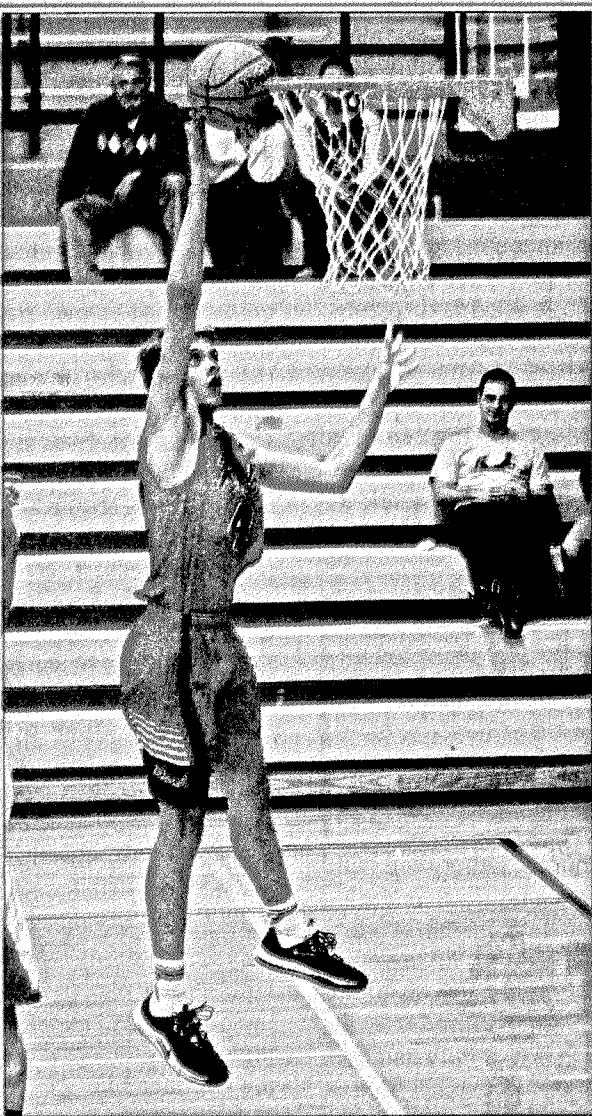


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The Rockets and Lady Rockets have been busy over the holidays. The Rockets took part in the Stultz Pharmacy Holiday Classic at Greenup County and defeated East Carter 55-49 and lost to Greenup County 72-57. Above left, Will Bishop goes for two in the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

Council hears proposal for local event

City supports small event

By: Mike French
Editor

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

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

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

event would be a much better option.

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

Each councilmember

(See "City" on A7)

Clarification

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

Brodhead meeting

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

RCIDA meeting

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

City to work on street flooding problems

By: Mike French
Editor

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

According to Sewer and Water Supervisor

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

before the large scale project can begin.

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

(See "Flood" on A7)

Indictments returned by local grand jury

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

Those indicted, the charges and the bond set are:

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

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

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

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

Local recycle center to help with holiday trash

By: Mike French
Editor

The gifts have been opened and the family members have gone home. But in some cases, you are left with the mess.

Did you get a new computer for Christmas

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

(See "Trash" on A7)

2019 The year in review

January thru June

January, 2019

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

February, 2019

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

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

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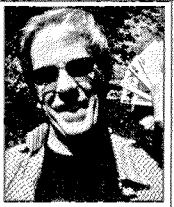
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Aces Over

By: Mike French



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

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

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

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

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

Many of them were wonderful things and we

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

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

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

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

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

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Points East

By Ike Adams



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

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

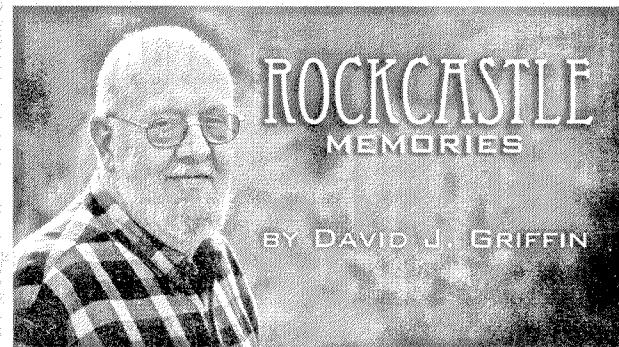
In fact, if I have to eat crow, I'd gladly eat it raw, without scorching feathers off the carcass, if that's what it would take to prove NAWWWWW's forecast totally wrong. In the meantime, I'm still dreading winter but hoping it doesn't happen.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Old Christmas
Dear Journal,

