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Local boil water advisory after six leaks found

By: Mike French
 Reporter

The City of Mount Vernon was swamped with work and overtime as there were six water leaks in lines along Main Street during the unusually cold temperatures this week.

The first leak on Main Street was repaired without disturbing water service for customers, according to workers for the city.

But the third leak

caused the city to have to turn the water off for several customers from Main Street to near the Rockcastle County Middle School for the repair.

All the leaks were blamed on the cold temperatures and workers were forced to dig the water line out of the ground and turn off service for several customers Tuesday morning.

Also Tuesday afternoon, just before quitting time, workers found a

(See Leaks on A5)

New software program crashes every computer in county clerk's offices

By: Mike French
 Reporter

Anyone who tried to get a vehicle title or registration met with some disappointment Tuesday when the Rockcastle County Clerk's window was closed. But Danna Ford Allen, County Clerk, continued to try to help anyone she could and her office stayed open.

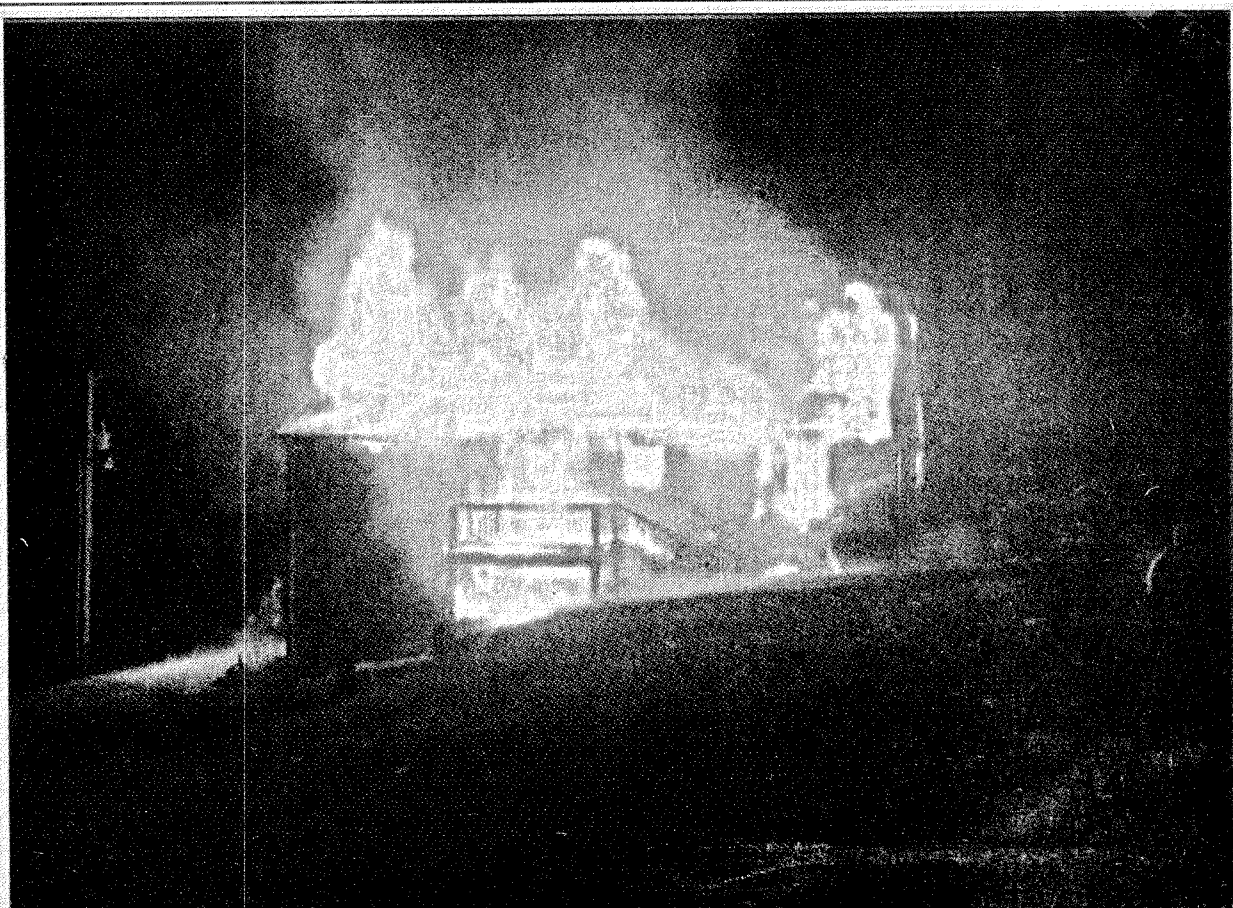
According to Allen, the reason for the shutdown was computer failure. Allen said the state had attempted to install a new cash drawer system and crashed every computer hooked to the system across the entire

state. "There is only so much we are able to do without the computer system," Allen said, "but we are attempting to serve the community to the best of our ability until the computers are back up."

In fact, when her employees showed up at the office Tuesday, they did not go home. Instead, Allen put them on other duties and was able to help many customers with pen and paper.

"We are sorry for the inconvenience but there was nothing we could do to help our computers," she said. "When they at-

(See Clerks on A5)



This fire off Chestnut Ridge Road Sunday morning destroyed everything the Childress family owned, except the wedding dress their daughter, Carley, was going to wear at her wedding the next day.

Family loses everything, except wedding dress, in house fire

By: Mike French
 Reporter

The wedding went perfectly. The bride was beautiful, the groom was handsome and their parents were pleased and happy for them.

And one of the best parts of the wedding, according to Brian Childress, was the fact that the wedding got their minds off of the night before when the family lost everything they had in a house fire

in Mount Vernon.

The home of Brian Childress and his wife, Crystal, caught fire Sunday, December 31 on Chestnut Ridge Road.

The family awoke to a fire in the attic and Childress immediately made sure the family was out of the house. Knowing his daughter was getting married the next day, Brian then grabbed one thing on his way out of the burning house...his daughter's

wedding dress.

"I just grabbed it because I knew how important it is to my daughter Carley," said Brian. "We didn't have time to get anything else before the house was engulfed in flames."

The Mount Vernon Fire Department, with the assistance of the Brodhead Fire Department and the Livingston Fire Department, aggressively attacked the flames when they arrived shortly after the

fire started.

However, even with three well-trained fire departments attacking it, the flames continued to grow and could not be contained until the house and everything in it was gone.

But Brian had the wedding dress in his hands as the family stood outside in the cold watching everything they owned inside the house

(See Fire on A5)

January - June

2017 year in review

January, 2017

The first week of January, 2017 started with a house fire on Green Pond Ridge Road which destroyed the home of Marecca Owens.

There were also local meth busts made in the first week of the year and Rep. Jonathan Shell, R-Lancaster, was sworn in

as Kentucky House Majority Floor Leader.

It was also the first week of 2017 that Brodhead firefighters rescued a hunting dog from a 65-foot deep hole in a daring, rope rescue.

In the second week of the year, 71 year-old Bennie Sanders was found shot to death in his home on Abway Street in Mount Vernon. Police began an investigation into the shooting.

The City of Brodhead hired William Harris as police officer for the city and presented him with keys to a cruiser donated by the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Office.

Also in the second week, Judge/Executive Doug Bishop announced the purchase of two 10-ton salt trucks by the fiscal court.

In the third week of 2017 the city of Mount Vernon announced the opening of a drive-thru window for the convenience of residents to pay a bill.

The fiscal court also voted to give election officers a pay raise from \$100 to \$150.

It was in the last week of January that Mount

Vernon Police began one of the largest meth dealer round-ups in Kentucky with 23 warrants served on suspected local meth dealers, most of which were inside the city limits.

Also in January, L&M Asphalt was awarded the bid to begin construction on the I-75 widening project. The interstate construction has been underway since then in Rockcastle and will add two additional lanes to the highway in the county.

Mud slides also occurred around the county in January as rain continued to soften the ground around the state.

February, 2017

In the first week of February, the names of the suspected meth dealers that were part of the drug round-up in the county, were released.

In February, Mount Vernon City Council members announced renovation plans for city hall that would create a new meeting chamber and relocate the police department offices.

In the second week of February, a fiery crash blocked I-75 and grass

(See Year on A5)

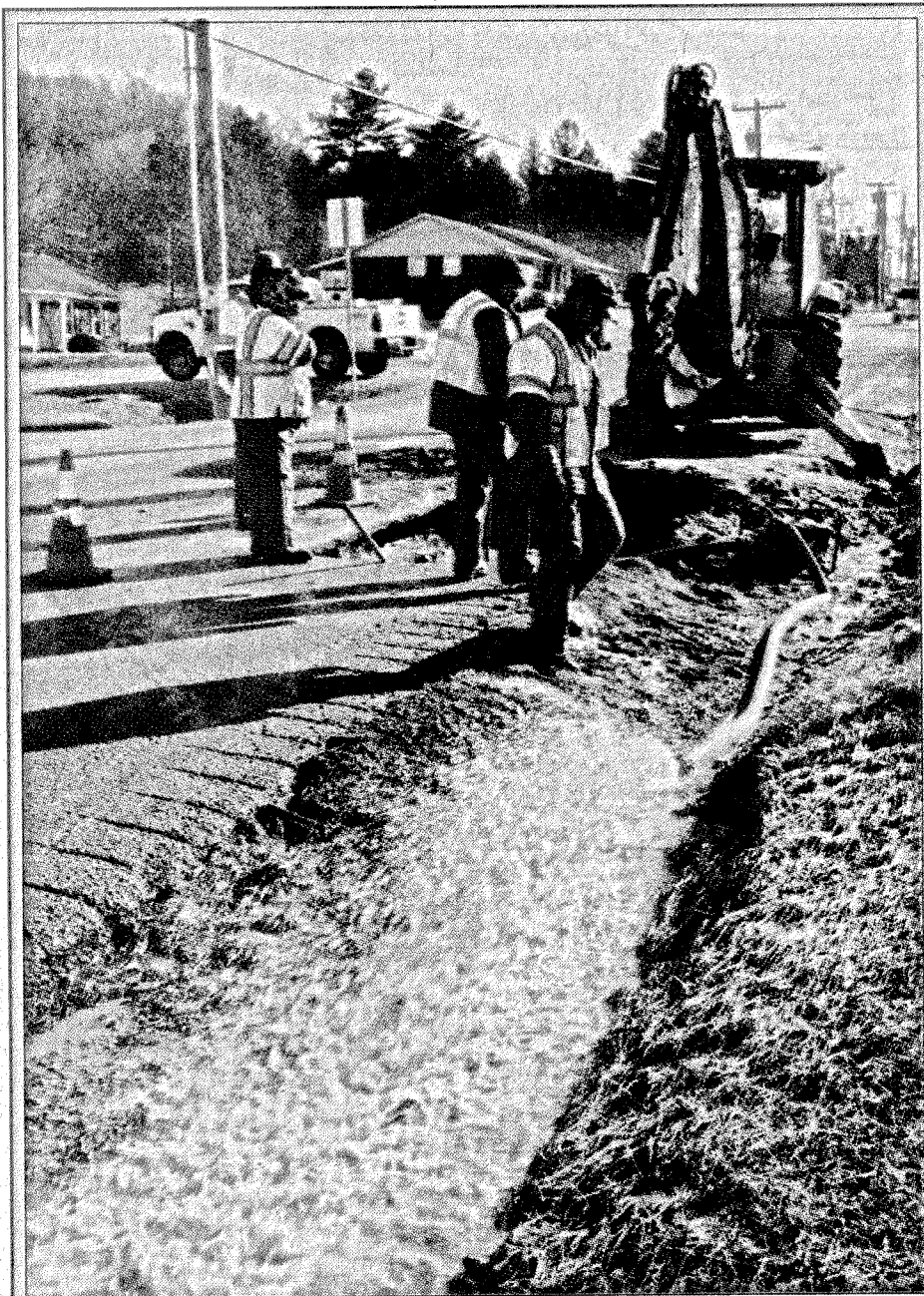


Photo by Mike French

Frank Baker supervises city workers in repairing a water leak beside the Rockcastle Middle School Tuesday. This is one of the six weather main leaks that crews had to repair since the unusually cold temperatures have held on for 10 days. All of the leaks are being blamed on the below freezing temperatures for the extended period of time.

Candidate update

In the May 22 primary, several names have been added to the races. Candidates have until the last day of January to file for election in the May Primary.

For Coroner, Joseph Casey McClure and Stephen Hale are registered to run as Republican candidates while incumbent Marvin Owens has filed to run for re-election.

Owens is the only Democrat to register thus far. We inadvertently listed Owens as a Republican in our last issue. We apologize for the error.

Burton Stephens has also filed as a Republican candidate for Magistrate in District 4.

