their trees had once stood. Both told stories about

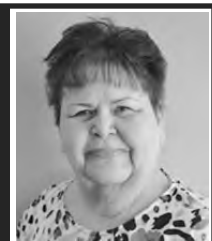
harvesting the dead "kings of the woods" for lumber, clapboards, split rail and paling fencing, furniture and even barrel staves. Both remembered chestnuts as being the largest, most useful and tallest trees in the woods.

Before their demise, chestnut wood also made the most durable lumber of anything growing in the Appalachian forest. Long before the blight commenced, in 1904, chestnut wood was a staple of anything that needed building. According to my uncles, by 1920 almost all the native chestnut trees on Blair Branch were either dead or dying. The rush was on to harvest and utilize their timber before it fell and rotted. By the late

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Winter Has Finally Arrived

Dear Journal,

After waiting until almost the end of January, winter has finally decided to make an appearance here in Kentucky. It was about fifteen degrees here at the Cook house this morning and I couldn't stand the thoughts of facing it. I rode to work with Stanley. Had it been yesterday morning, I probably could not have gone. I just sat around all day and told Stanley repeatedly that I hurt sooooo bad. My arthritis was really flaring. To make matters worse I was on a church-wide fast called by our Pastor General concerning taking the gospel into Jerusalem mission. I had

nothing to eat or drink for twenty-four hours. I was weak and my head was busting by the end of it.

As I get older, I see the benefits of going South in the winter. When I was younger, I rarely ever got cold. Now I can hardly get warm. I've been known to wear coats into restaurants in July. The KFC and Taco Bell are the worst. My fingernails turn blue there. At home I have a real "house coat". My blood was damaged with all of the chemo and radiation in years past.

When the weather gets cold like this, my mind always turns to growing up back at the old home place. I tend to think that most people think of their old home place when

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since so many readers seem to enjoy my reminiscing about comfort foods.

Bee began by dicing three or four large potatoes and cooking them in salted water until they were tender. She drained the potatoes and added them back to the original pot, salting and peppering to her own taste.

Next, she added a half cup of whole milk as well as a half-stick of real butter to the cooked potatoes. With her "handy dandy" manually operated potato masher, she mashed the potatoes to her desired consistency, which I am happy to say, included leaving some small chunks. When the consistency of the potatoes reached the point of her liking, she added an additional cup of whole milk and heated the mixture until it was hot throughout. As she gradually heated the potatoes, she stirred the mixture carefully.

Before making her potato soup, Bee always put her iron skillet in the oven filled with her wonderful cornbread mixture. It was her opinion that potato soup required cornbread, the two to be consumed together. Bee would crumble cornbread in a medium-sized bowl, covering it with her potato soup, along with a sprinkle of a few onions on top. Oh my, that was a feast by itself.

Sometimes, Bee would fry up some bacon strips and crumble the bacon on top of her soup. In my humble opinion, the bacon was not necessary. I loved the soup, cornbread, and onions by themselves. This meal was one of my favorites as a teenager. I could consume a couple of bowls

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Frankfort Update

**By R. Travis Brenda
State Representative**
The number of bills introduced in the House ticked past the 260 mark this week, with several proposals—some new, some familiar—progressing through committee as the 2020 regular session gains momentum.

One proposal would update Kentucky's hemp statutes, necessitated by the end of the state's Industrial Hemp Research Pilot Program in 2019. New policies and procedures are expected as Kentucky hemp growers begin a new stage of commercial hemp production this year with a few policy changes proposed in House Bill 236, approved by the House Agriculture Committee on Wednesday.

The legislation — which supporters see as critical to the state's growing hemp industry — would remove most references to the former research pilot program while adding language clarifying procedures for testing and transport of hemp in the Commonwealth. It would also clarify licensing require-

ments for those who grow, handle, process, or market hemp, among other provisions.

HB 236 was sent to the House chamber where it will be joined by HB 167, a major piece of legislation aimed at continuing Kentucky's efforts to find permanent homes for more than 8,000 Kentucky children now in foster care statewide.

By giving foster parents the legal authority to intervene in involuntary-termination-of-parental-rights cases involving children in their care HB 167, approved by the House Judiciary Committee on Wednesday, could help to expedite the process required to place foster children in safe, permanent homes. The bill would then go a step further by allowing foster parents to intervene anonymously, identified only by a set of initials. After being contacted by a constituent with these concerns, I had worked on and pre-filed a similar bill. I was glad to be able to join Rep. Meade as a co-sponsor of HB 167.

The well-being of Kentucky's military vet-

erans and the organizations that support them also received legislative attention mid-week, as a bill that would give a tax break to certain veteran service organizations was approved in committee and sent to the full House for consideration.

HB 36, approved by the House Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Protection Committee on Wednesday, would create a property tax exemption for veteran service organizations—such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion—if the group spends over 50 percent of its annual net income for the benefit of veterans, or on other charitable needs. Legislation benefiting veterans is usually widely supported by Kentucky lawmakers,

although it may take several weeks for any final action to be taken on the bill.

These are but a few of the legislative proposals that the House may choose to take action on in the days ahead as state lawmakers and other state officials roll out their session agendas this month. It was last Tuesday in joint legislative session that Gov. Andy Beshear unveiled his legislative agenda for his first session as governor, identifying education, criminal justice reform, and finding new revenue to pay down state pension liabilities as some of his top goals.

One specific legislative proposal praised by the governor was HB 137, a bipartisan sports wagering proposal ap-

proved Wednesday by the House Licensing, Occupations, and Administrative Regulations Committee that some estimate could provide at least \$22.5 million in new state tax revenue annually. The public pension systems would be in line to receive some that revenue, per the bill, to pay down their obligations.

Yet even with support for HB 137 from lawmakers on "both sides of the aisle" as the saying goes, final passage of the bill faces uncertain odds. For now, though, HB 137 along with Senate Bill 24, a related measure filed in the Senate, remain in play as state lawmakers await the governor's January 28 unveiling of his 2020-22 Executive Branch budget plan. Still, it will ultimately be up to the Gen-

eral Assembly how the final budget will look.

I hope to continue updating you on our work in Frankfort. If you have any questions or comments about this session, I can be reached during the week from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. (EST) through the toll-free message line at 1-800-372-7181. They will ask you to share contact information, but I will get the message and I do indeed appreciate hearing from constituents. You can also contact me via e-mail at Travis.Brenda@lrc.ky.gov and you can also follow me on Facebook at R. Travis Brenda KY House District 71 or on Twitter @RTravisBrenda. You can keep track of committee meetings and potential legislation through the Kentucky Legislature



"Aces"

(Cont. from A2)

I want it to start when I hit the key. I want it to do what I say, not consider social norms and evaluate circumstances. Just start! You know me, I have added it up. That 1/2-second wait means I have sat for over 3-1/2 hours of my life, waiting on that truck to decide whether or not to obey me.

And I don't want my foot on the brake. Dear Mr. Dodge Truck, you are in "Park." You don't need a brake.

Anyway, I think "electric" is better. With "electric" I get to make my own decisions and not depend on some plastic coated device to make sure I am doing the right thing.

I don't want my television to ask me if I am still watching. I don't want my laptop to ask me if I am "sure" I want to delete something. I want my phone to do the exact same thing every time I push button "A." And I most certainly do not want an "update" that changes what the buttons do again.

What a world we live in. Someday, I wonder if I will even have any say in the matter. Electronics will make my decisions for me. Kind of like Liberals want to do.

Here's hoping for an electrical comeback.

"T. J.'s"

(Cont. from A2)

they get older, especially in the winter. When the weather was bad, the family stayed inside and entertained themselves. We would watch TV, occasionally, but not like today. People would just sit around and talk, play board games or cards; I'm talking about the

whole family. I learned games that were popular in the early 1900's and before when my grandparents were growing up, such as "Button, Button, Who's Got the Button?" All you needed was one button. People talked of past generations. That is how family history gets passed along. Your recollections of days gone by can take you to a comforting place. The best thing about it is that you can go there anytime you want and it is just as bright and vivid and wonderful as it once was.

"Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

at any given time—which I did with some frequency. The appetite of a growing teenage boy can be difficult to satisfy.

Occasionally, I would bring one of my friends home for dinner when I knew potato soup and cornbread was being prepared. And I certainly don't recall a single friend who was disappointed with this particular dish.

In writing this column, I have managed to develop a serious craving for Bee's soup. I may have to make a pot this week. I know that my wife won't mind if I do—she was a big fan of both Bee's potato soup and her pones of cornbread.

(You can reach me at themtnman@att.net or you can drop me a line at 30 Johnson Avenue - Mt. Sterling, KY 40353. I appreciate your comments and suggestions.)

"Points East"

(Cont. from A2)

1920s the trees were all gone.

Historians say that about 1 of every 4 hardwoods in Appalachia, was an American chestnut. I never got the im-

pression, from my uncles, that the trees were so densely populated on our place, but they had still been numerous and plentiful. During my early years, many miles of chestnut split rails served as property lines, farming lots, pasture fields and anything that needed fencing good enough to hold livestock. Household yards and vegetable gardens, fenced with split chestnut "palings" or pickets were still very common, on Blair Branch well into the mid 1950s.

By 1960, most wood fences had given way to more practical wire or wood that was more cosmetically appealing than split wood. Most of the old chestnut rails, palings and roofing clapboards found their way into winter fireplace fuel or summer cook stoves. For a brief few years during the early 1970s, town dwellers in central Kentucky snatched up salvaged split rails to line their yards or other property before de-

ciding the popular attraction took up more space than it was worth.

Uncle Willie died when I was about 10 or 11 years old, but he had already torn down all his paling and split rail fencing. Uncle Stevie lived until the late 1970s. The paling fence around his house had also been replaced with wire for several decades.

One fall, in the late 1960s, I was home from college and he asked if I would go check to see if the sprouts on an old chestnut stump we had discovered, near his old place, had gotten large enough to bear. I went to check and found them dead. I told him that I'd be happy to get him some Chinese Chestnuts at our house.

"Nahhh, them things ain't fit to eat and neither are the big store bought ones from overseas," he told me. "But I'd pay good money for a handful of them real McCoys."

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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, two sessions - Monday, 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Leaders: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590/Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099/Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.
Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside Baptist Church, 606-256-5577 Tuesday, 6 p.m.. ***Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.
Alcoholics Anonymous: 7 p.m. on Williams St., Mt. Vernon.
Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies. Men Only. Northside Baptist, 606-256-5577, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride on the church van.
Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only. Community Outreach Center, Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Leaders: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099 and Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.
AA Meeting, 8 p.m. Open Share at the Brodhead Center.
Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe. Leader: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828. Friday, 6 p.m.
Saturday - Celebrate Recovery: Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Road, Mt. Vernon. 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Leaders: John Burton 859-621-9881, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.
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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SPORTS

Lady Rockets lose to Casey, beat Fleming and Wayne

It looked for a while Friday night as if the Lady Rockets just might avenge an earlier district loss to the Casey County Lady Rebels. But, it wasn't to be as a disastrous second quarter proved more than the Lady Rockets could overcome in the 59-49 loss.

The Lady Rockets took an 11-10 lead in the first quarter but, the Lady Rebels then went on a 13-2 run, extending into the second quarter, to make it 23-13. The Lady Rockets were only able to come up with four points during the second period while Casey pitched in 16 points for a 32-17 half-time lead.

The Rockets came back in the third to outscore Casey 16-9 but it wasn't enough to get over the hump and Casey took the fourth quarter 18-16.

The Lady Rebels hit seven threes during the game to the Rockets one and were 11/18 from the free throw line to Rockcastle's 12 of 19.

Junior Casey Coleman was the only Lady Rocket in double figures and led her team in scoring with 18 points; senior Shelby Newland and freshman Hallie Brown each got nine points; freshman Keeley King scored seven, including her team's only three point basket and senior Kenzi Himes got six points.

Saturday, the Lady Rockets took on Fleming County at George Rogers Clark and came away with their 13th win of the season by a lopsided score of 72-34.

The Lady Rockets jumped out to a first quarter lead of 28-6 and were up 46-15 at the half and 62-19 at the third quarter stop.

Ten Lady Rockets got into the scoring column with King leading the way with 12 points; Himes had 11; Aliyah Lopez got 10; Newland and Coleman scored eight points each; Jordan Harper got seven; Brown had six; Karlee Smith got five; Lindsey Jones, who has been absent from the Rocket line-up for several games due to illness, got three and Addison McClure two.

The Lady Rockets hit eight three point baskets to Fleming County's three and were 7/14 from the free throw line to Fleming's 3/12.

Tuesday night, the Lady Rockets hosted the Wayne County Lady Cardinals and won 66-61, their 14th win of the season against six losses.

The score was tied at 23 all at the end of the first half but a strong third quarter by the Rockets, behind 10 points by King, put the Rockets up 48 to 36 going into the final period. The Lady Cardinals mounted a strong comeback in that quarter, outscoring the Rockets 25-18 but the Lady Rockets held on for the win.

King and Brown tied for scoring honors in the game with 14 each; Himes got 13; Newland nine and Jones scored five points.

The Lady Rockets hit four three point baskets to the Cardinals three and were 18/25 from the free throw line to 10/17 for the Cardinals.

Friday night, the Lady Rockets will travel to McCreary Central for a game and will then go to Pulaski on Friday, January 31st for a district rematch with the Lady Maroons



Drew Hopkins goes up for two of his 12 points in the Rockets' 72-51 loss to Wayne County Tuesday night.



Matthew Chasteen goes up for two on a put back in the Rockets' 72-51 loss to Wayne County Tuesday night.

Rocket Freshman Update

The freshman Rockets are undefeated this year, including in their most recent outing Monday night against the Barbourville Tigers which they won easily 36-20.

In Monday night's game, Xander Fletcher and Skylar Durham tied for scoring honors with 10 each; Bryson Atkin got seven; Landon Dillingham four; Kaden Kidwell three and Jaden Burton two.

In other games, the Rockets defeated Somerset 29-21 with Kidwell scoring nine points; Dillingham and Fletcher getting six each; Durham four and Brown and atkin two each.

