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Family Dollar/Dollar Tree



There are only three Family Dollar/Dollar Tree Pilot stores in America and this one, in Brodhead, is now open for business. Managed by Tammy Amis, the store plans its Grand Opening ceremonies on Saturday, February 15th at 8 a.m. Along with free food, drinks and a ribbon-cutting ceremony, the store will give away many door prizes including a \$100, \$50 and \$25 gift card. Though a native of Somerset, Amis has been with the Mount Vernon Family Dollar for many years and has now moved to the Brodhead pilot store. Everyone is invited to attend the grand opening and enter for the prizes.



For Kentucky Farmaceuticals

Mt. Vernon to receive \$1M CDBG grant

To help local company Kentucky Farmaceuticals, LLC develop their business and aid in job creation, Gov. Andy Beshear and the Department for Local Government (DLG) announced a \$1 million Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to Mt. Vernon.

"Funding projects that bring jobs to our communities are critical for Kentuckians," said Gov. Beshear. "I want to thank Mt. Vernon and Kentucky Farmaceuticals, LLC for their commitment to job creation and industry development in their city."

Kentucky Farmaceuticals, LLC specializes in storing and processing Kentucky-grown hemp for the purpose of cannabidiol (CBD) oil extraction and refinement. Mt. Vernon will use the funding to purchase equipment to lease to the company so they can meet current industry needs and demands.

"It is always encouraging to see state grant funding come into Rockcastle county," said Judge Executive Howell Holbrook. With every endeavor comes the possibility for employment opportunities. We have to keep reaching for growth and economic development."

The project is expected to create 50 full-time jobs

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Flu season comes to Rockcastle Co.

— Three to four day symptoms

By: Mike French Editor

It's flu season again and, according to officials, this year's strain is a difficult one.

"It's not a 24-hour virus this time," said Janet Kirby of the Rockcastle County Health Center. "This one is holding on for three to four days. And sometimes even longer."

Reports of the flu have been rampant across the country this year and Kentucky is just beginning to feel the effects of the virus. More than one county has already cancelled school due to the flu.

As for Rockcastle County, the numbers are

still very low but several cases have shown up locally and the spread is inevitable unless some safety rules are followed.

"Wash your hands continually," said Kirby. "Keeping your hands washed is the key to avoiding the flu," she said.

Many use antibacterial hand sanitizer because it is quick and easy and can be used anywhere. But Kirby says it is not nearly as effective. "Hand sanitizer is not nearly as ef-

(See "Flu" on A5)

REAL ID deadline is October 1, 2020

By: Mike French Editor

Local residents will have to go to Somerset or Paducah for the new REAL ID.

In 2005, Congress passed the REAL ID Act in which citizens provide more personal details in order to have a new form of identification. Though elected officials repeat often that the new identification is "optional," they also passed laws stating that without the new form of identification,

citizens cannot board flights, enter a military base or enter some federal buildings without it after October 1, 2020.

Kentucky is one of several states who have been slow to implement those new standards but newly elected Governor Andy Beshear says "My administration is working tirelessly to catch our state up and bring us into compliance with federal requirements."

Kentucky Transportation Secretary Jim Gray said "I encourage Ken-

tuckians to ensure they have the necessary documents to save valuable time and energy and avoid an unnecessary repeat trip. If you intend to use your Driver's License as your form of REAL ID, do your homework now."

Two new offices have been opened in Kentucky where citizens can go to get their REAL ID. One in Paducah and another in Somerset. but Rockcastle County does not have a REAL ID office according to Eliza York,

Circuit Court Clerk.

A press release from the Clerk's office says the IDs for Rockcastle County residents are available at the Somerset Driver's License field office.

"I apologize that our residents have to travel out of county, but it was

(See "I.D." on A5)

Local scams increasing

Scam calls may come from a number you recognize

By: Mike French Editor

Some local residents have report scam calls have increased recently that claim to be from police or Medicare.

Ernest Alcorn, Rockcastle County resident, said he has received several calls from scam callers warning his private information.

"It's a real shame that these people would do

such a thing to an elderly person but it's what the world is coming to," he said.

After legislation passed last year forcing robotic calls to display their phone number on caller ID enabled phones, scam artists have found more and more ways around the system.

"I have gotten calls that say 'police' and have gotten others that say it is 'Medicare' calling me," said Alcorn. "It is impossible to know when you shouldn't answer the phone anymore," he said.

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Ten local cases heard Friday

John D. McClure, 35, of Mt. Vernon pled guilty to First-Degree Criminal Mischief and Second-Degree Escape in court Friday in front of Special Judge Messer. Accord-

ing to Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney David L. Dalton, in August 2019, McClure caused over \$1,000 worth

Delinquent taxes rise 21 percent Saturday

By: Mike French Editor

If you owe property taxes, you have till tomorrow, Friday, January 31, to pay them without large fees added to your bill, according to the Sheriff's office.

"I have a feeling Friday is going to be very busy here at our offices," said Connie Bullins of the Rockcastle County Sheriff's office.

Property taxes that are not paid by February 1, will have a 21 percent penalty added onto the total, according to Bullins. A \$1,000 property bill would then be \$1,210 over night.

Property taxes paid by October received a 2 percent discount while those paid during November, December and January were paid at face value Bullins said. However,

delinquent taxes not paid by February 1 will receive the 21 percent penalty.

If not paid after April, those delinquent taxes will be turned over to the county according to Bullins. At that time the bill is subject to purchase from an outside mortgage company.

"If a mortgage company pays the tax, then the land owner has no choice but to pay that company that tax and any fees they may apply including interest and other penalties," she said. "If it isn't taken care of, it can quickly become an amount that is more than the property is worth."

Currently, Bullins said there is about \$14,000 in delinquent taxes in the county but she expects that amount to drop some after Friday's rush from last minute payers.

Investigation still underway

Officials with the Kentucky State Police and Brian Carter, Mount Vernon Police Chief, says the investigation into the suspected arson of three homes on Davis Street this month is still ongoing. No new developments have been reported, but the case remains open.

Ten years ago

In the third week of January of 2010, 60 local residents filed for political races in the May Primary elections. Also on this date, ten years ago, flash flooding caused damage throughout the county..

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ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

The only thing I can think of to lead this column with this week is how happy I am at the lack of snow this winter.

I certainly hope, however, that our weather is not a repeat of the last couple of years when it waited until March or April to become winter-time, thereby delaying the season that I love above all others, Spring.

I'm getting a little frustrated with winter and if it weren't for Hulu I would really be in trouble. There are several series on the channel that have occupied my time this winter, I'm presently halfway through *Everwood* and if Treat Williams would just shave that beard I would enjoy it twice as much. I finished an English series (okay it was mostly a soap opera), *Lark Rise to Candleford*, and it was excellent.

I can remember a few years back that I occupied myself with doing a lot of embroidered baby quilts, to the extent that I have several made up in advance and read incessantly. But, that was before I discovered, along with the rest of America

apparently, how entertaining my cell phone could be. To top it all off, Paige downloaded a word game for me that contributes absolutely nothing to my knowledge of the world around me but is certainly entertaining for a couple of hours everyday.

I think I do the phone entertainment bit to escape from the reality of our world. This impeachment process is absolutely the most boring thing I have ever encountered on TV and so unnecessary.

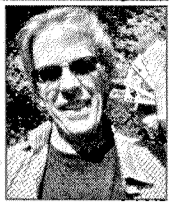
The Democrats are determined to unseat this President, who has done nothing but bring us the best economy in the last 50 years and kept his word on constructing a wall on our southern border to stem the flow of drugs and human traffickers. But whose rhetorical style they do not like.

Well, guess what, I don't much care for it at times either but I care even less for being talked down to and called names by Democrats and main stream

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



The shovel was really a kid-size shovel. It was lightweight and only about three feet long. It was a flat shovel but the sides were turned up slightly. This was to keep ashes from falling in the floor before you got them in the bucket.

It was the very first thing in our household that was touched each morning. Whoever woke first, reached immediately for that shovel.

Opening the bottom door on the old, black, steel stove woke everyone else though. It always squeaked and made a loud clank when it was closed.

But, you had to get the ashes out of the bottom of the stove before you could have a good fire in the top part of the stove.

Once the ashes were delivered out back and dumped, that same silver bucket was filled with coal. We often had to chop the coal with an axe because the chunks were too big to fit into the stove.

Then, through the snow and wind, the early riser fought his way back to the house where he put old newspapers and a few pieces of kindling wood in the stove and then placed several chunks of coal on top of that.

Usually, the coal had snow on it and you had to get some of that snow off of each chunk or when it melted, it would put out the fire.

Soon, the coal would catch fire and the top of the steel would begin to turn bright red from heat.

I learned that the wider you open that bottom door, the hotter the fire would get and the more heat you would get.

It didn't make sense to me. I thought letting the cold air in would make

the stove cooler inside. But, in fact, the more cold air that got in, the hotter the fire would burn.

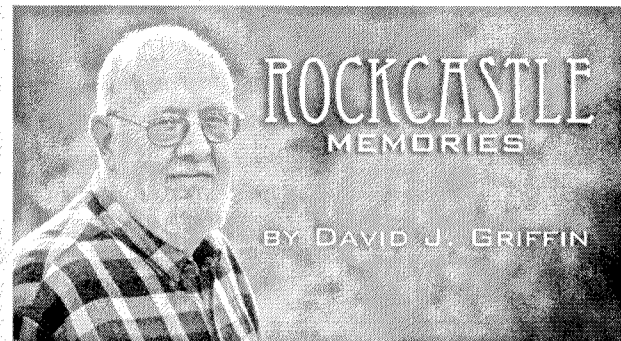
There was a shelf close to the stove and that's where one could place their socks in the mornings so that they would get warm and toasty before putting them on your ice cold feet.

The best feeling of childhood was sliding those toasty warm socks over my freezing feet. That's back when I could actually feel my feet and heat felt good.

Since heat rises, and it was the top of the stove that got hot, feet stayed cold most of the time in those days.

Once the fire was going and the top of the stove was hot, the old silver coffee percolator was placed on top of it and

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Waffle House

Even as a young boy living with my mother (Bee) in Mt. Vernon, I loved to stay up late and sleep-in the following morning. Now that my wife and I have both retired, that is our "modus operandi" on most days. We usually go to bed around 2:00 am and get up somewhere between 10:30 and noon. It is an indulgence that does not come with being a part of the working world, and when we escaped, we began to live on our own schedules rather than someone else's.

Which is why I took my inspiration this week from an author whom I personally favor. In the January-February 2020 edition of *Southern Living* magazine, I discovered that my favorite col-

umnist, Rick Bragg, feels the same way I do about mornings. He said, "I'm a late sleeper; nothing good has ever happened to me before noon. If the phone rings, it's bad news or a telemarketer in Sri Lanka apprising me of my car warranty."

I hear you, brother.

But sleeping so late can tend to stir up a hearty appetite, and we now live five minutes from the local Waffle House in Mt. Sterling. And frankly, we have loved the Waffle House for years. We always searched for them when we travelled because we could be assured of having breakfast at any time of the day.

Living this close to one has already proven to be something that is hard to resist. (On a side note, we recently noticed that they have a 100 percent rating from the health department.) We love their eggs, hash brown potatoes, and bacon or sausage. We have already gone there often enough that they may call us by name.

Rick Bragg has his own breakfast spot that he loves. He explains, "Thank you Huddle House for setting my world back to spinning once more. I can't speak for all outposts, but the one in Jacksonville, Alabama is a reason to live! It's not just the fact that you can get a fine Western omelet as the sun begins its downhill slide, that a pot of grits is always bubbling, or that sausage gravy is considered an acceptable accoutrement to a chef's salad. It's that all of this exists in a wider time warp. You hear a lot of philosophy here."

Again, I hear you, brother!

On several occasions, my wife and I have almost driven the half mile to the Waffle House at 2:00 am in order to sat-

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Points East

By Ike Adams



Okay, I realize that a lot of you are probably tired of reading about chestnuts in your favorite, family newspaper, and who'd have thought that they'd make three weeks worth of column fodder? Still, here we are again, but I fully intend to let the subject rest for awhile after this current missive fires.

