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The cities of Mt. Vernon and Brodhead had their annual Christmas parades last Saturday. The three Grand Marshalls of the Mt. Vernon Christmas parade were James Miller, Margaret Offutt and Buzz Carloffs. They are shown in the top photo with Charlie Napier, Mrs. Claus (Helen Pollock), Santa Claus (Shawn Pollock) and Mt. Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant. Shown in the middle photo is the parade float of Crossroads Assembly of God in the Brodhead Christmas parade. Shown at right is one-month-old Lucas Todd getting his first picture taken with Santa Claus (John Holbrook.)



School District receives good audit report

By: Doug Ponder
 Rockcastle County Schools received a good audit report for the 2013-2014 school year.

White and Associates auditor Rupert White attended the monthly school board meeting Tuesday night and presented the district's audit to the board. He said the district received a "modified opinion" which is the best opinion the district could receive on their audit.

The audit showed a balance of \$3,917,885 which is slightly down from last year's balance of \$3,996,585. The reduction in the balance was mainly a result of funding cuts on the federal and state level.

"I can safely say David Pensol knows what he is doing from a budget standpoint. I can't say that about every district or superintendent," White said. "Even though tough things happened, I like the way you handled it and those results show in the audit."

White said there were no problems in the audit with documentation of expenditures, grant issues or other financial issues. White went on to say that it was an excellent report and that everyone worked hard throughout the year on the audit.

"It was an excellent report and it was a good audit," White said. "I was overall impressed with everything and everyone did a good job."

After no discussion or questions from the board members, the board unanimously approved the 2013-2014 audit.

The board also took a recess from their regular meeting to convene as the Rockcastle County School District Finance Corporation to review a proposed resolution to sell the district's Prior Series 2006 bonds and reissue them in 2015.

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Livingston Commission holds monthly meeting

At Monday night's regular meeting of the Livingston City Commission, Mayor Jason Medley told members that the work that had been done on water leaks in the community had resulted in an over \$1,700 reduction in the city's water bill to Wood Creek.

"We had over a 40% water loss on our November bill," Medley said, "but we have fixed four to five leaks, one that had been leaking for years, and our water bill for December was considerably less."

Medley also told the commissioners that Sheltoe Trace directors had decided to reroute their trail to bring it directly through Livingston and that this would mean an increase in hikers in the city. He said over 90 people attended Sheltoe Trace's Christmas "Gathering" held in the school cafeteria recently.

The mayor also told the commissioners he plans to print rack cards which would tout the weekend activities available in Livingston. "What we want is for people to come into town on Friday, park their

car and not have to move it the entire weekend." Medley said that with lodgings available, a restaurant, the school's cafeteria in business; fishing, hiking, horseback riding, kayaking, places to shop such as arts and crafts stores, business kiosks, the Space To Create facility for children, tourists will be able to fill up their weekend and improve the economy of the town. "If we can't get local bed-and-breakfasts established, we can possibly get the third floor of the school ready to rent rooms to tourists."

Medley said that if the city receives the half million dollar grant that is being applied for to completely renovate the school, every room should be complete and a bathroom added to every floor.

Medley also brought the commissioners up-to-date on the recent thefts in town. "We sent a strong message that this activity was not going to be tolerated," Medley said, "the state police answered our call in a hurry and took care of business."

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Water/Sewer rate hike discussed at Brodhead council meeting

By: Doug Ponder

There was no new or old business on the agenda for the monthly Brodhead Council meeting Monday night.

The only item that was voted on at the meeting was

paying the monthly bills.

However, Clerk Becky Bussell told the council that they needed to schedule a special meeting in the near future for the first reading of an ordinance increasing water and sewer rates.

Bussell said the rate increase is a result of several things, including the city being approved for a grant/loan from the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) to repair the city's sewer system. The city will receive \$1.2 million with \$600,000 of the funding as a grant and the other \$600,000 of the funding as a loan with a three quarter percent interest rate.

The funding from the grant/loan will go toward sewer line and manhole repairs/replacements, wastewater pumping station replacement, construction of wet water flow equalization at the treatment plant, city hall lift station maintenance and a new state mandated influent meter that has to be installed at the city's sewer plant. The grant/loan funding will also include the costs of doubling the city's 150,000 gallons a day sewer plant processing capacity to 300,000 gallons a day.

Bussell said the city had a water and sewer rate study conducted in the summer of 2013 by GRW Engineering in Lexington. The rate study called for rate increases in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.

The study further stated that a failure to increase

rates would result in negative net revenues each year as a result of projected operation and maintenance expenses, water and sewer loan payments and the 36% increase that was implemented by Mt. Vernon Waterworks in 2012.

The city approved the ordinance to raise water and sewer rates at every level by six percent at their monthly council meeting in January 2014.

Bussell said the rate increase has not been designed for the 2015 year but that all the details will be presented in the first reading of the proposed rate increase ordinance at the special called meeting.

Bussell also suggested that all council members be present at the special called meeting so they can be sworn-in. She said the meeting hasn't been scheduled yet but it has to be in December because all council members are required to be sworn-in by December 31st.

The council members consist of incumbents Ronnie Cash, Keith Grave and Dallas Todd. Newcomer Ricky Kirby was elected to his first term in November's General Election.

KY Music Hall of Fame Christmas event is this Friday

The Kentucky Music Hall of Fame will host their "Old Fashion Christmas" event at their museum in Renfro Valley this Friday from 3 to 8 p.m.

The event will kick-off at 3 p.m. Vendors will be open throughout the museum until 6 p.m. Santa Claus will be at the museum to take pictures with children from 5 to 6 p.m.

Starting at 6 p.m., there will be performances by well-known musician Jennifer McCarter and the local band "Frontier."

"Frontier" will take the stage first. The band is from London and includes Ethan Worley (rhythm guitar and vocals), Andrew Worley (lead guitar and vocals) and

Caleb Caudill (bass guitar and vocals.) The band has toured throughout Kentucky, recorded a demo in Nashville and locally recorded a CD that features eight of their original songs.

Following the performance by Frontier, Jennifer McCarter will take the stage to perform for the crowd. McCarter started her career in 1986 when she formed the band "The McCarters" with her two sisters Lisa and Teresa before later going on to pursue a solo career.

Hit singles for the McCarters include "Timeless and True Love," "The Gift," "Up and Gone" and "Better Be Home Soon."

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Burglary investigation leads to meth bust

By: Doug Ponder

An ongoing investigation of a recent burglary led police to an active meth lab after they visited a residence last Wednesday in an attempt to locate a burglary suspect.

According to state police reports, the whole incident started last Wednesday when Livingston city officials discovered that the former Livingston School building had been burglarized.

Upon further investigation, officers obtained information implicating Arron Lowell Blackburn, 37 of Owensboro and Bradley Thomas Wesley, 29, of

Livingston in the burglary at the former Livingston School.

Blackburn was located and arrested by police last Thursday. He is charged with burglary, theft by unlawful taking and criminal mischief and remains lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center on a \$3,000/10% bond.

Officers also received information last Thursday that Wesley was at a home on Mount Holly Road in Livingston. Once officers arrived, they spoke with Ronda Lynn Mullins, 41, of Mt. Vernon and Steven Ray

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ramblings

by: perlina m. anderkin

Finally got to eat at the new "The Cheesecake Factory" in Fayette Mall over the week end.

It was good, a little pricey but good. What was amazing was the wait time to be seated. Went with daughter, Jamie and granddaughter, Kayla and Jamie had the foresight to put our name down when we first got to the mall. They gave us a 2 1/2 hour wait time and told us they would text Jamie's cellphone. We shopped for the allotted 2 1/2 hours and then, even though we hadn't gotten a text, went to the restaurant to wait for our "imminent" seating. That "imminent" period turned into almost another hour.

The decor is very upscale. The one Allison and I visited in LA a couple of years ago must be their original site because it was little more than a storefront with limited seating. The lighting in the one at Lexington was very low and I was forced to pull out my cellphone and use my light app to read the menu -- can't take the old people anywhere.

The food and cheesecake you have to order -- not really but you can't go to "The Cheesecake Factory" without ordering cheesecake -- was good but the check for three people was just north of \$100 and that was a shock in itself. Of course, we had appetizers, our meal and the cheesecake and I blew my week's eating out budget in one fell swoop.

But, I had been wanting to go and couldn't have managed the logistics of it without the children's help so thank you, Jamie and Kayla, I think.

Another year, another birthday -- for which I am actually thankful. I bemoan the old age period of my life but, as a friend said a long time ago, it's better than the alternative.

As I have gotten older, I have found myself tending to follow more often the admonition of my Dad when I was young to "think twice and speak once." When I think of some of my thoughtless comments over the years -- usually on subjects which were no business of mine whatsoever -- I cringe even now. I have also mellowed out to the extent that I am no longer so quick to take offense at thoughtless remarks of others.

It's a shame that I had to reach the doddering stage of my life to come to all these realizations -- I'm sure my children think so, too.

Anyway, since I don't expect to be in any better mood next week to write this column, I will take this opportunity to wish our readers a very Merry Christmas and happy and prosperous New Year. We truly appreciate the support you have shown us over the years.



The Way I See it

By Doug Ponder

Christmas is almost here and the holiday shopping season is in full swing as everyone is scrambling to complete their gift shopping and fill out their own Christmas wish lists.

Some of the hot items this year are the latest iPad models, video game systems and other electronics. Some people claim they just want peace and happiness for Christmas. . . . Yeah, good luck trying to get those two things!

As for me, there is only one item I want for Christmas and that is a drone helicopter with a DSLR camera

attached to it. For those of you who haven't heard of these amazing devices, drones are a small remote controlled aircraft that can fly for varying distances depending on the model.

Drones come in the form of a helicopter or airplane. Many of them are now installed with a camera and video recorder which has made them more popular.

I have been looking at the different varieties of drones available and still haven't made a decision on which I want. The prices of the drones mainly vary based on the type of camera/video recorder and the distance it can fly.

Anyway, I am so excited about owning a drone that I am even dreaming about it while I am asleep at night.

I recently dreamed that I was at a state park in Alaska with my drone. I stayed on the main trail and flew my drone along a stream while taking pictures of all the scenery. Then I spotted a Grizzly bear walking toward the stream and it eventually walked into a shallow part of the stream near a small waterfall.

As my dream continued, I inched my drone closer to the bear without it noticing and I kept the drone out of the bear's view so I wouldn't startle it. I took several amazing pictures of the bear catching salmon out of the stream.

My dream was so vivid it was as if it were happening in real life. These were pictures I couldn't take with a regular camera since I

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As Bluegrass Music's living legend, Larry Sparks sings, "Don't get me wrong, I do like East Virginia" in a song called Blue Virginia Blues, but I'm betting that, even ole Larry would not care too much about the eastern Seaboard if he'd had to spend the entire week of Christmas at Norfolk Naval Station when he'd have much rather been at home if home was in the head of Blair Branch.

I spent all four of my college Christmases, from 1967 through 1970, in Norfolk, Virginia because the Pikeville College Bears (now University of Pikeville) participated in a 16-teams, basketball tournament there and the Championship game was played on the evening of Christmas Day. As far as I know the

tourney still goes on, to this day, but I don't believe the Bears have to spend their Christmas there anymore.

On the other hand, I'm sure there are far worse places to be than the Naval Station on Christmas Day.

In the first place, they had a gym/athletic center that was bigger and better than anything schools in the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (KIAC) had to offer. And the hospitality was easily the best I've ever enjoyed anywhere.

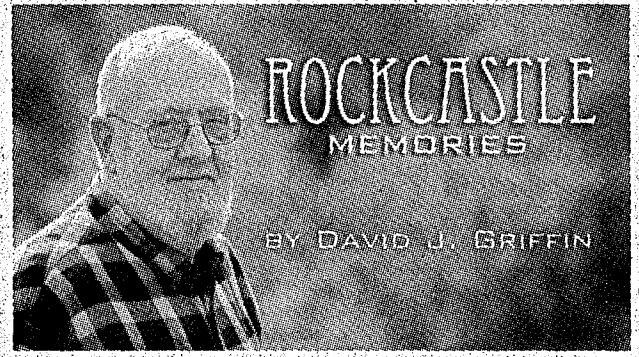
The tournament was a double-elimination affair, set up so that more than 200,000 US Navy personnel could have opportunities to enjoy afternoon and evening basketball competition for 6 days or so. The gym seated over 6,000 spectators and it was usually jam-packed for every game when we were there.

The competition consisted of 8 private college teams, 4 or 5 teams representing various Navy branches, 3 or 4 teams from the other branches of the US Military and sometimes a team from the FBI training center in nearby Quantico or from Walter Reed Hospital.

The early games were arranged so that college teams played each other and military teams played each other in the first round. But since it was a double elimination tournament, every private school had the opportunity to play a military team at least one time during the tourney. Needless to say, both the crowd and even the officiating crews, were always partial to the military teams. Our coach made us watch every game, no matter who was playing, so that we would know what was coming up.

During my tenure with The Bears, we never lost a game in that tournament and we won the championship all four years. At that point in time the Navy Christmas

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Picking Cotton

In 1952, I had just turned eight-years-old and was eager to see the big, wide, world. My Uncle Charles Brown and Aunt Ruth (Bee's sister) had called a few days before to ask my mother if I could accompany them to Florida for a week's vacation. Since I had never been farther away from home than Tennessee, I was thrilled to be going on such a trip. Having never seen the ocean, that, too, got my juices pumping.

As soon as we received the call, my suitcase was out, and I was carefully choosing what I needed to take on such an adventure. This was very serious stuff for such a young boy. The only thing that I distinctly remember packing was my best pocket knife. Isn't that just like a boy?

When the date to leave for Florida finally arrived, I was excited beyond belief. My cousin Janis was a few years younger than I was, and we occupied the back seat of Uncle Charles's Buick. Aunt Ruth explained the rules to both of us. "David Joe, you get half of the back seat, and Janis gets the other. Imagine a line down the center -- and both of must stay on your side." (Now there is an instruction that any parent with more than one kid is quite famil-

iar with.) Of course, that was perfectly alright with me as long as I could see out of the window.

As most of you know, Interstate 75 was only in the planning stages in 1952, so Uncle Charles headed down US 25 as we set out for Florida. I was surprised to see how some of the terrain looked, especially when we passed the Tennessee border heading south. As we drove through Georgia, I noticed large fields covered with white dots, and I asked Uncle Charles what was growing on those farms. He replied, "Those are large cotton fields, where we get the cotton for most of our clothes. It is picked by hand and then turned into strands that will eventually become cloth."

I was impressed with his knowledge, as I was most of my life: He just seemed to know everything. He then pulled into a gravel road so that we could see the cotton emerging from the bolls. He even let me get out of the car with him to get a closer look at one of the plants. Uncle Charles was a very kind and thoughtful man; it was just his nature to explain or teach something to you.

At that time, little did I know that both my mother and I would become allergic to any type of cloth ex-

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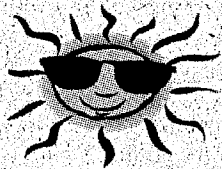
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Obituaries



Edna Caldwell

Edna (Scott) Caldwell, 98, of Brodhead, died Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at the Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born April 11, 1916 in Brodhead, a daughter of the late Henry Clay and Mary Ann Logsdon Scott. She was a life long member of Providence Church of Christ. She found great joy in flowers, her family and her good Lord. On January 27, 1938 she was united in holy matrimony to Shirley Berdis Caldwell who preceded her in death June 11, 1977. They enjoyed 39 years together.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her children, Fern Weaver Caldwell, Nina Burton Burkhart, and Mabel Cash, all of Brodhead; Wayne Caldwell of Fairfield, OH; Raymond (Sheary) Caldwell, and Ethelene Caldwell, all of Brodhead; and Ella Barnett (Monroe) of Mt. Vernon; grandchildren, Carol (Harold) Harris, Gary (Doris) Caldwell, David Burton, Kenny (Lisa) Burton, Shannon Cash, Carlos Caldwell, Kelly Caldwell, Shanda (Bobby) Hayes, and Kevin (Stephanie) Caldwell; great grandchildren, J.C. Harris, Dana McKinney, Leigh Ann Sanford, Mahala, Gary Keith, Mason, Phoenix, Kylan Caldwell and Lacey Hayes; great great grandchildren, Shelby, Bailey and Jamie Harris; one sister-in-law, Christine Scott; and a host of nieces/nephews, friends/neighbors and church family.

