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Reception for Mayor Walter Cash

The City of Brodhead will hold a Retirement Reception for Mayor Walter Cash Friday, December 30 from noon to 2 p.m. The event will be held at City Hall and the public is invited to attend. Cash has served as Mayor of Brodhead for 24 years. For more information, call 606-758-8635.

COVID Report

According to the Cumberland Valley District Health Department there have been 8 new cases of COVID 19 reported in Rockcastle County in the past seven days.

Blood drives

There will be a blood drive at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital on Friday, December 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and at the KBC Bloodmobile at 145 Newcomb Street in Mount Vernon. KBC officials say they are seeking 400 donors.

Mount Vernon meeting

The regular monthly Mount Vernon City Council scheduled for last week was postponed due to a lack of quorum. The meetings has been rescheduled to Thursday, December 22. The public is invited to attend. See the 01-05-23 issue of the *Signal* for details.

Signal hours

The Mount Vernon Signal will close for the holiday on Thursday, December 22. The office will reopen at 9 a.m. on Monday, January 2. There will be no newspaper the week of December 29.

Fire destroys home a week before Christmas



The Mount Vernon Fire Department was called to this structure fire on Countryside Circle Estates Road near Mount Vernon just after 11:00 Monday night. Upon arrival, crews found the home and a vehicle in the driveway fully engulfed in flames as the Brodhead Fire Department arrived as automatic aid. The Western Rockcastle Fire Department also rushed to the scene for additional assistance. The occupants of the home were able to escape the blaze but reports indicate one resident of the home received burns while escaping the fire and was transported to the UK Medical Center. Though no official cause has been established, officials suspect an electric heater may have been the cause. Firefighters were able to extinguish the blaze but the home and its contents are considered a total loss.

Fiscal court adopts new employee codes

Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court had a full agenda which entailed several lengthy discussions during last Tuesday's regular

School Board sees several employees changing jobs

The Rockcastle County School Board held their monthly meeting last week, but since the meeting was one hour earlier than usual, it was considered a special meeting.

Representatives of the GEAR UP Program talked with the board members and explained some of their accomplishments and goals. Representatives of Brodhead Elementary School also provided a presentation concerning their plans and accomplishments at the school.

Board Treasurer Jenny Sweet presented the monthly financial reports and recommended continuing with the same worker's compensation insurance as estimated by Travis Anderkin of Van Meter Insurance.

Sweet said the school has a strong safety record, due to special efforts by the staff to create a safe environment for all students. Due to those safe environments, the district

RCIDA to help with ballfields

monthly meeting. Kentucky State Trooper Adam Hensley addressed the court, in stern language, concerning renovating the ballfields in Brodhead. "I can't work miracles," he said. "When this season

starts, I am not going to have anywhere to put these kids. People have talked about new ballfields since I was a kid and my kids are still playing on the same ball fields. All this talk isn't

will receive over \$12,000 in dividends. The board (See "Jobs" on A5)

Two killed in separate train accidents

By: Mike French
Editor

In an amazing coincidence, two separate incidents were reported in Rockcastle County last week in which two individuals were killed in two train accidents.

On Tuesday evening, local first responders were called to an accident involving a train and a vehicle. According to the Rockcastle County

Sheriff's office, Jan Stevens, 88, of Wildie, was killed after the train struck his vehicle on a railroad crossing on Wildie Road.

Stevens was transported to the hospital by Rockcastle County EMS but the Wildie resident later succumbed to his injuries.

An investigation is underway. (See "Trains" on A5)

Dylan Hensley

Third SRO hired to serve with local school system

By: Mike French
Editor

Rockcastle County Schools will have their third full time school safety officer (SRO) beginning in January. Essentially, all campuses

now have an SRO, according to school officials.

With no suggestion of how it would be paid for, the State of Kentucky passed a new bill requiring all school districts to provide one full time security officer (SRO) at each school campus in 2020. The unfunded mandate caused school districts to begin researching budget changes to pay the salaries and benefits required for such SROs.

However, school systems across the state have begun meeting the (See "SRO" on A5)

Cold crowd enjoys parade

Livingston children get toys from Santa

The City of Livingston Christmas Parade may have been short on entries, but it

was not short on Christmas spirit as over one hundred local citizens enjoyed the parade, a warm

meal, a meeting with Santa and his elves, hot chocolate and cookies and free toys. Eight lucky

children even received a free new bicycle.

Blamed mostly on (See "Parade" on A5)



Children awaited the bike give-a-way at the Livingston Christmas celebration Saturday.

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

'Tis the Season to be jolly -- and I do enjoy the Christmas Season so much. It seems to be a little harder this year to put aside the constant worries about the truly horrible things that are occurring in our country even as you read this article.

But, I do love Christmas. I miss the days when my husband and I had all the responsibility for making Christmas memories for our children. That hasn't been the case for many years, and it's not near as much fun. But, I guess the up side to that is that I can relax and enjoy the holiday without worrying that I may have missed the mark on someone's gift although I have taken the easy way out for several years -- gift cards and money.

I do want to take the time to wish for you all the merriest of Christmases and hope that "the reason for the season" reigns as the most important part of the holiday.

Actually, the holiday is a great distraction to what is going on in the world as we speak. The images

of illegals pouring over our southern border by the thousands 24/7, is disheartening. It's obvious that this regime has decided to pull out all the stops to change our national identity to one that suits them better.

There is no action beneath them. Presently being pushed through Congress is an omnibus spending bill for the next fiscal year consisting of 4,155 pages with expenditures of \$1.7 trillion, including an additional \$45 billion for Ukraine, and 7500 other earmarks.

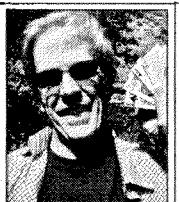
First of all, think of the 4,155 pages. That's the equivalent of over eight reams of paper stacked on top of each other that no one has had sufficient time to read thoroughly before being asked to vote on it.

Ky. Rep. Thomas Massie summed it up best when he said, "Don't tell me you "defend democracy" if you support one bill once a year that funds everything, written behind

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



I am praying every person who reads this column has the most Merry Christmas ever. Unless you are very young, that is very unlikely, isn't it?

Most everyone over the age of 21 has a single Christmas that comes to mind when anyone mentions the holiday. That first thought that enters your head when you stop to think about Christmas. We all have one, I think.

Most everyone my age has that one special day that involves people who have gone on before us. You are the only one left that was there. No matter how many times you have told the story, and no matter how detailed it may have been, unless they were there, no one could possibly understand all the intricacies involved.

That one favorite Christmas. What led up to it that one year, the anticipation involved, the surprise, the excitement, the words someone spoke, the look in someone's eye, the glance that only you understood. No one could get it, unless they were there.

Mine was 55 years ago in 1967. It is really a waste to say times were different then. If you were alive then and old enough to remember it, you already know how different times were. If you weren't alive, there is no way on earth you could possibly understand how different it was. Compared to now, it was a black and white world. Not just in technology and advancement, but in the way the world ran, common sense, attitude, perspective, hopes, dreams and goals. Everything was

different except that men and women...wait, that's different now too.

In 1967, I grew up a lot. It was the Christmas that I realized dad was Santa and, quite honestly, the first time I realized mom and dad had been tricking me for a long time. Yes, it was all good. They did it to surprise me and give me the best Christmas of my life. And it worked. It was! But at the same time, I remember well my thoughts of deception and my realization that they had been misleading me for that wonderful Christmas surprise.

To this day, I call it the best Christmas of my life. But honestly, I do remember that was when I first realized that every word mom and dad spoke, may or may not be misleading. Until that day, I was still of the age that I didn't understand misrepresentation or being misled. It never even crossed my mind that mom could look at me and lie. The thought was beyond my comprehension.

As I say, I'm so glad they did it all exactly the way they did. And it was indeed the best Christmas ever. And we all three cried and hugged and loved and laughed that same day. It is just that it was that day that I reached the age of accountability I think. It was the day I took a bite of the forbidden fruit and the idea of being misled was revealed to me. I suddenly knew what it meant for someone to be

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Now, Where Did I Put That?

Dear Journal,

I hate to admit it, but I think that I've reached the age where you lose about everything you have and forget what happened yesterday. These mini-strokes and two brain tumors haven't helped. Then, there is the fibromyalgia "fog" and chemo "fog". I used to pride myself on my memory but that, I guess, is a thing of the past. I can recall things that happened forty or fifty years ago just fine.

At this time of the year I like to have certain foods that I've been accustomed to having from years ago. One of them is fruitcake. My brother and I just love it. I make us each one fruitcake every year. I also made one for my Uncle Junior until he died. I came across some candied fruit cake fruit in Walmart around Thanksgiving. I was so pleased that I had found it and I got two containers of it for between six and seven dollars. It is usually hard to find. These were the sixteen oz. cans, too. Well, I gave them to Stanley and we lost them and they can't be found. We've searched the entire house. I guess the Keebler elves got them to make fruit cake down at the Keebler factory. We finally quit looking. Stanley ordered me some from Amazon. He got two eight oz. cans for a little over twenty-five dollars. I called all over and there was none locally, even in local towns. I don't guess the fruitcake gods intend

for me to make any fruitcake this year. Now, I've lost the recipe. It is a copy Mom had handwritten in 1978 and sent to me when I was living in Rhode Island. After all of those years...it is gone. Sure hope I find it when I'm not looking. I really like to find big amounts of money that I've lost, too.

Just after the fruitcake fruit was lost I lost my last two checks and the check register record book. Now, I can't see who has gotten a check or not or how much it was for. My banking is just a big mess now. I just lose too much stuff. The list goes on and on. There are greeting cards I got to mail, numerous pairs of glasses missing, probably at least fifteen pairs of scissors, sewing needles (they make the eyes of the needles smaller now, did you notice?) my thread, credit cards, my best kitchen knives and can openers. The electric can openers last about six months or less...the manual ones don't last much longer. I have about a thousand dollars worth of clothes lost here or at Mom's old house. I can recall outfits I'd like to wear but can't remember where they are. I have several books of unused checks I've hidden from myself. Then there are books of postage stamps. I hate to lose my cellphone and key set worse than anything. Thankfully, I've always found them relatively soon. Seriously, this seek and find game it seems I'm continually playing is no fun at all.

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Obituaries

Jan Ivan Stevens

Jan Ivan Stevens, 88, of Wildie, died Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at the University of Kentucky Hospital as the result of a tragic accident. He was born August 11, 1934, in Brodhead, to the late Colson and Ann (Emerick) Stevens. He was a member of the Wildie Christian Church and Brodhead Masonic Lodge 566. He served in the United States Army, was a Magistrate for District 4, and was Postmaster and Owner/Operator of Wildie General Store for 40+ years. He married June Hiatt on November 17, 1956, and from that union came three children, Jan Eyvan, Jill, and Jeff. He enjoyed farming, his grandkids, and talking to people – he never met a stranger.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife of 66 years, June Stevens; three children, Jan Eyvan (Tammy) Stevens, Jill Ponder, and Jeff Stevens, all of Wildie; seven grandchildren, Jay Stevens, Shauna Saylor, Jerred Stevens, Katie Hensley, Hannah Ponder, Lane Ponder, and Cass Ponder; eight great grandchildren; two brothers, Don (Teet) Stevens of Maretburg, and Rex Stevens of Somerset; and four sisters, Virginia Broadus of Brodhead, Iris (Joe) Young of Mt. Vernon, Pat (Herman) Blair of Lexington, and Sunny Rowe of Cincinnati, OH.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by four siblings, Kathleen Mendez, JoAnne Reusch, Danny Stevens, and Juanita Cloud.

Services were held Wednesday, December 21, 2022, at Wildie Christian Church. A fellowship meal followed the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Shriner's Hospital in Lexington.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Delbert Bowman

Delbert Ray Bowman, 81, of Junction City, died Monday, December 12, 2022 at Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center in Danville. He was born in Rockcastle County on November 14, 1941, the son of Ames, Sr. and Myrtle Clark Bowman. He proudly served in the US Army as a member of the Honor Guard and was a member of the Moretown Pentecostal Holiness Church of London. He retired from the Dana Corporation Perfect Circle Division in Richmond, IN, and the Pulaski County School District in Kentucky.



He is survived by: his loving wife of 55 years, Alene Durham Bowman; a son, Darren R. (Diana) Bowman of Noblesville, IN; three daughters, Pamela (Stanley) Raispis of Hustonville, Melissa G. Bowman of Lexington, and Alana D. (Charles) Kidder of Ravenswood, WV; four brothers, Clentin (Reda) Bowman of Orlando, Bobby Dale (Mary) Bowman of Somerset, Glen (Marsha) Bowman of Mt. Vernon, and Cecil (Norma) Bowman of London; and five sisters, Ada McGuire and Katherine Robinson, both of Orlando, Ollie Cain of Somerset, Jeweldean Durham of Mt. Vernon, and Eva Wynn of London. Also surviving are: four grandchildren, Paige Mullins, Derek Bowman, Caleb Bowman, and Amanda Bowman; and four step-grandchildren, Kennedy Yeager, Edward Raispis, Stanley Raispis, and Jody Raispis. He was preceded in death by: his parents, Ames and Myrtle Bowman; a brother, Ames Bowman, Jr.; and a sister, Nannie Davenport.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 15, 2022 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Bradley Brock and Kenny Brock. Burial was in Briarfield Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Caleb Bowman, Derek Bowman, Jason Bowman, Jackson Brock, Edward Raispis, and Stanley Raispis.

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

Lisa Bustle

Lisa Bustle, 51, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, December 17, 2022 at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond after a long illness. She was born December 9, 1971 in Mt. Vernon, the daughter of the late Estill and Marie Kirby. She was a retired clerk, enjoyed shopping, decorating, spending time with family and friends, and was a member of the Calloway Holiness Church.



Survivors are: one son, Riley Lovins; one sister, Debbie (Mike) Cameron; one niece, Kayla (Jeff) Parker; one nephew, Jeremy (Jacindia) Rowe; great nieces and nephew, Cynthia, Gracie, Ava, and Ryder; one daughter-in-law, Taylor Bustle; and a host of family and friends. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Jacob Bustle.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Phillip Doan and Bro. Jason Brown officiating. Burial was in Ott Kirby Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Brent Lovell, Tyler Lovell, Logan Lovell, Billy Lovell, Jason Brown, Shelly Mullins, Lewis Cox, and Kevin Fletcher. Honorary pallbearers: Calvin Meece, Tommy Lovell, David Coffey, Tony Renner, Gabe Renner, Bobby Lovell, Darryl Payne, and Edward Rice.

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

Danny Wayne Smith

Danny Wayne Smith, 70, of Brodhead, died Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at UK Hospital in Lexington. He was born December 4, 1952, in Berea, a son of Bernice Miller, and the late James Smith, Jr. He was of the Baptist faith, and in his free time enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his mother, Bernice Miller; his two sons, Donovan Wayne Smith and James Couburn Smith; 10 grandchildren; two brothers, Ricky K. Smith and Doris of Mt. Vernon, and Roger Dale Smith and Margie of Mt. Vernon; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides his father, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Stacy Lynn McGuire.

A private graveside service was held at Elmwood Cemetery on Friday, December 16, 2022.

Donations can be made in Danny's memory to contribute to the upkeep of Elmwood Cemetery.

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

Jean Stephens

Delora Jean Stephens, 91, of Mt. Vernon, widow of Bentley Rowe and Edd Stephens, died Saturday, December 17, 2022 in Berea.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

A complete obituary will appear in the next edition of the *Signal*.

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

Health Department Holiday Hours

The Rockcastle County Health Department will be closing at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 22nd and will reopen Tuesday, December 27th at 8 a.m. in observance of the Christmas holiday. Also, we will be closing at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, December 29, 2022 and will reopen Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 8 a.m. in observance of the New Year's holiday.

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Ellen Faye Rigsby

Ellen Faye (Lambert) Rigsby, 83, of Brodhead, died Monday, December 12, 2022, at her home, surrounded by her loved ones. She was born February 26, 1939, in Dayton, OH, a daughter of the late Samuel and Elsie (Moore) Lambert. She was united in holy matrimony to Glen Rigsby on October 25, 1958, and of that marriage came one daughter, Anna Lee. They enjoyed many years together prior to his passing in September



2012. She served over 15 years as a bus driver for Rockcastle County Schools. She was of the Pentecostal faith, and in her free time enjoyed shopping, and spending time with her family.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her daughter, Anna Lee Rigsby, of Brodhead; two grandchildren, Kristina Jo Rigsby and Noah Glen Huddleston; three great grandchildren, Kaleb Mark Andrew Rigsby, Kooper Timothy Lewis VanWinkle, and Korbin Christopher Glen Davidsson; three cousins, Kaye Rigsby, Myrna Childress, and Sharon McKinney and Mark; friend, Juanita Norris; caretaker and friend, Ashley VanWinkle and family; as well as a host of many other friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Glen Rigsby.

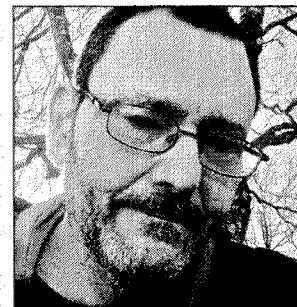
Funeral services were held Thursday, December 15, 2022, at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Buford Parkerson officiating. Burial was in Brodhead Christian Church Cemetery.

Honorary casketbearers were: Donnie Roberts, Scott VanWinkle, Michael Brown, and Steven Brown.

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

Steven Nicley

Steven Ray Nicley, 54, of Lexington, died Thursday, December 15, 2022 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center. He was born in Berea on November



3, 1968, the son of Hershel and Jenny McClure Nicley. He enjoyed woodworking, playing video games, and spending time with his favorite little dog, Marley.

He is survived by: his wife of over 20 years, Mary Ann Stephens Nicley; his step-children, Robby (Krissy) Stephens, Sabrina (Sebastian Smith) Stephens, and Ashley (Preston) Malicoat, all of London; a sister, Tammy (Edward) Ledford of Lexington; and his nephew, Cody Nicley of Lexington. Several grandchildren also survive. He was preceded in death by his parents, Hershel and Jenny Nicley.

The family of Mr. Nicley chose cremation with no services at this time.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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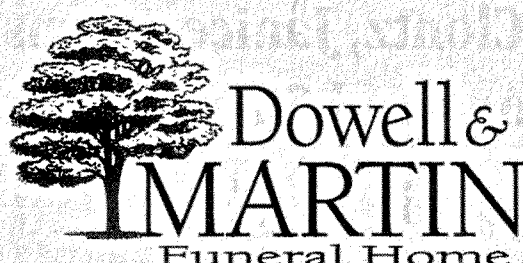
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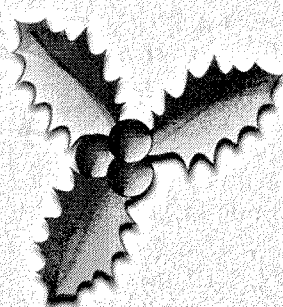
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“Trains”

(Continued from front) derway by Deputy Sam Brock. He was assisted at the scene by Sheriff Shannon Franklin, the Kentucky State Police (KSP), 2nd District Constable Steve Griffin, the Brindle Ridge Fire Department and Rockcastle EMS.

Later the same week, an unidentified woman, was reported killed after being hit by a train about half a mile south of Livingston.

The coroner was called to the scene, along with local first responders and representatives of CSX Railway.

The female is believed to be from another county. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

The name of the victim is being withheld pending family notification. Brock is also investigating this incident. He was assisted by KSP, the sheriff's office, Constable Griffin, Livingston Fire and Rescue, the Rockcastle County Coroner and Rockcastle County EMS.

The cause of neither incident was known at press time but separate investigations are underway.

“Parade”

(Continued from front) the very cold temperatures, the annual City of Livingston's Christmas parade began at 6 p.m. last Saturday and was over soon after. But the evening was just beginning as visitors covered in heavy coats, toboggans and mittens, made their way to the old school cafeteria, where tables, filled with foods prepared by volunteers, filled the bellies of the many visitors. After enjoying the hot coffee and countless food items and over a dozen dessert choices, the crowd made their way to the old school gymnasium.

The line formed down the ramp and into the roadway as guests were handed a cup of hot chocolate and cookies and had a chance to enter the drawings for a free bicycle.

Santa waited on the stage for the many children who ran to get in line to tell Santa if they have been naughty or nice and to receive a bag filled with free toys and other items. "We had good donations this year and these bags were not filled with little things," said Mayor Dwane King. "Every bag was filled with very nice toys for each boy and girl." Apparently King was right as each child seemed to become excited as they peeked into their bag while leaving the stage.

As the crowd mingled, the drawing began for the eight bicycles and as Santa reached into the bag of names, the children once again found their way to the stage. Eight names were called and each winner was able to pick the bicycle of their choice before the next name was drawn.

By the end of the evening, the large crowd left the gymnasium one at a time. "This was the way I would want to leave my position as Mayor," said King who will be replaced by mayor-elect Larry Davidson in January.

“SRO”

(Continued from front) requirements and have created positions that have caused many police de-

partments and sheriff's department to become short handed, since many districts can afford higher salaries than some cities or counties. In fact, the neighboring Laurel County School System, created their own private police department, pulling at least three officers from Rockcastle County agencies to their force.

However, the Rockcastle County School District has found a way around both of those issues.

Needing five full time officers (since the mandate requires one at each campus and not one at each school) the school system entered into an agreement with the City of Mount Vernon and the Mount Vernon Police Department. The agreement allows police officers with the MVPD to serve as full time SROs during school hours and as police officers on the streets of the city when school is not in session. MVPD supplies all equipment but the school system will pay their salary and benefits while on duty with the school system.

Thus far, the plan is working well and the school system has three full time SROs and the MVPD has not lost any officers to the school system. According to Director of Student Services Marcus Reppert, the best part of the plan is that "our students are safer."

The local district currently has Tom Atkins as head of the force located at RCHS, Shay Helton at RCMS and the Rockcastle Academy for Academic Achievement (RAAA), formerly locally known as the vocational school. Officer Dylan Hensley has now been hired and will rotate between the elementary schools, beginning in January of 2023, an interim measure until an officer can be hired for each elementary school.

But that isn't the only good news, according to Reppert.

Through a collaboration between the school system and the MVPD, \$125,000 was received through the Department of Justice's COPS (Community Oriented Policing Service) Grant program.

Reppert said the \$125,000 grant will be used over a five year period to help pay the salaries of the three SROs and the money will be split between the school system and the MVPD.

Reppert says the local school system intends to hire more SROs to have one officer at each school full time but until that happens, all Rockcastle County schools will have an SRO designated to spend time on campus.

"Rockcastle County Schools are safer now than they have ever been," said Reppert. "There is always room for improvement and we continue to look at better methods and strategies every day. But we are very pleased with these officers who are well trained and prepared for the job. We will never stop trying to make our schools the safest place a child can be."

“Jobs”

(Continued from front) unanimously approved the financial reports and the insurance program. Superintendent Carrie Ballinger asked the board to lower the qualifications of the JAG teacher at the high school. Currently that position requires more certifications than the middle school position but Ballinger said such teachers are difficult to locate and less requirements may make that an easier task. The board ap-

proved the change to the requirements.

Some expected new cost estimates, from the architectural firm designing the new middle school building, but there were no new reports given at the meeting. There has been discussion with board members that the estimated \$34 million cost of the project will rise due to inflation and design requirements. But those new estimates were not provided in the December meeting. Ballinger said architects are still working on the design and the calculations and she expects new cost estimates at the January meeting.

The board also discussed the upcoming 2023-24 school calendar and said the calendar committee will schedule meetings and bring back a draft of the calendar in January.

Ballinger also presented the Superintendent's Personnel Action report which was lengthy this month. "We are seeing more shifting and moving," she said. "Times are different than when we begin in our profession. This younger generation doesn't mind new challenges and changing jobs. Gone are the days of someone being a second grade teacher for 20 years. We have to change our mindset to meet this younger generation's goals and aspirations."

The personnel report is as follows:

Full time certified employees hired

Jamie Stevens, LBD teacher at BES; Peyton Pugh, Science teacher at RCMS.

Full time classified employees hired

Michael Barron, volleyball coach at RCMS; Ronnie Dunn, food service cook/baker at RCMS; Amanda Renfro and Jessica Cromer, instructional assistants at RCMS; Brenda Saylor, food service cook/baker at MVES; Robert Ledington, head baseball coach at RCHS.

Resignations

Zachary Gentry, boys' head basketball coach at RCMS; V. Rachel Cornelius, digital learning coach at RCHS and English teacher at RCHS; Mikhael Shaffer, head baseball coach at RCHS; Elmer Williams, assistant baseball coach; Benjamin Whittaker, substitute teacher; John (JD) Hansford, math teacher at RCHS; Tabitha Newcomb, substitute instructional assistant; Izak McQueary, girls' head track coach.

Retirements

Valerie Powell, food service manager at RES.

Certified substitutes hired

Lea Ellen Rogers, Callie Lewis, Tamara Cox, Darla Reams, Maggie Franklin, Patrick Craig and Autumn King, substitute teachers district wide; Mikala Carter, Lara Renner Elizabeth Renner, Destiny Adams and Kimberly Stephens, substitute instructional assistants district wide; Emily Dyehouse, substitute nurse district wide.

Certified staff updates

Zachary Gentry, Assistant principal at RCMS; Markita Mink, transfer from Social Studies to English.

Classified staff updates

Nancy Hurley, increased hours to 5 as FS cook/baker at MVES; Cindy Johnson, FS cook/baker at MVES to FS manager at RES.

“Code”

(Continued from front) getting anything done and people wonder how we can spend money on other projects but not for our

kids."

The court had approved up to \$25,000 in upgrades earlier in the year but when a bid was received it was well over \$100,000, causing the court to agree to consider other construction options or look for other bids. "I can tell you that if you wait for more bids they are going to be about the same. That's what it costs. But something needs to get done. There are businesses willing to give and people interested in helping but I'm not going to ask that of them. That's why they pay taxes. They shouldn't pay taxes for things like ball fields and then have to build the ball fields themselves," said Hensley.

There was then some discussion about the Parks and Recreation board that was formed several years ago but once again, no new development came from that attempt. "That board was formed and then some property that was supposed to be donated to the city didn't happen and the board just went away," said Magistrate Shannon Bishop.

RCIDA Director Jeff VanHook said he agrees new fields are needed. "The occupational tax was promoted with a percentage supposed to go to the Parks and Rec Board. But after it was passed, the previous administration rescinded that idea and none of it went to Parks," said VanHook. "So now it is like anything else, all the talk in the world gets nothing done. It takes action and leadership. But quality of life is a big part of economic development. I'll help you and if it can be done, we will make it happen."

VanHook, who submitted a document showing well over \$35 million in investment brought to Rockcastle County since he was hired as executive director of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority five years ago, said in a later interview that he already has a plan and will help find a way for new ball fields in the Brodhead Park. "If it can be done, we will find a way. We will look for grants and other funding outlets until we find a way to create whatever is needed at the park."

Hensley expressed his passion that the project move forward. "I know you can hear the disappointment in my voice. We are all just tired of the years of talk and it's the same thing every year. Nothing happens. It is frustrating that we get close over and over and then it gets pushed down the road."

However, with VanHook's commitment, several magistrates expressed their confidence that the project, in one form or another, will now begin to move forward.

In other action, both the County Clerk and the Rockcastle County Sheriff and Deputy Dale McNew, submitted updated budgets that reflect a five percent raise for their employees, following suit with a recent agreement by the court that all county employees will receive the raise. Both budgets were passed unanimously (see more detailed story in this week's paper).

The court also dealt with the Rockcastle County Administrative Code for all county employees. Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. said there were three specific areas of the 2023 code that needed to be addressed.

First, the court agreed the COVID section would not be changed and employees who test positive will still have time off. "It looks like COVID will always be with us. I don't

know if you (the court) want to change anything but right now a positive COVID test and you are off work for a certain time with pay, but a positive test for the flu and you get nothing," Holbrook said. However, the court agreed to leave that part of the code the same as the previous year.

Secondly, the court agreed to allow 80 hours per year of time off without pay if requested. Previously, Holbrook said there was no maximum time off. "Currently, people can take off without pay every Friday of the year if they call in. Should we set a limit to how much they can take off per year?" he asked. After discussion, the court agreed to 80 hours per year. More than 80 hours would cause disciplinary action against the employee.

Lastly, the court dealt with CBD Oils. A recent trend across the country, CBD oils apparently can reduce some pain and is used for dietary supplements. However, taking CBD oils causes the user to test positive for marijuana which would void the county's zero-tolerance insurance policy. Magistrates agreed to maintain the current policy and suggest employees use some of the many alternate options available for such treatments. "We perform random testing and anyone who tests positive will not pass the drug screen," said Holbrook. The court agreed employees may not take CBD oils and maintain employment with the county.

The new administrative code passed unanimously.

The court also agreed to a special called meeting on January 2 to adopt the code and start business for 2023. "We basically have to rehire everyone at the beginning of each year to maintain insurance and enact the administrative code," said Holbrook.

VanHook presented the RCIDA reports which listed millions in investments in Rockcastle County, under his tenure, and he told the court of possible new investments coming soon. "If things

RCIDA Executive Director position now at \$110,000

By: Mike French
Editor

After a peer review, and meetings with other economic development districts, the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority has voted to increase the director's salary to \$110,000 annually plus benefits.

Five years ago, Jeff VanHook became the RCIDA director and, in that time, the board points to well over \$35 million in local development brought to the county, including a natural gas line on its way to Rockcastle with no expended funds from the county.

The board then realized the rate of pay for the position that VanHook holds is much less than similar director positions in the state, according to RCIDA Chairman Corey Craig. "We are so fortunate to have him (VanHook) that it is difficult to describe," he said. "His contributions to our community are immeasurable because we don't know the future. We have potential that can't be measured because of his work. And he is currently working on a project that could transform the entire state of Kentucky from

continue as they are, we may see an investment in Rockcastle County that will be the biggest project in the history of southeastern Kentucky," he said. "Of course we cannot address details at this time but there are some phenomenal possibilities in the works right now."

There were also visitors complaining that the local animal shelter may not be operating up to their standards. However, Holbrook indicated the local shelter meets or exceeds all state and federal guidelines and complies with all laws and local ordinances.

The City of Livingston also reimbursed the court \$2,500 for safety and security money that was not used since the Livingston police officer had not worked in recent months. The county provides \$1,000 per month for security when an officer is on duty.