London, (KY) novelist and good friend, Tabatha Haddix, was the only reader who chimed in with information stating that she had purchased some chestnuts during

Thanksgiving at Kroger's. More than half a dozen other readers have been asking where to find some, so now you know. I suspect, however, that they are long gone by now.

Tabbs found out that hers had been imported from Italy. I have not, personally, seen any for sale, locally, in at least 4 decades. However, when I was growing up in Letcher County during the 1950s and 60s, chestnuts were popular holiday delicacies at practically every grocery store and fruit stand in the county.

I have no idea why, but we mistakenly called them "horse chestnuts" way back then. They were more than twice as large as the domestically grown Chinese chestnuts

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Grandma's Drink
Dear Journal,

It was in early 1970 or 1971 when I came down with a severe case of pneumonia during Christmas break from school. I was taken to the family doctor and he would have admitted me to the hospital except there weren't any beds available. To make a long story short, I was on bed rest at home and wasn't allowed to return to school when it started back after the break. What a shame. I hated it. I had a home teacher for the remainder of the year.

She went to my class room and collected my books and was filled in on where we were in the books and I just resumed from there. I finally was able to get around the house and sit up for a few hours. I did my school work and the teacher would come by the house about two or three times a week. She was Miss

Gilliam, the daughter of the county superintendent. She was so young, probably just out of college. This became a new phase in my life as it turned out.

Back in those days there were only two stations on the TV. So, you either watched one or the other or none at all. For a kid (I was about twelve or thirteen) confined to bed, you were glad to watch about anything. This was the peak of football season, the pros and college, so I watched and figured out the game. Well, that was it right there. I came to love the game and had some favorite players and teams. Then came baseball about a year later and finally my love of basketball came about a year or so after that. It really confused me. They changed from offense to defense and

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Ramblings...

by; perlina m. anderkin
media because I chose to vote for President Trump over arguably the most corrupt, evil woman to ever be a part of the America political scene (I know, you wish I would say what I think sometimes).

I think the fight for the Democrat nomination may come down to socialist/communist Bernie Sanders or "where am I at again?" Joe Biden.

The really sad thing about all this impeachment mess is that several very important news items are being underreported badly so that the news media can bring us the latest Rep. Adam Schiff's completely made up interpretation of President Trump's phone call with Ukrainian President Zelensky.

For example, the Coronavirus, an illness with the potential to become a pandemic, is not getting the attention it deserves. Already, in a two week period, the virus has killed over 130 Chinese. Hong Kong has closed its border with mainline

China and why the United States hasn't done the same is a little puzzling. They did get 201 diplomatic personnel, along with some businessmen, out of China Tuesday and they are being monitored closely for the virus which has a two week incubation period.

There's also the story of the Harvard professor who was caught spying for the Chinese and collecting millions of dollars from them for his efforts. And, a Boston University graduate student, who is also a Chinese Army Lieutenant, who was also found to be spying but has managed to get out of the country and back to China so she will probably not be brought to justice at all. Then, of course, there is the case of another Harvard professor who was caught trying to smuggle 21 vials of biological material out of the country.

But, these stories of course, pale in significance to mean, racist orange man who was caught trying to get Ukraine to investigate corruption in their country, involving former vice president Joe Biden and

his son, Hunter.

I don't know how this process will play out. When you have RINO Republicans in the Senate like Mitt Romney anything can happen. All I do know is that it will be a sad day in this country's history if one of the Democrat candidates do manage to win the Presidency.

"Aces"

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the coffee would be ready after the second chore of the morning.

The second chore? You guessed it. A trip back outside into the freezing snow and up to the little, square building. Ours was just a one-holer.

I remember ours had a nice, smooth seat to sit on. But grandma's was just old rough-cut oak filled with splinters that would always get your tail before you got up.

Soon that old steel stove would have the whole house warmed up and we could sit at the kitchen table for breakfast. But mom usually let me eat mine sitting on the floor in front of the stove.

Pop would shave at the kitchen sink (we didn't have any other sink), and soon he was off to work while mom got my clothes ready for the walk to school (yes, I walked to school).

During the day, mom would take out ashes and keep coal in the stove so that when we got back from our day, we arrived to a warm, comfortable home.

We didn't have central heat and air. We didn't have running water.

But, we were filthy rich in those days. We had it all and wanted nothing. We had the greatest, most blessed, life of any world king. Our castle was the grandest.

Oh I don't know if we had any money or not. That's not what I mean.

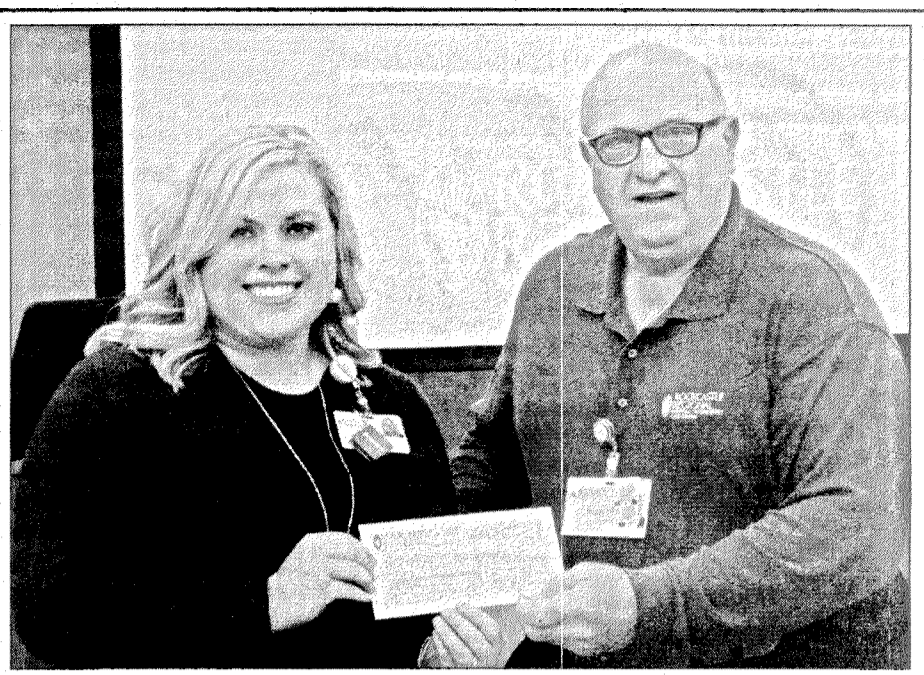
But I heard "I love you Mike" from my mother daily. I saw pop kiss mom goodbye every morning. I was warm and comfortable. We laughed. We played. We loved.

Yes, we were filthy rich.

"Points East"

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we grew up with and we knew they were not American chestnuts. If we asked salespeople where they came from, the most exact answer would be "somewhere off from here." They also tasted, when boiled or baked, far, far sweeter and more appetizing than our local Chinese chestnuts. I suspect we called them horse chestnuts simply to distinguish them from other



Rockcastle Regional Hospital hosted a joint meeting for Rockcastle Kiwanis and Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce on January 16. CEO Steve Estes shared information about the various programs and operations of the hospital and presented Kiwanis Club with a generous donation. Kiwanis Club appreciates the support and values the ongoing partnerships with Rockcastle Regional and Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce. Pictured above are Kiwanis President Kayla Prewitt and Rockcastle Regional CEO Steve Estes.

chestnuts, more than to suggest they had anything to do with horses.

In fact, I was soon to learn, real horse chestnuts are not chestnuts at all and not even close kin to them. They are closely related to and look much buckeyes. They and also poisonous if eaten. They are not native to North America but they seem to thrive as shade trees in our country. I've seen some more than 30 or 40 feet tall just outside Winchester.

And here I go digressing again. Anyway, one late November Sunday in 1968 or 69, I had stopped off at an Isom (KY) fruit stand, after a weekend home from school, on my way back to the dormitory at Pikeville College. I had planned to load up on apples, tangerines and mixed nuts to snack on in my room when I noticed that the vendor had some bushel baskets full of the largest chestnuts I'd ever seen.

The price was right, so I bagged up about a gallon of them, in a brown paper poke and took them back to Pikeville. I ran into Tom Storrer, the college chef and Director of Food Services before I'd even gotten to my room. The college cafeteria, at that point in time, occupied the ground floor of the men's dormitory. I asked Mr. Storrer if he liked chestnuts and proceeded to show him my haul.

From the look on his face, you'd have thought that Tom Storrer was in a state of Divine Rapture. He explained to me that this particular chestnut only grew in certain parts of Portugal and France and that they were highly sought after by gourmet chefs. He peeled one open, took a bite and the Rapture returned to his countenance. I learned, the next day, that he had sent someone 60 miles to Isom and bought 2 bushels of the Portuguese Chestnuts.

Mr. Storrer was the man who laughed and told me about how mistaken I was in regards to horse chestnuts. According to him, 99% of the chestnuts we bought then, and still try to find in this country, today, are imported from Italy, Portugal, Spain, France, China or Japan. The European varieties are considered vastly superior to those of Asian origin.

That Thanksgiving, Mr. Storrer served up a holiday dinner for about a dozen students who were performing maintenance work over our Thanksgiving break.

To this day, his chestnut turkey dressing is one of the delicious dishes I've ever eaten, anywhere. I've tried to replicate it several times without even coming close. But, if I live another year, I'm going to be hounding Tabatha Haddix to keep a sharp eye out for chestnuts, come November, and I'm going to try chestnut stuffing one more time.

"T. J.'s"

(Cont. from A2)

back again ever so often and I never did see a punt-ing unit come out.

During this retreat from society, I learned to love "Grandma's Drink". After all, in the heart of winter like this, you need some kind of a hot drink. I never have liked coffee, even today. Mom was convinced that I was allergic to chocolate, so there wasn't any hot chocolate in the picture for me. I did halfway like tea and had a cup of it at times. My usual drink was an old hand me down concoction that my great grandma, Vestie Otey Price invented.

I hadn't had any of it since I recovered from pneumonia until about a week ago when one day it came to mind. I decided to make a cup of it and it was so good, just like I remembered. It is really simple to make. Get a mug or cup

and fill it about a fourth full (about four or five tablespoons) of canned condensed milk or cream. Then, add about two teaspoons of sugar (I use artificial sweetener) to taste. Add hot water to fill the cup and there you are. You may think it is only warm milk but it tastes altogether different. It has a smoothness to it not in warm milk. If you're sick, it is as good as chicken soup and even when you're not, if you want a good hot drink on a cold winter's night.

"Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

isfy our "mid-night cravings." Our local Waffle House never closes and is always ready to provide us with our favorite meal - breakfast. And a good conversation may be available at any moment.

When we walk in the door, many of the waitresses bring me a cup of decaf as we take our seats. It is good to know that they pay attention to our individual needs. My wife is fond of their omelets, and usually orders her special with cheese, sausage, onions, and mushrooms. I, like Rick Barnes, love gravy with my eggs, crispy bacon, and toast (or biscuits). Yes, we both love gravy on toast. If I am ravenous, I also order a single waffle on the side.

Several other senior citizens frequent our local Waffle House. Sometimes, we hear local gossip as we consume our breakfast delights. Rick Barnes put it in this manner: "How else will I find out who quit smoking or who got saved and who's been stealing boat motors on Lake Wedowee?"

Yeah, Rick and I have a lot in common. Southern living indeed.

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Mon., Feb. 3rd: Brodhead, Copper Creek, Brindle Ridge. No service Tuesday and Wednesday.
Hot Rod Sign-ups
Hot Rod T-Ball Sign-ups for 3-5 year-olds will be held the first and second weekends in April at Wendy's from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 606-308-5319 for more information.
Celebrate Sobriety Service
CrossPoint Church of God will host a monthly Celebrate Sobriety Service on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. We are located at 211 Industrial Park Road (across from the high school) in Mt. Vernon, KY. Call 859-582-2553 with any questions.
Chamber of Commerce Meetings
The Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce meets once a month, on the third Tuesday, at noon at Limestone Grille. All members are encouraged to attend.
VFW Post Item
VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all members and is also looking for new and associate members. New hours are: Wed. - Sat., 5 p.m. to ? Call 606-386-1490 for more information.
Rockcastle County Recovery Meetings
Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead: Community Outreach Center, 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 Baptist, 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: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099 and Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.
AA Meeting, 8 p.m. Open Share at the Brodhead Center.
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. Saturday. Leaders: John Burton 859-621-9881, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.
DAR Meetings
The Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meets the first Monday of each month, September-May at 6 p.m. at First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon. All prospective members are welcome to attend.
Brodhead Lodge Meeting
The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #566 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.
Alcoholics Anonymous
Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.
Kiwanis Club Meetings
The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Limestone Grill. Everyone is invited.
American Legion Post 71
American Legion Post 71 meets the second Thursday at 6 p.m. of each month at the Limestone Grill. Commander Rick Bobo (308-2271) invites all Rockcastle veterans to join this organization that honors American soldiers, sailors and airmen.