The Rockets defeated Anderson County 35-33 behind 12 points by Dillingham; Brown got 11; Fletcher and Kidwell had five each and Atkin two.

In Rockets vs. Model, the Rockets won 43-25. Brown got 12 points in this game; Atkin eight; Kidwell seven; Durham six; Dillingham five and Fletcher three.

Rocket Jayvee Round-Up

Rockets vs. McCreary
 RCHS 9 15 25 39
 McC 6 13 22 34
 Reese Coguer, 11; Silas Shafer and Jake Sanders 8 each; Matthew Chasteen 6; Xander Fletcher 4; Rylee DeLeon 2.

Rockets vs. S. Laurel
 RCHS 7 19 26 38
 S. Lau 14 17 33 42
 Chasteen 11; Fletcher 11; Coguer 10; DeLeon 5.

Rockets vs. Clay County
 RCHS 20 28 49 59
 Clay 6 15 23 35
 Coguer 15; Shaffer 13; Chasteen 11; Fletcher 8; DeLeon 6; N. Chasteen 3; K. Kidwell 2; B. Brown 1.

Rockets v. Anderson
 RCHS 7 20 29 33
 ACHS 12 23 28 41
 Coguer 14; M. Chasteen 9; Shaffer 7; DeLeon 3.

Rockets v. Southwestern
 RCHS 8 17 26 38
 SW 19 29 43 59
 Coguer 12; Fletcher 8; Shaffer 5; DeLeon 5; Kidwell 3; Atkin 3; Sanders 2.

Rockets v. Somerset
 RCHS 6 12 24 31
 Som 11 16 27 40
 Sanders 10; Shaffer 8; Fletcher 5; Coguer 4; DeLeon 2; Kidwell 2.

Rockets v. Sayre
 RCHS 11 29 35 40 42
 Sayre 13 21 32 40 43
 Coguer 14; Dillingham 10; Shaffer 9; Fletcher 3; Burton 2.

Rockets v. Barbourville
 RCHS 14 18 25 32
 BBV 12 15 23 29
 Coguer 17; Dillingham 5; Shaffer 4; DeLeon 2; N. Chasteen 2; Kidwell 2.

Rockets beat Casey and Barbourville; lose 72-51 to Wayne

The Rockets continued their winning ways over the Casey County Rebels Friday night, beating them 72-60 and picking up their second district win against three losses.

The Rockets jumped out to an early 15-8 first quarter lead, behind ten points by eighth grader Will Bishop, and extended it to 34-21 at the half.

But Casey actually took the second half, 39-37, mainly because of free throws. At one point, the Rockets had 13 fouls called on them to Casey's two and the half ended up at 18 to 8.

Senior Logan Noel, who sat out most of the game after picking up his second foul with 2:39 left in the first quarter and his third very early in the third quarter, and eighth grader Will Bishop, who went into the second half before picking up his first foul, both fouled out of the game.

However, sophomore Daniel Mullins came through for his team with his second best scoring game of the season with 24 points; Bishop got 18; sophomore Reese Coguer came off the bench to score 10 points; sophomore Matthew Chasteen got eight; sophomore Silas Shaffer scored five; sophomore Drew Hopkins three and sophomore Jake Sanders and senior Jake Loudermilk each scored two points.

Monday night, the Barbourville Tigers came to town and the outcome wasn't at all in their favor with the Rockets taking all three games - freshman, JV and varsity.

The varsity game was

never in question with the Rockets ahead 19-8 at the first quarter stop; 41-24 at the half, 66-43 at the end of the third quarter and the final of 76-54.

Hopkins led the way in scoring with 18 points; Mullins had 12; Bishop got 9; Noel, Chasteen and Sanders each scored eight points; Shaffer scored seven and Coguer six.

The Rockets hit six threes, three by Hopkins, to Barbourville's two and the free throws were pretty even with the Rockets going 8/10 and the Tigers 8/12.

Tuesday night, the Rockets hosted the Wayne County Cardinals and were soundly defeated 72-51, their 13th loss of the season against only six wins.

The Rockets only managed six points the first quarter against 11 for the Cardinals and lost the second quarter 13-16 for a 27-17 halftime lead for the Cardinals. In the third, the Rockets were badly outscored 24-11 and only managed a tie at 21 all for the fourth.

The Rockets hit one three point basket while the Cardinals hit seven. The Rockets were perfect from the charity stripe, canning nine for nine, six of them by Noel. The Cardinals were six of 11.

Hopkins led the scoring for his team with 12 points; Noel, Sanders and Mullins got 10 each; Bishop had four; Shaffer three and Chasteen two.

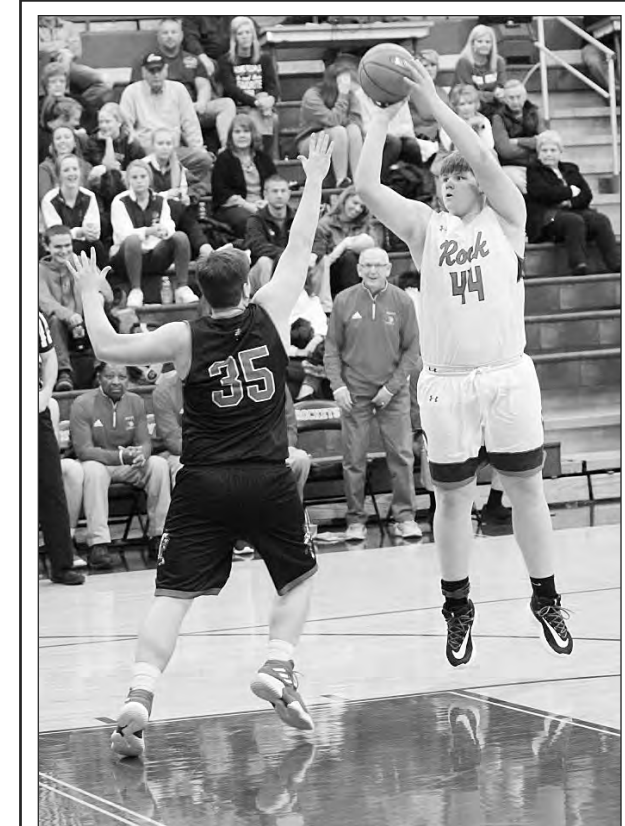
The Rockets are off this Friday and will next host Marion County on Monday, January 27th and Model on Tuesday, January 28th.



Shelby Newland drives the baseline during the Lady Rockets' win over Wayne County Tuesday night.



Lindsey Jones prepares to put up a shot during the Lady Rockets' win over Wayne County Tuesday.



Jake Sanders puts up a shot in the Rockets' 72-51 loss to Wayne County Tuesday night.



Kenzi Himes scores two during the Lady Rockets' win over Wayne County Tuesday.

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Heroin use gaining popularity here in Rockcastle County

By: Mike French
Editor

Though not as popular as methamphetamine, heroin may still be a growing problem in the county, according to law enforcement agencies.

For several years, methamphetamines have been a popular drug in Rockcastle County as well as throughout the country, officials say.

The growing use of meth (for short) was called an epidemic by then Governor Matt Bevin, placing it on the same level as opioids such as pain pills.

Officials say meth can be made by anyone in their own kitchen if they learn the chemicals involved and are willing to take the risk of a possible explosion.

However, some officials say the cost to "cook" meth in relation to the amount of profit made from its sale, is worth the risk to some.

But in Rockcastle County, Assistant Police Chief Joe Rush says, there is very little meth cooked inside the county. "Most of the meth around here comes from Mexico," he said. "They transport it here to our county."

Apparently meth includes several chemicals such as drain cleaner, alcohol, butane, kerosene along with other chemicals combined and turned into a white, chalky substance that can be smoked, snorted, or injected.

The drug apparently also includes some over-the-counter cold medicines but new federal laws make those particular medicines more difficult to purchase in bulk. However, recently throughout the country, heroin is becoming a more popular drug, called the "drug of choice," for many addicts.

Though heroin is not made at home, it is still

easy to find on the streets since it is trafficked from other countries into America. "The heroin we find here is made in laboratories in Mexico," said Rush.

Surprisingly, a poppy plant grown in Mexico most likely produced the heroin that is used in Rockcastle County.

Interestingly, most of the problem started in the 1800s with the invention of opium as a pain killer drug.

Soon opium addicts were rampant and officials created Morphine as a treatment to help opium addicts get off the drug.

Within a few years, Morphine addicts were rampant and officials (specifically, the Bayer Pharmaceutical Company) created heroin to help addicts get off of Morphine.

Shortly after that, heroin addicts began to appear world wide and officials created methadone to help addicts get off of heroin.

Now, methadone clinics can be found in a majority of states to help addicts get off of methadone.

"Heroin is a highly addictive substance. One out of every four people who try it once, becomes addicted to heroin," said Rush. Some report being addicted immediately after their first use of the drug.

Rush and other first responders agree that heroin is a growing problem in Rockcastle County just as it is across the nation.

"Heroin use and trafficking is an ongoing issue here as are the overdoses, related health hazards and thefts associated with users of the drug," said Rockcastle County Sheriff Shannon Franklin. "Fortunately, the treatment and enforcement agencies in Rockcastle County are committed to working together to combat this problem," he added.



District Spelling Bee winners...

The Rockcastle District Spelling Bee was held Wednesday, January 15 at the Rockcastle Teaching & Learning Center. The 2020 Spelling Bee Winners are: 1st place winner - Anna Chaliff, RCMS 7th Grader; 2nd place winner - Sadie Osborne, RES 5th Grader; 3rd place winner - Serenity Bennett, MVES 5th Grader; and 4th place winner - Zakkary Lawrence, BES 4th Grader. Congratulations to these students. Anna will be participating in the Ford Motor Company Kentucky Derby Festival Spelling Bee on March 14th in Louisville.

Kentucky Militia is now recruiting

By: Mike French
Editor

In support of the Second Amendment, the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court recently unanimously voted to name Rockcastle County as a Second Amendment Sanctuary County.



This designation suggests the county will use no resources, including police or other

county entities, to enforce state or federal laws that may conflict with the Second Amendment

Some consider this issue to be of utmost importance and actively fight against gun control legislation. Among those who fight for the Second Amendment is the Kentucky Militia. And now, everyone who agrees with this philosophy has a chance to sup-

port that group.

Kentucky Militia member Michael McKee, former Army Ranger, says anyone interested in defending the Second Amendment and learning to defend your family may attend a Meet and Greet at the Livingston Depot Monday, January 27 beginning at 6 p.m.

McKee says there are currently seven local members in the Kentucky Militia which is a state-

wide organization. The local militia serves Rockcastle, Lincoln and Clay Counties.

The militia was part of the War of 1812 and was officially formed in 1941 during WW II when Kentucky passed legislation allowing the state to maintain troops other than the National Guard, while the National Guard was in federal service, according to officials with the group.

"People have heard of us but we want to put a face to the name," said McKee. "It is a chance to meet people who share our views and bring people together."

McKee says everyone is invited to attend the event and he hopes some may be interested in joining the group.

"We help give people direction on how to defend themselves and provide a point of contact for those interested," he said. "We want to be involved with our community and be a part of freedom."

The local militia is available for different types of needs, including helping those who ask, according to McKee. "We are here to protect and preserve the Second Amendment and help citizens learn to defend themselves. If someone calls to ask for our help, we will help in anyway we can," he said speaking of the recent discussion in Virginia about anti-gun legislation. "All they have to do is ask, and we will come."

For more information about the Kentucky Militia, call (606) 308-4262.

RCIDA working to get natural gas to county

By: Mike French
Editor

The Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) held their monthly meeting Tuesday morning after illness caused its postponement from last week.

According to Executive Director Jeff VanHook, several items concerning the growth and development of the county were discussed during the meeting.

The main discussion continued to focus on the hopes of a natural gas line through Rockcastle which would serve Crab Orchard, Mount Vernon, the Renfro Valley area, Brodhead and possibly other areas.

VanHook said he and Mount Vernon City Administrator Josh Bray attended a chamber meeting in Lexington dealing with the subject and it appears that the "strategic plan" of the RCIDA is moving ahead as scheduled.

The plan is to use the \$500,000 ARC grant, recently acquired by the RCIDA, along with an investment from Delta Gas to complete the \$1.245 million project which would place the pipeline in the Lincoln County Industrial Park, according to VanHook. This pipeline would then provide a place for Rockcastle County to tap into the line and bring natural gas to the county.

"It is all part of a strategic plan to have access to gas ourselves," he said. "We have to have a supply point and once the pipeline is in Lincoln County, we have a place to tap on."

VanHook said all the work and grant money is helping Lincoln County right now but in the long run this will provide Rockcastle County with access to an otherwise inaccessible gas line.

County) can't even get on the list of possible locations for a lot of factories and businesses because we don't have natural gas available," VanHook said. "This will be a massive marketing tool for our county and could bring us tremendous growth."

Board members also discussed the Farmers Market building planned for Richmond Street in Mount Vernon.

VanHook said preliminary drawing have been completed and will be sent for state approval and he hopes the \$350,000 project will be ready to bid out in February.

\$275,000 in grant funding is already secured for the project, according to VanHook, and RCIDA members, as well as the City of Mount Vernon and the fiscal court, have plans in the works for the remainder of the funding needed.

The building, once

completed, will be a multi-use facility which can be used year round for many different opportunities, he said.

The board also heard reports that the Marathon Station in Livingston is on schedule and officials hope to be open for business by Memorial Day.

VanHook also said the Dollar Store in Quail is on schedule and will also provide jobs and convenience for those in the area.

Plans for the hemp processing plant are also underway and officials are projecting to begin that work as well, he said.

The board also followed suit with Mount Vernon by moving the Microfoodery loan into a permanent 10-year loan. Until now, the company had only made interest payments but will now begin making principle and interest payments with a balloon payment at the end of the ten-year note.

Sheriff's 2019 budget presented to fiscal court

By: Mike French
Editor

The Rockcastle County Sheriff's department presented their 2019 budget totals to the fiscal court during last week's regular meeting.