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

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

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

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

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

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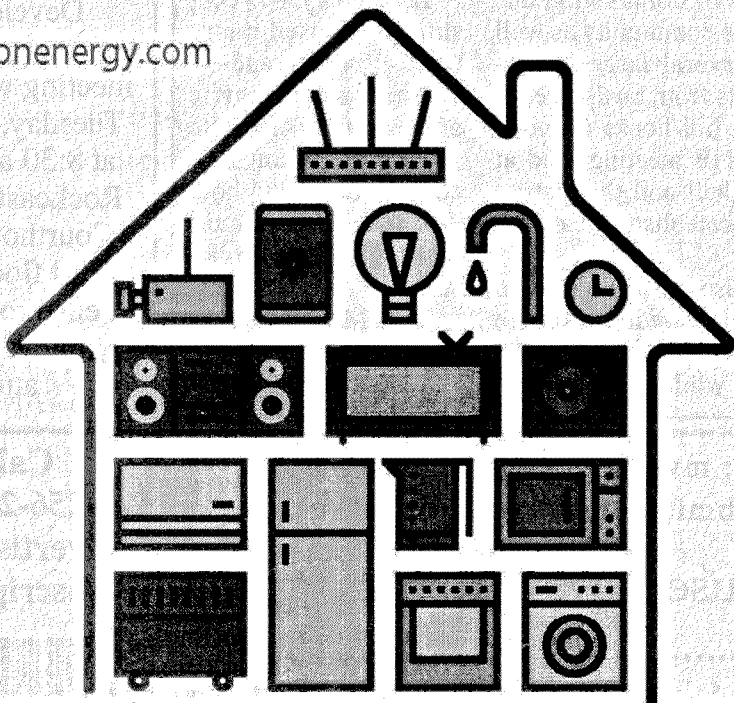
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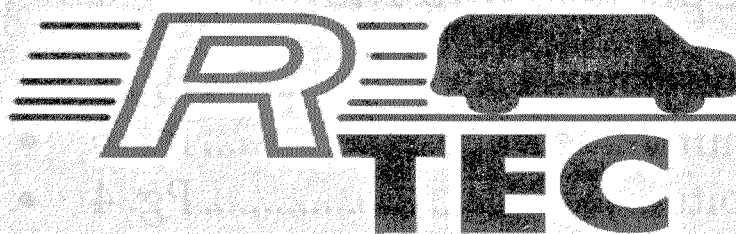
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“Aces”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Happy New Year....Happy New Decade.

“Points East”

(Cont. from A2)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“T.J.’s”

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Christmas itself, but it isn’t.

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

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

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

“Memories”

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place between the cake layers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

VFW Post Item

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Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

DAR Meetings

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

Brodhead Lodge Meeting

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Kiwanis Club Meetings

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

American Legion Post 71

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

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Obituaries

Evans Gatliff Craig

Evans Gatliff Craig, 85, died Saturday, December 21, 2019, at the Terrace Nursing Home in Berea. He was born December 23, 1933 to the late Joe Sam and



Nannie Susan (Elder) Craig in Rockcastle County. He was united in holy matrimony to Nell Wanda Parsons Craig on November 21, 1956, with whom he loved with all his heart. He proudly served in the United States Army for four years and was a graduate of the 7th Army NCO Academy in

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

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

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

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

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

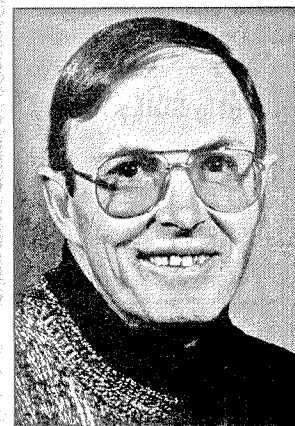
Honorary casket bearers were: Dave Sanders, Keaton Craig and Neil Craig.