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Obituaries



Thelma Abney Stokes

Thelma Abney Stokes, 95, of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at Crawford Continuing Care Center in Grayling, MI. She was born at Conway in Rockcastle County on February 1, 1924, the daughter of John and Eliza Leger Wynn. She lived a life led by the Lord; full of family, friends, and baking. She was well known for her delicious pies, as well as her friendly, outgoing nature. She had a passion for people and flea markets, and enjoyed a nice walk. She had been a devoted member of First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon, where she spent much of her time prior to spending her later years in Michigan to be near her family.



She is survived by: her loving son, F. Russ Abney of Lake City, MI; two sisters, Louise Lord and Opal (Duane) Hendrickson; five grandchildren, Kathy (Mike) Price, Russell Abney, Denise Corrin, Derek (Shelly) Corrin, and Daniel Abney; five great grandchildren, Megan, Bailey, Reed, Sydney, and Madison; and a great great grandchild, Cooper; as well as many nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her first husband, Daniel "Doc" Abney; her second husband, Benton Stokes; her loving daughter, Barbara Jo Corrin; a sister, Cynthia Isaacs; brothers, Henry, Edward, and Willard Wynn; and a daughter-in-law, Jeannette Abney.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 27, 2020 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Dennis Wilder. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Derek Corrin, Mike Price, John Timlin, Shawn Timlin, Bobby Wynn, and Johnny Wynn.

The family requests donations to First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon.

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

Nellie Rebecca Leger

Nellie Rebecca (McClure) Leger, 87, of Berea, Ohio, died Saturday, January 25, 2020, at her residence. She was born December 3, 1932 in Livingston, to the late Robert and Ruth McClure. She was a member of the Trinity Full Gospel Church and enjoyed crocheting and cooking.



Those left to celebrate her life are: her three children, Deanna Mullins, William "Tubby" Leger, and Oma Leger, all of Berea; six grandchildren, William Leger, Karen Stallsworth, Deanna Carpenter, Laura Stallsworth, Bryan Mullins, and Joshua Mullins; nine great grandchildren, Myla Leger, Matthew Hensley, Kaitlin Jaramillo, Kiaya Hensley, Lauryn Carpenter, Ethan Carpenter, Brylee Mullins, Blake Mullins, and Hadlee Mullins; one great great grandson, Mateo Jaramillo; two brothers, Bobby Lee McClure and Raymond McClure; and one sister, Carri Anna Milburn.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Marion Leger; daughter, Barbara Ruth Leger; one brother, Robert C. McClure; one sister, Aleda Bond; one son-in-law, Tiny Mullins; and one daughter-in-law, Karen Leger.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals, with Bro. Mark Horn officiating. Burial was in Leger Cemetery.

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

Jackie Vernon Lawrence

Jackie Vernon Lawrence, 74, of Brodhead, husband of Doris, died Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at Baptist Health Richmond. He was born May 14, 1945 in Brodhead, to the late Herbert and Mae Elizabeth (Brumett) Lawrence. He married Doris Reynolds on July 17, 1965, and from that union came two sons, Anthony Wayne and Glenn Allen. He worked at Brodhead School for 20 years, attended Providence Church of Christ, enjoyed gardening, history, watching UK Wildcats, "American Pickers", and Westerns.



Those left to celebrate his life are: his wife of 54 years, Doris Lawrence; two sons, Anthony Wayne (Darla) Lawrence of Berea and Glenn Allen (Imogene) Lawrence, of Barbourville; one granddaughter, Amanda Marie Lawrence; two brothers, Charles (Lois) Lawrence and Bobby (Lorene) Lawrence, both of Brodhead; sisters-in-law, Bonnie Lawrence and Eula Lawrence; and one sister, Evaline (Ronald) Reynolds of Eubank.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: four brothers, Herbert Ray, Richard, Eugene, and an infant brother; two sisters, Margie Dean Blanton, and Wanda Smith; and one sister-in-law, Betty Lawrence.

Services were held Saturday, January 25, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bros. Danny McKibben and Robbie Cable officiating. Burial was in Providence Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Randy Reynolds, Teddy Lawrence, Larry Lawrence, Dennis Lawrence, Monroe Barnett, and David Burton.

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

Edward Ezra Shepherd

Edward Ezra Shepherd, 89, of Liberty, died Monday, January 27, 2020 at his residence. He was born February 28, 1930 in Elmwood, OH to the late James R. and Ida Jane (Allen) Shepherd. He was an Engineer Machinist at the GE Factory, enjoyed family, fishing, and deer hunting.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his children and step-children, Diane Ottinger of Liberty, Debra Vincent of Atlanta, IN, Brenda Kay (Ricky) Buck of Liberty, Vickie Shepherd of Morrow, OH, Frank Bradley of Brodhead, Kathy (Sam) Tomblin of Gulf Breeze, FL, Bill (Debbie) Bradley of Berea, and Kim Angel of Danville; 14 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; four great great grandchildren; one sister, Joyce (Gene) Wash of Arlington Heights, OH; as well as many nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: his wife, Preda Cash Shepherd; son-in-law, Chuck Vincent; daughter-in-law, Pat Bradley; two grandchildren, Misty Dawn Buck and Kirsten Johnston; two brothers, Roy Shepherd - infant, and Clyde Shepherd; and one sister, Hazel Pemberton.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals. Burial was in Piney Grove Cemetery.

Condolences may be made at: www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Mildred Rigsby

Mildred Rigsby, 98, of Richmond, Indiana died Sunday, January 12, 2020 at Reid Health.

She was born October 12, 1921 in Wildie to Charlie and Besse Townsend Fish. She graduated from Mt. Vernon High School and retired from Montgomery Ward in the 1970s, after serving as a salesperson for many years. She was a member of Freedom Missionary Baptist Church and enjoyed solving jigsaw puzzles, reading, gardening and traveling, including to Israel one of her favorite places.

Survivors include her children, Karen Schmidt of Richmond, Fred Rigsby of Wildie, Ben (Nancy) Rigsby of Whitewater, IN, Keith (Kay) Rigsby of Somerset and Jud (Claudia) Rigsby of Richmond; sisters, Norma Dunham of Mt. Vernon and Fern Abney of Berea and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Fred A. Rigsby, who died in February of 2002, her parents, four sisters and two brothers.

Services for Mrs. Rigsby will be held at the convenience of the family. Burial will be in Earlham Cemetery. Arrangements are by Doan & Mills Funeral Home in Richmond, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to Reid Foundation for the Hospice Program, 1100 Reid Parkway, Richmond, IN 47374.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com.

James Edgar Martin

James Edgar Martin, 54, of Cincinnati, died there on Wednesday, January 22, 2020. He was the widower of Anita Faye Martin and the father of Rachel Martin and Rebecca Pratt.

Graveside services were conducted Wednesday, January 29, 2020 in Bales Cemetery in Livingston by Bro. Bruce Ross.

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

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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 Baptist, 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: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099 and Tammy McGuire 606-308-1614.

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

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. Saturday. Leaders: John Burton 859-621-9881, Joanie Mink 606-308-3190.

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.

Revival Services

Revival Services will be held at Berea Gospel Tabernacle beginning Monday night, February 3rd and continuing through Friday night, February 7th at 7 o'clock nightly.

Bro. Charles Whittemore will serve as evangelist.

There will be a special service on Friday night, Feb. 14th, beginning at 7 o'clock with Jack Carpenter speaking.

Everyone is invited and welcome to attend these services.

Weekend Revival

McNew Chapel Baptist Church will hold a weekend revival beginning Friday night, February 7th at 7 o'clock.

Evangelist will be Bro. Kenneth Thompson from Wayne County.

Everyone is invited.

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 beautiful songs

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

Gayla, Nancy, Larry, Roger and nieces and nephews

To Whom Belongest Thou

After finding their town destroyed and families kidnapped, they went looking for the one who did this terrible thing. 1 Samuel 30:13 Finding an Egyptian in the field David asked him, to whom belongest thou? That question should be asked of us, not what belongs to us, but who do we owe our allegiance to? It's real simple. Romans 6:16 Know ye not, that to who ye yield your servants to obey, his servants are to who ye obey, whether of sin unto death or of obedience unto righteousness. Would we say as David said: Search me O God? Who or what would God find?

Do we worship because of guilt, obligation, companionship? Or do we worship the Heavenly Father because he is worthy? James 4:17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not to him it is sin. Our religion should show to the world we have a changed heart, what we value has changed, even though our vision is still twenty-twenty, we see a lot better and, more clear than we ever have. Remember a seen religion is not always real but a real religion is always seen.

We can read the story of Joshua 6:15 How that Joshua marched around the walls of Jericho seven times that day with the priests blowing their trumpets, the people shouted, and with God's power, the walls fell flat. If Joshua marched around us seven times would our religion fall flat would our faith disappear and would that seen religion crumble before our eyes.

A little boy got his report card and he had several bad grades, he thought to make everything alright he would get a nice card and put the report card in it and everything would be alright. Would that make his grades any better or would that make him a better student. We all know that it wouldn't, neither does a fake religion make us any closer to God. Peter said Acts 3:6 Silver and gold have I none but what I give unto you. Peter's religion was real, his power was through God and when he said something, things happened. His religion was real and he proved by the deeds that he done and the life that he lived.

Do we say to God shape me, mold me just the way you would have me to be? This is how true servants of God live their lives. Phil. 2-3 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. When our lives are lives out on this earth that are pleasing to God, God is glorified and it is no longer me or you that is living, but it is Christ that is living within us. I hope the life you are living magnify Jesus Christ everyday in your life and not just on Sunday morning.

(We often see things not as they are, but as we are.) Thank you so much for reading this article. I pray you have been blessed with the things you need another week and that your health is good. If you would like to talk to someone about the Bible give us a call: Bro. Ova Baker-606-878-8104 or Bro. Dale McNew-859-582-4021.

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"CDBG"

(Continued from front) over the first two years and the company's products will be 100% Kentucky made. Beyond job creation, the company is expected to widely distribute their products to manufacturers in-state and nationwide.

"Everyone should have access to good-paying jobs in their communities," said DLG Commissioner Dennis Keene. "Promoting opportunities for economic development like this is necessary to move our state forward."

Senator Jared Carpenter expressed enthusiasm about the opportunities and the funding, which was originally approved under the administration of former Governor Matt Bevin, will provide.

"These grant funds promote statewide economic growth, create jobs and strengthen local communities," Carpenter said. "I look forward to Mt. Vernon having the means necessary to be more competitive within Kentucky's booming hemp industry."

"I.D."

(Continued from front) not our decision," said York.

The Clerk's office says the new ID does not replace a passport and if you don't intend to fly or enter federal buildings or a military base, it is not required that you obtain this type of credential.

The Somerset office is located at 650 North main Street, Suite 240, Somerset, Kentucky 42501 and the phone number is (606) 677-4183. York says anyone may pick up a list of documents that will be required when you apply for the REAL ID, at her office at the Rockcastle County Court House.

"We will be glad to answer any questions to the best of our ability," said York. "My office will continue to issue regular and CDL licenses."

For more information, you may also visit drive.ky.gov/confidently.

"Flu"

(Continued from front) fective as washing your hands with soap and water," she said. "Though it does help, washing your hands is much, much better at stopping the flu."

Officials say this year's strain causes many different symptoms instead of only one or two. "With this flu we have seen vomiting, headaches, sore muscles, fever, congestion, body aches and more," said Kirby. "We are seeing all of these symptoms this year."

Kirby says anyone who feels the symptoms of this flu should "stay home if possible and avoid other people when you can."

Thus far, the Rockcastle County school district has not seen a problem.

