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## Beautiful snow arrives in time for Livingston's parade

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



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

By: Mike French Reporter

A Rockcastle County teen will be tried as an adult in the double murder of her parents, after a hearing in Rockcastle District Court last week.

Sixteen year-old Brooklyn Reynolds, whose name had not been released because of her age, will be charged with complicity to commit murder.

On June, 8 Chara Bryant, 35, and her husband, William Bryant, 36, were found murdered in their home in Rockcastle County and Reynolds is accused of helping her boyfriend, Christopher Evans, 22, of Somerset, murder her mother and step father.

Police arrested and charged Evans with the murder and charged Reynold

(See "Murder" on A7)

## Livingston sewer system to receive needed upgrades

The City of Livingston's sewer system will be getting a much-needed upgrade, thanks to the City of Taylorsville, Mayor Jason Medley told council members Monday night at their regular meeting.

Medley said that he had heard that Taylorsville was in the process of upgrading their system and he e-mailed

them and asked for the equipment they would be replacing and they said yes.

"This means our system will be up to standard for probably the first time in 10-15 years," Medley told the council. The mayor said the city would be getting pumps, control boards, etc. worth, at least, \$15-\$20,000

(See "Sewer" on A7)

## Brodhead council proud of city lights and new city pride

By: Mike French Reporter

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

The entire town looks phenomenal." Burton was referring to the town's Christmas decorations during the regular monthly meeting of the city council Monday night.

"I couldn't agree more," (See "Sewer" on A7)

## Candidates continue to register for primary

By: Mike French Reporter

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

Candidates may register for the May 22, 2018 Primary election until the last

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

A recap of those registering as candidates, and the office they are seeking, thus far are:

Janet Vaughn, Property Valuation Administrator.

(See "Vote" on A7)

## School, district rates high on audit report

By: Mike French Reporter

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

"This district has been very responsible by not cutting services while facing budget cuts that have greatly affected other districts," said Debbie Maynard, spokesperson for White and Associates. "We have every confidence in this district."

The report was given during Tuesday night's regular monthly meeting of the school board.

In other action Finance Director Jenny Sweet informed the board that workers comp contribu-

## Correction

In last week's issue of the *Mount Vernon Signal*, we inadvertently listed Donnie Cope and Kevin Begley as candidates for magistrate. They are actually running for constable. Please see the primary election recap in this issue.

We apologize for the error.

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

helps our district greatly," she said.

However, as part of the pension system overhaul underway now in Frankfort, a part of the bill already approved by the

Kentucky Retirement System, has increased the district's contribution by over \$400,000 next year for classified employees.

"Our rate went from (See "School" on A7)

## Large narcotic roundup in Rockcastle

By: Mike French Reporter

For the second time this year, the Mount Vernon Police Department has made a massive drug roundup in Rockcastle County. In fact, for the second time in 2017, it is one of the biggest roundups in Kentucky.

Saturday, December 9, members of the Mount Vernon Police Department culminated a seven month investigation into the sale and distribution of narcotics in Rockcastle County with the arrest of 14 local residents.

According to MVPD Assistant Chief Joe Rush, the investigation has been on-going and has involved the entire department.

Thirteen suspects were arrested Saturday morn-

ing and another on Monday and police continue to search for one.

Some of the 15 suspects

had been under investigation for some time but in order to find the other individuals, arrests had to wait until the

## MVPD arrests 14

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



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

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## Aces Over

By: Mike French



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Points East

By Ike Adams



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

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

who now enjoy modern heating systems feel the same way.

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

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

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## T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



### The Quest to Finish the Unfinished

Dear Journal,

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

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

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

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

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

### Concerned about duck hunters...

Dear Editor,

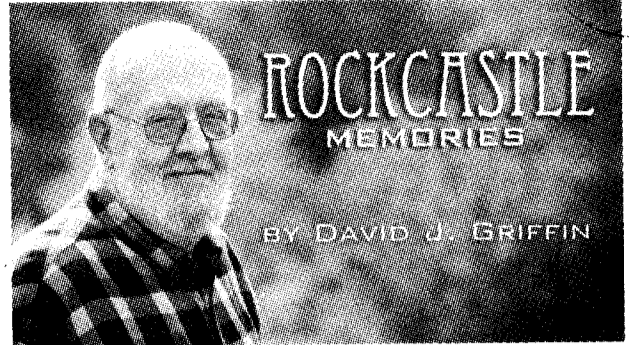
I am writing to express my concerns about duck hunters at Lake Linville. Two weeks ago, the hunters were putting out decoys on the marina end of the lake. Rumor is they were told it's illegal to hunt in that area and the decoys were moved.

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

the lake.