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

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

William "Bill" Ray Thompson

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



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

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

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

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

Mary Elizabeth Collins

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

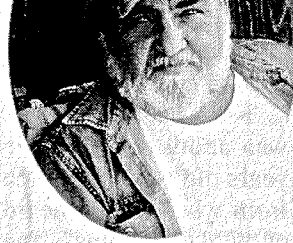
Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 1, 2020 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Jack Weaver. Burial was in Polly Family Cemetery.

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

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

Terry Harris

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



Those left to celebrate his life are: his three daughters, Terra (Shannon) Davidson, Brittney (Brandon) Campbell and Brandi Harris, all of Brodhead; grandchildren, Kierra, Braedon, Easton, Brody,

Ezra and Blaine; brothers, Troy (Sheryl) Harris and Johnny (Worth Anne) Harris, both of Brodhead; his mother, Preda Bishop Harris of Brodhead; a sister, Donna (Steve) Howard of Livingston; Tammy Bailey, the mother of his children; a sister-in-law, Iola Harris of Berea; as well as a host of nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors.

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

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

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

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Ollie Mae King

Ollie Mae King, 86, of Crab Orchard, wife of Bro. Donald King, died Tuesday, December 24, 2019 at her residence. She was born September 27, 1933 in



Brodhead, a daughter of the late Charlie and Alta Hazel Owens Leece. She was a faithful and dedicated member of Crab Orchard Pentecostal Church, where she served in many capacities. She was a loving and devoted wife and mother, who enjoyed quilting, gardening, her flowers and her family. On September 16, 1949 she was united in marriage to

Donald King and they enjoyed 70 years together. From their union came three children, Kenneth, Donald Wayne, and Virginia Gail.

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

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

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

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

Honorary casketbearers: Jacob West and Emerson West.

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Marian Evelyn Brummett

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

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

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

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

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

Kenneth Clyde Clark

Kenneth Clyde Clark, 71, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, December 22, 2019 at his home. He was born in Madison County on July 11, 1948, the son of Benjamin and Lura Anglin

Clark. He was a retired security captain for the Bluegrass Army Depot and a US Navy veteran.

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

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

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

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

Harrison Ackerman

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cora Ann Sowder

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

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

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

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

Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Jewel Haarman

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

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

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

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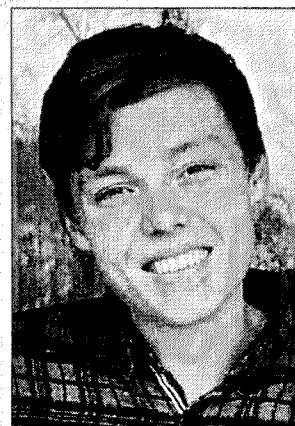
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CHURCH NEWS

Let the Bible Speak

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

Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings

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

Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon. Northside Baptist Church, 606-256-5577, Tuesday, 6-8 p.m. **Please call by 4 p.m. if

you need a ride on the church van.

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

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

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



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

Frankfort Update

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
Curb Appeal vs. Homeowner Appeal

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

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

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

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

Have you ever thought of building a berm (a big raised bed area to showcase plantings or to cut down on noise of traffic) in your front yard? Perhaps a fence, a wall, or at least a close-planted grouping of trees and shrubs and grasses? How about a tree that shows in all directions, but with some shrubs underneath it that face the street, plus some things just for your eyes on the side of the raised

ridge that faces your windows?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Free book can help adults thinking about higher education

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7214.

Happy New Year from the
Mount Vernon Signal

Looking Forward

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



District Civil Suits

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

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

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

Choice Radio Corp. \$68.10

Tera A. Carter, \$99.49.

Tyree Gray, \$123.03.

Jack Hammond, \$177.97.

Leah Hoskins, \$60.28.

Leah Hoskins, \$115.19.

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

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

Erin L. Linville, \$99.49.

David Mahaffey, \$648.95.

David Mahaffey, et al, \$170.17.

Freddie Mason, \$56.33.

Freddie Mason, Jr., \$138.76.

James C. Mason, \$122.64.

Shelby Miller, et al, \$83.80.

Cheryl Mitchell, \$115.19.

Catherine Mullins, et al, \$36.70.

Genett Newcomb, \$42.99.

Lillian Preston, \$225.08.

Kimberly Renner, et al, \$44.52.

Sheila Wilson, et al, \$60.28.

Dennie Sims, \$68.10.

David Slinker, \$217.25.

Tracey Slusher, \$382.07.

