

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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County hit with first significant snowfall



A Friday night and Saturday morning snowfall knocked out power to about 800 Rockcastle Countians, but road crews managed to make travel safe for most. Other Rockcastle countians had some fun in the snow. In the top photo, Coby Robinson and Ricky Miller scrape roads in the city of Mt. Vernon and at right, Justin, Jeffrey and Jacob Barnes show off the snowman they built at their Quail Road home. At left, Rockcastle Middle School Principal Jason Coguer opens the middle school, where a temporary shelter was opened for those without power.



The weekend snowfall allowed the Chesnut gang, who live off Maple Grove Road, to build the two large snowmen in their yard on Saturday morning. Shown above are mom, Sue, top right, and daughters, April, Kimberly and Amber. Some residents in the county reported as much as six inches of snow.

(Front page photos by: Richard Anderkin)

Holt files for Sheriff, Bryant for Mayor in Mt. Vernon

58-year-old Ken Holt, a former Rockcastle County Deputy Sheriff has filed for the office of Sheriff.

Holt joins current Sheriff Mike Peters and former deputy Rick Brummett, who have already filed for the office.

Holt said this week that he feels his experience and training qualifies him for the job.

Holt said he has "always treated everyone with dignity and respect" while performing his duties as a deputy.

He is presently a general foreman with NACCO Materials Handling in Berea.

Holt and his wife, Carolyn, live in the Climax area of the county.

Holt said that during the upcoming weeks before the election he will be publishing his commitments, values and beliefs in the *Signal*.

Mike Bryant Sr. files for Mayor

Mike Bryant, Sr. filed for the office of Mt. Vernon Mayor last week.

The 64-year-old Bryant retired in 2000 after having served the State of Kentucky as the Family Services Office Supervisor for the Department of Community Based Services, Mt. Vernon office.

For more than 35 years, Bryant has been active in numerous volunteer and civic capacities in Mt. Vernon and Rockcastle County. Through his involvement and support of the U.N.I.T.E. organization, as a Drug Awareness Officer, and as Chaplain for the Rockcastle Sheriff's Department.

partment.

Bryant also said this week that, as a minister, he has taken a special interest in improving the quality of life in Mt. Vernon and surrounding communities including a special focus on keeping streets and schools safe for the children of the community.

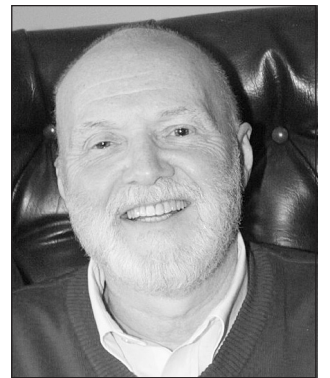
"I love people and I love this community," Bryant said.

"Mt. Vernon is my home. It is where I raised my children and have had the privilege to build lifelong friendships. I have a desire to

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Ken Holt has filed for the office of Rockcastle Sheriff.



Mike Bryant has filed for the office of Mayor of Mount Vernon.

No Christmas bonuses for Mt. Vernon city employees

By: Richard Anderkin

The Mt. Vernon City Council rejected a request from Mayor Clarice Kirby on Monday night to give city employees a \$25 Christmas bonus.

The bonuses had been given out the past seven years, the Mayor said.

Councilman Don Jones said he was positive the city could not legally give out the bonuses and should give them the \$25 in the form of a raise, which could "help their retirement benefits." His sug-

gestion got no support from other council members or the Mayor.

Jones said he had talked with a representative from the Kentucky League of Cities about the subject and other matters relating to the Mayor's spending and could give other council members that information.

Councilman Clark "Joe" Mullins told Jones he didn't put much stock in the opinion of the Kentucky League

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Snow storm knocked out power to 800 Power mostly back on in Rockcastle

Jackson Energy officials reported that 99 percent of their 800 customers, who were without power on Saturday after a late fall snowstorm Friday night and Saturday morning, have power again.

Unlike counties in far eastern Kentucky, Jackson Energy officials said most of their Rockcastle customers had power restored by Monday.

On Saturday, a shelter was opened at the Rockcastle Middle School for those in the county without power.

However, Rockcastle County Middle School Principal Jason Coguer said that only one person stayed at the school.

Livingston Asst. Fire Chief Russell Barron said, Livingston Safety Officer

Charlie Newcomb took Cordia Hensley to the shelter on Saturday and then took her back home on Sunday afternoon after her power was restored.

"Our outages were down to 4,000 as of Monday morning, compared to over 11,000 on Saturday, so our restoration is winding down," said

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Grand Jury does not indict Coy

On December 11th, the Rockcastle County Grand Jury declined to indict Coy

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Approximately 250 children were served by the annual Toys for Tots program. The program is sponsored each year by the United States Marine Corp, local churches and businesses. The give-away was held on Saturday at the Rockcastle County High School. Volunteers who helped with the distribution are shown above, front row, from left: Emily Clark, Morgan Hunt, Bethany Clontz, Loren Reynolds, Hannah Adkisson, Marie Poynter, Aaron Adkisson, Eden Hughes, Erin May with the U.S. Attorney's Office, Lindsey Hughes, Holly Robinson and Russell Poynter. Back row, from left: Zach Adams, Kyle Robinson, Shawnee Burchette, Dakota Molina, Yancee Burchett and Marine Sgt. Ryan Loudermilk. The students are members of the RCHS Y-Club, Brodhead Baptist Church and Northside Baptist Church.

Editor's Notes

By Richard Anderkin



Another Christmas thank you from us at this newspaper

Each year I write this column and each year I become somewhat more humble.

Since 1952, the *Signal* has been in the Anderkin family and since 1966 it has been a publication of my parents.

Dad died in September, 2008 but Mom, myself, Paige and Spencer continue to try and do the best we can to put out a publication that serves the county and something our reader's look forward to receiving each week.

However, without the help of so many people, and there are a lot of you, it would be impossible.

I personally appreciate all the help I get on a weekly basis (and the good Lord knows I need all the help I can get).

So many times we have to report on things that do not show people in the best light. We have stories and pictures about tragic accidents and we run a lot of letters to the editor that I sometimes do not agree with. But that is part of the business and this is a publication that tries to provide everyone with a forum (within limits of the libel law) for their opinion and we

will continue to do so.

We don't know what the New Year will bring. It is a hard time across our country and it is affecting our county. We can only hope and pray that our city, county, state and national leaders will put the public's welfare above that of personal prominence and gain. We all know that has not always been the case -- particularly on the state and federal levels -- but we can only hope.

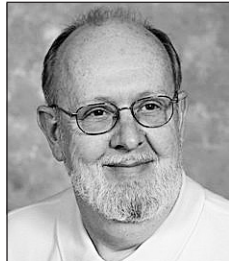
We all need to become more informed about what is happening in our county, state and nation. We all need to get involved and speak out about what we think is right for our country. We all need to remember that it is our duty to do so.

That all being said, please consider this a very sincere Christmas thank you from all of us at the *Mount Vernon Signal* for the good will shown to us by our advertisers, subscribers and contributors through the years and,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Rockcastle Memories

By David J. Griffin



Thoughts of Christmas Past

Last week when the temperature was hovering in the teens, I took my Sheltie out for his early morning "constitutional" when I noticed the Christmas decorations on my neighbors' houses. The warm glow from Nancy and Dewayne's home, Rog and Poodle's windows, and the candles in the window of Faye's house made me remember the decorations when I was a young boy. It took me back to my boyhood Christmases.

On or about the first Saturday in December, my grandfather (Pop) usually told me to get the ax out of the smokehouse so we could walk to the field near the back of our property to cut a small cedar Christmas tree. To me, that signaled the beginning of the Christmas season. My heart overflowed as we carried that small tree back to the house so that Mommie Katie and my mother (Bee) could begin the decorating. Before we entered the house, Pop nailed two crossed boards to the tree's trunk for a stand.

As soon as we entered the house, Mommie Katie stood back and surveyed the condition of the tree to determine which side should be facing into the room. Next, she carried a large box into the living room containing the tree's decorations. Our trees looked the same each year. I will never forget the colored bubble-lights, the fragile glass ornaments, strands of tinsel, and, of course, the boxes and boxes of aluminum "icicles" that had to be carefully hung from the branches -- NEVER to be simply tossed onto the tree! At night, the bubble lights cast a warm glow on the icicles making the entire room as cozy as could be.

While the decorating was taking place, Pop cut small cedar branches from the bottom of the tree so he could carefully lay them on the big old Warm Morning stove in the den. In a matter of a few minutes, the entire house had the aroma of a real Christmas

tree. I can see him now, with his rocking chair pulled up close to the stove as he took in the holiday fragrance. To me, the only tree to celebrate the season was a REAL cedar tree.

Pop's old wooden hi-fi radio was tuned to a station playing Christmas carols. Bing Crosby and Perry Como serenaded us with sounds of winter and the holidays. Como's "Winter Wonderland" will always be a favorite of mine. Leading into the kitchen, Mommie Katie always hung a branch of mistletoe above the door.

After the tree was decorated, Mommie Katie covered the bottom with a white sheet, and before you could say, "Merry Christmas," gifts began to appear. As the days passed, more and more packages were piled up. I could not help myself -- each package had to be shaken and felt to see if the prize inside could be identified. We always opened our gifts on Christmas Eve. My family never made much "to-do" about Santa Claus.

On that special afternoon, our family began to arrive, carrying more gifts for the tree. We always celebrated with a huge dinner before any presents were opened. With carols playing in the background, the family gathered around Mommie Katie's huge dinner table. The group included Bee and me; my brother Al and his family; and Uncle Charles, Aunt Ruth, and Janis. We feasted on turkey, stuffing, dumplings, candied yams, "shuck" beans, cranberry sauce, corn pudding, and home-made rolls. The glasses were filled with freshly brewed tea. For dessert we either had pumpkin pie or jam cake.

After dinner, we moved

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Points East

By Ike Adams



For at least the last 12 years, Loretta and I have learned to stay on red alert around the middle of December because we know that any day the UPS Truck is going to roll in with hefty package post marked Pittsburg. Please note that this particular is not spelled with an "h" on the end.

I speak here of Pittsburg, Kentucky, the home of Robinson Sausage and Meat Company.

Said package consistently contains a huge country ham aged to perfection and awaiting the attention of a master chef. This year was no exception.

Typically we rush the ham over to Adella Stevenson in Lancaster where, in a secret location purportedly under heavy guard, she spends several days working her magic on many hams this time of year. The end result, will in fact, melt in your mouth.

But Loretta and Adella worked together for over 20 years before Mrs. Stevenson retired a year or so ago. Over time Lo has picked up a tid bit here and a smidgen there of information and they are still the best of friends.

Some weeks back Loretta told Adella that this year she'd like to try preparing the ham herself and Adella rolled her eyes, shook her head and asked if my wife had any earthly idea what she was getting herself into. On the other hand, Adella allowed that she was getting too old to be tossing 20 pound hams around so she divulged much additional information. Lets just say that all the details would fill a cook book and that preparing a country ham would be the only recipe.

Said ham occupied one half of our double kitchen sink for four days where it soaked in a concoction that was, if my nose is ad-

equate, very, very heavy on vinegar. I sawed off the hock before the ham was immersed with a jig saw after trying several other tools to no and then I was instructed to stay away from the ham and that my opinions and advice were not needed.

After much trimming, brushing and scrubbing, the ham was finally immersed in a 5 gallon stock pot in yet another concoction that included numerous cans of soda, several cups of brown sugar and other stuff Loretta had pre mixed. It boiled for several hours last Sunday and if you were out and about in central Kentucky, you probably smelled it cooking.

Now deboned and carefully wrapped in aluminum foil, I'm told that it will go into the oven Christmas morning but I just sneaked a sample for breakfast before Lo got out of bed this morning and I can report that my wife has learned a thing or two about fixing ham. It does, in fact, melt in my mouth.

So thank you Jimmy Robinson, for this magnificent present and thank you Adella Stevenson for sharing trade secrets with my wife. You've taught her well!

In other gift news, our good friend, Robert Kennedy who lives in Annapolis Maryland has spent a great deal of time through the Holiday Season baking fruit cakes which he has mailed to several friends around the country. Robert and his wife, Nancy, are empty nesters now and decided to forego decorating but, to stay in the Spirit, Bob has spent much time and effort baking the best fruit cake I have ever tasted.

Loretta and consider ourselves fruitcake connoisseurs and we have been known to shell out big dollars for fruit

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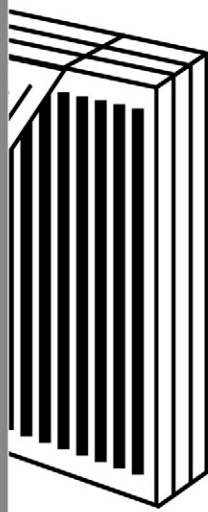
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Obituaries



Hazel Nantz

Hazel Nantz, 86, of Lexington and formerly of Brodhead, died Saturday, December 19, 2009 at the St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. She was born on September 20, 1923 in Rockcastle County the daughter of the late William E. and Lela Mae Elder Taylor. She was a former nurse and accountant and was a member of the North Lexington Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Theo Nantz; three brothers, Vernon, Willie J., and Dewey Taylor; and six sisters, Florida Reynolds, Maynie Long, Louella J. Owens, Blanch Herrin, Elva Mobley, and Beulah Barker.

Services were held Monday, December 21, 2009 at Providence Church of Christ with Bro. Robert Miller officiating. Burial was in Providence Cemetery.

Arrangements made by Cox Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were: Ted Nicholson, Clifford May, Ron Ramsey, Jason Moore, Randy Taylor, Mark Barker and Kendell Seaton.

View the complete obituary or send condolences to the family online at www.coxfuneralhome.com

Elizabeth Doutaz

Elizabeth Hunt Doutaz, 86, of High Point, NC died Monday, December 14, 2009 at Hospice Home. She was born July 22, 1923 in Mt. Vernon, a daughter of Virgil Commodore and Mae Sigmon Hunt. She was a school teacher until 1987 and later moved to High Point in 2001. On April 13, 1946 she married Lamar Gentry Doutaz, who survives of the home.

Also surviving are: a daughter, Karol Lamar Seman of High Point, NC; a son Leroy Keith Doutaz of Cumby, TX; three sisters, Virginia Jones and Dorothy Masters, both of Fairfield, OH and Sarah Faye Hamm of Brodhead; four grandchildren, Heather Manning, Jeff Doutaz, Matthew Venable and Angela Nance; and 10 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by: a son, John Lee Doutaz; sisters, Christine Nicely and Betty Jo Payne; and brothers, Ed Hunt and Hubert Hunt.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at Guilford Memorial Park Cemetery with Rev. Allen Martin officiating.

Cumby Family Funeral Service is assisting the Doutaz family.

Memorials may be made to Thomasville Church of Christ, 2209 Ball Rd. Thomasville, N.C. 27360 or to Hospice of the Piedmont, 1801 Westchester Dr., High Point, N.C. 27262.

Online condolences made to www.cumbyfuneral.com or www.hbfuneral.com



Connie Jean Brumett

Connie Jean Herrin Brumett, 60, of Mesa, AZ died Thursday, December 17th, 2009 at Chandler Regional Hospital in Chandler, AZ. She was the wife of Billy Ray Brumett whom she married on Feb. 3, 1968. She was born June 27, 1949 in Jackson Co., MO. She is the daughter of Emogene Hall Herrin and the late James W. Herrin. She was a retired Medical Transcriptionist for the St. Joseph Hospital in Kokomo, IN. She was a member of the Pentacostal Church.

Survivors include: husband of 41 years, Billy Ray Brumett; daughter, Angela Brumett of Mesa, AZ; mother, Emogene Hall Herrin of Greenfield, IN; and one brother, James (Tammy) Herrin of Greenfield, IN.

Services are at 1 p.m. Wednesday, December 23, 2009 at McKnight Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Randall Adams officiating. Burial will be in Brumett Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers include: Cesar Rodriguez, Kevin and Mark Hopkins, Bobby Brumett, Jr., and Joshua, Adam and Dustin Brumett

Memorial Contributions suggested to Indiana Wolf Park, 4004 East 800 North, Battle Ground, IN 47920.



Emmitt Mink

Emmitt Mink of Reading, Ohio, died December 13, 2009. He was born March 11, 1923 in Livingston, the son of the late George and Susie Lakes Mink.

Survivors are his wife of 59 years, Francis Hall Mink; three sons, Tom Mink of augusta, Georgia, Philip Mink of Reading, Ohio and Dr. Frank Mink of Detroit, Mich.; one brother, William Mink and three sisters, Oliver Whitaker, Bertie Kelley and Rhonda Cornelius.

A veteran of World War II, Mr. Mink was a devoted member of the Covenant Apostolic Church where he served as Sunday School teacher and part-time minister. He attended the University of Cincinnati, retired from Stearns and Foster as a supervisor and was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Luther (Joe) Mink and four sisters, Lucille Langford, Fannie Davis, Dora Robbins and Paulina Mink.

Funeral services were held December 16, 2009 at Hodapp Funeral Home in Carthage, Ohio.

Card of Thanks

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In Loving Memories

In Loving Memory Elva Mullins

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Died 12/23/2007

If Roses Grew in Heaven

If roses grow in heaven Lord, pick a bunch for us Place them in our Mother's arms

And tell her they are from us

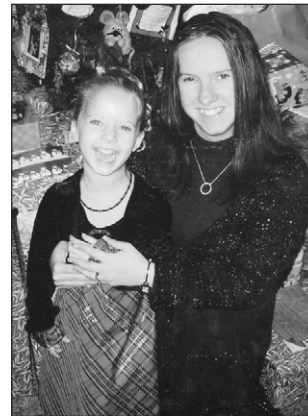
Tell her we love and miss her

And when she turns to smile Place a kiss upon her cheek And hold her for awhile

Because remembering her is easy

We do it every day But, there's an ache within our hearts

That will never go away. (Author Unknown)



Thinking of You

I'm thinking of you with joy and pleasure Remembering times, I'll always treasure.

When I think of you, my heart is light,

You're a special person, a sheer delight.

Thoughts of you cheer me up, whenever I am blue.

I'm always happy, when I think of you.

I think of you often, in the fondest way,

I cherish you more than I ever could say.

I lit a candle for you on your birthday,

Dec. 17th when you turned 31.

I know you are happy and have no pain

And some day we will all be together again.

Merry Christmas in Heaven my baby girl.

We love you and miss you.

Your precious daughter,

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Our Readers Write

Hear ye, Hear ye,...

Dear Editor,
Publick Notice -- To all citizens of Rockcastle County, you will pay higher taxes.

Is your local government spending too much of your hard earned money? Are they living within their means or are they just treating you like a money pit? Is this how you feel? Is this what you want to happen?

Can you spend more than you make? Then, just tell your boss he needs to pay you more because you spent more than you make. No, I don't think so. I have just finished reading the Audit Examination of the Rockcastle Fiscal Court for the period ending June 30, 2008. I find it absolutely appalling that our fiscal court officers are acting like we work for them. No, my friend, they work for us.

The fiscal court has a shortage in the General, Road and Jail funds. What is their solutin? Raise your taxes!! (ie. occupational tax). Now the Fiscal Court wants to establish zoning and permitting in the county. Who is going to pay for this? We are, through higher taxes, more fees and surcharges. I say this is unacceptable to we, the citizens of Rockcastle County. I think a man should be able to do what he wants with his own land without any government infringement.

Hi, My name is Al DeChambeau and I live in the Orlando area with my wonderful wife, Barbara. We chose the Rockcastle/Mt. Vernon area because of the great, friendly people. Plus, the scenery is great! I say chose as it was not by chance. I have been a treasurer for a very active sportsman/conservation club in the past so, I do know a thing or two about writing checks, paying your bills on time and balancing your books. In short, living within your ability at all times.

To everyone we have met, a big thank you for the kindness you have shown.

Merry Christmas -- Jesus is the reason for the season.

Look for more "Publick Notices" soon.

Al DeChambeau
Orlando, Ky.

A concerned citizen of
Rockcastle County

Toys for Tots a great success, expresses gratitude

Dear Editor,
On behalf of the Toys for Tots Foundation of Rockcastle County, we would like to take this time to express our gratitude to several individuals, businesses, organizations, and agencies.

This year we were able to once again serve many families in Rockcastle County in order to help them have a more joyful Christmas. It was a great success, and we could not have done it without the generous help of so many. We would like to thank all of those in the county who donated toys and funds to this great cause. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

We would like to thank Community Trust bank of Mt. Vernon (both branches), Mt. Vernon IGA, Wendy's, Citizens Bank (Mt. Vernon & Brodhead), Rite Aid, PBK Bank, Dollar General Stores (West Main St. and Hwy 150), B&L Grocery (Hwy 70), and SourceCorp of Mt. Vernon for being toy drive and donation centers.

Special thanks to the Rockcastle Co. High School for again providing the facility for the toy give-away.

We would also like to thank the *Mt. Vernon Signal*, the Rockcastle Area Technology Center, Teresa Vanzant and the Circuit Court Clerk office, Brodhead Baptist Church, Northside Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, Pizza Hut, Erin May and the U.S. Attorney Office of London, KY, Gail Burdette, James Miller, John Ford, Billy Reynolds, Russell Poynter, the RCHS Student YMCA and its advisors Holly Robinson and Anita Nation,

and Brad and Sundae Park of McDonald's.

Thanks to any we may have failed to mention who participated, donated, or supported this program in some way. This certainly would not have been possible without the cooperative effort of everyone involved. Thanks again and God bless you!

This year's Toys for Tots program was conducted in memory of Sgt. Jason Randall Johnson, US Marine Corps, son of Sundae and Brad Park.

Sincerely,

GySgt Ryan Loudermilk
US Marine Corps Reserve
Jon Burdette,
Associate Pastor
Brodhead Baptist Church

Have and need some RCHS football films for archive...

Dear Editor,

I am attempting to put together a video library of the games from the Glen Polly era of RCHS football. I have composed a list of the game films I have collected and transferred to DVD. Also a list of games I am trying to locate. If anyone would like a copy of a game film or have one of the films I am attempting to find, I can be contacted at 606-256-9870 or scoopowens24@yahoo.com.

Games I have available on DVD:

1975

- Aug 22 vs Russell County,
 - Aug 28 vs Berea,
 - Sep 5th vs Lincoln County,
 - Sep 11 vs Evarts,
 - Sep 18 vs Sayre,
 - Sep 26 vs MMI,
 - Oct 2nd vs Lynn Camp,
 - Oct 31 vs Mercer County.
- Games I need:
- *Oct 17 vs Estill County
 - *Oct 24th vs Whitley County.

1976

- Games I have:
- Aug 27th vs Berea,
 - Sep 3rd vs Lincoln County,
 - Sep 10th vs Everts,
 - Sep 19th vs Leslie County,
 - Sep 24th vs MMI,
 - Oct 15th vs Estill County,
 - Oct 29th vs Mercer.
- Games I need:
- Oct 1st vs Lynn Camp,
 - Oct 8th vs Casey County,
 - Oct 22 vs Whitley,
 - Nov 5th vs Russell County.

1977

- Games I have:
- Aug 22 vs Berea,
 - Sep 2nd vs Lincoln County,
 - Sep 9 vs Clay County,
 - Sep 16th vs Leslie County.
- Games I need are:
- Sep 30 vs Lynn Camp,
 - Oct 7 vs Casey County,
 - Oct 14 vs Estill County,
 - Oct 21 vs Whitley County,
 - Oct 28 vs Mercer County,
 - Nov 4 vs Knox Central.

I have none of the films from 1974 which was the first year games were filmed by RCHS.

Thanks, David Owens

New hope with freedom...

Dear Editor,

What a wonderful Christmas gift our Kentucky Supreme Court gave to thousands of families across our state when it ruled unanimously that husbands and wives, sons and daughters can return to their homes for the holidays after serving their lawful debt to society. What an answer to prayer for themselves and their loved ones!

For those of you with new hope that your freedom from captivity draws near, here's some advice from someone who has been there: When you are released find a job working with your hands for an established company (construction?, roofing?). Show up on time and work heartily. Keep your nose clean and run from the "friends" who got you into trouble in the first place. Be the last person that your probation officer needs to think about. Go to Sunday School and church and get involved- Fairview Baptist has been wonderful for my family since my release; it

has been the catalyst for all the rest. I will be praying for you.

Sincerely,
Bob Coffey

Decline in Christian values...

Dear Editor,

In the early 1900's there was a couple that married and built a house and settle down on Brindle Ridge, KY. They became a solid rock of support for the whole community. They were very compassionate and caring. Also they helped to build a church and took care of most of the maintenance inside and out. They were Christians not only in name, but in their actions which should matter the most.

Of course there were other outstanding people in this community, but my story concerns this special couple. Later in the late 1960's one of them passed away, to be held forever in God's hands. The remaining spouse was lonesome and married a few years later. This person thought that now the days would be brighter.

But, alas this person had entered a world of evil and false deception.

People only loving this person because of money and thinking only of themselves.

There were demands of a new car and constant nagging.

I believe I will stop the true story here and write the rest next week, if this paper allows.

Jefferson Saylor
Atlanta, Ga

"Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

into the living room. The first thing to occur was the reading of the Bible passages about the Christ-child. Nothing could take place until we had acknowledged the "reason for the season," as they say today. Mommie was the one to designate which child in the family had the honor of doing the reading, which was followed by another prayer.

Only then would we proceed to open our presents. Each of the children had a stocking which was stuffed with an apple, some tangerines, various kinds of nuts, some small treasure, and (always) one very large candy cane.

Uncle Charles or Al usually recorded the event with a Brownie Hawkeye camera for photos to share later with the entire group. As Al snapped away, Mommie Katie se-

lected one of the youngsters to hand out the gifts. She always explained, "Now remember, we open one gift at a time so everyone will be able to see what each person gets!" One by one, the gifts came out from under the cedar tree and were opened to the joy of the recipients. Bee made certain the bows were carefully placed in a sack so they could be used again. She was very frugal that way.

As soon as the gifts were all opened, Mommie Katie announced that coffee and dessert were being served in the kitchen. The adults then adjourned to the sanctity of the kitchen, while the children played with their new toys in the living room.

Such beautiful memories of this wonderful season. Recalling each member of the family who gathered around that big old kitchen table is an incredibly heart-warming experience. Many are now departed, yet the joys of that place will always remain in my heart. I am eternally grateful to the Lord for my loving family and the Christian heritage that they provided to me.

(You can reach me at mtvman@mis.net or you can drop me a line at P.O. Box 927 Stanton, KY 40380. I appreciate your suggestions and comments. Have a great New Year!)

"Points East"

(Cont. from A2)

cakes prepared by major pastry chefs. To make a long story short, we have never had anything as good as the one Bob Kennedy baked for us this year.

We were supposed to save it for Christmas Dinner but I insisted on sampling it last week and now, alas, it is gone--every crumb and morsel--and we won't be able to share it with our friends and family.

But I'm not grieving too much because most of them claim they don't like fruit cake anyway and we hope that Bob will forgive us. Rest assured that not a bit of it went to waste. I even licked the wrapper clean.

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Climax Holiness Congregation and pastor Darrin Slone invite everyone to their Watch Night Service on December 31st, beginning at 9 p.m. There will not be a service on Dec. 24th.

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Christmas Eve Mass

Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church will have a Mass Christmas Eve at 10:30 p.m. There will be special music and everyone is welcome.

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Watch Night Service

Faith Chapel Pentecostal Church is having Watch Night Service Thursday, December 31st at 7 p.m. with Bro. Gary Elza. Bro. Jack Carpenter invites everyone to attend to pray the new year in. Snacks will be provided.