The department brought in \$12,537 less than expected according to the 2019 budget. How-

Smoking Cessation Class

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ever, the department also spent \$14,779 less than budgeted.

According to the Sheriff's Budget, the department budgeted \$627,558 in receipts and \$612,558 in expenses. However, actual receipts were \$615,021 and actual disbursements were \$597,779.

According to the budget, payroll totalled at \$61,816 under budget but vehicle maintenance and office expenses/utilities were above budget, as well as gas and fuel for the department.

The budget also shows \$30,000 budgeted for overtime but none was used. The department also spent \$8,569 less than expected in deputy salaries.

The department expected to receive \$170,000 for commission on taxes but actually brought in \$196,449.

The budget shows 2019 fiscal court contributions at \$190,430.

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Circuit Civil Suits

Citizens Bank v. Bob M. Rogers, et al, \$174,911.68 plus claimed due.
Charlisa G. Stewart v. Thomas S. Stewart, verified petition for dissolution of marriage.
State Farm Mutual Automobile Ins. Co. v. Ashisphal S. Hayher, et al, \$7,814.14 plus claimed due. CI-00008

District Civil Suits

These District Court suits have all been filed by Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex rel William Landrum III against property owner for 2017 delinquent property taxes:
Harley Bussell, \$179.32.
Conopco, Inc., \$71.18.
Conopco, Inc., \$116.59.
Aleda Eversole, \$52.66.
Ernest Gadd, Jr., \$68.50.
HIGI SH LLC, \$83.35.
Lloyd Jones, \$123.88.
James Mason, et al, \$179.32.
Mark Parsons, \$337.61.
Claudette Partin, \$76.41.
Daryl Pike, \$226.81.
Howard Poynter, \$179.32.
Lonnie Roberts, \$147.65.
Midland Credit Management v. Edna Bullock, \$792 plus claimed due.
Capital One Bank v. Sandra J. Blair, \$3,586 plus claimed due.
Katreka Cash v. Brandi Dyer, eviction notice.
Discover Bank v. Trevor K. Barnett, \$3,504 plus claimed due.
MCM, Inc. v. Gabrielle McFerron, \$697 plus claimed due.
Capital One Bank v. Tanya Cole, \$3,160 plus claimed due.
Capital One Bank v. Tanya P. Cole, \$1,489 plus claimed due. C-00021

Marriage Licenses

Pamela Sue Johnson, 28, Mt. Vernon, fuel desk and Richard Sherman Ashcraft, 32, Mt. Vernon, auto body. 1/10/20

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Grant Showalter and Bianca Nery, property in Rockcastle County, to Aaron McKeel. Tax \$73
Norma R. Eversole, property on Green Pond Ridge Road, to Ethan and Melissa Eversole. No tax
Lloyd Shannon McFerron, property on Sower School Road, to Deborah and Dean McClure. No tax
Willard and Iralea Neeley, property on Little Clear Creek, to Lanita Sue Denny, and others. No tax
Cassie Ethel Literal, property on Poplar Gap Road, to Herschel Waterman. No tax
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John D. Wilson, property in Rockcastle County, to Richard Lee and Lontonia Tillery. Tax \$1.50
Judy Mitchell, property in Castle Ridge Subdv., to Joy Lynn Coleman. Tax \$153
Jefferey A. and Elizabeth McKinney, property in Vanous Brown Division, to Johnathan Isaac Day. Tax \$10
First Southern Bank, Master Commissioner Sale for real property in Orlando, to Lonnie A. and Norma Jean McGuire. No tax

District Court

Jan. 13-15, 2020
Hon. Kathryn G. Slone
Jennifer Lyn Fuller: public intoxication, \$100 fine plus costs.
Shawn C. Vanzant: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, two days in jail plus costs.
James Ray Allen: fines/fees due (\$248).
Veronica Bray: fines/fees due (\$168), bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta), four days in jail or payment in full.
Ida Mae Brinegar: fines/fees due (\$153), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.
Dylan L. Broughton: fines/fees due (\$153), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.
Alexis Chasteen: failure to wear seat belts, license to be in possession, failure of owner to main-

tain req. insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta.
Speeding: Laura Giselle Chevez Sorto, Taylor R. Disabatino, George C. Hatcher, Rebecca Abner Cain, David Bruce Jones, Cassidy Rae Owens, Jeff T. Recker, Jansen S. Upchurch, Lawrence John Clark, license suspended for fta; Jasmine D. Price, \$100 fine plus costs; Jordan Lee Wright, \$50 fine plus costs; John Wesley VanWinkle, paid Samantha Brianna Clines: reckless driving, no/expired registration plates-receipt, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, no operators/moped license, possession of marijuana, bw issued for fta/license suspended.
Natasha Dunn: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine plus costs, \$375 service fee, 30 days operator license suspension.
Ryan H. Foster: fines/fees due (\$201), bw issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.
Randy Adrian Perez McIntosh: part 395/Fed Safety Regs-Hours of Service for Drivers, bw issued for fta.
Dustin Lee Ollerdisse: Viol Part 390 Federal safety Regs-General Policy (four counts), Viol Part 392, Fed Safety Reg, Driving of Motor Vehicle, Pt. 393, Federal Safety Regs, Parts Needed for Safe Operation, Part 395/Fed Safety Regs-Hours of Service for Drivers, Pt. 396, Fed Safety Regs Inspect/Repair/Maintenance (two counts), Viol. Part 383, Fed Safety Reg-Commercial Driver License, bw issued for fta.
Brian H. Yauger: fines/fees due (\$288), bw issued for fta/six days in jail or payment in full; public intoxication, criminal trespassing, menacing, possession controlled substance, wanton endangerment, bw issued for fta.
James Young: fines/fees due (\$253), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.
Pietro Alderigi: Viol Part 392, Fed Safety Reg, Driving of Motor Vehicle, bw issued for fta.
Brandon Sutton: fines/fees due (4173), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.
James Robert

Whittamore: fines/fees due (\$353), bw issued for fta/eight days in jail or payment in full. Allen G. Williams: no/expired registration plates-receipt, bw issued for fta.
Jennifer Williams: drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, \$100 fine plus costs.
Jennifer Lynn Rice: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt-plates, improper display of registration plates, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta/license suspended.
Cody M. Robinson: fines/fees due (\$143), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.
James Donnie Schueler: fines/fees due (\$643), bw issued for fta/13 days in jail or payment in full.
Thomas Scott: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for fta/bw issued.
Sara Francheska Spoonamore: fines/fees due (4188), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.
Thomas Wayne Price: failure to produce insurance card and failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, bw issued for fta/license suspended.
Marion Eve Redmon: fines/fees due (\$338), bw issued for fta/seven days in jail or payment in full.
Sharon R. Monk: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt-plates, improper display of registration plates, license to be in possession, bw issued for fta/license suspended.
Rebekah Moran: fines/fees due (\$173), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.
Cory Matthew Mowery: fines/fees due (\$165), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.
Roger Owens: fines/fees due (\$218), bw issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.
Mason Phillips: fines/fees due (\$368), bw issued for fta/eight days in jail or payment in full.
Jameson Lee Pingleton: fines/fees due (\$173), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.
Douglas Medley: fines/fees due (\$173), bw

issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.
Timothy Cecil Miller: fines/fees due (\$298), bw issued for fta/eight days in jail or payment in full.
Jason W. Hopkins: fines/fees due (\$153), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.
Nicholas A. Johnson: fines/fees due (\$123), bw issued for fta/three days in jail or payment in full.
William D. Martin: fines/fees due (\$441), bw issued for fta/11 days in jail or payment in full.
Devon Joseph McKnight: fines/fees due (\$143), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.
Nancy K. Damrell: fines/fees due (\$183), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.
Gavin L. Damron: speeding, failure to wear seat belts, no/expired registration plates-receipt, failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for fta.
Joshua Shane Dixon: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine; failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, \$500 fine plus costs.
Joshua C. Emerson: fines/fees due (\$268), bw issued for fta/six days in jail or payment in full.
Steven D. Frederick: fines/fees due (\$673), bw issued for fta/14 days in jail or payment in full.
Elbert Terry Harris: fines/fees due (\$163), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.
Bruce Hatcher: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to notify address change to dept. of transp., bw issued for fta/license suspended.
Laura C. Carpenter: fines/fees due (\$47.12),

bw issued for fta/one day in jail or payment in full.
Ryan H. Foster: fines/fees due (\$281), bw issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.
Savannah M. Fox: fines/fees due (\$179), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.
Ransales Francisco: fines/fees due (\$277), bw issued for fta/six days in jail or payment in full.
Myles R. Hurst: speeding, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for fta.
Steven T. Owens: no rearview mirror, instructional permit violations, license suspended for fta.
Brandy R. Prather: no/expired registration plates-receipt, failure to produce insurance card, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, improper display of registration plates, failure to notify address change to dept. of transp., bw issued for fta/license suspended.
Billy J. Rayburn: unauthorized use of motor vehicle, 30 days in jail/concurrent plus costs.
Heaven Lee Renner: assault, 12 months in jail/to serve 45 days/balance probated 24 months on condition plus costs.
Dana M. Reynolds: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine plus costs.
Tyler Dewayne Rose: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta.
Roger Boshers: strangulation, 10 days in jail plus costs.
Billy Jack Rayburn: criminal trespass, 30 days/concurrent/costs merged.

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There are only three Family Dollar/Dollar Tree Pilot stores in America and this one, in Brodhead, is now open for business. Managed by Tammy Amis, the store plans its Grand Opening ceremonies on Saturday, February 15th at 8 a.m. Along with free food, drinks and a ribbon-cutting ceremony, the store will give away many door prizes including a \$100, \$50 and \$25 gift card. Though a native of Somerset, Amis has been with the Mount Vernon Family Dollar for many years and has now moved to the Brodhead pilot store. Everyone is invited to attend the grand opening and enter for the prizes.



REAL ID deadline is October 1, 2020

By: Mike French
Editor

Local residents will have to go to Somerset or Paducah for the new REAL ID.

In 2005, Congress passed the REAL ID Act in which citizens provide more personal details in order to have a new form of identification. Though elected officials repeat often that the new identification is "optional," they also passed laws stating that without the new form of identification,

citizens cannot board flights, enter a military base or enter some federal buildings without it after October 1, 2020.

Kentucky is one of several states who have been slow to implement those new standards but newly elected Governor Andy Beshear says "My administration is working tirelessly to catch our state up and bring us into compliance with federal requirements."

Kentucky Transportation Secretary Jim Gray said "I encourage Ken-

tuckians to ensure they have the necessary documents to save valuable time and energy and avoid an unnecessary repeat trip. If you intend to use your Driver's License as your form of REAL ID, do your homework now."

Two new offices have been opened in Kentucky where citizens can go to get their REAL ID. One in Paducah and another in Somerset. but Rockcastle County does not have a REAL ID office according to Eliza York,

Circuit Court Clerk.

A press release from the Clerk's office says the IDs for Rockcastle County residents are available at the Somerset Driver's License field office.

"I apologize that our residents have to travel out of county, but it was

(See "I.D." on A5)

Delinquent taxes rise 21 percent Saturday

By: Mike French
Editor

If you owe property taxes, you have till tomorrow, Friday, January 31, to pay them without large fees added to your bill, according to the Sheriff's office.

"I have a feeling Friday is going to be very busy here at our offices," said Connie Bullins of the Rockcastle County Sheriff's office.

Property taxes that are not paid by February 1, will have a 21 percent penalty added onto the total, according to Bullins. A \$1,000 property bill would then be \$1,210 over night.

Property taxes paid by October received a 2 percent discount while those paid during November, December and January were paid at face value Bullins said. However,

For Kentucky Pharmaceuticals

Mt. Vernon to receive \$1M CDBG grant

To help local company Kentucky Pharmaceuticals, LLC develop their business and aid in job creation, Gov. Andy Beshear and the Department for Local Government (DLG) announced a \$1 million Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to Mt. Vernon.

"Funding projects that bring jobs to our communities are critical for Kentuckians," said Gov. Beshear. "I want to thank Mt. Vernon and Kentucky Pharmaceuticals, LLC for their commitment to job creation and industry development in their city."

Kentucky Pharmaceuticals, LLC specializes in storing and processing Kentucky-grown hemp for the purpose of cannabidiol (CBD) oil extraction and refinement. Mt. Vernon will use the funding to purchase equipment to lease to the company so they can meet current industry needs and demands.

"It is always encouraging to see state grant funding come into Rockcastle county," said Judge Executive Howell Holbrook. With every endeavor comes the possibility for employment opportunities. We have to keep reaching for growth and economic development."

The project is expected to create 50 full-time jobs

(See "CDBG" on A5)

Flu season comes to Rockcastle Co.

— Three to four day symptoms

By: Mike French
Editor

It's flu season again and, according to officials, this year's strain is a difficult one.

"It's not a 24-hour virus this time," said Janet Kirby of the Rockcastle County Health Center. "This one is holding on for three to four days. And sometimes even longer."

Reports of the flu have been rampant across the country this year and Kentucky is just beginning to feel the effects of the virus. More than one county has already cancelled school due to the flu.

As for Rockcastle County, the numbers are

still very low but several cases have shown up locally and the spread is inevitable unless some safety rules are followed.

"Wash your hands continually," said Kirby. "Keeping your hands washed is the key to avoiding the flu," she said.

Many use antibacterial hand sanitizer because it is quick and easy and can be used anywhere. But Kirby says it is not nearly as effective. "Hand sanitizer is not nearly as ef-

(See "Flu" on A5)

Investigation still underway

Officials with the Kentucky State Police and Brian Carter, Mount Vernon Police Chief, says the investigation into the suspected arson of three homes on Davis Street this month is still ongoing. No new developments have been reported, but the case remains open.

Ten years ago

In the third week of January of 2010, 60 local residents filed for political races in the May Primary elections. Also on this date, ten years ago, flash flooding caused damage throughout the county..

