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RCCHS students helped out with Toys for Tots last Saturday, which was held at the high school. State Trooper Ryan Loudermilk and Y-Club Advisor Anita Nation also assisted at the program. Those students who helped were, from left: Ame Chiantaretto, Rachel Johson, Tim Kirby, Aaron Adkisson, Rachel Martin, Justin Poynter and Marie Poynter. Below, Rockcastle County Sheriff Mike Peters would like to thank all those who helped make this year's Shop with a Cop a success. Sheriff Peters said this was a very important event for the children involved. Pictured with Peters and the children is Santa Claus (aka John Holbrook).



Houk honored for saving little girl's life

Reprinted from the Dec. 14th issue of the Advocate-Messenger, Danville, Ky.

Bryan Houk was looking for bargains when he accompanied some family members to the Berea Walmart Thanksgiving

night to get an early start on gift shopping.

Houk ended up with more than he bargained for and a lucky baby girl ended up with a gift more precious than any Black Friday deal when Houk saved her from choking.

During the shopping trip, Houk bumped into his ex sister-in-law and her one-year-old daughter and he and the woman chatted while the baby ate small pieces of Dorito chips.

After only a few minutes of conversation, the baby began to choke on one of the chips. "She was sitting in the front of the cart and you could tell she started to choke," Houk said. "I turned her over and patted her back. Then I stuck my finger in her mouth and it made her spit up." The baby, whose name Houk said

he still doesn't know after they parted ways so quickly following the incident, began to change color and actually stopped breathing.

It was a relief to the crowd of holiday shoppers who had circled to watch when the child started to cry, Houk said. "I think everyone was just surprised at what was going on, like I was," he said.

Houk, an information Technology Technician for the City of Danville who usually works behind-the-scenes, said he didn't want notoriety for his actions, but word traveled fast among city employees.

Besides the front page story in the Dec. 14th issue of the Advocate-Messenger, Houk was honored at a meeting of the Danville City Commissioners on Dec. 12th and received a life-saving plaque presented by Danville Mayor Bernie Hunstad and Fire Chief Woody Ball. He was interviewed by WLEX-TV Channel 18 news on Dec.

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Another charged in Bullock murder

By: Sara Coguer

Another person has been charged in the murder of Jackie Bullock, which happened Thursday, December 1st near the home of Bobby Peters on Lone Oak Drive.

According to the Sheriff's office, Mary H. Hunsucker, 23, of Mt. Vernon, was arrested Monday and charged with murder.

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7eventh Time Down to perform at RCMS

Need something for the whole family to do New Year's Eve? For the second year, local Christian rock band 7eventh Time Down will rock in 2012 at the Rockcastle County Middle School.

Doors open at 8:30 New Year's eve and, besides national recording artists 7eventh Time Down, the concert will feature recording artists Live Fish and illusionist BROCK GILL.

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No Signal next week

The Signal will not be printed next week, as we will be on vacation. The office will close Thursday, December 22nd, and reopen Tuesday, January 3rd.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year from all of us at the Signal - Perlina, Paige, Sara, Spencer, Jason, Jimmy and Eric.

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Nineteen indicted by Grand Jury

By: Sara Coguer

The Rockcastle County Grand Jury met Friday, December 9th, and nineteen persons on charges ranging from cultivating marijuana to tampering with physical evidence. Those indicted were:

Thomas L. Johnson, 48, of Mt. Vernon, on one count of cultivating marijuana, first offense, and one count of possession of drug paraphernalia, first offense. His bond was set at \$5000 cash or property.

Joshua Brandon Baker, 27, Mt. Vernon, for one (Cont. to A9)

Water tank issue on front burner for Mt. Vernon

By: Sara Coguer

In a short meeting Monday night, Mt. Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant told the council that even though it has not been publicly discussed recently, the water tank issue is still on the front burner, and behind-the-scenes work is being done daily to hopefully resolve the issue. Mt. Vernon's water tank on the tank farm is in very poor condition and has been patched repeatedly over the years.

The mayor said that he, and Water Superintendent (Cont. to A10)

Meth lab found in home with kids

By: Sara Coguer

A Mt. Vernon man was arrested Tuesday night after police found an active one-step meth lab in his home, where two children were at the time.

According to Mt. Vernon Police, Steven Samples, 40, was charged with one count of manufacturing methamphetamine and two counts of controlled substance endangerment of a child.

Police received a tip around 9:15 p.m. Tuesday night and responded to Samples home on McKenzie Court, where they discovered the active one-step meth lab.

Four people were inside the home including a 14-year-old boy and a four-year-old girl. Samples' wife (Cont. to A9)

Man killed in single car wreck

By: Sara Coguer

A Mt. Vernon man was killed in a single car accident early Sunday morning. According to state police, Cody J. Delph, 20, was operating a 1998 Chevrolet S-10 pickup truck when he left the roadway, striking an earth embankment, overturning, and coming to rest on the vehicle's top.

The accident happened four miles north of Mt. Vernon on Ky. 1326. Delph, who was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the accident, was pronounced dead at the scene by Rockcastle Deputy Coroner Marvin Owens.

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Indictment in road rage incident

By: Sara Coguer

The Corbin man, who police say is responsible for the murder of his sister and attempted murder of his brother, has finally been indicted by a Rockcastle Grand Jury.

According to court documents, Clyde N. White, 78, was indicted on four different counts stemming from the road rage incident on August 29th, 2011 in which White ran another vehicle, driven by his brother, Lawrence White, off the road and into a DirecTV van on Hwy. 461. White's sister, Dorothy Whitaker, who was a passenger in Lawrence White's vehicle, later (Cont. to A9)

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Obituaries



Mildred Miller

Mildred Miller, 78, of Orlando, died Monday, December 12, 2011 at the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead. She was born on August 5, 1933 the daughter of Milt and Martha Smith Mullins. She was a homemaker and a member of the Maple Grove Baptist Church.

She is survived by: five sons, Johnny (Jerelene) Miller, Junior (Darlene) Miller, and Doug (Karen) Miller, all of Hamilton, OH, Kenny Miller of Orlando, OH, Ronnie Miller of Casey County; one brother, Terry Mullins of Mt. Vernon; one sister, Mae Rigsby of Orlando; five grandchildren, Buddy Miller, Dougie Miller, Melissa Miller, Rodney Miller and Joey Miller; seven great grandchildren, Jeremiah Powell, Nathaniel Powell, Dylan Miller, Hunter Miller, Austin Miller, Cody Miller and Clarissa Miller; and two step grandchildren, Evelyn Warren and John Ryan. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Robert "Sap" Miller.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 16 at the Maple Grove Baptist Church by Bro. Jerry Owens. Burial followed in the Miller Cemetery in Wildie.

Pallbearers were: Warren Bullock, Doug Miller, Jr., Joey Miller, Rodney Miller, John Ryan and Ernie Warren.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.



Norma Jean Anderson

Norma Jean Anderson, 76, of Berea, died Sunday, December 18, 2011 at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. She was born in Mt. Vernon on August 30, 1935 the daughter of Joe and Nancy Sowder Cummins and was a retired Restaurateur having co-owned and operated the KFC in Berea for 36 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon.

She is survived by: four brothers, Ivan (Mary) Cummins of Mt. Vernon, Bentley Cummins of Nashville, TN, Vernon (Faye) Cummins of Berea and Glen (Prestene) Cummins of Lexington; and a sister, Vivian (Alfred) Cummins of Berea. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews and great great nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Les Anderson and two brothers, Kenneth and Earl Cummins.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home by Bro. Allen Livingood. Entombment was in the Berea Cemetery.

The family has requested that any donations be made to: Hospice Care Plus, 208 Kidd Drive, Berea, KY 40403 ATTN: Compassionate Care Center.

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



Ethel Clark Croucher

Ethel Clark Croucher, 76, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, December 11, 2011 at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. She was born in Rockcastle County, on March 12, 1935 the daughter of Jim and Edna Bustle Carpenter.

She is survived by: three sons, Danny Clark, Mike Clark (Tammy) and Joe Clark, all of Mt. Vernon; four daughters, Donna (George) Kirby, Linda Lawson, and Gena (William) Dooley, all of Mt. Vernon, and Goldie (Terry) Kirby of Berea; five sisters, Faye (Dwayne) King, Shirley Robinson, and Genavee Hines, all of Livingston, Margie Dees of Brodhead, and Barbara Gabbard of Memphis, TN; a half-brother, Bill Jack (Teresa) Carpenter of Mt. Vernon; and a half-sister, Linda (Paul) Lowery of Mt. Vernon. Also surviving are 15 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Arvil Clark; two sons, Doug Clark and Richard Clark; a granddaughter, Jessica Horn; a son-in-law, Sam Lawson; two brothers, John Carpenter and Tom Carpenter; and two sisters, Edith Moore and Fredda Milburn.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 14 at the Northside Baptist Church by Bro. Darren Slone. Burial was in the Clark Cemetery at Climax.

Pallbearers were: Ben Campbell, Paul Clark, Gorden Horn, Jason Nelson, Dale Robbins and Tim Robbins. Honorary Pallbearer was Dustin Hazelwood.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.

Wilson "Sonny" Vaughn

Wilson Walter "Sonny" Vaughn, 64, of Cincinnati, OH, died Saturday, December 10, 2011, at the Louis Stokes VA Medical Center in Cleveland, OH. He was born in Indianapolis, IN on January 19, 1947, the son of the late Allie Vaughn and James Harper and was raised in Brodhead. He joined the United States Marines in June of 1965 and volunteered in the Vietnam War and was Honorably Discharged in April of 1969. Wilson was a member of the Brodhead Baptist Church and a lifetime member of the VFW. He was a semi-retired furniture salesman having worked for PMI Associates, Deer Park, American Promotion, Great American and PFP. He was a loyal and faithful man and loved all of his family and friends. He enjoyed fishing, having cookouts and working in his yard and garden. He never spoke any unkind words and was always a positive thinker. He leaves behind a host of family and friends. He loved various sports especially the Cincinnati Reds and the Bengals.

Survivors include: his devoted love of his life of 30 years, Geneva Baker Vaughn of Cincinnati, OH; sons, Tony Vaughn and Matthew (Lynn) Vaughn; two grandsons, Zane Vaughn and Adam Durham; three granddaughters, Lilly Christine Vaughn, and Ashley and Sarah Durham; step son, Dennis Durham; step daughter, Stephanie Durham; sister, Loretta (Coy) Renner of Indianapolis, IN; two nieces, Connie and Rhonda (Bub); and four nephews, Brian, Randy, Robin and Larry Renner.

Services were held Friday, December 16, 2011 at the McKnight Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor George Ragan officiating. Burial was in the Piney Grove Cemetery in Brodhead.

Military Honors by the Caswell Saufley American Legion Post # 18 of Stanford.



Charles Shockley

Charles Calvin Shockley, 76, of Stuart, VA went home to be with his heavenly Father on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 in the presence of his family. He was born on June 29, 1935 in Danville, VA to the late Charlie Shockley and Elva Ayers Shockley. He was a member of Peters Creek Baptist Church, Lawsonville, NC where he served as a deacon, trustee and taught Sunday school for several years. He was also a member of the Gideon's International of Patrick County, served in the National Guard and was a retired teacher and principal in the Patrick County School System.

Surviving are: his wife of 50 years, Magdalene Kirby Shockley; daughter and son-in-law, Becky and Dan Epperson of Chapin, SC; son and daughter-in-law, John and Beth Shockley of Stuart, VA; four grandchildren, Ashley and Lauren Epperson of Chapin, SC and Kirby and Jonah Shockley of Stuart, VA; special aunt, Jessie Mae Vernon (Aunt Amy) and several cousins, family and friends.

Funeral services were held Friday, December 9, 2011 at Peters Creek Baptist Church with Reverend Terry Ragsdale officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials be made to the Gideon's International, P. O. Box 921, Stuart, VA 24171 or to the Missions of Peters Creek Baptist Church, 6561 NC Hwy. North, Lawsonville, NC 27022

Norris Funeral Services, Inc. and Crematory, Stuart, VA is serving the Shockley family. Online condolences may be made at www.NorrisFuneral.com.



Donna Lee Singleton

Miss Donna Lee Singleton, 59, of Livingston, died Friday, December 16, 2011 at her home. She was born in Rockcastle County on April 25, 1952 the daughter of Richard and Bessie Daugherty Singleton. She was a member of the Morning View Holiness Church.

She is survived by: two brothers, Bobby Singleton of Winchester and Clayton (Becky) Singleton of Livingston. She was preceded in death by a brother, Jimmy Singleton.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 20 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Burgess Daugherty and James Scalf. Burial was in the Red Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Robert Clark, Ed Lucas, James Scalf, James Singleton, Robbie Singleton, William Singleton and David Tincher.

Honorary pallbearers were: Johnny Carpenter, Roy Daugherty, Benny Johnson and Ray Lear.

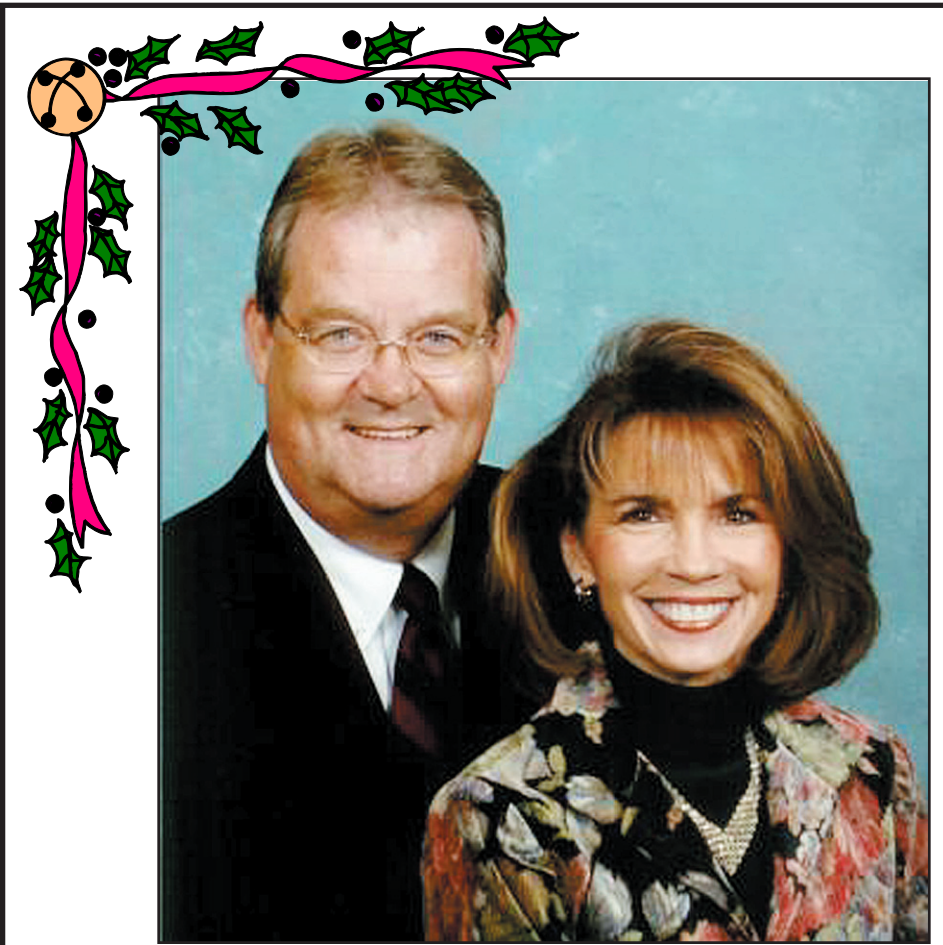
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Wanda Cromer

Ramblings . . .

by:
Sara Anderkin Coguer,
Editor



It is time once again for that sappy, Christmas blessings column, and believe me when I tell you I can get as sappy as anyone.

I want first to say that we should count our blessings daily, not just at Christmastime, and even though it may seem hard some days to see the blessings in a know it all fifteen-year-old, an emotionally-wreck seventh grader (c'mon, you have or had one, too) and an eight-year-old-boy who loves nothing better than to torment his older sisters, it happens.

Don't forget a husband who spends 175 days a year locked in a building with middle schoolers and sometimes forgets he isn't the principal at home, and you can see why it is hard on the rare occasion to count my blessings.

I know some people are shaking their heads as they read that, thinking shame on that girl for even saying that, but let me tell you, I have had much confirmation over this past year that I make a lot of people feel better about themselves when I state the truth about my life (which mirrors theirs).

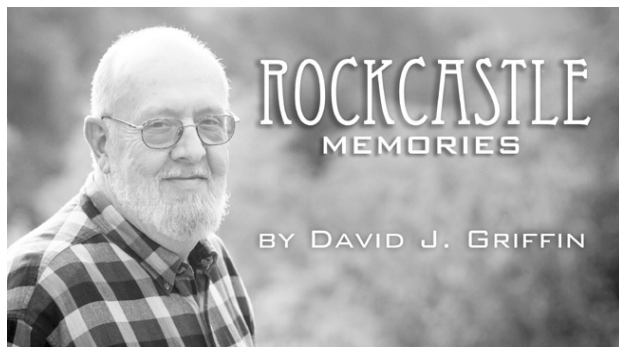
I am only human, so give

me a break. At least I don't eat my young like some other mammals, and 99.9% of the time I do thank the Lord for my blessings.

I can see myself in my children on so many different occasions when they say or do something, it is scary. Of course, I am just like that too. I swore when I was younger that I would do so many things different than my own mother, (and that takes a lot of nerve to write in a column that she proofs on a day she hands out paychecks), but I am my mother's daughter and do so many of the same things she did when we were growing up that it is too much to take in some days. My consolation is that I think she did a pretty good job raising a bunch of heathens, so there is hope for my own - despite my parenting skills.

I know people say that Alaina is my mini-me, and in looks that is true, but Caroline is my double in the personality department. I see myself in her more and more each day, and good or bad, I know she is going to do well in life, because, well, I have. I don't mean that I am wealthy or have

(Cont. to A4)



"Shutterbug"

For most of my life I have been intrigued by photography. When I was a young boy, my mother (Bee) bought me a Brownie Hawkeye camera so I could record a pictorial history of my family. This particular camera was sold between 1952 and 1967. I cannot recall the exact date that I received the camera for my birthday, but I guess it was probably around 1954. I do remember that I was extremely excited when I opened my package. Within an hour or so, I was snapping photographs all around our house.

This camera had a large flash bulb attachment, and it used those big, fat bulbs (that old-timers remember) that would light up the entire room. As most will recall, when one of those bulbs lit up, you would see spots before your eyes for a long, long time. Bee absolutely hated to have her picture taken, so she rarely allowed me to take her photograph.

That night when I went to bed, I made a mental list of the photographs that I wanted to take with my new camera. One of my hobbies at the time was to make plastic models of my favorite cars. The next morning I spent a great deal of time arranging my automobile models on the top of Bee's cedar chest and taking photographs of each one. Several years ago, I ran across some of those photos and I have to admit they were pretty cool.

By the time I reached high school age, cameras had improved considerably and I purchased a new one at Maggard's Drug Store. When I was a senior at Mt. Vernon High School, I was selected as the business manager of the yearbook. The camera was very useful for taking photos of businesses that purchased ads from me. If you look through the advertisement section of the 1962 Flambeau, you will see my black '58 Chevrolet sitting in front of several stores that wanted me to include a picture of their business. I also used the camera to take snapshots for the annual. I am amazed at the quality of the black and white photographs that we took in 1962. I remem-

ber that camera being tossed into my trunk when I left home for the University of Kentucky.

Because of my interest in photography, I later applied for yearbook staff while attending college and was chosen as one of the photographers. I was able to be a part of the group for every year that I attended. It was due to that experience that I became the yearbook advisor at every high school in which I taught for more than 30 years.

When I accepted the job at Mt. Sterling High School, Intercollegiate Press purchased for me a new Nikon 35 mm, single-lens reflex camera that produced professional quality photographs. I had that camera with me all the time and that is when I acquired the nickname, "Shutterbug."

About that time, Paul Simon released the popular song entitled Kodachrome. The lyrics still ring in my mind as it tells the story of my history of photography. *When I think back on all the crap I learned in high school*

It's a wonder I can think at all

Though my lack of education hasn't hurt me none I can read the writings on the walls.

Kodachrome . . . they give us those nice bright colors They give us the greens of summers

Makes you think all the world's a sunny day, oh yeah

I got a Nikon camera, I love to take a photograph So mama don't take my Kodachrome away.

Now that I have achieved the golden years of my life, I decided that it was time to purchase a new, high tech, digital camera, so I recently began to study what was available at this time. I used the advice of my friend Kelly, who has already won an Emmy for his talents. He suggested an 18 megapixel Canon EOS 60D, which has the ability to turn snapshots into professional grade photographs. So last week I drove to Lexington and made the purchase.

WOW, I was not expecting the quality that this cam-

(Cont. to A5)

Points East

By Ike Adams



Most of you probably like Frank or Bing or Dean on your turn tables this time of year. A little Mafia Christmas music makes it all feel just right. Bought and sold Italians who don't or never knew the meaning of the word "Christmas" warble and we swoon. What a ruse.

I am more in tune with Willie Nelson even if he is owned by the mob. And John Prine who is not owned by anybody but the record companies. And now I just figured out they are owned by the mob. I am a slow learner.

But I have been sitting here all night doing the You Tube boogie with the speakers turned up loud and clicking on John Prine. Loretta is out shopping so I can make this music play way loud. I love John Prine. I

really like Merle and Willie a lot but John is the guy that sings me to sleep and makes me remember that yesterday was yesterday.

If you asked me to name the best musician in my life. John Prine tops the stack. No apologies to the Beatles or Merle Haggard or Willie John just does it.

And so I am sitting here listening to carols and symphonies on the internet and I click back through the music I might play and there is John Prine. My hero. If you have not heard "Silent Night All Day Long" You don't know much about Christmas.

In the meantime, I am a little bit weepy. God knows I love the folks who read this drivel.

Merry Christmas and please know that you are loved.

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Our Readers Write

Fairground Authority would not be part of parks and recreation board...

Dear Editor,
A number of people have asked if the fiscal court intends to have a yet-to-be-appointed Parks and Recreation Board take over the operations of the Rockcastle Fairgrounds Authority Board. The answer is simply no.

Due to the statutory requirements by the state, the fiscal court must continue to have a separate fairgrounds authority board to oversee that property's events. That property would not fall under the jurisdiction of a parks and recreation board. The fairgrounds must be considered a separate property from the surrounding property presently used for ball fields and recreation.

In last week's *Signal*, the news report mentioned that the issue of the fairgrounds property could fall under a parks and recreation board's jurisdiction, which was brought up in the fiscal court by a magistrate who merely asked the question. Unfortunately, some people, after having read the article,

thought that was the way it would be designed. It can't and won't.

Buzz Carloftis

Thank you for support, kindnesses...

Dear brothers, sisters, and friends in Rockcastle County,

On October 28th, I fell and broke my back. This was really my first experience with any kind of trauma and resulted in an ambulance ride to the emergency room at Rockcastle Hospital, and surgery 16 days later. Since then I have almost fully recovered from the injury, and have had the opportunity to look back and reflect on lessons and blessings.

I want to publicly thank our Great and Gracious Savior, Lord Jesus Christ for His kindness toward and watch care over me, and for my healing which has been marvelous.

But I also want to thank you. My wife, Lisa, for her selfless, kind, and healing support throughout. The ambulance folks who came and transported me so quickly and carefully to the hospital. The doctors and staff at Rockcastle Regional

for their professional and personal care that brought me so much comfort.

And all of you who prayed, sent cards, visited, called, and wished me and Lisa wellness. Your prayers were heard by our Heavenly Father. It was so humbling and encouraging to know you were bringing me and my family before God's throne continuously; nothing has brought me more joy than your prayers. Thank you so much!