Also related to Livingston, Holbrook asked County Attorney Jeremy Rowe to organize a report concerning all property in the city of Livingston owned by the county. "That list of properties and agreements between the county and the city hasn't been updated in many years and we need to know the status and all the agreements made concerning the school, the gym, city hall and all other property that the county owns," the judge/executive said. Rowe said he would submit the report soon.

Holbrook also presented the court with a letter from the Shelton Trace organization which has now severed ties with the City of Livingston and say they will no longer lease the county-owned building in Livingston.

Lastly, County Treasurer Joe Clontz asked to transfer \$266,000 from the occupational tax fund to the general fund and then \$156,000 from the general fund to the jail fund.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 10, 2023 at 4 p.m. in the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

right here in Rockcastle County. It is a project that could affect many generations to come and would be one of the biggest projects in Kentucky history. But in my opinion, five years ago, before Jeff started this momentum, such an idea would never have even occurred to us."

Craig said VanHook's work has not only created over \$125,000 in occupational tax revenue alone to the City of Mount Vernon, but has brought millions of dollars in development to Rockcastle County. "If you had said five years ago that Chapin Industries would be here, our Farmers Market would be the envy of the state and that natural gas would be on its way to Rockcastle County with zero investment, I would have said you were crazy," said Craig. "But now, even if this new project never happens, the fact that such a project is even possible in Rockcastle County and could happen here now, is an amazing thing. We have to keep this momentum and we have to stay competitive and there is no one better than Jeff VanHook for

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RCIDA

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this job." Craig said a newly created review board talked to many in the economic development field and arrived at the \$110,000 amount after careful consideration. "When you have the CEO of Delta Natural Gas saying he couldn't imagine a better representative for Rockcastle County, then you have to keep going in that direction and to do that we have to adjust the position's pay scale up to what it would cost us to get anyone even close to Jeff's level."

A special meeting was called last Friday by the RCIDA to approve the pay adjustment. The vote was unanimous.

The position is now

paid by RCIDA funds and is no longer a county-paid position. The City of Mount Vernon has agreed to provide \$1,000 per month in program support to the RCIDA board while the fiscal court has agreed to provide \$100,000 in program support annually, now that the position is paid by RCIDA, according to Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook.

See more detail in the January 5 issue of the *Signal*.

Aces

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untruthful or misleading and that sometimes it is required.

Christmas as a child is something that adults can never regenerate. Those days will never be back

and we are the last of those who remember a time when America was as it was intended to be. Since those days, we have all changed in mind, body and heart and I know very, very few my age who would disagree. Times were not easier then. But they were better. More moral, more ethical. More honest. More real. There was more "good."

So I wish all who read this, a Christmas that you will remember in a good way. A day that will be a bright and shining star in a universe of life.

And now, on to 2023. For us older folks, it seems America is getting further and further away from the clean, honest Christian values that were used to form the country and we have very little doubt that trend will reverse itself. The new generation, the ones that don't know what it was like, have no reason to want it back because they were never there. They don't understand why it was better. No electric, no air conditioning, no internet, no cell phones, doesn't sound better. So they don't understand.

You can't explain to a 25 year old why it is better to have to hand pump you water or build a fire to heat your home. With the conveniences and entitlement around us today, they could not possibly understand and the idea is foreign to them. We can't blame them for that. We were exactly the same with our grand parents. But of course, we didn't understand either.

So time will move forward and 2023 will take us further away from respect for our elders, appreciation, sacrifice, responsibility and freedom and liberty. Just as 2022 did and 2021, etc.

May God watch over us as we all move "forward" and may you have the best New Year ever. Hopefully, it will be better than the last. Or at least, may it seem so to the new generation.

Ramblings

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closed doors by a few insiders, with insufficient time to read before voting." Massie has declared himself a "No" on the funding bill.

Meanwhile, I haven't heard a word about it from our Rep. Harold Rogers but I'm pretty sure he, along with Sen. Mitch McConnell (from news items I've read) will cast a "yes" vote.

The only news item I've read this year about Rogers is when he was accused of telling a Democrat woman representative to "kiss his grits" (but not his grits, if you know what I mean). Oh, well, at least we know he's still showing up at the capitol for something.

Meanwhile, our other Senator Rand Paul - you know the one who doesn't look like a turtle and has been trying valiantly to hold Dr. Frankenfauci's feet to the fire over the Covid fiasco - has been working to defeat the omnibus spending bill in order to let the new House decide the spending for the next year, which is the way it should be done.

McConnell was censured by two Republican Party county committees in our state - Jessamine County and one in northern Kentucky -- over his vote on the anti-gun legislation passed by Congress this year. And, I'm a little disappointed that there were only two counties to do so.

Hopefully he'll finally decide he's made enough millions, on his around \$174,000 a year salary, and will retire at the end of his present term. After all, he'll still have the lucrative shipping contracts that he and his wife reportedly enjoy with their contacts in China through his wife's family.

You remember our esteemed senator, he was the one who decided our crop of representatives for the mid-terms were

"mediocre" and shifted the majority of the party's funding to "establishment" candidates, such as incumbent Senator Lisa Murkowski of Alaska who was not even the choice of the Alaska Republican Party.

The Jan6 Committee on the "insurrection in Washington" has decided to refer former President Donald Trump to the Department of Justice for criminal prosecution.

Now mind you, this same committee which completely ignored Ray Epps, who has been shown on video numerous times standing outside the capitol urging protestors to storm the capitol and who had numerous phone calls with Nancy Pelosi leading up to "insurrection."

Our DOJ also decided not to bring any charges in the cold-blooded mur-

der of unarmed Air Force veteran Ashli Babbitt by a capitol policeman. They also are ignoring a video which shows President Trump telling his supporters to mount a "peaceful protest."

This is all being done because they definitely do not want there to be any chance whatsoever of his being elected again in 2024.

I, personally, don't know why they are so worried. They can just take care of his chances as they did in 2020 -- you know, using the mantra of it doesn't matter who votes, it's who counts the votes.

I apologize. I really didn't intend to get off on a tangent. I do truly wish for everyone a wonderful Christmas and a return of sanity to our world in 2023 -- sorry, couldn't resist one last dig.

Public Servant Award

Livingston Fire and Rescue Chief Jeff Carpenter was awarded the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) Rockcastle Memorial Post Public Servant Award recently.

The award was presented, at the annual VFW Christmas dinner, to Carpenter by Commander Michael Parsons.

Carpenter has also been named the District Public Servant. Carpenter is also currently in the running for state recognition for the state Public Servant Award.

Training Award

Rockcastle County Constable Casey McClure has received the Excellence in Training Award from the Kentucky Constable Association.

The 2022 award, presented recently, gives its "highest regards and esteem" for McClure's years of voluntary service in providing constables across Kentucky with professional law enforcement training. The plaque says the efforts put forth by McClure has aided the KCA in its commitment to constable to achieve excellence.

No paper next week

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Dec. 22nd - Jan. 1st

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Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule

Monday, Dec. 26th: No service. Tuesday, Dec. 27th: Spiro, Level Green, Willailla, KY 3245, Bryant Ridge. Wednesday, Dec. 28th: Ottawa and Bee Lick.

Health Dept. Holiday Hours

The Rockcastle County Health Department will be closing at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 22nd and will reopen Tuesday, December 27th at 8 a.m. in observance of the Christmas holiday. Also, we will be closing at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, December 29, 2022 and will reopen Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 8 a.m. in observance of the New Year's holiday.

Kiwanis Club Meeting

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club now meets at Limestone Grille each Thursday at noon. Kiwanis is a service organization working to improve the lives of children. The public is invited.

Celebrate Sobriety Service

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

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

VFW Post 5908

Rockcastle Memorial VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all military service members and their families. The post is currently open by appointment only. If you would like to rent our event hall for special occasions, please call the number below. Monthly meetings are held on the third Saturday of every month at 5 p.m. Those wishing to contact the VFW for help, information or any need, please contact Post Commander Michael Parsons 859-358-6546 and/or District Commander William B.J. Thomason at 606-392-1207.

Mt. Vernon Lions Club

The Mt. Vernon Lions Club meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Limestone Grille.

American Legion Post News

The David M. Smith American Legion meets at Limestone Grille the second Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. If you wish to eat before the meeting, arrive at 5 p.m. For more info, call Commander Kathy Bobo at 606-308-1208 or Chaplain B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882.

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.

Rockcastle UNITE Coalition

The Rockcastle County UNITE Coalition meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at noon at Marcella's Farm to Fork Restaurant to plan activities. Please join us each month.

Celebrate Recovery/AA/NA

Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Community Outreach Center, Monday, 6 p.m. 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Contact: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590, Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099 or Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon: Northside Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Tuesday, 6 p.m. Contact: J.R. 859-314-7828.

Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon: Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Rd., Mt. Vernon. Wednesday, 6 p.m. Contact: John Burton 606-308-8226, Frankie Woodall 606-308-2382 or Joanie Woodall 606-308-3190.

Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only: Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Contact: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099.

Thursday-Alcohol Anonymous: 8 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Call 606-308-8900.

Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe 9226 Main St., Livingston. 6 p.m. Contact: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828.

Sunday - Celebrate Recovery Step Studies-Men Only. 6 p.m. Northside Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Contact: Jason DeBord 606-386-0646 or J.R. Cornelius 859-314-7828.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that in a December 15, 2022, Application, Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission, Frankfort, Kentucky of an adjustment of Demand-Side Management ("DSM") Cost Recovery Component ("DSMRC") charges proposed to become effective on and after January 14, 2023. Because KU anticipates the Commission will suspend the proposed changes in the DSMRC to conduct an investigation of the proposed changes, KU will ask the Commission to approve the proposed changes to the DSMRC to be effective on January 1, 2024.

The proposed changes, if approved, will result in changes to the DSMRC rates calculated per kWh under the DSM tariff for all affected electric rate classes as follows:

Rates:	Current	Proposed
RS, RTOD-Energy, RTOD-Demand, VFD	\$ 0.00074	\$ 0.00120
GS, GTOD-Energy, GTOD-Demand	\$ 0.00062	\$ 0.00156
AES	\$ 0.00363	\$ 0.00849
PS, TODS, TODP, RTS, FLS, OSL	\$ 0.00079	\$ 0.00198

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

Electric Rate Class*	Average Monthly Usage (kWh)	Annual \$ Increase	Annual % Increase	Average Monthly Bill \$ Increase
Residential	1,193	2,855,046	49.6	0.55
Residential TOD-E	1,233			0.57
Residential TOD-D	2,042			0.94
VFD	1,504			0.69
General Service	1,656	1,570,334	129.3	1.56
GTOD-Energy	No customers on this rate			NA
GTOD-Demand	No customers on this rate			NA
All Electric School	26,890	591,501	147.5	130.69
Power Service	31,096	5,011,989	147.8	37.00
TODS (Secondary)	188,237			224.00
TODP (Primary)	627,130			746.28
Retail Transmission	1,678,706			1,997.66
Fluctuating Load	All customers opted out			NA
Outdoor Sports Lighting Service	6,954			8.28

* The information in the above table does not include industrial customers that have elected to not participate in the DSM program.

Complete copies of the proposed tariffs containing proposed rates may be obtained by submitting a written request by mail to Kentucky Utilities Company, ATTN: Rates Department at P.O. Box 32010, Louisville, Kentucky, 40232, or by visiting KU's website at www.lge-ku.com/our-company/regulatory.

A person may examine this application at the offices of KU located at One Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky, and at KU's website at www.lge-ku.com. A person may also examine this application at the Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the commission's Web site at http://psc.ky.gov.

Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission, by mail to Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, or through the commission's Web site at http://psc.ky.gov. All comments should reference Case No. 2022-00402.

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

SPORTS

Lady Rockets pick up two wins

The Lady Rockets put two in the win column in their last two games, defeating the Boyle County Lady Rebels 45-32 and the Casey County Lady Rebels 70-57.

At Boyle County, the Lady Rockets took control of the game early, leading 17-3 at the end of the first quarter, 29-10 at the half and, despite a scoreless third quarter which gave the second half to the Lady Rebels 22-16 hung on for the 13 point victory.

Keelee King took scoring honors for her team with 12 and also joined the "1,000 Point Club" for RCHS; Camryn Cash got 11; Haven King and Karlee Smith scored eight points each; Talyne Shearer got four and Macy Spivey two.

The Lady Rockets hit four threes with Cash and King splitting them to Casey's three. The Rockets also hit 7/12 free throws to Boyle's 9/14.

Shearer pulled down the most rebounds at six; Spivey and K. King got three each; Taylor King, Haven King and Camryn Cash grabbed two each and Karlee Smith one.

The Lady Rockets put together two 35 point halves to easily take a district game from Casey County 70-57 last Friday night.

Taylor King led the scoring for her team with 18 points, 11 of them in the first half. Shearer got

16 points; Karlee Smith 11; Haven King had eight; Keelee King seven and Camryn Cash and Macy Spivey got five each.

The Lady Rockets hit three three point baskets to Casey's one and made 17 of 20 free throws. Casey was 13 of 23 from the charity stripe.

Keelee King dominated the boards for her team, pulling down seven rebounds; H. King got six; Shearer five; T. King and Spivey four each and Cash and Smith one each.

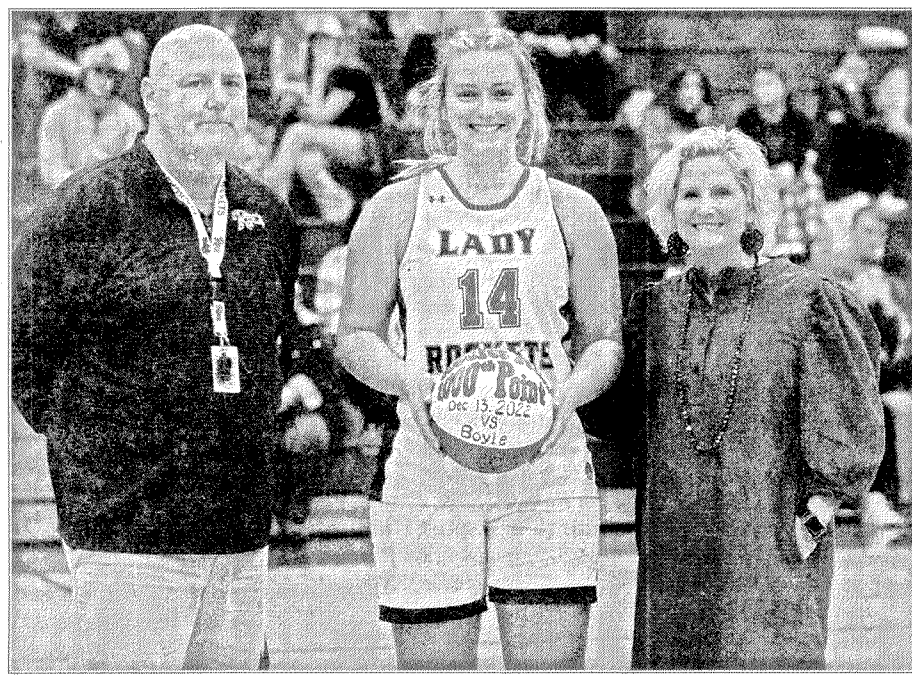
This Wednesday night, the Lady Rockets began playing in the Jack Burford Chevy Christmas Classic at Madison Central where they will play Graves County, South Oldham and Lafayette. December 28 and 29, they will play South Warren and Bardstown at South Warren.

Tuesday, January 3, they will resume regular season action when they host Somerset for a doubleheader district game with the Rockets.

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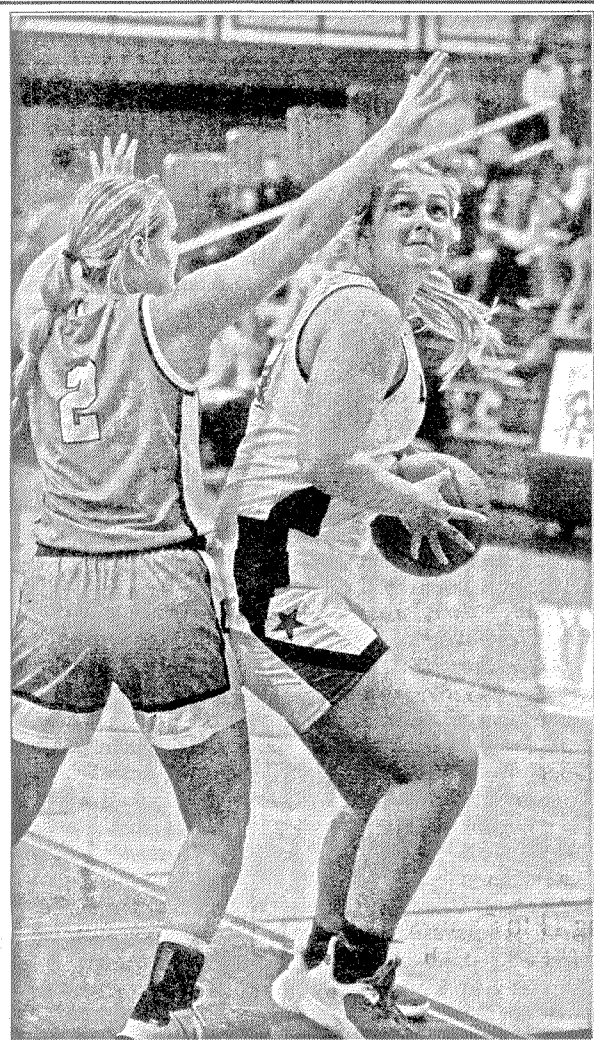
The Freshmen and Jayvee Lady Rockets hosted North Laurel Monday for a doubleheader with the freshmen losing 36-28 and the

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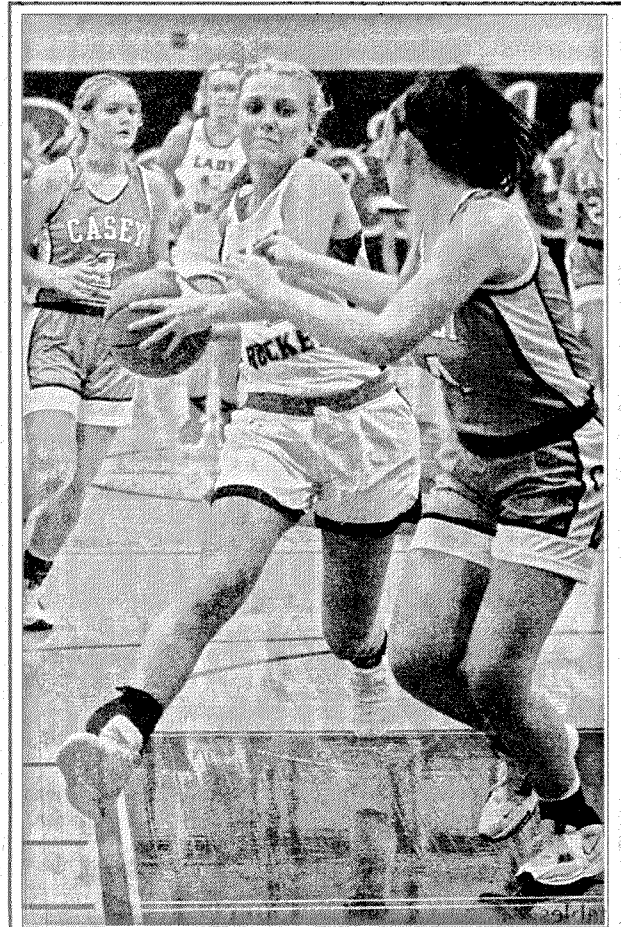


1,000 Point Club

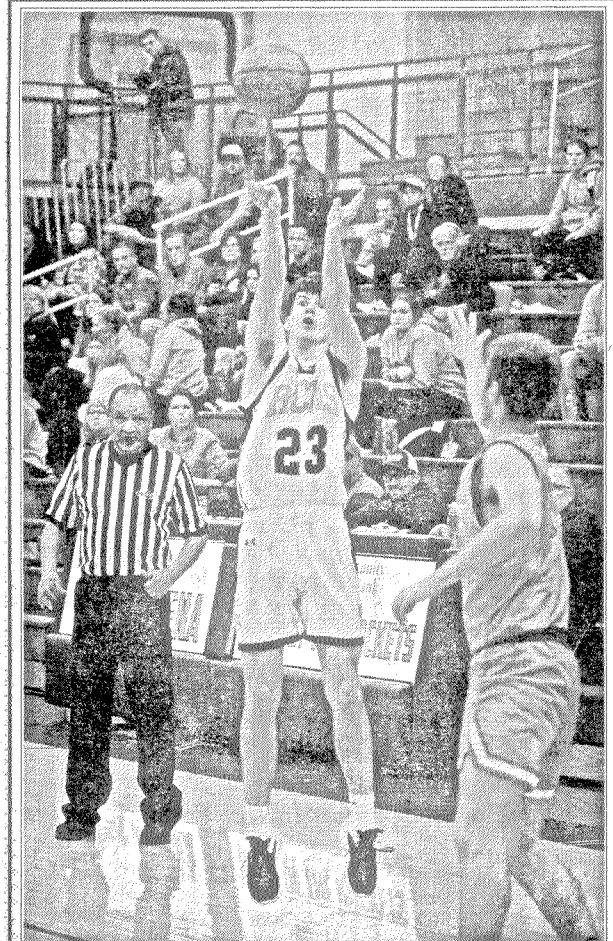
RCHS Athletic Director Mike McNabb and Lady Rocket head coach Chrysti Noble presented Keelee King with her 1,000 Point Club ball to commemorate her joining the club during the Lady Rockets' win over Boyle County on December 13th.



Keelee King works hard under the basket during the Lady Rockets' win over Casey County last Friday night.



Taylor King drives to the basket during the Lady Rockets' win over Casey County last Friday night. King led her team in scoring with 18 points.



Maddox Parsons puts up a three in the Rockets' loss to Casey County last Friday night.



Jace Rogers drives the baseline during the Rockets' loss to Casey County last Friday night.

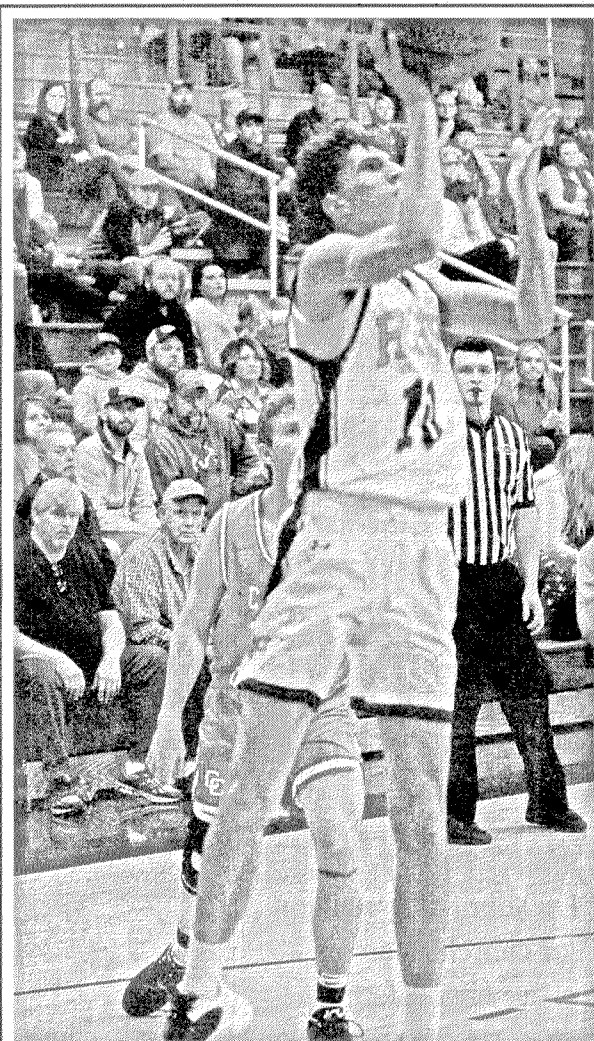
Rockets lose to Rebels twice in one week

The Rockets have had a rough time in their last two outings, losing 79-49 to the Boyle County Rebels and 62-56 to district foe Casey County Rebels last Friday night.

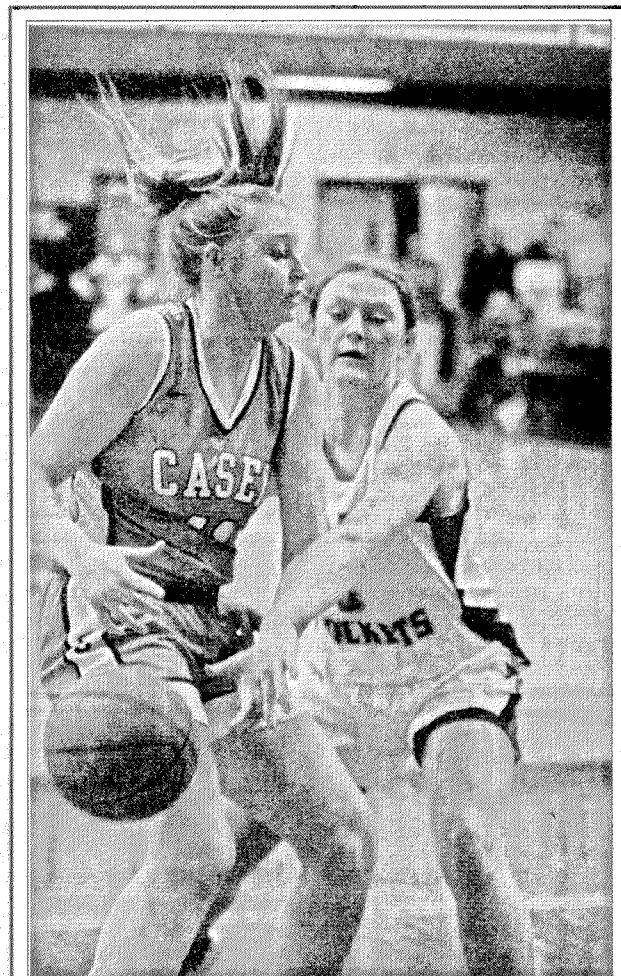
Tuesday night, December 13th, the Rockets traveled to Boyle County

and looked good in the first half, outscoring Boyle County 36-33 but a cold shooting second half, combined with an aggressive Rebel defense, saw the Rockets get outscored 46-13 for

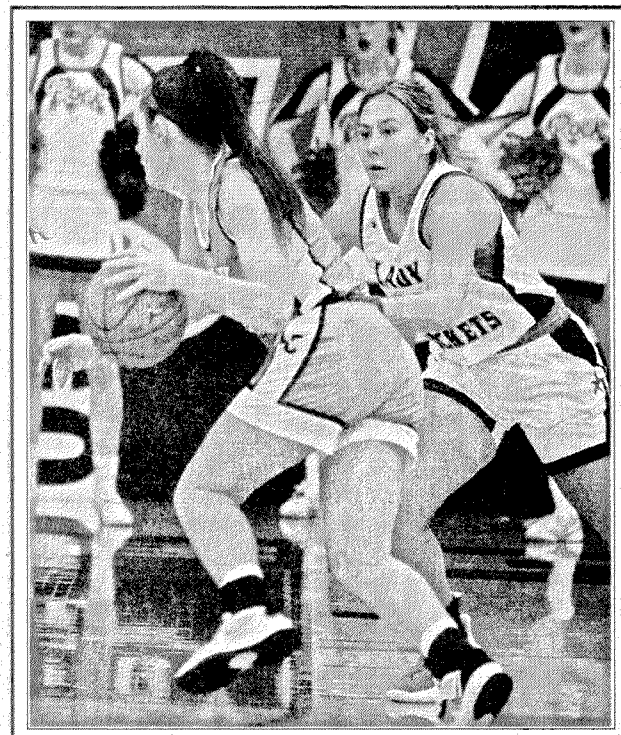
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Walker Craig goes for two of his 15 points in the Rockets' loss to Casey County last Friday night.



Haven King knocks the ball loose during the Lady Rockets' win over Casey County last Friday night.



Savanna Santo stops a driving Casey County player during the Lady Rockets' win last Friday night.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE

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
Butter a 2 quart oven-proof dish. Preheat oven to 350°. Mix above and pour into prepared 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 for 30 minutes.

SWEET POTATO CROQUETTES

2 cups cooked sweet potatoes
1 tablespoon butter
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon sugar
1 egg white
breadcrumbs
Mash sweet potatoes and add salt, sugar, and melted butter. Shape into patties and chill in the refrigerator for half an hour. Heat oven to 400°. Grease cookie sheet. Lightly beat the egg whites.

Roll croquettes or patties in breadcrumbs, dip in beaten egg whites, and in the crumbs again. Place on prepared cookie sheet. Bake for 20 minutes. For a modern variation of this old recipe, place a marshmallow in the center of each with the potato mixture coating it completely.

SWEET POTATO SALAD

2 large sweet potatoes
2 tablespoons light mayonnaise
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper
2 large celery stalks, coarsely chopped
1/2 cup thinly sliced red bell pepper
1/2 cup coarsely chopped fresh pineapple
1/4 cup pecans, toasted and coarsely chopped
1 small green onion, thinly sliced
Using a fork, prick sweet potatoes in several places. Microwave on High about 8 minutes, or until tender, turning over midway through cooking. Cool potatoes until easy to handle. Peel off skin and cut into 3/4-inch chunks. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, mix mayonnaise, mustard, salt, and pepper until blended.

Add sweet potato chunks, celery, red pepper, pineapple, pecans, and green onion to mayonnaise mixture. Toss gently until evenly coated. Canned pineapple chunks, drained, can be substituted for the fresh pineapple. Regular mayonnaise or Miracle Whip can be used instead of the light mayonnaise.

"Lady Rock"

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Jayvee also taking it on the chin 42-34.

In the Freshmen game, the Lady Rockets got down 17-12 in the first half and lost the second half 19-16 for the final 36-28.

Kiley Dunaway led in scoring with nine points; Tessa Begley got seven; Sadie Osborne four and Kelsey Maupin, Kaleigh Smith, Jayden McPhetridge and Aaroley Griffith two each.

JV Lady Rockets 34 North Laurel 42

The Jayvee Lady Rockets didn't fare any better against North Laurel Monday, losing 42-34.

The Rockets were only down one point at the half 19-18 but North Laurel came back in the second half and outscored the Rockets 23-16 for the win.