Local scams increasing

Scam calls may come from a number you recognize

By: Mike French
Editor

Some local residents have report scam calls have increased recently that claim to be from police or Medicare.

Ernest Alcorn, Rockcastle County resident, said he has received several calls from scam callers wanting his private information.

"It's a real shame that these people would do

such a thing to an elderly person but it's what the world is coming to," he said.

After legislation passed last year forcing robotic calls to display their phone number on caller ID enabled phones, scam artists have found more and more ways around the system.

"I have gotten calls that say 'police' and have gotten others that say it is 'Medicare' calling me," said Alcorn. "It is impossible to know when you shouldn't answer the phone anymore," he said.

(See "Calls" on A5)

Ten local cases heard Friday

John D. McClure, 35, of Mt. Vernon pled guilty to First-Degree Criminal Mischief and Second-Degree Escape in court Friday in front of Special Judge Messer.. Accord-

ing to Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney David L. Dalton, in August 2019, McClure caused over \$1,000 worth

(See "Cases" on A5)

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

The only thing I can think of to lead this column with this week is how happy I am at the lack of snow this winter.

I certainly hope, however, that our weather is not a repeat of the last couple of years when it waited until March or April to become winter-time, thereby delaying the season that I love above all others, Spring.

I'm getting a little frustrated with winter and if it weren't for Hulu I would really be in trouble. There are several series on the channel that have occupied my time this winter, I'm presently halfway through *Everwood* and if Treat Williams would just shave that beard I would enjoy it twice as much. I finished an English series (okay it was mostly a soap opera), *Lark Rise to Candleford*, and it was excellent.

I can remember a few years back that I occupied myself with doing a lot of embroidered baby quilts, to the extent that I have several made up in advance and read incessantly. But, that was before I discovered, along with the rest of America

apparently, how entertaining my cell phone could be. To top it all off, Paige downloaded a word game for me that contributes absolutely nothing to my knowledge of the world around me but is certainly entertaining for a couple of hours everyday.

I think I do the phone entertainment bit to escape from the reality of our world. This impeachment process is absolutely the most boring thing I have ever encountered on TV and so unnecessary.

The Democrats are determined to unseat this President, who has done nothing but bring us the best economy in the last 50 years and kept his word on constructing a wall on our southern border to stem the flow of drugs and human traffickers. But whose rhetorical style they do not like.

Well, guess what, I don't much care for it at times either but I care even less for being talked down to and called names by Democrats and main stream

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



The shovel was really a kid-size shovel. It was lightweight and only about three feet long. It was a flat shovel but the sides were turned up slightly. This was to keep ashes from falling in the floor before you got them in the bucket.

It was the very first thing in our household that was touched each morning. Whoever woke first, reached immediately for that shovel.

Opening the bottom door on the old, black, steel stove woke everyone else though. It always squeaked and made a loud clank when it was closed.

But, you had to get the ashes out of the bottom of the stove before you could have a good fire in the top part of the stove.

Once the ashes were delivered out back and dumped, that same silver bucket was filled with coal. We often had to chop the coal with an axe because the chunks were too big to fit into the stove.

Then, through the snow and wind, the early riser fought his way back to the house where he put old newspapers and a few pieces of kindling wood in the stove and then placed several chunks of coal on top of that.

Usually, the coal had snow on it and you had to get some of that snow off of each chunk or when it melted, it would put out the fire.

Soon, the coal would catch fire and the top of the steel would begin to turn bright red from heat.

I learned that the wider you open that bottom door, the hotter the fire would get and the more heat you would get.

It didn't make sense to me. I thought letting the cold air in would make

the stove cooler inside. But, in fact, the more cold air that got in, the hotter the fire would burn.

There was a shelf close to the stove and that's where one could place their socks in the mornings so that they would get warm and toasty before putting them on your ice cold feet.

The best feeling of childhood was sliding those toasty warm socks over my freezing feet. That's back when I could actually feel my feet and heat felt good.

Since heat rises, and it was the top of the stove that got hot, feet stayed cold most of the time in those days.

Once the fire was going and the top of the stove was hot, the old silver coffee percolator was placed on top of it and

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Waffle House

Even as a young boy living with my mother (Bee) in Mt. Vernon, I loved to stay up late and sleep-in the following morning. Now that my wife and I have both retired, that is our "modus operandi" on most days. We usually go to bed around 2:00 am and get up somewhere between 10:30 and noon. It is an indulgence that does not come with being a part of the working world, and when we escaped, we began to live on our own schedules rather than someone else's.

Which is why I took my inspiration this week from an author whom I personally favor. In the January-February 2020 edition of Southern Living magazine, I discovered that my favorite col-

umnist, Rick Bragg, feels the same way I do about mornings. He said, "I'm a late sleeper; nothing good has ever happened to me before noon. If the phone rings it's bad news or a telemarketer in Sr Lanka apprising me of my car warranty."

I hear you, brother.

But sleeping so late can tend to stir up a hearty appetite, and we now live five minutes from the local Waffle House in Mt. Sterling. And frankly, we have loved the Waffle House for years. We always searched for them when we travelled because we could be assured of having breakfast at any time of the day.

Living this close to one has already proven to be something that is hard to resist. (On a side note, we recently noticed that they have a 100 percent rating from the health department.) We love their eggs, hash brown potatoes, and bacon or sausage. We have already gone there often enough that they may call us by name.

Rick Bragg has his own breakfast spot that he loves. He explains, "Thank you Huddle House for setting my world back to spinning once more. I can't speak for all outposts, but the one in Jacksonville, Alabama is a reason to live. It's not just the fact that you can get a fine Western omelet as the sun begins its downhill slide, that a pot of grits is always bubbling, or that sausage gravy is considered an acceptable accoutrement to a chef's salad. It's that all of this exists in a wider time warp. You hear a lot of philosophy here."

Again, I hear you, brother!

On several occasions, my wife and I have almost driven the half mile to the Waffle House at 2:00 am in order to sat-

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Points East

By Ike Adams



Okay, I realize that a lot of you are probably tired of reading about chestnuts in your favorite, family newspaper, and who'd have thought that they'd make three weeks worth of column fodder? Still, here we are again, but I fully intend to let the subject rest for awhile after this current missive fires.

London, (KY) novelist and good friend, Tabatha Haddix, was the only reader who chimed in with information stating that she had purchased some chestnuts during

Thanksgiving at Kroger's. More than half a dozen other readers have been asking where to find some, so now you know. I suspect, however, that they are long gone by now.

Tab found out that hers had been imported from Italy. I have not, personally, seen any for sale, locally, in at least 4 decades. However, when I was growing up in Letcher County during the 1950s and 60s, chestnuts were popular holiday delicacies at practically every grocery store and fruit stand in the county.

I have no idea why, but we mistakenly called them "horse chestnuts" way back then. They were more than twice as large as the domestically grown Chinese chestnuts

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Grandma's Drink

Dear Journal,
It was in early 1970 or 1971 when I came down with a severe case of pneumonia during Christmas break from school. I was taken to the family doctor and he would have admitted me to the hospital except there weren't any beds available. To make a long story short, I was on bed rest at home and wasn't allowed to return to school when it started back after the break. What a shame. I hated it. I had a home teacher for the remainder of the year.

She went to my class room and collected my books and was filled in on where we were in the books and I just resumed from there. I finally was able to get around the house and sit up for a few hours. I did my school work and the teacher would come by the house about two or three times a week. She was Miss

Gilliam, the daughter of the county superintendent. She was so young, probably just out of college. This became a new phase in my life as it turned out.

Back in those days there were only two stations on the TV. So, you either watched one or the other or none at all. For a kid (I was about twelve or thirteen) confined to bed, you were glad to watch about anything. This was the peak of football season, the pros and college, so I watched and figured out the game. Well, that was it right there. I came to love the game and had some favorite players and teams. Then came baseball about a year later and finally my love of basketball came about a year or so after that. It really confused me. They changed from offense to defense and

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Ramblings...

by; perlina m. anderkin

media because I chose to vote for President Trump over arguably the most corrupt, evil woman to ever be a part of the America political scene (I know, you wish I would say what I think sometimes).

I think the fight for the Democrat nomination may come down to socialist/communist Bernie Sanders or “where am I at again?” Joe Biden.

The really sad thing about all this impeachment mess is that several very important news items are being underreported badly so that the news media can bring us the latest Rep. Adam Schiff’s completely made up interpretation of President Trump’s phone call with Ukrainian President Zelensky.

For example, the Coronavirus, an illness with the potential to become a pandemic, is not getting the attention it deserves. Already, in a two week period, the virus has killed over 130 Chinese. Hong Kong has closed its border with mainline

China and why the United States hasn’t done the same is a little puzzling. They did get 201 diplomatic personnel, along with some businessmen, out of China Tuesday and they are being monitored closely for the virus which has a two week incubation period.

There’s also the story of the Harvard professor who was caught spying for the Chinese and collecting millions of dollars from them for his efforts. And, a Boston University graduate student, who is also a Chinese Army Lieutenant, who was also found to be spying but has managed to get out of the country and back to China so she will probably not be brought to justice at all. Then, of course, there is the case of another Harvard professor who was caught trying to smuggle 21 vials of biological material out of the country.

But, these stories of course, pale in significance to mean, racist orange man who was caught trying to get Ukraine to investigate corruption in their country, involving former vice president Joe Biden and

his son, Hunter.

I don’t know how this process will play out. When you have RINO Republicans in the Senate like Mitt Romney anything can happen. All I do know is that it will be a sad day in this country’s history if one of the Democrat candidates do manage to win the Presidency.

“Aces”

(Cont. from A2)

the coffee would be ready after the second chore of the morning.

The second chore? You guessed it. A trip back outside into the freezing snow and up to the little, square building. Ours was just a one-holer.

I remember ours had a nice, smooth seat to sit on. But grandma’s was just old rough-cut oak filled with splinters that would always get your tail before you got up.

Soon that old steel stove would have the whole house warmed up and we could sit at the kitchen table for breakfast. But mom usually let me eat mine sitting on the floor in front of the stove.

Pop would shave at the kitchen sink (we didn’t have any other sink), and soon he was off to work while mom got my clothes ready for the walk to school (yes, I walked to school).

During the day, mom would take out ashes and keep coal in the stove so that when we got back from our day, we arrived to a warm, comfortable home.

We didn’t have central heat and air. We didn’t have running water.

But, we were filthy rich in those days. We had it all and wanted nothing. We had the greatest, most blessed, life of any world king. Our castle was the grandest.

Oh I don’t know if we had any money or not. That’s not what I mean.

But I heard “I love you Mike” from my mother daily. I saw pop kiss mom goodbye every morning. I was warm and comfortable. We laughed. We played. We loved.

Yes, we were filthy rich.

“Points East”

(Cont. from A2)

we grew up with and we knew they were not American chestnuts. If we asked salespeople where they came from, the most exact answer would be “somewhere off from here.” They also tasted, when boiled or baked, far, far sweeter and more appetizing than our local Chinese chestnuts. I suspect we called them horse chestnuts simply to distinguish them from other



Rockcastle Regional Hospital hosted a joint meeting for Rockcastle Kiwanis and Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce on January 16. CEO Steve Estes shared information about the various programs and operations of the hospital and presented Kiwanis Club with a generous donation. Kiwanis Club appreciates the support and values the ongoing partnerships with Rockcastle Regional and Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce. Pictured above are Kiwanis President Kayla Prewitt and Rockcastle Regional CEO Steve Estes.

chestnuts, more than to suggest they had anything to do with horses.

In fact, I was soon to learn, real horse chestnuts are not chestnuts at all and not even close kin to them. They are closely related to and look much buckeyes. They and also poisonous if eaten. They are not native to North America but they seem to thrive as shade trees in our country. I’ve seen some more than 30 or 40 feet tall just outside Winchester.

And here I go digressing again. Anyway, one late November Sunday in 1968 or 69, I had stopped off at an Isom (KY) fruit stand, after a weekend home from school, on my way back to the dormitory at Pikeville College. I had planned to load up on apples, tangerines and mixed nuts to snack on in my room when I noticed that the vendor had some bushel baskets full of the largest chestnuts I’d ever seen.

The price was right, so I bagged up about a gallon of them, in a brown paper poke and took them back to Pikeville. I ran into Tom Storrer, the college chef and Director of Food Services before I’d even gotten to my room. The college cafeteria, at that point in time, occupied the ground floor of the men’s dormitory. I asked Mr. Storrer if he liked chestnuts and proceeded to show him my haul.

From the look on his face, you’d have thought that Tom Storrer was in a state of Divine Rapture. He explained to me that this particular chestnut only grew in certain parts of Portugal and France and that they were highly sought after by gourmet chefs. He peeled one open, took a bite and the Rapture returned to his countenance. I learned, the next day, that he had sent someone 60 miles to Isom and bought 2 bushels of the Portuguese Chestnuts.

Mr. Storrer was the man who laughed and told me about how mistaken I was in regards to horse chestnuts. According to him, 99% of the chestnuts we bought then, and still try to find in this country, today, are imported from Italy, Portugal, Spain, France, China or Japan. The European varieties are considered vastly superior to those of Asian origin.

That Thanksgiving, Mr. Storrer served up a holiday dinner for about a dozen students who were performing maintenance work over our Thanksgiving break.

To this day, his chestnut turkey dressing is one of the delicious dishes I’ve ever eaten, anywhere. I’ve tried to replicate it several times without even coming close. But, if I live another year, I’m going to be hounding Tabatha Haddix to keep a sharp eye out for chestnuts, come November, and I’m going to try chestnut stuffing one more time.

“T. J.’s”

(Cont. from A2)

back again ever so often and I never did see a punt-unit come out.

During this retreat from society, I learned to love “Grandma’s Drink”. After all, in the heart of winter like this, you need some kind of a hot drink. I never have liked coffee, even today. Mom was convinced that I was allergic to chocolate, so there wasn’t any hot chocolate in the picture for me. I did halfway like tea and had a cup of it at times. My usual drink was an old hand me down concoction that my great grandma, Vestie Otey Price invented.