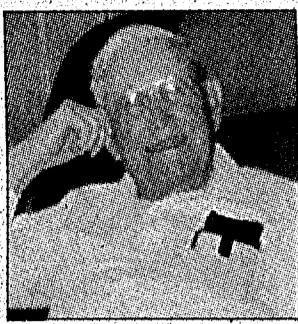
Besides her parents, and husband, she was preceded in death by: a grandchild, Regina Cash; brothers, Lewis, Ray and Robert Scott; sister, Dessie Smithern; daughter-in-law, Teddy Caldwell; and sons-in-law, Roy Burton, William Burkhart, Jackie Cash and Carl Caldwell.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 6, 2014 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Danny McKibben, Sherman Cook, Chris Craig and Gaary Keith Caldwell officiating. Burial followed in Providence Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: her grandsons, Kevin, Kelly, Gary and Carlos Caldwell, Shannon Cash, David and Kenny Burton; and son-in-law, Monroe Barnett.

Honorary casketbearers were: Arlos Proctor, Harold and J.C. Harris, George Hiatt, Sherman Cook, Doug Prewitt, Bobby Hayes, Kevin and Josh Robbins, Shirl Brown, Darrell McKinney, Gary Nicley, and Providence Church friends.

Condolences to the family may be made to her online registry at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com



John W. Burke, Sr.

John W. Burke, Sr., 88, of Brodhead, died Monday, December 1, 2014 at the V.A. Medical Center in Lexington. He entered into this life on February 9, 1926 in Brodhead, a son of the late Pete and Elizabeth Brummett Burke. He was a 37 year L&N Railroad employee, as well as 15 years with Burke & Son Cable TV. He was a member of West Brodhead Church of God. He found great joy in old cars, his cable work and electrical and mechanical work. He served his country as a PFC in the US Armed Forces. On September 11, 1946 he was united in matrimony to Stella Halcomb Burke, who preceded him in death, and from that union came four children, John W. Jr., Nona, Susie and Mary.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his son, John W. (Kristine) Burke, Jr. of Louisville; daughters, Nona Burke (Connie) Taylor and Susie Burke Horn, all of Brodhead and Beverly (Bill) Bredenford of Cincinnati, OH; grandchildren, John Christopher Burke, Misty Bray-Payne, Wm. J. Burke, Alice Marie Hill, Andrea Burke-Troyer, Marisa Frederick-Albright, John Hankins, Jamie Frederick-Smith, Jennifer Horn, Lisa Yawit, Sherrie Schweppe, and Shelly Korengel; 21 great grandchildren; a brother, Glenn O. (Opal) Burke of Brodhead; three sisters, Shirley (Bobby) Smith of Crab Orchard, Maxine (Jack) Murphy of West Virginia, and Dorothy Bartlett of Kingsport, TN; and a host of nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides his parents, and wife, he was preceded in death by: daughter, Mary Burke; brothers, Boyd, Paris, Pete Jr., Edwin and Bobby Burke; sisters, Rosalee Nichols and Ella Mae Lanham; and great grandchild, infant Elizabeth Kathryn Payne.

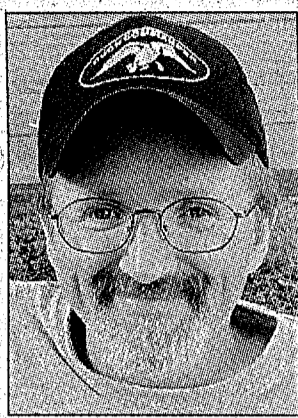
Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 5, 2014 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Terry Orcutt officiating. Burial followed in the Piney Grove Cemetery in Brodhead.

Casketbearers were: Jerry Burke, John C. Burke, Sr., William J. Burke, John R. Hankins, Tommy Payne and Jeff Halcomb.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Care Plus, 208 Kidd Dr., Berea, Ky. 40403

Condolences to the family may be made to his online registry at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

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Jack Himes

Jack Himes, 53, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, December 7, 2014 at Compassionate Care Center in Richmond. He was born June 20, 1961 in Berea, a son of the late Robert Lewis Himes and Anna Mae Rimell Himes Wynn. He was a member of Brush Creek Holiness Church and found great joy in scooter riding, Bluegrass gospel music, enjoyed the outdoors and making people laugh. He had been an employee of NACCO Manufacturing for 10 years, a 20 year EMT, and had served on the Mt. Vernon Fire Department for 20 years. On October 20, 1984 he was united in marriage to Patricia Lynn Clark Himes, who preceded him in death.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his mother, Anna Mae Wynn of Mt. Vernon; his step-father, Willard Wynn; his girlfriend, Mary Wilds; his brother, Randall Lewis (Sandy) Himes of Mt. Vernon; his sister, Carolyn Sue Mink of Conway; and a host of nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Ricky Powell, Bro. Gordon Mink, and Bro. Buford Parkerson officiating. Burial was in the Rimell Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Robert B. Himes (lead casketbearer), Ezra Isaacs, Josh Richardson, Derrick Messina, Justin Davidson, Billy Linville and Gary Bullock.

Honorary casketbearers were: Kenny Himes, Larry Cook, Randy Northern, Donnie Hayes, David Brandenburg, Mike Lovell, Brad Rose, David King, and Andrew Cash.

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Death Notice

Bonnie Clontz

Bonnie "Nannie" Clontz, 91, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at the Rockcastle Hospital.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, December 12, 2014 at the Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Elzie Doan and Vernon Doan officiating. Burial will follow in the Elmwood Cemetery.

Arrangements are by the Cox Funeral Home where friends may visit from 6 to 9 p.m. (today) Thursday.

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

View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at www.coxfuneralhome.com.



Betty Cash

Betty "Juanita" Cash, 84, died Sunday, December 7, 2014 at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital in Somerset. She was born August 29, 1930 in Science Hill, a daughter of the late Elva Silas and Nellie Bly Fugate Whiles. She attended West Brodhead Church of God Church and had been a homemaker. She was married to the late Gaffer Cash, who preceded her in death in 2001. She found great joy in gardening and flowers.

She is survived by: brothers, Leon (Dorothy) Whiles, and Floyd (Pauline) Whiles, both of Somerset; a sister, Ola Jean Abbott of Somerset; a sister-in-law, Laverne Whiles of Somerset; the Cash family, Paul (Debbie) Cash, Carlos (Madonna) Cash, Maxine Daughtery, Willene Burton, and Joann (Clinton) Brown, all of Brodhead; and a host of nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, and husband, she was preceded in death by: brothers, Arnold, Ferrel Glen, Harold and Dale Whiles; and a sister-in-law, Mildred Whiles.

Visitation will be (today) Thursday, December 11, 2014 from 12 noon-2 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with funeral services being conducted at 2 p.m. Burial will follow in Ottawa Cemetery.

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



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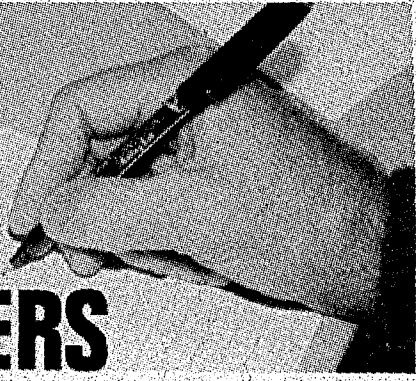
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Will miss Attorney Bill Gregory..

Dear Editor,
I would like to take this opportunity to say how much I regret the loss of Attorney William D. Gregory. Mr. Gregory was my lawyer and also my friend. I felt he always had my best interests at heart and always fought for me up until his death.

John Coffey
Mt. Vernon

Operation Unite says Thank You...

Dear Editor,
The Rockcastle Chapter of Operation Unite was thrilled with our toilet paper drive and the wipe-out drugs challenge.

The toilet paper collected is shared with the drug rehabilitation facilities.

The following businesses and individuals helped make our drive successful and a huge thank you for your participation: If you did not get to donate this year, then we will do our best to try and get you next year.

Thank you goes to:
Rockcastle Kiwanis Club, Gary Mink, Kincer Service, Carquest Auto Parts, Carlos McClure, El Cazador, Ford Brothers, McCauley Egg Co., Main Street Pharmacy, Marcella's Farm to Fork, WRVK, Farm Bureau, Collins Respiratory, Snack Shack, NAPA Auto Parts, Winstead Heating and Air, Citizens Bank, David's Tire Center, Sabrina's Hair Design, Clifford Collins Backhoe, Mt. Vernon Plumbing, Brodhead Farm Equipment, Limestone Grille, Cox Funeral Home, Peoples Bank, Community Trust Bank;

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Cromer, Karen King, Precia Bowling and James Muller for heading up the motorcycle ride to collect money for our wipe-out drug challenge.

A big thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Karen King and Precia Bowling
Committee Co-Chairs
Operation UNITE
Wipe-Out Drug Challenge

"I See It"

(Cont. from A2)

would have, at the very least, been mauled by the bear!

My dream is just one example of how these drones will change the world of videography and photography. Not only can these devices take us places where no human can go but we can now take aerial photos and videos without ever leaving the ground! That's amazing!

But like every good thing in life, there are several downsides. Although the FAA has restrictions on where people can fly drones, anyone can currently buy a drone in stores or online.

First off, I think people who have been convicted of any types of terroristic acts, burglary crimes or sex crimes should not be able to purchase a drone.

Terrorists can strap bombs onto their drones and fly them into any chosen target. Burglars can use drones to case places for things to steal and sex offenders can use drones to stalk and take pictures or videos unknown to their victims. These are only a few of the evil things that drones will likely be used for if they get in the hands of bad people.

I can also see drones being used by sports coaches to illegally scout opposing teams during practices, which is why I think New England Patriots head Coach Bill Belichick and his staff should be specifically banned from purchasing drones.

I also believe anyone should legally be able to shoot down an unknown drone that is flying on their property without their permission. For some people, a measly fine of a couple hundred dollars wouldn't keep them from flying their

drones into restricted areas. More drastic measures need to be taken.

I think the creation and widespread popularity of drones can be compared to that of the internet. The internet was originally created for a variety of good reasons and to be used as a good valuable resource. But as we all know, the internet can be used for a variety of bad and evil reasons as well.

I think the same thing can be said for drones. These devices can also prove to be valuable resources. However, I believe there needs to be laws and restrictions on them in order to better control them from being used by bad people for the wrong reasons.

"Points East"

(Cont. from A2)

Tournament trophies were the largest ones in our trophy cases back in Pikeville and every person on the winning team received a handsome memento of the event. Somewhere, in my house, I still have a couple of trophy, wind-up, clocks that were still functioning when they were put away because they were too noisy and had to be wound 2 or 3 times daily to have any practical utility.

The "must see" games involved Navy base vs. Navy base or Navy team vs. any other branch of the military. San Diego vs. Norfolk or SEALS vs. anybody, for instance, were much more akin to a martial arts competition than a basketball game. Imagine a World Wrestling Federation free for all with a basketball thrown into the fray and you will have a good idea as to what those games were like. And when a team consisting mostly of ship-based, first-class seamen played a team consisting mostly of officers or officers-in-training, the games were more akin to battles with orders to take no prisoners.

One year the real Naval Academy (Navy) team from Annapolis, Md. participated in the tourney and we beat them by one point, double overtime, in the title game because, by then, they were more like a group of walking wounded than an athletic team and because a standing-room-only, packed-house crowd of largely ship-based sailors were cheering on the underdog Bears more loudly than any Wildcat crowd I've ever heard in Rupp Arena. It was, at that time, the biggest win in the history of our school's athletic program. I'm reasonably sure that "Navy" never again, participated in that particular tournament because they needed to be physically able to complete the remainder of their

regular season.

The base also gave everybody on the visiting teams a generous, \$50.00, or so, gift certificate that was only redeemable at what they affectionately called "The Company Store." Fifty bucks was a lot of money in the late 60's and prices on the base were less than half what you'd pay at any real-world discount retail store. The luggage compartments on the chartered Greyhound we took from Pikeville to Norfolk would always be packed with Christmas gifts for our families that we had purchased, courtesy of The U.S. And, at least one year, My Mom postponed Christmas on Blair Branch until December 28 so that yours truly could be home for Christmas.

"Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

cept cotton. When my mother became elderly, we noticed that her skin would break out and itch if any man-made material was touching her body. By the time I was forty, my skin began having the same reaction. I cannot wear any polyester product if it is in contact with my skin. For this reason, most of my clothes are made from one hundred percent cotton fibers. I suppose over the last 30 years I have become very partial to any form of clothing that is all cotton.

For the past eight years, my wife and I have vacationed on the northern section of Virginia near Maryland—a place that has one of those great Indian names: Chincoteague Island. We made it a habit to go during the first week of October because all of the shops, restaurants, and local hangouts are still in operation, and the youngsters are back in school. It is a wonderful place for privacy and seclusion. We always have a wonderful time on the Island. Every time that we make that trip, we pass some cotton fields. And every time, it reminds me of Uncle Charles.

This past year, we were driving home when I spotted one of those cotton fields — with bolls ready for harvest. Without warning Kathy, I suddenly applied the brakes and made a sharp turn into the gravel road that led to the cotton field. Kathy exclaimed, "What on earth are you doing? What is up this little road?" I calmly replied, "For the first time in my life, I am going to pick some cotton."

I pulled our car into the small road far enough to get out of the right-of-way and shut off my engine. I got out of the car and walked a few feet and pulled my first boll from the beautiful cotton covered plant. The feel of new cotton is wonderfully soft to the touch. (No wonder cotton clothing feels so good to my skin.) I walked back to the car with my new treasure, and we continued our way home.

I then told my wife,

"Now I can say I have picked cotton." Since she already knew that I wanted to do that someday, she had a big smile on her face. Later, after we had returned home, she teased me about

being a "cotton-picking thief." And I guess I was.

(You can reach me at themtnman@att.net or you can drop me a line at 2167 Furnace Road - Stanton, KY 40380. I appreciate your comments and suggestions.)

T.J.'s Journal

by: Tonya J. Cook



Shopping, Then and Now

Dear Journal,
Yesterday, Stanley and I went to Somerset. We headed out just after lunch, stopping briefly in Mount Vernon to pick up a few things. It was a nice day for such, especially at this time of year. We looked at all of the sights and had a good conversation along the way.

We went to Rose's first. They seem to always have a huge selection of items at a good price. The best thing about it is that it isn't Walmart. We go to Walmart like everybody else, but you'd be surprised at the number of people who dislike that store.

I remember going to that same Rose's store as a young child. Our family would get in the car and drive over to Somerset. We would stop in town first and go to places like the Ben Franklin's "dime store" and Holsomback's Cafe.

It is a shame old stores like Ben Franklin's aren't still in existence. There are generations who will never experience the old "mom and pop" stores. All they will know is The Gap, Old Navy, and such in the various malls.

Holsomback's Cafe specialized in hamburgers. The hamburgers were small with a dill pickle slice and a few grilled onions on a small fresh bun. They were like a

White Castle or Krystal burger, except they were much better. I don't know if they are still in business or not, but they are worth finding.