"Our numbers district wide are still over 90%," said District Supervisor Carrie Ballinger. "We have not seen a drop in attendance this year."

The local school system says the numbers would have to drop a lot before Rockcastle County would consider cancelling school. "Unless our numbers drop into the 70 percent range, we wouldn't look at cancelling classes," she said. In fact, most Kentucky school districts have the same policy. "Our attendance rate would have to drop a lot but we have had very strong attendance district wide," Ballinger said.

Still, she said as part of the district's effort to avoid the spread of a virus, the school policy says students with a fever should stay home. "It is our policy that a student with a fever should stay home until the fever has been gone for 24 hours," she said.

Officials agree that avoiding people when you have symptoms and washing your hands is the best way to stop the spread of the flu.

But as for now, Rockcastle County is faring well but officials warn that the flu is indeed here and everyone should take steps to keep it from spreading.

"Calls"

(Continued from front) But this week, Alcorn received a call and the display showed the name and phone number of a friend of Alcorn who has called him before.

"I am getting these scam calls from 256 (Mount Vernon) numbers now and this one was from (my friend)," he said.

"There needs to be a punishment for these people that would take advantage of the elderly that is strong enough to deter them from doing it anymore," he said. "That would slow it down some."

"This was a number I knew from a friend. They can hack into these smart phones now and use our own numbers," he said.

Rockcastle County Sheriff Shannon Franklin said his office will not call asking for money. "No law enforcement agency will call asking for money," he said. "Any legitimate claim or request from our office will come through registered mail."

Mount Vernon Assistant Police Chief Joe Rush agrees. "Don't give anyone your personal information over the phone unless you are completely certain who you are talking to," he said. "If you're threatened with a warrant, hang up the phone."

There have also been reports across Kentucky that computer "hackers" have found a way to hack into home security systems and may be at their home watching your security cameras. This way, the hackers know when the home is unoccupied and can watch deliveries arriving as well as know all the blind spots in your home system.

Newer security camera systems use satellite connections which can be tapped into by others who can see the same thing through your home cameras that you see, according to reports.

Residents are urged to let authorities know if you receive a call asking for your private information or for money.

"Cases"

(Continued from front) of damage at David's Tire Center. In September 2019, McClure escaped from the recreation area by climbing the fence.

Dalton stated he would recommend 10 years in prison for the felonies. Sentencing was set for February 28.

Shonda Bradley, 42, of Mt. Vernon pled guilty to 2 counts of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance. According to Dalton, in May 2018 a confidential informant with the Kentucky State Police purchased methamphetamine from Bradley on 2 occasions. Dalton stated he would recommend 7 years in prison for the offenses. Sentencing was set for February 28, 2020.

Megan E. McCracken, 30, of Mt. Vernon pled guilty to first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance and first-degree possession of a controlled substance. According to Dalton, in March 2019, the Mt. Vernon P.D. caught McCracken in possession of over 2 grams of methamphetamine - possessed with the intent to traffic. In September 2018, the Mt. Vernon P.D. caught McCracken exiting a vehicle at KFC - while in possession of .15 grams of methamphetamine. Dalton stated he would recommend 5 years in prison for the two offenses. Sentencing was set for 2/28/20.

Joshua B. Brewer, 35, of Livingston, was sentenced to 2 years in prison for the offense of first-degree possession of a controlled substance. Dalton said, in December 2018, the Livingston Police Department found Brewer to be in possession of Methamphetamine during a traffic stop.

Shannon D. McCormick, 18, of Mt. Vernon was sentenced to 2 years in prison for 2 counts of felony theft by unlawful taking. According to Dalton, in June 2019, McCormick committed 2 difference instances of felony theft - both instances investigated by the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Office.

Roy K. Cope, 34, of Berea was sentenced to 2 years in prison for the offenses of Flagrant Non-Support and First-Degree Bail Jumping. According to Dalton, from 2016 through 2017, Cope failed to pay over \$3,500 in child support. Furthermore, in June 2018, Cope failed to appear for Court.

Zachary L. Potter, 20, of Brodhead was sentenced to 5 years in prison for first degree possession of a controlled substance. Dalton said, Potter was placed on pretrial diversion for the 2017 sale of Methamphetamine to a confidential informant with the Mt. Vernon Police Department. Potter was removed from diversion following allegations of domestic violence in Madison County in April 2019.

Julia Kirby, 45, of Brodhead, pled guilty to First-Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance. According to Dalton, in April 2019, Kirby was found to be in possession of Fentanyl during a traffic stop by the Mt. Vernon Police Department. Dalton stated he would recommend 1 year in prison. Sentencing was set for

February 28, 2020.

Robin Wagers, 46, of London pled guilty to theft of a motor vehicle registration plate. According to Dalton, in September 2017 Wagers was found operating a vehicle showing a tag that was from a stolen vehicle. Dalton stated he would recommend 1 year in prison. Sentencing

was set for February 28.

Joseph D. Morris, 31, of Livingston was sentenced to 5 years in prison for the offense of 2nd Degree Escape. According to Dalton, June 2018 Morris left from work release on Daugherty Ridge Road. Dalton stated the case was investigated by the Kentucky State Police.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

SLOW COOKER CHICKEN VEGETABLE STEW
2 medium onions, diced into bite-sized pieces
3 stalks celery, diced
4 carrots, peeled and sliced into rounds
2 medium russet potatoes, peeled, diced into small pieces
1 bay leaf
2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon poultry seasoning or sage
3 to 4 pounds bone-in chicken breasts, skin removed
3 cups chicken broth or chicken stock
1 tablespoon corn starch plus 1 tablespoon cold water
Place onions, celery, carrots, potatoes, bay leaf, salt, and poultry seasoning in the bottom of a large slow cooker. Stir to combine. Place chicken on top of vegetables. Season chicken liberally with salt and pepper. Pour chicken broth over everything, cover, and cook on LOW for 6-8 hours or on HIGH for 3 to 4 hours. When there are about 30 minutes left in the cooking time, remove chicken from the slow cooker and chop or shred the meat. Return chicken meat to the slow cooker and discard bones. Discard bay leaf. In a small bowl, whisk together corn starch and cold water un-

til smooth. Stir into the stew and cook on HIGH without the lid for 30 minutes (or until broth thickens a little bit).

EASY CHICKEN PARMESAN CASSEROLE
2 pounds raw chicken breasts, cut into bite size pieces
3 cloves garlic, minced
1/4 cup finely chopped fresh basil
1 jar (25 ounce) marinara sauce
3 cups shredded mozzarella, divided
1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese, divided
1 bag (5 ounce) garlic croutons, roughly crushed (leaving some bigger pieces)
Preheat oven to 350°. Generously butter a 9A-13 casserole dish. Spread cubed raw chicken in the bottom of the dish. Sprinkle minced garlic, and basil evenly over chicken. Pour sauce evenly over the top. Combine the cheeses and sprinkle half over the top of the sauce. Top with crushed croutons and then the rest of the cheese mixture. Cover loosely with foil and bake for 45 minutes. Remove foil and bake 15 minutes more. If the top starts to get too brown, cover loosely with foil. Allow to rest for 10 minutes before serving.

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The Rockcastle County Recycling Center is located at 2528 South Wilderness Rd (US 25 South) next to the Rockcastle County Road Department Garage and is open Monday thru Friday from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. (closed on major holidays).

The following items may be recycled:
Newspapers w/insets, magazines, catalogs, office paper, junk mail, shredded paper (needs to be bagged), books, phone books (paper products cannot be plastic lined or coated), cardboard (both corrugated and slick), plastics #1 Pet or Pete, plastics #2 HDPE, (no sheet plastics or plastic bags of any kind; no buckets or totes, no matter what number is on it), metal cans, aerosol cans, aluminum cans, aluminum foil, aluminum pie plates, glass bottles and glass jars (lids must be removed and discarded), old cell phones, car batteries, empty printer and toner cartridges, old computers (no monitors of any kind) and all related accessories, telephones, radios, digital clocks, (no televisions of any kind), rechargeable batteries (if the battery says rechargeable on it, then it is recyclable), and large bulky metal items.
Clean used motor oil may also be dropped off at the Rockcastle County Road Department.

Recycling Drop-Off Trailers are available for use at:
Brodhead (at the back baseball field)
Conway (by Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Dept.)
Livingston (between Liv. Fire Dept. & City Hall)
Pongo (by Pongo Volunteer Fire Dept.)
Climax (by Climax Volunteer Fire Dept.)

Violations may be issued for putting trash in the recycling trailers!!!

If you have any questions, you may call the Rockcastle Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902.

Funded in part through a grant from the Kentucky Pride Fund, Division of Waste Management.

RCMS SBDM Parent-Member Special Election

There will be a special election Friday, February 21st to elect a SBDM Parent Member from 7:45 - 4:00 p.m. in the school front lobby.

All parents of students who are attending Rockcastle County Middle School this year are encouraged to attend and vote.

Nominations for the Parent Member will be accepted now - February 7th.

Submit your nomination in writing, signed, to Reva McKinney by 3:00 p.m. Friday, February 7th.

Anyone who is the parent/guardian of a child enrolled in RCMS for the 2019-2020 school year is eligible to serve on the council or to nominate someone to serve on the council.

Parent members of the council cannot be relatives of RCMS staff members.

2019-2020 Parent Member Nomination Form

Rockcastle Middle School Council

Please return this nomination form to Mrs. Reva McKinney in the school office no later than 3:00 PM on February 7th. The election will be held on February 21st from 7:45am to 4:00pm in the school front lobby. Forms may be mailed to: Rockcastle County Middle School, P.O. Box 1730, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456. Forms must be received by February 7th.

Your name:

Your nominee (You can nominate yourself):

Nominee children who will be at our school next year:

Nominee phone number:

Nominee e-mail:

Nominee mailing address:

To serve on the council, the nominee must meet each of the standards listed below. Please put a check mark next to each one to show that each standard applies.

My child will attend Rockcastle Middle School during the 2019-20 school year.

I am my child's parent, step-parent, or foster parent (or I am the child's legal guardian and the child lives with me).

I am not an employee of Rockcastle Middle School.

I do not work at the local school district's central office.

I am not the husband, wife, mother, father, sister, brother, son, daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, aunt or uncle of any employee of Rockcastle Middle School.

I am not the husband, wife, mother, father, sister, brother, son, daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, aunt or uncle of anyone who works at the local school district's central office.

I am not a member of the local board of education, and neither is my spouse.

Nominee Signature

SPORTS

Rockets lose to Marion and Model

The Rockcastle Rockets took it on the chin again Monday night and Tuesday night, as the visiting Marion County Knights won 90-54 Monday night and the Madison Model Patriots came out ahead 56-48 on Tuesday night. The Rockets are now 6-15 on the season.

Against Marion County, the Rockets were actually up at the end of the first quarter 17-11 and were ahead 19-18 in the second quarter when the Knights went on a 27-11 tear to jump out in front 45-30 at the half. After that it was all Knights all the time as they outscored the Rockets 45-34 in the second half.

Eighth grader Will Bishop led his team in scoring with 23 points, the only Rocket in double figures; sophomore Daniel Mullins got eight; sophomore Drew Hopkins scored seven; sophomores Jake Sanders, Matthew Chasteen and Reese Coguer got four points each and senior Logan Noel, who was in early foul trouble, got two.

The Knights were 7/12 from the free throw line to the Rockets 6/9 and hit seven three point shots to the Rockets four.

Tuesday night, against the visiting Richmond Model Patriots, it was a close game all the way with the Patriots up two at the half 27 to 25. The score stayed close through the third with the Rockets only down one at that stop 40 to 39 but the Patriots outdid the Rock-

ets in the fourth, outscoring them 16-9 for the win.

Bishop again led the scoring for his team with 14 points; Hopkins got 11; Mullins seven, including the Rockets only three point basket in the game; Coguer got six; Noel five; Sanders four and Chasteen one.

The Patriots hit five three pointers to the Rockets one and went 12 for 18 from the free throw line to the Rockets 8 for 12.

