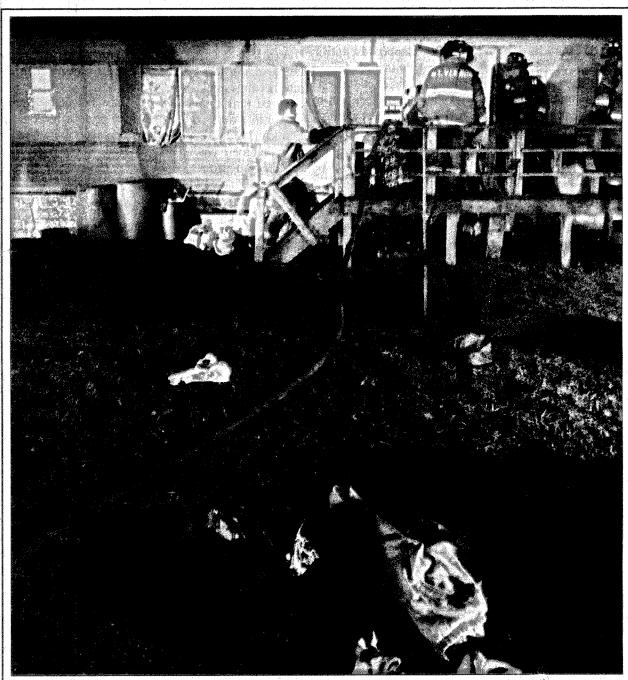
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The third mobile home fire in three weeks destroyed another home on Davis Street in Mount Vernon last Wednesday, January 15th. Mount Vernon Police Chief Brian Carter is working with the Kentucky State Police Arson Unit investigating the three fires as well as threatening text messages received by neighbors after the third fire. Residents in the area are urged to keep and eye out and call 911 if any suspicious activity is observed.

# Three fires in three weeks

By: Mike French Editor

Some residents of Davis Street, at Ramsey Trailer Park in Mt. Vernon, are living in fear every night.

Three homes have been destroyed and another damaged by fire in the past three weeks at the same mobile home park.

Mount Vernon Police Chief Brian Carter is working closely with the Kentucky State Police Arson Unit to find what has been called the work of a serial arsonist in Mount

#### - All three homes destroyed

Vernon.

On January 2, the Mount Vernon Fire Department was called to a mobile home fire on Davis Street. The fire destroyed a vacant home but at the time, officials did

of Richmond Street, Mt.

Vernon was indicted for

possession of a controlled

substance and promoting

contraband (into the

Rockcastle County De-

not suspect arson since the home was an older

However, one week later on January 8, the fire department was called back to the same

(See 'Fires' on A5)

Her bond was set at

Jason Wayne Nelson,

(See "Indict" on A5)

46, of Flat Gap Road,

Berea was indicted for

\$10,000 c/p;

# Wolke to remain incarcerated on murder charge

By: Mike French **Editor** 

Melissa D. Wolke, 38, of Pug Lane in Conway, stood in Rockcastle District Court Wednesday morning for a preliminary hearing on charges of murder, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, public intoxication and menacing.

Wolke is charged in the death of Donald D. Abner, 55, of Richmond, after she and her pit bull dog allegedly attacked Abner in Conway on January 10.

According to police reports, Wolke was still sitting on top of Abner, hitting him repeatedly in the face while the dog was attacking his throat and face area, even after police arrived on the

A caller alerted police of the attack and arrest citations say that a local

(See "Wolke" on A5)

# City to receive \$800,000 FEMA **Assistance** grant

By: Mike French Editor

City Administrator Josh Bray told Mount Vernon City Council members, at their January 16th meeting, that the city's request for help from the Federal Emergency Management Agency in February of 2019 (FEMA) was answered last week.

Bray says the city has now been approved for \$800,000 in assistance, after a heavy storm caused damage throughout the city nearly a year ago. Mayor Mike Bryant said the money will be a big help to the city. "it's an unbelievable blessing to the City of Mount Vernon," said Mayor Bryant, "This will be used for the water system throughout the city."

Bray agreed. "The water and sewer system is our top infrastructure priority in the city and this money will be a true blessing."

The grant is a 12% matching grant and Bray

says he is looking into ways to provide that 12 percent. "We may be able to give in-kind work as

(See "City" on A5)

#### Census meeting

Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Holwell Holbrook has scheduled a Census meeting for Friday, January 31 at 9 a.m.

in the third floor Conference Room of the Courthouse. For more information, call (606) 256-2856

#### No book fines

As of January 1, 2020, the Rockcastle County Public Library announced there will be no more overdue fines and all past due fines are forgiven.

Seven people were named in six indictments handed down by a Rockcastle County Grand Jury Friday, January 9th.

Named in the indictments, their and offense(s), were:

Brittany Nicole Collins, 19 of Camron Lane, Brodhead, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance.

Her bond was set at \$5,000 cash/property (c/

Phillip C. Falin, 45, of

Williams St., Mt. Vernon, was indicted on two charges, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

His bond was set at \$3,000 c/p;

Terry Edward York, 49, of Chestnut Grove Road, Brodhead was indicted for the offense of trafficking in a controlled substance.

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

Rhonda Gail Estep, 50,

# County is ready for snow storms

By: Mike French Editor

At 8 a.m. Tuesday morning, Rockcastle County roads were clear. By 9:30 a.m. most were covered with a light layer of snow.

Weather forecasters had predicted no accumulation in central Kentucky but a surprising amount of snow stuck to the ground Tuesday morning catching many unpre-

However, officials with the Rockcastle County School system said the weather never threatened school closure. "We watched closely but the roads were fine," said Superintendent David Pensol.

Rockcastle The County Road Department was more than ready, according to Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook.

> 'Our bins are stuffed to (See "Snow" on A5)



A surprise snowfall hit Rockcastle County Tuesday morning causing the streets to be lightly covered in snow. Though forecasts did not warn of upcoming snow, the ground was nearly covered within an hour. Roads were clear within hours and the county road department says there is a full supply of salt ready for adverse conditions this winter.

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# Aces Over

By: Mike French



I have decided there is a distinct difference between "electric" and "electronic." And an even bigger difference between "electronic" and "digital."

There are a bunch of things that I know very little about. But this subject would be towards the top of my ignorant

I do know that if something is "electric" then that means a power source sends electricity through wires to a device. That's my extreme layman definition.

But to me, that's how it works. So, when you flip a light switch "on," that sends current to a light bulb and causes elements to overheat and emit light.

If the light doesn't come on, then there is only a certain number of things that could be wrong. The elements are broken (blown bulb), the wires are touching somewhere (short), or the switch is bad (cheap).

But, if something is "electronic" then apparently there are about half a million things that could cause the bulb to not light up.

My phone, which has become the very lifeline to my existence, is apparently "electronic."

How on earth a mechanical device can have an opinion of its own is beyond my capacity to understand.

My phone has bad moods." It can be cheery and have an excellent day, or just plain cantan-

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SWATER BURNEY STREET

kerous and not do anything I ask of it.

The same button on this frustrating piece of carbon-fiber/glass, is liable to do 30 different things depending upon which day of the week it

Sometimes when I hit the button that I have hit every hour of every day for a year, it performs a completely different task than ever before.

It just changed it's mind.

In my day, every time I hit the light switch, the exact same results happened. The light came on. But now, with the existence of "electronics" hitting a button may or may not give you the results you expected. Depending upon how the device feels on that particular day.

Even my truck does it

When I hit the key, there is a hesitation before anything happens. If it were "electric" then hitting the key would send current to the starter at 186,000 miles per second. That's not much hesitation.

But since it is "electronic" when I hit the key, my truck has to evaluate some things before the starter engages. It has to "think about it" for a moment.

They say it is checking to make sure "systems are all okay" before it decides to start and it is making sure my foot is on the brake,

> Well, I don't like that! (Continued on A3)

# **Points** East By Ike Adams



Speaking of chestnuts, which we did in last week's episode, a few readers have asked what I know about the American Chestnut restoration efforts that have taken place over the last few decades. I have not spent a great deal of time on the internet researching the subject, but a couple or three hours have not turned up much in the way of impressive results.

If there are any large stands of American Chestnut trees in eastern Kentucky that have blight-free, nut bearing, adult trees, I don't know about them. On the other hand, that certainly does not mean they aren't there. If any readers know of any, please, please do let me know. This is something I would love to follow up on.

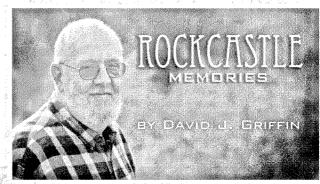
When I was just barely big enough, in the mid 1950s, to climb the mountains on Blair Branch and follow my maternal uncles, Willie Adams and Stevie Craft, to hunt for ginseng, mountain tea (teaberry), yellow root (goldenseal), ground hog holes, bee trees and numerous other "ways of the woods", I followed them around at every opportunity. Both uncles had grandchildren my age, or older, and essentially took over "grandpa" duties after my own "Pap" died just before I turned 6. I literally worshiped the ground they walked on.

Uncle Stevie was my Mom's brother in law. Born in 1892, he was more than 20 years older than her. Uncle Willie. born in 1896, was Mom's older brother by 18 years. Both started raising families in their late teens. Mom was over 30 when I came along. They were old enough to fit the Grandpa roles they played in my preteen years.

Even though the giant chestnut trees of their youth were long gone by that time, both uncles were fond of reminiscing about them and pointing out spots where their trees had once stood. Both told stories about harvesting the dead "kings of the woods" for lumber, clapboards, split rail and paling fencing. furniture and even barrel staves. Both remembered chestnuts as being the largest, most useful and tallest trees in the woods.

Before their demise, chestnut wood also made the most durable lumber of anything growing in the Appalachian forest. Long before the blight commenced, in 1904, chestnut wood was a staple of anything that needed building. According to my uncles, by 1920 almost all the native chestnut trees on Blair Branch were either dead or dying. The rush was on to harvest and utilize their timber before it fell and rotted. By the late

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Bee's Potato Soup

While browsing for items of interest on the internet this week, I discovered that January is national soup month. Frankly, I didn't even realize that there was an official soup month, but here it is. This newfound knowledge, along with the thought of a good bowl of soup, recalled to my mind my mother's (Bee) wonderful potato

It was a staple in our home when I was a young boy, but she also made it frequently when she was well into her old age. On a couple of occasions, I watched her make this very tasty dish.