Lisa and I are so grateful that God led us here to serve with you. To God be the glory. To you are my thanks.
Bruce Ross

'Ramblings'

(Cont. from A3)

some type of status, I mean I have done well in life because I know how to love and am loved, I have compassion for those less fortunate than me and I understand that life is hard, but it is what you make it. I am content and blessed, and I know Caroline has those same traits that will make her a compassionate, content, and blessed adult too.

I am blessed to watch my son grow up, looking more and more like my dad every day, and acting more and more like his own father every day. Both of those are good things, as I thought there wasn't a better man in the world than my dad and I know there isn't a better man in the world than my husband - most days.

I am blessed that God gave me Alaina first because she is such a good example for her siblings (most days) and I know that when I am gone, she will keep our family together because she understands the importance of a tight unit.

I am blessed with my own, crazy, loving family. We are very close, and we are getting ready to increase in numbers with a healthy new addition named Avery Richard. Anyone named after the best oldest brother in the world is going to be a blessing to this world.

Anyway, blessings come in so many forms but please take the time each day to ponder on them, even if it is

for a nanosecond, because you never know what might happen that those blessings are gone from your life.

As always, we here at the *Signal*, all seven of us, wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We truly are blessed to live and work in this community, to be able to share in your celebrations and sorrows, and to know that each of you make a difference in our own lives.

We thank you for your

patronage, which has provided our family with a good living over the past forty some years, and hope that you know we will strive to always be there for you and yours for many more years.

Have a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and safe and blessed week.

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The Roots of Rockcastle

by: Tonya J. Cook



The Week Before Christmas

This week the Roots series will take a break from the ordinary, but will resume at the next printing with part two of "Landmark Restaurant Has Become a Memory to Sarah Kirby-Harris".

From time to time I try my hand at poetry, and the following is a few lines I put together while pattering around the house and later put them on paper. I will attempt to take a humorous, but in some cases, a true look at the Christmas holiday. It's enough to make you wonder if it's really worth the effort considering all of the expense, stress, etc. that is endured. It is, of course, written from the female point of view, not to say that the men don't play an important part of the preparations. So, in this time of merriment and glee, here is a gift of verse from me to thee.

'Tis the week before Christmas;
The worst lies just ahead.
I'll wrap, cook, and clean
Until I can't get out of bed.
The house is a wreck
All through and through,
And the kids are at home
Coming down with the flu.
The last-minute shopping
Is now at hand;
Only to find something
cheap,
But yet looks grand.
I wish I had more money,
I'll spend more than I earn.
To spend less and save more
Is a tough lesson to learn.
I must make a big meal,
All tasty and grand.
Too bad they don't have
roast turkey
Straight out of a can.
Oh, the candy and cookies
on
Plates piled high.
Might as well take them
And apply directly to each
thigh.
Hubby is out shopping
For that perfect tree;

When he gets one,
The decorating always falls
to me.
The gifts are all nestled,
Yet hidden about,
Even with the utmost care
Someone will be left out.
Where is my memory,
Trying to think, but couldn't.
"Hush now, kids, and don't
be
doing something you
shouldn't."
The cards from last year
Are now ready to mail.
Must get them to the post
office
Now, without fail.
The guests will soon be ar-
iving
With joy and glee.
Bringing more gifts to
Put under the tree.
Then we'll gather with
Family warmth and cheer,
Wishing all of our loved
ones
Could be right here.
I remember last year's gath-
ering;
All warm and snuggly;
Until someone said some-
thing
And the scene turned ugly.
The meal looked great, and
was
As delicious as ever.
The dressing and potatoes
Make us light as a feather.
Uncle Fred liked the fruit-
cake
And the eggnog,
But his wish was less egg
And a bit more nog.
Everyone liked their gifts,
Even the knitted socks;
Baby forgot the toy and
Played with the box.
I've met the challenge
And pulled it off, so it seems.
I'm so tired, I'll see this
Again in my dreams.
So this has been Christmas,
It's finally here!
I'm just thankful it
Comes but once each year.

The information in this column hasn't been researched or documented, but if you can find a housewife at this time of year that has

a moment to spare, feel free to ask her.

Remember that I'm looking for good stories about the county, people and the events in their lives. I may be contacted through the Mount Vernon Signal or at therootsofrockcastle@windstream.net.

"Memories" (Cont. from A3)

era has to offer. Kelly spent one entire afternoon teaching me how to use this new device, and I am so excited to begin my new-found hobby. I think one of my first models will be my four-year-old Sheltie, Shiloh. He is well aware of how handsome he is, so he will be a willing subject.

One feature on my new Canon that I was not expecting is the full High Definition movie mode. By using the included USB cable, movies can be recorded and then transferred to my laptop for editing and burning to a DVD disk. Canon has made it possible to incorporate still photographs and the movie format into one cool camera. My friend Kelly recently filmed a music video in California using his Canon digital camera. The quality was simply amazing.

Photography has changed drastically since Bee purchased my Brownie Hawkeye and my purchase of the Canon digital camera. I still think it is a wonderful hobby taking photographs of my family, friends, and places that my wife and I visit. I am excited that I do not have to find a place to store negatives, my photos now are filed on my laptop where they can be accessed readily. Wonder what the next innovation in photography the future will hold.

(You can reach me at mtmman@mis.net or you can reach me at P.O. Box 927 - Stanton, KY 40380. I appreciate your comments and suggestions.)

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Front row from left: Angela Barron, Eva Payne and Doris Lawrence. Second row from left: Jessica Barron, Lisa Evans and Lana Sturgill.

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From left: Rachele Cromer, Ashley Partin, Jack Stephens, Santa Claus "aka" John Holbrook, Stephen Deaton, Sara Begley, Donna Mullins, Shay Bustle, Joe Daugherty, Ashley Smith, Christy Croucher.

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CHURCH NEWS

Free Bible Courses
Free Bible Correspondence Course. Send your name and address to 3168 Quail Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Let the Bible Speak
Tune into "Let the Bible Speak," with Brett Hickey, on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. on WDKY Fox 56.

Watch Night Service

Watch Night Service will be held at the Little Country Church on Sat., Dec. 31st, beginning at 8 p.m. with Bro. Bob Bradley preaching. Pastor Jack Weaver and congregation invite everyone.

Philadelphia United Baptist Church Events

Schedule of events for Philadelphia United Baptist Church:

December: Sunday School and church every Sunday at 10 a.m., Church

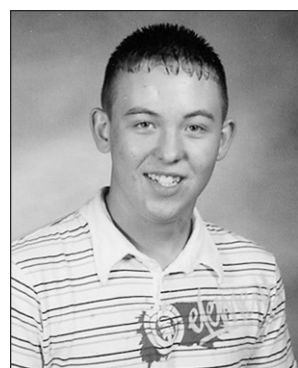
Sunday nights at 6 p.m.
Dec. 23rd: Friday night we will have church at 7 p.m. No church on Dec. 25th.

Dec. 31st: Watch Night Service with Eugene Webb and group.

Come be with us. God loves you.

Watch Night Service
Watch Night Service will be held at Sand Springs Baptist Church on Dec. 31st starting at 8 p.m. with Bro. Eugene Gentry. Everyone welcome.

Christmas Eve Mass
Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church will be having a Christmas Eve Mass, Saturday, December 24th at 10:30 p.m. Join them for singing Christmas hymns of praise and refreshments will be served following the Mass. The church is located on Williams Street in Mt. Vernon, across from Mt. Vernon Elementary.



Christmas Without You

The nights are getting longer
The sun is barely here
The weather is cold and frosty
So Christmas must be near
Twinkling lights will start appearing
Holly and tinsel here and there
Santa's wish lists will be written
By excited children everywhere.
But for me there will be no turkey
Decorations will stay packed away
No mistletoe to be kissed under
For me this Christmas day
No Christmas morning smiles.
As we awake to greet the morn
No special gifts for each other
With fancy wrapping to be torn.

My day will be filled with memories
With sadness and with tears
With remembering Happy Christmases
Spent together in previous years.

This year will be the first Christmas

I have to spend alone without you

So it will not be happy and jolly

Just very empty, sad and blue.

But deep down I know you'll be with me

I will feel your presence when I am blue

I will smile when I remember some silly times

And the twinkling eyes that were uniquely you

So I am not looking forward to this Christmas

I know I will be feeling oh so blue.

But, I know it is something I have to live through

This Christmas without you!

Merry Christmas, Bub
Your are missed by many

Love you always,
Mom, Dad, Mary, Pete,
Bobby, Kisha, Ryan,
Bailey, Brianna, Bobby Lee

Merry Christmas

Patricia Bradley
Rutherford

We still think of you every day.

They say it gets easier as time goes by but the pain never subsides.

We continue to feel you by our side, never to let your spirit die.

Merry Christmas

George B. Bradley

Dad, as another season changes, and the wintry days drawn near, your memory warms our hearts forever, wishing you were here.

Merry Christmas

Lisa Falin Mackey and
Henry Falin

Your life was full of loving deeds,

Forever thoughtful of others needs.

Today and tomorrow, our whole lives through,

We will always love and cherish you.

Merry Christmas

Bill and Alene Hasty

If roses grow in Heaven, Lord

Then pick a bunch for me.

Place them in my grandparents arms,

And tell them they're from me.

Tell them that I love them, And when they turn and smile,

Place a kiss upon their cheek

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In Memory



In Memory of Sandi Burkhardt

Who would have been 41 on December 23, 2011

When I left this world without you I know it made you blue.

Your tears fell so freely, I watched;

I know this is true.

While you were weeping, days after I passed away,

While all was silent within me,

I saw you kneel to pray.

From this wonderful place called Heaven,

Where all my pain is gone, I send a gentle breeze to whisper,

"My loved ones, please go on."

Sadly missed by Dad, Mom and Sister



My First Christmas in Heaven

In Memory of Emil "Bo" Bochert

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below

With tiny lights, like heaven's stars reflecting on the snow.

The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away that tear,

For I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear,

But the sounds of music can't compare

With the Christmas Choir up here.

I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring, For it is beyond description to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me. I see the pain inside your heart,

But I am not so far away, We really aren't apart.

So be happy for me dear ones, You know I hold you dear

And be glad I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I send you each a special gift from my heavenly home above,

I send you each a memory of my undying love.

After all "Love" is a gift, more precious than pure gold,

It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.

Please love and keep each other,

As my Father said to do, For I can't count the blessings or love

He has for you. So, have a Merry Christmas and

Wipe away that tear. Remember, I'm spending Christmas

With Jesus Christ this year.



From the Heart

In Memory of Kaitlyn Marie

12/31/09 - 04-12-11

To my little angel in the sky

This year we had to kiss you goodbye

We didn't want to let you go

But you made us a better person

We want you to know

Because of you there is nothing we're scared to do

So, our beautiful baby

Every sunset will always be for you

Your little sister will be here soon - Hailey Nicole - but we'll never forget you.

Mommy and Daddy

In Loving Memory of Jackie Dean Anglin

Aug. 17, 1952-Dec 18, 2011

Jack, it's hard to believe that you've been gone a year. We miss you, but, it seems like you're never far away. Merry Christmas!

Love,

Your family and friends.

Refreshments will be served following Mass

O, Come all Ye Faithful and

Join in singing Christmas hymns of praise

Join us as we worship and praise our Heavenly father for the gift of His Son. Let us come together to celebrate the birth of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Christmas Eve Mass

Saturday, Dec. 24 @ 10:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church
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Wednesday 7 p.m.
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bhbp@yahoo.com

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100 Higher Ground (off US 25)
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Church Phone 606-256-5913
e-mail: www.biblebaptist.org
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship/Children's
Church 11 a.m.

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Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
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Contact Info:
Marcus Reppert
104 Byrda Way • Mt. Vernon, Ky.
606-308-2794
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Bride of Christ Church
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Sunday Services 7 p.m.
Brodhead Baptist Church
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m. &
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Tracy Valentine, Preacher
606-758-8662
Cell 606-305-8980
Brodhead Church of God
Hwy. 3245 • Brodhead
758-8216
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday evening 7 p.m.
Terry Orcutt, Pastor

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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
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Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
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2484
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6
p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
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520 Fairview Loop Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday Services
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Choir 6 p.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.
Sunday Adult Choir 8 p.m.
Wednesday Services
Creative Ministry 6 p.m.
Bible Study 7 p.m.
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Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship
6:00 p.m.
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Prayer Partners Ladies Meeting
monthly every 2nd Tues. at 6:30 p.m.

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.
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Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
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Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
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Rockets beat district rival Somerset, 49-46

The Rockcastle Rockets got their first victory of the season last Friday night with a big win over district rival Somerset, 49-46.

The Rockets got the early 5-2 lead with two made free throws by Ben Allen and a big three by Cody Noe to begin the first quarter. The score was then tied 5-5 and then again at 10-10 with 2:08 to go before Somerset

went on a 7-0 run to end the quarter up 17-10.

Rockcastle answered at the beginning of the second quarter, outscoring the Briar Jumpers 11-2 to take the lead at 21-19 with 2:51 to go, behind hard work and hustle by Allen, Noe, and Ashton Arvin.

Somerset then tied the game at 21 all, but a nice defensive steal by Arvin with

a dish to Allen for the bucket put the Rockets back in the lead 23-22. Somerset would regain the lead to go into the locker room up one, 24-23, at halftime.

Somerset stormed out in the third with an 8-0 run before Jadon Brock hit a free throw at the 6:43 mark to stop the Jumpers run. Rockcastle then outscored Somerset 13-6 to end the

quarter down one, 38-37.

After trading baskets for the first four minutes of the fourth quarter, a big three by junior John Curtis Wilson tied the game at 44 all with

3:53 to go. Noe then hit four free throws in the last minutes of the game to put the Rockets up four, 48-44. One more score would be all Somerset could muster, and

a free-throw with five seconds on the clock by Arvin sealed the deal for the 49-46 win.

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Lady Rockets beat Tates Creek; lose to Paul Laurence Dunbar

The Rockcastle Lady Rockets won their opening round game of the Fayette County I-High Frenzy Monday afternoon with an impressive win over the Tates Creek Lady Commodores, 60-51.

Rockcastle and Tates Creek battled from the opening tip, trading the lead several times before Rocket ended the first quarter up one, 15-14.

The Lady Rockets' really put on a defensive show in

the second quarter, plus kept their scoring pace, extending their lead against the Lady Commodores by ten, going into the half with the 37-26 lead.

Despite their best effort and picking up their defensive pressure, the Lady Commodores could not take the lead from Rockcastle during the third period, with the Lady Rockets maintaining their eleven point, 55-44, lead to end the third.

Tates Creek did make a run in the fourth to no avail as the Lady Rockets wound up with the 60-51 lead.

The Lady Rockets returned to Bryan Station High School Tuesday afternoon to take on the

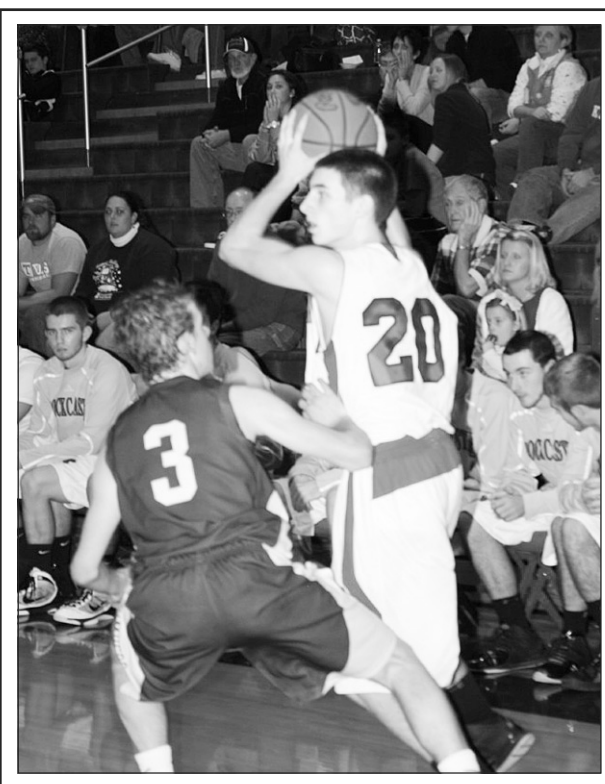
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Junior Michaela Hunter looks to pass around a Dunbar defender in Tuesday 59-55 loss. Also in the photo is junior Emily Miller.



Junior Alexis Chasteen was the leading scorer for the Lady Rockets in Tuesday's game against Dunbar.



Junior point guard John Curtis Wilson looks to pass out of the corner in the Rockets win over Somerset.



Senior Jadon Brock takes a contested shot in the Rockets 49-46 win over district rival Somerset.

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“Rockin”

(Cont. from front)

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“Murder”

(Cont. from front)

Hunsucker was lodged in the Rockcastle Detention Center under a \$1,000,000 cash or property bond.

Three others were arrested shortly after the crime. Those were Gary Lee Kirby, Joshua Cameron and Peters. Peters was also charged with manufacturing methamphetamine, following an investigation of Peters' residence.

“Houk”

(Cont. from front)

13th and the interview was televised on the 5:30 p.m. time slot.

There's a lot of pride inside the building where Houk works, for his heroics, but maybe no one is more excited than the fire department just across the street, the place where Houk learned his life saving technique. "He reacted just like we trained him to," said Chief Ball "and I'm telling you, it's a home run for us because very rarely do we get to see the results of our training."

Just this past August, Houk took part in the CPR training during the city's Safety Week put on by the Danville Fire Department which is intended to equip city employees and others with the tools to do what Houk did. Even he couldn't expect the classes to have such a dramatic impact so soon though. "His quick actions saved a life," Ball said.

Houk said he had seen his father do something similar, but it's doubtful he would have known exactly what to do if he hadn't had the course.

"Having two kids of my own, I just did what I would have tried to do if they were

in that situation," Houk said.

Houk, formerly of Brodhead, is the son of Russell and Norma Houk and the father of two boys, Jacob and Canaan.

“Indictments”

(Cont. from front)

count of criminal possession of a forged instrument, by possessing a forged check in the amount of \$898.25. His bond was set at \$10,000 cash or property.

Kelly D. Whitaker, 38, of Mt. Vernon, was indicted on one count of possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense. His bond was set at \$10,000 cash or property.

Jason P. Northern, 33, of Mt. Vernon, on one count of flagrant non-support by failing to provide for a minor in the amount of \$5,316.64. His bond was set at \$5,000 subject to forfeiture to child services.

Sammy D. Stewart, 36, of Orlando, on one count of tampering with physical evidence; one count of possession of marijuana; and one count of assault, third degree, on State Trooper Scottie Pennington. His bond was set at \$50,000 cash or property.

Frankie E. Bond, 44, of Mt. Vernon, and Paul McNew, 43, also of Mt. Vernon, were both charged with two counts of manufacturing methamphetamine, first offense; one count of trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense and one count of tampering with physical evidence. Both men have a \$75,000 and \$25,000 cash or property bond.

Summer C. McCown, 30, of Mt. Vernon, was charged with one count of manufacturing methamphetamine, first offense. She was placed under a \$25,000 cash or property bond.

Shannon M. Hawley, 40, of West Alexandria, Ohio, was indicted on one count of trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense. His bond was set at \$25,000 cash or property.

Donna J. White, 36, of Camden, Ohio, indicted on one count of trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense and one count of tampering with physical evidence. Her bond was set at \$50,000 cash or

property.

Angela D. Coates, 28, of Somerset, was charged with one count of trafficking in a controlled substance, second degree, first offense. Her bond was set at \$25,000 cash or property.

Phillip J. Bingham, 37, of Crab Orchard, was indicted on one count of possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense. His bond was set at \$10,000 cash or property.

Kimberly S. Taylor, 36, of Mt. Vernon, was indicted on one count of possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense; and one count of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, first offense. Her bond was set at \$25,000 cash or property.

Charles D. Lear, 43, of Berea, was charged with one count of criminal possession of a forged prescription, first offense. His bond was set at \$10,000 cash or property.

“Meth”

(Cont. from front)

was also in the home, but was not charged. Mt. Vernon Assistant Chief Barry Adams stated that Samples and his wife had been split up and she had just returned to the home on Tuesday.

All four were taken to the Rockcastle Regional Hospital for decontamination. Social services has taken the two children into protective custody.

“Accident”

(Cont. from front)

Drugs, alcohol and cell phone usage are suspected factors in the accident. State Trooper Mike Hamblin with Kentucky State Police Vehicle Enforcement is investigating the accident. He was assisted at the scene by State Trooper Delzie Kelly, Mt. Vernon Police, Brodhead Fire Department, and the Rockcastle County EMS.

“Road rage”

(Cont. from front)

died at the University of Kentucky Medical Center from injuries she sustained during the wreck.

The grand jury indicted White on one count of murder, for causing the death of Dorothy Whitaker; one count of attempted murder

on the life of Lawrence White; one count of wanton endangerment, first degree, by operating a vehicle in such a manner as to cause substantial danger of death or serious physical injury to James Lankford and one count of wanton endanger-

ment, first degree, by operating a vehicle in such a manner as to cause substantial danger of death or serious physical injury to Dakota McWhorter.

White's bond was set at \$1,000,000 cash or property. He remains lodged in

the Rockcastle Detention Center.

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“Council”
(Cont. from front)

Dennis McClure, are going to a meeting in the next few weeks that will provide the city with information about the combination of grant money and low interest loans available to purchase a new water tank for the city. The city has been looking into different programs available to help with the costs associated with purchasing a new water tank. Bryant also reported to the council that the Rose Hill sewer project is on schedule. 33 households have signed up for the service, at a discounted price, with about 4-6 households still needing to be hooked up in accordance with city and county ordinances. If those households do not sign up soon, they will have to pay the full cost, instead

of the deeply discounted price the city has been offering to those who signed up early. Mt. Vernon Fire and Rescue Chief David Bales gave a presentation to the council about the costs associated with equipping one firefighter, showing the required equipment each firefighter has to have in order to fight a fire. According to Bales, the total cost to outfit one firefighter is \$6,997, with the majority of that cost being the breathing apparatus used which cost \$4,575 alone. The city only has 24 breathing apparatuses, and thirty three fire fighters but, through the city's and fire department's efforts in the past few years, Chief Bales told the council that they are in much better shape with their equipment than they have ever been. Chief Bales also presented the mayor with a

framed photograph of the fire department members. Assistant Chief of Police Barry Adams presented his report for November showing a total of 60 arrests, including 34 wanted persons arrested; 9 DUI arrests; 16 arrests on drug charges; 37 other criminal charges; 15 citations for speeding; 12 traffic accidents investigated with one accident with injury and 18 investigations opened with eight being cleared by arrest. There were 473 total calls for service.

“Girls”
(Cont. from A9)

Dunbar Lady Bulldogs. Dunbar, 6-2 going into Tuesday's action against the Lady Rockets, took serious advantage of a turnover-laden Rockcastle offense during the first half, and went into the locker room at half time up nine, 36-27. Rockcastle came out much the same in the beginning of the third, going down by as many as sixteen halfway through the period, and ending the period in an even larger hole, 50-37. However, the Lady Rockets rallied in the fourth, going on a 6-0 run to start the quarter and cutting Dunbar's lead back to nine with 6:10 to go, 52-43. Rockcastle would go as far as cutting the Dunbar lead to only two, 57-55 with 23 seconds to go, but could not score again, falling to the Lady Bulldogs 59-55. The Lady Rockets record is now 5-3.

Linescores
RCHS 15 22 10 13 60
Tates Creek 14 12 9 16 51
Michaela Hunter ,20; Sara Adams, 8; Kadi Cobb, 14; Alexis Chasteen, 6; Katie Cowan, 6; Emily Miller, 6.

“Boys”
(Cont. from A9)

Junior Ben Allen had a season high and personal best 16 rebounds against the Briar Jumpers. The Rockets lost their first round game Monday night in the First and Farmers Lindsey Wilson College Classic, 50-40, against Hart County. They played Campbellsville High School Tuesday afternoon, beating the Eagles 47-35.