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



Well, we made it through the holidays. It was the best Christmas I have had that I can remember because all my family was there. That's very unusual but it was awesome.

And, of course, Santa was good to us all this year and no one was sick or mad or anything. It just couldn't have been better.

On New Year's Eve, Dora and I partied till the ball dropped in New York and we counted down with them. It was just one of those rare holidays when everything went right. I think God had his hand on us all during that time. And I happen to know that He never lets go.

Anyway, there are lots of record-breaking natural phenomenon taking place all at once here in Kentucky.

For the second time in history, we had snow on the ground on Christmas and on New Year's Day, the temperature here is below zero and the moon is as close to the Earth as it ever gets all at the same time.

I guess I must be a pessimist. I sort of expected all of those natural record-breaking things at once would cause an earthquake or something.

But all it did is give us the best view of the moon that we will ever have. If you have binoculars or something, you should look at the moon now while it is this close. Its orbit will take it back away very soon.

But it is supposed to remain below freezing for a while so bundle up.

Now we start the new year and try to live up to our resolutions. At least for a while. I have a few New Year's Resolutions.

I hope to make a little more money in 2018 but that's just something I al-

ways wish. I hope to be nice to people and be understanding when someone does something that bothers me.

I tend to become angry at certain things people do but this year I am going to try to better understand their point of view. Mom and Dora says I have a temper. I am going to try to keep that inside me this year.

I usually keep my resolutions because I don't make them big and impossible to keep. I have never resolved to quit smoking, and I never will. I like smoking and 10,000 people have told me all about the reasons to quit and the dangers involved. And daddy government has made it harder by outlawing smoking in businesses and restaurants and increased the taxes (imagine that). But I still make my own choice and I smoke.

My resolutions are things I think I can actually do to be a better person and to treat others better and understand their side of the story. I think I can do that.

I suggest people make their resolutions reachable. Give it some thought and remember that there are 11 other months in the year. Will your opinion change in that time?

Anyway, I hope everyone had the best of holidays. There are many who didn't have family or friends for Christmas. Many who tried to find a warm place to sleep and a blanket to cover themselves in an alleyway. There were no presents or trees or tinsel for those.

Let's try to remember how blessed we are. There but for the grace of God...

Points East

By Ike Adams



I'm not sure as to what year it actually began, 2009? or thereabouts, when my buddy, Robert Kennedy, first made and mailed from his place in Maryland a homemade holiday fruit cake to a small group of friends that include yours truly. In any event, Bob has sent us a loaf size fruit cake, between Thanksgiving and Christmas, every year since and I am hoping, with all my heart, that a new tradition has been established that will endure, at least, through the rest of my lifetime.

Bob's fruitcake, he makes from "scratch," neither looks nor tastes much like a regular, grocer's fruit cake offering except for the fact that it is loaded with large chunks of candied fruit and pecans that seem to vary from year to year. I'm not sure what nor how much of the individual ingredients (flour, sugar, spices, leavening, etc) he puts into the basic batter, but therein lie the secrets of his success.

I've never asked for his exact recipe because, if it were mine, I would guard it more closely than the recipe for Coca Cola and the Colonel's secret combination of herbs and spices. Loretta and I both believe Bob's cake is, by far, the best we've ever tasted but don't come calling and expect to get a slice because it's long gone and usually well-hidden until it gets that way.

About the same time Bob commenced sending us his fruitcake, I decided to try my hand at making one.

Mine is not in the same league as Bob's but it does make a beautiful table decoration and it tastes well enough that not a scrap ever goes to waste. Loretta usually leaves the room when I bake it right after telling me to "Try not to wreck the kitchen."

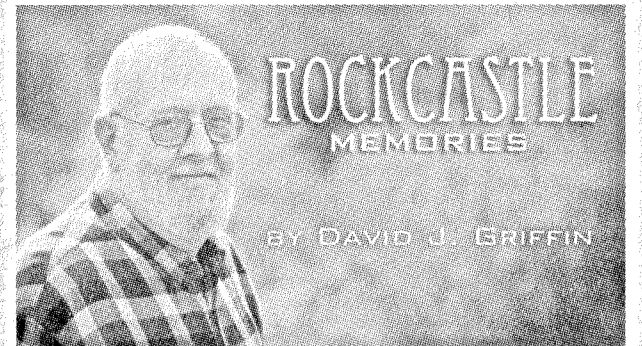
Mine turns out tasty enough that several folks have suggested I publish the recipe. If you have time on your hands and need to heat up your kitchen, here's one way to do it:

IKE'S FAIRLY EASY FESTIVE FRUITCAKE
 1 BOX REGULAR SIZE SPICE CAKE MIX (carrot cake mix will also work)
 1 CUP ALL PURPOSE FLOUR
 1 tsp each of ground ginger, allspice and cinnamon
 6 LARGE EGGS
 1/2 CUP MELTED BUTTER
 2 CUPS DICED DATES OR RAISINS OR CURRANTS OR CRAISINS OR MIXTURE OF ALL THREE
 1 CUP BLACK WALNUT KERNELS
 1 CUP PECAN KERNELS (USE 2 CUPS IF YOU DON'T HAVE WALNUTS)

2 CUPS MIXED CANDIED FRUIT
 1 CUP WHOLE CANDIED OR CODIAL CHERRIES
 3 CUPS CONDENSED MILK OR PRESWEETENED EVAPORATED MILK
 1 CUP APRICOT BRANDY OR ESSENCE OF APRICOT JUICE (BRANDY IS BETTER AND THE ALCOLOL COMPLETELY EVAPORATES DURING BAKING)
 1 (large) PACK INSTANT LEMON JELLO PUDDING MIX
 1 TBSP BAKING POWDER
 1/2 TSP LEMON EXTRACT or 4 tsp lemon zest

Mix eggs, melted butter, milk, lemon extract, spices and brandy in large mixing bowl until thoroughly blended. Add cake mix, flour, pudding mix and baking powder and blend until consistent.

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Pop's Souse Meat

While gathered around the dining room table at brother Al's on Christmas Day, the conversation centered on the many family members who are no longer with us. One discussion was about our grandfather (Pop) and how he provided an abundance of fine meals when he killed his hogs as soon as the weather turned cold, usually in late November or early December.

We all remember Pop's wonderful salt-cured country hams, sausage, tenderloin, bacon, and even souse meat. Almost no one, except me, took much pleasure in his souse. Pop and I loved that part of the hog, even though the other family members were not particularly fond of it.

On several occasions, I watched Pop place the hog's head - after he had removed the brain and eyes with a hatchet - in a large pot on the wood-burning stove in the kitchen. He also added the feet and any other por-

tions that were not being used in some other way into that same large pot. These were covered with water and allowed to boil until the meat literally fell off the bones. It took several hours before Pop would remove the meat from the pot.

I think Pop's souse was totally different from any other that I have ever experienced. Most souse is made from chunks of hog suspended in a gelatinous substance in order to contain it in a loaf. Pop's was not made that way at all.

As Pop removed the lean pork from the boiling pot, he cut up the pieces into very small bits. He then added black pepper, sage, and a few other ingredients which I must admit that I no longer recall. When the mixture was complete, he took the meat to his backyard, where he used his hand-cranked sausage grinder and ground the meat into a very fine mixture. Then, he ground it all over again. I remember the final product having the consistency of deviled ham or potted meat like that you can purchase canned at a grocery store. When the process was complete, he placed it in an air-tight container in the refrigerator, where it was left to sit for a couple of days.

When Pop determined that his souse meat was ready for consumption, he and I would put a small amount in a bowl and eat it with Zesta crackers. I thought it was quite tasty since I liked the spicy touch. It contained no gelatin and was totally different from commercial souse. It did not look or taste like modern day souse. I suppose you had to develop a taste for his home-made souse treat.

This discussion took me, once again, back to my youth and my relationship with Pop. I spent countless days enjoying his company. I suppose I admired him as much as any adult who influenced my childhood. Even after all these years, I still miss him terribly. And the holidays are no exception.

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

T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Another Chapter Closes

Dear Journal,
 I sit here this morning, the last day of 2017, and analyze life. I can remember in growing up, just the year beginning with 20-anything seemed out of the realm of possibility. Where has the time gone?

That is the question many of my generation are asking. We can see that at least half or more of our life is gone and we haven't done even a smattering of the things we wanted to accomplish in life. I've often heard that a great many people never reach their full potential until around retirement age. Can it be that it takes that long to master our fate instead of just letting life drag us along, not even knowing where we are going, without any sense of direction?

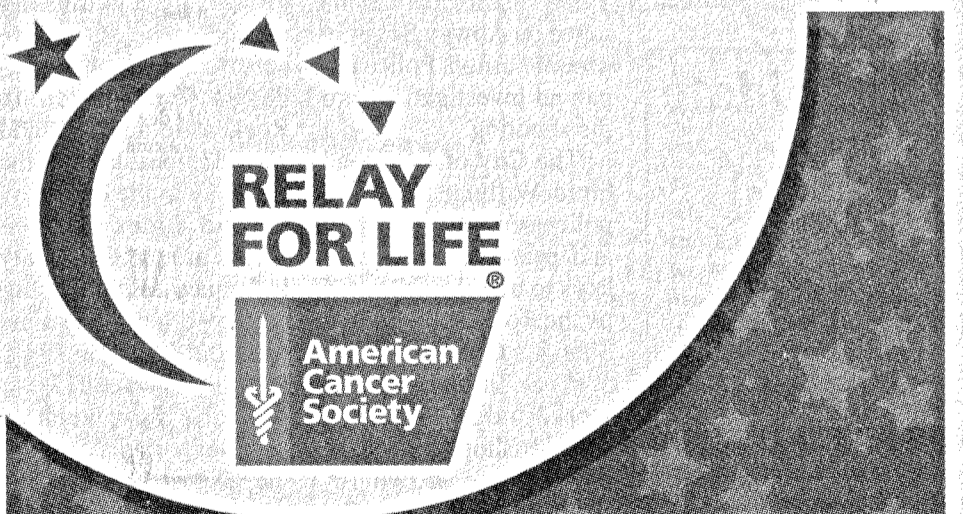
When we enter our senior years, I believe we tend to see an end of the road and work with more of an urgency as opposed to the young and frivolously wasted days of our youth. In

our youth we think that life has no end or at least for another fifty plus years. Let me tell you, fifty years can pass in the blink of an eye, and you are left wondering where the time went.

Only the other day I was looking at Facebook and saw a list of about twenty-five things that someone "older than dirt" should remember. Well, I guess I'm "older than dirt". The only one I didn't recall was milk being delivered by a milkman to your door in glass bottles with paper lids. I knew such stuff existed, but we lived out so far in the country that the milkman would have gotten lost on the way. That was for all of those "older than dirt" city kids.

In the time I have left, however long it may be, I want to overcome some things, do some things I've always wanted to do, learn a great deal more, and prepare for the next life to come.

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KICKOFF MEETING

Thursday, January 11, 2018

4:30 PM • Rockcastle Regional Education Center (3rd Floor Outpatient Services Center)

For more information, contact Melissa Brock at (606) 256-7703.

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Is a tobacco-free life part of your New Year's Resolution?

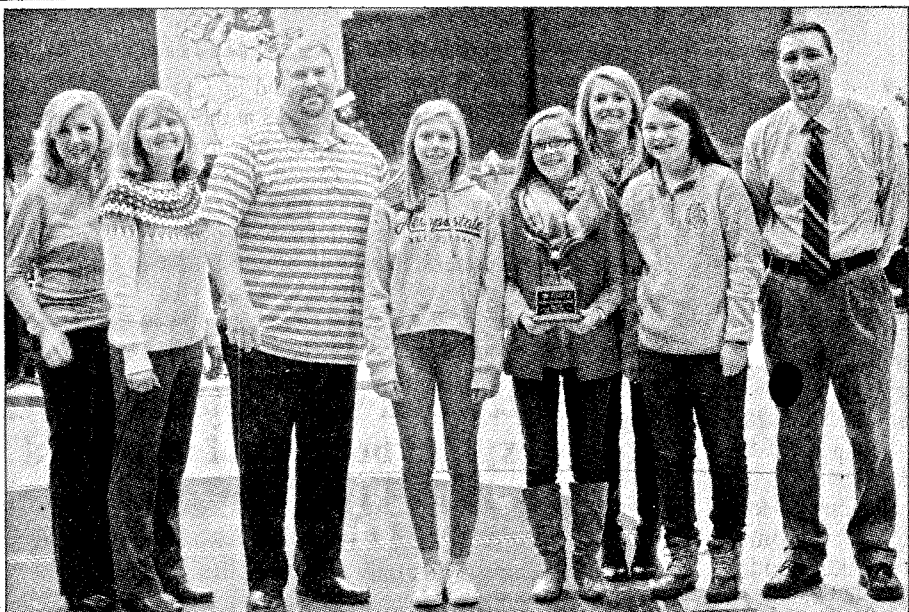
If you would like to quit smoking or using other tobacco products, Rockcastle Regional Hospital can help. Using an innovative smoking-cessation program called Freedom From Smoking, we can help you become tobacco-free.