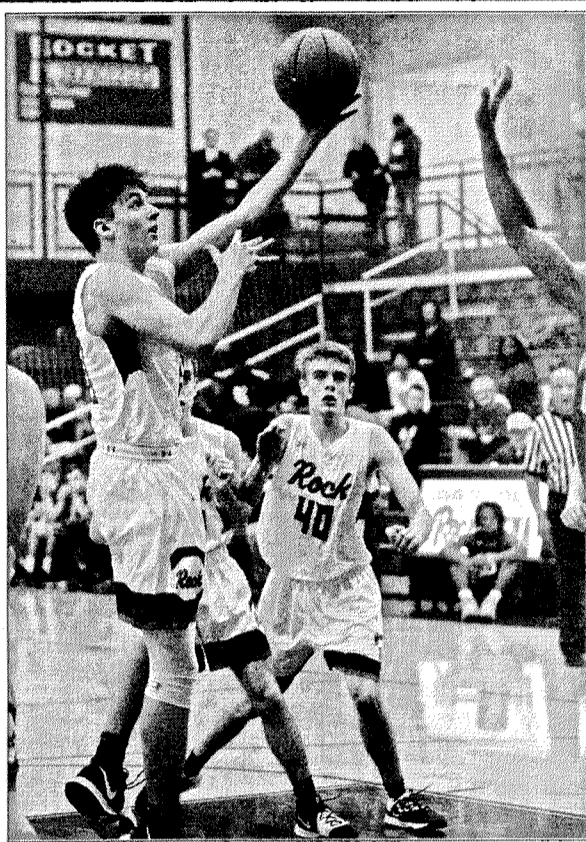
JV Rockets lose to Knights; beat Model

The Rocket JV were ahead 11-8 at the end of the first period and 14 to 10 in the second, Monday night against the Marion County JV Knights, but after that the Knights went on a 15-2 run to take a 25-16 halftime lead and never looked back in their 55-36 win.

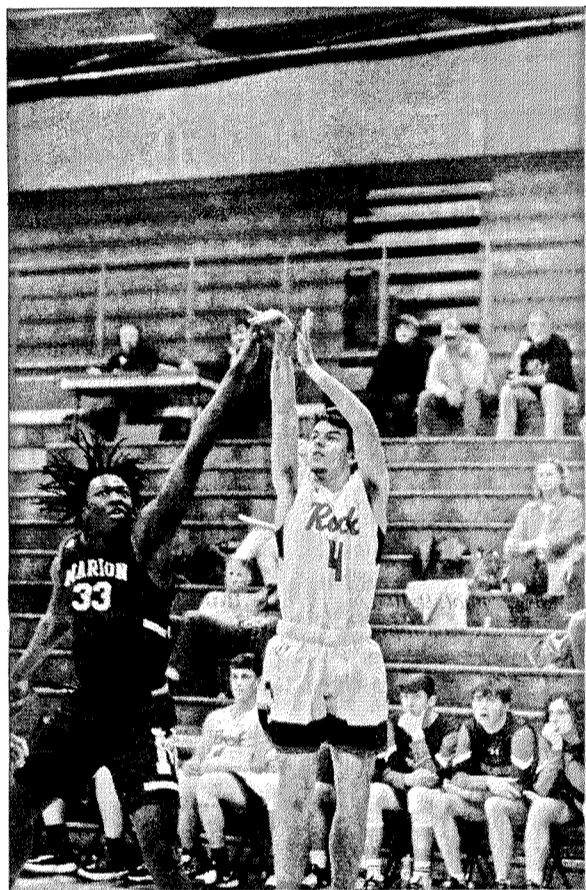
Sophomore Reese Coguer led the scoring for his team with 21 points; Silas Shaffer got five; Kaden Kidwell scored four points; Bryson Atkin got three; Xander Fletcher two and Nick Chasteen one.

Against the Richmond Model JV Tuesday night, the Rockets coasted to an easy 45-20 win, starting with a big first quarter lead of 9 to 3. It was 24-8 at the half and 37 to 15 at the third quarter stop.

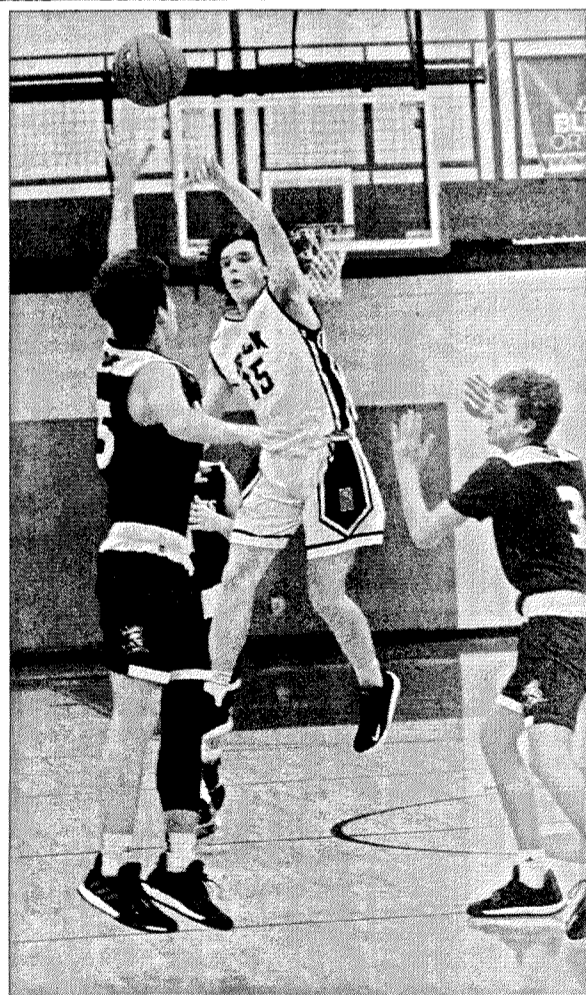
Coguer poured in 18 points for scoring honors for the game; Shaffer got 14; Dillingham six; Nik Chasteen four; Fletcher two and DeLeon one.



Daniel Mullins goes up for two in the Rockets' loss to Marion County Monday night. Also pictured are teammates Reese Coguer and Will Bishop.



Senior Jacob Loudermilk puts up a three in the Rockets' loss to Marion County Monday night.



Xander Fletcher makes a pass in the Rocket jayvee's loss to Marion County Monday night.

Rockets and Lady Rockets travel to Pulaski for district matchup this Friday night! Support the Rockets!

Next Week...

*RCHS Swim seniors honored
Swim regions Friday, February 7th
@ EKU - 10:30 a.m.*

Lady Rockets defeat Lady Raiders 56-37

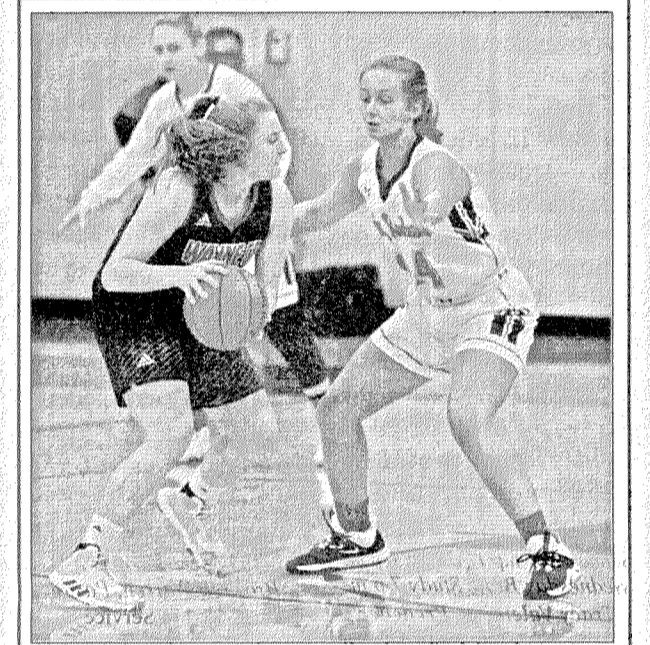
The Lady Rockets advanced to 15-6 on the season last Friday night with a 56-37 win over the McCreary Central Lady Raiders.

The Lady Rockets were in control of the game from the outset, going on a 7-0 run to start the game and then outscoring the Raiders 15-5 in the first quarter and 19-11 in the second for a 34-16 halftime lead. However, the went cold after halftime and didn't score until halfway through the third quarter then they went inside and took over the game again.

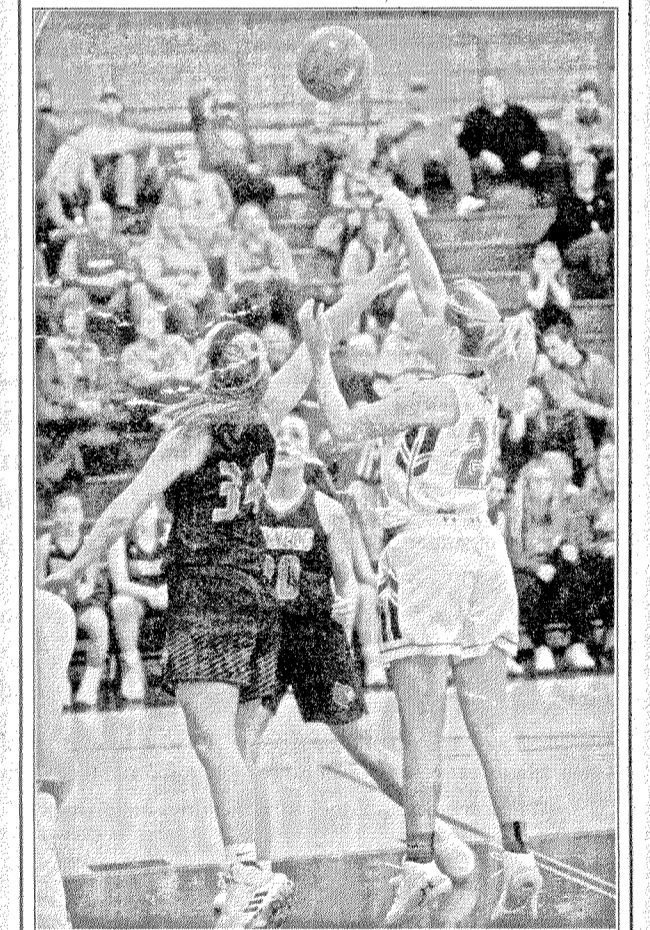
Junior Casey Coleman led the scoring for her team with 19 points and also contributed five rebounds and three assists. Senior Kenzi Himes had a double-double in the game, getting 12 points and 14 rebounds, along with five assists; junior Lindsey Jones pitched in nine points; freshman Keelee King got six; freshman Hallie Brown four and senior Shelby Newland and junior Aliyah Lopez each got three points.

The Rockets hit two three point baskets to McCreary's three and were 12/16 from the free throw line to the Raiders 8/12.

This Friday night, the Lady Rockets and Rockets will travel to Pulaski County to take on the Maroons for district games. Next Monday night, the ladies will host Clay County and will travel to Jackson County to take on the Lady Generals Tuesday night.



Keelee King plays defense during a Lady Rockets' game against Wayne County. The Lady Rockets travel to Pulaski County this Friday night for a district doubleheader with the Rockets.



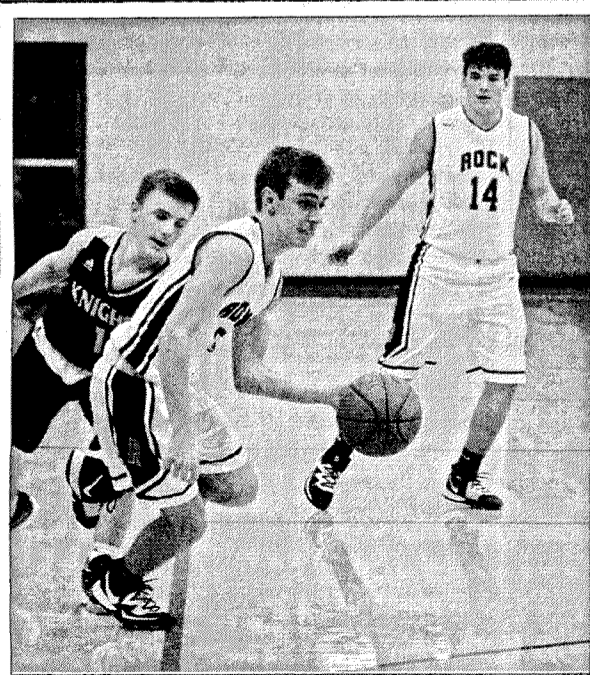
Hallie Brown puts up a shot during a Lady Rockets' game against Wayne County.