I hadn’t had any of it since I recovered from pneumonia until about a week ago when one day it came to mind. I decided to make a cup of it and it was so good, just like I remembered. It is really simple to make. Get a mug or cup

and fill it about a fourth full (about four or five tablespoons) of canned condensed milk or cream. Then, add about two teaspoons of sugar (I use artificial sweetener) to taste. Add hot water to fill the cup and there you are. You may think it is only warm milk but it tastes altogether different. It has a smoothness to it not in warm milk. If you’re sick, it is as good as chicken soup and even when you’re not, if you want a good hot drink on a cold winter’s night.

“Memories”

(Cont. from A2)

isfy our “mid-night cravings.” Our local Waffle House never closes and is always ready to provide us with our favorite meal – breakfast. And a good conversation may be available at any moment.

When we walk in the door, many of the waitresses bring me a cup of decaf as we take our seats. It is good to know that they pay attention to our individual needs. My wife is fond of their omelets, and usually orders her special with cheese, sausage, onions, and mushrooms. I, like Rick Barnes, love gravy with my eggs, crispy bacon, and toast (or biscuits). Yes, we both love gravy on toast. If I am ravenous, I also order a single waffle on the side.

Several other senior citizens frequent our local Waffle House. Sometimes, we hear local gossip as we consume our breakfast delights. Rick Barnes put it in this manner. “How else will I find out who quit smoking or who got saved and who’s been stealing boat motors on Lake Wedowee?”

Yeah, Rick and I have a lot in common. Southern living indeed.

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 Hot Rod T-Ball Sign-ups for 3-5 year-olds will be held the first and second weekends in April at Wendy’s from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 606-308-5319 for more information.
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, two sessions - Monday, 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Leaders: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590/Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099/Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.
Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside Baptist Church, 606-256-5577 Tuesday, 6 p.m.. ***Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.
Alcoholics Anonymous: 7 p.m. on Williams St., Mt. Vernon.
Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies. Men Only. Northside Baptist, 606-256-5577, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride on the church van.
Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only. Community Outreach Center, Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Leaders: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099 and Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.
AA Meeting, 8 p.m. Open Share at the Brodhead Center.
Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe, Leader: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828. Friday, 6 p.m.
Saturday - Celebrate Recovery: Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Road, Mt. Vernon. 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Leaders: John Burton 859-621-9881, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.
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.
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Robin Wagers, 46, of London pled guilty to theft of a motor vehicle registration plate. According to Dalton, in September 2017 Wagers was found operating a vehicle showing a tag that was from a stolen vehicle. Dalton stated he would recommend 1 year in prison. Sentencing

was set for February 28. Joseph D. Morris, 31, of Livingston was sentenced to 5 years in prison for the offense of 2nd Degree Escape. According to Dalton, June 2018 Morris left from work release on Daugherty Ridge Road. Dalton stated the case was investigated by the Kentucky State Police.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

SLOW COOKER CHICKEN VEGETABLE STEW

2 medium onions, diced into bite-sized pieces
3 stalks celery, diced
4 carrots, peeled and sliced into rounds
2 medium russet potatoes, peeled, diced into small pieces
1 bay leaf
2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon poultry seasoning or sage
3 to 4 pounds bone-in chicken breasts, skin removed
3 cups chicken broth or chicken stock
1 tablespoon corn starch plus 1 tablespoon cold water
Place onions, celery, carrots, potatoes, bay leaf, salt, and poultry seasoning in the bottom of a large slow cooker. Stir to combine. Place chicken on top of vegetables. Season chicken liberally with salt and pepper. Pour chicken broth over everything, cover, and cook on LOW for 6-8 hours or on HIGH for 3 to 4 hours. When there are about 30 minutes left in the cooking time, remove chicken from the slow cooker and chop or shred the meat. Return chicken meat to the slow cooker and discard bones. Discard bay leaf. In a small bowl, whisk together corn starch and cold water un-

til smooth. Stir into the stew and cook on HIGH without the lid for 30 minutes (or until broth thickens a little bit).
EASY CHICKEN PARMESAN CASSEROLE
2 pounds raw chicken breasts, cut into bite size pieces
3 cloves garlic, minced
1/4 cup finely chopped fresh basil
1 jar (25 ounce) marinara sauce
3 cups shredded mozzarella, divided
1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese, divided
1 bag (5 ounce) garlic croutons, roughly crushed (leaving some bigger pieces)
Preheat oven to 350°. Generously butter a 9"~13 casserole dish. Spread cubed raw chicken in the bottom of the dish. Sprinkle minced garlic, and basil evenly over chicken. Pour sauce evenly over the top. Combine the cheeses and sprinkle half over the top of the sauce. Top with crushed croutons and then the rest of the cheese mixture. Cover loosely with foil and bake for 45 minutes. Remove foil and bake 15 minutes more. If the top starts to get too brown, cover loosely with foil. Allow to rest for 10 minutes before serving.

"CDBG"

(Continued from front) over the first two years and the company's products will be 100% Kentucky made. Beyond job creation, the company is expected to widely distribute their products to manufacturers in-state and nationwide.

"Everyone should have access to good-paying jobs in their communities," said DLG Commissioner Dennis Keene. "Promoting opportunities for economic development like this is necessary to move our state forward."

Senator Jared Carpenter expressed enthusiasm about the opportunities the funding, which was originally approved under the administration of former Governor Matt Bevin, will provide.

"These grant funds promote statewide economic growth, create jobs and strengthen local communities," Carpenter said. "I look forward to Mt. Vernon having the means necessary to be more competitive within Kentucky's booming hemp industry."

"I.D."

(Continued from front) not our decision," said York.

The Clerk's office says the new ID does not replace a passport and if you don't intend to fly or enter federal buildings or a military base, it is not required that you obtain this type of credential.

The Somerset office is located at 650 North main Street, Suite 240, Somerset, Kentucky 42501 and the phone number is (606) 677-4183.

York says anyone may pick up a list of documents that will be required when you apply for the REAL ID, at her office at the Rockcastle County Court House.

"We will be glad to answer any questions to the best of our ability," said York. "My office will continue to issue regular and CDL licenses."

For more information, you may also visit drive.ky.gov/confidentky.

"Flu"

(Continued from front) fective as washing your hands with soap and water," she said. "Though it does help, washing your hands is much, much better at stopping the flu."

Officials say this year's strain causes many different symptoms instead of only one or two. "With this flu we have seen vomiting, headaches, sore muscles, fever, congestion, body aches and more," said Kirby. "We are seeing all of these symptoms this year."

Kirby says anyone who feels the symptoms of this flu should "stay home if possible and avoid other people when you can."

Thus far, the Rockcastle County school district has not seen a problem.

"Our numbers district wide are still over 90%," said District Supervisor Carrie Ballinger. "We have not seen a drop in attendance this year."

The local school system says the numbers would have to drop a lot before Rockcastle County would consider cancelling school.

"Unless our numbers drop into the 70 percent range, we wouldn't look at cancelling classes," she said. In fact, most Kentucky school districts have the same policy. "Our attendance rate would have to drop a lot but we have had very strong attendance district wide," Ballinger said.

Still, she said as part of the district's effort to avoid the spread of a virus, the school policy says students with a fever should stay home. "It is our policy that a student with a fever should stay home until the fever has been gone for 24 hours," she said.

Officials agree that avoiding people when you have symptoms and washing your hands is the best way to stop the spread of the flu.

But as for now, Rockcastle County is faring well but officials warn that the flu is indeed here and everyone should take steps to keep it from spreading.

"Calls"

(Continued from front) But this week, Alcorn received a call and the display showed the name and phone number of a friend of Alcorn who has called him before.

"I am getting these scam calls from 256 (Mount Vernon) numbers now and this one was from (my friend)," he said.

"There needs to be a punishment for these people that would take advantage of the elderly that is strong enough to deter them from doing it anymore," he said. "That would slow it down some."

"This was a number I knew from a friend. They can hack into these smart phones now and use your own numbers," he said.

Rockcastle County Sheriff Shannon Franklin said his office will not call asking for money. "No law enforcement agency will call asking for money," he said. "Any legitimate claim or request from our office will come through registered mail."

Mount Vernon Assistant Police Chief Joe Rush agrees. "Don't give anyone your personal information over the phone unless you are completely certain who you are talking to," he said. "If you're threatened with a warrant, hang up the phone."

There have also been reports across Kentucky that computer "hackers" have found a way to hack into home security systems and may be at their home watching your security cameras. This way, the hackers know when the home is unoccupied and can watch deliveries arriving as well as know all the blind spots in your home system.

Newer security camera systems use satellite connections which can be tapped into by others who can see the same thing through your home cameras that you see, according to reports.

Residents are urged to let authorities know if you receive a call asking for your private information or for money.

"Cases"

(Continued from front) of damage at David's Tire Center. In September 2019, McClure escaped from the recreation area by climbing the fence.

Dalton stated he would recommend 10 years in prison for the felonies. Sentencing was set for February 28.

Shonda Bradley, 42, of Mt. Vernon pled guilty to 2 counts of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance. According to Dalton, in May 2018 a confidential informant with the Kentucky State Police purchased methamphetamine from Bradley on 2 occasions. Dalton stated he would recommend 7 years in prison for the offenses. Sentencing was set for February 28, 2020.

Megan E. McCracken, 30, of Mt. Vernon pled guilty to first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance and first-degree possession of a controlled substance. According to Dalton, in March 2019, the Mt. Vernon P.D. caught McCracken in possession of over 2 grams of methamphetamine - possessed with the intent to traffic. In September 2018, the Mt. Vernon P.D. caught McCracken exiting a vehicle at KFC - while in possession of .15 grams of methamphetamine. Dalton stated he would recommend 5 years in prison for the two offenses. Sentencing was set for 2/28/20.

Joshua B. Brewer, 35, of Livingston, was sentenced to 2 years in prison for the offense of first-degree possession of a controlled substance. Dalton said, in December 2018, the Livingston Police Department found Brewer to be in possession of Methamphetamine during a traffic stop.

Shannon D. McCormick, 18, of Mt. Vernon was sentenced to 2 years in prison for 2 counts of felony theft by unlawful taking. According to Dalton, in June 2019, McCormick committed 2 difference instances of felony theft - both instances investigated by the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Office.

Roy K. Cope, 34, of Berea was sentenced to 2 years in prison for the offenses of Flagrant Non-Support and First-Degree Bail Jumping. According to Dalton, from 2016 through 2017, Cope failed to pay over \$3,500 in child support. Furthermore, in June 2018, Cope failed to appear for Court.

Zachary L. Potter, 20, of Brodhead was sentenced to 5 years in prison for first degree possession of a controlled substance. Dalton said, Potter was placed on pretrial diversion for the 2017 sale of Methamphetamine to a confidential informant with the Mt. Vernon Police Department. Potter was removed from diversion following allegations of domestic violence in Madison County in April 2019.

Julia Kirby, 45, of Brodhead, pled guilty to First-Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance. According to Dalton, in April 2019, Kirby was found to be in possession of Fentanyl during a traffic stop by the Mt. Vernon Police Department. Dalton stated he would recommend 1 year in prison. Sentencing was set for

RCMS SBDM Parent-Member Special Election

There will be a special election Friday, February 21st to elect a SBDM Parent Member from 7:45 - 4:00 p.m. in the school front lobby.

All parents of students who are attending Rockcastle County Middle School this year are encouraged to attend and vote.

Nominations for the Parent Member will be accepted now - February 7th.

Submit your nomination in writing, signed, to Reva McKinney by 3:00 p.m. Friday, February 7th.

Anyone who is the parent/guardian of a child enrolled in RCMS for the 2019-2020 school year is eligible to serve on the council or to nominate someone to serve on the council.

Parent members of the council cannot be relatives of RCMS staff members.

2019-2020 Parent Member Nomination Form

Rockcastle Middle School Council

Please return this nomination form to **Mrs. Reva McKinney in the school office no later than 3:00 PM on February 7th. The election will be held on February 21st from 7:45am to 4:00pm in the school front lobby.** Forms may be mailed to: Rockcastle County Middle School, P.O. Box 1730, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456. Forms must be received by February 7th.

Your name: _____

Your nominee (You can nominate yourself): _____

Nominee children who will be at our school next year: _____

Nominee phone number: _____ Nominee e-mail: _____

Nominee mailing address: _____

To serve on the council, the nominee must meet each of the standards listed below. Please put a check mark next to each one to show that each standard applies.

_____ My child will attend Rockcastle Middle School during the 2019-20 school year.

_____ I am my child's parent, step-parent, or foster parent (or I am the child's legal guardian and the child lives with me).

_____ I am not an employee of Rockcastle Middle School.

_____ I do not work at the local school district's central office.

_____ I am not the husband, wife, mother, father, sister, brother, son, daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, aunt or uncle of any employee of Rockcastle Middle School.

_____ I am not the husband, wife, mother, father, sister, brother, son, daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, aunt or uncle of anyone who works at the local school district's central office.

_____ I am not a member of the local board of education, and neither is my spouse.

Nominee Signature _____

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The following items may be recycled:

Newspapers w/inserts, magazines, catalogs, office paper, junk mail, shredded paper (needs to be bagged), books, phone books (paper products cannot be plastic lined or coated), cardboard (both corrugated and slick), plastics #1 Pet or Pete, plastics #2 HDPE, (no sheet plastics or plastic bags of any kind; no buckets or totes, no matter what number is on it), metal cans, aerosol cans, aluminum cans, aluminum foil, aluminum pie plates, glass bottles and glass jars (lids must be removed and discarded), old cell phones, car batteries, empty printer and toner cartridges, old computers (no monitors of any kind) and all related accessories, telephones, radios, digital clocks, (no televisions of any kind), rechargeable batteries (if the battery says rechargeable on it, then it is recyclable), and large bulky metal items.

Clean used motor oil may also be dropped off at the Rockcastle County Road Department.

Recycling Drop-Off Trailers are available for use at:

Brodhead (at the back baseball field)

Conway (by Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Dept.)