I believe that I distinctly remember Bee's recipe for potato soup, so I thought I would share it since so many readers seem to enjoy my reminiscing about comfort foods.

Bee began by dicing three or four large potatoes and cooking them in salted water until they were tender. She drained the potatoes and added them back to the original pot, salting and peppering to her own taste.

Next, she added a half cup of whole milk as well as a half-stick of real butter to the cooked potatoes. With her "handy dandy" manually operated potato masher, she mashed the potatoes to her desired consistency, which I am happy to say, included leaving some small chunks. When the consistency of the potatoes reached the point of her liking, she added an additional cup of whole milk and heated the mixture until it was hot throughout. As she gradually heated the potatoes, she stirred the mixture carefully.

Before making her potato soup, Bee always put her iron skillet in the oven filled with her wonderful cornbread mixture. It was her opinion that potato soup required cornbread, the two to be consumed together. Bee would crumble cornbread in a mediumsized bowl, covering it with her potato soup, along with a sprinkle of a few onions on top. Oh my, that was a feast by itself.

Sometimes, would fry up some bacon strips and crumble the bacon on top of her soup. In my humble opinion, the bacon was not necessary. I loved the soup, cornbread, and onions by themselves. This meal was one of my favorites as a teenager. I could consume a couple of bowls

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# T.J.'s Journal By: Tonya J. Cook

Winter Has Finally Arrived Dear Journal,

After waiting until almost the end of January, winter has finally decided to make an appearance here in Kentucky. It was about fifteen degrees here at the Cook house this morning and I couldn't stand the thoughts of facing it. I rode to work with Stanley. Had it been yesterday morning, I probably could not have gone. I just sat around all day and told Stanley repeatedly that I hurt sooooo bad. My arthritis was really flaring. To make matters worse I was on a church-wide fast called by our Pastor General concerning taking the gospel into

Jerusalem mission. I had

nothing to eat or drink for twenty-four hours. I was weak and my head was busting by the end of it. As I get older, I see the benefits of going South in the winter. When I was

younger, I rarely ever got cold. Now I can hardly get warm. I've been known to wear coats into restaurants in July. The KFC and Taco Bell are the worst. My fingernails turn blue there. At home I have a real "house coat". My blood was damaged with all of the chemo and radiation in years past. When the weather gets

cold like this, my mind always turns to growing up back at the old home place. I tend to think that most people think of their old home place when

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Wilbert Mink's

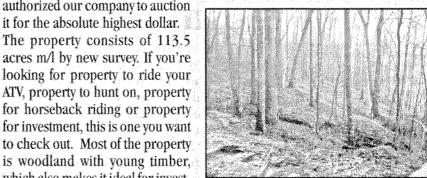
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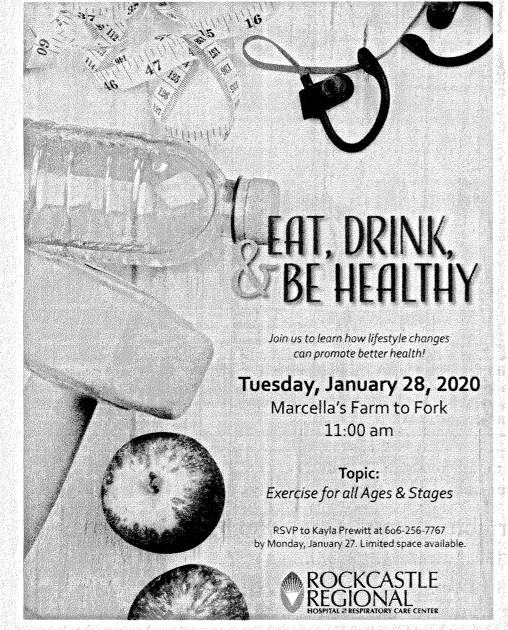
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# Frankfort Update

By R. Travis Brenda State Representative

The number of bills introduced in the House ticked past the 260 mark this week, with several proposals-some new, some familiar -- progressing through committee as the 2020 regular session gains momentum.

One proposal would update Kentucky's hemp statutes, necessitated by the end of the state's Industrial Hemp Research Pi-

lot Program in 2019. New policies and procedures are expected as Kentucky hemp growers begin a new stage of commercial hemp production this year with a few policy changes proposed in House Bill 236, approved by the House Agriculture Committee on Wednesday.

The legislation which supporters see as critical to the state's growing hemp industry would remove most references to the former research pilot program while adding language clarifying procedures for testing and transport of hemp in the Commonwealth. It would also clarify licensing require-

ments for those who grow, handle, process, or market hemp, among other provisions.

HB 236 was sent to the House chamber where it will be joined by HB 167, a major piece of legislation aimed at continuing Kentucky's efforts to find permanent homes for more than 8,000 Ken-

> tucky children now in foster care statewide.

By giving foster parents the legal authority to intervene in involuntary-termina-

tion-of-parental-rights' cases involving children in their care HB 167, approved by the House Judiciary Committee on Wednesday, could help to expedite the process required to place foster children in safe, permanent homes. The bill would then go a step further by allowing foster parents to intervene anonymously, identified only by a set of initials. After being contacted by a constituent with these concerns, I had worked on and pre-filed a similar bill. I was glad to be able to join Rep. Meade as a co-sponsor of HB 167.

The well-being of Kentucky's military vet-

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Celebrate Sobriety Service

CrossPoint Church of God will host a monthly Celebrate

Sobriety Service on the second Thursday of each month

at 7 p.m. We are located at 211 Industrial Park Road

(across from the high school) in Mt. Vernon, KY. Call

**Chamber of Commerce Meetings** 

The Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce meets

once a month, on the third Tuesday, at noon at Lime-

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

**Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings** 

Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Community

Outreach Center, two sessions - Monday, 11:30 a.m. and

6 p.m. Leaders: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590/Kathryn

Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon - Northside

Baptist Church, 606-256-5577 Tuesday, 6 p.m., \*\*\* Please

Alcoholics Anonymous: 7 p.m. on Williams St., Mt.

Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies. Men

Only. Northside Baptist, 606-256-5577, Wednesday, 7

p.m. Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride on the church

Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women

Only. Community Outreach Center, Brodhead, Thurs-

day, 6 p.m. Leaders: Katheryn Pope, 606-308-3099 and

AA Meeting, 8 p.m. Open Share at the Brodhead Cen-

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

Saturday - Celebrate Recovery: Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Road, Mt. Vernon. 10:30 a.m.

Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

Mink 606-308-3190.

call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride in the church van.

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stone Grille. All members are encouraged to attend.

859-582-2553 with any questions.

more information.

erans and the organizations that support them also received legislative attention mid-week, as a bill that would give a tax break to certain veteran service organizations was approved in committee and sent to the full House for consideration.

HB 36, approved by the House Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Protection Committee on Wednesday, would create a property tax exemption for veteran service organizations-such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion-if the group spends over 50 percent of its annual net income for the benefit of veterans, or on other charitable needs. Legislation benefiting yeterans is usually widely supported by Kentucky lawmakers, although it may take several weeks for any final action to be taken on the bill.

These are but a few of the legislative proposals that the House may choose to take action on in the days ahead as state lawmakers and other state officials roll out their session agendas this month. It was last Tuesday in joint legislative session that Gov. Andy Beshear unveiled his legislative agenda for his first session as governor, identifying education, criminal justice reform, and finding new revenue to pay down state pension liabilities as some of his top goals.

One specific legislative proposal praised by the governor was HB 137, a bipartisan sports wagering proposal ap-

proved Wednesday by the House Licensing, Occupations, and Administrative Regulations Committee that some estimate could provide at least \$22.5 million in new state tax revenue annually. The public pension systems would be in line to receive some that revenue, per the bill, to pay down their obligations.

Yet even with support

for HB 137 from lawmakers on "both sides of the aisle" as the saying goes, final passage of the bill faces uncertain odds. For now, though, HB 137 along with Senate Bill 24, a related measure filed in the Senate, remain in play as state lawmakers await the governor's January 28 unveiling of his 2020-22 Executive Branch budget plan. Still, it will ultimately be up to the General Assembly how the final budget will look.

I hope to continue updating you on our work in Frankfort. If you have any questions or comments about this session, I can be reached during the week from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. (EST) through the toll-free message line at 1-800-372-7181. They will ask you to share contact information, but I will get the message and I do indeed appreciate hearing from constituents. You can also contact me via e-mail at Travis.Brenda@lrc.ky.gov and you can also follow me on Facebook at R. Travis Brenda KY House District 71 or on Twitter @RTravisBrenda. You can keep track of committee meetings and potential legislation through the Kentucky Legislature

### "Aces"

(Cont. from A2)

I want it to start when I hit the key. I want it to do what I say, not consider social norms and evaluate circumstances. Just start! You know me, I have added it up. That 1/2-second wait means I have sat for over 3-1/2 hours of my life, waiting on that truck to decide whether or not to obey me. The series are the first of the series of

And I don't want my foot on the brake. Dear Mr. Dodge Truck, you are in "Park." You don't need a brake.

Anyway, I think "electric" is better. With "electric" I get to make my own decisions and not depend on some plastic coated device to make sure I am doing the right

I don't want my television to ask me if I am still watching. I don't want my laptop to ask me if I am "sure" I want to delete something. I want my phone to do the exact same thing every time I push button "A." And I most certainly do not want an "update" that changes what the buttons do again.

What a world we live in. Someday, I wonder if I will even have any say in the matter. Electronics will make my decisions for me. Kind of like Liberals want to do.

Here's hoping for an electrical comeback.

#### "T. J.'s" (Cont. from A2)

they get older, especially in the winter. When the weather was bad, the family stayed inside and entertained themselves. We would watch TV, occasionally, but not like today. People would just sit around and talk, play board games or cards; I'm talking about the whole family. I learned games that were popular in the early 1900's and before when my grandparents were growing up, such as "Button, Button, Who's Got the Button?" All you needed was one button. People talked of past generations. That is how family history gets passed along. Your recollections of days gone by can take you to a comforting place. The best thing about it is that you can go there anytime you want and it is just as bright and vivid and wonderful as it once was.