Linescores
RCHS 10 13 14 12 49
Somerset 17 7 14 8 46
Cody Noe, 20; Ashton Arvin, 12; John Curtis Wilson, 5; Jadon Brock, 2; Zach Poynter, 3; Ben Allen, 7.
RCHS 11 9 14 6 50
Hart Co. 14 11 13 12 50
Ashton Arvin, 6; John Curtis Wilson, 12; Cody Noe, 5; Ben Allen, 9; Jadon Brock, 6; Sam Pensol, 2.
RCHS 13 15 10 9 47
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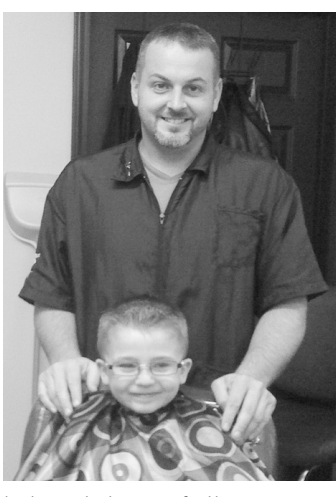
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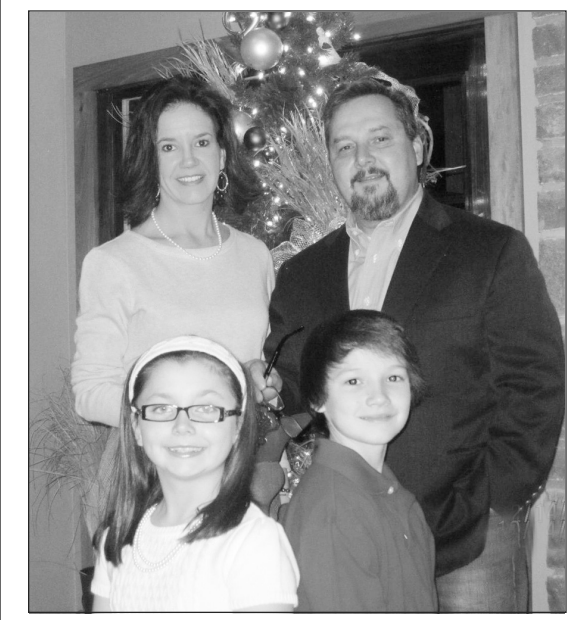
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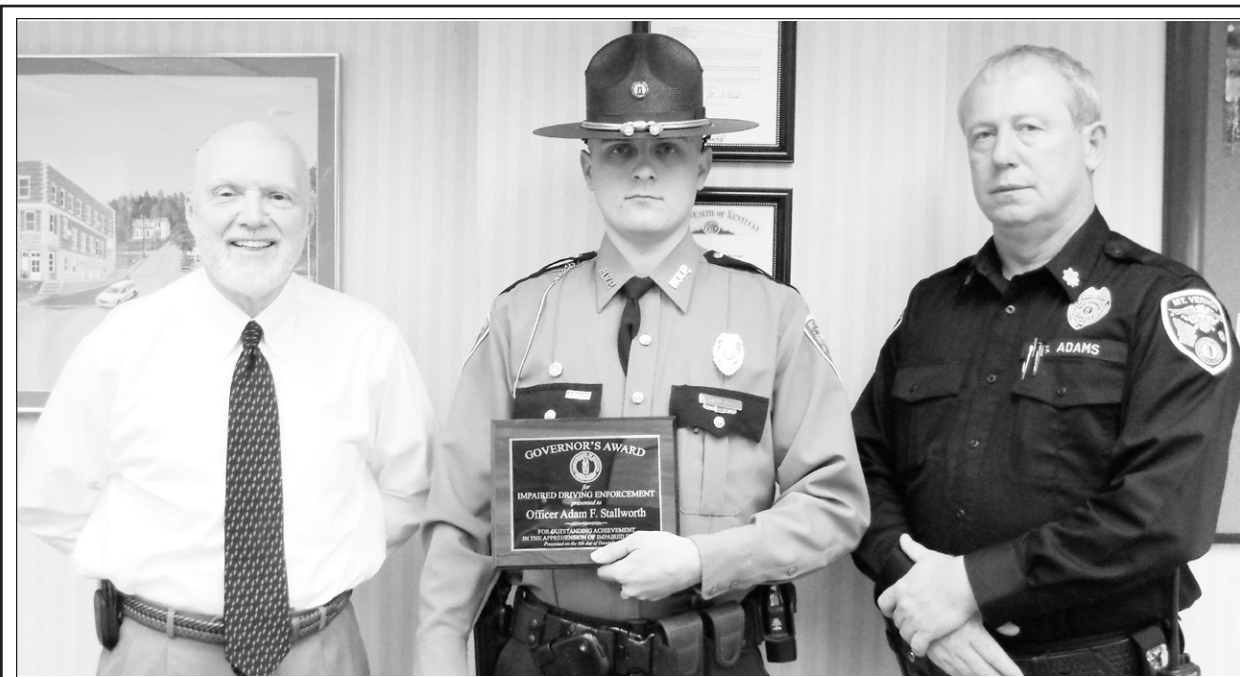
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USDA has sign-up for stewardship program

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) today announced that the ranking period cut-off date for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) is January 13, 2012. Producers interested in CSP should submit applications to their local NRCS office by the deadline so that their applications can be considered during the first ranking period of 2012.

"CSP is one of our most popular conservation programs, and we expect to receive many applications," NRCS Chief Dave White said. "I encourage all farmers and ranchers who are interested in applying to contact their local NRCS office as soon as possible so they can meet the deadline."

CSP is offered in all 50 states, and the Pacific and Caribbean areas through continuous sign-ups. The program provides many conservation benefits including improvement of water and soil quality, wildlife habitat enhancements and adoption of conservation activities that address the effects of climate change. Eligible lands include cropland, pastureland, rangeland, nonindustrial private forest land and agricultural land under the jurisdiction of an Indian tribe.

A CSP self-screening checklist is available to help potential applicants determine if CSP is suitable for their operation. The checklist highlights basic information about CSP eligibility requirements, contract obligations and potential payments. It is available from local NRCS offices and on www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/csp CSP Web page.

As part of the CSP application process, applicants will work with NRCS field personnel to complete the resource inventory using a Conservation Measurement Tool (CMT). The CMT determines the conservation performance for existing and new conservation activities. The applicant's conservation performance will be used to determine eligibility, ranking and payments.

In 2010 alone, nearly 21,000 applicants enrolled in CSP, putting additional conservation on 25.2 million acres, about the size of the state of Kentucky, to improve water and soil quality, enhance wildlife habitat and address the effects of climate change.

Visit the NRCS www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/home National website, and connect with an NRCS office www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/contact/states near you.



Rockcastle Regional Hospital & Respiratory Care Center started a new program for wellness in 2011 called Prevention Pals. A Prevention Pal attended at least five designated community outreach events sponsored by Rockcastle Regional. On Thursday, December 8, a celebration dinner was held for the Prevention Pals. Pictured are the 2011 Rockcastle Regional Hospital Prevention Pals, front row from left: Gail Griffith, Dylan Griffith, Connie Amyx, Noreitta Thompson, and Grace Randolph. Middle row from left: Cindy Griffith, Christine Taylor, Virginia Hansel, and Tabitha McKinney. Back row from left: Sheryl McKinney, LA McKinney, Beverly McKinney, Carolyn McKinney, and C.S. McKinney.

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Third row from left: Vernon Bussell, Erick Bowling, asst. manager Louella Gadd, Brittany Bullock, Whitney McKinney, Lavon Jeff, Jacob Bowman, produce manager Amy Davis, Jake Riddle, Anthony Prewitt and Patrick Kirby.

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The Center for Rural Development is accepting applications from high school students in Southern and Eastern Kentucky interested in developing their leadership and entrepreneurial skills for upcoming 2012 summer sessions of Rogers Scholars and Entrepreneurial Leadership Institute (ELI).

Applications for the next scheduled summer classes of Rogers Scholars and ELI will be accepted through Jan. 31. To download application forms for both of The Center's youth leadership programs, visit www.rogersscholars.com.

Prospective applicants for 2012 Rogers Scholars program may click on a link in the top far right hand corner of the page, entitled "Rogers Scholars application," for an electronic version of the application form downloaded in Microsoft Word. Application forms for ELI also are located on the Rogers Scholars website by going to Program Updates near the bottom half of the page and clicking on the first link, "2012 ELI Applications Now Available."

Rogers Scholars—The Center's flagship youth program—is an intensive one-week summer program that provides leadership and scholarship opportunities for rising high school juniors. Applicants apply during their sophomore year for a chance to be part of The Center's Rogers Scholars program, and share in what many former program participants have described as "the experience of a lifetime."

ELI gives rising high school sophomores, juniors and seniors within The Center's 42-county primary service area an in depth look at what it takes to start their own business ventures during a one-week summer program where participants learn from some of the region's top business and entrepreneurial leaders.

"Through Rogers Scholars and ELI, young people are developing the skills they need to seize their potential as the region's next generation of business and entrepreneurial leaders," said Emily Phillips, youth programs coordinator and community liaison for The Center. "Both of these summer youth leadership pro-

At Kentucky Artisan Center

David Appalachian Crafts will create painted gourd and fabric ornaments

On Saturday, Dec. 31, members of the co-op David Appalachian Crafts will create painted gourd and fabric ornaments from 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea. David Appalachian Crafts is a 42-year-old craft co-op.

The non-profit organization is located in the small Floyd County coal town of David, near Prestonsburg. In the early 1970s, Mary Pineau, a Catholic nun from Michigan, came to the mountains of eastern Kentucky to work with the wives of laid-off coal miners. She began by carrying a sewing machine over hills to homes and teaching the women how to sew.

What began as a way to make clothing for their families evolved into an opportunity for the women to make and sell hand-sewn products. In 1972 the group named themselves David Appalachian Crafts after the town where Mary's rented house stored the fabrics and sewing machines they used. Twelve women met in each other's homes until 1973, when a building was renovated for their use.

This building still houses the 100+ member organization. David Appalachian Crafts produces over 140 items that are sold retail and wholesale across

the nation. During times of economic hardship, the members of this small community come together to create crafts that reflect the beauty of their homeland and perpetuate the sense of community and self sufficiency that characterized their pioneer ancestors.

Demonstrating on Dec. 31 will be co-op member Lewis Newman, who creates painted gourds and ornaments. While Newman has no formal training, he has been drawing horses since he was 5 years old. His father trained horses for a living and encouraged his artistic endeavors. After growing up in Ohio, Newman returned to Kentucky where he worked in the coal mines. He continues to make charcoal drawings and pastels, and his subject matter includes mining, horses, old Kentucky scenes and commissioned images from photographs. A few years ago, Newman began to paint on gourds, using acrylic paint and a clear finish to seal and protect them.

Works by David Appalachian Crafts members and Lewis Newman are regularly available at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea, located at 200 Artisan Way just off I-75 at exit 77 in Berea.

grams provide essential leadership skills and entrepreneurial training to help our region's youth fulfill their career goals."

The 2012 summer sessions of Rogers Scholars will be held June 24-29 for the first group of participants and again from July 8-13 for the final graduating class. The program emphasizes the development of technological skills and instills in participants a sense of leadership, an entrepreneurial spirit, and commitment to rural Kentucky.

During ELI, scheduled for June 10-15, participants will work in student teams to create a business proposal and pitch their team's proposal on the final day of the week to a panel of regional business leaders acting as potential investors. The winning team members of ELI's Business Concept Competition earn scholarship opportunities within the region.

Both summer youth leadership programs are held on the grounds of The Center, located in Somerset, Ky., and are supervised by The Center's staff and two summer Resident Assistants (RAs). Rogers Scholars, ELI, and Rogers Explorers—all three of The Center's summer youth leadership programs—are supported solely by tax-deductible donations and other charitable contributions and provided tuition-free to participants.

Applications forms for 2012 summer sessions of Rogers Scholars and ELI must be completed and mailed to The Center for Rural Development, 2292 South U.S. 27, Suite 300, Somerset, KY 42501, on or before the scheduled Jan. 31 deadline.

For more information, or to make a charitable donation to any of these summer youth leadership programs, contact The Center for Rural Development at 606-677-6000. Questions about the application process for Rogers Scholars or ELI may be directed to Emily Phillips at email address ephillips@centertech.com.

To watch a 30-second promotional video on The Center's youth fundraising campaign, featuring guest appearances by several past program participants, visit www.centertech.com.



Warm wishes to all of you for a joyous holiday season. Many thanks for your continued patronage.



Front row from left: Donna McClure, Julie Pigg and Ima Jean Taylor. Back row from left: Roy D. Adams, Katy Chrisman, Ashley Reynolds, Sandy Durham and Mike Blount.



Front row from left: Kim Denney, Anthony Asher, Melinda Chowning. Back row from left: Joanna Albright, Cindy Griffith, Cathy Howard, Donna Stayton, Betty Frederick and Kayla Silcox.



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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Circuit Civil Suits

Community Trust Bank vs. Kenneth W. Graves, \$61,359.43 plus claimed due.

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Terri Noe,

complaint for child support and medical support.

Capital One Bank vs. Tamria D. King, \$10,023.80 plus claimed due.

Andrew W. Bryant vs. Kayla Ashley Johnson, custody petition.

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance Inc. vs.

Debra Tanner, et al, \$107,211.95 plus claimed due. CI-00323

District Civil Suits

Novera Decker, et al vs. Anita Adams, forcible detainer complaint.

Somerhill Capital vs. Janene McKinney, \$4,505.40 plus claimed due.

Capital One Bank vs. Dori Berger, \$383.49 plus claimed due. C-00281

Marriage Licenses

Amy Nicole Bussell, 32, Mt. Vernon, disabled to BentleyMartin, Jr., 36, Mt. Vernon, glass tech. 12/12/11.

Nancy Orr Stivers, 51, Berea, consultant to Rodney Ping, 45, Somerset, school psychologist. 12/12/11.

Heather Desiree Holden, 16, Mt. Vernon, student to Brandon Matthew Baker, 19, Berea, U.S. Army. 12/12/11.

Olivia Marie Hering, 19, Brodhead, Don's Market to Timothy Dillingham, 20, Brodhead, DishNetwork. 12/14/11.

Deeds Recorded

Billie A. and Herman Wagers, property in Rockcastle County, to William Cleary. Tax \$60.

Michael and Angie Bullock, property on Tully Payne Road, to Estill and Betty Mae Cromer. Tax \$1.50.

Federal National Mortgage Assn., property at Orlando to Randy Scott.

No tax.

Jacqueline J. Scott, trustee, property in Hill View Subdv., to Neil F. Sparks and Kristi M. Cummins-Sparks. Tax \$107.00

Buis Appliance and Furniture, Inc., property in Rockcastle County, to Eubank Ruritan Club. No tax.

District Court

12/12-14, 2011

Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless

Ronnie W. Belt: leaving scene of accident/failure to render aid or assistance, failure to notify owner of damage to unattended vehicle, failure to report traffic accident, failure of owner to maintain required insurance, no/expired registration plates, sentencing orders entered.

Carl E. Ruppe, Jr: alcohol intoxication in public place, 30 days/to serve; resisting arrest, sentencing order entered; drug paraphernalia, 30 days/to serve; possession of marijuana, 30 days/to serve; failure to wear seat belts and operating on suspended/revoked operators license, 7 days in jail in lieu of fines and

costs (each count).

Donnie L. Lunsford: theft by deception, 10 days in jail/concurrent w/ state sentence/convert restitution to civil judgment.

Ernie D. Byrd: improper start, \$25 fine and costs.

Nicole Cotton: assault, 4th degree domestic violence, sentencing order entered.

Shawn D. Dople: theft by unlawful taking, \$600 in restitution; theft by unlawful taking, \$300 restitution plus costs.

Emily J. dunham: alcohol intoxication in public place, \$50 fine and costs.

Erica C. Isaacs: failure of owner to maintain required insurance and operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing orders entered.

Tim Lamb: public intoxication controlled substance, possession controlled substance (two counts), bench warrant

(bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

Gregory J. Nickle: fines/fees due (\$313), bw issued for fta/7 days in jail or payment in full.

Donald R. Patterson: improper start, \$25 fine and costs.

Jerry E. Prewitt: cultivating marijuana, \$50 fine and cost.

Stephen M. Young: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

Jermaine L. Edwards: Pt 393, Federal Safety Regs, Part Needed for Safe Operation (three counts), bw issued for fta.

Jesse Lee Howard: possession controlled substance, 60 days/conditionally discharged 12 month/costs waived.

Cody M. Ramsey: possession controlled substance, 30 days/to serve 7/costs waived; fleeing or evading police, 30 days/to serve 7/concurrent/balance probated 12 months/costs waived.

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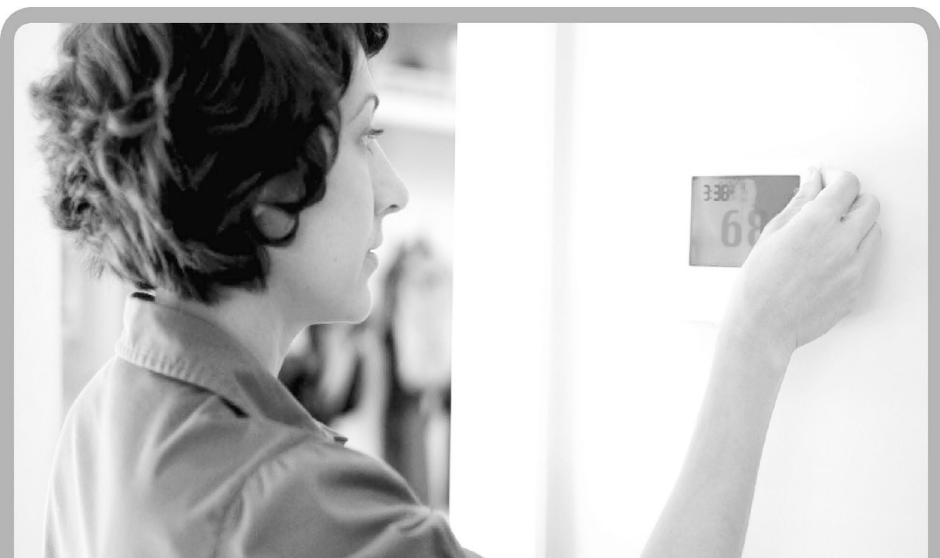


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Arts Council offers Teacher Initiated Program grants

The Kentucky Arts Council offers Teacher Initiated Program grants, which help pay for professional artists to go into the classroom and give students and teachers hands-on expe-

riences in making art. Artists who have met the qualifications for the arts council's Teaching Artists Directory also collaborate with teachers to design and implement innovative pro-

grams for incorporating arts across the curriculum after the residency is completed. The focus of residencies can vary widely, depending on the goals of the teacher and expertise of the artist hired for the residency.

Artists selected for the directory work in a wide variety of disciplines including dance, folk arts, literary arts, media/video, music, storytelling, theater and visual arts.

The application deadline for the Teacher Initiated Program grant is Jan. 15, 2012. Grant awards are available for one- to four-week residencies. For more information, go to http://l.usa.gov/KAC_teacher.

Schools awarded Teacher Initiated Program grants select artists from the Teaching Artists Directory.

The deadline for artists to apply to the Teaching Artists Directory is March 15, 2012. Kentucky artists who produce high quality artis-

tic work and have the skills and competencies to work in a classroom setting are encouraged to apply to the directory. For more information, go to http://l.usa.gov/KAC_teaching.

A video interview of teaching artist Patricia Ritter and her residency at Lebanon Middle School is available at <http://youtu.be/VCzfPyJwMd8>.

For more information about arts education programs offered through the arts council, contact Rachel Allen at rachel.allen@ky.gov or 502-564-3757, ext. 486.

The Kentucky Arts Council, the state arts agency, creates opportunities for Kentuckians to value, participate in and benefit from the arts. Kentucky Arts Council funding is provided by the Kentucky General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts.



Danna is shown being presented with her Pinnacle Award at a recent an awards ceremony.

Derr gets Berea College's Pinnacle Scholars Award

Danna Derr of Mt. Vernon was honored recently by Berea College for her accomplishments in the field of Science. This month, Danna received the 2011 Berea College Pinnacle Scholars Award of Excellence.

This honor commemorates students' accomplishment and dedication in the fields of science, music or service. High school seniors from across the region were nominated and Berea College faculty and staff reviewed the submissions and selected the top students to receive the award in each area.

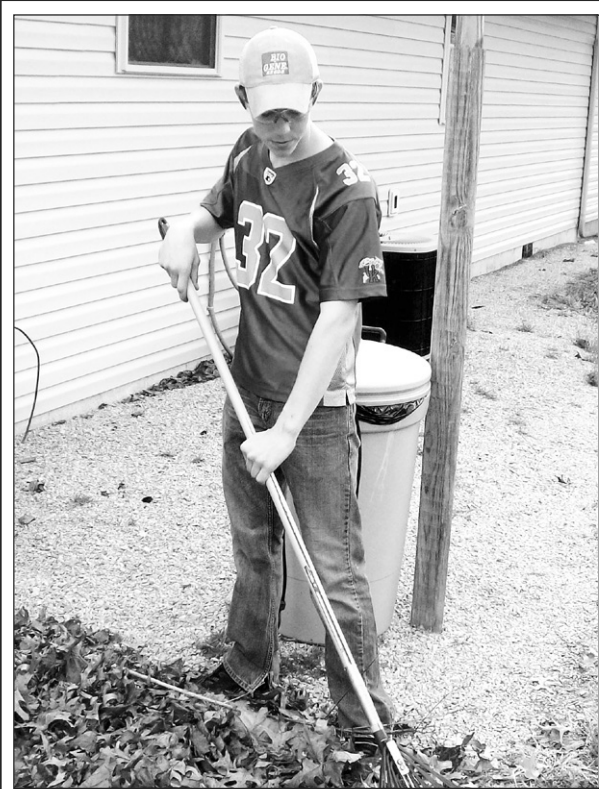
The college was overwhelmed by the number and caliber of students nominated this year. Danna was chosen specifically out of more than 500 nominees and was honored at a formal awards ceremony earlier this month.

Derr, at senior at RCHS, is the daughter of David and Sherry Derr of Mt. Vernon.

Berea College, the

South's first interracial and coeducational college, focuses on learning, labor, and service. Berea awards a four-year tuition scholarship to every student (currently valued at more than \$100,000), admitting only academically-promising students, primarily from Appalachia, who have limited economic resources. All students must work 10 hours weekly, earning money for books, food and room expenses. Graduates from Berea go on to distinguish themselves and the college in many fields, including science, arts, education, government and social services.

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SAE Spotlight...

The SAE Spotlight for the month of November was Adam Hale, a junior at RCHS. He is the son of Raymond Hale and Lisa Vanwinkle. Adam's SAE project consisted of turf and lawn work. He mowed lawns, cut limbs from trees and bushes, and cleaned up brush along creek lines. Adam put in numerous hours while doing his SAE project. To complete this project, Adam used many types of equipment including: a weed eater, lawn mower, chain saw, tree trimmer, brush clippers, sprayer, rake, and a four-wheeler. His accomplishment for his SAE project was putting back money each week to be able to go to Texas, a place he had wanted to go for years.

Adam is a member of the Rockcastle County FFA and has made many achievements within the chapter. He has competed in several competitions, serving as the Vice-President on the JV Parliamentary Procedure team, competing on the Ag Sales team, placing as 2nd High Individual at the regional level for the Land Judging Contest, and placing 3rd at the state level in his proficiency area. Adam has also attended many trips while being in FFA. He went to the Farm Machinery Show, Regional Field Day for two years, State Convention, Land Judging Contest, Leadership Conference, Regional Banquet, and many others. His freshman year he received his Greenhand Degree and his sophomore year his Chapter Degree. Next year Adam hopes to run for Assistant Sentinel on the FFA officer team. After high school, he plans to attend EKU, major in law enforcement, and minor in wildlife biology to become a Game Warden.

In the above photo is Adam raking leaves as part of his SAE project. In this photo he is working at the home of Larry and Lana Adams.

