

The Family Room

By Dr. Don Whitehead

New Year's Resolutions Often Don't Last

"This year I'm going to keep my New Year's resolutions," Dan promised his wife. (All characters are fictitious.) "Pardon me, if I'm a little skeptical," Sarah replied. "When have you ever kept a resolution of more than two weeks?"

"Things will be different this year," Dan promised. "This year I'm really going to..." (Fill

in the blank with a favorite New Year's resolution.)

Will Dan keep his resolution this year? Why are resolutions so hard to keep? Here are some of the favorite resolutions and the difficulties involved in keeping them.

1. **STOP SMOKING.** Nicotine is a highly addictive drug. Some say that smoking is the hardest addiction to break, which is saying a lot when

one thinks of all the other addictions there are.

Smoking becomes a habit, and that makes it harder to stop. Even knowledge of the medical consequences of smoking does not make quitting easy. There are several stop-smoking programs available from various groups and agencies. One of those may be just the help that is needed.

2. **LOSE WEIGHT.** Food is another highly addictive substance for some people. It is a hard habit to break because one still has to eat everyday. At least the alcoholic does not have to sit down to a table loaded with alcohol three times a day!

Some attempts at weight loss are unnecessary. America's preoccupation with being thin causes many to attempt to lose weight when, from a medical point of view, that weight loss is unnecessary.

To a certain extent body weight is genetic. Some people have a more difficult time losing weight because of a family history of obesity. It is hard to kick a habit that has been in the family for generations, but controlling one's eating can add years to life.

3. **EXERCISE.** This may be the most often broken New Year's resolution. Many begin an exercise pro-

gram immediately following the holidays, only to find that resolution in shambles by mid-January.

In order to be effective, exercise must be enjoyable. Exercising takes too much effort for one to keep on in the face of hating the exercise. A mild exercise program that is enjoyable is preferable to a rigorous exercise program that is torture.

4. **STOP DRINKING.** "I promise I'll quit," he says, after he has ruined Christmas for his family (again!). "This won't happen next year."

Many people have been very sincere in their promises to quit drinking, only to break that promise in the next few days or weeks. Alcohol is a difficult addiction to break. Outside help is almost always necessary.

Would you like information about upcoming classes to stop smoking and control eating? Please call me at 606-679-4134 or toll free at 1-888-497-6611 or write me at 101 Zachary Way, Somerset, KY 42501 so that I can add your name to my mailing list.

Merry Christmas
from
Dr. Don Whitehead



The Rockcastle County Farm Bureau was recognized for outstanding membership and program achievement during the recent 78th annual Kentucky Farm Bureau convention in Louisville. Here, Joe Bullen, accepts the award from David S. Beck, right, Kentucky Farm Bureau executive vice president, and Roger L. Simpson, executive vice president of Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance Companies during a December 12 recognition and awards program.

Dorothy Landrum Scholarship . . .

The Gift That Keeps on Giving

By Kathy Corry

Moving to Rockcastle County from the Philippines has been quite a cultural adjustment and that is probably an understatement! Slowly, but surely we are getting acquainted and learning some of the rich history of this beautiful area of Kentucky. Many have offered us valuable assistance and we are growing to love this area and its people more and more as the days roll by. Probably the wisest advice thus far has been, "Don't talk about anyone around here. At least not anyone around here. At least not anyone around here. At least not anyone around here."

"This season where gifts seem to dominate one's thinking, hearing of the wonderful gift of a rich heritage your

ancestors have left for you has been an uplifting experience.

Recently our fellowship at First Christian Church was tremendously blessed by a very large bequest from the estate of Bill and Dorothy Landrum. I didn't have to go far to find out EVERYONE in town had something to say about this quite influential family.

From the straps of fingers, sharing old yearbooks, coaching basketball to Girl Scout Leader, Deacon and Sunday School teacher the Landrums have made a mark on all who attended Mt. Vernon High School dur-

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

As we celebrate the Christmas season, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your friendship and kindness.

My deputies and I wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas. May your days be filled with joy, happiness and the best of health.

Merry Christmas
from
County Clerk Norma Houk
and Deputies Janet, Tina, Sonya, Thelma and Joann

Holiday Cheer for the Lonely

Stone made these recommendations to those suffering from holiday loneliness.

Learn to nurture or be kind to yourself.

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Visions of Christmas presents and New Year's Eve parties dance in the heads of just about everyone this time of year - even those who are alone. Because the holiday season is a time of friendly gatherings and family reunions, feelings of loneliness and isolation are aggravated this time of year. Although the most obvious problem is for those living alone far from friends and family, they are not the only ones who sometimes struggle.

"That's one of the biggest misconceptions people have - that if you have a family or are around friends, you can't feel alone," said Rhoda Stone, a University of Kentucky therapist who often helps college students deal with their holiday loneliness. "Married people, or those with siblings around them can have problems. Because they don't feel that sense of connectedness, they end up feeling alone or isolated."

Often, the lonely deal with their problem by trying to constantly surround themselves with others. But that sometimes just allows someone to ignore the real problem Stone said. In some cases, lonely people overindulge - whether in eating, drinking or buying - as a way to ignore the problem.

The solution is to face the loneliness, she said.

"We're with ourselves 100 percent of the time. We need to know what makes us tick," she said. "I'm

really big on taking care of yourself - being kind to yourself."

So Stone recommends learning to appreciate time alone in addition to finding ways to connect with others.

As those who suffer from loneliness try to know themselves better, they often find that the loneliness is no longer overwhelming.

"These are the people who are comfortable with themselves," Stone said. "It's something we learn to do gradually over time."



Happy 27th Birthday Nora Nichols, daughter of Everett & Wilma Wilson of Bowling Ridge. We Love You!



Happy 21st Birthday Mommy! Love, Morgan (and the rest of us!)



Michael and Michelle Langhi of Hopkinsville are pleased to announce the birth of their son, John Michael, on August 1, 1997, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, TN. Grandparents are John and Connie Hamm of Mt. Vernon and Don and Mary Langhi of Hopkinsville. Great grandparents are Urhan and Mable Hamm of Mt. Vernon; Mrs. Monza Nantz of London and the late Chester Nantz; Mr. Henry Thoma of Chicago, IL and the late Louise Thoma; the late Hector and Josephine Langhi; great great grandmother is Mrs. Margaret Nantz of London.

Scholarship continued from F4

ing their 30 plus years of tenure, as well as members of the First Christian Church. Notifying birth to their own children did not stop the



Cody Drake Noe celebrated his fourth birthday November 4, with a Posser Ranger party at his home. His mommy and daddy are Perry and Cindy Lou Noe. Grandparents are James and Lois Noe and Ercel Cromer and the late Jack Cromer.



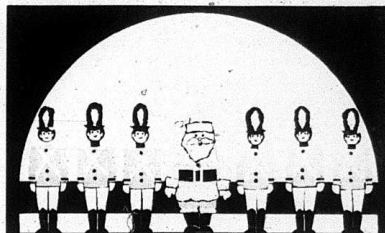
Hey Little Brother! You don't look like this any more, but you're as handsome as ever! Happy Birthday! From your sis Pauline, Shirley and family We love you!

Landrams from inspiring hundreds of young people for the gospel of Jesus Christ. According to their long time neighbors, Monroe and Carol Woodall, the Landrams lived what they believed. So much so that Mrs. Woodall and others who desire their memory to live on have established the "Dorothy Landram Scholarship Fund" for needs Rockcastle County graduates who will further their education at college. This for the scholarship fund has helped five recipients.

"It's hard for me to fathom how a couple who lived such a modest life could have \$50,000 left over to bless their church with long after they are gone. Respecting a long life before they even knew of the need we have of

praying a remodeling debt. Then again, God has always been able to work miracles with the lives that are completely yielded to Him. Yes, the Landrams left our church a lot of money, but they have left this community with so much more than money, their lives!! As we follow their example the generations to come in Rockcastle County will be blessed with the gift that keeps on giving. Love God, love a neighbor, care for all our souls and with all our might and loving our neighbor as our selves!!"

Those desiring to contribute to the "Dorothy Landram Scholarship Fund" please contact Mrs. Carol Woodall 75 Williams St., Mt. Vernon or call 256-9627.



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For Sale: 1986 Oldsmobile V-6, 4-dr., gray, body in good shape. Everything new on motor. Front wheel drive. Call after 6 o'clock. 256-4182 or 256-4654 or see Matt Reynolds. 12x2

For Sale: 86 Mercury Linx. Black with tan interior. 5-sp. Asking \$600.00. Call 758-8060 for Scott. 12x2

For Sale: 1994 Convertible Mustang. For more information call 256-2645. 12x2

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

For Sale: Cemetery lots, Cresthaven Cemetery, Mt. Vernon. Call 256-5648. 31x1ft

For Sale: Lots in the Elmwood Cemetery at \$250 per lot. Call 256-2617 or see Clarence Carter at 310 Williams St. in Mt. Vernon. 8x1ftx12ft

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For Sale: 1993 Grand Caravan. \$3,800. 1991 Toyota pickup. \$4,800. 1980 Honda Accord. \$550. 1993 Elcamino. \$750. Guitars - two 12 strings. Full set of directional aluminum wheels and tires for Chevy pickup. Full set of Oldsmobile. 72 Chevy Shasta Motor Home. \$1800. Over 500 collection of Hot Wheels. \$1.00 each when buying all. Call 256-4739. 12x2xpd

For Sale: 85 Oldsmobile Calis. 2-dr., V6, auto transmission. \$1500. Call 256-8765 after 5 p.m. 11x2

For Sale: 84 Dodge Ram full-size pickup. Excellent condition. Call 256-2686. 11x2

For Sale: Wood crafts, quilt rack, reindeer, snowmen, bird houses, bird feeders, wall shelves with clocks, decoration lights and more. Roy G. Brown, Rt. 1 Box 298, Brookhead, KY 40409. 758-8881. 16ft

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Farm For Sale: Large acreage, 2-story house with basement, bath and city water, tobacco base 3673 and barn, extra buildings. Call 606-256-5537. 10x5pd

Lots For Sale: 1/2 acre to 4+ acres. Paved street. 1/2 mile off 150 on 2569 (old 461). Financing available. \$5,000 and up. Call 256-3339. 4xft

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Posted: No hunting, no trespassing on any properties owned by Russell Parsons located on Brindle Ridge. 49x16

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on two farms in Brookhead and one farm in Lincoln County on Negro Creek belonging to Eugene LaFavers. 5x8

Notice: Is hereby given that Karen Shepherd, Rt. 3 Box 461, Brookhead, KY 40409 has been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Mary Ellen Brock on the 2nd day of December, 1997. Any person having claims against said Estate shall present them according to law, to the said Karen Shepherd on or before June 2nd, 1998. 10x3

Notice: Is hereby given that Carol Jean Hamm, Rt. 4 Box 396, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Executrix of the Estate of Jerry Hamm on the 1st day of December, 1997. Any person having claims against said Estate shall present them according to law, to the said Carol Jean Hamm on or before June 1, 1998. 10x3

Notice: Is hereby given that on the 5th day of December, 1997, Robert M. Wright, the duly appointed, qualified and acting executor of the estate of Anna Wright, deceased, filed with the Rockcastle District Court a final settlement. Exceptions thereto shall be filed in writing with the Rockcastle County District Court on or before January 5th, 1998. 11x1

Notice: Is hereby given that Rachel Cromer, Rt. 3 Box 67, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 and June Coleman, P.O. Box 563, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456, have been appointed Co-Administratrixes of the Estate of Martha F. Burdett on the 16th day of December, 1997. Any persons having claims against said Estate shall present them according to law, to the said Rachel Cromer and June Coleman or to Hon. James W. Lambert, P.O. Box 736, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before June 16th, 1998. 12x3

Notice: Is hereby given that Timothy Mink and Amy Mink, Rt. 5 Box 297, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456, have been appointed Co-Administrators of the Estate of Christopher Andrew Mink on the 16th day of December, 1997. Any persons having claims against said Estate shall present them according to law, to the said Timothy Mink and Amy Mink or to Clontz & Cox, Attorneys at Law, P.O. Box 1350, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before June 16th, 1998. 12x3

Notice: Is hereby given that Lavada Sowder has filed a Final Settlement of her accounts as Executrix of the Estate of Gravelly Burton, deceased. A hearing on said

settlement will be held on January 12th, 1998. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before said date. 12x2

Notice: Is hereby given that Edward J. Mullins has filed a Final Settlement of his accounts as Executor of the Estate of Eva Mullins, deceased. A hearing on said settlement will be held on January 12th, 1998. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before said date. 12x2

Notice: Is hereby given that on the 5th day of December, 1997, Robert M. Wright, the duly appointed, qualified and acting executor of the estate of Anna Wright, deceased, filed with the Rockcastle District Court a final settlement. Exceptions thereto shall be filed in writing with the Rockcastle District Court on or before January 5th, 1998. 12x2

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 A story of "The Star that Changed the World" interpreted by Mable Repper Burdette from THE HOLY BIBLE: Luke, Chapter 2, verses 8-20; Matthew, Chapter 2, verses 2-11; Isaiah, Chapter 9, verse 6; The Poems of Dr. Zhivago, "The Star of the Nativity"; 1967, Pgs. 41-44.

This is the story about a new star that appeared in the heavens. This was not an ordinary star, planet or comet. It was the star which foretold the birth of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Isaiah 9:6 tells us "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Luke 2:11 states "For unto us is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

It was winter time. The wind was blowing across the desert plains. And the infant lay cuddled in a manger.

In distant fields some drowsy shepherds arose and shook the straw and hayseed from their garments and gazed into the vast sky.

And brighter than a watchman's light, one star alone unscen until that night shone bright on the way to Bethlehem.

Let us go and see this star, they said, and bundled their sheepskin coats around them.

The frosty night was like a fairyland, and shadows rose from mountain ridges of snow.

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Across the valleys and mountain roads

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 Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people.
 For unto you is born this day in the city of David,

a Savior which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you. Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, laying in a manger.
 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly hosts praising God saying "Glory to God in the highest, on earth, peace, good will toward men."
 As the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said, "Let us go now, even unto Bethlehem and see this thing, which has come to pass, which the Lord has made known unto us."

And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph. And the babe, lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad, saying which was told to them, concerning this child.
 And all that heard it, wondered at those things that were told them by the shepherds.
 And Mary kept all of these things and pondered them in her heart.
 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. Visions of ages to come, new dreams, new worlds;
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that was the purpose and the promise of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Before dawn in the gloom of ashen dark, the shepherds stomped in the cold, the babe slept in the manger in radi-

ant light as a moonbeam sleeps in a hollow tree.
 Mary and Joseph remained silent in wonder.
 These, who whispered softly, gasping for words.
 Then someone in darkness touched the arm of one near the manger, to move him aside.
 Behold like a guest above the threshold.
 The Star of the Nativity
 GOTTED ON THE INFANT JESUS:
 Pasternak, Boris, THE POEMS OF DOCTOR ZHIVAGO, "The Star of the Nativity," 1967, Pgs. 41-44.

"Holiday Cheer" (Cont. from F5)

Learn to enjoy the time by reading, writing, watching or listening to music or reading a new novel.
 If it is out of town, call or write to friends that you miss. Make contact by telephone, letter, audio or video tape or e-mail.
 Volunteer at an agency that could use your particular skill or talent.

Rediscover your town or city by visiting the local welcome center for a list of brochures and activities in the area.
 Check your local paper for special holiday events.
 Pamper yourself with a massage, facial, manicure and pedicure.
 Limit alcohol or drug use since they can increase feelings of sadness or loneliness.
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closed Thursday, December 25th, Friday, December 26th and Saturday, December 27th. No road test, CDL test, or permits will be given on Friday, December 26, 1997. The office will also be closed Thursday, January 1, 1998, Friday, January 2, 1998, and Saturday, January 3, 1998. No road test, CDL test, or permit will be given on Friday, January 2, 1998.
Senior Citizen Notice
 The Rockcastle Day Health Care Center is now accepting applications for qualified clients. For more information call 256-4316 or visit our Senior Center located on Hwy. 25 south in the old roller rink building next door to Lumber King.
Services Extended
 Rockcastle County Senior Citizens is now extending services in the Broadhead area to reach all persons 60+ who are interested in congregating for a noon meal. Services will include meals to be served at the Broadhead Center, shopping and other activities. Call or visit the Center for further information.
Courthouse Closed
 The Courthouse will be closed, except for the Sheriff's office, at 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 24th until Monday, January 29th.
New Year's Eve Ball
 The Rockcastle County High School Key Club's New Year's Eve Ball is just around the corner. Get your tickets now from Jenny Bray or Joyce Machal at the Bank of Mt. Vernon branch or from Tammy Cox at Cox Florist or Rebekah Hammond at Hammond Interior. For more information, call Jenny Bray at BMV at 606-256-5141.

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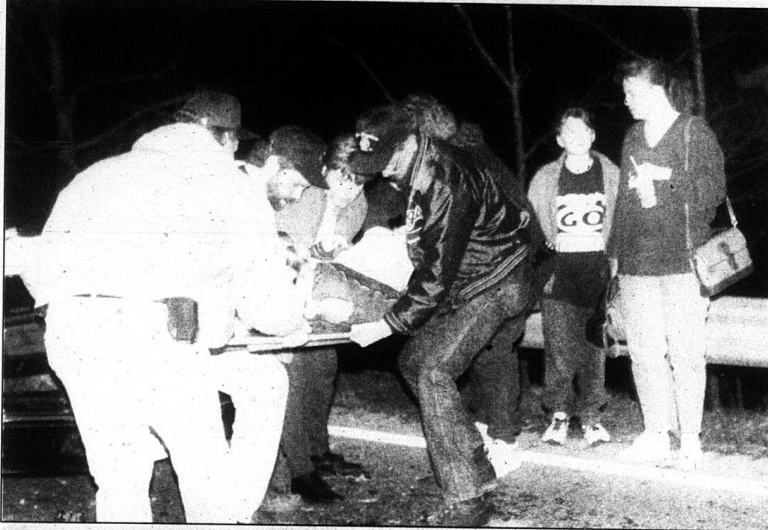
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Mayor says state approves water plant upgrade

Mt. Vernon Mayor Gary Cromer announced this week that approval of his much awaited water plant expansion project is final.

Cromer said the Kentucky Division of Water had notified him this week that everything had been approved for the \$4.3 million dollar project.

The project will enable the city to upgrade their current water plant, which Cromer says is pumping at capacity, and it will also provide money for a new tank.

The Mayor said that bids on the project will be let by the middle of February with construction to begin soon thereafter.

The expansion project approval

is certainly good news for Mt. Vernon, but it is also good news for the Rockcastle Water Association, which is sitting on a \$1.7 million expansion project of their own.

Rockcastle has been unable to start the project because the city of Mt. Vernon was unwilling to give them a solid contract for water.

Mayor Cromer had given Rockcastle an "if and when" contract, but that hasn't been good enough for the Rural Community Development Agency.

Cromer said last week that Rockcastle should begin their project with the contract he originally offered, but Rockcastle can't get final

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Buckles takes over at Daniel Boone

By: Richard Anderkin
The embattled Daniel Boone Development Council has a new director.

Mike Buckles, 43, of London, took over last week for ousted head Frank Jones of Manchester.

Buckles was supported by Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Buzz Carlotius, who took over as chairman of the executive committee.

Daniel Boone Development Council is a community action agency

that supports the poor, and has offices on the third floor of the Rockcastle County courthouse.

They have been in operation since

1972.