Macy Spivey put in 14 points of her team's 34, followed by Brylee Mullins with six, Kelsey Rowe with five, Kiley Dunaway got three and Ella McKinney, Abby DeLeon and Markley Richards two each.

Correction

Rockets 37 (Fr)

Mad. Southern 35

The Freshmen Lady Rockets won a close one at Madison Southern Monday, December 5th, in their first game of the season, 37-35.

Sadie Osborne got 13 points and Tessa Begley 10 to lead their team in scoring.

The Lady Rockets were down 20-11 at the end of the first half but put together a great third quarter to go ahead 28-24 at the end of that period. They managed to hang on to the lead even though they were outscored by the Lady Eagles 11-9 in the fourth quarter.

Besides Osborne and Begley, Ella McKinney got 9 points; Addison Carter and Kinsley two points each and Kiley Dunaway one.

"Rockets"

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the lopsided 79-49 final.

Walker Craig led his team in scoring with 16 points, including two three point baskets. Skyler Durham got 11 points, Jace Rogers six, Maddox Parsons four and Kaden Kidwell, Trent Wilson, Broedy Durham and Connor Hunt three points each.

The Rockets hit six three point baskets in the game, all in the first half to Boyle's 10. Boyle also won the free throw stat, hitting 13/17 to the Rockets 11/14.

Craig, Parsons and Durham all had four rebounds each, Dunaway got three, Rogers two and Kidwell one.

Last Friday night, the Rockets and Lady Rockets hosted the Casey County Rebels and the Rockets came up just short 62-56.

The first half was close with Casey County winning it 33-31. Each team put 16 points in the basket in the third quarter but Casey took the fourth quarter 13-9 for the final six point victory.

In this game, Trent Wilson led the scoring with 23 points, 18 of them coming in the first half. Wilson also put in five three point buckets. Craig scored 15 points, including four threes; Dunaway got six points; Parsons and Durham five each and Hunt two points.

The Rockets came in well behind the Rebels at the free throw line, getting only five attempts and making three while Casey was hitting 13/19. But the Rockets won the battle of the threes, sinking 11 to Casey's seven.

Craig with eight, Durham with seven and

Hunt with five garnered the majority of rebounds with Dunaway getting two and Rogers, Kidwell and Wilson grabbing one each.

The Rockets are playing in the Twin Lakes Holiday Classic at Clinton County Dec. 19-21 and will then take part in the Howard Carpenter Classic at Mercer Co. Dec. 28-30.

They will be at home January 3rd for a district doubleheader against

Somerset with the Lady Rockets.

Rockets 36 (JV)

McCreary 32

The Jayvee Rockets played their first game December 2nd when they hosted McCreary Central and came away with a 36-32 win.

The Jayvees lost the first half by one point 16-15 but came back in the second half to score 21 points to McCreary's 16 for the four point win.

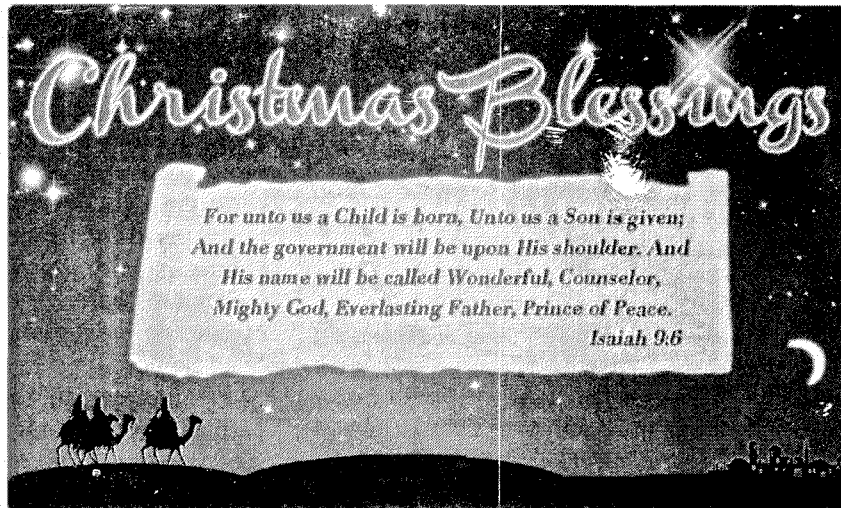
Connor Hunt led the

scoring with eight points; Jace Rogers got seven; Colton Cash six; Maddox Parsons four; Maddox McClure three and Isaiah Jackson, Caleb Moore and Xavier Leger two each.

Rockets 21 (JV)

Barbourville 31

The Rockets lost to Barbourville 31-21 in their second game of the season. Leger led the scoring with seven points; McClure got six; Harper McCool five and Cash three.



Merry Christmas and thank you for the privilege of serving the citizens of Rockcastle County



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Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps

Fire in the Yard: Fireplaces, Firepits, etc.
People have found it natural to gather around a fire since our first recorded histories.

A roaring fire draws people to it. A bonding with nature you could call it. Our ancestors built campfires in the outdoors, or on the dirt floors of their primitive homes. They did this for cooking,

for warmth, and for protection from dangerous wildlife. Today most homes are heated by electric or gas, and cooking is by the same, and we use locks to keep beasts and intruders out. So fire is for a backup, and for the ambience. Or for backyard entertainment.

Perhaps a fire sounds nice to you. Let us explore some ideas and possibilities.

Once Saved, Always Saved?

Many that believe and practice this doctrine will say, if he is lost, he was never actually saved. I have heard this question asked many times over the years. The answer is usually the same, this person didn't believe, but also suggested the possibility that, he, would come back to the church in the end and not be lost after all. IS THIS WHAT THE BIBLE REALLY TEACHES?

THE BIBLE SAYS: (Heb.6:4-6) "FOR IT IS IMPOSSIBLE" for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame. It doesn't work to say they were not actually saved, "they had tasted the good words of the Lord", "the heavenly gift" These things cannot be said of one who was not actually in Christ

Paul, WROTE TO THE CHURCH OF GALATIA IN RESPONSE TO THE JUDAZING TEACHERS. (Gal.1:7) Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Jesus Christ. They were saying the Gentile Christians needed to be circumcised in order to be saved. (Gal.5:4) Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace. These Jews had been baptized into Jesus Christ. (Gal.3:27) For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. This proves that those who had been saved could do something to be lost.

In (2 Peter 2:20-22) FOR IF THEY HAVE ESCAPED THE POLLUTIONS OF THE WORLD THROUGH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it happened unto them according to the true proverb, THE DOG IS TURNED TO HIS OWN VOMIT AGAIN; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire. This proves once again the foolishness of, once saved always saved, and the danger this places many souls in today. Don't Believe It. READ YOUR BIBLE. The apostle Paul wrote (1Cor.9:27) But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway. The apostle knew he could be disqualified, we should too.

"WHY SO MANY WARNINGS IF IT WERE NOT TRUE?"

Thank you for reading this article. We have videos to watch on our YouTube website Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ. We want to know what you think your suggestion is important to us. You can contact me: 606-224-1480-or ovabaker@windstream.net

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Who Is Jesus Christ?

- I) Let's ask his friends and family.
- 1) Martha-John 11:27 "She saith unto him, Yea Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world."
 - 2) Peter-Matthew 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said Thou art the Christ, the son of the living God.
 - 3) John-John 1:1 In the beginning was the word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
 - 4) Thomas-John 20:28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and My God.
 - 5) His mother-Acts 1:14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.
- II) Let's ask competent authority.
- 1) The Angels-Luke 2:11 For unto you is born this day in the City of David, a Savior, Which is Christ the Lord.
 - 2) Gabriel-Luke 1:32 He shall be great and shall be called the Son of the Highest: And the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David.
 - 3) The Father-Matthew 3:17 And lo a voice from Heaven saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.
- Matthew 17:5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.
- Acts 2:22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know.
- III) Let's ask the Man himself.
- 1) I am the way....
John 14:6 Jesus said unto him, I am the way the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the father, but by me.
 - 2) I am the resurrection
John 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.
Who is Jesus Christ? He is the Great "I Am."
John 8:58 Jesus said unto them, Most assuredly, I say unto you, before Abraham was, "I Am."

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A firepit of some type is the most economical, and the most common, way of adding the element of fire to a backyard. These range from some boulders arranged in a circle on the ground, fueled by firewood and logs (a campfire, basically), to metal and brick ones you'd purchase as a kit to assemble. Perhaps you might desire a light weight one you could easily move around for various occasions.

A gas-fired firepit or fireplace is certainly more convenient than one that requires you to start and tend a fire. Adding gas or electric obviously costs more to install, usually requiring a licensed trades person. Propane or natural gas are typically the options here. Or one of electric having simulated flames.

Fireplaces are typically a special and top shelf item on the menu for having fire in your backyard.

They can be rustic, or modern in appearance. Fueled by logs, by gas, or by electric, they can offer options for cooking, heat, and a cozy place to hang out by. There are kits to buy and install, or there's the option of hiring a stone or brick mason to construct one from scratch.

Fire features may lead to needing a better patio, to extra seating, a privacy screen, and other landscape features, depending on the need of the family and the situation and the layout of your space.

Outdoor entertaining frequently goes along, but a backyard fire can be a private experience if that is preferred.

A chimenea may be a quick and economical substitute for the grandeur of a real fireplace.

Infrared electric stoves and fireplaces have come a long way in recent years, and some immitate real fire rather impressively. They may compare favorably to the wood-burning fireplace, and typically be safer and more convenient as well. They can be a quick option to have "fire" in the yard, too.

Still, there's something about that flaming log or the glow of real embers as the wood burns up that can only come from burning some firewood. The smell of smoke from the wooden logs cannot be immitated by gas or electric.

Finally, I suggest considering the real fire option in case there is a power outage. Having an option for food preparation and lighting if your electricity goes off can be a lifesaver.

The author is a landscaper.
Your ideas and comments invited. Call (606) 416-3911.

Church News

Let the Bible Speak

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

Mass Schedule for Our Lady of Mt. Vernon

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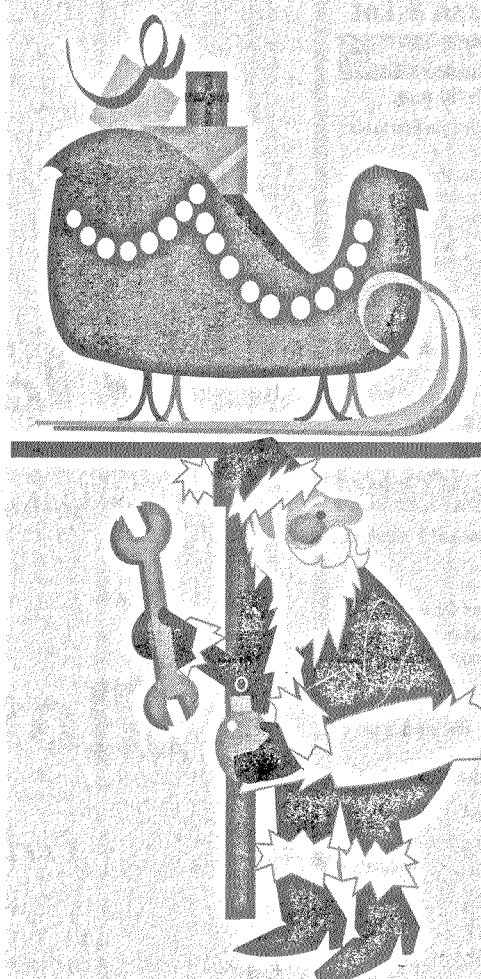
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Rockcastle Regional named among best by U.S. News & World Report

Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center has been recognized as a Best Nursing Home for Long-Term Care for 2022-2023 by U.S. News & World Report.

Only 16 percent of the U.S. skilled-nursing facilities earned the "Best Nursing Home" designation this year. Rockcastle Regional earned its place on the list by achieving the highest possible rat-

ing, "High Performing," for its long-term care services.

"We are a team of dedicated professionals who are committed to the highest level of care for every patient, every time," said Tammy Brock, Rockcastle Regional chief nursing officer. "Consistent, quality care is the focus of our team, and this designation is a reflection of that commitment."

For 2022-2023, U.S. News rated more than 15,000 nursing homes using data on care, safety, infection rates, staffing, and health inspections, weekend staffing, and infection rates that led to hospitalizations.

The Best Nursing Homes methodology factors data such as resident care, safety, and outcomes. To calculate the ratings, U.S. News evaluated each nursing home's performance using a variety of data from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The long-term care ratings include a variety of data points, in-

cluding consistency of registered nurse staffing, use of antipsychotic drugs, and success in preventing emergency room and hospital visits.

"Our mission is to be the best ventilator-dependent long-term care facility for our patients in all aspects of their care and quality of life," said Stephen A. Estes, Rockcastle Regional president and CEO. "Our designation as a 'Best Nursing Home' for long-term care is a testament to the full scope of care we provide our patients, and we are honored to be named among the best."

Rockcastle Regional

Hospital and Respiratory Care Center is a not-for-profit community healthcare system that operates an emergency department, outpatient services, a 30-bed acute care hospital, a 143-bed long-term care program for residents who are dependent upon mechanical ventilation, a quick care clinic, and three rural health clinics. Rockcastle Regional Hospital was established in 1956 and is accredited by the Joint Commission. The organization is a eleven-time Kentucky Hospital Association Quality Award Winner, was named a "Best Places to Work in

Kentucky" 2016-2019 and 2021, a U.S. News & World Report Best Nursing Home for 2013, 2014, 2019-20, and 2022-2023; a winner of the Women's Choice Award for America's 100 Best Hospitals for Patient Experience 2013-2020; was recognized with the Women's Choice Award as an America's Best Emergency Care Hospital in 2015, 2016, 2018; and was honored by the Women's Choice Award as an America's Best Hospital for Outpatient Experience 2019-2022. For more information, please visit www.rockcastlehospital.org.

To keep Kentuckians moving safely Transportation Cabinet crews prepped for winter weather

In keeping with their priorities to promote safety in the commonwealth, the Beshear administration is taking extra measures this year to prepare for winter weather. November is traditionally the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's (KYTC) snow and ice season launch, where more than 2,000 staff and crew members stand ready to keep roads passable for the safe movement of people and goods throughout the state.

Our crews have been on high alert, monitoring weather conditions to keep Kentuckians safe when snow and ice strike. Crews were dispatched Saturday for the first time this season in Western and Central Kentucky, Gov. Andy Beshear said. As fall transitions to winter, we're thankful for their work to keep Kentucky drivers and their families safe, especially during the unusually harsh winter conditions we've seen in recent years.

For months, crews have been trained, salt and road treatment supplies have been restocked, plow trucks have been serviced and route plans have been updated. A fleet of 1,365 state-owned and contracted plow trucks is on deck to be deployed when needed. View a short video here.

Our crews are essential to keeping citizens and commerce moving in Kentucky, said KYTC Secretary Jim Gray. While the severity and frequency of snow events are unknown, we are ready to act and do our best with the resources we have.

The cabinet has stockpiled over 300,000 tons of salt, nearly 1 million gallons of brine for anti-icing efforts and more than 1 million gallons of calcium chloride an additive to salt for deicing.

KYTC uses a three-tier system to prioritize treatment and snow clearing on state-maintained routes. Route designations are based on factors such as traffic volume and connectivity to critical services like hospitals. During routine snow and ice events, crews operate using snow and ice priority route maps for maximum equipment and materials usage efficiency. The cabinet has established a snow emergency plan for severe winter storm events to deploy resources within each county to cover the highest priority routes.

State Highway Engineer James Ballinger described what motorists can expect when plows are out.

Like commercial trucks, our snow trucks have blind spots and tend to travel between 25 and 35 mph for optimal salting and plowing results, said Ballinger. Plows are not immune to the same dangers motorists face. By driving where the plow operator can see you, being patient and giving

them room on the roads, you can help some of our most essential public servants make it home safely at the end of their shift.

Kentucky's fleet of snow-clearing vehicles includes nine tow plows in different parts of the state. Tow plows have a trailer-mounted rear plow that swings out to resemble a jackknifed truck. It allows one driver and a truck to clear two driving lanes in one pass. Two of the plows are housed in Frankfort for deployment wherever severe weather creates a need for increased support on wide, high-priority routes. Seven others are based in Graves, Grayson, Hardin, Lyon and McCracken counties.

KYTC maintains most roads, streets and bridges that are part of the State Highway System. Examples include interstates, parkways, and U.S. route designations.

Driver Tips this Winter Season Safe roadways are a shared responsibility, especially during inclement weather when risks increase. KYTC also encourages motorists to prepare for winter and remain safe by following these tips:

- Travel only when necessary during major snow events.

- Stock vehicles with ice scrapers, jumper cables, blankets, a flashlight, a cell phone charger, non-perishable snacks and a first aid kit should you get stranded on the road.

- Winterize your vehicle. Check your car battery, tire pressure and brakes. Ensure your heater, defroster, headlights and windshield wipers are working properly.

- When snow and/or ice are on roadways, drive slowly no matter what type of vehicle you drive. It takes more time and distance to stop your vehicle in poor weather, so brake early and slowly.

- Pay attention to weather advisories and allow more time to travel for routine commutes.

- Slow down when approaching intersections, off-ramps, bridges or shaded areas. These are all candidates for developing black ice - a thin coating of clear ice that can form on the pavement surface that may be difficult to see.

- Maintain a safe distance from snowplows and other heavy highway equipment, and do not pass snowplows on the shoulder.

- Know before you go. Download the free WAZE app or visit ky.gov to check traffic conditions before you travel. The map also offers access to select traffic cameras on interstates and parkways.

- Eliminate distractions while driving, such as using a phone and or eating.

Visit snowky.ky.gov for snow and ice resources, like priority route maps, tips and highway district updates.

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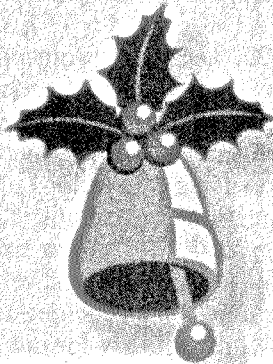
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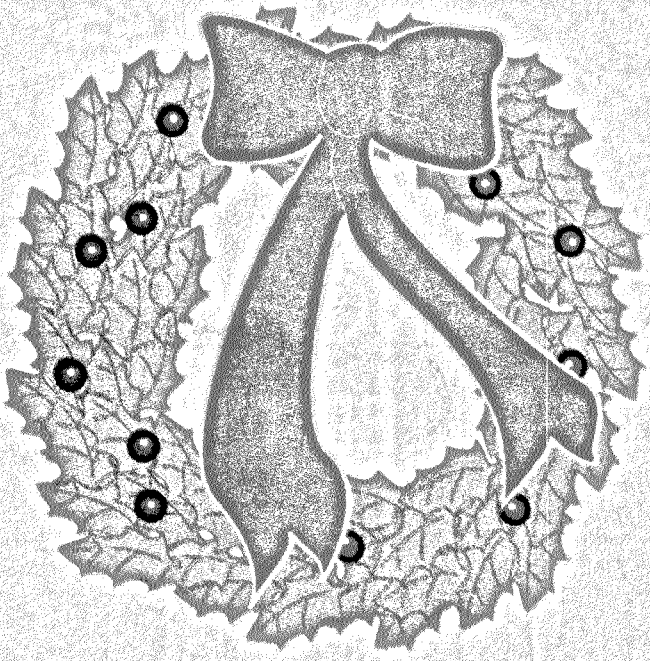
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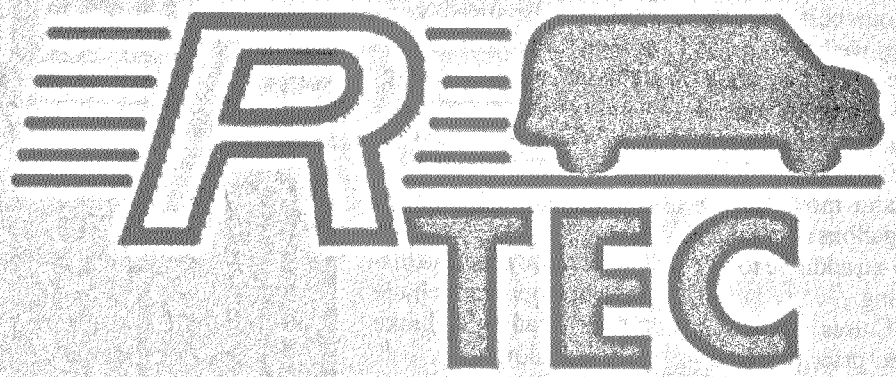
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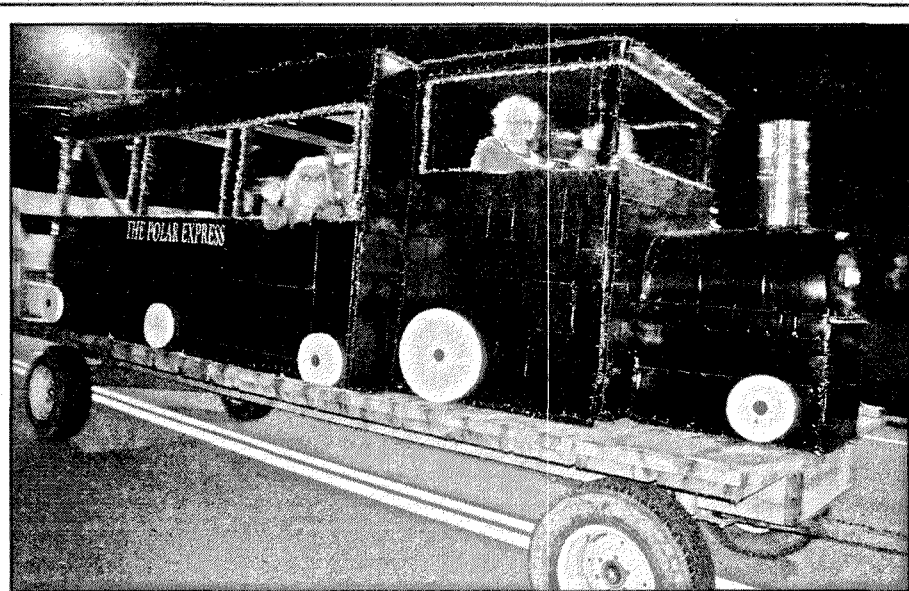
Second Section

Thursday, December 22, 2022

Scenes from 2022 Livingston Christmas Parade



Gerald Kirby was the first name called to choose his own new bicycle at the Livingston Christmas celebration. Seven other received free bikes as well.



The Polar Express carried some city officials in the Livingston Christmas Parade last Saturday.

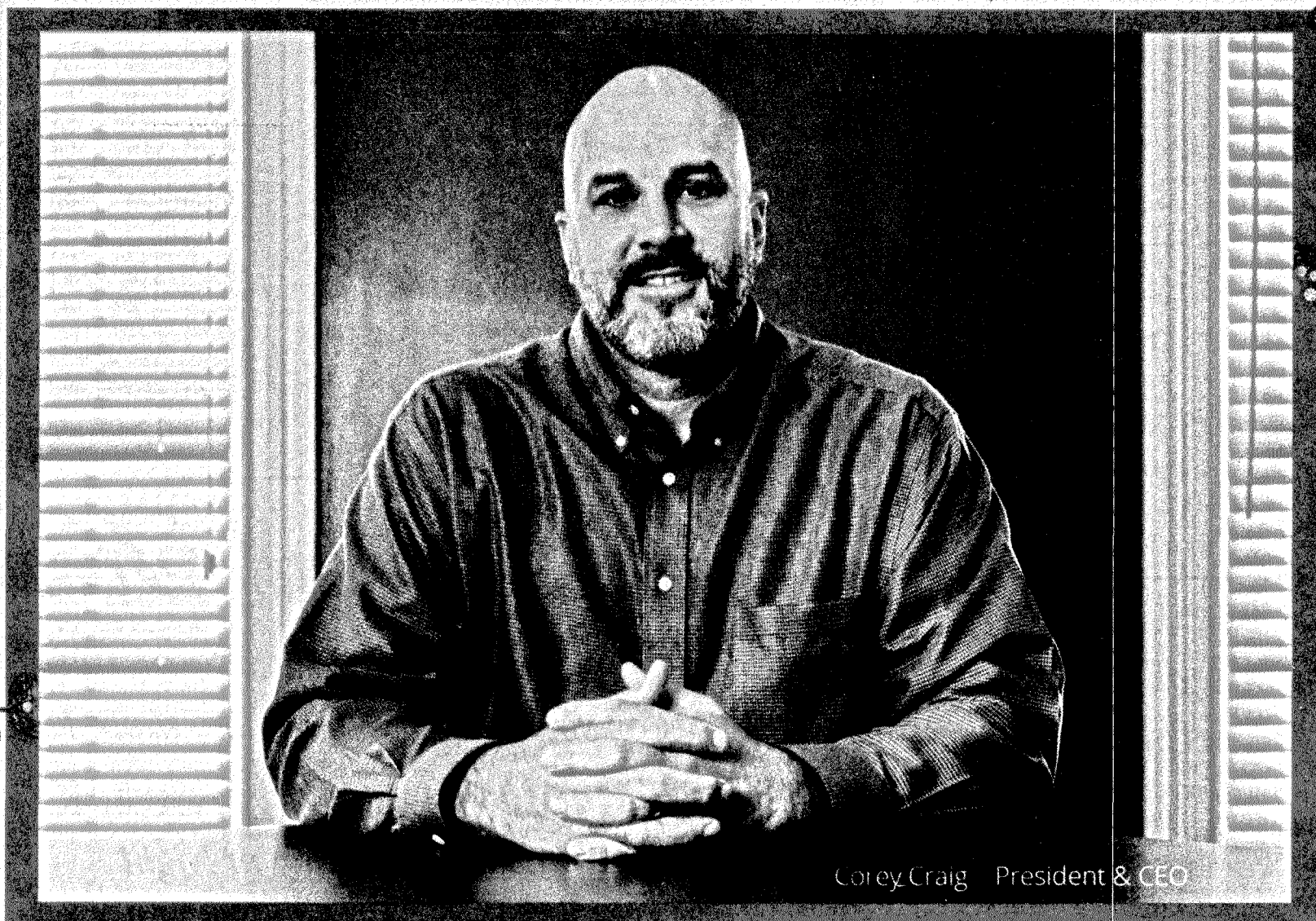


Matelyn Bond sat under a warm blanket in the cold weather while waiting for the Livingston Christmas Parade to begin.

No paper next week!

Signal office will be closed December 22nd - January 1st

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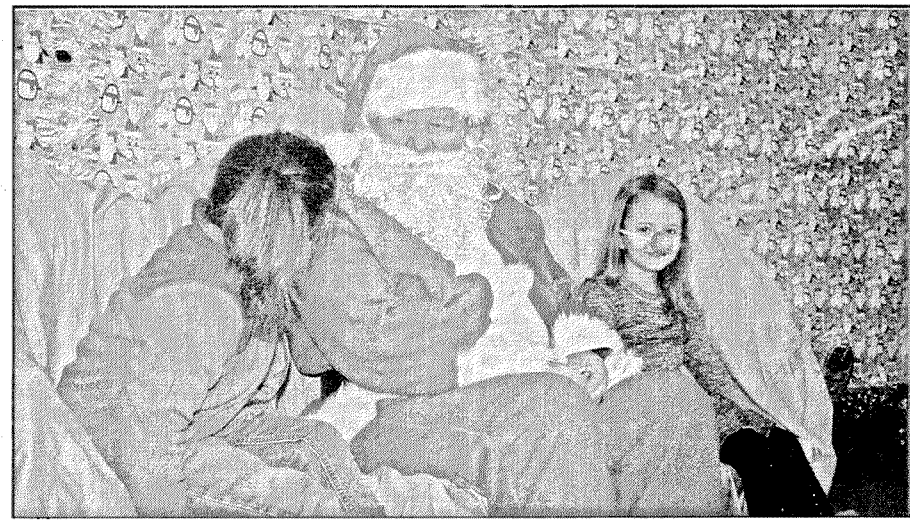
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Members of the Livingston Volunteer Fire and Rescue toured down Main Street during the Livingston Christmas Parade Saturday evening.



Though it was a relatively short parade, each participant seemed to enjoy their trip down Main Street as they tossed candy to those braving the cold.



Matelyn Stanley and Maelynn Powell took their turn with Santa at the Livingston Christmas celebration Saturday night in the old school gymnasium.



Members of the Livingston Baptist Church road down Main Street tossing treats to those enjoying the Livingston Christmas Parade.



The Grinch and an elf greeted each Livingston resident as they entered the gym after the annual Livingston Christmas Parade.