You're Invited

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord," Psalms 122:1

If you are just sitting around home some Sunday or Tuesday evening, with nothing to do, or maybe out driving on Big Cave or Maple Grove Road, why not stop by Brush Creek Holiness Church some good anointed singing and preaching. Service begins about 7 p.m. Pastor Lonnie McGuire and congregation welcome everyone.

An encouraging word:

The Heart of Christmas

By Howard Coop



It was an unusual experience. Christmas was a few days away, and excitement was in the air. The room was filled with eager girls and boys ranging in age from eight to eighteen when, unexpectedly, I walked into the room. After greeting the group, I gave each one of them an index card on which had been written, "Christmas is..." Then, I asked those in that group to finish one sentence that expressed what Christmas meant to them.

Eagerly, those girls and boys responded to my request, and the sentences they wrote were both interesting and insightful. Over half of the group, in one way or another, noted that much frivolity surrounds Christmas, but in a simple and direct way, they stated that the true meaning of Christmas is found in the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem of Judea. One member of the group wrote, "Christmas is turning into a commercial affair. All of the stores are having 50% off and everybody has been going along with it, including me, but I haven't forgotten that Christmas is the birth of Christ."

This is the heart of Christmas: When the time was completely right, God acted uniquely and decisively to give the human race the help it desperately needed. He sent his only begotten Son who was born under unusual circumstances in Bethlehem of Judea and, after being wrapped in swaddling cloths, was laid in a manger because there was no room in the inn.

That event, ignored by many, got the attention of some. Shepherds, tending their flocks in nearby fields, heard angel voices and, leaving their flocks untended, went in haste to Bethlehem to see a newborn baby. Too, wise men from the east, following a special star, were led to Bethlehem where they found a newborn infant and presented royal gifts to him.

Since that momentous event that changed the course of human history about two thousand years ago, those who have knelt reverently before the One who was born in Bethlehem have had their lives radically changed and redirected.

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"During this time of financial constraints, Golf Tour Books offer a great way for golfers to save money on their favorite hobby, while helping the American Lung Association save lives," said Carolyn Embry, who coordinates the program. All proceeds benefit the fight against lung disease and are used to support medical research, community health programs, advocacy and services for

people suffering from lung ailments.

"The golf books make perfect stocking stuffers, thank-you gifts for business associates or presents for golfing friends and family members," said Embry. They may be purchased for \$35 a piece or \$105 for four: a buy-three, get-one-free foursome special. Orders placed now will be filled in time for holiday giving.

Golf Tour Books may be ordered by calling the American Lung Association at 1-877-893-5864 or by sending a check to the American Lung Association, P.O. Box 9067, Louisville, Kentucky 40209. They may be purchased on-line at www.kylung.org.

The books are also available at branches of AAA in Louisville, Elizabethtown, Owensboro, Bowling Green and Paducah.

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 The Rockcastle UNITE Coalition meets on the second Wednesday of each month, at noon, at the Renjro Valley Lodge.

"What Is Written"

We live in a throw away society, using things for a little while, tossing the old away and then just get us a new ones. But our God in the salvaging business, not of physical things, but of the souls of men. Notice in Luke 4:18-19 what Jesus said of himself, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord." Yes beloved, Jesus would like to salvage, rescue, restore, recover, recycle, redeem us from the ravages of sin. To any of those brokenhearted; in the bondage of sin; bruised and battered by Satan, Jesus can provide forgiveness. Notice in Col. 1:20-22, "And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in his sight:" Verily, the blood of Christ can cleanse even the vilest of sinners, for none are beyond salvaging if we but come unto him in saving faith. The gospel is for all, Mark 16:15. Has Jesus salvaged you from the "trash" pile of sin? Flee to the Son of God, in faith and obedience, Jn.3:16, Rm.10:9-10, Ac.2:38.

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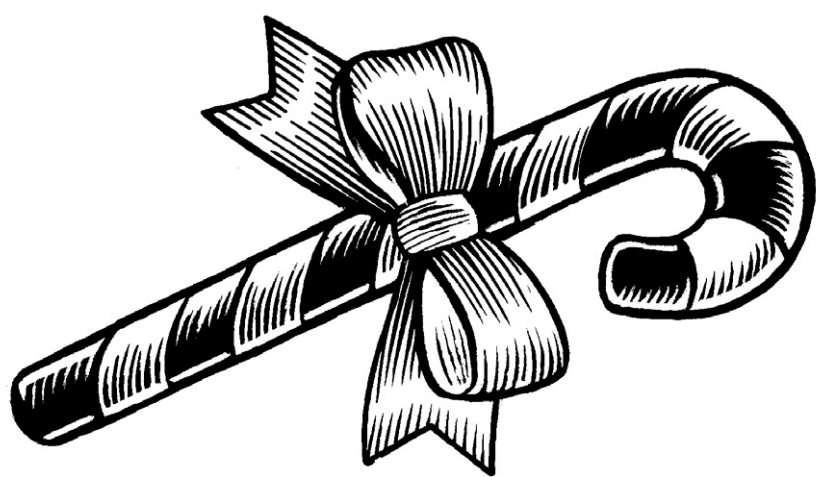
Merry Christmas from Flat Rock. Bro. Larry Burton with his two "living" Christmas trees: Doug Proctor and Larry Settles.

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By Don White
Somerset native creates life-size Santas

Little Lindy Conley always got what she wanted from Santa Claus.

"I expected a new doll every Christmas, and that's what I got, complete with a high quality wardrobe made by my mom," she says.

"I may have been in middle school the first Christmas I didn't get a doll," says the 1969 Somerset High graduate.

"It was hard to give up. I missed having that new doll smell."

For the past 17 years, the ex-school teacher has enjoyed that new doll smell often in Berea, where she is known as Lindy Evans, doll artist.

Plus she's added a new favorite scent.....money.

Her life-size dolls, into which she puts about three months of work, sell for between \$5,000 and \$6,500.

She began honing her craft in 1975, creating fabric dolls and animals for family and friends during a 17-year career in education that included stops in Atlanta, Georgia, and Lexington before returning home to Somerset.

After deciding education was too confining, plus the fact her husband was commuting to his job in Rich-

mond, a decision was made to move to Berea and take up doll making.

"I tell people I ran away from school, and now I live in La La Land.

Lindy's La La Land is housed in a historic former hotel in the Old Town section of Berea.

According to information on her website, the expressive faces of her designs are developed from studies of real people.

She sculpts her faces from polymer clay and uses vintage fabrics and antique toys to adorn her Santas, elves, and other images, some as small as 11 inches.

Neatly arranged in a glass display case are more than a dozen of her creations that she calls her museum.

Far and away the most popular of the museum pieces is an exact likeness of her late grandmother.

The colorful lady, known to everyone as "Flossie" when she operated a beauty shop is depicted quilting while sitting in a rocking chair.

But it's her life-size Santas, including the 10-year-old jolly fellow standing in the corner, that attract the most attention and are a dream-come-true for collectors.

Original five-inch Snickle

Elves are a new creation displayed during retail shows.

These homely little creatures can be found sleeping on the job in vintage glasses cases, tin boxes, or vintage children's shoes.

All of her creations have cloth bodies that can assume a variety of positions.

Each original has a descriptive card of its history and name, much like the once popular Cabbage Patch dolls.

"What I do is a gift...I don't do it alone. God has helped me," she says.

Evans also gives credit for her success and skills to her parents.

She refers to her dad, who died last year, as her "clay guy."

"He would sit at home and use his hands to soften the clay I used in making the dolls."

She explains that her mom, a long-time bookkeeper for the Somerset School System, had a natural talent for fabric and fashion.

"She made my wedding dress, and for the first 10 years I was into doll making, she sewed all the clothes for me."

A set of dolls playing bridge is also based on her mom's bridge-playing friends.

Lindy has filled many special requests, including one from a man in Chicago who wanted a life-size Al Capone doll.

Meeting people from all over the world and hearing their comments on her work help make each day special, she says.

She cherishes a letter from an 80-year-old woman who had been traveling throughout America.

"She wrote that seeing my Santas was the highlight of her whole trip," says a beaming Lindy.

How much longer does she intend to continue her unique efforts?

Just as long as she can continue to make Santa look good.

"When my collectors start seeing messy faces, I'll know it's time to quit."

The Roots of Rockcastle

by: Tonya J. Cook



Last week, we saw Livingston through the memories of Amos Jones. This week, Amos will be describing his memories of the life and times of Bowman Town, a "suburb" across the river and down the road from Livingston. According to Amos, Bowman Town was a separate township from Livingston, but later it incorporated with Livingston.

Bowman Town was located across the river, and to the right of the bridge on Highway 490. After crossing the bridge, Bowman Town was about a mile or so away.

However, just after crossing the bridge, to the right, was Ambrose Brockman's store. It sold a variety of goods. On a hill to the right of the bridge, there was a house belonging to Elmer Spivey. On the left-hand side of the bridge, there lived a blind man by the name of George Jones. He had a string in his yard to assist him in maneuvering about his yard, and it led across the bridge, allowing him access to town. Further on down Highway 490 lived Bob Waddle, who worked in Livingston. In the same vicinity lived Dip

Fordyce. He drove a school bus on a route to the Indian Village and back to the school at Livingston. The Indian Village was located on the banks of the Rockcastle River on the Laurel County line about five miles south of Livingston.

The hub of Bowman Town was located, as Amos has said, about a mile or so from the bridge, in a steep curve in the road. There were several houses and stores located in Bowman Town, and it had a population of about two hundred. Amos' mother was born there.

There isn't much left of Bowman Town except in the memories of those who once lived, worked, or had some association with the little town. It, like so many other little hamlets "off the beaten path", are quickly becoming a forgotten part of our history and culture.

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Front row from left: Howard Saylor, Rachelle Riddle, Brianna Mullins, David Collins, Cherie Collins, Matthew Burkhart and Michelle Coffey. Back row from left: Angela Coffey, Brittany Perkins, Brooke Bishop and Graham Fay.

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Christmas Basket program serves 132 Rockcastle families

The Christian Appalachian Project is an interdenominational non-profit Christian organization that has had a long-standing presence in Rockcastle County.

This organization serves the county through various programs in Mt. Vernon,

including:

- Child and Family Development Center
- Family Life Counseling Center
- Family Life Abuse Center
- Healing Rain Recovery Center
- Rainbow Respite

-Grateful Threadz Used Clothing Store

-Grateful Breads Food Pantry

-Family Advocacy and Housing

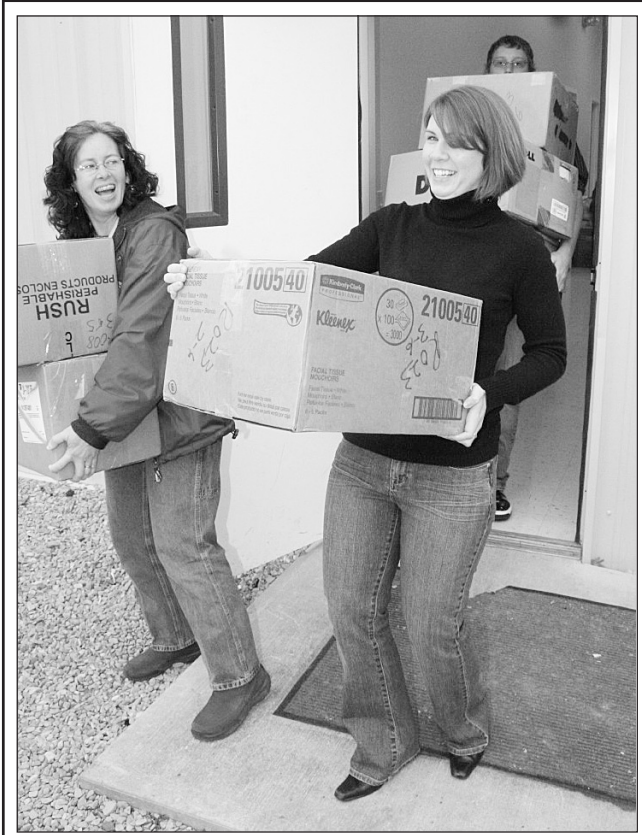
Family Advocacy (formerly known as Outreach) began as Father Beiting (founder of CAP) distributed clothing, furniture, food, and other items to families in need or in an emergency situation in the 1950's. This program now helps families with emergency assistance as well as organizing the Christmas Basket and School Readiness distributions.

The Christmas Basket program serves six counties in the Cumberland Valley region of Kentucky. There were approximately 2,200 people served in the Cumberland Valley region. Each county takes applications for 100 families with children, and 20-30 elderly persons. These applications are taken during the month of August and spots are filled very quickly. CAP uses the USDA guidelines to determine if families qualify for this program. This year 132 families and 19 elderly are receiving Christmas baskets in Rockcastle County. These "baskets" include gifts for each member of the family as well as a food voucher for a Christmas dinner.

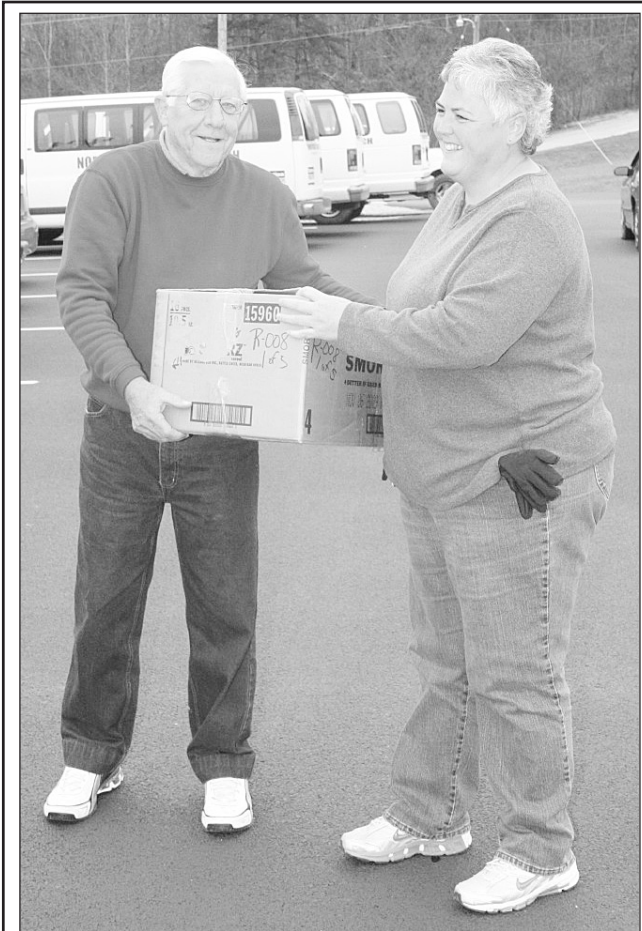
This program is made possible solely through individual sponsors. These sponsors come from all over the United States, and each state is represented. Sponsors are sent letters in July. They are able to choose how many and/or how large a family they will sponsor. This year, CAP had 80% repeat sponsors. Without these generous sponsors, the Christmas basket program would not be possible.

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Robyn Renner, left, Christmas Basket program manager for CAP and volunteer Jenny King, carried out boxes for families at Friday's program, where 132 families got a helping of Christmas cheer.



Rich Layer and Liz Phelps, who is the Director of Camp Andrew Jackson, helped with the Christmas Basket program sponsored by CAP, last Friday morning.



Misty Brown, left, Tony Renner and Shirley Cox, members of Northside Baptist Church, served snacks to families at the CAP Christmas Basket program on Friday.



Over 132 families were served this year by the Christian Appalachian Project's Christmas basket program. The annual Christmas event was held at Northside Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon.

Rockcastle County Fiscal Court Amendment #1

An ordinance relating to the annual budget and amendment thereof;
Whereas, the County of Rockcastle has realized unbudgeted receipts from various sources,
Be it ordained by the Fiscal Court of Rockcastle County, Commonwealth of Kentucky
Section One: The Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 is amended to:

A. Increase the receipts of the General, Road, Detention Center, LGEA, Forestry, Fairgrounds and 911 Funds by \$2,042,429.26 to included unbudgeted receipts from:

Account Code	Description	Amount
01-4510	State Grant	\$ 188,033.79
01-4912	Government Lease Funds - CTB	1,221,598.56
01-4912	Government Lease Funds - KACo	537,389.67
02-4516	Truck License Distribution	38,914.67
03-4618	Jail Work Release	12,000.00
03-4699	Other Charges for Services	1,139.71
03-4731	Miscellaneous Revenues	2,200.00
04-4510	State Grant	33,329.19
04-4901	Prior Year Carryover	12,426.67
12-4901	Prior Year Carryover	39.31
14-4901	Prior Year Carryover	3,433.14
77-4901	Prior Year Carryover	3,804.75
Total		\$2,042,429.46

B. Increase the Expenditure Accounts:

Account Code	Description	Amount
01-9200-999	Contingent Appropriations, Reserve for Transfer	\$1,947,022.02
02-9200-999	Contingent Appropriations, Reserve for Transfer	38,914.67
03-9200-999	Contingent Appropriations, Reserve for Transfer	3,459.71
04-9200-999	Contingent Appropriations, Reserve for Transfer	45,755.86
12-9200-999	Contingent Appropriations, Reserve for Transfer	39.31
14-9200-999	Contingent Appropriations, Reserve for Transfer	3,433.14
77-9200-999	Contingent Appropriations, Reserve for Transfer	3,804.75
Total		\$2,042,429.46

Section Two: The amounts adjusting the receipt and expenditure accounts in section one are for governmental purposes.

Approved by the Fiscal Court of Rockcastle County, Kentucky, the day, the 10th of November, 2009.

s/s Buzz Carloftis, County Judge/Executive

Approved as to form and classification this 20th day of November, 2009.
 s/s Junior Wright, State Local Finance Officer

This budget ordinance amendment was duly adopted by the Fiscal Court of Rockcastle County, Kentucky this the 8th day of December, 2009.

s/s Buzz Carloftis, County Judge Executive

Rockcastle County Fiscal Court Amendment #2

An ordinance relating to the annual budget and amendment thereof;
Whereas, the County of Rockcastle has realized unbudgeted receipts from various sources,
Be it ordained by the Fiscal Court of Rockcastle County, Commonwealth of Kentucky
Section One: The Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 is amended to:

A. Increase the receipts of the General and Road Funds by \$64,940.78 to included unbudgeted receipts from:

Account Code	Description	Amount
01-4510-02	State Grant-EWA	\$ 12,984.25
01-4542	Federal DES/EMA Reimbursement	2,239.20
01-4543	Intergovernmental Miscellaneous Revenues	23,136.54
01-4731	Miscellaneous Revenues	10,762.22
02-4517	Driver's License Refund	46.50
02-4731	Miscellaneous Revenues	15,772.07
Total		\$64,940.78

B. Increase the Expenditure Accounts:

Account Code	Description	Amount
01-9200-999	Contingent Appropriations, Reserve for Transfer	\$49,122.21
02-9200-999	Contingent Appropriations, Reserve for Transfer	15,818.57
Total		\$64,940.78

Section Two: The amounts adjusting the receipt and expenditure accounts in section one are for governmental purposes.

Approved by the Fiscal Court of Rockcastle County, Kentucky, the day, the 8th of December, 2009.

s/s Buzz Carloftis, County Judge/Executive

Approved as to form and classification this 9th day of December, 2009.
 s/s Junior Wright, State Local Finance Officer

This budget ordinance amendment was duly adopted by the Fiscal Court of Rockcastle County, Kentucky this the 18th day of December, 2009.

s/s Buzz Carloftis, County Judge Executive

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From left: Tina Abney, Sheila Nicely, Erin Maggard, Sabrina Bishop and Lindsey Carpenter

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Enjoying each others company before the annual Community Christmas Dinner in Livingston on Sunday were, from left: Tamara Smith, Sharon Wagner, Everett Wagner, Dell Ponder, Chuck Plank and Sue Plank. This year's dinner was held at the Livingston Fire House.



Several people attended the annual Livingston Community Christmas Dinner on Sunday afternoon. Some of those in attendance are shown above, Carlos McClure, Oscar Gibbons, Paige Gabbard, Tamara Smith and Sharon Wagner. The dinner is sponsored by the City of Livingston.



Junior and Janet Owens took Janet's mom, 96-year-old Bertie Kelley, to the Community Christmas Dinner in Livingston Sunday.

Scenes from Livingston Community Christmas Dinner



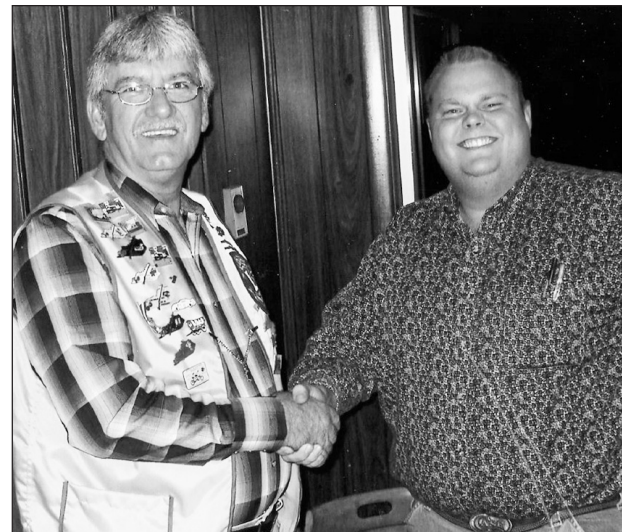
Among those present at the Community Christmas Dinner in Livingston on Sunday were from left: Bentley Carpenter, Jasper Carpenter, Bro. Billy Medley and Trish Doan. Medley is a former Livingston Mayor and Doan is the current city clerk.



Paige and Linda Gabbard are shown with Lil Griffin, owner of Lil's Place and a member of the Livingston City Council, at the annual Christmas Dinner on Sunday afternoon. Lil and Linda are sisters. (Community Christmas Dinner Photos by: Richard Anderkin)



Livingston Mayor J.C. Griffin and Sherry Newcomb helped with the Livingston Community Christmas Dinner on Sunday afternoon.



The Mt. Vernon Lions Club would like to congratulate club president Mike Debord on receiving the positive club growth pin for helping build the club even larger throughout the year. Presenting the pin was club secretary Derrick Hensley, on the right. We would also like to congratulate past district governor Cledith Thacker for receiving the 10 members pin for bring in 10 new members to the club.

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From left: Chris Settles, Jason Walton, Lakin Halcomb, Daniel Hayes, Michelle Bullock, Sara Begley and Jack Stephens. Kneeling: James Glessiner. Not present: Marsha Harris, Vanessa McCoy, Ashley Smith, Wanda Day, Carrie Asbury, Juanita Watkins, Dustin Johnson, Lecia Still, Dustin Lawrence, Sylvia Vance, Samantha Smith, Tiffany Smith, Stephen Deaton, Sam Hasty, Brittany Johnson, Tosha Shuler, Kyle Messina, Nicole Roberts



Last year's NCAA Women's runners-up, the Louisville Cardinals, practiced at the Rockcastle County High School on Saturday, before a game with U.K. on Sunday. At right, are Louisville players Keshia Hines, left and Lauren Terry shown during the scrimmage. In the top photo are some of those who showed up for the event, front row, from left: Matt Smith, Kinsley Smith, Shelby Ham, Latoya Johnson, a U of L player, Mi-chaela Hunter, Brie Keating, Katie Cowan and Kadie Cobb. Back row: Brandy Smith, Mary Saylor, Ella McQueary, Kristen Abney, RCHS Head Coach Chrysti Noble, Angie Lawrence, Sara Hammond, Sydney Ar-vin and asst. coaches Derek Dotson and Ken Mattingly,



Congratulations to the MVES Yellow Jackets on their first win in the 2nd and 3rd grade Little Rocket girls' tournament. Team members pictured above, front row from left: Jeriann Price, Jaylon Ponder and Alexis Anderson. Second row from left: coach Jeff Smithern, Samantha Bullock, Savannah Bullock, Brooke Smithern, Aleya Powell, Samantha Douglas and coach Pam Anderson. A very special thanks to coaches Jeff Smithern and Pam Anderson for their time and dedication this season. Way to go Yellow Jackets!!!



Members of the team and coaches were, front row, from left: Emma Smith, Tori Dotson, Lindsey Jones and Jalyn Goff. Second row: Selena Burdine, Destiny Hamm, Hope Kirby and Autumn King. Back row: Asst. Coach Steve Burdine, Smith, and Asst. Coach John Hamm.

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The 2nd and 3rd grade Vols had a great run this intramural basketball season, finishing second in Little Rockets League play with six wins and only one loss to the Jackets, eventual league champs. The Jackets also had one loss but won the league title in a tie-

breaker.

The Vols then won two of their three league tournament games, dropping the championship to the Jackets.

We would like to congratulate the Jackets on their great season. "Our Vols were the smallest team in the league

but had no lack of competitive spirit," said Head Coach Glen Smith. "I would like to thank the girls for giving everything they had every time they stepped on the floor. I would also like to thank my coaches and parents for their time and support," Smith added.

First Christian Church hosting New Year's Eve event with 7eventh Time Down

On December 31st, First Christian Church in partnership with Rockcastle Middle School are hosting Rockin' in the New Year. 7eventh Time Down is going to put on a concert for the community as a New Year's Eve alternative to some of the typically harmful activities that these stu-

dents could otherwise be a part of. Start time is 10:30 p.m. and will bring the evening to a close shortly after midnight. A majority of those attending will be between the ages of 12-18. There will be games, giveaways and a message in ad-

dition to the live music. A portion of the proceeds will help pay for students to attend the Tennessee Christian Teen Convention in Gatlinburg.

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The Rockcastle Sheriff's office and Mt. Vernon Lion's Club sponsored the annual Shop with the Cops program again this year. After a shopping spree on Saturday morning, children were treated to lunch at El Cazador Mexican Restaurant at Burr. Above, from left, are: Amanda Hellard, Sheriff Mike Peters, Adrian Hollard, Gracie Cromer, Adam Hellard and Kenya Cromer. Back row, from left are: Mike DeBorde, Lions Club President, and deputies, Jason Kirby, Nick Thomas and Michael Brummett. Not shown was Jamie Cromer who also benefited from the annual Christmas program.



Members of the Cruise in the Valley Car Show Committee distributed proceeds from the 2009 Show this Monday. The Cities of Brodhead and Livingston received \$2,750 each and will use the funds toward visible improvements within the communities. Brodhead Mayor Walter Cash (front left) and Livingston Mayor J.C. Griffin (front third from left) were available to receive the checks. Rockcastle County Public Library Children's Coordinator Carla McFerron (second from left) received \$1,200 for the Library and \$1,200 was awarded to Counselor Dale Whitaker (front right) to be presented as a scholarship to a graduating senior from RCHS this spring. A contribution of \$1,200 was received by Robert Lawson for the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame. No award was presented to the City of Mt. Vernon due to a previous agreement with Mayor Kirby that the funds could be channeled to other areas of need in consideration of the increased funding available to the city as a result of the increased occupational tax. Committee members shown above from left to right are: Fred Hamlin, Bentley Cromer, Jeff Smithern, Robert Lawson, Charlie Napier, Connie Hunt, Larry Hammond and David Thompson.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

County Committee Election

The Rockcastle County Committee election ballots were tabulated on December 10, 2009. CED, Warden Alexander, COC members, Gary Burdette and John D King, COC advisor, Brenda Parsons and Temporary, Marcella Lovell, participated in the tabulation of the votes. Final tabulation of the ballots for LAA #2 was as follows:

- Donnie Hurst - 59 votes
 - Bentley Durham - 2 votes
- Donnie Hurst was declared the winner with Bentley Durham being the 1st alternate.