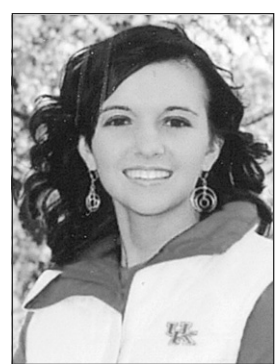
Angela Miller awarded scholarship to attend SCC

Angela Nicole Miller was awarded a Terry Norfleet Scholarship to attend Somerset Community College for the fall 2011 semester. She maintains a 3.7 college grade point average and is pursuing an Associate in Science degree.

The Terry Norfleet Scholarship was established through the generosity of Eleanor Terry Norfleet. Ms. Norfleet, a faculty member who taught English literature at SCC until her retirement, left a portion of her estate to provide scholarship for deserving students at SCC.

Miller is a 2010 graduate of Rockcastle County High School, where she held a 4.0 GPA. She hopes to eventually become a first grade teacher. Miller attends Bible Baptist Church and works at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She is the daughter of Jeff and Bernice Griffith of Mt. Vernon and the late Billy Miller.

Somerset Community College is a comprehensive two-year institution of higher education. SCC has campuses in Somerset and London, and centers in Clinton, McCreary, Casey, and Russell counties.



Angela Nicole Miller

SEASONS Greetings



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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State Representative
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Entrepreneurial training classes offered by SKED

Southeast Kentucky Economic Development Corporation (SKED) is launching a nationally recognized entrepreneurial and small business training program that will benefit hundreds of residents across its service area in the coming months.

Pat Bradley, SKED small business training specialist, and Tamara Clontz, an independent consultant and member of B2B CFO Partners LLC, completed instructors training held in Atlanta, Ga. in late November. With this training, they join the ranks of more than 200 trainers from over 80 organizations across the country that have been trained in presenting the Core Four® Business Planning Course.

“Entrepreneurial SMARTS: Simple Methods And Reality-based Training for Success” sessions are being scheduled in 10 communities from Pikeville to Greensburg and from Morehead to Middlesboro over the next 14 to 16 months. Bradley and Clontz will share the skills and information they acquired as a result of their recent training with participants in the

training. In addition, they’ll convey the first-hand knowledge they gained from years of extensive experience in small business management in the classroom.

At these training sessions, entrepreneurs and small business owners will be instructed in basic knowledge about starting, financing and operating a business and planning for success. Class participants will also be given the tools needed to determine if business ownership is for them. If these entrepreneurs go on to start their own business, this training will give them a tremendous advantage by giving them access to the skill sets needed to properly get their business off the ground and running smoothly. Existing small business owners will get the support they need to advance the growth of their business and operate a solid, reliable investment. Upon successful completion of this training, participants will receive a certificate recognizing their achievements and will be eligible to apply for business startup or expansion funding from SKED’s loan

funds.

This nationally recognized course is valued at \$250 per student. However, due to financial support through a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) combined with financial support from SKED, participants will pay a mere \$25 charge per person. More information on the scheduled class sites, dates and registration can be found on SKED’s website at www.southeastkentucky.com after Jan. 1, 2012.

SKED has been providing support for new business development and small business expansion throughout Southeast Kentucky for some 15 years. This new entrepreneurial and small business training program, will supplement SKED’s work to develop successful and sustainable small business ownership in Southeast Kentucky.

“If only I had had access to this kind of training before I started my first business venture,” said Bradley. “This is an incredible opportunity for anyone who has ever considered starting a business of any kind, or for new or existing small business owners who want to improve their operations and profitability – and what business owner doesn’t want that?”

SKED Executive Director Greg Jones says this new entrepreneurial training program is a natural progression for SKED and its mission of job creation and building a better eco-

nomie future for the residents of Southeast Kentucky.

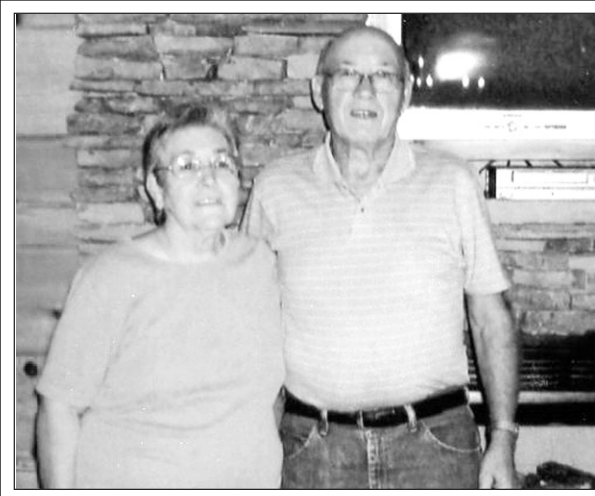
“Giving entrepreneurs and small business owners the tools they need to build and grow their dreams on a solid foundation will benefit not only them, but their future employees, customers and the communities in which they’re located,” Jones said. “We believe this training will prepare small business owners to create and sustain a better way of life for themselves and the region as a whole.”

SKED was formed 25 years ago by Fifth District Congressman Hal Rogers to create jobs in Southeast Kentucky. The economic development organization, based in Somerset, serves a 42-county region in Southeast Kentucky.

Staff works with business owners, small and large, throughout its service area to identify financing solutions to fund their location, expansion and working capital needs.

For more information about SKED’s services, contact Jones at (606) 677-6102 or gjones@centertech.com. For information about entrepreneurship training, contact Bradley by phone at (606) 335-1488 or by email at pat.sked@nwcable.net.

You may visit: www.southeastkentucky.com for more information about SKED’s services and about Entrepreneurial SMARTS.



60th Wedding Anniversary

On December 22, 1951, Arnold Pingleton and Ruth Barnett were united in marriage at the home of Bro. William Durham. The Pingletons, of Copper Creek, have five children: Larry Pingleton, Karen Creech, Rebecca Kirby, Kaye Cameron and Amy Wells. They also have 11 grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and three step great grandchildren.



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Gail Burdette & Staff

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Bookmobile Schedule

Mon., Dec. 28th: Scaffold Cane, Disputanta, Clear Creek, Wildie. **Dec. 29th:** Pongo, Ky. Hwy. 3245, Bryant Ridge. **Closed: Library will be closed Dec. 24th thru Dec. 26th.**

LVFD Turkey Shoot

The Livingston Volunteer Fire Department will hold Turkey Shoots on Sat., Dec. 24th and Sat., Dec. 31st, beginning at 10 a.m. in the Murrell Smith Bottoms.

Courthouse Holiday Hours

All courthouse offices, except 911, will be closed Friday, Dec. 23 thru Monday, Dec. 26 for Christmas and will be closed Fri., Dec. 30 thru Monday, Jan. 2 for New Year’s Holiday. The Road Test, CDL and Permit Test will not be given on Friday, Dec. 23 or Fri., Dec. 30th.

Books for Bikes

Registration will be held January 2-28 for the Ninth Annual Books for Bikes: Reading for Wheels at Rockcastle County Public Library. Call 256-2388 for more information.

Group Fitness Classes

Come join our Group Fitness Classes at the Russel Acton Folk Center in Berea on Monday - Thursday evenings at 5:45 p.m. There will be Beginners Cardio Tone, Zumba, Boot Camp or Cycling. Call Berea Parks & Recreation for more details 986-9402.

Movin’ Mondays

Monday’s with Maggy is now called Movin’ Mondays and includes awesome after school activities at Shannon Johnson Elementary from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. for 3rd-5th grades. Call 986-9402 for more info.

Toddler Tuesdays

Toddler Tuesdays will begin Jan. 10th and be held every Tuesday through February with free themed activities each week at the Russell Acton Folk Center from 10 a.m. to noon. Call 986-9402 for more information.

VFW News

VFW Post 5908 is open Sunday thru Tuesday and Friday and Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m. (closed Wednesday and Thursday) for members, their guests and all other military members who would like to come and visit. The monthly meeting is every 4th Thursday at 7 p.m.

Kiwanis Club Meetings

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at Smokehouse Restaurant in Renfro Valley. Everyone welcome.

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.

RCIDA Meetings

The Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority holds its regular meeting the first Monday of each month at noon on the third floor of the courthouse.

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

A Women’s Narcotics Anonymous Meeting is held 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.



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Front row from left: Melissa Slone, Sara Hart and Charlotte Hansel.
Back row from left: Latasha DeBorde, Whitney Sizemore and Andrew Nelson.
Not present: Kendall Kilburn, Amanda Price and Lisa Thacker.

Closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

County Committee Election Results
 The December 2010 election for Rockcastle County FSA LAA-1 resulted in Timothy Mink being appointed to the COC. A total of 68 votes were received with Timothy Mink receiving 67 votes and John Newland receiving 1 vote.
 The 2011 Rockcastle FSA County Committee will be comprised of John D King, Chairman, Donnie Hurst, Vice Chairman and Timothy Mink, Member.
 The COC meets each month with the first Thursday being the scheduled meeting date with the time as 8:00 am in the Rockcastle County FSA Office.
Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)
 This program compensates producers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather that occurred

on or after January 1, 2010, and before January 1, 2011. Eligible Adverse Weather Events include: blizzard, tornado, lightning, ice storms, earthquakes, flooding, extreme cold, extreme heat and wildfire, if related to an adverse weather event.
 A notice of loss had to be filed at the Rockcastle Farm Service Agency Office thirty days after the loss is apparent. Proof of death of livestock must be provided and documentation must provide sufficient data that identifies:
 •Kind/type/weight range of livestock
 •Beginning and ending inventory
 If you were a producer who participated in the 2010 LIP program the deadline to complete the application is January 31, 2011. Failure to sign the completed application by the deadline will result in the application being

disapproved.
 Sign-up for the 2011 LIP began January 1, 2011.
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 (TTPP payments go out in January) can be delayed if we are not aware of changes to your account or routing numbers.
Important program dates and Interest Rates
 Direct and Counter Cyclical Program signup ends June 1, 2011
 Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) Program-signup continues
 Conservation Reserve Program-signup continues
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 Limited Resource Loans

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Official Notice

South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, with its principal office at Somerset, Kentucky, and with its address as 925-929 N. Main St., Somerset, Kentucky 42503, has filed with the Kentucky Public Service Commission in Case No. 2011-00096 an application to adjust its retail rates and charges. This Adjustment will result in a general rate increase to the member-consumers of South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation.

The present and proposed rate structures of South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporations are listed below.

The rates proposed in this application are the rates proposed by South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation. However, the Kentucky Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from these proposed rates. Such action may result in rates for consumers other than the rates in this application.

Any corporation, association, body politic, or person may by motion within thirty (30) days after publication or mailing of notice of the proposed rate changes request leave to intervene. The motion shall be submitted to the Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, and shall set forth the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. Any person who has been granted intervention by the Commission may obtain copies of the rate application and any other filings made by the utility by contacting Mr. Stephen Johnson, South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, 925-929 N. Main St., Somerset, KY 42503, phone 606-678-4121.

Any person may examine the rate application and any other filings made by the utility at the office of South Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation or at the Commission's office.

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The amount and percent of increase are listed below

Rate Class	Increase Amount	Percent
Schedule A		
Residential, Farm and Home	6,676,990	8.4%
Schedule B		
Small Commercial	833,321	10.2%
Schedule LP		
Large Power	814,306	4.9%
Schedule OPS		
Optional Power Service	248,043	16.3%
Schedule A		
Residential Marketing Rate - ETS		
Consumers with no contract		
Year 1	41,350	7.7%
Year 2	41,350	7.7%
Year 3	41,350	7.7%
Schedule B		
Small Commercial Marketing Rate - ETS	364	20.1%
Schedule LP1		
Large Power 1	-	0%
Schedule LP-2		
Large Power 2	-	0%
Schedule LP-3		
Large Power 3	106,286	2.3%
Schedule AES		
All Electric School	80,592	10.7%
Schedule OL		
Outdoor Lighting	-	0%
Schedule STL		
Street Lighting	20,170	15.0%
Schedule DSTL		
Decorative Street Lighting	-	0%

The effect of the proposed rates on the average monthly bill by rate class is listed below

Rate Class	Increase Amount	Percent
Schedule A		
Residential, Farm and Home	9.03	8.4%
Schedule B		
Small Commercial	16.35	10.2%
Schedule LP		
Large Power	195.04	4.9%
Schedule OPS		
Optional Power Service	121.89	16.3%
Schedule A		
Residential Marketing Rate - ETS	()	
Consumers with no contract		
Year 1	1.79	7.7%
Year 2	1.79	7.7%
Year 3	1.79	7.7%
Consumers with contract	0.64	3.2%
Schedule B		
Small Commercial Marketing Rate - ETS	3.79	20.11%
Schedule LP1		
Large Power 1	-	0%
Schedule LP-2		
Large Power 2	-	0%
Schedule LP-3		
Large Power 3	984.13	2.3%
Schedule AES		
All Electric School	548.24	10.7%
Schedule OL		
Outdoor Lighting	-	0%
Schedule STL		
Street Lighting	1.28	15.0%
Schedule DSTL		
Decorative Street Lighting	-	0%

	Rates	
	Present	Proposed
Schedule A		
Customer Charge per month	9.14	\$15.00
Energy Rate per kWh	0.08543	0.08819
Schedule B		
Customer Charge per month	17.14	25.00
Energy Rate per kWh	0.09718	0.10294
Schedule LP		
Customer Charge per month	34.28	50.00
Energy Rate per kWh	0.05925	0.06243
Demand Charge per kW	6.85	\$7.00
Schedule OPS		
Customer Charge per month	\$34.28	50.00
Energy Rate per kWh	0.09954	0.11434
Schedule A - Residential Marketing Rate - ETS		
Consumers with contract	0.05126	0.05292
Consumers with no contract		
Year 1	0.05126	0.05519
Year 2	()	0.05911
Year 3	()	0.06304
Schedule B - Small Commercial Marketing Rate - ETS		
Energy Rate per kWh	0.05831	0.07004
Schedule LP-1		
Metering Charge	142.85	142.85
Substation Charge - 500-999 kW	359.99	359.99
Substation Charge 1,000-2,999 kW	1,078.84	1,078.84
Substation Charge 3,000-7,499 kW	2,711.96	2,711.96
Demand Charge per kW	6.16	6.16
Energy Rate per kWh	0.05420	0.05420
Schedule LP-2		
Metering Charge	142.85	142.85
Substation Charge 3,000-7,499 kW	2,711.96	2,711.96
Substation Charge - 7,500 - 14,999 kW	3,262.80	3,262.80
Demand Charge per kW	\$6.16	\$6.16
Energy Charge for the first 400 kWh	0.05420	0.05420
Energy Charge for all kWh over 400 kWh	0.04733	0.04733
Schedule LP-3		
Metering Charge	142.85	145.86
Substation Charge - 500-999 kW	359.99	367.59
Substation Charge 1,000-2,999 kW	1,078.84	1,101.60
Contract Demand Charge per kW	6.16	6.29
Excess Demand Charge per kW	8.94	9.13
Energy Rate per kWh	0.05122	0.05244

	Rates	
	Present	Proposed
Schedule AES		
Customer Charge per month	79.28	83.02
Energy Rate per kWh	0.07629	0.08456
Schedule OL		
Metal Halide 250W Dir	17.63	17.63
M/Halide 260W Metered Dir	10.22	10.22
M/Vapor Sec Light 74 KWH	10.17	10.17
M/Vapor Metered Sec Light	7.23	7.23
Sodium Security Light	10.17	10.17
Sodium Metered Sec Light	7.23	7.23
Sodium Directional Light	16.28	16.28
Sodium Metered Directional	9.18	9.18
M/Halide 400W Directional	22.02	22.02
M/Halide 400W Metered Dir	22.02	22.02
M/Halide 1000W Directional	39.05	39.05
M/Halide 1000W Metered Dir	11.41	11.41
M/Halide 250W Directional	17.63	17.63
M/Halide 250W Metered Dir	10.22	10.22
Schedule STL		
M/Vapor Sec Light 74 KWH	8.02	9.22
400W Flood 21000 Lum-M Mv	13.12	15.09
Sodium Streetlgt 380 Watts	8.02	9.22
250 W Flood 12100 Lum-M Mv	13.12	15.09
400 Watt 19100 Lum-M Mv	8.02	9.22
Sodium Streetlgt 160 Watts	8.02	9.22
Sodium Streetlgt 360 Watts	13.12	15.09
Sodium Cobra-HD 100W STLgt	8.02	9.22

	Rates	
	Present	Proposed
Schedule DSTL		
250W Cobra Existing Pole	15.89	15.89
250W Cobra 30' Aluminum Pol	22.21	22.21
250W Cobra 30'Aluminum Pol	22.21	22.21
1000W M/Halide Galleria	37.23	37.23
400W M/Halide Galleria	22.09	22.09
100W Metal Halide Acorn	7.81	7.81
14' Smooth Pole	11.62	11.62
14' Fluted Pole	15.04	15.04
30' Square Steel Pole	17.24	17.24
100W Metal Halide Acorn	10.51	10.51
100W Metal Halide Lexington	8.34	8.34
400W Metal Halide Galleria	22.09	22.09
Metered 100W M/Hal Acorn	7.81	7.81
250W Cobra Existing Pole	15.89	15.89
250W Cobra 30' Aluminum Pol	22.21	22.21
400W Mercury Cobra 12' Arm	21.74	21.74
100W M/Halide Lexington	8.34	8.34

Kentucky Arts Council offers programs for Kentucky artists

The Kentucky Arts Council is accepting applications until March 15, 2012, from professional artists who wish to be included in the Performing Arts Directory, Architectural Artists Directory or Kentucky Crafted Program. These state-sponsored marketing programs help performing and visual artists promote their work and build their careers.

"These programs have been very successful in giving artists a boost in their bookings, commissions and sales," said Lori Meadows, executive director of the arts council. "When artists can make a meaningful contribution to Kentucky's economy, that's a good thing for the whole Commonwealth."

The Performing Arts Directory is for artists, companies or groups who perform in dance, music, storytelling or theater arts. Artists selected for the directory have opportunities to showcase for presenters and special performance opportunities, and are offered professional development to enhance their business, marketing and promotion skills. For more information, go to http://1.usa.gov/KAC_performing or contact Tamara Coffey at tamara.coffey@ky.gov or

502-564-3757, ext. 479.

The Architectural Artists Directory is for professional artists who create architectural art and custom-made fixtures for residential or commercial installations. It serves as a resource for homebuilders, architects, interior designers, landscape architects and private clients looking for artists who can create unique features for home, commercial and public spaces. For more information, go to http://1.usa.gov/KAC_architectural or contact Charla Reed at charla.reed@ky.gov or 502-564-3757, ext. 485.

The Kentucky Crafted Program is for artists who create marketable high-quality art and craft products. Artists selected for the program receive business development and marketing support. They have the opportunity to exhibit at Kentucky Crafted: The Market, the Buyers Market of American Craft, the Kentucky Visions at the Capitol exhibit and the Governor's Derby Celebration. Other benefits include carrying the Kentucky Crafted brand and cooperative advertising opportunities. For more information, go to http://1.usa.gov/KAC_crafted or contact Chris Cathers at christopher.cathers@ky.gov

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The Kentucky Arts Council, the state arts agency, creates opportunities for Kentuckians to value, participate in and

Artisan Center will be closed New Year's Day

The center will re-open on Monday, Jan. 2 with new winter hours of 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. with the cafe open from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Visitors can shop, enjoy a meal at the Artisan Cafe, and view the exhibition "An Artful Array: Bowls by Kentucky Artisans" through Feb. 25, 2012.

Convenient to visitors throughout the year, the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is located at 200 Artisan Way, off Interstate 75 at

Kentucky Artisan Center named in USA Today's 10 great places to shop for crafts

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea was the first of ten craft galleries in the United States included in a "10 Great Places to Shop at Crafts Galleries" feature article in the Dec. 9 weekend edition of USA Today.

When Wendy Rosen, editor of American Style magazine, was asked to share some favorite shops with USA Today's Larry Bleiberg, first on her list was the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea, a state agency in the Tourism, Arts & Heritage Cabinet of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Rosen spoke of Kentucky's championing of its state's crafts, beginning with former Kentucky First Lady Phyllis George's work. The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea was the site selected for the recent announcement of Governor Steve Beshear's proclamation of December 2012 as "Give a Gift Made in Kentucky Month."

Other Centers included in this list of national best were Tamarack, in Beckley, W.Va.; Oregon College of Arts and Crafts, Portland Ore.; Volcano Art Center Gallery, Volcano, Hawaii; Heartwood, Abingdon, Va.; Illinois Artisans Shop, Chicago; Mississippi Crafts Center Gallery, Ridgeland, Miss.; The Art Studios at Spanish Village Art Center, San Diego, Calif.; Indian Pueblo Center, Albuquerque, N.M.; and Center for Maine Craft Gallery, West

benefit from the arts. Kentucky Arts Council funding is provided by the Kentucky General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Berea exit 77. The center's exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily. Winter hours at the center from Feb. 2 - March 9 will be 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Admission is free. The center currently features works by more than 650 artisans from 100 counties across the Commonwealth and a special exhibit "An Artful Array: Bowls by Kentucky Artisans."

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Located at 200 Artisan Way, just off Interstate 75 at exit 77 (Berea). The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea displays and sells crafts, other artwork, specialty food products, music and books, all the work of more than 650 Kentucky artisans. The center's exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are all open daily from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. and the cafe from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission is free. For more information call 859-985-5448 or visit the center's website at www.kentuckyartisancenterky.gov.

Center for Rural Development receives grant from Microsoft

Technology can do amazing things, and a grant from the Microsoft Corporation is helping The Center for Rural Development further its mission as a leading provider of educational technology services.

The Center, a nonprofit organization based in Somerset, has been awarded a \$51,434 grant for Microsoft software to provide technology-based educational services and support to Kentucky residents.

The grant was presented through the corporation's Microsoft Citizenship efforts, which partners with thousands of organizations around the world to help each achieve its mission. As a result of these partnerships, Microsoft provides technology tools, training, and resources that can help create opportunities and transform communities.

"This generous grant from Microsoft will help keep us on the forefront of leading technologies," said Lonnie Lawson, president and CEO of The Center. "Through our Technology Focus Area, The Center is giving people in our region and throughout Kentucky unprecedented access and connectivity to meet their needs in today's high-tech marketplace."

The Center provides and supports distance learning opportunities for more than 100,000 students, worldwide videoconferencing capabilities, and digital media content delivery.

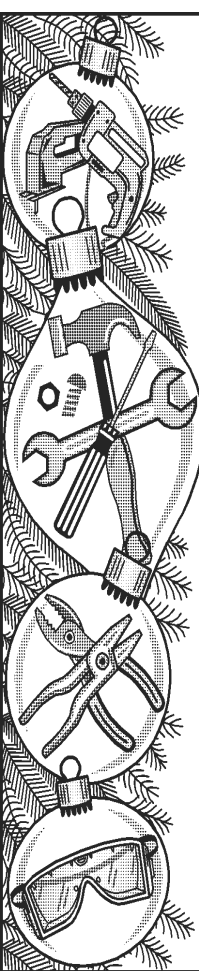
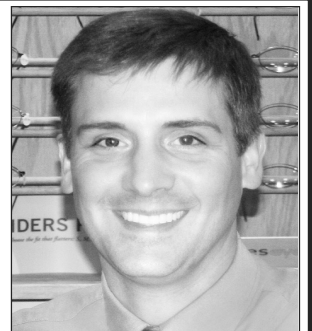
"We utilize our IT systems and skills to improve the chances for individuals to gain access to educational opportunities," said Larry Combs, director of business services for The Center. "The lasting benefit is a better educated citizenry and workforce in an economically distressed region."

