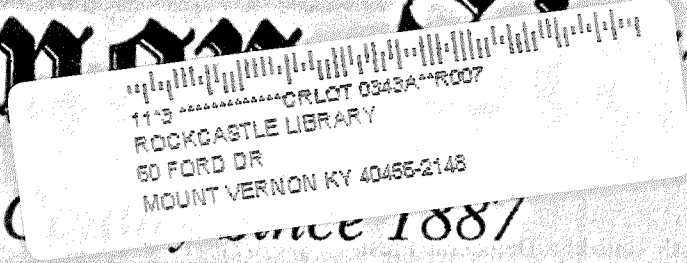


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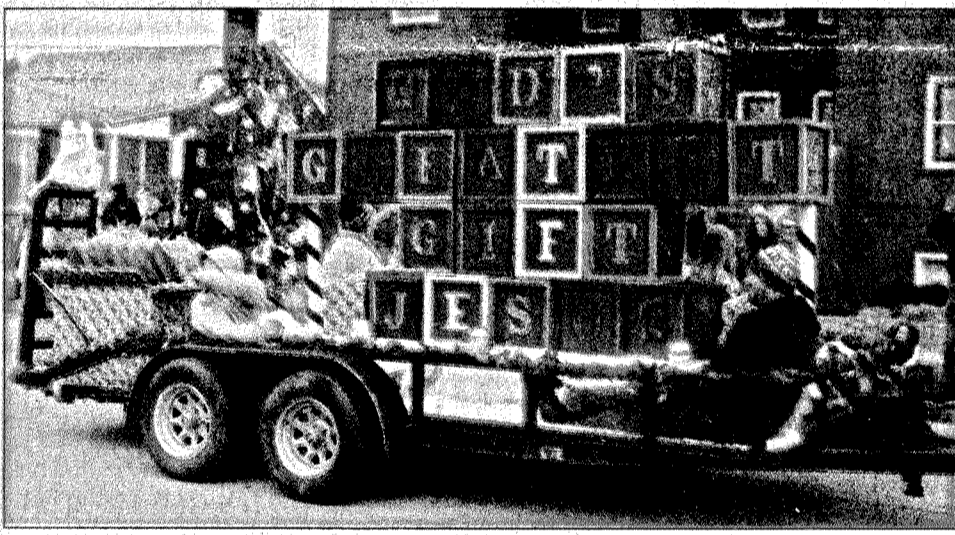
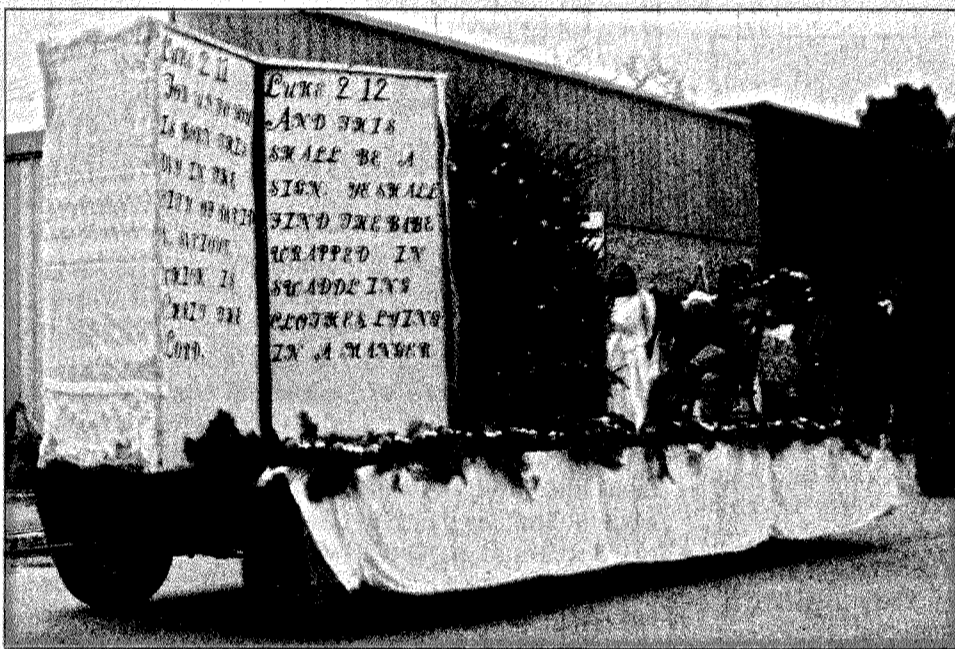


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Mount Vernon and Brodhead were busy last week with the Tree Lighting, Noel Night Market and Christmas Parades. Shown above is the tree lighting in Triangle Park. In the middle photo, Darla Reams with M&M Trading taking part in the Brodhead Christmas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

More photos from Noel Night and Tree Lighting can be found on page B1. All Christmas parade photos can be seen in next week's Christmas issue of the Mount Vernon Signal.



City finalizes paperwork for \$1 million grant

By: Mike French
Editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Fiscal Court hears plans for a new national event

Tables Sheriff's Budget

By: Mike French
Editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Livingston Christmas Parade

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

Mount Vernon Council

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

No paper December 26

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

Commissioners address several requests from Brodhead citizen

New officer on board

By: Mike French
Editor

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

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

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

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

School board holds last 2019 meeting

By: Mike French
Editor

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

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

building needs to be refurbished.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

into the Democrat Presidential campaign.

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

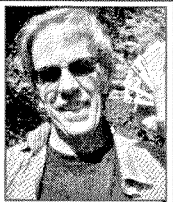
Of course, she is referring to the fact that she won the popular vote, entirely from California and New York where the illegal immigrant population is high -- not saying that's why but... she isn't smart enough to realize that doesn't count if you can't win the Electoral College which Trump did overwhelmingly.

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

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



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

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

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

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

potatoes if not for Angels.

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

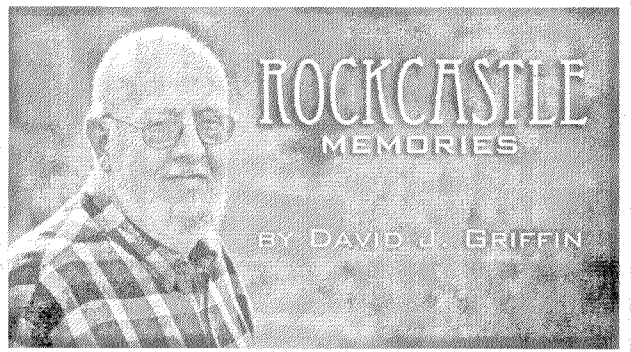
First, on a rainy midnight hour Wednesday night, a deer leaped in front of my truck as I was driving 50 mph on a back country road.