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

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### Jigsaw Puzzles

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

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

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

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

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

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

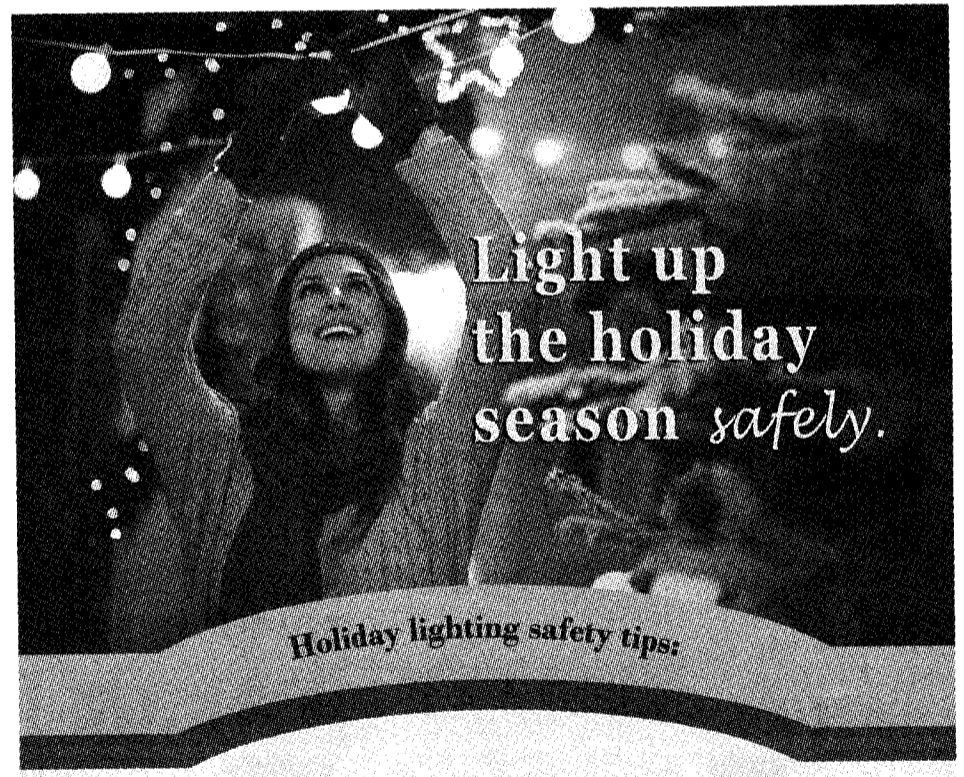
According to the Alzheimer Society of Canada, working these puzzles is one of many activities that can keep the brain active. Today, many nursing homes have tables where residents can sit for hours occupying their time with such brainteasers.

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

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



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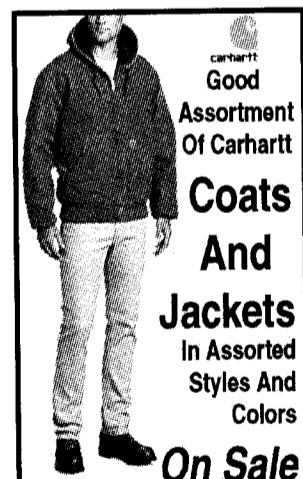
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## Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

### COC Election Results

On December 6, 2017 Gloria Robbins, Andrew Laswell, John D King; Donnie Hurst and Timothy Mink and Carol Sigmon, Advisor were present for tabulated the COC election ballots for LAA-3. Tabulated ballot counting were as follows:  
 Brenda Parsons 99  
 Carol J Sigmon 1  
 Spoiled 9  
 Total Ballots received and counted 109

A total of 12 ballots were returned as undeliverable.

Brenda Parsons was declared the winner. Brenda Parsons will take office on January 1, 2018. The COC members for 2018 will be Donnie Hurst, Timothy Mink and Brenda Parsons.

The Census of Agriculture is a Producer's Voice, Future, and Opportunity

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

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

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

### Service Center.

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

### Important program dates and Interest Rates

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## "Memories"

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good for her to have that time-consuming hobby.

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

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

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

## Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps

### JUJUBE: Unusual and Attractive, Fruit Bearing Tree

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

## "Points East"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

drawback in more rural settings.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## "T.J.'s"

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

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

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

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

## "Letters"

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

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

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

Sincerely,  
 Kathy Horrar

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

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 Tuesday, Dec. 19th: Ottawa and Bee Lick. The library will be closed Mon., Dec. 25th and Tues., Dec. 26th.

### Rockcastle Co. Health Dept.

#### Holiday Hours

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

#### Change in Permit & License testing

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

#### Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

#### VFW Post Item

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

#### Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings

\*Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Located in the Community Outreach Center (next to Fairgrounds), every Monday, 6 to 8 p.m. 606-308-3368 or 606-308-3099.  
 \*Celebrate Recovery-Northside Baptist every Tuesday, 6 to 8 p.m. 606-256-5577.  
 \*Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies, Northside Baptist, Wednesday at 7 p.m. 606-256-5577.  
 \*Broken Chains Bible Study at Cruisers Motorcycle Sales on Hwy. 25 North, 4 miles north of Mt. Vernon every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. 859-302-2431.  
 \*Celebrate Recovery-Livingston at Livingston School cafeteria. Friday, 6 to 8 p.m. 859-314-7828.