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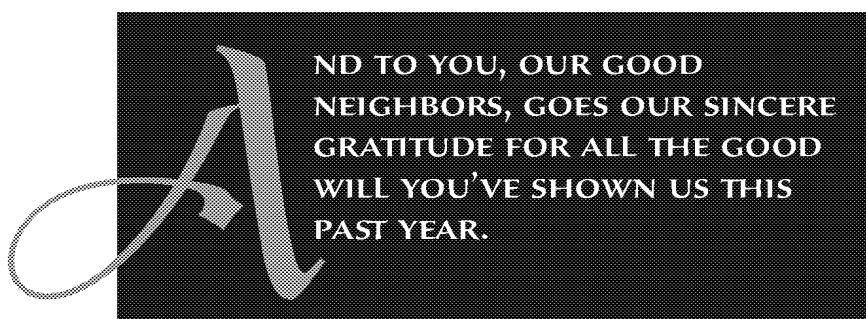
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Posted

Posted: No trespassing on property owned by Eugene T. Caldwell on Hummel Road, Hummel Strip Pits and Brush Arbor. 47x10

Posted: No trespassing on property belonging to Carol Durham, 959 Chestnut Ridge Road. Trespassers will be prosecuted. 3x1p

Posted: no hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Wanda Thiele, known as the Hiram Campbell farm, in the Ottawa section. 3x3p

No hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Roland and Linda Tankersley on Red Hill Road. Violators will be prosecuted. 2x2p

No trespassing on property owned by Judy Marsh (formerly owned by Berl and Ruth Hopkins) partially bordered by Hwy. 461 and Countryside Estates. Violators will be prosecuted. 1x4p

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Farmer Waddle and Clista Spivey heirs on Hwy. 490. Violators will be prosecuted. Not responsible for accidents. 1/26/12

Posted: Absolutely no trespassing on property of Dell Ponder on Red Hill and Black Bear Lick Lane. Violators will be prosecuted. (12/23/11)

Posted: No trespassing on land belonging to James and Dorothy Rash heirs on Rash Branch Road off Chestnut Ridge. No hunting, camping, ATVs, trespassing for any purpose. Not responsible for accidents to anyone. Violators prosecuted. (12/29/11)

Posted: No trespassing on Crawford Place - Old Brodhead Road. Danny Smith. 47tfn

Posted: Absolutely no hunting, fishing or trespassing on property belonging to Mark and Debbie Cummins. Violators will be prosecuted. 9x52p

Posted: No trespassing, hunting or fishing on land belonging to Rachel Denney on Hwy. 3245 (former Reggie Bengé property).

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South Kentucky RECC 925-929 N. Main Street Somerset, KY 42503 (606) 678-4121

Public Notice Energy and Environment Cabinet Leonard K. Peters, Secretary

The Energy and Environment Cabinet is seeking public comment until Jan. 22, 2011, on a draft TMDL revision addressing bacteria impairment in one stream segment within the Crooked Creek watershed located in the Upper Cumberland River Basin in Rockcastle County.

The Clean Water Act requires each state to periodically identify specific waters where designated uses are not being met and water quality impairments exist. The state is also required to prioritize the list of impaired waters, calculate a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) of pollutants for those waters and devise plans to improve the water quality. A TMDL is a calculated amount of pollutants a particular water body may contain and remain unimpaired for its designated use.

The Kentucky Division of Water (DOW) is seeking comment on a new bacteria impairment found within the Crooked Creek watershed during TMDL development. The report, "Crooked Creek E. coli TMDL Revision," prepared by DOW, addresses bacteria impairment in an unnamed tributary to Crooked Creek at levels that no longer support the swimming designated use. The report includes data and procedures used to calculate the TMDL for the stream segment.

Revisions to the report may be made following the public comment period and before it is sent to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval.

The report may be viewed online at "http://water.ky.gov/Pages/PublicNotices.aspx" http://water.ky.gov/Pages/PublicNotices.aspx. For print copies, contact Scarlett Stapleton at the Division of Water, 200 Fair Oaks Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601 or by telephone at 502-564-3410. Comments may be made in writing or by email to Scarlett.Stapleton@ky.gov.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE PERMIT NO. 902-0051 INCREMENT NO. 1 & 2 PHASE 2 & 3 BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KRS:350, notice is hereby given that Jamieson Construction Company of 30 Jamieson Lane, London, Kentucky 40744, phone 606-878-7966, intends to apply for a Phase 3 Bond Release on Permit Number 902-0051, Increment Number 2 and Phase 2 & 3 Bond Release on Increment Number 1, which was last issued on January 31, 2005. The application covers an area of approximately 80.5 acres on the Increments of which 72.9 acres were disturbed. The area is located in Rockcastle County, Kentucky, approximately 2.1 miles northeast of Wolf Creek Road's junction with KY 1912, and located 2.1 miles west of Johnetta, Kentucky. The Latitude is 37 deg. 24 min. 56 sec. and the Longitude is 84 deg. 14 min. 44 sec. The total bond now in effect for these permit increments is Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) of which approximately one hundred percent (100%) of the amount will be released. Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, grading, liming, fertilizing and seeding according to the re-vegetation plan and soil analysis. This work was completed in the Fall 2006.

A public hearing has been scheduled for January 21, 2012 at 9:00 am, at the Department of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement, London Regional Office, 85 State Police Road, London, Kentucky 40741. Written comments, objections and requests to attend this public hearing may be submitted to the Director of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 or the Department of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement, London Regional Office, 85 State Police Road, London, Kentucky 40741. This hearing will be canceled if the Cabinet does not receive a request in writing for the public hearing before January 20, 2012.

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Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps

Foraging For Free Food

For our great grandparents life was a lot more about survival than pleasures and recreation. We hope we never have to resort to survival in the 21st Century, but it could be a fun family outing to re-discover how excited grandma was to find some "poke sallet" in early spring or a patch of wild berries in the summer or to bring home a sack full of collected nuts in the fall. Today we will try and at least scratch the surface of this subject.

The old folks looked forward to a "spring tonic" obtained in late winter by going out and picking some early green herbs as snow and freezing weather abated and buds began to swell and green sprouts burst forth. Maybe it was poke, dandelions, violets or wild mustards or 7-tops. You see, the little country store may have stocked meal and flour, perhaps onions and potatoes and saltines. But, there was no leafy fresh produce from warm parts of the world in the wintertime. (How we take for granted fresh lettuce all year long in big supermarkets today!)

Yes, after a long winter with no fresh "greens", the whole family, and all the neighbors too, would scour the fields and woodlands for some tender green leaves to cook or serve as a salad. In the winter, foraging did not produce too much produce usually. But with a rifle or shotgun you could usually bag a little wild meat of some kind for the table.

When a spring thaw would come, it was time to find a sugartree to tap for some sweet water. My, how the Coca-Cola company has altered life! Just have a "pop" any old time; there's no adventure to harvest some sweet sap from a maple tree—for a refreshing cold drink, or to boil down into maple syrup.

Actually, today you might get into legal trouble going drilling a hole in someone's maple tree or shooting a duck on their pond. Children learned to play together, as well as work together. Today kids spend 5 hours a day with two thumbs clickety-clack-

ing on a tiny little instrument they all carry around. Personally, I miss waiting for the mail to run to see if there was a message from someone I was eager to hear from. But I digress from the topic of foraging for food.

Springtime meant fresh dandelion greens, poke and wild mustard too. Violets and wild asparagus came up early also. As the warmer days of late spring arrived, more choices for greens abounded. Plantain (no, not hosta, nor something from the tropics that resembles a banana) could be harvested from most yards. (There were no weed killers that killed some things and not others.) Adults taught children what plants were OK to eat and which to avoid—there was something to be found to eat in about every yard or along the edges of fields.

Wild strawberries in May, black raspberries in June, and blackberries in July; seems something could be picked from a stream bank or fence row or along the edge of the woods most of the summer. Huckleberries, mulberries and occasionally sarvis and elderberries could be found for a small snack. A couple ripe pawpaws might set a child's mouth to watering, as they taste somewhat like banana custard.

In the fall chestnuts, walnuts and hazel nuts would be collected. And after some frosts had fallen, you could find tasty ripe persimmons that the local opossums had not yet eaten.

Sorrell to garnish a meal, teaberry or wintergreen to make homemade tea, sassafras roots for some home-made "root beer"; there were all of these and so much more our ancestors learned they could glean from the land.

Let's not close without a mention of mushrooms. Especially the delectable morel we called "dry land fish". Still more desired for my platter than a platefull of fried green tomatoes or fresh hot pizza. Even better than a Friday night fish fry. Why not try a little foraging sometime yourself?

The author is a landscaper specializing in waterfeatures. Visit www.rockcastles.net or www.mountainwaterfalls.net We are always delighted to hear from readers.

On Saturday, January 7th Petty creates miniature baskets at Artisan Center

On Saturday, Jan. 7, Virginia Petty of Berea will demonstrate how she creates miniature baskets from dried natural materials such as daylily and hosta leaves, from 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Petty has been making baskets for many years and is primarily self-taught. For her demonstration she will use the natural dried leaves and vines that she finds and gathers in the region surrounding her gardens and yard in Madison County. Petty collects her materials and allows them to dry naturally. She uses the "bast" or inner bark of numerous plants such as mulberry root, bittersweet, and Indian hemp, as well as daylily leaves, Siberian iris leaves, Peruvian daffodil flower stalks and hosta leaves.

Baskets woven from natural materials have evolved into a variety of styles. Some baskets have formal structures such as ribs, rims, handles and feet. Others are created from materials braided into coils, and some are woven from material crisscrossed from the bottom and woven upwards, adding more strips of material to increase the size. Bas-

kets can also be created in a freeform manner into asymmetrical shapes, a technique which Petty uses to create her miniature baskets.

Baskets by Virginia Petty are regularly found at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea, located at 200 Artisan Way, just off Interstate 75 at Berea exit 77. The center's exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open winter hours daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., with the cafe open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free. The center currently features works by more than 650 artisans from 100 counties across the Commonwealth and a special exhibition titled "An Artful Array: Bowls by Kentucky Artisans" through Feb. 25 and in the lobby an exhibit titled, "The Makings of a Master: Kentucky Folk Art Apprenticeships" on display Jan 7 through Feb. 26. For more information call 859-985-5448 or visit the center's website at www.kentuckyartisancenterky.gov.

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is an agency in the Kentucky Tourism, Arts & Heritage Cabinet of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.



Participating in the recent "Shop with a Cop" were front from left: KSP-CVE Inspector Chris McQueen, Trooper Staci Walker, Sergeant Craig Sutton (Camp Director of Trooper Island Camp), Trooper Lloyd Cochran, TFC Don Trospen and Trooper Jack Riley. Back row from left: KSP-CVE Officer Jerry Jones, Trooper Jeff Senters and Trooper Ryan Loudermilk. Not pictured but also participating was KSP Sergeant Lafe Owens.

KSP Post 11 participates in "Shop with a Cop"

On Saturday, December 10th, the Kentucky State Police, Post 11 London and the KSP Division of Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, Region 4 London, joined the London Police Department and the Laurel County Sheriff's Office in

the annual "Shop with a Cop" program in Laurel County.

Approximately 200 children participated in the event with approximately 50 officers from the three departments and were treated to a shopping experience where they were allowed to purchase clothes and toys for Christmas.

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KSP receives 920 lbs. of food donations

The Kentucky State Police, Post 11 London, accepted donations of canned and non-perishable food items for its second annual "Cram the Cruiser" food drive until December 12, 2011. The local post received 920 pounds in donations of food items from the public.

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The trick to keeping your fresh tree fresh



By Ian Owens
Owens Garden Center

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A fresh cut is the other thing that is needed. The cut needs to happen within 30 minutes of when the tree goes into the water. The tree can seal itself over quickly. If this happens no amount of fresh water will help. Quality Christmas Tree retailers will make a fresh cut for you after you have picked your

tree out. When you get the tree to your home, immediately put its base in a bucket of water. You will then have plenty of time to rearrange furniture and set up the stand while the tree is taking in the water. The tree uses a large amount of water the first five to seven days it is in your house. It's not unusual for a tree to take in a gallon, or even two gallons of water, each day for the first few days. The key is to not let it run out. The sap will seal the cut over and prevent moisture from being taken in.

How long will it last if you do it correctly? Experience, as well as research in New York and Washington states, tells us you should be able to easily get four weeks out of a cut tree. One of the studies kept the trees displayed for six weeks. The first thing to do is purchase your tree from a quality retailer such as a garden center that deals in fresh cut trees rather than some retailers that have trees that was cut in October.

A fresh cut, plenty of water, and a little common sense can go a long ways towards helping you enjoy your tree this season.



Blast from the Past!!!

This week's photograph from 1955, is of the original Fort Sequoyah Store at the Indian Village along the Rockcastle River just south of Livingston. The Indian Village was a reconstruction of a pre-pioneer Cherokee Village and was operated by Carlos and Lucille Carloftis. If you have a photograph for Blast From The Past contact David Owens at scoopowens24@yahoo.com or (606) 256-9870.

Last minute stocking stuffers from KY Fish and Wildlife

Many people have the habit of putting off Christmas shopping until the last minute. For those shoppers with an outdoors enthusiast on their list, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources has several suggestions to help people out of their procrastination bind.

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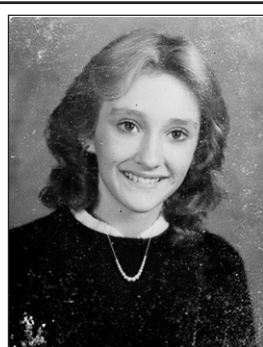
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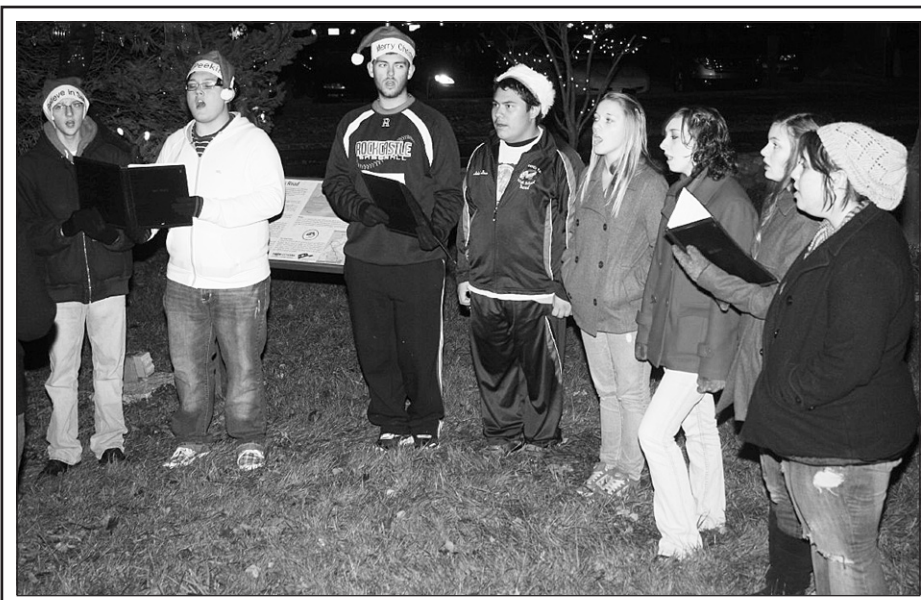
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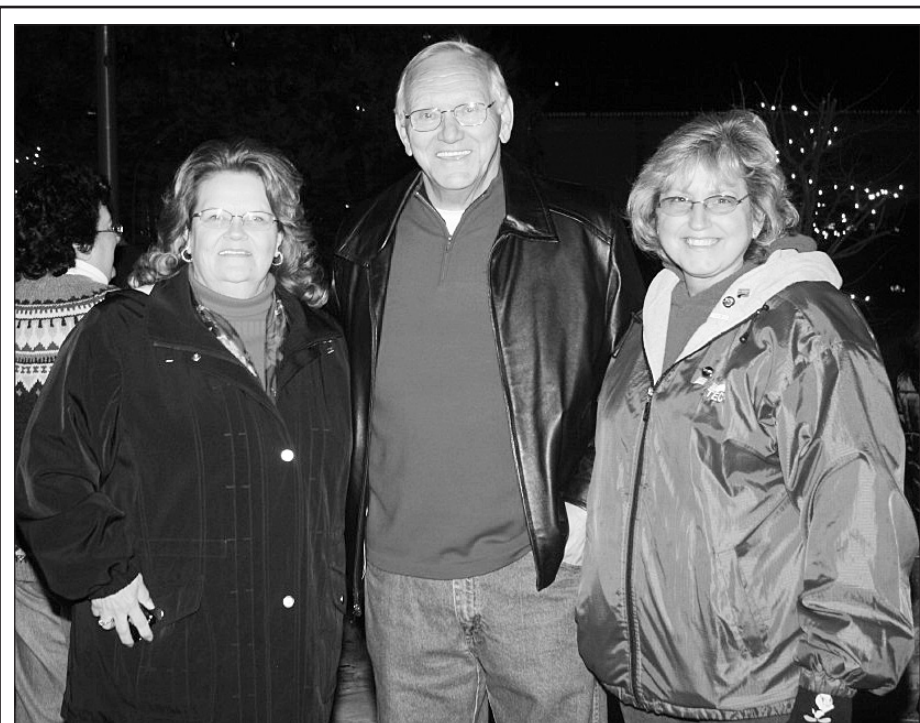
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Scenes from Mt. Vernon's tree lighting ceremony



Members of the RCHS Chorus sang Christmas carols for the crowd at the tree lighting ceremony. Participating from left: Quenton Bishop, Robert Reynolds, Michael Brewer, Rachel Johnson, Breanna Copenhaver, Jessica Thacker, and Isa Montano.



RTEC director Shirley Cummins, her husband Bill and RTEC employee Freda Parsons attended the tree lighting ceremony.



RCHS Choir members, from left: Katie Mackey, Olivia Montano, Crystal Johnson, Shelby McKinney and Hayley Davis.

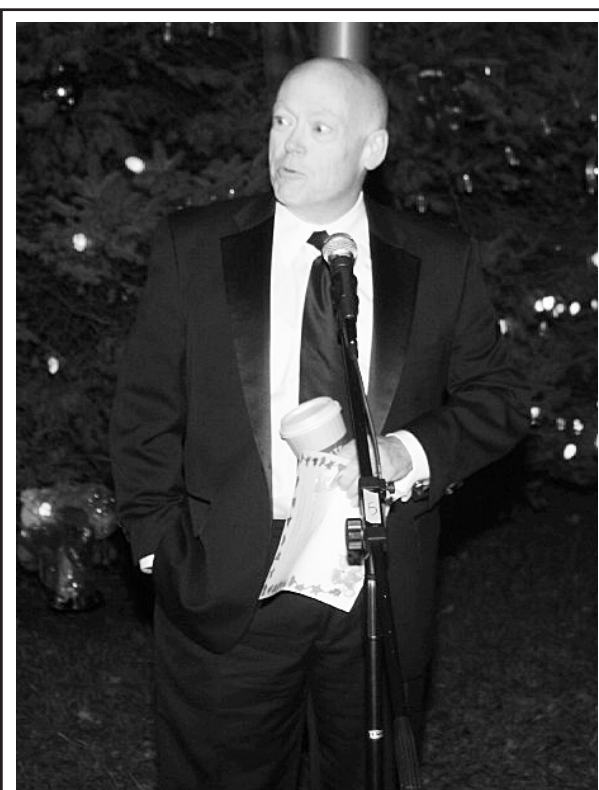


Mt. Vernon mayor Mike Bryant and wife Carol enjoyed the tree lighting ceremony.



Kiwanis members Vickie Cox, Glenda Smith, Tammy Cox, and Martha Cox enjoyed each other's company during the tree lighting ceremony.

Tree lighting photos by Betty Frederick



Judge David Tapp spoke at the tree lighting ceremony. Tapp wore a tuxedo to the event to help liven it up. Actually, he was going to a black-tie event afterwards.



Kate Hendrick sang *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas* for the tree lighting ceremony.



Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Front row from left: Chrissy Cash, Teresa Stevens, Clarissa Hodge and Jennifer Poynter Hand. Back row from left: Matthew Silcox, Sam Ford, Jeff Cromer, Doug Bishop, Johnny Alcorn and David Henderson.

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Dwayne Hutton performed for the crowd during the tree lighting ceremony.



Kiwanis members Eliza York, her daughter Rachel Hammons, and members Vickie Cox, James Miller and wife Decann enjoyed the tree lighting ceremony in Mt. Vernon's Triangle Park.



The RCBS band, under the direction of Greg Daugherty, performed at the tree lighting ceremony. Some of those members were, from left: Allison Estes, Jake Mink, Cassidy Adkins, Michael Brewer, and Mary Weaver.



Kiwanis member Betty Frederick and Judge Katie Wood were in attendance at the tree lighting. Judge Wood spoke at the event.

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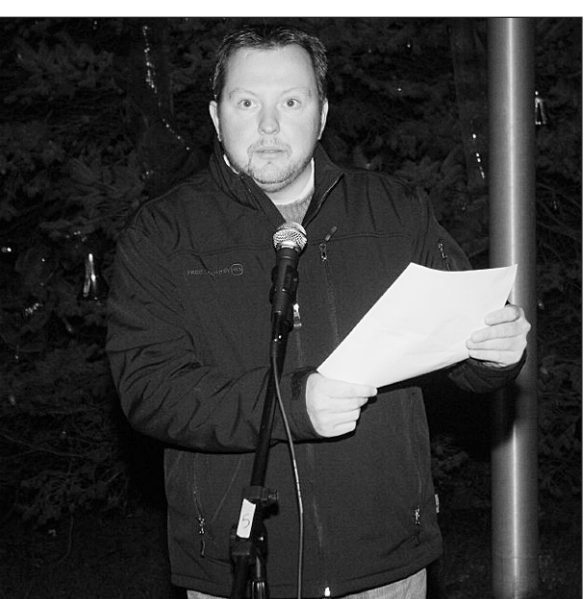


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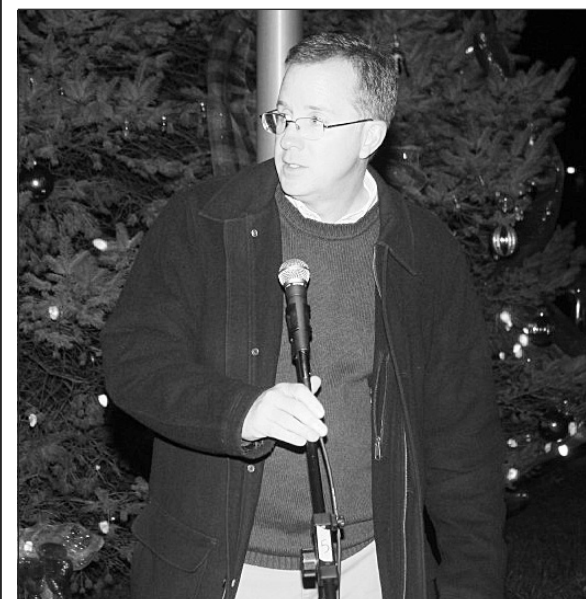
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Kentucky Music Hall of Fame director and Kiwanis member Robert Lawson was the master of ceremonies for the tree lighting.



Judge Jeff Burdette spoke at the tree lighting ceremony. A nice crowd turned out for the event, despite the cold weather.



Judge Scott Lawless was also a speaker at the tree lighting event. All four judges that serve Rockcastle County spoke to the crowd.