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

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

Then on Sunday, I

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The Cardinal

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

to gather up our assortment of bird feeders. We now have a spacious and fenced-in backyard, making it possible to place the feeders so that they are visible from different windows. We enjoy birds, year-

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



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

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

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

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

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Points East

By Ike Adams



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

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

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

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

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

before the close of business, to tell tales during the so-called "Children's Hour", a daily, social gathering where Clay is the only child present.

Readers should assume that the language got a little rough when Clay wasn't present.

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

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



If Walls Could Talk

Dear Journal,

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

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

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

When driving about, I

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“Ramblings”

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

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

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

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

“Aces”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I am betting it happens constantly throughout our days.

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

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

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

With my clumsiness, I could have broken both

of my jaws.

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

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

“Points East”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Purchase either book, directly from the author by sending a check or money order for \$20.00 per title to:

Todd Moberly, 2728 Old US Highway 25 North, Berea, KY 40403. Or get both titles as a set for \$35.00. Shipping is free on all purchases.

Email Todd Moberly at tand3c@windstream.net

“Memories”

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the front room window as they picked at the seeds.

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

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

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

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

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

“T.J.s”

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often see older homes, maybe almost a hundred years old or older. I can't help but think of all the families who have lived there over the years. In some cases, several generations of the same family has lived there. Imagine all of the special occasions the old house has known and all of the people who have lived there. I wonder how they decorated for Christmas. How many births and birthdays have been celebrated there? Maybe there have been weddings there as well. I'm sure that along with the celebrations, there have been sadness and hardship. There has been the death of family members, sickness, disappointment, and various losses have been contained within the walls.

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

There is an old house in London near the old Sue Bennett College that I just love. I've loved it for many years. It was for sale a few months ago. It looked to have been built in the 1920's.

It was a very nice brick home with a guest house in the back. It was very elaborate for the day.

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

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

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Bookmobile Schedule

Mon., Dec. 16th: No service. Tues., Dec. 17th: Scafold Cane, Clear Creek and Wildie. Wed., Dec. 18th: Wayne Stewart Center, Day Health/Senior Citizens, Cave Valley.

Health Department Hours

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

Rockcastle Retired Teachers Meeting

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

Boys Basketball Registration

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

Roaring 20s NYE Party Tickets

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

Holiday Schedule for Circuit Clerk's Office

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

15th Annual Coat/Toy Drive for Children

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

Celebrate Sobriety Service

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

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

VFW Post Item

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

Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

DAR Meetings

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

Brodhead Lodge Meeting

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Kiwanis Club Meetings

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

American Legion Post 71

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

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Obituaries

Coy Edward Bradley

Coy Edward Bradley, 79, of Renfro Valley, died Friday, December 6, 2019 at his home. He was born at Sand Springs in Rockcastle County on August 4,



1940, the son of Eugene and Minnie Doan Bradley. He had been an auto parts clerk for NAPA Auto Parts and was of the Baptist Faith. He loved wood-working, trading Fords, and working outside, but especially loved his grandchildren.

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

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

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

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

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

Christopher Hooker

Christopher Andrew Hooker, 22, of Stanford, died Thursday, December 5, 2019, at his residence. He was born December 14, 1996 in Boyle County to Scotty and Ethel Bishop Hooker.



He was self-employed doing mechanic work and "junking".

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kathleen Rowe Bearden

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

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

Graveside services were conducted Friday, November 27, 2019 at Elmwood Cemetery in Mount Vernon.

Arrangements are by the Cox Funeral Home. View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at www.coxfuneralhome.com.

Marcella Louise Hasty

Marcella Louise Hasty, 86, of Mt. Vernon, wife of Jearl, died Saturday, December 7, 2019 at her residence. She was born October 29, 1933 in Rockcastle



County, the daughter of the late Ernest and Nadine Doan Creech. She was of the Holiness faith, and had been employed at Parker Seal, Dresser, and Cowdens Manufacturing. She found great enjoyment in crocheting and reading. On December 31, 1949, she was united in marriage to Jearl Hasty and from that union came six children,

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

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

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

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

Bennett Leon Brown

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

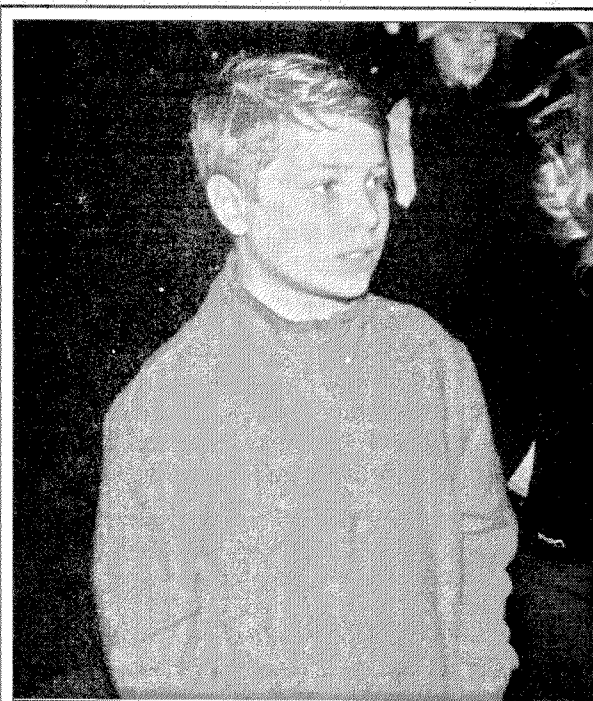
He was preceded in death by: his wife, Berthe Brown; his parents; brothers, Clarence J. and M. Austin Brown; sisters, Mildred Thompson, Betty Lawrence and Joyce Whitaker; four brothers-in-law, two sisters-in-law and one special nephew.