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Rockcastle County School District's Local Planning Committee will be holding a Public Meeting and Public Forum on **January 5, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.** at the **Rockcastle Teaching and Learning Center Board Room.**
The meeting will initiate the District Facility Planning process and review a Kentucky Department of Education overview of the process. Members of the public are welcome to attend and/or address the Local Planning Committee.
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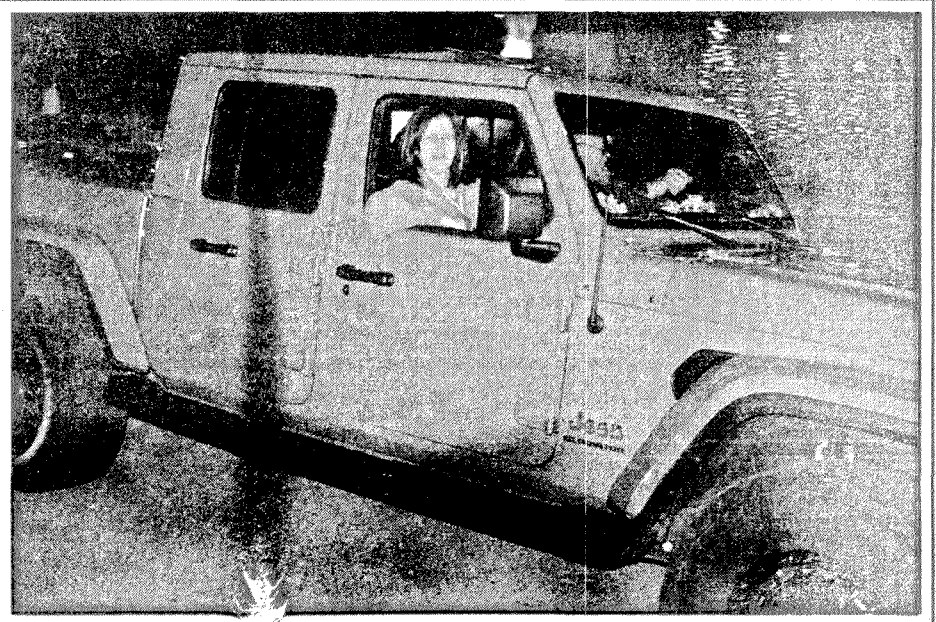
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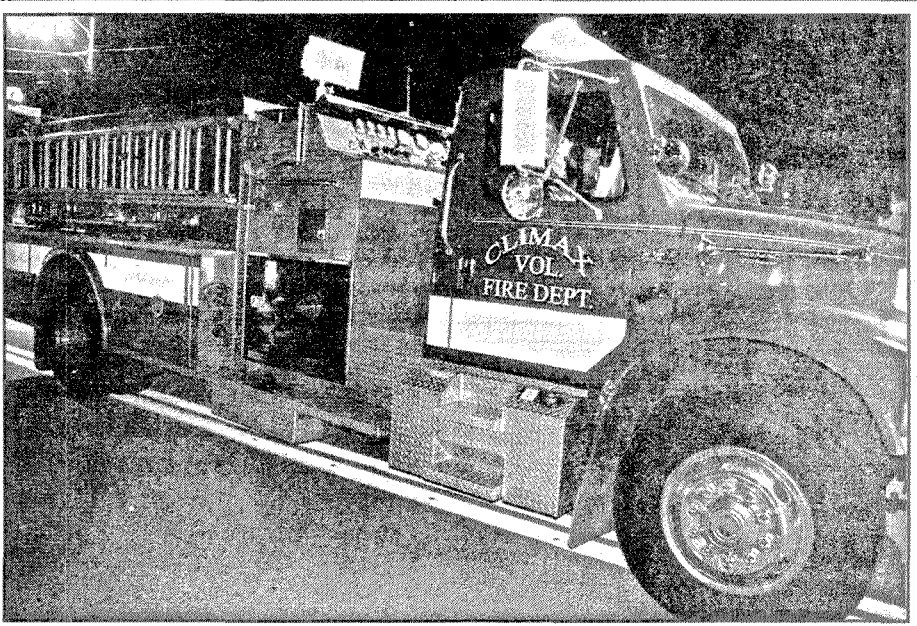
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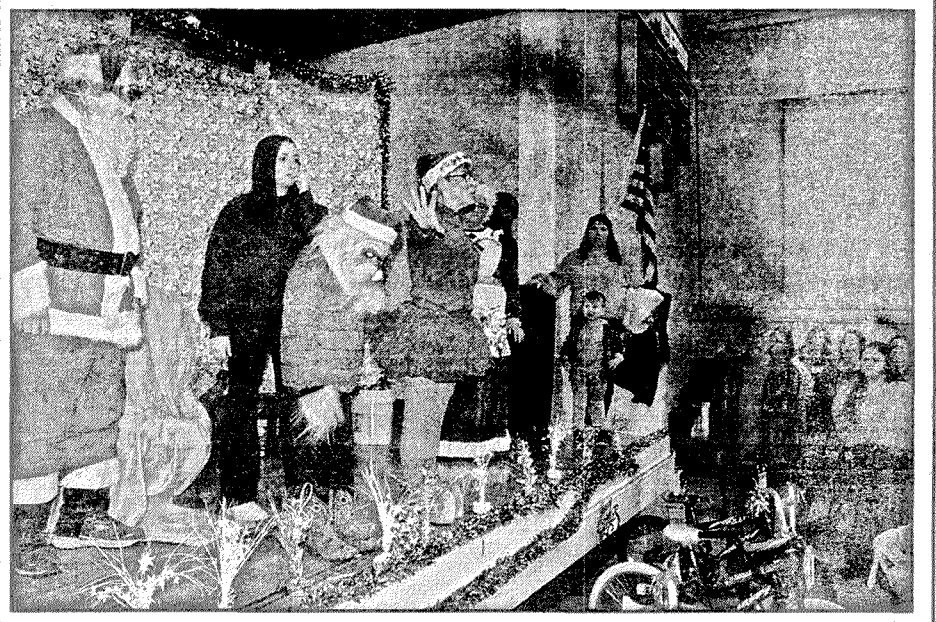
Several floats tossed treats to everyone along Main Street during the annual Livingston Christmas Parade last Saturday.



Several members of the community rode their unique vehicle down Main Street in the Livingston Christmas Parade.



Members of the Climax Volunteer Fire Department tossed candy to the cold visitors lining Main Street during the annual Livingston Christmas Parade Saturday, December 17.



Santa drew eight names from a bag to choose the winners of the eight free bicycles after the Livingston Christmas Parade Saturday night. Resident Melissa Hahn directed the crowd as the drawing was being organized.



Climax volunteers tossed candy and other treats to those lining the roadway during the annual Livingston Christmas Parade Saturday.



Mount Vernon Fire Department volunteers eased down Main Street in the Livingston Christmas parade dressed in Santa hats and tossing candy to the crowd.



May the spirit fill your hearts this Christmas.

from

County Clerk Danetta Ford Allen

and staff



Selena Thompson, Becky Mays, Becky McNew, Janet Blevins and Danetta Allen

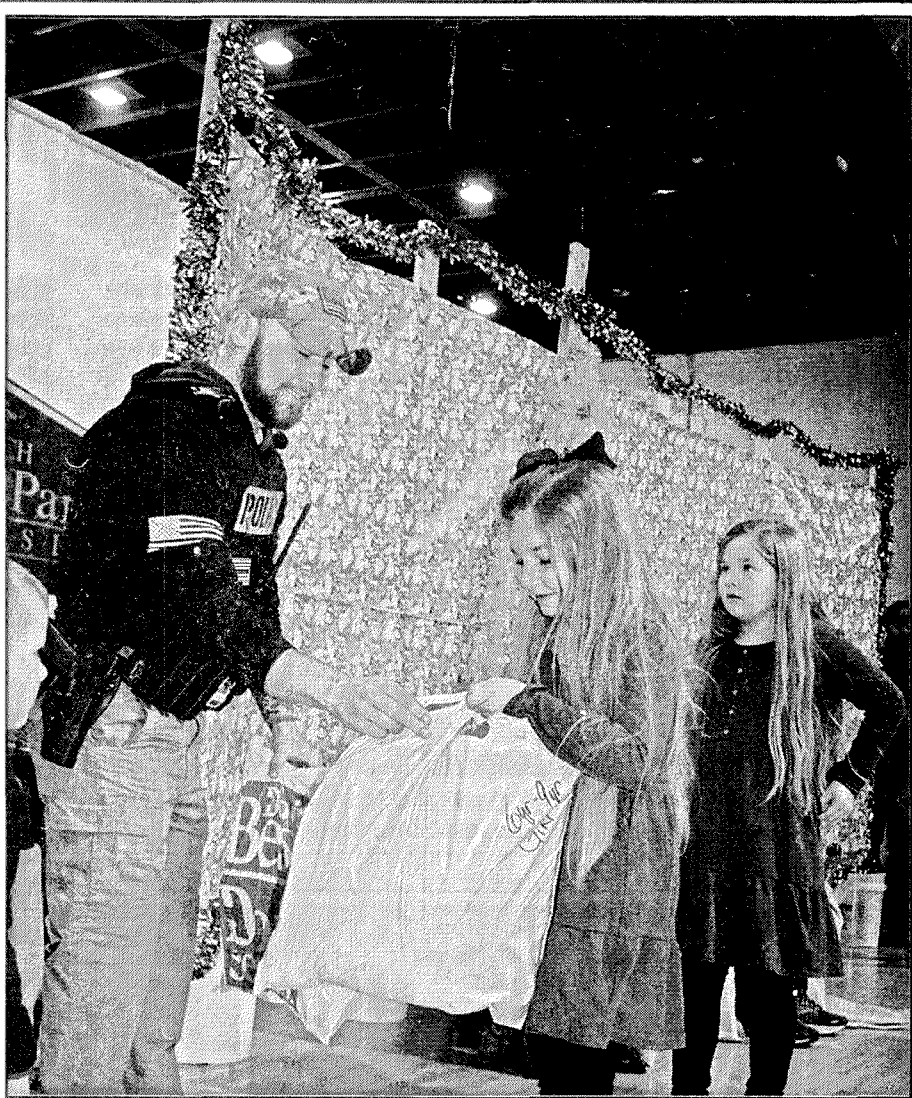


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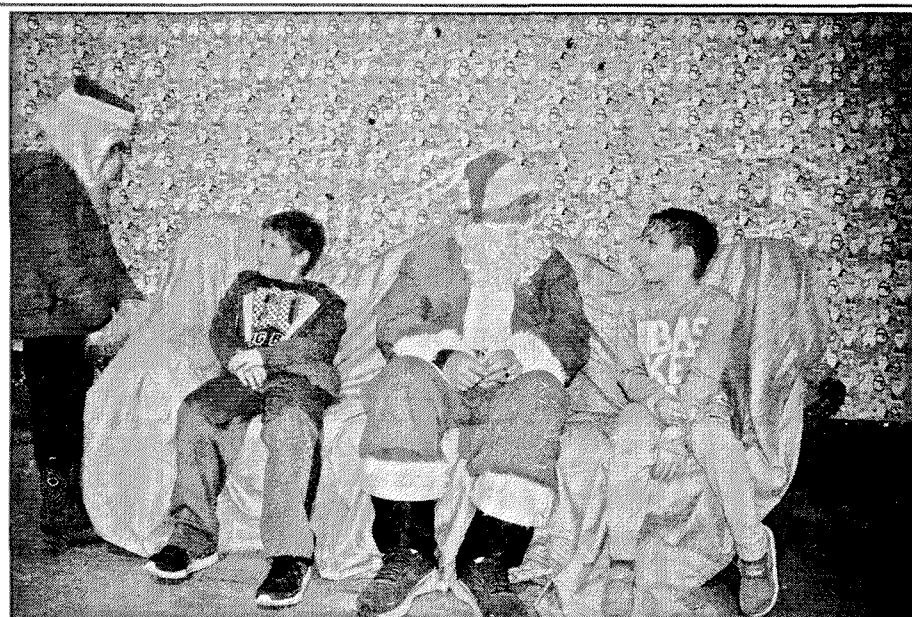
Community members prepared food for anyone wanting a meal after the Christmas Parade Saturday.



Livingston Police Chief Mikie Ashurst was one of the volunteers who helped hand out toys to the children after the Livingston Christmas Parade. Ashurst said his last day as police officer will be January 1, 2023.



Those present received free hot chocolate and cookies at the old Livingston Gym and entered to win a free bicycle after the parade Saturday.



Countless visitors took their turn talking with Santa after the annual Christmas Parade last Saturday night. Each child received a free bag of toys and eight received a free bicycle.

Merry Christmas

from

Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr.

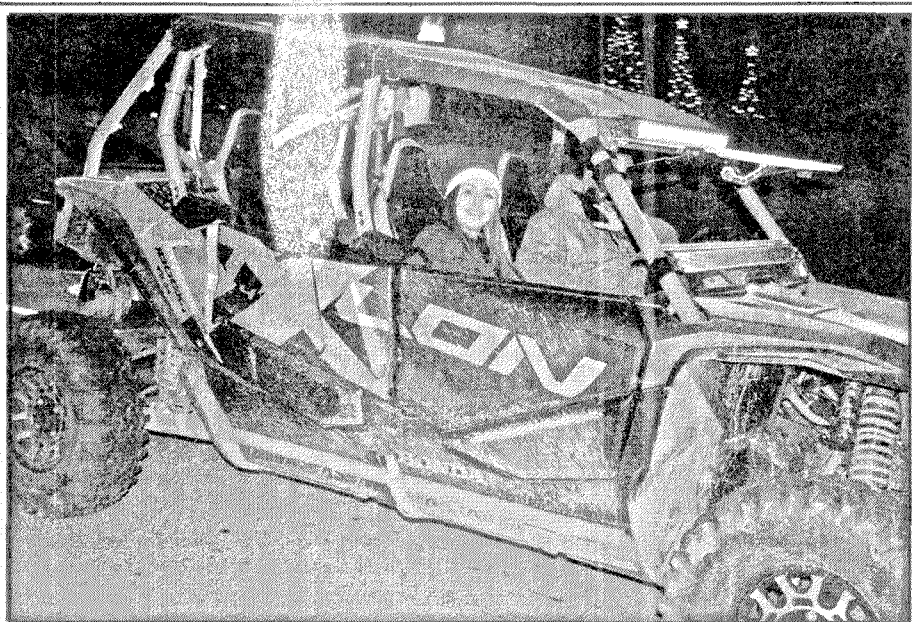
and the

Rockcastle County Fiscal Court

May this great season find each of you in health and good will for your neighbors and families.



Front row from left: Vicky Miller, County Judge-Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. and Wanda Coffey
Back row from left: County Attorney Jeremy Rowe, magistrate Shane Thacker, magistrate Shannon Bishop, County Treasurer Joe Clontz, magistrate Mike McGuire, magistrate William Denny and magistrate Doug Rrewitt.



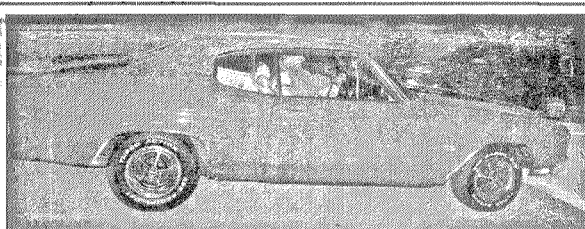
Side-by-sides road down Main Street along with floats and fire trucks during the annual Livingston Christmas Parade.



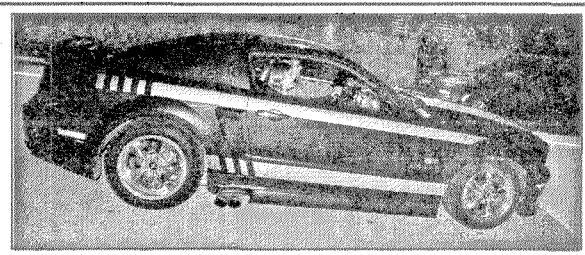
Terina Helton tossed candy from this classic Mustang during the annual Livingston Christmas parade Saturday.



Livingston City Commissioners and the Livingston City Clerk served hot chocolate and cookies to those who enjoyed the Christmas celebration in the old school gymnasium after the parade Saturday night.



Donnie Helton drove his classic Chevelle in the annual Livingston Christmas parade Saturday.



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Parents and City Commissioners enjoyed watching the children pick out their own bicycle at the Christmas celebration in Livingston this past Saturday.



We'd like to join you and your family in giving thanks to our Lord for His love and guidance, just as we thank you for your trust and support this past year.

Coffey & Ford, PSC

Attorneys At Law

Willis Coffey and John D. Ford



From left: Jenni Ellis, John Ford, Jerusha Robinson and Robyn Fain
Not pictured: Willis Coffey

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No paper next week!
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December 22nd - January 1st
Merry Christmas!

With Our Gratitude



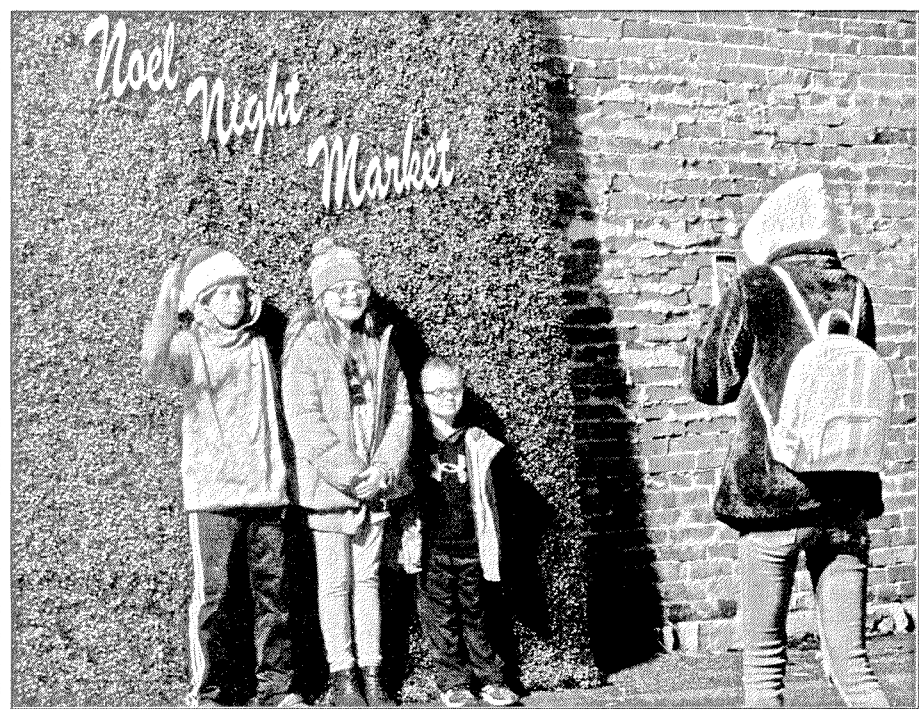
To all our friends we hold so "deer," a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you for your kind patronage.

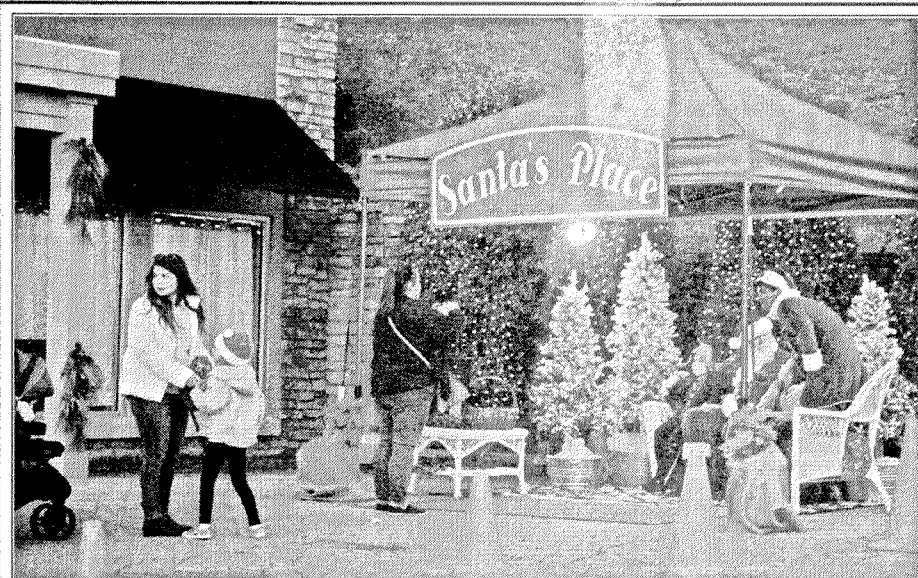
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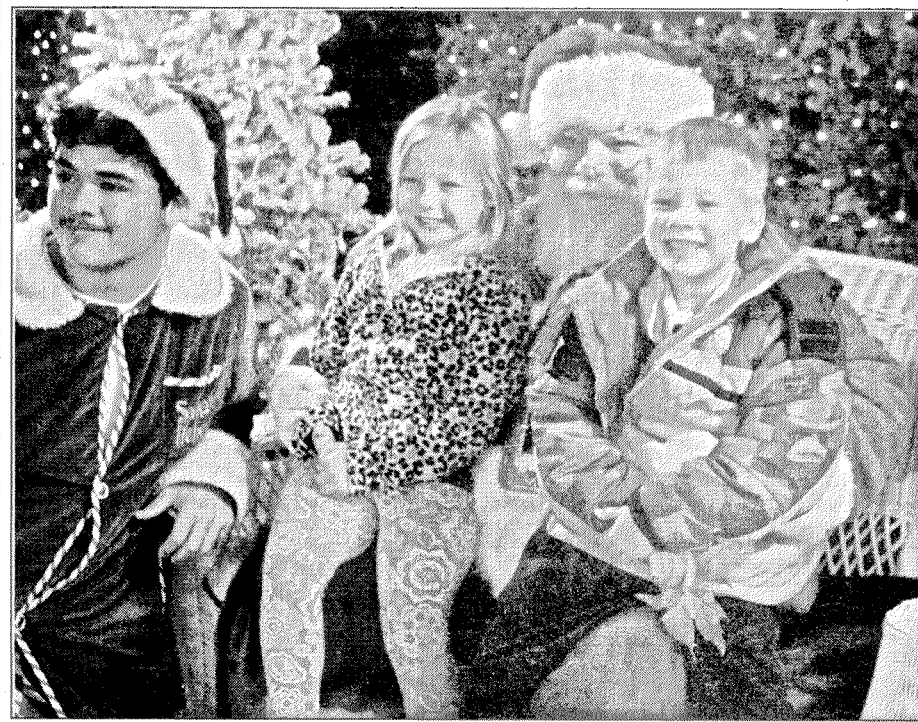
Some of the Rockcastle Lady Rockets enjoying Noel Night Market.



The backdrop for the Noel Night Market was enjoyed by many for taking pictures.



Santa's Place at Cindy's Place was a popular destination after the Christmas Parade and during Noel Night Market.



DAR presents students with essay awards

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution actively supports historic preservation, promotion of education and patriotic endeavors. One way the Society promotes education is to sponsor every year in the school systems the American History Essay Contest open to all 5th-8th graders. The topic for this year's American History essay for grades 5th-8th was: "Delegate to Second Continental Congress" The Second Continental Congress met from May 10, 1775 - March 1, 1781 and included delegates from all thirteen colo-

nies. This Congress was instrumental in shaping what was to become the United States of America. The student was to imagine that they were a delegate during 1775-1776. Which colony were they from and what would be important for them to accomplish for their colony?

One essay winner from each grade level was eligible to be submitted by the local chapter for state competition. State winners will be judged on national district level and finally district winners will be eligible for the national competition in Washington this June.

National winners will be awarded at Continental Congress and presented a medal, certificate, and monetary award.

The Rockcastle Chapter awarded this year's chapter winners a certificate and medal. Second and third place winners were also recognized. The 5th grade winner of this year's contest was Logan Rogers. Second place winner was Chloe Mullins and 3rd place winner was Beckham Smith, all of Mt. Vernon Elementary. 6th grade winner in the middle school category was Arianna French and second place winner was Khloe McFerron.

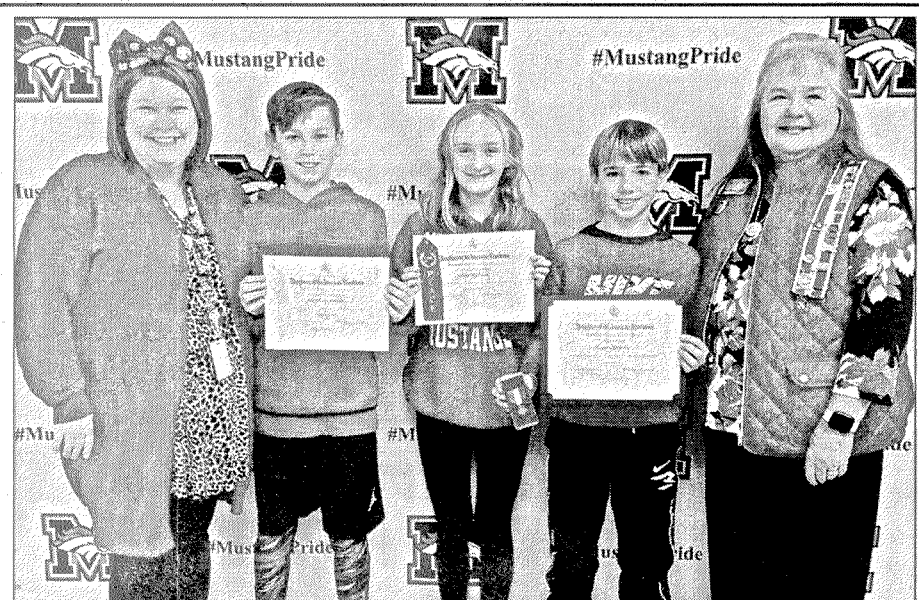
Rockcastle Chapter would like to thank all the students and teachers who participated in this year's contest and look forward to reading next year's entries from such talented writers.

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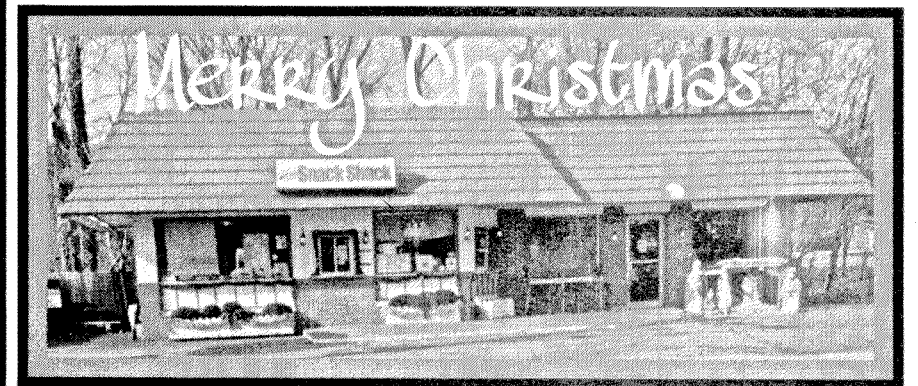
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Arianna French was the sixth grade winner of the DAR American History Essay contest. She is pictured with Kathy Bobo (left). Not pictured: Khloe McFerron-second place winner.

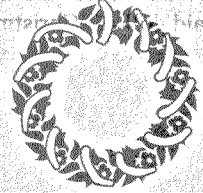


DAR American History Essay contest winners at MVES. Pictured from left: Marissa Albright, Beckham Smith-3rd place, Chloe Mullins-2nd place, Logan Rogers-1st place, and Sharon Lovell.