Besides Rockcastle, Daniel Boone is comprised of Clay and Laurel Counties.

Daniel Boone was accused of mismanagement last year, after Deputy Clay County Judge-Executive Doug Arnett uncovered some financial

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Break-in

Rockcastle Deputy Sheriff Doug Thomas is investigating a break-in at the home of J.T. Lamb on Scaffold Canalast Thursday.

Thomas said guns, a cross bow, money, christmas gifts and knives were stolen in the break-in. The items were valued at \$2,500.

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Four people were injured in a three car collision in Brodhead Friday night. According to a report filed by Brodhead police officer Joe Bussell, Robin L. Robinson, 33, of Brodhead, Patsy McFerron, 35, of Mt. Vernon, Arlie Simpson, 49, of Waynesburg and Kendra Smith, 10, of Mt. Vernon were all injured in the collision. According to the report, McFerron caused the wreck when she hit the gas pedal instead of the brake causing the chain reaction collision. In the top photo Mike Cash, Tim Albright, Connie McClure, and Brian Bussell move one of the victims to an awaiting Rockcastle ambulance. All four victims were treated at Rockcastle Hospital.

Miller files for jailer

James E. Miller, 40, of Mt. Vernon, has filed his candidacy for Rockcastle County jailer in the May Republican primary. Miller, who is presently employed by Rockcastle County as Maintenance Supervisor for the county and community service work supervisor has previously served as deputy jailer under Billy Kirby and current jailer, Joe Howard. While deputy jailer, he received the required jailer training at criminal justice cabinet at Eastern Kentucky University in 1992-1993.

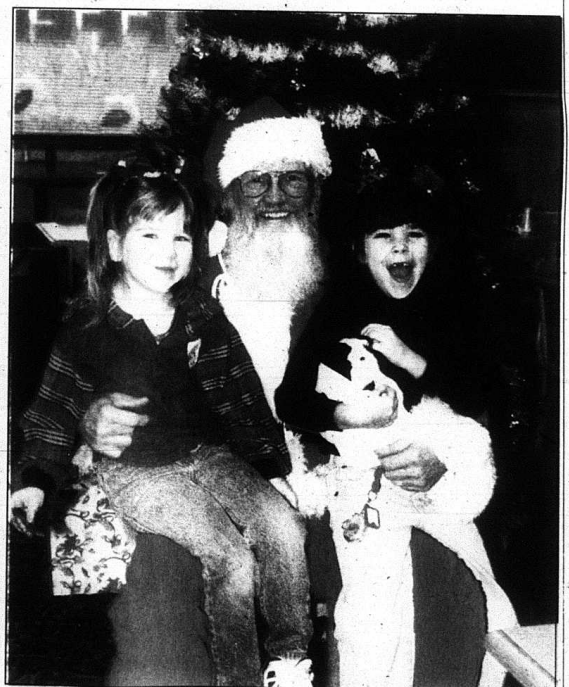
Miller has also worked at Tecumseh in Somerset for over 14 years and is a 1976 graduate of Rockcastle County High School.

Miller and his wife, of 16 years, Dee Ann Sargent Miller, have one son, Austin, age 12. Miller is the son of Circuit Court Clerk Denver Miller and the late Glenna Graves Miller, and the stepson of Mattie McFerron Miller.

James and his family make their
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Mt. Vernon firefighters were called to the scene of a forest fire at Mt. Zion last Friday afternoon. The fire just off Lake Linville road was called in by Forest Ranger Marvin Stone and crew chief Donald Bullock. Above Brian Hansel stops the blaze from spreading to a barn a few feet from the fire.



Visiting with Santa Claus

Angel Philbeck and her sister, Tiffany enjoyed a visit with Santa Claus (John Holtbrook) at Wendy's Restaurant Saturday morning. The girls are the daughters of Jeff and Kathy Philbeck.

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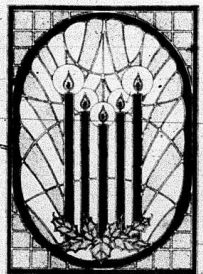
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Rockets lose to Bulldogs 81-77

The Rockets traveled to Clinton County last Friday night and lost a dog fight to the Bulldogs 81-77.

"I think it was the best team we've played all season," assistant coach Jason Copner said and he may have been right. They were quick, good shooters, well coached and managed to dominate the boards without the presence of a really big man.

The Rockets fought and scratched their way to a 19 all tie at the end of the first quarter behind 11 first-period points by John Brown.

The second quarter was another pitched battle with the Rockets emerging on top 39-38. The Bulldogs could have helped their cause during the second quarter at the free throw line since they were in the bonus from the start of that period and had nine chances to add to their score; however, they managed to connect for only four points giving them only a one-point edge in that category over the Rockets who were 3-4 at the free throw line.

The Rockets came out cold in the third quarter, going to the 4-50 mark before Brown managed to put in the first bucket of the period while the

Bulldogs were reeling off nine straight points to take a 47-39 lead. The Rockets got down 58-45 before Andrew Cash got two baskets, one a three pointer, and Blake Childress added a bucket to cut the margin to seven at the end of the third period 59-42.

In the fourth quarter, the Rockets fought back to tie the score on two free throws by Cash with 57 seconds left in the game. But, at the point, the Rockets had to start fouling and the Bulldogs were equal to the task, sinking 5 of 6 for the final 81-77 margin.

Cash led the scoring with 21 points, 10 of them at the charity stripe. Brown got 17. Layne Nicely 13 and Childress 11. When John Brown picked up his second foul early in the second quarter (and later fouled out in the fourth), Matt Brown came off the bench for a solid game, and 18 points; Travis Anderson got 3 and Steve Bradley and Billy Kirby, 2 each.

Jayvees lose by one

The Jayvee game at Clinton County Friday night was a barnburner with the Rockets getting put on the

back burner by one point, 46-45. The Rockets won the first quarter, 14-10, tied the second one at 26 all, lost the third 22-16, and won the fourth 9-8.

With thirty seconds to go and led by one, the Rockets couldn't get the ball to Matt Brown in the middle and Blake Calloun had to take the last second shot which went just awry.

Matt Brown had a strong game for the Rockets, scoring 22 points and going 5-7 from the free throw line.

Daniel Morgan was next with 8. Jacob Burdette got 7, Calloun 4 and Thomas Coffey and Brad McNew, 2 each.

Rockets in Laurel tourney

The Rockets will be participating in the Hoopin' It Up Holiday Classic scheduled for this week end in Laurel County. The seventeen-team event will be played at both North and South Laurel High Schools and the Rockets will kick-off the tournament against Knott Co. Central at 7 p.m. Friday night at South Laurel. Each team is guaranteed two games with winning the key to participation beyond that level.

In addition to the two Laurel Co. high schools and Rockcastle, other

Lady Rockets win two in invitational

The Lady Rockets played their first game of the season last Thursday night in the opening game of the Lincoln County Invitational Tournament 63-30.

Chester Noble cleared her front in the top-of-it win and nine Lady Rockets got into the scoring column. Tiffany McClintock led the effort with 16 points. And it was a rout from beginning to end with the Lady Rockets harrumphing about a 18-3 first quarter lead, aided by sixteen turnovers by the Jaguars.

Chester Noble began substituting early and often when it quickly became apparent that the Lady Jaguars,

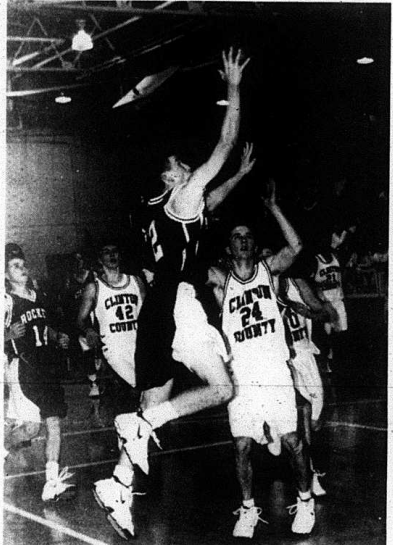
with their first season in their new school, would be no contest at all. At half-time, the Rockets were ahead 40-16 and had extended the score to 54-20 at the end of the third quarter.

Bessie McClintock's 16, Amanda Osborne got 13, Brandi Reynolds 7, Brooke Roberts 5, Suzanne Brown 4 and Nikki Bullock, Jessica Cobb, Rachelle Hammond, Britany Owens,

and Angel Ford, 2 each.

However, the next night, the girls lost to Lincoln Co. by 15. They at Lincoln County were good, but she just didn't play well," junior guard Tiffany McClintock said later.

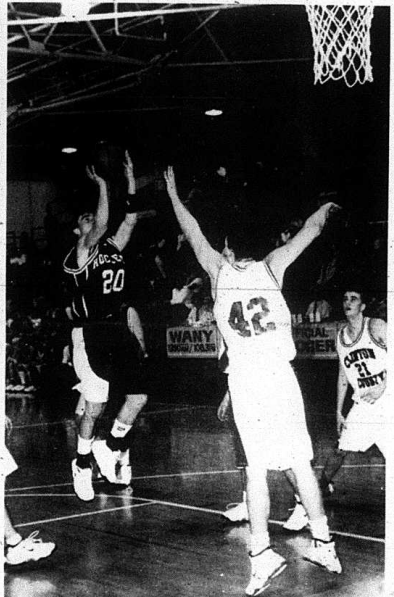
The girls are now off until Saturday night, December 27 when their own invitational begins.



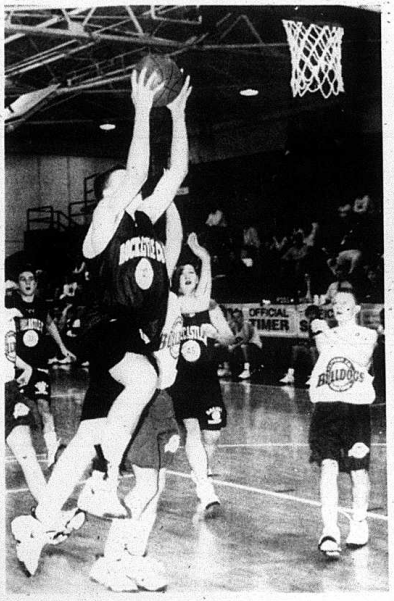
Junior Layne Nicely puts up the one-hander against the Clinton Bulldogs last Friday night. The Rockets dropped their second game of the season 81-77.



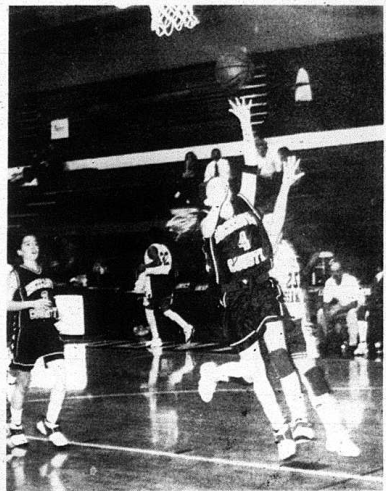
Freshman Josh Rowland goes for the jumper in jayvee action at Clinton County. The jayvees lost 46-45.



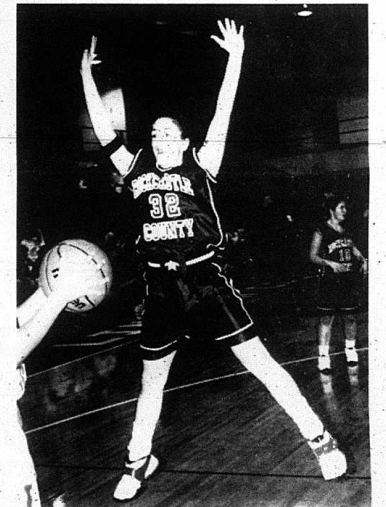
Sophomore Andrew Cash led the scoring for the Rockets against Clinton Co. with 21 points.



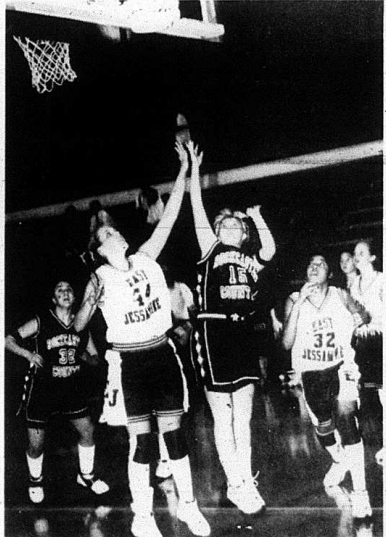
Sophomore Matt Brown goes strong to the hoop in jayvee action Friday night at Clinton County. Brown scored 22 points in the game.



Junior Amanda Osborne goes in for a lay-up during action last Thursday night between the Lady Rockets and the East Jessamine Jaguars. The Rockets won 63-30.



Jessica Cobb guards the inbounds pass during the Rockets-Jaguars game of the Lincoln Co. Invitational Tournament.



An East Jessamine Jaguar tries to defend the short jumper by senior Nikki Bullock.

Kentucky Highlands honor Chairman for 20 years of service

Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation (KHIC) recently honored its chairman of the board, who has served in that position for 20 years.

Wayne Stewart, a native of Rockcastle County, has helped the board of directors and management guide KHIC during a period of unprecedented growth for the company headquartered in London.

Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation has grown to be recognized as one of the leading rural economic development organizations in the nation. During the last two decades, KHIC has helped create almost 4,700 jobs and has invested \$44.5 million in companies throughout Southeast Kentucky. Among the distinctions awarded KHIC during the past three years alone is the designation as a Community Development Financial Institution by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the Lead Entity for only on the three rural Empowerment Zone and the first nonbank leader in the country under the U.S. Department of Agriculture Business and Industry Program.

"Wayne Stewart has helped guide our board and this organization to become a nationally recognized leader in community and economic development," said Jerry Rickett, president of KHIC. "KHIC's achievement is the result of the progressive policies set by the board of directors under Wayne's leadership."

"He has given selflessly to the region through his community involvement."

Stewart's commitment began at home in Rockcastle County. He previously served as administrator of the Rockcastle Hospital, was a founding member of the Rockcastle Improvement Council, and helped establish the Respiratory Care Center in the county.

"Southeast Kentucky has been generous to my family and me and I have always tried to give something back when I could. Through my work and that of the Board of Directors of Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation we have helped create 5,000 jobs in the region. That means approximately 15,000 people have been positively affected by the work of KHIC and I am pleased to have been part of the effort," said Mr. Stewart.

Stewart, who operates a family farm, also finds time to serve as an advocate for vocational education and is a director on numerous boards.

Because of his community service, he has been awarded several honors, including the Kentucky Industrial Development Council's Volunteer of the Year and the Southeastern Kentucky Service Award for Contributions to Better Living in Eastern Kentucky.



Wayne Stewart



James Miller with his wife DeAnn and son Austin.

Brock sentenced to ten years

Charles Brock, 31, of Brodhead, was sentenced to ten years in prison by Rockcastle Circuit Judge Dan Venters on Monday.

Earlier this month, Brock pled guilty to the January 1997 burning of Mt. Vernon Police Officer Barry Adams' personal vehicle.

Brock is also accused of taking part in a December 1996 armed robbery at Dairy Mart in Brodhead. That trial is scheduled for April.

On Monday, Venters also sentenced John William Lawson, 33, of Mt. Vernon to two years in prison for flagrant non-support of his children.

According to assistant Commonwealth Attorney Mike Pratt, Lawson owed over \$42,000 in support.

"Miller files for Jailer"

(Cont. from front)

home on Quarry Street in Mt. Vernon. "I believe in honesty and integrity, and with the new jail expansion and increase in prisoners, the next jailer needs to work hard at security and jail management. That is what I pledge to do as the county's next jailer," said Miller.

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Reward offered

Mrs. Dora Mae Wagers is offering a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons stealing a travel trailer from her home.

Wagers said that someone hooked to a 1974 Scotty Trailer sitting on her carport on Thursday December 11 and drove off.

Mrs. Wagers, who lives on Hwy. 329 near Livingston said the travel trailer is green and white. Anyone with information should contact her at (606) 453-4017.

"New Director"

(Cont. from front)

A state audit revealed that Jones had done some very questionable things as head of the agency and had even transferred a \$120,000 piece of property into a non-profit organization controlled by his family.

"There were an awful lot of bank accounts out there that were not under full control of the Daniel Boone Development Council," Carlifotis told a reporter for the *Lexington Herald-Leader* last week. After the problems were uncovered by a state audit, the old board of directors was dismantled and the new board fired Jones.

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Before being named head of Daniel Boone, Buckles spent two decades in sales and management at Sears. Buckles was an executive with A-1 Portable Buildings in Lexington directly before being hired by Daniel Boone.

Daniel Boone has helped over 800 low income Rockcastle Countians with their heating bills this year alone.

Daniel Boone also works to find housing for low income families and the group is also responsible for the Town Hill Project in Mt. Vernon where four homes were constructed for low income families.

Daniel Boone also owns the former Livingston school property and they are trying to obtain funding for a massive revitalization project at the school.

Water Project

(Cont. from front)

approval from RC&D. Rockcastle's water line extension project will provide water to about 150 homes in the Potts, Sand Springs and Buffalo area along Hwy. 1249.

That project was approved in 1995 along with \$1.7 million dollars.

Mayor Cromer said he hoped the water plant project could be completed by the end of 1998. Cromer said the upgrade will enable double the capacity of the plant, which means there will be plenty of water for everyone.

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"Break-In"

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Rockcastle Deputy Sheriff Doug Thomas is investigating a break-in at the home of J.T. Lamb on Scaffold Canelast Thursday.

Thomas said guns, a cross bow, money, christmas gifts and knives were stolen in the break-in. The items were valued at \$2,500.

Thomas said thieves gained access to the home by forcing the back door open.

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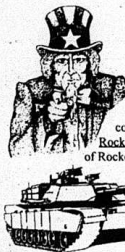
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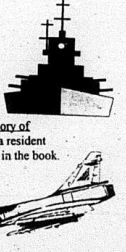
ROCKCASTLE COUNTY JROTC MILITARY HISTORY PROJECT

The Rockcastle County High School Army JROTC is compiling a book to be entitled *Let's We Forget: The Military History of Rockcastle County*. Veterans who entered the military service while a resident of Rockcastle County are invited to contribute their history for inclusion in the book.

For a questionnaire, write to:

Rockcastle County High School Army JROTC
P.O. Box 1410, 1545 Hwy 461
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

or call (606) 256-4816 and leave a message with your name, telephone number, and mailing address.



Task force proposes long-term fund for fish and wildlife

The 1996 Kentucky General Assembly created a Task Force on Funding for Wildlife to study the long-term needs and options for wildlife in the 21st Century. The Task Force held 13 public meetings across Kentucky.

In conclusion they made three recommendations which will be brought before the 1998 Kentucky General Assembly to help long-term funding for the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

The first recommendation is a 1/8 of one percent sales tax, whose revenues will be earmarked for state fish and wildlife agencies. The second recommendation is a 55 cent combination hunting and fishing license for over-65 and disabled hunters and anglers who are currently exempt from buying a license.

The third recommendation is to endorse as a state initiative Teaming With Wildlife. Teaming With Wildlife is a small manufacturers tax on all wildlife related recreational items, such as hiking boots and tents, which are not already taxed under the Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration acts. The federal tax would be divided among the states.