### "Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

at any given timewhich I did with some frequency. The appetite of a growing teenage boy can be difficult to satisfy.

Occasionally, I would bring one of my friends home for dinner when I knew potato soup and cornbread was being prepared. And I certainly don't recall a single friend who was disap pointed with this particular dish.

in writing this column, I have managed to develop a serious craving for Bee's soup. I may have to make a pot this week. I know that my wife won't mind if I doshe was a big fan of both Bee's potato soup and her pones of combread.

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

#### "Points East"

(Cont. from A2)

1920s the trees were all gone.

Historians say that about 1 of every 4 hardwoods in Appalachia, was an American chestnut. I never got the im-

Tilani (artau) piograficial militaria (arta). pression, from my uncles. that the trees were so densely populated on our place, but they had still been numerous and plentiful. During my early years, many miles of chestnut split rails served as property lines, farming lots, pasture fields and anything that needed fencing good enough to hold livestock. Household yards and vegetable gardens, fenced with split chestnut "palings" or pickets were still very common, on Blair Branch

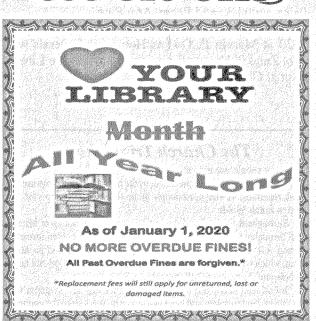
well into the mid 1950s. By 1960, most wood fences had given way to more practical wire or wood that was more cosmetically appealing than split wood. Most of the old chestnut rails, palings and roofing clapboards found their way into winter fireplace fuel or summer cook stoves. For a brief few years during the early 1970s, town dwellers in central Kentucky snatched up salvaged split rails to line their vards or other property before deciding the popular attraction took up more space than it was worth.

Uncle Willie died when I was about 10 or 11 years old, but he had already torn down all his paling and split rail fencing. Uncle Stevie lived until the late 1970s. The paling fence around his house had also been replaced with wire for several decades.

One fall, in the late 1960s, I was home from college and he asked if I would go check to see if the sprouts on an old chestnut stump we had discovered, near his old place, had gotten large enough to bear. I went to check and found them dead. I told him that I'd be happy to get him some Chinese Chestnuts at our house.

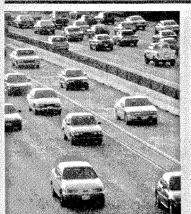
"Nahhh, them things ain't fit to eat and neither are the big store bought ones from overseas," he told me. "But I'd pay good money for a handful of them real McCoys."





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# attend.

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Brodhead Lodge Meeting

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Kiwanis Club Meetings

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Limestone Grill. Everyone is invited. American Legion Post 71

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

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#### Ivan Cummins

Ivan Cummins, 96, of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, January 16, 2020 at Rockcastle Health & Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead. He was born in Rockcastle



County on March 9, 1923, the son of Joe and Nancy Sowder Cummins. He had been a farmer and a businessman and was of the Baptist Faith. He had a love for

horses and was a member of the Rockcastle Saddle Club. He was an Army Veteran of World War II serving in the medi-

cal corps.

He is survived by: his daughters, Joanne Randolph and Wanda King, both of Mt. Vernon, and Patricia Gail Reynolds of Palm Coast, FL; two brothers, Bentley Cummins and Glen Cummins, both of Pigeon Forge, TN; and a sister, Vivian Cummins of Berea. Also surviving are five grandchildren, Michael Christopher, Melanie, Stephen Wayne, Brian Thomas, and Jessica; eight great grandchildren, Michael, Charlie, Aaron, Taylor, Lecia, Leslie, Clay, Jr., and Alex; and three great great grandchildren, Alyssia, Jaylee, and Leia.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: his wife, Mary Thomason Cummins; a daughter, Carolyn Sue Cummins; a grandson, Clayton Burdette; a granddaughter, Maryanne A. Reynolds; a sister, Jean Anderson; and four brothers, Chester, Kenneth, Vernon, and Earl Cummins.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 20, 2020 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Zandell Hasty. Burial was in Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Joe David Cummins, Charles Hansel, Stephen Hansel, Jessica King, Brian Reynolds, and B.J. Thomason.

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

### Thelma Pauline Gentry

Thelma Pauline Gentry, 86, of Brodhead, died Monday, January 20, 2020, at the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was born January 12,

1934 in Lincoln County, to the late Joe Vernon and Vernie (Gooch) Ping. She married Donald Dallas Gentry on May 30, 1958 and was a member of the Liberty Baptist Church.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her special neighbors, Larry and Pam Taylor of Brodhead; as well as several nieces,

nephews, and cousins.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Donald Gentry; two brothers, Ray and Vernon Ping; and three sisters, Wilmoth Hawkins, Patsy Mihalek, and Peggy Ann Ping.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Zandell Hasty officiating. Burial was in Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery.

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

#### The Church Triumphant

God's people are not generally well represented in public opinion polls. God's ways are not appreciated, by the masses. But His ways are the best, regardless of what most people think. God's ways are superior. We find in Isaiah 55:5-8.

Throughout the books of the law, throughout the books of history, and throughout the prophets of the grand old book, a golden thread is strung. A foretelling of the anointed one, and his coming, and his Kingdom, which will never be destroyed, it shall stand forever. God still has a people and those people will triumph.

It has been nearly two thousand years since this new kingdom was established in Jerusalem and been two thousand years since the anointed one shed his blood on the Roman cross to purchase to himself from every tribe under Heaven, a people for God's own possession. What kind of shape is the kingdom in? It seems the church is having its problems today. What might be going wrong? Why do we have so many divisions in the church? Why is there such a lack of conviction among its members? Why is there a lack of love for the church? Why are we so few in number, and losing our young people? Where do we turn for answers to these real problems? God has all the answers. But are we looking to him?

Well friends we sure cannot turn to this world for the answers, their answers are all about popular opinion polls. They have very little interest in God. His ways or His people. It used to be that kids went to school to learn how to sit up straight, to read, to do arithmetic, and spelling. Now they have to learn about contracting communicable diseases and staying alive, oh how this world has changed. The day may come that America the Beautiful will only be a mirage for our children.

But there will always be few of God's people spotted here and there throughout this world, regardless how wicked this world becomes. And because of their trust in God, and His Son, they will continue to stand for God's ways. 1 Corinthians 15:24 We find when God says it is over and Jesus will deliver the kingdom to God. So there will be those who will hold out to the end and the church will be delivered up to God.

If we are a part of those who are called out by the gospel of Jesus Christ and have remained faithful to the end or the second coming of Jesus Christ, then we will meet the Lord in the sky. 1 Thessalonians 4:17 We will be called up into the clouds to be with the Lord forever. What a wonderful time that will be for the saved in Jesus Christ.

Thank you for reading this article, I pray God has blessed you with things you need another week and as always you remember to give God

If you would like to get in touch with someone from the Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ, you can contact us at these numbers: Bro. Ova Baker 606-878-8104 or Bro. Dale McNew 859-582-4021

 Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ Sundays @ 10 a.m. & Wednesdays @ 7 p.m. \* Everyone Welcome

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# Betty Sue Brooks

Betty Sue Brooks, 69, of Crab Orchard, died Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at the Frankfort Regional Medi-

cal Center. She was the wife of Ralph Edward Brooks, whom she married on September 11, 1970. She was born in Dickson, TN on September 9, 1950 to the late Carl Ernest and Elizabeth Louise (Mathis) McGuire. She was a former clerk for the Kentucky Department of Revenue. She loved playing bingo, sewing and quilting. She especially loved her



grandchildren and spending time with her sisters and

Survivors include: her husband of 49 years, Ralph E. Brooks; son, Carl Ray Brooks; daughter, Melissa Katherine (Todd) Moudy; sisters, Joann (Bruce) Cunningham, Linda Weick and Kathy Broughton; brothers, Kenneth McGuire, Ray (Charlotte) McGuire and Gerald McGuire; four grandchildren, Kayla, Allison, Stephanie and Olivia; and two great grandchildren, Jayden and Sophia.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Ernest "Sammy" McGuire.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 18, 2020 at the McKnight Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Tony Shelton officiating. Burial was in Saylor Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Brian McGuire, Steve Broughton, Kelly Boone, Shannon Osten, Jim Brock and Carl Ray Brooks.

#### Shirley Rose McKinney

Shirley Rose McKinney, 76, of Stanford, formerly of Rockcastle County, died Monday, January 20, 2020 at Ephraim McDowell Regional Hospital in Danville.



She was born in Arabia, Lincoln County, on May 15, 1943, the daughter of Herman and Tema Honeycutt Polston. She was a retired housekeeper for Evergreen Community Retirement Center.

She is survived by: three sisters, Mable Releford of Stanford, Shelby Tillett of McKinney, and Ruby Goins of Ohio; a special friend, Gary Manning; and her beloved pets, Kojak

and Rosie. Several nieces and nephews also survive. She was preceded in death by: her husband, John T. McKinney: three sisters, Ruth Simpson, Mary Corn, and Bethel McQueary; and two brothers, Esker Polston and Theodore Polston.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 1 p.m. at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Steve McKinney with visitation beginning at 12 p.m. Private burial will be in Freedom Cemetery.

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

# Card of Thanks

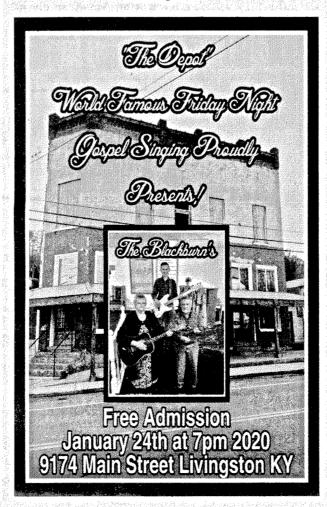
William Thompson

The family of William Ray "Bill" Thompson would like to thank all our friends and neighbors for the kindness, prayers, food and love you have shown us during the sickness and loss of our loved one.