Our last stop would be Rose's. It was about the biggest store I'd ever seen and it had just about anything you'd ever need. At this time of the year, Santa would be there. I'd sit on his lap and he would always give me a piece of candy.

It would always be dark by the time we headed for home. We traveled the old Highway 80. I always enjoyed looking at all of the pretty Christmas lights along the way. Of course there wasn't as many or any as ornate as the ones on display now.

When I was in my teen years and early twenties, I had a recurring dream that I was killed in a car accident on that road on December 17. It always happened at the same location and in the same manner. The last thing I would remember seeing was some lighted blue candles in someone's window. Then the scene changed into my funeral, and to seeing my burial. I never expected to live as long as I have.

But I have lived and had a pretty good life, and have created a lot of dear memories I hope to keep for a long time.

Kentucky beef producers pass referendum to create Kentucky Beef Checkoff

Farm and Home News

Tom Mills

Rockcastle County Extension Office

Kentucky beef producers passed the referendum in favor of creating the Kentucky Beef Checkoff. In a vote conducted at local Kentucky Cooperative Extension offices Thursday, November 20th, beef and dairy producers voted in favor of collecting an additional \$1.00 per head sold. The final tally was 1,816 in favor of the state checkoff and 1,423 against. Collections of the state checkoff which will begin April 1, 2015.

Kentucky Cattlemen's Association President, Steve Downs, is enthusiastic to get started, realizing the work really begins now. "A tremendous thank you needs to be paid to all of the cattle-

men and women that took the time to vote. We have an exciting opportunity in front of us and an equally talented team to work to ensure the future of the Kentucky beef industry is secure and prosperous."

The Kentucky State Board of Agriculture approved the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association request for a referendum during their August 21, 2014 board meeting.

For more information about the Kentucky Beef Checkoff, contact Dave Maples at (859) 278-0899 or dmaples@kycattle.org or visit the website at www.kybeefcheckoff.com.

Look for next week's Christmas issue of the Mount Vernon Signal

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“Livingston”

(Cont. from front)

There are six people now in jail. Four of them are in connection with the thefts and another two are from older unrelated charges.

The theft was of some big item tools belonging to the county which were recovered and the recovery led to the discovery of a meth lab, Carl Swanigan, the city's chief of police, told the commissioners and Medley added “people don't know that we have a police department. They think we don't have anyone to investigate.”

Swanigan also gave the commissioners a magnetic card which is being distributed to residents and businesses which shows the phone number (606-453-9427) to call if a policeman is needed.

The city is also advertising this week for bids for a new Kawasaki side by side UTV, equipped with an Essex medical bed and will be for use by the police, for trail maintenance and rescue. The cost will be covered by a grant the city will receive.

Garrett Henry with Adventure Tourism was at the meeting to tell the commissioners about his activities on behalf of the city. Henry has taken on Livingston as his Capstone Project while working on his master's degree at Kentucky State University in Frankfort.

Henry told the commissioners that he is working on a master plan for Livingston which should be ready by summer and hopes to replicate that for other towns in eastern Kentucky. Henry plans to collect data on Livingston concerning what they have now, where they can go and how to use their natural resources in a different way. “We need to

get tourists in here and I have advertising and marketing ideas to reach out to tourists,” Henry said. He also mentioned helping with the development of aquafarms, green houses, etc.

“Audit”

(Cont. from front)

According to a chart provided by Ross, Sinclair & Associates, the bonds were initially issued in 2006 as School Building Refunding Revenue Bonds at an interest rate of 4.2186 percent. The estimated interest rate for Series 2015 bonds is 2.3955 percent. The reissuing of the bonds at the estimated 2015 interest rate will save the district \$51,818 which is a 5.233 percent saving.

The Rockcastle County School District Finance Corporation approved selling the 2006 bonds and reissuing them in 2015 at the lower interest rate.

Once the Rockcastle County School District Finance Corporation adjourned and the school board reconvened, the district's architectural firm updated the board on the district's proposed facilities projects.

N3D Group Owner and Planner Scott Noel presented BG1 proposals for the board to approve. He said the BG1s were simply an outline of the projects that had to be approved by the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE).

Noel said once everything is approved by the KDE, then they can come to future board meetings and present designs, specifications and total costs of each proposed project to the board.

The proposed facility projects include renovations at the Mt. Vernon Elementary School, Rockcastle

Adult Education Center and the Rockcastle County football athletic facilities at the Rockcastle County Middle School.

Superintendent David Pensol reminded the board that approving the BG1s is just a part of the overall process and that the board is not actually approving any project yet. He said the board will meet with the N3D Group in future board meetings to discuss blueprints and costs, prioritize projects, decide on which projects to pursue and discuss funding and bonding potential.

The board unanimously approved the BG1s for the proposed facility projects.

The Superintendent's personnel action report showed one certified hiring of Jennifer Chandler as a RES special education teacher and one classified hiring of Erica Doan as a RCHS school nurse. Retirements were Clayton Cash as a RCHS physical education teacher and Lisa Reams as a RES special education teacher.

“Meth”

(Cont. from front)

Nicely, 46, of Livingston.

When officers stepped inside the home to speak with Mullins and Nicely, they noticed an active meth lab sitting in the middle of the kitchen floor. The officers also noticed an HCL generator with taped-up hoses.

While searching the residence, officers found several other items associated with manufacturing meth, including a jar containing lithium battery strips, a container of rock salt, Coleman fuel and plastic tubing. Officers also found another plastic tub containing suspected methamphetamine.

Officers also noticed the back sliding door of the resi-

dence was open. They then searched the area outside the residence and found Wesley hiding in an outbuilding behind the residence.

Officers also found a small bag of marijuana lying on a table inside the outbuilding and a light bulb containing a crystal substance on Wesley at the time of his arrest.

Wesley admitted to officers that the substance inside the light bulb was meth and that he was trying to smoke it when they arrived. He also admitted that he ran out of the residence when officers arrived.

Wesley was charged with possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of marijuana, fleeing or evading police, drug paraphernalia, burglary, theft by unlawful taking and criminal mischief.

Both Mullins and Nicely were charged with possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and manufacturing methamphetamine.

Wesley, Mullins and Nicely were all lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center. Wesley remains lodged on a \$20,000 cash/property bond, Mullins remains lodged on a \$25,000 10% bond and Nicely remains lodged on a \$25,000 cash/property bond.

The burglary at Livingston School is still under investigation by Kentucky State Police.

“KMHF”

(Cont. from front)

The McCarters have been featured on the Grand Ole Opry, The American Music Awards, The Dolly Show, Hee Haw and Nashville Now.

For more information about the Old Fashion Christmas event call 606-256-1000 or visit www.kentuckymusicmuseum.com.



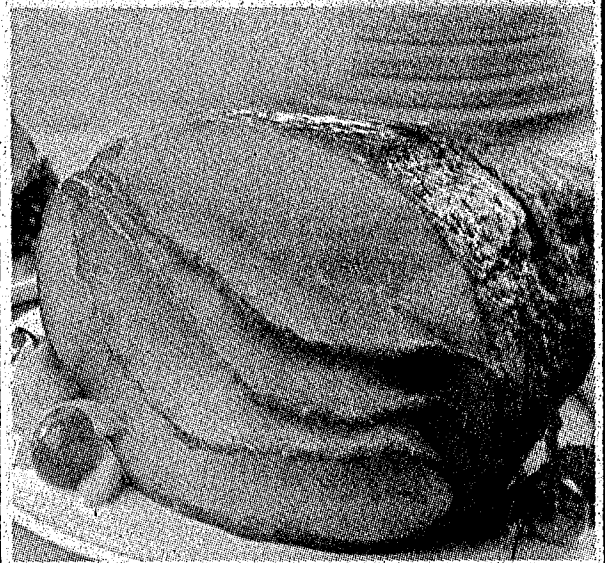
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Rockets are now 1-3

By: Doug Ponder

The Rockcastle County Rockets varsity basketball team is now 1-3 on the season after going 1-2 since last Thursday.

Last Thursday night, the Rockets lost to a highly talented Lincoln County team at home 83-61.

Lincoln County came out strong in the game outscoring the Rockets 15-5 in the first quarter. But the Rockets battled back and cut the Patriots lead to 33-27 at the half. After half-time, The Patriots began to pull away leading 56-43 at the end of the third quarter. The Patriots would put the game away in the fourth quarter with a final score of 83-61.

Also lose to North Laurel, Mercer

Lady Rockets fall to Lincoln in overtime

The Rockcastle Lady Rockets lost their second game of a young season last Friday night when they fell to the Lincoln County Lady Patriots 59-57 in overtime.

The Lady Rockets came out and shocked the pre-season ranked third in the region Lady Pats by outscoring them 33-19 in the first half. 13 of the Rockets 33 points came at the free throw line with sophomore Mahala Saylor going 6 for 6 and sophomore Emily Payne 4 for 5.

In the third quarter, the Rockets went four minutes without a basket before junior Morgan Renner sank a two pointer and a free throw. Renner accounted for the only five points the Rockets got in the third quarter and the Lady Pats cut the lead to 10, 38-28 at the third quarter stop.

In the fourth quarter, Renner put the Rockets up 40-38, followed by three straight baskets by junior Ashley McKinney and it was a 46-31 lead for the Rockets, however, the Lady Pats then went on an 18-0 run and were ahead 49-46, with 34 ticks left on the clock in regulation, when senior Alaina Coguer sank a three to tie the score at 49 all.

A foul on the Rockets put the Patriots up 51-49 but, in a fight for the ball, a Lincoln player was called for a technical and, with two seconds on the clock, Renner calmly sank both free throws to put the game into overtime.

In overtime, Renner scored all six points for her team but the Patriots got eight for the final 59-57.

Renner led the scoring for the Rockets with 20 points; McKinney got 10; Payne 8; Saylor and sophomore Jayna Albright scored 6 points each; Coguer and sophomore Hope Kelley 3 each and Emme Barker got 1.

The Rocket jayvee team also lost to Lincoln 33-17. Payne led the scoring in that game with 6 points,

The Rockets were led in scoring by senior Sam Pensol with 21 points, sophomore Lucas Gentry was next with 15, junior Dylan Rowe had 11, sophomore John Cornelius 6, senior Dakota Hasty 5 and junior Jordan Hawkins got 3.

The Lincoln County loss was followed by an impressive down-to-the-wire 74-73 win against the Barbourville Tigers Monday night.

Barbourville got out to an early 23-20 lead in the first quarter and led 45-42 at halftime. In the second half, the Tigers extended their lead to 58-54. However, the Rockets mounted a comeback in the fourth

quarter for the one point win.

The Rockets were led by Gentry with 23 points, Pensol was next with 17, Hasty got 16, Cornelius 10 and Rowe had 8.

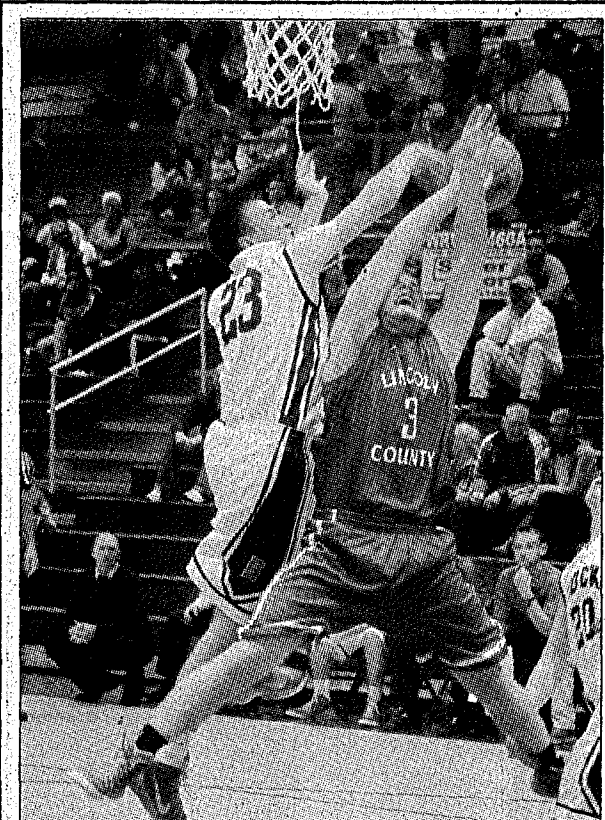
The Rockets traveled to Harrodsburg after the Barbourville win to play the Mercer County Titans.

The Titans dominated the Rockets from the start of the game as they led 18-7 at the end of the first quarter and 27-19 at the half. The Titans momentum continued after halftime as they put up 28 points in the third quarter to lead the Rockets 55-29 at the end of that period. The Titans would put the game away in the fourth quarter with a final score of 81-45.

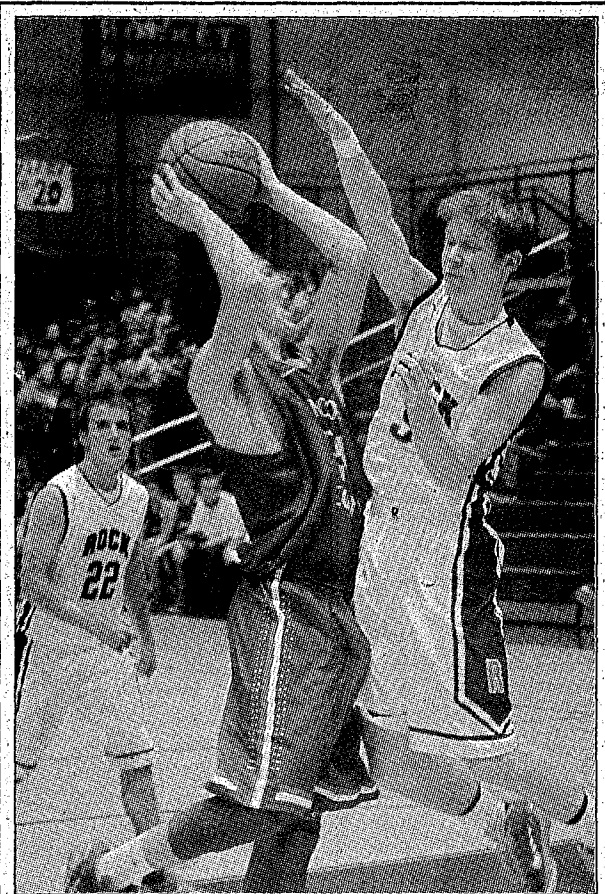
Pensol once again led the Rockets with 14 points, Cornelius had 12, Hasty got 7, Gentry 6, Rowe 4 and senior Carter Blanton scored 2.

The Rockets next game is this Friday night when the Rockets travel to Somerset to play the Briar Jumpers at 7:30 p.m. in a doubleheader with the Lady Rockets.