Each and all of these recommendations would provide a source of additional income for the Department of Fish and Wildlife beyond the year 2000. Without some additional funding, the Department will be unable to continue the current level of operations without greatly increasing hunting and fishing license fees. In addition,

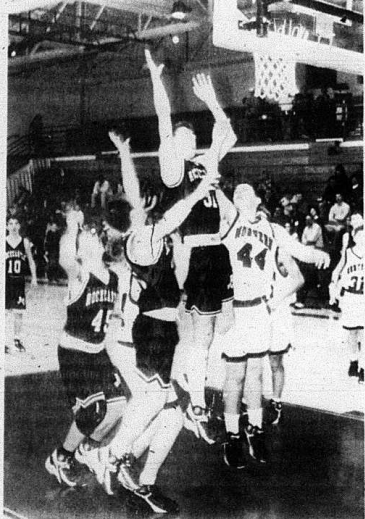
each of these funding plans targets a source of Kentucky's abundant natural resources which are currently required to contribute new funds to ward its conservation.

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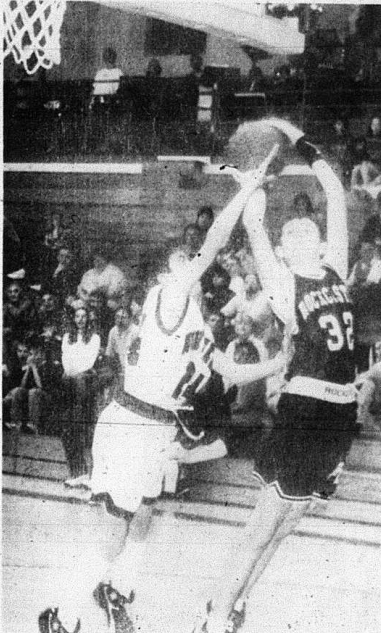
James Baker killed this eight point buck in Rockcastle County on December 14th.



Eighth grader Andrew Hammond goes high for a rebound at Northern Pulaski. Hammond led the scoring for the Rockets with 17 points. Also in the photo are, from left, Josh Taylor and William Blair.



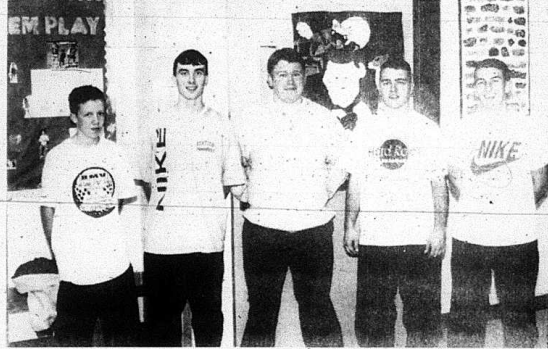
Aaron Anderkin fights for a rebound at Northern Pulaski last Thursday night. The RCMS 7th grade team lost their game at Northern Pulaski 50-44. The 7th graders were down 14 points in the game before coming back in the fourth quarter to go ahead by two on strong offensive games by Jason Reynolds (10 points in the half) and Anderkin (20 points).



Kris Linville tries for a short jumper against Northern Pulaski last Thursday night. The 8th grade won 46-24 and Chuch David Perkins got to clear his bench.

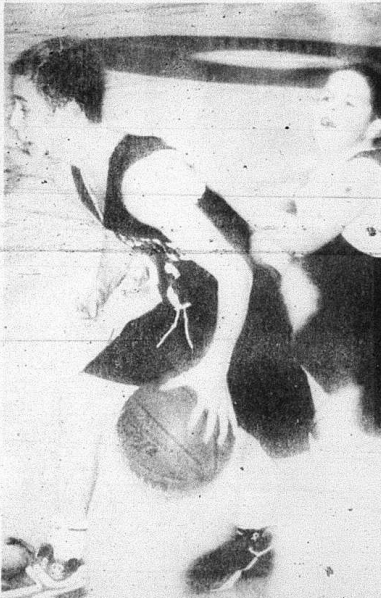
Academic Athletes

Two members of the RCHS Golf Team received first team academic allstate honors. Jeremy Neeley, far left and Chad Silvers, center, were honored for attaining a G.P.A. of 3.75 or above. Three others, Andrew Cash, Travis Anderkin and Layne Nicely received Honorable Mention to the team for achieving a G.P.A. of 3.25-3.74. The team was coached by Barry Noble.

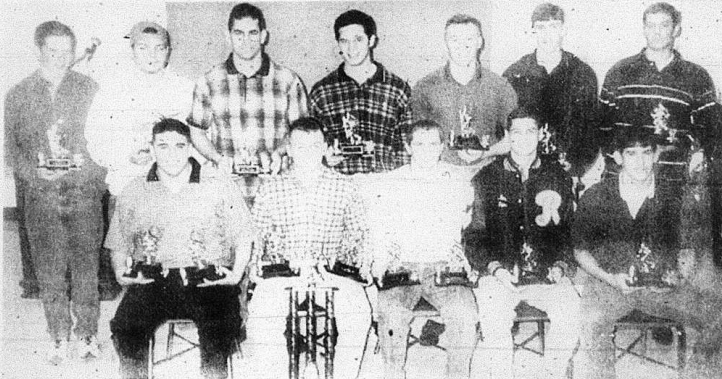


Football Honors

John LaFavers, seated, at right was named to the Third Team All State for the 1997 football season. Dusty McClure, left, and Andy Hale received Honorable Mention. McClure as Defensive Back and Hale as Tight End. Head coaches vote for their choice of offensive and defensive players for each position. They are not allowed to vote for their own players. The Courier-Journal conducts the balloting. The team was announced on Sunday, Dec. 14 in the Courier-Journal. In the bottom photo, are award winners from the recent RCHS football banquet. In the photo are, front row, from left: LaFavers, Best Offensive Defensive lineman; Chris Bishop, Leadership, Best Academic, MVP Varsity; Dusty McClure, Best Defensive Back and Offensive Big Play; Cliff Matekovich, Most Improved; Nathan DeLeon, Defensive Big Play. Back row: Jeff Linville and Chris Kirby, MVP Jr. Varsity (tie); Andrew Carrera, Best Offensive Back; Andy Hale, 110%; Brooks Ingram, Most Tackles; Josh Singleton and Christopher Parsons, MVP Freshman (tie).



The RCMS 6th grade team is undefeated in four matches this season. Their latest win coming over Northern Pulaski 56-39. Tim Mcintosh, shown going high at center in the above photo, led his team to a 21 point victory in the contest. Devin Taylor led the scoring for the 6th graders with 21.



Obituaries

Clyde Payne

Clyde Payne, 64, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, December 22nd at the University of Kentucky Medical Center after a brief illness. He was the son of the late James Arthur and Lela Mae Northern Payne and was a retired farmer.

He is survived by his wife, Faye Webb Payne of Mt. Vernon; two sons, James Clyde and Scott B.F., both of Brodhead; two daughters, Rhonda Renae Akers of Indianapolis, Ind. and Helen Faye Abney of Mt. Vernon; one stepdaughter, Brenda Kay Rigby of Berea; two brothers, Homer Payne of Brodhead and Dilard Payne of West Chester, Ohio; one sister, Bessie Cromer of Mt. Vernon, and twelve grandchildren.

Visitation will be Thursday, December 25th from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals in Brodhead. Funeral services will be Friday, December 26th at 2 p.m. with Lewis Walters officiating. Burial will follow in the Freedom Church Cemetery.

Teddy Brock

Teddy R. Brock, 61, of Rt. 3, Brodhead, died Wednesday, December 17, 1997 at the Rockcastle Hospital. He was born in Rockcastle County on September 3, 1936 to the late Lucy Saylor Brock and the late Dewey Carter Brock. He was a farmer and a member of Poplar Grove Baptist Church.

Besides his mother, Mrs. Lucy Brock of Brodhead, he is survived by his wife, Kathleen Brock; a son, Anthony Brock and his wife, Jennifer; of Brodhead; two daughters, Debbie Oates and her husband, Keith of Augusta, West Virginia and Patricia Brown and her husband, Mike of Brodhead; two sisters, Geraldine Holbrook and Rosetta DeBorde, both of Rt. 3, Brodhead; five grandchildren, Stephen, Rachel and Jonathan Oates and Holly and Steven Brown and three very special little friends, Aaron, Surprice and Gabriel Stallworth.

Services were Saturday, December 20, at the Poplar Grove Baptist Church with Rev. Rick Reynolds and Rev. Steve Weaver. Burial was in the Poplar Grove Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Stephen Oates, Dennis DeBorde, Bruce DeBorde, Roy Adams, Barry Hurst and Steve Zupancic.

Honorary pallbearers were Lloyd McKinney, Jr., Lonnie Ray Vanzant, Jess Nicely, Marvin Ponder, Ricky Hysinger and James Spears.

Arrangements were made by the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

Carrie Smith

Carrie Robinson Smith, 104, of Sowder Nursing Home in Brodhead, died Monday, December 22, 1997 at Sowder Nursing Home. She was born February 7, 1893 in Whites County, the daughter of Fiddell and Elizabeth Smith Robinson. She was a homemaker and a member of the Town Hill Holiness Church.

Survivors are: three sons, Ray Smith and wife, Emma of Xenia, Ohio, Robert Smith and wife, Pearl of Fairfax, Ohio and Albert Smith and wife, Ada of Dayton, Ohio; two daughters, Betti Baker and husband, Robert of Orlando and Opal Meess of Cincinnati and 29 grandchildren and several great and great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dick Smith; a daughter, Stella Sexton; a son-in-law, Bluford Sexton and two infant sons.

Services will be Saturday, December 27, at the Brush Creek Holiness Church with Bros. Virgil Bustle and Olen McGuire officiating. Burial will follow in the Briar Field Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Dowell and Martin Funeral Home where friends may call after 6:00 p.m. Friday.

Pallbearers will be her grandsons.

Opal Jarvis

Opal Jarvis, 70, of Orlando, Florida, died Saturday, December 20, 1997 in Orlando. She was born October 17, 1927 in Rockcastle County the daughter of John Lee and Emma Gilliam Robinson.

Survivors are a daughter, Debra Yeazell of Plano, Texas; one brother, Silvin Robinson of Richmond, Indiana; a sister, Mildred Fernandez of Anaheim, California and three grandchildren and one great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Jarvis.

Services will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 27 at Elmwood Cemetery with Bro. Maynard Head officiating.

Kimberly Carpenter

Kimberly Nickole Carpenter, 41, 2 month of old daughter of Ralph Edward and Crystal Carpenter of Berea, died Saturday, December 20, 1997 at University of Kentucky Medical Center.

Kimberly had participated in the Superior Kings and Queen Pageant which was held in Berea on December 7, and had won "Most Beautiful" and also first runner-up in the overall division. She had placed second in the beauty division and first in the photogenic division in the Lexington Area Baby Pageant held in November.

Survivors are maternal grandparents, Cindy McCleave of Frankfort and Charles Hall of Berea; paternal grandparents, Brenda and Steve O'Neal of Berea and Eddie and Delpha Farthing of Richmond; maternal great grandparents, Vernon Baltimore of Manchester, Tennessee and the late Florence Baltimore and Lorcia Hall of Cumberland and the late Charles Hall; paternal great grandparents, Ralph and Elsie Carpenter of Berea and Dixie Farthing of Richmond and paternal step great-grandparents Marjorie and Denver O'Neal of Conway; two aunts, Rebecca Hall of Frankfort and Valerie

Hall of Berea; two uncles, Gary Adams and Christopher Adams of Berea; and a host of other family and others.

Services were Tuesday, December 23, at Williams Howard Home in Berea with Pastor Howard Kelley officiating. Burial was in the Pilot Knob Cemetery.

Active Gasketbearers were Jimmy Carpenter, Bobby VanWinkle, Ben Bowman and Wade Hammons.

Honorary Gasketbearers were Sam VanWinkle and Bobbs Rhodus.

Willard Sutton

Willard Kenneth Sutton, Sr., age 72, Plainfield, Indiana, died Tuesday, December 16, 1997 at Heartland Healthcare, Plainfield, Indiana. He was born on July 9, 1925 in Brodhead, the son of George Cleveland and Elizabeth Livesey Sutton. He was married to Minnie Mabel Burton on July 3, 1948. He attended the University of Kentucky and was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Plainfield. He was a fork truck operator at Allison's Transmission, Plant #3 for 37 1/2 years, retiring in 1987. Services were held on Friday, December 19 at the Hall-Baker Funeral Home with Rev. John Parsley officiating.

Survivors are two sons, Willard

Kenneth Sutton, Jr. of Dellfield, Wisconsin and Gary Sutton of Danville, Indiana; seven grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Katie Schubert and Hazel Palmer, both of Plainfield. This obituary courtesy of Cox Funeral Home.

Calvin Chasteen

Calvin Jr. "Cal" loving husband for 46 years of Rita Chasteen (nee Riecke), devoted father and friend of Debbie Behrie (Steve), Calvin Michael Chasteen (Jenny), and Annie Macke (Dave), loving grandpa of Steven, Matt and Katie Behrie, Nick and Leslie Chasteen, Laura, Luke and Lance Macke, dear brother of Thelma Ellis, Lois Brucker, Moss Chasteen, Nevada Stegman and the late Murel Chasteen. Calvin departed this life December 5, 1997 at the age of 66 years.

Mass of Christian Burial was conducted Tuesday, December 9th at the St. Bernard's church, Taylor Creek. Burial was in the St. Joseph Cemetery.

Calvin will be remembered by folks around the Fairview vicinity as the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cal Chasteen of Little Clear Creek who lived here years ago, but at the time of his death lived in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was a first cousin of Hubert Chasteen of

Scaffold Lane. The family has our sympathy, love and prayers. Submitted by Mrs. Hubert Chasteen

Cards of Thanks

Byrda McCall

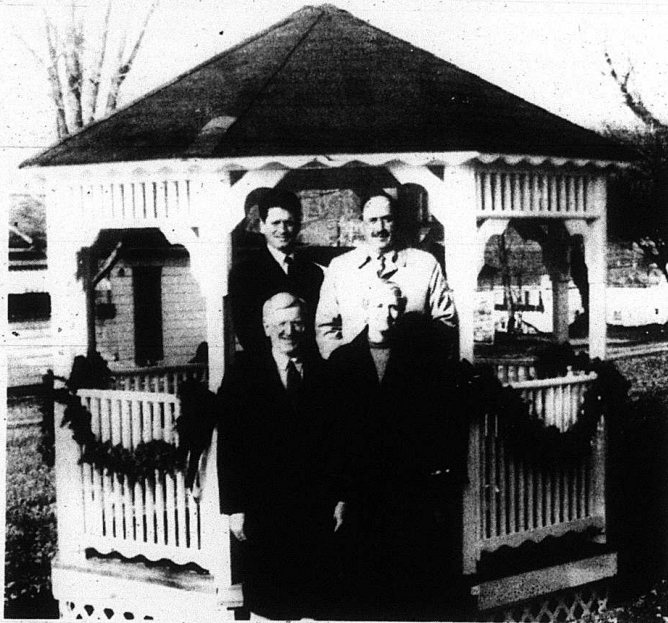
The family of Byrda Hensley McCall wish to express our gratitude to each and every person who visited our home and the funeral home, attended the funeral, brought food, sent flowers, offered prayers in our behalf, and for the many beautiful and comforting cards received. A special thank you to Bro. Don Cummins and Bro. Larry Harmon for the comforting words and to Bro. Mark Wheeler, Ms. Lena McKinney and Ms. Eaton for the beautiful music. To all the pallbearers, "thanks!" We appreciate Cox Funeral Home and their many services. And to the staff and employees of Sowder Nursing Home, thank you for the care and kindness shown mother during her time there. Also, Ruby Epperson, a dear friend, thanks for everything.

Shayla Hensley

We, the Hensley family, would like to thank everyone for everything

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A Christmas Song of PEACE, LOVE & JOY TO ALL



'Tis the season of mankind's harmony with our Lord, when we celebrate His birth and praise His name. Our thanks to everyone for the many blessings we've received as part of this wonderful community.

Bud, Shirley, Garry & Lewis



Cox Funeral Home

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Burley curing problems force delay of market reopening

By Randy Greene

Growers who have fat-stemmed burley with uncurd, greenish leaves may not find a home for their tobacco," said Danny McKinney, CEO of the Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association.

"The companies won't buy it," he explained, "and it doesn't qualify for price supports so the pool can't take it either."

This curing problem is severe enough that, last week, the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture postponed the reopening of the burley market from Jan. 5 until Jan. 12.

This decision -- which will also delay burley auction closings across the eight-state belt -- was endorsed by the 39-member Burley Federal Advisory Committee whose members include representatives from cigarette

makers, dealers, warehousemen, and a host of farmer groups.

"Growers with this late tobacco should leave it hanging in the barn," said Henry West, president of the council for Burley Tobacco. "That's the solution."

"The late harvest this year and cooler-than-normal weather have caused burley still on the farm to cure more slowly," explained George Duncan with the UK College of Agriculture.

"The chemical processes that change the color of burley leaves require medium humidity levels and warmth of 50 to 60 degrees or higher," Duncan said.

"Baling this tobacco too soon is the worst thing a farmer can do," McKinney said. "Be patient. Let it hang until it cures."

Richmond pageants seeking contestants

Libbi Taylor, Executive Director of the "Miss Kentucky Scholarship" Pageant in Lexington has announced the "Miss Richmond Area Scholarship Pageant" competition to be held Saturday, March 12, 1998, in the Gifford Theater on the EKU campus.

There will be a "Little Miss Richmond Area" ages 4-7. In addition, there is a "Pre-Teen Miss Richmond Area" title for young ladies ages 8-12. "Teen Miss Richmond Area" must be ages 13-16 as of March 21. All contestants must be residents of the state of Kentucky for the past six months.

Miss Richmond Area must be a 17-year-old-high school senior (as of March 21) and not over 24 years old as of Sept. 30, 1998. She will represent this area in the state competition in June, in Lexington. The other three title holders may have the opportunity to advance to the state level, to be held the same week as the Miss Kentucky Pageant.

Miss Richmond Area will compete in Talent, Interview, Swimwear and Evening wear competition. The pageant is guaranteeing a \$1,000 scholarship.

Little Miss, Pre-teen and Teen Miss Richmond Area will compete in

formal wear, interview and sports-wear.

The Miss Richmond Area Committee is non-profit and is an official Miss America preliminary. Applications may be obtained by calling Jimmy Mawyer or Dale Wagner at (606) 623-0426. Local citizens interested in serving on a committee may also call the same number.

Card of Thanks continued from B3

that they did for us when we lost our loved one. We would like to thank Dowell and Martin Funeral Home for the beautiful funeral, the Brush Creek Holiness Church for letting us have the funeral in their beautiful church, and everyone that gave food, cards, money, flowers, support, and most of all the prayers. We want to thank God for his support in our time of sorrow, and for being there for us. We want to thank all the people that sang at the funeral, the pallbearers and Brother Olen McGuire for officiating it.

Shayla's funeral was perfect and couldn't have been better.

Thanks Again,
The family of Shayla Hensley

Richard Lawrence

The family of Richard Lawrence would like to express our thanks to all of you who thought of us or helped in any way during the loss of our loved one. Thanks for the flowers, cards, prayers, and food. Special thanks to Bro. Danny McKibben and Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals.