Join us Tuesday, January 9, 2018 to start the 8-week program sponsored by Rockcastle Regional Hospital. Classes are Tuesdays at 5 p.m. (Meet in the hospital lobby.)

Join the hundreds of other Kentuckians who have quit for life!

Interested in participating? Contact Morgan Bray at 256-7704 or m.bray@rhrc.org.





The RCMS Unite Club was recently honored with their 9th Region 4 Middle School Unite Club of the Year Award. Accepting the award from Region 4 Coalition Coordinator Carl Varney were Unite Club sponsors Kim Hunter and Lesha Cromer, Unite Club officers Kylie Martin, Destiny Adams, Haley Thacker, Unite Club sponsor Angie Payne and RCMS Principal Marcus Reppert.



Tammy Sowder photographed these three snow geese hanging out at Sowder Farm in Rockcastle County this past Christmas Eve.



Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps

Naturalistic Landscaping

Take any natural setting with native plants, unbothered by mankind, and there will be a great canopy layer of big trees. Under these are small trees. Then shrubs. Also there will be perennial flowering plants and annuals, plus maybe some grasses if enough light shines through for them.

Lastly, there's the carpet layer. Maybe covered with leaves or mulch, quite likely groundcover plants, things that spread or crawl along the ground. Similar to that is the created naturalistic landscaping of a growing number of homeowners.

This idea we are exploring is really about looking in nature for design ideas and attempting to duplicate that "forest edge" look. The concept is also referred to as "layering".

One or several large or very large trees create the skyline. These frame the house, perhaps. Or are a backdrop to everything. The concept could work for a section of a front yard, too. Better if you have some existing trees to begin with, but if you don't, choose and plant some native trees you know will grow well in your area and with your conditions. Carefully selected exotic or non-native trees can also be planted,

singly or in a grouping.

Plants such as dogwood trees, laurel, rhododendrons, hemlock, spicebush, pawpaws, Carolina silverbell, American holly, serviceberry, vine maple, snakebark maple, and buckthorn work as understory trees and shrubs. Some are ok with deep shade, but most like a dappled shade.

Perennial plants for a natural setting might include ferns, wild ginger, blood root, coral bells, columbine, hellebores, lupines, bergemot, hosta, plus some shade loving grasses. (No, not the kind of grasses that have to be mowed regularly.)

The groundcover layer will complete the scene. Some of the shrubs and perennials already mentioned can be groundcovers. Others are ivy, pachysandra, vinca, ajuga, mosses, liriopoe, Japanese forest grass, wintercreeper, plumbago, and surely a few daffodils can be worked in here and there. Though daffodils and such need sun, they often get enough to do their thing before most forest trees leaf out and completely shade them later in the spring. Carefully putting them under the trees that are late to bud out in the spring can help with overcoming this issue.

Leaf mulch, pine bark,

pine needles, ground hardwood mulch, or simply chipped wood can provide the final carpet layer to your project.

Apply these ideas to a small patch or corner of your yard. Or go all out, if you're sure you're ready for the full naturalistic look. Make yours into a natural looking paradise of a yard.

The only way to get more natural would be to build a custom home in the woods and remove only what simply has to go to make space for the footprint of your new house. I've had the pleasure to create stoneworks and water features for a couple of these homes in the woods, and I can tell you they are special. The only downside I could see to it would be possibly a forest fire. There are so many benefits to living with nature, among the trees and bees and birds and butterflies. We'll cover the health benefits some other time. Let your creative imagination run a bit wild and see what ideas come to mind for your place. Finally, seek help from trusted friends or professionals if creating beauty in the outdoors isn't your forte.

The author is a landscaper. To call (606) 416-3911. Website: rockcastles.net

"T.J.'s"

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You know, it's not a popular topic but it is one that is surely coming, the end of the age or the end of time as some call it. Even if one is a mere babe in arms, from here on out our days are numbered. Most all of biblical prophecy has or is being fulfilled and the end of this age as we know it is almost here. Evil has and is coming to the full. I've noted recently that those of all beliefs are commenting on the brevity of our time remaining. I really don't mean to preach and I really didn't intend to go in this direction when I began to write, but there it is...time is short.

The year 2018 is getting closer by the second and is already the new year in

"Points East"

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Add nuts and fruit and blend until consistent.

Bake in bundt pan, filled to about 3/4 inch from top in pre-heated oven at 350 for 60 to 65 minutes. You will also have enough batter to fill a regular cake pan in addition to the bundt. Let it bake for about 40 minutes alongside the bundt.

Test with standard tooth pick insert method. Tastes best after it has been refrigerated in a covered cake dish for about a week. May also be garnished/glazed with your favorite confectioner's sugar glaze recipe and several maraschino cherries.

about half the world. Stanley and I plan to go out to a nice dinner about 6-ish and get home early. We have our own routine. About 11-ish we will get out our hors d'oeuvres, etc., and then wait

for the ball to drop. It is my wish for all in the coming year that you will be blessed with the desires of your heart, be in good health, and proper all your days.

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Bookmobile Schedule
Monday, January 8th: Child Development, Seek 'n Learn, Tic Toc Preschool, Lisa's Little People. Tuesday, January 9th: Calloway, Red Hill, Livingston, Lamero, Pine Hill. Wednesday, January 10th: Maple Grove, Orlando and Climax.

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

KRP Meeting January 9th
The Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees (KPR) will meet Tuesday, January 9th at David's Steak House, 125 W. Cumberland Gap Parkway, Corbin. Mealtime will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow. Any retiree (and spouse) receiving retirement benefits from KERS, CERS or SPRS is welcome to attend. Membership information will be available at the meeting or on the website (kentuckypublicretirees.org). For more information, call 606-260-0490.

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

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

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

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

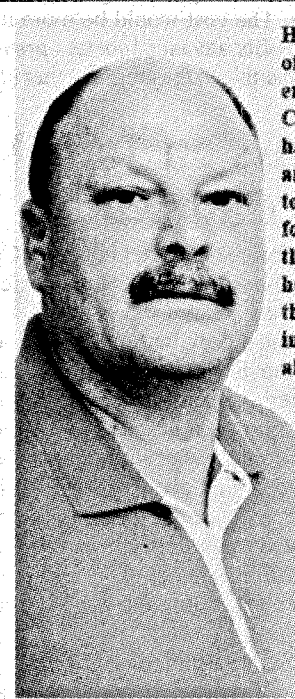
Brodhead Lodge Meeting
The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #566 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.

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

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

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

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



Hi, My name is Rick Brumett, I'm running for the office of Jailer for Rockcastle County. I have been in law enforcement since 1993. I have worked at the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department for over 13 years. Drug abuse has torn families apart. Having an addiction and being arrested and incarcerated, then waiting to get into rehab, only to leave it in a couple of days is not working. I've been saying for years that we need a substance abuse work program at the jail. Getting counseling and doing a little hard work never hurt anyone. There are many more options to cut down on the expense of incarceration. One way would be having home incarceration done by the jail. We need to look at the alternatives that are available.

I'm asking for your vote in the May primary. I will try to talk to as many people as I can, but if I don't get the chance to talk to you and if you have a concern, feel free to call me at 606-386-9515.

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Obituaries

Ona Elizabeth Whitaker

Ona Elizabeth Whitaker, 89, of Mt. Vernon, died December 20, 2017 at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond surrounded by family. She was born June 25, 1928 to the late Chester and Eliza Ellen (Chasteen) Hysinger in Mt. Vernon. On November 17, 1946 she was united in holy matrimony to Sam Whitaker and from that union came Judy, Phyllis, Marsha and Jeffrey. They enjoyed 31 years together before his passing in 1977. She loved being around people, hunting, fishing, gardening and animals.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her children, Judy Whitaker, Marsha (Glen) VanWinkle and Jeffrey Whitaker, all of Mt. Vernon; her grandchild, Jeremy Smith; great grandchildren, Caden and Connor Smith; as well as many friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a child, Phyllis Arlene Whitaker and her brother, Wayne Dean Hysinger.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 22, 2017 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals. Burial followed in the Rose Hill Cemetery.

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



Clyde D. Long

Clyde D. Long, 97, of Brodhead, died December 31, 2017 at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond, surrounded by family. He was born July 9, 1920, to the late Earl and Anna (Layton) Long in Lancaster. On February 27, 1940 he was united in holy matrimony to Iona (Locker) Long and from that union came Judith. In December of 1943, Clyde joined the United States Army as a Private First Class where he proudly served his country. He had worked for the Bluegrass Army Depot for 20 years in Richmond. He was a member of the Stanford Church of Christ and took great joy in fishing, farming and attending the local flea market.

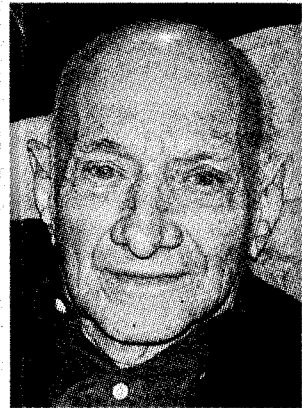
Those left to celebrate his life are: his daughter, Judith (Charles) Sherrow of Brodhead; grandsons, Matthew (Gina) and Nichloas (Shevonda) Sherrow; great grandchildren, Reese, Riley, Alia and Kaiulani Sherrow; sister, Margaret Ray of Stanford; caregivers, Laverene Riddle, Barbara Brock and Ruby Brock; as well as many friends and neighbors.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Louie Hammons officiating. Burial followed in the Lancaster Cemetery.

Casketbearers were his grandsons and his great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond, KY at 350 Isaacs LN., Richmond, KY 40475.

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Edward M. Baker

Edward M. Baker, 90, of Mt. Vernon, husband of Christine, died Monday, January 1, 2018 at his home surrounded by family. He was born September 30, 1927 to the late George Washington and Hazel (Miller) Baker in Brush Creek. He had proudly served his country in the United States Army and had worked for Interlake Steel in Newport for 30 years. On August 30, 2001 he was united in holy matrimony to Christine Shepherd and they had enjoyed 16 years together prior to his passing. He was a member of the Brush Creek Holiness Church and he enjoyed fishing, antiques and was an avid UK Basketball fan.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife, Christine Baker of Mt. Vernon; children, Kimberly (Greg) Poynter of Orlando, Beverly Jo (Johnny) Hoskins of Berry, Gary Lynn (Lorraine) Baker of Columbia, TN and Dennis Wayne (Brenda) Baker of California, KY; grandchildren, Erica (Bill) Becker, Kristina (Kelly) Robinson, Patric Lowery, Brittany Hoskins, Greg Baker, Jimmy Dan (Elissa) Baker, Tracie (Jared) White and Sonja (Bobby) Morgan; 11 great grandchildren; brothers, Frank (Jerry) Baker and Jack (Juanita) Baker, both of Dayton, OH; sister, Beatrice Hensley (George) Robinson of Fairfield, OH; as well as many friends and neighbors.

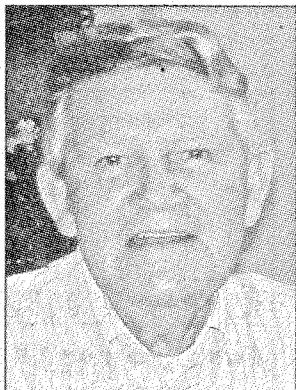
Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife of 53 years, Ursula Evelyn (McNew) Baker and his brothers, Jude, Floyd, Robert, Lee Duncan & Shannon Duncan Baker.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. (today) Thursday, January 4, 2018 at the Brush Creek Holiness Church with Bro. Lonnie McGuire officiating. Burial will follow in the Briarfield Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the church Thursday from 11 a.m. until the funeral hour.

Casketbearers will be Chris, Eric and Jeff McGuire, Patric Lowery and Greg and Jimmy Dan Baker.

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Darrell Eugene Bell

Darrell Eugene Bell, 55, of Louisville, died Sunday, December 24, 2017 at Audubon Hospital. He was born in Berea on September 3, 1962, the son of Hubert and Jalette Price Bell. He had been a driver for UPS for the past 33 years and was a member of the Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ. He was a graduate of Rockcastle County High School and was an avid UK fan.