The 2009 Rockcastle COC members will be: Gary Burdette, Donnie Hurst and

John D King.

USDA Announces New Dairy Economic Loss Assistance Payment Program to Provide Financial Relief to Struggling Dairy Producers

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced the implementation of the new Dairy Economic Loss Assistance Payment (DELAP) program. The 2010 Agricultural Appropriations Bill authorized \$290 million for loss assistance payments to eligible dairy producers.

"Through this program, eligible dairy producers will receive economic assistance that will help stabilize their operations during these tough economic times," said

Vilsack. "I have personally heard from hundreds of struggling dairy farmers from all across our country who have been hit hard by declining prices over the past year, and now, we'll be able to offer them help."

Eligible producers will receive a one-time direct payment based on the amount of milk both produced and commercially marketed by their operation during the months of February through July 2009. Production information from these months will be used to estimate a full year's production for an operation to calculate the payments, using a 6-million pound per dairy operation limit.

Dairy producers who have production records at the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office because they participated in another FSA dairy program do not need to apply for the program. FSA will use existing production records for February through July 2009 to calculate and issue their payments.

A national per hundred weight payment rate will be determined by dividing the available funding of \$290 million, less a reserve established by FSA, divided by the total pounds of eligible milk production approved for payment. Based on current information, FSA estimates that 875 million cwt. of milk production will be eligible for payment. The reserve will cover new applicants and appeals. The expected payment rate is approximately \$0.32 per cwt.

To be eligible for DELAP,

the dairy producer and the dairy operation in which the producer has a share:

Must have produced milk in the United States and marketed milk commercially at any time from February through July 2009;

Must have milk production data for those months;

Must certify to all milk production produced and marketed by the dairy operation during that time.

Also, any dairy producer who has an annual average adjusted gross nonfarm income of more than \$500,000 for calendar years 2006 through 2008 is not eligible for DELAP.

For more information and eligibility requirements on the new DELAP program and other programs please visit your local FSA county office or www.fsa.usda.gov.

Bank account changes

If your bank account number changes or there is a change in your banks name notify FSA immediately to ensure payments reach your account timely.

This is very important to those receiving FSA payments as payments can be delayed if we are not aware of changes to your account or routing numbers.

Office closure

The Rockcastle County Service Center, FSA and NRC's Offices, will be closed Half Day, Thursday, December 24, 2009 and all day Friday, December 25, 2009 in observance of Christmas. Offices will reopen on Monday, December 28th during normal business hours 7:30 AM-5:00PM.

Greetings of the Season

from Mike McClure

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Pongo Fire Dept. Event

Candidates, for county office, mark your calendar! You are invited to attend and speak at Pongo Volunteer Fire Dept.'s soupbean and fried tater supper, cake auction and gospel singing on March 6, 2010. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy good food, music and to meet the candidates. For more info, call Tony at 256-8454 or 687-0865 or Kevin at 256-0389 or 231-2742.

Courthouse Holiday Hours

All courthouse offices, except 911, will be closed Thursday, Dec. 24th, Friday, Dec. 25th and Sat., Dec. 26th for the Christmas Holiday. They will also be closed Thursday and Friday, Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st and Saturday, January 2nd for the New Year's Holiday. The county judge's office will be open Thursday, Dec. 31st and closed on Friday, Jan. 1st. The road and permit tests will not be given Friday, Dec. 25th and Friday, Jan. 1st.

Bookmobile Schedule

Mon., Dec. 28th: Brodhead and Copper Creek. **Tues., Dec. 29th:** Green Hill, Conway, Fairview and Lambert Road. **Wed., Dec. 30th:** PJ's and Lisa's Day Care. The Library will closed Thurs., Dec. 31st at 5 p.m., will be closed Friday, Jan. 1st and will reopen Sat., Jan. 2nd for regular hours. (all bookmobile schedules subject to change due to weather conditions).

Brodhead Fish Fry Note

Effective with Brodhead Fire Department's first fish fry of 2010 on January 2, 2010, the price for the meal will be \$7.

Brodhead City Hall Holiday Hours

Brodhead City Hall will be closed Thursday, December 24th and Friday, December 25th.

Test Dates for Census Takers

If you are interested in employment with the U.S. Census Bureau, test dates for Rockcastle County are: Thursday, Dec. 24, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and Sat., Dec. 26, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Livingston Homecoming Committee meeting room next to City Hall. Monday, Dec. 28th, 10a.m. and 1 p.m., Adult Learning Center, Brodhead, next to Fairgrounds. Wednesday, Dec. 30th, Rockcastle Courthouse, 3rd floor, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and Thurs., Dec. 31st, Livingston Homecoming Committee Room, next to old school, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. For more information, please call 606-219-4850, 866-861-2010 or visit www.2010censusjobs.gov.

Christmas Closings

The Rockcastle County Health Department will be closed December 24th, 25th, 31st and January 1st. The Rockcastle Extension office will be closed December 25th - January 3rd.

Kiwanis Club Meetings

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at Renfro Valley Lodge. At the club's December 10th meeting, Gary Lane will be talking about his new book. At the December 17th meeting, Dr. Julie Swindler, from Medical Bariatrics of Lexington, will be the guest speaker.

VFW News

VFW Post 5988 is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 5 p.m. for members and their guests. The monthly meeting will be held the fourth Thursday of each month, beginning at 7 p.m. Bingo is held at the post every Tuesday, beginning at 6:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

Brodhead Lodge Meeting

The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #556 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.

Historical Society Hours

The Rockcastle Historical Society is open on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the RTEC garage building. Monthly society meetings are held the 4th Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Building in Mt. Vernon.

NA Women's Meeting

The Women's NA Serenity Group of Mt. Vernon meets each Monday at 8 p.m. at the Christian Appalachian Project Community Center, 64 Beiting Lane, Mt. Vernon. Open meeting - non-smoking.

Women's Narcotics Meeting

There will be a Women's Narcotics Anonymous Meeting every Monday evening at 8 p.m. at the Community Center, sponsored by Christian Appalachian Center. For more information, contact the Healing Rain Center at 256-5810.

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Narcotics Anonymous

Narcotics Anonymous meets Thursday nights and Sunday nights at 8 o'clock behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.

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Save-a-lot district manager Anthony Hinkle, left, and local manager Linna Stewart, right, presented Evelyn Fletcher with a plaque for being the top fundraiser at all Save-a-lot stores on behalf of St. Jude. Fletcher raised \$1,167 for the children's research hospital.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us to all of you

Season's Greetings

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Kiwanis Club program committee member Glenda Smith presents Tamara Cox, second from left, of Daniel Boone Community Action Agency with an appreciation gift after she spoke at a recent Kiwanis Club meeting. Also pictured are president Vicki Cox and Teresa Vanzant. The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Rock Fire Steakhouse.



From left: Rick Reynolds, Judy and Marvin Owens and Bob Beatty

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From left: Tootle, Danny, Rita, Jackie. Not pictured: Doug - "Gone to the Creek"

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NAMI recognizes community leaders

NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness) Cumberland River recognized several community leaders in December for helping to erase the stigma of mental illness in Rockcastle, Jackson, Laurel, Whitley, Knox, Clay, Bell and Harlan counties.

Judge Michael Caperton, Mayor Clarice Kirby, County Judge/Executive Buzz Carloftis, Rockcastle County

Jailer James Miller, Kathy Elkins, Dr. Carolyn Reppert Morris, Linda Burton, Jamie Lainhart and Robert "Bud" Cox were recognized for their support of NAMI's goal of erasing the stigma of mental illness.

NAMI Kentucky Executive Director Cathy Epperson was in attendance to commend the NAMI Cumberland River affiliate.



Members of NAMI present Judge Executive Buzz Carloftis with a certificate recognizing his support of NAMI. Shown from left are: NAMI Cumberland River vice-president Kelley Coffey, president Wayne Bullock, Judge Carloftis, Executive Director NAMI KY Cathy Epperson and consultant Dr. Carolyn Reppert Morris.



From left: Kelley Coffey, Wayne Bullock, Cumberland River Executive Director Danny Jones and Dr. Carolyn Reppert Morris.



NAMI Cumberland River members present were, front row from left: Quenton Cummins, Kelley Coffey, Tracie Sowder Pearl West and Cassie Kendrick. Back row from left: Wayne Bullock, Michael Shackelford, Margaret Stewart, Flossie Cain and Robert Shackelford.



Mt. Vernon Mayor Clarice Kirby, third from left, was recognized for her support of NAMI. In the photo from left are: Kelley Coffey, CRCCC Executive Director Danny Jones, Mayor Kirby, NAMI president Wayne Bullock, team manager Carolyn Reppert Morris and CRCCC Board Chairman Roland Mullins.



Rockcastle Jailer James Miller, third from left, was recognized for being supportive of NAMI. Presenting the award were from left: Kelley Coffey, Wayne Bullock, Roland Mullins and Carolyn Reppert Morris.



Appeals Court Judge Mike Caperton, third from right, was honored by NAMI. Shown from left are: NAMI Cumberland River secretary Margaret Stewart, vice president Kelley Coffey, president Wayne Bullock, Judge Caperton, Cumberland River MH/MR Board Chair Roland Mullins and consultant Dr. Carolyn Reppert Morris.

NAMI Cumberland River (formerly CRAMI - Cumberland River Alliance of Mental Illness) was formed in 1987. Carolyn Reppert Morris has been a consultant to this group since 1987 and Ms. Katherine Elkins has served as consultant since 1998. Both Dr. Reppert-Morris and Ms. Elkins serve as consultants currently. Linda Burton has also worked closely with NAMI since 1992.

NAMI Cumberland River is the second largest affiliate in the state, with Lexington

NAMI being #1 in size and membership. The NAMI Kentucky affiliates also do the NAMI walk yearly at the Kentucky Horse Park to raise awareness of mental illness for both and treatment options available for individuals and their families.

NAMI Cumberland River and the local Cumberland River Mental Health Center, though separate entities, work closely to provide Mental Illness information and assistance to individuals and their families.



Stephanie Renee Graves, of Sand Springs, killed this 10 point buck in Rockcastle County Sunday, December 13th.



Brent Lovell killed this 8 point buck while hunting with his Uncle Daniel Boone on December 17th. Brent also killed a doe in the same day. Brent is the son of Billy and Marcella Lovell. Thanks Uncle Danny for taking me on a great hunt!!

In Loving Memory

In Loving Memory of Sandra Renee Burkhart who would have been 39 years old December 23, 2009 Sadly missed by Dad, Mom, and Sister



God's Garden Must Be Beautiful God looked around the garden, and found an

empty space. He looked down upon the earth, and saw your tired face. He put his arms around you, and lifted you to rest. God's garden must be beautiful for he only takes the best. He knew that you were weary, and he knew you were in pain. He knew that you would never, be well on earth again. He saw the roads were getting rough, and the hills were hard to climb. So he closed your weary eyelids, and whispered peace be thine.

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Rockets beat Somerset and Marion, lose to Clinton

The Rockcastle Rockets boys basketball team should be getting acclimated to the close game -- they've had three of them in their last three outings.

Last Friday night, the boys took on the Somerset Briar Jumpers in their first district contest of the season and came away with a one point, 53-52, win.

The Rockets jumped out ahead 15-9 at the end of the first quarter and then played even with Somerset through the next two quarters -- each scoring 12 points. Somerset made a run in the fourth, outscoring the Rockets 19-14 but it was not enough to take to snatch the district win from the Rockets.

The Rockets were led in scoring by their center, Derek Thacker, with 20 points. Matt Bullens poured in 17; Dustin Reynolds 6; Dakota Mahaffey 5; Matt Lunsford and Travis Carpenter, 3 each and Jamie Todd 1.

Monday, the Rockets traveled to Albany to play in the Twin Lakes Holiday Classic.

Their first opponent was Clinton County and the Rockets tried to play catch up ball through three quarters, going into the fourth quarter down 11 -- 37-26. However, the Rockets made a strong run in the fourth, outscoring Clinton 23-11 but it wasn't enough to get over the hump and the Rockets lost 53-52.

Thacker led the scoring for

his team with 15, Todd got 12, Bullens 11, Reynolds and Mahaffey 6 each and Lunsford scored 2.

The Rockets took on Marion County in the second game of the day and, this time, it was the Rockets who took the close one 85-83.

It was a see-saw battle with Rockcastle taking the first quarter, 26-17; Marion the second 28-20, the Rockets the third 28-15 and Marion the fourth 23-11.

Five Rockets were in double figures, led by Bullens with 21. Thacker got 20, Todd 15, Carpenter 12 and Lunsford 11 while Reynolds scored 6.

The Rockets were scheduled to play Leslie County at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

The boys will next be in action in the 7th Annual Monticello Bank Classic at Wayne County, beginning December 28th.

They will return to regular season play on Sat., January 2nd in a doubleheader against Casey County with the girls.

The boys will play the first game at 11 a.m. and the girls game will begin about 12:30 p.m.

On January 5th, they will travel to Somerset for a rematch with the jumpers in another doubleheader with the girls. The boys will play the second game, about 7:30 p.m.



RCHS Lady Rocket center Sara Hammond goes to the basket against Somerset on Friday night. Hammond had 13 points in a losing effort.



Lady Rocket Jackie Alexander led her team in scoring against Somerset with 16.

Girls lose to Somerset; beat Louisville Male

After being up 10 points in the third quarter, the Lady Rockets lost their second game of the season, 54-49, to district foe Somerset Last Friday night.

It was only the second loss of the season for the girls, the first coming at the hands of Scott County.

A second half full court press by the Lady Briar Jumpers proved the Lady Rockets undoing, causing numerous turnovers and helping the Briar Jumpers to the win.

Head Coach Chrysti Noble commented after the game, "I think the players just overlooked this team and we are going to have to be more focused for the entire game if we expect to accomplish our goal this season."

Jackie Alexander led the Rockets in scoring with 16. Sara Hammond got 13; Angie Lawrence scored 11; Shanlee Burton, Kadie Cobb and Michaela Hunter, 2 each.

In their first game of the

Shelby County Christmas Tournament, the Lady Rockets returned to their winning ways by defeating Louisville Male 73-41.

Nine Lady Rockets got in the scoring column during the game with Junior Sara Hammond leading the way with 25 points. Angie Lawrence got 12, Alexander 9, Sydney Arvin 8, Kristen Abney 7, Burton and Cobb, 4 each and Ella McQueary and Alexis Chasteen, 2 each.

The girls were scheduled to play their second game of the tournament a 6 p.m. Tuesday.

The girls' next game will be the Gateway Holiday Classic in Montgomery County, beginning December 28th.

Regular season play will resume beginning January 2nd with a home doubleheader with the boys against Casey County and on January 5th, the girls will also play at Somerset in a doubleheader with the boys on January 5th.



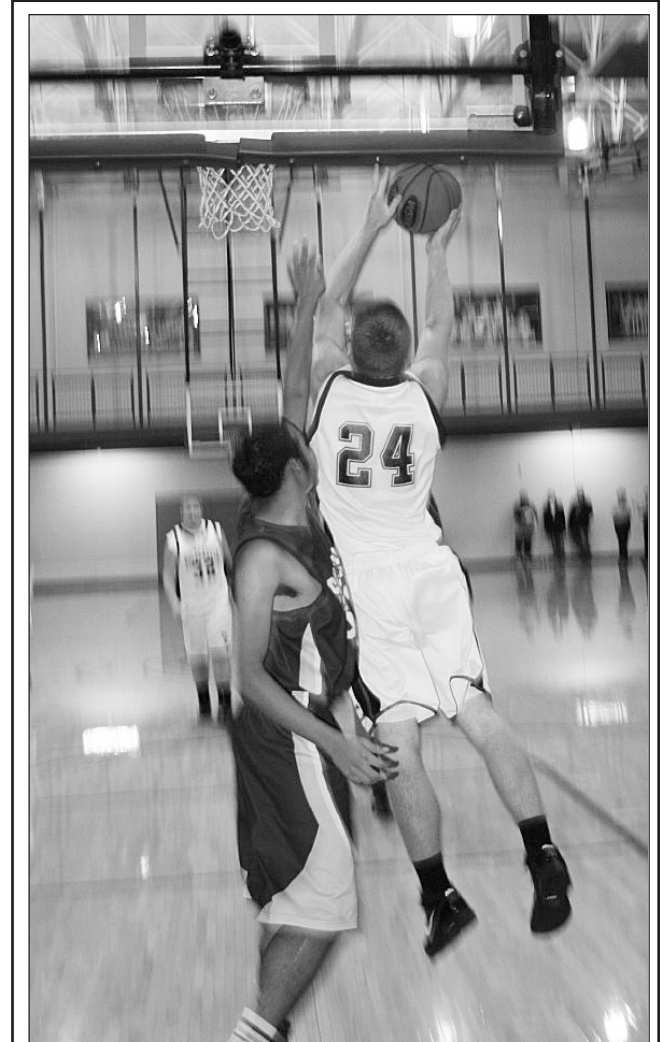
Lady Rocket Shanlee Burton goes for two against Somerset on Friday night. The Lady Rockets dropped their second game of the season 54-49.



Junior Lady Rocket Kristen Abney drives to the basket against Somerset on Friday night. The Lady Rockets are 5-2 on the season and 0-1 in district play.



Rocket senior center Derek Thacker scored 20 points to help lead the Rockets to a one point district win over Somerset on Friday night. The Rockets are 5-3 on the season.



Rocket senior Matt Bullens puts back a rebound against Somerset on Friday night. Bullens scored 17 points in the contest. (Sport photos by: Richard Anderkin)



Senior Dakota Mahaffey looks for an open man in the Rocket's 53-52 win over Somerset on Friday night. Mahaffey played several minutes and had five points off the bench.

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Rocket senior Kyle Riddle blocks out a Briarjumper in the Rocket's 53-52 win on Friday night. The Rockets are currently playing in the Twin Lakes Classic in Clinton County, where they are 1-1.

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“Election”

(Cont. from front)

help people. A person's community should make them better and allow them to live more fulfilled lives. Together, I believe we can achieve this and move the city forward.”

Bryant and former Rockcastle Deputy Sheriff Nathaniel Price are the only two candidates for Mayor at present.

Because city council and Mayoral races in the county are non-partisan, the filing deadline for those offices is August 10th in Rockcastle County Clerk Norma Houk's office.

“Storm”

(Cont. from front)

Jackson Energy Director of Public Relations Karen Combs.

Combs said there are over 100 contractors working with Jackson Energy crews to restore service and repairs have been underway since Friday evening. As power has been restored in some areas, crews have been moved into counties that still have outages. “We appreciate the help that other Kentucky co-ops have provided by sending linemen that are helping us with repairs,” Combs added.

Jackson Energy's service area was hit with

heavy wet snow during the storm, which also left many others in eastern Kentucky in the dark. Repairs in other parts of the state are expected to continue throughout the week and into the weekend.

The following number of outages were being reported Monday morning – Clay County, 900; Jackson County 800; Estill County, 1000; Lee County, 768 and Owsley County, 800.

At the peak of the storm, the following outages were reported in Jackson Energy's service area – Clay County, 6200; Laurel County, 1200; Jackson County, 1200; Lee County, 1200; Owsley County, 1100; Estill County, 1600 and Rockcastle County, 800.

Because of the power outages, Rockcastle Judge-Executive Buzz Carloftis issued a state of emergency order.

Rockcastle weatherman Bud Cox recorded two and half inches of snow at the weather station in Mt. Vernon, but residents in the eastern and southwestern parts of the county reported five to six inches of snow.

“Coy”

(Cont. from front)

former head of the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center for a lack of evidence.

The Grand Jury returned a “no true bill” in the case of Steve Coy, 49,

who had been arrested in August for theft of a controlled substance, while he was Health and Rehabilitation “nursing home” administrator.

Asst. Commonwealth Attorney Jeremy Bartley said the Grand Jury “just didn't think there was enough evidence to warrant an indictment in the case.”

Coy was let go from the nursing home at the time of this arrest.

“Bonuses”

(Cont. from front)

of Cities, given their recent problems.

The two councilmen had a short exchange of words on the subject and on what the Mayor could and could not spend under the requirements of her bond.

The Mayor was charged last week in a five count indictment and one of her bond conditions was that she could not spend money without council approval.

There were eight expenditures on the agenda, which the council approved to pay, and Jones suggested that the Mayor appoint someone else to pay the bills and Mullins told the Mayor the council should not have to amend the budget every month, if the money had already been approved.

Jones also questioned a vote taken by phone of the six council members last week, in which they approved the payment of some other bills.

Jones said he thought that was illegal.

The council took no action on either council members suggestions and left the subject up in the air.

The council also heard from City Superintendent Dennis McClure and Engineer Luther Galloway about the city's three and half percent increase in water rates.

Both men told the council that the increase was needed to pay for equipment and a new water tank on Sand Springs Road. McClure said the city was going to have to replace the “white tank” because it was in such poor shape.

The city has a total of seven water tanks and some of those tanks require pumps to keep the water level high enough so that it will flow properly to customers. McClure said some new pumps were also going to have to be bought.

After McClure and Galloway's comments, the council took no action to rescind the water rate increase.

When the council finally approved their budget in late July they included salaries for Fire Chief David Bales and asst. fire chief Jack Weaver.

However, the Mayor told the council on Mon-

day night that those salaries had not been paid because the city's insurance carrier, the Kentucky League of Cities, told her that the city's insurance rates would dramatically increase if they began paying firefighters.

Bales told the council and Mayor that he and Weaver would only be paid for administrative

duties, but the council took no action, meaning the firemen are still not being paid.

For whatever reason, there were four Mt. Vernon police officers, including Chief Terry Jack-

son, state trooper Lefe Owens and Rockcastle Chief Deputy Barry Adams at Monday night's meeting.

The next regular monthly meeting of the council is January 18th.

Glenn (Bub) and Stacie Graham would like to announce the birth of their twins born on October 27, 2009. Zaden Trey (left) weighed 3 lbs. 8 ozs. and was 16 1/2” long. Zander Trace (right) weighed 3 lbs. 5 ozs. and was 16 1/2” long. Maternal grandparents are Kenny and Z e l m a Gabbard of Mt. Vernon.



Paternal grandparents are Glenn and Nancy Graham of Lebanon Junction and Shirley and Doyle Traxler of Shephardsville. Maternal great grandparents are Bert and Sylvia Gabbard of Scaffold Cane and the late Arlie and Fern Cromer of Mt. Vernon. Paternal great grandparents are Maggie and the late Ester Walls of Shephardsville and the late Joe and Virginia Graham of Mayfield. They were welcomed home by their half brother, Harley Gage Graham.



Happy 30th birthday on December 27th! You ain't over the hill yet! Love you, your wife, Stacie and boys Harley, Zaden and Zander



Harris and Wanda Burton, of Mt. Vernon, in their Gator decorated for Christmas in the Brodhead parade.

Merry Christmas



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Scenes from the Brodhead Christmas Parade



Members of the RCHS FFA and others participated in the Brodhead and Mt. Vernon Christmas Parades, shown above are: Nikki Wilson, Brittany Adams, Dustin Reynolds, Kayla Reynolds, Skylar Halcomb, B.B. Cameron, Steven Brown, Nicole Roberts and Zach Ellison.



Roger Carpenter pulled the Skaggs Creek Baptist Church float in the Brodhead Christmas parade as his wife, Carla and others passed out candy. The church has participated in the parade for the past few years.



Rhonda Brown, right and Bethany Ramsey carried the banner for the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center in the Brodhead Christmas parade.



Dr. David Bullock and his wife Vanessa gave their three children, Bailey, Davany and Zane a ride in Brodhead's Christmas parade.

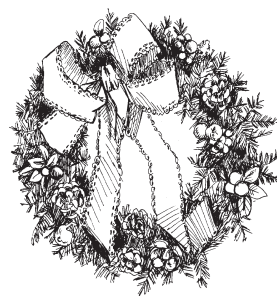
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No Signal next week!

The Signal will not be published December 31st.
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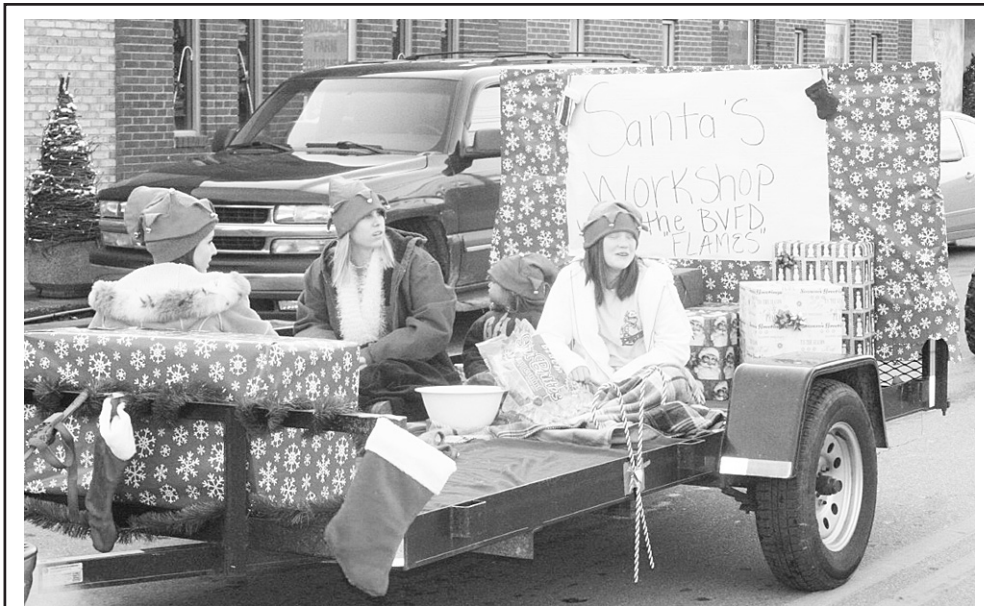
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Scenes from Brodhead Christmas Parade



Monica Childress, center, along with Carissa Looney, Amanda Kerns, Austin Kerns, Megan Caudill and little Brylee Mullins rode on the Brodhead Fire Department's float at the annual Christmas parade.



Former Brodhead Police Chief and current third district constable Joe Bussell led the annual Brodhead Christmas parade. (Parade photos by: Richard Anderkin).



Jeff and Cindy King brought their kids, Lindsey and Lauren to both the Mt. Vernon and Brodhead Christmas Parades in their 1931 Ford Woody.



Parent supporters of the RCHS band participated in the Brodhead Christmas Parade. Shown above, from left are: Sherry Harper, Connie Taylor, Ann Craig and Lisa Hemsley.