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RES Santa Letters

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Dear Santa,
My name is Brayden. I am six years old and live in Berea.
I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did at school was I told some they were doing a really good job.
Please bring me a boomerang for Christmas.
I will leave cookies and carrots for you and your reindeer.
*Merry Christmas,
Brayden*

Dear Santa,
My name is Xander. I am five years old and live in Berea.
I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family was take out the trash. A nice thing I did at school was listen to my teachers.
Please bring me a PS5 for Christmas.
I will leave B Bucks for you and your reindeer.
*Merry Christmas
Xander*

Dear Santa,
My name is Jaxon. I am six years old and live in Berea. I think I have been nice this year.
One nice thing I did for my family this year was clean my room. A nice thing I did at school was, I did my work.
Please bring me a Ben 10 Watch for Christmas.
I will leave oatmeal cookies and milk for you and your reindeer.
*Merry Christmas
Jaxon*

Dear Santa,
My name is Brianna. I am five years old and live in Brodhead.
I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was do what they told me. A nice thing I did at school was listen to my teachers.
Please bring me a Barbie Dream House and a Mermaid doll for Christmas.
I will leave milk, cookies and carrots out for you and your reindeer.
*Merry Christmas
Brianna*

Dear Santa,
My name is Elliott. I am five years old and live in Mt. Vernon.
I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family was clean up my room. A nice thing I did at school was my work.
Please bring me a train track for Christmas.
I will leave cookies and milk out for you and your reindeer.
*Merry Christmas
Elliott*

Dear Santa,
My name is Kylie. I am five years old and live in Mt. Vernon.
I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family was the dishes. A nice thing I did at school was played with my friend.
Please bring me a Sluffy for Christmas.
I will leave cookies, milk and carrots out for you and your reindeer.
*Merry Christmas
Kylie*

Dear Santa,
My name is Rhett. I am five years old and live in Berea. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family was clean the dishes.
Please bring me a Nintendo Switch for Christmas.
I will leave carrots, cookies and milk out for you and your reindeer.
*Merry Christmas
Rhett*

Dear Santa,
My name is John and I am six years old. I live in Mt. Vernon.
I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family was clean the living room. A nice thing I did at school was to be quiet at my table.
Please bring me Alphabet Lore figures for Christmas.
I will leave cookies and carrots out for you and your reindeer.
*Merry Christmas
John*

Dear Santa,
My name is Grant. I am six years old and live in Mt. Vernon.
I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family was listen to them. A nice thing I did at school was be quiet and listen.
Please bring me an X-Box for Christmas.
I will leave milk, cookies and carrots out for you and your reindeer.
*Merry Christmas,
Grant*

Dear Santa,
My name is Ivy and I am five years old and live in Mt. Vernon.
I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family was to do the dishes. A nice thing I did at school was my work.
Please bring me roller skates and a helmet for Christmas.
I will leave chocolate milk and cookies out for you and your reindeer.
*Merry Christmas
Ivy*

Dear Santa,
My name is Alice. I am six years old and live in Berea. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family was clean my room. A nice thing I did at school was help my teachers.
Please bring me a baby doll and crib for Christmas.
I will leave a pear out for you and your reindeer.
*Merry Christmas
Alice*

Dear Santa,
My name is Liam. I am six years old and live in Mt. Vernon.
I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family was pick up toys. A nice thing I did at school was said I like your shirt.
Please bring me a Venom Action Figure for Christmas.
I will leave carrots, cookies and milk out for you and your reindeer.
*Merry Christmas,
Liam*

Dear Santa,
My name is Alex. I am six years old and live in Mt. Vernon.
I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did at school was pick up my toys.
Please bring me a dirt bike for Christmas.
I will leave milk for you and your reindeer.
*Merry Christmas
Alex*

Dear Santa,
My name is Kori. I am five years old and live in Berea. I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was feed the dogs.
Please bring me a trampoline for Christmas.
I will leave carrots and cookies out for you and your reindeer.
*Merry Christmas
Kori*

Dear Santa,
My name is Sawyer and I am six years old. I live in Mt. Vernon.
I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family was help clean. A nice thing I did at school was someone hurt their eye and I helped them.
Please bring me a T-Rex Dinosaur for Christmas.
I will leave carrots, milk and cookies out for you and your reindeer.
*Merry Christmas
Sawyer*

**Ms. Imogene's
Kindergarten Class**
Dear Santa,
My name is Mollie and I am five years old. I live in Berea.
I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family was I cleaned my nana's house. A nice thing I did at school was bring treats for the party.
Please bring me a Gabby dool house and a stock of candy for Christmas.
I will leave cookies, carrots and milk out for you and your reindeer.
*Merry Christmas,
Mollie*

Dear Santa,
My name is Brooklyne and I am five years old. I live in Rockcastle County.
I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family was helped Mom do her work. A nice thing I did at school was helped my friend.
Please bring me a Barbie doll and house for Christmas.
I will leave cookies and milk out for you and your reindeer.
*Merry Christmas
Brooklyne*

Dear Santa,
My name is Emerson. I am six years old and live in Roundstone.
I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was listened to my mom. A nice thing I did at school was I did my work.
Please bring me a Kirby game for Christmas.
I will leave milk, cookies and carrots out for you and your reindeer.
*Merry Christmas,
Emerson*

Dear Santa,
My name is Kehlee Hacker. I am five years old and live in Berea.
I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family was cleaned the

house. A nice thing I did at school was to do my work.
Please bring me a Stuffed Bluey for Christmas.
I will leave cookies and carrots out for you and your reindeer.
*Merry Christmas,
Kehlee*

Dear Santa,
My name is Sawyer. I am five years old and live in Berea.
I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family was clean up. A nice thing I did at school was keep the line together.
Please bring me Ryan toys for Christmas.
I will leave M&Ms, brownies and pizza out for you and your reindeer.
*Merry Christmas
Sawyer*

Dear Santa,
My name is Brody Slagle. I am six years old and live in Mt. Vernon.
I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family was cleaned the whole house. A nice thing I did at school was helped Aiden when he fell.
Please bring me a Nintendo Switch for Christmas.
I will leave milk and cookies for you and your reindeer.
*Merry Christmas
Brody*

Dear Santa,
My name is Lincoln Callebs. I am five years old

and live in Mt. Vernon.
I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was decorate the Christmas tree.
A nice thing I did at school was help my friends.
Please bring me an X-Box 5 and a Nintendo Switch for Christmas.
I will leave cookies and milk out for you and your reindeer.
*Merry Christmas
Lincoln*

Dear Santa
My name is Aiden Corey King. I am five years old and I live in Berea.
I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family was cleaned my room. A nice thing I did at school was, I did my work.
Please bring me an X-Box 360 and a Nintendo Switch for Christmas.
I will leave cookies and milk out for you and your reindeer.
*Merry Christmas
Aiden*

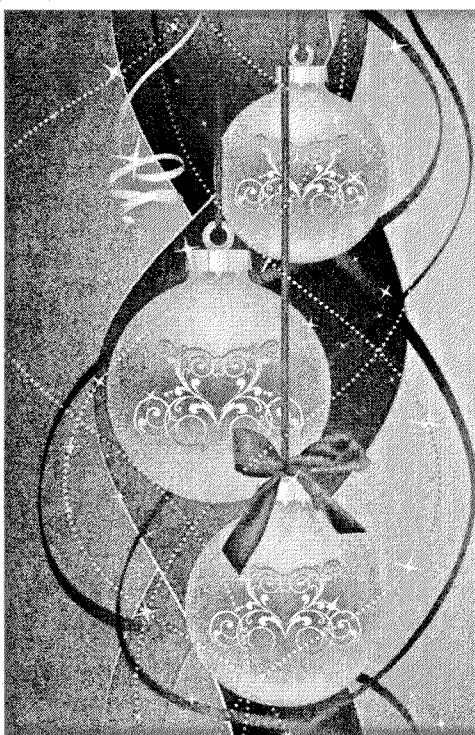
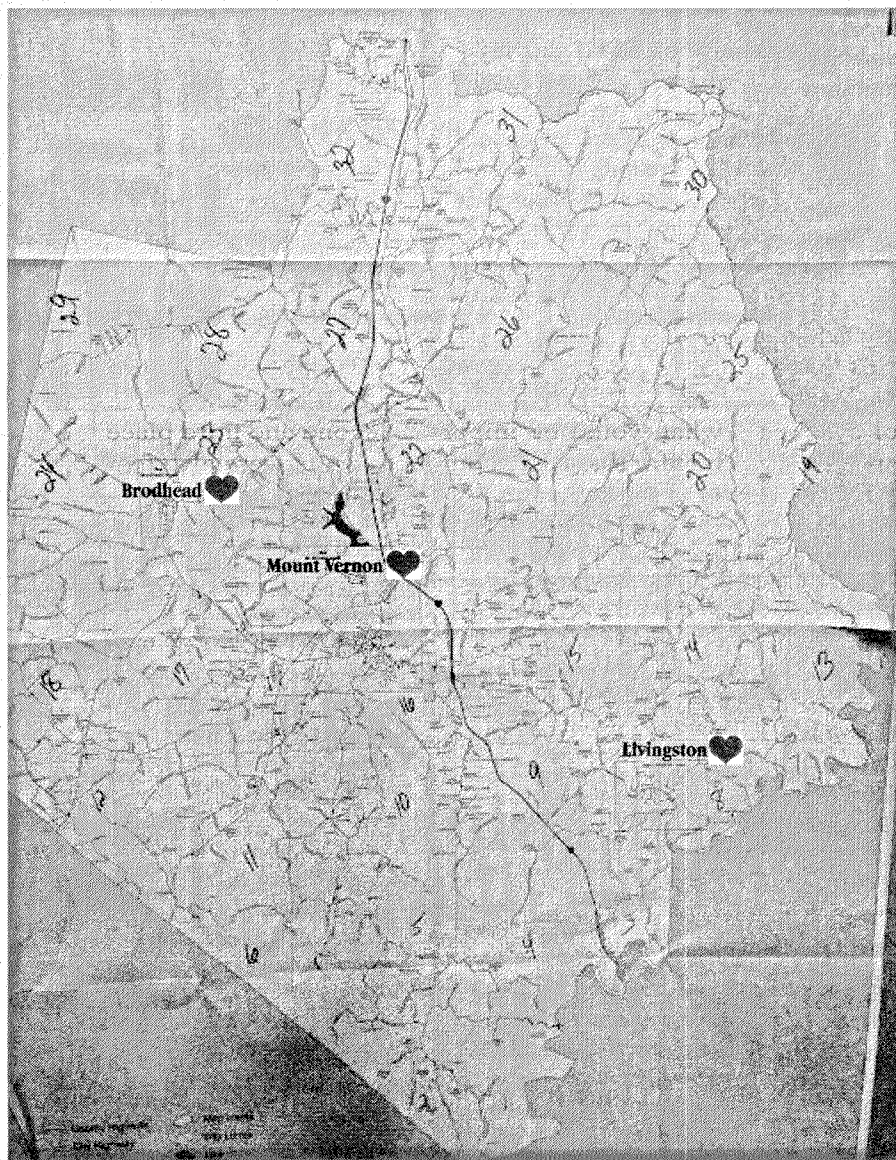
Dear Santa,
My name is Autumn. I am six years and I live in Rockcastle County.
I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family was played with them. A nice thing I did at school was played with Ava.
Please bring me Slime for Christmas.
I will leave cookies and milk

out for you and your reindeer.
*Merry Christmas
Autumn*
Dear Santa,
My name is Ava Merritt. I am five years old and live in Mt. Vernon.
I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was walked the horses. A nice thing I did at school was helped Kyle with the candy canes.
I will leave cookies and carrots out for you and your reindeer.
*Merry Christmas,
Ava*

Dear Santa,
My name is Ashton Dean Hampton and I am five years old. I live in Kentucky.
I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family was cleaned my bedroom. A nice thing I did at school was, I did my work.
Please bring me a stuffed animal for Christmas.
I will leave milk, cookies and carrots out for you and your reindeer.
*Merry Christmas,
Ashton*

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NEW YEAR**

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Legislative Update

By *Brandon Storm*
State Senator
 Wishing you a
Merry Christmas

Another Christmas is upon us and I extend warm wishes and a sincere hope that you and your loved ones are in good health and full of happiness. This season, in particular, I am looking forward to being home in my district with family and friends to enjoy Christmas and spend time with the people I am proud to represent. Most importantly, I encourage you to join me in remembering the reason for the season.

As the year draws to a close, I reflect on the concluding year, the good and the bad, to recognize all there is to be grateful for yet all the work that still lies ahead. As you know, Kentucky has experienced two terrible natural disasters in the last year, the devastation which took lives, homes, personal belongings and so many memories with them. Out of those tragedies, though, our residents rallied behind and lifted one another up. This Christmas, consider the continued good we can do and the pure joy our actions and kindness can bring to others.

Consider donating to Toys for Tots to help bring a little joy to the life of a child. The U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is directed by the commander of the Marine Forces Reserve, with the assistance of his staff. Over 800 communities representing all 50 states conduct local campaigns annually. While Toys for Tots coordinators organize and manage the campaign, the ultimate success depends on local community support and the generosity of the people who donate. Visit ToysForTots.org and find out how you can donate virtually and if there is a local campaign near you.

During the interim, my colleagues and I have worked diligently to finalize our policy goals for the upcoming 30-day session. My personal thanks to each and every one of you who reached out, provided input, or testified before the legislature this past year. Your assistance was critical and truly guided us as we finalize our 2023 Legislative Session priorities. Session is set to begin on January 3, 2023.

In looking to this next calendar year, I am always comforted to know that God ultimately remains in control. He has a plan for each one of us; not just in the daily tasks and problems of our lives, but with an eternal perspective. Remember the true reason for Christmas – the “good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.” Our salvation is in God’s plan for each of us if we simply accept his great gift.

It is my wish that everyone has a very Merry

Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year. God Bless you and your families, and I look forward to hearing from you again in 2023.

Santa Letters

(Cont. from B7)

Dear Santa,
 My name is Aubrey Burdette. I am five years old and live on Brindle Ridge. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family was helped clean the bathroom. A nice thing I did at school was helped clean up.

Please bring me stuffed animals for Christmas. I will leave cookies and carrots out for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas
Aubrey

Dear Santa,
 My name is Hannah. I am five years old and live in Berea. I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family was to help decorate the Christmas tree. A nice thing I did at school was my work.

Please bring me a doll for Christmas. I will leave carrots out for you and our reindeer.

Merry Christmas
Hannah

Dear Santa,
 My name is Rachel. I am five years old and live in Rockcastle County. I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family was picked up my room. A nice thing I did at school was I did my homework.

Please bring me Slime and a Barbie Doll for Christmas. I will leave milk and cookies out for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas
Rachel

Dear Santa,
 My name is Kyle. I am five years old and live in Mt. Vernon.

I think I have been good this year. One night thing I did for my family this year was I cleaned the toys. A nice thing I did at school was work all by myself.

Please bring me a Santa toy for Christmas. I will leave milk and cookies out for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas
Kyle

Dear Santa,
 My name is Layla. I am five years old and live in Kentucky.

I think I have been good this year. A nice thing I did at school was wash the dishes. Please bring me a Jojo toy and Slime for Christmas. I will leave cookies, carrots and milk out for you and your reindeer.

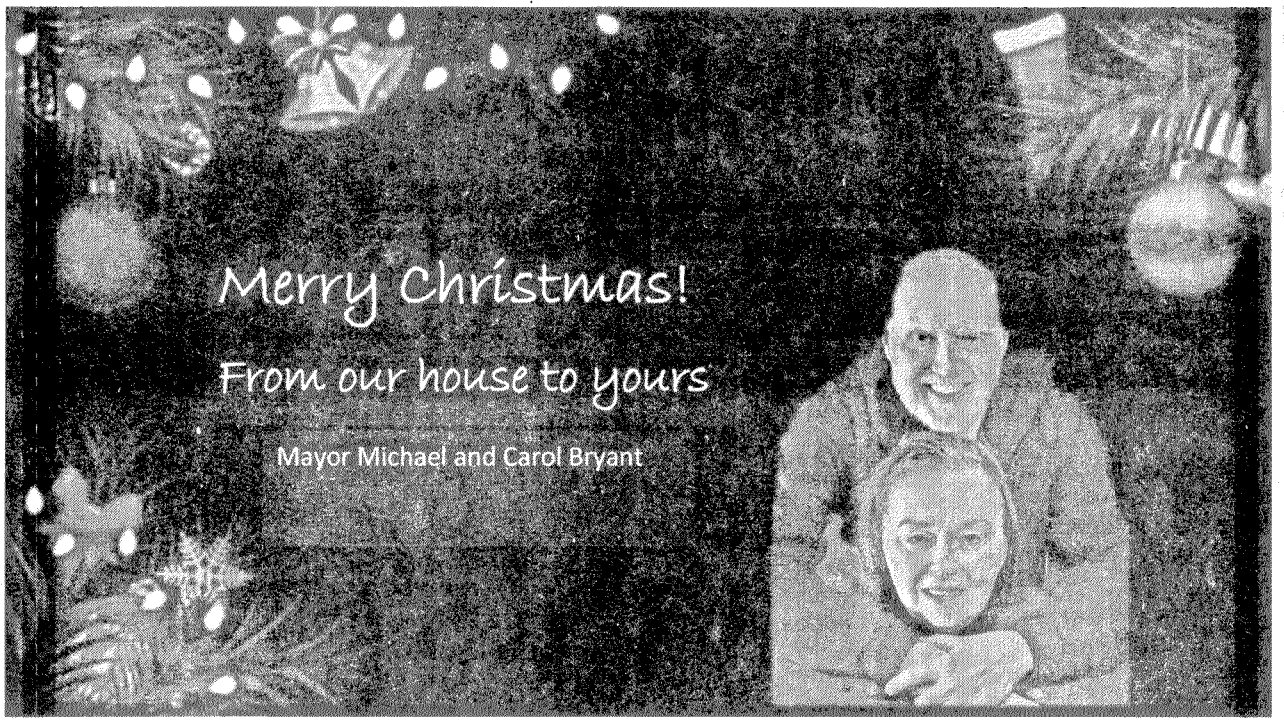
Merry Christmas
Layla

Dear Santa,
 My name is Lilyann Higgins and I am five years old. I live in Scaffold Cane.

I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family was made their beds. A nice thing I did at school was made a shake for my friend.

Please bring me a Hatchimal for Christmas. I will leave cookies, carrots and milk under the tree for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas
Lilyann



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Posted

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Wayne and Marie Bullock on Kincade Ridge Road. 12/22

Posted: No trespassing on property owned by Shannon Hellard on Cove Branch Road in Rockcastle County. All violators will be prosecuted. 2/16/23

Posted: No trespassing on land belonging to Farmer Waddle and Clista Spivey, located at 2615 and 2621 South Upper River Rod. 15(22)x51

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Brian and Angela Burdine and located at 428 Black Bear Lick Lane, Livingston. Violators will be prosecuted. 47xntf

Posted: Absolutely no trespassing on land belonging to L.J.L. Honeycomb LLC for any reason. Formerly known as Christ Outreach for the Blind. Violators will be prosecuted. (9/23)

Posted: No hunting or tres-

passing on farms, belonging to Gary and Peggy Roberts, on KY 3245. Violators will be prosecuted. (12/22/23pd)

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Orville and Bernice Burkhardt on Cove Branch, Livingston, Mt. Vernon. Violators will be prosecuted. 35(21)x50p

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

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

Notices

Notice is hereby given that Mitzi Kirby, 504 Bright Shade Lane, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Administratrix, with will annexed, of the Estate of James R. Douglas Kirby, deceased, on the 6th day of December 2022. Any person having claims against said Estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Mitzi Kirby or Hon. James Nicholas O'Toole, Smith, O'Toole & Brooke, 3080 Harrodsburg Dr., Suite 101, Lexington, KY 40503 on or before June 7, 2023 at 11 a.m. 45x3

Notice is hereby given that Vicki Lynn Webb, 70 Sand Springs Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Executrix of the Estate of Carl Robbins, deceased, on the 5th day of December, 2022. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Vicki Lynn Webb or Hon. William Leger, 205 Richmond St., P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before June 7, 2023 at 11 a.m. 44x3

Notice is hereby given that

Abigail Nicole Durham, 2078 Little Clear Creek Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Susan Lynn Clark, deceased, on the 14th day of December 2022. Any person having claims against said Estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Abigail Nicole Durham or Hon. Chadwick B. Hammonds, 133 Plaza Drive, Suite 2, Berea, KY 40403 on or before June 14, 2023 at 11 a.m. 46x3

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- 2) You'll get to create new user accounts, deploy all new devices and ensure that hardware and software issues are resolved in a timely manner and that CAP equipment functions properly along with our helpdesk.
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Two women over 600 miles apart honor fallen loved ones this holiday

Tragedy to Tradition: National Christmas Wreath Program Honors Fallen Officers

During the season of giving, two women across state lines are working together to ensure those who gave it all are never forgotten. A sister from Pennsylvania and a mother from Kentucky both lost a law enforcement family member in the line of duty. They connected four years ago and continue the honorable tradition of providing Christmas wreaths for the Kentucky State Police (KSP) fallen unit's gravesites. KSP has 37 fallen officers who have died in the line of duty since 1948.

"During the holiday season, the National Christmas Wreath Program allows us to take a moment to honor those who gave everything to protect the commonwealth," said Gov. Andy Beshear. "My family and I will never forget the officers who dedicated their

lives to service." The Fallen Heroes Wreath Program was started by the family of Philadelphia police officer John Pawlowski, who was killed in the line of duty on February 13, 2009 when responding to a dispute. His sister-in-law, Michelle Pawlowski, was inspired by the national 'Wreaths Across America' program that places wreaths on military gravesites. The Pawlowski family created a similar program to place Christmas wreaths on law enforcement officer gravesites during the holiday season.

"I never expected this program to expand as it has," said Michelle Pawlowski. "Each year, I am touched to see the honor and reverence with which KSP carries it out. It is truly a privilege to be a small

part of that." Several years ago, Ms. Pawlowski made a social media post about the wreaths in a Facebook group for fallen families. Brenda Tiffany, the mother of fallen KSP Trooper Cameron Ponder, saw it and connected with Pawlowski. Since then, they have worked together to provide Christmas wreaths for every KSP fallen officer. This is the fourth year the agency has received the Christmas wreaths through the national program.

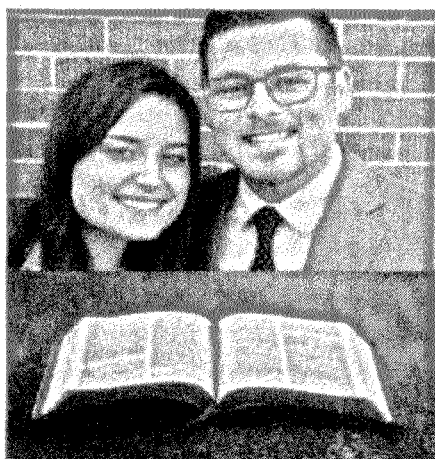
"I am thankful and blessed we are able to continue supporting the fallen wreath program. The wreath is a gift of love, one I hope warms your heart," said Brenda Tiffany. "It is a visual way to remember our loved ones who have sacrificed all. The holidays have a way of bringing the pain we manage daily to the surface. It comforts me to know we are family and share this journey."

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DAR Honors WWII Veteran

In recognition of his valor, service and sacrifice during World War II, the Rockcastle Chapter presented Veteran David Elders with a DAR certificate of appreciation. Mr. Elders served in the U.S. Army during the war. Mr. Elders is 99 and will be 100 on his birthday in April.



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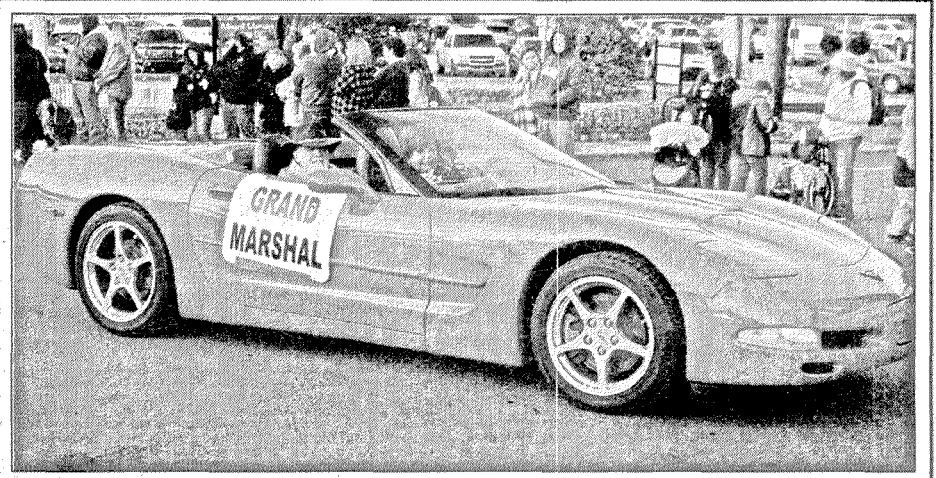
Back row from left: Shari Proctor, Heidi Weatherly, Amanda Brown & Vina Cain.

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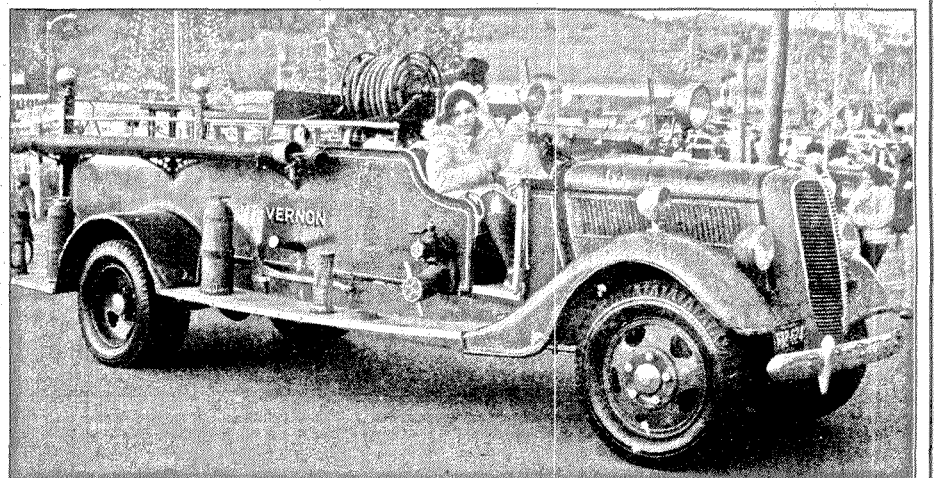
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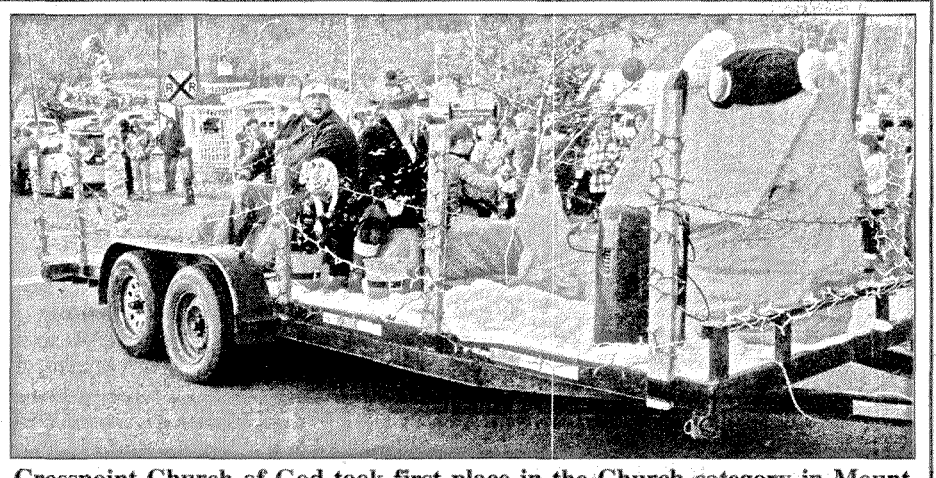
Scenes from Mount Vernon Christmas Parade



Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant served as this year's Grand Marshal. He was given a ride by Judy King.



Mount Vernon Fire Department brought their 1937 Ford fire engine to the Mount Vernon's Christmas Parade.



Crosspoint Church of God took first place in the Church category in Mount Vernon's Christmas Parade.



Santa and Mrs. Claus made their arrival through the streets of Mount Vernon greeting young and old alike.



Merry Christmas

Warm wishes to all of you for a joyous holiday season.
Many thanks for your continued patronage.



Front row from left: Malinda Pigg, Katie Barnes, Rachel Taylor, Jaclyn Bullock, Lisa Hopkins and Betty Frederick.
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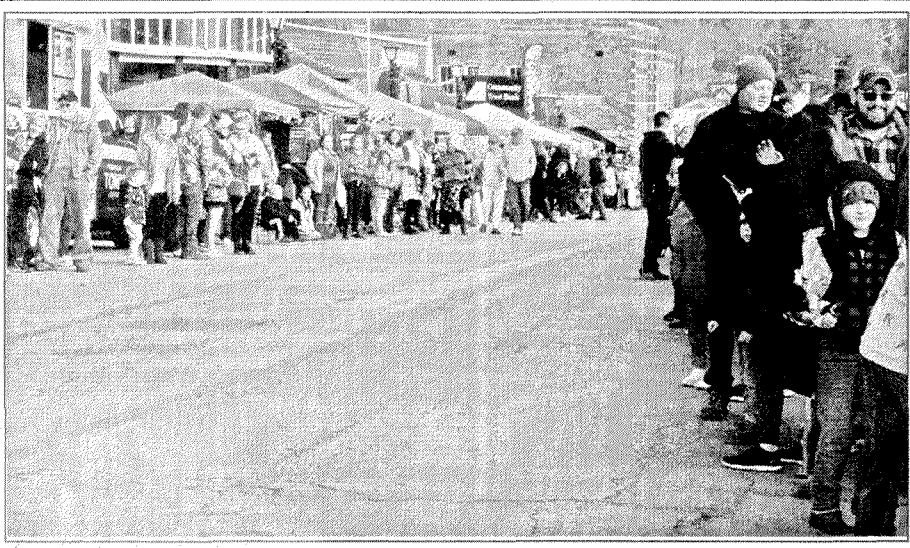
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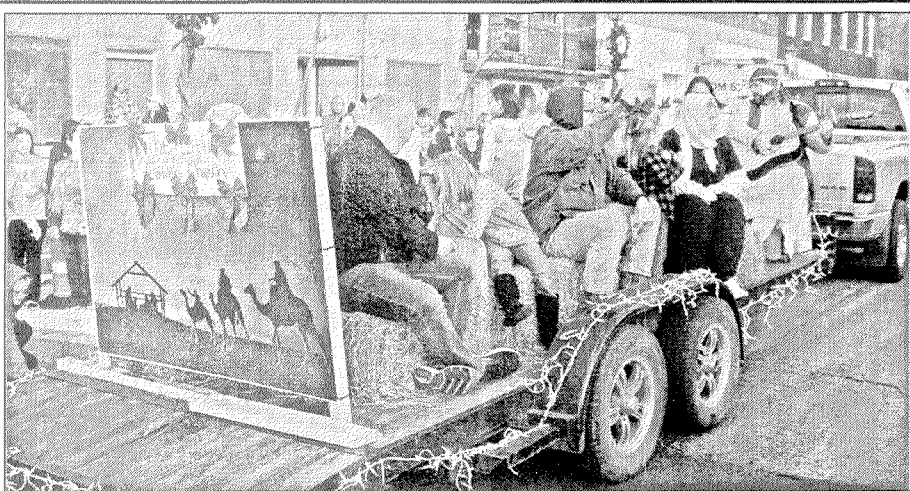
A great crowd turned out for the annual Christmas Parade in Mt. Vernon.



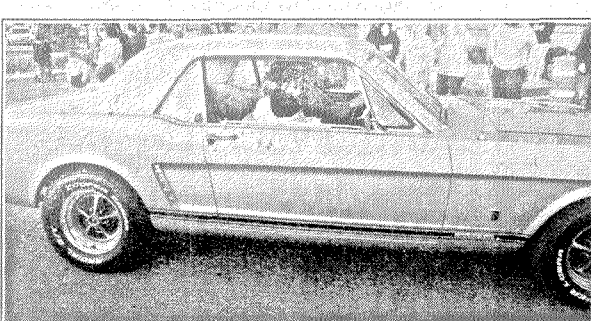
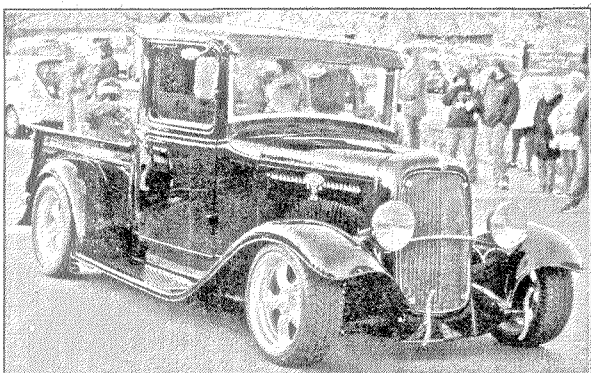
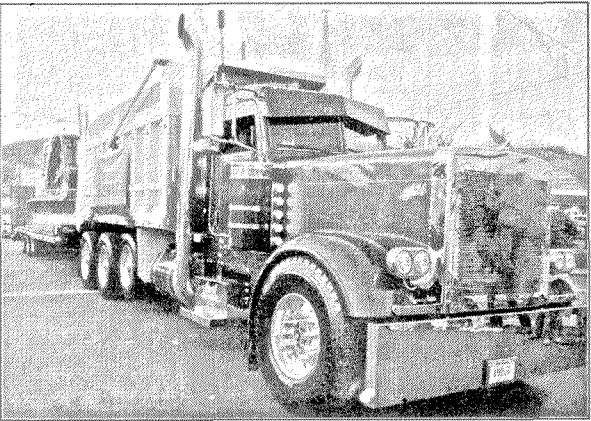
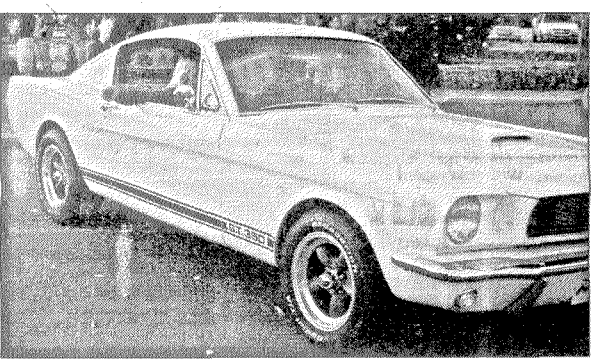
The RCMS Marching Band took part in the annual Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



Mount Vernon Police Chief Joe Rush led the annual Christmas Parade through the streets of Mount Vernon.