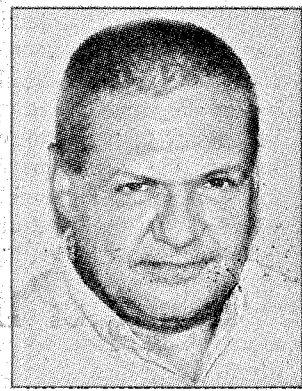
He is survived by: three brothers, Floyd Bell, Larry (Phyllis) Bell and Bobby (Sherrie) Bell, all of Mt. Vernon; three sisters, Patricia (Bobby) Davidson of Sand Gap, and Joyce Houk and Norene Bell, both of Mt. Vernon; nieces and nephews, Kim and Troy Hancock, Rhonda and Jeff McClure, Anita and Freddie Moore, Tabatha and Mark Mize, Lindsay and Thomas Coffey, Curtis and Krystal Gatliff, Brian Bell, and Chelsea Bell; and great nieces and nephews, Carly Mason, McKenzie Barron, Avery Gatliff, Austin Kirby, Tyler Kirby, Josh Hancock, J.C. McClure, Caimen McClure, Hudson Gatliff, Easton Coffey, and Ryan and Cora Moore. He is also survived by his very special friend, Leslie Rigby. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his friend, his dog, "Bear".

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 30, 2017 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Ova Baker and Dale McNew. Burial was in Lovell Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Brian Bell, Curt Gatliff, Josh Hancock, Caimen McClure, J.C. McClure, and Ryan Moore.

Honorary pallbearers were: Austin Kirby and Tyler Kirby.

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



Terry Mullins

Terry Mullins, 78, husband of Louise of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at the Rockcastle Hospital.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, January 5, 2018 at 2 p.m. at the Chestnut Ridge Church of God in Jesus Name with Bro. James Carpener officiating. Family will receive friends at the church on Friday from 12 noon until the funeral hour. Burial will follow in Johnetta Cemetery.

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

LG&E and KU request approval to expand benefits of advanced meters to all customers

Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company recently announced that, after months of meetings with representatives of customer groups, they plan to ask the Kentucky Public Service Commission for approval of a "Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity" to install 1.3 million advanced meters across the utilities' service territories.

Advanced meters offer customers near-real-time energy-use information through a user-friendly online dashboard that provides insights into their energy consumption. The additional information gives customers the data to make decisions which can save them money. Advanced meters also allow utilities to better determine where outages are occurring, quickly diagnose the cause of the outage and, at times, respond more efficiently. In fact, power can sometimes be restored even before a customer reports an outage. The meters also provide streamlined meter-related processes and establish a foundation for a stronger energy grid, especially when combined with other automated technology.

"These meters offer our customers a host of benefits, including more detailed usage information to help them better manage their energy consumption, and faster restoration times," said David Huff, director, Energy Efficiency and Emerging Technologies. "We've learned a great deal about advanced meters through the pilot programs we've offered over the years. Today's advanced meters are much more sophisticated than those ten years ago, and we are receiving positive feedback from customers who participate in our current early adopter program."

The utilities currently offer an Advanced Meter Early Adoption program available to interested customers and have studied advanced meters for nearly 20 years, gaining experience on the equipment's capabilities. With a foundational understanding of the costs and benefits, the utilities requested full deployment of advanced meters in late 2016, but later withdrew their request and agreed to form a collaborative group of representative customers, to better understand their needs.

The collaborative, which included representatives from low-income groups, the Kentucky Attorney General's office, Kentucky Industrial Utility Customers, the Kentucky School Board, Louisville Metro Government, Lexington-Fayette County Government and the Sierra Club, met monthly from July through November and developed a plan to help address questions and concerns from the various groups.

"Over the course of the meetings, we gained a better understanding of each other's needs and were able to address the various questions from the members of the group," Huff said.

Much of the discussions surrounded costs, the importance of data privacy and data empowerment, opt-out options and remote service switch operations associated with the meters.

One change since the original filing is that the utilities plan to offer an opt-out for customers who do not want advanced meters. Customers who choose to opt-out would be charged a set-up fee and an ongoing monthly charge to offset the costs associated with continuing manual meter reading processes under the utilities' proposed cost-based opt-out charge structure.

Nationally, advanced meters are becoming the dominant metering technology with almost 50 percent of all meters already installed being advanced meters. In Kentucky, about 35 percent of all meters are already advanced meters and with the utilities' proposal this would grow to about 95 percent of Kentucky's 2.2 million meters. The utilities are proposing to invest about \$350 million in this three-year project to provide customers with better energy management information and improve service. The cost would be more than offset by the savings and benefits advanced meters provide over their lifetime and is comparable to the amount other utilities have invested.

Cooking class on Jan. 9 highlights dumplings

In the next cooking class, Petite Chinese Treasures, Chef Mete Sergin will teach you how to prepare the "perfect" dumplings for the Chinese New Year.

Pot stickers—one of the most popular types of Chinese dumplings—date back to the Song Dynasty (960-1280 A.D.). They were initially regular Shui Jiao boiled dumplings prepared in a wok (or guo), a multipurpose Chinese cooking pot. A chef who was boiling dumplings forgot about them and after the water had boiled away, the dumplings stuck. He didn't know what to do, so he pried the dumplings from the wok and served them. His guests loved the contrasts between the rich filling, tender skin, and crusty bottom. Thus, the pot sticker was born, and the Mandarin name for pot sticker (guotie), stuck.

Sergin will be preparing Shiitake and roasted veggie pot stickers and another Chinese favorite, steamed pork and shrimp dumplings (Siu Mai dumplings), at Petite Chinese Treasures on Tuesday, Jan. 9, from 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. at The Center for Rural Development.

"In this hands-on cooking class, I will show you how to prepare pot stickers in three different ways: steamed, boiled, and fried," Sergin said. "We will practice forming and rolling our dough and shaping and cooking with the premade wrappers."

Pot stickers are made using the "fry-steam-fry" method. First, fry and lightly brown the dumplings in oil, then add water to the pan and cover them to steam through, then fry the dumplings again once the water evaporates.

"I will teach you the critical techniques that are used to make both the great fillings, meat and vegetarian," Sergin said. "Whether you choose to make a traditional pork dumpling or experiment with vegetables and seasonings, all materials will be provided."

The Petite Chinese Treasures cooking class is part of the 2017-2018 Everyday Favorites with a Flavorful Spin series presented by The Center and Kroger Marketplace in Stonegate Center.

For more information or to register for cooking classes, call 606-677-6000 or register online at www.centertech.com. The cost is \$25 for adults; \$15 for students and children (5-10 years old). You may also register and pay at the door.

Other scheduled classes in the series include "For the Love of Chocolate," Feb. 13; "Celebrating German Cuisine," March 20; and "A Taste of Italy," April 10.

The Center is located at 2292 South U.S. 27 (at Traffic Light 15) in Somerset.

Donald Lee Blanton

Donald Lee Blanton, 67, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, December 26, 2017 at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. He entered this life on November 20, 1950 in Berea, a son of the late Carter and Sally Hensley Blanton. He was of the Pentecostal faith and found great joy in walking, watching TV and working puzzles. He was a member of the Rockcastle Comp. Care.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his sister, Mildred Baldwin of Crab Orchard; nieces, Jennifer Brock, Susie McGuffy and JoAnn Rouse; nephews, Johnny Baldwin, Joe Baldwin and Bennie, Bruce, David and Barry Blanton; and a host of friends and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Dale and Jackie Blanton.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, December 28, 2017 at Marvin E. Owens Funeral Home with Bro. Steve Vanhook officiating.

Burial followed in Freedom Cemetery.

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Check presented for backpack program



Retired Teachers of Rockcastle County held their monthly meeting last week to discuss many issues. Among them was a check from the state association in support of the local backpack program, which has helped countless children in the county, under the coordination of member Regina Burton. Shown receiving the check are Janie Harper, Glen Vanwinkle, Virginia Darst, Carol Pybas and Sue Hamm.

Year

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fires kept local firefighters busy for most of the month.

Also in February the RCMS Academic Team won a Regional Championship.

It was in February that Kimberly Slusher and Tabitha Howard pled guilty to the 2015 murder of 86 year-old Mary Hinton.

The Brodhead City Council installed two new local taxes on Brodhead residents and on those who perform work within the city limits. The funds from the taxes were slated to help pay the salary and expenses of the new police officer and other town improvements.

Also in February, the fiscal court renewed the Rocket Docket program and flu cases were reported on the rise in the county.

Temperatures were near record highs in February and the MVES Academic Team won the Governor's Cup District 96.

March, 2017

In March, officials held local discussion concerning the upcoming I-75 construction and made plans to help keep traffic congestion to a minimum. Officials at the Kentucky Transportation Department announced that they intended to keep two lanes of traffic open at all times during the construction.

It was in March that RCHS and RCMS girls' track teams won indoor state titles.

The annual Farmers'-Businessmen's Banquet was held in Rockcastle County in March along with the Kiwanis Radio Auction which raised over \$5,000 for the civic organization's projects.

In March, the meth arrests kept coming and local officials continued locating the drug in the county.

The South Central Kentucky Whitetail Chapter banquet was held at RCMS in March and a huge crowd of supporters filled the gymnasium to see the many displays.

In March, Kimberly Slusher received 50 years in prison for the murder of Mary Hinton. Tabitha Howard had already received 24 years for her part in the same murder.

In March, the fiscal

court discussed the planned Veteran's Park with the Tourist Commission and two doctor's opened office in the county, one in Livingston and one in Brodhead.

April, 2017

In April, a huge turnout showed up at the Rockcastle UNITE Coalition Leadership Rally held at RCMS.

Police also reported an increase in stolen vehicles in the county in April and gave tips to local residents to avoid having their vehicle stolen.

Also during the month, the fiscal court decided to help the Sheriff's Department purchase three new vehicles and the RCIDA Board took on two new members with Roland Mullins and Dr. George W. Griffith signing on.

It was also in April that the Rockcastle DAR was honored at a State Conference and received several awards and recognitions.

Mount Vernon City Councilman Wayne Bullock was awarded the "Outstanding Citizen of the Commonwealth" award by Kentucky State Senator Jared Carpenter.

All local law enforcement agencies gathered to serve over 300 warrants in Rockcastle County for delinquent child support payments in one of the state's largest child support roundups.

Jonathan Taylor, Kayla Pitman, Taylor Bustle and Levi Bradley were all arrested in April in connection with the January murder of 71 year-old Bennie Sanders.

May, 2017

In May, Renfro Valley Entertainment Center announced a restructuring plan and replaced several entertainers and employees.

Police continued to make methamphetamine arrests in May, just as in every month of 2017, and one of those busts in May resulted in gunfire and the arrest of Paul Kidd of Mount Vernon.

Officials in Brodhead continued their plans to upgrade and improve the water and sewer system.

In May, officials announced a large upgrade in the security system at the Rockcastle County Judicial Annex.

I-75 was closed for several hours on two nights in May while the bridge on Hurricane School Road was demol-

ished. Lanes reopened during the construction of the new bridge.

The Mount Vernon City budget showed a 5% surplus and officials said the town is continuing to grow.

June, 2017

In June, Attorney Jeremy Rowe took the reins as the new Rockcastle County Attorney, following the resignation of Billy Reynolds from that office because of health reasons.

Crews began cleanup work after downburst winds hit the Brodhead area and caused damage to several homes and businesses.

A Memorial Day ceremony was held at the Rockcastle County Courthouse with many local residents turning out to show appreciation.

In June, the county was visited by guests from throughout the state for the annual US 25 Yard Sale.

In June, William H. Bryant, 36, and his wife, Chara, 35, were found shot to death in their home on North Wilderness Road.

Police also discovered the decomposed body of Billy Hayes, 31, of Mount Vernon who had been missing for several weeks.

Rockcastle Regional Hospital won the coveted Studer Group Excellence in Patient Care award in June gaining more national attention.

The Relay for Life organization raised over \$34,000 in June during an event at RCMS.

Clerks

(Continued from front) tempted to install the new system, every state computer in Kentucky crashed."

Several customers did walk away from the office happy and the workers were able to stay at work in the courthouse.

The computers are expected to be up and running again by the time this *Mount Vernon Signal* is printed.

"We are here to serve the people of Rockcastle County and we are doing everything we can with pen and paper until the state fixes the glitch," said Allen.

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Fire

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become ashes.

Carley Childress, the daughter of Brian and Crystal, is now Carley Harned because, even as embers were still warm, from the fire that destroyed their home, the wedding went on. For those few moments during the wedding, everyone got their minds off the fire, according to Brian. "The wedding helped us get our minds off losing everything. It was all about Carley and Eli standing in front of us all," he said.

The wedding went without a hitch and the happy couple went to Boone Tavern in Berea for their honeymoon and for a while, the fire was off their minds.

According to officials at the Mount Vernon Fire

Department, the structure was heavily involved when they arrived on the scene. Firefighters attacked until the flame grew even bigger and they realized they were not going to save the home.

However, the next day, the tears of sadness turned to tears of joy as the family watched the wedding and Carley was wearing the only thing saved from their house.