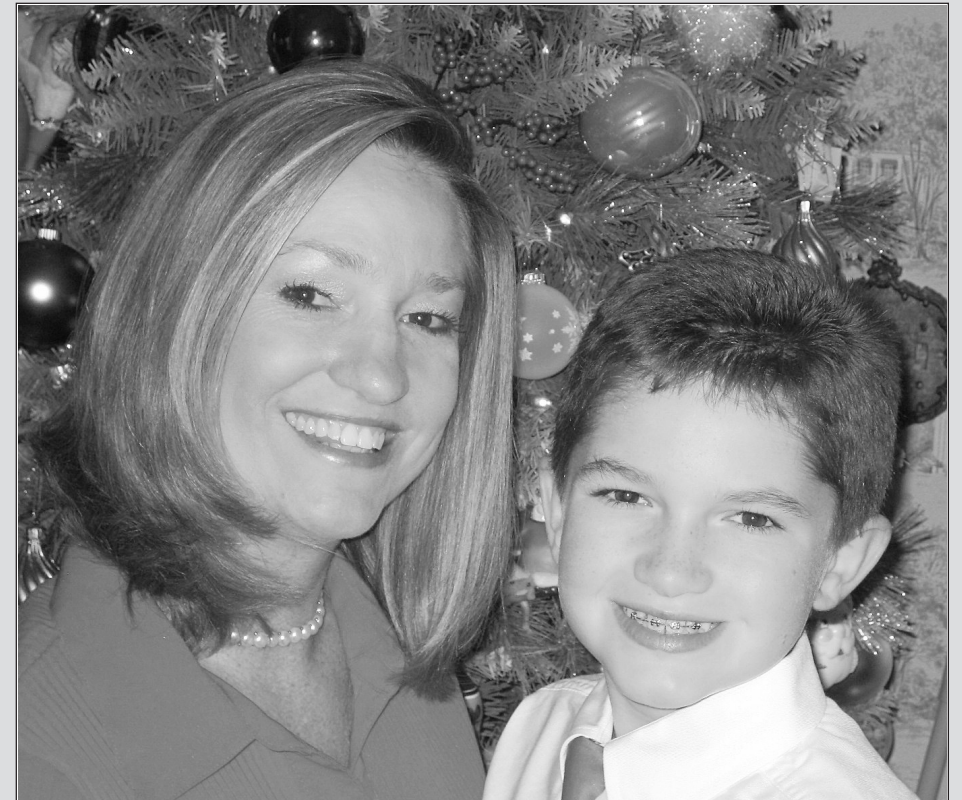


Brodhead fire chief Larry Taylor gave Santa, aka, John Holbrook a ride in Brodhead's Christmas parade.



Mt. Vernon firefighters Randy Bussell and Monica Quinley wave to the crowd at the Brodhead Christmas parade.

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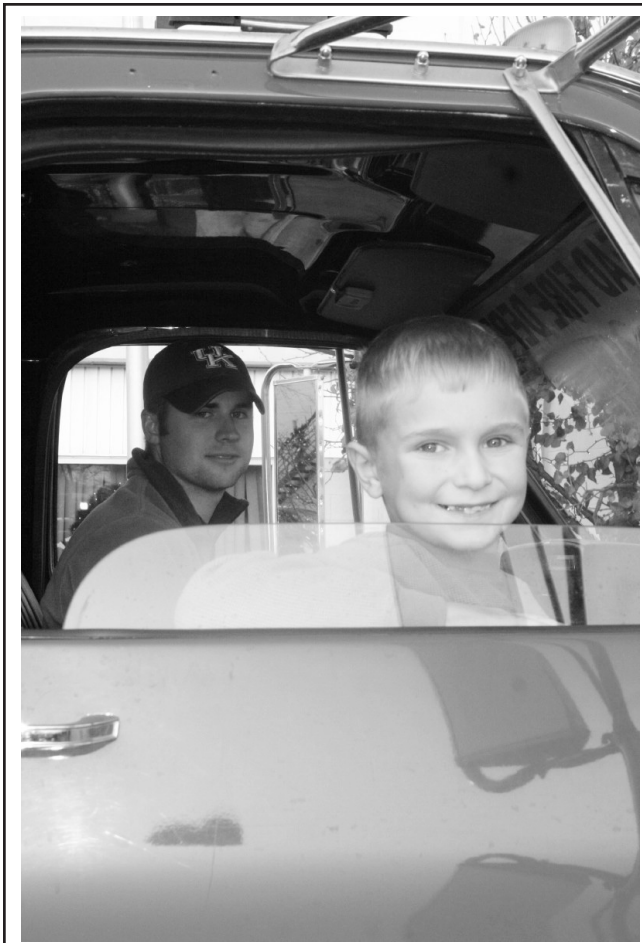


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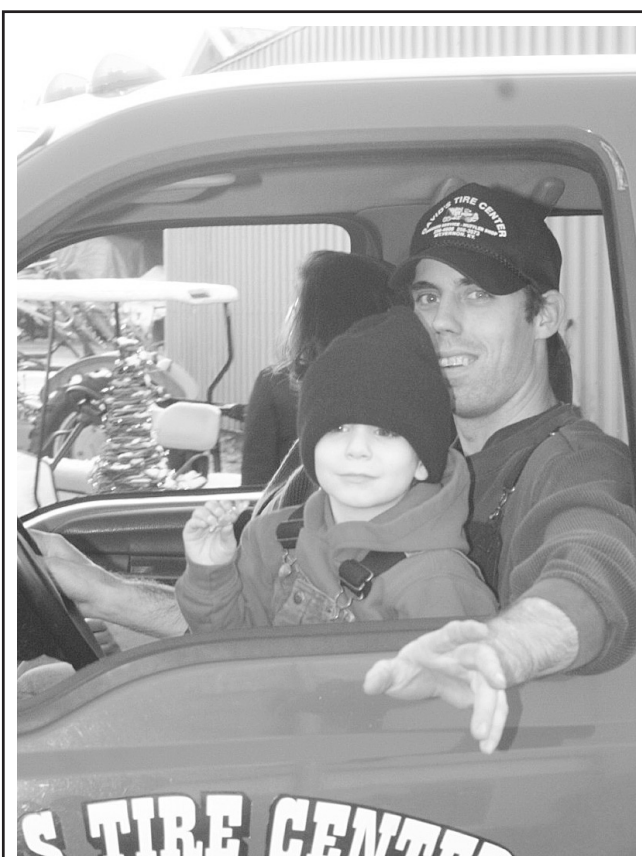


Bobby, Carrie, Aden and Lydia

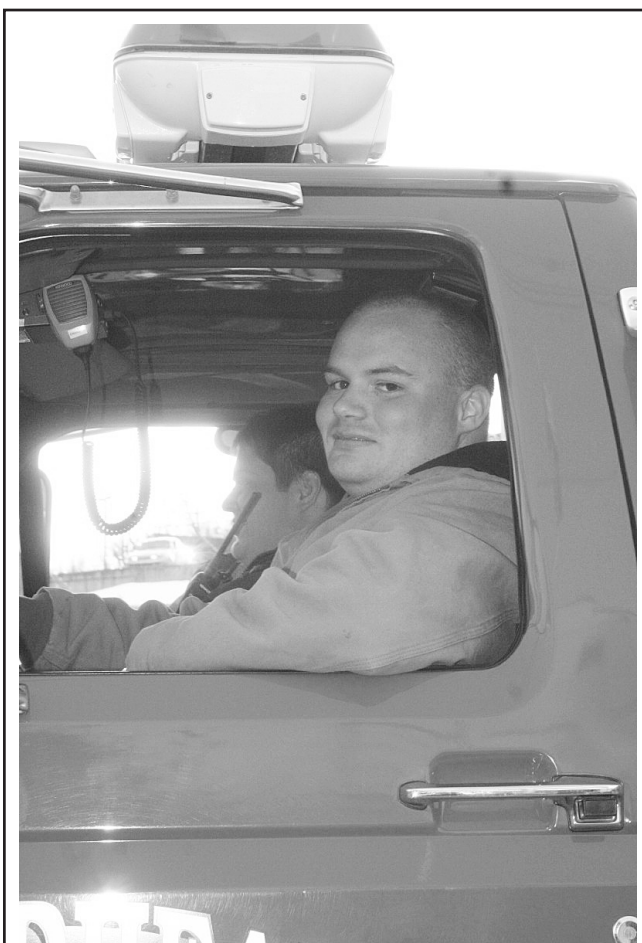
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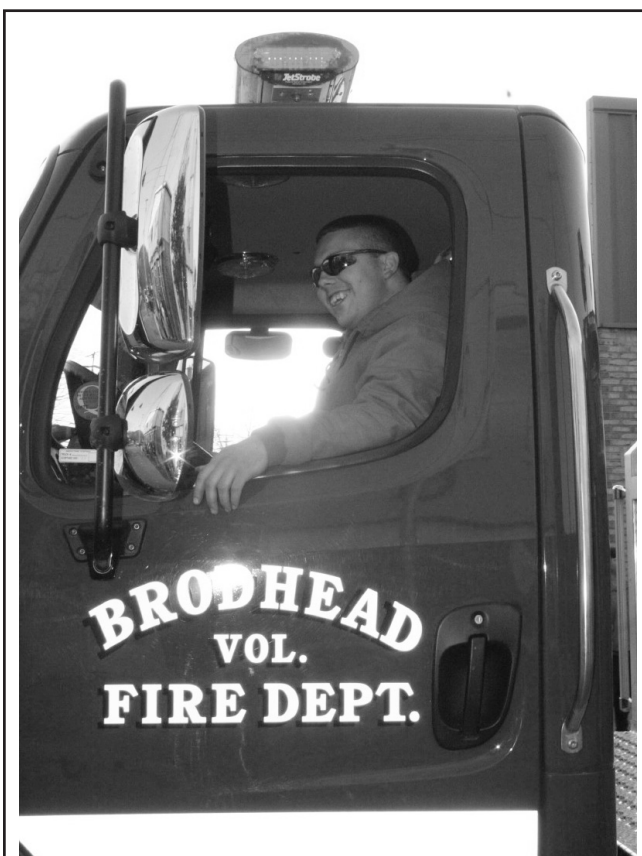
Mark Dyehouse gave Jacob Hunt a ride in one of Brodhead's Fire Trucks at the Brodhead Christmas parade.



Josh Thompson and little Hunter West wave to the crowd at the Mt. Vernon Christmas parade.



Firefighter Brian Bullock drove one of Brodhead's fire trucks in the Brodhead Christmas parade.



Brodhead fireman Curtis Burton was all smiles when he drove one of Brodhead's fire trucks at their annual Christmas parade.

Merry Christmas

Warm wishes to all of you for a joyous holiday season.

Many thanks for your continued patronage.



Front row from left: Sandy Durham, Julie Pigg, Ima Jean Taylor and Brenda Miller.

Back row from left: Roy D. Adams, Karen Bullock, Donna McClure, Chris Evans and Mike Blount.



Front row from left: Betty Frederick, Heather Reams, Cindy Griffith, and Kim Denney.

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More scenes from Brodhead Christmas Parade



Brindle Ridge Fire Chief Larry "Tiny" Mullins gave other members of the fire departments, friends and families a ride in the Brodhead Christmas parade.



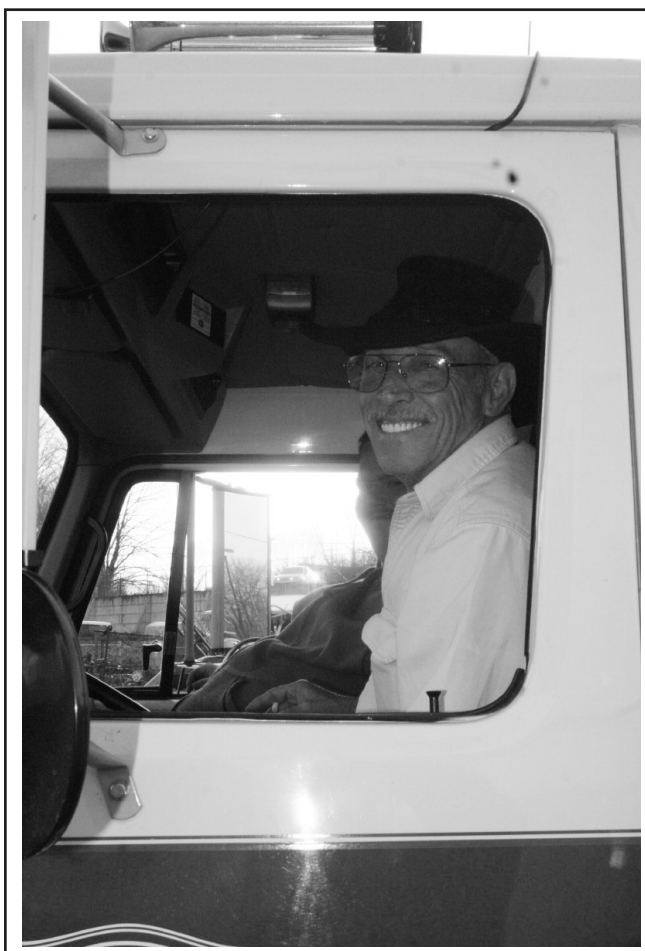
Dick and Debbie Philbeck gave grandsons, Eli and Jacob Cook a ride in the Christmas parade at Brodhead.



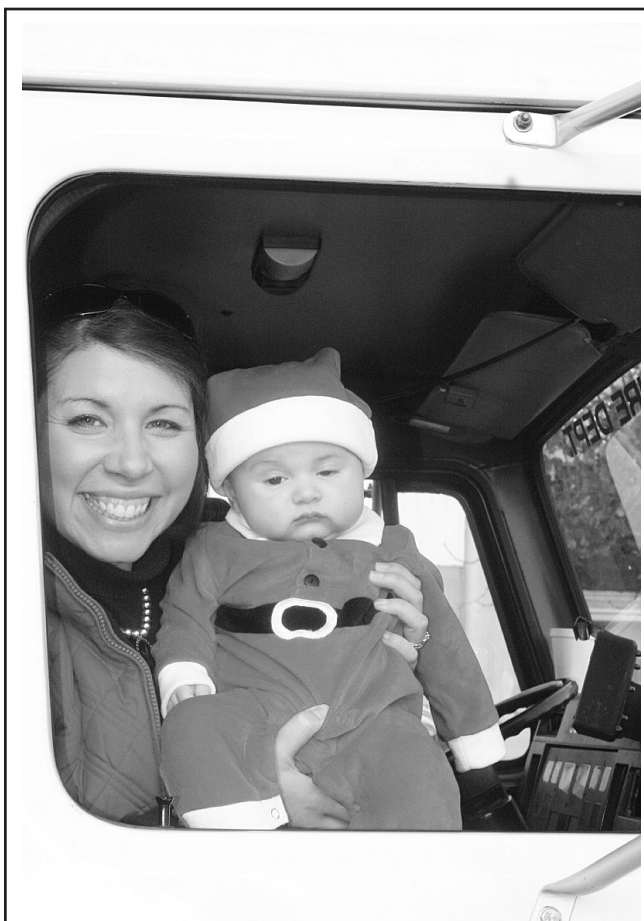
As usual Tim Albright gave longtime Brodhead Parade Coordinator Victoria Dunn a ride in Brodhead's Christmas Parade.



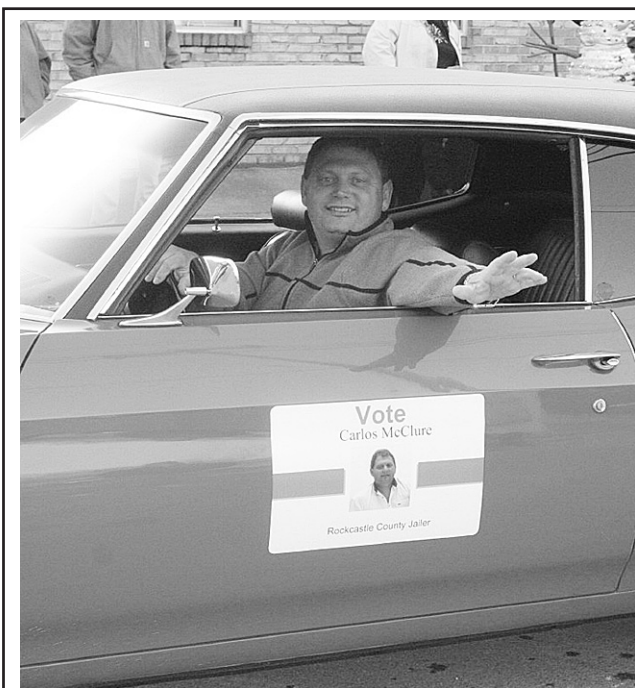
Raymond Caldwell and his wife Sheary drove their 1966 Chevy truck in Brodhead's Christmas Parade as they have many times.



Asst. Livingston Fire Chief Russell Barron and fire department member Bobby Phelps took Livingston's tanker truck to both the Brodhead and Mt. Vernon Christmas Parades.



Emily Dyehouse and son Drew got a ride from dad, John, in one of Brodhead's fire trucks at the annual Christmas parade. John is the asst. fire chief at Brodhead.

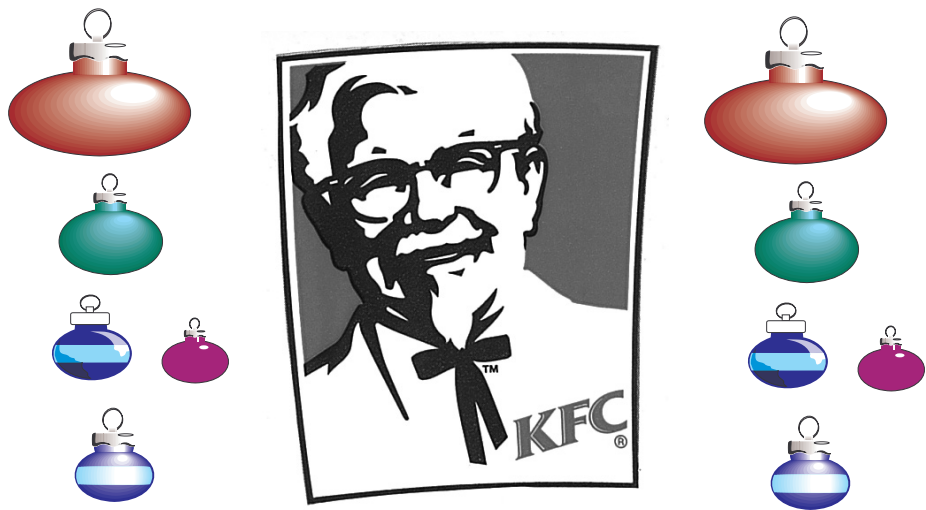


Carlos McClure, a candidate for Rockcastle Sheriff, waves to the crowd at the Brodhead Christmas Parade from his 1972 Chevelle.

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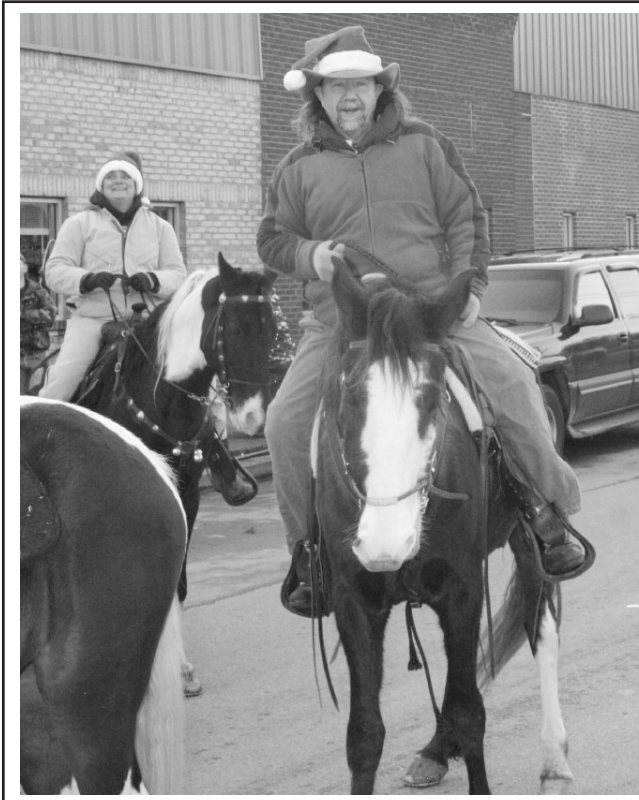
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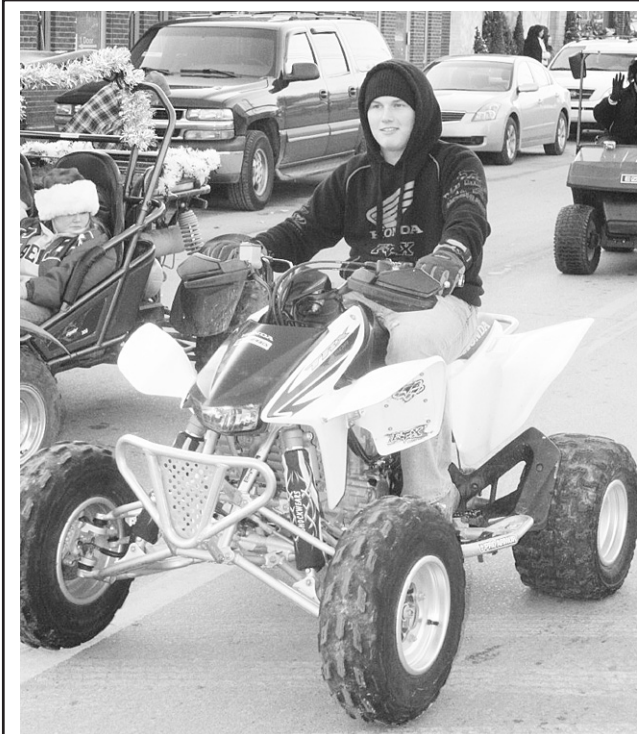


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Brodhead mail carrier Phillip Payne rode his horse in the Brodhead Christmas Parade.



Lige Graves rode his 4-wheeler in Brodhead's Christmas Parade.



Shanda and daughter Lacey Hayes were all smiles at the Brodhead Christmas Parade. They got a ride from Wayne Caldwell.



Jeff Nicely drove his 1987 Corvette in Brodhead's Christmas Parade. Along for the ride was his grandson, Jordan.



Brodhead fireman Jon Kerns drove the department's vintage 1948 fire truck in the Brodhead Christmas parade.

Tourism gazebos receive visitor information signs

TOUR Southern and Eastern Kentucky (TOUR SEKY) hosted its Annual Tourism Forum November 9, 2009 at The Center for Rural Development in Somerset, KY. The theme was "What's your Community's Forecast."

During the morning session, TOUR SEKY announced that each of its 29 visitor information gazebos would receive two new visitor information signs. The gazebos are located along the three National Scenic Byways and one State scenic byway managed by TOUR SEKY.

Nearly 300 tourism professionals, elected officials and tourism business representatives were on hand for the event. Participants attended a morning session which featured presentations from Brent Graden, Prestonsburg, KY, Economic Development Director, and Dr. Thom Lisk with the Professional Speakers Bureau International. Participants learned about maximizing their potential through social media and how to move forward into the bright future ahead. The morning session was complete with thunder and lightning to help set the stormy atmosphere.

TOUR SEKY hosted an awards luncheon where many volunteers were recognized for their support and dedication. TOUR also announced

more than \$100,000 in funding for Community Development and Scenic Byway Projects. Nine (9) communities also received \$300 in funding to help create a quest in their town.

For a complete list of award winners and funded projects, please contact Maggie Bill at 606-677-6093 or mbill@tourseky.com.



Earl Blanton again drove the late Jerry Cash's 1968 Chevy Impala in the Brodhead Christmas Parade.



Mike Mink drove his vintage Hot Rod Taxi in the Brodhead Christmas parade.



Dewayne Burdette gave mom Gail Burdette, center, and some of her grandchildren and daughters-in-law a ride in both the Mt. Vernon and Brodhead Christmas parades. Along for the ride with Mrs. Burdette were, Shailynn Burdette, Abby Burdette, Evan Burdette and on the back of the truck Katie, Leslie and Amy Burdette.

There will be no Signal next week. The Signal office will be closed Dec. 24th thru Jan. 3rd.



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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

District Court

Capital One Bank vs. Deana N. Hall, \$895.82 plus claimed due.

Arrow Financial Services LLC Fawn R. Tice, \$1,497.94 plus claimed due.

First Resolution Investment Corp. vs. Bobby bond, \$2,287.92 plus claimed due. C-00305.

Circuit Civil Suits

State Farm Mutual Automobile Ins. Co. vs. Harold Vanhook, \$6,308.15 plus claimed due as result of auto accident.

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Sara Spoonamore, complaint for child support

and medical support.

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Holly Mullins, complaint for child support and medical support.

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Natasha McClure, complaint for child support and medical support.

Discover Bank vs. Morgan B. Saylor, \$5,327.71 plus claimed due.

US Bank NA vs. Jeremy D. Elkins, et al, \$218,532.16 plus claimed due.

Melanie Ann Merritt vs. Kenneth Merritt, petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00351.

Deeds Recorded

Lorene Kirby, property in Valley Manor Subdv., to Jerry Harmon Kirby, Larry Benjamin Kirby and Dennis

Wayne Kirby. No tax.

James L. Sorrell III and Linda Rae Sorrell, property in Rockcastle County, to Randall Matthew and Melissa Sorrell and Scott Christopher and Jennifer Sorrell. No tax.

Flora A. Lavigne and Pamela and David Kieper, property on East Fork of Skaggs Creek, to Harvey and Wilma Mink. Tax \$5.

Frieda Ann and Wayne Huddleston, and others, property in Rockcastle County, to Carl D. and Elizabeth A. Coleman and Carl Dean Coleman, Jr. Tax \$150.

Darrell Ernst, Exec., property in Rockcastle County, to Carl D. and Elizabeth A. Coleman and Carl D. Coleman, Jr. No tax.

Community Trust Bank Inc., property in Rockcastle County, to Gary and Dianna Barnett. Tax \$6.

Jerald L. and Martha J. Hasty, property on West Level Green Road, to Gary L. and Patty A. Nicely. Tax \$34.

Jerald L. and Martha J. Hasty, property on West Level Green Road, to R.D. and Betty Purcell. Tax \$66.

Betty L. Turner, property in Cummins Subdv., to Randy L. and Sandy L. Turner. No tax.

Edward W. and Joyce Ann Brock, property on Old Hurricane School Road, to Troy and Natalie Taylor. Tax \$260.

Vickie and Gary Hisle, property on Breezy Hollow Lane, to Paul Rice and Jared Rice. Tax \$28.

N.R.L.L. East LLC, property in Rockcastle County, to Christopher B. and Jill E. Wilson. Tax \$2.50.

John F. Blair, Executor, property in Northern Rockcastle, to Jerry M. and Elaine Blair. Tax \$15.

Marriage Licenses

Rebecca Paulajane Cromer, 38, Mt. Vernon, waitress to Sean Lee Edward Hacker, 35, Mt. Vernon, student. 12/11/09.

Courtney Faith Hopkins, 19, Crab Orchard, unemployed to Eddy Lee Baker, Jr., 20, Crab Orchard, Tokico. 12/11/09.

Amber Camille Thacker, 25, Berea, teacher to Gaeme Breton Crouch, 23, Berea, teacher. 12/11/09.

Chrystah Fawn Dollins, 25, Valdosta, GA, self-employed to Jeffery Dale Mullins, 26, Valdosta, GA, Air Force. 12/16/09.

Katina Leea Roberts, 34, Mt. Vernon, unemployed to Steven Anthony Pitman, 28, Mt. Vernon, self-employed. 12/17/09.

District Civil Suits

Dec. 14-16, 2009

Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless

Matthew E. Carte: alcohol intoxication in public place, paid.

Gelacio Dominguez: no operators/moped license, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

Speeding: Kenneth E. Miller, \$72 fine plus costs;

Tony W. Saylor: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

Chance J. Howard: use/possession drug paraphernalia, sentencing order entered.

Christen Michelle Smith: public intoxication, \$100 fine and costs.

Donna L. Stone: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

Kerri . Abrams: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

Antonio M. Centeno: no operators/moped license, \$100 fine; failure to maintain required insurance, \$500 fine.

Darryl L. Hitch: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

Nina Hopkins: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

Benjamin T. Lindsay: no/ expired registration plates, \$25; failure to produce insurance card, \$50 fine.

Tobby L. Moberly: reckless driving, \$100 fine and costs.

Clarence Watts: speeding and failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta/ operator's license suspended.