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

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

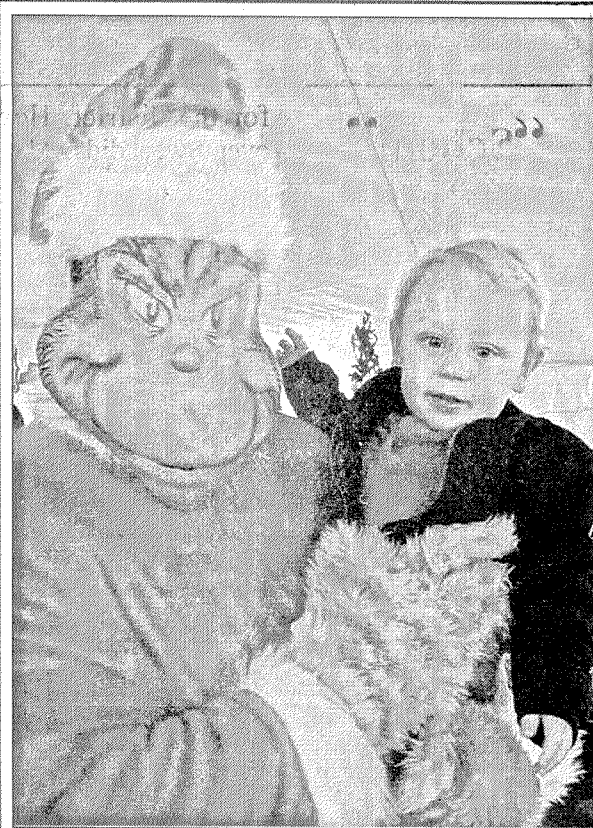
A memorial in Bennett's honor will be held at a later date, in accordance with his wishes, at the family's convenience. No viewing or funeral will be conducted.



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



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



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

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Success after success throughout county

E.J. Taylor Christmas parade

By: Mike French
Editor

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

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

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

Mount Vernon events

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

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

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

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

Noel Night Market

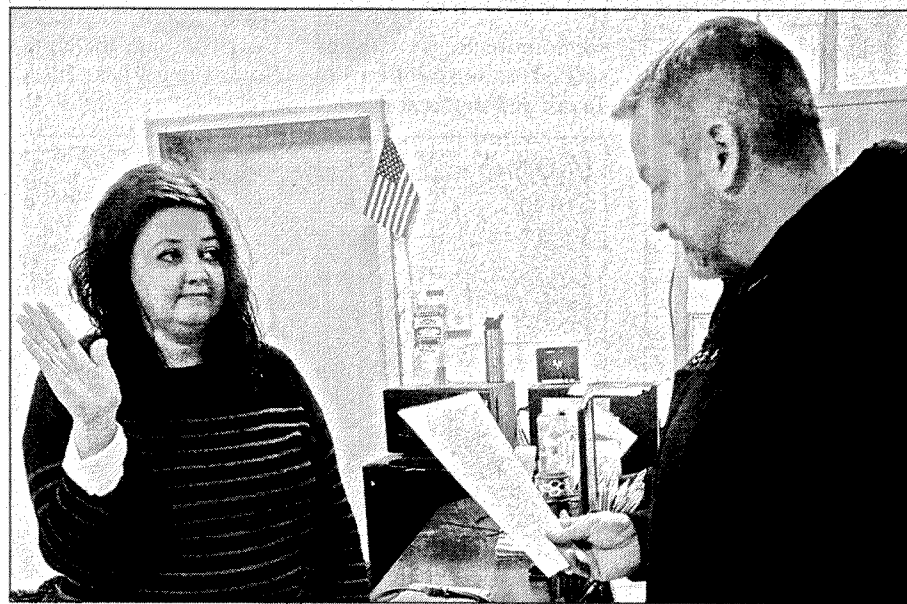
The Annual Noel Night Market has once again been labeled a huge success by all local officials.

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

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

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

New City Commissioner



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

"Court"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Brodhead"

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

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

However, several members of the commission spoke up about the

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

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

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

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

Commissioners also agreed to pay the city's bills.

During Department reports, Davis reported that Josh Foster has been serving part time as a police officer in Brodhead, he has now completed the Police Academy training and is the second full time police officer on the Brodhead Police force.

"He did extremely well in the academy and I am certain he will do extremely well as a police officer for the City of Brodhead," said Davis. "He completed over 800 hours of intense training and we are very proud of him."

The commission entered executive session to officially present Foster with a \$2/hour raise since he is now a full time, graduated police officer and commissioners and Mayor Walter Cash discussed certain areas of concern that they asked the new officer to "keep an eye on" while performing his duties.

Commissioners then entered open session and adjourned the meeting.

"School"

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wide.

The new rate is about \$47,000 higher but Sweet says this rate is less than most. "We have an excellent safety record and our staff and department heads do a wonderful job of providing a safe environment for our students and our employees."

Board member Jeff VanHook asked some technical questions about the policy itself and Sweet provided all the information in question. The motion to approve the insurance was approved in a unanimous vote.

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

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

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

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

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

Full Time Classified Employees: Bert King, Assistant Girl's Basketball Coach at RCHS; Ashley McKinney, Volunteer Assistant Girl's Basketball Coach at RCHS;

Reva McKinney, School Secretary at RCMS; Jenni Ellis, Clerical Assistant at RCMS; Brenda McKnight, Custodian at RCMS; Aaron Rupard, Head Softball Coach at RCHS; Mike Pingleton and Tabitha Gay, Bus Drivers.

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

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

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

"Grant"

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applied.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPORTS

Lady Rockets open season with big win over Lincoln County

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Rockets were up

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

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

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

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

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

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

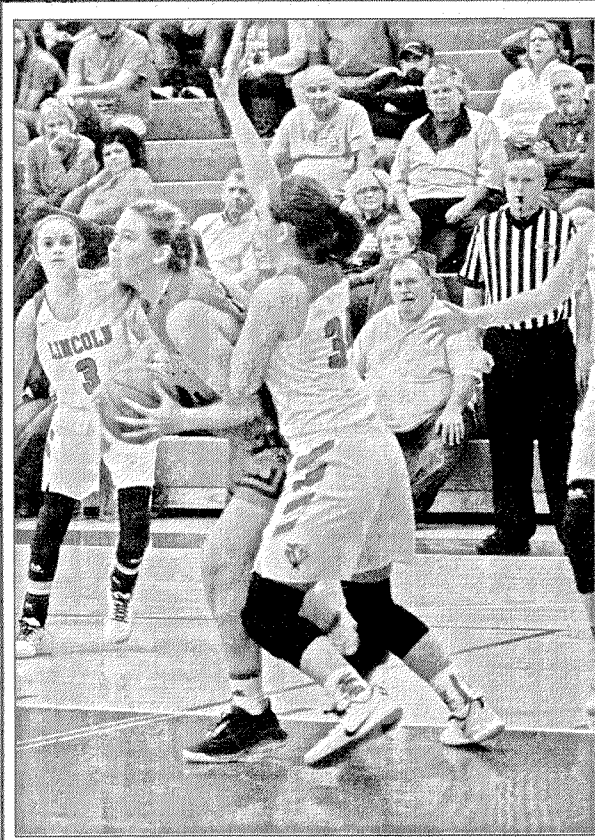
Lady Jayvee Rockets lose to Tates Creek

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

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

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

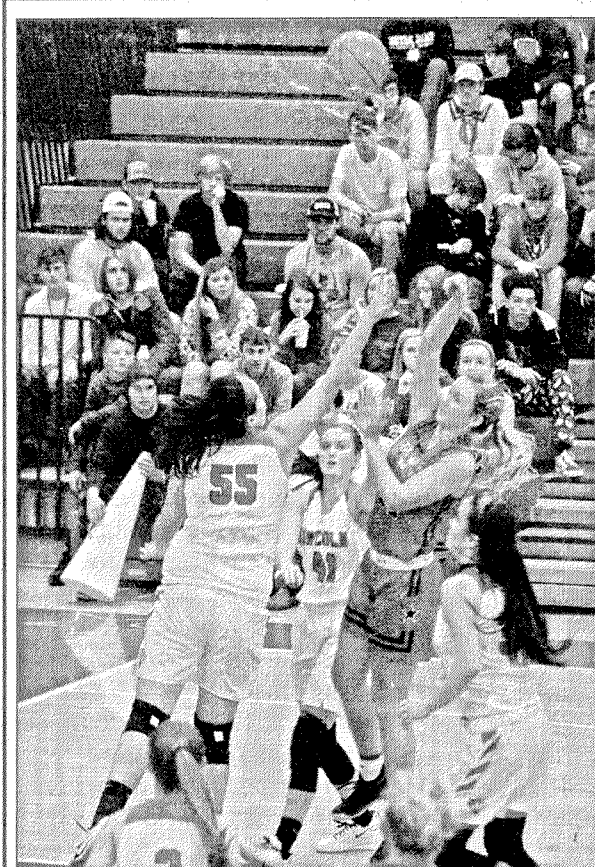
Rockets/LadyRockets host Somerset Friday night



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



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



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



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

Rockets lose big to Lincoln Co. Patriots

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

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

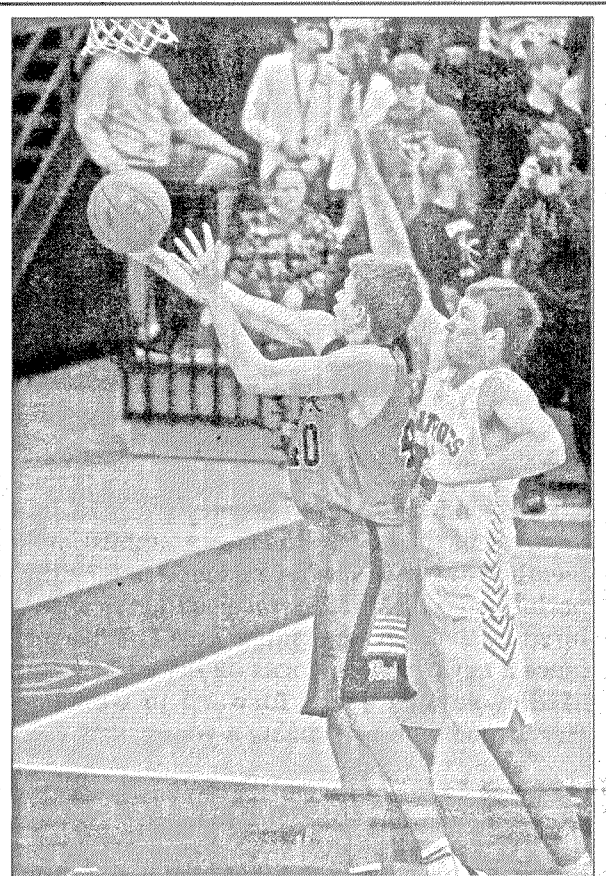
Leading scorer for the Rockets was eighth grader Will Bishop with 22 points; senior Logan Noel got 8; sophomore Reese Coguer scored 4; senior Bentley Taylor and sophomore Silas

Shaffer, 2 each and senior Andrew Hurt 1.

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

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

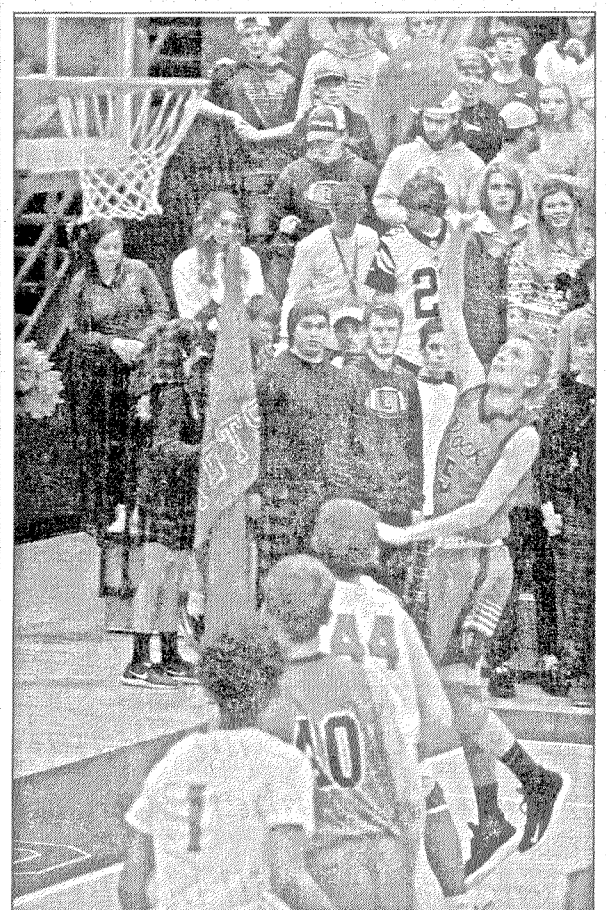
The Rockets will then play Western Hills in the Jim Lankster Classic at Sayre on Saturday, Dec. 14th before hosting Southwestern at home on Monday, Dec. 16th and traveling to Boyle County next Tuesday night.