Manuel Shepherd

The family of the late Manuel Shepherd would like to express our warmest and sincerest gratitude to the families, friends, and businesses who came to us during our loss. The hardship we faced has been eased by your thoughts, food, flowers, cards, and prayers. Our appreciation to Cox Funeral Home for a beautiful service, Brother Harvey Pensel who calmed our fears, Rockcastle Hospital and Rockcastle Ambulance Service for their support and efforts. The Mt. Vernon Signal and Lexington Herald-Leader for allowing the family to express our thanks and for reaching those who could not be contacted. Your thoughtfulness and kindness will always be remembered.

Cleda Shepherd and family

Goldie Clark

Mrs. Goldie Race Clark, 96, of Danville, and formerly of Rockcastle County died Tuesday December 23, 1997 at the Rockcastle Hospital.

She was born September 28, 1901 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of the late Zen and Mary Leah Emerick. She taught school for 27 years, retired from the Casey County School System, was a member of the DAR, Homemakers Club, Wildemess Trail Art League and a member of the First Christian Church of Danville.

Survivors are: six nieces, four nephews, and 34 great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Leland Race and by her second husband, Herbert Clark, two brothers, Emmet and Lester Emerick and one sister, Anna Stevens.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 24 at Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Norman Hagley officiating. Burial will follow at Mareburg Cemetery. Visitation will be after 1 p.m. Wednesday.



In Memory of Our Dear Sweet Mother, Hazel Barnett, who would have celebrated her birthday December 24th. We love and miss you Pauline and all your family

Poet's Corner

"Love Is The Reason"

Love is the reason
Christ was born for me!
On that first glorious Christmas
In a stable so lowly,
With the shepherds worshipping,
And the Angels singing:

Everyone knew it was Peace
He was bringing!

Love is the reason
Christ died for me!
On that crucial cross
at Mt. Calvary,

With the nails in His hands,
And the spear in His side,
He cried, "It is finished!"
And then He died.

But wait! Love is the reason
Christ arose for me!
On that glorious third day
He arose victoriously!

And now... Love is the reason
Christ lives in me!
To purge me from sin,
And set me free!

Marsha Purseen



Customer Appreciation Giveaways

The Bank of Mt. Vernon recently held a Customer Appreciation Day at their downtown bank and gave away a few prizes. In the top photo, prize winners are shown, from left: Charlene Reynolds won \$100; Kristi Wallin won a savings bond; Burnetta Norton won a country ham as well as Jean Artist. Also shown is BMW employee Donna Stayton, who presented the prizes. In the photo to the left, Donna Stayton is shown presenting Ravenna Payne with her prize of \$45.60. Ms. Payne guessed closest to the amount of nickels in a jar.



SPC Carl Hensley of the Kentucky Army National Guard is the 1997 recipient of the Top Gun award. SPC Hensley and his gun crew are the fastest most proficient gun crew in the Heavy Mortar Platoon. SPC Hensley is a 15 year veteran of the Heavy Mortar Platoon in Somerset. SPC Hensley is employed by Rockcastle Manufacturing and lives in Livingston. SPC Hensley is pictured far right.

Animal Control Is Out Of Control In Kentucky.

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Extension Home Economics

Clean Chimneys for Fireplace Safety

By Hazel Jackson
County Extension Agent
for Home Economics

Rising sparks from this year's cozy fire can ignite creosote that collected in your chimney last winter. Chimney fires cause millions of dollars in property damage every year, and a significant number of those blazes could have been prevented by maintenance and common sense.

There are two important things to remember for fireplace and wood stove safety. One is to keep your chimney in good repair and free of creosote. The other is to maintain a 36-inch buffer space between woodburning stoves and walls, furniture, draperies, stacks of magazines---any flammable material.

Keeping combustibles away from a fireplace opening may be obvious, but people sometimes forget that all sides of wood stoves and freestanding fireplaces get hot enough to start and unwanted blaze in nearby flammable items. Three feet is the minimum, unless the manufacturer specifically states a different clearance. It doesn't hurt to put combustibles farther away than that.

Professional cleaning eliminates dangerous buildup of creosote, a byproduct of burning wood. It's carried upward in the smoke but rarely makes it all the way out of the chimney. The surfaces inside a chimney aren't as hot as the fire, so creosote tends to condense and collect there. If the deposits get thick enough, they can be ignited by a hot fire. Once it starts to burn, creosote reaches temperatures as high as 2,000 degrees F. The heat can cause structural damage to the chimney or even set the house ablaze.

Creosote typically forms a black, bubbly crust you can see looking down into a chimney from the roof, up through the damper, or by holding a mirror inside exterior cleanout doors. Smoking and backdrafting fires are typical signs of creosote buildup.

You should check your chimney regularly. Whenever the creosote accumulation is more than a quarter of an inch thick, it should be cleaned. Because it's such an important -- and messy -- task, hiring a certified chimney sweep is recommended.

Certification tells you the chimney sweep has been trained and meet professional standards. You also want a sweep with liability insurance coverage. A certified sweep will not only check for creosote buildup, but can inspect chimneys for crumbling mortar and other unsoundness that can lead to chimney fires.

Once your chimney is clean, there are steps you can take to keep creosote buildup to a minimum. The cooler the fire is, the more creosote you're going to get. Fires that smolder for a long time produce more creosote than hot,



The MVES Pentatones, under the direction of Mrs. Jamie Cornelius, took part in the RCMS Chorus' Christmas Concert given to the middle school last Friday.



Seventh grade teacher Tracy Gabbard did an excellent job in a featured role of Santa during the concert. Steve Bullock was the Santa for the performance given to the public on Tuesday night.

blazing fires. For fireplaces, burning only well-seasoned hardwood is recommended. Freshly cut wood burns a lot cooler

and produces more creosote because it takes a lot of the fire's energy just to evaporate the moisture in unseasoned logs.

Long Term Funding

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the best long-term funding mechanism would be the 1/8 of one percent sales tax. For the last 60 years, hunters and anglers have paid the entire bill through hunting and fishing license fees for managing wildlife. This tax would give everyone the chance to contribute to conservation of Kentucky's fish and wildlife resources.

The Task Force also concluded that Kentucky loses more than \$1 million each year in federal matching funds because people who do not purchase a license cannot be counted for federal matching funds. Requiring a minimal license fee of \$5 of a

combination hunting and fishing license (regularly \$20) for those over 65 or disabled would help recover some of these lost revenues.

Finally, endorsing the federal initiative Teaming With Wildlife would expand the user-pay aspect of outdoor recreation to all those who enjoy the outdoors, even if they do not hunt or fish. If you would like more information on these proposals, write or call the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, #1 Game Farm Road, Frankfort, KY 40601, 1-800-858-1549 or (502)564-4336.

Christmas Concert at RCMS



The RCMS Chorus, under the direction of Joann Sizemore, performed "Twas the Night Before Christmas" for students at the middle school. Travis Burton served as narrator for the performance.



The RCMS band, under the direction of Greg Daugherty, held their Christmas Concert for the public on Thursday night and were at the middle school Friday with selected pieces for the students. In the above photo, Mr. Daugherty conducts the 6th grade band class and the bottom photo is of the seventh and eighth grade students.



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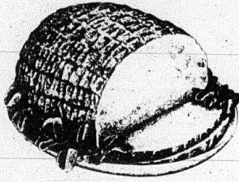
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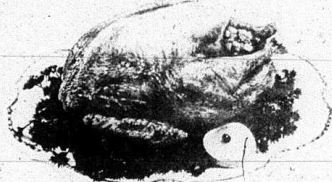
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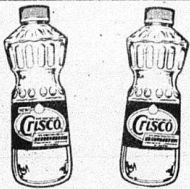
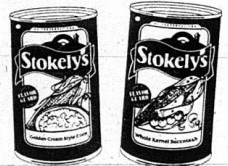


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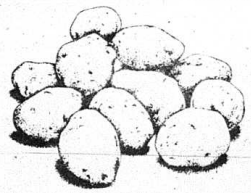


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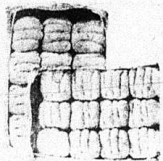
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from

**Rockcastle County Judge-Executive
Buzz Carloftis**

*1997 has been a very busy and successful year
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We have made some changes in Rockcastle County by working together with boards, officials, and others who genuinely strive and care to make a difference.

- Opening of Image Entry (computer operation in the old industrial park)
- Construction of NEW INDUSTRIAL PARK by state and federal funds (with required infrastructure - sewer, water, roads)
- Construction of new industrial park's first tenant, B & H TOOLWORKS (now in progress)
- All road work on county-maintained roadways (gravel and blacktop) as of September '97, completely paid for without borrowing
- Only county in Kentucky to attempt to address juvenile crime problem through the enactment of a county ordinance specifying the responsibilities of parents and guardians
- Establishment of an Emergency Communications Board of Directors (911) in order to eventually better serve this community's citizens during emergencies
- Refinancing the 1990 courthouse annex bonds, thereby saving Rockcastle County's taxpayers approximately \$560,000.00 over the next 14 years
- Construction of Maximum Security Cellblock in the county jail to complete Phase I of the jail's state-required renovation (This, along with Phase II and Phase III, will prevent the state from closing the jail, thereby jeopardizing the county's budget by paying other counties to house our prisoners)
- Construction of Phase II & Phase III of the jail's state-required renovation (now in progress)
- Establishment of new fire department (Brindle Ridge) that will ultimately help reduce the cost of fire insurance of homeowners by providing closer service (established by fire board)
- Although construction not yet begun, I am completely confident that the \$1.7 million waterline extension project for Rockcastle Water Association will be a reality. This represents the single largest waterline project in Rockcastle County. (Funds already appropriated for this purpose)
- Reduction of county's liability (unemployment insurance charges through sound business principles)

Quail Homemakers hold Christmas party

The annual Christmas party of the Quail Homemakers was held Monday, December 15th, at the home of Teet Stevens. Twenty members and three visitors were present. We had

two new members, Lisa Hopkins and Anna Goff. Bingo was played and each person received a gift. Gifts were exchanged and secret pals revealed. A great time was had by all.

Willing Workers meet

Brodhead's Willing Workers Homemaker Club met at Kastle Inn Restaurant for the December meeting. There were nine members and five guests present for dinner. Secret Pals were revealed and gifts exchanged while the guests enjoyed games and gifts at another table. Members drew for Secret Pal 1998 and volunteered to act as hosts for

the monthly meetings during 1998. Officers for the coming year are: Carol Riddle, president; Roberta Taylor, vice president; Nina Cash, secretary; Clara Proctor, treasurer; Barbara Watson, blood drive chairman and Blanche Johnson, reporter. Mrs. Nina Cash will be hostess on January 15, 1998 at 7:00 p.m.

the Danville Hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery. Mrs. Harris Burton visited Vallie Burton awhile on Friday afternoon. Patricia Holland was in Berea shopping on Friday. Sympathy is extended to all who have lost loved ones recently. May the Lord comfort each one. Mrs. Harris Burton visited Mrs. Brenda Curry on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Barron were in Danville shopping Friday. Daniel Barron underwent surgery at the Rockcastle Hospital last Monday. We wish him a speedy recovery. Mrs. Dorothy Rideout and granddaughter, Kristi of Henderson visited Lillian Anglin during the weekend. Lillian Holt and Arthie Kirby were in Lexington recently to consult Mrs. Kirby's doctor. Lillian Holt was in Louisville recently to visit her son, who is sick. We wish him a speedy recovery. Carl Lee York celebrated his birthday one day last week. We wish him many returns of the day. Recent breakfast guests of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kirby of Conway were C.S. and Marie McKinney. Last Sunday morning visitors of Mrs. Bessie Kirby were her son, Paul Kirby and wife. Sunday breakfast guests of Mr. and Mrs. C.S. McKinney were their grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lovins, Jr. and great grandson, Dalton Blake Lovins. Stanley Graves of Indiana spent last Thursday night with his mother, Lavada Graves. Friday night supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. C.S. McKinney were their great grandson, Mr. and Mrs. David Renner and their great-granddaughter, Oliva of Ohio. Jamie Lynn Lovins of Richmond,



Don Stevens finishes the caning on a footstool while his wife, Kathleen, watches. Don and Kathleen attended Basketry and Chair Caning Classes taught at the Extension Office on December 6th. The Basketry teacher, Ardia Herndon, will be teaching five basketry classes on April 30, May 1 and May 2, 1998. For more information, contact the Extension Office at 256-2403.

Mt. Vernon Personals

By Vallie Burton

I'm going to try and get back to writing some, I've been in the hospital and had surgery at the St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. Also had to have eye surgery. I want to thank everyone for their prayers and cards and visits. I stayed with my daughter,

Mattie Newton for two weeks at Sonestee. Mattie Newton and Vallie Burton were at the Shelbyville Cemetery on Thursday to take flowers to Mr. Newton's grave. Mrs. Lewis Nicely is a patient in

celebrated her 22nd birthday, December 16th with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lovins, Sr. and family. Mrs. Peggy Murphy visited her mother, Mrs. Pansy Nicely last Saturday. Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ebb Brown were C.S. and Marie McKinney. Shirley Burton has returned home after spending several days with her daughter, Sheila and husband, Charli Zenni and daughter, Tatiana. Mr. and Mrs. Zenni have a new baby girl born November 26th. Mr. and Mrs. J. Blanton and Mildred Hunt were in Ohio recently to attend the funeral of their uncle, John Brock. Mr. Willard Whitaker is very sick. We wish him a speedy recovery. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Houston visited her father, Oscar Saylor at Crab Orchard on Sunday. Ms. Lacie Smith is a patient at the Rockcastle Hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!



Brenda Powell, Rockcastle County Extension Homemaker President, looks at a few of the cookbooks donated for flood victims in Pendleton County. The Extension Homemakers wish to thank everyone who donated cookbooks. Rockcastle County Homemakers collected 77 cookbooks for the cause.

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Free Conservation Trees booklet available now

The National Arbor Day Foundation has published a Conservation Trees booklet which is available to the public free of charge. The Conservation Trees booklet uses colorful photos and illustrations and easy-to-understand descriptions to help people plant and care for conservation trees. The contents of the guide include:
*How to use shade trees and windbreaks to save energy in your home.
*How to attract songbirds to your yard.
*How to save trees during construction.
*How to save topsoil and help farm profits with shelterbelts.
*The right way to plant trees.
*The right way to prune trees.
"The National Arbor Day Foundation's Conservation Trees Program encourages Americans to plant, manage and preserve trees to conserve soil, energy, water, wildlife and the atmosphere," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president said. "The Conservation Trees brochure is a central part of this educational project. It serves as a useful guide for people in all areas, whether they live

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Barry Adams, Republican candidate for Sheriff
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Happy Holidays from Richmond Street Eye Care

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Ideas for "coping" when the kids are home for the holidays

Children have a way of making the holiday season special. Their wide-eyed wonderment and gleeful anticipation enable adults to see the season with a whole new perspective. But, for some people, the stress of the holidays combined with the everyday rigors of parenting can be too much.

"Recognizing that the holidays can be a stressful time is the first step parents must take in avoiding child abuse," said Carolyn Stevens, director of social services at Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center.

"Every 12 seconds, a child is abused in America," said Stevens. "During the holidays, that statistic jumps significantly. But, becoming aware that there is a greater risk potential for abuse is a critical step in avoiding the problem."

As a social worker, Stevens has witnessed many families torn apart by abuse-accidents that may have been avoided if the parents had known how to reach out for help. To help keep parents from taking out holiday frustrations on their kids, Stevens suggested spending a few minutes so carefully plan family time.

"Take about a half hour and plan fun, safe activities for kids that will keep them occupied," Stevens said. "When children become bored, the fun becomes difficult. When that happens, parents, who already are frazzled, have even less tolerance."

Here are some tips Stevens suggests for keeping the little ones occupied:

"Scan the local newspapers and find free activities your children can attend. Alternate with a friend or neighbor to take children to activities, giving you time to accomplish your holiday tasks.

"Have your kids color plain wrapping paper or lunch bags with festive holiday scenes. Then, use the paper and bags to wrap gifts.

"Spend an evening making holiday ornaments and treats. Then, let children spend the next day decorating the treats.

"Help your child have perspective on the season by asking them to choose a gift for someone less fortunate and help them deliver the gift to that person.

"Have your kids cut pictures from magazines and build a collage.

"Make sure they burn some of their youthful energy through exercise—take them ice skating, sledding or indoor swimming.

"Make some homemade play dough by combining cup of flour, 1/2 cup of salt, 1 cup of water, 1 tablespoon of oil, 2 teaspoons cream

tartar and a few drops of food coloring to color. Heat at an ingredients in a pan on top of the stove until it cuts a ball. Give the kids cookie cutters and let them make play dough ornaments.

"Have your kids make homemade Christmas cards and deliver them to a local nursing home or hospital.

"Maintain your child's routines as much as possible—or establish new routines for the holidays.

"Make it a point to get out of the house—especially if your frustration level is rising. Take a walk or go for a drive to relieve your tension.

"Perhaps, most importantly, don't over plan. Make time to relax and enjoy your time at home with your family.

"It just takes a little imagination to keep kids occupied, not a lot of money," Stevens said. "But if you feel that you have tried your best, but are still afraid you may harm your children, please ask for help."

If you would like to speak to a child abuse counselor, call the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse at 1-800-55-NCPCA.

AAA offers several gift ideas with safety in mind

The holiday season is in full swing and many people are facing the annual dilemma of what to give that friend "who has everything," or that relative who just wants "something practical." If that friend or loved one truly is special, why not give them a safety-minded gift, one they can use for protection and peace of mind while rolling down Kentucky's beautiful roadways? "Let's face it, some folks are just plain tough to shop for. Maybe this is the year to avoid all those gimmicky gifts and give something that could enhance or even save a life," says Dan Dickson, Manager of Public Relations for AAA Blue Grass/

Kentucky. So, with safety in mind, here are a few ideas to add to your shopping list:

A membership in AAA Blue Grass/Kentucky. A membership in America's oldest automobile club provides you with emergency roadside service should your vehicle fail to start, or if you run out of gas, have a flat tire or lock your keys inside. AAA also provides a towing service and much more.

A cellular phone. The Kentucky State Police say a cellular phone is one of the most important safety devices a person can carry while traveling the highways. It provides quick, easy access to the police if you are victimized by crime, involved in an accident or left stranded.

A Safety Kit for a car. A survival kit could include items like a flashlight, blankets, booster cables, warning devices such as flares, a small bag of abrasive material such as sand or kitty litter to help move tires embedded in the snow and a small shovel for digging out of snow banks.

Ten driving safety. AAA offers a kit called "Teaching Your Teens to Drive." Did you know that traffic crashes are the #1 cause of death and injury for people ages 15 to 20? This video and handbook teach basic vehicle control, freeway and night driving, how to drive on slippery surfaces, positioning and speed adjustment and more.

In-car business organizer. If you know something who has a "rolling office," they probably need help getting organized while working out of their car. If all the tools of their "office" are neatly stored and available when needed, the driver will be less likely to be fumbling for supplies while driving, reducing the chance of an accident. These business consoles hold places for pens, note paper, calculators, cellular phones.

Fairview News

By Mrs. Hubert Chastean

Hello and Merry Christmas to all. This column is going to be short and sweet. I'm sending it on Friday, so it will be in by Monday as the Signal will be a day early. On Sunday, December 14th, we had 128 in Sunday School, and good attendance for worship service for which we are thankful.

Our sympathy and prayers go out to all those who have lost loved ones recently, including Manuel Shepherd of Mt. Vernon and Edward Ramsey of Wildie. May God bless and comfort the loved ones left behind.

Just hope everyone everywhere has a great enjoyable Christmas and a great year in 1998. May God bless you with good health, peace and happiness in this coming year. And may we all have a heart full of love for others, especially our families and loved ones.