Clinton R. Whitaker: fines/fees due (\$708), bw issued for failure to appear/15 days or full payment.

Atacio Antcio: alcohol intoxication in public place, bw issued for fta.



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Candidates interested in applying for this career opportunity should have the minimum qualifications:

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- * A good work history with previous employers
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- * A citizen of the United States

The individual will work as directed by the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority Board of Directors. The program which the individual will oversee will be funded by a countywide occupational tax allocation for economic development as already ordained by the fiscal court. The individual will be responsible for working with the board to create and oversee a budget for the organization, oversight of the development of two existing business parks with land for development, working with clients interested in potentially locating both commercial and industrial businesses in Rockcastle County and developing opportunities for the county to seek new investment in the economy.

Interested applicants should send a complete resume, which includes work history, experience, salary requirements and past successes with references to:

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All application submissions will be kept confidential and only reviewed by the selection committee of the RCIDA Board of Directors. All applications should be postmarked by no later than December 31, 2009. Interviews will be conducted with the organization for the job by no later than January 29, 2010 and a successful candidate will be selected by February 15, 2010 to begin work shortly thereafter.

Any relative of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority Board or Rockcastle County Fiscal Court is not eligible for the position. The RCIDA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

RCIDA Executive Director Community Leader Profile

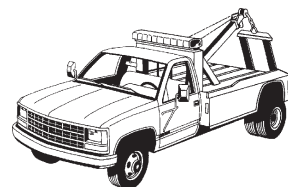
Primary Responsibilities:

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When Better Homes and Gardens was invited to take part in decorating rooms at the Blair House in Washington, D.C., for a holiday design showcase, the magazine called Jon Carloftis.

The New York garden designer and Rockcastle County native was asked to decorate the courtyard. Carloftis has written stories for Better Homes and Gardens for 15 years.

The project had to be turned around quickly, he was told. Carloftis had 24 hours to see the space, come up with a concept and have it approved by Capricia Marshall, chief of protocol at the State Department.

His design made use of the antique urns and the fountain already in the courtyard, "making them look fresh and modern with stainless steel spheres and good lighting," he said earlier this week. "Lighting is key to decorating large, outdoor space in the winter-time."

Carloftis quickly lined up a crew of friends to work with him: Dale Fisher of Lexington; Melissa Smith of Annapolis, Md.; and Carlos Rodriguez, head of Carloftis' office in New York.

The State Department worked with Magazine Publishers of America to line up lifestyle magazines — Better Homes and Gardens, Martha Stewart Living, This Old

House, Traditional Home, Mother Earth News and Natural Home — for makeovers of 17 historic spaces in the Blair House, the president's guest house, and the State Department's adjoining Harry S. Truman building.

Magazine designers had three days to perform their magic.

Working in the courtyard, Carloftis and his crew started at 7:30 a.m., "and we didn't stop," he said.

While there, Carloftis met Andrea Metzger, executive director of the Blair House Restoration Fund, who asked for ways to improve an empty second-floor terrace.

"I sketched some ideas for her," Carloftis said.

The Blair House was named for Francis Preston Blair, a journalist from Frankfort who moved to the nation's capital in 1930 at the invitation of President Andrew Jackson to become editor of the pro-administration newspaper, Globe. He also was a member of the informal group of advisers known as Jackson's "Kitchen Cabinet."

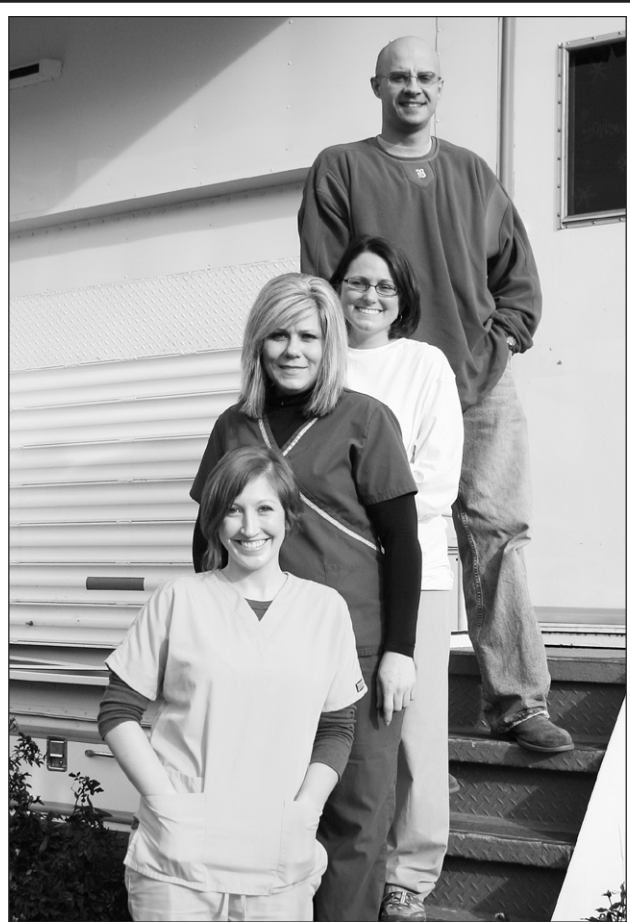
In 1837, Blair and his family took up residence in the house that became known as the Blair House.

Called "Diplomacy at Home for the Holidays," the showcase opened Dec. 7 with a reception to honor families of government employees serving overseas. All the designers were invited.

To see more pictures of the designers' work, go to www.bgh.com.



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Mount Vernon Signal

Third Section

Thursday, December 24, 2009

Scenes from the Mt. Vernon Christmas Parade



Linda's Variety Store, Furniture and Collectibles, won the best window display this Christmas in the City of Mt. Vernon. Linda's is located on West Main Street.



Country Charlie Napier and Gertha Mink emceed the Mt. Vernon Christmas Parade this year.



Jamie McClure, and other members of the Rockcastle County Ambulance Service, gave out stuffed animals at the Mt. Vernon Christmas parade.



Micah Owens and Kevin Todd participated in the Mt. Vernon Christmas parade in their old-timey buckboard.

Photos by Richard Anderkin

Merry Christmas & A Blessed New Year

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to serving you in the future



Front row from left: Tasha Burton and Jessica Barren. Back row from left: Doris Lawrence, Lisa Evans and Lana Sturgill

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Some of the members of the Kids for Christ and their sponsors, from Bible Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon, who participated in the Mt. Vernon Christmas parade were, from left: William Conley, Terry Newman, Darren Wynn, Devin Bass, Isiah Amyx, Maleigha Amyx, Stella Wynn, Justin Wynn, Tiffany Fain, Allie Renner, David Bass, Robyn Fain and Kylee Fain.



RCCHS JROTC Cadet LTC Samantha Bussell led members of the JROTC in Mt. Vernon's Christmas Parade. Cadet Major Chris Robinson, right called the cadence during the parade.



RCCHS teacher Marcus Reppert provided transportation for students Joanie Alexander, Kara Canterbury, Chelsea Whiteley and Marie Poynter. The students used the parade to promote their candidate, Trey Grayson, who is running U.S. Senator.



Webelo leader Darrell Allen walks along Cub Scout Pack 263. Carrying the banner from left are: Austin Vanwinkle, Dalton Durham and Dylan Allen.

The Signal office will be closed Dec. 24th thru Jan. 3rd

Merry Christmas

from
Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Buzz Carloftis
 and the
Rockcastle County Fiscal Court

May this great season find each of you in health and good will for your neighbors and families.

Our personal wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

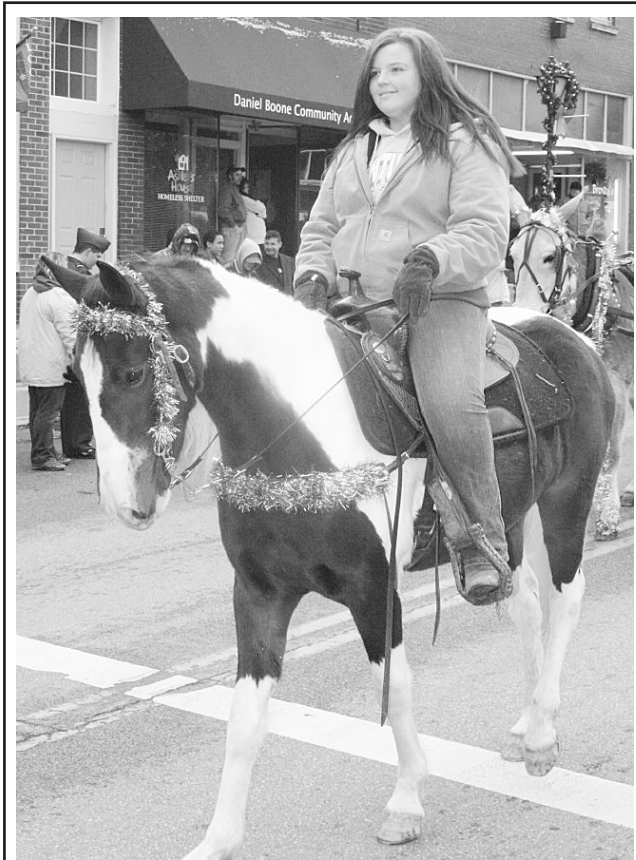


Front row from left: Vicky Miller, Court Clerk Patricia Martin, County Judge-Executive Buzz Carloftis and County Treasurer Joe Clontz. Back row from left: magistrates John Holbrook, William Denney, Billy McKinney, Jan Stevens and Ralph Allen.

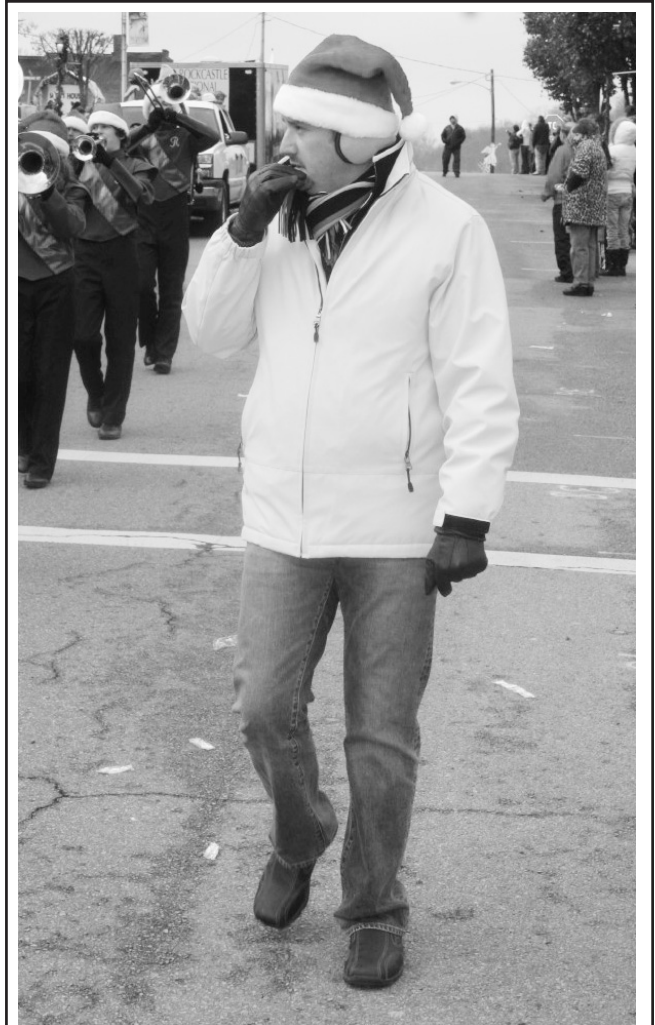
More scenes from Parade



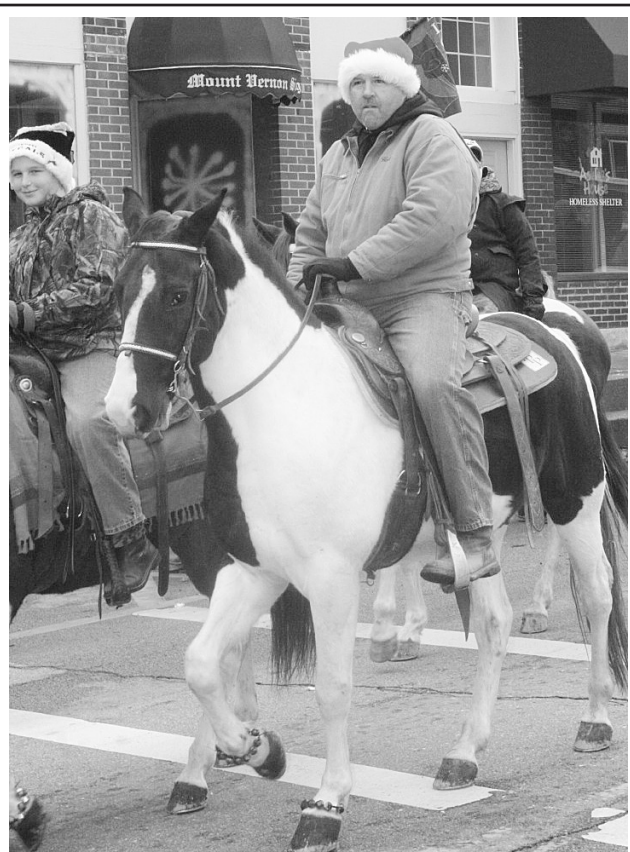
Sarah Pigg and members of the Bittersweet Cloggers performed before Mt. Vernon's Christmas parade.



Kayla Leger rode her horse in both the Mt. Vernon and Brodhead Christmas Parades.



Longtime RCHS Band Director Greg Daugherty took his award winning Marching Rockets to both the Mt. Vernon and Brodhead Christmas parades.



Steve Ponder and his son Cass rode their horses in Mt. Vernon's Christmas Parade.



Shari Proctor, coordinator for the Bittersweet Cloggers, helped with the audio system at the Mt. Vernon Christmas Parade. The Bittersweet Cloggers perform each year before the annual parade.



Eugene McCoy and his grandson Landon, rode in Mt. Vernon's Christmas parade.



Mt. Vernon Mayor Clarice Kirby rode with Grand Marshal Pete Stampler in Mt. Vernon's Christmas parade.

Happy Holidays

As the days until Christmas dash by, we'd like to take time out to thank all of you for stopping by our way this year.

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Front row from left: Robyn Taylor, Amy Adams, John Tyler and Christy Curry.
Back row from left: Tom Tyler, Tim Hampton, Alex Tyler, Donovan Howard and Anthony Lear.
Not pictured: Jo Tyler and Raymond Burdette



Billie Taylor and Nathan Bradley are shown carrying the RCHS High School Marching Rocket banner in Mt. Vernon's Christmas Parade. The two Colorguard members in the front of the photo are captains, Rachel Hemsley, right and Catherine Hounshell, left. (Parade photos by: Richard Anderkin).



Wendell Thacker and son Shawn participated in the Mt. Vernon Christmas Parade.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

from everyone at



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From left: Gail Justice, Bootsie Shepherd, William Shoemaker
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Cecil King gave Rockcastle County Attorney Billy Reynolds a ride in the Mt. Vernon Christmas parade.

Recycling trailers available throughout the county

The Rockcastle County Recycling Center is now providing recycling drop-off opportunities in outlying areas of Rockcastle County. These recycling trailers will be at the Western Rockcastle Volunteer Fire Department and the Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Department (at Conway) December 15th thru December 28th and the City of Livingston (gravel lot across from school) and the City of Brodhead (gravel lot across from Citizens Bank) December 29th thru January 11th, 2010. The following items may be put in these trailers: mixed paper, mixed plastic #2-7, #1 plastic bottles, clear milk jugs, steel and aluminum cans, glass bottles and jars, and cardboard.

Please help us make this a successful venture by being clean and/or neat with our recycling habits. Do not put anything in the individual bins except what is labeled on them. If you drop something on the ground, pick it up. **Absolutely no trash is to be put into the bins!** Remember, camera surveillance is utilized in Rockcastle County and it is illegal to improperly dispose of trash.

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

from the folks at

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With sincere best wishes to all during this season of peace and joy.
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Shown from left: Elisha Carter, Sue Brown, Matt Carter, Mike Brown, Danyelle Flynn, Debbie and Gary Santo.
 In back: David Brock and Paul Herring.

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Coffey & Ford, PSC Attorneys At Law

Willis Coffey and John D. Ford



From left: Tracy Mink, Willis Coffey, John Ford and Leah Turpin.

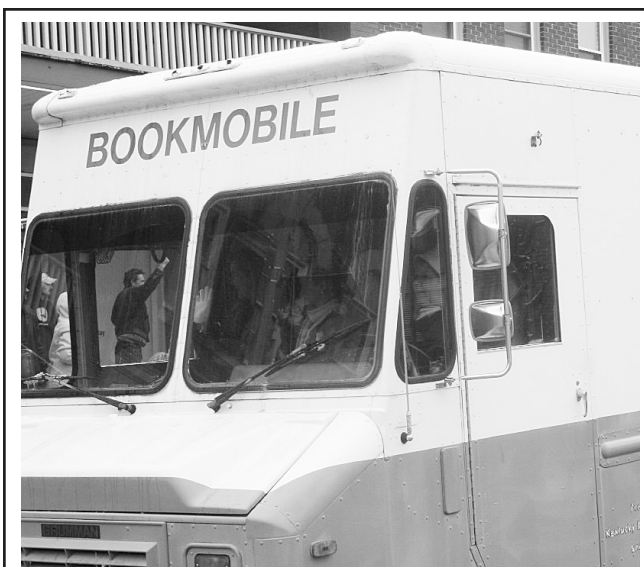
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Mt. Vernon firefighter and city council member Jackie Wayne Weaver gave his son Ethan a ride in the Mt. Vernon Christmas Parade.



Jackson Cromer, driving, and his friend John Lear took part in the Christmas Parade.



As always, Pam Chaliff drove the Rockcastle County Library's Bookmobile in Mt. Vernon's Christmas Parade.

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The Housing Authority of Mt. Vernon (PHA) will track and record the debts owed by the former tenants per occurrence, consistent with the Authority's adopted policies and procedures. Information will be collected electronically from PHAs via HUD's EIV system. The information will be used by HUD to create a national repository of families that owe a debt to a PHA and/or have been terminated from a federally assisted housing program.

The Department seeks to identify families who no longer participate in a HUD rental assistance program due to adverse termination of tenancy and/or assistance, and owe a debt to a Public Housing Agency (PHA).

Debts owed and/or termination information will be maintained in EIV for a period of ten (10) years from the end of participation date.

The Housing Authority of Mt. Vernon will report to EIV families who no longer receive assistance due to adverse termination of tenancy and/or assistance and owe a debt to the Housing authority of Mt. Vernon that have an end of participation date within the past fifteen (15) months.

Housing Authority of Mt. Vernon
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RCHS JROTC Army Instructor, Sgt. Keith Graves helped members of the High School JROTC participate in both the Mt. Vernon and Brodhead Christmas parades.

No Signal next week

There will be no *Signal* the week of December 31st. The *Signal* office will be closed December 24th - January 3rd

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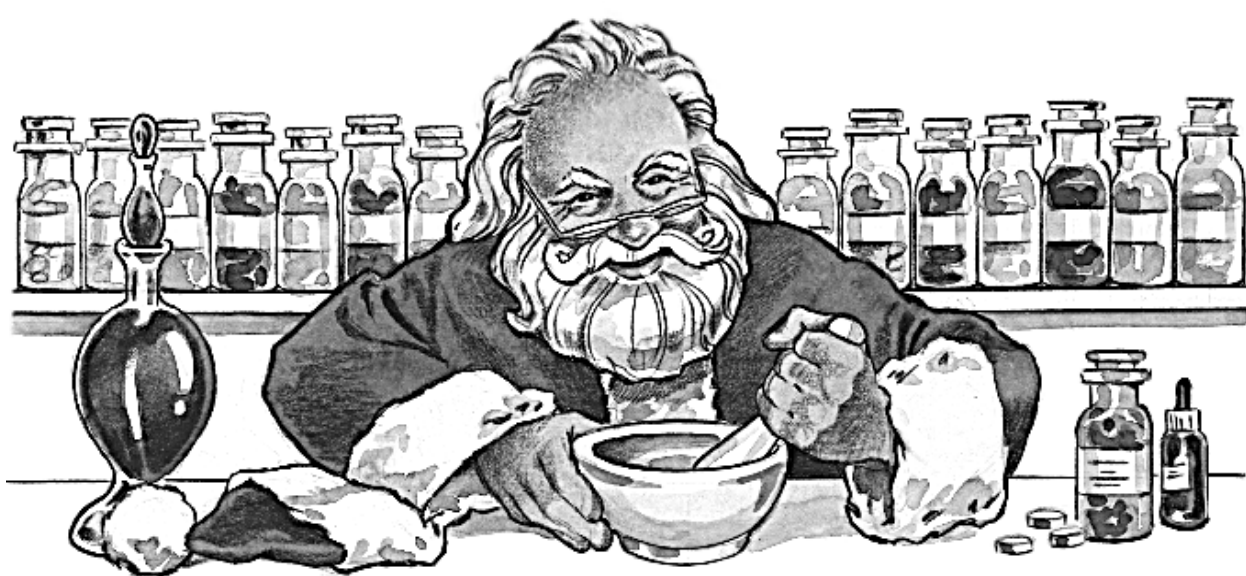
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Rockcastle County JROTC Cadets compete at Whitley County

Submitted by Shawna Smith
 Ten members of the Raider Team and four members of the Drill Team competed at Whitley County October 3rd. The cadets from the Raider team were Casey Hansel, Chris Rogers, Ben Whitaker, Craig Stewart, Marcus Bolyard, Ashley Roberts, Rachel Lanham, Felicia Boggs, Cora Collinsworth and Shawna Smith. The Raiders would be competing in several events throughout the day. The Drill Team cadets

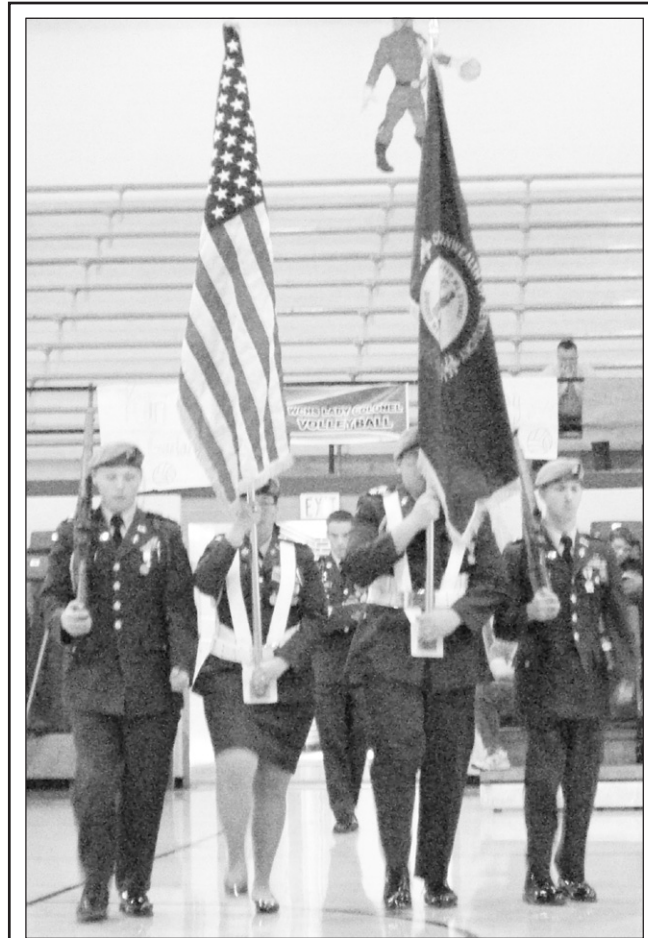
were Samantha Bussell, David Lunceford, Joseph Doan and Jonathan Alexander. These cadets would be competing with the other present schools for the Color Guard event. After the main briefing in the gym, the completion started. The Color Guard was up first. They executed a number of marching procedures across the gym floor while carrying the American flag, the state flag and two rifles. They did exceptionally well

with only a few errors. After watching the Color Guard, the raiders got ready for the Relay Run. Four cadets from each school had to run one lap around a track. The cadets would go in turns, passing a baton to the next cadets after completing their lap. The teams tried to run their mile in the fastest time possible. The Mystery Event made most of the cadets nervous because they didn't know how to prepare for it. However, when they faced the secret obstacle they completed it without hesitation. The Mystery event required the cadets to think quickly and work together efficiently to move 4 cans from one circle to another using only one large rubber band and six pieces of rope. They had to stack the cans and the raiders could not touch the cans with their hands. They were able to preserve their strength for a more demanding event: the Raider Challenge.

The Raider Challenge consisted of a rope bridge, a litter carry and an obstacle course. At the starting point the raiders were given time to tie a Swiss seat, which is basically a harness that will help them get across a rope bridge without falling off. When they completed the rope bridge, they had to carry a litter with one of their cadets to the obstacle course. Some of the obstacles were difficult for the raiders but they completed the course with the help they received from each other. The last event of the competition was Tug-O-War. It was probably the most strenuous of all the events the cadets had to go through that day. They pulled with all the strength they had left but to no avail. It was time to head back to the gym for the Award Ceremony. Cheers rang loudly through the gymnasium when Rockcastle was called to receive trophies for 3rd place in the Mystery Event and 1st

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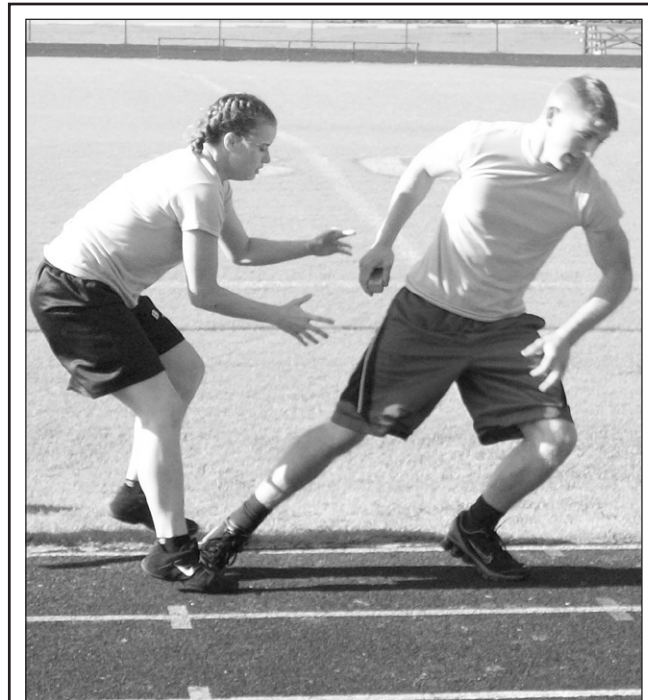
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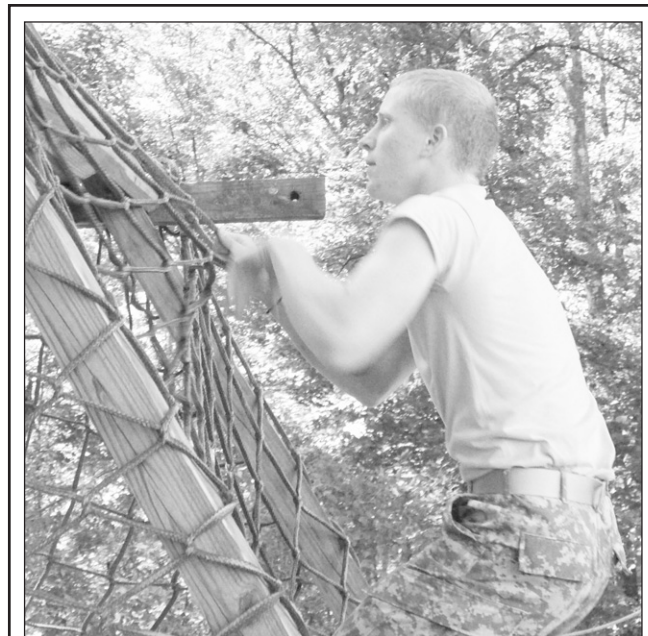
From left, Joseph Doan, Samantha Bussell, Jonathan Alexander and David Lunsford competing for Color Guard.