Silas Shaffer puts up a shot in the Rocket jayvee's loss to Marion County Monday night. Shaffer scored five points for the Rockets.



Senior Logan Noel fights to the basket in the Rockets' loss to Marion County Monday night.



Reese Coguer drives to the basket in the Rocket jayvee's loss to Marion County Monday night. Coguer led his team with 21 points. Also pictured is teammate Rylee DeLeon.

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Second Section

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Arts Association hopes Mount Vernon will get hometown takeover

By: Mike French
Editor

Mount Vernon has undergone several renovation projects over the past few years and Lynn Tatum, of Vitalize Mount Vernon, is always planning the next project to beautify the city.

And, if the Rockcastle Arts Association has any luck, Mount Vernon's Main Street would become the center of attention across the nation.

The widely popular television show "Hometown Takeover" on HGTV, is planning to pick a deserving town and renovate Main Street and members of the local Arts Association are hoping they choose Mount Vernon.

The show hasn't announced a date to begin work on the chosen town but the deadline to apply is next Friday, February 7.

At a recent board meeting of the Rockcastle County Art Association, members decided to submit a video of Mount Vernon and request that the show choose Main Street as the town to "take over."

Carrie Mullins, Selena Thompson, Tatum and other members of the board began planning the video.

According to the application, to be eligible for the show producers are looking for a town with a population of less than 40,000, a town with great architecture waiting to be revealed and a Main Street that needs a facelift.

"The Rockcastle Arts Association has been working for two years to bring life back into Main Street with several events and workshops," said Thompson.

She said the need for more usable buildings is something that the community needs help with before the town can grow and provide more businesses.

Thompson said local residents are invited to be in the video that will be submitted for consideration. "If you are interested in being on camera talking about your Mount Vernon story and what you want Mount Vernon to become, please join the Arts Association at Los Cazadores on Thursday, January 30 between 4 and 6 p.m. to be interviewed," she said.

The Arts Association also encourages everyone to submit their own video to HGTV talking about Main Street.

For more information, go to hgtvhometowntakeover.com.

School food service programs are success

By: Mike French
Editor

Jamie Saylor, Director of Food Services for the Rockcastle County School system, recently presented the Nutrition and Physical Activity Report Card to members of the board and Superintendent David Pensol.

According to the nutrition report, all Rockcastle county students receive breakfast and lunch free of charge through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). Federal reimbursement is received for each meal served based on the identified student population.

Each school offers a choice of four breakfast entrees, fruit, juice and milk. MVES, RCMS and RCHS also offer a second-chance breakfast.

For the 2018-19 school year, the reports says the school system served 344,096 breakfasts, which is down slightly from the previous year but average daily attendance was also down slightly.

The lunch menu is also structured to offer a variety of food choices, according to the report.

The menu is designed to take full advantage of USDA donated commodities and to meet USDA guidelines.

The school system served 387,693 lunches in the 2018-19 school year.

The report says the financial reimbursement received for the 2018-19 school year was \$2,054,133 and commodities were valued at \$126,933.

The school system also offers an after school snack serving 4,344 snacks. After school snacks are offered only if an instructional program is offered outside of the regular school day.

The report card says there were no compliance issues with the school food service programs.

The report card goes on to list many physical activities throughout the school system and lists the physical activity programs as a success.

Tire collection event planned

By: Mike French
Editor

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, in conjunction with the Kentucky Division of Waste Management (KDWM), announces the 2020 Waste Tire Collection event.

State laws are specific and expensive concerning how old tires are disposed of and the fiscal court and KDWM will hold this event on March 5 and 6 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on March 7 from 8 a.m. to noon for free.

The event will be held at the state highway garage

at 293 Maintenance Road in Mount Vernon.

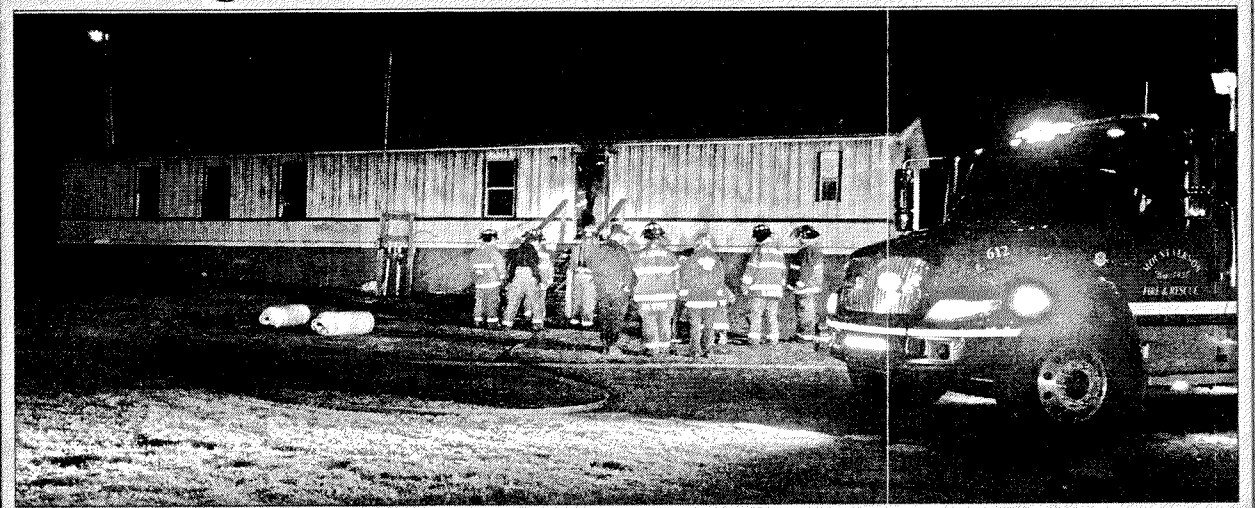
Tires accepted will include truck tires, passenger cars tires, implement tires, lawn tractor, bicycle, golf cart and tractor tires. Tractor tires are only accepted if tread is less than 1-3/4 inch.

Tire retailers, agriculture tire retailers, scrap yards, junk/salvage yards and recycling businesses are not eligible to participate.

Anyone bringing a very large load may need to unload it themselves or wait until staff can get to you.

For more information, call (606) 256-1902.

Morning blaze



The Mount Vernon and Climax Fire Departments were called to 1762 Big Cave Road last Wednesday, January 22nd. The early morning blaze caused heavy smoke damage throughout the home but the cause of the fire has not been announced. Reports indicate a small dog was rescued from the home but no injuries were reported. Arson investigators are still seeking information about three fires on Davis Street in Mount Vernon last month but officials do not believe this fire is related.

For Eighth Graders

Deadline for 2020 Rogers Explorers is February 7th

The Center for Rural Development is accepting online applications from eighth-grade middle school students for the 2020 Rogers Explorers through Feb. 7.

Eighth-grade middle school students in Southern and Eastern Kentucky have until Feb. 7 to apply for The Center for Rural Development's 2020 Rogers Explorers program.

Rogers Explorers is an intensive three-day, two-night summer youth program for rising high school freshmen that focuses on cultivating skills in leadership, technology, math, science, and community service.

The program is developed, coordinated, and supervised by The Center and presented in partnership with Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University, University of the Cumberlands, Lindsey Wilson College, University of Pikeville, Asbury University, and Union College.

"For most of these students, this is the first time they will experience life on a college campus and begin to seriously think about different career choices before they enter their freshman year in high school," said Lonnie Lawson, President and CEO of The Center. "We want to give students the knowledge and tools they need to discover their career pathways and to plan for the future."

As Rogers Explorers, students will participate in practical college courses, fine-tune their leadership skills, and develop a network of friends and resources in Southern and Eastern Kentucky.

The Rogers Explorers application is live and available online at www.centeryouthprograms.com. The deadline to apply is midnight on Friday, Feb. 7, 2020.

A total of 210 middle school students in Southern and Eastern

Kentucky—30 students each at one of the seven host college campus sites—will be selected to attend this summer's session of Rogers Explorers.

Camps have been scheduled for May 31-June 2, Eastern Kentucky University; June 3-5, Morehead State University; June 16-18, University of the Cumberlands; June 29-July 1, Lindsey Wilson College; July 8-10, University of Pikeville; July 12-14, Asbury University; and July 15-17, Union College.

"Rogers Explorers was an experience I will never forget," said Laci Baldwin, who graduated from the program in 2019. "I made new friends and learned so much about leadership, communicating, and, most importantly, I had fun. Rogers Explorers was one of the best ex-

periences ever."

For more information about Rogers Explorers, contact Allison Cross, youth programs coordinator and community liaison, at 606-677-6000 or email across@centertech.com.

Rogers Explorers is offered at no cost to students who live within The Center's 45-county primary service area. This includes Adair, Bath, Bell, Boyd, Breathitt, Carter, Casey, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Elliott, Estill, Floyd, Garrard, Green, Harlan, Jackson, Jessamine, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lincoln, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary, Menifee, Metcalfe, Monroe, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Rowan, Russell, Taylor, Wayne, Whitley, and Wolfe counties.

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BEEF MEETINGS

- **February 3** - Managing Tall Fescue & Grazing Management Plan (7 PM)
- **February 13** - Weed Management (7 PM)
- **February 24** - Forest Management for Beef Producers (7 PM)
- **February 27 & March 3** - Bull Value Assessment Program (Madison County Extension - 6 PM, \$25 registration fee)
- **March 12** - Pasture Insurance (7 PM)
- **March 19** - Cattlemen's Banquet (7 PM)

**All meetings will be held at Rockcastle Cooperative Extension unless otherwise noted.

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Deeds Recorded

Clyde Gibbons, property in Rockcastle Co., to Jordan Gibbons. No tax.

Jimmy and Angela Gross, property on Gauley County Road, to Joshua Shepherd. Tax \$70

Amber Chere and John D. Hansford, property on Piney Branch, to Douglas S. Begley. Tax \$120

William Paul Harrison and Amarins Koopmans-Harrison, property in Rockcastle County, to Adam Byers Harrison. No tax

Carolyn K. Powell,

property on Mt. Zion Road, to Donald L. and Suzanne Brown. Tax \$70

Marriage Licenses

Alicia Leeann Jones, 24, Berea, DSP and Harold Junior Gilbert Shelton, 24, Berea, medical transportation. 1/18/20

Circuit Civil Suits

Credit Acceptance Corp. v. Sendra Adams, \$6,525 plus claimed due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Cabinet for

Health and Family Services ex rel Rachel Cochran v. Cody Z. Cochran, complaint for child support and medical support.

Discover Bank v. Jeremy K. Dawson, \$9,899 plus claimed due. CI-00011

District Civil Suits

Midland Credit Management v. Gabrielle McFerron, \$607 plus claimed due.

Midland Credit Management v. Holly Bryant, \$571 plus claimed due.

Midland Credit Management v. Jessica Mills, \$1,534 plus claimed due.

LNVN Funding v. Katherine Hensley, \$744 plus claimed due.

LNVN Funding v. Teresa Robinson, \$1,189 plus claimed due.

Portfolio Recovery Asso. v. Heather Mink, \$777 plus claimed due.

University of Kentucky Federal Credit Union v. James Cody Thompson, \$3,401 plus claimed due.

Merchants Acceptance, Inc. v. Brandon K. Barnes, et al, \$3,043 plus claimed due. C-00029

District Court

January 22, 2020

Hon. Kathryn G. Slone
Charles Julian: alcohol intoxication in a public place and terroristic threatening, 90 days in jail/each charge/probated 24 months on condition plus one cost.

James Lee Seals: public intoxication, \$100 fine plus costs.

Wesley D. Singleton: operating on suspended/revoked operators license and failure of non owner operator to maintain req. insurance, 90 days in jail/each charge/probated 12 months on condition plus one cost.

Jeffery Reo Anglin: possession of marijuana, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

Steven Blackwell: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, no operators/moped license, failure to wear seat belts, failure to produce insurance card, license to be in possession, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Mattie M. Carroll: fines/fees due (\$158), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Eric D. Cornett: speeding, \$100 fine; careless driving, \$25 fine plus costs.