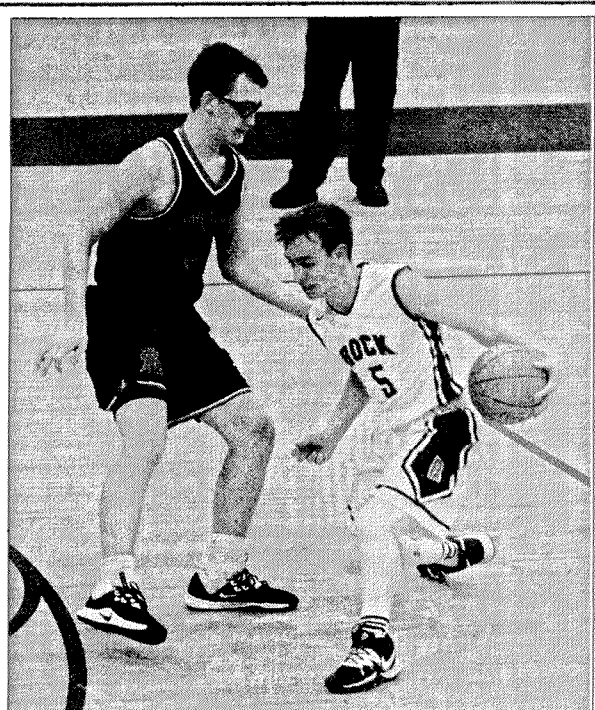
Will Bishop goes up for two of his team's 22 points in the Rockets' loss to Lincoln County Friday night.



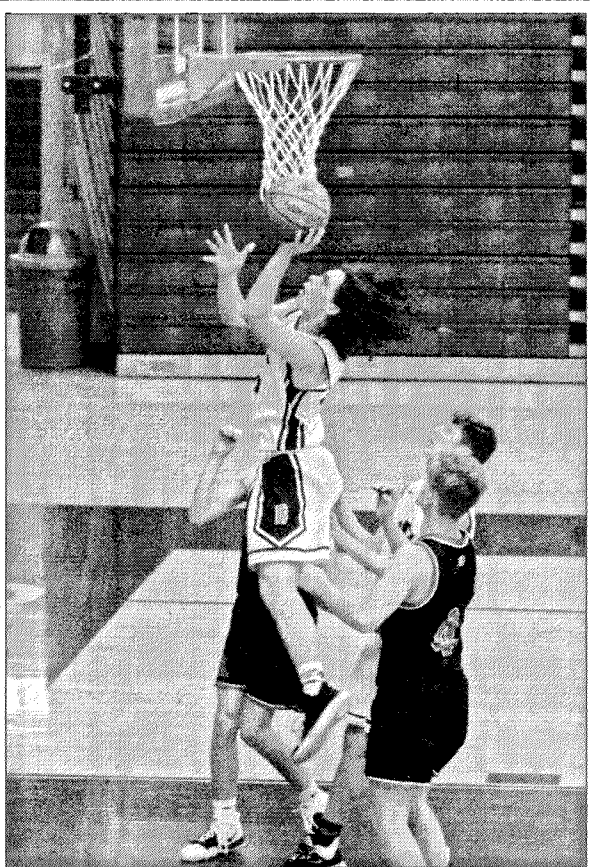
Logan Noel looks for a teammate during the Rockets' 63-39 loss to Lincoln County Friday night. The Rockets opened their season with a 65-55 win over McCreary Central.



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



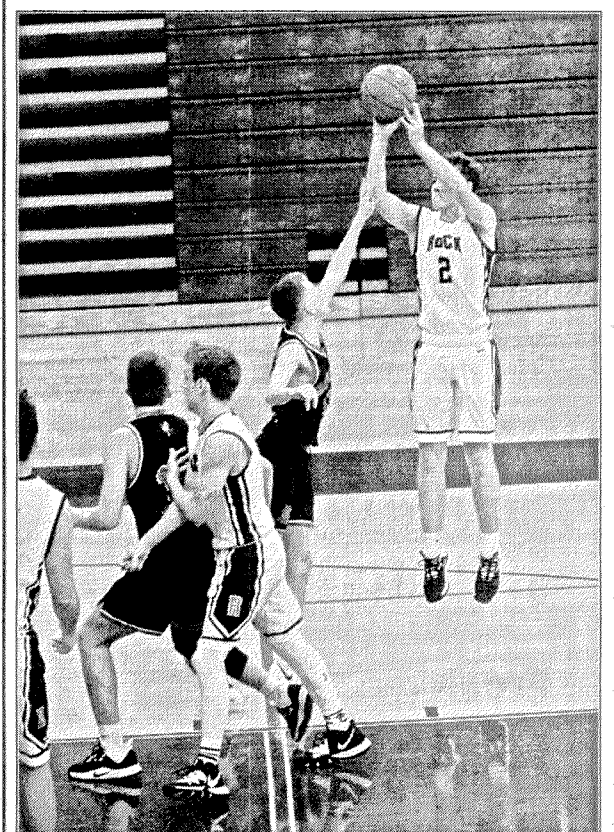
Reese Coguer works around a defender during the Rocket junior varsity's loss to South Laurel Saturday.