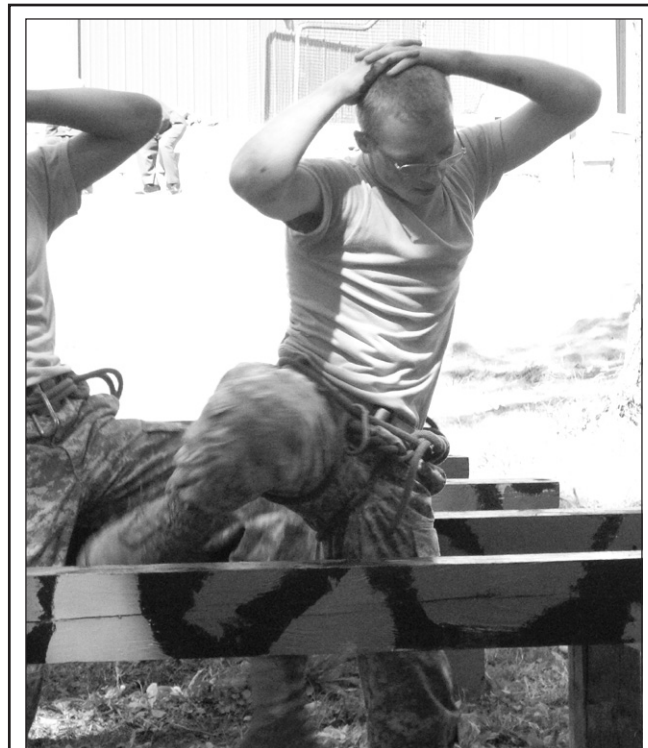
Ten members of the Raider Team and four members of the Drill Team competed at Whitley County October 3rd. Pictured, front from left are: Joseph Doan, Samantha Bussell, Jonathan Alexander and David Lunsford. Second row from left: Rachel Lanham, Ben Whitaker, Marcus Bolyard and Ashley Roberts. Third row from left: Craig Stewart, Cora Collinsworth Felicia Boggs and Shawna Smith. Back row from left: Casey Hansel and Chris Rogers.



Rachel Lanham (left) passing the baton to Chris Rogers during the one-mile relay.



Ben Whitaker climbing the cargo net during the Raider Challenge.



Casey Hansel maneuvering the hurdles during the Raider Challenge.



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place in the Relay Run. We examined our scores from the other events and were not

wholly disappointed with our placement. We know to work harder in competitions to

come so we can bring home more first place trophies.



From left, Cora Collinsworth, Casey Hansel and Ben Whitaker on the Tug-o-War.



Cora Collinsworth working on the Mystery Event.



From left, Chris Rogers, Rachel Lanham, Cora Collinsworth and Casey Hansel supporting the 1st place trophy for the relay event.

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Over \$20 million allocated for Kentucky security initiatives

U.S. Rep. Harold “Hal” Rogers (KY-05) announced recently that \$20,049,393 in federal funding has been allocated to the Commonwealth of Kentucky to increase security and preparedness for natural or man-made disasters. This grant funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will enhance statewide security initiatives, provide first responders training, improve emergency response communication, harden critical infrastructure, and more. The Kentucky Division of Emergency Management must now complete applications and work with DHS to properly secure these funds.

“This year alone, the Commonwealth has suffered from devastating flash flooding, tornadoes, and ice storms. Thousands of families and hundreds of businesses have been displaced and suffered losses. Ensuring that Kentuckians are safe and out of harms way has always been a top priority of mine and this funding will go a

long way towards making sure our families can sleep soundly at night,” said Rogers. “These funds help all our communities, big and small by giving our first responders and emergency response personnel the tools and training they need to perform in the middle of a crisis, be it the work of domestic or international terrorist organizations, a long haul truck or train accident, or from the hand of nature.”

DHS has made the following funding available to the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

- \$1,700,666 to reduce risks to critical infrastructure and harden Kentucky river ports.

- \$748,800 to ensure that terrorists and illegal aliens aren’t receiving false documentation.

- \$6,554,740 to sustain emergency management operations, improve emergency operations centers, and enhance first-responder communication systems.

- \$197,252 for local volunteer emergency response co-

ordination and training.

- \$634,838 for terrorism or mass casualty event healthcare system preparation and response and medical team coordination.

- \$10,213,097 for statewide implementation of homeland security strategies and equipment upgrades, of which \$2,205,723 is specifically for terrorism prevention activities in the city of Louisville.

For six years, Rogers has served as the lead Republican on the House Appropriations Subcommittee for Homeland Security. The Subcommittee is charged with allocating resources toward these important grant programs. In fiscal year 2010, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will award nearly \$3 billion in grants to states, urban areas and transportation authorities under 18 programs to bolster national preparedness capabilities and protect critical infrastructure. As a senior member of the Committee, Rogers works to secure funding to increase the nation’s preparedness and for important homeland security initiatives in Kentucky.

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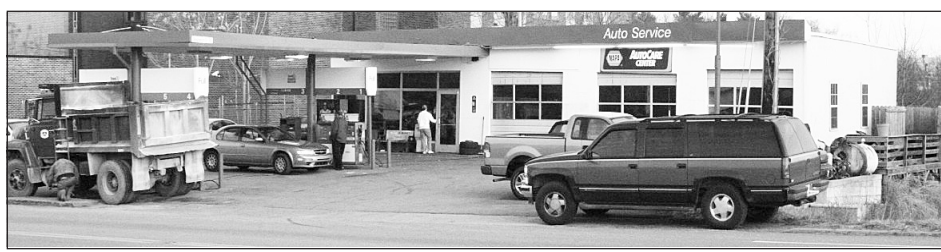
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Rogers secures \$4.8 million to equip National Guard for emergencies

U.S. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-05) announced recently that the House of Representatives has approved \$4.8 million in federal funding for transportable generators for the Kentucky National Guard. Through Rep. Rogers' efforts, the Kentucky National Guard will be able to supply portable generators to key facilities and locations in the event of a

manmade or natural disaster. The Senate is expected to vote on this final 2010 defense spending legislation soon.

"No one can forget the freezing temperatures, hazardous conditions, and lives that were lost in January 2009 when the ice storm crippled the Commonwealth. This disaster was simply overwhelming," said Rogers.

"We've learned our lesson and these portable generators are essential life-saving tools so that the Kentucky National Guard has the necessary equipment to turn the lights back on should such an event strike. By having the ability to provide electricity at a moments notice, lives can be saved and the impact of severe weather or a power grid disruption can be signifi-

cantly minimized. The Kentucky National Guard is our first line of defense in times of emergency and the ability of these hometown heroes just got better."

This funding will go towards purchasing a portion of 324 air transportable back-up power generators of varying sizes needed for installation at 52 of Kentucky's National Guard armories with the re-

mainder designated for distribution to critical facilities in the first 24 hours of an emergency response situation in the Commonwealth. Rapid and effective emergency response is a critical component of the Kentucky National Guard's Defense Support to Civil Authorities mission and these generators are key so that locations such as hospi-

tals, shelters, fire stations, police stations, and emergency response management locations can quickly be supplied power in case of an emergency.

Through his role as a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, Rogers works to secure valuable funding for important initiatives in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Merry Christmas!



Our Mt. Vernon staff: Back left to right: Mary Rowe, Emily Gilreath, Maria Hensley & Kim Daugherty Front left to right: Anthony Asher, David Woodall

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Mount Vernon Signal

Fourth Section

Thursday, December 24, 2009

Sixth year event has been held

116 participate in Jingle Bell Run/Walk

116 runners and walkers braved snow and cold temperatures on December 5th to make the sixth annual Jingle Bell 6K Run/Walk the biggest ever.

Entertainment Center, featured snowy weather and sub-freezing temperatures but didn't affect the enthusiasm of the participants, who came from as far away as Bowling

The race, which begins and ends at the Renfro Valley

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James Messer leads the runners out on the course at the Jingle Bell Run/Walk on December 5th. Messer, who was dressed as Rudolph the Red Nosed Raindeer, is the Physical Therapy director at Rockcastle Regional Hospital, which co-sponsored the event.



Mike Carlson and Deana Gabbard, both of Mt. Vernon, were the top male and female finishers in the Jingle Bell Race. Mike had a time of 20:43 and Deana had a time of 26:56.



The Fastest family at the Jingle Bell Run/Walk were Ricky Farmer and Jeff and Regina Blevins of Eubank.



Even though it was very cold and snowing, Rockcastle Regional Hospital Community Relation's Director Ariele Reese was all smiles at the Jingle Bell 6K Run/Walk in Renfro Valley. (Photo by: Richard Anderkin).



Two of the walkers who braved the cold temperatures and snow to participate in the 6K Jingle Bell Run/Walk in Renfro Valley were Ramona Hiatt and Virginia Parsons. The ladies are co-workers at Dr. G.W. Griffith's office in Mt. Vernon.

No Signal next week

The Mount Vernon Signal will not publish the week of December 31st. The Signal office will be closed December 24th through January 3rd

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Not pictured: Vernon Bussell, Lynda Bussell, Lawvon Jett, Chelsie Hasty, Billy Keith Stewart, Mickel McDaniel, Anthony Prewitt, Matt Jones, Carly Asher and Evelyn Fletcher.

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Comp Care holds Community Day; RTEC honored

Mt. Vernon Comprehensive Care Center held its annual Community Day on Friday, December 4th with many special guests, including Santa Claus.

The center was honored to have a large attendance, including NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) State Executive Director Cathy Epperson; State Rep-

resentative Danny Ford; Judge William Caperton; Mayor Clarice Kirby and CRCCC Board Chair Roland Mullins and Executive Director Danny Jones.

The purpose of Community Day is to fellowship, honor, recognize and show appreciation to those in the community who demonstrate excellence in providing ser-

vices to children, youth, families and individuals in the Rockcastle Community, the city, county and state.

This year, an Award of Excellence and Appreciation was presented to Mrs. Shirley Cummins, Executive Director of RTEC (Rural Transit Enterprise Corporation) and

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Roland Mullins, CRCCC Board Chairman, presents RTEC Executive Director Shirley Cummins an Award of Excellence and Appreciation.



Mayor Clarice Kirby, Jerry Sims and Brenda Cameron enjoy fellowship and food at Community Day.



Mt. Vernon Mayor Clarice Kirby, third from left, was recognized for her support of NAMI. In the photo from left are: Kelley Coffey, CRCCC Executive Director Danny Jones, Mayor Kirby, NAMI president Wayne Bullock, team manager Carolyn Reppert Morris and CRCCC Board Chairman Roland Mullins.



RTEC was presented an Award of Excellence and Appreciation during the Community Day at the Mt. Vernon Comprehensive Care Center. Mrs. Shirley Cummins, third from left, Executive Director of RTEC and her staff are shown receiving their award. Pictured from left are: Jerry Sims, RTEC Human Resources Director; Danny Jones, CRCCC Executive Director; Mrs. Cummins; Roland Mullins, CRCCC Board Chair; Gary Reppert, RTEC Fleet Manager; Sheilah Stallworth, EEO Manager; Brenda Cameron, Area Manager for RTEC; State Representative Danny Ford and Carolyn Reppert Morris, CRCCC Team Manager.



Appeals Court Judge Mike Caperton, third from right, was recognized for his support of NAMI.

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“Comp Care”

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her staff for safely transporting clients and/or their families with compassion and care. Mrs. Cummins

was joined by RTEC Human Resources Director Jerry Sims; Fleet Manager Gary Marcus Reppert; Sheilah Stallworth, EEO Manager and Brenda Cameron, Area Manager

and several RTEC staff.

The award was presented to Mrs. Cummins by Roland Mullins, board chair and former executive director of Cumberland River Regional MHMR

Board who remarked that “Shirley had the vision, had persistence, was smart and worked very hard writing grants” to build the RTEC Transportation System in so many counties. Mrs. Cummins also received much praise and appreciation from CRCCC Executive Director Danny Jones; Team Manager Carolyn Reppert Morris; State Representative Danny Ford and many others present for her outstanding contributions to rural transportation in Rockcastle County and 17 other counties RTEC serves.

The local Comp Care center has provided mental health, substance abuse and mental retardation services since 1967.

Should mental health, substance abuse or mental retardation services be necessary, the staff at Mt.

Vernon Comp Care Center is dedicated, experienced and committed to serve. You may call 606-256-2129 for more information.

County Team Manager

Carolyn Reppert Morris and staff want to thank everyone for their support and referrals throughout the year.



Rockcastle Jailer James Miller, third from left, was recognized for being supportive of NAMI. Presented the award were from left: Kelley Coffey, Wayne Bullock, Roland Mullins and Carolyn Reppert Morris.



Kathy Elkins enjoying good food at Community Day.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from employees of Comp Care shown above, front row from left: Terry Osborne, TRP and ADT bus driver; Lyla Powell, ADT provider; Beth Clark, Outpatient Therapist/L.P.A.; Helen Doan, ADT provider; Kathy Elkins, Adult Case Manager (MH); Norma Mothershed, MH Outpatient/Registered Nurse and Alisha Gilreath, Service Coordinator. Back row from left: Mary Newcomb, ADT provider; Laura Hensley, TRP Tech; Tamara Carpenter, receptionist; LaTasha Walters, CFI; Tabitha Durham, CFI; Linda Burton, TRP Tech; Steve Bolton, CFI; Amanda Gullett, Substance Abuse Counselor; Sandy Davidson, Outpatient Therapist; Debbie Bullock, Medical Records; Jamie Lainhart, Medical Records and Carolyn Morris, County Team Manager, OP, TRP. Not shown: Brandon Cameron, ADT provider; Altha Pierce, LCSW, Outpatient, TRP; Pam Slowkowski, MR Adult Case Manager; Dr. Eneidino Corales, Psychiatrist; Tom Witt, Children’s Services; Alma Kendrick, ADT instructor.

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Dwain Harris, with Southern Ky AHEC and Mt. Vernon city policeman Bill Barrett talk before the Jingle Bell Run/Walk.

“Run/Walk”

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Green and beyond.

Mike Carlson of Mt. Vernon was the overall male winner with a time of 20:43, while Deana Gabbard passed the women with a time of 26:56.

The leading walkers were Walter Norris with a time of

43:40 and Casey Hunt with a time of 52:18.

The Blevins family of Eubank won the Fastest Family award.

Proceeds from the race benefit Rockcastle Regional Hospital's Miracle Fund and Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation's resident fund. Over \$3,000 was raised at the sixth annual run/walk.



Betty Purcell, left, Ann Abney, center and Twila Burdette, helped register participants at the 6K Jingle Bell Run/Walk on December 5th at Renfro Valley. Purcell is Wellness Director at Rockcastle Regional Hospital, Abney is a Social Services director at the hospital and Burdette is head of the York House, the hospital's Child Development Center.



11-year-old Gideon Coffey, the second fast male walker, is shown opening one of 10 presents scattered along the race course at the Jingle Bell Run/Walk.



Leon McMillen, 73, of Lexington, was the oldest participant and third fastest male walker. Walter Norris, shown at right, of Bowling Green, was the fastest male walker at the Jingle Bell Run/Walk held on December 5th in Renfro Valley. The Run/Walk raised over \$3,000.

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**Mt. Vernon Mayor
Clarice Kirby
and husband Paul**



**Paul and Clarice
Kirby**

*'Tis the season
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the birth of our Saviour,
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Kentucky Afield Outdoors

Free youth hunting and trapping seasons perfect for Christmas vacation

After the presents, the huge meal, the Christmas movies, football games and leftovers, there's another way to enjoy vacation time with your family this holiday season. Kentucky's free youth seasons offer families a chance to enjoy the outdoors without requiring their kids to buy a license or permit. It's a welcome break after buying all those Christmas presents.

Children and teens ages 15 and under may hunt deer with a firearm Dec. 26-27, and may hunt and trap small game and furbearers Dec. 26 - Jan. 1, all without a license or permit.

"We want to promote youth participation in hunting. We want kids to hunt at the youngest age their parents feel they are ready," said Bill Balda, recruitment and reten-

tion branch manager for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "We know if we can get youth interested in hunting by the age of 12 or 13 they will most likely be lifelong hunters - and hunters are an integral part of our wildlife management."

Kids aren't just license and permit exempt during these seasons; they are also exempt from hunter education requirements. However, adult supervision laws are in place to make sure they stay safe in the woods.

Youth 15 and under who hunt deer with a firearm must always hunt beside an adult. The adult must be in a position to take immediate control of the youth's firearm at all times. Small game and furbearer hunters under 12 who do not have a hunter

education card must hunt with an adult regardless of the hunting method they use.

Adults should always ensure kids follow hunter safety rules. "Our most common incidents that cause injuries during hunting are falling out of tree stands, accidental discharge of firearms and failing to identify the target or make sure there's a good backstop," Balda said. "As far as tree stands, if the child or adult is leaving the ground, they need to be tied off to the tree. They need to use a body harness tied to a safety strap around the tree."

Hunters can prevent accidents with firearms by treating every gun as if it were loaded. That means always pointing the gun in a safe direction, keeping it unloaded and the action open until the hunt begins, and keeping your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.

"Be sure of your target, what's in front of it, and what's behind it," Balda said. "If you're small game hunting, never follow across the line. That means if a bird flushes, never follow the bird with the muzzle of your gun across the line of hunters beside you."

Finally, be sure to take kids out ahead of time to a range or another safe place to shoot. Help the youth hunter get comfortable with his or her firearm and teach them to safely carry and shoot it before ever hitting the woods.

"Don't just get out of bed and go hunting," said Balda. "Getting kids familiar with their guns makes them more confident and less nervous."

Statewide bag limits and equipment restrictions apply during these hunting opportunities just like other seasons. Kentucky's hunter orange clothing law is also in effect for all hunters during the free youth deer weekend. For detailed regulations, check the 2009-10 Kentucky Hunting & Trapping Guide, available online at fw.ky.gov and wherever licenses are sold.

With a little preparation and an eye on safety, the upcoming free youth seasons are perfect opportunities for families to enjoy the outdoors together during Christmas vacation.

Attorney General urges consumers to consider toy safety during Holidays

Attorney General Jack Conway urges Kentucky consumers to consider toy and product safety information when making holiday purchases.

"I want the holidays to be as safe and happy as possible for Kentucky families," said General Conway. "Being aware of the latest product safety measures and recall information can prevent potential injuries and possibly save lives."

A guide to the latest toy and product recall information is available through the Office of the Attorney General's website at <http://tinyurl.com/yckyeb>. Consumers can also find product recall information through the Consumer Product Safety Commission's (CPSC) website at www.cpsc.gov. The CPSC is the federal agency responsible for developing safety standards for thousands of products from toys to power tools with the goal of protecting the public from unreasonable risk of bodily injury or death.

When the CPSC identifies a dangerous product, it issues alerts and can require the manufacturer to issue a product recall. For Fiscal Year 2009, the CPSC completed 465 cooperative recalls involving 229.6 million con-

sumer product units that either violated mandatory standards or presented a substantial risk of injury to the public.

The following are a few of the toys recalled in 2009:

- Wii 4-Dock Battery Recharge Stations-Recalled on August 11, 2009 due to concerns the battery pack could overheat, posing a burn or fire hazard. The Psyclone Essentials brand was sold nationwide at Target, Toys "R" Us and online at www.amazon.com.

- High School Musical Manicure Kits-Recalled on January 27, 2009 because glitter on the pouch for the manicure kit contained high amounts of lead. The manicure kits were sold through LTD Commodities and ABC Distributing catalogs and online at www.lakeside.com from September 2008 through November 2008.

- Leap Frog "My Pal Scout" Electronic Plush Toy Dogs- Recalled on July 24, 2009 because the decals on the paws of the plush toy can be removed and ingested by a child, posing a choking hazard. The toys were sold at Toys "R" Us stores nationwide and online at www.toysrus.com and www.leapfrog.com and other retail websites from May

2009 through June 2009.

- Children's Fishing Poles-Recalled on March 25, 2009 because paint on the reels of these fishing poles contained high amounts of lead. The Zebco brand fishing poles were sold at discount department and sporting goods stores nationwide from August 2007 through December 2008.

Other Important Holiday Safety Tips:

- Follow recommended age ranges on toy packages.

- Read instructions carefully before allowing your child to play with a toy received as a gift.

- Be aware that children age three and younger can choke on small toys and toy parts with a diameter of one and three-quarters of an inch or smaller.

- Be careful with gift bags, wrapping paper, ribbons and bows. These items can cause suffocation and choking hazards to a small child.

- Remove strings and ribbons from toys before giving them to young children.

For more information from the Attorney General's Office of Consumer Protection, visit <http://ag.ky.gov/civil/consumerprotection/>. You can also call the Consumer Protection Hotline at 888-432-9257.

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State Senator and Mrs. Ed Worley



Ed and Jamie Worley

SEASONS Greetings



from
Rockcastle Jailer James Miller
& **Rockcastle Dentention Center staff**

Front row from left: Jailer James Miller, Nurse Lisa Smithern, Assistant Jailer Howard Haddix and Coordinator Jennifer Mason.

Second row from left: Supervisor Nathan Carter, Supervisor Ernie Graves, Supervisor Wilmer Robinson, Supervisor Ronnie Barnett.

Third row from left: Deputy Cathy Wilkerson, Deputy Josie Adams and Supervisor Brian Cromer.

Fourth row from left: Deputy Asblee West, Deputy Jason Adams, Deputy and Cook Barbara Allen and Deputy Teddy Stallsworth.

Fifth row from left: Deputy Donnie Barnett, Maintenance Supervisor Gene Cromer, Deputy and Transport Officer Bill Lawrence.

Not present: Deputy Anna Bustle, Deputy Heather Bussell and Deputy and Cook Mamie Vickers.

Rockcastle County Middle School cares: Blankets for Patients

Submitted by
Kelsey Mattingly
Members of the Rockcastle County Middle School Leadership Team have, for two years, focused

on helping those within our school who are currently battling cancer, have already experienced cancer, or have a family member fighting cancer. Many within our own

RCMS family have been touched by cancer, but our biggest inspiration for this project was Mrs. Ruth Coguer, our principal, Mr. Coguer's mother. Mrs.

Coguer was diagnosed with cancer two summers ago and fought a tough battle, passing away on December 15th, 2007. Although countless others in our school system have been affected in one way or another by cancer, Mrs. Coguer's bravery inspires us the most.

Rockcastle County Middle School 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Leadership Teams decided to raise cancer awareness by providing blankets for our local cancer center at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital. We first sold bags of M&M's for one dollar to students and staff members at our school. We then bought

fleece fabric, and had members from the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Leadership Team cut and tie the blankets. On December 15th, we presented twenty blankets and a framed photograph of all of the students who worked on them to staff from the chemo center in honor and memory of Mrs. Ruth Coguer.



Kayla Reynolds, active member of the Leadership Team all three years at RCMS, presents Melissa Brock, Oncology Service Line Manager, with a photograph of the students who worked on the blankets.



8th grader Luke Coffey carries a stack of finished blankets. Luke's father, Bob, received treatments at the Rockcastle Regional cancer center.



8th grade Leadership Team members delivered the blankets on December 15th. Pictured are, kneeling from left: Kayla Reynolds and Alyssa Allen. Standing from left: Rebekah Ponder, Tim Renner, Emily Mullins, Corey McPhetridge, McKinzie Todd, Jake Mink, Kelsey Mattingly, Brianna Hansel, Gage Reynolds, Kellan Coffey, Jourdan Blanton, Luke Coffey, Brandon Jones, Mackenzie Craig, Jared Lake, and Lilly Beichler.



Gage Reynolds, Kayla Reynolds, McKinzie Todd, and Corey McPhetridge, 8th grade Leadership Team members, worked on blankets that were delivered to the Rockcastle Regional Hospital for cancer patients on December 15th.

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The Kentucky Afield calendar will include a list of Kentucky's Top 100 typical and Top 100 non-typical deer. Log onto fw.ky.gov and click on the Kentucky Afield Store icon to purchase this special holiday package.

There is an additional shipping and handling charge of \$4.50 for the DVD. This offer is available only through the Kentucky Afield Store site.

A unique stocking stuffer that will surprise the big game hunter in your family is an elk hunt lottery application. Each application costs \$10, and may be purchased as a gift. Elk hunt lottery applications go on sale December 1. Applications are available online only at fw.ky.gov.

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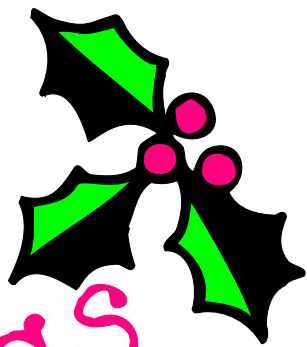
This saves the purchaser \$50 over buying each of these permits and licenses separately. This is one of the most appreciated gifts for the serious hunter and angler.

A trip to the "Kentucky Afield" store at fw.ky.gov reveals other good stocking stuffers. Three caps featuring the Kentucky Afield logo superimposed upon the state of Kentucky are \$16 apiece.

The modern gun deer, rabbit or quail hunter in your family will appreciate the blaze orange hat, while the archery deer or waterfowl hunter will like the camouflage version. A plain version featuring the logo and state upon a tan background with a green bill is also for sale.

Try some of these gifts for the hunter or angler in your family. These gifts will be used and appreciated throughout the year. Unlike a Chia Pet or a singing wreath. Hint, hint.

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Farm Bureau will be Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and New Year's Day.



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Front row from left: Dr. James Chism and Marcia Chism.
Middle row from left: Kayla Dobbs and Kathy Bryant.
Back row from left: Raymond Carpenter, Gina Combs, Brenda Estes, Sue Rodefer and Amanda Chism. Not present was Brandon Gray.

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Closing at noon Christmas Eve - Closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day



Roundstone Elementary School students honored their veteran guests with certificates for serving our country during Veterans Day ceremonies.

PRIDE receives \$1.25 million

U.S. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-05) announced recently that the House of Representatives has approved \$1.25 million for PRIDE to continue its valuable environmental initiatives in southern and eastern Kentucky. Rogers secured this important funding to promote environmental stewardship and education, as well as to initiate and manage important water clean-up and wildlife habitat protection initiatives in the region. The Senate is expected to vote on this final,

comprehensive spending legislation later this year. "PRIDE is an essential part of ensuring that we preserve our region's natural beauty for generations to come," said Rogers. "Through education programs, PRIDE teaches our children the value of personal responsibility and taking care of the environment around them. Through important clean up efforts, PRIDE teaches the value of conservation and ensures that our communities have access to safe, sanitary water. The empow-

erment that PRIDE brings to Kentuckians keeps litter out of our forests and makes certain that our breathtaking landscape is second to none." H.R. 3288, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010, includes:

- \$1 million for PRIDE to continue important regional initiatives like stream clean-ups, debris removal, recycling efforts, stream monitoring and habitat improvement.

- \$250,000 for PRIDE's important environmental education and awareness campaigns in our local schools through PRIDE clubs and classroom projects.