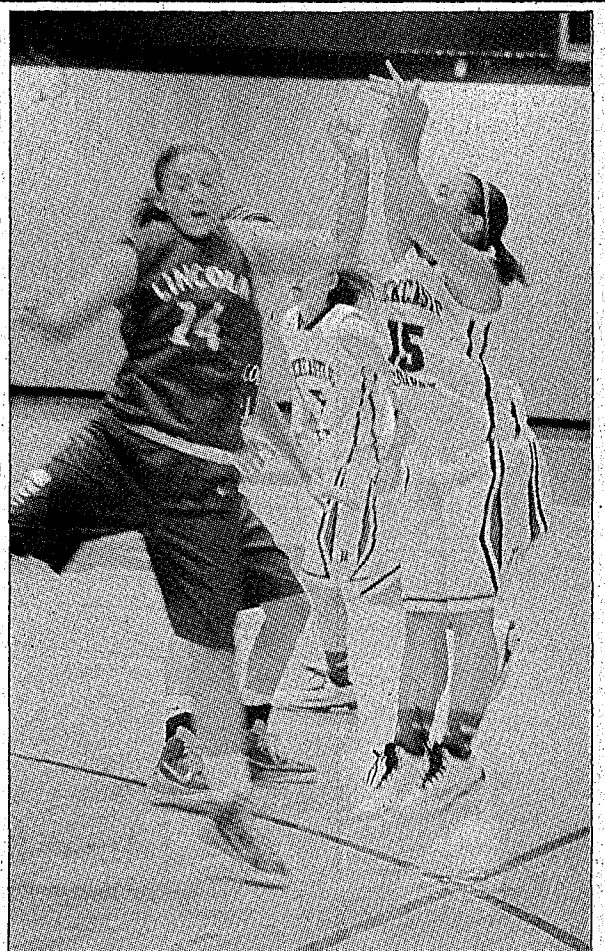
Head Coach Benny Blanton said this Friday night's game is a must win for his team as it's their first district game of the season. "We came off the Barbourville win and just played ugly against Mercer County," Blanton said. "This Friday night's game is a winnable game but we will have to bring our A game to pull out a win."



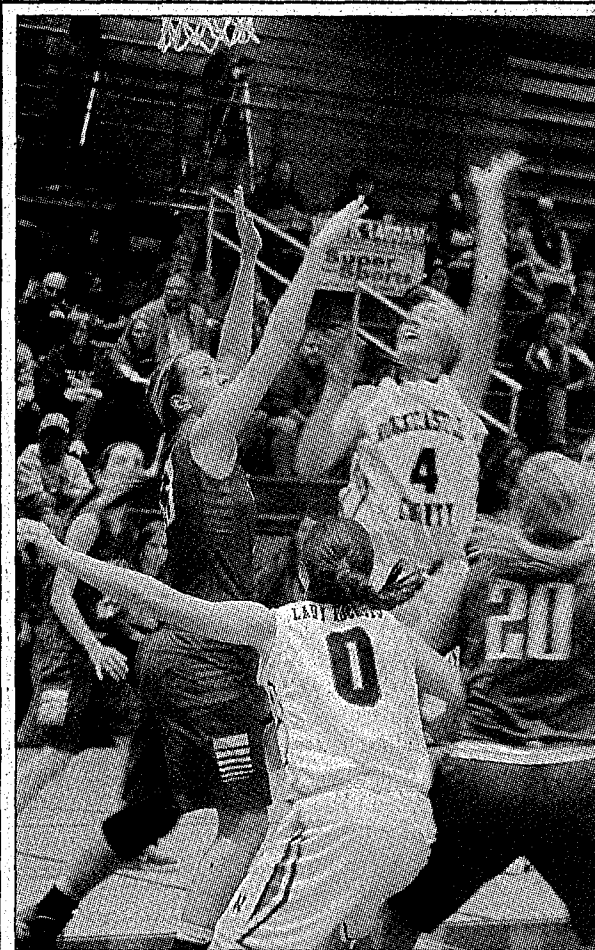
Lucas Gentry gets a block during the 83-61 loss to Lincoln County last Thursday night. The Rockets are now 1-3 on the season after beating Barbourville 74-73 Monday night and losing to Mercer County 81-45 Tuesday night.



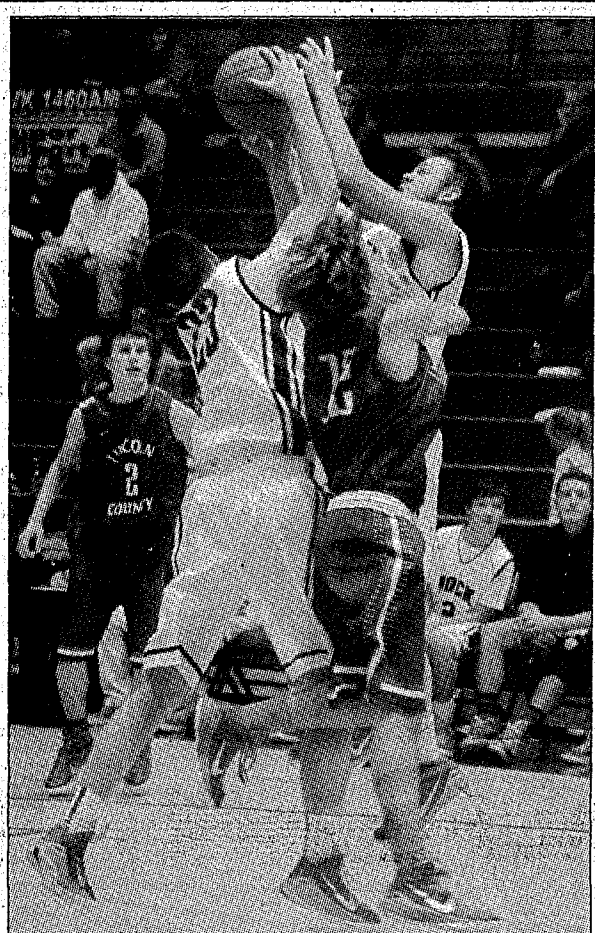
Sam Pensol goes for a block during last Thursday night's game against Lincoln County. The Rockets lost the game 83-61. Pensol led the Rockets in scoring for the game with 21 points.



Jayna Albright attempts a three pointer during her team's 59-57 overtime loss to Lincoln County. The Lady Rockets next game is this Friday night when they travel to Somerset to take on the Lady Briar Jumpers at 6 p.m.



Ashley McKinney shoots a hook shot during last Friday night's 59-57 overtime loss to Lincoln County. The Lady Rockets also lost to North Laurel on Monday night 68-48 and Mercer County on Tuesday night 66-32.



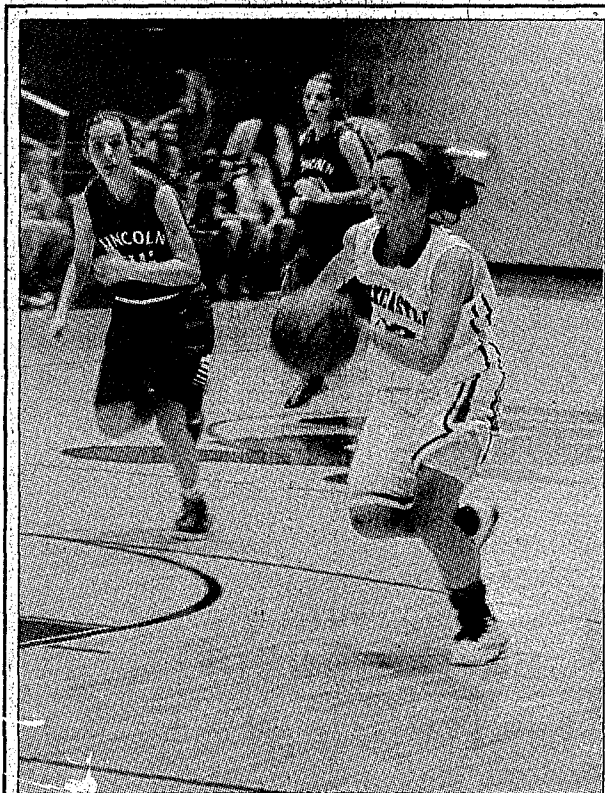
Alex Spragens and Lucas Gentry battle a Lincoln County Patriot for a rebound. The Rockets next game is this Friday night when they travel to Somerset to take on the Briar Jumpers at 7:30 p.m.

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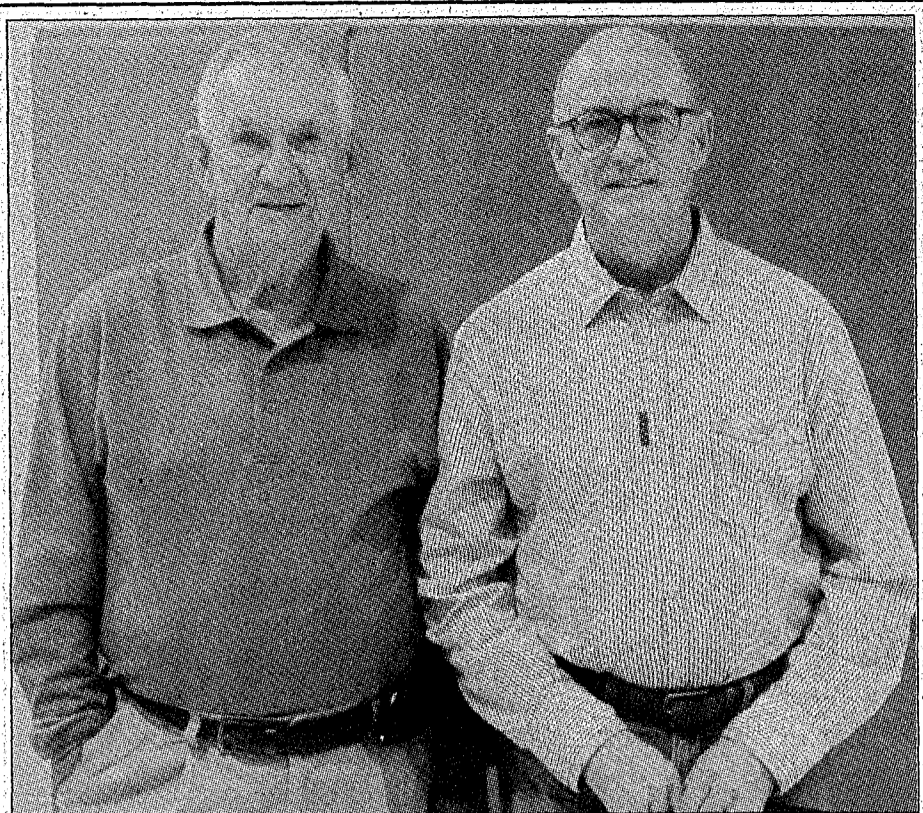
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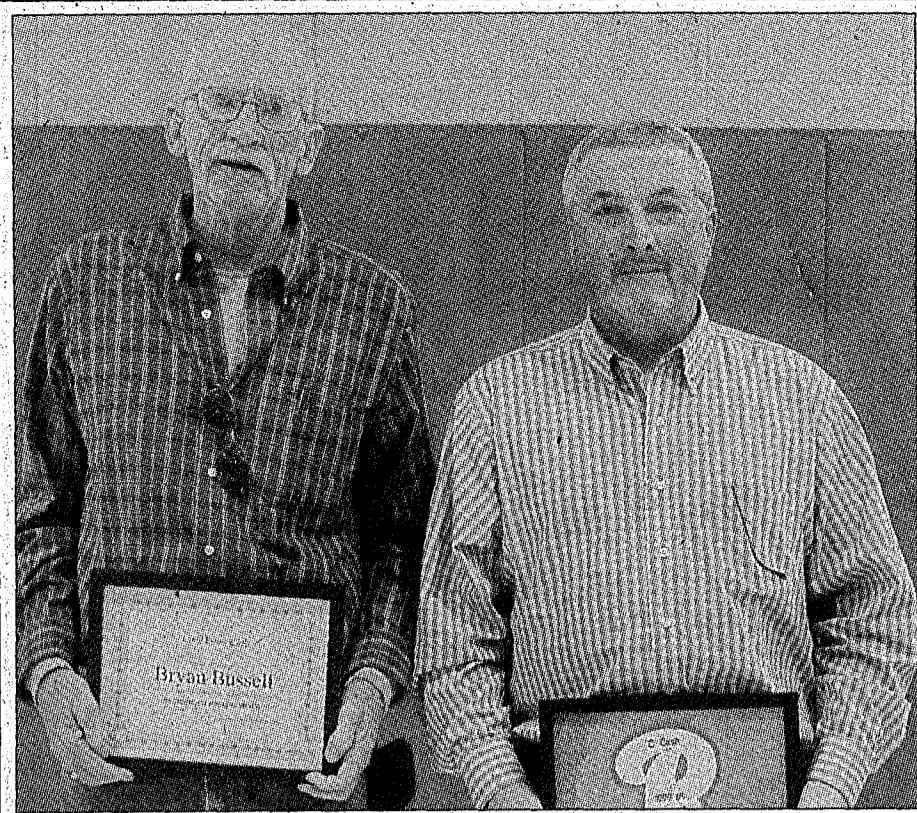
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Morgan Renner drives to the goal during her team's 59-57 overtime loss to Lincoln County last Thursday night. Renner injured her knee fighting for a loose ball in Monday night's game at North Laurel and is expected to be out for a month.



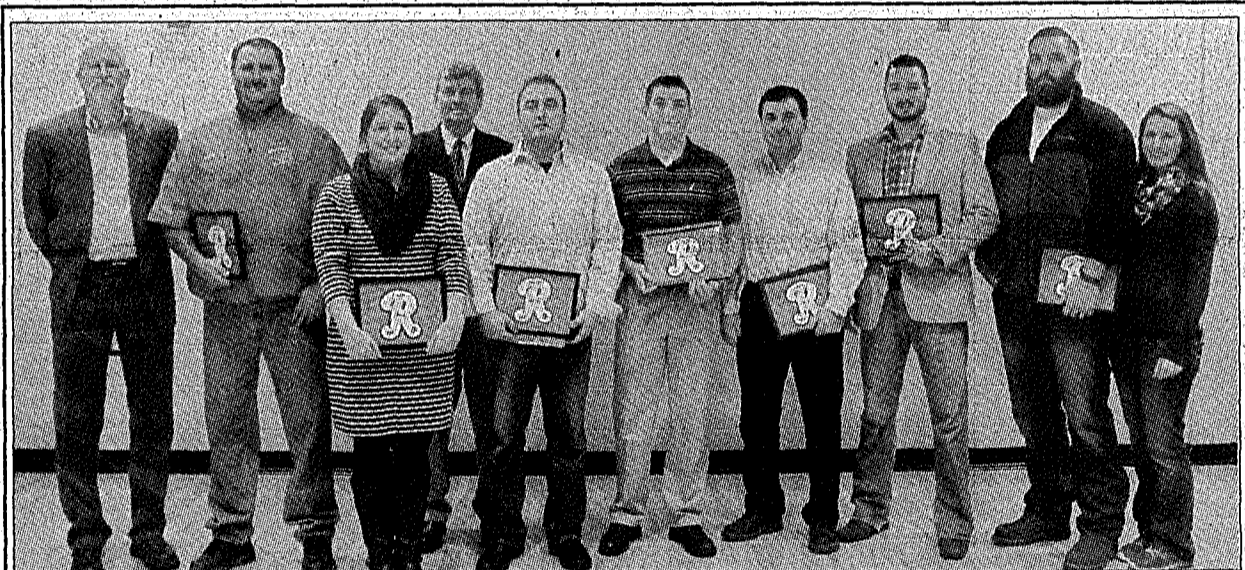
Members of the 1,000 point club for Mt. Vernon Elementary School are Kenneth Cornelius and Dale Coffey.



Members of the 1,000 point club for Brodhead High School are Bryan Bussell and Clayton Cash.



Members of the 1,000 Point Club of Livingston High School were honored before the Rockets game last Thursday night. Shown above from left are: Paul Sturgill's wife Freda, granddaughter Samantha and son Donnie accepted his award, Walter Ballinger and his wife Deloris, Billy Wayne Bryant with his wife Aletha and grandchildren Britton Bryant and Hattie Bryant, Darlene Worley is shown accepting the award for her late husband Lonny Mink and Norman Owens.



Members of the 1,000 point club for Rockcastle County High School are shown above from left: Steve Centers, Mickey McClure, Matt Brown's wife Tara accepting his award, Garlan Vanhook, Andrew Cash, Logan Taylor accepting the award for Aaron Anderkin, Aaron Cash, Colby Brown and Derek Thacker and his wife Katie.



