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Giving Hope...

The Rockcastle Baptist Association and Community Mission Team sponsored their annual Give Hope this past Saturday at the middle school. The event is a ministry of compassion to the people of Rockcastle County providing children with backpacks, blankets, toys and food for Christmas. In the top photo, Bro. Randy McPheron ministers to those in attendance while children in the bottom photo enjoy picking out toys. Over 50 professions of faith were made during the day.



Grants in place for new water treatment basin

By: Mike French Editor

The on-going battle to help the odor and the taste of the water in Mount Vernon has lasted for several years. This past summer, officials, working with state environmentalists and water treatment professionals from across the country, found what they believe to be the solution to the issue.

However, that solution is going to cost about \$1 million, according to City Administrator Josh Bray and Water and Sewer Department Supervisor Frank Baker.

So, the city immediately started looking for grants to help with the project. Within two weeks, the first grant of \$750,000 was approved by the United State Army Corp of Engineers Pride 431 and, this week, the remaining \$250,000 was approved by the Kentucky Department of

Local Government Flood Control Program (DGL).

"I commend Mount Vernon officials for their ongoing efforts to make drinking water cleaner for its residents and businesses," said Sandra K. Dunahoo, DGL Commissioner.

The grant provides the needed funds to install a Power-Activated Carbon reactor basin. "It is expected that this, combined with the remaining process involved in water treatment, will produce drinking water free of taste and odor," said DGL officials.

Kentucky State Senator Jared Carpenter has helped city officials with the issue over the past few years. "I am pleased that the city is addressing what is both a water quality and environmental issue," said Carpenter. "I look forward to seeing how these changes affect

(See "Water" on A5)

Brodhead passes ABC ordinance

By: Mike French Editor

Members of the Brodhead City Commission and the Mayor met Tuesday evening in a special called meeting to hold the second and final reading of the town's Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) ordinance.

The ordinance was read in full to the Commission members (Commissioner Dallas Todd was not present), Mayor Walter Cash, Police Officer Travis Davis, Brodhead Emergency Management Director Brian Bussell, and several Brodhead citizens who at-

tended the meeting.

Since Brodhead voted to allow the sale of alcohol, commissioners began to write the local ordinance in order to better control and regulate how the issue is handled on a local basis.

Once a summary of that ordinance is published in the *Mount Vernon Signal*, which is expected to be in the January 3rd issue, the ordinance takes immediate affect.

Much of the ordinance, as with all city ABC ordinances in the state, includes many issues that are mandated by the State of Ken-

(See "ABC" on A8)

Five retire from county — 97 years combined service

By: Mike French Editor

Nearly 100 years of combined service will be away from their jobs at midnight on December 31st. Five Rockcastle County officials have retired and that retirement will begin Monday, New Year's Eve at midnight.

District 3 Magistrate Bill McKinney is the longest serving magistrate, in the county, since 1850, after he replaced Clinton Brown 25 years ago.

McKinney was one of five recognized by the fiscal court for their service at a ceremony held Monday, December 17th at the Rockcastle County Courthouse.

Former Judge/Executive Buzz Carloftis presented a plaque to McKinney saying that his service to the community has been outstanding. "Bill and I didn't always agree but I never had to doubt where he stood on any issue and we always worked things out for the best," Carloftis said.

McKinney thanked the large crowd that attended the event saying he appreci-

ates a lot of people. "I'll miss this," he said. "I have worked with a lot of good people and Buzz is one of them. I ran ten races and never lost. I owe a lot to the voters of Rockcastle County and to my family."

McKinney said being a Magistrate takes a lot of time. "With all the phone calls and meetings and work involved, my family stood

(See "Retire" on A8)

County tax notice

The Rockcastle County Sheriff's office will not be accepting 2018 property tax payments after December 28th. This is due to a required audit by the state of retiring Sheriff Mike Peters tax collections. Collections will resume when the state auditor lifts the hold.

Any taxes paid after December 28th, will be subject to a 5% late payment charge.

Search comes to end for local man

By: Mike French Editor

Citizens of Rockcastle County can rest a little easier now that a career criminal, who was considered armed and dangerous, is off the streets, according to Rock-

castle County Sheriff Mike Peters.

John Shane Kirby, 34, with a last known address of Athens Boonesboro Road in Lexington, has been sought by police for several weeks on several warrants from Rockcastle and other coun-

ties. Police say Kirby has been in trouble with law enforcement in and around Rockcastle county for many years.

"We have put him away for theft before," said Peters. "He has been in and out of jail and on parole and we

have been searching for him for a while now on burglary and theft warrants."

Troopers with the Kentucky State Police finally surrounded Kirby at a building in Madison County Sun-

(See "Kirby" on A8)

21 are drug-related

35 indictments returned on 40 defendants

35 indictments were returned against 40 defendants by a Rockcastle County Grand Jury on Fri-

day, December 14th. 22 of the indictments were for drug-related charges.

Indicted were: Wendy Faye Day, 37, of Crab Orchard for bail jumping. Her bond was set at \$25,000 cash/property (c/p); Eddie S. Hopkins, 31, of Tevis St., Mt. Vernon and Garner P. Mink, 42, of Popular St., Mt. Vernon were named in a joint indictment for the offense of trafficking

in a controlled substance.

Each man's bond was set at \$10,000 c/p.

Mink was also charged, in a separate indictment, with trafficking in a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

His bond for that indictment was set at \$25,000 c/p;

Alexus S. Dillon, 19, of Berea was indicted for pos-

session of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Dillon's bail was set at \$10,000 c/p;

Shanna D. Tompkins, 39, of Sunny Dale Estates, Mt. Vernon was indicted on one count of possession of a controlled substance.

Her bond was set at \$5,000 c/p;

(See "Indict" on A8)

Local ABC ordinance ready

By: Mike French Editor

Editor's note: The City of Mount Vernon is planning to hold the second reading of the Alcohol Beverage Control Ordinance at their regular meeting on December 20. However, this newspaper is printed a day before that meeting and there will be no newspaper next week due to

the holidays.

In order to avoid waiting two weeks to inform our readers of what that ordinance includes, we met with Mount Vernon City Administrator Josh Bray to discuss the issue.

The information here is our best effort to inform the public about that ordinance although some changes are still possible.

The City of Mount

Vernon held the first reading of the Alcohol Beverage Control Ordinance in November and will hold the second reading at their regular monthly meeting tonight, Thursday, December 20.

However, even if passed, the ordinance will not be in effect until it is published in the January 3rd issue of *The Mount Vernon Signal*.

According to City Ad-

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

I attended the RCHS band concert last Thursday night to watch grandson Marcos participate.

I realized at that time how much I have missed by not attending these concerts through the years -- even though all my children took after their mother and are musically challenged, to put it kindly.

Oldest daughter, Jamie, in grade school joined the band and wound up wagging an tenor sax around which was much bigger than she was. She persevered for a few years but didn't last through high school. I'm sure that during that time we must have attended one of her concerts but honestly cannot recall.

Anyway, kudos to the RCHS band and director Greg Daugherty. It was a very enjoyable evening.

I'm ashamed of myself because I don't take the same pleasure in Christmas as I once did. I justify it to myself that it's because I don't have small children, or even the dreaded teenagers, to be responsible for seeing that they have the best Christmas I can possi-

bly give them.

But, frankly? I think it's an age thing, with me at least. For the last several years, I didn't decorate. I consulted with my Jack Russell and my cat and we decided that the effort was not worth it.

However, as I said recently, daughter Allison took it upon herself this year to drag out most of my decorations and take care of the job and I am growing more and more appreciative of her effort on my behalf (as long as she remembers after Christmas who was responsible for all those beautiful decorations that now have to be taken down).

But I am enjoying the decorations and it has seemed more like Christmas this year than usual -- I even consented to have our family gathering at my house this year, giving daughter Sara a short break from hosting all of our events (emphasize on the "short").

We had very little materially when I was a child but somehow Mom and

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No Paper Next Week!

Signal office will be closed December 21st - 30th



Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



Front row from left: Danny Ford, Sam Ford, Paul Playforth and Matthew Silcox. Second row from left: Zach Poynter, Jeff Cromer, Jerry Ham, Michelle Bullock, Billy Wayne Bryant, Ben Allen and James Barron.

Not pictured: Jeff Burdette, Harold Bustle and Roy Adams

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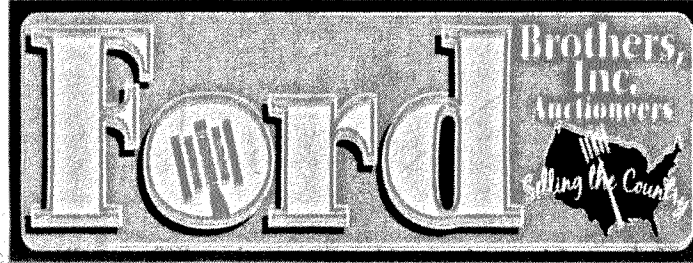
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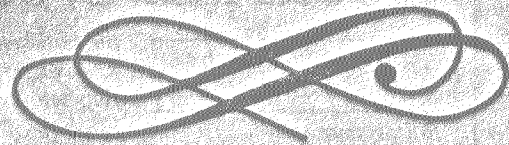
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Merry Christmas

AND A HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



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ROCKCASTLE REGIONAL HOSPITAL RESPIRATORY CARE CENTER



‘Ramblings’

(Cont. from A2)

Dad always made it a magical time for us that I still remember to this day many, many years later. I think it was the security of our home and the good food that mom always managed to come up with, although I was a pretty big girl when we had turkey for the first time. I don't recall being particularly impressed, I'm pretty sure

Mom boiled it like she would a hen for chicken and dumplings so it just seemed like a bigger hen than usual. Anyway, we do wish our readers a Merry Christmas and Happy and Prosperous New Year and thank you all for your support over these many years. We look forward to continuing to serve you in 2019 and wish, for all of us, a year filled with less deviousness and a lot more good will toward all men.

Merry Christmas from all of us at The Mount Vernon Signal

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Bookmobile Schedule
Wednesday, Dec. 26th: Hwy. 3245, Bryant Ridge, Rockcastle Health and Rehab, Wayne Stewart Center, Day Health/Senior Citizens and Cave Valley Apartments. **Thursday, Dec. 27th:** Scaffold Cane, Clear Creek and Wildie.

CVFD Annual Board Meeting
 Climax Volunteer Fire Department will hold their annual board meeting Friday, December 21st at 6 p.m. at the fire statio. A report will be shared listing fire run activities, financial spending for 2018 and plans for 2019. Everyone in our community is invited to attend.

Health Department Holiday Hours
 The Rockcastle County Health Department hours of operation for Christmas and New Years--closed Monday and Tuesday, December 24th and 25th in observance of Christmas. Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, December 26th and 27th and from 8:00 to 1:30 Friday, December 28th. This schedule is the same for the week of December 31st and will be closed December 31st and January 1st in observance of New Years.

Circuit Clerk's Office Holiday Hours
 Rockcastle County's Circuit Clerk's office will be closed December 24-25 for Christmas and Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st for New Year's. Also, **there will not be any driver's licensing or permit testing on Dec. 27th.**

Celebrate the Season
 Be a Blessing, Adopt an Angel. Join Rockcastle Seniors and Adult Health in the annual celebration of seniors in our community 60 plus. The tree is located at 1260 S. Wilderness Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456. For more information, call 606-256-4316.

TOPS of Brodhead
 TOPS (Take off pounds sensibly) meets every Tuesday evening at the Brodhead Community Outreach Center. Weigh-in begins at 6 and the meeting is at 6:30. For more information, call 606-758-4973.

Celebrate Sobriety Service
 CrossPoint Church of God will host a monthly Celebrate Sobriety Service on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. We are located at 211 Industrial Park Road (across from the high school) in Mt. Vernon, KY. Call 859-582-2553 with any questions.

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only. Community Outreach Center. 6:30 p.m. Leader: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099.

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

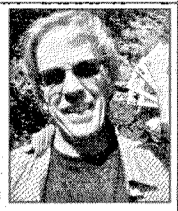
Alcoholics Anonymous
 Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.

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

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.

Aces Over

By: Mike French



I am just too old fashioned, that's all there is to it. My disgruntlement with most things in the world are mostly because they aren't the way they used to be.

There are some things I like about the "modern way" things are done. But for the most part, I greatly prefer the old-fashioned, respectful, considerate, I'm-not-the-center-of-the-universe attitude.

Some of the worst examples of the general change in attitude to me, seems to be at some businesses.

I know at many fast food places, and a lot of convenience stores, they provide a great service to the community by hiring younger people right out of high school. It's a way to get started in the working world and keeps our younger generation off the streets.

At the same time, it seems to me that one of the biggest, most important parts of new employee training is being left out of the process.

At many of the places where I stop, I get the distinct feeling that I am interrupting the day of the cashier. It's almost like they wish I would leave them alone so they can finish their cell phone conversation.

It is extremely rare that I actually hear the words "thank you" or "come

again" or even "hello."

It seems they just hold their head down and hold their phone with one hand and scan my item with the other and then hold out their hand for money.

Once they get it, they usually turn and start chatting with some friend who is standing there with them and then eventually hand me my change without ever even looking at me. As I leave they are continuing their conversation as if I were never there.

Sometimes I actually say out loud "you're welcome" and they sneer at me as if I have just cursed at them.

I guess I have such clear memories of the guys and gals at service stations that used to jog out to your car and wash your windshield with a big smile. Then check your oil and show you the dip stick and pump your gas and with a bright, cheery attitude they would say, "thank you so much for your business sir. Come again please."

I guess that is left out of the training process these days. As long as the dollar bills get dropped off I suppose friendliness is just not important anymore.

Still, there are a few places that I get treated like a valued customer. A friendly clerk or a simple "thank you" is still a part of some businesses. But for the

most part, I think friendliness and customer appreciation is a dying attitude. I'll admit that sometimes I am not as friendly as I should be to customers at my office. If I have had a hard day or am extremely rushed, I am probably shorter than I should be. But I hope I'm not that way every day, all the time.

There's also this "modern attitude" that everything is okay and no one is responsible for their own actions.

If you choose to be gay, it's okay. Oh yes it's an abomination to God, but hey, you can't help it. You were born that way.

If you choose to be a meth addict, it's not your fault. It's a disease. You can't help it.

If you can't stay out of jail, it's not your fault. You have anger issues.

Yet, if you smoke cigarettes, you are the Devil's spawn and it's perfectly legal to discriminate against smokers in every imaginable way.

Anyway, it's all part of the modern attitude. I enjoy being treated nicely and I hope I treat people nicely.

But apparently, it is too old fashioned to smile at one's customers or appreciate their business.

Either way, I hope I always say "thank you" when I deal with a customer. Even if they are upset, I hope I am still thankful that they patronize my business. If they didn't patronize where I work, then they wouldn't have anything to be upset about.

Maybe there will be a new law someday requiring a person to say "thank you". I wouldn't be surprised at all. After all, we sure don't want to offend anyone.

On a side note: Merry Christmas to all. May you and your family have a joyous day. And don't forget to tell children that Santa is not the reason for the season. Don't forget to mention that we are celebrating a birth bigger and much more important than any President.

Let them know that they will most likely throw away or forget what they got for Christmas this year within a short time. But remind them of that greatest of all gifts that will never get old or go away.

Points East

By Ike Adams



By the time you read this I hope to have acquired a pint of genuine apricot brandy, most of which will go into the fruit cake I intend to take out of the oven before Christmas. The rest should improve my attitude while I'm stirring up the cake batter.

In the meantime I have just finished polishing off the fruit cake my pal, Bob Kennedy, made and mailed to us from Maryland. Long time readers of this column already know that the arrival of Bob's annual fruitcake is one of our most anticipated and favorite events of the Christmas Season.

I've tried, more than once, to replicate Bob's

recipe without coming very close to having it turn out as well as the one he spends over \$10.00, just in postage, in the process of getting it to Charlie Brown Road. I've also tried, more than once, to make Bob's cake last until Christmas but I still have not figured out a way to hide it from myself and I am reluctant to have Loretta try. I'm afraid she would sneak around and eat it by herself so please don't be giving her any ideas.

Since I have proven to myself and numerous other Bob fans that I have no business attempting his recipe, I have come up with one of

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



When It's Not All Merry
 Dear Journal,

I know that at this time of the year, all is supposed to be happy and full of joy. This isn't so in every case. Many are burdened with numerous problems that weigh heavily on the heart.

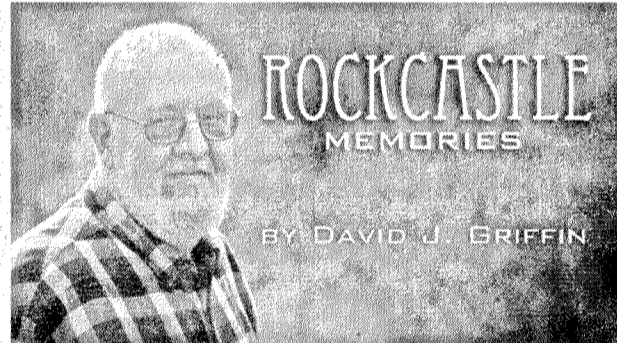
I know that I must sound like a kill-joy or a Scrooge but the fact is, unfortunately, this time of year may not be so joyful for some. Sometimes there is a death in the family, serious illness, the financial worries, relationship problems, issues with your children or others, job concerns, and many more. Do these worries ever end? There is no holiday season for problems and stress.

Some may even wonder if there is a solution to the mounting worries. Many turn to escapes such as drugs, alcohol, or even suicide. Around holiday time the suicide rate jumps quite high, so I've been told. The shame of that is in quite a few cases, it is young people who feel that life holds nothing for them any longer and their problems are more than they can face. What a shame and a waste of youthful talent. I wonder if they really think things through as they should. Chances are the situation causing the problem is

only temporary and in a few days things will be altogether different. Too bad they weren't around to see it.

Then, there are those such as me who dwell in the past as much as in the present. If we had pleasant childhoods, we tend to drift there every day, at least for a few minutes. Around Christmas, a most wonderful childhood memory for most, we go there to our favorite memories of the old homeplace and fond memories of old friends and family. You know, in those memories every thing is just as bright and real and joyful as it ever was. The best thing about them is that they are ours and no body can take them away. When we realize that we were only in a memory, they can turn kind of bitter sweet.

In the days just ahead, most people will be gathering for festivities, giving gifts, enjoying holiday meals and being so joyful. In all of the trappings of the holidays, let's all remember the underprivileged, the homeless and those who, just as I've mentioned, are weighted down with sorrow and they are in a place where it isn't so merry.



The River

A lot of people tuned into a new concert performed by Garth Brooks on a recent Sunday evening. My wife and I were among them. The show originated from Notre Dame University in their 80,000-seat stadium. We are both fans of Brooks, so we decided to watch.