Here is a poem that I would like to share with you. It is entitled, "Consolation."

There is never a day so dreary,
But God can make it bright,
And unto the soul that trusts Him,
He giveth songs in the night.

There is never a path so hidden,
But God can lead the way,
And patiently wait and pray,
There is never a cross so heavy,
But the nail-scarred hands are there.

Outstretched in tender compassion,
The burden to help us bear,
There is never a heart so broken,
But the loving God can heal.
The heart that was pierced on Calvary,
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And leave at the foot of the cross.
Try to attend church somewhere
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A Special Birthday Wish

Happy Birthday With Love From the Depths of My Heart I Send Your Way.

So often my thoughts wonder back To precious memories of our past. And though many years have come and gone, I still have comfort in knowing my love for you will forever last.

Only while driving by have I seen you grow up over the years. And sometimes you would glance my way which Always filled my eyes with tears.

God only knows how many times I wanted to Stop and tell you that I was your dad, But deep down inside I knew you were too young. To be hurt that bad. So, I live a life that has never been complete without you. But I keep holding on. Praying that someday you will love me too.

For I love you, Jesse, with all my heart, more and more everyday. And my love for you is more than any words could ever say. I hope and pray that someday you and I may have a new start. Unlike now when our lives are torn so far apart. And Oh' what a wonderful Christmas this would be. If you could be here with the family, To open gifts from under grandma's tree.

Wishing you a Happy Birthday for it's unlike all the rest. For now you are a teen, and in my eyes, the prettiest one I've ever seen. Wishing a very special young lady, A Happy Birthday and A Merry Christmas. Jessica Rene, 13 years old on December 22. I'll Always Love you, Your Daddy, Jimmy Hoskins

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Agricultural News

Agricultural News

By Warden Alexander,
Director

The USDA Service Center will be closed on Thursday, December 25, and Friday, December 26, to celebrate the Christmas holiday.

Tobacco marketing cards were mailed Thursday, November 6. If you did not receive your marketing card, there may be additional forms that you need to sign. Tobacco producers are reminded to promptly return their marketing cards to the office as soon as all sales are final. Failure to return cards may result in reduction of future year quotas.

As a condition for approving a burley tobacco disaster lease, an application for disaster credit must be filed by the producer before the crop is harvested. Due to weather related conditions an exception has been made for the 1997 crop year to also accept disaster credit applications after the crop has been harvested. The following conditions must be met: Crop must have been affected by a natural disaster or disease and suffered at least a 20% loss, sufficient acreage planted to produce the effective quota, COC approves the application. Producers who have a loss, and think they may want to disaster lease, should contact the of-

fice.

FSA makes and guarantees farm loans and provides technical management assistance to family farmers. A "family farm" is defined as one that a family can operate and manage itself with a reasonable amount of hired labor. FSA loans are tailored to a borrower's needs. FSA Credit Managers help the borrower analyze problems, determine available resources and plan how resources may best be used. The loan programs offered are: Operating loans, Farm Ownership loans, Emergency loans, and Youth Project loans. We are now receiving payments in the Rockcastle Office for all existing loans through the former Farmers Home program.

In the Government's effort to reduce operating costs, legislation has been passed which requires that all NEW recipients of Federal payments made after 7-26-96, be made by electronic funds transfer, or direct deposit. The law further states that ALL payments made after 01-01-99, by made by direct deposit. We encourage you to sign up now, contact us to find out how!

When destroying tobacco that is in excess of 499 pounds, contact the FSA office. The disposal must be witnessed by an FSA Representa-

tive.

The Burley tobacco penalty rate for 1997-98 is \$1.44/lb.

The 1998 Burley Tobacco Referendum will be held in February. All eligible producers are encouraged to vote. Eligible voters include: Own-

ers, Operators, Tenants and Sharecroppers engaged in the production of burley tobacco; Owners who's tobacco is in the CRP program; and Owners who lease out their tobacco quota.

Local physician attends National Merit Symposium

James Cunningham, M.D. of Mt. Vernon, was among the more than 400 physicians from across the nation attending the 47th Annual Obesity and Associated Conditions Symposium of the American Society of Bariatric Physicians (ASBP) held recently in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Some of the nation's leading authorities in the field of obesity described that latest techniques used in treating overweight patients and in maintaining weight loss.

Of special interest in the physicians were sessions dealing with medically appropriate alternatives to fen-phen and Redux, two popular prescription appetite suppressants withdrawn in September by the manufacturer. Speakers explained the use of other appetite suppressants and described a number of non-pharmaceutical measures for effective medical weight loss.

In addition, the physicians were brought up to date on the appropriateness of using an echocardiogram

to properly monitor patients who may have taken fen-phen and Redux in the past.

Established in 1950, the ASBP has a mission to establish and maintain bariatric practice guidelines and to provide education to members, the health care professions and the public. Through an extensive program of continuing medical education, ASBP exposes its members to the more recent developments in treating obesity and its associated conditions to ensure that the member physicians remain on the cutting edge of the new technology in treating the overweight patient.

ASBP advocates a comprehensive medical weight loss program for patients, to include complete laboratory and physical examinations, counseling on diet and nutrition, exercise planning, behavior modification (lifestyle changes) and, when indicated, the use of appetite suppressants and other medications as an adjunct to the program.

condition, and certain physical or mental conditions which interfered with the performance of duty.

Q — May a veteran join with a non-veteran in obtaining a VA loan?
A — Yes, but the guaranty is based only on the veteran's portion of the loan. The guaranty cannot cover the non-veteran's part of the loan. This does not apply to a loan to a veteran and spouse when the spouse is not a veteran. You may consult lenders to determine whether they would be willing to accept application of joint loans of this type.

Q — Does the issuance of a certificate of eligibility guarantee approval of a VA loan?
A — No. The veteran must still be found to be qualified for the loan from an income and credit standpoint.


Q — Does VA home loan entitlement provide cash to the veteran?
A — No. The amount of entitlement relates only to the amount VA will guarantee the lender against loss.

Q — Can a veteran obtain a loan from a private lender in one state for the purchase of property in another state?
A — Yes. However, many lenders limit their lending operation to certain areas.

Q — If a veteran used their eligibility for a VA loan years ago, is there any way eligibility can be restored for purchasing another home?
A — Eligibility can be restored when the property has been sold and the loan paid in full or the property has been sold and a qualified buyer agrees to purchase through a substitution of entitlement. The buyer may have the same amount of entitlement as originally used to get the loan. The purchaser must also meet the occupancy, income and credit requirements of the loan.

Q — Does the law provide for a monthly benefit to the spouse and children of a veteran if the veteran disappears?
A — Yes. However, many lenders limit their lending operation to certain areas.

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Questions answered from Department of Veterans Affairs

Q — Are members of the Selected Reserve and National Guard eligible for VA home loan benefits?

A — Members of the Selected Reserve and National Guard are eligible for VA home loan benefits if they have at least 6 years of service and, if they are no longer active, received an honorable discharge. Members may also be eligible if they served in support of the Gulf War. Eligibility for members of the Selected Reserve and National Guard expires October 28, 1999.

Q — What is the "general rule" for determining VA home loan benefits

for veterans who served as active duty?

A — The "general rule" states that veterans who enlisted after September 7, 1980 or officers, October 16, 1981, must serve 24 continuous months of service and receive a discharge under other than dishonorable conditions.

Q — What is the rule for veterans who entered service prior to September 7, 1980?

A — Veterans must serve 90 days or more if any part of their service occurred during wartime, or must have served 180 days or more if there is only peacetime service.

Q — Are there any exceptions to the rules previously given for home loan benefits?

A — Yes. Eligibility may exist, if the member is still on active duty and has served the minimum of 90 to 180 days depending on whether the period is wartime or peacetime; if the veteran is discharged for a compensable service-connected disability; or if the veteran was discharged for an early out, hardship, convenience of the government after 20 months of service, a reduction in force, hardship, preexisting medical

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AAA announces campaign to fight young driver death rate

AAA Blue Grass/Kentucky recently launched a campaign to help curb the leading cause of death among young people, a problem that could worsen as the population of teenagers increases significantly. The campaign, "License to Learn: A Safety Program for New Drivers" - targets the high rate of crashes and fatalities among novice drivers ages 15 to 20 and calls for a series of key action steps. The campaign is a part of a national campaign that will be coordinated with activities by AAA clubs in all 50 states.

"Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death among 15-to-20 year olds and are responsible for nearly one-third of the deaths in this age group," said Lilla Mason, Executive

Director of the Blue Grass Auto Club Safety Foundation. "Yet in a survey conducted by AAA, only 22 percent of 1,000 respondents identified traffic crashes as the greatest threat to teenagers. Almost half listed the biggest risk as drug addiction, which ranks 28th among all causes of death for persons in that age group."

Drivers 15-to-20 years old account for only 7 percent of the driving population but are involved in 14 percent of all fatal traffic crashes and nearly 20 percent of total crashes. Nearly 6,000 drivers and passengers ages 15 to 20 years old died in traffic crashes in 1996 - an average of more than 16 deaths a day. Fatalities could soar to 7,500 per year by 2012 - more than 20

a day - as the number of young drivers increases by 25 percent in the next 15 years. In 76 percent of fatal crashes involving 15-to-20 year old drivers, police reports show driver error or other factors related to driver behavior as the cause of the crash.

"Mistakes are part of any learning process, including driving," says Mason. "We must provide an opportunity for new drivers to gain experience in the safest possible on-road environment since much of what novice drivers need to learn about responsible driving can only come from behind the wheel experience."

National studies have shown that it takes a new driver five years before they become proficient drivers. While many parents feel that teaching their new driver the rules of the road is someone else's responsibility, it is the parents who will pay if the new driver receives a ticket. A recent analysis by AAA shows that insuring a young driver who has received a violation against their license can cost the family over \$3,000 a year in increased insurance premiums.

AAA's "Teaching Your Teen To Drive Program" offers parents a structured opportunity to help teach their new driver safe driving skills while gaining valuable behind the wheel experience. The program, available on both videocassette and CD-ROM, has 13 structured driving lessons designed to help parents teach novice drivers basic safe driving skills. AAA is also encouraging parents and new drivers to sign an agreement that outlines the rights, responsibilities and expectations of the new driver. "A written agreement between the parent and the teenager, while not legally binding, still offers a trust between the two parties," says Mason. "It offers a clear explanation of what is expected of the new driver."

The "Teaching Your Teen To Drive" program is available for \$24.95 for the video and \$19.95 for the CD-ROM. A limited number of copies are available on loan from the Safety Foundation. Free copies of the parent-teen, car-use agreement are also available. For more information, contact the Foundation by calling (606)233-1111 or 1-800-568-5222.

The Blue Grass Auto Club Safety Foundation is a non-profit organization that serves as a resource for schools and communities across Central and Eastern Kentucky interested in promoting traffic safety.

Veterans Questions continued from C4

Q — If a veteran was receiving or entitled to receive disability compensation or pension (except O&I Law pension) at the time of disappearance, and if he or she remains missing for 90 days or more, VA can pay benefits to the veteran's spouse and children. To receive payments, the dependents must file a specific claim within one year from the date the veteran disappeared. Payment depends upon the benefit the veteran was receiving when he or she disappeared. If the veteran was entitled to compensation, the rate will be the rate for service-connected death benefits or the veteran's rate of compensation, whichever is less. If the vet-

eran was entitled to a pension, the rate will be the improved death pension rate, as determined by the income of the spouse and children, or the veteran's rate of pension, whichever is less. Payment terminates if the veteran reappears. If the veteran remains missing for a period of seven years, VA must consider whether the veteran's death by be presumed.

Q — Does the Department of Veterans Affairs offer assistance for rent utilities of food?

A — VA has no resources for these forms of assistance. You may wish to contact a local veterans affairs or social service office.

Q — May the current monthly rate of VA benefits received by a veteran by released to a third party?

A — Yes. The monthly amount of benefits is considered public information; however, information concerning the veteran's disabilities cannot be released without the veteran's prior consent.

Q — My father served on active duty in the military during the Vietnam Era. Since he never used his VA educational benefits, can his eligibility be transferred to family members?

A — The Vietnam Era GI Bill (Chapter 34) did not provide for trans-

fer of educational benefits to family members. Information on VA benefits available to certain dependents of veterans may be obtained by calling your nearest VA regional office at 1-800-827-1000.

Q — After graduating from college under a Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) scholarship, I will enter active duty as a commissioned officer. Can I earn eligibility for Montgomery GI Bill (Active Duty) benefits?

A — Yes. Under recent legislation, graduates who received \$2,000 or less each year under ROTC and entered active duty as commissioned officers after September 30, 1996 are eligible to participate in the Montgomery GI Bill (Active Duty).

Q — I am no longer enrolled in school, and I have remaining entitlement to VA educational benefits. Can I exchange my remaining entitlement to pay an indebtedness in my educational benefits account?

A — No. VA educational benefits can be paid only for attendance in an approved course of training. However, the indebtedness would not prevent you from enrolling in an approved course of training and applying for educational benefits, from which the indebtedness could be repaid.

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If you wish to participate and have not already submitted a bid and signed a vendor agreement for this heating season, please pick up a packet at the local office in Rockcastle, Laurel, Jackson and Clay Counties. Households who are at or above 28% of poverty level must pay a portion of the fuel cost.

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1998 Deer Seasons proposed

Dates for the 1998 deer seasons were approved at the Fish and Wildlife Commission meetings in Frankfort Friday, December 5. Archery deer season will open the third Saturday in September (September 19, 1998) and continue through January

15, 1999. Crossbow season will open November 24, 1998 and continue through December 3, 1998.

Modern gun deer seasons were also proposed. Zones 1-6 will open the second Saturday in November for 10 days (November 14 - November

23, 1998). Zone 7 will open the second Saturday in November for five days (November 14 - November 18, 1998). Muzzle-loader deer seasons begin on the fourth Saturday and Sunday in October (October 24-25, 1998), and seven consecutive days beginning the second Saturday in December (December 12-18, 1998). The 1998 youth hunt is proposed for the third Saturday and Sunday in October (October 17-18, 1998).

Also concerning deer hunting, the Commission voted to conduct an emergency quota deer hunt at Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park this season. The Department of Parks brought excessive deer populations to the attention of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR). Governor Patton signed the emergency regulation permitting the hunts Friday afternoon. The hunt will be the first two weekends in January (January 3-4 and January 10-11, 1998). Hunters can apply by writing the KDFWR, #1 Game Farm Road, Frankfort, KY 40601.

In other business, the Commission voted to approve a size limit change for four commercially limited mussels. Size limits were decreased slightly for three ridge and ebony shell mussels while size limits for maple leaf and washboard mussels were increased.

Commissioners further voted to allow a commercial boat ramp to be installed on Lake Malone in Muhlenberg County.

Finally, the Commission expanded two other hunting seasons. Wild hog season will be expanded to a year-round season, much like coyote season is now, and bobcat season will expand to include 25 counties in western Kentucky.

The Fish and Wildlife Commission will finalize 1998 deer hunting regulations and zones at the March 1998 meeting. In the meantime, consideration is also being given to removing the banding requirements for quail and upland game birds at shooting preserves and field trials.

The next meeting of the KDFWR Fish and Wildlife Commission will be March 6, 1998 at 8:00 a.m. Eastern. This meeting will be held at the Arnold L. Mitchell Building at the Game Farm on US 60 in Frankfort.

The Fish and Wildlife Commission recommends all hunting, fishing and boating laws for passage by the Kentucky General Assembly and approves expenditures made by the KDFWR.

Persons interested in addressing the Commission must notify the KDFWR Commissioner's Office in writing at least 30 days in advance to be considered for placement on the meeting agenda. People who are hearing impaired and plan to attend the meeting should contact the KDFWR at least 10 days in advance and the agency will provide a translator. To request to address the Commission, write to KDFWR Commissioner Tom Bennett, #1 Game Farm Road, Frankfort, KY 40601.

Child Abuse - A Matter of Fact

By Peter O. Samples,

State Chairman

What If a Child Tells You? Remember a secret, a secret you couldn't share? You thought about it

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told. You might have thought no one would understand or even worse, believe you. Children of abuse or neglect carry a secret like this.

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the secret and honor the trust the child has shown by choosing you as the confidant. Although it may be a difficult subject for you to discuss, it is important that you handle the disclosure with sensitivity. The next two articles will address specific guidelines on how to handle a disclosure of abuse or neglect.

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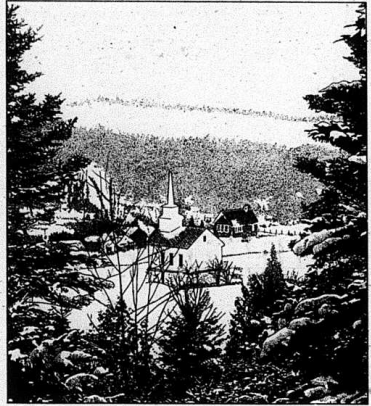
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Church News

Church Reopened
Rose Hill Baptist has reopened with Bro. Bob Bradley as pastor. Sunday School at 10:00 a.m., Worship at 11:00 a.m., Sunday night services, 6:00 p.m. Thursday night, 7:00 p.m. Everyone welcome. Church is located off Old Brodhead Rd. Follow signs.

Celebrate Christmas
Please join us at Our Lady of Mount Vernon Church on Christmas Eve to commemorate the birth of our Lord. We will begin our celebration with festive music and carols at 9:30 p.m. and Mass will begin at 10 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

New Year's Rocket Eve
Rock out the old and ring in the new as ROCKETTOWN blasts into 1998 with New Year's Rocket Eve on December 31st. From 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., join hundreds of other Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers at Bible Baptist Church for an evening of great music, skits, games, videos, and much more as we focus on TIME and our last few hours of the Year! In addition to the hot new ROCKETTOWN Superstors with WWJD Bracelets and ROCKETTOWN T-shirts, there'll be lots of free prize giveaways, including fantastic new CD's, posters, and an autographed Kentucky Wildcat basketball from Coach Tubby Smith! Don't wait! Make your plans to attend this unforgettable event before time runs out!



"Evening and morning and noon, until I pray...and he shall hear my voice."
—Psalm 55:17

FAITH KNOWS HOLIDAYS CAN COME IN MORE THAN ONE FORM

Now all of us, in our own way, Will celebrate a holiday According to our chosen creed, Whose lessons we should always heed. A hearty welcome we extend To every relative and friend, And decorate our home with lights, Or candles on succeeding nights; These customs to illuminate Events that we commemorate: The birth of Christianity, Or Hebrews' joyous victory, Whichever one we celebrate, Its messages will demonstrate The greatest gift we could recall: The love of God for one and all.

— Gloria Nwagwu

True love's the gift which God has given unto man alone beneath the heaven.
— Sir Walter Scott

"Every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that."
— 1 Corinthians 7:7

Community Church Directory

Berea Tabernacle
So. U.S. 25 across from Berea Ford
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday night 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ralph Chasteen

Bible Baptist Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m. - Broadcast
WRVK 4:00 p.m.
Vans available for pick-up
Nurses provided
256-5862 or 256-9131
Pastor: Don Strayton

Blue Springs Pentecostal
SS 10:30 a.m. Sun. Evening 6 p.m.
Friday night 7 p.m.
Highway 1249

Brimley Ridge Baptist Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7:30 p.m.
Wed. Services & Youth 7:30 p.m.