Members of the 1,000 point club for the Rockcastle County Lady Rockets were honored before the Lady Rockets game against Lincoln County last Friday night. Shown above front row from left are: Jessi Rickles Snyder, Hallie Brown accepting the award for her cousin Michaela Hunter, Keeley King and Darby Smith accepting the award for Angie Lawrence. Back row from left are: Boone Saylor accepting for Mary Saylor, Heather Hammond Hamilton, Tara Rowe Helton, Jackie Alexander, Johnna Abney, Sarah Rowe Hasty, Sara Hammond, Brandy Reynolds Smith.

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
Stonehenge in Your Yard?

Not long ago I witnessed some nice folks sitting on some great big stones in their yard. Apparently relaxing. I began thinking. How wild would it be to build a patio into the landscape of a home where a few dwarf shrubs and groundcovers, perhaps a few flowers, are nestled between some big boulders for seating?

Arranged in a circle, half circle, or random big rocks would be placed in the yard to create a unique sitting area. A formal circle would more closely resemble the real Stonehenge. Random sizes and placement would be informal. Either way, such a "Stonehenge Patio" would have some stones for seating and some for decoration, and a few small shrubs and some "steppable" little plants co-mingled with flat flagstones and river pebbles.

Maybe you'd call it a big rock garden, with some coneflowers, coreopsis or marigolds to attract some butterflies. Ajuga, tulips, creeping thyme, maybe a compact bush with berries and some dwarf conifers—we could add interest and color to our boulder filled patio. It could be large and sprawling, or scaled down to compact and cozy in size as desire and budget (and size of the house) might dictate.

As one who loves waterfalls, I imagine we would want some soothing sounds of water somewhere. Maybe be mesmerized sitting on a big boulder while staring into a waterfall that disappears into an underground pump canyon where the water collects and recirculates. No pond or fish to worry about might make for a more carefree and relaxing situation.

This would be a wild patio I concede. I grew up in the days of front porches where people sat and talked when their day was done. Now I am imagining Stonehenge in every yard! Front yard, backyard, more areas where weekly mowing would be a thing of the past. Watch the birds bathe or get a drink, watch a hummingbird or butterfly sip some nectar from a blossom. Add a firepit and at night watch the flames dance and perhaps a moth dart among the flowers (if not attracted to an outdoor light instead).

There would be no concrete in our Stonehenge, but we could allow a stump or large section of log to remain. We might add a place to grill so long as we kept it rustic looking. Even soft lights or some weatherproof speakers might work OK with our new landscape creation. Some sweet smelling osmanthus, delphinium or honeysuckle might enhance the experience of sitting among the stones.

From a formal copy of Stonehenge to a rock-strewn meadow with a few clumps of flowers and grasses and a dwarf pine or cypress or fir, you would have a unique stone patio that would set your home apart from all the rest on the block. (Unless the idea catches on and they want a Stonehenge patio too!)

Adding lush park-like landscaping around and beyond the stone masterpiece would provide more seclusion and be like icing on a cake. Can you imagine a patio built on this Stonehenge concept now adorning a portion of your yard?

The author, Max Phelps, is a landscaper. Phone (606) 416-3911.

Web: www.rockcastles.net

Financial Aid Tip of the Month

Pay attention to deadlines

High school seniors should keep track of deadlines for applying for college financial aid. Here are some tips from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA):

- Check with the financial aid offices of the schools to which you've applied to determine if they require any financial aid forms other than the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

- Familiarize yourself with the FAFSA. Unless you are starting college before July 1, you cannot file the FAFSA until after the first of the year. But you should still take a look at the information it requires and make plans to attend a College Goal Kentucky session near you. Your counselor should have information about College Goal Kentucky.

- Look for scholarships using KHEAA's "Affording Higher Education" and a free online scholarship search. You can find a link to a free search site under the "Paying for College" tab

on www.kheaa.com.

- Attend any college fairs and financial aid seminars offered at your high school or in your area. If a company charges a fee for helping with applications, remember that you can do that yourself for free. If you decide to pay for help, make sure the company is reputable by checking with the state Attorney General's office or Better Business Bureau in your area, as well as the area where the firm is located.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers Kentucky's student financial aid programs, including the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES).

To find links to other useful education websites, go to www.gotocollege.ky.gov. For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7372.

Climax Volunteer Fire Department's

TURKEY SHOOT

Saturday

December 13th

beginning at 11 a.m.

Climax Fire Station

Shotgun Gauges:

12, 16, 20 and 410

Food and Drinks Available

Mt. Vernon Message

School News

RCMS Bravo will perform four our students on Friday, December 12 at 12:45.

Hats Off To Abby: Wear a hat for \$1. Proceeds will go to the family of Abby Langford to assist in expenses related to her illness.

The last day of school before Christmas Break is Friday, December 19. Student will return to school on Monday, January 5. Enjoy your time at home with family and friends.

MVES UNITE News

The UNITE Club is busy making Christmas cards to send to local active military personnel.

FRC News

Christmas Program Gift Pick-Up is scheduled for Friday, December 18. All participants received a written notice of pick-up time.

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Second Section

Thursday, December 11, 2014

EKU to honor Carloftis at Fall Commencement

Eastern Kentucky University will recognize 1,424 degree candidates and award honorary degrees to Trey Grayson and Jon Carloftis at its annual Fall Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, Dec. 13.

The first ceremony, at 9 a.m., will honor degree candidates from the Colleges of Arts and Sciences and Health Sciences. The second ceremony, at 2:30 p.m., will recognize candidates from the Colleges of Business & Technology, Education and Justice & Safety. Both ceremonies will be held in Alumni Coliseum and are open to the public.

Grayson, president and CEO of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and former Kentucky Secretary of State, will speak at the morning ceremony and receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. Carloftis, award-winning garden designer and author, will speak at the afternoon ceremony and receive an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree.

Speaking as representatives of their graduating classes in the morning and afternoon ceremonies, respectively, will be Erica Childress, who's graduating with a master's of public administration degree, and Doris Crawford, who's receiving a doctoral degree in educational leadership and policy studies.

Together, the two ceremonies will honor 92 associate degree candidates, 1,033 bachelor's degree candidates, 285 master's degree candidates, 1 specialist degree candidate and 13 doctoral degree candidates.

Local officer graduates from Police Academy

The Kentucky State Police Division of Commercial Vehicle Enforcement is pleased to announce the graduation of a local resident from The Department of Criminal Justice Training - Police Academy in Richmond Kentucky.

Brandon Durham of Mount Vernon completed 18 weeks of intense training which consisted of more than 768 hours of recruit level officer academy instruction. Major training areas included homeland security, law offenses and procedures, vehicle operations, firearms, investigations and restraint and control tactics.

Prior to being sent to the police academy Durham completed 6 weeks of intense commercial vehicle and hazardous materials training that is required by

all vehicle enforcement officers.

A graduate of Rockcastle Co. High School and Campbellsville University, Durham is the son of Earl and Sandy Durham of Mount Vernon. Durham will be assigned to Region 4-London where he will be assigned to Pulaski County and Rockcastle County.



Brandon Durham

Still time to donate to Backpacks for Children food drive

The Rockcastle Circuit Clerk's office has partnered with Grateful Bread Food Pantry and are holding a Food Drive to fill backpacks for our local children.

If you would like to help, you may drop off any non-perishable, "easy-open" foods or drinks until December 12th, Monday thru Friday, on the 1st floor of the Rockcastle Courthouse annex building.

Items needed include: Pop Tarts, granola bars, ce-

real (single serve box), fruit cups, applesauce, lunchables, Ramen noodles, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, canned soups, macaroni and cheese, Ravioli, Spaghetti O's, crackers, water, juice boxes and Capri Suns.

If you wish to make a cash donation, make checks payable to C.A.P. Grateful Bread Food Pantry with Backpack Program only noted on the memo section.

Hines wins talent show

The Livingston Community Lions Club recently held their third annual talent show, "Rockcastle's Got Talent". There were several local acts to participate. Lincoln Hines won first place. He received a trophy and a hundred dollars. Christy Tyree won second place and a ribbon and fifty dollars. Christopher Longhurst took third place, winning a ribbon and twenty-five dollars. Celia Shaffer won the People's Choice trophy as decided by the audience applause.

All participants won a Certificate of Appreciation. The Lions Club wishes to thank all of the contestants, sponsors, and all who helped the club produce the show.

Turkey Shoots scheduled

Climax Volunteer Fire Department will hold a Turkey Shoot on Saturday, December 13th, beginning at 11 a.m. at the fire station. Shotgun gauges 12, 16, 20 and 410. Food and drinks available.

Livingston Fire & Rescue will hold a Turkey Shoot on Saturday, December 27th, beginning at 10 a.m. at David Mason's garage, north of Livingston on U.S. 25. 410-16-20-12 gauge shotguns only! No custom guns. Judge's decision final. \$2 a shot. Shells furnished by fire department. Concessions will be sold.

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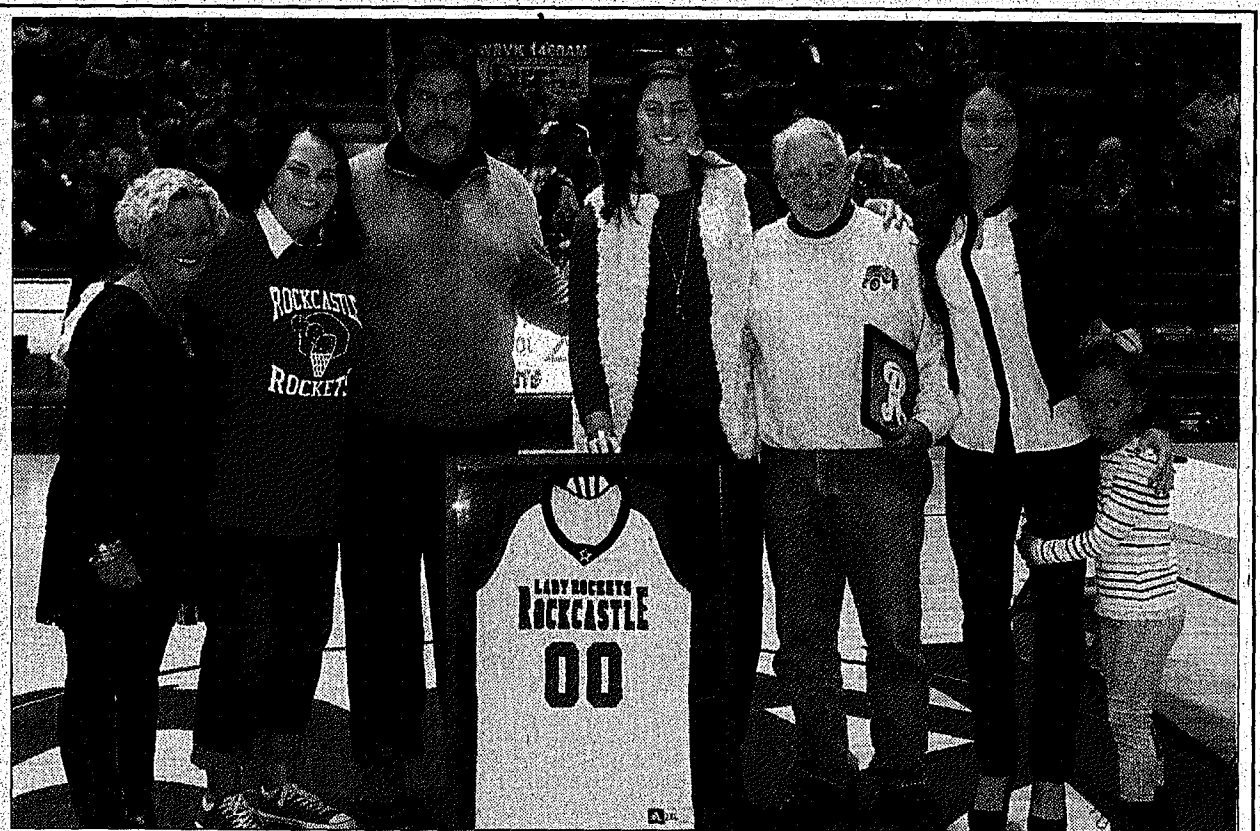
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Former RCHS Lady Rocket and current Louisville Cardinal Sara Hammond was honored last Friday night during the Lady Rockets game against Lincoln County. Hammond's 00 jersey was retired by the high school and she was also honored for being a member of the 1,000 point club. Hammond scored over 2,000 points during her high school career and is the all-time leading scorer for the Lady Rockets. She is shown above with from left: Lady Rocket head coach Chrysti Noble, her parents, Roxanne and Eddie Hammond, her grandfather Jim Earl Hammons, sister Heather Hamilton and niece Lilly Hamilton.

Hidden Among Us

The American Revolutionary War Patriots of Rockcastle

By Karen Hamm Adams

To celebrate and honor the county's American Revolutionary War Patriots and to enlighten the community about the service and sacrifice of these brave men, on behalf of the Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, I have compiled highlights of the service of the known patriots living in the county and who applied for a pension between the years of 1818 and 1842. All information was taken from the patriot's own account from his pension application and other historical documents. More information can be found on each patriot at the local library or the Rockcastle Historical Society. (Copyright Pending). If you are interested in joining the Daughters of the American Revolution or the Chil-

dren of American Revolution, please contact Debbie Brown (606) 758-8659 or Iris Young (606) 256-2851.

Francis Ramsey Virginia

Francis Ramsey was born on 17 December 1764 in Virginia and died 26 December 1842 in Rockcastle Co. KY. According to his pension application, he gave the following account of his service on 6 November 1830 in Garrard Co. KY at the age of sixty seven. In the latter part of 1779, Francis enlisted in the Continental Line of the American Revolution. He was in a regiment commanded by Colonel Abraham Buford and Captain Andrew Wallace, who was killed near Francis in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse on 15 March 1781. Francis fought in the Battle of Camden,

commanded by General Nathaniel Greene and afterward served under Captain John Marks. He was also at the Siege of Ninety-Six, SC (22 May-19 June 1781), and the Battle of Eutaw Springs (8 September 1781).

Francis was later attached as a private to Colonel Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee's Light Infantry known as Lee's Legion and was commanded mostly by Major Richard Eccleston. Colonel Henry Lee was the father of Confederate leader, Robert E. Lee. Lee's Legion was a military unit of Dragoons in the Continental Army. Dragoon units were made up of cavalry men and foot soldiers. It is said that this unit gained a reputation for efficiency and bravery on the battlefield and ruthlessness equal to

that of Tarleton's Raiders. Francis served in that infantry until his term of service had expired and was discharged by Major Eccleston in Georgetown, SC on 6 June 1783.

It should be noted that several researchers have stated that Francis was a drummer/or drum major when he was sixteen years old during the American Revolution. There is no record in the muster rolls for this service nor is it mentioned by Francis in his pension application. There is a letter found in the pension file that was written by a descendant in 1912 who was seeking information on the patriot and mentioned that her ancestor, Francis Ramsey was a drum major.

Francis married Martha

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



District Civil Suits

Unifund CCR, LLC vs. Roger J. Baker, \$3,091.33 plus claimed due. C-00264

Circuit Civil Suits

Peoples Bank & Trust Co. vs. Regina Bell, et al. \$134,160.08 plus claimed due.