Livingston (between Liv. Fire Dept. & City Hall)

Pongo (by Pongo Volunteer Fire Dept.)

Climax (by Climax Volunteer Fire Dept.)

Violations may be issued for putting trash in the recycling trailers!!!

If you have any questions, you may call the Rockcastle Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902.

Funded in part through a grant from the Kentucky Pride Fund, Division of Waste Management.



SPORTS

Rockets lose to Marion and Model

The Rockcastle Rockets took it on the chin again Monday night and Tuesday night, as the visiting Marion County Knights won 90-54 Monday night and the Madison Model Patriots came out ahead 56-48 on Tuesday night. The Rockets are now 6-15 on the season.

Against Marion County, the Rockets were actually up at the end of the first quarter 17-11 and were ahead 19-18 in the second quarter when the Knights went on a 27-11 tear to jump out in front 45-30 at the half. After that it was all Knights all the time as they outscored the Rockets 45-34 in the second half.

Eighth grader Will Bishop led his team in scoring with 23 points, the only Rocket in double figures; sophomore Daniel Mullins got eight; sophomore Drew Hopkins scored seven; sophomores Jake Sanders, Matthew Chasteen and Reese Coguer got four points each and senior Logan Noel, who was in early foul trouble, got two.

The Knights were 7/12 from the free throw line to the Rockets 6/9 and hit seven three point shots to the Rockets four.

Tuesday night, against the visiting Richmond Model Patriots, it was a close game all the way with the Patriots up two at the half 27 to 25. The score stayed close through the third with the Rockets only down one at that stop 40 to 39 but the Patriots outdid the Rock-

ets in the fourth, outscoring them 16-9 for the win.

Bishop again led the scoring for his team with 14 points; Hopkins got 11; Mullins seven, including the Rockets only three point basket in the game; Coguer got six; Noel five; Sanders four and Chasteen one.

The Patriots hit five three pointers to the Rockets one and went 12 for 18 from the free throw line to the Rockets 8 for 12.

JV Rockets lose to Knights; beat Model

The Rocket JV were ahead 11-8 at the end of the first period and 14 to 10 in the second, Monday night against the Marion County JV Knights, but after that the Knights went on a 15-2 run to take a 25-16 halftime lead and never looked back in their 55-36 win.

Sophomore Reese Coguer led the scoring for his team with 21 points; Silas Shaffer got five; Kaden Kidwell scored four points; Bryson Atkin got three; Xander Fletcher two and Nick Chasteen one.

Against the Richmond Model JV Tuesday night, the Rockets coasted to an easy 45-20 win, starting with a big first quarter lead of 9 to 3. It was 24-8 at the half and 37 to 15 at the third quarter stop.

Coguer poured in 18 points for scoring honors for the game; Shaffer got 14; Dillingham six; Nik Chasteen four; Fletcher two and DeLeon one.



Daniel Mullins goes up for two in the Rockets' loss to Marion County Monday night. Also pictured are teammates Reese Coguer and Will Bishop.



Senior Jacob Loudermilk puts up a three in the Rockets' loss to Marion County Monday night.



Xander Fletcher makes a pass in the Rocket jayvee's loss to Marion County Monday night.

Rockets and Lady Rockets travel to Pulaski for district matchup this Friday night! Support the Rockets!

Next Week...
RGHS Swim seniors honored
Swim regions Friday, February 7th
@ EKU - 10:30 a.m.

Lady Rockets defeat Lady Raiders 56-37

The Lady Rockets advanced to 15-6 on the season last Friday night with a 56-37 win over the McCreary Central Lady Raiders.

The Lady Rockets were in control of the game from the outset, going on a 7-0 run to start the game and then outscoring the Raiders 15-5 in the first quarter and 19-11 in the second for a 34-16 halftime lead. However, the went cold after halftime and didn't score until halfway through the third quarter then they went inside and took over the game again.

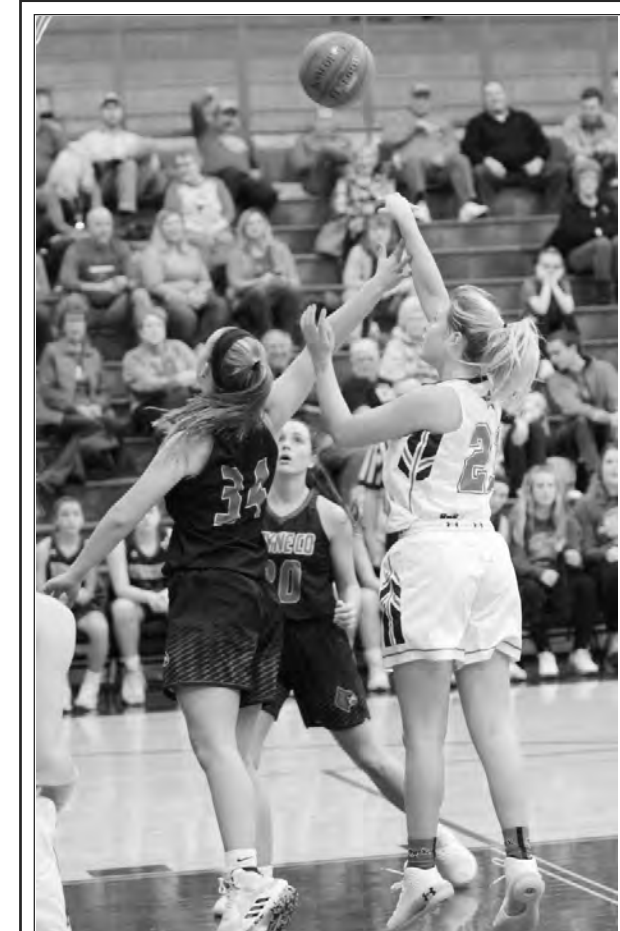
Junior Casey Coleman led the scoring for her team with 19 points and also contributed five rebounds and three assists. Senior Kenzi Himes had a double-double in the game, getting 12 points and 14 rebounds, along with five assists; junior Lindsey Jones pitched in nine points; freshman Keelee King got six; freshman Hallie Brown four and senior Shelby Newland and junior Aliyah Lopez each got three points.

The Rockets hit two three point baskets to McCreary's three and were 12/16 from the free throw line to the Raiders 8/12.

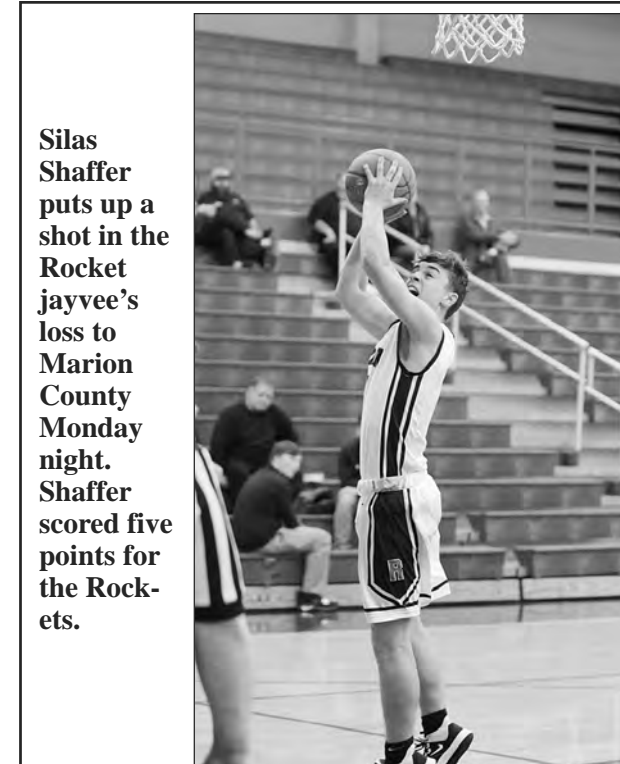
This Friday night, the Lady Rockets and Rockets will travel to Pulaski County to take on the Maroons for district games. Next Monday night, the ladies will host Clay County and will travel to Jackson County to take on the Lady Generals Tuesday night.



Keelee King plays defense during a Lady Rockets' game against Wayne County. The Lady Rockets travel to Pulaski County this Friday night for a district doubleheader with the Rockets.



Hallie Brown puts up a shot during a Lady Rockets' game against Wayne County.



Silas Shaffer puts up a shot in the Rocket jayvee's loss to Marion County Monday night. Shaffer scored five points for the Rockets.



Senior Logan Noel fights to the basket in the Rockets' loss to Marion County Monday night.



Reese Coguer drives to the basket in the Rocket jayvee's loss to Marion County Monday night. Coguer led his team with 21 points. Also pictured is teammate Rylee DeLeon.

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Arts Association hopes Mount Vernon will get hometown takeover

By: Mike French
Editor

Mount Vernon has undergone several renovation projects over the past few years and Lynn Tatum, of Vitalize Mount Vernon, is always planning the next project to beautify the city.

And, if the Rockcastle Arts Association has any luck, Mount Vernon's Main Street would become the center of attention across the nation.

The widely popular television show "Hometown Takeover" on HGTV, is planning to pick a deserving town and renovate Main Street and members of the local Arts Association are hoping they choose Mount Vernon.

The show hasn't announced a date to begin work on the chosen town but the deadline to apply is next Friday, February 7.

At a recent board meeting of the Rockcastle County Art Association, members decided to submit a video of Mount Vernon and request that the show choose Main Street as the town to "take over."

Carrie Mullins, Selena Thompson, Tatum and other members of the board began planning the video.

School food service programs are success

By: Mike French
Editor

Jamie Saylor, Director of Food Services for the Rockcastle County School system, recently presented the Nutrition and Physical Activity Report Card to members of the board and Superintendent David Pensol.

According to the nutrition report, all Rockcastle county students receive breakfast and lunch free of charge through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). Federal reimbursement is received for each meal served based on the identified student population.

Each school offers a choice of four breakfast entrees, fruit, juice and milk. MVES, RCMS and RCHS also offer a second-chance breakfast.

For the 2018-19 school year, the reports says the school system served 344,096 breakfasts, which is down slightly from the previous year but average daily attendance was also down slightly.

Tire collection event planned

By: Mike French
Editor

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, in conjunction with the Kentucky Division of Waste Management (KDWM), announces the 2020 Waste Tire Collection event.

State laws are specific and expensive concerning how old tires are disposed of and the fiscal court and KDWM will hold this event on March 5 and 6 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on March 7 from 8 a.m. to noon for the event.

The event will be held at the state highway garage

at 293 Maintenance Road in Mount Vernon. Tires accepted will include truck tires, passenger cars tires, implement tires, lawn tractor, bicycle, golf cart and tractor tires. Tractor tires are only accepted if tread is less than 1-3/4 inch.

Tire retailers, agriculture tire retailers, scrap yards, junk/salvage yards and recycling businesses are not eligible to participate.

Anyone bringing a very large load may need to unload it themselves or wait until staff can get to you.

For more information, call (606) 256-1902.

According to the application, to be eligible for the show producers are looking for a town with a population of less than 40,000, a town with great architecture waiting to be revealed and a Main Street that needs a facelift.

"The Rockcastle Arts Association has been working for two years to bring life back into Main Street with several events and workshops," said Thompson.

She said the need for more usable buildings is something that the community needs help with before the town can grow and provide more businesses.

Thompson said local residents are invited to be in the video that will be submitted for consideration. "If you are interested in being on camera talking about your Mount Vernon story and what you want Mount Vernon to become, please join the Arts Association at Los Cazadores on Thursday, January 30 between 4 and 6 p.m. to be interviewed," she said.

The Arts Association also encourages everyone to submit their own video to HGTV talking about Main Street.

For more information, go to hgtvhometowntakeover.com.

The lunch menu is also structured to offer a variety of food choices, according to the report.

The menu is designed to take full advantage of USDA donated commodities and to meet USDA guidelines.

The school system served 387,693 lunches in the 2018-19 school year.

The report says the financial reimbursement received for the 2018-19 school year was \$2,054,133 and commodities were valued at \$126,933.

The school system also offers an after school snack serving 4,344 snacks. After school snacks are offered only if an instructional program is offered outside of the regular school day.

The report card says there were no compliance issues with the school food service programs

The report card goes on to list many physical activities throughout the school system and lists the physical activity programs as a success.

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Morning blaze



The Mount Vernon and Climax Fire Departments were called to 1762 Big Cave Road last Wednesday, January 22nd. The early morning blaze caused heavy smoke damage throughout the home but the cause of the fire has not been announced. Reports indicate a small dog was rescued from the home but no injuries were reported. Arson investigators are still seeking information about three fires on Davis Street in Mount Vernon last month but officials do not believe this fire is related.

For Eighth Graders

Deadline for 2020 Rogers Explorers is February 7th

The Center for Rural Development is accepting online applications from eighth-grade middle school students for the 2020 Rogers Explorers through Feb. 7.

Eighth-grade middle school students in Southern and Eastern Kentucky have until Feb. 7 to apply for The Center for Rural Development's 2020 Rogers Explorers program.

Rogers Explorers is an intensive three-day, two-night summer youth program for rising high school freshmen that focuses on cultivating skills in leadership, technology, math, science, and community service.

The program is developed, coordinated, and supervised by The Center and presented in partnership with Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University, University of the Cumberlands, Lindsey Wilson College, University of Pikeville, Asbury University, and Union College.

"For most of these students, this is the first time they will experience life on a college campus and begin to seriously think about different career choices before they enter their freshman year in high school," said Lonnie Lawson, President and CEO of The Center. "We want to give students the knowledge and tools they need to discover their career pathways and to plan for the future."

As Rogers Explorers, students will participate in practical college courses, fine-tune their leadership skills, and develop a network of friends and resources in Southern and Eastern Kentucky.

The Rogers Explorers application is live and available online at www.centeryouth.org. The deadline to apply is midnight on Friday, Feb. 7, 2020.

A total of 210 middle school students in Southern and Eastern

Kentucky—30 students each at one of the seven host college campus sites—will be selected to attend this summer's session of Rogers Explorers.