Broadhead Baptist Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.
Youth Meeting (5th Grade/Up) 6 p.m.
Children's Choir 7 p.m.
Sunday Even. Worship - 7 p.m.
Adult Choir Practice 6 p.m.
Wed. Even. Bible Study - 7 p.m.
Mission Friends (RA, GA, Actives) 7 p.m.

Broadhead Christian Church
Main St. Broadhead
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Van Service Available
Minister: Wade Johnson

Broadhead Christian Church
Main St. Broadhead
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Minister: Bill Davis

Brush Creek Holiness Church
Orlando
SS 10 a.m./Sun. Evening 6 p.m.
Tuesday Evening 6 p.m.
Pastor: Alan McGuire

Buckeye Christian Church
1/2 mi. east of Berea Valley on Hummel Road
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
WRVK Radio 8:30 a.m.
Pastor: Bro. Cleidith Thacker

Buffalo Baptist Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.
Pastor: Larry Proffitt

Bumel's Chapel
Methodist Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Highway 934 off Highway 461
Phone 274-5122
Pastor: Cloud West

Calvary Apostolic Lighthouse
Just off Richmond Street in Mt. Vernon - on Negro Town Hill Rd.
Sunday Services 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. James Blanton

Church of our Lord Jesus Christ
US 25 South of Mt. Vernon
Sunday 1:00 p.m.
Jeff Watkins, Pastor
Jeff McFadden, Asst. Pastor

Church of the Nazarene
Fair Ave., Mt. Vernon
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening 6 p.m. - Wed. 7 p.m.
Rev. Richard Parker

Central Baptist Church
US 25 S. Mt. Vernon
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Prayer Rooms 6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
There is a Difference - Come & See
Pastor: Dr. James W. Head

Clear Creek Baptist Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7:00 until 9:00 chg
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
Song Leaders Music:
M. and Mrs. Jerry Nicely
Pastor: Bro. Sherman Hill

Clinton Christian Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Interim Minister: Dale Sander

Community Holiness Church
Fairground Hill, Mt. Vernon
Sunday Services 9 p.m.
Radio Broadcast 12 noon Sun.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Oliver Abney

Community Holiness Church
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SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sun. Even. 6 p.m./Thurs 7 p.m.
Pastor: Keith Astor

Conway Baptist Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Pastor: Gary Parker

Conway Church of God
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Pastor: C.W. Williams

Conway First Resurrection Pentecostal Church
SS 10:30 a.m./Worship 11:30 a.m.
Sat. 7 p.m. Sun. Even. 6 p.m.
Thursday 7 p.m.
Pastor: Arnold Akers

Copper Creek Baptist
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Pastor: J.W. Lewis

Corinth Holiness Church
Second Sun. & Sat. night of each mo.
Sunday 11 a.m. & Sat. night at 7 p.m.
Evening Friday night 7 p.m.
Every Sunday Morning 11 a.m.
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Fairview Baptist Church
Just off US 25 at Fairview
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Youth Ministry 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Pastor: Harvey Pensol

Faith Chapel Pentecostal
Wed. 7 p.m. Sat. 7 p.m.
Sun. School 10 a.m.
Sun. Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday night 7 p.m.
Vigil Bustle, Pastor

First Baptist Church
US 25 S. Mt. Vernon
SS 9:40 a.m./Worship 10:40 a.m.
WRVK Service 11 a.m.
Children's Worship 11 a.m.
Youth Ministry 4:30 p.m.
Discipleship Training 6 p.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wed. Youth Music 6:30 p.m.
Mission Groups 7 p.m.
Prayer/Bible Study 7 p.m.
Pastor: Dr. Maynard Head

First Church of Jesus Christ
Sand Springs
Saturday Evening 7:30 p.m.
Sunday Morning 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Bro. James E. Nicely

First Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church
SS 10 a.m./Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday 6 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Wayne Henson

First Christian Church
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SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Radio Program WRVK 1460 AM
Sunday 8:45 a.m.
Wednesday Youth Training and Adults 7 p.m.
Minister: Eddie Hammond

Fratrotek Baptist Church
Orlando, Ky.
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Gene Noe

Freedom Baptist Church
Freedom Road
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Discipleship Training 6 p.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service 7 p.m.
256-2968
Bro. Shawn Madden

Grace Baptist Church
US 25 at Roundstone
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.
WRVK Radio 9:15 a.m.
Pastor: Bro. Raymond Offutt

Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting 1 & 3 Saturdays
Radio WRVK Sunday 1:45 p.m.
Pastor: Randall Adams

Lighthouse Assembly of God
Brush Creek Road
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Wednesday - Family Night
Activities for all 7 p.m.
Pastor: Dwight Hensley

Livingston Baptist Church
Main St. Livingston
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Clyde Miller

Livingston Christian Church
Main St. Livingston
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship Services begin at 7 p.m.
Minister: Arthur Hunt

Livingston Pentecostal Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Service 7 p.m.
Saturday night Service 7 p.m.
3rd Sat. of each month
Pastor: Bro. James Miller

Macademia Baptist Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Denton Sears

Maple Grove Baptist Church
Rd. 1004 at Orlando • 256-4884
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
WRVK Service 2:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Tim Hampton

Mareburg Baptist Church
Hwy. 150
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Discipleship Training Youth 6 p.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Youth Group - 3rd Ft. each mo. 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Wayne Harding

McNew Chapel Community Baptist Church
Cove Branch Road
Sat. 7 p.m.
Sun. SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sun. Even. 6 p.m./Radio Sun. 5 p.m.
Pastor: Jerry Ballinger

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 10:45 a.m.
Discipleship Training 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 7:15 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Ray Vincent

Mt. Vernon Church of Christ
Sunday Services 10 a.m.
Pastor: Bro. Russell McFerron

Mt. Vernon Church of God
Next to the middle school
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Everone Welcome
Pastor: Rev. Bobby Owens

Mt. Vernon Pentecostal Church
Lovell St., Mt. Vernon
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Pastor: Buford Parkerson

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Pastor: Gary Messer

New Hope Baptist Church
Orlando, Ky.
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Even. 6 p.m.
Wednesday Even. 7 p.m.
Pastor: Doug Collins

Northside Baptist Church
High Street, Mt. Vernon
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Discipleship Training 6 p.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Wed. Prayer/Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
For transportation, call 256-9027

Ottawa Baptist Church
Ottawa Community Rt. 1650
Bible Study 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Discipleship Training 6 p.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wed. Prayer/Bible Study 7 p.m.
758-8453

Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church
Williams St. Mt. Vernon
Mass 5 p.m. Saturday 7 p.m. Tuesday
Pastor: Rev. John Curtis
Associates: Ed and Tricia Cortas

Philadelphia United Baptist
Bryant Ridge Rd., Broadhead
2nd and 4th Saturdays 7 p.m.
Sunday Services 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.
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Pastor: James W. Bryant

Pine Hill Holiness Church
US 25 S. Mt. Vernon
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Thursday & Saturday evenings 7:30
Pastor: Allen Hensley

Pleasant Run Baptist Church
Lamaro
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Steve Weaver

Poplar Grove Baptist Church
Hwy. 70 Willalla
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.
758-8095
Pastor: Rick Reynolds

Providence Church of Christ
Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.
Worship 10:35 a.m.
Sunday evening 7 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
Radio 8 a.m. Sunday
WRVK 1460 AM
Weekly Newspaper Article
758-9316
Preacher: Dan McKibben

Red Hill Baptist Church
(Union Baptist)
SS 10 a.m./Church 11 a.m.
Pastor: Bro. Dale Walters
Everyone Invited!

Rose Hill Baptist Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sun. Night 6 p.m./Thurs. Night 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Bob Bradley

Roundstone Baptist Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Church Services 11 a.m.
Wednesday night 7 p.m.
Sunday night 6 p.m.
Pastor: Arnold Pingleton

Sand Hill Baptist Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Don Arthur

Sand Springs Baptist Church
Hwy. 1249
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Pastor: Danny Robbins

Scalloped Cake Baptist Church
3 mi. marker Scalloped Cake Rd.
Awakening Truth Broadcast/WRVK
Sunday 1 p.m.
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7 p.m.
Pastor: Woody Morrison
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Hwy. 1250
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Ed Gibbs

Tabernacle of Love
Fairground Hill
Wednesday & Friday 7 p.m.
Saturday 1 p.m.
Everyone Welcome
256-5894
Pastor: Bro. Clyde Hodge

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding."
— Proverbs 3:5

"Be strong and of good courage, and do it; fear not, nor be dismayed."
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Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children Receives \$25,000 Grant from Hospital

Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital to expand services for children and families in southern Kentucky.

The gift to the Building A Brighter Future capital campaign, which is seeking to raise \$2.5 million, brings local volunteers to within \$70,000 of their challenge goal.

"We are so excited about the important impact of this special gift," said Dr. William Smithwick, KBHC president of the grant from the hospital. "The fine team of organizations that care about this community working together. There are going to be a lot of children and families helped because of this generous gift."

Funds from the campaign have already been used to construct a new 16-bed children's unit on a 100-acre site in Bronston and construction is nearly complete on a classroom and administrative building for KBHC children's programs on the same site.

Still to come is a lodge and three log cabins for the agency's wilderness Camping Treatment Program. Approximately 150 volunteers are slated to build the walls of the lodge in an old-fashioned log raising on Oct. 17-18. The hospital's gift to the campaign is designated to help specifically with this project.

"We're thrilled to support you all," Key Lukhard, president and CEO of the hospital, told Smithwick in presenting the gift. "This is an excellent cause and we're just glad to be a part of it."

In addition, the campaign will fund an endowment for KBHC's Cornerstone Counseling ministry which serves southern Kentucky through a London-based hub. Other offices are located in Berea, Corbin, Harlan, London, Pineville, Somerset and Stanford.

The campaign funds are also being used to expand the agency's foster care program with workers based in London as well as services designed to help families who are on the brink of having children removed from their home.

A Lomax based after school reporting center to provide additional

care and support for children in need will also be funded through the campaign.

Kentucky counties involved in the campaign are Adair, Bell, Boyle, Casey, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Garrard, Green, Harlan, Jackson, Laurel, Leslie, Lincoln, Knox, Madison, Marion, McCreary, Metcalfe, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Russell, Taylor, Wayne and Whitley.

Individuals interested in contributing to the Building A Brighter Future Campaign can send gifts to: Building A Brighter Future, Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, 111 South Church St., Somerset, KY 42501. More information is available by dialing toll-free 1-800-456-1386.

KBHC provides care for children who have been abused, neglected, or whose families are in crisis. The agency assists more than 32,000 children and adults across Kentucky each year.

Rogers Announces PRIDE's First Executive Director

U.S. Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-5) announced that Darrell Ishmael, a manager with East Kentucky Power Cooperative, has been appointed the first executive director for the new cleanup initiative Eastern Kentucky PRIDE - Personal Responsibility in a Desirable Environment.

Ishmael, who currently serves as the manager of business insurance and disaster recovery for the Winchester-based utility, will be a loan executive from East Kentucky Power in order to oversee and coordinate the PRIDE initiative. Rogers, who announced the PRIDE program with Rogers' Secretary of Natural Resources Jim Bickford in July, is introducing Ishmael to PRIDE coordinators during three regional PRIDE meetings in Somerset, Hazard and Presburg.

PRIDE is an intensive undertaking and the initiative needs an executive director with a massive, dedication and the skills to weave contrasting

needs, interests and capabilities into one seamless initiative," Rogers said. "Darrell Ishmael is the right person for the job. As an Eastern Kentuckian, he shares our personal commitment to a cleaner, healthier environment for our people. As a skilled business executive, he has the ability to coordinate the PRIDE effort and help make it one of the most successful initiatives this region has ever seen!"

"We are fortunate to have a man of Darrell's caliber at the PRIDE helm."

"I am very excited to be involved in the PRIDE program," Ishmael said. "This bold initiative is already making a real and lasting difference in the lives of many Kentuckians by providing a healthier, cleaner and more productive quality of life for us all. We have a lot to be proud of in this state, and together we can renew the PRIDE we all have in the wonderful environment we enjoy."

A native of Mt. Sterling in Montgomery County, Ishmael has worked at East Kentucky Power for 19 years in a variety of management positions. He has also been an active leader in numerous state, local and civic organizations. He is a graduate of Leadership Kentucky. He is a past board member of the National Dream Factors, as well as a founding board member, a current board member and a past president of the Lexington Dream Factory, an organization dedicated to making the dreams of chronically or critically ill children come true. He currently serves on the boards of Leadership Kentucky and Junior Achievement of the Bluegrass. Ishmael is involved with numerous charitable organizations. He and his wife, Kathy, have a 10-year old daughter, Paige.

Ishmael will be working with Cathy Hall, a Corbin resident and former news director for WKDR Radio. Hall was named administrative assistant for the PRIDE initiative in August. The two will be working at a new PRIDE office located in The Center for Rural Development in Somerset.

PRIDE represents the first comprehensive, region-wide, local-state-federal cooperative effort to clean up the region's rivers and streams of sewage and garbage, end illegal trash dumps, promote environmental awareness and recall the pride we all have in Eastern and Southern Kentucky. For more information about the PRIDE initiative, contact Congressman Rogers' office at 1-800-632-8588.

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Tiger Pause

The Breadhead Family Resource Center would like to say a special thank you to the following for their generosity and support of our Christmas Help Program of 1997: Mt. Vernon Plastics, Image Entry (1st and 2nd shift), Breadhead Homemakers, Rockcastle County Kiwanis, Broadhead Baptist Church, Rockcastle Migrant Program, and all of the individuals that wish to remain anonymous. Without the time, effort and financial contributions of all of you, Christmas would not have been the same for the thirty-seven students that you served.

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1997 FORD TAURUS GL-4dr, 10K!	'97	\$12,997	\$12,997
1996 FORD TAURUS GL WAGON-4dr, 8K!	'96	\$13,997	\$13,997
1996 FORD RANGER SUPERCAB XL2-automatic!	'96	\$13,997	\$13,997
1995 FORD WINDSTAR GL-4dr, local trade!	'95	\$12,997	\$10,997
1993 CHEVROLET LUMINA Z34-local trade!	'93	\$11,997	\$9,997
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THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

This holiday season, 550,000 children will receive a special gift — knowing they can unpack their bags for good and become a permanent member of a family.

That's because this year Congress passed legislation designed to speed up the adoption of abused and neglected children who now spend an average of two or three years in foster homes.

No longer will children who have been abandoned, tortured or chronically abused be forced to wait years, moving from foster home to foster home, before adoption becomes an option.

Instead, the bill will now require states to begin termination of the birth parents' rights after a child has spent 12 months in foster care and almost instantly in cases of abuse, torture, abandonment or if a parent has murdered or assaulted a sibling.

The bill will also put into place a commonsense approach called "concurrent planning." Before, child welfare agencies would usually wait to see if they could successfully reunite a child with his birth parents. It wasn't until those efforts failed that child welfare agencies would then begin efforts to find adoptive parents.

Under "concurrent planning," they'll do both at the same time, so that an adoptive family will be waiting in the wings if attempts to preserve the birth family fail.

The courts and state officials will stop calling the shots when it comes to making decisions about whether or not a child should be put up for adoption. But the emphasis will now shift to assuring the health and safety of the child, rather than keeping families together that may be abusive or negligent.

The new law backs up this change in policy with financial incentives to help reach the President's goal of doubling the number of children adopted from foster homes each year. For each adoption exceeding the previous year's level, states will receive \$4,000 per child, along with \$6,000 for every adoption of older children or those with physical or emotional disabilities. This financial backing is in addition to tax incentives passed last year.

When the bill passed in November, Sister Josephine Murphy, administrator of St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home in Maryland, told reporters about some of the most recent children to come through her doors. One had spent the eight short years of her life in 10 foster homes. A three year old had cuts, bruises and an eye swollen shut from a beating. An infant's mother had been through 19 drug treatment programs, all to no avail.

"These children deserve a life," she said. "No one can guarantee a trouble-free life for anyone's children. But with this legislation, we can offer America's most vulnerable children a safe, secure home and a real chance at building a future."

And that's a present that will keep on giving for the rest of their lives.

Santa letters from MVES

The following are stories developed and written by first level primary students in the Writing To Read technology lab at Mt. Vernon Elementary School. The Writing To Read program emphasizes written expression and spelling. It is incorporated later on as an editing and revising process. Some of the following stories may have already been edited while others have not. We hope you enjoy reading these thoughts of children.

Mrs. Vanzant's Class

Dear Santa,
I want to know if I'm on the good list or the bad list. I hope that I'm on the good list, because I want 10 presents. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Thank you,
Kimberly Alcorn

Dear Santa,
I help my mom clean the table. I would like to have a car. I like Christmas. I like Santa Claus. I hope you bring me a toy deer. I would like to get you a new reindeer for your sleigh. I love you, Santa.
Thank you,
Corey Richard Sowder

Dear Santa,
Will you bring a trampoline for Christmas because I have been a good boy. Would you bring a sled for my brother and my sister. I will leave cookies and milk in the kitchen for you.

Love,
Josh Green

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control car for Christmas. I need paint for my car. I would like a race track for my remote control car. I will leave you a big chicken and milk for you.

Thank you,
Yvan Santillan

Dear Santa,
I have been good for mom and dad. I want you to bring me a truck and tractor. I like you Santa. Thank you for all of my presents. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love,
Anthony Bullock

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a doll with a beautiful dress, a computer, a Barbie disk. I would like a new book for Brad, Mom and myself. Would you please bring me a picture of Michael Jordan?

Love,
Bridget Wesley

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a little puppy. I do my chores. I like Christmas because that is the time of the

year to get presents. I help my mom do my chores. I will leave six cookies on the table for you.

Love,
Jordan Taylor

Dear Santa,
I want a stereo. I have been cleaning the house with my Mom. I like school. I like reading and math. I like going to Mañanas house. I will leave 14 cookies and milk on the kitchen table.

Love,
Skyler Hayes

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a ball, book, flag, pet frog, pop gun, sled and a real dog and a cat? I would like to go to the zoo and circus. Would you please bring me tickets so I can go? I am special. I will leave you 13 cookies under the Christmas tree.

Love,
Mathew Jones

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Will you bring me a play shotgun? Will you bring me sled? Will you bring me a play pistol? Will you bring me a hockey game? I will leave you ten cookies and milk on the kitchen table.

Love,
Cody Ray Mize

Dear Santa,
I like Santa because he is my hero. He gets me a present because he is Santa. He makes presents for Ms. Santa. Would you please bring me a remote control truck? I will leave two cookies on the table.

Love,
Austin Barron

Dear Santa,
I wonder what you look like. I want a kitten from you. I want you to come to school. I love you Santa. I will leave you some milk, and hay for the reindeer.

Love,
Shannon Proffitt

Dear Santa,
I want a cat and a lolly pop girl doll, laughing Elmo. Don't wake daddy. I want a Barbie fold out house. I will leave you some cookies.

Love,
Jaelyn Bullock

Dear Santa,
I like you Santa a lot. You bring presents to me. Will you bring me a dog, a ball and a dress? Sally wants a pup and food for Christmas. I like when you get my sisters some presents. I will like my presents. Thank you Santa. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,
Michelle Bullock

Dear Santa,
I wish that you would send me a remote control car, truck, bunny rabbit and a remote control bull dozer. I help mom clean the house. I have been good this year. I will leave Santa Claus a present under the tree.

Love,
Joshua Abney

Dear Santa,
I want a play man and a play ninja. I had been bad, but still bring me some presents. Would you please bring my brothers and sister some presents also? I will leave you some cookies and milk on the table.