#### DAR Meetings

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

#### Brodhead Lodge Meeting

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

#### Alcoholics Anonymous

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

#### Kiwanis Club Meetings

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

#### Historical Society Hours

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

#### American Legion Post 71

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

# Obituaries

## Henry Wayne Richards

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



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

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

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

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

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

Condolences may be made at [www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com](http://www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com)

## Joyce Faye Hayes

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



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

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

Friends may call from 12 noon until time of services. Please visit [www.DowellMartin.com](http://www.DowellMartin.com) to view online obituary.

## Lillian Jolene Bullen

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



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

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

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. The Family request contributions to: Hospice Care Plus, 208 Kidd Drive, Berea, KY 40403. Please visit [www.DowellMartin.com](http://www.DowellMartin.com) to view online obituary.

## Lucille Pingleton

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

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

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

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

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

## J. B. "Jay" Durham

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

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

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

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

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Please visit [www.DowellMartin.com](http://www.DowellMartin.com) to view online obituary.

## John Baker

John Baker, 79, of Brodhead, died Friday, December 8, 2017 at his home surrounded by family. He was born June 11, 1938 to the late Chester and Katherine (Wilson) Baker in Manchester. He proudly served his country in the United States Army as an SP5.

He retired from Duncan Machine and was also a carpenter. He found great joy in hunting, fishing, trading knives and guns and wood-working.

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

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

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

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

Honorarybearers were: Chester Robbins and Howard Baker.

Condolences to the family may be made at [www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com](http://www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com)

An encouraging word:

## Lest We Forget

By Howard Coop



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

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

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

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

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



### Free Bible Courses

Free Bible Correspondence Course. Send your name and address to 3168 Quail Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

### Let the Bible Speak

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

### Christmas Eve Mass

Our Lady of Mt. Vernon would like to wish you a Blessed Merry Christmas and invite you to our Christmas Eve Mass at 10:30 p.m. on December 24th. Please come and celebrate the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Medley Boys will be guest musicians, providing music before and during the service.

### First Christian Christmas Events

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

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

### Philadelphia United Baptist Church

•Sunday School - 10 a.m.  
- Worship Service at 11 a.m.  
•Sunday night Service - 6 p.m.

•Wednesday Bible Study at 7 p.m.

•Church service at the Brodhead nursing home the first Sunday of each month.

•Church Singing every fourth Sunday at 6 p.m. Come out to sing or be with us. Everyone welcome.

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## When The Crazy Gunman Walks Into Church

What do you say when the crazy gunman comes into your church service and is ready to end your life? What do you say when you are asked if abortion is wrong? What do you do when a college professor tries to embarrass you in front of the class by belittling your conservative Christian convictions? What do you do when a radical Muslim says to confess Allah or die?

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

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

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

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

Reference: "The Christian Informer" Vol 36, No 06. December 2017 by Aaron Battey  
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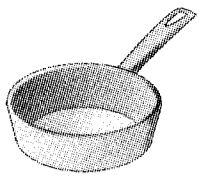
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# Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



## BLACKBERRY JAM CAKE

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

1/2 cup shortening  
2 cups sugar  
5 eggs  
1 cup buttermilk  
3 and 1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon cloves  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1 teaspoon soda  
1 teaspoon allspice  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
2 teaspoons vanilla  
2 cups blackberry jam  
1 cup walnuts  
Preheat oven to 300°. Grease and flour 10-inch tube pan. Cream together shortening and sugar until light. Add unbeaten eggs. Mix well. Stir in 1 cup buttermilk. Sift together flour and spices; add to egg mixture. Mix until well blended. Then add vanilla, jam, and walnuts. Mix well.

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

## CARAMEL FROSTING

1 stick butter  
1 cup light brown sugar, packed  
1 cup milk  
1 box (1 pound) powdered sugar  
Mix butter, brown sugar and milk together in saucepan. Cook over medium heat until butter is melted. Take from heat and add powdered sugar. Beat until blended. Spread on cooled cake.

## BLACKBERRY BREAD

2 cups unsweetened blackberry juice  
1 and 1/2 cups sugar  
1 stick salted butter  
1 cup all-purpose flour  
1 cup milk.  
Preheat oven to 350°. Place an oven-proof loaf pan in oven; add butter. When butter has melted, dump everything else into dish and mix with fork or spoon. Bake for about 40 minutes or until toothpick inserted into center comes out clean. NOTE: To make the juice, boil fresh or frozen blackberries until bubbly. Boil for one minute. Strain and let cool.