The show was being taped live on what turned out to be a rather cold, rainy night. But it did not appear to put any damper on the performances, nor on the enthusiasm of his audience. Brooks was his lively self, and his fans seemed to sing nearly every lyric right

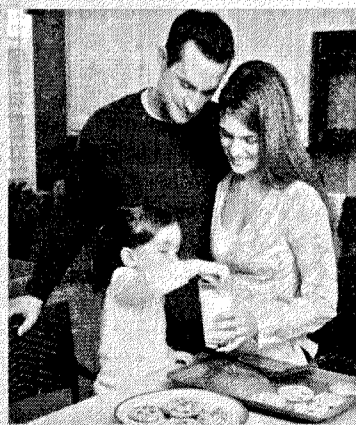
along with him. After a few up-beat hits, he sang his rendition of his very popular song called, "The River."

*You know a dream is like a river
 Ever changing as it flows
 And a dreamer's just a vessel
 That must follow where it goes
 Trying to learn what's behind you
 And never knowing what's in store
 Makes each day a constant battle
 Just to stay between the*

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Obituaries

John Robert Taylor

John Robert Taylor, 75, of Brodhead, died peacefully at his home with his family by his side on Sunday, December 16, 2018. He was born October 19, 1943, in Crab Orchard, a son of the late Robert Estill Taylor, and the late Ruby Cash Taylor. He was united in marriage to his wife, Effie Bell Taylor on November 21, 1964, and of that marriage came one child, Tonya Taylor. He was a faithful and devoted member of the New Hope First Church of God. He enjoyed guns and hunting, and was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife, Effie Bell Taylor of Brodhead; daughter, Tonya Taylor Adams and Tommy of Brodhead; a grandchild, Todd Branscum; three great grandchildren, Abby, Ellie and William; a brother, Wayne Taylor and Debi of Louisville; a sister, Mildred Owens and John of Liberty Township, OH; a special sister-in-law, Hazel Brown of Crab Orchard; as well as a host of many special nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Estill Taylor, and Ruby Cash Taylor.

Services were held Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Robert Rice and Harold Harness officiating. Burial was in Providence Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Terry Thompson, Wayne Brown, Carl Bleivins, Doug Prewitt, Coy Taylor, and Brandon Brown.

Honorary casketbearers were: Adam Burdine, Dean Cash, Richard Cash, Jaarad Taylor, Wyatt Taylor Todd Branscum, and Danny Ping.

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

Vernon Orville Alcorn

Vernon Orville Alcorn, 63, of Brodhead, died December 14, 2018 at the Jean Waddle Care Center, Hospice of Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital at Somerset. He was born December 7, 1955 in Somerset, to Orville and the late Ruby Delorise Marler Alcorn. He was a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church #2. He worked construction, installing and repairing HVAC. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, ginseng digging, and camping.

He is survived by: his father, Orville Alcorn of Mt. Vernon; five brothers, Edward Earl "Eddie" Alcorn of Mt. Vernon, Fred Walter (Jan) Alcorn of Livingston, and Rodney Alcorn, Randall (Cindy) Alcorn and Shelley (Laurie) Alcorn, all of Mt. Vernon; two sisters, Cynthia Leona (Jeff) Harms of Mt. Vernon and Judy Katherine (Ken) Jones of Knoxville, TN; and many nieces, nephews and great nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides his mother he was preceded in death by a brother, Charles Jeffery Alcorn.

Funeral services were Monday, December 17, 2018 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals Chapel with Ronnie McKinney officiating. Burial was in Freedom Cemetery.

Condolences to the families can be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

"Points East"

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my own that is so different from Bob's that it really is like comparing apples to oranges. Both fruits grow on trees with green leaves, but that's essentially where the comparison ends. Both Bob's cake and mine include candied fruit and involve ovens but it's best to stop right there when comparing them.

Anyway, I had planned to publish both recipes in this week's paper but now I can't find Bob's even though I know I have it on this computer. I've previously published mine but numerous readers have requested that I do it again.

Our friend, Billy Wagers, in Berea, supplies the freshly shelled pecans and I'm usually able to acquire fresh shelled black walnuts from a lady in Pineville but she doesn't seem to be in business this year. However, Billy came up with enough pecans to make several fruitcakes so I'm doubling up on them instead of using walnuts.

In fact, I will be munching on pecan kernels as I sip the excess apricot brandy while waiting for the oven timer to start ringing. **IKE'S FAIRLY EASY FESTIVE FRUITCAKE**

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1 and 1/2 CUPS ALL PURPOSE OR CAKE FLOUR
3 CUPS CONDENSED MILK OR PRESWEETENED EVAPORATED MILK
1 (large) PACK INSTANT LEMON JELLO PUDDING MIX or 2 REGULAR SIZE
1 TBSP BAKING POWDER
1 CUP APRICOT BRANDY OR ESSENCE OF APRICOT JUICE (BRANDY IS FAR BETTER AND THE ALCOHOL COMPLETELY EVAPORATES DURING BAK-



Paul Elmer Baldwin

Paul Elmer Baldwin, 83, husband of Loretta, of Crab Orchard, died peacefully at his home on Tuesday, December 11, 2018. He was born in Morris Creek on February 2, 1935, a son of the late Coy Baldwin, and the late Martha Ella Fields Baldwin. On June 11, 1955, he was united in marriage to his wife of 63 years, Loretta Mae Owens Baldwin. He was former Mayor of Slaty Branch, and worked as a supervisor for highway construction. He was a member of Crossroads Assembly of God in Brodhead, and he found great joy in farming.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife, Loretta Mae Owens Baldwin; a daughter: Pamela J. King and Wayne of Crab Orchard; grandchildren, Stephanie King West (Travis), and Melissa King Feldman (Justin); great grandchildren, Tyler West, Luke West, Kadyne Feldman, Jacob West, and Emerson West; two brothers, Walter Baldwin of Brodhead, and Estil Baldwin and Brenda of Crab Orchard; as well as a host of many friends and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: a daughter, Connie Jane Smith; three brothers, John Baldwin, Wayne Baldwin, and Marion Baldwin; and a brother-in-law, Frank Owens.

Visitation for Mr. Baldwin will be Thursday, December 13, 2018 from 6pm-9pm at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals. Funeral services were held Friday, December 14, 2018 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Steve VanHook officiating. Burial was in Freedom Cemetery.

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

"Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

shores ... and
I will sail my vessel
Till the river runs dry
Like a bird upon the wind
These waters are my sky
I'll never reach my destination
If I never try
So I will sail my vessel
Till the river runs dry.
There's bound to be rough waters
And I know I will take some falls
But with the Good Lord as my captain
I can make it through them all

Hearing even the first few notes of his song immediately captures our attention. I glanced at Kathy, and she was looking at me. This particular song brings a boatload of emotions flowing from both of us. Allow me to explain why.

In May of 1992, Kathy and I were taking my son, Todd, to Lexington to attend the University of Kentucky graduation of his brother, Andy. As we drove along in my van, Todd handed me a tape and said, "Daddy, put in this tape. It has my favorite song on it. Listen to the words." It was then that we heard that song for the first time. As the song finished, Todd requested that we play it over again. And again, he was emphatic about hearing the lyrics.

That was the last time Todd was ever in my automobile. A few days later, he and one of his best friends were riding with another friend when both were killed in a horrible automobile accident. Todd was only 15; and so was his best friend. The driver of the car was 16, but had been driving for a short time. Part of me died in that car with my son.

For months, every time I heard "The River" I broke down and cried. I can't tell you how many times I had to pull off the road when the song suddenly came on the radio.

However, as time passed, the song has become a lasting gift from Todd. It is because of the lyrics. The theme of the song does not fit with allowing oneself to remain in deep grief. It is a very life-affirming song, and one that recognizes the importance of the good Lord as our "Captain," who will help us to make it through the "constant battles" that life will throw at us.

It has been 26 years since Todd's death; he would now be 41. Yet he will always be my 15-year-old son. It is not possible for me to hear "The River" without my eyes filling up with tears. But those tears are not solely tears of sadness. I hear Todd's words, "This is my favorite song,"

which serve to remind me once again to pay attention to the lyrics.

And when I do, I am reminded of the precious gift that Todd was in our lives. He blessed us in too many ways to be able to list. But one of his lasting blessings was to remind us to keep sailing - even in the roughest of waters - with the good Lord as our Captain.

And with the passing of every year, I am one year closer to seeing my baby boy again.

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

Joyce Mae Kirby Robbins

Joyce Mae Kirby Robbins, 86, died in Jeffersonville, IN in the early morning of December 6, 2018. She was born April 30, 1932 in Brodhead. She was a member of the Oak Park Baptist Church in Jeffersonville, IN.

She was preceded in death by: her brother, John William Kirby; parents, Flonnie and John Ingram Kirby; and her daughter, Lisa Robbins.

She is survived by: her husband, Cecil Robbins; two daughters, Vicki (Pat) Fuchs, and Judy (Jorge) Garcia; five grandchildren, Erica (Joe) Ramirez, Nicholas Fuchs, and Zachary, Ethan, and Trey Garcia; and two great grandsons, Ricky and Bradley Ramirez. She is also survived by five siblings, her two brothers, John and James Kirby, and three sisters, Magdalene Shockley, Glenda Brown, and Betty Williams.

Funeral services were held Monday, December 10, 2018 at Legacy Funeral Center in Jeffersonville, IN. Interment was at Poplar Grove Cemetery in Brodhead on Tuesday, December 11.

Contributions may be made to Poplar Grove Baptist Church, 287 Richlands Rd, Brodhead, KY 40409, in memory of Joyce Robbins.

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Nadine Wagner Clark

Nadine Wagner Clark, 64, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, December 10, 2018 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born to Everett Charles Wagner and Daisy Richard Hensley in Elys in Knox County on May 16, 1954. She enjoyed visits with family and friends, going to church, flowers and keeping in touch with friends though Facebook. She was a widow of the late Tom Clark and retired from food service and factory work. She attended Fairground Hill Community Holiness Church.

Those left to celebrate her life are: three children, William Joseph Clark of Lexington, Daisy Amanda (Rodney) Thomas of Livingston and Tom Clark, Jr. of Irvin; four grandchildren, Jacob Collins, Dougie Collins, Kendra Clark and Heather Thomas; four brothers, Sam Brown of Pineville, Tommy (Melissa) Wagner of Mt. Vernon, Delbert (Jenny) Wagner of McKee and Everett (Sharon) Wagner of Livingston; five sisters, Bea (Farmer) Waddle of Livingston, Mandy (Ray) Carpenter of Brodhead, Gladys (Johnny) Carpenter of Mt. Vernon, Edna (Wayne) Clines of Georgia and Centena (Lester) Carpenter of Livingston; and a host of friends and neighbors.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Tom Clark; her parents, Everett Charles Wagner and Daisy Richard Hensley; and sister Fannie Alice Taylor.

Funeral services were held Friday, December 14, 2018 at the Red Hill Baptist Church. Burial followed at Red Hill Cemetery in Livingston. Brother Robert Miller and Brother Bill Hammond officiated.

Pallbearers were: Jacob Collins, Dougie Collins, Rodney Thomas, Charles Carpenter, Phillip Carpenter and Delbert Wagner. Honorary pallbearers were: Sam Brown, Everett Wagner and Thomas Wagner.



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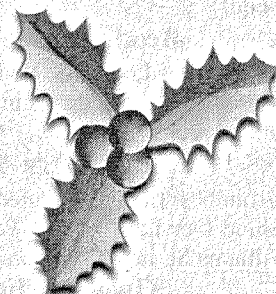


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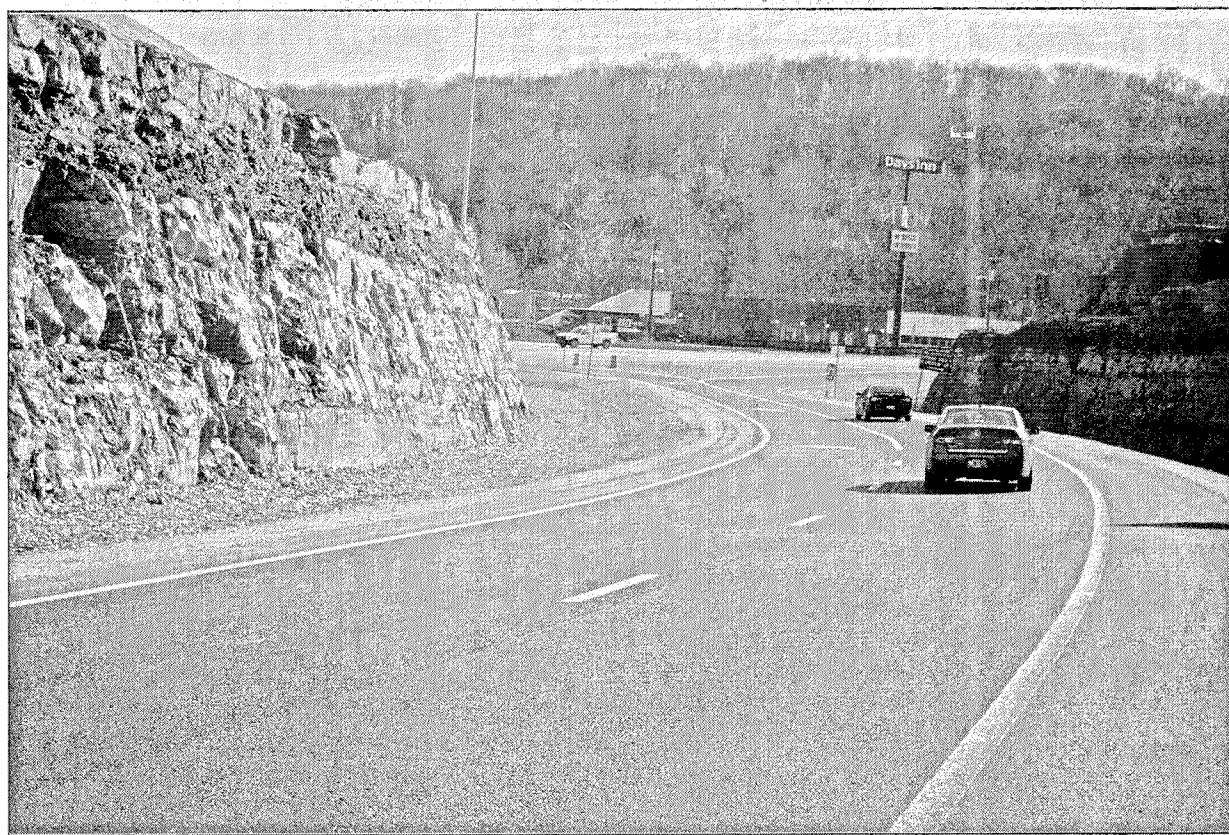
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“Mt. Vernon”

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Administrator Josh Bray, there have been very few changes in the ordinance since the first reading.

State law requires each city to name an Alcohol Beverage Administrator. Bray will be named to that position and will approve or deny all applications for a liquor license. Bray says the city council and the mayor will be involved in every decision on the matter.

Bray said the ordinance for Mount Vernon was mostly taken from the ordi-

nance in Somerset since of all the ordinances officials examined, that one was most fitting to local issues. “We changed several things to best suit Mount Vernon citizens,” he said.

Applications for a liquor license in Mount Vernon may be picked up at City Hall beginning Friday, December 21st and the city will be accepting applications on January 8, 2019.

The application itself is eight pages but mostly provides information about license fees.

Bray said typical licenses are expected to take

about 10 days for approval except liquor store licenses which will take about 30 days.

Part of the application process includes an open advertisement. Those who wish to apply for a license must advertise that intention in the *Mount Vernon Signal* and then include a copy of that advertisement, as well as an affidavit from the newspaper verifying the advertisement was published. Such requests have already been made at the newspaper.

Bray says this part of the process informs all resi-

dents in the city of the type and location of the desired sales and will give citizens a chance to express their views about that particular application. According to officials, the city does intend to include public sentiment in their approval process.

Though the ordinance may be amended at any time, currently the city intends to prohibit bars and will allow Sunday sales.

The city also plans to allow liquor sales on election days.

No license fees have been changed from the first reading and Bray says no substantial changes are expected. However, the city council has final say at the meeting tonight.

Concerned citizens are encouraged to attend the meeting on December 20th to hear much more details about the ordinance and citizens may pick up a copy of the ordinance at city hall after that meeting for a copy fee.

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
Pines, Spruce, Firs and Cedars—Landscaping With Conifers

Almost anywhere in America one can look out a window, or along the highways and see pine trees. Spruce, fir, hemlock, and cedars may also be in the picture. Junipers, arborvitae, taxus, and certain other trees are nice large evergreens, but are not cone bearing. And, technically, ginkgo is considered a conifer, though you wonder if the botanist who decided that was having a bad day. Stately evergreen conifers add much beauty and usefulness to our yards, our forests and the whole earth, and this is never more evident than during the winter when deciduous trees are barren.

Pines give us lumber, pulpwood for paper (for the office, the classroom, and when you gotta go), turpentine and other distillates for varnishes, antiseptic and cleaning uses. The pine cones and boughs are used for decorations. And the seeds are preferred by many birds and wild animals. Pine “nuts” are a delicacy; seeds of certain varieties of pine trees, such as pinyon pine, Swiss stone pine and Korean stone pine, are enjoyed by humans, too. The shade in summer, the protection from wind in winter (especially useful to birds that do not migrate southward when it gets cold), and the musical sounds of the breeze coming through the pine trees are all benefits we enjoy from pines.

The world's oldest known trees are Bristlecone pines. Ancient trees can tell us a lot about our world from the past, like the climate, years of calamities, and the like. A lot of people are yapping endlessly about global warming (I really think it's more about global control and ways to collect more taxes), but Eric the Red and his son Leif settled on Greenland before 1000 A.D. and started a colony as farmers for a few years. Leif Erickson (Eric's son) discovered Vinland or Newfoundland. If it wasn't warmer then in that part of the North Atlantic Ocean than it is today, farming on Greenland would not have been possible. Trees found

in swamps or the bottoms of cold lakes in the north—lost by accidents probably by loggers of the time—have preserved many old growth trees which we can still do research on today.

The white pine is overused by homeowners who want a fast growing evergreen. After 40 years when it is eighty feet tall and a threat to fall on the house, it doesn't seem to have been such a great idea. But, I've seen a grove of white pines, with all the lower limbs cut off, allow wind to blow under them and really cool off a seating area in summertime. They have their place in a modern landscape. Just use discretion.

Austrian pine, Japanese black pine, Ponderosa pine, limber pine and Scots pine are other pines one may encounter in people's yards. As mentioned earlier, the stone pines are dwarfish, and even provide tasty seeds if you beat the birds and squirrels to them. And many a yard has a dwarf mugho pine.

Hemlock (tsuga canadensis), is a very lovely tree that works well in many yards. It's not so fast to become too large, and it can even grow successfully in shade of other large trees. With hemlock, too much heat (don't plant it on the south side of a house with a brick wall for instance) can keep hemlock from doing well, as can soil that has too much alkalinity, such as limestone soils of the bluegrass. There is also the woolly adelgid insect to be concerned about.

Spruce trees (picea), especially Norway spruce, white spruce and blue spruce are very useful landscape plants. They are more tolerant of sweet limestone soils than most pine or hemlock. They also hold up well in windstorms, their pyramidal frames seeming to deflect winds. They make a super place for birds to hide in winter storms.