PRIDE, which promotes Personal Responsibility in a Desirable Environment in 38 counties, was launched by Rogers and the late General James Bickford, former Secretary of the Kentucky Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet. To date, PRIDE has recruited more than 287,000 volunteers logging over 1 million volunteer hours, provided 28,089 homes with access to sanitary wastewater treatment, and cleaned up 135,884 tons of trash.

Through his role as a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, Rogers works to secure valuable funding for important initiatives in the Fifth Congressional District.



Principal Jim Ward asking veteran Ransom R. Wolfe, Jr. questions about the Korean War. Mr. Wolfe served in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War.

Roundstone Elementary Veterans Day



Roundstone Elementary students performing for veterans on Veterans Day.



Mrs. Ann Sears (left) showing a picture of her late husband, Reverend Carl Denton Sears, Sr., receiving a Silver Star for his bravery in the Korean War. Mrs. Dorothy Chasteen (right) showing the medals and ribbons that her husband, Oscar Melvin Chasteen received during WWII.



from everyone at Main Street Pharmacy



From left: Allie Reynolds, Tara Brown, Kevin Craig, pharmacist Danette Craig and Jeff Smith.

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Thursday, December 24, 2009

County 4-H Speech Contest held December 1st at MVES

Rockcastle County 4-H Council hosted its annual 4-H Speech contest on Tuesday, December 1st at Mt. Vernon Elementary School. Two champions were selected from each age group and will represent Rockcastle County in the Spring 2010 at the District 2 4-H Communications Day.

Special thanks to Mt. Vernon Elementary School

for hosting this year's speech contest. The Council would also like to thank judges, Andrew Laswell, Lewis Mink, Chris Robbins, Karen Mink, Mark Dyehouse, Derek Adams, Kathy Price and Zach Gentry.

The results are as follows:
 •9 year olds, 1st place- Breonya Napier (MVES), 2nd place- Shaedyn Housh(BES), blue ribbons

Megan Taylor, Pamela Miller, Morgan Mason, Savannah Goff, Rebekah Lake, Chelsea Hilton and Emily Deubel.

•10 year olds, 1st place- Alyssa Bustle (BES), 2nd place- Sarah Roberts (MVES), blue ribbons Maggie Franklin, Emily Adams, Madison Hammons, Sarah Alcorn, Joseph Cowan, Erin Thompson, Dakota Bishop, Maggie Bourland, Abby Bray, Logan Miller, Cassie Poynter and Kaitlyn Allen.

•11 year olds, Brad Taylor (RCMS), 2nd place- Madison Stewart (BES), blue ribbons Hope Kelly, Caroline Coguer, Katie Adams, Jarod Robinson, Machenzie King and Laney Poynter.

•12 year olds, Rachael Davis (RCMS), 2nd place- John David Hurley (RCMS).

•13 year olds, 1st place- Madison Miller (RCMS), 2nd place Amelia Eversole (RCMS), blue ribbon Lyndsey Reed.

•15 year olds, 1st place Laiken Coffey (RCHS).



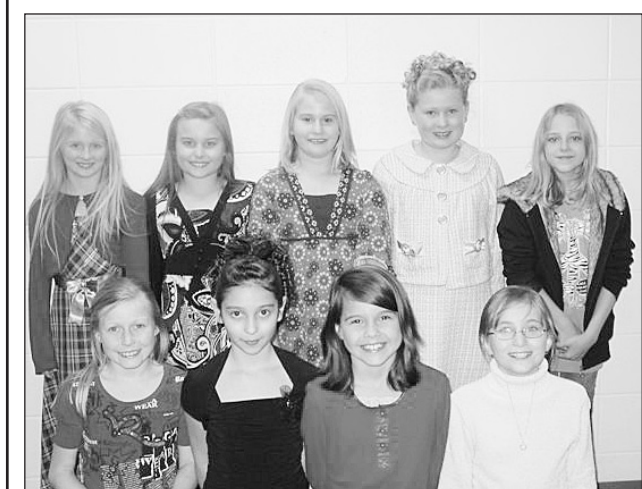
The 2009 4-H Speech contest winners were, front from left: Sarah Roberts, Shaedyn Housh, Breonya Napier, Alyssa Bustle and Brad Taylor. Back row from left: Laiken Coffey, Rachel Davis, Amelia Eversole, Madison Miller, Madison Stewart and John David Hurley. These participants will represent Rockcastle County in the District 2 4-H Communications Day held in April 2010.



Participants in the 2009 4-H Speech contest in the 12, 13 and 15 year olds were front from left: John David Hurley and Laiken Coffey. Back row from left: Madison Miller, Amelia Eversole, Rachel Davis and Lyndsey Reed.



11 year old participants of the 4-H Speech contest were front from left: Caroline Coguer, Laney Poynter and Hope Kelly. Back row from left: Madison Stewart, Jarod Robinson, Brad Taylor, Machenzie King and Katie Adams.



9 year old participants in the 4-H Speech Contest were: Shaedyn Housh, Breonya Napier, Megan Taylor, Pamela Miller, Morgan Mason, Savannah Goff, Rebekah Lake, Chelsea Hilton and Emily Deubel.



10 year old participants in the 4-H Speech contest were: Maggie Franklin, Emily Adams, Madison Hammons, Alyssa Bustle, Sarah Alcorn, Joseph Cowan, Erin Thompson, Dakota Bishop, Maggie Bourland, Abby Bray, Logan Miller, Sarah Roberts, Cassie Poynter and Kaitlyn Allen.

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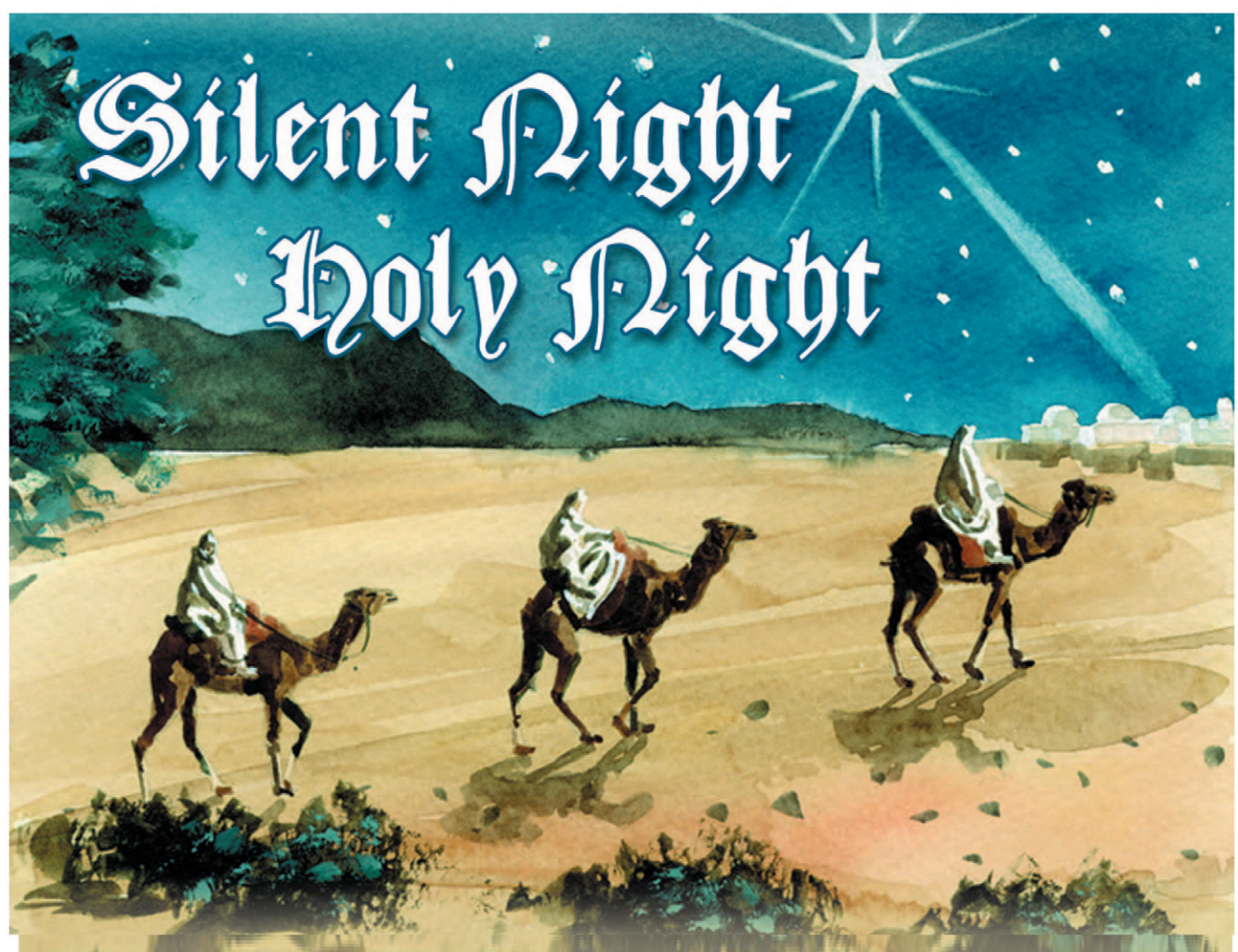
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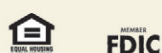
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Students explore career interests with *My Career Path*

By Sharon Dodson,
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Kara Canterbury loves to talk and has a heart for helping people live better lives.

The Rockcastle County High School junior knew she wanted to pursue a career that incorporates both of these passions. But she didn't know what sort of career would produce the best fit for her.

Canterbury said she now knows a career as a speech pathologist fits perfectly into her service-minded aspirations. She said she owes that realization to a career-awareness program presented this semester in partnership with the Forward in the Fifth organization, the Rockcastle County School System, and Rockcastle Chamber of Commerce.

The program, My Career Path, allowed Canterbury and 47 other Rockcastle high school and middle school students to explore their interests and work one-on-one with professionals in their chosen career paths.

"My Career Path was a great example of collaboration being used to serve a county and its residents," said Jim Tackett, director of Forward in the Fifth, an affiliate of The Center for Rural Development in Somerset.

"The Rockcastle County School System, Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce, and numerous community mentors utilized this project as a way to positively impact education and economic development," he said.

Rockcastle County was the pilot site in Southern and

Eastern Kentucky for the launch of My Career Path, which encourages participants to set goals and pursue a career path of their choice.

Funded by an Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Flex-E-Grant through the Brushy Fork Institute at Berea College, the program concluded three months of career exploration activities in November with a celebration and luncheon that brought together student participants, their mentors, and representatives of the partner organizations.

At the event, which was held at Renfro Valley Lodge and Restaurant in Mt. Vernon, Canterbury said the experience was a wake-up call for her to seriously begin thinking about what she wanted to do with the rest of her life.

"In today's world, we cannot wait until the last minute to make plans because the job market is so highly competitive," she said. "We live in a world where 'survival of the fittest' has become a fact.

"This job-shadowing opportunity allowed me to become one of the 'the fittest,'" she added.

After working with healthcare professionals at Rockcastle Regional Hospital, Canterbury said speech pathology rose to the top of her career list.

Middle-school student Corey McPhetridge, who broke his leg playing football, said his frequent trips to doctor's offices and the hospital inspired him to consider anesthesiology as a career.

"I am thankful for My Career Path because it gave me a chance to learn more about my chosen field," McPhetridge said. "It will be well worth the time when I am able to help someone facing surgery."

Nancy Hale, GEAR-UP counselor for Rockcastle County schools, said the program opened students' eyes to careers, what it takes to prepare for those careers, and jobs that are available in Rockcastle County.

"It was exciting for me to hear them talk about coming back to Rockcastle County to live, work, and raise their families," Hale said.

Students explored careers in healthcare, education, social services, vocational training, banking and entrepreneurship, graphic technology, and veterinary medicine.

At the recent luncheon, guest speaker Jordan Meece, an entrepreneur and Casey County High School student, challenged students to follow their dreams and work hard to reach their career goals.

Meece is a former Rogers Scholar and participant in the Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute (ELI)—two youth leadership programs sponsored by The Center. Meece

told how he and his brother worked to grow their family business, Goose Creek Candles, often toiling throughout the night to get inventory ready for shipment.

At 14, Meece was head of the company's Retail Department, responsible for overall retail sales and management of company employees.

Like Meece, Tackett said the Rockcastle County students who participated in My Career Path are learning at young ages what it takes to

set goals and reach their full potential.

"By participating in this project, challenges become possibilities and possibilities become realities for these students," Tackett said. "Forward in the Fifth was pleased

to partner in this exciting endeavor."

For more information on Forward in the Fifth, contact Jim Tackett at The Center for Rural Development at 606-677-6000 or email jtackett@centertech.com.



These 28 students at Rockcastle County High School explored their career interests and worked one-on-one with professionals by participating in a pilot career awareness program, My Career Path, made possible through a partnership with Forward in the Fifth, Rockcastle County School System, and Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce. Students and the career paths they pursued included: Skylar Holcomb, Jasmin Johnson, Robert Reynolds, Casey Hunt, Miranda Lowery, Dalton Hutton, Marie Poynter, and Rachel Johnson (education); Brittany Abrams, Sha Bustle, and Ian Kelley (graphic technology); Derek Jones, Kara Canterbury, Courtney Ham, Hayley Davis, Emily Clark, Brittany Boreing, Jacob Langford, Carly Asher, and Jaelyn Wolfe (healthcare); Tim Kirby and Nicole McFerron (banking/entrepreneurship); Spencer Childress, Rebekka Mullins, Will Walker, and Taylor Greene (vocational); and Sarah Burdine and Elizabeth Lawrence (veterinarian). Rockcastle County school officials Nancy Hale, front row at far left; Jenny Sweet, front row at far right; and Jim Tackett, back row second from left, executive director of Forward in the Fifth, joined these high school students in celebrating their accomplishments at the conclusion of the three-month pilot program at a recent luncheon at Renfro Valley Lodge and Restaurant in Mt. Vernon.



These 20 students at Rockcastle County Middle School explored their career interests and worked one-on-one with professionals by participating in a pilot career awareness program, My Career Path, made possible through a partnership with Forward in the Fifth, Rockcastle County School System, and Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce. Students and the career paths they pursued included: Andrea Stewart, Paisley Saylor, Brandi Dyer, Cassidy Daugherty (social services); Lauren Burton, Shalynn Winkler, Bethany Robbins, Corey McPhetridge, Cody Monk, Dakota Molina, Samantha Taylor, Kaitlyn McGee, and Austin Helton (healthcare); Kasey Raines, Bobbie Hopkins, and Lilly Beichler, education; Dalton Gray (entrepreneurship); Robert Renner and Zach Lunsford (vocational); and Madisan Miller (veterinarian). Rockcastle County school officials Jenny Sweet, front row at far left; Nancy Hale, front row at far right; and Jim Tackett, back row at far left, executive director of Forward in the Fifth, joined these middle school students in celebrating their accomplishments at the conclusion of the three-month pilot program at a recent luncheon at Renfro Valley Lodge and Restaurant in Mt. Vernon.



Rockcastle County High School junior Kara Canterbury is planning to pursue a career in speech pathology. She was one of 28 high school students selected to participate in My Career Path, a pilot career-awareness program made possible through a partnership with Forward in the Fifth, Rockcastle County School System, and Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce. Forward in the Fifth is a non-profit education program and affiliate of The Center for Rural Development in Somerset.

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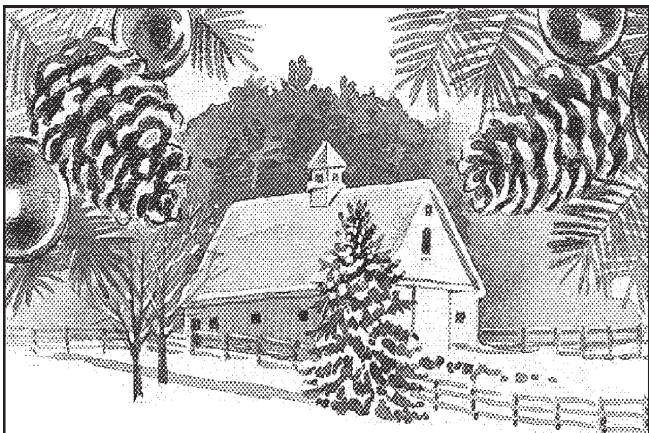
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Jerri Smith's P-1 grade

Dear Santa,
I help my mom cook macaroni and cheese. I have been a good boy this year. How are your reindeers? Are they ready to fly? I would like a Spiderman video game.

Your friend, Levi

Dear Santa,
I have been helping my two sisters clean their rooms. I would like to have some new boots for Christmas. I have been good Santa Claus.

Merry Christmas, Paige

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I clean my room on my own. I like to visit my friends and play basketball. I would like a dirt bike for Christmas.

Merry Christmas, Rily

Dear Santa,
I help my granny sweep the floor. I help my cousin feed her baby. I have been a good girl. I would like new high heels. You are nice.

Merry Christmas, Kaylon

Dear Santa,
I help my granny fix her glasses. I would like the Ben Ten video game. I have helped my cousin Eli find his games. I love my mom. I have been a good boy.

Love, Ashton

Dear Santa,
We went to see the movie Sanda Buddies. I liked it because they saved Christmas. For Christmas I would like a My Twin Doll that looks like me. I've been good this year.

Merry Christmas Santa

Love, Bailee

Dear Santa,
I've been good. I help my

brother clean his room. I mind my mom when she tells me to go to bed. My brother likes Nintendo DS and I do too. I would like the Barbie Shop with fake stuff with it. I would also like a toy horse.

Merry Christmas Santa
Callie

Dear Santa,
I love Christmas and I love you. I help set the table at home. I have to good friends Levi and Blaine. I hope they get what they want for Christmas. I want toy train with lots of cars and toy cars.

Merry Christmas, Ben B.

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I helped my Mom clean the house and watch my baby sister. I want for Christmas a ninja costume and a new play station game. My baby sister wants a Baby Dora doll. My brother likes Spiderman. Could you bring him a Spiderman doll?

Merry Christmas to you
Santa, Nathan M.

Dear Santa,
I would like a sled for Christmas. I have been hanging ornaments on the tree. I help fold towels. I will make some cookies for you. I hope you enjoy them. My Dad is getting me a lap top for my birthday when I am 9 years old.

Love, Sarah

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. When my mom cooks I hold my baby sister for her. I have two sisters and they have been good too. I would like to have a basketball goal for Christmas.

Love, Silas

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy this year. I help my mom clean the toys from the floor. I would like to have a bike and a Wii game.

Love, Eli

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy. I help my Mom cook and I help clean up, too. I would like a puppy and a game that you try not to let them fall.

Love, Austin

Dear Santa,
I like you Santa and I hope you bring me something. I have been good this year and I help my mom cook chicken. I would like a dirt bike for Christmas.

Merry Christmas, Ethen
Dear Santa,

I am learning to read. I play with my brother. We do not fight, we get along. You are a very nice man. I would like a light saber and cars for Christmas. See you soon.

I love you, Santa
Blaine

Dear Santa,
We put candy canes on our Christmas tree. I pick up my toys. I was wanting to see if I could get a Baby Alive. It is like a real baby. It holds a bottle and you have to change it's diaper.

Love, Brianna C.

Dear Santa,
I've been a good girl. I've been helping my mom clean the house. My brother is good too. All I want for Christmas is a little puppy for my brother. I would like a Barbie House too. I would also like some dancing shoes.

Merry Christmas Santa,
Amy

Dear Santa,
My class put on a Christmas program for the hospital. I

have been very good this year. I help my brother clean his room and I keep my room clean, too. I saw a pocket-rocket on t.v. I would like one for Christmas.

Love, Ethan R.

Dear Santa,
I am a good helper. I clean the furniture for my Mommy. At school I listen and do my best. I want a red toy truck for Christmas. Maybe your elves could make a special one for me. Thanks for all you do.

Merry Christmas!
Dougie S.

Dear Santa,
I have been helping my Dad and I made the bed. They didn't have to tell me too. I am a good friend. I play with my friends Austin and Amy. I would like to have a remote control truck, like my Uncle Eddie's.

Merry Christmas,
Isaiah P.

Dear Santa,
I have been playing in my room with my Barbie dolls. I help dust at home. I want a Barbie Doll for Christmas

Merry Christmas,
Brianna M.

Jamie Bryant's First Grade
Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy this year and I would like a Star Wars toy and nothing else. Please have a safe trip.

Jacob

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year because I have been good to my sisters and brother. Would you bring me a new bicycle because my other one is real tore up? Have a good Christmas!

Hayley

Dear Santa,
I have been a really good girl this year. I want Barbies this year. Please bring my mom a present because she has been feeling bad. She has to clean all the house and she don't even like it. Sometimes I help her. Me and my family want to have a great Christmas.

Fayeth

Dear Santa

I think I have been a good boy this year. Can you bring me a RC Monster Truck? Please bring Mitchell a RC truck, too. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Thomas

Dear Santa,
I have been nice this year. I want a Nintendo DSI. Please bring my mom one of those little Santa cups and my dad something from the Wildcats. I think you are nice and do a good job.

Gracie

Dear Santa,
I have been kind of naughty this year but I hope you will bring me something anyway. Please bring me a dollhouse and some toys for it. Please bring my brother a coconut so I can drop it on his head. I hope you have a good Christmas.

Bethany

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. Would you bring me a Power Rangers sword and helmet? For my mom I want her to have a ring for her finger. Please bring my sister a dolly and my brother a Star Wars helmet. I'd like to say hello to the reindeer.

Austin

Dear Santa,
I love you. I think I have been a pretty good boy this year. Will you bring me my driver's license this year so I can drive a car? I think you are great!

Dylan

Dear Santa,
I think I am on the nice list. I want a 4-wheeler. Can you get my sister a dog? She really wants a dog. I hope you have a good Christmas!

Alexus

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year because I help take care of my baby brother. Please bring me a PS game. Will you bring my sister a baby doll and my brother a rattle. I will leave you some cookies and milk out.

Ella

Dear Santa,
My mom says I have been

nice this year. Will you bring me a DS PSP for Christmas? Will you bring my mom a candle because she likes candles? My dad wants a skateboard too. I think it is good that your reindeer fly all over the place and give people presents.

Orion

Dear Santa,
I have been naughty this year. Can I get on the nice list by doing some nice things? Will you still bring a scooter with four wheels anyway? Please bring me a chicken too. My dad needs some Christmas decorations. How's your reindeer doing? Can they fly?

Camden

Dear Santa,
I have been nice all year. Please bring me a Hannah Montana doll cause I like her a lot. That is all I want. Merry Christmas!

Sara

Dear Santa,
Am I on the Santa Claus list? I have been good this year. Will you bring me a PS3 for Christmas? I think I want a remote control car too. I don't know what my mom and dad want. I like you Santa and your reindeer. I have milk and cookies for you.

Mitchell

Dear Santa,
I have sometimes been a good girl this year. Can you bring me a Barbie doll this year? Will you bring my mom a new cell phone because she lost her other one. I will leave you cookies and milk. Be safe on your trip around the world.

Kennedy

Dear Santa,
I have been good all year. I would like a pretend Biscuit dog for Christmas. Would you bring my mommy some more clothes? Please bring my daddy some new shoes. Also please bring my brother a Spiderman game. I'll leave you some cookies and milk.

Jamie

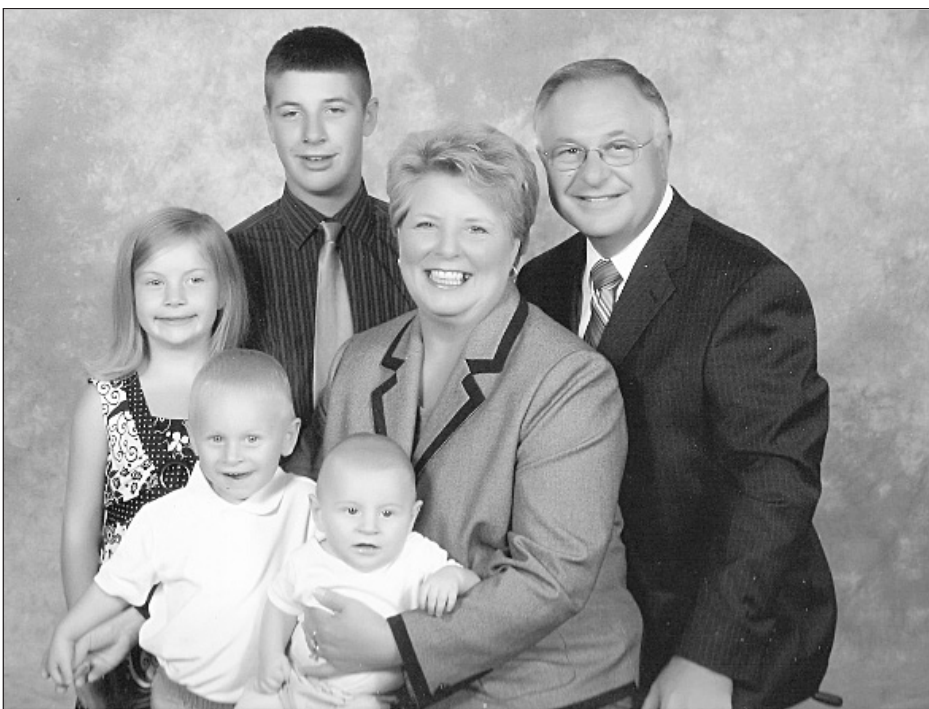
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“Letters”**(Cont. from E3)**

Dear Santa,
I have been very good all year. I want a dirt bike for Christmas. I'm going to leave you some cookies. My mom fixed you some.

Love, Nick
Dear Santa,
I have been real good this year. Will you please bring me a doll for Christmas? Santa, I want happiness to come to Christmas!!

Love, Madison
Dear Santa,
I have been a nice girl all year. Can you bring me a scooter for Christmas? And an Easy Bake Oven. Please let everybody have a good holiday.

Love, Madisen
Kaci Brown First Grade
Dear Santa,
Is it windy up there? I would like a dog for Christmas. I will feed it and name it Bandit.

Your Friend, Lazarus
Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good Christmas. I would like for you to bring me a X-Box. I also want a pellet gun. Tell Rudolph I said hi.

Your Friend, Walker
Dear Santa,
How are you? I want a Be Be Gun for Christmas. I also want a X-Box 360. Tell Rudolph that I said hello.

Your Friend, Conner
Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good Christmas. I want a Nintendo DS and a Little Pet Shop. I also want a camera and a bb gun.

Your Friend, Kiara
Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I want a Nintendo DS and some games for Christmas. I also want a cat. I will name her Sara.

Your Friend, Heaven
Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I want a cat that is orange. Her name will be Becky.

Your Friend, Paige
Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! I love you Santa! I want a dog for Christmas. I am a good girl.

Your Friend, Courtney Ann
Dear Santa,
I hope you have a great Christmas up there. I want a skateboard and a pogo stick for Christmas. Please!

Your Friend, Dylan
Dear Santa,
Are you reindeers ready? I want a DS for Christmas. I also want a Game boy for Christmas I hope you have a Merry Christmas.

Your Friend, Analise
Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Can you bring me a little guitar...pretty please!!!

Your Friend, Shyann
Dear Santa,
I hope you love Christmas. I hope you give me a spark scooter and please make my Christmas good. I just love you! I will see you on the 25th.

Your Friend, Tyler
Dear Santa,
How are you doing Santa? How are your reindeers? Is Rudolph's nose still bright? I would want a DS and games for Christmas. I also want some make-up. Please write me back.

Your Friend, Jaeleah
Dear Santa,
Santa, how are you? Please bring me a DS with a Mario Kart game. I also want a game called Mario and Sonic at the Olympic Winter Games.