## BEER CHEESE

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

About 1 cup beer  
2 tablespoon Worcestershire Sauce  
1 teaspoon salt, or to taste  
1 teaspoon powdered mustard  
Dash tabasco Sauce, optional  
In food processor, pulse cheeses, garlic, salt, mustard, Tabasco Sauce (optional) until paste forms. Pour enough beer in to make a smooth paste. This can be done in the food processor or with an electric mixer. Store in covered jars in refrigerator

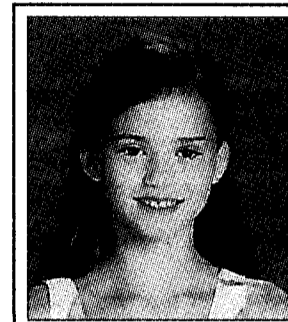
## BEER CHEESE BREAD

3 cups all-purpose flour  
1 tablespoon baking powder  
3 tablespoons sugar  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese  
1 bottle (12 ounce) beer, at room temperature  
Dash of tabasco sauce, optional  
2 tablespoons butter, melted  
Heat oven to 375°. Spray 9 x 5-inch loaf pan with cooking spray or butter generously.  
Mix flour, baking powder, sugar, and salt in large bowl until blended. Stir in cheese. Add beer an if desired, tabasco sauce; stir just until dry ingredients are moistened. (Do not overmix. Batter will be lumpy.) Pour into prepared pan.; drizzle with melted butter. Bake 35 to 40 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool bread in pan 10 minutes. Remove from pan to wire rack; cool completely.

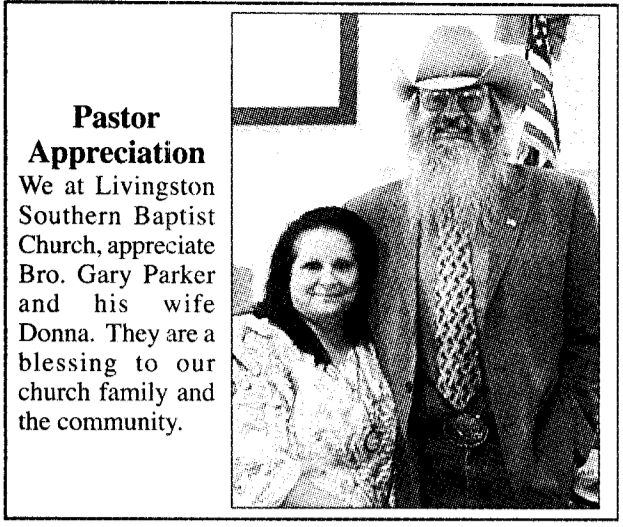
## BEER CHEESE SOUP

4 tablespoons unsalted butter  
1 carrot, finely chopped

1 large yellow onion, diced  
2 cloves peeled garlic, minced  
1/4 cup all-purpose flour  
1 cup milk  
1 cup half-and-half  
1 (16 ounce) beer  
1 tablespoon Dijon or stone-ground mustard  
10 ounces sharp cheddar, shredded  
Salt and Pepper  
Melt the butter in a large pot over medium heat. Add the carrot, onion, and garlic; sauté 10 minutes.  
Add the flour and stir well. Cook, stirring frequently, for 3 minutes until the flour turns golden brown.  
Combine the milk and half-and-half. Slowly pour into flour mixture, whisking constantly until combined. Turn the heat up to medium-high and add the beer and mustard. Bring to a boil, whisking frequently until foam subsides. Simmer on low heat for 10 minutes until thick. Remove from heat and whisk in the cheese a handful at a time. Taste and add salt and pepper as needed.



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



**Pastor Appreciation**  
We at Livingstont Southern Baptist Church, appreciate Bro. Gary Parker and his wife Donna. They are a blessing to our church family and the community.

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## NOTICE

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

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

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

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

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

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

Electric Rate Class	Average Monthly Usage (kWh)	Annual \$ Increase	Annual % Increase	Average Monthly Bill \$ Increase
Residential	1,179	(11,001,457)	(83.9)	(2.19)
Residential Time-of-Day	1,171			(2.18)
General Service	1,805	(618,661)	(25.2)	(0.65)
All Electric School	21,341	364,440	275.8	55.91
Power Service	41,148	431,732	15.2	3.29
TODS (Secondary)	245,336			19.63
TODP (Primary)*	1,241,109			99.29
Retail Transmission*	4,160,317			332.83
Fluctuating Load*	46,076,466			3,686.12
School Power Service	46,098			3.69
School Time-of-Day	118,621			9.49
Outdoor Sports Lighting Service	6,056			0.48