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

Rodney Thomas, \$397.77.

Bobby Thompson, \$68.10.

Tina Tyree, \$374.24.

Alen Williams, Jr., \$36.70.

Ray Yingst, et al, \$132.07.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Deeds Recorded

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Circuit Civil Suits

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Marriage Licenses

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

District Court

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Justin Davis Strunk: failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta.

James Lee Seals: public intoxication, bw issued for fta.

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

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

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

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

Denver Swinney: assault, time served plus

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

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

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

David Howard: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, failure to wear seat belts, license to be in possession, no motorcycle operators license, improper registration plate, motor-cycle registration plate, representing as ones own

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

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

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

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

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

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

“Year”

(Continued from front)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

March, 2019

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

April, 2019

In April, Mount Vernon increased their

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

May, 2019

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

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

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

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

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

June, 2019

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(See the second half of 2019 in next week's issue)

“Indict”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“Trash”

(Continued from front) printers?

The solution is closer than many may know.

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

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

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

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

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

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

“Flood”

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

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

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

The council agreed and voted to move ahead immediately.

“City”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fire hazard season ends

Learn before you burn

By: Mike French
Editor

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

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

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

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

mal tissue and enter our food supply.

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

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

Fire hazard season is from October 1 to December 15 and from February 15 to April 30 each year.

The Division of Air says never burn within 50 feet of any structure or near landfills, near streams or utility lines. Also never burn on windy days.

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

Learn before you burn
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SPORTS

Rockets beat Casey; go 1-1 in holiday tourney

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

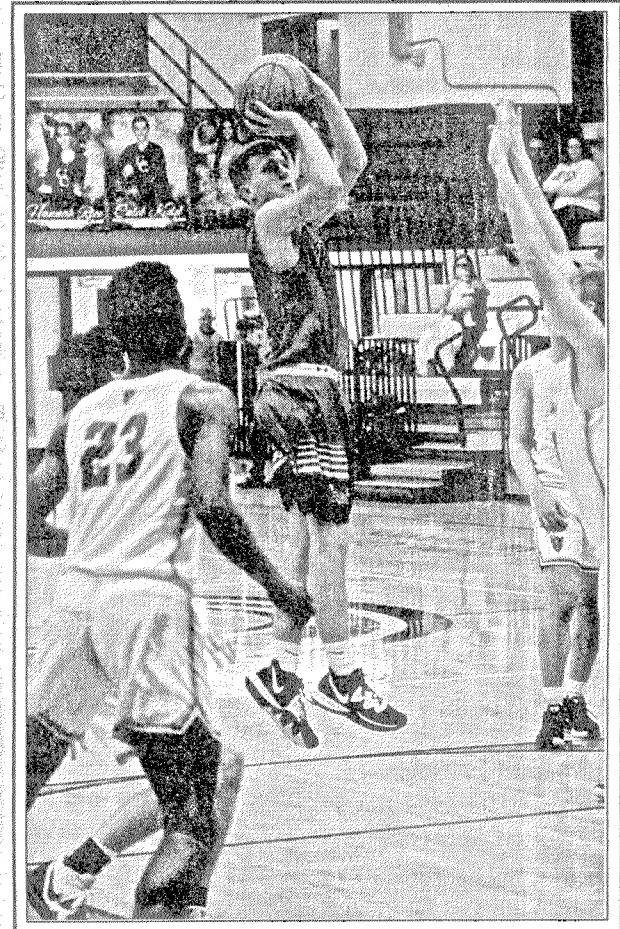
In the championship game, the Rockets were in early trouble, trailing 16-4 in the first quarter, but a Bishop stick-back just before the end of the first half drew the Rockets to within one at 33-32 at halftime.