The Little Country Church celebrating Jesus' birth during Mount Vernon's Christmas Parade.



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Front: Marlene Lawson
Back row from left: Christa Taylor, Holly Hall, Chelsea Bell, Crystal Griffin, Katy Chrisman and John Lawson.

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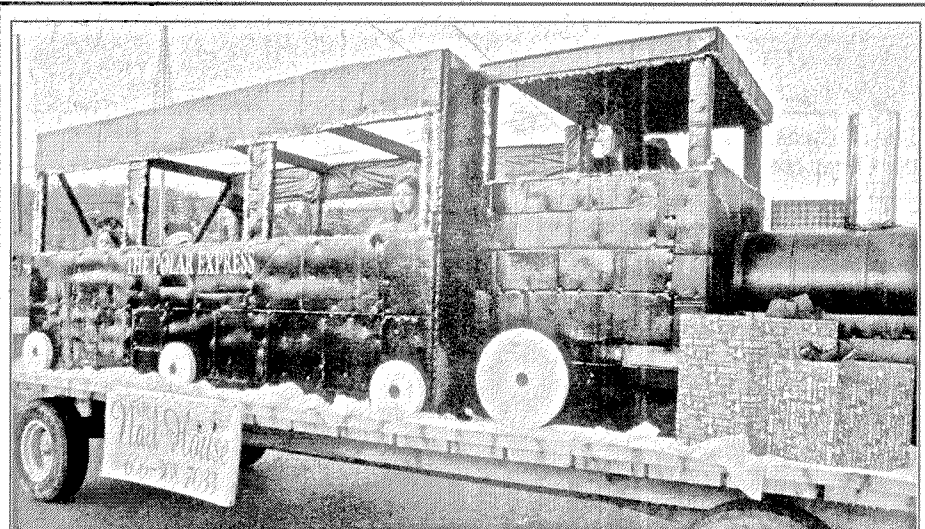
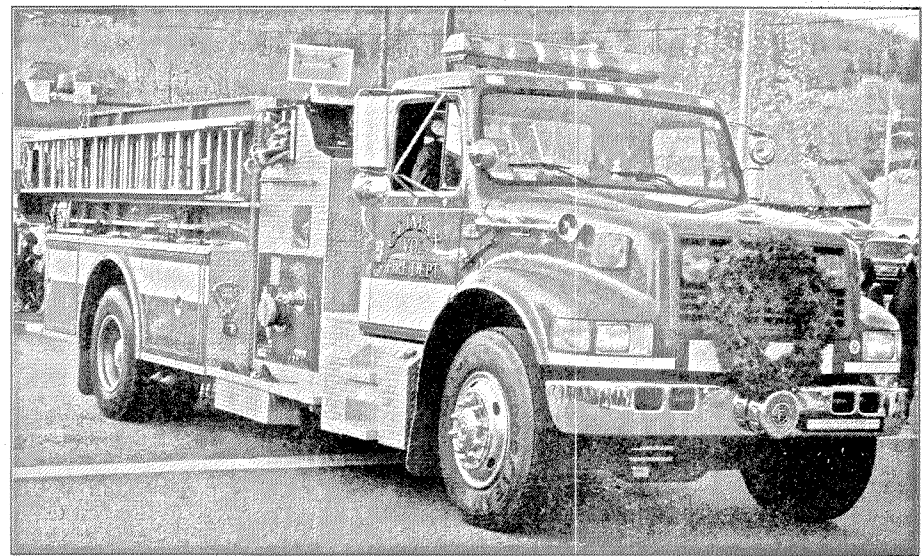
County Judge-Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. shared candy with the crowd from his "tree lot" during Mount Vernon's Christmas Parade.



Climax Volunteer Fire Department took part in Mount Vernon's Christmas Parade with fire engines and their float, "Frosty the Snowman's Winter Wonderland".



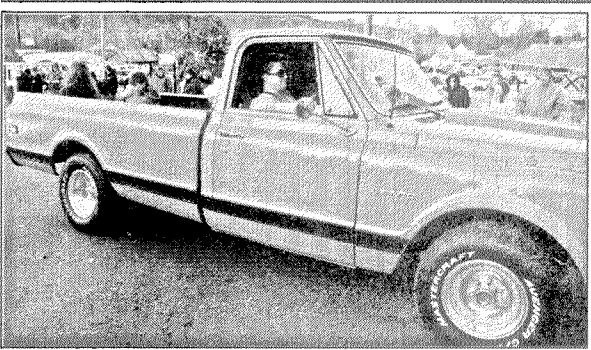
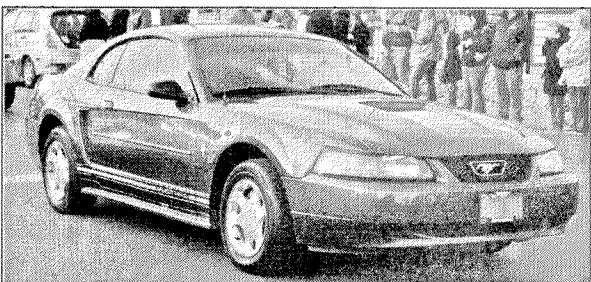
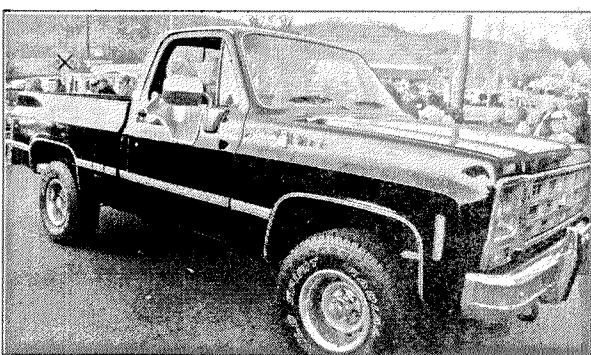
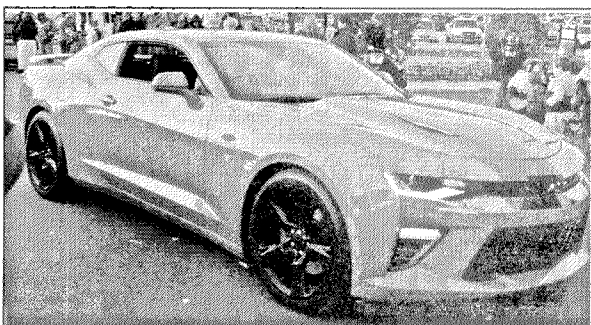
State Senator Brandon Storm took part in Mount Vernon's Christmas Parade.



The Nail House drove "The Polar Express" during Mount Vernon's Christmas Parade and drove home with first place in the Business category.



Mount Vernon Paw Spa's "Charlie Brown Christmas" took second place in the Business category in Mount Vernon's Christmas Parade.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

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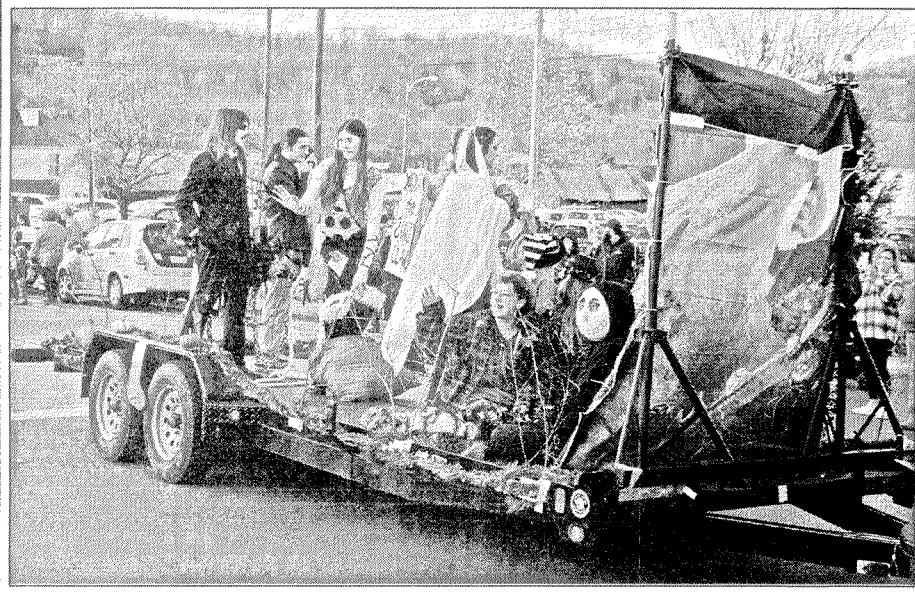


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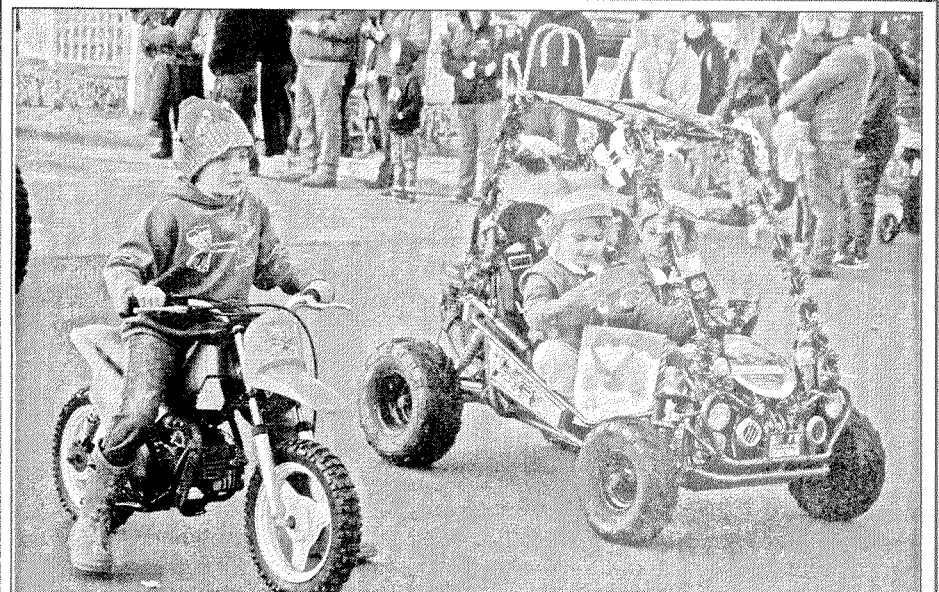
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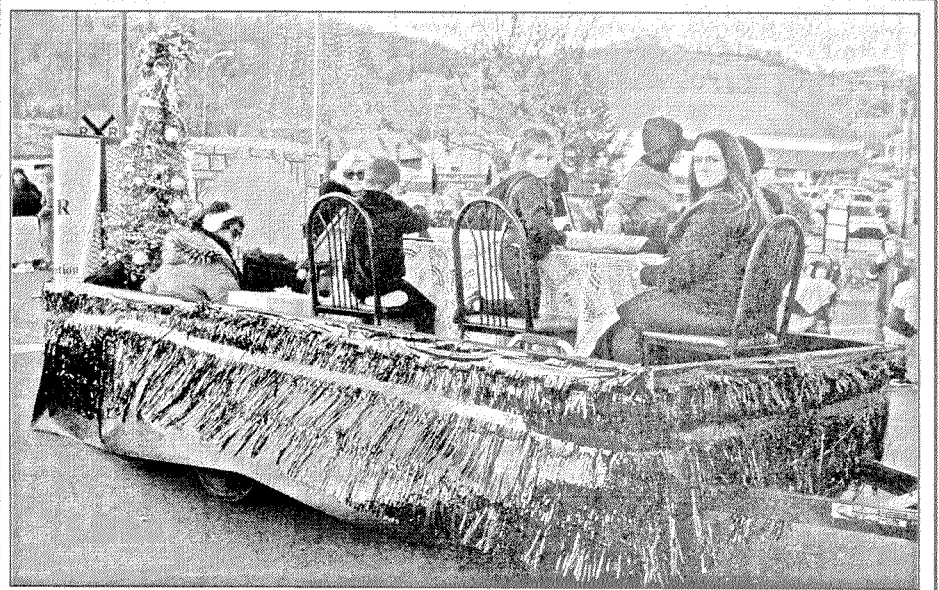
The RCHS Drama Club's "The Nightmare Before Christmas" took second place in the School category.



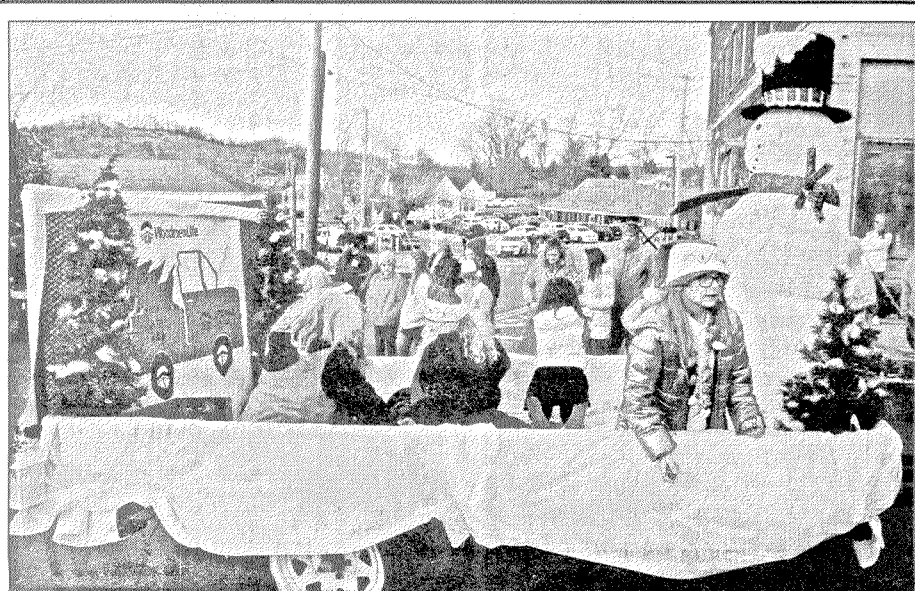
The Boreing sisters took second place with their "Buddy the Elf" ride.



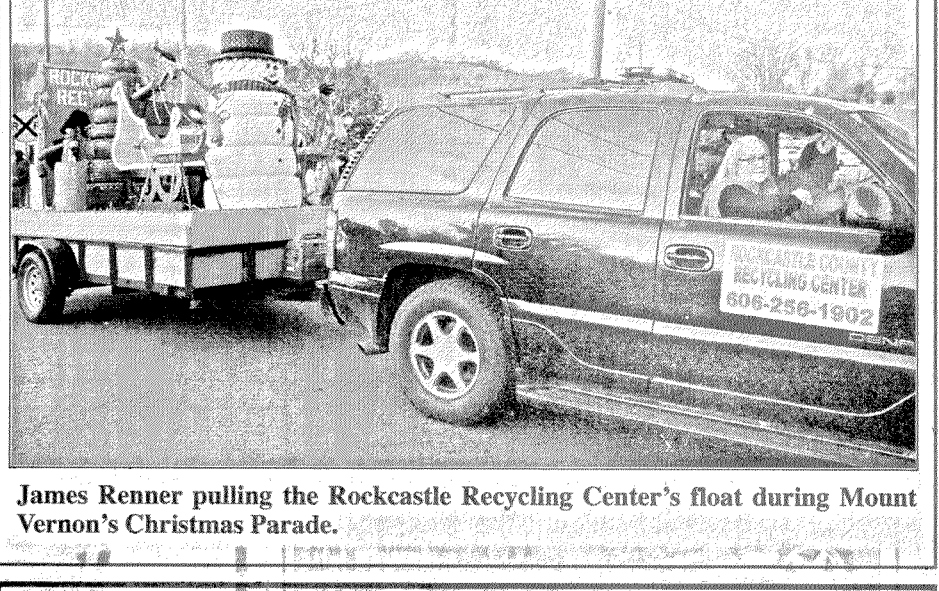
The Rockcastle County Health Department took the top prize for parade entry in the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade with their float "Healthville".



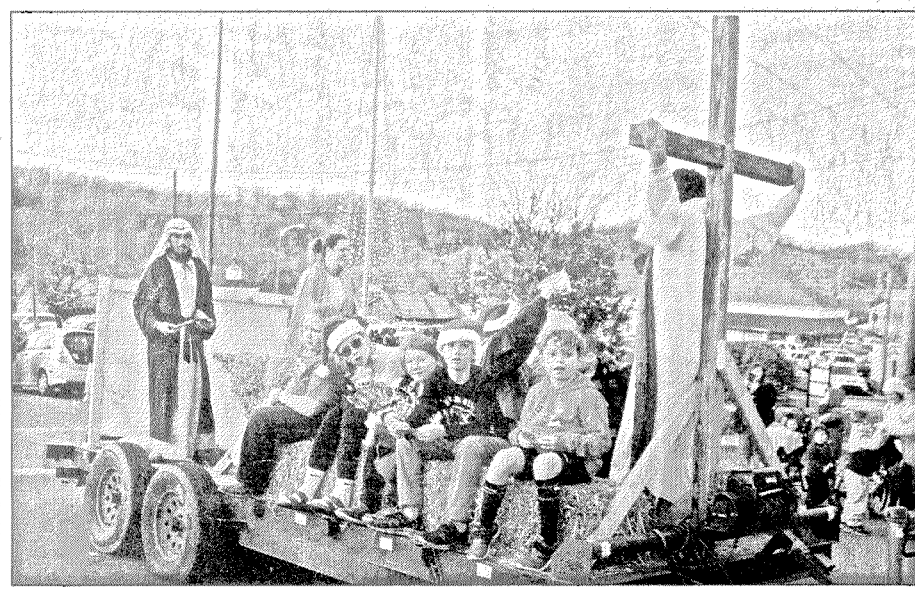
The Rockcastle Chapter DAR's "I'll Be Home For Christmas" took first place in the Other category during Mount Vernon's Christmas Parade.



WoodmenLife's "Frosty the Snowman" float took second place in the Other category.



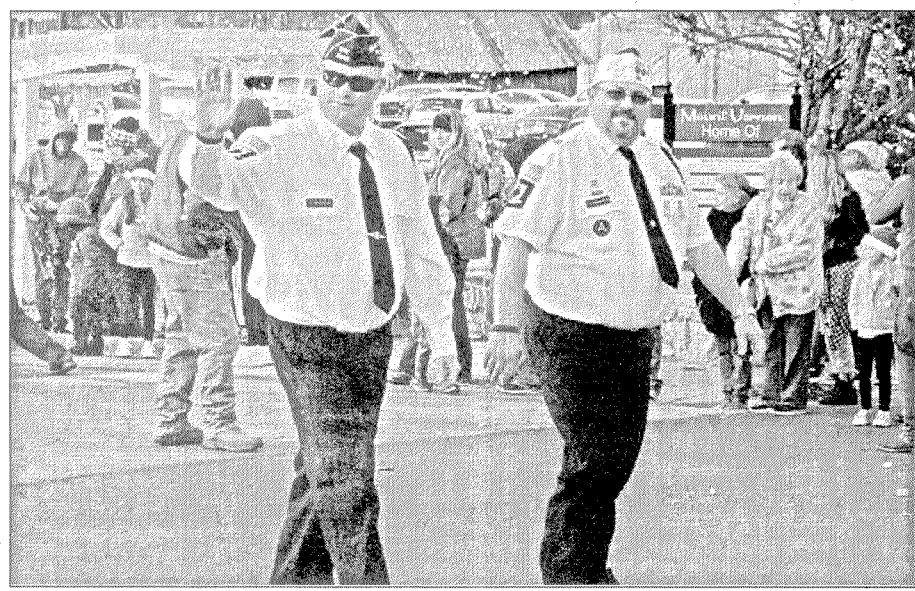
James Renner pulling the Rockcastle Recycling Center's float during Mount Vernon's Christmas Parade.



Unbridled Church took part in the annual Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



Rockcastle VFW Memorial Post 5908 and the Veterans Honor Guard took part in Mount Vernon's annual Christmas Parade.



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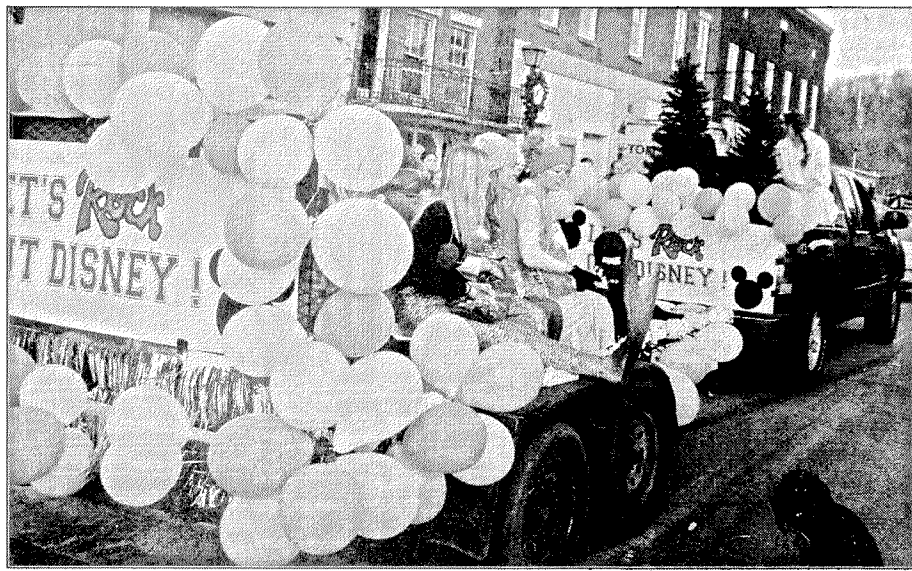
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Tic Toc Christian Preschool's Tic Toc Express took first place in the School category in the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



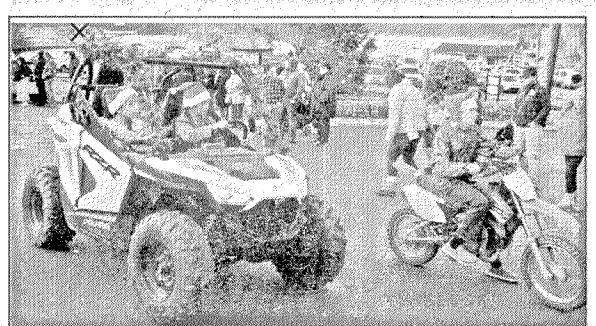
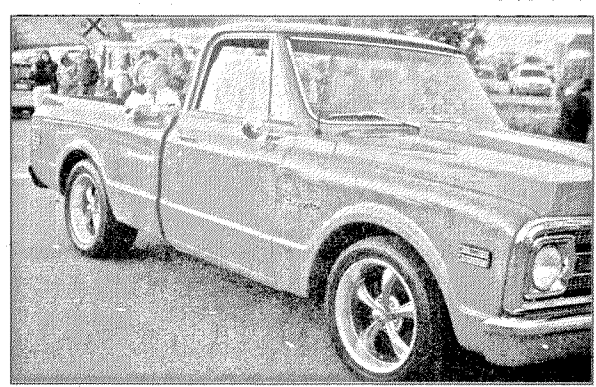
Cindy Lou Who and The Grinch, Ben and Cheryl Richardson, with Limestone Grille and Bar took part in the annual Christmas Parade.



The RCHS Cheerleaders "Rocked Out Disney" on their float in the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



The Stallworth family enjoying Mount Vernon's Christmas Parade.



Merry Christmas

Christmas Greetings

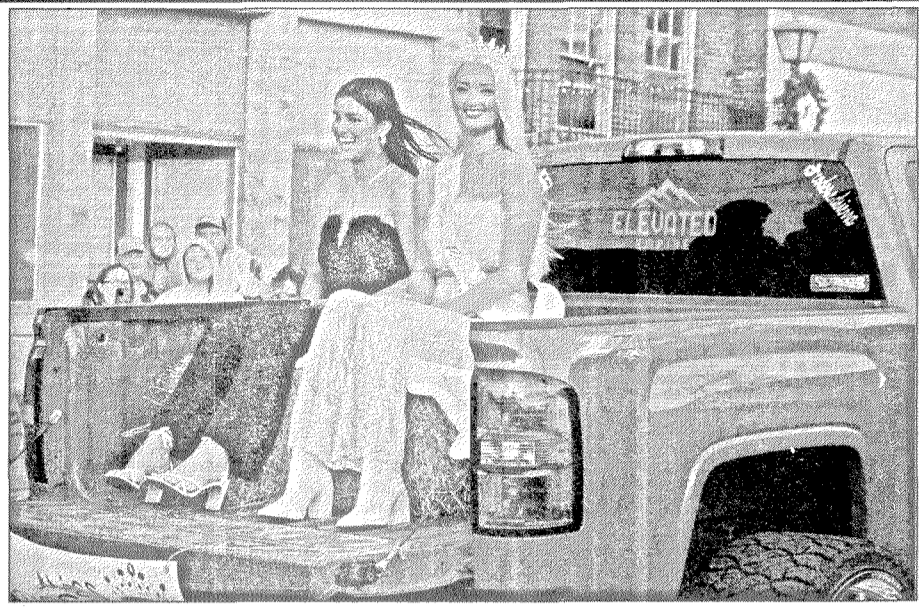
During this holiday season and throughout the year, may God quiet you with his peace, comfort you with his presence and bless you with his love.

Merry Christmas from the staff at

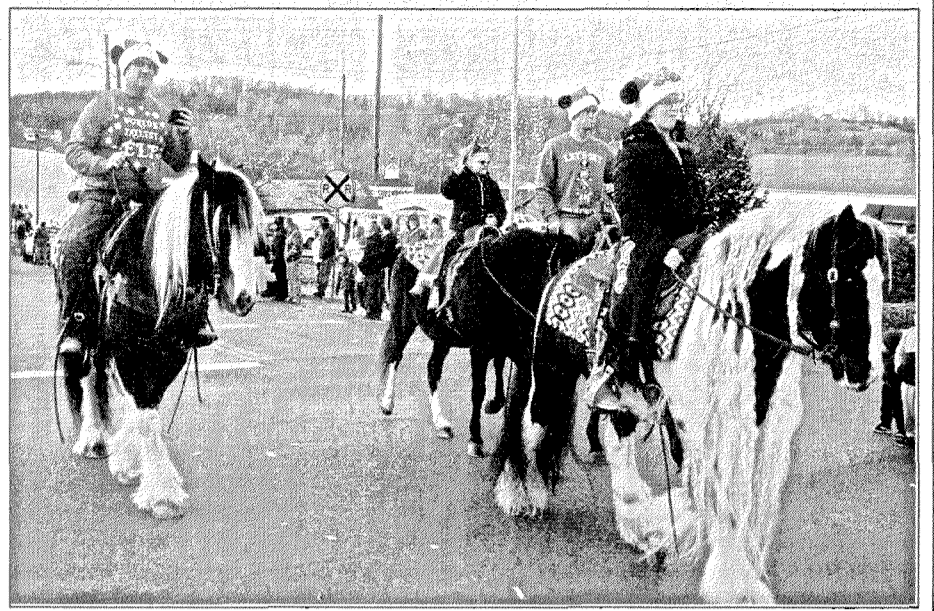
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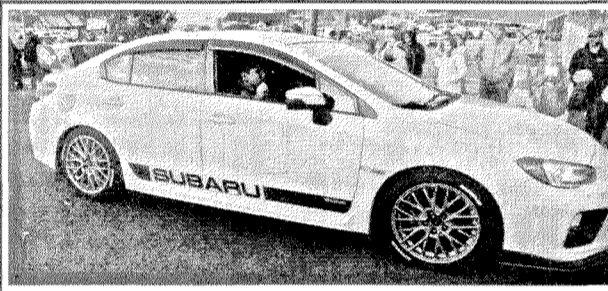
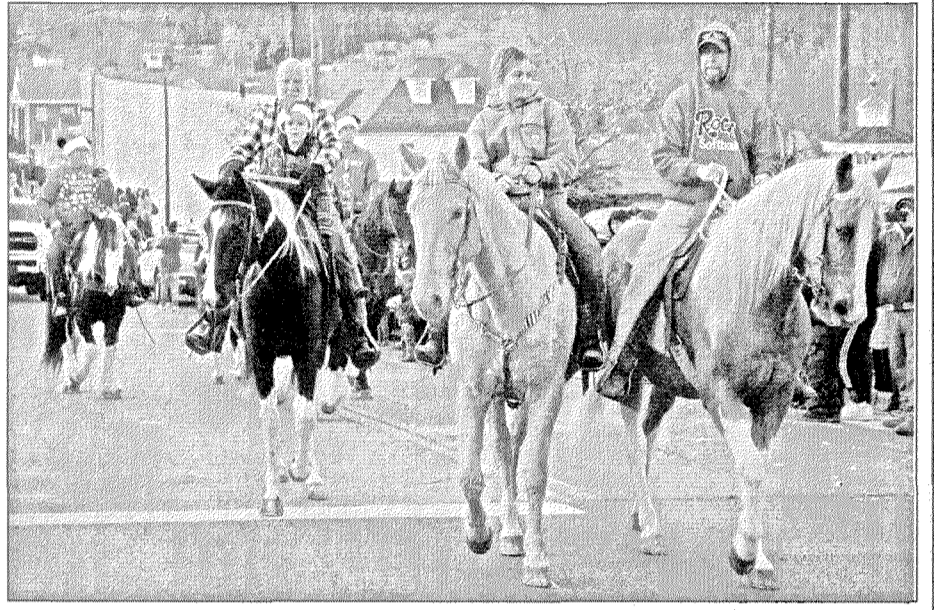
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Miss Rockcastle Karalinn Loudermilk, right, was joined by Emily Ruggles in Mount Vernon's Christmas Parade.



Denise Parsons and Jamie Carter gave the KFC Chicken a ride in Mount Vernon's Christmas Parade.



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Merry Christmas

May your days be merry and bright with the light of God's love.