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

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

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

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

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

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# SPORTS

## Lady Rockets defeat Somerset Briarjumpers

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

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

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

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

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

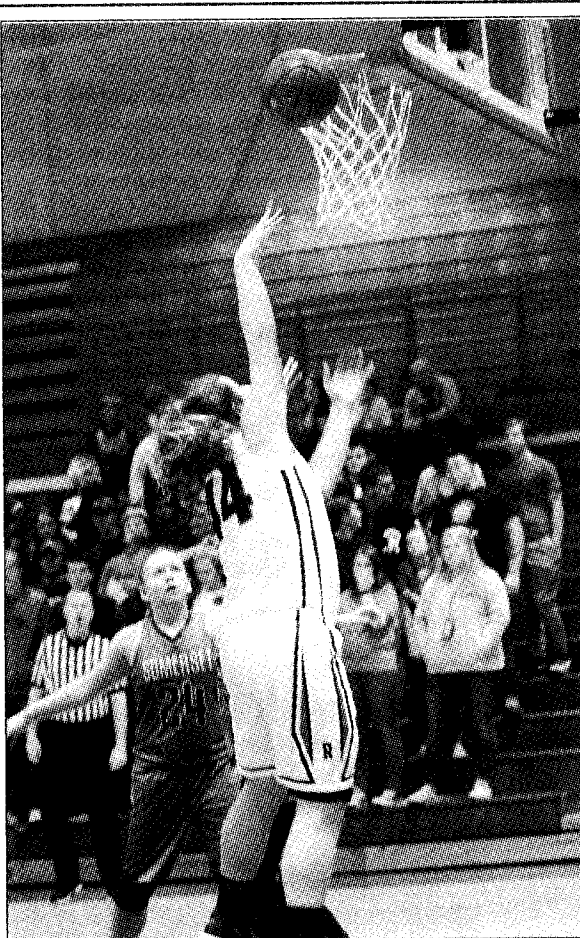
The Lady Rockets are now 2-2 on the season.

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

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

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

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



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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

quarter and 66-26 final.

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

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

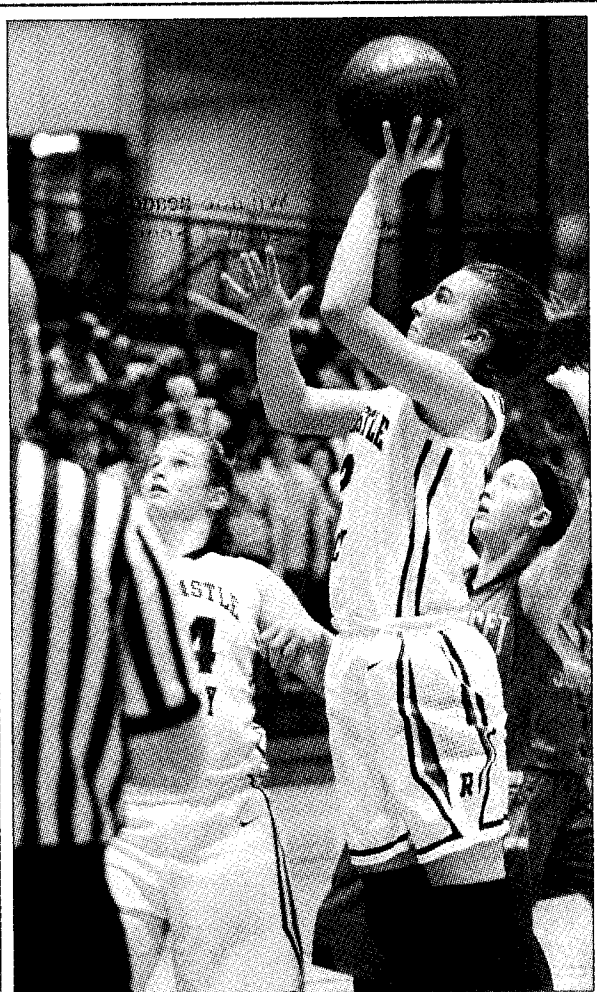
The Rockets trailed the entire game, behind 18-7 at the first quarter stop, 39-26 at halftime and 57-44 at the end of the third quarter.

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

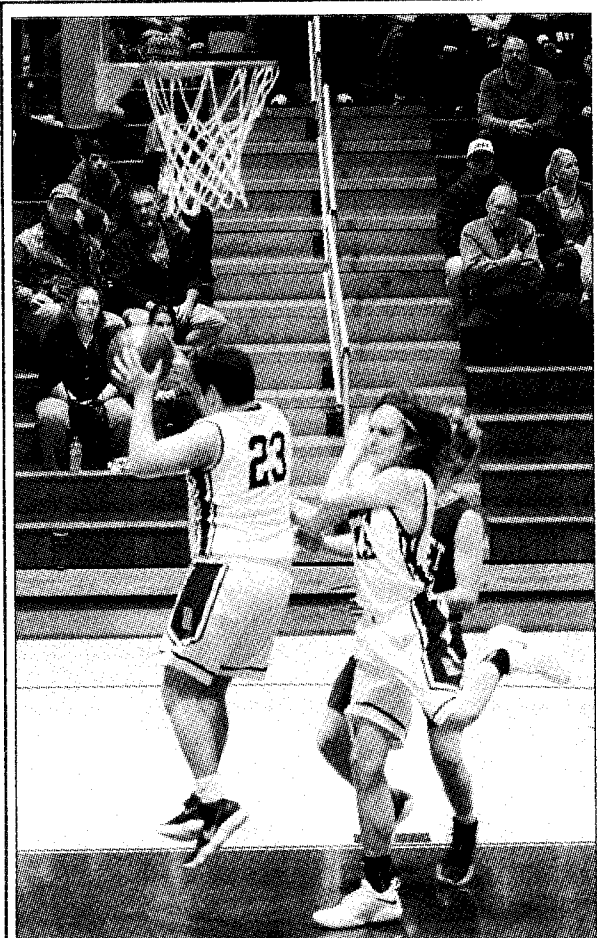
The Rockets will next be in action at home Friday night in a doubleheader with the Lady Rockets against Casey County, Friday, Dec. 22nd, the team will travel to Rowan County to play Augusta in the Ky. Bank Challenge at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday, the 23rd will play Rowan County at 12:30 p.m.