Fir trees (abies) are better for areas where summers are cool and damp, or at least nights aren't so muggy. Most firs can take really cold temperatures, but there are also some that can't and which thrive only in very specific climates. Among those for Kentucky, and parts of Tennessee and

North Carolina, are white fir or concolor fir, Canaan fir, and the Turkish fir. Some of the most beautiful cones are born on fir trees.

Cedars (cedrus) are either Atlantic cedar, Cedar of Lebanon, or Deodar cedar. These are the true cedars, and make giant stately trees...although they can look rather skinny in their youth. Junipers, which produce seeds and not cones, are often called cedars, including the “red cedar” of the eastern states. Cedar lumber is usually from juniper trees in the United States. Atlantic cedars are blue, and are the hardiest. Cedar of Lebanon will survive 20 below, and Deodar cedars will do well to 5 or 10 below zero Fahrenheit.

The monkey puzzle tree is a conifer. And also has tasty nuts. This tree is for places that stay above zero in winter. It's a very spiny tree, with large cones and edible seeds. As I mentioned, ginkgo is considered a conifer. And there are other cone bearing trees, but these are primarily what one will find for consideration in the landscape.

Those who want natives, the Virginia pine, the hemlock and red pines may be collected from the wild and moved to your yard. But, hemlocks are for sale at nurseries for reasonable prices, and the local pines are not the best to place in the front yard.

For the collector, the experimenter, or the person who has to have something different, there are garden centers who cater to a high-end clientele that will carry a number of exotic evergreen trees. (Slow growing trees always have a higher price because of so many years somebody has invested in growing it to a good size for sale. Rare ones will also command a premium price.)

Landscaping that showcases large evergreen trees, especially the conifers, seems not to need a recommendation as it speaks well of itself. Everyone loves a stately evergreen tree in the right place. Consider one or several of these lovely trees next time you are planning some landscaping; the kids, the birds and squirrels and other wildlife will all be happy you did.

The author is a landscaper. Pondbuilder@hushmail.com or www.rockcastles.net

“Water”

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quality of life in Mount Vernon.”

The new basin planned by the city will treat the water in such a way that will kill the by-product of algae that is in the local lake, Bray said. The city has already dropped the levels of that by-product by nearly 90 percent and the new basin is expected to take the levels so low that it will be undetectable.

Officials continue to say the water is perfectly safe even when the taste and odor exist and is tested continually. But the new basin is expected to eliminate that odor and taste completely.

According to Bray, the city is also seeking an additional \$165,000 grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission for incidental costs. “The project is expected to cost a million dollars. But until we get the actual bids in our hands, anything could happen,” said Bray. “We need to have that buffer in the event that the costs are more than expected.”

Mayor Mike Bryant was also pleased about the additional grant. “The quality of water in Mount Vernon has been one of my top priorities since taking office and I am very pleased that we believe we have found the solution to the issue,” he said. “This grant, along with others, makes it possible for us to provide the best drinking water possible for our citizens.”

Officials say they expect construction on the new basin to begin this coming spring.

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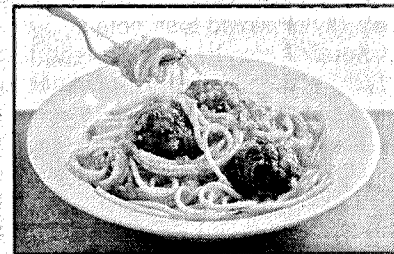
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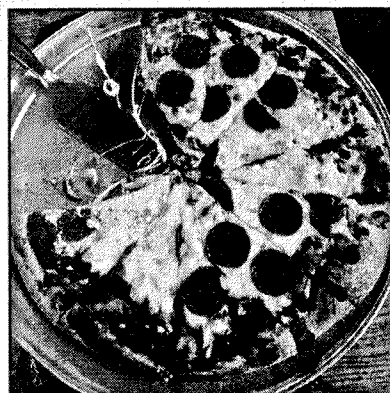
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SPORTS

Rockets beat Casey in district match-up

The Rockcastle Rockets traveled to Casey County last Friday night and came away with their first district win of the season, 65-57.

The Rockets were up at the first quarter stop 17-13, behind at half 27-28 and up 44-40 at the end of the third quarter.

Four Rockets finished in double figures with senior Cade Burdette getting high scoring honors for his team with 15 points, all threes.

Juniors Logan Noel and Josiah West were second with 12 points each; freshman Daniel Mullins got 10; senior Isaac Stratton got six and juniors Trevor Todd and Jacob Loudermilk scored four points each, along with freshman Matthew Chasteen.

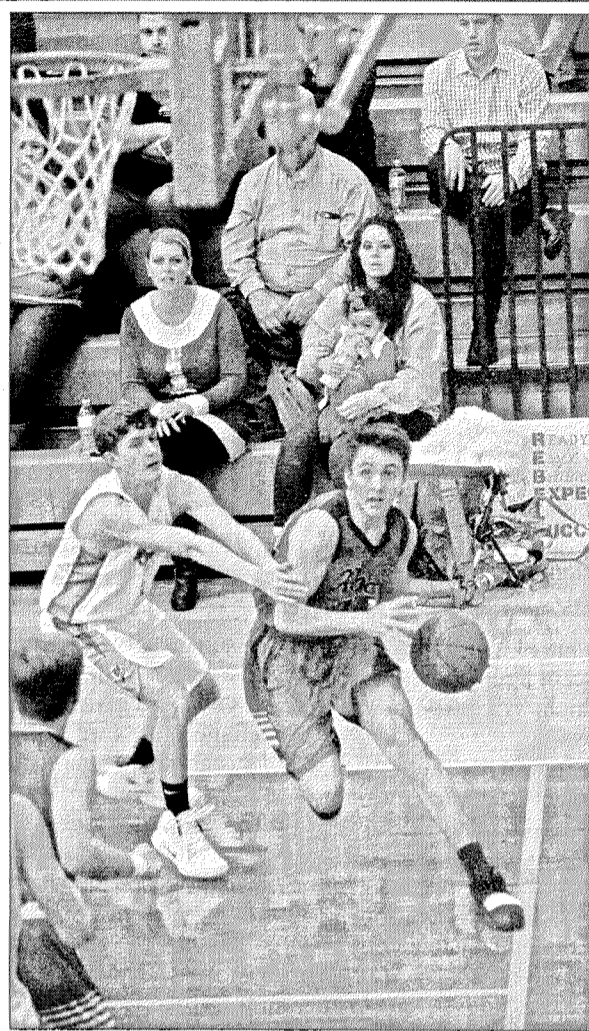
Besides Burdette's five three point goals, Noel's 12 points were four threes for a total of nine for the team.

The Casey County Rebels got 10 three point baskets and were 10 for 15 from the charity stripe.

The Rockets were scheduled to play Mercer County in the Clash of the Titans at Mercer County at 8:15 Wednesday. Then, on Friday, December 21st, the Rockets will play Lincoln County at 8:15 in the same tourney.

December 27th and 28th, the Rockets will travel to Montgomery County to participate in the Gateway Holiday Classic.

They will host Somerset on Wednesday, January 2nd in a district match-up.



Freshman Daniel Mullins drives the baseline during the Rockets' 65-57 win over Casey County last Friday night. Mullins scored 10 points on the night.

Lady Rockets win three, now 5-2 on young season

The Lady Rockets are on a tear as of late, winning their last five games to now stand at 5-2 on the season and 2-0 in district play.

Last Friday night, the ladies traveled to Casey County for a doubleheader district match with the Rockets and came away with a 63-59 win over the Lady Rebels.

The Lady Rockets led throughout the game, 14-10 at the first quarter stop, 31-25 at the half and 52-44 at the end of the third quarter.

The Lady Rockets were led in scoring by sophomore Casey Coleman with 21 points, which included six for 10 from the free throw line and a three; senior Shelby Newland got 15, including two threes and going seven for 10 from the charity stripe; junior Kenzi Himes scored 11 points; eighth grader Keelee King got eight; another eighth grader Hallie Brown scored two points, along with sophomores Madison McIntosh and Lindsey Jones and junior Bailee Allen.

The Lady Rockets hit four threes in the game while the Lady Rebels got six.

The Lady Rockets were 17 for 26 from the free throw line and the Lady Rebels were 17 for 23.

Saturday, at South Laurel in the Ted Cook Classic, the Lady Rockets took on the Hazard Lady Bulldogs and got their fourth win of the season 57-38.

The Lady Rockets were, once again, led by sophomore Casey Coleman in scoring with 16 points.

Coleman was also named Player of the Game.

Senior Emma Bullens got 12 points; Newland 8; Jones 7; Himes and King 5 each and Allen and sophomore Aliyah Lopez each scored two points.

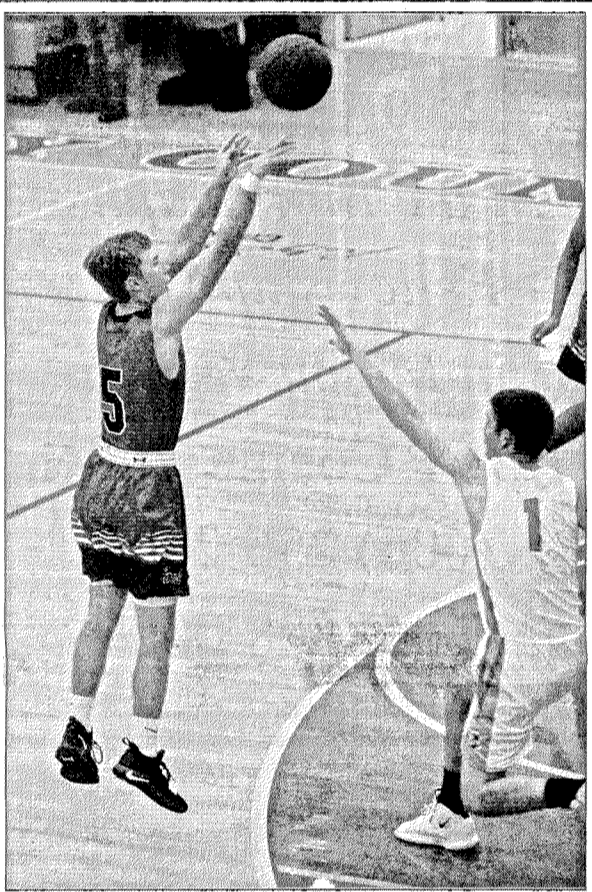
The Lady Rockets got three three point goals to the Lady Bulldogs five and hit nine of 17 free throws to Casey's seven of 10.

Monday night, the Lady Rockets hosted West Jessamine and easily won 56-32. This time, junior Kenzi Himes led the scoring with 11; Lindsey Jones scored 10 points; Newland got eight; Coleman and Bullens had six each; senior Kasi Lay got four; McIntosh 3 and King, Brown, sophomore Jordan Harper and senior Savannah Neeley scored two points each.

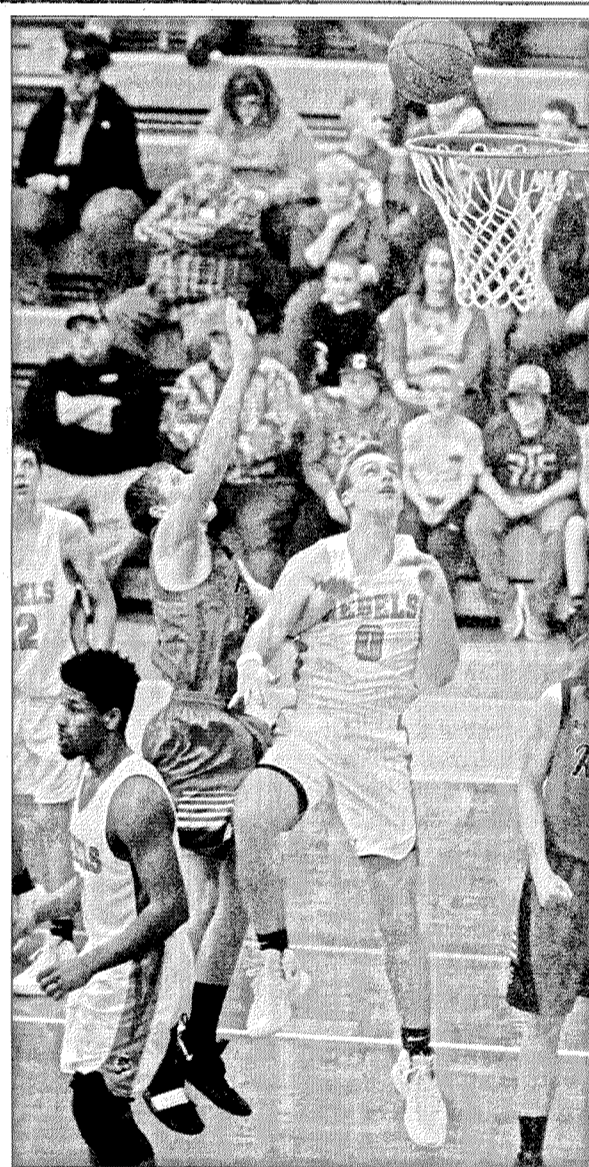
The Lady Rockets were 11 for 21 from the free throw line and the Lady Bulldogs were three for nine. Jones got the lone three point basket for her team while Hazard hit two.

The Lady Rockets will travel to Madison Central on Thursday, Dec. 20th to play a 1:45 game against McLean County in the Jack Burford Chevy Christmas Classic. They will play Harlan County on Friday, Dec. 21st at 5:15 p.m. and Spencer County on Saturday, Dec. 22nd at 5:15 in the same event and place.

Then, Dec. 27-30, they will play in the Gateway Classic at Montgomery County before hosting a doubleheader with the boys on Wednesday January 2nd against district foe Somerset.



Senior Cade Burdette makes one of his five threes in the Rockets' win over Casey County Friday night. Burdette led his team with 15 points.



Freshman Matthew Chasteen puts up a shot in the Rockets' district win over Casey Friday night.

Rocket freshmen and JV roundup

In their last two outings, the Rocket freshmen have won both but the jayvee have faltered, losing both.

At Knox Central last Thursday night, the freshmen easily took the measure of the Panthers 59-36 with Daniel Mullins leading the way with 18 points. Reese Coguer and Matthew Chasteen each added 10 points, Drew Hopkins got eight, Jake Sanders and seventh grader Will Bishop each scored six points and Silas Shaffer got one.

The Jayvee took the first quarter 11-10 but were only able to come up with four points the second quarter to the Panthers eight and the Panthers put 34 points on the board, to the Rockets 23, in the second half to seal the 53-43 win.

Drew Hopkins led the scoring for his team with 12 points; Daniel Mullins got 8; Matthew Chasteen and Reese Coguer scored seven each; Seth Shepherd got five and Bentley Taylor scored four points.

At South Laurel Monday night, the freshmen were ahead 10-7 at the end of the first quarter but it was all down hill after that until the end of the game when a fierce rally by the Rockets made up a seven point deficit to send the game into overtime knotted at 51 each.

The Rockets were down 26-15 at the half and 37-29 at the third quarter stop. Late in the fourth quarter it was 48-43 South Laurel when Jake Sanders made a basket and free throw to make it 48-46. Matthew Chasteen then scored a basket and free throw to put the Rockets up 49-48. South Laurel came back and tied the game on a free throw with 15 seconds left on the clock. Sanders came through again with a basket to put his team up 51-49 but, in the final eight seconds, South Laurel took the ball the length of the court and tied the game at 51 all.

In overtime, the Rockets drew first blood on a three point basket by Shaffer. Hopkins added two free throws to make it 56 to 51. South Laurel then scored a basket but Sanders hit a basket and Hopkins added four free throws and it was 62-53. South Laurel only added two more free throws in the overtime while Shaffer hit two free throws and Mullins added two free throws for the final 66-55.

Chasteen led the scoring for his team with 20 points; Mullins got 15; Sanders 13; Hopkins 9; Shaffer 5 and Coguer 4.

The Jayvee led in their game at the first quarter stop 17-16 and were tied at the half and at the end of the third quarter, 23 each and 30 each, respectively.

It was 36 all in the fourth quarter when South Laurel went up 40-36 and then sealed the victory with a free throw to win the game 41-38.

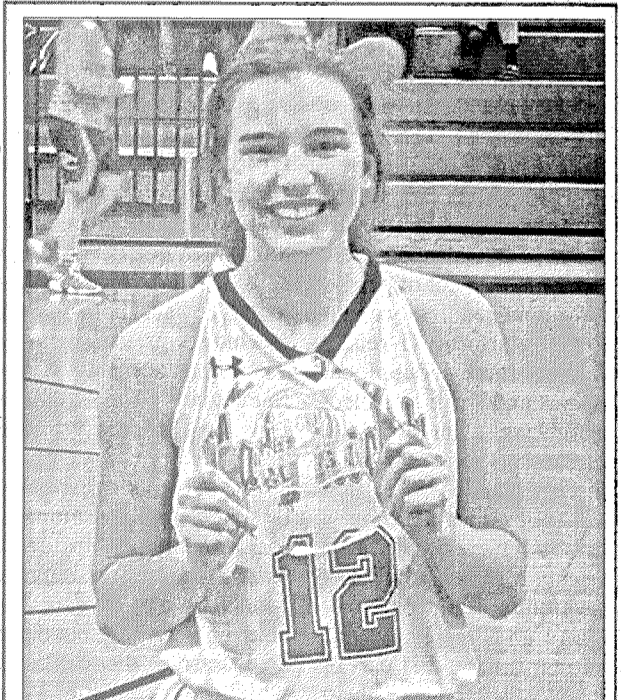
Chasteen again led the scoring in this game with 13 points; Mullins got 12; Coguer, Shaffer and Hopkins scored three each and Reece McGuire and Jake Sanders got two points each.



Senior Emma Bullens receives a pass during the Lady Rockets' 56-32 win over West Jessamine Monday night.