Kelvin Damrell: no/ expired registration plates - receipt, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Mackenzie Rebecca Damrell: possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, bw issued for fta.

Mark C. Fannin: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle, no operators/moped license, license to be in possession, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Robert Haddix, Jr: speeding, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, license to be in possession, no operators/moped license, failure to produce insurance card, failure of non-ownr operator to maintain req. insurance, rear license not illuminated, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

Shawn M. Haight: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, five days in jail; operating on suspended/revoked operators license, five days in jail/costs merged.

Ruby J. Hasty: public intoxication, bw issued for fta.

Clinton Ray Howard: possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, bw issued for fta.

Ronnie W. Lewis:

burglary, criminal trespassing, public intoxication, possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle, driving on DUI suspended license, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, failure to wear seat belts, no/expired registration plates-receipt, giving officer false identifying information, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

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

James Weston Phillips: operating motor vehicle under influence of alco-

hol/drugs, \$200 fine plus costs, \$375 service fee, 30 days operator license suspension.

Mason Lee Phillips: fines/fees due (\$527.30), bw issued for fta.

Billy Jack Rayburn: criminal trespassing, bw issued for fta.

Kayla Robbins: operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs, \$350 fine plus costs, \$375 service fee, 12 months operator license suspension.

Jose Angel Rodriguez: possession of marijuana, \$100 fine plus costs.

Melissa Smith: failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, \$500 fine plus costs.

Brandon Sutton: disorderly conduct, public intoxication, drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, possession of synthetic drugs, 90 days/each count/concurrent plus costs merged.

Robert Earl Mason: no operators/moped license, \$50 fine plus costs.

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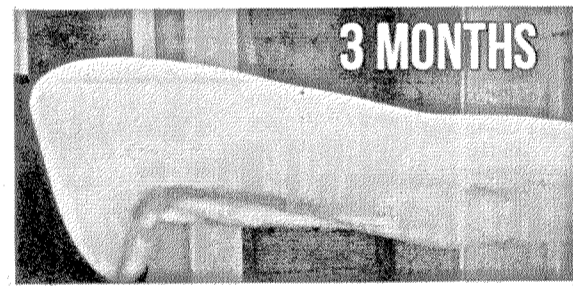
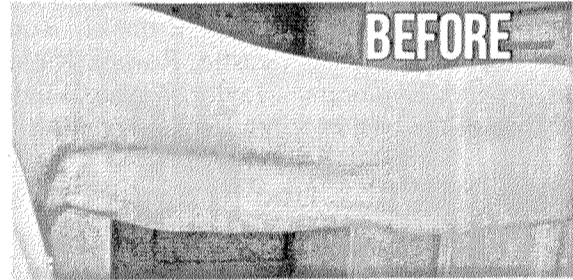
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The property consists of 113.5 acres m/l by new survey. If you're looking for property to ride your ATV, property to hunt on, property for horseback riding or property for investment, this is one you want to check out. Most of the property is woodland with young timber, which also makes it ideal for investment. Several acres that have grown up could be cleared to be used for farming.

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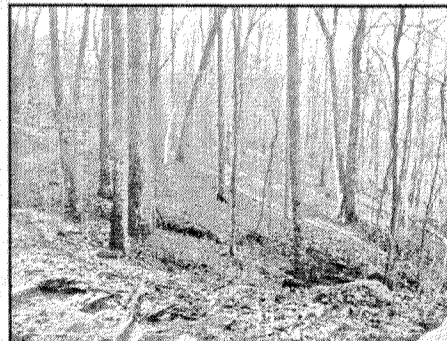


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RCHS Band Members selected for WKU High School Honors Program

Congratulations to members of the RCHS band who were selected and auditioned for the 2020 Western Kentucky University High School Honors Band Program.

These students performed in concert on Western's campus this past Saturday along with other top high school musicians from Kentucky, Indiana, and Tennessee.

These talented young musicians had the opportunity to work with some of the best conductors in the U.S. including Mr. Brad Dubs, Director of Bands at Eldorado HS in Las Vegas, Mr. Darrin Davis, Director of Bands at Broken Arrow HS in Oklahoma, and Mr. Neil Swap, retired director of the New Mexico School for the Arts.

RCHS Band members include Lizzie Dixon, Devona Smith, Allison Dunn, and Julian Isaacs.

Frankfort Update

*By R. Travis Brenda
State Representative
House bills head to
Senate, committees
continue work*

The third week of this year's legislative session began with an opportunity to reflect on the life and contributions of Martin Luther King, Jr., included Kentucky Youth Advocacy Day, and an opportunity to meet with our county officials at the Capitol. These were all important and helped set the tone for the week. Of course, thousands of people from all walks of life visit our Capitol Building each session to share their concerns with lawmakers. Frankly, it is a daily reminder of the responsibility I have to serve our state and this district.

The first bill to pass the House this session was, quite fittingly, a nod to our agricultural heritage. House Bill 236 is part of our ongoing effort to help Kentucky farmers growing industrial hemp. Its provisions will bring our state further in line with federal guidelines in or-

der to promote the hemp industry. The measure has the support of many in the agricultural community, including Commissioner of Agriculture Ryan Quarles. HB 236 now goes to the Senate for consideration.

Another pro-farming bill, HB 308, was filed this week and I look forward to the discussion it brings about how critical it is to keep farm land dedicated to agriculture as well as how we can support young people who would like to begin farming. This measure would establish a tax credit as an incentive for those who currently farm to sell land and assets to those who are beginning their farming career. If passed, House Bill 308 would provide a tax credit when land and assets are sold to a beginning farmer. The maximum amount of credit that can be claimed under House Bill 308 is \$25,000 per year and farmers must be Kentucky residents to qualify for the credit.

Members of the House Agriculture Committee approved legislation that would formalize a longstanding agreement

that the state provide financial support and access to students who want to become veterinarians and must attend out-of-state veterinary schools. Under the provisions of HB 214, Kentucky will continue to reserve slots at universities with veterinary programs. There are no veterinary programs at any of Kentucky's colleges or universities, and it would be extremely expensive to start and operate one. If a Kentucky student wants to pursue a degree in veterinary education, they must go out-of-state. This practice is already in practice, but this bill will give it the permanence of law.

I have also introduced HB 56 to clarify that mowing and trimming for agriculture-related activities is not landscaping, and should not be taxed as such. This issue was brought to me by a constituent last summer after the Department of Revenue sent out letters to people doing contract mowing of hay and pasture fields. The department instructed them to collect the 6 percent sales tax. After talking with Commissioner of Agriculture Ryan Quarles and Agriculture Committee Chair Richard Heath, who became aware of the issue around the same time, I have been working with representatives of Kentucky Farm Bureau to fix this misinterpretation.

Another bill that passed the House is aimed at helping independent business owners. The bill, House Bill 186, would eliminate some potentially expensive requirements for the more

than 171,000 Kentuckians that operate direct sales businesses like those that offer home décor, health and beauty products, and clothing. For generations, direct sales businesses have offered Kentuckians the opportunity to provide for their families while providing benefits like flexible schedules and independence. This type of company has never been required to carry workers' compensation insurance on those who contract with them to sell products. However, there is a great deal of concern that the way workers' compensation laws are interpreted by courts today, these direct sellers may be considered employees rather than independent contractors. The measure, HB 186, clarifies the relationship and is now in the Senate waiting to be assigned to a committee.

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. You can keep track of committee meetings and potential legislation through the Kentucky Legislature Home Page at www.legislature.ky.gov and you can also follow me on Facebook @RepRTravisBrenda71 or on Twitter @RBrenda71.

Kentucky Proud programs now available for members

Agriculture Commissioner Dr. Ryan Quarles is encouraging Kentucky Proud members and local organizations to apply for three Kentucky Proud promotional programs.

"Kentucky Proud grant programs help pro-

mote the Commonwealth's local foods and agricultural products," Commissioner Quarles said. "As a result, these grants also help Kentucky family farms and agricultural businesses succeed. The aim of these grants is

to help build economic ties that will last long after the grant is awarded."

The Buy Local program provides incentives for participating restaurants and other food service businesses to buy and use Kentucky Proud products for their customers. The program offers participants a 15 percent reimbursement for the cost of eligible Kentucky Proud farm food up to \$8,000 a year or a lifetime cap of \$36,000. For guidelines and an application, go to kyproud.com/buylocal. For more information, contact Chad Smith at chad.smith@ky.gov or (502) 782-4123.

The Farm to Fork program provides incentives for local organizations to host dinners that showcase local farms, farmers, producers, and Kentucky Proud products while benefiting a local charity. Participating organizations may be reimbursed up to \$1,000 for purchases of 100% Kentucky direct farm impact food products and associated promotional expenses. For more information, contact Alisha Morris at alisha.morris@ky.gov or (502) 782-4119. For

guidelines and an application, go to kyagr.com/marketing/farm-to-fork.html.

The Kentucky Proud Promotional Grant reimburses members for up to 50 percent of future eligible expenses for advertising, marketing, and reaching consumers at the point of purchase to promote agricultural products with direct Kentucky farm impact. Grants are limited to 10 percent of the applicant's reported direct Kentucky farm impact up to \$8,000 a year or a lifetime cap of \$36,000. For more information, contact Jonathan Van Balen at jonathan.vanbalen@ky.gov. For an application, guidelines, and other documents, go to kyagr.com/marketing/grants.html.

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President's List at Cumberlands

In recognition of academic performance, the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs at University of the Cumberlands has announced the students named to the President's List for the fall 2019 semester.

To be eligible for the President's List, students must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 4.0, receive an "A" grade in UC Engage, and be in good academic standing. Each of the students listed here meet those standards and have made the list of exceptional accomplishments.

The following students were named to the President's List for Fall 2019: John Cornelius, Laura Owens, Kaitlyn Smith, all of Mount Vernon, and Isaac Stratton of Renfro Valley.

Dean's List at Cumberlands

In recognition of academic performance, the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs at University of the Cumberlands has announced the students named to the Dean's List for the fall 2019 semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50 and be in good academic standing.

The following students were named to the Dean's List for Fall 2019: Cheyenne Brown, Haley Bullock, Zoe Burdette, John Cornelius, Amanda Hopkins, all of Mt. Vernon, Lucas Jones of Brodhead, Heather McClure, Laura Owens, Deliah Pyles, Kaitlyn Smith, all of Mount Vernon, Isaac Stratton of Renfro Valley, and Bailey Taylor of Brodhead.

Cromer named to Dean's List

Kaylynn Cromer, of Brodhead, was named to the Fall 2019 University of Kentucky College of Arts & Sciences Dean's List. During this term, Kaylynn's academic major was Modern & Classical Lang, Lit & Cultures. This accomplishment is a sign of Kaylynn's hard work and commitment to learning.

More than 1,950 undergraduate students have qualified for the Fall 2019 College of Arts and Sciences Dean's List. Students on the Dean's List earned 12 or more credit hours as letter grades with a minimum 3.60 Grade Point Average for the semester.

Moore named to Dean's List

Timothy Moore, a freshman at Eastern Kentucky University, was named to the Dean's List for the 2019 fall semester.

Moore, the son of Amber Moore of Calloway, is majoring in computer science.

He made the Dean's List with a 4.0 Grade Point Average.

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Notice is hereby given that Jessica Elaine Lawson, 177 W. Main St., P.O. Box 311, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 has been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Mark Anthony Lawson on the 22nd day of January, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Jessica Elaine Lawson on or before July 22, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. 1x3

Notice is hereby given that Martha Begley, P.O. Box 887, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Mary Collins on the 22nd day of January, 2020. Any person having claims against said estate shall

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Rockcastle Archery hosts Blastoff Tournament

Rockcastle Archery hosted and competed in the New Year's Rocket Blastoff Tournament at Rockcastle County Middle School.

The RCHS Archery Team placed 2nd overall in the high school division with a team score of 3175.

Kyle Coffey led the team with a score of 285 and won a medal for placing 2nd in overall male archers and 2nd in the high school male archers division.

CJ Cameron shot a 277, placing 3rd and winning a medal in the high school male archers division.

Emily Maupin, the team's top female shooter, placed 4th and won a medal in the division of high school female archers.