A very special thank you to Bro. Raymond Offutt for the kind words and to Josh Switzer for the beauti-

We would also like to thank Hospice and Compassionate Care for all their kindness.

Gayla, Nancy, Larry, Roger and nieces and nephews





#### Let the Bible Speak

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

**Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings** Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Community Outreach Center, two sessions - Monday, 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Leaders: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590/Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099/ Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

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

Alcoholics Anonymous: 7 p.m. on Williams St., Mt. Vernon.

Wednesday-Celebrate Recovery Step Studies. Men Only. Northside Bap-606-256-5577, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Please call by 4 p.m. if you need a ride on the church van.

Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies Women Only. Community Outreach Center, Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Leaders: Katheryn Pope, 606-308-3099 and Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614. AA Meeting, 8 p.m. Open Share at the Brodhead Cen-

Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe, Leader: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828. Friday 6 pm. 15 10 10 Saturday - Gelebrate Recovery: Crosspoint Church of God, 211 Industrial Park Road, Mt. Vernon. 10:30

a.m. Saturday. Leaders: John Burton 859-621-9881. Joanie Mink 606-308-

#### **Benefit Singing**

There will be a Benefit Singing held Saturday, February 1st, beginning at 5 p.m. at Lighthouse Baptist Church in Berea.

All proceeds of the event, which will include gospel music, a silent auction and concessions, will go toward the funeral expenses of Bro. William Pigg and his family.

Bro. Pigg was a pastor, husband, father and friend to many. He loved the Lord with all his heart.

He was diagnosed with Stage 3B lung cancer in March of 2019. He fought a long hard battle but went to meet the Lord January 11, 2020. Please come out and support this family in their time of need!

Featured singers for the event will be: Gospel Traditions, Gift of Grace, The Watson Family, Joe and Stacy Isaacs, Full Gospel House of Care and Standing in the Gap.

For more information, contact: Vickie Barnes 606-308-2409.

#### **Monthly Singing**

Philadelphia Baptist Church will hold their monthly singing Sunday night, January 26th, beginning at 6 p.m. The Mountain View Bluegrass Gospel Singers will be the featured singers. Everyone welcome.

If you or your group are interested in singing at these services, call 606-392-2294

#### **Benefit Singing**

Crossroads Assembly of God will be holding a benefit singing January 26th at 6 p.m. featuring Jason Wiedley. The benefit is to help with the medical expenses of Kathleen Bretz.

Pastor Ralph Reynolds and church welcomes ev-

# Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

*GERMAN* CHOCOLATE PECAN PIE BARS

3 cups pecan halves 1 and 3/4 cups all-purpose

3/4 cup confectioners' sugar

3/4 cup cold butter, cubed 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa 2 cups semisweet choco-

late chips 3 large eggs 3/4 cup packed light brown

3/4 cup light corn syrup

1/4 cup unsalted butter, 1 cup sweetened flaked co-

conut

Preheat oven to 350°. Line bottom and sides of a 9" x 13" baking pan with aluminum foil, leaving an overhang on two short sides. Grease foil. Whisk together flour, confectioners' sugar, and cocoa. Add cold butter, and combine with a pastry blender, two forks, or your hands until mixture resembles coarse meal. Press mixture into bottom and about 3/4-inch up sides of prepared pan. Bake crust for 15 minutes. Remove from oven and immediately sprinkle chocolate chips evenly over crust. Allow to cool on a wire rack at least 30 minutes. Place eggs in a large mixing bowl; beat lightly. Add brown sugar, corn syrup, and melted butter. Whisk together until smooth. Stir in coconut and

pecans. Pour evenly over

partially baked crust. Bake

28 to 34 minutes, or until edges are golden and filling has set. Cool completely on a wire rack. Then, refrigerate for an hour. Use the foil overhang to lift bars from pan and place on a cutting board. Use a sharp knife to cut into bars.

CREAM CHEESE LEMON BARS

1 box lemon cake mix 1/3 cup butter or margarine, softened 1 egg

8 ounces cream cheese,

softened 1 cup powdered sugar

1 lemon, zested 2 tablespoons fresh

squeezed lemon juice 2 eggs 1 teaspoon vanilla

In a mixing bowl, blend dry cake mix, butter, and 1 egg. Press into an ungreased 9 x 13 pan. Beat the cream cheese until smooth. Gradually blend in the powdered sugar. Stir in lemon peel and lemon juice until smooth. Reserve 1/2 cup of this mixture and refrigerate it for later use. Beat the remaining 2 eggs, add the vanilla, and then beat this mixture into the remaining cream cheese mixture until well blended. Spread over the cake mixture. Bake at 350° until set, approximately 25 to 30 minutes. Cool completely. Spread the reserved cream cheese mixture onto the bars. Refrig-

erate until firm; then cut

into squares and serve.

#### "Wolke"

(Continued from front) deputy had to use a taser on both Wolke and the dog. The dog was later shot and killed after he made aggressive motions towards a Mount Vernon Police officer, reports say.

Police reports indicate that Wolke continued hitting the motionless body of Abner after police ordered her several times to stop.

Wolke's attorneys had asked that her bond be dropped to \$25,000 cash or property but County Attorney Jeremy Rowe objected and the bond was left at \$500,000 last week

Wednesday morning, Wolke stood before District Judge Katie Slone for a preliminary hearing. A preliminary hearing must be held within 10 days of an arrest in order to keep the accused in jail until trial, according to Rowe

"The purpose of this hearing is to show the judge that there is enough evidence to keep her (Wolke) incarcerated until she is indicted," said Rowe. "We have to show the judge that there is probable cause to hold her."

Rowe was able to show the court probable cause and Judge Slone handed down the decision to hold Wolke.

Though her attorneys again asked the court to lower the bond, Judge Slone refused the motion and said there was probable cause to hold a trial and indicated that she felt Wolke was a danger to society.

Kentucky State Police
Detective Ryan
Loudermilk testified that
the state medical examiner found the cause of
Abner's death was asphysiation.

Wolke was returned to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where she will remain awaiting indictment.

### "Indict"

(Continued from front) failure to comply with sexual offender registration.

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

Shawn M. Haight, 30, of Shannon Lane, Brodhead and Leticia M. Lawless, 28, of JS Hale Lane, Crab Orchard were named in a joint indictment for two counts of burglary and one count of theft by unlawful taking.

Both of their bond was set at \$50,000 c/p.

## "Snow"

(Continued from front) the max with salt and our trucks and other equipment are in very good shape," he said, "We were ready for this snow."

Workers began salting the roads in the county as soon as the snow began to fall Tuesday morning.

"We are in very good shape for winter storms but we sure hope we don't have to use it very often," said Holbrook. "Still, it's better to have it and not need it than to need it and not have it."

The policy of the Rockcastle County Road Department is to first attack major roadways and then secondary roadways, according to amount of travel

Police reported no substantial increase in vehicle accidents Tuesday but continue to remind all motorists to try to stay home when roads become snow covered.

Sheriff Shannon Franklin says motorists should be especially careful during snow. "Always use extra caution and reduce speed during inclement weather," he said. "Be especially mindful of times when schools dismiss and also have an emergency kit in your vehicle."

# "City"

(Continued from front)

our match or find other grant outlets. Either way, we will research it," he said.

Mayor Bryant also updated the council on the Farmer's Market building saying "This process is underway and the building will be a major asset to our community."

Mayor Bryant also addressed the Microfoodery plant that he says is now operational. "The plant is operational," he said, "There are only a few employees at the moment but everything is moving ahead."

Bray also informed the council that he is still waiting for the results of the city audit and is already preparing for next year's audit. "Next year will be an entirely different audit," he said. "Any time a city uses more than \$750,000 in federal funds, it places the city audit in a different category that is much more complex. Next year's audit will be a very long process."

The council also heard a request from Mount Vernon Fire Chief Adam Bales to purchase a 2020 Dodge Ram truck for the department. "We aren't asking for the money to buy the truck," said Bales. "We are simply requesting council permission to finance the truck through the fire department."

Bales says there are many instances the department could use a pick-up truck and save the expense of taking a large fire truck to a call.

The truck would cost the city no money or affect the city budget, according to Bales who said the department receives \$11,000 annually in state aid and he plans to use that money as the payment each year of the sixyear note.

Bales said the Dodge truck was much cheaper than the similar Ford and would cost the department \$36,600. But with a down payment planned by the department, only \$32,900 would be financed. The council approved the request unanimously.

Earlier in the meeting, Councilman Clifford Mullins asked that last month's meeting minutes be changed to reflect that the \$30,000 that the Tourist Department plans to use for a local event, is a loan to them. "I just want to be sure that is clear in the minutes. It's not a gift, it's a loan," he said. Mayor Bryant agreed and the council adopted the minutes with that change.

During department reports, Fire Chief David Bales pointed out that his report has now started showing how many monthly emergency calls involved drugs or alcohol

"I think this is a very good idea," said Mayor Bryant. "We need to track the effects of alcohol sales in the city in any way we can in order to have a better idea of how our city is affected by the sale of alcohol. Either

good or bad or indifferent, we should be aware of any effects our city faces from the sale of alcohol."

The fire department report also showed five structure fires, 15 calls involving vehicles, and one mutual aid in December. Of the 28 runs in December, there were 2 calls related to drugs and two related to alcohol.

Mt. Vernon Police Chief Brian Carter reported to the council that his department answered 450 calls for service in December. Of those 32 were vehicle accidents and 42 calls resulted in arrests. There were also 25 warrants served and six grand jury indictments.

The All American Club reported picking up 20 bags of trash in Mount Vernon from January 2 through January 14.

The next regular meeting of the Mount Vernon City Council is scheduled for Thursday, February 20 at 6 p.m.

## "Fires"

(Continued from front)

street where another mobile home was completely engulfed in flames.

Officials then suspected the two fires may be related though there was no specific evidence of arson at the time, officials said.

The second home was also destroyed by fire.

Then, one week later on January 15, a third mobile home was destroyed by fire only yards away from the other two trailers also of

However, the third home was apparently not vacant though the occupants were not home when the fire occurred.

Chief Carter took the lead role investigating the fires and began working closely with the KSP Arson Unit.

According to Carter the investigation is ongoing and neighbors are being interviewed.