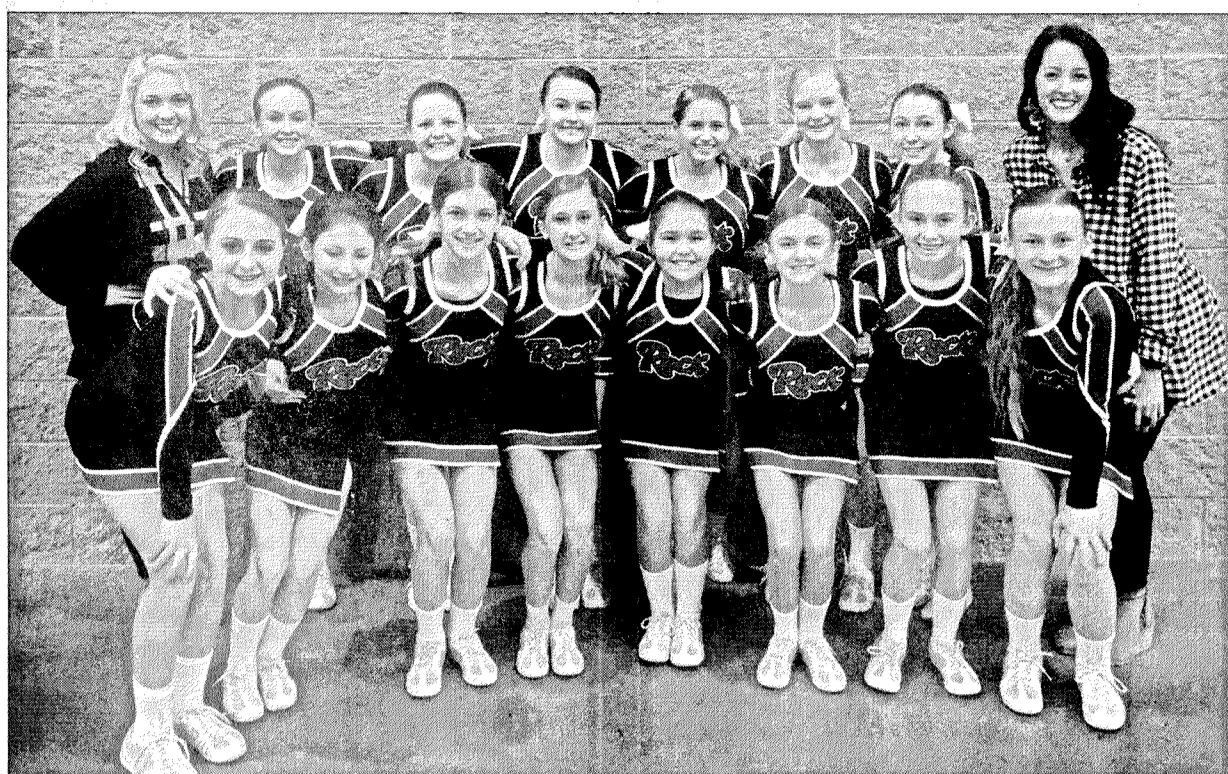


Sophomore Madison McIntosh makes a pass inside during the Lady Rockets' win over West Jessamine Monday night.

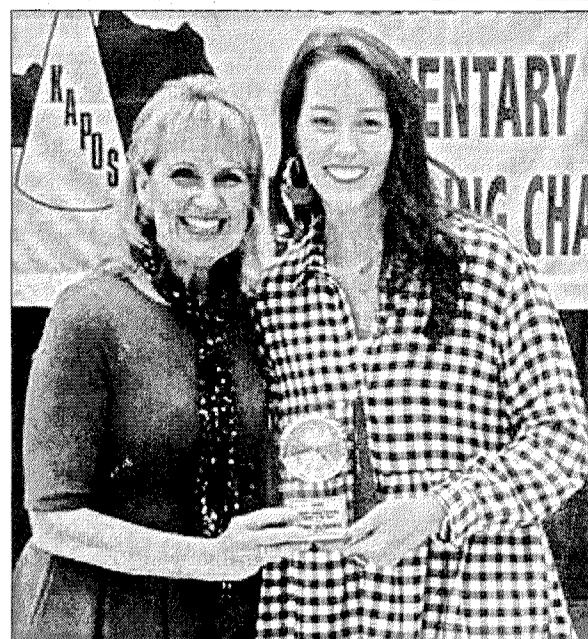


Sophomore Casey Coleman was named Player of the Game after the Lady Rockets' win over Hazard in the Ted Cook Classic Saturday.

*Rockets/Lady Rockets
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The Rockcastle County Middle School Cheerleaders competed in the Kentucky Association of Pep Organization Sponsors (KAPOS) State Middle School Cheerleading Championship on Saturday, December 15th. The competition took place at Alltech Arena at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington. RCMS qualified for the State Championship with their 1st place finish at the 12th Region Cheerleading Competition in mid-November. The RCMS Cheer team gave a perfect performance with zero deductions, finishing with a score of 80.4. This is the second time in school history, the first being in 2016, that the RCMS Cheerleaders have competed at the state competition. Members are pictured front row from left: Kovey Payne, Victoria Dykes, Raychel Carpenter, Kamryn Hall, Kendra Barnes, Ashleigh Abney, Bailey Terry, and Kylee Fletcher. Back row from left: Assistant Coach Rachel Johnson, Kierra Bingham, Jenna Eaton, Alexis Martin, Kendra Gibson, Chloe Stevens, Haven Williams, and Coach Joanie Alexander.



Coach Joanie Alexander (right) was also named Outstanding Middle School Coach of the Year. She is pictured with past KAPOS President and board member, Lucy Conn Moore.

Lady Rocket JV Roundup

The Lady Rocket Jayvee team won their last three games, beating Clark Co. 38-25 on Dec. 10th, Madison Central 50-35 on the 11th and West Jessamine on Dec. 17th 46-22.

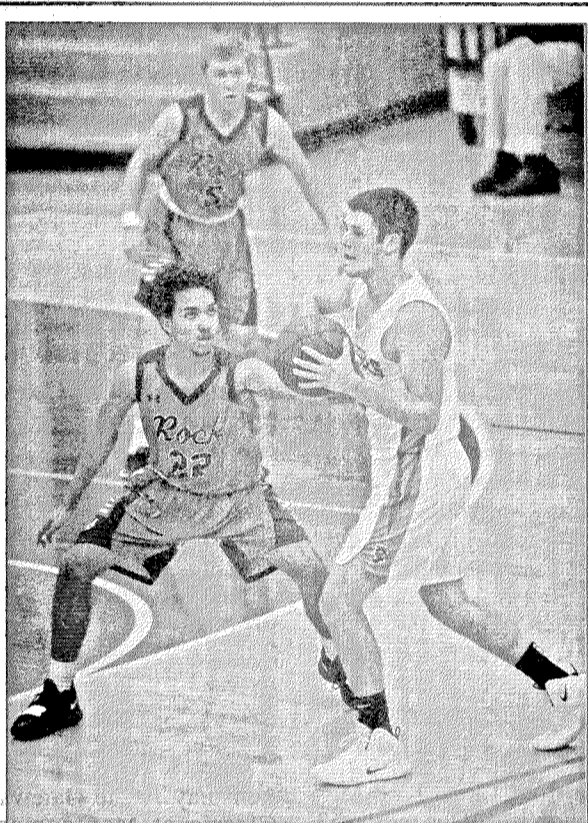
In the Clark County game last Monday night, the Lady Rockets were led in scoring by Hallie Brown with 14 points; Keelee King got six; Lindsey Jones five; Aliyah Lopez four and Madison McIntosh two.

At Madison Central last Tuesday night, the girls easily defeated the Lady Indians 50-35 with King and Brown tying for scoring honors with 14 points each. Jones added 12, Addison McClure and Aliyah Lopez got three each and McIntosh and Natalee Dillingham scored two each.

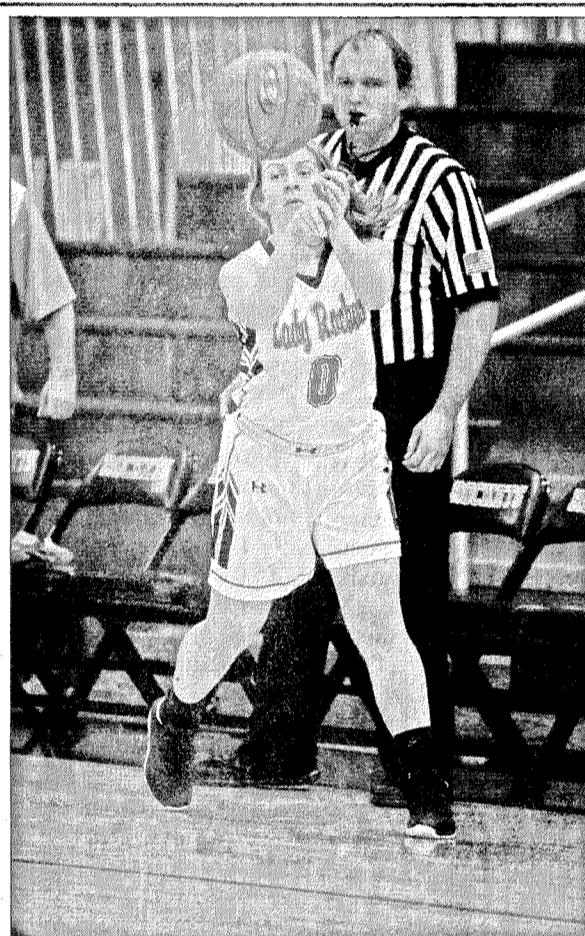
The Lady Rockets hosted West Jessamine Monday night and again, the contest was never in doubt.

Coach Eric Wright got to clear his bench and 10 players got into the scoring column in the 46-22 rout.

McClure led the scoring for her team with 10 points; King got eight; Brown 7; McIntosh and Jordan Harper got six each; Jones, Darby Smith, Dillingham and Emma Hackworth all got a basket and Elizabeth Denney added a free throw.



Junior Josiah West puts on the "D" during the Rockets' 65-57 win over Casey County last Friday night.



Junior Bailee Allen makes a pass back to the top of the key during the Lady Rockets' win Monday night.



Darby Smith heads to the basket during the Lady Rocket jayvee's 46-22 win over West Jessamine Monday night.



Junior Trevor Todd works hard in the paint for the Rockets during the win over Casey County Friday night.



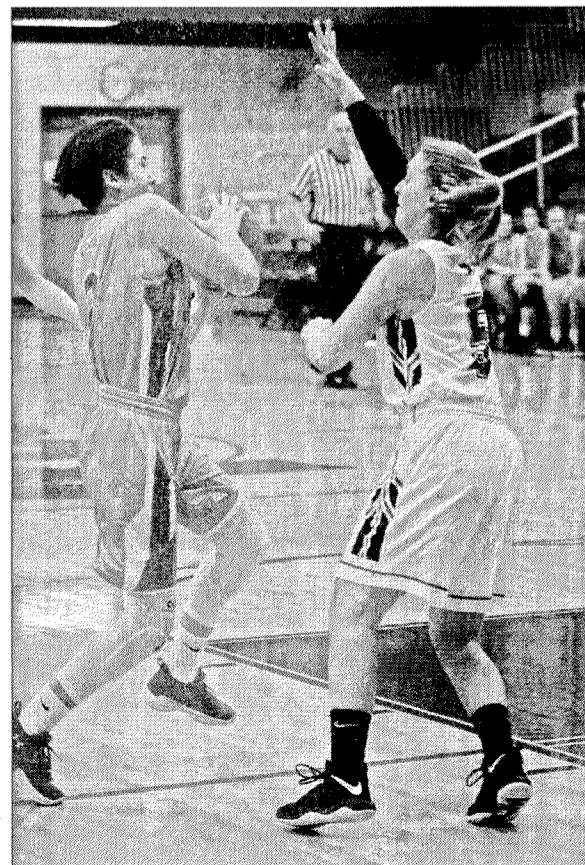
Senior Kasi Lay looks to make a pass during the Lady Rockets' win Monday night.



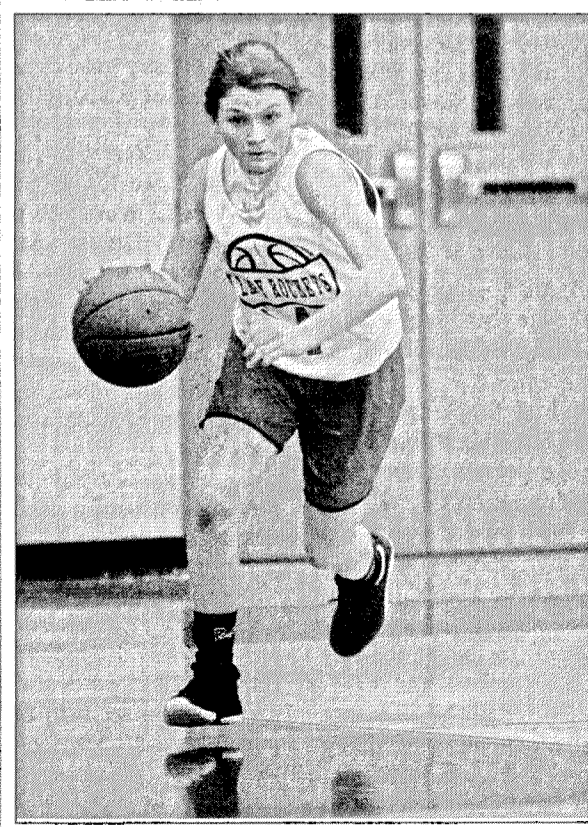
Haley Thacker goes around a screen set by teammate Elizabeth Denney in the Lady Rocket jayvee's 46-22 win over West Jessamine Monday night.



Sophomore Aliyah Lopez attempts to work around the defense during the Lady Rockets' win over West Jessamine Monday night.



Junior Shelby Newland stops a fast break during the Lady Rockets' 56-32 win over West Jessamine Monday night.



Addison McClure prepares to run a fast break in the Lady Rocket jayvee's 46-22 win over West Jessamine Monday night. McClure led her team with 10 points.

“Retire”

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by me through it all,” he said.

McKinney said he couldn't pick out one thing that would be his biggest accomplishment over the years. “When I started there were miles of gravel roads and wooden bridges. And Industrial Park Two hadn't even begun. We have done a lot,” McKinney said. “Everything is different now.”

“ABC”

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However some issues are in control of local government giving cities the ability to regulate and limits some parts of being a “wet” town.

For example, nudity and gambling are not required to be a part of the ordinance. Yet both Brodhead and Mount Vernon have included the issues in their ordinance simply so that nudity and gambling will be “on the books” as illegal in both cities, according to officials.

Both cities have designated an Alcoholic Beverage Control Administrator whose duties include record keeping and investigations of any claims, as well as approving or denying applications, among other duties. Officer Travis Davis is the Brodhead ABC Administrator. Josh Bray is the ABC Administrator of Mount Vernon.

Officials have worked out countless details in the ordinance, including showing a “footprint” of the premises with applications so that officials will be able to regulate what portion of a business will be available to sell alcohol. For example, whether or not a licensed business can sell alcohol on their back porch, in their parking lot or in other structures on the property.

The Brodhead ordinance also includes mandatory service training for anyone who works in the industry and serves alcohol. That training must be in place before any business can begin to sell alcohol.

After Commissioners John Burton and Brian Bullock spent two hours reading the ordinance, Bullock made the motion to adopt the ordinance and Commissioner Ricky Lakes seconded the motion. Cash called for an audible vote and the ordinance passed unanimously.

Brodhead licenses that are issued will be in effect for a fiscal year from January 15, 2018 to January 14, 2019 and must then be renewed. Licenses received after January 15 will be charged a prorated license fee.

Brodhead will allow Sunday sales but only from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and will allow sales on New Year's Day until 2 a.m. on New Year's Day.

Through all the debate and discussion in both cities concerning the “wet” status of each city, Rockcastle County remains “dry” and no sale of alcohol is allowed anywhere in the county except inside the city limits of Brodhead or Mount Vernon at a licensed property.

“Money”

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difficult to spot and look “like the real thing” except some have Chinese writing on them.

Thus far, only \$100 bills have been found but police say other bills may be circulating as well.

Rush said if you see a counterfeit bill, you should contact the nearest law enforcement officer or bring the bill to the police station.

Rush said he does not believe the bills are being printed anywhere locally but have been brought in from another state.

Everyone is being asked to inspect all bills carefully.

years of service to the county was Sheriff Mike Peters. Peters said he too will miss the work but is glad to be retiring. “We accomplished a lot over the years. And there's still more to do,” he said.

Shannon Franklin will be taking over as Sheriff on January 7 since he was elected in November.

Carlos McClure also received a plaque for 30 years of service to the county, including his employment with the county road department. McClure served one term as Rockcastle County Jailer.

Gary Burdette retired with eight years as District 4 Magistrate and Bonnie Roark, 911 Director, retired with 22 years of service to the county.

“Indict”

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Phillip Wade Estes, 40, Adam Matthew Estes, 22 and Dustin G. Young and Carolyn B. Young, both 33 and all of Irvine were named in a joint indictment.

Phillip Estes was indicted for burglary, theft by unlawful taking, possession of a controlled substance, promoting contraband into the Rockcastle County Jail and possession of burglary tools. His bond was set at \$50,000 c/p.

Adam Estes was indicted for burglary and theft by unlawful taking. His bond was also set at \$50,000 c/p.

Dustin and Carolyn Young were both indicted for complicity to commit burglary and complicity to commit theft by unlawful taking.

Their bond was set at \$25,000 c/p each;

Luther R. Akers, Jr., 43 of Crab Orchard was indicted on one charge of receiving stolen property.

His bond was set at \$20,000 c/p;

John Lewis-Shane Kirby, 34, of Lexington, who has been the subject of a lengthy manhunt by local law enforcement, was indicted on five counts: burglary, two counts of theft by unlawful taking, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and as a persistent felony offender.

His bond was set at \$100,000 c/p;

Milda Mills, 44, of Langdon St., Mt. Vernon was indicted for promoting contraband into the Rockcastle County Detention Center.

His bond was set at \$5,000 c/p;

James Carlis Cromer, 78, of Kincer Lane, Brodhead was indicted on two counts: possession of a handgun by a convicted felon and as a persistent felony offender.

His bond was set at \$5,000 c/p;

Robert Tillery, 36, and Jacquelyn Dees, 40, both of Wildrose Road, Mt. Vernon were named in a joint indictment for the offense of wanton endangerment.

Both Tillery's and Dees' bond was set at \$10,000 c/p;

John L. Kirby, 34, of Hummel Road, Mt. Vernon and Tara L. Willis, 30 of Highland Drive, Mt. Vernon were also named in a joint indictment. Kirby and Willis were both indicted for possession of a controlled substance and possession of a defaced firearm.

Kirby was also indicted for possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, fleeing or evading police and as a persistent felony offender.

Willis was also indicted for hindering prosecution or apprehension with the intent to render assistance to Kirby.

Her bond was set at \$20,000 c/p.

Kirby's bond was set at \$25,000 c/p;

Devin Adams, 23, of



Gary Burdette, Bill McKinney, Carlos McClure, Mike Peters and Bonnie Roark each received plaques for their service last week. Each of them will be retiring from county service as of January 1.

Richmond St., Mt. Vernon and Matthew Carte, 33, of Williams St., Mt. Vernon were also named in a joint indictment.

Adams and Carte were indicted for the offense of burglary and Adams was also indicted for possession of stolen mail matter.

Both of their bonds was set at \$5,000 c/p.

In a different indictment, Carte was indicted for promoting contraband into the Rockcastle County Jail and tampering with physical evidence.

On these charges, his bail was set at \$10,000 c/p;

Christopher E. Miller, 29, of Georgetown was indicted on three charges: possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and public intoxication.

His bond was set at \$10,000 c/p;

Choe-mae Bradley, 20, of Lexington was indicted for trafficking in a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Her bond was set at \$25,000 c/p;

Barry Randy Stewart, 59, of Big Cave Road, Orlando was indicted for the offense of trafficking in a controlled substance.

His bond was set at \$25,000 c/p;

Russell Jackson, 33, of Freedom School Road, Mt. Vernon was indicted for possession of a controlled substance.

His bond was set at \$5,000 c/p;

Shelly Elise Looney, 41, of Robindale Road, Livingston was also indicted for possession of a controlled substance.

Her bond was set at \$5,000 c/p;

Robin N. Wagers, 45, of London was indicted for theft of a motor vehicle registration plate, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Wagers' bond was set at \$5,000 c/p;

Brian P. Haight, 43, of Crab Orchard was indicted for fleeing or evading police, assault, criminal attempt to disarm a peace officer, resisting arrest, public intoxication, criminal mischief and as a persistent felony offender.