Camps have been scheduled for May 31-June 2, Eastern Kentucky University; June 3-5, Morehead State University; June 16-18, University of the Cumberlands; June 29-July 1, Lindsey Wilson College; July 8-10, University of Pikeville; July 12-14, Asbury University; and July 15-17, Union College.

"Rogers Explorers was an experience I will never forget," said Laci Baldwin, who graduated from the program in 2019. "I made new friends and learned so much about leadership, communicating, and, most importantly, I had fun. Rogers Explorers was one of the best ex-

periences ever."

For more information about Rogers Explorers, contact Allison Cross, youth programs coordinator and community liaison, at 606-677-6000 or email@centertech.com.

Rogers Explorers is offered at no cost to students who live within The Center's 45-county primary service area. This includes Adair, Bath, Bell, Boyd, Breathitt, Carter, Casey, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Elliott, Estill, Floyd, Garrard, Green, Harlan, Garrard, 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 counties.

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BEEF MEETINGS

- **February 3** - Managing Tall Fescue & Grazing Management Plan (7 PM)
- **February 13** - Weed Management (7 PM)
- **February 24** - Forest Management for Beef Producers (7 PM)
- **February 27 & March 3** - Bull Value Assessment Program (Madison County Extension - 6 PM, \$25 registration fee)
- **March 12** - Pasture Insurance (7 PM)
- **March 19** - Cattlemen's Banquet (7 PM)

**All meetings will be held at Rockcastle Cooperative Extension unless otherwise noted.

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Deeds Recorded

Clyde Gibbons, property in Rockcastle Co., to Jordan Gibbons. No tax.
 Jimmy and Angela Gross, property on Gauley County Road, to Joshua Shepherd. Tax \$70
 Amber Chere and John D. Hansford, property on Piney Branch, to Douglas S. Begley. Tax \$120
 William Paul Harrison and Amarins Koopmans-Harrison, property in Rockcastle County, to Adam Byers Harrison. No tax
 Carolyn K. Powell,

Marriage Licenses

Alicia Leeann Jones, 24, Berea, DSP and Harold Junior Gilbert Shelton, 24, Berea, medical transportation. 1/18/20

Circuit Civil Suits

Credit Acceptance Corp. v. Sendra Adams, \$6,525 lplus claimed due.
 Commonwealth of Kentucky Cabinet for

Health and Family Services ex rel Rachel Cochran v. Cody Z. Cochran, complaint for child support and medical support.
 Discover Bank v. Jeremy K. Dawson, \$9,899 plus claimed due. CI-00011

District Civil Suits

Midland Credit Management v. Gabrielle McFerron, \$607 plus claimed due.
 Midland Credit Management v. Holly Bryant, \$571 plus claimed due.
 Midland Credit Management v. Jessica Mills, \$1,534 plus claimed due.
 LNVN Funding v. Katherine Hensley, \$744 plus claimed due.
 LNVN Funding v. Teresa Robinson, \$1,189 plus claimed due.
 Portfolio Recovery Asso. v. Heather Mink, \$777 plus claimed due.
 University of Kentucky Federal Credit Union v. James Cody Thompson, \$3,401 plus claimed due.
 Merchants Acceptance, Inc. v. Brandon K. Barnes, et al. \$3,043 plus claimed due. C-00029

District Court

January 22, 2020
Hon. Kathryn G. Slone
 Charles Julian: alcohol intoxication in a public place and terroristic threatening, 90 days in jail/each charge/probated 24 months on condition plus one cost.
 James Lee Seals: public intoxication, \$100 fine plus costs.
 Wesley D. Singleton: operating on suspended/revoked operators license and failure of non owner operator to maintain req. insurance, 90 days in jail/each charge/probated 12 months on condition plus one cost.
 Jeffery Reo Anglin: possession of marijuana, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).
 Steven Blackwell: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, no operators/moped license, failure to wear seat belts, failure to produce insurance card, license to be in possession, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Mattie M. Carroll: fines/fees due (\$158), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Eric D. Cornett: speeding, \$100 fine; careless driving, \$25 fine plus costs.

Kelvin Damrell: no/ expired registration plates - receipt, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Mackenzie Rebecca Damrell: possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, bw issued for fta.

Mark C. Fannin: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, no/ expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle, no operators/moped license, license to be in possession, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Robert Haddix, Jr: speeding, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, license to be in possession, no operators/moped license, failure to produce insurance card, failure of non-ownr operator to maintain req. insurance, rear license not illuminated, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Shawn M. Haight: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, five days in jail; operating on suspended/revoked operators license, five days in jail/costs merged.

Ruby J. Hasty: public intoxication, bw issued for fta.

Clinton Ray Howard: possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, bw issued for fta.

Ronnie W. Lewis:

burglary, criminal trespassing, public intoxication, possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle, driving on DUI suspended license, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, failure to wear seat belts, no/ expired registration plates-receipt, giving officer false identifying information, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Gabriel Mitchell: no/ expired registration plates-receipt, failure to produce insurance card, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, failure to notify address change to dept. of transp., improper registration plate, improper display of registration plates, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

James Weston Phillips: operating motor vehicle under influence of al-

hol/drugs, \$200 fine plus costs, \$375 service fee, 30 days operator license suspension.

Mason Lee Phillips: fines/fees due (\$527.30), bw issued for fta.

Billy Jack Rayburn: criminal trespassing, bw issued for fta.

Kayla Robbins: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs, \$350 fine plus costs, \$375 service fee, 12 months operator license suspension.

Jose Angel Rodriguez: possession of marijuana, \$100 fine plus costs.

Melissa Smith: failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, \$500 fine plus costs.

Brandon Sutton: disorderly conduct, public intoxication, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, possession of synthetic drugs, 90 days/each count/concurrent plus costs merged.

Robert Earl Mason: no operators/moped license, \$50 fine plus costs.

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The property consists of 113.5 acres m/l by new survey. If you're looking for property to ride your ATV, property to hunt on, property for horseback riding or property for investment, this is one you want to check out. Most of the property is woodland with young timber, which also makes it ideal for investment. Several acres that have grown up could be cleared to be used for farming.

Mark your calendar to watch this property that is selling at absolute online only auction on Thursday, January 30th.

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Frankfort Update

*By R. Travis Brenda
State Representative
House bills head to
Senate, committees
continue work*

The third week of this year's legislative session began with an opportunity to reflect on the life and contributions of Martin Luther King, Jr., included Kentucky Youth Advocacy Day, and an opportunity to meet with our county officials at the Capitol. These were all important and helped set the tone for the week. Of course, thousands of people from all walks of life visit our Capitol Building each session to share their concerns with lawmakers. Frankly, it is a daily reminder of the responsibility I have to serve our state and this district.



The first bill to pass the House this session was, quite fittingly, a nod to our agricultural heritage. House Bill 236 is part of our ongoing effort to help Kentucky farmers growing industrial hemp. Its provisions will bring our state further in line with federal guidelines in or-

der to promote the hemp industry. The measure has the support of many in the agricultural community, including Commissioner of Agriculture Ryan Quarles. HB 236 now goes to the Senate for consideration.

Another pro-farming bill, HB 308, was filed this week and I look forward to the discussion it brings about how critical it is to keep farm land dedicated to agriculture as well as how we can support young people who would like to begin farming. This measure would establish a tax credit as an incentive for those who currently farm to sell land and assets to those who are beginning their farming career. If passed, House Bill 308 would provide a tax credit when land and assets are sold to a beginning farmer. The maximum amount of credit that can be claimed under House Bill 308 is \$25,000 per year and farmers must be Kentucky residents to qualify for the credit.

Members of the House Agriculture Committee approved legislation that would formalize a longstanding agreement

that the state provide financial support and access to students who want to become veterinarians and must attend out-of-state veterinary schools. Under the provisions of HB 214, Kentucky will continue to reserve slots at universities with veterinary programs. There are no veterinary programs at any of Kentucky's colleges or universities, and it would be extremely expensive to start and operate one. If a Kentucky student wants to pursue a degree in veterinary education, they must go out-of-state. This practice is already in practice, but this bill will give it the permanence of law.

I have also introduced HB 56 to clarify that mowing and trimming for agriculture-related activities is not landscaping, and should not be taxed as such. This issue was brought to me by a constituent last summer after the Department of Revenue sent out letters to people doing contract mowing of hay and pasture fields. The department instructed them to collect the 6 percent sales tax. After talking with Commissioner of Agriculture Ryan Quarles and Agriculture Committee Chair Richard Heath, who became aware of the issue around the same time, I have been working with representatives of Kentucky Farm Bureau to fix this misinterpretation.

Another bill that passed the House is aimed at helping independent business owners. The bill, House Bill 186, would eliminate some potentially expensive requirements for the more

than 171,000 Kentuckians that operate direct sales businesses like those that offer home décor, health and beauty products, and clothing. For generations, direct sales businesses have offered Kentuckians the opportunity to provide for their families while providing benefits like flexible schedules and independence. This type of company has never been required to carry workers' compensation insurance on those who contract with them to sell products. However, there is a great deal of concern that the way workers' compensation laws are interpreted by courts today, these direct sellers may be considered employees rather than independent contractors. The measure, HB 186, clarifies the relationship and is now in the Senate waiting to be assigned to a committee.

I hope to continue updating you on our work in Frankfort. If you have any questions or comments about this session, I can be reached during the week from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. (EST) through the toll-free message line at 1-800-372-7181. They will ask you to share contact information, but I will get the message and I do indeed appreciate hearing from constituents. You can also contact me via e-mail at Travis.Brenda@lrc.ky.gov. You can keep track of committee meetings and potential legislation through the Kentucky Legislature Home Page at www.legislature.ky.gov and you can also follow me on Facebook @RepRTravisBrenda71 or on Twitter @RBrenda71.

Cromer named to Dean's List

Kaylynn Cromer, of Brodhead, was named to the Fall 2019 University of Kentucky College of Arts & Sciences Dean's List. During this term, Kaylynn's academic major was Modern & Classical Lang, Lit & Cultures. This accomplishment is a sign of Kaylynn's hard work and commitment to learning.

More than 1,950 undergraduate students have qualified for the Fall 2019 College of Arts and Sciences Dean's List. Students on the Dean's List earned 12 or more credit hours as letter grades with a minimum 3.60 Grade Point Average for the semester.

Moore named to Dean's List

Timothy Moore, a freshman at Eastern Kentucky University, was named to the Dean's List for the 2019 fall semester.

Moore, the son of Amber Moore of Calloway, is majoring in computer science.

He made the Dean's List with a 4.0 Grade Point Average.

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RCHS Band Members selected for WKU High School Honors Program

Congratulations to members of the RCHS band who were selected and auditioned for the 2020 Western Kentucky University High School Honors Band Program.

These students performed in concert on Western's campus this past Saturday along with other top high school musicians from Kentucky, Indiana, and Tennessee.

These talented young musicians had the opportunity to work with some of the best conductors in the U.S. including Mr. Brad Dubs, Director of Bands at Eldorado HS in Las Vegas, Mr. Darrin Davis, Director of Bands at Broken Arrow HS in Oklahoma, and Mr. Neil Swap, retired director of the New Mexico School for the Arts.

RCHS Band members include Lizzie Dixon, Devona Smith, Allison Dunn, and Julian Isaacs.

Kentucky Proud programs now available for members

Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Ryan Quarles is encouraging Kentucky Proud members and local organizations to apply for three Kentucky Proud promotional programs.

"Kentucky Proud grant programs help pro-

mote the Commonwealth's local foods and agricultural products," Commissioner Quarles said. "As a result, these grants also help Kentucky family farms and agricultural businesses succeed. The aim of these grants is

to help build economic ties that will last long after the grant is awarded."

The Buy Local program provides incentives for participating restaurants and other food service businesses to buy and use Kentucky Proud products for their customers. The program offers participants a 15 percent reimbursement for the cost of eligible Kentucky Proud farm food up to \$8,000 a year or a lifetime cap of \$36,000. For guidelines and an application, go to kyproud.com/buylocal. For more information, contact Chad Smith at chad.smith@ky.gov or (502) 782-4123.

The Farm to Fork program provides incentives for local organizations to host dinners that showcase local farms, farmers, producers, and Kentucky Proud products while benefiting a local charity. Participating organizations may be reimbursed up to \$1,000 for purchases of 100% Kentucky direct farm impact food products and associated promotional expenses. For more information, contact Alisha Morris at alisha.morris@ky.gov or (502) 782-4119. For

guidelines and an application, go to kyagr.com/marketing/farm-to-fork.html.

The Kentucky Proud Promotional Grant reimburses members for up to 50 percent of future eligible expenses for advertising, marketing, and reaching consumers at the point of purchase to promote agricultural products with direct Kentucky farm impact. Grants are limited to 10 percent of the applicant's reported direct Kentucky farm impact up to \$8,000 a year or a lifetime cap of \$36,000. For more information, contact Jonathan Van Balen at jonathan.vanbalen@ky.gov. For an application, guidelines, and other documents, go to kyagr.com/marketing/grants.html.

Kentucky Proud is administered by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. Funding for Kentucky Proud is provided through a grant from the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund.

President's List at Cumberlands

In recognition of academic performance, the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs at University of the Cumberlands has announced the students named to the President's List for the fall 2019 semester.

To be eligible for the President's List, students must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 4.0, receive an "A" grade in UC Engage, and be in good academic standing. Each of the students listed here meet those standards and have made the list of exceptional accomplishments.

The following students were named to the President's List for Fall 2019: John Cornelius, Laura Owens, Kaitlyn Smith, all of Mount Vernon, and Isaac Stratton of Renfro Valley.

Dean's List at Cumberlands

In recognition of academic performance, the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs at University of the Cumberlands has announced the students named to the Dean's List for the fall 2019 semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50 and be in good academic standing.

The following students were named to the Dean's List for Fall 2019: Cheyenne Brown, Haley Bullock, Zoe Burdette, John Cornelius, Amanda Hopkins, all of Mt. Vernon, Lucas Jones of Brodhead, Heather McClure, Laura Owens, Deliah Pyles, Kaitlyn Smith, all of Mount Vernon, Isaac Stratton of Renfro Valley, and Bailey Taylor of Brodhead.