Carter said some neighbors have received disturbing text messages but one in particular which read "you're next," giving authorities reason to suspect whomever sent the text may be responsible for the three fires.

According to Carter, the threatening texts have been sent from a "text app" which is a texting program that will not allow officials to trace where the messages came from.

Lexington television news crews have been on the scene and apparently interviewed some neighbors concerning the fires.

The subject was brought up during last week's Mount Vernon City Council meeting and Carter told council members that he is on the case.

Since all the fires have occurred one week apart, officials warn anyone in the neighborhood to keep a vigil watch in the area.

"If anyone sees anything that strikes them as suspicious in that area, they are urged to call 911," said Carter. "The investigation is underway but we can use the help of citizens keeping an eye out for us as well."

# Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
Gray & White World: Add
Color to the Winter

The gray limbs and twigs, the bare shrubbery, plain gray tree trunks combined with brown or frostbitten grass: your landscape probably is looking kind of depressing right about now. Frosty or snow covered limbs are actually a most welcome sight, at least for a day or two until the reality of getting out and about in slippery conditions quells your enthusiasm. The dull outside can bring on blah and melancholy spirits in people. Let's discover how we may brighten things a little in our landscapes.

Unless you have included colorful items in your landscape especially for the winter, or are the benefactor of someone else's genius, you're probably looking out the window and asking "How long before spring?" Usually early spring flowers and green buds swelling signals a colored world is coming. But this winter you're probably dealing with a gray and white world. Together with long nights and short days that are often cloudy and gray as well, I think I'm feeling

low in spirit, too.
So, how can we change this situation? There may be some small things we can do at once. Things like evergreen boughs and wreaths. Things like a bird feeder and a birdbath to attract some colorful wildlife. Fill a decorative planter with pansies or some clumps of grass or some forced narcissus bulbs.

Maybe paint or replace a blah front door, perhaps paint the mailbox. (If you're desperate for some green, there is such a thing as putting green dye in a sprayer and spraying the lawn. It also works when there's a drought and you can't irrigate.)

If it's too late to satisfy your hunger for color for the current winter, perhaps you can pour over catalogs or garden books or consult with an expert about making plans to change your situation for future winters. The cold days of winter are excellent for this, as most landscapers and outdoor kinds of businesses are slow and have more time to spend with you during bad weather.

When spring and summer actually arrive, you are at the mercy of the garden centers to quite a degree.

You go shopping--they are going to always push what they have in stock--and this may not be what you need for your long term plan to brighten your yard at all! Ordering ahead may be the only way to have what you want when spring planting time comes.

winter allows us to see the tree branches, the fence or the walk and driveway. Things that hardly are noticed in summer become focal points when most things look dead. So, use the opportunity to make plans for new or additional hardscaping if you need some.

In surveying the landscape during a warm day, I saw native red cedar trees with their blue berries hanging in abundance, not yet eaten by the birds. In this day and time when many are looking for "natives" to plant, this juniperus virginiana is often overlooked. Then, I saw a lovely old southern magnolia behind some large maple trees nearly obscuring a house. You see, the magnolia was obscured by the maples dur-

ing spring, summer and

fall. I also notice seed pods of Kentucky coffee tree and fruit of an igiri

My observations continued to noticing black fruits on an evergreen Otto Luyken cherry laurel, some red berries on a winterberry bush, and some blazingly colorful nandina with red berries. Also, dryed fruits on some chokeberries and some red berries remaining on a hawthorn in another yard. While it was warm and I was enjoying the sunshine recently, I couldn't help but notice how nice some crab apples looked hanging against the dull sky as a little bird flitted about and ate a few.

When I design and build a landscape, I always try to find something that will remain green in winter, and also something that will bear fruit for humans or wildlife (usually it's both). Besides the laurels and magnolias, hemlocks, pines, spruce and fir trees are great in landscapes. There are the junipers, the false cypress and the arborvitaes too.

American hollies: its' truly nice to stroll through an older neighborhood that may have been the elite section of town a century earlier and see a forty foot tall holly tree with red berries all over from top to bottom. There are, however, many new hybrids and smaller holly bushes and trees that grow faster and bear fruit sooner for the modern landscape. And for all the people who don't have time to wait on the old native holly to become that magnificent tree I just described surgamment

Firethom (pyracantha) is a berry-producing semievergreen shrub for both summer and winter interest. Be warned though they don't call it firethorn for no reason! Makes a good hedge or plant to keep folks or animals out of certain areas. They also look great as an espalier on the side of a building.

Beauty berries, with their purple or white berries hanging on until the birds get them are nice to observe in the winter garden (or as a 'cut-flower' and put in a vase). Several of the viburnums retain berries well into fall and winter. Examples would arrowwood. be nannyberry, and cranberry bush viburnum. Sometimes fringe trees will retain berries into winter,

then there's the blue bean

shrub.

Dogwoods serve up not just spring blooms, but seeds from late summer until late winter (or until birds and squirrels get hungry). Besides the common cornus floridus or Florida dogwood that is state tree or flower of places like Virginia or Tennessee, there is gray dogwood, red twig dogwood, pagoda dogwood and the very dwarf bunchberry groundcover dogwood of northern woodlands. All the dogwoods have seeds for the birds and other wildlife, and the Kousa dogwood has berries edible to humans as well.

Blueberries, elderberries and serviceberries are all excellent food for wildlife—and are delicacies for people food as well. Now, granted, these berries will be consumed well before winter. But, blueberries and service berries have nice fall color, and some blueberries have red twigs or limbs that stand out during a snow just as brightly as a coral bark Japanese

maple or a red twig dogwood.

I did just mention the coral bark maple. Let's add other interesting bark and limbs. How about stuartia or parrotia trees? The cinnamon bark of a paperbark maple is very "a-peeling". Birch trees with white or flaking trunks are attention grabbers in winter. A crooked Harry lauder's walking stick or a contorted mulberry (if you have room for it) can amaze in winter; you'll see folks stop and gawk.

More greenery that will benefit your winter land-scape would possibly include: Oregon grape holly (mahonia), some evergreen barberries, Mediterranean heather, low-fast or Streibs findling cotoneaster, acuba Japonica, and certainly the winter-blooming hellebores that cover the area under a large tree so well.

Evergreen ivy vines and wintercreeper may be nuisance plants to some, but they are lovely in winter. Also, I want to mention a native vine that shows really well in winter, the bittersweet.

Before we wrap this topic up we have to take a moment to consider that water plays an ideal part in a winter landscape. Not only do wildlife need a drink, I encourage the use of a trickling stream of water and some waterfalls to add mesmerizing sounds and motions to the landscape. Musical sounds of water also carry so much clearer and farther in winter. That rippling stream is a charmer in the yard or garden in the summer, but can be truly enchanting in the

winter. Other ideas for interest in winter include stone outcroppings, mossy boulders, giant clumps of grass that get to retain their dead blades until spring, and perhaps some large logs or stumps that someone with artistic talents has worked on. Even when a dead or dangerous tree has to be removed, perhaps the stump can become the focal point in a landscaped bed. The 'sustainable' landscape would retain that stump. If it has mushrooms growing on it as it decays, all the better!

The author, Max Phelps, is a landscaper. Feedback welcome. Email: pondbuilder@hushmail.com.
Visit website:

www.rockcastles.net

## Mt. Vernon Message

School News
Archery practice will
be every Wednesday
from 3:15 until 5:00.

Academic Team practices each Tuesday from 3:15 until 4:15.

Girl Scouts meet every Thursday.

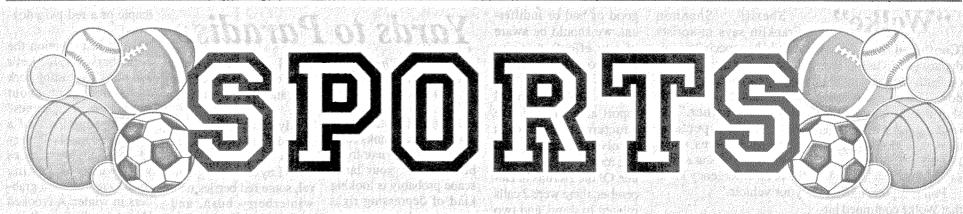
Report Cards will be sent home Thursday, January 16.

No School on Monday, January 20 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

FRC Council meeting on Tuesday, January 21 at 12:00.

Class News

In preschool, they have been reading "The Snowy Day". As part of the story theme, students counted out 9 marshmallows (the number of the week) and used toothpicks to create their own snowflake. Each snowflake was very unique. After completing the snowflake projects, students explored real ice in the science center.



# **Lady Rockets** lose to Casey, beat Fleming and Wayne

It looked for a while Friday night as if the Lady Rockets just might avenge an earlier district loss to the Casey County Lady Rebels. But, it wasn't to be as a disastrous second quarter proved more than the Lady Rockets could overcome in the 59-49 loss.

The Lady Rockets took an 11-10 lead in the first quarter but, the Lady Rebels then went on a 13-2 run, extending into the second quarter, to make it 23-13. The Lady Rockets were only able to come up with four points during the second period while Casey pitched in 16 points for a 32-17 half-time lead.

The Rockets came back in the third to outscore Casev 16-9 but it wasn't enough to get over the hump and Casey took the fourth quarter 18-

The Lady Rebels hit seven threes during the game to the Rockets one and were 11/18 from the free throw line to Rockcastle's 12 of 19.

Junior Casey Coleman was the only Lady Rocket in double figures and led her team in scoring with 18 points; senior Shelby Newland and freshman Hallie Brown each got nine points; freshman Keeley King scored seven, including her team's only three point basket and senior Kenzi Himes got six points.

Saturday, the Lady Rockets took on Fleming County at George Rogers Clark and came away with their 13th win of the season by a lopsided score of 72-34.

The Lady Rockets jumped out to a first quarter lead of 28-6 and were up 46-15 at the half and 62-19 at the third quarter stop.

Ten Lady Rockets got into the scoring column with King leading the way with 12 points; Himes had 11; Aliyah Lopez got 10; Newland and Coleman scored eight points each; Jordan Harper got seven; Brown had six; Karlee Smith got five; Lindsey Jones, who has been absent from the Rocket line-up for several games due to illness, got three and Addison McClure two.