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

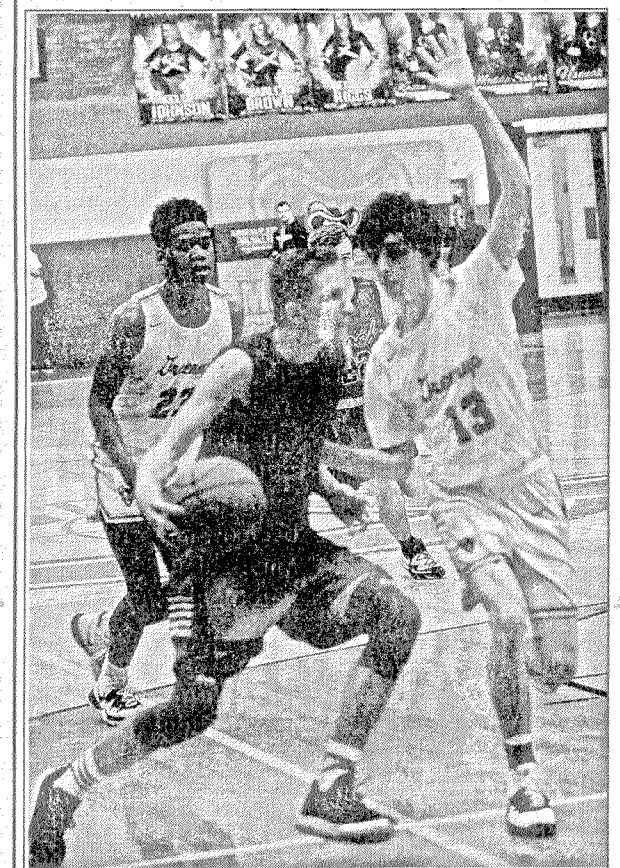
Bishop led the scoring for the Rockets with 14 points, Sanders got 12, Noel scored 11, Hopkins 10, Mullins eight and Chasteen two.

The Rockets will play

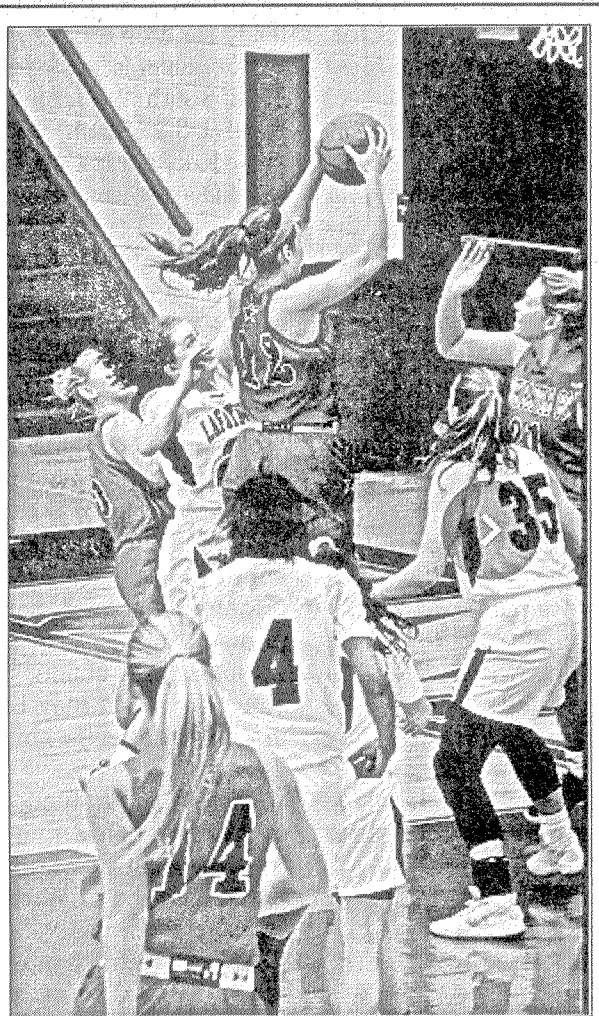
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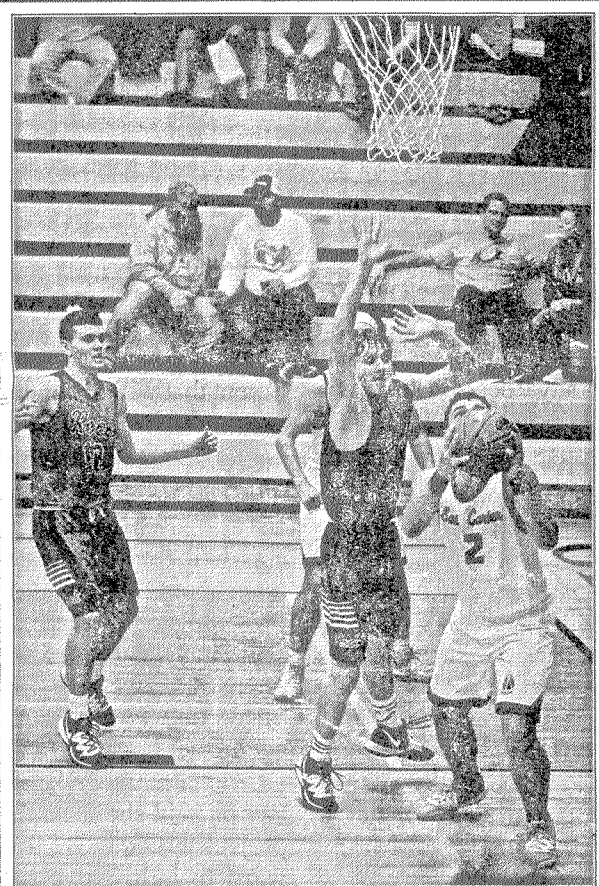
Senior Logan Noel puts up a jump shot in the Rockets' game with Greenup County.