Citizens Bank heard of the ordeal and opened two accounts in the name of Brian Childress and the other in the name of Carley Harned so that anyone who wishes to help the family may make a deposit in either or both accounts.

"It is unbelievable how this community has

come to our aid," said Brian. "The support and help they have given us is overwhelming."

Brian said he wishes to thank the firefighters, friends, family, and the community who have gathered in support of a local family who lost so much.

The Mount Vernon Fire Department social media page asks the community to continue to help the family and pray for them all.

"So many have given us things we really need. We are thankful to everyone who has helped us so much," said Brian.

Though the family lost so much during the last hours of 2017, they all gained new loved ones and family members in the first hours of 2018.

Leaks

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leak directly under Main Street.

"We have no choice but to stay here until it is fixed," said Water De-

partment Supervisor Frank Baker. "We won't leave a water leak like this until it is repaired."

A boil water advisory has been issued for all customers on Main Street

and water should boil for two minutes. Officials suggest everyone look at the City of Mount Vernon's Facebook page to see when the advisory is lifted.

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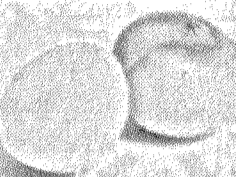
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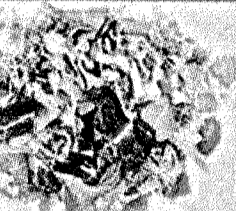
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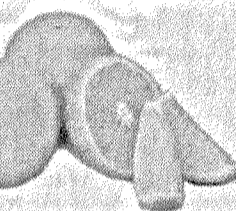
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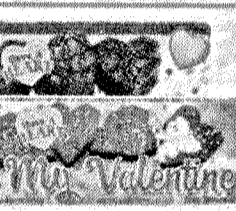
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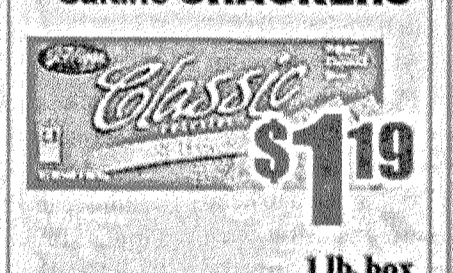
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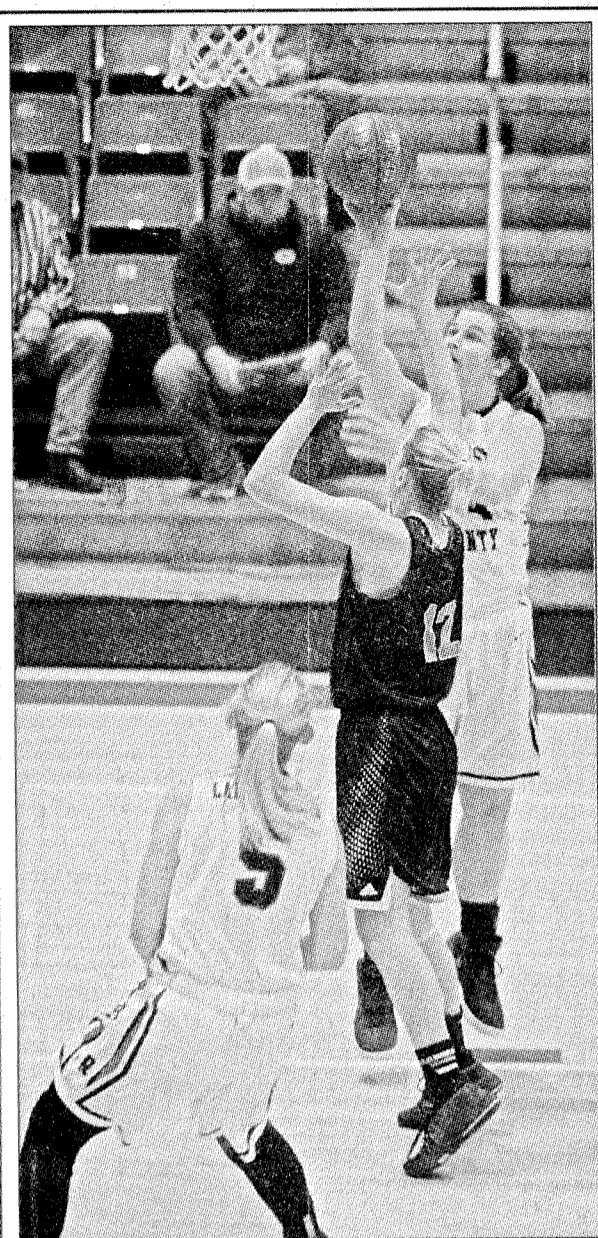
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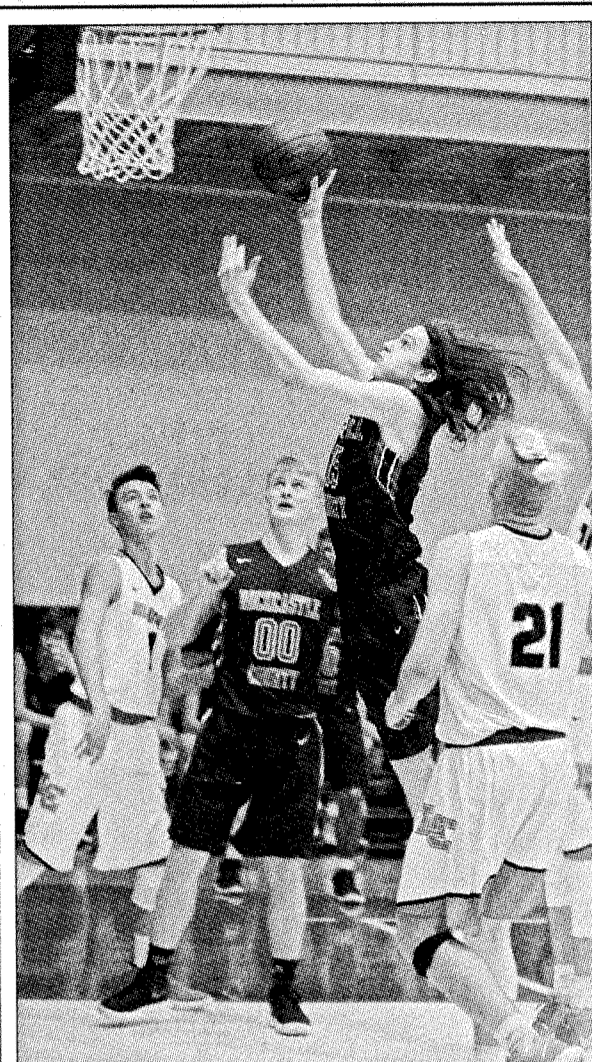


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Sophomore Kenzi Himes goes for two of her 16 points in the Lady Rockets' 48-44 loss to Green County last Friday night.



Isaac Stratton puts up a jump shot in the Rockets' loss to Lynn Camp last Friday night. Stratton scored 13 points on the night, pulled down four rebounds and had three assists.

Rockets go 2 for 5 in tourney action; lose to Somerset

The Rockets participated in two tournaments over the holidays, the Ky. Bank Challenge in Rowan County and the Forcht Bank Lynn Camp Classic and went two for five, beating Augusta 70-56 and Owen Co. 70-39.

In the opening game of the Ky. Bank Challenge, the Rockets were down to Augusta at the first quarter stop 12-8, ahead at the half 30-26 and up 52-33 at the third quarter stop.

Sophomore Trevor Todd led his team in scoring with 17 points and hauled in six rebounds, four defensive and two offensive. Sophomore Logan Noel and junior Cade Burdette each scored 15 points; junior Isaac Stratton got 12 points, along with four assists and four steals; sophomore Josh Thacker got six points and had four assists and sophomore Josiah West scored five points and was credited with three steals.

In the second game of that tourney, the Rockets lost to Rowan County 64-60. The loss, in large part, came at the free throw line where the Rockets were called for 12 fouls in the second half to Rowan County's three giving Rowan a 13-2 scoring edge from the charity stripe. The Rock also was without starter Devin Mullins who was out for the second straight game with a badly sprained ankle.

It was a tight game all the way with the score tied at the first quarter stop at 11 all. Rowan came back in the second quarter to take a 31 to 23 half time lead but the Rockets had tied things up at the end of the third quarter 43 all but lost the final quarter 21-17 for the 64-60 final.

Even so, the Rocket defense acquitted themselves well, netting six steals and forcing 15 turnovers.

Stratton and Thacker tied for scoring honors for their team with 11 points each and Thacker accounted for a high of five rebounds for his team, all defensive and also got five assists. Noel got 10 points; Todd, eight; West, seven; Nick Dillingham scored six; Burdette got five and sophomore Jacob Loudermilk, two.

In the Bowman Classic at Lynn Camp, the Rockets fell in their first game to the Barbourville Tigers 73-60.

Even though they lost all four quarters, 11-9, 16-12, 16-14 and 30-25, the Rocket defense netted 12 steals but allowed the Tigers 17 offensive rebounds. For the third game in a row, Mullins, who went through pre-game warmups, did not play in the game.

Thacker had high game honors for his team with 21

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Lady Rockets go 3 and 3 in holiday play; beat Somerset

The Rockcastle Lady Rockets were busy over their Christmas break, playing in two different tournaments and going three for three.

At Marshall County, the Rockets met Livingston Central in the first game and defeated them in a nail-biter 54-52. They then lost to Marshall County 45-34 and to Graves County 74-47.

Against Livingston Central, the Lady Rockets were down 11 to 8 but came back to take the halftime lead 26-22 and hold on through the second half for the two point win.

Junior Emma Bullens led the scoring for her team with 14 points; junior Kassie Lay and seventh grader Hallie Brown each scored eight points; senior Mackenzie Payne got six; sophomores Shelby Newland and Kenzi Himes scored five each; freshman Lindsey Jones got four and senior Jordyn Powell and freshman Raegan Chasteen each scored two points.

Against Marshall County, the Lady Rockets had a hard time getting their offense going in the first half, scoring only five points to Marshall's 21. However, the Lady Rockets came back in the second half to tighten things up a little, outscoring Marshall 29 to 24 for the final 45-34.

In this game, Newland led the scoring with ten points; Payne got 6; Himes and Brown four each; Jones and Chasteen three each; senior Emily Adams got two and Bullens, one.

In the final game of that tournament, the Lady Rockets were just no match for

Graves County, losing every quarter for the final 71-47.

Himes led her team in scoring with 21; Newland got eight; Bullens seven; Brown, four; Jones, three and Chasteen and Adams two each.

The Lady Rockets fared better in their next tournament at Russell County, taking two of the three games they played and third place honors for the tourney.

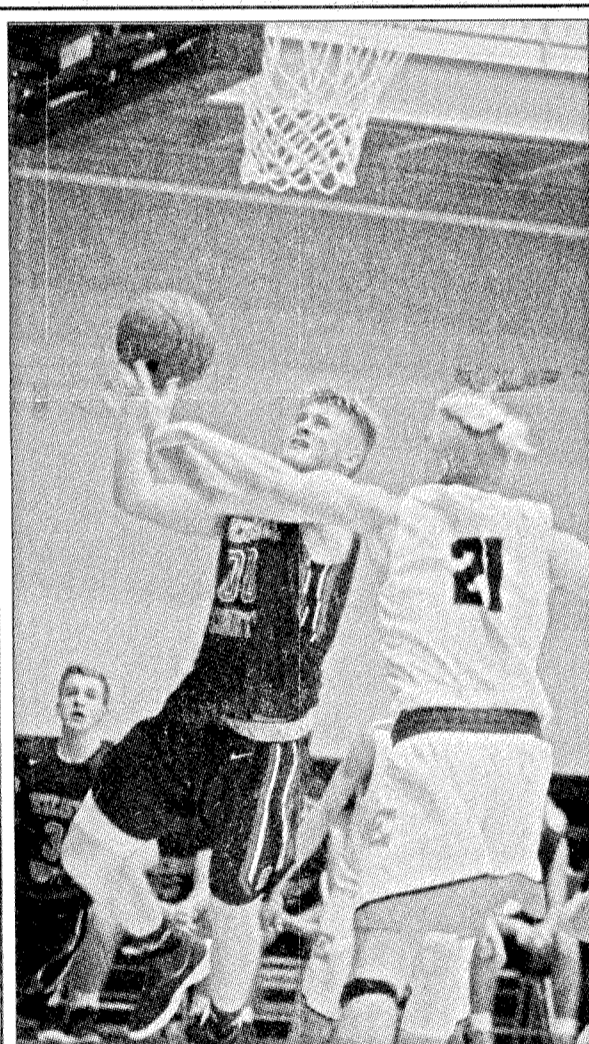
In their first game, the Lady Rockets defeated Marion County 61-52 behind a team high 24 points for Himes who was named Player of the Game.