The Lady Rockets hit eight three point baskets to Fleming County's three and were 7/14 from the free throw line to Fleming's 3/12.

Tuesday night, the Lady Rockets hosted the Wayne County Lady Cardinals and won 66-61, their 14th win of the season against six losses.

The score was tied at 23 all at the end of the first half but a strong third quarter by the Rockets, behind 10 points by King, put the Rockets up 48 to 36 going into the final period. The Lady Cardinals mounted a strong comeback in that quarter, outscoring the Rockets 25-18 but the Lady Rockets held on for the win.

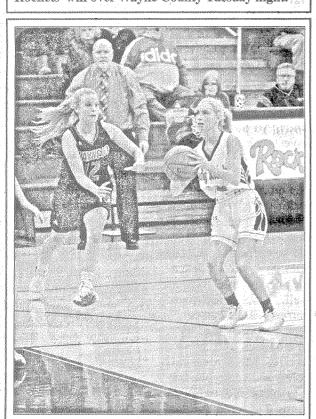
King and Brown tied for scoring honors in the game with 14 each; Himes got 13; Newland nine and Jones scored five points.

The Lady Rockets hit four three point baskets to the Cardinals three and were 18/25 from the free throw line to 10/17 for the Cardi-

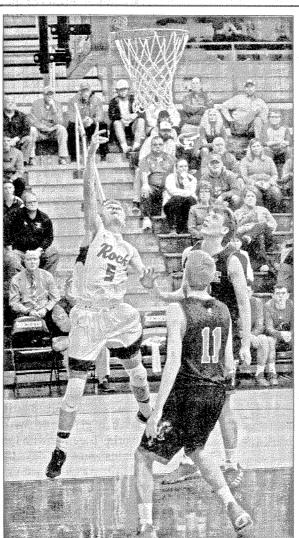
Friday night, the Lady Rockets will travel to McCreary Central for a game and will then go to Pulaski on Friday, January 31st for a district rematch with the Lady Maroons



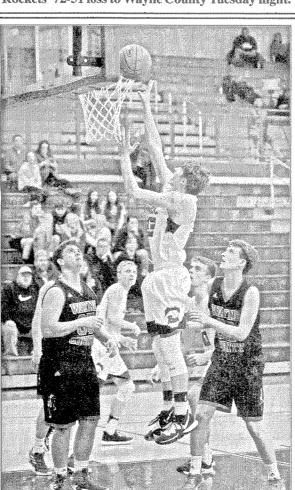
Shelby Newland drives the baseline during the Lady Rockets' win over Wayne County Tuesday night.



Lindsey Jones prepares to put up a shot during the Lady Rockets' win over Wayne County Tuesday.



Drew Hopkins goes up for two of his 12 points in the Rockets' 72-51 loss to Wayne County Tuesday night.



Matthew Chasteen goes up for two on a put back in the Rockets' 72-51 loss to Wayne County Tuesday

#### **Rocket Freshman Update**

The freshman Rockets are undefeated this year, including in their most recent outing Monday night against the Barbourville Tigers which they won easily 36-20.

In Monday night's game, Xander Fletcher and Skylar Durham tied for scoring honors with 10 each; Bryson Atkin got seven; Landon Dillingham four; Kaden Kidwell three and Jaden Burton two.

In other games, the Rockets defeated Somerset 29-21 with Kidwell scoring nine points; Dillingham and Fletcher getting six each; Durham four and Brown and atkin two each. With a long and the second and

The Rockets defeated Anderson County 35-33 behind 12 points by Dillingham; Brown got 11; Fletcher and Kidwell had five each and Atkin two.

In Rockets vs. Model, the Rockets won 43-25. Brown got 12 points in this game; Atkin eight; Kidwell seven; Durham six; Dillingham five and Fletcher three.

#### Rocket Jayvee Round-Up

Rockets vs. McCreary RCHS 9 15 25 39 McC 6 13 22 34 Reese Coguer, 11; Silas Shafer and Jake Sanders 8 each; Matthew Chasteen 6; Xander Fletcher 4; Rylee DeLeon 2. Rockets vs. S. Laurel

RCHS 7 19 26 38 S. Lau14 17 33 Shaffer, 12; Chasteen 11; Coguer 10; DeLeon 5. Rockets vs. Clay County RCHS 20 28 49 59 Clay 6 15 23 35 Coguer 15; Shaffer 13; Chasteen 11; Fletcher 8; DeLeon 6; N. Chasteen 3; K. Kidwell 2; B. Brown 1.

Rockets v. Anderson RCHS 7 20 29 33 ACHS 12 23 28 41 Coguer 14; M. Chasteen 9; Shaffer 7; DeLeon 3.

Rockets v. Southwestern RCHS 8 17 26 38 SW 19 29 43 59 Coguer 12; Fletcher 8; Shaffer 5; DeLeon 5; Kidwell 3; Atkin 3; Sanders

Rockets v. Somerset RCHS 6 12 24 31 Som 11 16 27 40 Sanders 10; Shaffer 8; Fletcher 5; Coguer 4; DeLeon 2; Kidwell 2.

Rockets v. Sayre RCHS 11 29 35 40 42 Sayre 13 21 32 40 43 Coguer 14; Dillingham 10; Shaffer 9; Fletcher 3; Burton 2.

Rockets v. Barbourville RCHS 14 18 25 32 BBV 12 15 23 29 Coguer 17; Dillingham 5; Shaffer 4; DeLeon 2; N. Chasteen 2; Kidwell 2.

# **Rockets beat Casey** and Barbourville; lose 72-51 to Wayne

their winning ways over the Casey County Rebels Friday night, beating them 72-60 and picking up their second district win against three

The Rockets jumped out to an early 15-8 first quarter lead, behind ten points by eighth grader Will Bishop, and extended it to 34-21 at

But Casey actually took the second half, 39-37, mainly because of free throws. At one point, the Rockets had 13 fouls called on them to Casev's two and the half ended up at 18 to 8.

Senior Logan Noel, who sat out most of the game after picking up his second foul with 2:39 left in the first quarter and his third very early in the third quarter, and eighth grader Will Bishop, who went into the second half before picking up his first foul, both fouled out of the game.

However, sophomore Daniel Mullins came through for his team with his second best scoring game of the season with 24 points; Bishop got 18; sophomore Reese Coguer came off the bench to score 10 points; sophomore Matthew Chasteen got eight; sophomore Silas Shaffer scored five: sophomore Drew Hopkins three and sophomore Jake Sanders and seg nior Jake Loudermilk each scored two points.

Monday night, the Barbourville Tigers came to town and the outcome wasn't at all in their favor with the Rockets taking all three games - freshman, JV and varsity.

The varsity game was

The Rockets continued never in question with the Rockets ahead 19-8 at the first quarter stop; 41-24 at the half, 66-43 at the end of the third quarter and the final of 76-54.

Hopkins led the way in scoring with 18 points; Mullins had 12; Bishop got 9; Noel, Chasteen and Sanders each scored eight points; Shaffer scored seven and Coguer six.

The Rockets hit six threes, three by Hopkins, to Barbourville's two and the free throws were pretty even with the Rockets going 8/10 and the Tigers 8/12.

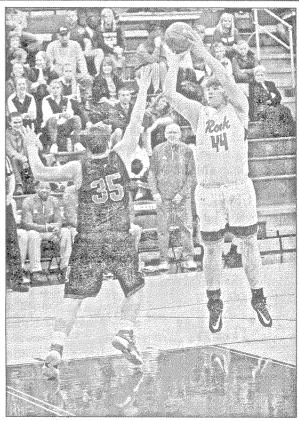
Tuesday night, the Rockets hosted the Wayne County Cardinals and were soundly defeated 72-51, their 13th loss of the season against only six wins.

The Rockets only managed six points the first quarter against 11 for the Cardinals and lost the second quarter 13-16 for a 27-17 halftime lead for the Cardinals. In the third, the Rockets were badly outscored 24-11 and only managed a tie at 21 all for the fourth.

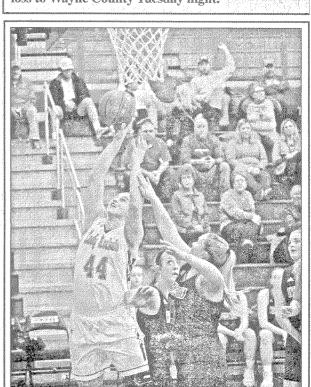
The Rockets hit one three point basket while the Cardinals hit seven. The Rockets were perfect from the charity stripe, canning nine for nine, six of them by Noel. The Cardinals were six of 11.

Hopkins led the scoring for his team with 12 points; Noel, Sanders and Mullins got 10 each; Bishop had four; Shaffer three and Chasteen two.

The Rockets are off this Friday and will next host Marion County on Monday, January 27th and Model on Tuesday, January 28th.



Jake Sanders puts up a shot in the Rockets' 72-51 loss to Wayne County Tuesday night.



Kenzi Himes scores two during the Lady Rockets' win over Wayne County Tuesday.

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Bill Mink, Asst. Pastor **Calloway Baptist Church** 76 Calloway Branch Rd. (Off US 25) • Calloway

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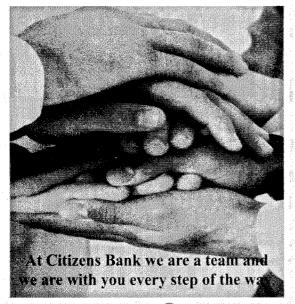
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2617 New Brodhead Rd.

Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 Wayne Harding, Pastor Phone: 256-8844 Sunday School 10 a.m. Sun. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Sun. Discipleship Training/ Sunday Youth Missions 6 p.m.

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Sunday Worship II a.m. Sunday Evening 5 p.m. **New Heights Church** 316 Mini Mall Dr.

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7:00 p.m. Pine Hill Missionary **Baptist Church** 81 Limeplant Hollow Road Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 Bro. Clyde Miller, Pastor

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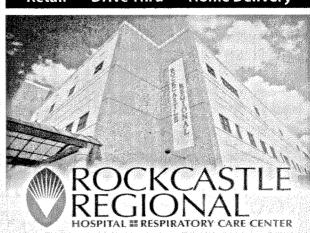
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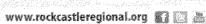
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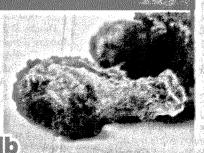


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# Mount Vernon Signal

**Second Section** 

Thursday, January 23, 2020

# Heroin use gaining popularity here in **Rockcastle County**

By: Mike French **Editor** 

Though not as popular as methamphetamine, heroin may still be a growing problem in the county, according to law enforcement agencies.