Matthew Edward Marlow vs. Ashley Marlow, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Cabinet for Health & Family Services, ex rel Stephanie S. Hensley vs. Andrew Rodney Hensley, complaint for child support and medical support. CI-00272

Deeds Recorded

Bill Miller, Tary and Jeremy Brock and Austin Miller, property in Rockcastle County, to Lucille and Jennings Maupin. No tax

Judy Arnold, property in Livingston, to Mika Arnold. No tax

Mika Arnold, property in Livingston, to Rockcastle County. Tax \$35

US Bank Trust National Assn., property on Climax Road, to Walter and Vickie Gilbert. Tax \$30

Sylvia B. and Robert L. LeRoy, property in Rockcastle County, to Earl H. and Brenda E. Bullock. Tax \$15

Ted and Edna Maye Durham, property on Hwy. 618, to Donald Allen and Sherry Stellene Adams. Tax \$42

Joseph L. and Linda K. Harris, property on Mutt Ponder Road, to Valley High Farms LLC. No tax

Shirley and Alma Smith, property in Dusty Trails Subdv., to Melvin Smith. No tax

Rebecca Turner and Dustin Turner, property on Carter Ridge Road, to Derek D. McCown. Tax \$7

William R. and Sandy Benge, property near Hwy. 150, to Jack and Regina Hodge. Tax \$28

District Court

Nov. 26 thru 12/3

Hon. Kathryn G. Wood

Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless

Bobby W. Akers: no operators/moped license, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to produce insurance card (two counts), bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta)/license suspended.

Jose Manuel Becerra Gonzalez: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine and costs, \$375 service fee, 30 days operators license suspension.

Keri D. Bell-Kirby: no/ expired registration plates - receipt, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, improper registration plate, failure to wear seat belts, no rear view mirror, bw issued for fta/license suspended.

David Blackburn: no operators license in possession, \$25 fine and costs.

Speeding: Raymond Canady, Jr., Jessica L. Bolduc, Tarence K. Mollock, Eric B. Payne, license suspended for fta; Paul W. Kellogg, \$10 fine and costs; Ashley Nicole Carter, Michelle Lewis, paid;

Isa S. Montano: speeding and failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for fta.

Crystal Payne: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine and costs; failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine; improper turning, \$50 fine.

Heather R. Comer: no operators license in possession, \$25 fine and costs.

Mishelle Lee Damrell: public intoxication controlled substance, \$50 fine and costs.

Juan A. Garcia: alcohol intoxication in public place, \$50 fine and costs.

Jeremy Holt: possession of marijuana, \$100 fine; drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, \$100 fine and costs.

Dioni Howard: no/ expired registration plates, \$25 fine; no/ expired Ken-

tucky registration receipt, \$25 fine; failure of non-owner/operator to maintain required insurance, \$1000 fine (suspend \$900 on condition) plus costs.

Ronald B. Rachford: booster seat violations, \$50 fine and costs/fine suspended on condition.

Ricky L. Rice: no/ expired registration plates, \$25 fine/costs merged; no/ expired registration plates, \$25 fine; no/ expired Kentucky registration receipt, \$25 fine; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, \$500 fine (\$400 suspended on condition).

Terry J. Alston: defective equipment, \$25 fine and costs (fine suspended on condition).

Darrick T. Rogers: defective equipment, \$25 fine and costs (suspend fine on condition).

Walter B. Abrams: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to notify address change to Dept. of Transp., theft by unlawful taking, criminal mischief (two counts), criminal trespass, probation violation (three counts), bw issued for fta.

Sabrina K. Bowles: fines/fees due (\$840), court notice sent.

Donald S. Johnson: no/ expired registration plates - receipt, no operators/moped license, license to be in possession, bw issued for fta.

Samuel A. Martin: no/ expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta.

Jeanette L. Rose: disregarding stop sign, license suspended for fta.

Virginia A. Mahaffey: failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta.

Stephanie N. Miller: failure to wear seat belts, paid.

Brandon L. Broaddus: public intoxication, possession of synthetic cannabinoid agonists or piperazines, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, 30 days (to serve) each count, costs waived.

Troy W. Bradley: fines/fees due (\$278), bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or payment in full.

William Brown: fines/fees due (\$708), bw issued for fta/15 days in jail or payment in full.

David Denny: fines/fees due (\$93), bw issued for fta/2 days in jail or payment in full.

Crystal L. Fugate: fines/fees due (\$23), bw issued for fta/1 days in jail or payment in full.

Nathan T. Gibbons: fines/fees due (\$153), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.

Scott A. Goforth: fines/fees due (\$283), bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or payment in full.

Jessica A. Heller: fines/fees due (\$233), bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or payment in full.

Elisha L. Jasper: fines/fees due (\$566), bw issued for fta/12 days in jail or payment in full.

Kayla Ashley Johnson: fines/fees due (\$303), bw issued for fta/7 days in jail or payment in full.

Gary L. Kirby: fines/fees due (\$183), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.

Andra C. Lindsey: speeding and operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta.

Dallas W. Miller: fines/fees due (\$233), bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or payment in full.

Maricela Olvera: fines/fees due (\$177), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.

Tabitha W. Parsons: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine (suspended); no/ expired Kentucky registration receipt, \$25 fine (suspended), failure to produce insurance card, \$50 fine; no operators license in possession, \$100 fine and costs.

Raymond Z. Poynter: fines/fees due (\$753), bw issued for fta/16 days in jail or payment in full.

Michael L. Price: fines/fees due (\$533), bw issued for fta/11 days in jail or payment in full.

David G. Saylor: fines/fees due (\$743), bw issued for fta/15 days in jail or payment in full.

Randall Scott Smith: fines/fees due (\$163), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.

Megan R. Stewart: fines/fees due (\$882), bw issued for fta/20 days in jail or payment in full.

Nathan T. Stewart: fines/fees due (\$233), bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or payment in full.

Teresa L. Tipton: fines/fees due (\$453), bw issued for fta/10 days in jail or payment in full.

Darrell C. Washington: fines/fees due (\$408), bw issued for fta/9 days in jail or payment in full.

Eric Hughes: violation of Kentucky EPO/DVO (five counts) and probation violation (three counts) for misdemeanor offense, order entered.

Samantha Spears: criminal trespass, bw issued for fta.

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Mr. Hammons no longer resides in the county and we have been authorized to sell for the absolute high dollar.

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DAR presents awards at Christmas Dinner

The Rockcastle Chapter DAR met at the John Lair House on Monday, December 1st, for their annual Christmas dinner and meeting. Honored guests for the evening were Linda Ramsey Ashley and Judge Buzz Carloftis.

Linda Ashley was presented the Women in American History award and medal by Chapter Regent, Debbie Brown. Ms. Ashley was chosen as the chapter's winner based on her commitment and dedication to making sure Rockcastle's history is not forgotten and

remains relevant to future generations. She has also been nominated for the state and national DAR award.

Judge Buzz Carloftis was also honored by the chapter. Chapter Regent, Debbie Brown presented Judge Carloftis with a plaque from the chapter for his continued support throughout the years for the DAR organization and for their work in the community in historical preservation, education and patriotism.

New members of the chapter, Sheila Neal-Leger and Kathy Bobo were also

sworn into the organization with a candlelight ceremony.

"Patriots"

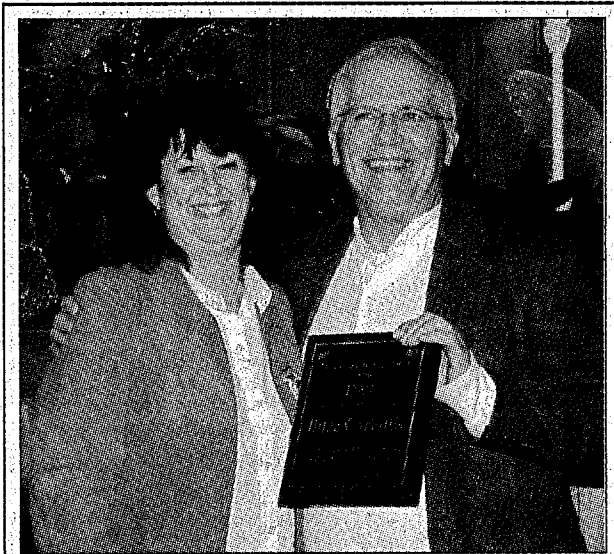
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Allen on 10 May 1788 in Powhatan, VA and soon thereafter, moved to Kentucky, settling in Rockcastle County in time for the 1810 Census. He and Martha raised at least twelve known children before his death on 26 December 1842. Martha followed in 1850. They are both buried in the Hiatt Cemetery in unmarked graves. Francis was allowed a pension in the amount of one hundred dollars annually for his service in Lee's Legion. After his death, Martha applied and received a widow's pension on 3 November 1843 in Rockcastle Co. KY.

The names of the known children of Martha and Francis comes from a page in Martha's Bible, which she had to use as proof for her widow's pension application. They are: James Ramsey (20 February 1789-30 March 1835); Elizabeth Ramsey (4 July 1790-December 1807); Richard A. Ramsey (25 February 1792-14 October 1864) married Elizabeth Donoho on 15 July 1816 in Madison Co. KY. Daniel F Ramsey (15 September 1794VA) married Mary Polly Donohoon 15 October 1816 Madison Co. KY. They had at least twelve children, ten are known: Sallie, Edmond, Robert, Richard, Mary, Elizabeth, Thomas, Harriet,



New members of the DAR Chapter, Sheila Neal-Leger and Kathy Bobo were sworn into the organization with a candlelight ceremony. Pictured from left are: Kathy Bobo, Sheila Neal-Leger, Debbie Brown and Laura Durham.



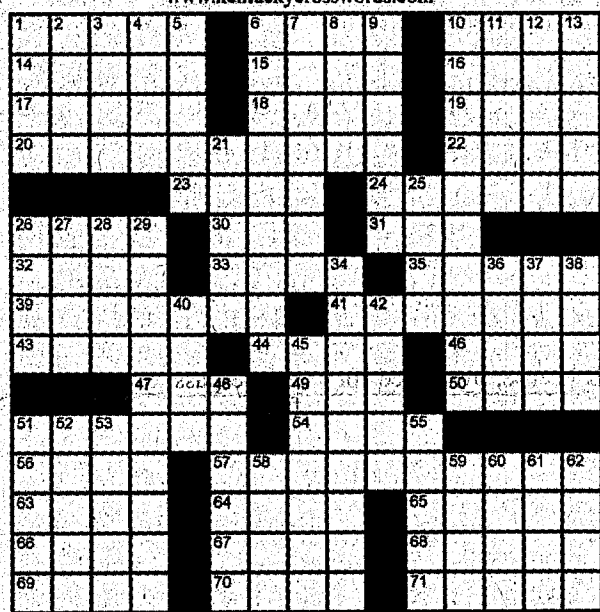
Judge Buzz Carloftis was also honored by the DAR Chapter. Chapter Regent, Debbie Brown presented Judge Carloftis with a plaque from the chapter for his continued support throughout the years for the DAR organization.



Linda Ashley (right) was presented the Women in American History award and medal by Chapter Regent, Debbie Brown.

Kentucky Crossword #661

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ACROSS

1. Unrefined
6. "Because" in internet slang
10. Chicago nine
14. Hearing-related
15. Westruck
16. Dwarf buffalo
17. Excel
18. Cleveland's lake
19. Lens holders
20. A Western Kentucky river
22. Reiner and Lowe
23. S. American monkey
24. Digital cash
26. Geiger of Geiger counter fame
30. Everyday article
31. Fa follower
32. Famous baseball family
33. Put on the payroll
35. Pond buildup
39. Young hare
41. Long-lived
43. Inedible orange
44. Consequently
45. Creme cookie
47. Gun, as an engine
49. "got it!"
50. Scottish occasionally with nans
51. Bombard
54. Chip's partner
56. High ranking teacher, for short
57. Columbus Belmont, Jenny Wiley, Cumberland Falls, etc.

63. Overwhelm
64. Songs for one
65. Gumption
66. As well
67. "Cogito _ sum"
68. Old Roman port
69. Hidden valley
70. Pride member
71. Chances upon

DOWN

1. Play group
2. European coal area
3. Soprano's song, maybe
4. Bank deposit
5. Kentuckian, photography Pulitzer winner
6. Only county in the US to fill its WWI draft quota of with all volunteers
7. Big name in jewelers
8. Mayberry boy
9. Cordwood units
10. City at confluence of Kentucky and Ohio rivers
11. Barbourville, KY college
12. Dome-shaped dessert
13. High-spirited
21. Flexible tool handle
25. Extinct ostrich cousins
26. 1983 Derby winner, Sunny's _ , or aura
27. Pub pints

SOLUTION TO KY660



Tiger Pause

Calendar
 Wednesday, December 17 - Winter Ball K - 2nd 3:30-4:30
 Thursday, December 18 - Winter Ball 3rd - 5th 3:30-4:30

PTG Meeting 5:00
 December 22 - January 2 - NO SCHOOL
 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
 Please remember to watch your local TV stations or listen to WRVK for school closings, delays or early dismissals. Please have alternate plans in place for your children in these circumstances.

A Note From The Principal...
 Dear Parents,
 At BES we make an effort every day to find the good things your child is doing and reward them with either stickers or tickets that they can use to buy prizes from our big prize box or earn privileges like eating lunch in the classroom with their teacher and a friend. We look for students who are consistently following the school rules, doing something nice for someone else or working really hard to do their best in academic

James and Daniel. Sally Ramsey (15 September 1794VA). She was the twin of Daniel. She married Harrison Parsons (1792 VA-1871 Rockcastle Co. KY). Their children were: Elizabeth, John, Sarah, Ben, Willis, Serena and Barthena. Martha Ramsey (15 April 1796-25 August 1842. Seth Ramsey (20 July 1792); Harriet Ramsey (23 July 1798); Nancy Ramsey (25 June 1801-4 November 1827) married Unknown Rogers. Francis A. Ramsey (5 May 1803-5 December 1847). He is buried at the Hiatt Cemetery in Rockcastle Co. KY. William Ramsey (4 August 1805-about 1840) married Mary Burdette on 27 January 1824. Their children were: Spencer, Francis, James, Nancy, Martha, Sarah, William and Thompson. Susany Ramsey (7 December 1807-12 January 1808); Allen Ramsey (14 December 1809-1851) married Harriet Parker (1806-1878) about 1832. Their children were: Simeon, Charles and Josiah.

Francis Ramsey is a recognized patriot of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I Civil Action No. 14-CI-00162

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Plaintiff
 V.
 Chasity Sutton a/k/a Chasity B. Sutton (deceased) Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on October 31, 2014 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of EIGHTY NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FORTY ONE DOLLARS AND 95/100 (\$89,541.95) plus interest, costs and attorney fees, I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street Mt. Vernon, Kentucky on Friday, December 12, 2014 Beginning at the Hour of 11:30 a.m.

Said property being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

185 Woodland Place, Mount Vernon, Kentucky
 Being a portion of Lot No. 10 of Woodland Place Subdivision as recorded in Plat Book No. 4, Page No. 92 (now plat slide 317) in the Rockcastle County Clerk's Office and being more fully described as follows:
 Beginning on an iron pin in the North right of way of a 50' wide roadway easement and corner to Anita Smith; thence going with the line of Anita Smith N 34 39' 16" W, 266.30 feet to an iron pin corner to Anita Smith and in the line of Mary Ida Jones; thence going with the line of Mary Ida Jones N 48 31' 22" E, 76.03 feet to an iron pin corner to Lot No. 1 (Woodland Place addition) and in the line of Mary Ida Jones; thence going with the line of Lot No. 1 (Woodland Place addition) S 39 32' 22" E, 249.60 feet to an iron pin corner to the City of Mt. Vernon and in the line of Lot No. 1 (Woodland Place addition); thence going with the line of the City of Mt. Vernon S 44 30' 00" W 8.00 feet to an iron pin S 39 32' 22" E, 8.00 feet in the North right of way of a 50' wide roadway easement and corner to the City of Mt. Vernon; thence going with said roadway easements S 44 30' 00" W, 91.20 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 0.521 acres.