Freshman Casey Coleman got 11 points in the game; Lay scored nine; Bullens and Newland, eight each and Jones, one.

Against the Green Co. Lady Dragons, the Rockets had a rough start, trailing 11 to 5 at the first quarter stop and 22 to 17 at halftime. However, after being down 20-9 midway through the second quarter, the Lady Rockets went on a 13-2 run to tie the score at 22 all early in the third and take the lead at 24-22. They were ahead 32-31 at the third quarter stop and by three at 40-37 with a minute and a half remaining in the game. But, they then went cold and the Lady Dragons took the lead, 41-40, on a three point basket with 57 ticks left on the clock and then iced the game at the free throw line, going six for six for the final 48-44.

Himes again led the

(Cont. to B6)



Sophomore Trevor Todd goes in for two during the Rockets' loss to Lynn Camp Friday night.



Sophomore Shelby Newland goes in for a lay-up in the Lady Rockets' loss to Green County, Newland had 11 points on the night. The Lady Rockets play a doubleheader this Friday night as they host Pulaski County.

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Tammie has worked within the healthcare system for 31 years, and is a graduate of Frontier Nursing University's Family Nurse Practitioner program.

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



District Civil Suits

Onemain Financial of America v. Janice Vanzant (Richmond St.), \$3,669 plus claimed due.
 Capital One Bank v. Jerry D. Owens, \$1,432 plus claimed due.
 Midland Funding v. Veronica Bray, \$599 plus claimed due.
 Capital One Bank v. John S. Mercer, \$1,838 plus claimed due.
 Capital One Bank v. Diana L. Hanford, \$4,016 plus claimed due.
 Midland Funding v. Chris Sprinkles, \$708 plus claimed due.
 LVNV Funding v. Jacob Kerr, \$590 plus claimed due.
 LVNV Funding v. David Weathers, \$894 plus claimed due.
 Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance Co. v. John C. Ingram, complaint.
 Southeastern Emergency Physicians v. Christy Bartlett, \$1,698 plus claimed due.
 Cavalry SPV I v. Beverly McKnight, et al, \$1,808 plus claimed due.
 Midland Funding v. Sharon Purkey, \$1,579 plus claimed due.
 Troy Capital v. Chuck Smith, \$4,193 plus claimed due. C-00001

Circuit Civil Suits

Genna Smith v. Jessie Smith, petition for dissolution of marriage.
 Eric Joseph Elam v. Velsie-Cassandra Elam, verified petition for divorce.
 Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance Co. v. Vernon Renner, \$5,433 plus claimed due.
 Gateway Financial Solutions v. Samantha R. Wynn, et al, \$10,722 plus claimed due.
 Jennifer Bishop v. Perry Bishop, et al, petition for custody.
 Matthew Vandrie, et al v. Davonte Bailey, et al, complaint.
 Stacy Ladonna Little v. Josh Little, petition for dissolution of marriage.
 Betty Bowling Holt v. Kenneth Adam Holt, petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00289

Marriage Licenses

Alice Lucille Wright, 34, Mt. Vernon, disabled and Johnathan Ray Robinson, 34, Mt. Vernon, disabled. 12/22/17

Bekka Daniella Kaytlyn Davidson, 20, Mt. Vernon, unemployed and Dillion Christopher Doan, 21, Berea, US Army. 12/27/17
 Victoria Ann Boggs, 18, Richmond, unemployed and Andrew Duane Barrett, 18, Mt. Vernon, USAF. 12/28/17

Deeds Recorded

Hurchel Reeseaman, Della Wilmott Estate, to Larry and Debbie Sue Napier. Tax \$10
 Mary Ethel Smith and Roy Lee McCollum, co-executors, Mildred McCollum Estate, to RJ Lake Enterprises LLC. Tax \$91.50
 Virginia Cornett, property in Rockcastle Co. to Harrison Scott Cornett and Chad Everett Cornett. No tax
 Virginia Cornett, property on KY 1912, to Harrison Scott Cornett and Chad Everett Cornett. No tax
 Virginia Cornett, property on waters of Clear Creek, to Harrison Scott Cornett and Chad Everett Cornett. No tax
 Virginia Cornett, property in Rockcastle County, to Harrison Scott Cornett and Chad Everett Cornett. No tax
 Michael Bounds, property in Rockcastle County, to Patti Bachman. Tax \$14.50
 Derek and Amanda Bradley, property in Holbrook Estates Subdv., to William Daniel and Kayla Brooke Dobbs. Tax \$195
 Corey C. and Emily Craig, property on Carl Brown Road, to Stacy Craig. Tax \$110.
 Rick and Carol Liming, property on Rose Hill Road, to Sarah Jones. Tax \$125
 Carter Family Trust, property in Rainbow Ridge Subdv., to Earl and Judy Phillips. Tax \$21
 Jenny Myra Hendricks and Rosalene and James Beebe, property in Rockcastle County, to Mark Anthony Cummins. Tax \$35
 Barry and Kimberly Edwards, property in Rockcastle County, to Barbaara Swinney. Tax \$153
 Thomas and Verna Cromer, property on KY 461, to Ralph and Renee Cromer. No tax
 Mildred Himes and Ken and Carolyn L. Holt, property in Rockcastle County, to Carolyn L. Holt. Tax \$20
 Mildred Himes, property on KY 1004, to Carolyn L. Holt and Sandra Bray. No tax
 Mildred Himes, property on St. Rd. 1912, to Carolyn L. Holt. No tax
 Mildred Himes, property on State Rd. 1912, to Carolyn L. Holt. No tax

Mildred Himes, property in Rockcastle County, to Sandra Bray. No tax
 Janet Irene and Michael James Palmer, property on US 25, to Adam Jacob Reed. No tax
 Thomas and Candace Good, property on Rash Branch of Rockcastle River, to James O. Kirby. Tax \$4.50
 Jason R. and Heather Ruth Carl and Tonya R. Carl, property on Freedom School Road, to Dennis M. and Deborah H. Saulpaugh. Tax \$229.50
 Roland and Linda Tankersley, property in Rockcastle County, to Debra L. and Roger W. Fox. Tax \$70
 Roger and Rebecca Isaacs, property in Rockcastle County, to Ricky L. and Celena L. Bullock. Tax \$16
 Glendon and Erica Broyles Anglin, property in Scaffold Cane Area, to Glendon Anglin. No tax

District Court

Dec. 18-20, 2018
Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless
 Lisa L. Bishop: public intoxication and disorderly conduct, \$100 fine each charge.
 Kendall R. Browning: failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, no/expired registration plates/receipt, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to notify address change to dept. of transp., giving officer false name or address, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).
 Derek Bullock: failure to dim headlights, \$25 fine plus costs.
 Cleston McKinley Collins: fines/fees due (\$225), bw issued for fta.
 Nicole Cromer: hindering prosecution or apprehension, resisting arrest, menacing, obstructing governmental operations, possession controlled substance, promoting contraband, operating vehicle w/ expired operators license, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, public intoxication, bw issued for fta.
 Robert L. Denney: reckless driving, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing orders entered.
 Freddie D. Denny: drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, sentencing order entered.
 Jesse Foley: flagrant non-support, bw issued for fta.

Nathan Gadd: attempting to escape from penitentiary, criminal mischief, attempt escape, criminal mischief, bw issued for fta.
 Steven T. Haling: possession of synthetic drugs, bw issued for fta.
 Kyle J. Harrington: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta.
 Bobby D. Land: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt/plates, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, failure to produce insurance card, license to be in possession, bw issued for fta.
 Jarrod R. New: fines/fees due (\$268), bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or payment in full.
 Clinton Blake Rader: unauthorized use of motor vehicle, cultivate in marijuana, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, bw issued for fta.
 Tina D. Sowder: public intoxication controlled substance and possession of marijuana, sentencing orders entered.
 Edna Sparks: flagrant non-support, bw issued for fta.
 Jeremy Wagers: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to or improper signal, bw issued for fta.
 Terry K. Watson: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, bw issued for fta.
 Chad E. Whittamore: operating on suspended/revoked operators license and failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta.
 Tommy L. Ashley: obstructed vision and/or windshield, license suspended for fta.
 Speeding: Justin

Cameron, Ariane Lucia Zipay, John Joseph Jameson III, license suspended for fta; Brandon Sean Jones, paid;
 Michael David Henderson: failure to wear seat belts, paid.
 Joshua D. Gilmore: failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta.
 Jessica Day: theft by unlawful taking, sentencing order entered.
 Elmer D. Barnett: failure to wear seat belts, public intoxication controlled substance, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, failure to notify address change to dept. of transp., bw issued for fta.
 Margie C. Harrison: flagrant non-support, bw issued for fta.
 Elijah Jeremiah Jones: possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, sentencing orders entered.
 Kathryn Jo-Diamond Mackey: possession of marijuana, disregarding stop sign, sentencing orders entered.
 Wendy E. Mink: possession of controlled substance, controlled substance prescription not in original container, drug paraphernalia -

buy/possess, bench warrant issued for fta.
 Brian Paul Wilson: unlawful transaction w/minor, bw issued for fta.
 Ricky Dale Niemeyer, Jr: failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta.
 Donald Fred Abney: failure to produce insurance card, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to wear seat belts, improper equipment, one headlight, rear license not illuminated, possession of controlled substance, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, bw issued for fta.
 Kayla L. Knuckles: fleeing or evading police, 90 days in jail/to serve concurrent w/state sentence/costs waived.
 Amanda Lee McCormick: drug paraphernalia -buy/possess, sentencing order entered.
 Jason Smith: fleeing or evading police, 90 days to serve concurrent/costs and fees waived.
 Robert L. Vanhoose: fleeing or evading police, 90 days to serve concurrent w/ state time/costs waived.

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KU will propose a cost-based opt-out charge structure for customers who desire to opt out of AMS. The proposed charges will be new and optional; customers who do not desire to opt out of AMS will not have to pay the charges. The proposed opt-out charge structure will consist of a \$72.71 opt-out set-up fee and a \$32.45 recurring monthly fee.

Complete copies of the proposed tariffs containing text changes and proposed rates may be obtained by contacting Kentucky Utilities Company at 220 West Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky, 1-800-981-0800, or visiting Kentucky Utilities Company's website at www.lge-ku.com.

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

Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission, by mail to Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, or by sending an email to the Commission's Public Information Officer at psc.info@ky.gov.

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

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 Louisville, Kentucky 40232
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Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings

***Celebrate Recovery-Broadhead:** Located in the Community Outreach Center (next to Fairgrounds), every Monday, 6 to 8 p.m. 606-308-3368 or 606-308-3099.

***Celebrate Recovery-Northside Baptist** every

Tuesday, 6 to 8 p.m. 606-256-5577.

***Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies.** Northside Baptist, Wednesday at 7 p.m. 606-256-5577.

***Broken Chains Bible Study** at Cruisers Motorcycle Sales on Hwy. 25 North, 4 miles north of Mt. Vernon every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. 859-302-2431.

***Celebrate Recovery-Livingston** at Livingston School cafeteria. Friday, 6 to 8 p.m. 859-314-7828.

Special Service

Berea Gospel Tabernacle, U.S. 25, Berea, will hold a Special Service Friday, January 12th at 7 p.m. with Bro. Rick Holt speaking. Everyone welcome.

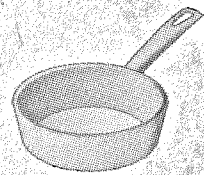


Benefit Event for the Griffins...

There will be a Benefit Event for Steve and Becky Griffin on January 13th at 6 p.m. at Rockcastle County Middle School. Becky was diagnosed with breast cancer and had a double mastectomy in November and they are in need of financial assistance. They have two daughters, Nichole and Makayla. There will be a gospel singing featuring Just Enough and Patty Halcomb, an ER nurse from Rockcastle County Hospital. There will also be an auction of donated items from our area businesses. Food will be served on a donation basis. Steve is a member of the Mt. Vernon Fire Dept. and he and Becky are both EMT's for Rockcastle Ambulance Service. No admission charge but a love offering will be received.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



BUTTERSCOTCH BROWNIES

2 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 and 1/2 teaspoon salt
1 package (12 ounce) butterscotch flavored morsels
1/2 cup. butter or margarine
2 cups firmly packed brown sugar
4 eggs

1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup chopped nuts
Preheat oven to 350°. In small bowl, combine flour, baking powder, and salt; set aside.

Melt over hot (not boiling) water, butterscotch morsels and butter or margarine; remove from heat and transfer to large bowl. Stir in brown sugar. Cool 5 minutes. Beat in eggs and vanilla extract. Blend in flour mixture. Stir in nuts. Spread evenly into greased 15 x 10 x 1 baking pan. Bake for 30 minutes. Cool; cut into 2" squares.