For several years, methamphetamines have been a popular drug in Rockcastle County as well as throughout the country, officials say.

The growing use of meth (for short) wascalled an epidemic by then Governor Matt Bevin, placing it on the same level as opioids such as pain pills.

Officials say meth can be made by anyone in their own kitchen if they learn the chemicals involved and are willing to take the risk of a possible explosion.

However, some officials say the cost to "cook" meth in relation to the amount of profit made from its sale, is worth the risk to some.

But in Rockcastle County, Assistant Police Chief Joe Rush says, there is very little meth cooked inside the county. "Most of the meth around comes from Mexico," he said. "They transport it here to our county.'

Apparently meth includes several chemicals such as drain cleaner, alcohol, butane, kerosene along with other chemicals combined and turned into a white, chalky substance that can be smoked, snorted, or injected.

The drug apparently also includes some overthe-counter cold medicines but new federal laws make those particular medicines more difficult to purchase in bulk.

However, recently throughout the country, heroin is becoming a more popular drug, called the "drug of choice," for many addicts.

Though heroin is not made at home, it is still

easy to find on the streets since it is trafficked from other countries into America. "The heroin we find here is made in laboratories in Mexico," said Rush.

Surprisingly, a poppy plant grown in Mexico most likely produced the heroin that is used in Rockcastle County.

Interestingly, most of the problem started in the 1800s with the invention of opium as a pain killer drug.

Soon opium addicts were rampant and officials created Morphine as a treatment to help opium addicts get off the drug.

Within a few years, Morphine addicts were rampant and officials (specifically, the Bayer Pharmaceutical Company) created heroin to help addicts get off of Morphine.

Shortly after that, heroin addicts began to appear world wide and officials created methadone to help addicts get off of heroin.

Now, methadone clinics can be found in a majority of states to help addicts get off of methadone.

"Heroin is a highly addictive substance. One out of every four people who try it once, becomes addicted to heroin," said Rush. Some report being addicted immediately after their first use of the

Rush and other first responders agree that heroin is a growing problem in Rockcastle County just as it is across the nation.

"Heroin use and trafficking is an ongoing issue here as are the overdoses, related health hazards and thefts associated with users of the drug," said Rockcastle County Sheriff Shannon Franklin. "Fortunately, the treatment and enforcement agencies in Rockcastle County are committed to working together to combat this problem," he

# Sheriff's 2019 budget presented to fiscal court

By: Mike French Editor

The Rockcastle County Sheriff's department presented their 2019 budget totals to the fiscal court during last week's regular meeting.

The department brought in \$12,537/less than expected according to the 2019 budget, How-

#### **Smoking** Cessation Class

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ever, the department also spent \$14,779 less than budgeted.

According to the Sheriff's Budget, the department budgeted \$627,558 in receipts and \$612,558 in expenses. However, actual receipts were \$615,021 and actual disbursements were \$597,779.

According to the budget, payroll totalled at \$61,816 under budget but vehicle maintenance and office expenses/utilities were above budget, as well as gas and fuel for the department.

The budget also shows \$30,000 budgeted for overtime but none was used. The department also spent \$8,569 less than expected in deputy salaries.

The department expected to receive \$170,000 for commission on taxes but actually brought in \$196,449.

The budget shows 2019 fiscal court contributions at \$190,430.



The Rockcastle County District Spelling Bee was held Wednesday, January 15 at the Rockcastle Teaching & Learning Center. The 2020 Spelling Bee Winners/are: 1st place winner Anna Chaliff, RCMS 7th Grader; 2nd place winner - Sadie Osborne, RES 5th Grader; 3rd place winner - Serenity Bennett, MVES 5th Grader; and 4th place winner - Zakkary Lawrence, BES 4th Grader. Congratulations to these students. Anna will be participating in the Ford Motor Company Kentucky Derby Festival Spelling Bee on March 14th in Louisville.

# Kentucky Militia is now recruiting

By: Mike French Editor

In support of the Second Amendment, the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court recently unanimously voted to name

Rockcastle County as a Second Amendment Sanctuary County.

This designation suggests the county will use no resources, including police or other

county entities, to enforce state or federal laws that may conflict with the Second Amendment

Some consider this issue to be of utmost importance and actively fight

against gun control legislation. Among those who fight for the Second Amendmentois the Kentucky Militia. And now, everyone who

agrees with this philoso-

port that group.

Kentucky Militia member Michael McKee, former Army Ranger, says anyone interested in defending the Second Amendment and learning to defend your family may attend a Meet and Greet at the Livingston Depot Monday, January 27 beginning at 6 p.m.

McKee says there are currently seven local members in the Kentucky

completed, will be a mul-

tiuse facility which can be

used year round for many

different opportunities, he

reports that the Marathon

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schedule and officials hope

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wide organization. The local militia serves Rockcastle, Lincoln and Clay Counties.

The militia was part of the War of 1812 and was officially formed in 1941 during WW II when Kentucky passed legislation allowing the state to maintain troops other than the National Guard, while the National Guard was in federal service, according to officials with the group.

"People have heard of us but we want to put a face to the name," said McKee. "It is a chance to meet people who share our views and bring people together."

McKee says everyone is invited to attend the event and he hopes some may be interested in joining the

"We help give people direction on how to defend themselves and provide a point of contact for those interested," he said. "We want to be involved with our community and be a part of freedom."

The local militia is available for different types of needs, including helping those who ask, according to McKee. "We are here to protect and preserve the Second Amendment and help citizens learn to defend themselves. if someone calls to ask for our help, we will help in anyway we can," he said speaking of the recent discussion in Virginia about anti-gun legislation. "All they have to do is ask, and we will come."

For more information about the Kentucky Militia, call (606) 308-4262.

# phy has a chance to sup-RCIDA working to get natural gas to county

By: Mike French Editor

The Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) held their monthly meeting Tuesday morning after illness caused its postponement from last week.

According to Executive Director Jeff VanHook, several items concerning the growth and development of the county were discussed during the meet-

The main discussion continued to focus on the hopes of a natural gas line through Rockcastle which would serve Crab Orchard, Mount Vernon, the Renfro Valley area, Brodhead and possibly other areas.

VanHook said he and Mount Vernon City Administrator Josh Bray attended a chamber meeting in Lexington dealing with the subject and it appears that the "strategic plan" of the RCIDA is moving ahead as scheduled.

The plan is to use the \$500,000 ARC grant, recently acquired by the RCIDA, along with an investment from Delta Gas to complete the \$1.245 million project which would place the pipeline in the Lincoln County Industrial Park, according to VanHook. This pipeline would then provide a place for Rockcastle County to tap into the line and bring natural gas to the county.

"It is all part of a strategic plan to have access to gas ourselves," he said. "We have to have a supply point and once the pipeline is in Lincoln County, we have a place to tap on."

VanHook said all the work and grant money is helping Lincoln County right now but in the long run this will provide Rockcastle County with access to an otherwise inaccessible gas line.

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County) can't even get on the list of possible locations for a lot of factories and businesses because we don't have natural gas available," VanHook said. "This will be a massive marketing tool for our county and could bring us tremendous growth."

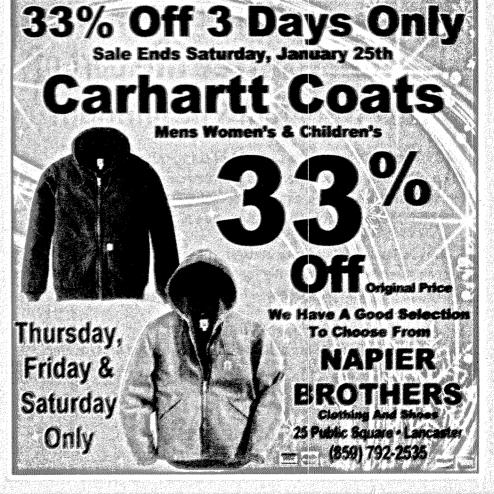
Board members also discussed the Farmers Market building planned for Richmond Street in Mount Vernon.

VanHook said preliminary drawing have been completed and will be sent for state approval and he hopes the \$350,000 project will be ready to bid out in February...

\$275,000 in grant funding is already secured for the project, according to VanHook and RCIDA members, as well as the City of Mount Vernon and the fiscal court, have plans in the works for the remainder of the funding needed.

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working to begin that project as well, he said. The board also followed suit with Mount Vernon by moving the Microfoodery loan into a permanent 10-year loan. Until now, the company had only made interest payments but will now begin making principle and interest payments with a balloon payment at the end of the ten-year note.



# News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



### Circuit Civil Suits

Citizens Bank v. Bob M. Rogers, et al, \$174,911.68 plus claimed due.

Charlisa G. Stewart v. Thomas S. Stewart, verified petition for dissolution of marriage.

State Farm Mutual Automobile Ins. Co. v. Ashisphal'S. Hayher, et al, \$7,814.14 plus claimed due, CI-00008

## District Civil Sunts

These District Court suits have all been filed by Commonwealth of Kentucky Ex rel William Landrum III against property owner for 2017 delinquent property

Harley Bussell, \$179.32. Conopco, Inc., \$71.18. Conopco, Inc., \$116.59. Aleda Eversole, \$52.66. Ernest Gadd, Jr., \$68.50 HIGI SH LLC, \$83.35. Lloyd Jones, \$123.88. James Mason, et al, \$179.32.

Mark Parsons, \$337.61. Claudette Partin, \$76.41. Daryl Pike, \$226.81. Poynter, Howard \$179.32.

Lonnie Roberts, \$147.65. Midland Credit Management v. Edna Bullock,

\$792 plus claimed due. Capital One Bank v. Sandra J. Blair, \$3,586 plus claimed due.