Being the same property conveyed to Chasity B. Sutton, single, by deed from Kentucky Housing Corporation dated October 16, 2009 and recorded in Deed Book 228, Page 322 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

The property shall be sold on the following terms & conditions:

1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have a force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
3. The purchaser shall pay the 2014 local, county and state property taxes.
4. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
5. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
6. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
7. In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
8. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back line, restrictions or covenants or record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is."

**John D. Ford
 Master Commissioner
 Rockcastle Circuit Clerk**

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Rockcastle County Conservation District located in the USDA Service Center at 153 Andover Lane or Rockcastle County Extension Service located at 1050 West Main Street Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

COUNTY AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM (CAIP)

Applications will be available for Rockcastle County's CAIP to assist farmers in making important on-farm investments.

Application Period:
 January 5, 2015 - February 5, 2015
 No applications will be accepted after February 5, 2015.

Application Availability:
 Rockcastle County Conservation District or Rockcastle County Extension Service
 Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

For More Information:
 Contact: Sandy Whitaker at 606-256-2525 ext. 3 or Tom Mills at 606-256-2403.

All applications are scored, based on the scoring criteria set by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board.

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

Special Christmas Program

There will be a very special Christmas program at Union Baptist Church at Red Hill this Thursday night, Dec. 11th at 7 o'clock. Everyone is welcome. Please come and bring someone with you.

Operation Give Hope

Operation Give Hope, a ministry of compassion to the people of Rockcastle County, provides children with a new toy for Christmas. This event will be held Saturday, Dec. 13th at

Northside Baptist Church from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Blankets, coats and shoes will also be available along with food and fellowship for everyone.

For more information, contact Rockcastle Baptist Association at 606-256-4571.

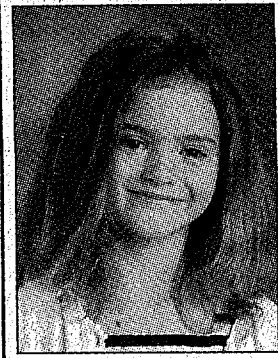
Gospel Singing

Lighthouse Baptist Church will have a gospel singing on Sat., Dec. 13th beginning at 6 p.m. Featured singers will be the Kentucky Mountain Trio from Stearns.

The church is located at 1391 Gabbardtown Road, Berea.

Christmas Play

"A Christmas To Believe In" is the name of the play that will be presented Thursday and Friday, Dec. 18 and 19 at 7 o'clock each night at Lighthouse Baptist Church, 1391 Gabbardtown Road, Berea.



Ms. Lauren Sanders celebrated her 7th birthday on December 5, 2014 at Skatetown, USA with nine of her friends and their parents. She is the daughter of Bob and Angela; sister of Conner, granddaughter of Charles and Jean Sanders of West Chester, OH, and Ben and Sally Chapman of Wyoming, OH.

Variety of events Saturday at Kentucky Artisan Center

On Saturday, Dec. 13, visitors to the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea will enjoy a variety of events with Cynthia Cusick demonstrating her inlaid pottery decoration techniques, musician Jan Hill performing holiday favorites on the harp and gallery tours given through the center's current exhibit.

Cusick, of Irvine, grew up in a suburban town near New York City and spent 15 years living in Manhattan and Brooklyn working as a graphic designer. After enjoying and observing the gritty and busy life in the Big Apple, Cusick yearned for a quieter, more rural lifestyle. Following her sister, she came to Kentucky in the late '90s and went back to school, earning her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in ceramics and metalsmithing from Eastern Kentucky University.

Much of Cusick's ceramic work involves organic themes and metaphors from her life experiences. She works in porcelain and uses a variety of decorating techniques, including inlaying layers of color with underglazes and clay engobes. Her works reflect her graphic design background using strong lines and patterns. Cusick enjoys drawing animal imagery as well on the surfaces of her pottery, and will be demonstrating her inlay techniques from

10:30 to 3:30 that day.

Also on Dec. 13, music on the harp will be heard throughout the center, performed by Jan Hill.

Born in Nebraska and raised in Oklahoma, Hill dreamed of playing the harp when as a child she heard it played. That dream was not realized until she and her husband finished their careers as Baptist missionaries in the Philippines; where they ministered for nearly four decades. Hill purchased a harp, taught herself to play and then took harp classes in Singapore and the U.S.

After retiring and moving to Lexington in 2001, Hill began playing at a variety of venues throughout the region. She will be playing a variety of sacred and secular holiday music in sets from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. that day.

Visitors can also enjoy free guided tours through the center's gallery exhibit, "Put a Lid On It: Containers by Kentucky Artisans" at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

"Put a Lid On It" features over 45 artists and includes works made from clay, wood, leather, glass beads, felted wool, alabaster, old children's building blocks, cast glass, Kentucky agate, sterling silver and recycled materials.

These free, guided exhibit tours will be led by Kentucky Artisan Center staff, who will talk about the exhibit, artists and individual works. Staff will answer questions about the techniques and various processes used in the objects featured.

Ceramics by Cusick and music by Hill are regularly available 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 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 700 artisans from more than 100 counties across the Commonwealth.

For more information about the center's events call 859-985-5448, visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kentuckyartisancenter, or go to the center's website www.kentuckyartisancenterky.gov.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

CHOCOLATE PEANUT CLUSTERS

2 pounds salted peanuts
4 ounces German sweet chocolate

12 ounces semisweet chocolate chips
2 to 2 and 1/2 pounds white almond bark
Place in crockpot in order given. Set on LOW; cover and cook for 3 hours. DO NOT STIR during that time.

After 3 hours, stir until smooth. Drop into mini-cupcake liners. Allow to cool before removing the liners.

CRACKER CANDY
These were neighbor Joanne's Christmas gifts to the neighbors in 2012.

40 saltine crackers
1 cup butter
1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar

1 bag (12 ounce) milk chocolate chips
1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts

Preheat oven to 400°. Line a 12 x 18 cookie sheet with foil; spray foil with Pam or your favorite cooking spray. Lay out crackers end to end on foil.

In a saucepan, melt butter. Add brown sugar. Bring to a boil; boil hard for 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Mixture will be frothy looking. Pour over the crackers; bake for 5 minutes.

Remove cookie sheet from oven; sprinkle the hot crackers (be careful) with the chocolate chips. Let

stand for 5 minutes. Use a small spatula to spread the chips around. Sprinkle nuts over chocolate. Chill in refrigerator for several hours or overnight. When hard, remove from foil and break into pieces. Store in airtight container.

PINA COLADA CANDY
1/3 cup chopped dried pineapple

2/3 cup shredded coconut
1/3 cup chopped macadamia nuts

1 tablespoon rum
2 cups white chocolate chips

Combine the pineapple, coconut, nuts, and rum in a small bowl. Let set for 3 hours so fruit can absorb rum.

Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil.

Melt white chocolate chips in a microwave-safe bowl. Microwave until it is melted, stirring every 45 seconds to prevent it from scorching.

Stir the pineapple/coconut mixture into the melted chocolate.

Working before the candy hardens, quickly scoop spoonfuls of the mixture onto the prepared baking sheet. Place the candy in the refrigerator to set for 15 minutes.

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Bookmobile Schedule

Mon., Dec. 15th: Scaffold Cane, Disputanta, Clear Creek and Wildie. Tues., Dec. 16th: Pongo, Ky. Hwy. 3245, Bryant Ridge. Wed., Dec. 17th: Child Development, Seek 'n Learn, Tic-Toc Preschool, Day Health & Senior Citizens, Wayne Stewart Senior Citizens.

Operation Give Hope

Operation Give Hope provides children with a new toy for Christmas. Blankets, coats and shoes will also be available along with food and fellowship for everyone on December 13th at Northside Baptist Church. Donations of toys, coats, blankets and shoes are being solicited. For more information, contact Rockcastle Baptist Association at 606-256-4571.

Circuit Clerk's Holiday Schedule

The Circuit Court Clerk's office will be closed December 25th and 26th for Christmas and January 1, 2 and 3 for the New Year's Holiday.

CVFD Turkey Shoot

Climax Volunteer Fire Department will hold a Turkey Shoot on Saturday, December 13th, beginning at 11 a.m. at the fire station. Shotgun gauges 12, 16, 20 and 410. Food and drinks available.

Livingston Fire & Rescue Turkey Shoots

Livingston Fire & Rescue will hold a Turkey Shoot on Saturday, December 27th, beginning at 10 a.m. at David Mason's garage, north of Livingston on U.S. 25. 410-16-20-12 gauge shotguns only! No custom guns. Judge's decision final. \$2 a shot. Shells furnished by fire department. Concessions will be sold.

Mt. Vernon Council Meeting

The Mt. Vernon City Council will hold their regular meeting Monday, Dec. 15th at 7 p.m.

CCFFG

Concerned Citizens for Fair Government will not meet during December. They would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah.

DAR Meetings

The Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meets the first Monday of each month, September-May at 6 p.m. at First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon. All prospective members are welcome to attend.

Brodhead Lodge Meeting

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Kiwanis Club Meetings

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

Historical Society Hours

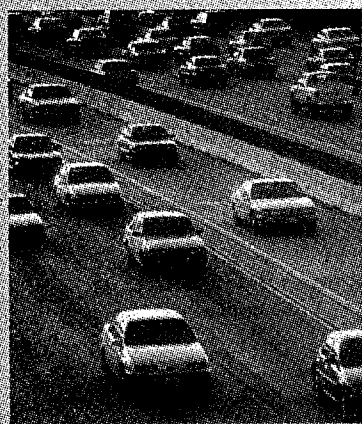
The Rockcastle Historical Society is open on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the RTEC garage building.

American Legion Post 71

American Legion Post 71 meets the second Thursday at 6 p.m. of each month at the Limestone Grill. Commander Tommy Hodges invites all Rockcastle veterans to join this organization that honors American soldiers, sailors and airmen.

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Church Directory

Believers House of Prayer
156 Scenic View Lane
U.S. 25 N, left at 18 mile marker
Renfro Valley, Ky.
Sabbath School Sat. 10-11 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Pastor: **Bill Davis**
bhopp@ymail.com

Berea Gospel Tabernacle
231 US 25 South
Berea, KY
Tuesday Night 7 p.m.
Sunday Night 6 p.m.
Pastor: **Ralph Chasteen**

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

Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Video services Tues., Thurs., & Sat. at 11 a.m., 4 p.m., & 9 p.m.
Channel 3 - New Wave
Cable Channel 5 in Berea and Richmond 1 p.m. Wednesdays
Pastor: **Don Stayton**
Associate Pastor/Youth:
Bro. Jeremy Ellis
Kids for Christ
Children's Ministry:
Bro. Jarrod Amyx
Secretary: Jo Roberts
Music Director: Dan Dull

Blue Springs Church of Christ
7 miles south of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Rd)
Services:
Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Preaching Brethren
Zade McClure, Gary Reppert, Marcus Reppert
Contact Info:
Marcus Reppert
104 Byrda Way • Mt. Vernon, Ky.
606-308-2794
marcusreppert24@hotmail.com

Bride of Christ Church
100 High St. Mt. Vernon
Sundays 6:00 p.m.
Thursdays 7:00 p.m.
Pastor **Darlisa Holder**
606-416-7136
606-379-6335

Brodhead Baptist Church
Corner of Silver & Maple St.
Brodhead, Ky. 40409
606-758-8316
Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.
(Nursery Provided)
Sunday Youth Bible Study 5 p.m.
Wednesday Adult & Youth Worship/Bible Study 7 p.m.
Children's Programs:
RAs & GAs
Mission Friends and Creative Ministry
Ralph Baker, Pastor
Brodhead Christian Church
237 W. Main St. Brodhead
606-758-8721
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

Brush Creek Holiness Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.
Lonnie R. McGuire, Pastor

Buffalo Baptist Church
Located 15 miles south of Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Rd.)
606-256-4988
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:15 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Tim Owens, Pastor

Calloway Baptist Church
76 Calloway Branch Rd.
(Off US 25) • Calloway
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.
George Renner, Pastor
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308-2806 - 256-4138 - 256-5977
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Terry Thornton, Minister
Climax Holiness Church
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.
Thursday Nights 7 p.m.
3rd Sat. of every month at 7 p.m.

Conway Missionary Baptist
U.S. 25 between Mount Vernon and Berea

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service and Bible Study 7 p.m.
Youth Meetings:
Sunday 5 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Bobby Turner, Pastor
606-758-4007

Crab Orchard Pentecostal
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Tuesday Evening 7 p.m.
Pastor: **Donald King**
606-355-7595

Crossroads Assembly of God
Hwy. 150 • Brodhead
Bro. Steven Vanhook, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.
Dixie Park Cornerstone
700 N. Powell St. Berea, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Joe Vanwinkle, Pastor

Fairview Baptist Church
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.
Youth Ministry QUEST 7 p.m.
RAs and GAs 7 p.m.
Mission Friends 6 p.m.
Vaughn Rasor, Pastor
606-256-3722
email: fairviewbapt@aol.com

Faith Chapel Pentecostal
S. Wilderness Road
Mount Vernon, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.
Jack Carpenter, Pastor

First Baptist Church
340 West Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 606-256-2922
Neal Thornton, Pastor
Jesse Wright, Assoc. Pastor/Youth
website: www.fbcmtvky.org
email: fbcmtvemon@newwave.net
Sunday Services: 8:20 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.
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Sundays at 11 a.m. and Broadcast on New Wave Cable Channel 3 Tues., Thurs. & Sunday at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. & 8 p.m.

First Christian Church
West Main St. Mt. Vernon
606-256-2876
Bro. Bruce Ross, Pastor
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Flat Rock Missionary Baptist
504 Maple Grove Rd. Hwy. 1004
Orlando, Ky.
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Fellowship Hour 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Jack Stallsworth, Pastor
Contact: 606-308-0124

Freedom Baptist Church
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Mt. Vernon
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
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Children's Church 11 a.m.
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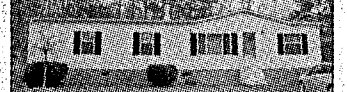
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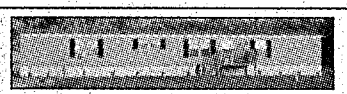
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Notice: On December 20, 2014 at the hour of 9 a.m., I will sell the contents of Unit 44 of Perry & Amy Mink Properties, LLC at the premises located at 110 Old Somerset Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. All purchases shall be in cash and the property shall be removed on the date of sale. 51x1

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JROTC attends Alvin C. York Drill Meet

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On Saturday, December 6th, the Rockcastle County JROTC Drill Team traveled to Jamestown, Tennessee to compete in the Alvin C. York Drill Agricultural Institute Drill Meet. The Mighty Rocket Drill Team competed in six events throughout the course of the day on Saturday: Squad Inspection, Squad Regulation Drill, Color Guard, Solo Exhibition, Armed IDR Knockout, and Academic Competition.

During the Squad Inspection, eight squad members and one commander were inspected by Drill Sergeants in the Army Reserve. A Drill Sergeant would inspect each cadet's uniform and ask general knowledge questions about JROTC, military history, and current events. The cadets were graded on their military bearing, confidence, and their professionalism.

In Squad Regulation phase, 8 squad members and 1 commander marched

in a given sequence around the drill floor. The squad was graded by their sharpness in their marching skills, their military bearing, and how well they followed the given sequence.

The Drill Team's Varsity and Junior Varsity Color Guards competed in the Color Guard phase. A Color Guard consists of 4 cadets; two cadets are the guards and the other two carrying the State and National flags. Each Color Guard is graded according to the given marching sequence, their professionalism, sharpness, and how well they can execute commands.