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

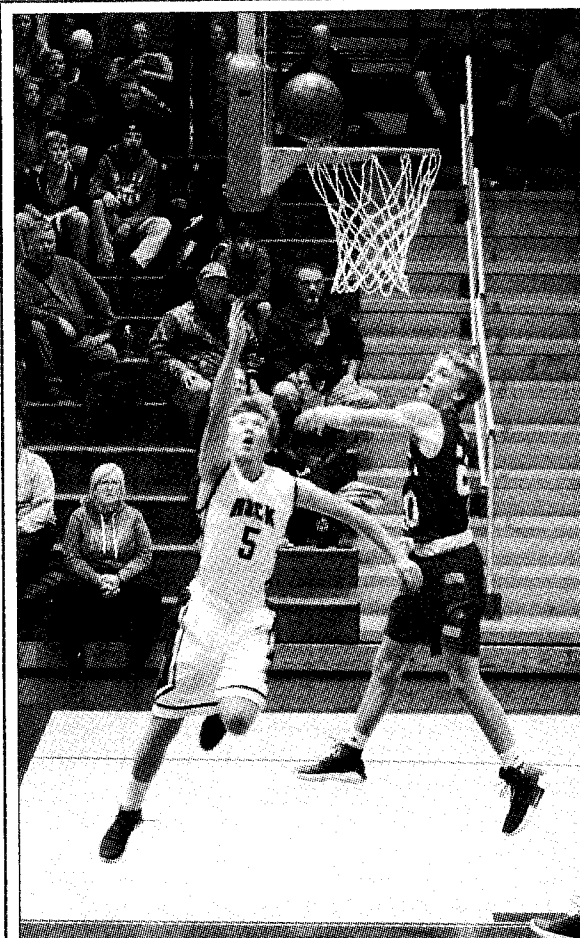
The Rockets will begin play in the new year with an away game at Somerset, a doubleheader with the Lady Rockets.



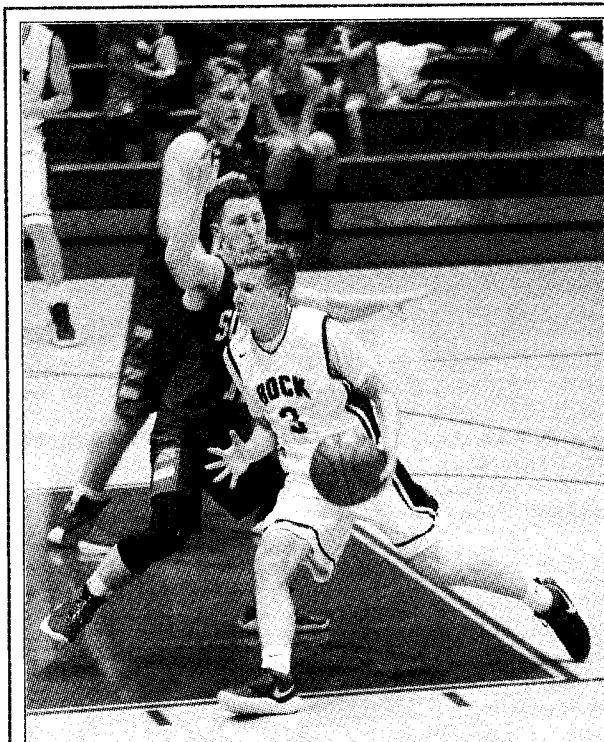
Freshman Casey Coleman goes up for two of her 13 points in the Lady Rockets' 57-49 win over Somerset last Friday night.