Katreka Cash v. Brandi Dyer, eviction

Discover Bank v. Trevor K. Barnett, \$3,504 plus claimed due. MCM, Inc. v. Gabrielle McFerron,

Capital One Bank v. Tanya Cole, \$3,160 plus claimed due.

\$697 plus claimed due.

Capital One Bank v. Tanya P. Cole, \$1,489 plus claimed due. C-00021



Pamela Sue Johnson, 28, Mt. Vernon, fuel desk and Richard Sherman Ashcraft, 32, Mt. Vernon, auto body. 1/10/20

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# Deeds Recorded

Grant Showalter and Bianca Nery, property in Rockcastle County, to Aaron McKeel. Tax \$73

Norma R. Eversole, property on Green Pond Ridge Road, to Ethan and Melissa Eversole. No tax

Lloyd Shannon McFerron, property on Sowder School Road, to Deborah and Dean McClure. No tax

Willard and Iralean Neeley, property on Little Clear Creek, to Lanita Sue Denny, and others. No tax

Cassie Ethel Literal, property on Poplar Gap Road, to Herschel Waterman. No tax

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John D. Wilson, property in Rockcastle County, to Richard Lee and Lontonia Tillery. Tax \$1.50

Judy Mitchell, property in Castle Ridge Subdv., to Joy Lynn Coleman. Tax \$153

Jefferey A. and Elizabeth McKinney, property in Vanous Brown Division, to Johnathan Isaac Day. Tax \$10

First Southern Bank, Master Commissioner Sale for real property in Orlando, to Lonnie A. and Norma Jean McGuire. No

## District Court

Jan. 13-15, 2020 Hon. Kathryn G. Slone Jennifer Lyn Fuller: public intoxication, \$100 fine plus costs.

Shawn C. Vanzant: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, two days in jail plus

James Ray Allen: fines/fees due (\$248),

Veronica Bray: fines/ fees due (\$168), bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta), four days in jail or payment in full.

Ida Mae Brinegar: fines/fees due (\$153), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.

Dylan L. Broughton: fines/fees due (\$153), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.

Alexis Chasteen: failure to wear seat belts, license to be in possession, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, bw issued

Speeding: Laura Giselle Chevez Sorto, Taylor R. Disabatino, George C. Hatcher, Rebecca Abner Cain, David Bruce Jones, Cassidy Rae Owens, Jeff T. Recker, Jansen S. Upchurch, Lawrence John Clark, license suspended for fta; Jasmine D. Price, \$100 fine plus costs: Jordan Lee Wright. \$50 fine plus costs; John Wesley VanWinkle, paid Samantha Brianna Clines: reckless driving, no/expired registration plates-receipt, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, no operators/moped license. possession of marijuana, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Natasha Dunn: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/ drugs, \$200 fine plus costs, \$375 service fee, 30 days operator license suspension.

Ryan H. Foster: fines/ fees due (\$201), bw issued for fta/five days in iail or payment in full.

Randy Adrian Perez McIntosh: part 395/Fed Safety Regs-Hours of Service for Drivers, bw issued for fta.

Dustin Lee Ollerdisse: Viol Part 390 Federal safety Regs-General Policy (four counts), Viol Part 392, Fed Safety Reg, Driving of Motor Vehicle, Pt. 393, Federal Safety Regs, Parts Needed for Safe Operation, Part 395/Fed Safety Regs-Hours of Service for Drivers, Pt. 396, Fed Safety Regs Inspect/Repair/Maintenance (two counts), Viol. Part 383, Fed Safety Reg-Commercial Driver License, bw issued for fta.

Brian H. Yauger: fines/fees due (\$288), bw issued for fta/six days in jail or payment in full; public intoxication. criminal trespassing, menacing, possession controlled substance, wanton endangerment, bw issued for fta.

James Young: fines/ fees due (\$253), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Pietro Alderigi: Viol Part 392, Fed Safety Reg, Driving of Motor Vehicle, bw issued for fta.

Brandon Sutton: fines/ fees due (4173), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

James Robert

Whittamore: fines/fees due (\$353), bw issued for fta/eight days in jail or payment in full. Allen G. Williams: no/expired registration plates-receipt, bw issued for fta.

Jennifer Williams: drug paraphernalia-buy/ possess, \$100 fine plus

Jennifer Lynn Rice: no/expired Kentucky registration receiptplates, improper display of registration plates. failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Cody M. Robinson: fines/fees due (\$143), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

James Donnie Schueler: fines/fees due (\$643), bw issued for fta/ 13 days in jail or payment in full.

Thomas Scott: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for fta/bw issued.

Sara Francheska Spoonamore: fines/fees due (4188), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Thomas Wayne Price: failure to produce insurance card and failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Marion Eve Redmon: fines/fees due (\$338), bw issued for fta/seven days in jail or payment in full.

Sharon R. Monk: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt-plates, improper display of registration plates, license to be in possession, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Rebekah Moran: fines/fees due (\$173), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Cory Matthew Mowery: fines/fees due (\$165), bw issued for fta/ four days in jail or payment in full.

Roger Owens: fines/ fees due (\$218), bw issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.

Mason Phillips: fines/ fees due (\$368), bw issued for fta/eight days in jail or payment in full.

Jameson Pingleton: fines/fees due (\$173), bw issued for fta/ four days in jail or payment in full.

Douglas Medley: fines/fees due (\$173), bw

issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Timothy Cecil Miller: fines/fees due (\$298), bw issued for fta/eight days in jail or payment in full.

Jason W. Hopkins: fines/fees due (\$153), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Nicholas A. Johnson: fines/fees due (\$123), bw issued for fta/three days in jail or payment in full.

William D. Martin: fines/fees due (\$441), bw issued for fta/11 days in jail or payment in full. Devon Joseph

McKnight: fines/fees due (\$143), bw issued for fta/ four days in jail or payment in full.

Nancy K. Damrell: fines/fees due (\$183), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Gavin L. Damron: speeding, failure to wear seat belts, no/expired registration plates-receipt, failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for fta.

Joshua Shane Dixon: operating on suspended/ revoked operators license, \$100 fine; failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, \$500 fine plus costs.

Joshua C. Emerson: fines/fees due (\$268), bw issued for fta/six days in jail or payment in full.

Steven D. Frederick: fines/fees due (\$673), bw issued for fta/14 days in jail or payment in full.

Elbert Terry Harris: fines/fees due (\$163), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.

Bruce Hatcher: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to notify address change to dept. of transp., bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Laura C. Carpenter: fines/fees due (\$47.12),

bw issued for fta/one day in jail or payment in full.

Ryan H. Foster: fines/ fees due (\$281), bw issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.

Savannah M. Fox: fines/fees due (\$179), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Ransales Francisco: fines/fees due (\$277), bw issued for fta/six days in jail or payment in full.

Myles R. Hurst: speeding, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for fta.

Steven T. Owens: no rearview mirror, instructional permit violations, license suspended for fta.

Brandy R. Prather: no/ expired registration plates-receipt, failure to produce insurance card, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, improper display of registration plates, failure to notify address change to dept. of transp., bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Billy J. Rayburn: unauthorized use of motor vehicle, 30 days in jail/ concurrent plus costs.

Heaven Lee Renner: assault, 12 months in jail/ to serve 45 days/balance probated 24 months on condition plus costs.

Dana M. Reynolds: operating on suspended/ revoked operators license, \$100 fine plus

Tyler Dewayne Rose: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta.

Roger Boshers: strangulation, 10 days in jail prus costs.

Billy Jack Rayburn: criminal trespass, 30 days/concurrent/costs



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### • Office of the Sheriff of Rockcastle County •

Pursuant to KY statute KRS 91A.040 the KY State Auditor of Public Accounts has completed the audit of the 2018 Outgoing Sheriff Property Tax Account for the Rockcastle County Sheriff.

The auditor's opinion letter is being published by Auditor of Public Accounts on January 23, 2020 in the Mount Vernon Signal.

A copy of the complete audit report, including statements and supplemental information, is on file at the Sheriff's office and is available for public inspection during normal business hours. Any citizen may obtain from the Sheriff a copy of the complete audit report, including financial

statements and supplemental information, for their personal use.

Any citizen requesting a personal copy of the audit report will be charged duplication cost at a rate of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per page.

A copy of the financial statement prepared in accordance with KY KRS 424.220 is available to the public at no cost at the Office of Auditor of Public Accounts, 209 St. Clair Street, Frankfort, KY 40601. rakini finalitika valoni finaliti olimosi irosati irosati filosofi irota filosofi irota filosofi irota filosofi Tenthalong blue holder server

/s/ Shannon Franklin, Sheriff of Rockcastle County

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Independent Auditor's Report

Report on the Financial Statement We have audited the former Rockcastle County Sheriff's Settlement 2018 Taxes for the period April 17, 2018 through

December 31, 2018 - Regulatory Basis, and the related notes to the financial statement. Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of

accounting as described in Note 1. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for Sheriff's Tax Settlements, issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the former Rockcastle County Sheriff on the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material. Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles paragraph, the financial statement referred to above does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the taxes charged, credited, and paid of the former Rockcastle County Sheriff, for the period April 17, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the taxes charged, credited, and paid for the period April 17, 2018 through December 31, 2018 of the former Rockcastle County Sheriff, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in Note 1.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated October 24, 2019, on our consideration of the former Rockcastle County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions

of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the former Rockcastle County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and compliance. Based on the results of our audit, we have presented the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses, included herein, which discusses the following report comments:

2018-001 The Former Rockcastle County Sheriff's Office Lacked Adequate Segregation Of Duties Over Receipts And Disbursements 2018-002 The Former Sheriff Did Not Include \$235,406 In Franchise Tax Collections On His 2018 Outgoing Tax Settlement Respectfully submitted,



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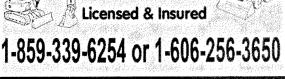
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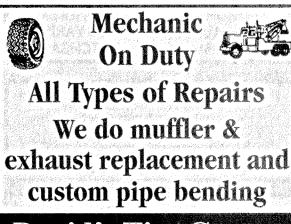
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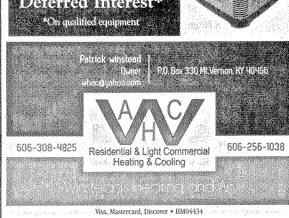
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