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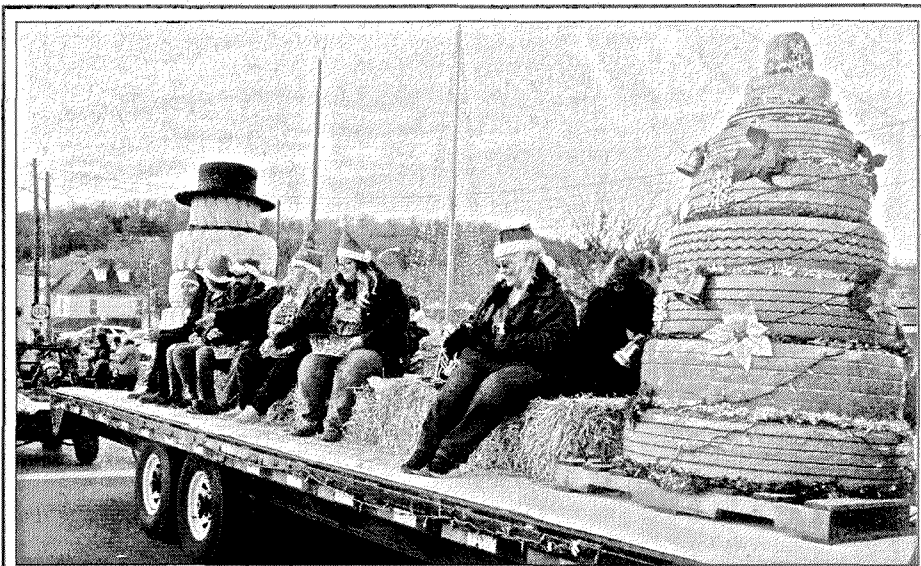
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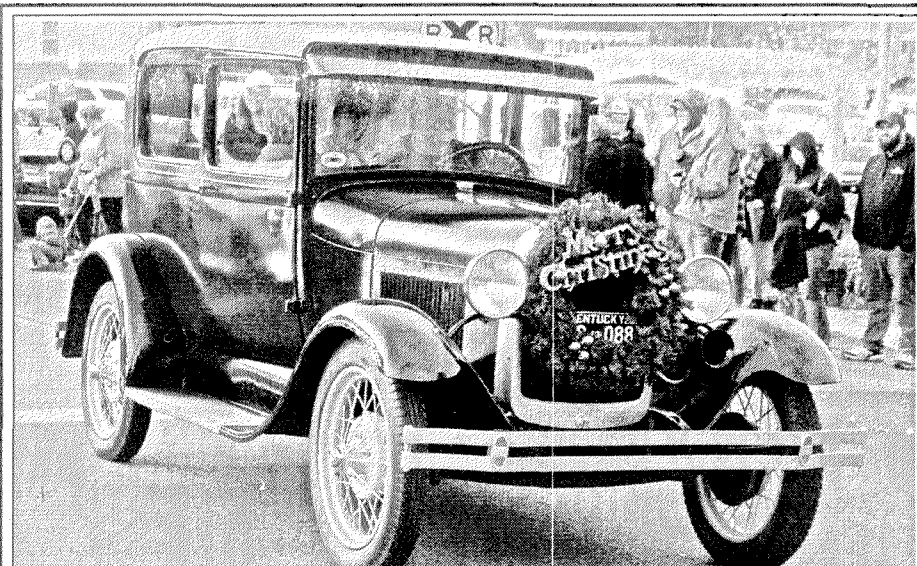


Front row from left: Tanya Cromer, Meredith Gross and Kathy Burgin. Back row from left: Assistant County Attorney William Leger, County Attorney Jeremy Rowe and Julie Adams.

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SMS Tire Processing was in the Christmas spirit with their snowman and Christmas tree made out of tires while sharing candy with the crowd.



Tony and Donna Hopkins with granddaughters Abby and Kennedy, drove their 1929 Model A in the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



David's Tire Center took part in Mount Vernon's parade and shared candy with the crowd.



Down on Main Bar and Grill took part in the annual Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



Candido's Towing and Recovery took part in Mount Vernon's Christmas Parade.

A Hillbilly Christmas

Twas the night before Christmas
 And far from my home,
 A little bit scared as I traveled alone,
 I stopped to rest and rented a cabin,
 Late in the night, unsure what might happen.
 I settled in quick and went right to bed
 Happy at last to just lay down my head,
 When all of a sudden somewhere on the mountain,
 The Hillbillies began singing, dancing, shoutin'.
 The sound was like thunder, it woke the whole town,
 The Hillbillies were having a Christmas Ho-Down.
 Me in my cabin unable to sleep,
 Standing in nightshirt and only sock feet.
 No hope for rest I decided to go,
 So I dressed myself warmly, and walked out of my
 cabin
 And into the cold.
 Walking in the moonlight on a new fallen snow,
 Passing through the woods to a place I didn't know.
 I arrived at the cabin not sure of the time,
 It was a very big cabin much larger than mine.
 The inside was well lit and gave off a glow,
 That shone out the windows and on to the snow.
 Taking a breath, I knocked on the door,
 The host was a man I had never seen before.
 After looking me over, saying get on in here!
 Once inside I knew I had nothing to fear,
 Even hillbillies won't shoot you this time of the year.
 The festival inside was wonderful to see,
 The hillbillies were happy as happy could be.
 In the corner an old jug band was playing a song,
 In the center of the room a great dance going on.
 I was invited to dance, but danced very little,
 When I saw a great table just loaded with vittles.
 After filling my plate and a jar of country wine,
 I sat with the hillbillies and started to dine.
 After eating and dancing for most of the night,
 I realized these hillbillies are really all right.
 Growing tired and sleepy, and ready to go,
 I thanked my new friends as I walked out the door.
 As I headed toward my cabin the stars as my light,
 I was filled with new hope on this wonderful night.
 Arriving back home and warm in my cabin,
 I pondered this night, and all that had happened.
 Lying in bed, I thought of this place,
 My heart filled with joy and warmth of God's grace.
 So for all of earth's people, and all of life's faces,
 And for those far from home, staying in strange
 places,
 I prayed to our Lord on this most Holy of Nights,
 Take care and watch over us and help us do right.
 Merry Christmas, God Bless...and to all a Good Night!!

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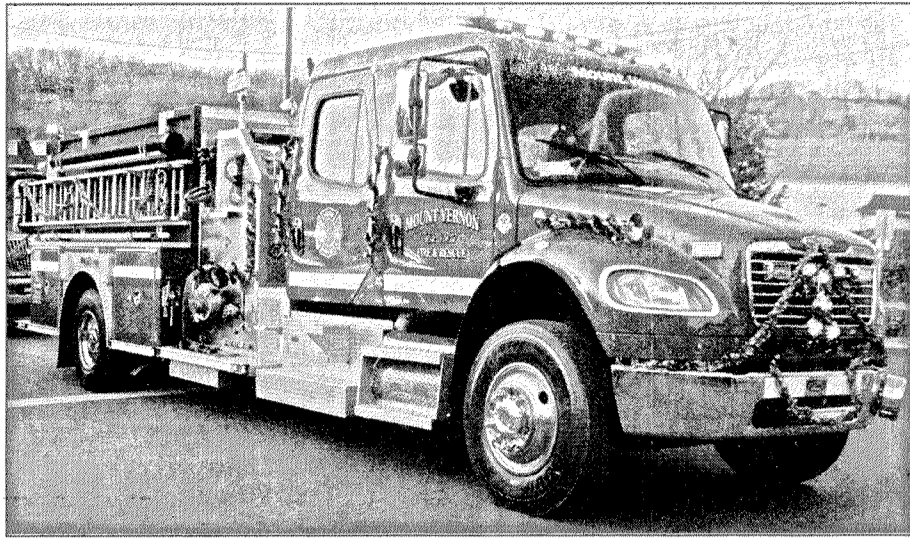
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Mount Vernon Fire and Rescue brought engines, trucks and a ladder truck to the annual Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



Rockcastle EMS took part in Mount Vernon's Christmas Parade sharing candy with those in attendance.



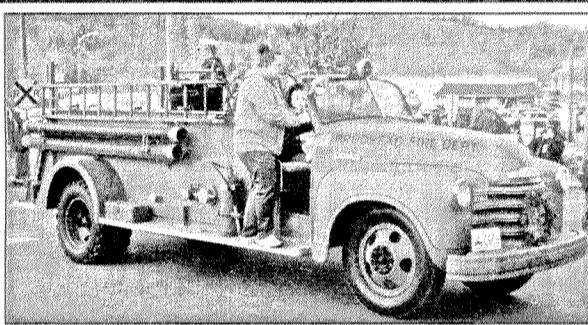
Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Department in Mount Vernon's Christmas Parade.



Livingston Volunteer Fire Department's Engine 31 in Mount Vernon's Christmas Parade.



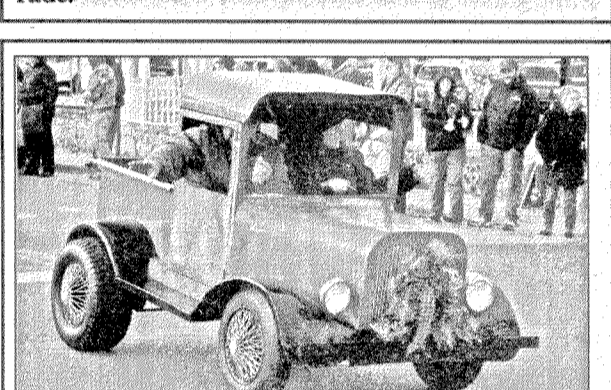
Lake Cumberland Recovery was one of many parade participants in Mount Vernon's Christmas Parade.



Brodhead Fire Department's 1948 Chevrolet fire engine.



Wesley and Katlyn Durham with the Mount Vernon Fire Department took part in Mount Vernon's Christmas Parade.



Meredith Gross and her tiny truck in Mount Vernon's Christmas Parade.



Mount Vernon Fire Department Fire Chief David Bales.



Rockcastle Sheriff Shannon Franklin took part in the annual Christmas parade in Mount Vernon.

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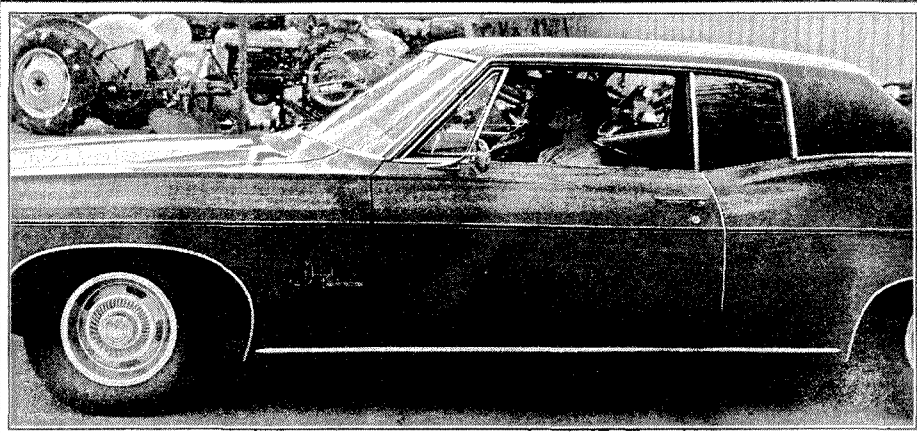


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Scenes from 2022 Brodhead Christmas Parade



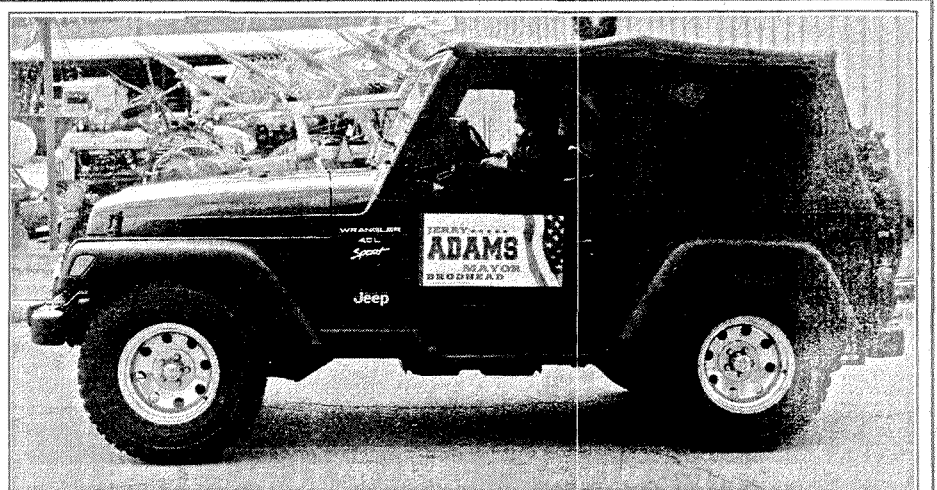
Jacob Mobley drove Brodhead Mayor Walter Lee Cash in the annual Christmas Parade.



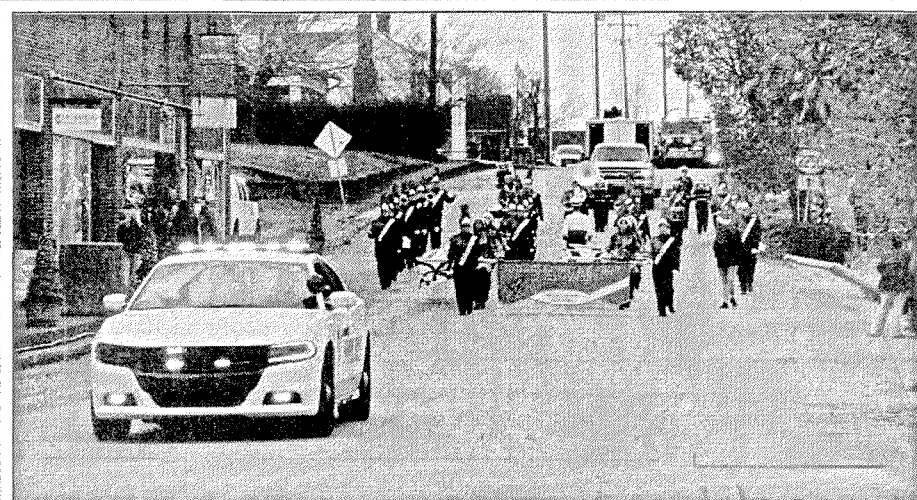
Santa Claus arrived in Brodhead courtesy of the Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department's 1948 Chevrolet fire engine in the annual Christmas Parade.



Brodhead Fire Department took part in the annual E.J. Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade



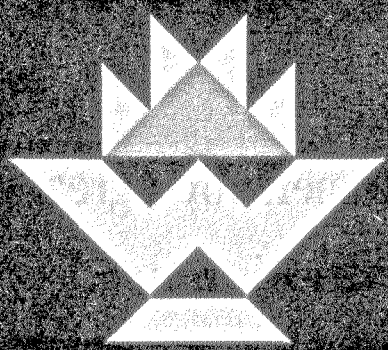
Brodhead Mayor-Elect Jerry Adams and his wife, Julie, were part of the annual Christmas Parade.



Brodhead police officer Gary Alcorn led the Christmas parade down Main St. during the annual E.J. Taylor Memorial Christmas parade.

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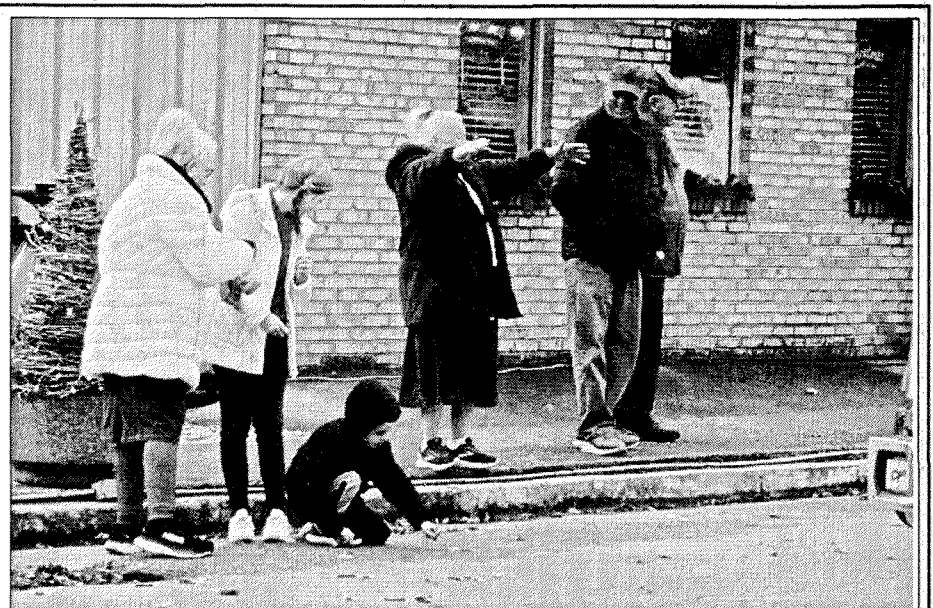
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The RCHS Band, led by Ethan Cromer, took part in the Brodhead Christmas Parade and delighted the crowd with Christmas music.



The Adams family enjoyed the annual E.J. Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade in Brodhead and the young ones enjoyed the candy thrown from parade participants.



Mount Vernon Fire Department brought their ladder truck to the Brodhead Christmas Parade.



Bobby Phelps drove Livingston Volunteer Fire Department's Engine 31 in the Brodhead Christmas Parade.



Crosspoint Church of God took part in the Brodhead Christmas Parade with their Snoopy float.

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Merry Christmas

All of us at Brodhead Pharmacy would like to thank all of our customers for a great year.
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Front row from left: Kim Kidwell, JJ Carpenter, Howard Saylor, Judy Neal, Lilly Foster and Michelle Coffey.
 Back row: Jacob Cook, Sheena Pitman, Matt Burkhart and Hope Bishop.
 Not pictured: David Collins - owner, Lisa Norris and Kenny Adams

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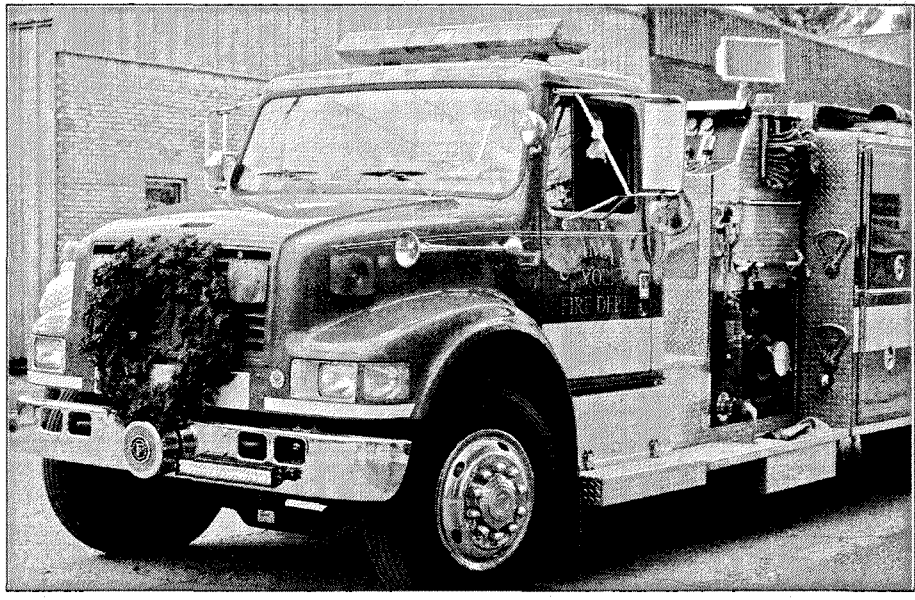
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Howard Saylor, Pharmacist



Climax Fire Department brought fire trucks and their float, Winter Wonderland - Frosty the Snowman, to the Brodhead Christmas Parade.



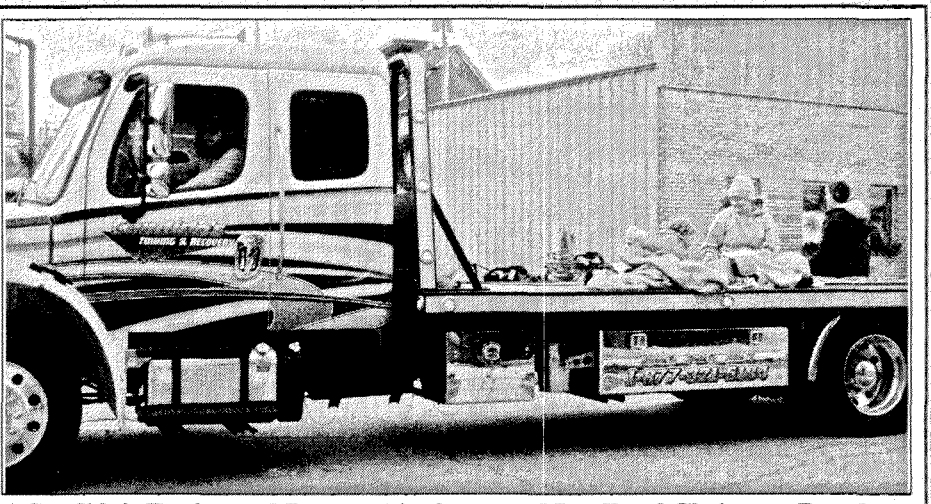
Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Department took part in the Brodhead Christmas Parade.



Shafer's Auto Body and the Grinch delighted parade goers during the annual Brodhead Christmas Parade.



Josh Thompson and Eugene Shoemaker with David's Tire Center took part in Brodhead's Christmas Parade and shared candy with those in attendance.



Candido's Towing and Recovery in the annual Brodhead Christmas Parade.



Merry Christmas from County Judge-Executive Howell Holbrook and his family in their tree lot.

May your heart and home be filled with peace, hope, and love this Christmas season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



*Howell, Hope and Gail Holbrook
Paul, Natalie and Rayleigh Holbrook*

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ROCKCASTLE COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE

Merry
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We'd like to send our greetings for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our neighbors and friends!

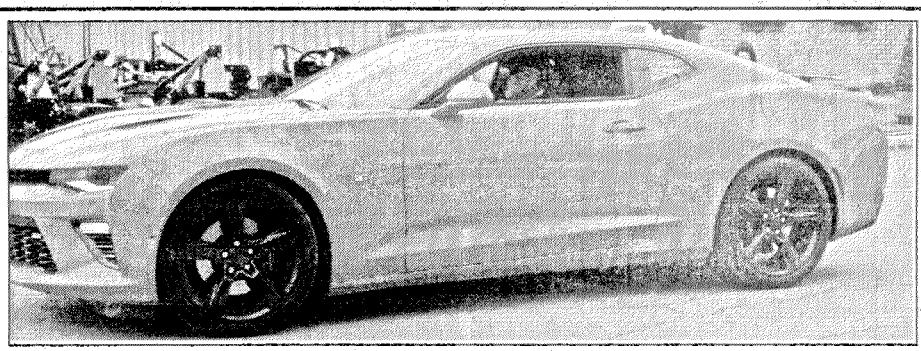
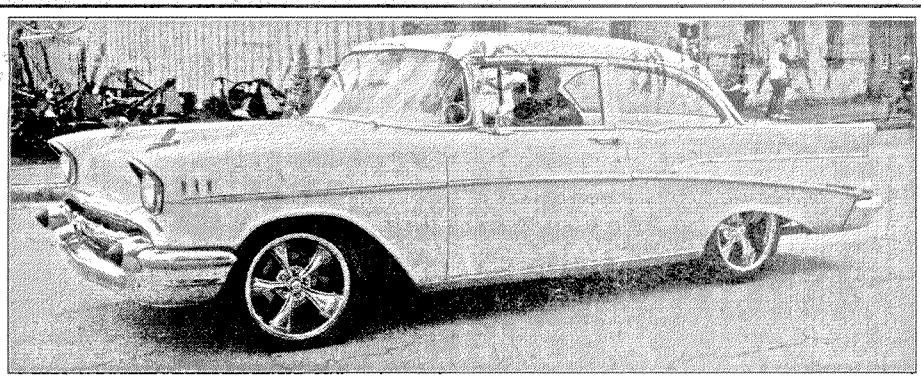
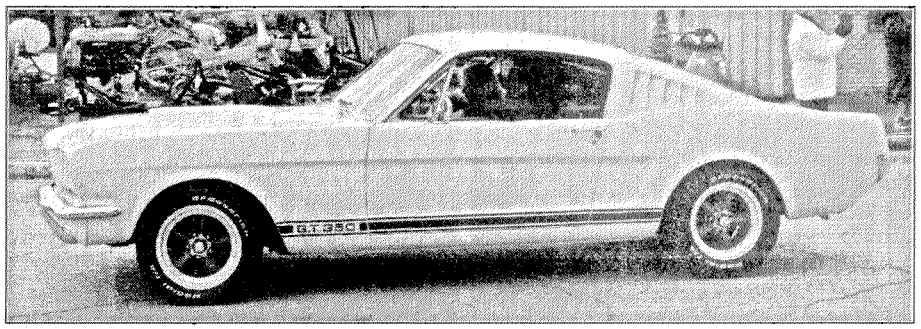
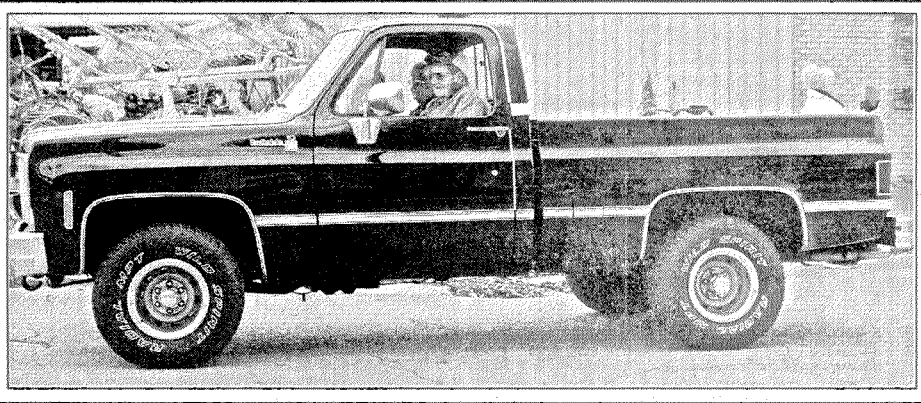
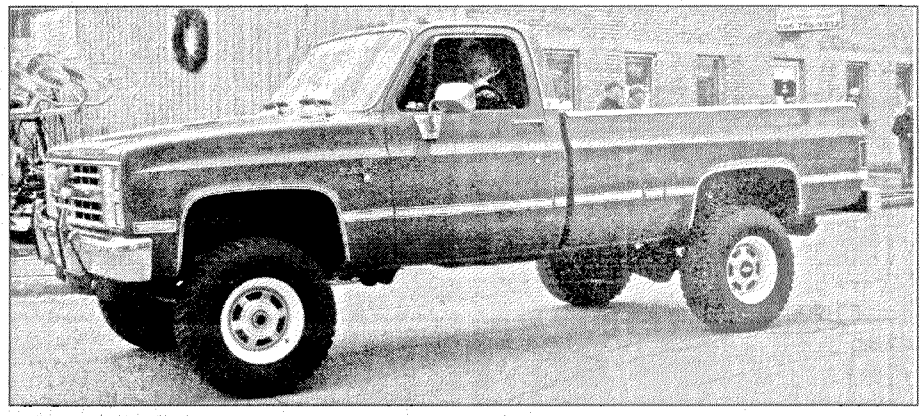
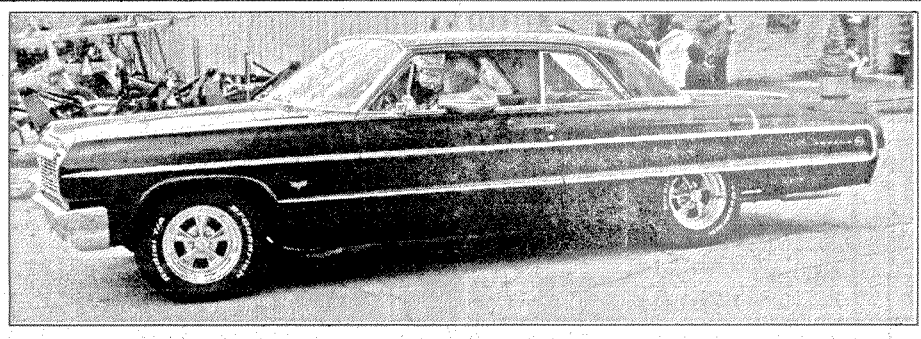
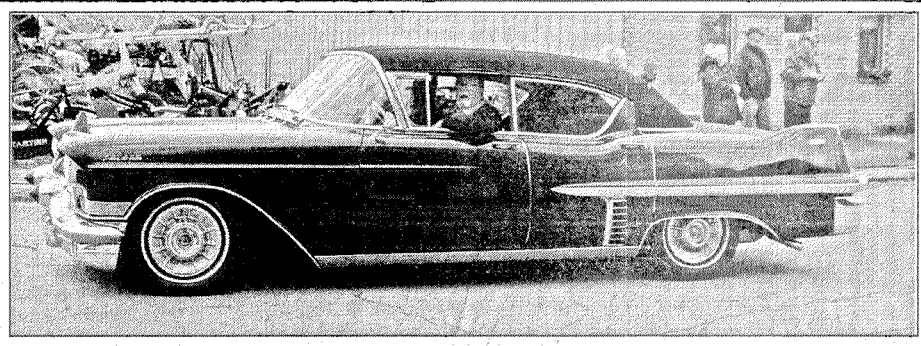


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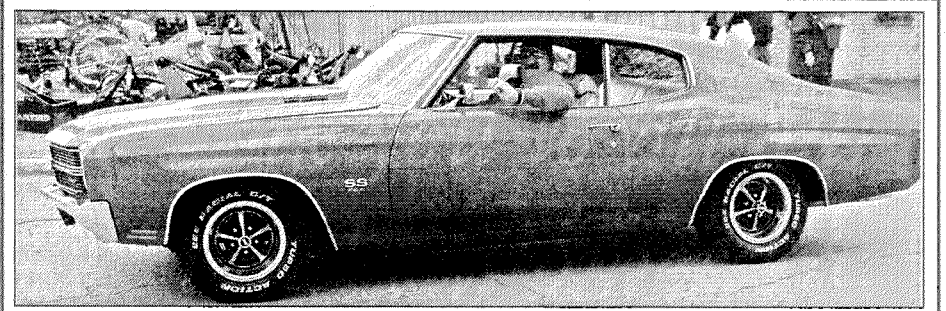
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Those in attendance enjoyed the classic cars in the Brodhead Christmas Parade



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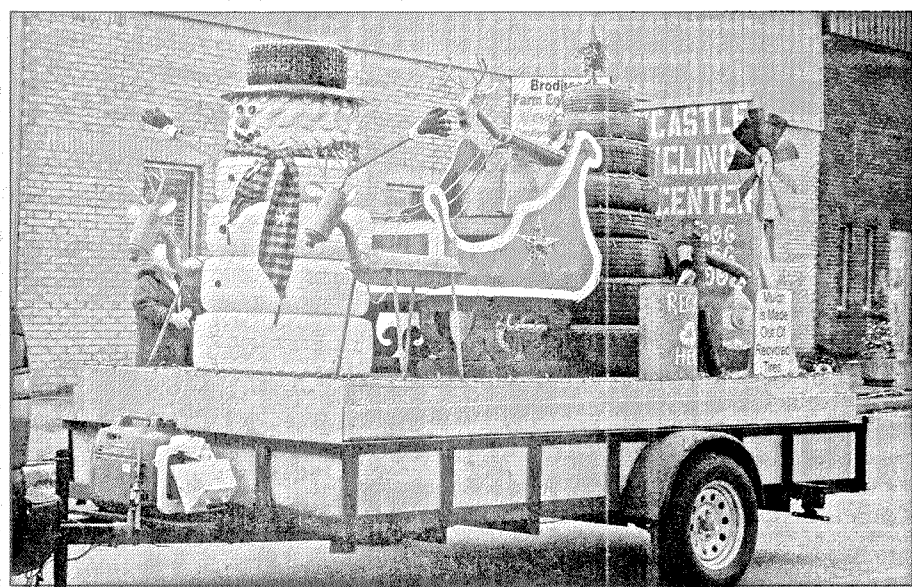
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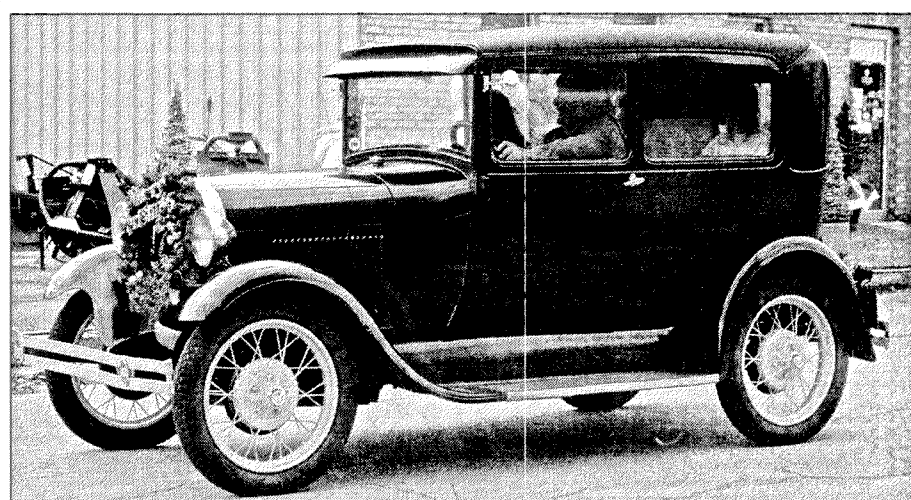
MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Rockcastle Recycling Center's parade float in the Brodhead Christmas Parade.