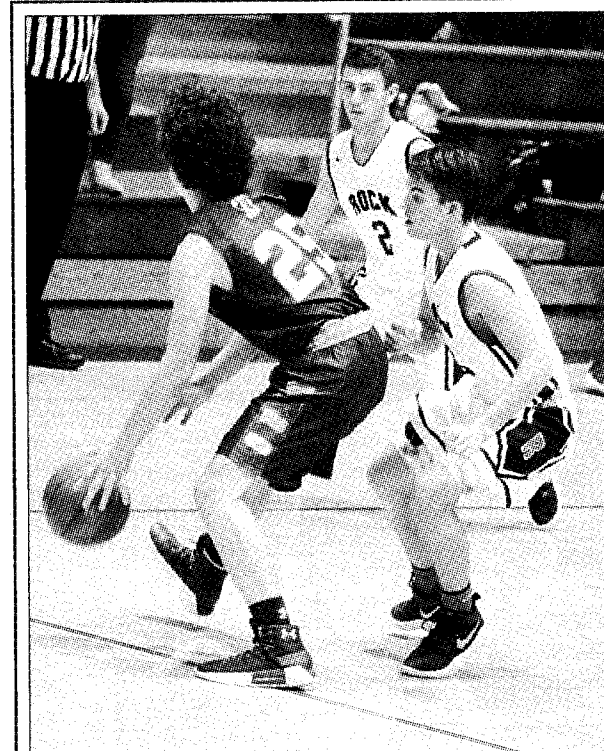
Senior Grant Bryant pulls down a rebound in the Rockets' loss to Somerset last Friday night. Bryant came off the bench to help the Rockets from the three-point-line going three for four. Also pictured is teammate Isaac Stratton.



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



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



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

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## “Drugs”

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more of heroin, methamphetamine, oxycodone and hydrocodone tablets.

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

Arrested Saturday were Michael Cromer, Davis Northern, Anita Adams, William D. Martin, Ernest Bishop, Nathan Gibbons, Carolyn Easten, Larry Shepherd, Debbie Hellard, Ronald Kirby, Ashley Whitehead, Greg McGuire and Anthony Spoonsmore. Arrested Monday was Stacey Day and police are still searching for Jeff Chestnut. Anyone with information about Chestnut’s whereabouts is asked to call the Mount Vernon Police Department.

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

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

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

## “Pride”

(Continued from front)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## “Murder”

(Continued from front)

with complicity in the murder soon after the incident.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## “Sewer”

(Continued from front)

if it had to be bought on the open market.

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

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

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

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

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

## “Vote”

(Continued from front)

Jeremy Rowe, County Attorney.

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

Danetta Ford Allen, County Clerk.

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

Sheriff.

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

Richard Dean, Coroner.

Shannon Bishop, Magistrate District 1.

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

Doug Prewitt and Bentley Sowder, Magistrate, District 3.

Gary Burdette, Magistrate District 4.

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

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

Chuck Gray and Steve Griffin, Constable District 2.

Kevin Begley, Constable District 3.

Donnie Cope, Constable District 4.

Charlie Newcomb, Constable District 5.

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

## “School”

(Continued from front)

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

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

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

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

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

The board also reviewed the Superintendent’s Personnel Report.

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

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

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

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

## Fish and Wildlife proposes regulations

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

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

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

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

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

- Create a 10 percent cap on non-resident quota hunt participants.

- Adjust party applications for quota hunts to the average preference point total for the entire party.

- Move the West Kentucky Wildlife Management Area (WMA) deer quota hunt to the third Saturday in December to facilitate the upcoming American Kennel Association’s retriever championship. The deer quota hunt on the area re-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## County fares well during snow storm

By: Mike French Reporter

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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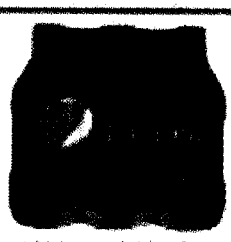
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# Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, December 14, 2017

## Judge Lawless recipient of Judge Heaton Award

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

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



Judge Scott Lawless

tious."

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

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

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

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

president.

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

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



Visiting with Santa Claus...

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

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## News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

### District Civil Suits

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Deeds Recorded

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

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

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

### District Court

Dec. 4, 2018

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## Frankfort Update...

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Think safety during holidays

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

Here are some holiday lighting safety tips to remember:

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

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

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

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

indoor use in an outdoor setting.

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

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

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

Turn holiday lights off before going to sleep or leaving the house. A timer can help you do this.

Follow these simple safety rules for holiday lighting and you and your family will enjoy a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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Banner designs should be sent to one of the following:

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[Paula.cowan@rockcastle.kyschools.us](mailto:Paula.cowan@rockcastle.kyschools.us)

[Melissa.renner@rockcastle.kyschools.us](mailto:Melissa.renner@rockcastle.kyschools.us)

Sponsorships and money due by December 19<sup>th</sup>.

Flight Times for: RCHS: Friday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.

RCMS: Friday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 and 6:00pm.

MVES, Friday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 and 7:00 pm.