Love,
Brent Kitter

Dear Santa,
I want a flip car and a rifle holster. I love you, Santa. I wish for my mom and Kenneth to get married. I will leave you nine Christmas cards. Please be careful on your sleigh. I live on Low Gap Road, at the top of the hill.

Love,
Casey Hayes

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control dump truck, helicopter and a tractor. I want a BB gun. I will give you five santa cookies on the table if you bring me these.

Love,
Kevin Hensley

Dear Santa,
My name is Sara Barnett. I'm six years old. I always help my teacher because she helps me. I would like the Baby doll that has a diaper Genie. I have been good! I will leave you a heart tag.

Love,
Sara Barnett

Dear Santa,
I would like a car, a fake deer, a rod, a flag and a toy bat. I have been a good boy and I mind my mom. I also have a big sister and a little brother, they have been good. I also learned to read. I will leave you a hamburger and juice.

Love,
Jason Nickle

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a crashback car, tyco rebound car, remote control jet, remote control jeep, remote to my TV. I will leave you cookies and milk because you are nice to me.

Love,
John Moon

Dear Santa,
I want Santa to bring me a dump truck, a pack of cars, a fire truck and an ambulance. Mom needs plates, cups, forks for the kitchen.

Jason wants a Nintendo game. I will leave you a teddy bear, just you got me something.

Love,
Darius With

Dear Santa,
I want a teddy bear, a wireless remote control car, and up elf, a cap gun, and a bag of all a big bag

Love,
Joshua Abney

from you and your elves and most of all my two front teeth.

Love!
Your friend,
Codic Brummett

Dear Santa,
I like you because you get toys for me. You are nice to everybody. I hope you bring me a Nintendo 64. I hope you bring me a bike. I hope

you bring me a CD. I hope you bring me a horse. I hope you bring me a remote control fire truck.

Love,
Tony Potter

Dear Santa,
I want a four-wheeler for Christmas. I want a go-cart, too.

Love,
J.R.

(Cont. to D4)



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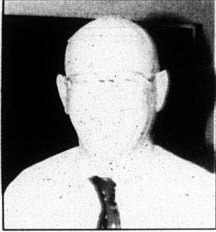
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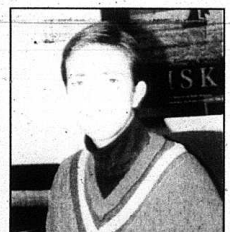
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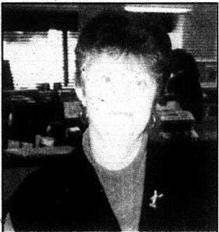
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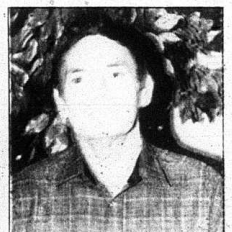
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Dear Santa,
I've been good. I have been nice to my mom. I draw her pictures and I am bringing her a Christmas bell. I want a motorcycle, a target BB gun, and a "Town Playlist."
Your friend,
I love you, Santa,
Anthony Bradley

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie doll, a pair of skates, and a fish. I have been a good listener at school and have learned to read.
Britni Cope

Dear Santa,
I want a bike, a Goosebump game board, a Nintendo 64, Geo Safari and Car City.
I obey my mom and my mamaw. I show respect to everybody. I hope your trip on Christmas night is fun.
Merry Christmas!
Christopher Winn

Dear Santa,
I want a CD player and gospel CDs. I want the CD "Walk on the Ocean." I want a TV. I want a diamond ring. I want a flute. I want a Gigi Pet. I want a mountain bike.
Love,
Kayla Gail Rowe

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the present you gave me last year. It was pretty. I loved it. This year I would like a reindeer.
Love,
Kirsta

Dear Santa,
I want a train, a doll, and a bike for Christmas. I have been good.
Kendra Owens

Dear Santa,
This is Danielle your buddy. I know you won't tell me when I got for Christmas, but I would like to know. Can you tell me? Don't you want me to be happy?
Danielle Mink

Dear Santa,
I hope the reindeer is not sick. I hope the reindeer can pull the sleigh on Christmas Eve. I want a firetruck and a train for Christmas. I want a sleigh. I have been good!
Love,
Dakota McFerron

Dear Santa,
I want a fire truck and a train. I want to know what is going on at the North Pole. How is the reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus and how are you?
Love,
Devon Mason

Dear Santa,
Every year I decorate my house with bells, stars, stockings and angels. I decorate my tables with candles. I hope you leave me a present.
Your friend,
Daniel Martin

Dear Santa,
I want a diamond ring and I want clothes and a watch and a bracelet. I have been good.
Love,
Brooke Lovell

Dear Santa,
I want a robot to ride in for Christmas. I have been good.
Wesley Kelly

Dear Santa,
I want an elf. I want a stocking. I want a reindeer. I have been obeying the teacher.
James Hensley

Dear Santa,
I want a tree. I want a star. I want an angel. Jesus' Birthday is on Christmas. I want a car. I want a dog. I want a pig. I have been a good girl.
Brittany Hayes

Dear Santa,
I would like the "Steer Ranch" and the "Goat Ranch". I would like a Sleigh. I would like a fire truck. I have been good.
Tyree Gray

Dear Santa,
I want a Christmas present. I want a Christmas doll and bike for Christmas because I am special.
Stephanie Ramee Graves

Dear Santa,
I want a fire truck because I want to race to the fires. I will put the fires out.
Matthew Cromer

Dear Santa,
I want a big pool and a big sleigh. It is fun to decorate our tree. I love to look at the stars at night.
Love,
Elle

Dear Santa,
I hope the reindeer is getting better. I send this quilt to the reindeer to keep them warm.
Andrew

Dear Santa,
I want a star and I want a train and doll.
I want a gingerbread man. I like you, Santa, because you bring me toys every year.
Love,
Sara Begley

Miss Parkerson's Class
Dear Santa,
I have been good. You are a good man to all of the boys and girls.
Love,
Chris Griffin

Dear Santa,
I like Santa and I love you and your elves. I will put some cheese and milk, cookies under my tree for you. I have been a good girl. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Morgan Collins

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I will put some milk and cookies on the table. I would like a TV for Christmas. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Bryan Clontz

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I would like to have a Nintendo 64.
Love,
Maverick Whitehead

Dear Santa,
I would like a giga pet and a computer. I will leave you a glass of milk and cookies.
Love,
Lyndsey Jordan Reynolds

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a doll. I have been a good girl. You are the best man I ever saw. I Love You. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
Chelsey Smith

Dear Santa,
I hope you had a good year. I know you have been very busy. I will leave you milk and cookies. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. I would like to have a fire truck.
Love,
Brandon Thompson

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like to have a BB gun. I have been a good boy. I will leave you some cherries.
Love,
Jordan Cash

Dear Santa,
Please come to my house and I'll give you some cookies and milk. Will you bring me some toys. I want a bike for Christmas.
Love,
Shay King

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Please bring me a giga pet. Bring my Plother a BB gun. He has been good, too. I will leave you milk and cookies. Do you have Rudolph?
Love,
Bradley Bulluck

Dear Santa,
I will put you some donuts under my tree. I have been a good boy. Would you please bring me a police car for Christmas.
Love,
Roscoe Smith

Dear Santa,
I will be good this year. Please bring me a four-wheeler and a motorcycle for Christmas. I will leave you milk and cookies and carrots to eat.
Love,
Shane Jones

Dear Santa,
You are a good man. I am a good girl. Would you bring me a big candy cane. I would like a doll that skates. I wish you a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Tammara Wharton

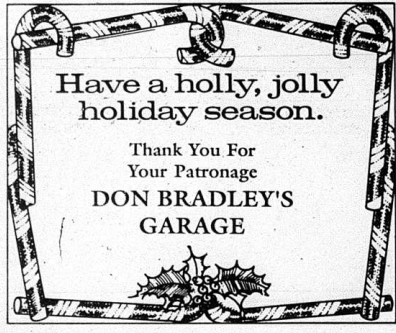
Dear Santa,
I am going to give you cookies for you and carrots for your rein-

deer. I would like for you to bring me some video games for Christmas. I wish you a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Kyle Robinson

Dear Santa,
I like you very much. I have been good this year. Please bring me a toy motorcycle for Christmas and a teddy bear.
Love,
Jeremy Samples

Dear Santa,
I like your suit. It is red. I would like to have a bike for Christmas. You are a good man. I have been a good girl. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Stacy Grubb

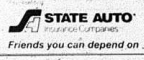
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Santa letters from MVES

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I like you very much. Will you bring me a bike. I will leave you milk and cookies. I have been good.
Merry Christmas.
Love,
Shacota

Dear Santa,
I would like a dog for Christmas. I want to visit the North Pole. I will give you some cookies and milk. I have been a good girl.
Love,
Kimberly Stewart

Dear Santa,
I am going to put some milk and cookies under the tree for you. I love you Santa Claus. I would like for you to bring me a remote control car.
Merry Christmas.
Love,
Shawn McHone

Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I have been a good girl this year. Please bring me a Nintendo 64 for Christmas. My sister wants a doll.
Love,
Rachel Woodall

Dear Santa,
How things going up at the North Pole? I have been a good boy so far. Don't worry I will leave you milk and cookies on the pine bench. Please bring me a six speed bike for Christmas. Have a safe trip.
Love,
Logan Kincer

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy how are you? For Christmas I would like a giga pet.
Love,
John Ryan Lambert

Dear Santa,
You are a very good man. Santa, I am going to leave you some milk and cookies on the pine bench. Please bring me a punching bag. I have been good this year. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Jordan Wade Cook

Mrs. McClure's Class
Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer and your elves? I want a bike for Christmas, bring me anything.
Love,
Charles Owens

Dear Santa,
I like your Rudolph because they help to carry your presents. I want a Giga Pet for Christmas. Please make it snow on Christmas.
Love,
Aamjn Bullock

Dear Santa,
I live with my grandmaw. She don't have a chimney so come to the front door. I like Rudolph the red nosed reindeer. Bring a teddy bear and a giga pet to me.
Love,
Robin Sturgill

Dear Santa,
I would like you to let the people in the street have food and let everyone have a good Christmas. The cookies are by the TV. I would like a Penny Handway jersey and a Penny Handway shoes and football.
Love,
Jacob Riddle

Dear Santa,
How are you, how are your reindeers, like Rudolph the red nosed reindeer? He has a very shiny nose. I want a giga pet and I want a black bike.
Love,
Alisha Taylor

Dear Santa,
I like you and your reindeers because you make kids happy. I want a Super Nintendo for Christmas.
Love,
Colby VanWinkle

Dear Santa,
Please let a friend of my feel better. Let everyone have a Merry Christmas. I love my family. I want a talking Tommy Doll and a Chucky Doll. Thank you Santa for the toys from last year.
Love,
Brandon Bussell

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? How are your elves? How is Mrs. Claus? I want a Nintendo 64 for Christmas.
Love,
Nathan Allen



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Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph, how are the elves? I want a bike for Christmas. Christmas is Jesus' birthday.
Love,
Jerry Denny

Dear Santa,
How are you and I know you love me. I left my cookies and milk on the table. I have a chimney at grandpas and my grandmas house. I don't no if I have a chimney. I haven't lived in at my house very long. What I want is a rat talking Bubba.
Love,
Whitney Whitaker

Dear Santa,
I wish that everyone could have a good Christmas. I hope the sick people and poor have a good Christmas. How is Jesus doing? How is Mrs. Claus doing? Does Rudolph's nose still glow? Thank you for the presents for last year. I want a giga pet this year.
Love,
Tyler Pogner

Dear Santa,
I like my toys. I am really good. I love you, Santa. I left the cookies under the tree you will have to watch out we don't have a chim-

ney. How is your reindeers? I love you, Santa. I want a giga pet for Christmas and a Tommy doll, too. I want some curings.
Love,
Brittany Calhoun

Dear Santa,
How are your elves doing? Is Rudolph doing good? Also how is everyone doing? I want a animal for Christmas.
Love,
Lauren Graham

Dear Santa,
The cookies will be on the table by the chimney. The milk will be in the refrigerator. I want a race car for Christmas and a Ninja. How are the elves?
Love,
Anthony Lawson

Dear Santa,
Thanks for my toys last year. I love you. I like Rudolph, I like Mrs. Claus. I want a doll that says "feed me mommy."
Love,
Nurnagena Cromer

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? The cookies are on the table. I love Santa.

I want a big TV and a game.
Love,
Kelsie Bradley

Dear Santa,
I like the presents you delivered to me last year. I want a toy. I want a Jesus toy. How is Mrs. Claus, how are the reindeer doing now? How are your elves? I don't have a chimney and my mom locks the door, but my mom and I are going to put the cookies and milk on the window seal.
Love,
Timothy Singleton

Dear Santa,
I hope you fill your bag full of toys for poor people and sick people. I hope Rudolph's nose still glows and your wear warm clothes. This is what I want. I want a giga pet and lots, lots more.
Love,
Samantha Renner

Dear Santa,
I wish everybody was as nice as you. You are as nice as God and Jesus. You all are a like in lots of ways. I love all of you. I want a pup. I want a surprise from you and a cat. I want a doll house. How is your reindeer?
Love,
Megan Saferfield

Dear Santa,
I hope everybody loves Santa Claus because he gives us our Christmas presents. I hope I get a Tommy doll. I love you and your reindeers. I hope I get a giga pet. I do not have a chimney, come to the front door. The cookies and milk will be on the table. Your reindeers and I love Christmas and everything about it. I hope I get a bounceball.
Love,
Juanita Barron

Dear Santa,
How is your wife? I hope she is treating you good, also how is everyone at your workshop? I hope you like it. I want a doll for Christmas.
Love,
Katy Mattingly

Dear Santa,
I live up by Carter Market. I am going to leave your cookies in the living room. I want a pup and a dog collar for my pup.
Love,
Kayla Cameron

Smith's Class
Dear Santa,
I went to the North Pole to see Santa. I gave him a list. Then I went home.
Curtis

Dear Santa,
It is Christmas day, I'm so glad. Today I will get some presents in one present there was a doll, in one present there was a baby hages, one in present there was a baby doll. I have lost a present.
Elizabeth

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a talking Bubu. I have been good. And a pair of roller blades and a 50 Honda and the movie Jingle All the Way. My address is 95 Owen Street.
Cody Kirby

Dear Santa,
I want a Trex man, a jeep, a cup and a bell. I have been good. I've been good at school.
Eddie

Dear Santa,
2468 Santa Claus don't be late here.
My stocking I can't wait
2468.
Please bring me a gingerbread man. I love me.
Danny

Dear Santa,
I thank you are wonderful. You have a white beard. You brought me some toys.
Eric

Dear Santa,
I see Santa with his Ho Ho Ho.
I see elves with their jingle bells.
And I see bright bows.
Aaron

Dear Santa,
For Christmas, I wot a scop dit you put on your bb gun. I wot a rifle for Christmas is a brenoo girr, becos my dad broke my other one.
Dustin

Dear Santa,
I want a present and I seen Santa Claus. Angel is good today. And I want a cat.
Angel

Dear Santa,
This is my list to Santa Claus
1. scal
2. dagger
3. cat
4. dog
5. a red bak
6. seais
7. punching bag
8. bow and arrow
9. tow Kittys
Michael

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a truck. Then I plawid with it. It was a red truck.
Jay

Dear Santa,
Santa is a good man. I see the Santa in the sky. Santa is nis to

people.
Wesley
Dear Santa,
Thanks for the toys. You are a good man. Yi dot you com en cat wethu us to nit. to nit. please.
Ozzy Staton

Dear Santa,
I love Christmas. I get prezns and you shoold see what I got for Christmas.
I got a truck and I got my mom a picth.
Freddie

Dear Santa,
2468 Santa Claus dot be lat hes my socen I cant wal 2468. I it a littl ketl sa a littl prn sng a littl kerl his love is evrc wer merry merry kris mith an a happy noo yr too.
Eric C.

Dear Santa,
I see Santa looking dan at me. He throd a present that had my name on it. It sced this is for you Samantha. When I loot on top it had a gingerbread man. I scd thax.
Samantha

Dear Santa,
I see Santa Claus in the sik. in my hous he is poor ne presents. win i wok up they wr pressets idr my tree.
Megan

December is a time for love.
December is a time for ho ho ho.
December is time for lots of snow.
December is a time for love.
December is a time for gifts.
December is a time for love.
December is a time for ho ho ho.
December is a time for my cats to stay in the barn.
But I love Christmas best.

And I should stay in the house.
By Megan
Mrs. Webb's Class
Dear Santa,
I want a toy nascar, a toy car and a cat. Also, I would like a dog and a jet. I will feed my cat and dog and love them forever.
Love,
Jeffrey Smith


Dear Santa,
Please bring me some toys. I would like a big, big robot! I live above the Ashley House. I take out the trash every morning before I come to school I will leave you some cookies and a present under the tree.
Shane Johnson

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. All I want for Christmas is a Power Ranger Doll. I want me and my family to be together for Christmas.
Love,
Jamie Higgins

Dear Santa,
I want a doll and a train. A ball would be nice. Santa, I can't wait until Christmas.
Thank you,
Amanda Hedrick

Dear Santa,
I want a Gooscbump book. I love to read. Please bring me a toy monster to keep on my shelf. I really want a little puppy. I would feed it.
Love,
Holdan Renner

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a My Size Barbie. Also I would like a California Roller Skate Doll. I have
(Cont. to E3)



HOLIDAY GREETINGS

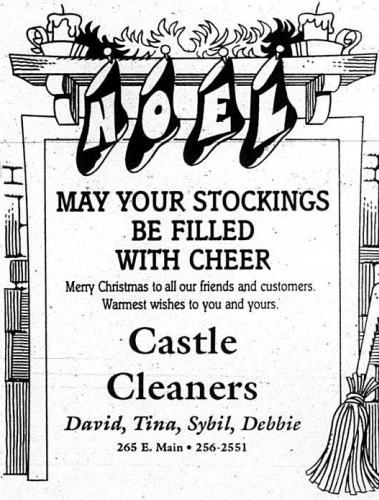
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Exercise, eating are keys to getting fit in the New Year

With the approach of the new year comes the inevitable onslaught of new year's resolutions, which many people use as an attempt to improve their health.

Unfortunately, many health-related new year's resolutions become faded memories by February, but Bill Pieratt, the University of Kentucky's director of campus recreation, says it doesn't have to be that way.

"A healthy person is a happy person," said Pieratt. "But because we're creatures of habit we have to find ways to maintain our healthy habits and not fall backwards."

One of the best ways to consistently live by your health-related resolutions, which usually consist of losing weight, exercising, eating better, and scheduling regular check-ups with your doctor, is to set realistic goals, Pieratt said.

"We don't talk so much over here about new year's resolutions as we do continuous lifestyles because that's how you stay away from the ups and

downs," he said. "What we try to encourage is staying on an even plain as much as possible."

In order to stay in shape and maintain your appropriate weight, Pieratt suggests two remedies. "The first one is exercising and the other is proper eating habits," he said.

Looking to create life-long habits and not frivolous resolutions, Pieratt suggests that people find a progressive exercise program to join. But don't do it alone, he said.

"It's hard to exercise by yourself," he said. "We've found that it's best when you have the support of others."

He suggests that people looking to begin a workout regime associate themselves with a club or some type of organization that they can solicit support from.

"Most people think they have to work out until they nearly kill themselves before they see any benefits and that's just not the case," he said.

"An effective workout includes a cardiovascular activity that will increase your heart rate. And you can do that by walking."