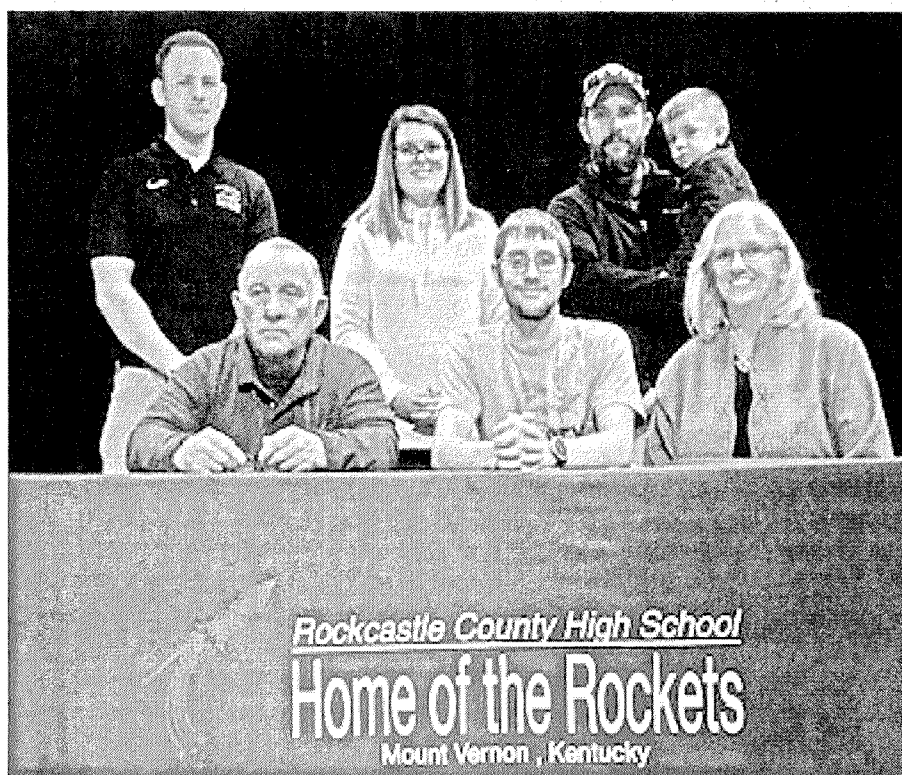
TJ Ramsey won a medal for placing 4th with a score of 272 in the high school male archer division.

Jacob Cook earned a medal for his 5th place shooting in the male archer division with a score of 271.

Daejeon Dean shot a 270 Gentry Phillips added to the team total with a 261. Allison McCoy shot a 258. Lara Renner and JT Kelley both shot a 253. This was JT's personal best at bullseye. Liz Renner shot a 252. Jameson Mink walked away with a score of 248 for the team, while Alyssa Martin shot a 245. Ethan Cromer shot a 244. Also shooting for the team were Jillian Wallin, Jasmine Johnson, and Haley Sanders.

The team shoots again Saturday, February 1 at Boyle Co.

Bullock signs with Lindsey Wilson



Logan Bullock, RCHS senior, officially signed to run Cross Country and Track for Lindsey Wilson College on Monday, January 27 at Rockcastle County High School. He received both an athletic scholarship (paying for room, board, and books) and a full tuition academic scholarship. Logan is looking forward to continuing his athletic and academic careers as a LWC Blue Raider. Pictured with Logan are front from left: his grandparents, Earl and Brenda Bullock. Back row from left: LWC Coach Nick Wilson, stepmother Heather Bullock, father Shannon Bullock, and brother Keegan Bullock.



RCHS Archery medal winners from left: Emily Maupin, 4th place overall female; Jacob Cook, 5th place overall male; Kyle Coffey, 2nd place overall male; and TJ Ramsey, third place overall male. Not Pictured: CJ Cameron, 3rd place overall male.

RCHS Archery staying busy in competitions

RCHS Archery has been busy since the beginning of 2020 preparing for the NASP Region 10 Tournament on February 8.

At their first team shoot on January 11 at the Boyle County Season Kickoff State Qualifier, the team had a good showing with a team score of 3070.

Junior Kyle Coffey led the team with a score of 289 and a perfect round of 50. He placed 4th in high school boys and 5th overall.

Freshman Daejeon Dean had a personal best with a score of 275 and was followed by Jacob Cook with his personal best of 272.

Gentry Phillips and CJ Cameron both shot well with scores of 264 and 261 respectively.

Sophomore Emily Maupin was the top female archer on the team with a score of 258.

Jameson Mink was consistent with a score of 255.

TJ Ramsey, Alyssa

Martin, Liz Renner, Allison McCoy, and Luke Cromer added to the team total.

Also shooting for the team was Lara Renner, Haley Sanders, Ethan Cromer, Kaiden Doan, and Jillian Wallin.

On January 18, the team competed at the Lincoln County High School Invitational Tournament where they earned a team total of 3179, just 4 points lower than the highest score in the school's history.

Again, Kyle Coffey led the team with a 288. Gentry Phillips added a 276 to the team total.

Top female archer, Emily Maupin, shot a new personal best of 275.

Daejeon Dean and Jacob Cook shot a 269 and 267, respectively.

Lara Renner added 266, her personal best, to the team total. CJ Cameron also shot a 266.

Allison McCoy shot a 261 while Liz Renner and Alyssa Martin both added a 257 to the team score.

Jameson Mink tied his

season high score with a 255 while TJ Ramsey shot a 242.

Newcomers Kaiden Doan and Haley Sanders shot personal bests with a 235 and 229, respectively.

Also shooting for RCHS were JT Kelley, Ethan Cromer, Like Cromer, Jillian Wallin, Emily Sturgill, and Jasmine Johnson.

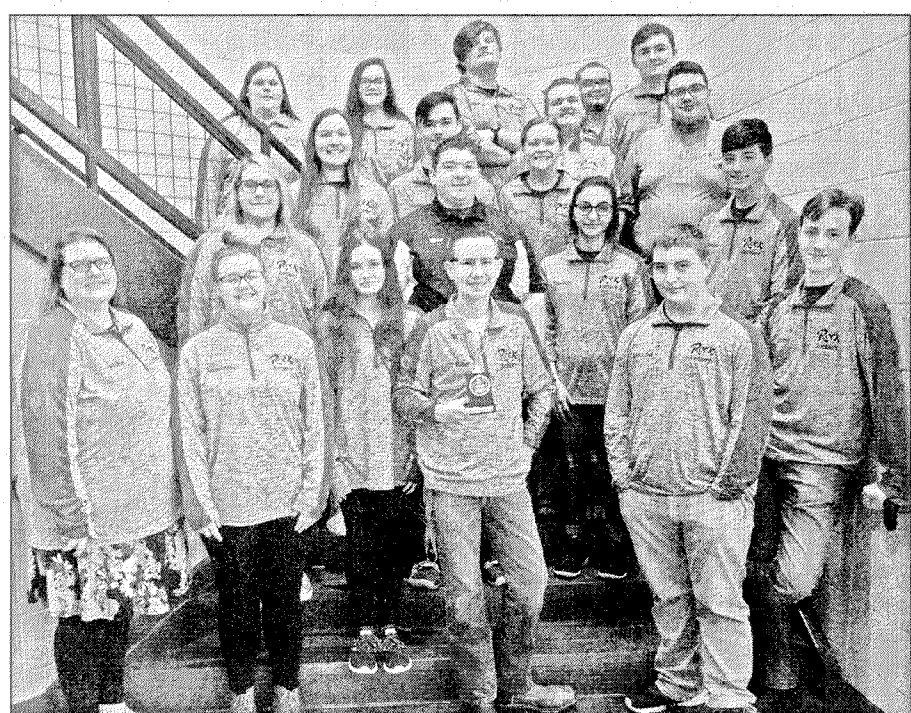
RCHS top archer, Kyle Coffey, has been busy this season attending as many tournaments as he can in order to get in extra practice for upcoming regional and state tournaments.

At the Lynn Camp 10 Meter Tournament, he shot a 295 of 300 with 25 tens. Kyle scores 2nd among high school boys and 3rd overall. He managed to pull off a 286 at Madison Central placing 8th overall.

In Scott County, Kyle shot a 288 and placed 2nd among high school boys and 2nd overall.

Practice is paying off for Kyle as he shot a 291 at B. Michael Caudill Middle placing 2nd overall and 1st among high school boys.

In Pulaski, Kyle placed 2nd among high school boys and 2nd overall with a score of 289. Kyle is the son of Scottie and Wanda Coffey of Mt. Vernon.



RCHS Archery Team with second place trophy. Pictured front from left are: Coach Melissa Renner, Jasmine Johnson, Emily Maupin, JT Kelley, Jameson Mink, and Ethan Cromer. Second row from left: Liz Renner, Kyle Coffey, Jillian Wallin, and Daejeon Dean. Third row from left: Allison McCoy, TJ Ramsey, Alyssa Martin, Emily Sturgill, and Luke Cromer. Back row from left: Haley Sanders, Lara Renner, Kaiden Doan, Jacob Cook, and Gentry Phillips. Not Pictured: CJ Cameron

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
Gardening and
Landscaping in the New
Year

Another year of seasons came and went, and more aches for the elderly, but a new generation of youth to encourage to landscape and inspire to garden more with more knowledge and passion.

This is the time of year when many garden catalogs used to arrive in the mail. Many still do, but some have gone to online catalogs only. I still enjoy putting my paws on a colorful and informative piece of literature though. There is something about snail mail that we will miss when it's gone.

Early ordering means you get the hot items before they are sold out. Late spring sales usually mean they marked down what they couldn't sell at full price. Sometimes waiting for a sale is good. But, if you have specific wants and needs, better get them while the inventory is good. Garden seeds and bare root fruit trees are typically items that sell out—at least the newer high demand items do.

Winter is for trimming and pruning. But we shouldn't get in too big a

hurry to rake, clean, burn, compost the old vegetation from last season. The old growth provides food and habitat for birds. It also inhibits early sprouting of weed seeds. (An untrimmed, unraked, bed of dead flowers will have far fewer volunteer dandelions than one where it's been prepped for spring in the fall.)

Trimming and pruning are ideally done when plants are dormant, but not frozen. (Don't do the trimming when it's in the teens or twenties...both you and the plants will suffer.)

Cold days are for dreaming from inside a warm home, while wistfully looking out. Such dreaming helps you wrap your mind around projects you would like to do at some future point. There doesn't seem to be the time available sometimes when you're busy. But, when you're bored, or need a break from the computer or television, take advantage of cold days to look your landscape over and dream of what might could be this coming spring, or sometime down the road.

Planning and designing the projects you've dreamed up can also be a winter chore. Everyone

who gardens, landscapes, operates a lawnmower always runs short of time and energy in the warm months. Use the chilly times when things aren't growing to plan for the future.

New ideas, new projects, new plantings are usually spring chores. But, to be sure they happen as desired, schedule them now. Either on your own calendar, for which days or weeks you can get to them, or call for a professional and get on his or her calendar early as springtime is always a busy time for a landscaper, construction worker, any outdoor business, and also most homeowners.

Resolutions are often broken before they're a month old. Still, why don't you resolve to make your garden or landscape prettier in 2020? And for those who don't have the time, may I suggest you take drastic action and cut television and smartphone time in half—I bet you'd then have plenty of time to garden and also get on with the yard improvements you've dreamed of.

The author is a landscaper. Comments and questions welcome.
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Adalynn Mae Manuel arrived at 2:13 p.m. on Dec. 18, 2019. She was 7 lbs. 5 oz. and 19 in. long. She is adored by her big sisters, Reagan and Everly. The proud parents are Luke and Amanda Manuel of Livingston. Grandparents are Steven and Ruth Collins of Lewisburg, TN, Wayne and Laverne Henson of Livingston, Tim and Teresa Manuel and James and Christine Manuel of Stoneville, NC. The family is thrilled with their new addition and overwhelmed with love.



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83rd Birthday

Charles Sanders celebrated his 83rd birthday at his home in West Chester, OH on January 7, 2020 with his family, sister Juanita and dog Bailey.

• 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 Incoming Sheriff Property Tax Account for the Rockcastle County Sheriff.

The auditor's opinion letter is being published by Auditor of Public Accounts on when the audit is released.

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.

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/s/ Shannon Franklin,
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