BUTTERSCOTCH FUDGE

1 cup chopped pecans
3 cups butterscotch chips
1 tablespoon butter
1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
Line a 9 x 9 pan with foil and spray with cooking spray.

Place butterscotch chips, butter, and sweetened condensed milk in a medium saucepan over low heat. Stir

until all three are melted together. Keep the heat on low and do not walk away! Once the butterscotch, butter, and milk are melted together, remove from heat and stir in vanilla and pecans. Pour into prepared pan. Let cool until room temperature, then refrigerate until firm.

MINI BUTTERSCOTCH PHYLLO CUPS

1/2 cup butterscotch chips
2 tablespoons milk, divided
6 ounces cream cheese, room temperature, cut into pieces

2 packages of mini phyllo cups (15 shells in each)
2/3 cup semisweet chocolate chips
pecan halves (optional)

In a heatproof bowl over simmering water, melt the butterscotch chips and 1 tablespoon of the milk. Stir until smooth. Whisk in cream cheese until smooth. Divide evenly among the phyllo cups. Refrigerate until chilled.

In another heatproof bowl over simmering water, melt chocolate with the remaining 1 tablespoon of milk. Stir until smooth. Transfer into a pastry bag with a preferred tip. Pipe the chocolate into a design, a large drop, or other decorative style, on each chilled butterscotch filled phyllo cup. Refrigerate until fairly firm. Remove from fridge 10 to 15 minutes before serving.

An encouraging word:

Some Things Depend On Us

By Howard Coop



The old calendar that hung for so long on the wall behind my desk has been thrown away, and a new one has been hung in the place it occupied. That means one thing: An old year is gone, and a new one has replaced it.

At the beginning of a new year, the question in most of our minds is: What will the new year bring? The truth is: We don't know, and we cannot know what it will bring, for the future is always unknown.

Several years ago, Doris Day sang a popular song written by Jay Livingston and Ray Evans. From 1968 until 1973, it was the theme song for her television show. That song had a memorable line:

*The future's not ours to see
Que sera, sera.
What ever will be, will be.*

While the future is unknown, we can, with Alfred, Lord Tennyson who wrote in LOCKSLEY HALL in 1835, say:

*I dipt into the future, as far
as human eye could see,*

*Saw the Vision of the world,
and all the wonders that
would be...*

That look into the future is only a vision, a dream of what might be, but dreams can, and often do, come true and visions can, and sometimes, do become reality. Most of the time when dreams come true and visions become reality, it is not by happenstance; it is because of determination and hard work. Arthur Ashe, a professional tennis player and the only Afro-American man ever to win the singles title at Wimbledon, gave us a formula for turning visions into reality. He said, "Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can."

It isn't enough to sit idly and dream about what the future holds. It is our responsibility to take those dreams and work with all of our might to make them come true. Some things depend upon us. If we want something good to happen, we have work for it.

Winter energy tips from Jackson Energy

With winter temperatures dropping into the single digits this week, staying warm is a priority. Here are some energy saving tips to help reduce your energy costs this winter:

- Set the thermostat at the lowest comfortable setting - the U.S. Department of Energy recommends 68 degrees. Every degree above 68 can add 3 to 5 percent to your heating costs. With colder temperatures outside, your heating units have to work harder to maintain the temperature within your home.
 - Don't use electric space heaters as a primary source of heat. Electric space heaters are okay for warming an area quickly for a short period of time, but are inefficient when used for long periods of time. Most electric space heaters are rated at 1500 watts. Operating a 1500-watt space heater for 12 hours a day would add about \$55 to your monthly electric bill.
 - Seal off fireplaces that are not in use. An open flue can be a major source of heat loss.
 - Open window drapes on sunny days to let the sunlight warm your house. Close them at night to hold heat in.
 - Change furnace or heat pump filters monthly so your furnace or heat pump is operating efficiently.
 - Conduct an online energy audit of your home, find out where your energy dollars are going and get recommendations on how to save energy in your home. Click on the BillingInsights link on the Jackson Energy home page, www.jacksonenergy.com.
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The Rockcastle County School District Finance Corporation, will until 11:00 A.M., E.S.T., on January 11, 2018, receive in the office of the Kentucky School Facilities Construction Commission, Suite 102, 229 W. Main Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, competitive bids for its \$6,530,000 School Building Revenue Bonds, Series of 2018, dated February 1, 2018; maturing February 1, 2019 through 2038. Specific information and required Official Bid Form available in POS at HYPERLINK "http://www.rsamuni.com" www.rsamuni.com from Ross, Sinclair & Associates, LLC. BQ



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RCHS Student Council Third Annual Glove Drive...

The Student Council challenged the students of RCHS to raise \$300 in order to buy 500 pairs of gloves for elementary school students in Rockcastle County. First period classes competed for the largest donation amount. RCHS students rocked this event raising over \$1,000 in change and cash. Ms. Amy Lewis' first period raised nearly \$200, followed closely by Mr. Coleman and Mrs. Taylor's classes. All three groups were treated by the Student Council to a Chik-Fil-A breakfast. Student Council Glove Drive chairpersons Alexa Bussell, Casey Coleman, and Kerrigan Medley traveled to each elementary school this week to present each Family Resource Center with hundreds of pairs of gloves and \$100 to be used for student needs.

It Is Better

As we start a new year, many like to make resolutions that usually they don't keep. There are things better than resolutions and that is God's word. Psa:118-8

It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man. When we put our trust in God's word, I think our life is so much better, we have fewer lows in life and much more happiness and that's truly what God wants for us anyway. Prov: 3:5 - Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. You want your life to be better in 2018, make reading the word of God a daily part of your life and allow the word of God to answer your questions in life.

Rom:14-9 Let us follow after the things which make for peace. Do we desire in life to be a peace maker or a trouble maker. I'm not talking about Smith&Wesson 38 or a Colt 45 as a peace maker. I'm talking about love and making love a part of your family. Prov15:17 Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith. Folks, by adding God's word and a little love to your greens and your beans is going to make them smell better and also taste a lot better.

I hope this will be something you will try to make 2018 the best year yet.

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House and Trailer in Brodhead. No pets. 758-4729. 33xntf
Trailers For Rent. Deposit required. No pets. 859-358-3560. 29xntf
Chism Drive Thru Storage. 9 1/2 x14 indoor units. \$50. 24 hr. access and security cameras. 859-559-9903. 3xntf
Trailers and house in Brodhead. No pets. 758-8922. ntf
 Accepting applications at Mt. Vernon Housing Authority on Mondays 4 to 8 p.m. and Wednesdays and Fridays, 4 to 6 p.m. Rent based on income. 256-4185. 14xntf

For Rent
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 256-2884 or 606-308-2491

Accepting Applications For 2 and 3 bedroom units at Valley View Apartments. Rent based on income. Call 256-5912. TDD for hearing impaired only. 1-800-247-2510.

Property For Sale

Farm For Sale. Approximately 45 acres with house, three barns and outbuilding. All buildings need some repair. Located in the Ottawa section of Rockcastle County. For more information, call 606-758-8879 or 859-661-3232. 50x8p
House or trailer on land contract w/down payment in Brodhead. 758-4729. 32xntf
For Sale: 2 bedroom trailer with two car garage. Brodhead. 606-256-2993. 45tfn

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For Sale: New 28X52 3BR/2BA Clayton Tru Home. \$334 a month wac. Delivery and set up with central air included. Call Blue Ridge Homes in Whitley City, Ky. 606-376-2170 or visit us at blueridgerepo.com. 43xntf
For Sale: New 14x70 3BR/2BA Clayton. Extra insulation, thermopane windows, central air. Delivery and set all included. \$249.51 a month wac. Call Blue Ridge Homes in Whitley City, Ky. 606-376-2170 or visit us at blueridgerepo.com. 43xntf
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Posted

Posted: No trespassing on land belonging to James and Dorothy Rash heirs on Rash Branch Road off Chestnut Ridge. No hunting, camping, ATVs, trespassing for any purpose. Not responsible for accidents. Violators will be prosecuted. 5x51
Posted: No hunting, trespassing, 4-wheeling on property belonging to James and Juanita Chasteen, located on Little Hurricane Branch Road in Rockcastle County. Violators will be prosecuted. 44xntf
Posted: Property belonging to Don and Kitty Reese on Smallwood Road at Roundstone. All trespassers will be prosecuted. 49xntf
Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Glen Roberts at 560 Dix River Branch Road, Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 35xntf
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Posted: No trespassing on Crawford Place - Old Brodhead Road. Danny Smith. 47tfn

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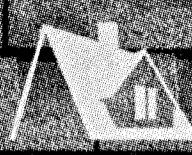
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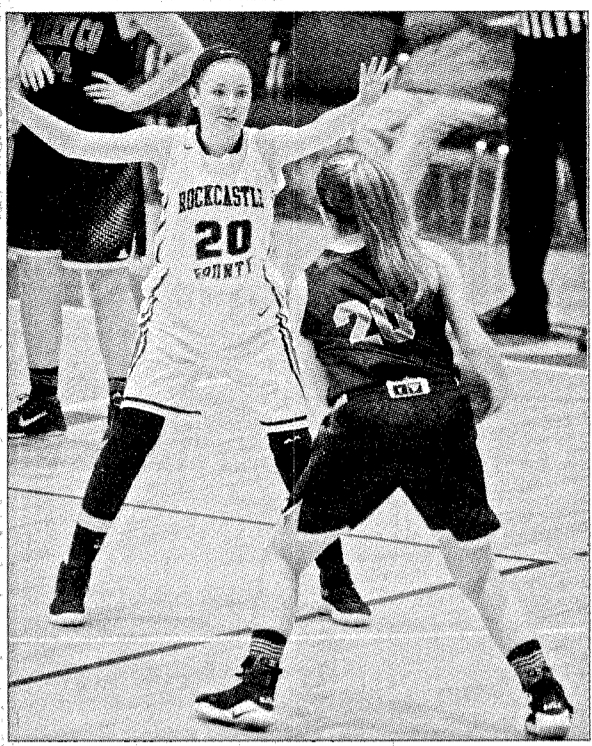
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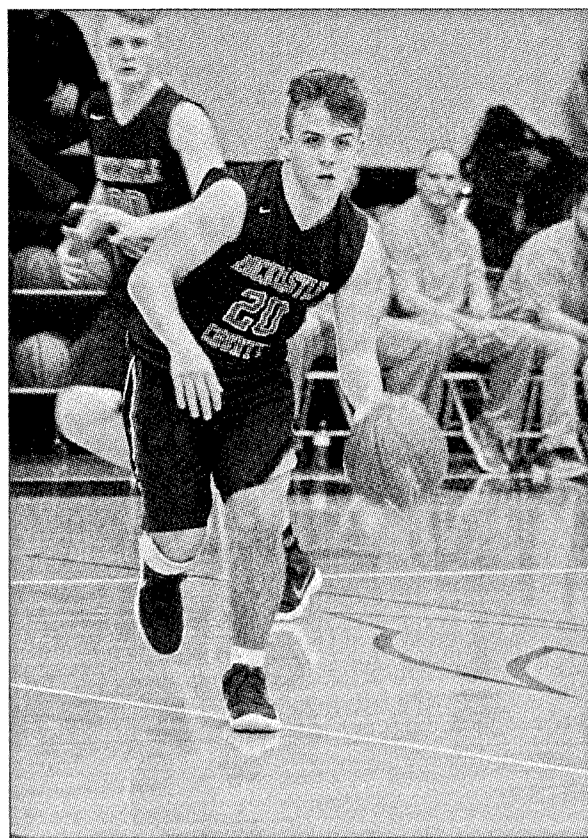
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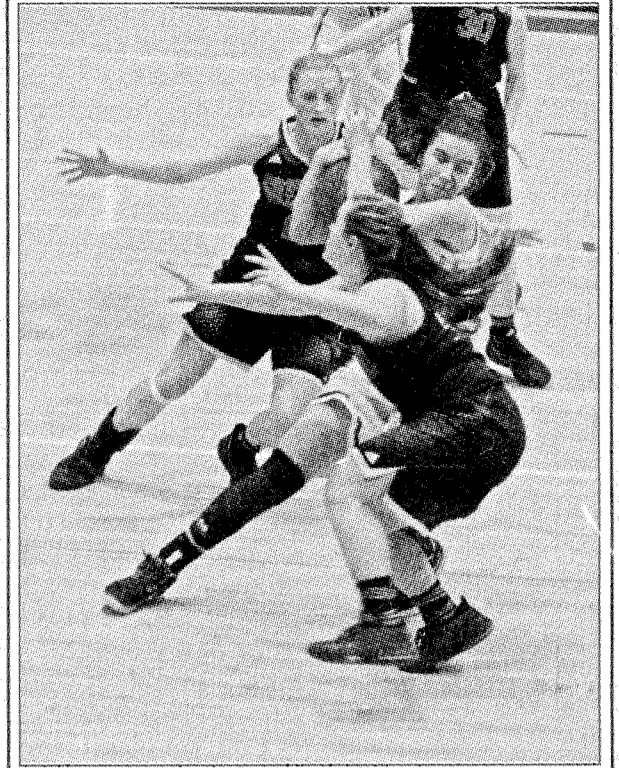
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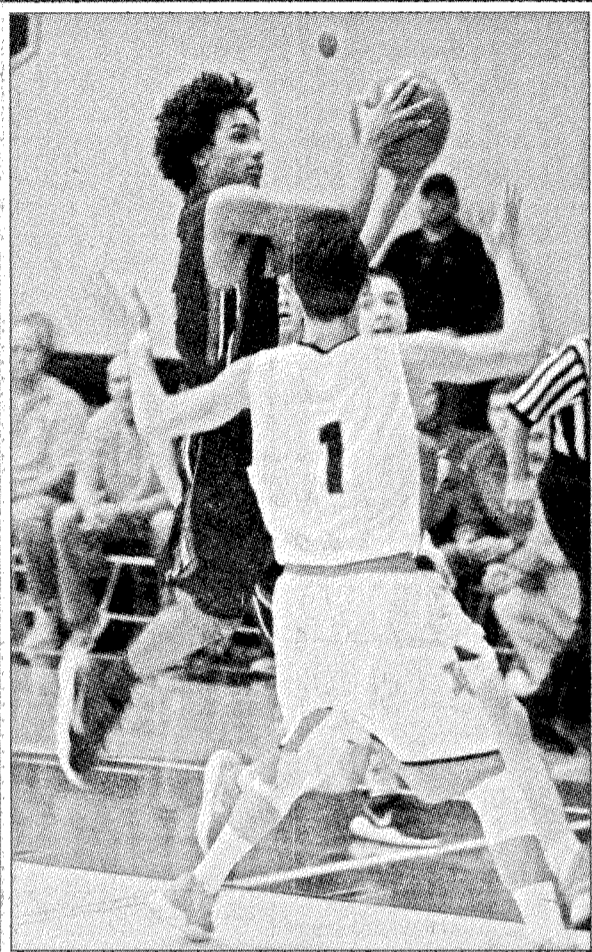
Junior Emma Bullens applies defensive pressure in the Lady Rockets' loss to Green County Friday night.