His bond was set at \$50,000 c/p;

Everett D. Morgan, 29, of London was indicted for possession of a controlled substance.

His bond was set at \$5,000 c/p;

Shadole L. Day, 30, of Day Street, Brodhead was indicted for promoting contraband and possession of marijuana.

Her bond was set at \$5,000 c/p;

Kerri Lea Abrams, 35, of S. Wilderness Road, Livingston was indicted for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Her bond was set at \$5,000 c/p;

William L. Pendery, 29, of Richmond St., Mt. Vernon, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance.

His bond was set at \$5,000 c/p;

Jamie D. Abee, 43, of McKee was indicted for possession of a controlled substance and theft of identity.

Her bond was set at \$10,000 c/p;

Krissy M. Cromer, 39, of Grace Loop Road, Mt. Vernon was indicted for trafficking in a controlled substance.

Her bond was set at \$5,000 c/p;

Cory J. Gentry, 26, of Somerset was indicted on four counts: wanton endangerment, fleeing or evading police, tampering with physical evidence and possession for sale or transfer of a simulated controlled substance.

Gentry's bond was set at \$50,000 cash/property;

Nicholas D. Rogers, 39, of Russell Springs was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

His bond was set at \$25,000 c/p;

Charles F. Clark, 40, of Big Cave Road, Orlando was indicted for theft by unlawful taking.

His bond was set at \$5,000 c/p;

Juanita Arlene Renner, 47, of Mill St., Mt. Vernon was indicted for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol/drugs, trafficking in marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Her bond was set at \$20,000 c/p;

Kevin W. Trent, 25, of

Crab Orchard was indicted on two counts of rape, one first degree and one third degree, sodomy and sexual abuse, first degree.

His bond was set at \$150,000 cash;

Starlin D Robinson, 39, of Green Fish Road, Mt. Vernon was indicted on two counts of flagrant non-support, totaling \$18,377.

Her bond was set at \$18,000 cash/subject to forfeiture;

Gary D. Mullins, 67, of Richmond was indicted for flagrant non-support in the amount of \$16,601.

Bond was set at \$15,000 cash, subject to forfeiture, and

Danny L. Collins, 34 of Berea was indicted for flagrant non-support in the amount of \$9,396.

His bond was set at \$9,000 cash, subject to forfeiture.

“Kirby”

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day, December 16. “He can run like a deer. We have had him cornered several times but he always got away,” said Peters. “There was nowhere to go this time. Every exit was blocked.”

Peters said Kirby had been out of jail about a year when break-ins began to be reported again. “We learned that Kirby was involved in some of the break-ins and started searching for him,” Peters said. “We kept getting close but he is a hard fellow to catch.” Police say Kirby has escaped other law enforcement agencies as well.

Kirby was captured in Madison County but was brought to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, two counts of fleeing or evading police, giving a false identification to police, five counts of being a persistent felony offender, two counts of probation violation, two counts of burglary in the third degree, theft by unlawful taking over \$500, receiving stolen property, tampering with physical evidence, burglary in the first degree, theft by unlawful taking firearm and wanton endangerment.

Kirby has eight separate bonds listed by case number.

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Notice is hereby given that Lee H. Gabbard, 16 Whitley Lane, Berea, Ky. 40403 has been appointed Administrator of the Estate of Gail Lee Gabbard on the 17th day of December, 2018. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Lee H. Gabbard or to Hon. Jeremy B. Rowe, 205 Richmond St., P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before June 17, 2019 at 11 a.m. 49x3

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Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before May 27, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. 47x3

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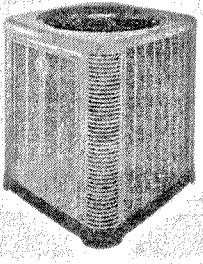
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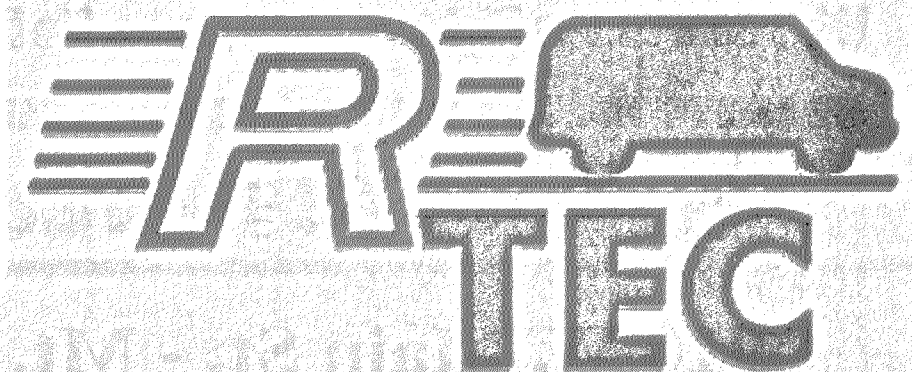


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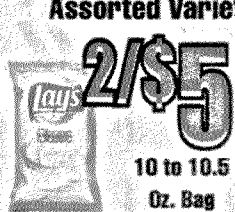
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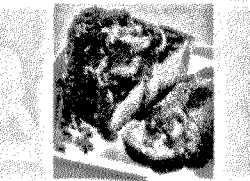
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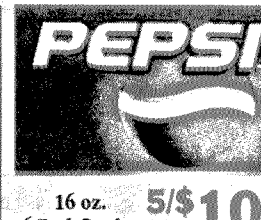


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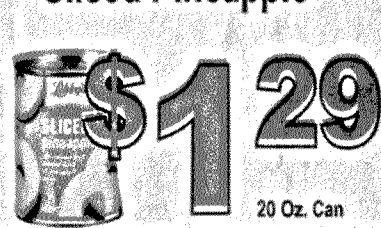
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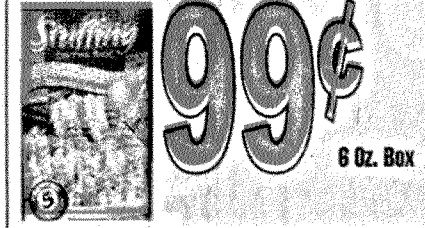
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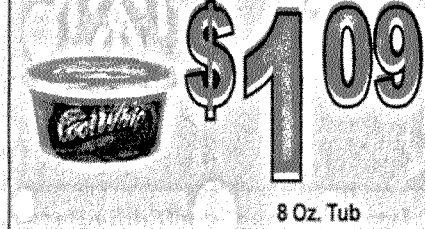
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Mrs. Smith's Apple or Cherry Pie



Kraft Original or Fat Free Cool Whip



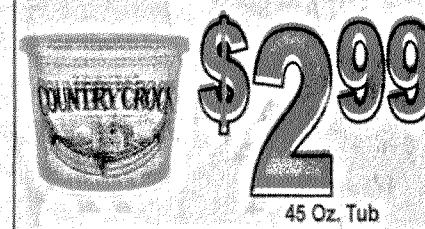
Kraft Bonus Size Mayo or Miracle Whip



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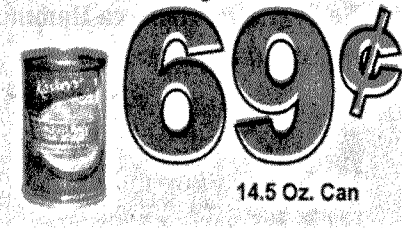


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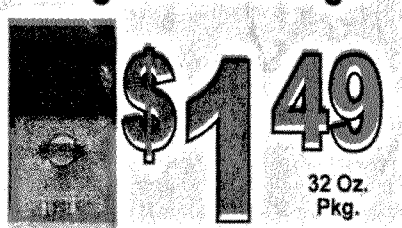
Kaskey's Beef, Chicken or Turkey Broth



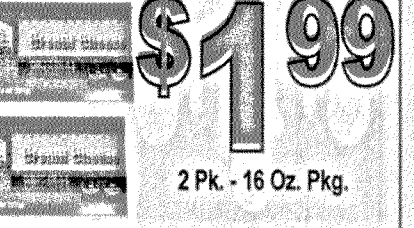
Kaskey's Mushroom, Broccoli, Celery or Chicken Cream Soup



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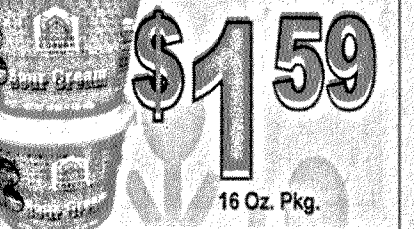
Coburn Farms Cream Cheese Bars



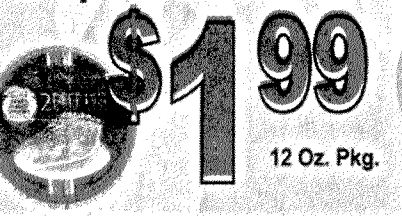
Coburn Farms Home Churned Salted or Unsalted Sweet Cream Butter Quarters



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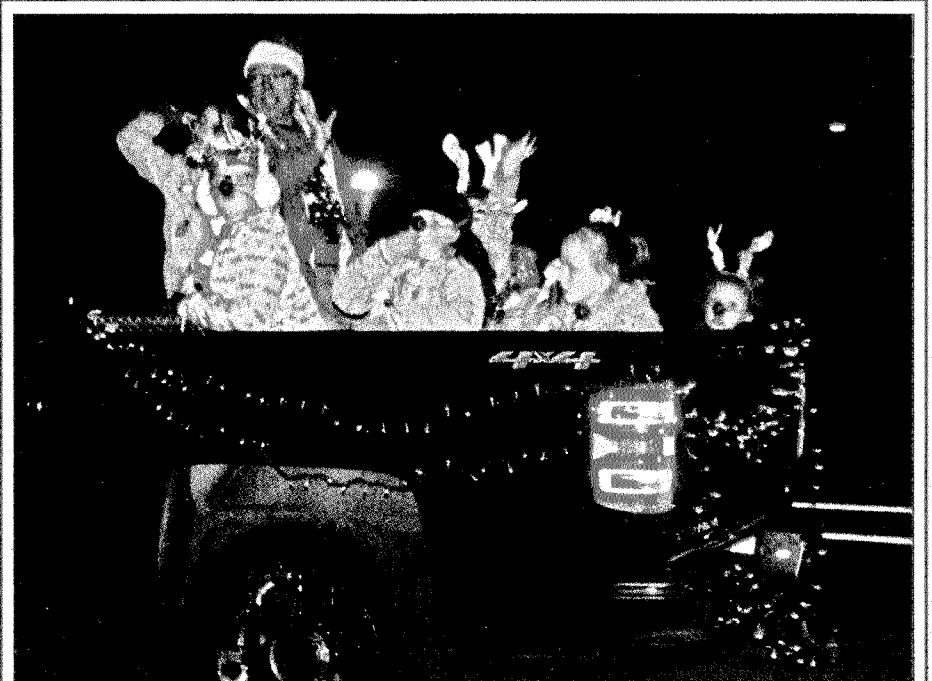
Second Section

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Livingston Christmas Parade



Pleasant Run Missionary Baptist Church had a beautifully decorated float in this year's Livingston Christmas Parade. (See more photos inside second section.)



Tracy Gabbard and his little "reindeer" took part in Livingston's Christmas Parade. The girls are members of the Rockcastle Recreational Cheer program in Rockcastle.

The Medley Boys

At the top and home again

By: Mike French
Editor

Editor's note: This is the ninth in a series of articles about local residents who play or sing music of some kind. Local bands and performers have traveled the world making music and we hope to give our readers insight into their lifestyle.

As this series has shown, Rockcastle County is filled with musicians and singers. Some who simply enjoy sitting in their kitchen and playing. Others who travel the world displaying their talent for thousands of fans.

One of the biggest local success stories revolves around a local group that reached music's highest goals and yet they decided the music world and all its

glamour and glory were not worth staying away from Rockcastle County.

The Medley Boys are home to stay.

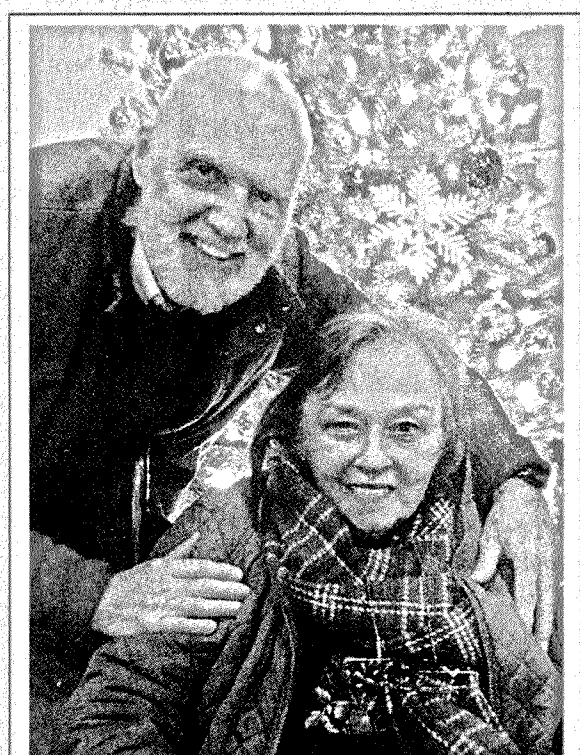
Anthony and Jason Medley were at the top of the music world with a coveted record deal and most of the things that musicians dream of, including the offer of a paid salary and a bus to travel the country performing in front of thousands. The chance for fame and stardom and all their trappings were at their fingertips and, for awhile, the two Livingston men experienced the high life of the music industry.

"But then, life happened," said Jason (who is also mayor of Livingston).

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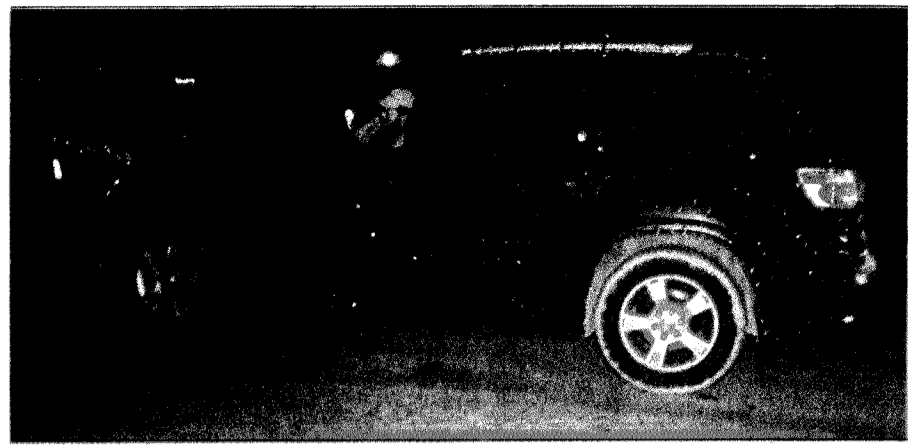
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Reindeer pulled Stacy Faulkner's lit up vehicle through the Livingston Christmas Parade.



The town of Livingston was beautifully decorated for the Christmas season. Above is the nativity scene at the Livingston Trailhead.

News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Circuit Civil Suits

Alan Ray Young v. Britany Ramsey, petition for joint custody. CI-00291

District Civil Suits

Ethelene Scott v. John Edwards, eviction notice. Portfolio Recovery Asso. LLC v. Dalton Hulton, \$1,083 plus claimed due. C-00241

Marriage Licenses

Angela Rebecca Daugherty, 41, Mt. Vernon, unemployed and Christopher Edward Stewart, 31, Orlando, unemployed. 12/12/18

Deeds Recorded

Carl and Linda Stewart, property in Rockcastle Co., to Billy E. and Leslie G. Stewart. No tax

Community Trust Bank, property on US 25, to Joseph Kelley. Tax \$10

Debora and Ricky Bowles and Michael Seth and Natasha Adams, property on L. Adams Rd., to Adam and Karah Short. Tax \$87.50

Scott David Anglin, property on Green Pond Ridge Rd., to Matthew Langenbacher. Tax \$67.50

Deborah June Adams, property on Sherman Thompson Estate, to Michael David Adams. No tax

Deborah Ann Ramsey, property on U.S. 25, to Roy L. McCollum. No tax

Debbie Ramsey, property on US 25, to Roy L. McCollum. No tax

District Court

Dec. 10-12, 2018

Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless
Jordan Thomas Hays: fleeing or evading police, illegal possession of legend drug, resisting arrest, 3 days in jail/each charge/concurrent/costs waived.

Adron William McKinney: drug paraphernalia - buy/possess and theft by unlawful taking, sentencing orders entered.

Everett D. Morgan: criminal mischief and theft by unlawful taking, 10 days in jail/to serve/concurrent/costs waived.

Gary L. Abney: no/expired registration plates-receipt, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, failure to wear seat belts, bench warrant (bw) entered for failure to appear (fta).

Ashley Bussell: public intoxication, possession controlled substance and drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, bw issued for fta.

Speeding: Justin Cameron, Tyler A. Johnson, license suspended for fta.

Donald B. Rogers, pending action slip;

Pamela M. Cash: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, falsely reporting an accident, disorderly conduct, probation violation, contempt of court, bw issued for fta.

David Lee Cromer: Violation of Kentucky EPO/DVO, bw issued for fta.

Teddi Day: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

Tiffany N. Denny: speeding, \$50 fine; failure to wear seat belts, improper equipment and failure to or improper signal, \$25 fine each charge.

Dwayne L. Elam: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

William B. Evans: any violation charge (except traffic), \$500 fine/suspended on condition, costs waived.

Cynthia Ruth Griffith: failure to wear seat belts, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, possession of marijuana, possession controlled sub., possession of controlled substance/drug, tampering with physical evidence, controlled substance prescription not in orig. container, bw issued for fta.

Carissa Ingram: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, license to be in possession, bw issued for fta.

Jami Renee Graves: careless driving, \$50 fine plus costs.

Chad Curtis Long: disregarding stop sign, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, failure to produce insurance card, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, bw issued for fta.

Larry McLemore: leaving scene of accident/failure to render aid or assistance, failure to wear seat belts, driving on DUI suspended license, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, reg. and title requirements veh. not oper. on hwy, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, operating mv under influence of alcohol/drugs, bw issued for fta.

Krise Mullins: public intoxication, criminal trespassing, bw issued for fta.

Tommy Wayne Reynolds: no tail lamps, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to surrender revoked operators license, failure to notify address change to dept. of transp., failure to wear seat belts, bw issued for fta.

Donald Lee Roberts: failure to produce insurance card and failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/sec., bw issued for fta.

Edna Sparks: flagrant non-support, bw issued for fta.