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



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



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



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

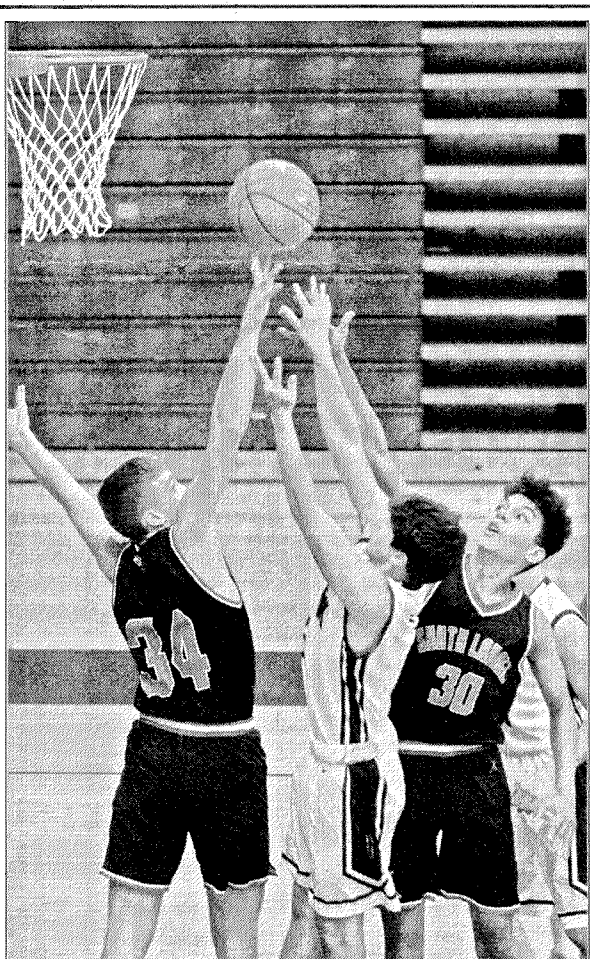
Rockcastle Farm Bureau receives Gold Star Award

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

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



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



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

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Financial Aid Tip of the Month

Students should pay attention to deadlines for financial aid

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

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

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

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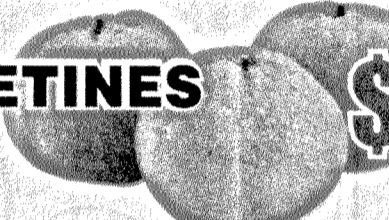
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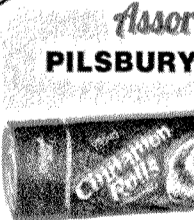
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Second Section

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Scenes from Tree Lighting/Noel Night



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



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



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



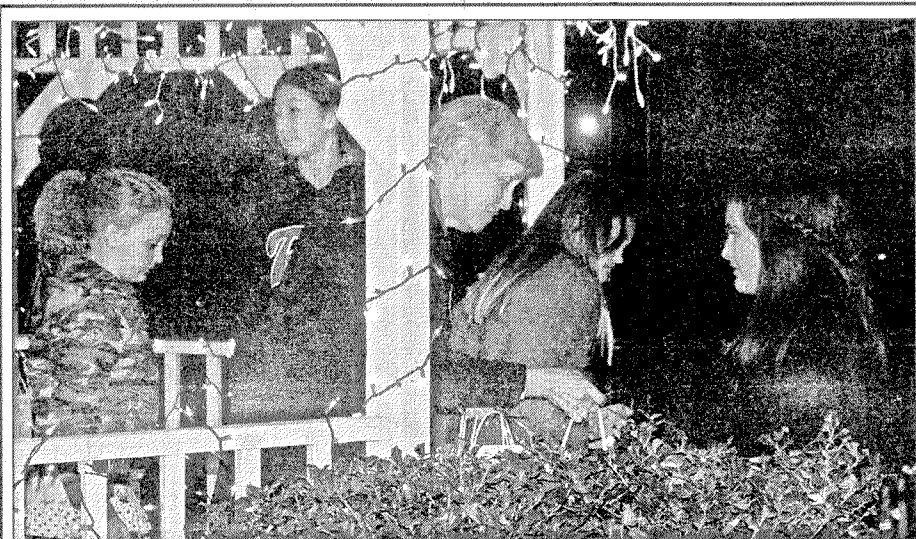
The MVES Pentatones, under the direction of Mrs. Jamie Cornelius, performed for those in attendance during the Tree Lighting last Thursday.



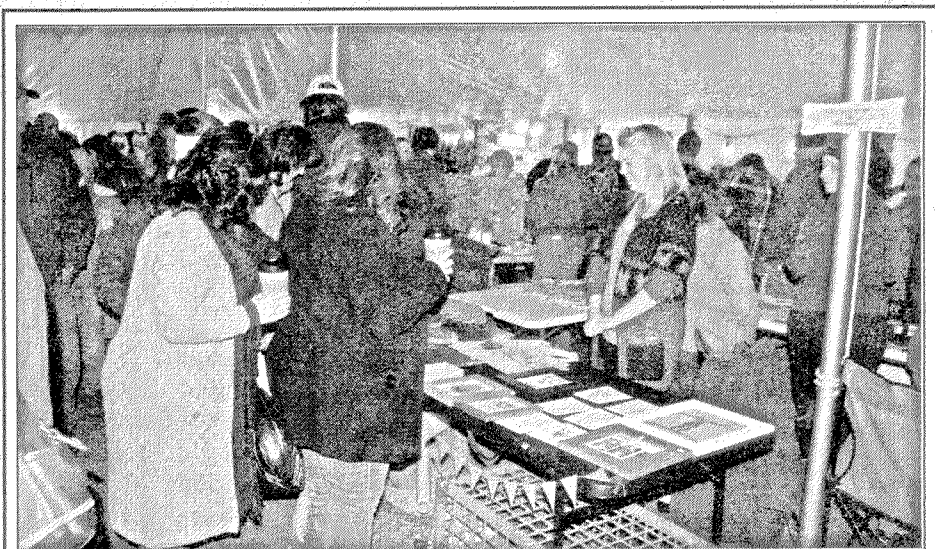
Twinkle, Santa Claus, Patrick and Penelope enjoyed visiting with those in attendance at Noel Night Market in Mt. Vernon last Thursday.



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



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



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



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



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

News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Circuit Civil Suits

Kentucky Housing Corp. v. Hubert L. Glover, et al, \$18,051 plus claimed due.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. Paula Barron, \$6,940 plus claimed due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Cabinet for Families, Ex Rel Sherri Brolin v. Kenneth D. Brolin, complaint for child support and medical support.

Credit Acceptance Corp. v. Ryan Rudie, \$9,062 plus claimed due. CI-00247

District Civil Suits

Printed below are recent civil suits filed against delinquent 2017 property taxpayers and the amount owed.

The suits were all filed on behalf of the Commonwealth of Kentucky By and Relation of William Landrum III, Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet.

Adams Higgins, \$60.29.

Crystal Jones, \$36.70.