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### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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

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

The project is separated into the following Bid Packages:

- Bid Package No. 1 – Roof and E.I.F.S. Replacement
- Bid Package No. 2 – HVAC Replacement
- Bid Package No. 3 – Asphalt Paving
- Bid Package No. 4 – Combination BID

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Tiger Pause

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

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



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

# FFA attends regional

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

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

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

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



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



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

# Buddy Herring graduates from basic

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

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

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

Herring is the son of

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



Mount Vernon.

He is a 2017 graduate of Rockcastle County High School.



# RCHS Band Members selected for Bluegrass All-Regional Groups

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

# Mt. Vernon Message

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

MVES Pentatones

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

### Class News

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

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

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

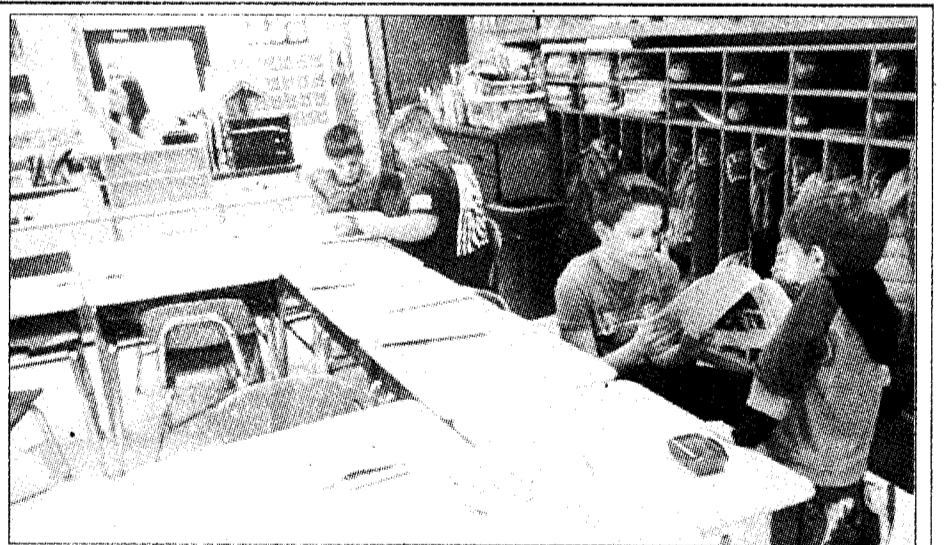
Christmas Break begins Wednesday, December 20. Students will return on Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

### FRC News

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



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



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



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

# Minds in the Middle

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Classifieds

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## Posted

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

**Posted:** No hunting, trespassing, 4-wheeling on property belonging to James and Juanita Chasteen, located on Little Hurricane Branch Road in Rockcastle County. Violators will be prosecuted. 44xntf

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

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

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

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

**Posted:** Absolutely no hunting, fishing or trespassing on property belonging to Mark and Debbie Cummins. Violators will be prosecuted.

**Posted:** No trespassing, hunting or fishing on land belonging to Rachel Denney on Hwy. 3245 (former Reggie Bengé property).

**Posted:** No trespassing on property known as C.B. Owens Farm across from Fairgrounds in Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted.

## Miscellaneous For Sale

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

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

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

All proposals must be received before 1:00 PM EDT, Friday, January 5, 2018. All bids received will be opened and publicly read at the AOC offices at that time.

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

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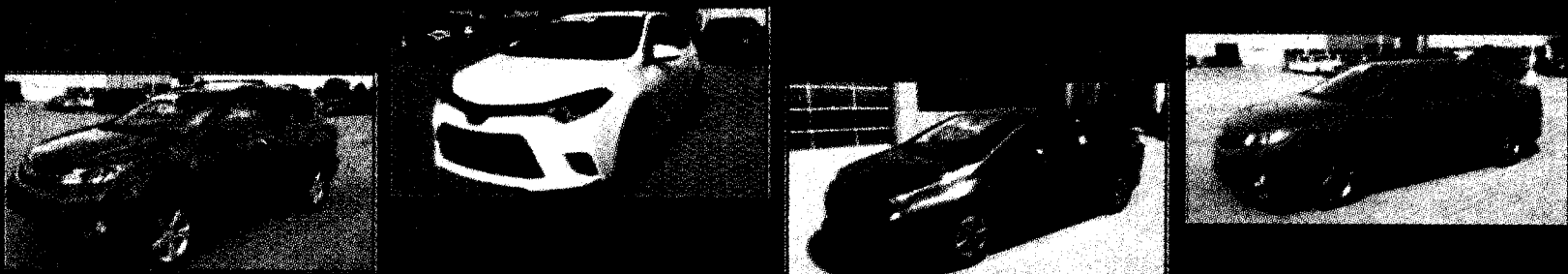
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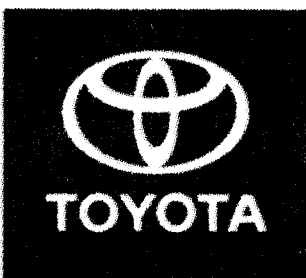


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