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Notice is given that Judith Foster, 548 Orchardview Pl., Cincinnati, OH 45238, has filed a final settlement of her accounts as Administratrix of the Estate of Patricia Diane Fain, deceased. A hearing on said settlement will be held on February 19, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before that date. 1x1

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Rockcastle Archery hosts Blastoff Tournament

Rockcastle Archery hosted and competed in the New Year's Rocket Blastoff Tournament at Rockcastle County Middle School.

The RCHS Archery Team placed 2nd overall in the high school division with a team score of 3175.

Kyle Coffey led the team with a score of 285 and won a medal for placing 2nd in overall male archers and 2nd in the high school male archers division.

CJ Cameron shot a 277, placing 3rd and winning a medal in the high school male archers division.

Emily Maupin, the team's top female shooter, placed 4th and won a medal in the division of high school female archers.

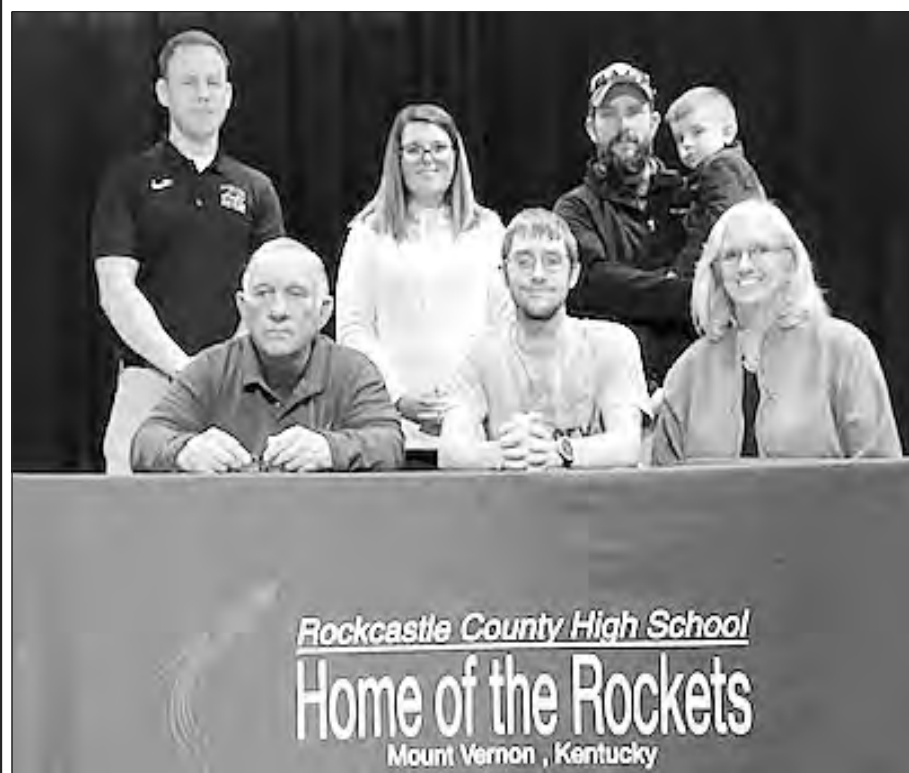
TJ Ramsey won a medal for placing 4th with a score of 272 in the high school male archer division.

Jacob Cook earned a medal for his 5th place shooting in the male archer division with a score of 271.

Daejeon Dean shot a 270 Gentry Phillips added to the team total with a 261. Allison McCoy shot a 258. Lara Renner and JT Kelley both shot a 253. This was JT's personal best at bullseye. Liz Renner shot a 252. Jameson Mink walked away with a score of 248 for the team, while Alyssa Martin shot a 245. Ethan Cromer shot a 244. Also shooting for the team were Jillian Wallin, Jasmine Johnson, and Haley Sanders.

The team shoots again Saturday, February 1 at Boyle Co.

Bullock signs with Lindsey Wilson



Logan Bullock, RCHS senior, officially signed to run Cross Country and Track for Lindsey Wilson College on Monday, January 27 at Rockcastle County High School. He received both an athletic scholarship (paying for room, board, and books) and a full tuition academic scholarship. Logan is looking forward to continuing his athletic and academic careers as a LWC Blue Raider. Pictured with Logan are front from left: his grandparents, Earl and Brenda Bullock. Back row from left: LWC Coach Nick Wilson, stepmother Heather Bullock, father Shannon Bullock, and brother Keegan Bullock.



RCHS Archery medal winners from left: Emily Maupin, 4th place overall female; Jacob Cook, 5th place overall male; Kyle Coffey, 2nd place overall male; and TJ Ramsey, third place overall male. Not Pictured: CJ Cameron, 3rd place overall male.

RCHS Archery staying busy in competitions

RCHS Archery has been busy since the beginning of 2020 preparing for the NASP Region 10 Tournament on February 8.

At their first team shoot on January 11 at the Boyle County Season Kickoff State Qualifier, the team had a good showing with a team score of 3070.

Junior Kyle Coffey led the team with a score of 289 and a perfect round of 50. He placed 4th in high school boys and 5th overall.

Freshman Daejeon Dean had a personal best with a score of 275 and was followed by Jacob Cook with his personal best of 272.

Gentry Phillips and CJ Cameron both shot well with scores of 264 and 261 respectively.

Sophomore Emily Maupin was the top female archer on the team with a score of 258.

Jameson Mink was consistent with a score of 255.

TJ Ramsey, Alyssa

Martin, Liz Renner, Allison McCoy, and Luke Cromer added to the team total.

Also shooting for the team was Lara Renner, Haley Sanders, Ethan Cromer, Kaiden Doan, and Jillian Wallin.

On January 18, the team competed at the Lincoln County High School Invitational Tournament where they earned a team total of 3179, just 4 points lower than the highest score in the school's history.

Again, Kyle Coffey led the team with a 288. Gentry Phillips added a 276 to the team total.

Top female archer, Emily Maupin, shot a new personal best of 275.

Daejeon Dean and Jacob Cook shot a 269 and 267, respectively.

Lara Renner added 266, her personal best, to the team total. CJ Cameron also shot a 266.

Allison McCoy shot a 261 while Liz Renner and Alyssa Martin both added a 257 to the team score.

Jameson Mink tied his

season high score with a 255 while TJ Ramsey shot a 242.

Newcomers Kaiden Doan and Haley Sanders shot personal bests with a 235 and 229, respectively.

Also shooting for RCHS were JT Kelley, Ethan Cromer, Like Cromer, Jillian Wallin, Emily Sturgill, and Jasmine Johnson.

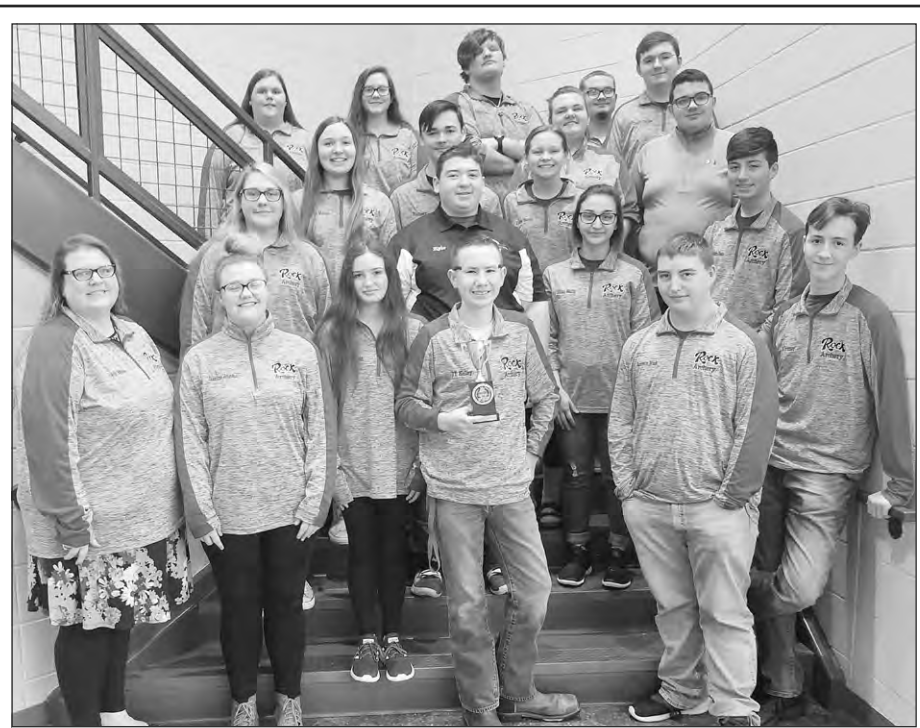
RCHS top archer, Kyle Coffey, has been busy this season attending as many tournaments as he can in order to get in extra practice for upcoming regional and state tournaments.

At the Lynn Camp 10 Meter Tournament, he shot a 295 of 300 with 25 tens. Kyle scores 2nd among high school boys and 3rd overall. He managed to pull off a 286 at Madison Central placing 8th overall.

In Scott County, Kyle shot a 288 and placed 2nd among high school boys and 2nd overall.

Practice is paying off for Kyle as he shot a 291 at B. Michael Caudill Middle placing 2nd overall and 1st among high school boys.

In Pulaski, Kyle placed 2nd among high school boys and 2nd overall with a score of 289. Kyle is the son of Scottie and Wanda Coffey of Mt. Vernon.



RCHS Archery Team with second place trophy. Pictured front from left are: Coach Melissa Renner, Jasmine Johnson, Emily Maupin, JT Kelley, Jameson Mink, and Ethan Cromer. Second row from left: Liz Renner, Kyle Coffey, Jillian Wallin, and Daejeon Dean. Third row from left: Allison McCoy, TJ Ramsey, Alyssa Martin, Emily Sturgill, and Luke Cromer. Back row from left: Haley Sanders, Lara Renner, Kaiden Doan, Jacob Cook, and Gentry Phillips. Not Pictured: CJ Cameron

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
Gardening and
Landscaping in the New
Year

Another year of seasons came and went, and more aches for the elderly, but a new generation of youth to encourage to landscape and inspire to garden more with more knowledge and passion.

This is the time of year when many garden catalogs used to arrive in the mail. Many still do, but some have gone to online catalogs only. I still enjoy putting my paws on a colorful and informative piece of literature though. There is something about snail mail that we will miss when it's gone.

Early ordering means you get the hot items before they are sold out. Late spring sales usually mean they marked down what they couldn't sell at full price. Sometimes waiting for a sale is good. But, if you have specific wants and needs, better get them while the inventory is good. Garden seeds and bare root fruit trees are typically items that sell out—at least the newer high demand items do.

Winter is for trimming and pruning. But we shouldn't get in too big a

hurry to rake, clean, burn, compost the old vegetation from last season. The old growth provides food and habitat for birds. It also inhibits early sprouting of weed seeds. (An untrmmed, unraked, bed of dead flowers will have far fewer volunteer dandelions than one where it's been prepped for spring in the fall.)

Trimming and pruning are ideally done when plants are dormant, but not frozen. (Don't do the trimming when it's in the teens or twenties...both you and the plants will suffer.)

Cold days are for dreaming from inside a warm home, while wistfully looking out. Such dreaming helps you wrap your mind around projects you would like to do at some future point. There doesn't seem to be the time available sometimes when you're busy. But, when you're bored, or need a break from the computer or television, take advantage of cold days to look your landscape over and dream of what might could be this coming spring, or sometime down the road.

Planning and designing the projects you've dreamed up can also be a winter chore. Everyone

who gardens, landscapes, operates a lawnmower always runs short of time and energy in the warm months. Use the chilly times when things aren't growing to plan for the future.

New ideas, new projects, new plantings are usually spring chores. But, to be sure they happen as desired, schedule them now. Either on your own calendar, for which days or weeks you can get to them, or call for a professional and get on his or her calendar early as springtime is always a busy time for a landscaper, construction worker, any outdoor business, and also most homeowners.

Resolutions are often broken before they're a month old. Still, why don't you resolve to make your garden or landscape prettier in 2020? And for those who don't have the time, may I suggest you take drastic action and cut television and smartphone time in half—I bet you'd then have plenty of time to garden and also get on with the yard improvements you've dreamed of.

The author is a landscaper. Comments and questions welcome.
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Adalynn Mae Manuel arrived at 2:13 p.m. on Dec. 18, 2019. She was 7 lbs. 5 oz. and 19 in. long. She is adored by her big sisters, Reagan and Everly. The proud parents are Luke and Amanda Manuel of Livingston. Grandparents are Steven and Ruth Collins of Lewisburg, TN, Wayne and Laverne Henson of Livingston, Tim and Teresa Manuel and James and Christine Manuel of Stoneville, NC. The family is thrilled with their new addition and overwhelmed with love.

83rd Birthday
Charles Sanders celebrated his 83rd birthday at his home in West Chester, Oh on January 7, 2020 with his family, sister Juanita and dog Bailey.

• Office of the Sheriff of Rockcastle County •

Pursuant to KY statute KRS 91A.040 the KY State Auditor of Public Accounts has completed the audit of the 2018 Incoming Sheriff Property Tax Account for the Rockcastle County Sheriff.

The auditor's opinion letter is being published by Auditor of Public Accounts on when the audit is released.

A copy of the complete audit report, including statements and supplemental information, is on file at the Sheriff's office and is available for public inspection during normal business hours.

Any citizen may obtain from the Sheriff a copy of the complete audit report, including financial statements and supplemental information, for their personal use.

Any citizen requesting a personal copy of the audit report will be charged duplication cost at a rate of twenty-five cents (\$.25) per page.

A copy of the financial statement prepared in accordance with KY KRS 424.220 is available to the public at no cost at the Office of Auditor of Public Accounts, 209 St. Clair Street, Frankfort, KY 40601.

/s/ Shannon Franklin,
Sheriff of Rockcastle County