Darrin Kelley, \$83.80.

Melissa Kirby, \$256.47.

Kenna N. Lawrence, \$688.14.

Mike Lear, \$297.72.

Gary Marler, \$83.80.

Danny Martin, et al, \$177.97.

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Heather McClure, \$805.92.

Herbert McPherson, \$209.39.

Charles Miller, \$52.39.

Rocky Miller, \$256.47.

Travis Miller, \$75.95.

Darrell Morgan, \$60.28.

Brenda Moss, et al, \$177.97.

James Price, \$146.58.

Snowie Niceley, \$99.49.

Lester Ratliff, \$177.97.

Kenneth Reams, \$115.19.

Amy Renner, \$256.47.

James Renner, \$334.96.

Jeff Richards, \$115.19.

Rick Robinson, \$491.98.

Amber Rowe, \$83.80.

Bennie Sanders, \$491.98.

Tom D. Sandlin, \$592.44.

Janet Simpson, \$115.19.

Dawn Smith, \$177.97.

Bonita Spoonamore, et al, \$130.90.

Mary Stallsworth, et al, \$99.49.

Jerusha Stallsworth, \$115.19.

Artie M. Stevens, \$177.97.

Mary Jo Stewart, et al, \$1,119.90.

Megan Stewart, et al, \$60.28.

Krista Stewart, et al, \$648.95.

Jessica Thomas, et al, \$130.90.

Autumn Kern, et al, \$99.49.

Lowell Whitson, et al, \$513.94.

James D. Wilson, \$99.49.

Frankie Woodall, \$99.49.

Tommy Woodall, \$83.80.

Candi Wright, \$272.20.

Second Round Sub v. Ashley Barnett, complaint. C-00547

District Court

Dec. 2-4, 2019

Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless

Michael L. Adkins: speeding, careless driving, no/expired registration plates-receipt, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to surrender revoked operators license, failure to produce insurance card, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

Mathew R. Fletcher: failure to produce insurance card, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. ins., no operators/moped license, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, license to be in possession, rim or frame obscuring lettering or decal on plate, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, bw issued for fta.

Zachary B. Goebel: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure of owner to maintain insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, no/expired registration plates-receipt, bw issued for fta.

Joshua D. Hughes: speeding, license to be in possession, rear license not illuminated, improper equipment (two counts), license plate not legible, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

John Bishop Kemper: speeding, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, no/expired registration plates-receipt, bw issued for fta.

Joshua L. Wright: public intoxication, bw issued for fta.

Speeding: Alexander H. Ayres, Sidney L. Brown, Jo A. Buzzard, Robert I. Hendrickson, Eileen A. McKnight, Crystal L. Miller, Trinity M. Ross, Kelsie L. Thomas, Ronald J. Varda, Jeffery Dwain Wilkerson, Devin Lawrence Miller, Scott Brenton Smith, Connie Lynne Hall, Tayshauhn Douglas Kane Stamper, license suspended for fta; Aldo Alberto Barnes, \$30 fine plus costs/fine suspended; Brianna D. Bybee, \$28 fine/suspended on condition.

Gary M. Berryman: possession of marijuana, bw issued for fta.

Christopher S. Brock: speeding and operating on suspended/revoked operators license, 5 days in jail for contempt.

Charles Julian: alcohol intoxication, \$100 fine plus costs; alcohol intoxication, \$50 fine plus costs.

Ashley Yauger: public intoxication, 15 days in jail/probated 24 months/costs waived.

Brian Yauger: disorderly conduct, 5 days in jail; criminal trespassing, \$100 fine.

Mark Baker: failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, \$500 fine plus costs.

Georgeanna L. Blackburn, possession of

controlled substance, sentencing order entered.

Ashley D. Bussell: fines/fees due (\$143), bw issued for fta/3 days in jail or payment in full.

Thomas J. Carpenter: fines/fees due (\$303), bw issued for fta/7 days in jail or payment in full.

Jarrod Cheatham: Viol Part 392, Fed Safety Reg., Driving of motor vehicle; Pt 396, Fed Safety Regs, Inspect/Repair/Maintenance, bw issued for fta.

Brianna Clem: fines/fees due (\$573), bw issued for contempt/12 days in jail (to serve).

Jennifer R. Creech: fines/fees due (\$173), bw issued for contempt/4 days in jail.

Kevin Damrell, Sr: fines/fees due (\$213), bw issued for contempt/5 days in jail.

Stephanie R. Doyle: fines/fees due (\$298), bw issued for contempt/6 days on payment in full.

Ricky Duvall: speeding, license to be in possession,, license suspended for fta.

Dwayne L. Elam: fines/fees due (\$468), contempt, 10 days in jail or payment in full.

Rasales Macias Francisco: speeding, no operators/moped license, failure to wear seat belts, license to be in possession, bw issued for fta.

Dustin H. Gilbert: fines/fees due (\$165), contempt, 4 days in jail/bw issued.

Erin Hayes: failure to wear seat belts, license to be in possession, no/expired Kentucky registra-

tion receipt, failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for fta.

Terry Lynn Hensley: theft by unlawful taking, sentencing order entered.

Leah C. Johnson: theft by deception (two counts), bw issued for fta.

Kyle P. Laclair: speeding and reckless driving, license suspended for fta.

Delbert Wayne Leger: fines/fees due (\$288), contempt, 6 days in jail, bw issued.

David Lee Mahaffey: failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, failure to produce insurance card, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, improper display of registration plates, failure to or improper signal, bw issued for fta.

Jacob Martin: possession controlled substance, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, bw issued for fta.

Kalah Martin: fines/fees due (\$143), contempt, 3 days in jail/bw issued.

Megan Elizabeth McCracken: fines/fees due (\$773), 16 days in jail/to serve/concurrent.

Trevor McGrath: fines/fees due (\$163), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail.

Alexander D. New: no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine/suspended; no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, \$25 fine/suspended; failure of non owner operator to maintain req. insurance, \$500 fine/costs waived; inadequate sile-

lencer, \$50 fine/suspended.

David R. Pearson: fines/fees due (\$223), 5 days in jail/bw issued.

Gary R. Ramsey: fines/fees due (\$158), 4 days in jail/bw issued for fta.

Richard Zane Sewell: speeding and reckless driving, license suspended for fta.