Rockcastle students write letters to Santa

Mrs. Kathy Price's Class
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I love Santa! I will leave cookies and milk for you. I would like 7 DS Games, Barbie Dream Townhouse, and a crayon maker. Have a safe trip to my house.
Love,
Bailey
Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I will leave cookies for you. I would like a phone, a pointer, and a pencil. Have a safe trip.
Love,
Dakota
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I will leave cookies and milk for you. I would like an X Box 360, 3 DS games, and a Mario Kart 7. Have a safe trip.
Love,
Chase
Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I would like a Barbie, a new lunchbox, and a Crayon maker.
Love,
Rachel
Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I will cookies and milk. I would like an RC Car, a crayon maker, and some more wrestlers. Have a safe trip.
Love,
Caleb
Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I will leave cookies and milk for you. I would like to have an RC helicopter and a Super Mario Game. Have a safe trip.
Love,
Dustin
Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I will leave cookies for you. I would like a phone, a new pointer, and a Justin Bieber poster.
Love,
Andrea


Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I will leave cookies and milk for you. I would like a Kinect, Disney Kinect, and a karaoke machine. Have a safe trip.
Love,
Makayla
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I will leave cookies for you. I would like a cell phone, a sniper game, and a pair of boots. Have a safe trip.
Love,
Gavin
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I will leave cookies and cocoa for you. I would like a pig bank and a pointer. Have a safe trip.
Love,
Megan
Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. So I would like an X Box 360, an iPod, and a movie. Have a safe trip.
Love,
Connor
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I will leave cookies and milk for you. I would like an RC helicopter, an RC car, and a teddy bear. Have a safe trip.
Love,
Allison
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a lunch box, a Wuggle Pet, and a puzzle. Have a safe trip.
Love,
Valerie
Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I love you Santa. I will leave cookies and milk for you. Please bring me a Barbie, a Zhu Zhu Pet, and a phone. Have a safe trip.
Love,
Alyssa
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I will leave cook-


ies and milk for you. I would like a toy machine gun, 3 DS Games, and an RC car. Have a safe trip.
Love,
Dawson
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I will leave cookies and milk for you. I would like a Fancy Nancy doll, a Barbie, a Christmas Carol movie, and a LaLa Loopsy. Have a safe trip to my house.
Love,
Olivia
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I will leave cookies for you. I would like a LaLa Loopsy tree house, a LaLa Loopsy Silly Hair doll, and a pink DS. Have a safe trip.
Love,
Halli
Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a Batman, a phone, and a train set. Have a safe trip.
Love,
Nicholas
Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I will leave cookies and milk. I would like a Mario DS Game. Have a safe trip.
Love,
Mackenzie
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I will leave cookies and milk. I would like to have a Justin Bieber Doll, a Justin Bieber Poster, and a Crayon Maker. I hope you have a very safe trip and a Ho! Ho! Ho! Have a pleasant day.
Sincerely Yours,
Emily
Mrs. Jamie Bryant's class
Dear Santa,
Do you live in a house? I would like a hot wheel car with a remote control. Can you do that for me?
Love, Josh

Dear Santa,
I hope you have a great Christmas and fun delivering all the presents. I would like a different Nutcracker for Christmas. I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Love, Bella
Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I would like a toy pop gun that goes pop. I would like to pet one of your reindeers.
Love, J.R.
Dear Santa,
How do your reindeer fly? You look pretty good. I would like a monster truck for Christmas.
Love, Logan
Dear Santa,
I think your reindeers are pretty. Is Rudolph real? I would like an X box for Christmas.
Love, Kaleb
Dear Santa,
I like your reindeer. I like the presents. I would

like Lego Star wars for Christmas. I hope you enjoy your cookies.
Love, Andrew
Dear Santa,
I like your reindeer and I want a batman toy and another batman toy.
Love Jackson
Dear Santa,
I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Have a safe flight, because I don't want you to crash. I would like a La La Loopsie doll.
Love, Kimhari
Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. I would like a big chair that's made like a bear and Pet Shop and an I Pod.
Love, Miranda
Dear Santa,
I like your reindeer. I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I would like an X box 360 and Star Wars toys and games.
Love Nick.D

Dear Santa,
I like your reindeer. I would like a Barbie doll and a purse. I love you!
Love, Kylee
Dear Santa,
I would like a soldier man and a robot doll. Is it cold at the North Pole?
Love, David
Dear Santa,
Can you ride your reindeer? Can you drive a truck? I would like a toy car and a toy tractor.
I would like a toy mustang too.
Love Nick. C.
Dear Santa,
Do you have Rudolph? I want amonster truck and an escape boy. I want a basketball too.
Love, Matthew
Dear Santa,
I'm thankful for the toys that you give people. Does Rudolph have a black nose or a red nose? I want a toy pony that walks.
Love, Alexis

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More Santa letters

Dear Santa,
I want you to have a very Merry Christmas. I would want a big, giant teddy bear and a soft puppy. I'll leave some milk and cookies for you.
Love, Danielle
Dear Santa,
I have a present for you. I like your reindeers. I would like a baby doll and a chalkboard for Christmas.
Love, Katelyn
Dear Santa,
I love you! I like that you give poor people toys. I like that you give me toys. I would like an airplane Air Hawk. I would like to get my mom a new record player.
Love, Will
Dear Santa,
I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I like your reindeers. I would like a DSI and a game and a toy dinosaur.
Love, Carter
Dear Santa,
I'm trying to be good and would like a Play Station 3. I would also like a Xbox 360 and a DS.
Love, Marquise
Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. I want a cat for Christmas. I hope you are taking care of Rudolph.
Love, Amber
Mrs. Jerri Lynn Smith's Class
Dear Santa,
I've been good. I would like to have a Barbie House, and the Pig that you feed hamburgers.
Thank You
Love, Grace
Dear Santa,
I wish that I was an elf, because I would take all the toys. I want a rocket.
Love, Jacob
Hi Santa,
I would like to have a NintendoDS. I like your reindeers. Please hurry and come.
Love, Ethan R.
Dear Santa,
I want a American Girl doll, an I pod and a teaching chalkboard. I'll leave you cookies to eat.
Love, Jenna
Dear Santa,
I want an I pod, Moxie Girl horses, and chalkboard. What is it like at the North Pole?
Love, Erika
Dear Santa,
I love Christmas. I want a truck. How is the North Pole? I hope it snows for Christmas.
Love, Bowen
Dear Santa,
I want YOU to have a Merry Christmas! Santa, my brother wants a toy school bus, and I want a paint gun. My mom wants some new shoes, and my dad wants some tools.
I love you Santa,
Matt
Dear Santa,
I want a DSI, and a new La La Loopsiegirl. I've been good and I'm trying to stop fighting with my brother.
I want my baby brother to have his first good Christmas.
Love, Reagan
Dear Santa,
My brother has been good and he wants the little pig that eats hamburgers. I have been good. I want the Long Shot Nerf gun. I want a monster truck.
Love, Ethan K.
Dear Santa,
I believe in you. I have been a good boy. I want a DS game. Please bring my sister a two La La Loopsies.
Love, Caden
Dear Santa,
I like your reindeers. Does it snow a lot at the North Pole? Please bring me a dollhouse, and a baby doll.
Love, Tammy
Dear Santa,
I like your elves, because they are little. I want a four wheeler for Christmas. I'll leave you some cookies and have a good Christmas.
Love, Dylan
Dear Santa,
I've been good to my family. I help my momma bake, and my brother and

me play together. I would like a La La Loopsie doll, and a helicopter like my dad. I'll leave you some cookies and milk for a snack.
Love, Laura Beth
Dear Santa,
I've been good. I know all your reindeer's names. All I want for Christmas is a puppy. My brother has been good all year too. He wants a black 4 wheeler.
Love, Scott
Dear Santa,
My brother is nice to me. I would like a Rudolph glowing nose, a La La Loopsiedoll and a movie. I will like the toys that you give me.
Love, Emma
Dear Santa,
Please can I have a toy dirt bike? How does your reindeer fly? I would like a box of books, and a computer.
Love, Dallas
Dear Santa,
I love you. I want a big, stuffed, white bear for Christmas, and a dress that has Santa Claus on it. Why do you like in the North Pole?
Love, Alyssa
Dear Santa,
I've been a little bit good. I want a real pony for Christmas for Christmas. I want some cars, and feed for the pony. I want to see your reindeers and sit in your lap.
Love, Jesse
Dear Santa,
I was good all year long. I want a walking dog toy, and I want a Chinese doll. I will have a bucket of water for your reindeers.
Love, Alexis
Mrs. Kaci Brown's Class
Dear Santa,
I love you. How is Rudolph? For Christmas I want wiigames for girls that have Princess Peach in them. Be careful flying to my house.
Love, Michelle
Dear Santa,
I do not know how your reindeers fly! For Christmas I want Gears of War 1 and Gears of War 2. I will leave some cookies on the table.
Love, Chazdin
Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? For Christmas I want a bike. I also want paint and paper. I can't wait to see you.
Love, Briana
Dear Santa,
How does Rudolph's nose glow? I want Indiana Jones legoset for Christmas. I also want the play set. You are the best guy ever!
Your Friend, Gabriel
Dear Santa,
I wonder how Rudolph is? Has he been good or bad? For Christmas I would like a dress. I love you, Santa. Thank you, Santa for my present.
Your Friend, Shelby
Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. For Christmas I would like a Cars 2 game. I hope that you and Rudolph are safe on your way to see me.
Love, Xander
Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. For Christmas, I want Marvels, games, and cars. Be safe!
Your Friend, Ethan
Dear Santa,
I love you very much. For Christmas I want a red guitar, a wii, and a wall track. I hope that Rudolph is being good.
Love, Adam
Dear Santa,
I have been very on track. For Christmas I want an I-pod touch and an electric guitar. Be careful on your sleigh.
Your Friend, Timothy
Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. For Christmas I want a toy guitar, a toy cat, a Barbie doll, and a toy dog. Be careful on your way to see me.
Love, Kylie
Dear Santa,
I have been on track this year. I would like a dress for Christmas. I also want a baby that talks and eats.
Love, Jazzlien
Dear Santa,
I have been on track this year. For Christmas I want a pogo stick. Tell Rudolph "hi".
Your Friend, Samantha

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. For Christmas I want a puppy. I would name it Cookie. I would also like a Barbie doll. Be safe!
Your Friend, Nataliegh
Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie for Christmas. I also want earrings. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Your Friend, Carley
Dear Santa,
I wish you would bring me some presents. I would like a microphone for Christmas.
Your Friend, Jerri Lynn
Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? I have been a good boy. For Christmas, can you bring me an I-pod touch? I would also like a PSP and a microphone.
Your Friend, Cameron
Dear Santa,
For Christmas I really wish you would bring me a reindeer!!
Love, Carlie
Dear Santa,
I really want some cars and trucks for Christmas. I also want to pet your reindeers! Have fun flying.
Your Friend, Joseph

Mrs. Kristy Isaacs' Class
Dear Santa,
I would like a dirt bike for Christmas. I have been pretty nice this year. I will leave you cookies and milk.
Jacob
Dear Santa,
I would like a kitten for Christmas. I have been nice. I will leave you cookies and milk.
Shala
Dear Santa,
I have been 1/2 naughty and 1/2 nice. I would like a laptop for Christmas. I will leave you some candy and milk.
Mitchell
Dear Santa,
I have been nice all year. I would like a laptop for Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Celia
Dear Santa,
I would like a PS2 game. I've been nice. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Dalton
Dear Santa,
I've been nice at home. I would like a radio. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Billy

Dear Santa,
I have been nice. I would like a computer. I will leave some popcorn for you and the reindeer.
Eris
Dear Santa,
I have been nice. I would like remote control monster truck. I will leave you some milk and cookies.
Layne
Dear Santa,
I have been nice this year. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I want a toy gingerbread man and a toy gingerbread house that's about 5 feet tall.
Seth
Dear Santa,
I would like a toy sword for Christmas. I have been nice.
Tye
Dear Santa,
Well, I do want some toys. But, what I want most of all is for my family to have the best Christmas ever—no matter whether they are on the nice list or the naughty list. I will probably leave you some gingerbread cookies. I have been pretty nice.
Lindsay

Dear Santa,
I would like a puppy for Christmas. I have been nice. I will leave you cookies, milk, and a bag of popcorn.
Daunte
Dear Santa,
I would like an American Girl doll and a Crib Life baby doll. I have been nice. I will leave you some milk and no bake cookies.
Alexis
Dear Santa,
I would like a remote control car for Christmas. I have been a little bit nice. I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies and some milk.
Aaron
Dear Santa,
I would like a tablet for Christmas. I have been nice. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Mya
Dear Santa,
I would like a stuffed animal for Christmas. I have been nice. I will leave you some no bake cookies.
Madison

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More Santa letters

Paula Davis' Class
Dear Santa,
I have been very good. This year I would like a monster truck. I would also like clean water for people to drink.
Sincerely, Riley
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a Nintendo DS. I would also like all wrestling to end.
Love, Ashton
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a pretty doll with a dress. I would also like for there to be no more war.
Love, Cierra
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a hamster. I would also like clothing for people that do not have them.
Love, Robin
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a toy tank. I would also like shoes for children who don't have any.
Sincerely, Jase
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a Wall Track and Sky Jump, and a Monster truck. I would also like for there to be no more war.
Love, Ethan
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a toy school bus. I would also like to have peace in the world.
Love, Peyton
Dear Santa,
I have been kindagood this year. I would like a Nintendo D. S. I would also like clean water for people to drink.
Love, Garrad
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like an Ipod. I would also like clean water for people to drink.
Love, Kayce
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a trick bike. I would also like all wrestling to end.
Love,
Joey
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a hamster. I would also like clean water for people to drink.
Your Friend, Kaitlynn
Dear Santa,
I have been so good this year! I would like a touch screen computer. I would also like peace in the world.
Your Friend, Brooke
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a hamster. I would also like clean water for people to drink.
Love, Bethany
Dear Santa,
I have been good. This year I would like a vacuum toy.
Love, Dylan
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like an Ipod, a camera and a teddy bear. I would also like peace in the world.
Love, Kaylee
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like an army set. I would like for soldiers to come home for Christmas.
Love, Garrett
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a hamster for Christmas. I would also like peace in the world.
Love, Emily
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a Nintendo D. S. for Christmas. I would also like for soldiers to come home to their families.
Love, Logan
Dear Santa,
I have been very good. This year I would like a hamster. I would also like for all children to have toys.
Love, Carlee
Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I would like a

bunny for Christmas. I would also like a hamster. I would also like shoes for children who don't have any.
Love, Madison
Mrs. Marion Cable's Class
Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? Are you ready for Christmas? I cannot wait! I have been a good boy. I help my friend clean his room. For Christmas I woodlike 20 dollars. I will split it with my friend. I will leave you cookies and milk. Have a save trip.
Sincerely,
Logan C.
Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? Are you ready for Christmas? I am excited! I have been a good boy. I help Mrs. Tenawith her lunch. I help my mom with dishes. I would like a DSI and a puzzal, too. Please my sister some Reese Cups. I will leave you some hot chocolate and ginger bread cookies!
Sincerely,
Jordan B
Dear Santa,
How are you and the reindeer? Are you ready for Christmas? I am really excited. I have been a good boy. I take cearof my little brothers. For Christmas I want a four wheeler and another controller for my Xbox Connect. Please bring my little brothers some dinosaurs. I wish you a Meary Christmas. I will leave you cookies and cream.
Sincerely,
Kaleb W.
Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? Areyou ready for Christmas? I have been a good boy. I help Dad with the truck. For Christmas I would like a 3DDSI and PS2. Please bring mymom a pair of red shoes. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Sincerely,
Logan V.
Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? Are you ready for Christmas? I am ready for Christmas. I have been a good girl. I help my momey clean thehouse. I help mysister get ready for school. I would like a DSI and a touch screen phoen to play with. Please bring my sister a DSI too. I will leave you somecookies and milk. Have a safe trip.
Sincerely,
Heaven C.
Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? How is Rudolph? Is he doing good? I have been a good boy. For Christmas I would like some Babladesand a new Nerf gun. Please bring JD some, too. I will leave you cookies. Have a safe trip.
Sincerely,
Jamason S.
Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? Are you ready for Christmas? I am really excited! I have been a good girl. I help my sister clean her room. I help my brother. For Christmas I would like Just Dance Two and a new pair of shoes. Please bring my teacher some new red boots. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Have a safe trip!
Sincerely,
Maggie M.
Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Are you ready for Christmas? I am really excited! I have been a good girl. I do my homework. For Christmas I would like a Leap Frog. Bring Olivia a princess doll. I will leave you some cookies andmilk. Have a safe trep.
Sincerely,
Lydia M.
Dear Santa,
How are you doing I am really excited! I have been a good girl. I help my brother clean his room and I help my mom clean dishes. For Christmas I would like a pair of shoes and some close. Please bring Chelsea a gift. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Have a safe trip!
Sincerely,
Natalee D.
Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Are you ready for Christmas? I

am very excited. I have been a good girl. I help Jamison, my sister. I clean my room. For Christmas I wodl like to have a BabieBus and art supplies. Please give Natalee a new scart. I will leave you some cookies and milk. You and --- be celfle.
Sincerely,
Chelsea R.
Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? Are you ready for Christmas? I am excited. I have been a good girl! I help my sister do her homework and take care of my cat. For Christmas I want a Baby Alive and a DS. Please bring Selena amakeup set. I will leave you some cupcakes and hot chocolate. Have a safe trip!
Sincerely,
Sabrina M.
Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Are you ready for Christmas? I can't wait! I have been a good girl. I help my mom dust the house and I sweep the floor. For Christmas I would like to have a make-up kit and a Candylandgame. Please bring my mom some pretty red boots. I will leave oatmeal cookies and chocolate milk. Have a safe trip.
Sincerely,
Elizabeth M.
Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? Are you ready for Christmas? I am really excited! I have been a good girl. I help my uncle clean

the bathroom. I would like a puppy and a hat. Please bring Mom a puppy, too. I will leave you some cooking and milk. Hope you have a safe trip.
Sincerely,
Gracie S.
Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? Are you ready for Christmas? I am really excited. I have been a good girl. I halep with Cannon and take cre of my cousins. For Christmas I would like a Babe alive and an Ipod touch. I will leave you some hot chocolate and melk. Tayk a safe trip. I love you Santa.
Sincerely,
Valerie G.
Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? Are you readyfor Christmas? I am excited for Christmas. I have been agood girl. I help at school and I do the dishes and vacuum and sweep at home. I would like to have a DS and a sled. Please get my dad, Nick, overholsand a pair of boots. I will live you some milk and cookies. Be Cafol and Rodof, too.
Sincerely,
Makayla E.
Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? Are ready for Christmas? I am really excited! I have been a good girl. I help my mom clean the house and I help my grandma, too. For Christmas I would like a Hero factory and a Barbie dream

House. Please bring Kailey a make upset. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Have a safe trip!
Sincerely,
Brooke L.
Dear Santa,
How are you and the reindeer? Are you ready for Christmas? I am really happy. I have been a good girl. I help my mom cook and I help my mamaw. For Christmas I would like a bike and a cat. Please bring my mom a pair of shoes. I will leave Santa cookies and milk. Have a save trip.
Sincerely,
Skyler C.
Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? Are you ready for Christmas. I am so excited! I have been a good boy. I walk my dog and I take out the trash. For Christmas I would like a new four wheeler and a new Xbox. Pleasebring my sister a new DSI. I will leave you some cookies and cream. You and Rudolph have a safe trip.
Sincerely,
Daniel M.
Dear Santa,
How are you and the reindeer? Are you ready for Christmas? I can't wait for Christmas! I have been a good boy. I bring up the garbage. I do my work from school. I want a Mario Game for a DS and a globe. I want you to get my little sister a Barbie dole. I will leave him a cake. Have a safe trip.
Sincerely,
Demarcus R

Roundstone students

Dear Santa,
I would like presents. I want a helicopter and a remote control Lightning McQueen car.
Love, Jacob P.
Dear Santa,
I want a basketball hoop, a teddy bear, and a remote control helicopter.
Love, Zach R.
Dear Santa,
I want a robot that has a little egg on it. I like your light up reindeer.
Love, Abby B.
Dear Santa,
I want Halo toys and I want the new Halo game.
Love, Cody S.
Dear Santa,
Hello. I want a muscle car and a monster truck.
Love, Gage W.
Dear Santa,
I want a teddy bear.
Love, Alexius F.
Dear Santa,
Thank you for all of the toys. I want a case of art stuff, like paint, markers, and paper.
Love, Briely F.
Dear Santa,
I want a play gun and a Strawberry Shortcake doll.
Love, Marlana M.
Dear Santa,
I've been good, so will you bring me toys, like a doll or a puppet.
Love, Bailey W.

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Season's Greetings

Happy Holidays

Merry Christmas

Feliz Navidad

Joyous Noel


No matter how you say it, we hope it's grand!

Thank you for your business this year.

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Front row from left: Attorney Jerry J. Cox and Attorney James L. Cox
Back row from left: Tasha Dillingham, Amanda Brown and Shari Proctor

A delegation of excellence

RCHS students attend KY Youth Assembly

Submitted by Becca Barron and McKinzie Todd

This past weekend, December 4th-6th, some of the most outstanding debaters, representatives, and candidates from Rockcastle County High School got an opportunity, once again, to meet with people just like them from all across the beautiful state of Kentucky. This conference, KYA, or Kentucky Youth Assembly, is a place where students are given an opportunity to fully express themselves through the writing of bills, pro-con debate speeches, and the asking of questions on issues that pertain to them. However, this conference is so much more than two days off from school and getting to hang out with the most phenomenal students and staff members. It is passion, love, and pride all wrapped up in one.

Our candidate for governor this year was Ashton Arvin, a junior at RCHS. With platforms relating not only Kentucky, but to the USA, he faced 15 other passionate candidates from different areas across the Bluegrass. After primary elections, there were six candidates left. K.J Hall from Central Hardin, Jeremy Ball from Clay County,

Michael Kimble Slice from John Hardin, Aaron Vance from North Hardin, Ashton Arvin from Rockcastle, and Tristian Nolen from Rowan County. Tuesday morning, each candidate was given the opportunity to voice their final speech – some made promises, many told of their qualifications, but only one talked about choices in life. Our very own Ashton Arvin reminded over 1200 delegates that they were faced with a choice of choosing the next Governor, but not to let that choice overshadow the most important choice in life. He went on to explain that we could trust his decisions that he would make as Governor because his choices would be based upon the choice that he made to follow Jesus Christ. He assured all 1200 of us that he would represent the values of the red, white, and blue. As the last ballots were passed out and each delegate voted, the air was filled with suspense. When the announcement of the final three, K.J Hall, Tristian Nolen, and Ashton Arvin, was made, the whole delegation stood with excitement. In that moment, we were all proud of our own, but when the new

Governor was announced, it was no surprise that the most deserving candidates' name, Mr. Ashton Arvin, was called.

All delegates this year showed the upmost excellence. Many awards and recognitions were awarded to the RCHS delegation. Rachel Johnson and Aaron Adkisson, both juniors, served as lobbyist giving powerful pro-con speeches on assigned bills to ensure their passage or defeat. Rachel will serve as Solicitor General at KYA 2012. Robert Reynolds, a senior, was awarded the one and only "Outstanding Congressional Speaker." Heather Clontz was recognized as one of the twenty Outstanding Legislative Delegates. Jacob Taylor,

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More Santa letters

Dear Santa,
May I have a princess toy? Can I have a super hero for my little brother?
Love, Dehlia A.
Dear Santa,
I'm happy.
Love, Austin N.
Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents last year. I want drums, a skateboard, and a new guitar.
Love, Isaac F.
Dear Santa,
I would like a Thor and an Ironman.
Love, Pacey N.
Dear Santa,
I want some writing paper. I want to draw pictures.
Love, Alex D.
Dear Santa,
I love you. I want a Barbie with blonde hair.
Love, Kaliee C.
Dear Santa,
Bring me a lot of presents like a toy boat.
Love, Gavin B.
Dear Santa,
I want a Lego game for Christmas.
Love, Jack R.