Sophomore Josh Thacker leads the offense for the Rockets in their loss to Lynn Camp Friday night. Thacker led the Rockets in scoring four out of the five games over the holiday break.



Freshman Casey Coleman gets fouled on a fast break during the Lady Rockets' game with Green County Friday night.



Josiah West takes it to the basket in the Rockets' loss to Lynn Camp Friday.

Rockets

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points; Stratton got 11; Noel nine; West, eight; Todd and Loudermilk, four each; Burdette, two and sophomore Caleb Burns, one.

Noel took rebounding honors for the game with six, followed by Stratton and Dillingham with five each.

Against Owen County, the Rockets came out ahead 68-44.

Thacker again took scoring honors with 22 points, including going three for three from the three point line; West got 14; Noel 10; Stratton six; Todd and Devin Mullins, who returned to the line-up after sitting out three games with a sprained ankle, got four each; Burdette and junior Jordan Nicely scored three points each and junior Donovan Elwood got two points.

Stratton pulled down six rebounds in the game and Dillingham grabbed five.

In the final game of the tourney, the Rockets lost a 17-12 first quarter lead and went down to defeat to the Lynn Camp Wildcats 82-69.

Thacker again led the scoring with 19 points and pulled down eight rebounds; Noel and Stratton got 13 points each; West scored 11; Burdette five; Mullins four and Todd and senior Grant Bryant, two each.

Against Somerset Tuesday night, the Rockets were only down 28-24 at the half but were outscored 52 to 27 in the second half for the lopsided loss.

Todd led the scoring for his team with 13 points; Stratton got 11; Noel, 10; Mullins eight and Burdette, Thacker and West, three each.

The Rockets are now 4-13 on the season and 1 and 2 in district play.

This Friday night, they will host Pulaski County for a doubleheader with the Lady Rockets then will travel to South Laurel Saturday to take on Clay County in the Raymond Reed Classic and will then host North Laurel next Tuesday night in another doubleheader with the Lady Rockets.

Lady Rockets

(Cont. from B1)

scoring with 16 points, even with having to sit the bench a lot of the first half because of foul trouble; Newland got 11; Jones and Coleman, seven each; Bullens scored two and Adams one.

But, the Lady Rockets roared back against Monroe County in the final game of the tournament, winning 68-49.

The win gave the Lady Rockets third place for the tournament and Newland was named Player of the Game.

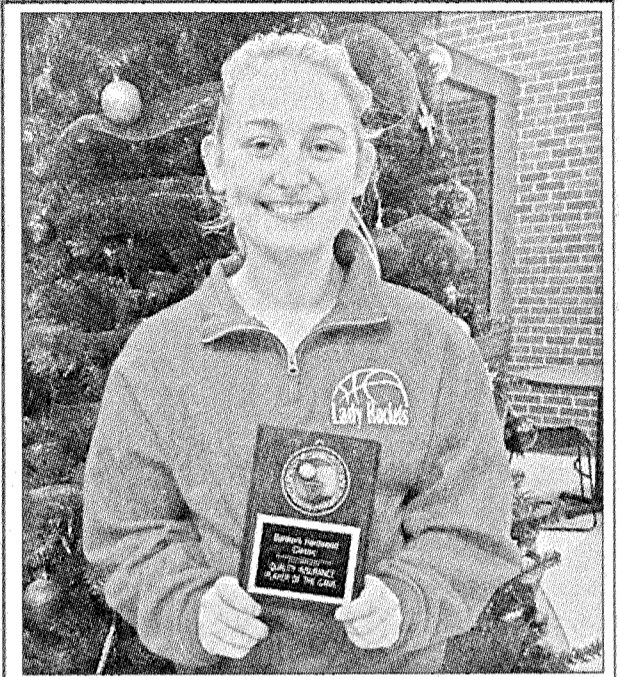
Himes led the scoring for the Rockets with 18; Newland got 16; Coleman 13; Jones, eight; Lay, four; Bullens, freshman Madison McIntosh, Adams and Brown scored two points each and Chasteen got one.

Tuesday night, the Lady Rockets traveled to Somerset for their second district matchup with the Lady Briarjumpers and came away with the win 45-34.

Coleman led the scoring in this game for her team with 10 points; Newland got eight; Lay, seven; Himes, six; Jones, five; Brown, four; Adams, 3 and Chasteen two.

This win gives the Lady Rockets a 7-13 season record and 2-1 in 47th District play.

The Lady Rockets and Rockets will next host the Pulaski County Lady Maroons/Maroons this Friday night and will then host North Laurel Tuesday night, the 9th, also a doubleheader with the Rockets.



Shelby Newland was named Player of the Game in the Lady Rockets' win against Monroe County in the Russell County Bankers' Hardwood Classic.



Kenzi Himes was named Player of the Game in the Lady Rockets' win against Marion County in the Russell County Bankers' Hardwood Classic.

Demonstrations feature Berea artists at KY Artisan Center

Berea is known for its wealth of talented artisans and January brings that talent to the Kentucky Artisan Center. Take the chill off winter and visit the Center for a warm meal and the chance to watch Berea studio artists demonstrate their skills.

On Saturday, Jan. 6, Louis Northern will demonstrate his oil painting techniques from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Center. To give his paintings a more three-dimensional texture, Northern often builds up the surface of his canvas with gesso, a white paint mixture consisting of a binder mixed with chalk, gypsum or pigment. Northern uses gesso to prepare the painting surface and often applies it thickly or in layers.

Most of Northern's subject matter is rooted in his surroundings - farmland, mules, logging trucks and the woods that grow on his lands.

On Saturday, Jan. 13, Virginia Petty, of Berea, will demonstrate how she creates her miniature baskets from natural plant materials from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Center.

Petty has been making baskets for many years and is primarily self-taught. For her demonstration she will use the natural dried leaves and vines that she finds and gathers in the region surrounding her gardens and yard in Madison County.

On Saturday, Jan. 20, three members of the Berea Welcome Center Carvers will demonstrate woodcarving for visitors from 10:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center. Carving that day will be Will Bondurant, John Ferguson and John Lister.

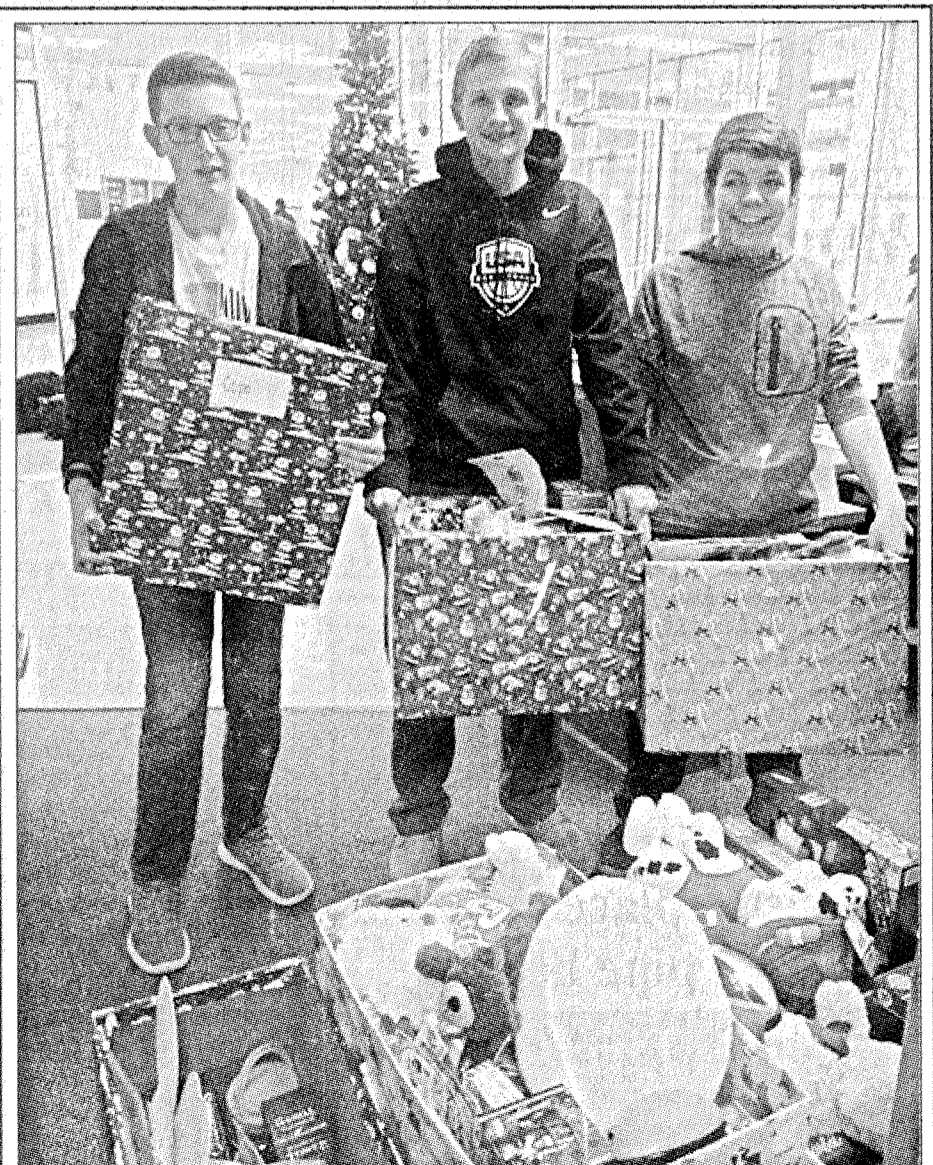
On Saturday, Jan. 27, Gerald LeGrand Price, of Berea, will demonstrate his techniques of texturing copper to create his jewelry at the Kentucky Artisan Center from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Price is a recent graduate of Berea Tourism's Art Accelerator Program and he creates a line of copper, sterling silver and bronze jewelry using hand-forming and casting techniques.

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is located just off Interstate 75 at Exit 77. The center's exhibit, shopping and travel information areas are open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the cafe is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.



RCMS held the annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest on December 19th. There was some great competition and after much debate, Canaan Jones, Emma Phillips and Allison McCoy were declared as winners.



RCMS students donated over a hundred toys for the Rockcastle Detention Center to distribute to children who have parents that are incarcerated. Thanks to all of the students who donated and to the Builders Club for heading up the collection. Pictured are Gary Ramsey, Drew Hopkins, and Bryson Atkin helping load the toys.