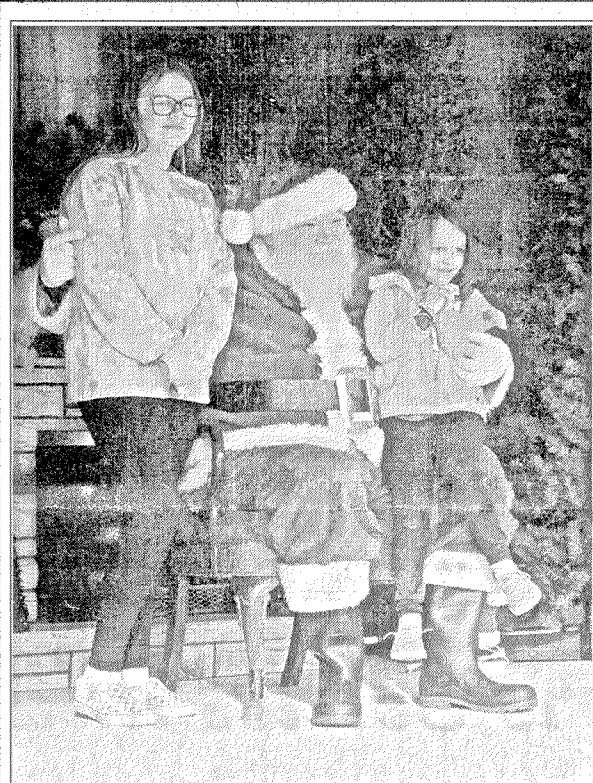
Tony and Donna Hopkins along with granddaughters, Abby and Kennedy rode in their 1929 Model A during the Brodhead Christmas Parade.



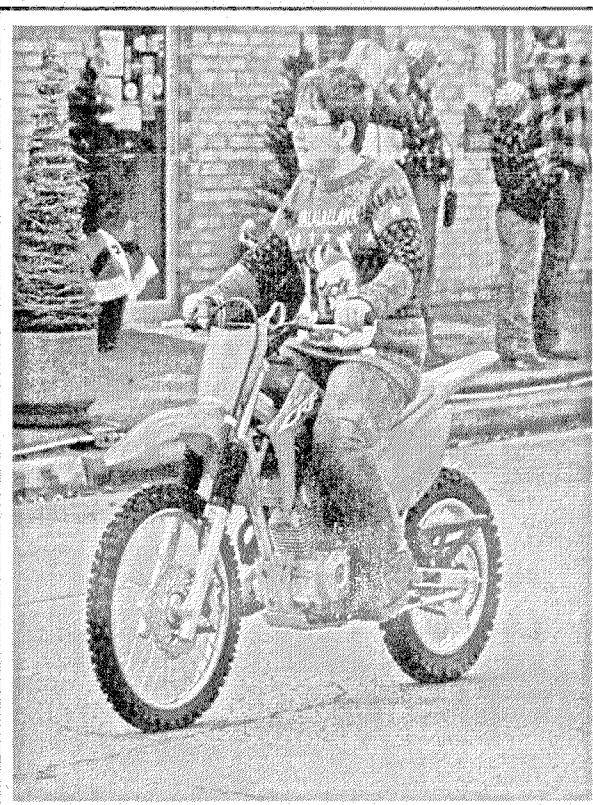
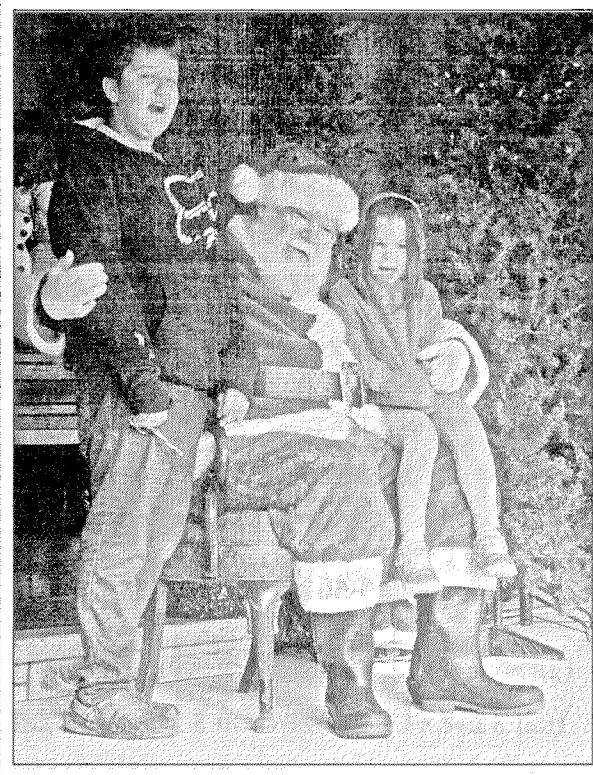
The Carpenters and Ashers took part in the Brodhead and Mount Vernon Christmas Parades.



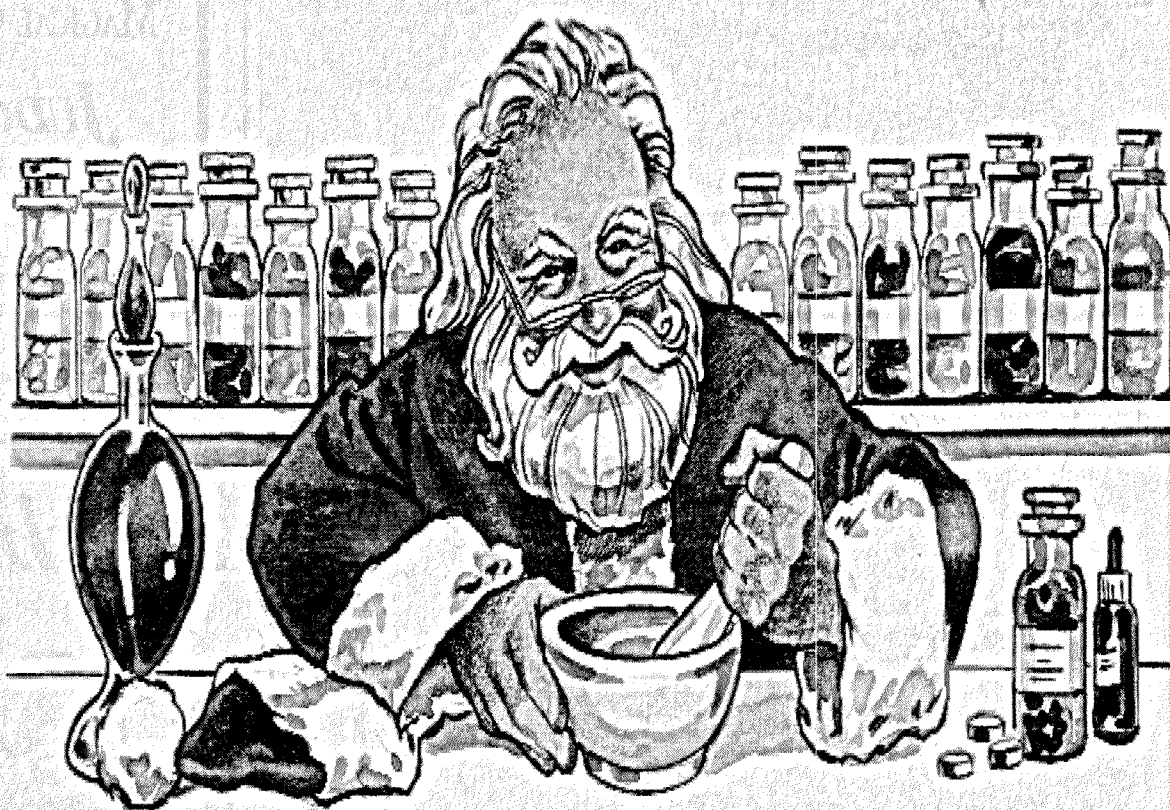
Howard and Tony Saylor along with Howard's grandchildren, Beckett, Bowen and Piper, took part in the annual Christmas Parade in Brodhead.



Kids enjoyed visiting with Santa in the Brodhead Depot Park after Brodhead's Christmas Parade



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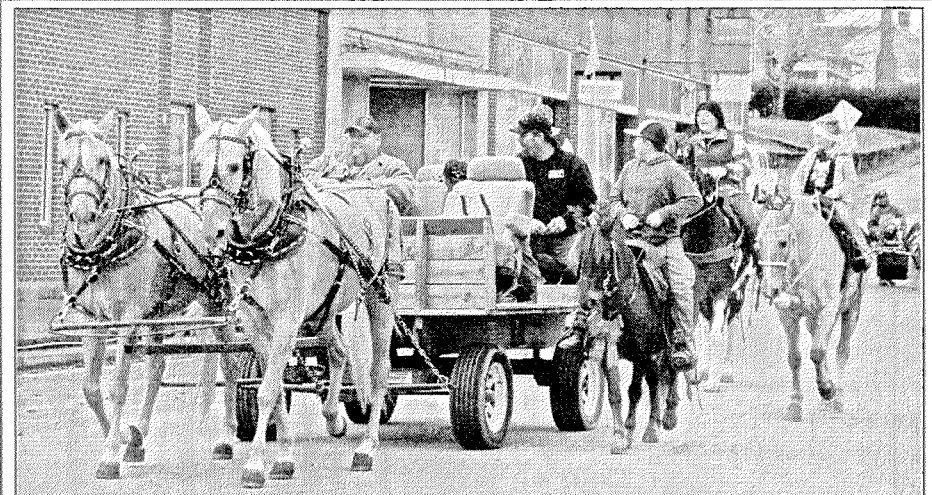
Rockcastle VFW Memorial Post 5908 took part in Brodhead's Parade throwing candy to those in attendance.



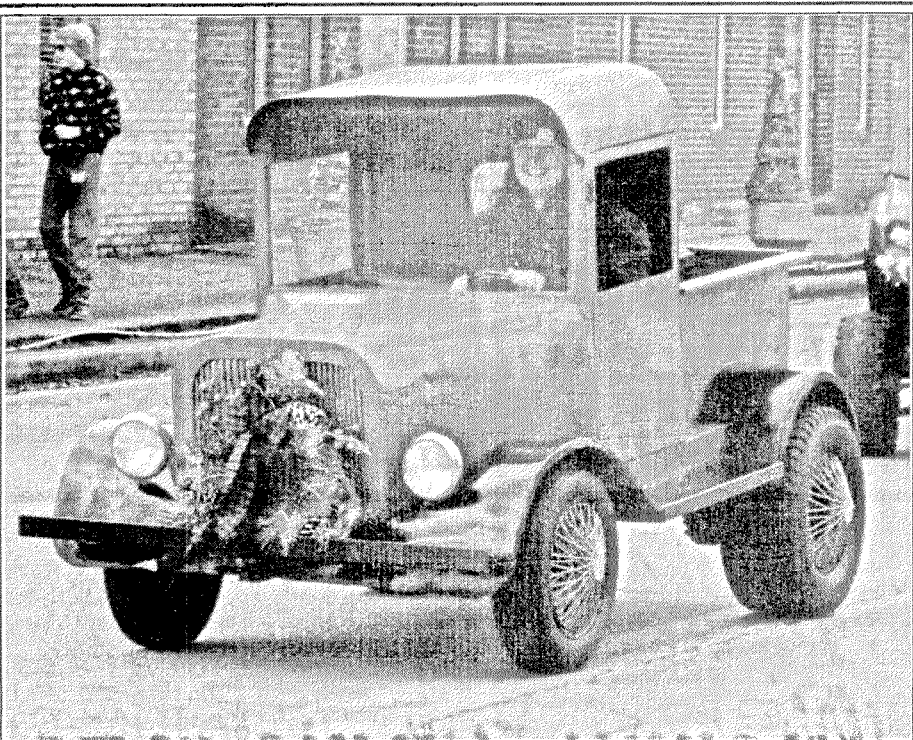
Down on Main Bar and Grill took part in the annual Brodhead Christmas Parade.



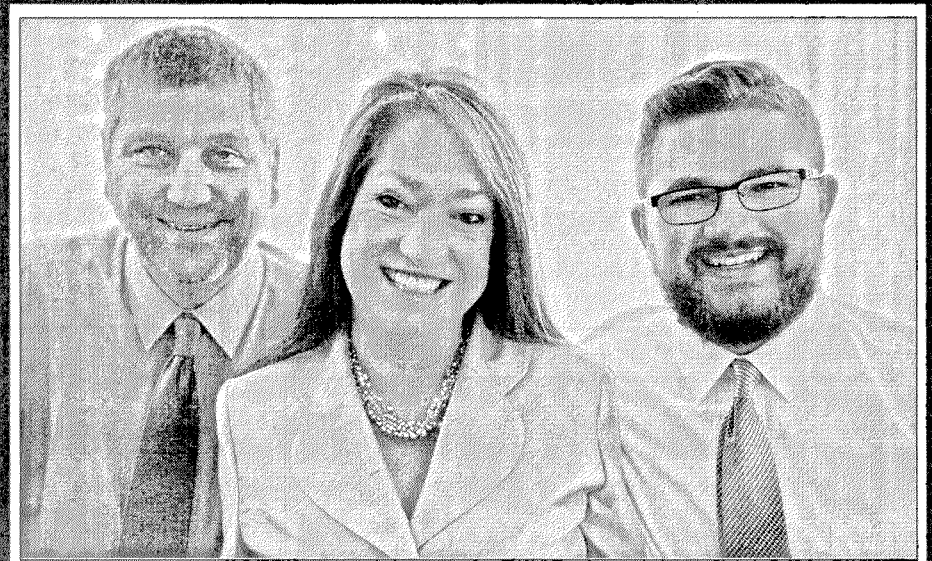
Children gathered in the Brodhead Depot Park to visit with Santa after the Christmas Parade.



Leger Farms rode their horses and brought their wagon during the Brodhead Christmas Parade.



Meredith Gross drove her 'tiny truck' in Brodhead's Christmas Parade.

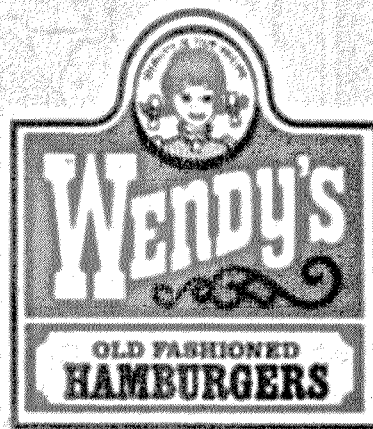


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New Year!

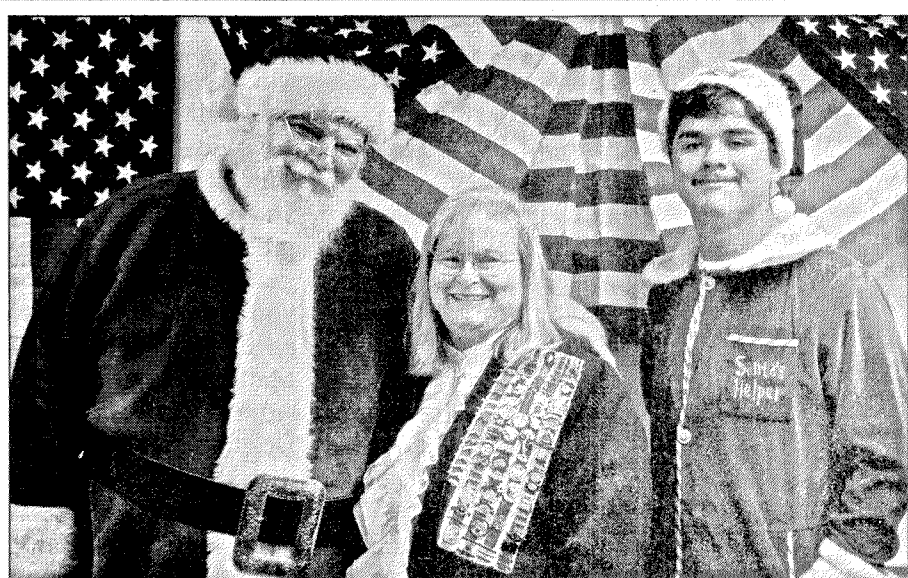
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Santa Claus and his Head Elf Patrick, attended the Rockcastle Chapter DAR's annual Christmas dinner and fundraiser. Serving as auctioneers, Santa helped raise over \$1,000 for the DAR. These funds will be used in the coming months for historical preservation projects that are planned for the upcoming 250th anniversary of our nation's birth. Pictured above are: Santa (Spencer Benge); Chapter Regent Karen Adams; and Head Elf Patrick (Marcos Benge). Pictured below is Patrick displaying items up for bid.



To Chair Legislative Oversight and Investigations

Senator Brandon Storm to continue as Transportation Committee Vice Chair

Senate President Robert Stivers and Senate Leadership announced 2023-24 Senate Majority Caucus member committee assignments on Monday. Senator Brandon Storm, R-London, will serve as Senate chair of the Legislative Oversight and Investigations Committee and remain vice chair of the Senate Transportation Committee. He will also serve as a member of the Economic Development, Tourism and Labor Committee, Judiciary Committee, State and Local Government Committee, and Banking and Insurance Committee.

"I am pleased with the diversity of thought and professional intellect we have in the Senate Majority Caucus," Senate President Robert Stivers said following committee roster announcements. "We have physicians, lawyers, educators, small businesses owners and more prepared to stay the course of good policy this chamber has prioritized and championed for two decades. I have the utmost faith in our chamber's committee leadership."

Storm has served as

Senate Transportation Committee vice-chair since 2021.

"I am honored to have been reappointed as vice-chair of the transportation committee for the 2023 and 2024 sessions. Topics related to the roads and transportation infrastructure are some of the most consequential that the legislature addresses for the good of the commonwealth," said Storm. "I look forward to continuing to work with Senator Jimmy Higdon, contributing my perspective to the committee, and making the transportation systems in Kentucky safer and more efficient for our residents."

Legislative matters relating to the construction and maintenance of the state highway system, the Transportation Cabinet, state aid for local roads and streets, the state police, airports, driver's licensing, training and motor vehicles sales, and much more must go through the Senate Transportation Committee. The committee's significance cannot be understated. The 2023-24 state road plan passed the House and Senate Transportation committee last session,

allocating nearly \$2.93 billion over the next two years, providing \$371 million for rehabilitation and construction of bridges and \$250 million for a federal match for potential mega projects such as the Brent Spence Bridge, widening of the Mountain Parkway, and the Interstate 69 Ohio River crossing project.

Storm has also been newly appointed as the Senate chair of the joint Legislative Oversight and Investigations Committee.

"The Legislative Oversight and Investigations Committee is incredibly important, as it monitors the efficiency and security of the state government as a whole," Storm said. "I am once again honored that Senate leadership has entrusted me with chairing this committee for the Senate, and I will lend my legal and investigative expertise to the discussions to the best of my ability."

The Legislative Oversight and Investigations Committee is a 16-member joint committee serving as the main investigative body within the General Assembly. It has the authority to investigate the subjects within the committee's legislative jurisdiction and within the jurisdiction of other standing or statutory committees of the General Assembly. With discretionary power to review the operations of state agencies and programs, the committee can determine whether funds are being spent for the purposes for which they were appropriated, evaluate the efficiency of program operations, and evaluate the impact of state government reorganizations.

Standing committee assignments are not final until the Senate Committee on Committees makes a formal vote. The Committee on Committees membership comprises both Senate majority and minority caucus members. Committee appointments are subject to change.



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Rockcastle County Jailer
Nathan Carter
and the entire staff of the
Rockcastle County
Detention Center*

Santa Letters...

Jamie Bryant's First Grade Class (Unedited)

Dear Santa,
My name is Emillena Luke. I have been good all year. I hope Santa brings me a umbrella far Crismas.
Luve, Emillenna Luke

Dear Santa,
My name is Ashlynn. I am 7 year old. I am been goode all year. I hopl get a LOL doll. Can you bring me Legos for Ckresmes?
Love, Ashlynn

Dear Santa,
My name is Easton C. I am y 7ears old. I haven good all year. Are the Elvs beengood? I hop I get presints. Can yue bring me the new Nascargam?
Luve, Easton

Dear Santa,
My name is Maryanna. I am 7 years old. I have been good all year. I hopl make it on a good list. Can you bring me a doll?
Love, Maryanna

Dear Santa,
My name is Wesley. I am 6 years old. I have been good. I hope I git a Bee Beegun.
Love, Wesley

Dear Santa,
My name is Payzlee. I am 6 years old. I have been gooball year. I want a but-terfly and a dog.
Luf, Payzlee

Dear Santa,
My name is Maddox I have been good all year. I am 700 year old. I hope I will get my elf. Can you bring me a WWE Moster Truk?
Love, Maddox

Dear Santa,
My name is Emalyn. I am 7 years old. I have been close to good all year. I hope Ill be on the good lest. Are therpenguins at the North Pole? Can you bring me a big stuff duck and aIPad?
Love, Emalyn

Dear Santa,
My name is Tyler. I am 7 years old, I have been good al year Can you bring me dinswrs for Crismis?
Love, Tyler

Dear Santa,
My name is Faith. I am 7 year old. I have been nice all year. I hope the bi-cycle is good and pink. Can you bring me a yo-yo and can you bring me a toy gorilla?
Love, Faith

Dear Santa,
My name is Quinn. I am 7 years old. I have been good all year. I hoop the ranedear are doing good and I hoop I get a PS4.
Love, Quinn

Dear Santa,
My name is Willow. I am 6 years old. I have been good all year. I hope that the elfs are wok harde. Are you wrking harde Santa? Can you bring me a stuff anml rabit?
Love, Willow

Dear Santa,
My name is Rhett. I am 7 years old. I have been good all year. I hope I doot giton the note lest. Can you bring me a Marsun Suthern bakpak?
Love, Rhett

Dear Santa,
My name is Brayden. I am 7 years old. I have been good all year. I hope I git a lego. Can you bring Adley a doll?
Love, Adley and Brayden

Dear Santa,
My name is Corwan. I am 6 years old. I have been pretty good all year. I hope you get yor cucese. And can you get me a mikeroscope?
Love, Corwan

Dear Santa,
My name is Eli. I am 7 years old. I have bengood all year, I hope you arok. Can ya bring me Lego for Crismas?
Love, Eli

Dear Santa,
My name is Elijah. I am 7 years old. I have been niseall year. I hope I gite a toy boogote for Crismis.
Love, Elijah

Dear Santa,
My name is Connor Allen. I am 6 years old. I have been on the good list. I wont you to bring me a Jeffy puppit.
Love, Connor

Dear Santa,
My name is Kinley. I am 6 years old. I hope I been good all year. I hope I am on the niselist. Can you bring me a nail cit?
Love, Kinley

Dear Santa,
My name is Wyatt. I am 6 years old. I have been good all yer. I hope imeon the good lest. Can you bring me the riding toy I wundted?
Love, Wyatt Ray Hensley

Mrs. Robin Bowman's 1st Grade (Edited)

Dear Santa, This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good all the time. What I would like most this Christmas is arts and crafts and Pokemon cards. I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you! Please say "Hi" to the Elves for me! Love, Beau

Dear Santa, This Christmas, I am 8 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a guitar and a dirt bike. I promise to leave out cookies for you! Please say "Hi" to my Nana for me! Love, Sam

Dear Santa, This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been good all the time. What I would like most this Christmas is an Encanto doll house and a new bike. I promise to leave out cookies for you! Please say "Hi" to the reindeer for me! Love, Brittany

Dear Santa, This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a tablet and a VR headset. I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you! Please say "Hi" to the Elf for me! Love, Kasen

Dear Santa, This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good all the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a Fortnite gun and FGTEEV toys. I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you! Please say "Hi" to Deckard for me! Love, Alex C.

Dear Santa, This Christmas, I am 6 1/2 years old. This year, I have been good all the time. What I would like most this

Christmas is a makeup set and a princess dress. I promise to leave out cookies for you! Please say "Hi" to the reindeer for me! Love, Renesmae

Dear Santa, This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been good all the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a game master mask and a pet lizard. I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you! Please say "Hi" to my mom for me! Love, James

Dear Santa, This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been naughty but nice! What I would like most this Christmas is Nerf guns and new clothes. I promise to leave out pineapples for you! Please say "Hi" to my elf for me! Love, Liam

Dear Santa, This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been good all the time. What I would like most this Christmas is an Apple watch and a phone case. I promise to leave out cookies for you! Please say "Hi" to the Elf for me! Love, Weston Luke

Dear Santa, This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been good most of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a PS5 and games and a keyboard and a mouse. I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you! Please say "Hi" to Alec C. for me! Love, Case

Dear Santa, This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is 2 walkie talkies for me and Anna to play with and a big remote controlled truck jeep. I promise to leave out meatballs for you, they are my favorite! Please say "Hi" to the reindeer for me! Love, Easton

Dear Santa, This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been good all the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a bouncy ball and a basketball court. I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you! Please say "Hi" to the elf for me! Love, Jasper

Dear Santa, This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is an Elsa costume and a LOL doll. I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you! Please say "Hi" to my baby sister for me! Love, Abigail

Dear Santa, This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a phone and a pair of shoes. I promise to leave out cake for you! Please say "Hi" to your elf for me! Love, Finlee

Dear Santa, This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good all the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a PC and a bike. I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you! Please say "Hi" to Rudolph for me! Love, Maddox

Dear Santa, This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a nap and a sweater. I promise to leave out cookies for you! Please say "Hi" to Rudolph s for me! Love, Toni

Dear Santa, This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good all the time. What I would like most this Christmas is slime and a slinky. I promise to leave out cookies for you! Please say "Hi" to the Elf for me! Love, Alex S.

Dear Santa, This Christmas, I am 6 years old. This year, I have been good all the time. What I would like most this Christmas is a LOL toy and some clothes. I promise to leave out gingerbread cookies for you! Please say "Hi" to an elf for me! Love, Mattilynn

Dear Santa, This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good some of the time. What I would like most this Christmas is popits and fidgets. I promise to leave out cookies and milk for you! Please say "Hi" to the reindeer for me! Love, Madison

Dear Santa, This Christmas, I am 7 years old. This year, I have been good all the time. What I would like most this Christmas is an Xbox and Xbox controller. I promise to leave out carrots and pie for you! Please say "Hi" to an elf for me! Love, Eli

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Christmas!

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Rockcastle Circuit Court Clerk
Eliza Jane York-Hansel

Wishing you and your family all the gifts of this magical time of year.

For your friendship and support, we are deeply grateful and look forward to serving you in the year ahead.



Front: Sam Alcorn. Back row from left: Stephanie Allen, Priscilla Napier, Brittnay Mullins, Eliza Jane York-Hansel, Renita Blanton, Marcia Olinger, Brenda Miller and Sandra Hamm.
Not pictured: Kim Denny

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