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



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



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

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

Himes joins 1,000 point club

Lady Rockets lose to Casey 54-41 for first loss of season

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

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

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

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

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

Tourney Games Results

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

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

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

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

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

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

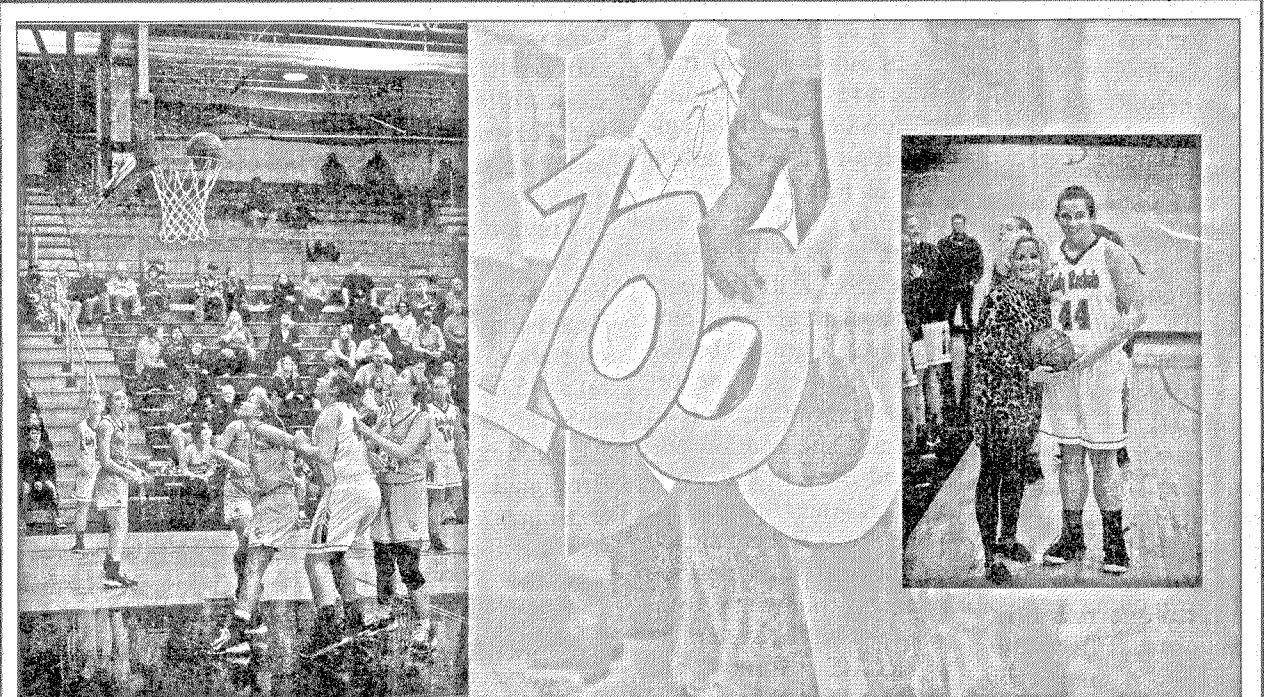
One consequence of the game was the loss of Himes due to a knee injury which kept her out of the remaining tournament games.