Seth Thomas Taylor: fines/fees due (\$398), eight days in jail/to serve concurrent.

Christian Vazquez: speeding, no operators/moped license, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, failure to produce insurance card, failure to wear seat belts, no/expired registration plates-receipt, license to be in possession, failure to notify address change to dept. of transp., bw issued for fta.

Angelico Palacios Velasco: speeding, \$36 fine plus costs; no operators/moped license, \$100 fine.

Elizabeth A. Weakley: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, careless driving, bw issued for fta.

Landon Winchester: fines/fees due (\$950), bw issued for fta/18 days in jail.

Tammy Winstead: fines/fees due (\$143), bw issued for fta/3 days in jail.

Brian Yauger: public intoxication, 5 days in jail/costs waived/concurrent; criminal trespass, \$100 fine/costs waived.

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The Dove's Wings Are Broken

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

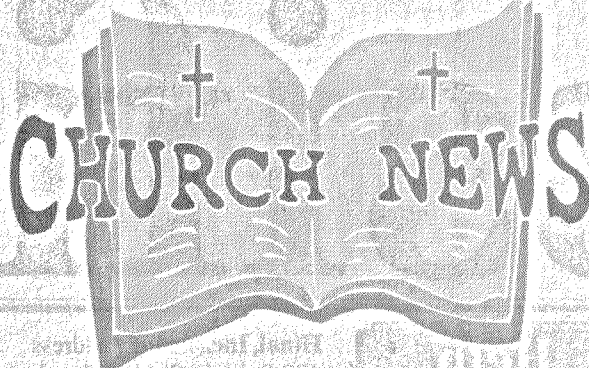
(Nothing sets a person so much out of the devils reach as humility) Thank you for reading this article submitted by the Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ. We would love for you to come and worship with us- Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. or Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. You can contact us at these numbers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

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Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

Special Service

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

Pastor Jimmy Miller will be the special speaker.

Ralph Chasteen and congregation invite everyone.

Christmas Program

at First Christian

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

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

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

Live Nativity at

CrossPoint Church

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

Hot cocoa and cider will be served.

Pastor Matt Griggs and congregation invite everyone.

Gospel Singing

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

Ralph Reynolds, Pastor and congregation welcome all.

First Baptist Christmas programs

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

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

A Special Christmas Message

I'm greeting you from Heaven.

My glorious home above;

Where there's a host of angels

Surrounding us with love.

We knew our parting day was nearing,

"Let us not be afraid; Lord, give us just the strength to bear it!"

Was, what we daily prayed.

Somehow, we got it all together--

The strength we sought was won!

We clasped the outstretched hand of God

And said, "Thy will be done."

Yet, still I'm sure you feel alone

But, Dear, we're not apart;

The best of me I left with you,

It's called a beating heart!

Now when you feel discouraged,

When no one seems to care,

Just place both hands upon the spot

And find me waiting there!

From Ivan McKinney (1921-2012) to my lovely wife, Flossie Christine.
Merry Christmas,
Darling
I Love You!!

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

First Southern National Bank Plaintiff

V.

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

NOTICE OF SALE

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

At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky

on Friday, December 13, 2019

Beginning at the Hour of 11:00 a.m.

Said property being more particularly described as follows:

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

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

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

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

1004 Big Cave Road, Orlando, KY 40460-9015

Map ID #060W-00-003

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

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

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

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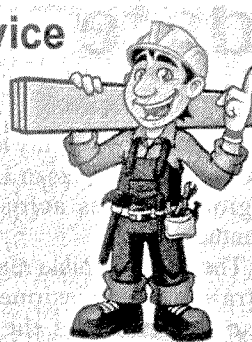
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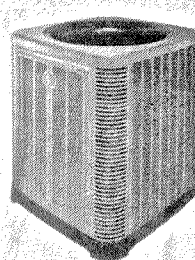
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Frankfort Update

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Mt. Vernon Message

School News

Buy your child's yearbook online beginning Nov. 1st. Go to www.balfour.com and

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

MVES and we will send home with your child.

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

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

Spirit Cards are available for individual purchase. We have Mt. Vernon, Somerset, London/Corbin and Berea/Richmond cards available. Please contact Linda Hamm or Cindy McCullough to purchase.

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

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

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

Minds in the Middle

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

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

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

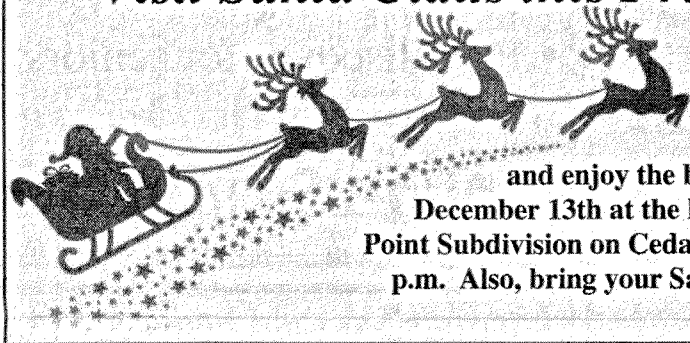
There will be hot chocolate and cookies on sale at break on Thursday and Friday. This is an 8th grade fundraiser for the 8th grade trip.

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

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

Visit Santa Claus this Friday night and enjoy

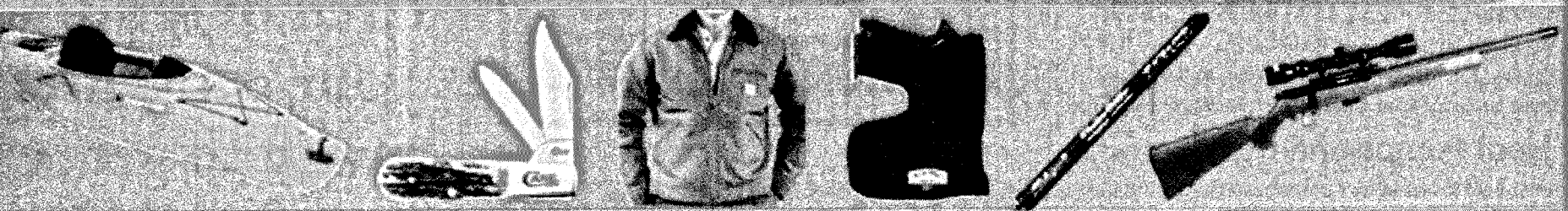
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