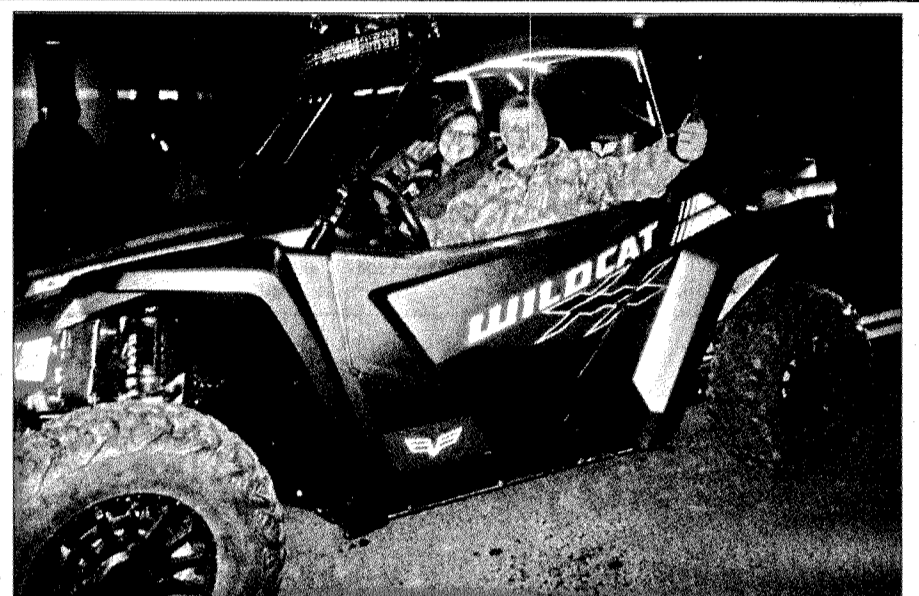
John R. Stone: possession controlled substance, sentencing order entered.

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

Danny Wayne Waddell: wanton endangerment (five counts), criminal mischief (two counts), terroristic threatening six counts), assault (four counts), operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, license to be in possession, resisting arrest, failure to produce insurance card, attempt disarming a peace officer, menacing, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, bw issued for fta.


Derek Fitzgerald Wright: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, operating on suspended/revoked operators

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Will and Jeanie Singleton rode in their side by side during the Livingston Christmas Parade.

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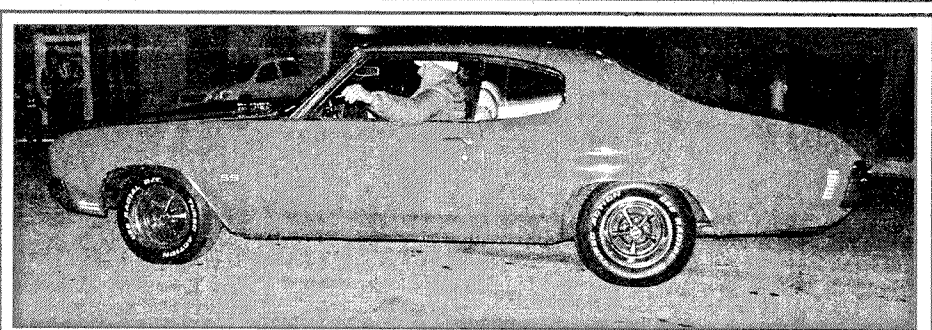
Mayor Jason Medley and his son, Ethan, took part in Livingston's Christmas Parade sharing candy with those in attendance.



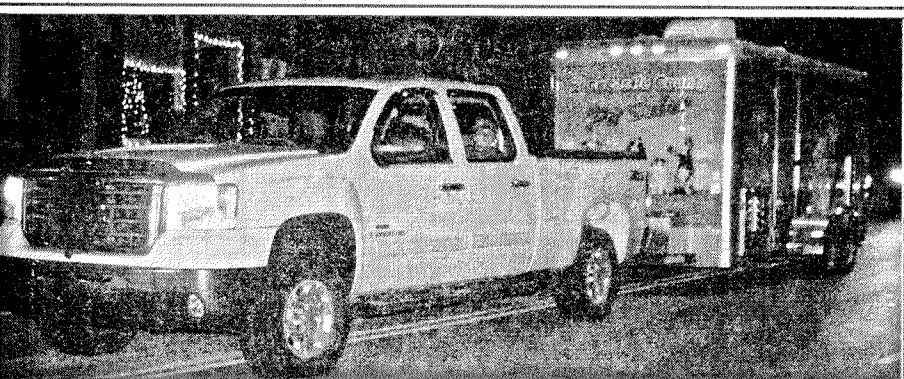
Magistrate Mike McGuire took part in Livingston's Christmas Parade. No snow this year for the parade but temperatures were definitely chilly.



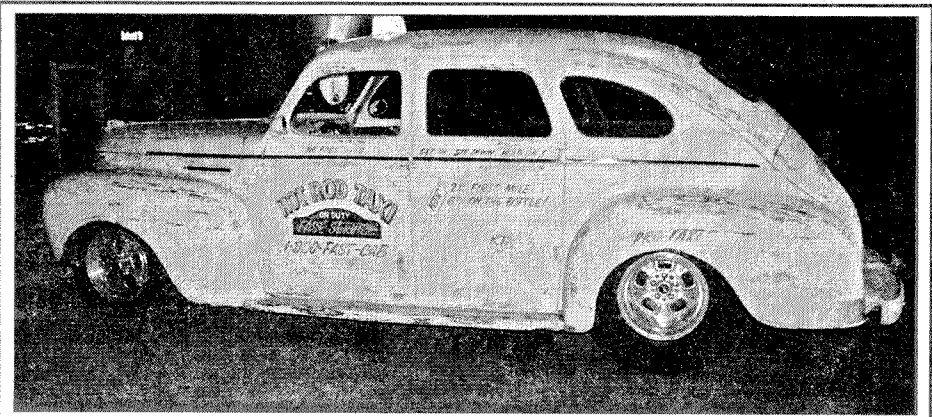
Santa and Mrs. Claus were a hit during Livingston's Christmas Parade and festivities afterwards at the firehouse.



Donnie and Terina Helton drove their '70 Chevelle and shared candy with those in attendance.



CSEPP Director B.B. Cameron and his wife Elizabeth and cousin Carson took part in Livingston's Christmas Parade.



Mike Mink drove his Hot Rod Taxi in Livingston's Christmas Parade.



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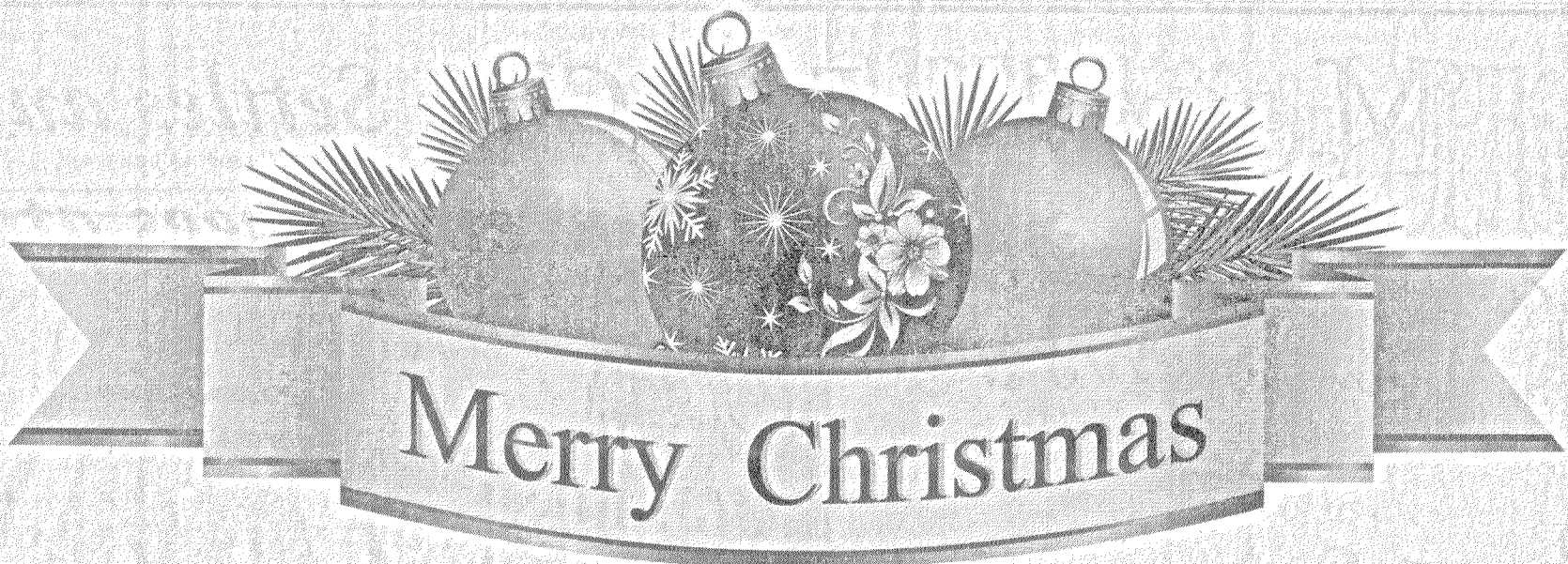
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Tim Kelley was busy throwing out candy during Livingston's Christmas Parade.



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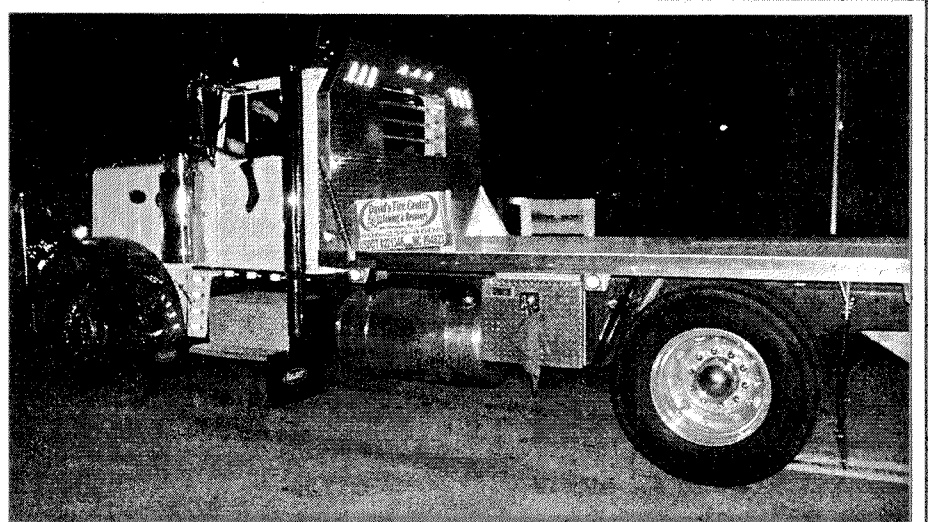
Pictured at left, front row from left:
Janet Blevins, Dianna Gilbert and
Anita Moore.
Back row from left:
Sonya McGuire, Danetta Ford Allen,
Becky Mays, Amy Mink,
and Tina Gibbs.

Clerk's Office Holiday Schedule and Closings
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Christmas - December 22-25, 2018
State AVIS - Outage December 31, 2018
New Year - January 1, 2019

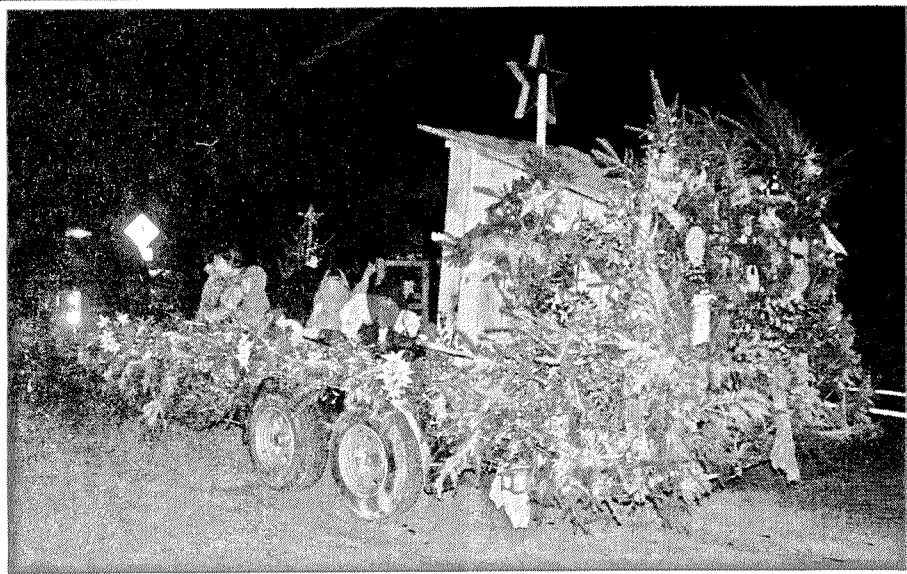
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County Clerk Danetta Ford Allen
and staff



Rockcastle County Judge/Executive-Elect Howell Holbrook and family members took part in Livingston's Christmas Parade sharing candy with those in attendance.



David Thompson with David's Tire Center decorated his flatbed truck and participated in Livingston's Christmas Parade.



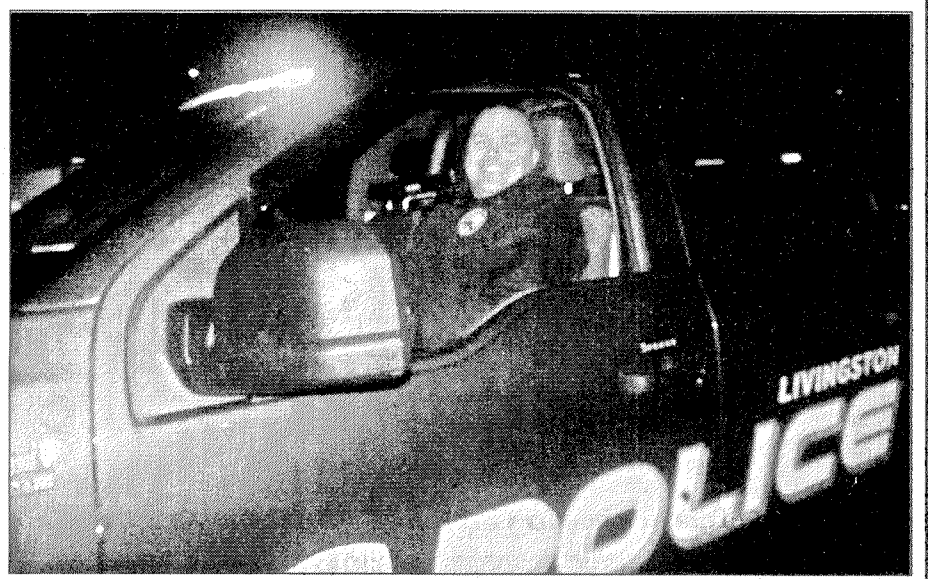
Flat Rock Baptist Church brought their beautifully decorated float, *A Child Is Born*, to the Livingston Christmas Parade.



Firefighter Jimmy Clark drove Livingston's E-303 truck in the annual Christmas Parade at Livingston. Many other fire departments throughout the county took part in Livingston's parade as well.



Gary Parker gave his grandson, Jordan Smith with Rockcastle Weather, a ride in Livingston's Parade.



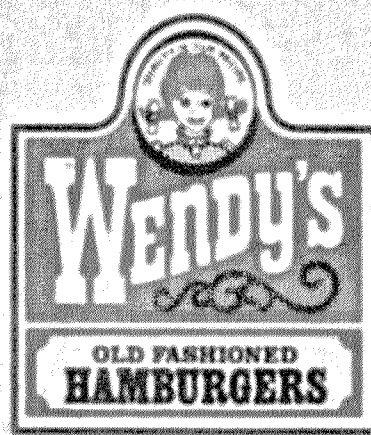
Livingston Police Chief Travis Richardson led the parade through Livingston.

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Some of the Wendy's employees shown at left, kneeling: Sarah Cornelius. Back row from left: Katelyn Singleton, James Houk, Chasity Mitten, Marsha Stephens, Jack Stephens, Heather Wallin, Zack King and Chris Settles.

In photo above is Chris Settles with Marathon employees Beverly Sandusky and Jana Bordeaux.

Medley Boys

(Cont. from B1)

"Some things are just more important than chasing that dream."

Life, in this case, was four children, two wives and family.

"Anthony had two children and I had one and another on the way and we would be gone six months at a time on tour and we just decided we were not willing to chase that dream anymore," he said.

Music has been part of their world since the brothers were born and their father started them playing at a very young age. "Our dad was quite the accomplished musician," said Jason. "He got Anthony started on piano and me on guitar and we took it from there."

The two young men turned into extremely accomplished musicians and singers themselves and started a band called "Speeding Ticket." With that local group, the brothers traveled around central Kentucky and surrounding states playing their own brand of southern rock and country and always involved their upbringing with some gospel music in each performance.

The duo was so good, that they started getting noticed in bigger music circles and, in 1995, they were offered a record deal by Adonda Records in Nashville, Tennessee.

The two men traveled the country playing radio tours and festivals and stages that most musicians only dream of playing.

The pair recorded a demo LP that was played

on radio stations worldwide and the name "Medley Boys" was becoming recognized world-wide in the music industry.

In fact, the Medley Boys opened concerts for many of the biggest names in county music and played to countless sold-out crowds across the nation.

The very popular duo shared green rooms and backstages with the top country acts in the world and performed most every weekend for packed houses in front of thousands of screaming fans.

They were what many would call "stars."

"It was about then that our focus changed," said 40 year old Jason. "It was some really good times and we loved it. But we missed our families and we were getting burned out. It's a great life for a 20-year-old but there's not much room in today's country music world for 40-year-old singers."

So, after careful contract negotiations and selling rights to the songs the duo had written, Jason and Anthony Medley came home to Livingston.

Jason was later elected Mayor of Livingston and Anthony became a manager at a large business and the two settled into life in their hometown. "We don't regret our decision," said Jason. "It was the right thing to do." Still, the brothers think a lot about their life-changing decision to come home. "We think about it a lot. And, truthfully, I miss it occasionally. But we are family men now and we are both happy to be home."

And, of course, that kind of talent never goes

to waste. "Oh, we will never stop playing and singing," said Jason. "We play all the time somewhere and we are at the Livingston Depot most every Friday night. Everyone is invited to come and sit with us."

Though the Medley Boys still get calls almost every week asking them to play somewhere, they mostly play shows in central Kentucky and even more often within the county.

Both men focus their attention more now on gospel music. "The Lord gave us the ability to play so we love serving the Lord. It came from Him and we have to give it back to Him," said Jason.

Jason said there are too many people in the brothers' lives to thank them all for their support over the years. "So many friends, family and fans have supported us over the years but there is no way I could thank them all for their help and their love."

Anyone who would like the Medley Boys to perform at your church or other venue, feel free to contact Jason at (606) 308-4543. "We love to play at churches," he said.

When one asks Jason if he prefers being mayor over being a world famous performer, he breaks into a hearty laugh and simply says, "well, it sure is two different worlds."

Court News

(Cont. from B2)

license, failure to produce insurance card, possession open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle, bw issued for fta.

Justin C. Whitt: assault (two counts), no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, fleeing or evading police, license to be in possession, failure to produce insurance card, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, possession/use of radio that sends/receives police messages, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, improper passing, reckless driving, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, criminal mischief, wanton endangerment, leaving the

scene of an accident/failure to render aid or assistance, failure to report traffic accident, failure to report accident in excess of \$500, bw issued for fta.