Dear Santa,
I want a remote control helicopter. I want to fly with the reindeer.
Love, Joseph P.
Dear Santa,
I want a toy sword for Christmas.
Love, Ashton S.
Dear Santa,
I want lights on my presents. Have a Merry Christmas.
Love, Elijah K.
Dear Santa,
I want a Happy Napper and a remote control monster truck. Merry Christmas.
Love, Wendell G.
Dear Santa,
I want a Hello Kitty MP3 Player and a Tangled blanket. Thank you.
Love, Ashleigh A.
Dear Santa,
I want a Lego Castle set and a good Christmas with my family.
Love, Inan M.
Dear Santa,
I want a guitar and Taylor Swift clothes. I also want a Justin Bieber doll.
Love, Allie T.
Dear Santa,
I would like a little Red Ryder BB Gun for Christmas. Thank you.
Love, Jadon R.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for presents. I like Barbie houses and I want a bouncy house.
Love, Gracelyn R.
Dear Santa,
I love you. I want some pink shoes and a surprise.
Love, Alison B.
Dear Santa,
I want a Wii and a Mario Bros game. Wash your beard with soap.
Love, Destiny B.
Dear Santa,
I love you. I want presents for my parents and sister. I want a DSi for myself. Thanks.
Love, Jacob D.
Dear Santa,
I want a Rapunzel Tower and a sled on Christmas.
Love, Cayla M.
Dear Santa,
I want a Bowser, Mario, Yoshi and Luigi games.
Love, Landon C.
Dear Santa,
I want a princess doll house and flip flops.
Love, Jasmine N.
Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. Can you give me a computer for Christmas?
Love, Makayla C.
Dear Santa,
I want the creeps. She is a Barbie with a mask.
Love, Keeley T.

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Ashton Arvin was selected as the 2012 KYA Governor.



Evan Singleton (Singleton Home School) also attended KYA and was selected as an Outstanding Legislative Speaker, Delegation of Excellence, and his bill "An Act to require labeling of genetically altered foods" passed the House and the Senate.



Heather Clontz was selected as an Outstanding Legislative Delegate.

Seasons Greetings



From left: Danetta Ford Allen - Rockcastle County Clerk, Anita Moore, Mattie Miller, Becky Mays, Sonya McGuire and Tina Gibbs.

Merry Christmas from each of us to all of you.

May the spirit fill your hearts this Christmas.

from

County Clerk Danetta Ford Allen

Closed December 23rd - 26th and
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“KYA”

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House of Representatives, received one of only thirty-two Outstanding Speaker Awards. The entire delegation received the only “Best Bill Packet Award” which showed all the hard work put forth by the authors. Bill authors were Kellan Coffey, Kelsey Mattingly, Rebekah Ponder, and Brianna Burdette (whose

bill passed both chambers and signed as law by Governor Derrick Wesley); Jay Patel (whose Congressional Bill was also passed); Clay Greene (whose Premiere Bill was deemed favorable); Heather Clontz, Alexis Young, and Rachel Martin whose bill fell shy of passage; Premiere Bill authors Rachel Blair, Shelby Ponder, and Chelsea Fleming; and Robert Reynolds, Congressional Bill Author. As

these bills were being presented, debated, and ranked, three of our students played leading roles at the conference. John Hughes presided as the Speaker of the House Premiere Program; Tim Kirby presided over Legislative Committee Sessions; and Taylor Greene served as a Supreme Court Justice. All ROCK students were making their presence known. This year’s freshmen excelled as Callie Asher ran

as a candidate for the Premiere Executive Committee. Abbey Eaton, Rachel Cain, Alyssa Cox, Kayla Cromer, and Rakhi Patel all debated on legislation while Ethan Mattingly kept order as Parliamentarian. Senator Brandon Jones and Representative Josh Linville listened and voiced their opinions. Judicial Advocates for this year, Ame Chiantoretto, Garrett Hasty, and Addison Atkin, all participated in oral arguments

that articulated the constitutionality of Court decisions. Yes, it was three long days, but where else are high school students going to have the opportunity to learn about government and politics through first hand experiences, learn to speak their minds, make long-lasting friendships, and have a positive impact on the Commonwealth? Only at

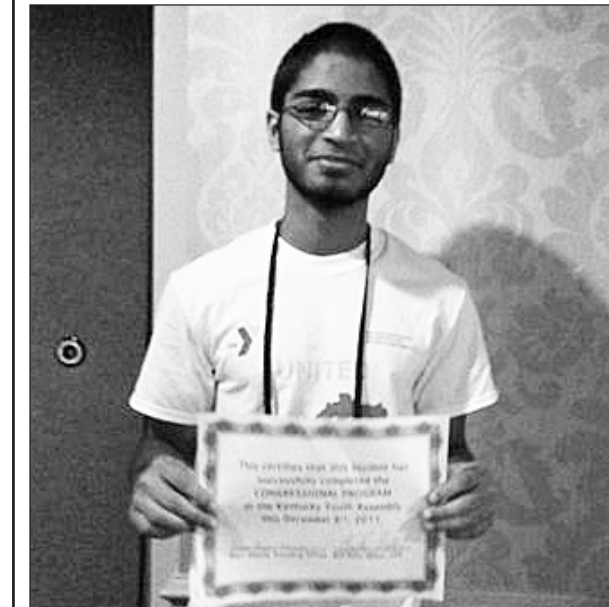
KYA! We would also like to thank all of the advisors, Rebekah Arvin, Angela Baker, Herbie Brock, Tammy Clontz, Keith Graves, Nancy Hale, Anita Nation, and Holly Robinson, who made this trip possible, and put in hours of hard work to make us the delegation we are today. We couldn’t do it without you guys.



Clay Greene was a Legislative Bill author.



Jacob Taylor was selected as Outstanding Speaker.



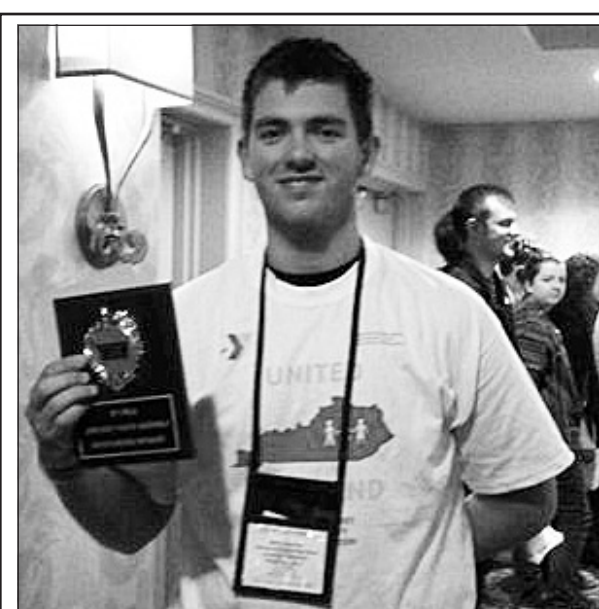
Jay Patel was a Congressional Bill author.



Brianna Burdette, Rebekah Ponder, Kellan Coffey and Kelsey Mattingly were Legislative Bill authors.



Chelsea Fleming, Rachel Blair and Shelby Ponder were Premiere Bill authors.



Robert Reynolds was selected as Outstanding Speaker.



Rachel Johnson was selected as 2012 Solicitor General.

Christmas Greetings

Many thanks to our customers and friends this holiday season



All of us at Brodhead Pharmacy would like to thank all of our customers for a great year.

Stop by to see us and let us help you with all your prescription needs.



Front row from left: pharmacist Howard Saylor, Allison Davis, Lisa Norris, Angie Coffey, Sherri Collins and Michelle Coffey. Back row from left: Rachelle Riddle, owner David Collins and Matthew Burkhart. Not pictured: Megan Randolph and Becky Saylor.

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Scenes from Mt. Vernon Christmas Parade



Brownie Troop 276 members Sakari Collins, Hanya Collins, Mary Jo Stewart and Cierra Stewart rode in the parade.



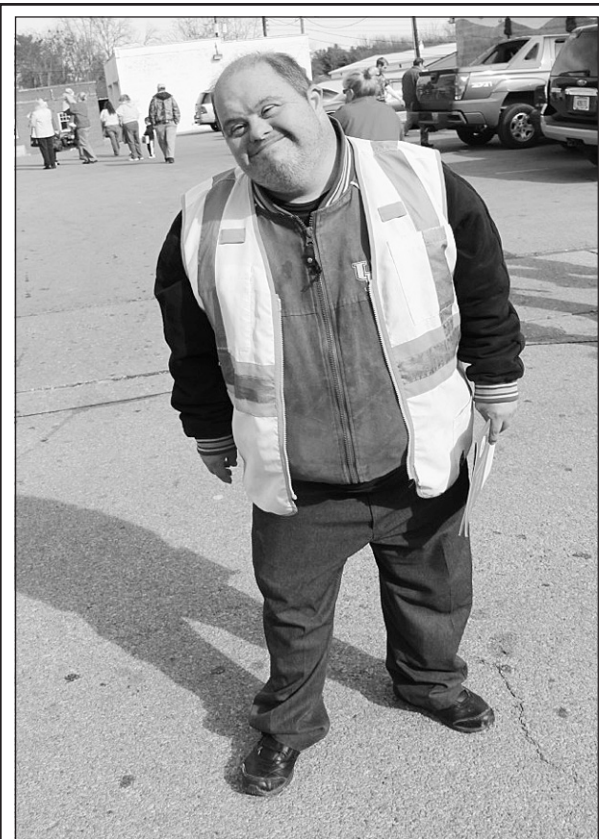
Stephanie Sizemore, Crystal Stewart, Zoe Holland and Jason Stewart rode on the Rockcastle Recycling Center float during the Mt. Vernon parade.



Michael Santo and Mt. Vernon firefighter Ricky Santo gave out fire prevention material during the Mt. Vernon Christmas parade.



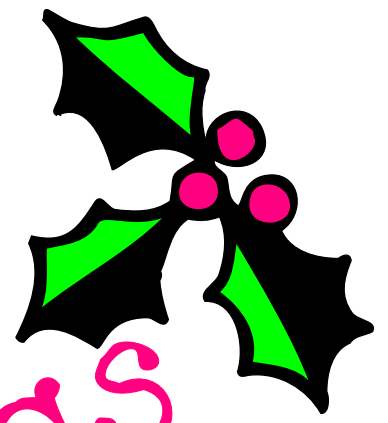
First district constable Jack Weaver drove his vehicle through the parade.



Mt. Vernon resident Terry Renner enjoyed the parade.

Parade photos by Clarissa Hodge

Merry Christmas



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Rockcastle County is now offering a recycling drop-off program. Recyclables may be dropped off at the Rockcastle County Recycling Center on US 25 South (2528 South Wilderness Rd.) during the hours of 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday thru Friday (closed major holidays).

The following items may be recycled:

Newspapers w/inserts, magazines, books & catalogs, office paper, junk mail, phone books, plastic bottles & jugs (#1-7) (any size soda and water bottles, laundry detergent jugs, bleach and fabric softener jugs, milk and water jugs, cooking oil bottles and jugs, shampoo bottles, dish liquid and alcohol bottles (please rinse out jugs), metal cans (rinsed), empty aerosol cans, aluminum cans, glass bottles and jars, sheet glass, ceramics, computers, radios, phones, vacuum cleaners, clocks, cameras, camcorders, vcr/dvd players and satellite boxes.

Rechargeable batteries such as those found in: cordless power tools, cellular phones (the whole phone can be recycled), cordless phones, laptop computers, digital cameras, two-way radios, camcorders and remote control toys. If its says rechargeable on it, then it's recyclable! Clean used motor oil may also be dropped off at the Rockcastle County Road Department during regular business hours.

Recycling trailers are also available at the following locations: City of Brodhead (gravel lot across from Citizens Bank), City of Livingston (gravel lot across from old Livingston Gymnasium), Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Department (at only be pulled at the Pongo Volunteer Fire Department. The trailers will only be used to empty them and will then be taken back to the same location. 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. **Do not leave recyclables on the ground!** 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.

If additional information is needed, you can call the Rockcastle County Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902



Front row from left: Susan Lovell and Christa Taylor.
Back row from left: Connie Woods, Sam Burton, Marlene Lawson and Stacie Thacker.
Not pictured: Darlene Baker and Shelley Mullins

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Sylvia Mink, Dana Carrera and her children Sydney and Carson rode an ATV during Mt. Vernon's Christmas parade.



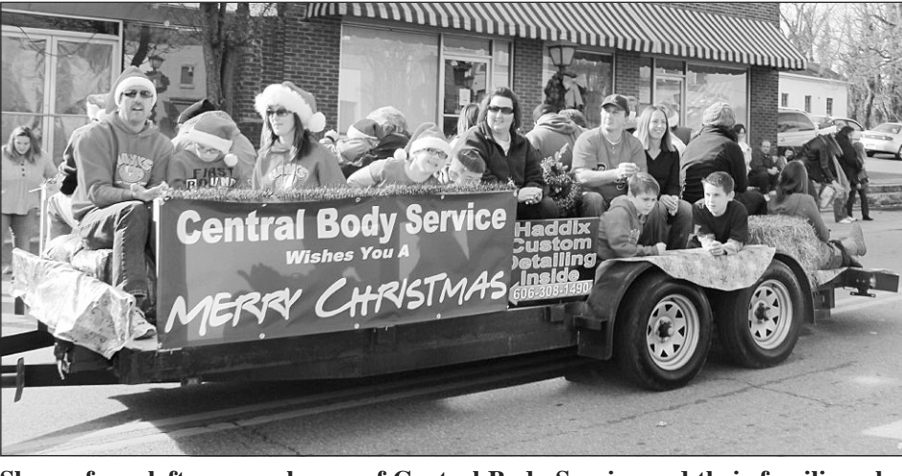
Caleb and Natalie Alexander rode through the Mt. Vernon parade in their mother's, Denise Alexander, truck.



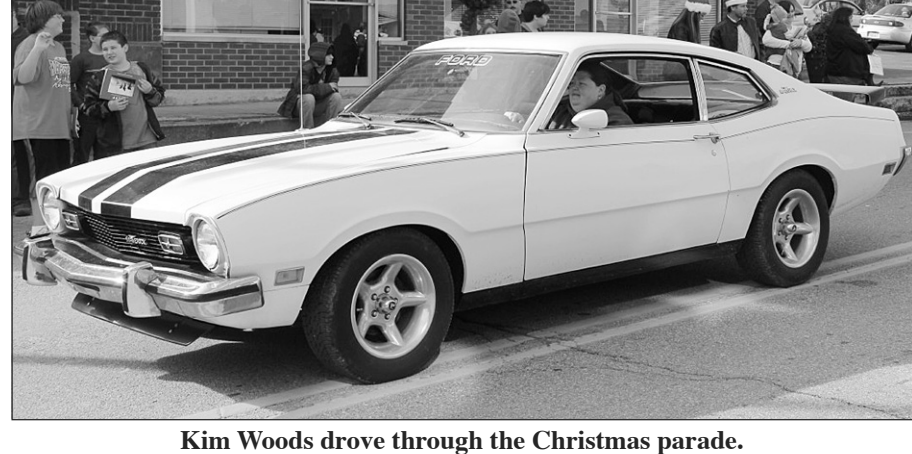
Alfred Carpenter drove his vintage tractor through the Mt. Vernon parade.



Members of the RCHS FFA rode their float in the Mt. Vernon parade. Shown from left: Charity Adams, Logan Chasteen, Elizabeth Lawrence, Kelly Anderkin, Sarah Pigg, Allison Burdette, Chris Sowder, Bethany McKinney, Billy Cameron, Mackenzie Moore, and Will Martin.



Shown from left are employees of Central Body Service and their families who rode through the Mt. Vernon parade: Rodney Mullins, Shawn Mullins, Sheryl Mullins, Jordan Eaton, Samson Weaver, Beth Eaton, Billy Haddix, Jamie Rowe, Lucas Mullins, and Jonah Eaton.



Kim Woods drove through the Christmas parade.

Dr. Matthew Tackett and staff would like to thank all of our patients for giving us the opportunity to serve you.

To all we wish a



and a New Year filled with health, peace and prosperity.



Dr. Matthew Tackett, Katie Caudill, massage therapist Angela Banks and Gari Sue Thacker.

MERRY Christmas

May you and the ones you care for enjoy a happy and healthy holiday season.

We thank you for your patronage throughout the year and look forward to serving you in the coming year.



Front row from left: Cindy Lou Noe and Tiffany Wallin. Back row from left: Perry Noe, Kelley Hoskins, Robert Miller and Chris Sowder.

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The RTEC trolley, driven by Ronnie Mink, was a part of the parade.



Dale and Laverne Winstead drove their Corvette through the Mt. Vernon parade.

Mt. Vernon parade photos by Clarissa Hodge



Wayne and Maria Bullock drove their Pontiac through both the Mt. Vernon and Brodhead parades.



Kiwanis members Gertha and Gary Mink helped out during the Mt. Vernon parade.



Judge Katie Wood shared Christmas joy with folks during the Mt. Vernon Christmas parade.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

BANANA SPLIT DESSERT

One of my favorite summer treats is a banana split made with soft-serve ice cream. This is almost as good as that treat.

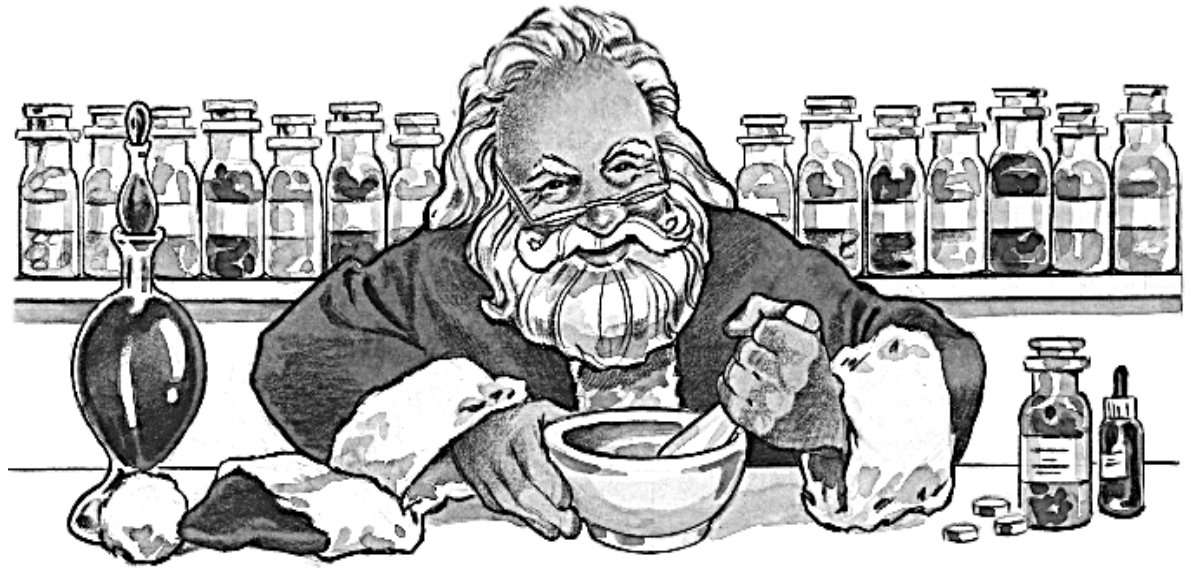
1 can (14 to 16 ounce) crushed pineapple
 1 small jar maraschino cherries
 1 tub (8 ounce) Cool Whip®
 1 can Eagle Brand® milk
 1 can strawberry pie filling
 3 bananas, chopped
 1 prepared pound cake
 1/2 cup chopped nuts
 1/2 cup chocolate sundae sauce

Drain pineapple and cherries, but reserve juices. Combine Cool Whip® with Eagle Brand® milk. Fold in the pineapple, strawberry pie filling, and bananas. Set aside. Slice the pound cake in enough slices to cover bottom of 9 x 13 dish. Quickly dip the cake pieces in the reserved cherry and pineapple juice, just enough to moisten them. (You won't use all the juice.) Place a layer of cake in bottom of dish. Spread the Cool Whip mixture over the pound cake. Sprinkle nuts, drizzle chocolate, and place cherries on top in a pretty pattern. Refrigerate for at least 3 hours.

SNOWBALL CAKE

1 box (15 ounce) devil's food cake mix
 1 box (8 ounce) cream cheese, softened
 1 egg
 2 tablespoon sugar
 1 box (3.4 ounce) vanilla flavor instant pudding
 1/4 cup powdered sugar
 1 cup cold milk
 1 tub (8 ounce) Cool Whip®, thawed
 1 cup flaked coconut

Heat oven to 350°. In a medium bowl beat cream cheese, egg, and sugar until well blended. Set aside. In a 2-to 3-quart ovenproof bowl, prepare cake mix according to package directions. Scrape side of bowl. Spoon cream cheese mixture into center of batter in the ovenproof bowl. Bake for 60 to 65 minutes or until wooden toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool cake in bowl 10 minutes. Loosen cake from bowl with knife; invert onto wire rack. Remove bowl and let cool completely. Whisk dry pudding mix, powdered sugar, and milk in medium bowl for 2 minutes. Fold in Cool Whip®. Refrigerate until cake cools. Place cake on plate; frost with pudding mixture. Sprinkle with coconut.



Have a Happy and Healthy Holiday!

We're dispensing our best wishes and they include a large measure of thanks to our loyal customers. We truly appreciate your trust in us.



Front row from left: Vernie Conner, Ashley Rector, Teresa Shafer and Sandra Durham. Back row from left: Alma Hoggard, pharmacist Tracy King, pharmacist Tim Young, and pharmacist Ed Talbot.

With Our Gratitude



To all our friends we hold so "deer," a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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From our team to yours, our very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year

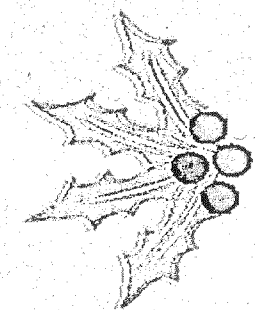


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	Edward Berry			Vernon Sowder	
				Lisa Stephens	





Congratulations KyRompnStomp Clogging for winning second place in the Mt. Vernon parade and third place in the Brodhead parade.



The RCHS Band performed during the parade.



Mt. Vernon Firefighter Frank Fain drove one of the city's fire trucks through the parade.



Teddy Stallworth, with passenger Josh Stallworth, drove the Mt. Vernon tanker during the parade.



Mt. Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant and wife Carol rode through the Mt. Vernon parade courtesy of Ronnie Owens.



Members of the RCHS band walked in the parade, front from left: Corey Parkerson, Presley Cromer (banner), Laoken Coffey, Emily Mullins (Colorguard captains), Allison Renner and Caitlin Daugherty.

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From left: Willis Coffey, Tracy Mink, Nicole Nicely and John Ford

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Mt. Vernon Fire Chief David Bales drove the rescue truck through the parade.



J.J. Clark drove the Western Rockcastle Volunteer Fire Department truck during the Mt. Vernon parade.



Brodhead fire fighter John Dyehouse drove the Brodhead fire truck through the Mt. Vernon parade.




Brian Mullins drove the Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Department truck in the Mt. Vernon parade.



Darrell Stephens drove the Rockcastle Regional van through the Mt. Vernon parade.



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Darrell Stephens drove the Rockcastle Regional van through the Mt. Vernon parade.



Rockcastle Ambulance Service employee Kevin Maclendon was in one of three ambulance service vehicles that participated and passed out candy during the Mt. Vernon parade.

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Scenes from Brodhead Christmas Parade



Nikki Renner and Tina Miller had their very own float celebrating Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer during the Brodhead and Mt. Vernon Christmas parades.



Lorinda Fletcher drove the Rockcastle Health and Rehab van during the parade.



Denise Alexander, owner of Seek and Learn Child Development Center drove her children, Caleb and Natalie and mother Darlene Clark.



Jalon, Crystal and Jason Stewart rode on the Rockcastle Recycling Center float during the Brodhead and Mt. Vernon parades.



Michelle Mink gave her dog a ride on her 4-Wheeler through the Brodhead parade.

Merry Christmas from the Signal staff



To all our friends
both far and near,
"Merry Christmas"
and
"Happy New Year."

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From left: Adam, Danny, Rita, Jack and Lewis

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First district magistrate Lee Earl Adams gave his family a ride in his ATV and on the float to the right. Members of Adams family that participated in the parade were: Caleb, Danielle, Kaleigh, and Addison Miller, Brittany, Braden, and Brody Campbell and Destiny Osborne.



Kentucky RompnStomp Clogging group won second place in the Brodhead parade and third place in the Livingston parade. Members of the group that participated in the parades were: Santa - Alice Moore, Banner Elves, Destiny and Tiffany Hamilton, and grandmother Debbie Engle and baby Lydia.