Walking is the exercise that Pieratt suggests for beginners because it can be done basically anywhere and doesn't require much equipment.

But working out alone won't create a healthy body. Proper eating habits are just as important, he said.

"If somebody comes to me and says 'I've got to start eating right, but I don't know where to start,' I tell them to start at their refrigerator," Pieratt said.

Going through your refrigerator item by item and cutting back on the fat products is a start at healthy eating, he said.

He listed these suggestions: "If you are using whole milk, start using 2 percent milk or skim milk."

Use tub margarine instead of stick margarine; it's usually lighter.

Substitute lunch meats with turkey slices; they are lower in cholesterol.

"It's an accumulative effect. You eventually cut back a little on everything," he said. "You don't have to go

to the health food section to pick up on these things. They should be in about in every section of your grocery store."

Conscious eating, however, doesn't include indulging occasionally, Pieratt said. As long as it is done moderately it can't be damaging. Just remember not to fall back into your old habits, he said.

But before beginning an exercise program or drastically altering your eating habits, Pieratt suggests that people get approval from their doctors and begin scheduling regular check-ups, even if there doesn't seem

to be a need for one.

"It's extremely important to know your health status," he said. "You might feel OK but you may be suffering from something. By visiting your doctor regularly, you can find out things that you might not be aware of, things for which there are no symptoms."

me a tic tac toe game?"

Love,
Melissa Bishop

Dear Santa,

I want a baby doll. I want a baby truck. I want a campoor. I want a stocking. I want a stacey book. I want a candy cane. I want a neno baby. I want a baby sister.

Your friend,
Robyn Suffridge

Dear Santa,

I like you Santa Claus. You are nice. I want you to bring me a ball. I want you to bring me a present. I want you to bring me a fire truck. I want you to bring me a reindeer."

Love,
Bucky Smith

Dear Santa,

I want a toy truck for Christmas. I want a toy train with yellow kuboos. I want a car. And I want a lot of gold. I want a old pold of gold. Santa I have been good all through the yer.

From
Ronnie Lambert

Dear Santa,

On Christmas day I want a my size musori doll. I want candy canes in my stocking. I want a barbe doll. I want barbe clos too. I hope you

will bring me things, Santa.

Love,
Rebekah DeBord

Dear Santa,

I want a calaforny roller girl and a Anastasy doll. Osow I want a pony. My sister wants a rel elf. Me and Susan will be good. Please come. We will help mom make the beds. We just now put up the tre. I will give you a present.

Love,
Felicia Chesnut

Dear Santa,

I want a joy that won't wake daddy and a robot, a toy spaceship and a toy snake. I am a good boy, most of the time. I will be listening for the bells on your sleigh.

I love you, Santa,
Love,
Charles Dickerson

Dear Santa,

I want a be gun. I will be kerfl. I want a new bike. I want a new drbike. I want a new kit.

Love,
Jeremy Neal

Dear Santa,

Santa give me a train set. Will you give me a little plane?"

Love,
Jonathan Dekore

Santa Letters

(Cont. from E2)

never had these toys before. I would take good care of them.

Love,
Courtney Thomas

Dear Santa,

I want a Timmone and Poomba. I want a Skateboard for Christmas. I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree.

Thank you,
Cody Gilbert

Dear Santa,

I want a desk to do my homework on. I want a flag and a lock for my bike. I love you, Santa!

Love,
Mickel McDaniel

Dear Santa,

I promise I'll be good and never get in trouble again if you will bring me lots of toys.

Love,
Richard Hysinger

Dear Santa,

I want some headphones for Christmas. I would like a telephone for my room. I want a doodlebear to play in the tub. Please bring me a puppy and a kitten. Also I want a baby turtle, bean bag and a game and a baby bird for Christmas.

Love,
Pamyla Mink

Dear Santa,

I want a basketball goal. Please bring me a super nintendo game. Bring me these things. I have been very good this year.

Love,
Cody McGuire

Dear Santa,

I want you to bring me a bike. I will be good. Will you bring



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Virginia Hansel,
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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



61st Wedding Anniversary

Sherman "Danny" and Ruth Sargent recently celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary. The couple were married on December 19, 1936 in Mt. Vernon. They have three children—Royce and Danny Bruce Sargent and Cheri Collins. They also have seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



Mt. Vernon Mayor Gary Cromer was recognized for his outstanding service to the community at a recent Modern Woodmen of America awards dinner.

Mayor Gary Cromer recognized for community service

Members of Modern Woodmen of America Camp 12444, Mt. Vernon met at an awards dinner on November 11, 1997 to honor Mayor Gary Cromer. Mr. Cromer was recognized for his outstanding service to the community and its members. The Community Service Recognition Award ceremony coincided with the fraternal life insurance society's Community Service Recognition Month. Cromer has dedicated his time and efforts to the expansion of sewer and water extensions and plant renovations, to the annual Bittersweet Festival and to the new city park project. Modern Woodmen is a fraternal life insurance society with nearly 700,000 members nationwide. The Society is headquartered in Rock Island, Illinois.



30th Wedding Anniversary

Happy 30th anniversary to the world's greatest mom and dad, James and Neville Hacker. With love from all your children: Wayne, Gail, Lisa, James, Kelly and Christina.

The Signal office will be closed Dec. 24th through Dec. 28th



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Farley Barnett, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Farley Barnett and Janet L. Barnett Hughes. No tax.

Charles Holbrook, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Charles Holbrook, Jerry Smith and Kay Shelton. Tax 5.00.

Charlotte Carrera, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Melvin Hensley. Tax 20.00.

Earl Ponder, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Walter F. Sturgill. No tax.

Alvin and Debbie L. Carpenter, real property located in Willamita, to Mike Leger. Tax 41.00.

Richard and Patricia Smith, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Norman Dean Smith. No tax.

Rick and Elizabeth Gaile Cole, real property located on Bandy Road,

to James F. and Deborah E. Westfall. Tax 60.00.

Mark Whitley and Vicki Lowery, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Homer and Dolores Baker. Tax 58.00.

Cresthaven Cemetery, lots to Mike and Sharon Lovell. Tax 1.00.

George Childress, quit claim deed for real property located in Rockcastle County, to Phyllis A. Childress. No tax.

James W. and Thelma Mullins, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Sterling and Leah Hoskins. Tax 4.00.

Jean Mink and others, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Jerry and Janet Denny. Tax 3.00.

Sheila McClure, real property located in Rockcastle County, to William Leon Mason. Tax 1.50.

Laura Owens, land contract for real property located in waters of Crooked Creek, to David W. and Donna Joy Convery. Tax 32.50.

Billy Joe and Verla Hopkins, real property located on waters of Negro Creek, to Gary R. and Nancy Jane Cromer. Tax 56.50.

Chester Baker and Jay Baker, real property located in Rockcastle County, to James and Shelby Gail Miller. Tax 14.50.

Jerry L. and Kristy E. Hayes, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Jerry L. and Kristy E. Hayes. No tax.

Denver R. Sturgill, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Delbert and Janice Marie Powell. Tax 40.00.

Marriage Licenses

Lenora Ann Owens, 40, Mt. Vernon, cashier, to Robert Leonard Alexander, 36, Mt. Vernon, Tolkico. December 15, 1997.

District Civil Suits

Kentucky Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company vs. Tim J. Adams, \$2,420.65 claimed due as result of auto accident. 97-C-00209.

Circuit Civil Suits

Commonwealth of Kentucky, Ex Rel. Mary Jane Hasty vs. Ruth Rucker, complaint for child support and medical support. 97-CI-00268.

Eric Lee Hayes vs. Kimberly Kay Hayes, petition for dissolution of marriage. 97-CI-00269.

Michelle Proffitt vs. Tim Proffitt, order transferring case. 97-CI-00270.

Ronnie D. Cromer vs. Alta Spoonamore, Et. Al., damages claimed due as result of auto accident. 97-CI-00271.

District Court News

Hon. Walter F. Maguire
December 8, 1997

Aline Blackburn: Operating motorcar, \$200 and costs, \$200 service fee, \$10 victim crime fund, 2 days/time served on first.

Franklyn Bond: Fines due (\$40.00), issue warrant.

Alfred J. Britton: Possession of marijuana, \$25 and costs and 5 days/time served.

James Wilbur Cawood: Operating Motor Vehicle Under Influence, \$500 and costs, \$200 service fee, \$10 victim crime fund, 180 days/to serve

30; fine suspended/defendant to pay all required costs and DUI fees.

Freddy D. Denny: Giving officer false name/address, \$100 and costs; No license in possession, \$25 fine.

Lawrence J. Dixon: No Ky. Registration Plates, \$20 and costs.

Eugene Durham: No Ky. Motor Fuel Users License, \$25 and costs; Wayne E. Hallam: Speeding, \$44 and costs.

Marlow D. Hoskins: Fines due (\$1197.50), issue warrant, suspend license.

Linda L. Johnson: Speeding, \$10 and costs; No registration receipt, \$25 fine.

Betty B. Lanham: No Ky. Registration Plates, \$25 and costs.

Rhonda Messer: License to be in possession and other charges, issue warrant, suspend license.

Brian Northern: Fines due (\$151.50 and \$157.50), issue warrant.

Jestice G. Owens: Fines due (\$321.50), issue warrant, suspend license.

Charles L. Skelton: Fines due (\$62.50), issue warrant.

James F. Stockhoff: Speeding, \$50 and costs, state traffic school authorized upon payment of fine and costs.

Tony G. Walters: Driving from side of side of highway, dismissed on payment of court costs.

James W. Weaver, Jr.: Attempting to elude police officer; Wanton Endangerment, 2nd degree; Leaving Scene of Accident; Operating on Suspended License, 10 days, on each count, consecutive.

James W. Weaver, Jr.: Attempting to elude police officer, 90 days concurrent, w/separate pleas (40 days). Credit time actually served.

December 10, 1997

Aaron Blackburn: Fines due (\$267.50 and \$240.50), issue warrant.

Michael G. Blair: Operating motor vehicle under alcohol, \$200 fine and costs, \$200 service fee, \$10 victim crime fund, 2 days/time served.

Franklin E. Bond: Fines due (\$332.50 and \$52.50), issue warrant.

Donald R. Burdine: Possession of marijuana, \$100 and costs and 10 days/time served; paraphernalia use/possession, \$100 fine.

Billy Joe Carpenter: Fines due (\$207.50), issue warrant, suspend license.

Dan G. Cotton III: Operating vehicle under influence, \$350 and costs, \$200 service fee, \$10 victim crime fund, 30 days/to serve 7.

Donnie Hasson: No Ky. Registration Plates, No Registration Receipt, suspend license.

Billy R. Helderbrand: Fines due (\$622.50), issue warrant, suspend license.

Don E. Luca: Fines due (\$567.50), issue warrant/suspend license.

Jesse Owen Mason: Assault, 4th degree, spouse abuse, 30 days and costs/to serve 5 days/time served/balance probated 6 months; Terrorism Threatening, 15 days/consecutive.

Nelson Mason: Fines due, issue warrant/suspend license.

Virginia McKinney: Pass school/church bus, \$100 and costs.

Joseph N. Moore: Speeding, \$50 and costs/state traffic school authorized.

Kelly D. Prewitt: Fines due (\$101.50), issue warrant.

James Rowland: Fines due (\$107.50), issue warrant.

Gina Sigmon: Theft by deception, dismissed on payment of sheriff's fee and restitution.

December 15, 1997

Justin C. Albright: Driving contrary to law, \$50 and costs.

Zachery Anders: Unlaw transaction w/minor, \$100 and costs and 10 days, to serve 10/time served.

Alexda Caryk: Theft of services under \$100, dismiss with leave, restitution made.

Judy Caryk: Theft of services under \$100, dismiss with leave, restitution made.

Shawn A. Coffey: Speeding, \$34 fine, license to be in possession, \$25 and costs.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO OUR LOYAL FRIENDS

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From Our Files

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30 years ago this week...
Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Wendell P. Butler bought the first basket of tobacco to open officially the Burley Sales Season. Butler paid \$77 per hundred weight for his 500 pound of leaf.

The Mt. Vernon Post Office remained open all day Saturday, December 16th, for the benefit of the public.

The latest word from J.P. Noonan, District Highway Engineer was, that the Interstate 75 By-Pass from Renfro Valley to Burr would be open in time for Christmas traffic.

25 years ago this week...
Rockcastle County received over seven million dollars in federal money during the fiscal year of 1972.

Roland Mullins, Regional Executive Director of the Cumberland River Regional Mental Health-Mental Retardation Board, was appointed Mayor of Mt. Vernon by the City Council to fill out the unexpired term of Mayor Ed Winstead.

Marcia Lamb, senior clothing and leadership; Carolyn Lamb, junior clothing; Brenda Trew, house and pony; Lisa Owens, special clothing; and Vonda Croucher, junior foods, were honored on 4-H Recognition night.

15 years ago this week...
Mrs. Barbara Owens' Art II Class at Rockcastle County High School decorated the windows of the school's library with Christmas scenes. The pictures were all painted with removable Tempera paint. Taking part in the project were Ricky Hickey, Mark McFerron, Katrina Durham, Marty Hershey, Donna Smith, Mary Sue Alsip, Charlie Fain and Tim Kelly.

20 years ago this week...
Rockcastle County High School Chorus, under the direction of Margie Wilcox presented "Good News, World!" By John F. Wilson to a packed house at the high school. The main cantata performance by the senior chorus was preceded by appearances by the two freshman choirs and the Swing choir.

10 years ago this week...
Kizzee Owens and Sarah Adams were busy helping prepare food baskets and gifts for approximately 25 needy families in the county through the REAP program. REAP along with several other organizations worked to make Christmas a little more happy for the underprivileged.

5 years ago this week...
Students of Mt. Teresa Parrett presented a piano recital on December 6 at the Pine Hill Baptist Church. Participating were HolyMaachal, Melissa Cummins, Talona King, Angela Owens, Jeffrey Owens, Leo Hysinger, Cassie Mullins, Lisa Midkiff, Kelli Cromer, Angie Lawless, Jessica Albright, Michelle Collins, Stephanie Abney, Christy Coleman and Angie Dowell.

Circuit Clerk Denver Miller and Commonwealth Attorney Benny Ham were sworn-in for new six-year terms by Circuit Judge Dan Venters. Also sworn-in were Miller's deputy clerks, Pat Brown, Teresa Vanzant, Patricia Lunsford and Jean Chappelle, chief deputy clerk.

After knocking off their first two opponents to reach the final game of the Berea Invitational, the Rockcastle Rockets fell just short, 65-58, to the host Berea Pirates in the championship game. J.D. Bussell, Corey Craig and Mickey McClure were selected to the Berea Invitational all-tournament team.

Chance Potter and Chris Dillingham were named to the Lake Cumberland Academic League All-Conference JV and Varsity Teams, respectively.

Buzz Carlotis filed for candidacy for County Judge/Executive; Bill Dowell, filed for coroner; Jack Bradley, incumbent and Benton Bullock for Magistrate District 2.

Award as 'Squadman of the Year'

The Jaycees put on their 24th annual Christmas party at Renfro Valley and treated some 837 children to a toy and some fruit.

Sowder Nursing Home began construction of an addition that would cost over one million dollars.

Candy Strippers who did volunteer work at the Rockcastle Hospital were Vicky Bond, Shirley Barnett, Michelle Bond and Lisa Alsip.

Forester Mullins, a member of Dave Jackson Lodge 731 F&AM, was presented with an Outstanding Service Award in recognition for having attended every stated and called communication of his lodge for fifty-nine years.

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Child Abuse - A Matter Of Fact

By: Peter O. Samples, State Chairman Guidelines to Follow-Should a Child Tell

How you handle a disclosure of abuse or neglect by a child is critical in how the case can be processed and the child is protected. First, listen to what the child is telling you. Do not project or assume anything. Do not push the child to share more than he is willing. Do not put words in the child's mouth or ask the child leading questions. The child needs warmth and acceptance, not curiosity or interrogation. It is not necessary at this time that the child reveal specific or intimate details. Second, reassure the child that he has done the right thing by telling you. Acknowledge the difficulty of his decision and the personal strength he has shown in making his choice to tell. Make it clear that the abuse or neglect is not his fault and that he is not bad or to blame. Third, keep your own feelings under control. Be calm and nonjudgmental. Do not express such emotions as shock, embarrassment, anger or disgust. Do not criticize or belittle the child's family or the person the child may name as the abuser. Fourth, use the child's own vocabulary. The child may rate the abuse or neglect to you by using family terminology. Do not try to substitute more polite or correct words. Fifth, do not promise not to tell. Know your limits. This is not a situation you can or should try to handle by yourself. You are going to have to tell. For additional information about abuse and neglect and assistance in reporting it, please call our hotline number at 1-800-468-8920.

Court News continued from F2

Danny Ray Elrod: Speeding and violation of international register, license suspended.

Burton M. Gabbard: Fines due (\$942.50), issue warrant, license suspended.

Paul W. Gilpin: Improper registration, \$50 and costs.

David Griffin Harris: Fines due (\$182.50), issue warrant.

Mary Howard: Harassment, \$100 and costs/suspend fine on condition.

Dirk N. Justice: Unlawful transaction w/minor, \$100 and costs, 60 days to serve 7 time served.

Seth S. Knixley: Fines due (\$692.50), issue warrant, suspend license.

Delbert Wayne Leger: Receiving stolen property under \$300, 12 months on condition pay \$2,500 restitution. Theft by deception under \$100, 12 months (concurrent) and condition defendant be released to an in-house substance abuse treatment facility for minimum of 30 days; Theft by deception, 12 months concurrent on same conditions as above Iplus \$200 restitution to Carter's Market; Theft by deception, 12 months, concurrent plus \$200 restitution to J&T Gas Mart.

Keith Ewell Lester: No insurance, \$800 and costs/suspend \$300.

Danny Spoonamore: Escape, 3rd, 35 days to serve 10 balance probated 1 year on condition of good behavior.

Glen Spoonamore: Escape, 3rd, 45 days to serve 10 credit any days actually served/balance of 35 days probated.

Waymond Williams: Fines due (\$817.50), issue warrant, suspend license.

Phillip A. Wilson: Speeding, \$60 and costs. Charles Anthony Wray: Fines due (\$1,062.50), issue warrant, suspend license.

Gary W. Croucher: Comb. Uni 65 Ft. Designated Hwy., suspend license.

"It is Written"

In the New Testament church we have five acts of worship that are spoken about in the gospel of Christ. In Acts 2:42,47 we read: "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine, and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers; Praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." We have here the five acts of worship listed in two concise verses. These will serve as an outline for our studies over the next few weeks as we discuss worshipping God in spirit and in truth.

We are to have the apostles' doctrine in our worship. The word of God is to be taught and preached among the saints. Consider in Acts 20:7: "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight." Paul told Timothy, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine." 2 Tim 4:2. Further 1 Tim 4:6 "If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained." Thus in our worship we have the preaching of the word of God among the saints. Not the preaching of the doctrines of men, human wisdom, vain philosophies, nor the creeds of men, but the word of God. There is to be a respect in listening to the word of God with a desire to learn and to put in practice the teachings of God's word. In James 1:21-22: "Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrained word, which is able to save your souls. But he who doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

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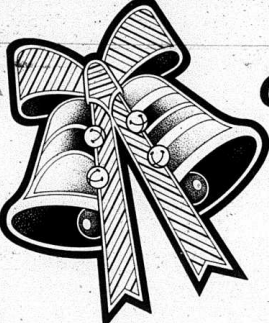


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