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

Courtney A. Barnes: possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia - advertisement, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, failure to notify address change to dept. of transp., bw issued for fta.

Dax Russell Durham: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, possession controlled substance, controlled substance prescription not in original container, rear license not illuminated, vehicle a nuisance, noisy, etc., improper equipment, display/possession of cancelled/fictitious operators license, no operators/moped license, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, no expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, improper display of registration plates, display of illegal/alterd registration plates, bw issued for fta.

Nicole R. Halcomb: fine/fees due (\$273), bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or full payment.

Cheryl L. Marshall: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

James H. Randolph: theft by deception, bw issued for fta.

Amanda L. Sparks: flagrant non-support, bw issued for fta.

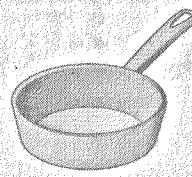
Niklas Robert Wainwright: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, bw issued for fta.

Brandon Michael Wynn: drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, bw issued for fta.

Dustin Ray Griffin: speeding and driving too fast for traffic conditions, license suspended for fta.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE

I made it for church pot luck while in California. There happened to be a visiting preacher Mr. LeCroix and his wife there that day. As I had come to expect, several people did ask for the recipe. One of them was Mrs. LeCroix. She said they loved the taste, had never tasted anything like it, and wanted to make it for Thanksgiving. Two Thanksgivings later I got a nice note from Mrs. LeCroix thanking me for the recipe. She said she had decided not to make the casserole that year, but her son had insisted he would not come to dinner unless she made it.

3 cups cooked sweet potatoes, mashed
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup butter, melted
2 eggs, slightly beaten
1/2 cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
Mix all of the above and pour into buttered 2 quart oven-proof dish.

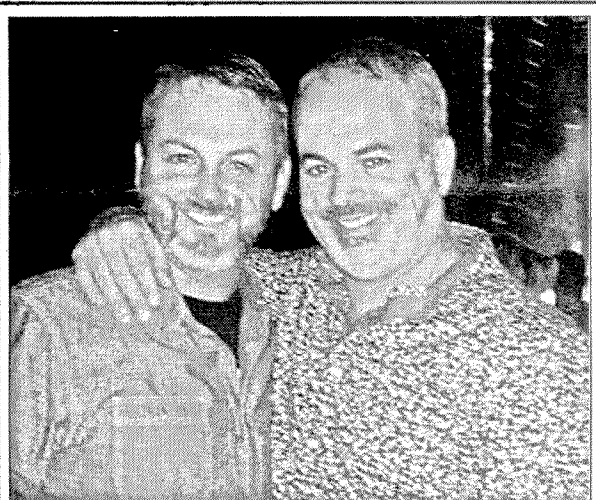
TOPPING:

1 and 1/2 cups brown sugar, packed
1 cup chopped nuts
2/3 cup flour
1 stick butter, softened
Mix with fork and sprinkle on top of sweet potato mixture. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes.

TROPICAL SWEET POTATOES

1 can (23 ounce) sweet potatoes
1 can (11 ounce) mandarin oranges
1 can (about 5 ounce) pineapple chunks in juice
1 tablespoon cornstarch
2 tablespoons water
2 tablespoons butter
1/4 firmly packed brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1 cup coconut, optional
Heat oven to 375°. Drain sweet potatoes, discard juice. Cut into 3-inch chunks. Drain oranges and pineapple, reserving 1/2 cup of each juice. Place potatoes and fruit in a 2-quart casserole dish. In a small bowl, stir together reserved juices, cornstarch, and water until cornstarch is dissolved.

In a small saucepan, melt butter until sizzling. With wire whisk, stir in juice-cornstarch mixture, brown sugar, and cinnamon. Cook over medium heat, whisking constantly until mixture comes to a boil. Boil one minute. Pour hot sauce over sweet potato mixture in casserole dish. Cover dish, bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until heated through and bubbly. If desired, sprinkle with coconut before serving.



Jason and Anthony Medley

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Back row from left: Andrea Terry, Nancy Ruhe and Chris Hughes.

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Rockcastle Cadets participate in inspection

(Submitted) Several Cadets participated in the triennial Joint Program of Accreditation December 4th, which includes two mandatory briefings, a platoon drill inspection,



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Cadets Jake Neeley, Sarah Pride, and Madison Bryant were responsible for presenting the overview of our 2018 service learning project at the Saltpetre cave where we assisted the Ohio Cave Grotto association in parking before the event, kitchen and cave duties during the event, and

clean-up after the event.

After the presentations, the platoon drill inspection, commanded by Cadet Command Sergeant Major Hunter Medley and consisting of Cadets Eli Price, Christopher McCoy, Richie Clouse, J.J. Clouse, Tyler Navarre, Zachary Poyle, Gabriel Tackett, Cager Doan, Madison Bryant, Sarah Pride, Kensie Sheffield, and Cody Morris marched in sequence for the platoon drill portion of the JPA.

Next was the

colorguard inspection, commanded by Cadet First Sergeant Chanler Cole, with Cadet Sergeant J.J. Clouse as the state flag, Cadet Sergeant Cager Doan as the left rifleman, and Cadet Staff Sergeant Eli Price as the right rifleman.

Last was the portfolio inspections. For the LET I's, Cadets Caleb Thompkins, Izzy Clouse, and Alex Robinson had their cadet portfolios inspected for quality and completeness and were asked questions pertaining

to their future and understanding in and of the battalion. For the LET II's, Cadets Cager Doan, Eli Price, and Richie Clouse's portfolios were inspected. For the LET III's, Cadets Chanler Cole and Andrew Didelot portfolios were inspected, and they were asked questions relating to their leadership positions and personnel. Finally, for the LET IV's, Cadets Sebastian Poynter and Larry Vanwinkle's portfolios were inspected and were asked questions relating to their work in the company and battalion, as well as their future beyond high school.

After the inspection was completed, the Rockcastle County Rocket Battalion scored ninety-nine percent overall for the JPA, earning the Honor Unit with Distinction qualification, keeping our gold star for another three years. This score was also the highest score in our battalion's history.

We would like to thank Mrs. Mattingly, Mr. Bussell, and Maj. Ramsey from the Clinton County JROTC Battalion for attending. We would also like to thank Mr. Owens for observing and grading us during our 2018 - 19 year inspection.



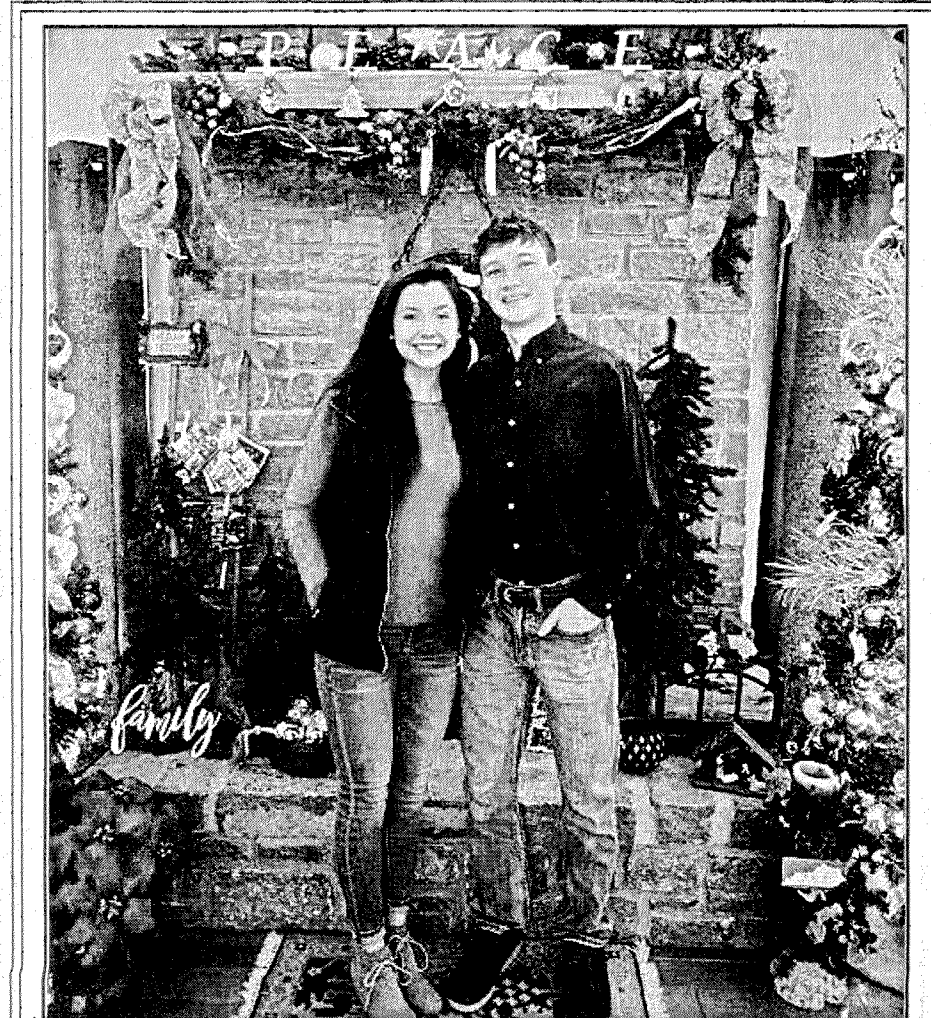
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May the love of Jesus give us all peace this Christmas!

Merry Christmas

Judge Jeff, Twila,

Thomas and Zoe Burdette



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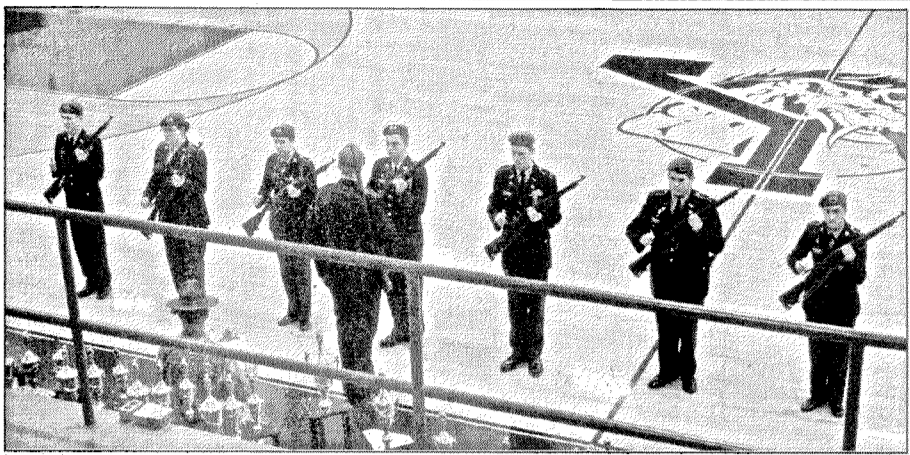


Bottom row from left: Kristina Ruhe and Chianne Caudill. Back row from left: Teresa Gentry, Melissa Gooch, Angel Smith and Denise Wallin.



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Squad #1, commanded by Cadet First Sergeant Andrew Didelot, competed in the squad drill portion of York. Squad #1 consisted of Cadets Chanler Cole, Toby Kirby, Hayley Allen, J.J. Clouse, Zac Robinson, Zachary Fetters, and Madison Bryant.



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Rockcastle Drill Team competes at competition

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After Squad #1 came Squad #2, which was commanded by Cadet Staff Sergeant Eli Price and consisted of Cadets Hunter Medley, Caleb Tompkins, Andrew Durham, Jacob Rice, Sarah Pride, Alex Robinson, and Cager Doan.

Last competition of the day was the Armed IDR, which was a portion of the competition where Cadets must follow the drilling orders of a singular Drill Sergeant as closely as they can, whilst being graded by patrolling Drill Sergeants.

At the award ceremony near the end of the

day, Rockcastle County received a custom participation streamer for the battalion's guide-on. All the Cadets who participated in this competition

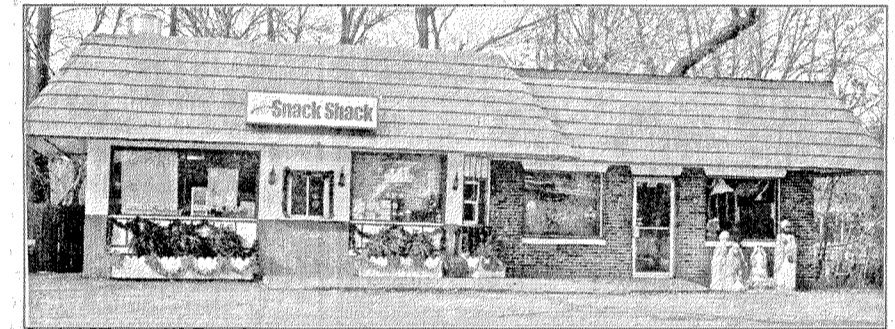
performed excellently and to the best of their abilities. We would like to thank the organizers of the Alvin C. York Drill competition for taking the

time to set up and oversee the event, as well as the Drill Sergeants who took time out of their days to grade cadets throughout the event.



Colorguard portion of the Alvin C. York Drill Competition commanded by Cadet Command Sergeant Major Hunter Medley. Cadet Second Lieutenant Sarah Pride was the state flag and Cadets Cager Doan and Eli Price were the left and right riflemen, respectively.

Merry Christmas from the folks at
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Mt. Vernon Message

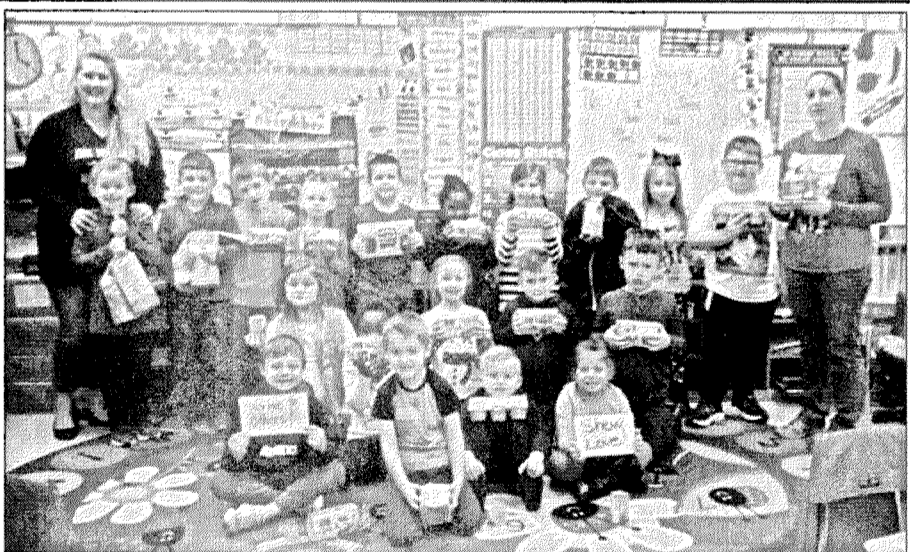
School News

Christmas break begins Thursday, December 20. Students return on January 3. Enjoy your time with family and friends.

Class News

Mrs. Angie Hunt's kindergarten class from Mt. Vernon Elementary conducted a Food Drive to supply food for the MVES Snack Pack Program. Mrs. Angie's class collected over 600 items to donate. They learned about the joy of giving to others in need. They would like to encourage you to donate individual food items to MVES for the Snack Pack Program.

Mrs. Kami and Ms. Lisa's kindergarten classes donated snacks to the Family Resource Center Snack pack program for Christmas!



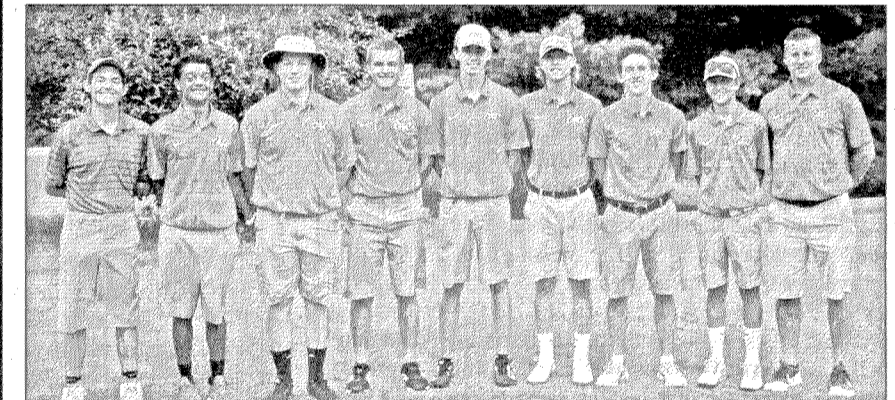
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Cedar Rapids LLC

would like to thank the community and sports teams for their support throughout the year.



Wishing everyone a **Merry Christmas** & **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

No Paper Next Week!
Signal office will be closed
December 21st - 30th

UNITE Coalition 2018 Poster Contest winners

The Rockcastle UNITE Coalition celebrated winners from the 2018 Poster Contest at the UNITE Meeting, Wednesday, December 12 held at Marcella's Farm to Fork. Students from all three Rockcastle County Schools UNITE Clubs submitted poster ideas about the fight against drugs and staying sober and drug-free.

Three winning posters were picked from each school: Brodhead Elementary, Mt. Vernon Elementary, and Roundstone Elementary. Then three students' posters were selected overall

from the School district as a whole.

The winners were announced at the December meeting of the UNITE Coalition.

For Brodhead Elementary School in first, second, and third place were Gracie Hines, Keelie Bowling, and Addison Gilbert.

For Mt. Vernon Elementary, the first, second, and third place winners were: Aisha Njie, Macey Spivey, and Maggie Reynolds.

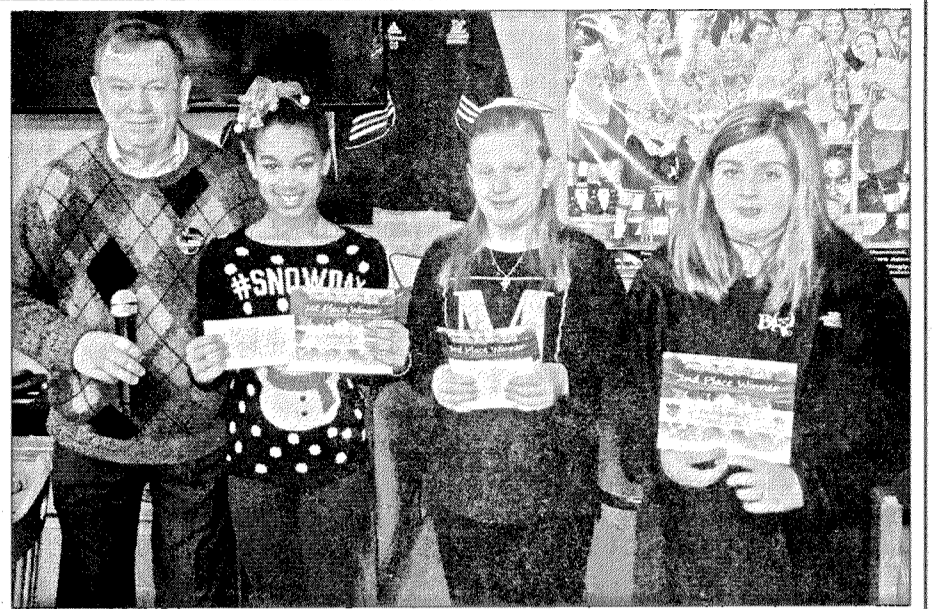
Representing Roundstone Elementary were Ella McKinney, Aedan Owens, and

Santana Hacker, first, second, and third.