Your Friend, Gentry
Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good Christmas. I want a shredder and some games.

Your Friend, Porter
Dear Santa,
I love you! I hope you have had a good year? How do you get electronics things? Have you been working hard? Are you going to bring me any presents? I would like a bb gun and a X-Box 360.

Your Friend, Thomas
Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good year. I would like new baby dolls, doll clothes, and a Barbie. I will leave you some oreos and milk.

Love, Olivia
Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer doing? Is Rudolph's nose still red? I would love for you to bring me a puppy and a dress. I

have been a good girl. Your Friend, Makayla
Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I really want a guitar. Will you please bring me one? I hope you are getting ready!

Love, Blake
Dear Santa,
How are you? What are you doing tonight? For Christmas I would like a Ben 10 video game for my playstation 2. I also want a pottery maker that is at Wal-Mart. I think I have been a good boy this year.

Your Friend, Gabriel
Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I want a playdoh set for Christmas. Have a safe trip.

Your Friend, MaKenzie
Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good Christmas. I want a dog and a cat please. I will play with them and take care of them. I will name the dog Rosey and the cat Sparkles. I hope the reindeers are ready to take off!

Your Friend, Devona
Kathy Price's First Grade
Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I have been a good girl. I have been playing with the toys my sister gave me with your picture on it. For Christmas I really want a poodle dog. I will take care of him all by myself. I like you reindeer. Rudolph is my favorite. I will leave you some chocolate cookies and milk on the table.

Love, Brianna
Dear Santa,
Does Rudolph really exist? Has there been any trouble up at the North Pole? My name is Hannah and I think I have been good all year. Will you send my puppy Lucy some presents? She has never had Christmas before because she is a baby. All I want for Christmas is a baby stroller for my dolls. I will leave you some chocolate cookies and some white milk by the tree.

Love, Hannah
Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I have been a good girl all year. How is Rudolph doing up at the North Pole? Just so you know I am going to leave some cookies for you. All I want for Christmas this year is a real blue four-wheeler. I would also like a real horse and a farm to go with it.

Love, Brooke
Dear Santa,
I want some drums for Christmas. I have been a good girl this year. I help my mom do laundry. How is Rudolph doing? Does his nose glow? I will leave you some snowflake cookies on the table with some milk. Be careful on your ride.

Love, McKenzi
Dear Santa,
How have you been? I have been extra good this year. All I want for Christmas is a unicorn, a toy kitten, and a dog. I hope you have a safe trip.

Love, Kyleigh
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I was wondering if you had a good summer. This year I want a ball, a doll house, and a stuffed teddy bear. I hope you, the reindeer, and your sleigh have a safe trip.

Love, Delani
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I want a Mario game, zoo-zoo pet, and a stuffed animal. Could you bring my sister a new Bratz doll? Say hi to Rudolph for me. I will leave you some Christmas tree cookies and some gingerbread men.

Love, Caleb
Dear Santa,
How is the weather at the North Pole? I have been good this year. I am nice to my brother and I help my sister. I want a Buzz Lightyear and Woody and I want a Transformer and that is about all.

Love, Christopher
Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer doing? I have been good this year. I help my mom clean and help her put my tree up. I want some cars and cards for Christmas. I will leave milk and chocolate cookies for you.

Love, William
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year! I hope that you bring me lots of toys. The kinds of toys I want are dinosaurs and all kinds of other animals. How can you go all around the world without eating any-

thing but cookies? This year I will bring you some apples and some carrots for the reindeer. I have been helping my dad, mom, and my little brother. Merry Christmas Santa!

Love, Noah
Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been very good this Christmas. For Christmas I would like a doll and in my stocking I would like surprises - and don't forget my baby sister. She probably would like a rattle.

Love, Kyra
Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? I have been good this year. I clean my room when my mom tells me to. I would like a toy car, a ball, and a Playstation. I will leave milk and cookies for you.

Love, Andrew
Dear Santa,
I have been very good these days. I would like a motorcycle and a 4-wheeler for Christmas.

Love, Dillan
Dear Santa,
I have been very good. I help my mom and dad clean the house sometimes. Please bring me a Super Mario Nintendo and maybe a big Star Wars ship. I also need a new bike helmet.

Love, Jacob
Dear Santa,
I have been a really good boy this year. I want to know if you can bring me a skateboard for Christmas. Could you bring my little brother one, too? I will leave milk and cookies for you.

Love, Justin
Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How are the reindeer doing? How is Mrs. Clause doing? I have been good this year. I have shared my toys with my brother. I usually tear my brownie apart and share it with him. Please bring me a black and white puppy and please bring me a Nintendo DS. I would like a purple one. I would also like a picture of the reindeer and a picture of you and Mrs. Clause together.

Love, Jasmine
Dear Santa,

How are you? I have been very good this year! How are you reindeer doing? Tell Prancer I said, "Hi!" I want a new doll and a new game for my DS.

Love, Kerrigan
Kristy Isaac's First Grade
Dear Santa,
I have been nice all year. I would like a Star Wars spaceship. That's all.

Chris
Dear Santa,
You are nice. I would like a Yorkie dog for Christmas. I will take good care of it.

Cortney
Dear Santa,
I have been nice. I would like a bicycle for Christmas.

McKenzie
Dear Santa,
I would like a Wii for Christmas. Will you bring me one?

Matthew
Dear Santa,
I am a nice boy. Will you bring me a big green dinosaur with a remote control and a stuffed animal?

Nate
Dear Santa,
I have been nice this year. Will you bring me a puppy dog?

Angelina
Dear Santa,
I would like a puppy for Christmas. I will take good care of it. I have been nice all year.

Karina
Dear Santa,
Will you please bring me a PSP?

Alexis
Dear Santa,
I would like a Wii for Christmas. I have been very good this year.

Kyle
Dear Santa,
I would like headphones so I can listen to rock and roll music. I have been nice.

Phillip
Dear Santa,
Will you bring me a toy truck for Christmas? I have been good.

Devin
Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie doll and dollhouse for Christmas. I'm naughty and nice because sometimes I punch my broth-

ers and sometimes I hug and kiss them.

Kasey
Dear Santa,
I would like a necklace for Christmas. I would also like a dog, cat, Mickey Mouse, and a snowman for Christmas.

Chelsey
Dear Santa,
I have been working hard in school. I would like a remote control dirtbike.

Jordan
Dear Santa,
I have been nice. I would like a Chihuahua and another cat.

Hannah
Dear Santa,
I want a nutcracker for Christmas. I have been nice.

Jonathon
Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I want a bug maker and lots of Ford trucks for Christmas. Can you bring Biscuit a chew toy?

Corey
Marian Cable's Second Grade

Dear Santa,
How are you? Is Blitzen and Donner and Rudolph okay? How is Miss Clous doing? I am excited about toys and songs and Christmas. I have been a good boy this year. I have helped my mom dust and clean. At school I do my homework and stay on green. I practice my math facts, reading and science. I would like to have a ramot control turtwing and a remote control chimchar that can climb up a wall. I would like to have one hundred thousand dollars for a hot tub for my mom. Would you bring her a brand new car? I will leave you chocolate chip cookies and milk. Have a great holiday!

Your friend, Blayne K.

Dear Santa,
How are you duweg and the randers? I have been gud and I have been helping my Mamaw and my Papaw clean out the back porch. I would like to have a DSI for Christmas. For my brother please get him a PSP because he has been begging my Mamaw for a game for a PSP. Please bring my aunt baby crib. I will

leave you some milk and chocolate chip cookies. Have a good Christmas!

Your friend, Katelyn H.
Dear Santa,
How do you like your job? How is Mrs. Claus? This year I have been a good boy. The reason I have been a good boy is because I made my bed, cleaned the coffee table, and swept the house on Sunday and all my mom had to do is vacuum and mop. At school I stay on track. For Christmas I would like a Wii and the game for Nintendo DS Rabbits Go Home. For my mom would you bring a brand new sink thing where you put the sink fossit at. Please get my mom that for my new house because the other one is too little. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Keep the reindeer in line.

Your friend, Wesley C.

Dear Santa,
How are you doing this year? How is Mrs. Clos? I am looking ford to Christmas! This year I have been a good girl. I have helped my Nanny clean the house and make my bed. I am becoming better at math. For Christmas I would like to have a Wii and a laptop. For Mrs. Cable's Allie would you bring a trysekol? I will leave you some cookies and milk on the table.

Your friend, Carleigh M.

Dear Santa,
How are you and the reindeer? Are you ready for Christmas? I am looking forward to Christmas. This year I have helped my mom. At school I help my teacher Ms. Cable. I am vice president. For Christmas I would like to have a Wii and a Nintendo DS and digital nail printer. For my brother would you bring a tricycle? For my mom would you bring her a "what not". I will leave you a plate of cookies and a glass of milk to go with it. Have a great holiday.

Your friend, Allie P.

Dear Santa,
Are you ready for Christmas? Is it okay at the North Pole?

(Cont. to E7)



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To You!

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“Letters”

(Cont. from E6)

This year I have been a good boy. I helped my mom with the Christmas decorations. I am helping at school. I would like to have a Wii and Ultimate Allain II on PS2. For my mom would you bring a snow globe? I will leave you cookies with plain lilies on the counter.

Your friend, Cody S.

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? I am looking forward to Crismis. This year I have been a good boy. I helped my dad make a model GF Fiter jet. At school I help my teacher get plastic bottle out of her car. For Christmas I would like to have Rabits Go Home ON Wii and a PSP. For my dad would you bring a model Buledog Fiter Jet? I will leave you a choklet chipe cake. Have a safe flite.

Your friend, Acton C.

Dear Santa,
How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? I'm looking forward to Chirstmas. This year I have been a good boy. I have helped my mom make cookies. I played good with my sister. At school I paracitice math facts. For Christmas I would like to have a Wii and Rabbits Go Home. Would you get my dad a mower? I will leave you cookies, milk and oatmeal chocolate chip cookies.

Your friend, Braden P.

Dear Santa,
How are you doing at your new job? Have you been notey? I have been waiting for Christmas. I have been a good boy. One day I took out the garbage. I have been finishing my school work. I would like to have R2-D2 and a PS3. For my dad I would like you to bring him a hunting jakit. I will leave you some cakes.

Your friend, Eli P.

Dear Santa,
How are you and Missis Clas? I am looking ford to Cresmiss. I am happy for you Santa. This year I have been a good boy. I cleaned the house and I helped my parents and lisen to them. At scool, I lisen and do my woke. I would like to have Mario and Sonic at the Elefick Wienter games, games for a DS and Sponge bob Truth or square. For my mom would you bring a sea shell lamp? For my dad bring shot gun shells. I will leave you cookies.

Your friend, CJ C

Dear Santa,
How are you and the elves and reindeer? Are you ready for Christmas with the raindder and Mrs. Clasue? I am excited abut the toys this year. I have been a good boy. I help my uncle and aunt sweep the floor. At school I do my best at my handwriting. For Chrsmas I would like to have a DSi and transformer video game for the DSi. For my family would you bring them candy. I will have you cookies and milk. Have a good trip.

Your friend, Andrew H.

Dear Santa,
How are you doing Santa? How is Mrs. Clause? Christmas is coming soon. This year I have been a good girl. I have helped Mom clean the house because she was going to put up the Christmas tree. At school I have become a better math person. For Christmas I would like to have a laptop and Wii. For my brother would you bring a toy car? I will leave you cookies. Have the reindeer minded?

Your friend, Kisha N.

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer and you? I am ready for Christmas. This year I have been a good girl. The resin wiy I have been a good girl is I have help Mom clean. At school I help the teche and I improov every day. For Christmas I would like a whach and a new dress. For my dad would you bring him a poke of nels and my mom a pan? I will leve you coke on the casch. Have a good trip.

Your friend, Holly M.

Dear Santa,
How are the reendeer doing at the North Pole? Have you been getting ready for you big day? I am excited about Christmas! This year I have been a good girl. I have helped my parents feed the

dogs. At school I am becoming a better reader. For Christmas I would like to have a DS and Wii games. For my mom would you bring a lamp? For my dad would you bring a fishing pole and a tool box? A bran new one. I will leave cookies and milk on the table. Have a great year.

Your friend, Felicity H.

Dear Santa,
How are things at the North Pole? Have you been gitting ready for Christmas? I am excited about Christmas! This year I have been a good girl. For Christmas I would like a DS and a Tomas the Train Trak. For my mom would you bring a real computer? Will You? I will leave you some cookies like last time. Have you been good?

Your friend, Brittney H.

Dear Santa,
I am excited about Christmas. I have been a good boy. I have been nice to my brothers. I would like to have a new toy dirt bike. Would you bring my brothers a ninja guy. I will leave you milk and cookies.

Your friend, Logan E.

Dear Santa,
I feel good about Christmas. I have been a little bit of both good and bad. Please bring me a Tin Can Shooting Gallery, a skateboard, and a scooter. I will make my mom and dad a love card. I will leave you a cupcake and a glass of milk.

Your friend, Justin D.

Dear Santa,
How are you doing lately? I am looking forward to Christmas. I help my mom clean up and I am on track at school. I want a laptop and a DSi. For my teacher bring her a reading set. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Your friend, Santina A.

Dear Santa,
Did you have a good Thanksgiving? How are your evls? I am happy about Christmas! This year I have been a good boy. I have helped my mom do the dishes. I help the teacher being the male person. For Christmas I want a X Box 360 with 2 games, Call of Duty 4 and Call of Duty Modern Warfare II. I hope this letter gets to you. For my dad would you bring a M1 grand with six clips and amo. I will leave you cookies. Have a good trip.

Your friend, Blaine R.

Dear Santa,
How are things at the North Pole? I have been a good boy and bad boy at the same time. Do I still get to have a present? I would like a Playstation 3 and a game. Could you get my brothers a skateboard? Santa I will leave you a gingerbread house made out of choleklat and butterscotch candy.

Your friend, Aaron M.

BES

*Patsy Morgan's
Second Grade*

Dear Santa,
I wonet a set of water panet. A brady car and doll. I wonet a big brazs doll. I wonet also a pack of pensols, erasers. Then a big hors that macks nose. I wonet a kitten and a puppy.

Love, Haley G.

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a bike with banana handle bars for my Nana's house. Merry Christmas.

Love, Lindsey J.

Dear Santa,
I have went to see you in rell life and your randeer Roodoff. I know that you wer red and white and you hav't to eat a lot of cookies. I hope you will come this Chresmais.

Love,Cynthia W.

Dear Santa,
I want an XBOX 360, XBOX 360 College basketball, XBOX 360 College football, Wii Nunchuck and Wii remote gun holder like Derrick's. A Kentucky uniform like Patrick Patterson's and John Wall's. And I want a Kentucky College Basketball game for the DS.

Love, Bentley

Dear Santa,
I would like a trampoline with a net, a camra, and a pink binder for Christmas. I am looking forward to seeing lots of presents under my Christmas tree. I will get to see you on Christmas Eve because I am staying up all night.

Love, Valerie

Dear Santa,
What I want four Cristmas is

a puppy, niel disiner, makup, and astial six. I love them. I hope you can do that. Bisids I like you as a frand.

Sinsirly, Leah S.

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a Wii game and three toy cars and a wild cat's jersey and I want a new scarf.

Love, Reese

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is a happy family. The things that I want for Christmas is a dress for my puppy and a beautiful dress for Christmas and a DSi.

Love, Grace

Dear Santa,
Hey Santa, I belleve in you and I want a XBOX 360 for Christmas and I whont the game for XBOX 360 coll of duty wold at war.

Love, Jeffrey

Dear Santa,
The things I want for Christmas is a rockcastel jursey, iletric goodtar, snake boots, and a big ford pick up truck.

Love, Elijah

Dear Santa,
I want a trainsat for Christmas. My sisters wonts a toy car for Christmas. Christmas is the best holiday and I believe in you.

Love, Richie

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas is a John Wall jersey and I wont a DS

that is all I want for Christ-

mas. Love, Logan

Gina Bussell's First Grade
Dear Snata,
I have been a very good kid This year It is almost Chrismas! Will you bring me a Tigergo bakoogon. Thats all I want this year,

Love, Taylor

Dear Santa
I have been a very good kid this year. Ti is almost Chrismas! Will you bring me a Thomas spin and fix Thomas and the new Thomas movey with desull 10 and percey gits stuc into the chocolate.

Love, Jett

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I want a viteyocamra, and a soso pet, and a lepstr, and a barbee nelprenr cenputr, and a selphn for my bruthr.

Love, Faith

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I want a lirtovo. I osoe yot a boeboe and I yot a gioe.

Love, Jayden

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl I would ant a borbe computr and a old cat that I to you santa tha is witt I wott udr the chre and I will be hap Santa.

Sinsile, Jenna

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I

wood want to you bring me a henmontenupve a stuff cat a new bike.

Love, Haley

Dear Santa,
I hav bin a good gril. I wot you to bren me a pole pokit and a noo pet shop and a tede ber.

Love, Kaylee

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good boy. Christmas is almost here. I wunt a robot n a nerf blaster in anudr army gane ub a ax nub glums war it has the suds.

Love, Matthew

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl. Christmas is almost here. I want for Christmas a ntendo ds.

Love, Cindy

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl. Christams is almost here. An I want some DS games. I do not care what kind of DS games I get.

Love, Aliah

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl. Christmas is almost here. I want you to bring me the Will game. I oso want the Barbie camper. I oso want some chritmas clothes for my American girl doll Julie. I oso want some new Nintendo DS games.

Love, Laurel

Dear Santa,

I have been a very good boy. Christmas is almost here. I want you to bring me a Nintendo ds. I want remote control 4-wheeler. I also want a puppe.

Love, Wyatt

Dear Santa,
I have been a girl. Christmas is almost here I want you to bring me a. Nintendo DS and a baby dall that is all I want for Christmas.

Love, Natalie yore little elf
Dear Santa,
I have been very good. Christsms is almost here I want you to bring me a bag uv makup and a litlist pet shop and a rokin hors and a bun rabbit.

Love, Katessa

Dear Santa,
I have been a god boy. I would like you to bring me a bakugan the new vistroia bracelet g power booster. And a new bible. It is the holy bible. And a game cube with a fame for it crash bandacut.

Sincerly, Ethan

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I wunt a haswdgizz.

Luv, Tanner

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. I want Indiana Jones Lego for xbox 360 and club penguin for xbox 360.

Love, Noah

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing; Glory To The Newborn King

And the angel said unto them, 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 Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2: 10-11

Wishing you tidings of great joy this holiday season and beyond.

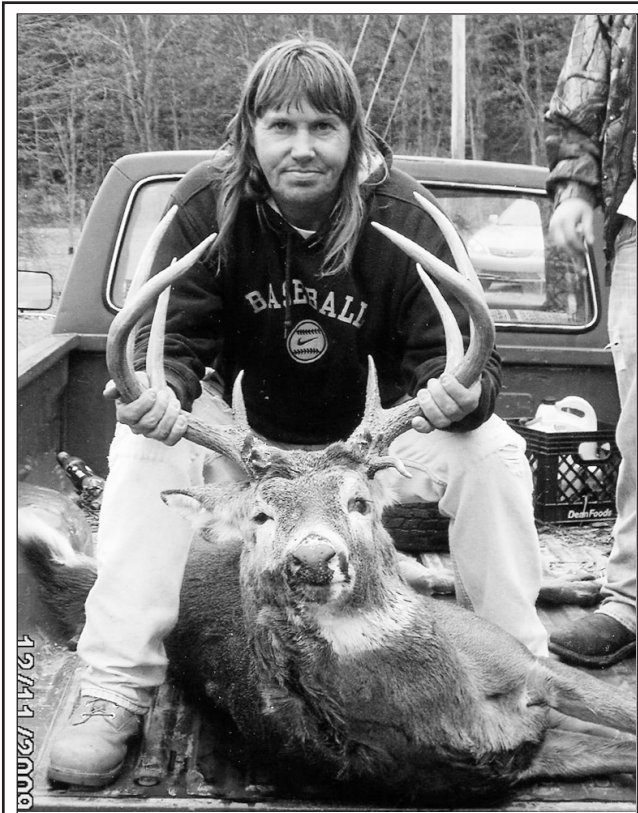
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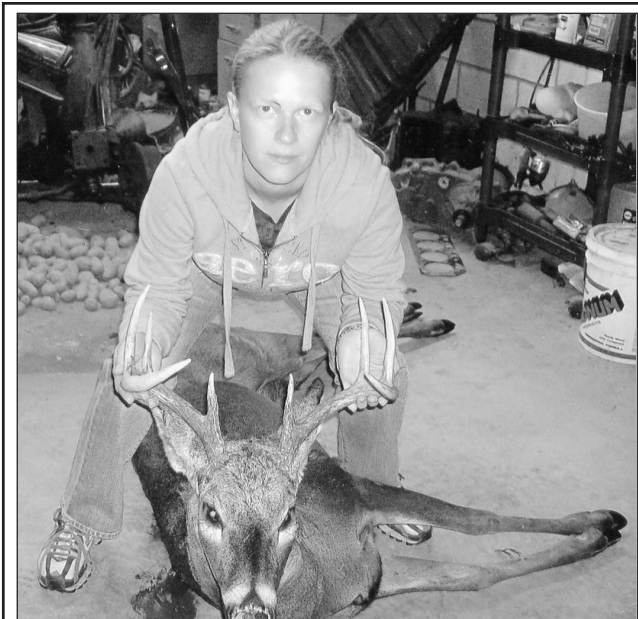
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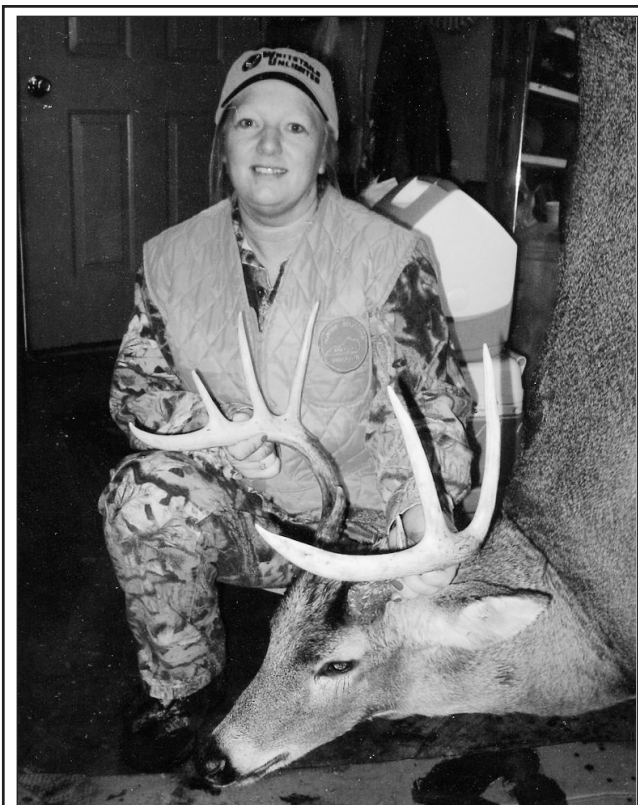
Front row from left: Amanda Clark, Kathy Robinson, Destiny McDaniel and Heather Bussell.
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Not pictured: Brittany Blair, Jessi Lay and asst. county attorney Jerome Fish.



Clinton Barron, of Brodhead, killed this 18 pt. buck on November 23rd in Lincoln County. It weighed 210 pounds.



Congratulations to Cristy Smith of Orlando. She killed this 8 point buck on November 14th. Cristy is the daughter of Clarence and Martha Owens of Orlando. Congratulations from Mom and Dad.



Martha Owens, of Orlando, killed this 9 point buck on November 21st in Muhlenburg County.

Deadline extended for ARC grant funding

Officials at The Center for Rural Development in Somerset have extended the deadline for submitting applications for grant-funding support from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) for community strategic planning.

The Center's "Developing and Implementing Community Strategies Program" will accept applications for a first round ARC mini-grant funding through Jan. 15 from local governments in cities and counties in Southern and Eastern Kentucky.

In 2010, The Center will award \$145,000 in ARC mini-grant funding to communities to encourage and support improved community strategic planning throughout the region. The Center will be awarding two cycles of mini-grants for either the successful creation of a strategic plan or the implementation of priority community development projects identified in existing strategic plans.

The Center also is encouraging the use of technology

solutions in the implementation and execution of these plans and projects.

Individual project awards will range from \$5,000 up to a maximum of \$10,000. All projects must be completed within a six-month period.

Grants are expected to be awarded in February. The application period for the second cycle of funding will be announced at a later date.

Counties eligible to apply for ARC funding support through The Center include: Bath, Bell, Breathitt, Casey, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Estill, Floyd, Harlan, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lincoln, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary, Menifee, Monroe, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Rockcastle, Russell, Wayne, Whitley, and Wolfe. Cities within those counties may also apply.

The Center for Rural Development—the Center of Excellence for rural Kentucky and the nation—provides economic and community development programs to residents in a 42-county primary service area of Southern and Eastern Kentucky, and is home to several statewide and national technology-based programs. For more information on programs available through The Center, visit www.centertech.com.

More than 50 attend grant-writing workshop

By Sharon Dodson,
The Center for
Rural Development

More than 50 educators, business leaders, and professionals from non-profit organizations received expert-led training on the fundamentals of grant writing at the first of two regional workshops on the topic hosted by The Center for Rural Development.

"Grant Writing 101," a four-hour workshop centered around getting grant-writing beginners up to speed on the craft, was held recently at The Center's main headquarters in Somerset.

During the four-hour workshop—presented in partnership with Green River Regional Educational Cooperative (GRREC) in Bowling Green—GRREC Grant Writer Johna Rodgers provided participants with common-sense tips and tools they need to be successful in writing grant proposals.

Rodgers has developed dozens of consortium proposals for small and large projects responsible for bringing millions into Southern Kentucky.

"Not everyone in this group is going to write a grant," Rodgers said. "But hopefully they now have a

better understanding of what works and what doesn't work when it comes to getting started in the grant-writing process."

Participants learned about program and proposal development through the lens of state, federal, foundation, and corporate funding sources; discussed where to find grant money and how to know what to write; and worked through a sample project to connect a data-based need statement to outcomes, objectives, budget, and evaluation.

"The workshop provided educators, community leaders, business owners, and students an opportunity to familiarize themselves with common language and practices often used in the sometimes frightening world of grant writing," Jim Tackett, associate vice president of leadership, education, and training for The Center, said. "By breaking down the entire process into smaller, manageable steps, fear and intimidation factors are greatly reduced."

Jenny Sweet, project director for Rockcastle County schools, attended the workshop as a refresher course to brush up on her grant-writing skills.

"The information pre-

sented reinforced the skills that I will utilize in future grant-writing opportunities," she said.

Amy Thompson-Wells, director of civic engagement and student leadership at Lindsey Wilson College, agreed.

"I already had some background in grant writing, but the workshop made it easier

to understand the details involved in the process," she said.

The Center plans to host a second session of "Grant Writing 101" in Eastern Kentucky in the spring of 2010.

For more information about the workshop, contact Jim Tackett at 606-677-6000 or by e-mail at jtackett@centertech.com.



Johna Rodgers, a grant writer for Green River Regional Educational Cooperative (GRREC), talks with Robert Lawson, executive director of Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and Museum in Renfro Valley, following the conclusion of a grant-writing workshop presented by The Center for Rural Development in partnership with GRREC. Rodgers, who has developed dozens of consortium proposals for small and large projects in the region, gave first-time grant writers some common-sense tips and tools they need to be successful in writing grant proposals at the workshop, held Dec. 1 at The Center in Somerset.



Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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