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

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

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

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Himes joins 1,000 Point Club

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

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



FAJITA CHICKEN CHILI

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

TACO SOUP

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

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

QUICK CHICKEN CHILI

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

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



"Lady Rock"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Rockets"

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

Select special license plates to require mandatory donation

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

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

The 29 organizational plates with a new donation requirement are:

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

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

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

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

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

Deadline approaching for Washington Youth Tour

High school students from Jackson Energy's service area have until January 10, to apply for the Washington Youth Tour, a leadership program for high school juniors that includes a trip to Washington, D.C.

Four junior students from local high schools will be selected to attend the week-long leadership program. Students visit government and historical sites, meet with Congressional leaders, and in addition, learn about the rural electric cooperative program.

In 2019, students visited the White House, Smithsonian Museums, Holocaust Museum and national memorials. They also assisted with a wreath laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

Applicant's parents or legal guardian must be a Jackson Energy Cooperative member with their primary residence or business served by the cooperative. For more information on how to ap-

ply, visit www.jacksonenergy.com/washington-youth-tour.

Following an interview process, eight students will be selected to attend a one-day Frankfort Youth Tour program in March, which highlights state government. Four students will be chosen from the eight to attend the Washington Youth Tour, which will be held in June.

Berea College Dean's List

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

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

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McKinney named to Dean's List

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

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

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

Hasty named to President List

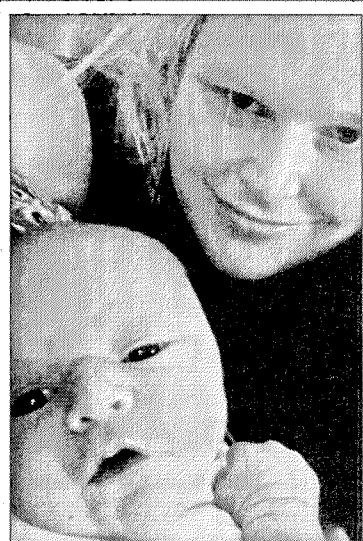
The academic honors' President's list for the Fall 2019 semester has been announced by Dr. Donna Hedgepath, Campbellsville University's provost and vice president for academic affairs.

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

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

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

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



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



Stages of Alzheimer's Disease: What to Expect



Join us for an educational session focused on the stages of Alzheimer's disease. Discussion will include what to expect as the disease progresses from a behavioral and functional standpoint. There will also be tips on how to support your loved one throughout the disease. Following the presentation we will have a general questions and answer session.

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

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

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January 23, 2020
6:30pm—8pm EST

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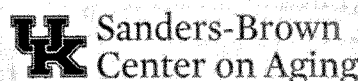
Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center
145 Newcomb Ave, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

Hospital Chapel

Contact W. Anne Harris for directions:
606-256-7835



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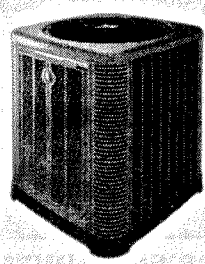
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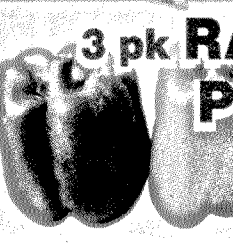
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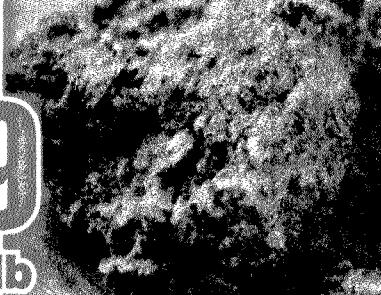
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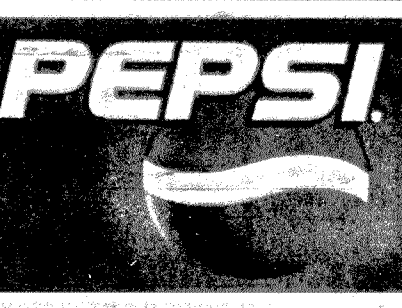
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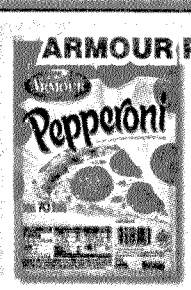
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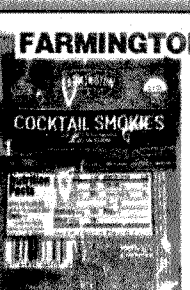
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