The District winners were Keelie Bowling in third place, Gracie Hines in second place, and Aisha Njie, the first place overall winner.

Congratulations to all the winners, and thank you to all who participated.

The Rockcastle UNITE Coalition meets the second Wednesday of each month at Marcella's Farm to Fork at noon. All are welcome to come, be informed, and hopefully to get involved in the fight for a clean and sober community.



District winners of the UNITE Poster Contest pictured with John Hale, UNITE President are from left: Aisha Njie, Keelie Bowling and, Gracie Hines.



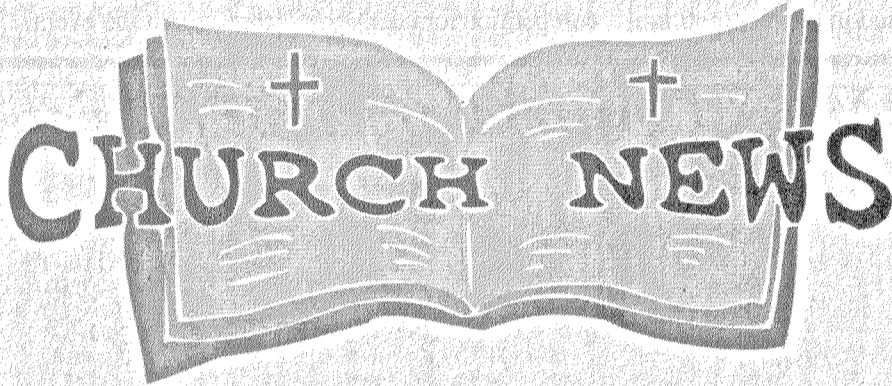
BES winners of the UNITE Poster Contest pictured with John Hale, UNITE President are from left: Addison Gilbert, Keelie Bowling, and Gracie Hines.



MVES winners of the UNITE Poster Contest pictured with John Hale, UNITE President are from left: Maggie Reynolds, Macey Spivey, and Aisha Njie.



RES winners of the UNITE Poster Contest pictured with John Hale, UNITE President are from left: Aedan Owens, Ella McKinney, and Santana Hacker.



Let the Bible Speak
Tune in to "Let the Bible

Speak," with Brett Hickey, on Sunday mornings at 6:30

a.m. on LEX18.

Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings

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

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

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

Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only. Community Outreach Center, Brodhead, every 6:30 p.m. Leader: Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099.

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

Christmas Play at Quinton Baptist

Quinton Baptist Church and pastor Bro. Jack Stallworth invite and welcome everyone to our Christmas play "From the Manager to the Cross To a Crown," next Sunday evening, December 23rd, beginning at 6 p.m.

The church is located on Hwy. 790, Bronston in Pulaski Co.

First Christian Youth Christmas Program

First Christian Church will present their 2018 Youth Christmas program Sunday, December 23rd at 6 p.m.

Everyone is welcome.

Happy Birthday December 28th

In Heaven
Randall Reynolds
Love - Mom

Happy Birthday Walter Lee

Cash
December 28th
Love - Charlene

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Christmas Blessings
For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given: And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

With best wishes to you and yours this holiday season



Shannon, Jill, Maggie & Valerie Franklin

Shannon Franklin
Rockcastle Sheriff-Elect

The Gospel of Christ

The term gospel literally means good news-glad tidings, the good news is the salvation that is found in this gospel of Jesus Christ. We find the Apostle Paul states in Romans 1:16—It is God's saving power for all of mankind. The gospel is to be taught and preached all over the world we find in Matthew 28:19-20—When Jesus commanded his disciples to go into all the world preaching the gospel or the word of God, making disciples of all people.

The apostle Paul preached a gospel that came from Heaven we find, Galatians 1:11-12—He said it came from Heaven and not from men, because he didn't seek to please men but to please God. We need to always make sure the gospel we are so fond of came from Heaven and not from men. The Apostle Paul also said in Galatians 1:6-9—The other gospel that many men preach he said is actually not another gospel, he was amazed that the church at Galatia would follow another gospel, he states even if an angel from Heaven preaches something different than what he preached, he said consider that man to be accursed, and he said this again don't believe it, because it will lead you away from the salvation of the true gospel because folks there is only one.

We must believe the gospel to be saved we find, Hebrews 4:2 When the gospel is mixed with faith it will cause to be moved to the point we will accept the conditions we find in God's word, which will save our souls.

We must believe it or be lost. 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9—God is going to take vengeance on them that know not God and those that obey not the gospel of Jesus Christ, folks this is serious stuff, that we don't need to brush off to the side but remember this is God speaking and not men.

This is how men are begotten, we find in 1 Corinthians 4:15—Though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. It is through the gospel that we are adopted we obey the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Have you been begotten through the gospel of Jesus Christ?

The Gospel consists of—a. the death of Jesus Christ 1Cor 15:1-14-b. His burial Romans 6:4. c. The resurrection Romans 10:9 This is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

There are commands we must obey- a. We must believe- Romans 10:17. b. we must repent - Acts 2:38 c. we must confess Christ to be the Son of God. d. we must be baptized Acts 2:38 - 10:48.

These are things we must do to obey the gospel of Jesus Christ, to be adopted into the family of God, we should never feel safe until we have done what God said.

Thank you for reading this article and may God bless and keep you through another week.

• Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ •

Sundays @ 10 a.m. & Wednesdays @ 7 p.m. • Everyone Welcome
Bro. Ova Baker 606-878-8104 • Bro. Dale McNew 859-582-4021
Church is located 2 Miles South of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 25

Refreshments will be served following Mass

Special Music Prior

O, Come all Ye Faithful and

Join us as we worship and praise our Heavenly father for the gift of His Son. Let us come together to celebrate the birth of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Christmas Eve Mass
Monday, Dec. 24 @ 10:30 p.m. at
Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church
Williams Street • Mt Vernon, Ky.

The people of Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church wish each and everyone a Blessed and Holy Christmas and a Faith Filled New Year.

Tiger Pause

Students of the 3rd grade at Brodhead Elementary traveled on Monday to Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Nursing Home to share a visit with residents while caroling and providing an extra layer of warmth. As a way of giving back to their community 3rd grade students dedicated their time and efforts for a blanket drive to give a blanket for each resident. 3rd grade students were able to deliver their gift with a visit echoing the halls with a little Christmas cheer. Over the past few weeks students have been collecting donations of new blankets to give to the residents to help them stay warm during the winter months. The 3rd grade was able to collect over 100 blankets, a blanket for EVERY resident and even a few extra for any new patients. Thanks to our students, families, and community for your support of our Brodhead Elementary 3rd grade students and their drive to give back to their community.

Brodhead Winter Carnival was a major success. Smiling faces and joy filled the front halls of Brodhead Elementary as students came back to school to celebrate the friendships and community that has been built at BES. 5th grade students opened their own businesses selling handmade crafts, 4th grade students offered bounce house fun and a variety of winter games, and a spaghetti and meatball dinner for our guest to enjoy. The classroom crafts and baskets were the prize of the night. Many anxious bidders tried their luck to capture the bundles of joy. Thanks to the Brodhead Elementary students for their work to make the night a shining example of the great things that take place at BES. Thanks to our staff for the direction that they provided our students in their adventure and their efforts to provide everyone with a positive experience. We would also like to say thanks to the awesome community that supported and continues to support the efforts at BES.

Our Brodhead Elementary School's fourth-grade presentation of the play "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever". The students worked extremely hard and put on a fantastic performance. We would like to thank our awesome families, friends, and the BES staff for coming to the show and making our play even more special.

Everyone have a very Merry Christmas. May your holidays be filled with family, friends, and happiness.

RCHS Archery on point at Somerset tournament

RCHS performed well at the Nancy Dragon Tournament in Somerset on Saturday. female division and 5th overall for female shooters.

Liz Renner and Trace Boone weren't far behind with 260 each. Liz ranked 4th in the high school division for females. Trace ranked 9th in the high school male division.

Kyle Coffey led the team with a 275, shooting 15 tens. Kyle was ranked 2nd in high school male division and 6th overall in the male division.

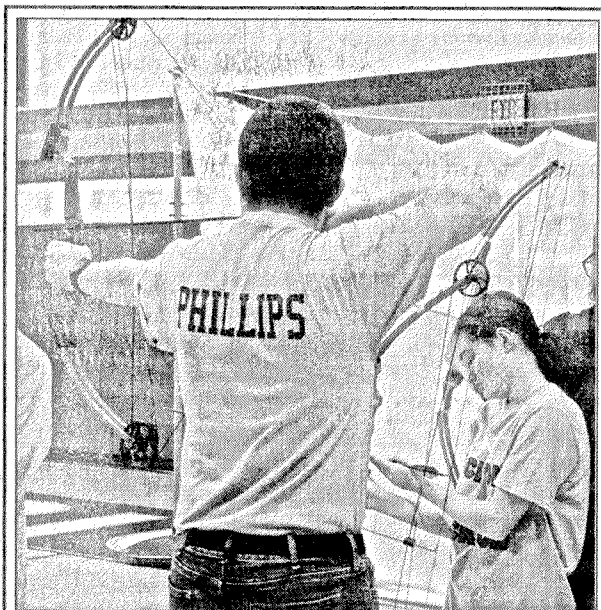
TJ Ramsey shot 272. TJ ranked 3rd in the high school male division and 8th overall in the male division.

Emily Maupin was the top female shooter for the team with a 262. Emily ranked 3rd in high school

Gentry Phillips scored a 257. Brooke Renner added to the total with a 253. Lara Renner shot a decent 241. Damien Johnson and Jillian Wallin followed with 238 and 228, respectively.



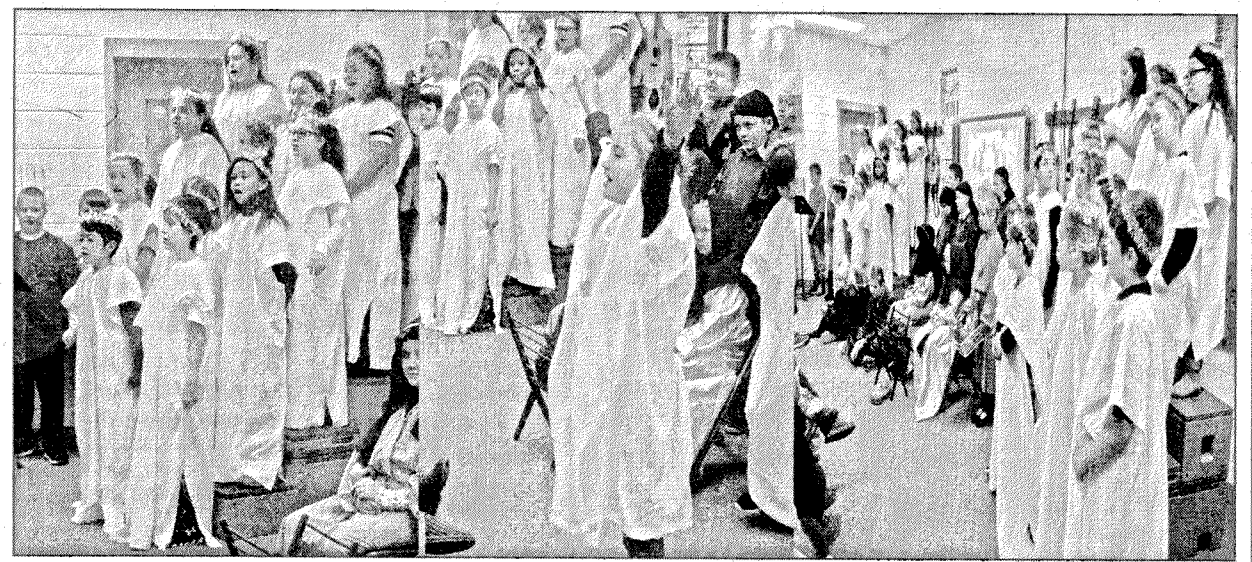
The RCHS Archery Team performed well at the Nancy Dragon Tournament in Somerset on Saturday. Pictured front from left are: Brooke Renner, Emily Maupin, Jillian Wallin, Damien Johnson, and Kyle Coffey. Back row from left: Lara Renner, Liz Renner, Trace Boone, T.J. Ramsey, and Gentry Phillips.



Emily Maupin loading her bow and Gentry Phillips shooting during the Somerset tournament. Maupin was the top female shooter for the team with a 262.



Kyle Coffey led the team with a 275 at Somerset.



Brodhead Elementary School's fourth-grade presentation of the play "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever". Students worked extremely hard and put on a fantastic performance.

Public Hearing Notice

To all interested citizens of Rockcastle County, Kentucky:

The Kentucky Department for Local Government is accepting application material under the 2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Rockcastle County intends to apply for assistance to purchase equipment and lease to the Kentucky Microfoodery project. The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court will hold a public hearing prior to the submission of the application form. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, December 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rockcastle County Fiscal Courtroom. The purpose of this hearing is to obtain views on housing and community development needs, review proposed activities, review the proposed application, and solicit public comments. Technical assistance is available to help groups representing low and moderate income persons in developing proposals.

The following information concerning the CDBG program is available for public inspection at Rockcastle County Judge Executive's office during regular business hours:

- A. Amount of funds available and range of activities that may be undertaken.
- B. Estimated amounts of funds proposed to be used for activities benefiting persons of low and moderate income.
- C. Plans for minimizing displacement of persons as a result of activities associated with CDBG funds and plans for providing assistance to those persons to be actually displaced as a result of CDBG-funded activities.
- D. Records regarding the past use of CDBG funds.
- E. A summary of other important program requirements.

Comments on Application

A copy of the CDBG application material will be on file at Rockcastle County Judge Executive's Office for citizens' review and comment during regular business hours from December 20, 2018 through December 27, 2018. Comments on the proposed application may be submitted to the attention of Doug Bishop, Rockcastle County Judge Executive until the close of business on December 27, 2018.

Discrimination Clause

The County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identify, age, religion or disability. The County provides, upon request, reasonable accommodation, including auxiliary aids and services, to afford individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in all services, programs and activities. Any persons requiring special needs assistance or services for non-English speaking residents should contact Doug Bishop, Judge Executive at (606)256-2856 at least five days prior to the meeting. The TDD number for the hearing impaired is 1/800-648-6057.

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Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	1/800/372-2907	www.kcdhh.org
For Interpreter Directory		www.hcdhh.org/access/interpdir.html
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Mount Vernon Signal

Third Section

Thursday, December 20, 2018

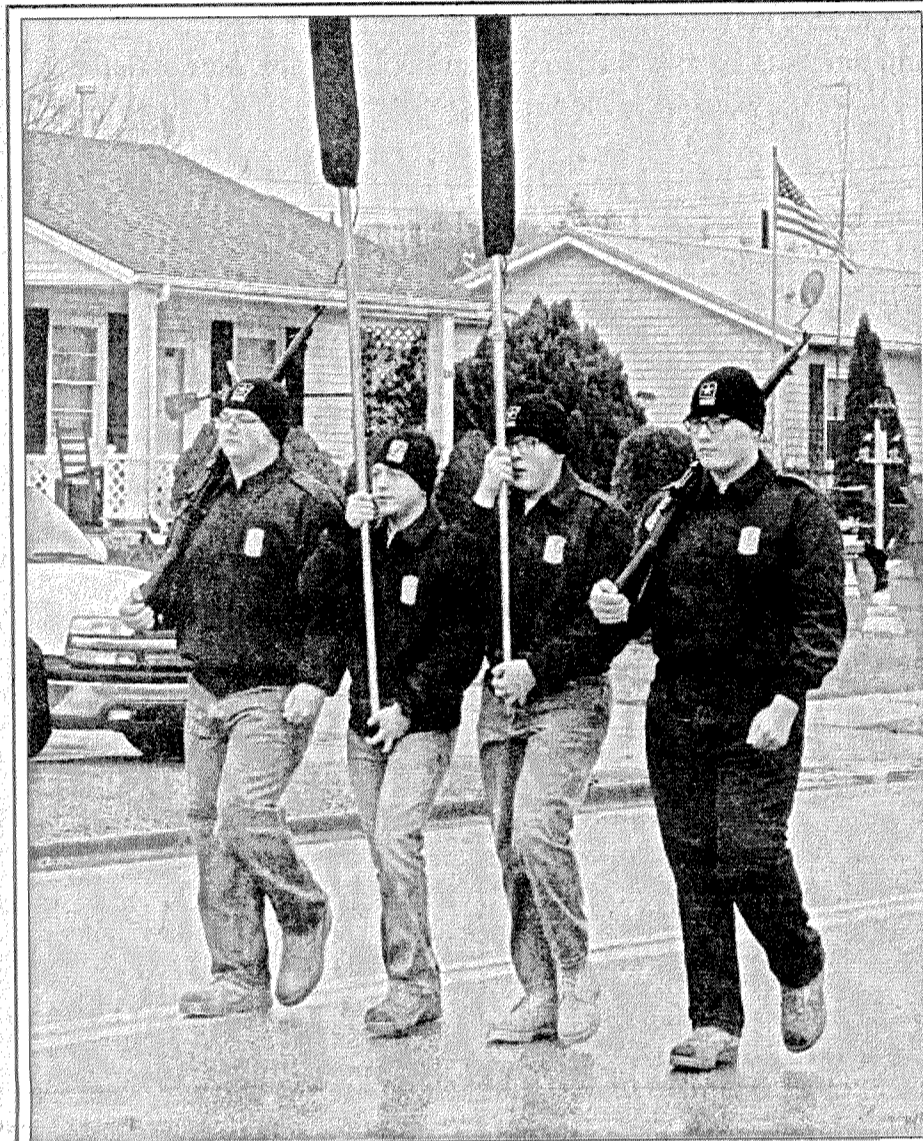
Scenes from Mount Vernon Christmas Parade



Police Chief Brian Carter led the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade



Crystal and Kinley Rush gave Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant a ride during the annual Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



Members of the RCHS JROTC Color Guard taking part in Mount Vernon's Christmas Parade are shown above, from left: Andrew Durham, Eli Price, Alex Robinson and Jacob Luzak.



Brodhead Mayor Walter Lee Cash took part in the annual Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



Tracy Gabbard and members of Rockcastle Recreational Cheer braved the rainy day and took part in Mount Vernon's Christmas Parade.

Merry Christmas

All of us at Brodhead Pharmacy would like to thank all of our customers for a great year. Stop by to see us and let us help you with all your prescription needs.



Front row from left: Caymen McClure, Michelle Coffey, Howard Saylor, David Collins, Hope Bishop and Janet Adams. Back row from left: Corey Parkerson, Matt Burkhart, Graham Fay, Sheena Pittman, Katie Adams and Kenny Adams.

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