The Dancing Elves portion of the Kentucky RompnStomp float are pictured above, from left: Ginger Taylor, Kendra Hensley, Sarah Cornelius, Cindy Moore and Kendra Engle.



At left, John Harris and Jacob Lawson drive a golf cart through the Brodhead parade, which was held Saturday, December 2nd.

*Mt. Vernon
&
Brodhead
Christmas parade
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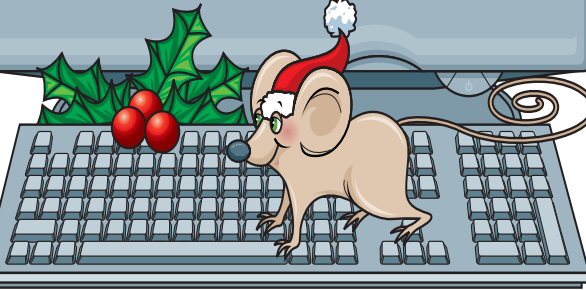
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Brodhead Mayor Walter Cash drove his John Deere through the parade.



Clinton Graves drove his very festive John Deere through the parade while giving his pampered pooch a ride.



Members of the Skaggs Creek Baptist Church were on hand for both parades, and included: Warren Whitaker, Helen Whitaker, Ronnie Hayes, Linda Wagers, Jameson Mink, Bella Whitaker, Shawna Mink, Charles Bullen, and Lisa Hayes.



Doug Caudill and Willard Nicely rode through the parade.



Benny Cromer drove his black Chevrolet Super Sport.



Santa Claus, aka John Holbrook, listened to the Christmas wish list of little Aubrey Clouse after he arrived in Brodhead on a firetruck.

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Harold Taylor drove his grandchildren, Isaiah, Lilly and Molly Taylor through the parade.

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The Thacker family dressed up their horses and buggy for the Brodhead and Mt. Vernon parades.



Jason, Jacob and Kayla Leger, as well as Kayla and Dustin Reynolds rode their horses through the Brodhead parade.

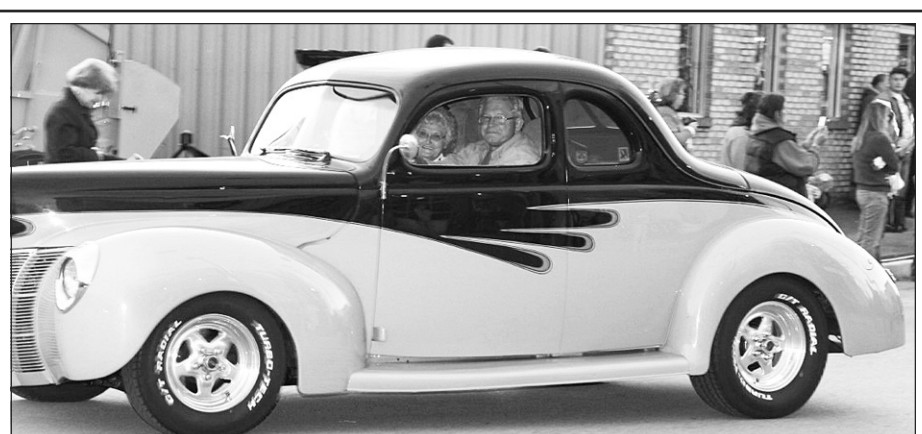
Livingston holds parade December 10th



The City of Livingston held their Christmas parade December 10th. Above, Livingston Police Chief Carl Swanigan was the Grand Marshal for the parade.



Mark Dyehouse and his son Drew, in the fire truck, helped bring Santa to the firehouse during the Brodhead parade.



Eugene and Sarah Taylor enjoyed driving through the Brodhead parade.



Santa arrives in Livingston

Santa, aka Shawn Pollock, arrived in the city of Livingston with the help of their fire department and Al Newcomb. Santa stayed around for a little while to visit with the children who wanted to share their Christmas list and enjoyed a chili supper as well.

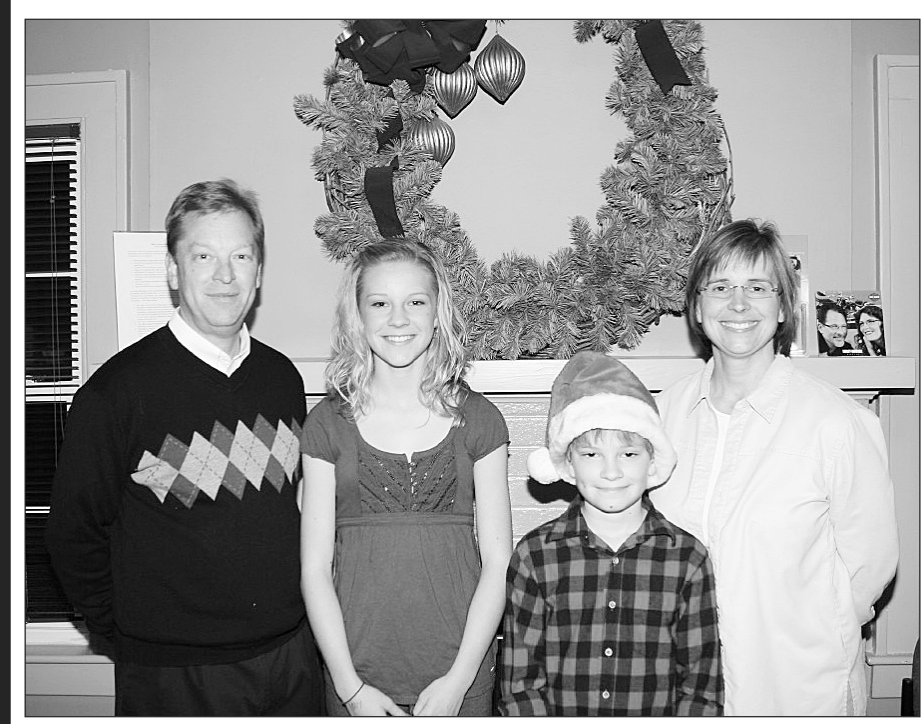
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Many volunteers make PRIDE Cleanup a success

Submitted by James Renner, Rockcastle County Solid Waste Coordinator and Pride Coordinator

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the individuals and groups that participated in the 2011 Roadside PRIDE Cleanup. I apologize in advance for any omissions or misspell-

ings. There were 160 volunteers that worked a total of 298 hours to clean up 435 bags of trash and 10 tires over a span of 28 miles along 20 different stretches of roadside. These numbers do not include the totals from the City of Mt. Vernon and the City of Livingston. Thank you for another

successful cleanup! This was an excellent turnout with outstanding results and it was all accomplished by individuals who believed that they could make a difference by removing one piece of trash at a time.

The following is a list of the groups and individuals that participated in the 2011 Roadside PRIDE Fall Cleanup: All-American Club (Wayne Bullock, Cassie Kendrick, Christin Kendrick, Bonita Fleming, Brandon Carpenter, Tamara Carpenter, Robert Shackleford, Clarice Kirby); Freedom Baptist Church (Carolyn McKinney, C.S. McKinney, Beverly McKinney, LA McKinney, Jennifer Cash, Acton Cash, Tabitha Bullock, Sheryl Bullock, Ray Bullock, Skylar Holcomb,

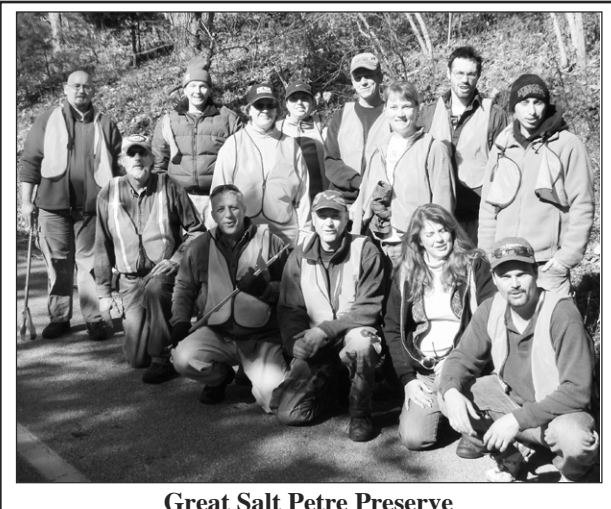
Dustin Johnson, Tabetha Wilks, Jeanie Singleton, Doug Singleton, Angie Bullock, Gary Bullock, Jaydon Bullock, Kim Sargent, David Sargent, Caleb Sargent, Andrew Sargent); Concerned Citizens of Cleft Rock (Robin Botkin, Becky Botkin); Grace Baptist Church (Dwayne McKinney, Reva McKinney, Erica McKinney, Anthony McKinney, Melvin Harrison, Shannon Burton, Charon Burton, Lauren Burton, Steve Trimble, Bro. Raymond Offutt, Tony Mahaffey, Trevor Richardson); University of Notre Dame (Jennifer VanTrieste, Martha Dee, Megan Morrissey, Taylor McGraw, Jamie Murray, Emily Palmer, Teresa Blumenstein, Jennie Kim,

Ted Huntington, John Roman, Michael Dobberton, Meggan Muller, A. Carolyn Brandenburg, Deb Bledsoe); Conway Baptist Church (Charlie King,

Larry L. Cope, Roger Burke, Carolyn Brandenburg, Eugene Brandenburg, Todd Clark, Aaron Clark, Sara Clark, (Cont. to E6)



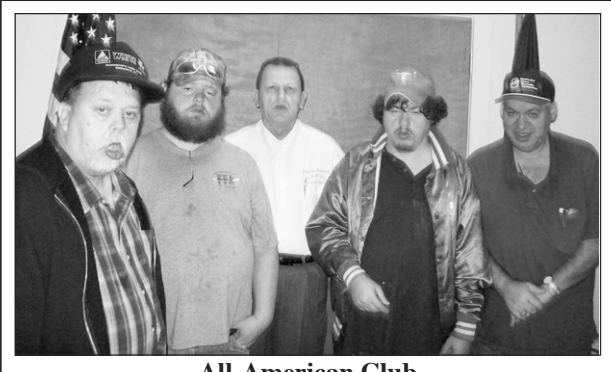
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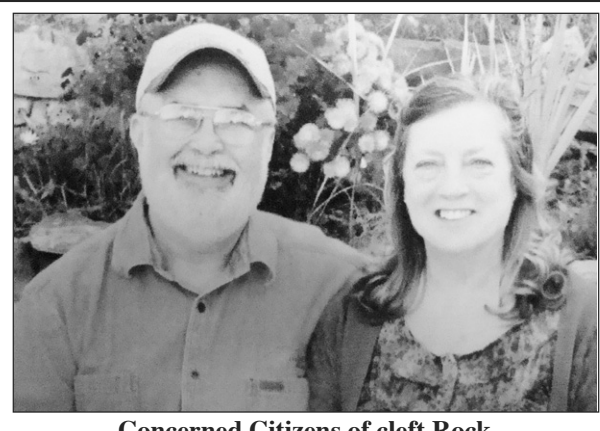
Cash Express



Pongo Volunteer Fire Department



Concerned Citizens of Pongo



Concerned Citizens of cleft Rock



Copper Creek Missionary Baptist Church

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.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

from the families & staff of

William D. Reynolds County Attorney



Front row from left: Patty Kirby, Amanda Bussell, Kathy Robinson and Julie Adams.

Back row from left: Josh McKibben, asst. county attorney Jeremy Rowe and county attorney Billy Reynolds.

Not pictured: Tammi Martin



Fifth district constable Chris Mason drove in the Livingston parade, which was held December 10th

“PRIDE”
(Cont. from E5)

Christi Clark, Caleb Williams, Linda Williams; Mt. Zion Baptist Church (Josh Chasteen, Andrew Sargent, Carl Sargent, Sara Chasteen, Selena Morales, Damon McGuire, Drew McGuire, Gail DeLeon, Lisa Bennett, Lloyd Bennett); Fairview Baptist Church (Luke J. Mullins, Angela Mullins, Kevin McClure,

Vaughn Raser, Rodney Mullins, Luther Isaacs, Lora Case, Carrie Mullins, Kyla Owens, Dawna Gilliam, Rebecca Gilliam); Great Salt Peter Cave Preserve (Ron Hager, Bob Dobbs, James Clements, Curt Harler, Rick Gordon, Janeen Sharpshair, Synda Helkkinen, Kelly Huron, Dap Zubal, Christopher Christenson, Harry Goepel, Sherry Johnson-Clements, Alex Murphie, Mike Wuerth); Concerned Citizens of Pongo

(Nathan Munguia, Erika Munguia, Jonathan Munguia, Victoria Munguia, Regina Munguia, Trent Smith, Joey Smith, JC Bush, Edna Renner, Stephanie Sizemore, Zoey Holland, Crystal Stewart, Jalon Stewart, Jason Stewart); Pongo Volunteer Fire Department (Marina Blevins, Jeremiah Blevins, Jessica Blevins, Randy McClure, Ethan McClure, David Hawk); Brindle Ridge Baptist Church (Mike Sowder, Ron Roberts, Jan Roberts, Alfred McNew, Marcia Coffey, Melinda Coffey, Melanie Childress, Kyle Childress); Copper Creek Missionary Baptist Church (Jeanitta Montano, Joseph Montano, Josh Bowles, Ricky Bowles, Olivia Montano, Jaydon Bowles, Adam Short); Cash Express (Kim David, Karen Mink).

Once again, congratulations on a job well done! Keep up the Good Work! You are making a difference right here at home.

I would also like to thank the members of my Pride Committee/CRC Committee: Carolyn Brandenburg, Deb Bledsoe, JC Griffen, Lynn Tatum, Edna Renner, Stephanie Sizemore, JC Bush, Jill Medley, Mike Bryant, Carol Bryant, and Nancy Seaburg. Without their help with planning and organization, things would not work as smoothly as they do.

And last but not least, I would like to thank our work release supervisors: Robert Chesnut, Freddie Cromer and Josie Adams and their respective crews for all of the work that they do on a daily basis. Thank You!!!!



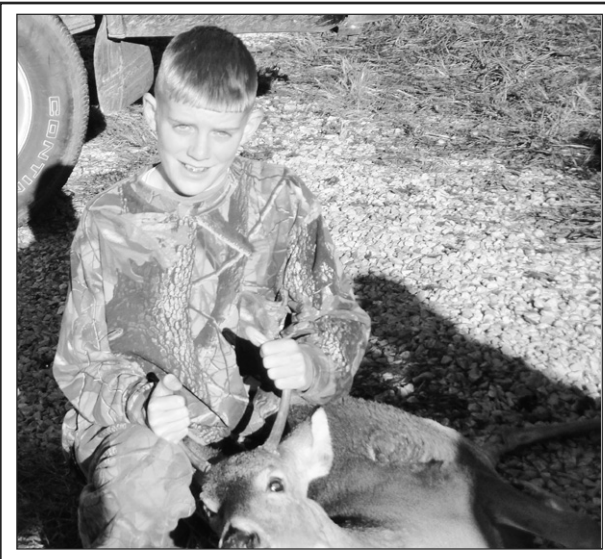
Rockcastle Sheriff Mike Peters participated in the Livingston parade.



Cash Express employees Kim David (Santa), her daughter Jayla David, and Karen Mink got a ride in the Christmas parade with Justin David.



Eldon Simpson, 12, killed his first turkey, measured 9 inch beard, on December 4th while hunting at Copper Creek in Rockcastle County. Eldon is the son of Dewayne and Tracy Simpson of Copper Creek. Congrats Eldon!



Logan Kidwell killed his first deer on November 06, 2011, in Grayson.



The Livingston Pentecostal Church float had yet to pick up any passengers when this shot was taken during the Livingston Christmas parade.

Brodhead Christmas Breakfast pictures in last week's Signal courtesy of Kevin Canterbury

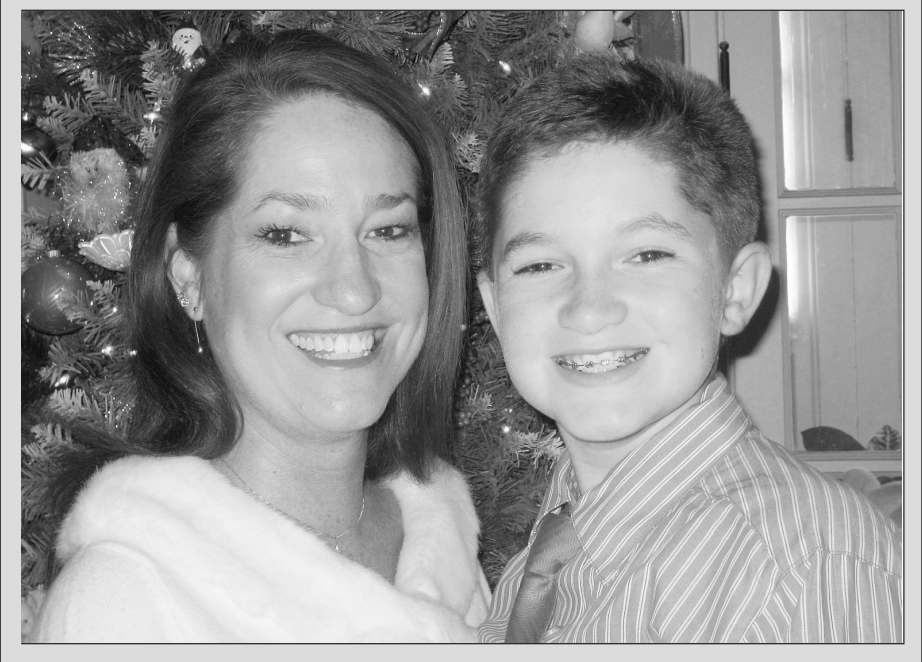
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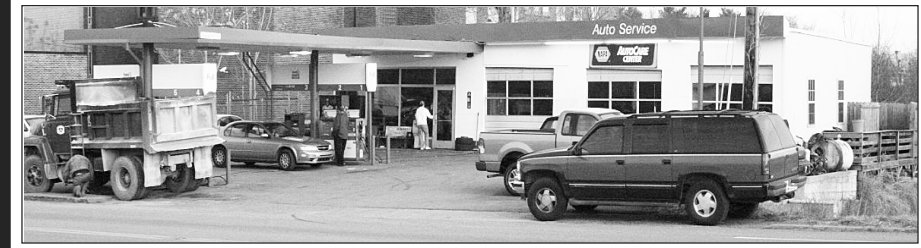
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Katie and Tyler Wood





The Family Room

By: Dr. Roy Don Whitehead

Domestic violence happens every day of the year. Often called Intimate Partner Violence (IPV), one partner's violence against the other can occur in July or December. Information from the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence does shed some light on when domestic violence is more likely to occur.

Due to a lack of na-

tionwide information, the Center focused on a study done in 2005 in the state of Idaho. The Center believes that the statistics from Idaho will be fairly similar to those from other states. Findings from seven years of data indicate that:

1. A greater percentage of all crime occurs at night, on weekends, in the summer and at one's home than at other times

and places.

2. The summer months are when the greatest number of IPV incidents are reported with July having the most.

3. The first day of the month and weekends consistently included more incidents of domestic violence.

4. Valentine's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas saw fewer reports of IPV than other holidays.

5. New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Super Bowl Sunday, Memorial Day and Independence Day were dates with total domestic violence reports higher than the normal daily average.

6. The three days reporting the highest number of domestic violence calls were New Year's Day, Independence Day and Super Bowl Day, in that order. (One thing all these three days have in common is increased alcohol consumption.)

The National Resource Center on Domestic Violence also looked at calls to the National Domestic Violence Hotline in the years 2004-2009. Here they found:

1. There is a drop in call volume during the Thanksgiving holidays.

2. Call volume the week after Thanksgiving is lower than normal.

3. Call volume from December 15 - January 1 is lower than normal with volume on the actual holidays (Christmas and New Year's) being even lower still.

4. After the holidays end there is an average 5% increase in volume over the next several weeks.

Domestic violence does not stop for the holidays. On some occasions the presence of extra family members may keep the abuse from occurring. On other occasions the additional financial pressures of the holidays may even add to the abuse. The availability of alcohol may be another factor that contributes to the abuse.

Families deal differently with the holidays and not all families who feel stressed become abusive. While alcohol and financial pressure may be aggravating factors, the decision to abuse is still made by each individual abuser. There is still no excuse for abuse.

Bethany House Abuse Shelter is open 24/7 throughout the year to help victims of domestic violence. Call 679-8852 or 800-755-2017 if you need help. In Laurel and Rockcastle Counties call Family Life Abuse Center at 800-755-5348.

An encouraging word:

A Spirit of Change

By Howard Coop



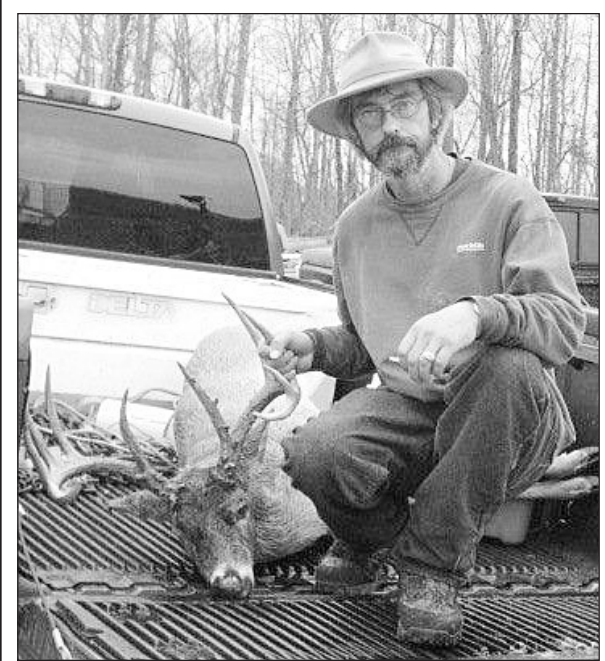
On Monday morning following Thanksgiving, I went to a large store to purchase some Christmas Cards to send to our friends. When I found the shelf of cards, I looked at it with amazement, and I was a bit disappointed by what I saw.

There was a large display of cards, but there was no mention of Christmas cards; they were displayed as "Holiday Cards." Most of them offered "Happy Holidays," but to one side, a few proclaimed "Merry Christmas." While they were gaily decorated with brilliant colors and beautiful winter scenes appropriate for observing the arrival of the winter solstice, only a small number of them contained traditional Christmas symbols that are familiar to ordinary people.

Then, I remembered an earlier visit to a large supermarket at the beginning of another Christmas Season. That supermarket had been gaily decorated for the holiday season. Color and glitter had been used extravagantly throughout the store in a way that caught attention of customers, but I saw no trace of traditional Christmas symbols.

As I thought about what I had seen in those stores, I remembered some things that have received a rather large amount of publicity over the past few years. Some school systems have replaced traditional Christmas programs with programs that are more celebratory of the beginning of winter. In these programs, students may sing "Frosty the Snowman" but they may not sing "Silent Night" and other traditional carols. By officials in charge, the calendar of some school systems has replaced "Christmas holidays" with "Winter break." To be tolerant and non-offensive, some businesses have required employees to greet customers with "Happy Holidays" rather than "Merry Christmas."

There is a spirit of change at work in society. The secularization of the season is becoming increasingly real, and it is noticeable in many areas. As a result of this secularization, the true meaning of Christmas is either marginalized or forgotten, and the good will that ordinarily fills the hearts of common folk is exploited.



Steve Graves, son of Clorine Graves, killed this 20 point buck in Rockcastle County.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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: Howell Holbrook, Vicky Miller, Court Clerk Patricia Martin, County Treasurer Joe Clontz.
 Back row from left: County Judge-Executive Buzz Carloftis, magistrate William Denny, County Attorney William Reynolds, magistrate Ralph Allen, magistrate Bill McKinney, magistrate Lee Earl Adams and magistrate Gary Burdette.