During the Solo Exhibition phase of the competition, each cadet competes individually on how well they can spin a drill rifle, how well their routine is, and the sharpness of their drill.

Armed IDR (Individual Drill Regulation) Knockout, is when all cadets compete against one another to see who can execute basic

drill commands the best. Drill Sergeants grade this event and they will check how well each cadet's military bearing is and how sharp they are with the rifle.

During the Academic portion of the competition, five cadets worked as a team to answer a set of questions over military history, current events, and basic Junior ROTC knowledge.

Over ten teams from different schools across Kentucky and Tennessee competed in the annual Drill Meet. Rockcastle County did exceptional in this competition. The Varsity Color Guard placed fourth overall, the Academic Team placed 4th overall, and Solo Exhibitionist Addison Atkin placed first overall.



The following cadets competed from Rockcastle County in the Sergeant York Drill Meet: Addison Atkin, Nathaniel Barnett, Tori Barron, Clare Beichler, Stephen Blevins, Kaytlyn Davidson, Robert Davis, Elijah Didelot, Jacob Durham, Dana Hatfield, Tabatha Henson, Tim Henson, Will Martin, Desiree Mason, Will Merritt, Dakota Messinger, Lyndsay Newcomb, Zach Pheanis, Shetarra Prickett, Austin Ramsey, Amber Rice, Andrew Sizemore, and Kiara Welch.

Minds in the Middle

Thanks to our RCMS students and staff over 400 food items were collected during our annual Unite Club food drive. These items were donated to the Grateful Bread food pantry.

Our 8th grade class is currently selling spots on the Wall of Money. They are collecting donations for their 8th trip. If they can sell half of the spots on the wall, Mr. Hendrickson will be dressing up as Santa Claus next Friday. See an 8th grader to make a donation.

We are now taking orders for yearbooks. Students should have brought home order forms. Extra forms are available in the office. These are available for \$30 until Christmas break. The price will increase to \$35 after Christmas.

We now have ESS on Thursdays. Students who need some extra help with their assignments can stay after school until 4:45. Transportation is provided. There will be archery prac-

tice on Thursday as well. Students who are interested in archery, but have not yet joined can still do so.

The RCMS Cheerleaders will be sponsoring Holiday Movie Night this Friday after school until 5:00. Pre-sale tickets are \$2 or 2 non-perishable food items. Tickets purchased on Friday are \$3.

Congratulations to our Y-Club students who attended the Kentucky Youth Assembly. They all did a wonderful job representing RCMS. Congratulations especially to Kylee Fain on receiving an outstanding delegate award and to Evan Hendrickson who was elected as President of the Senate. Congratulations also to Kyle Coffey, Gentry Phillips, and Camden Mink on having an Outstanding Premier Bill.

We are proud of Mrs. Bobo's 6th grade Voyagers on winning the attendance race last week. Mrs. Hopkins' 7th grade Adventure's Battle in 2nd followed

by Mr. Gabbard's 6th grade Enterprisers homeroom.

The Academic Team finished their regular season with a win at Wayne County making their overall record five wins and one loss. In Language Arts, Tessa Pickle placed first and Carly Cromer placed third. In Arts and Humanities, Aden Amburgey placed second and Clay Kirby placed fourth. In Math, Drew Bullock, placed second and JJ Clouse placed fourth. In Social Studies, Katie Vance placed first and Lexi Hasty placed second. And, in Science, Luke Peavie placed second and Jonathan Cain placed third.

The RCMS Choir Christmas Concert will be Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning.

We now have drug testing kits free to all parents. The test is a saliva test and is very easy to give. This is a great resource for parents who have suspicions that their child may be using drugs. The kits are sponsored by Unite and can be picked up in our Youth Services Center.

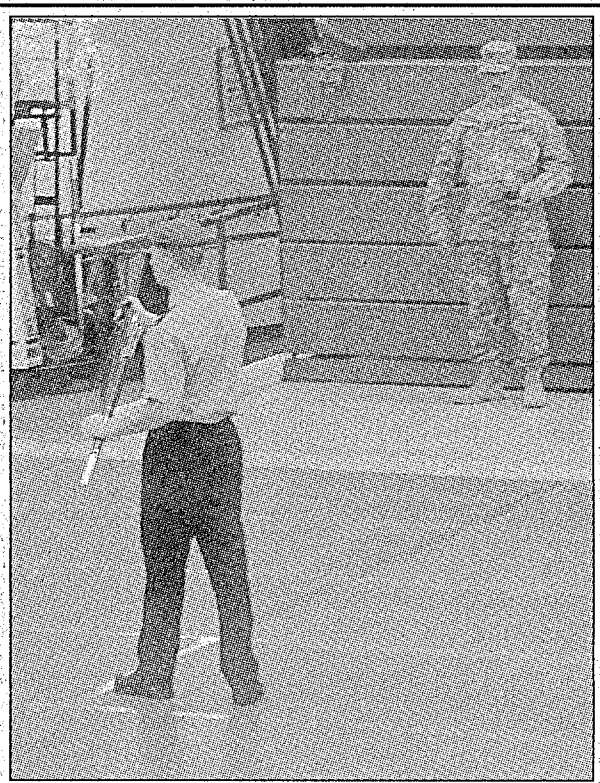
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Roundstone Elementary School will host Market Day (today) Thursday, December 11 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Please come out and support our young entrepreneurs.

Any profits made go directly to the students participating in Market Day.

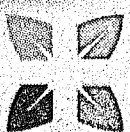
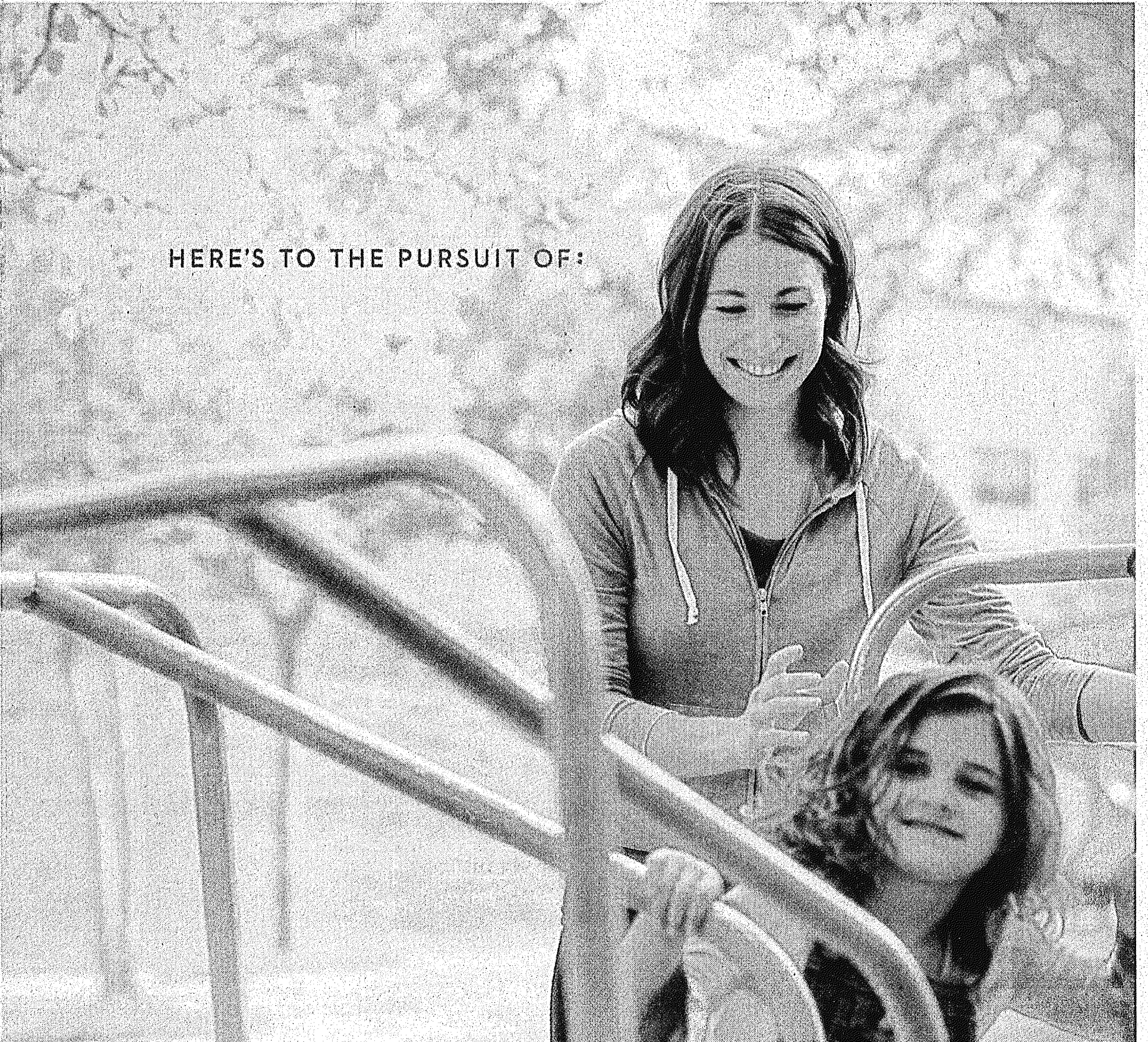
Students are involved in the E-Discovery Learning Program that provides grant money to foster entrepreneurship in small business. Students are taught economic concepts and asked to produce a product or service to market. Some products available will be Christmas ornaments, picture frames, personalized plates, and much more.

There will also be an assortment of refreshments such as Christmas candy, popcorn, snow cones, cookies, coco, and Sandy Candy. Exciting carnival games can be played by all. Hope to see you there. Unfortunately, we are only able to accept cash at this event.



Cadet Addison Atkin performs his 1st Place Solo Exhibition routine.

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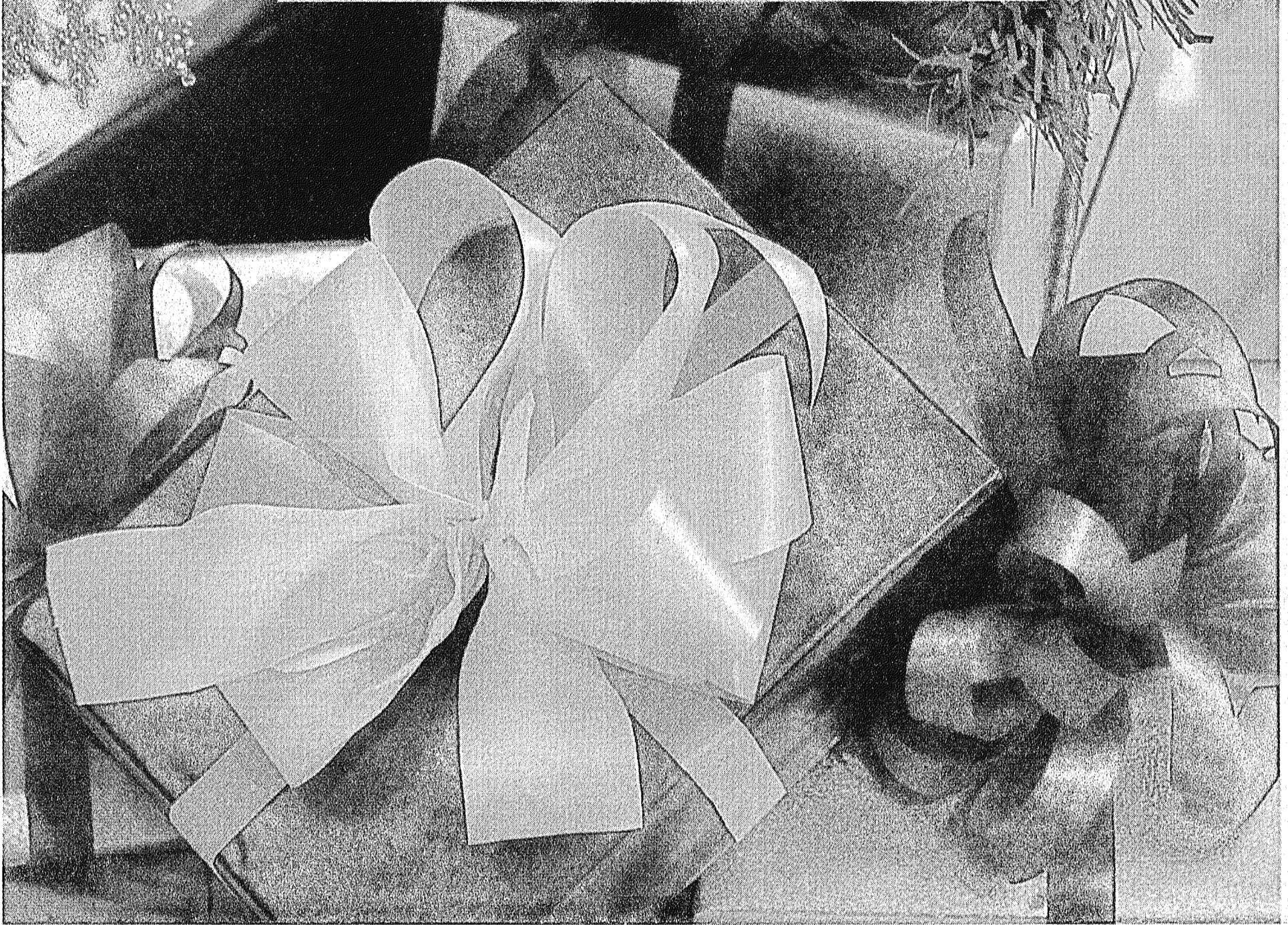
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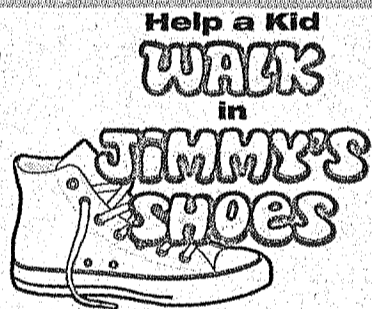
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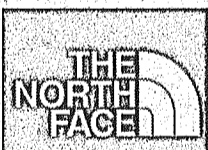


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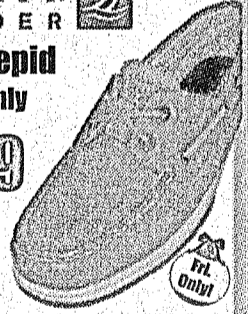


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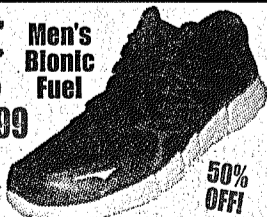
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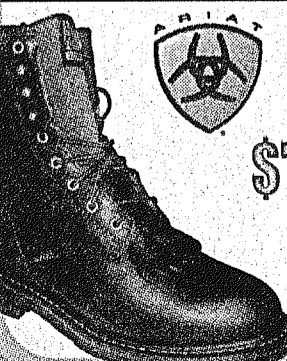
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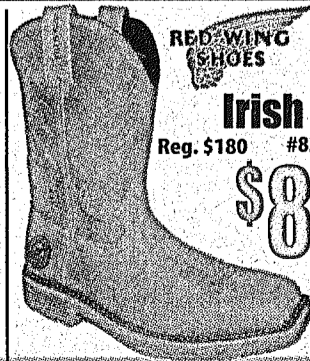


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COMMUNITY COMING TOGETHER FOR CHRISTMAS SING DEC. 14

By Machaela Ballard
Register News Writer

The third annual Madison County Community Christmas Concert will take place 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at the ECU Center for the Arts.

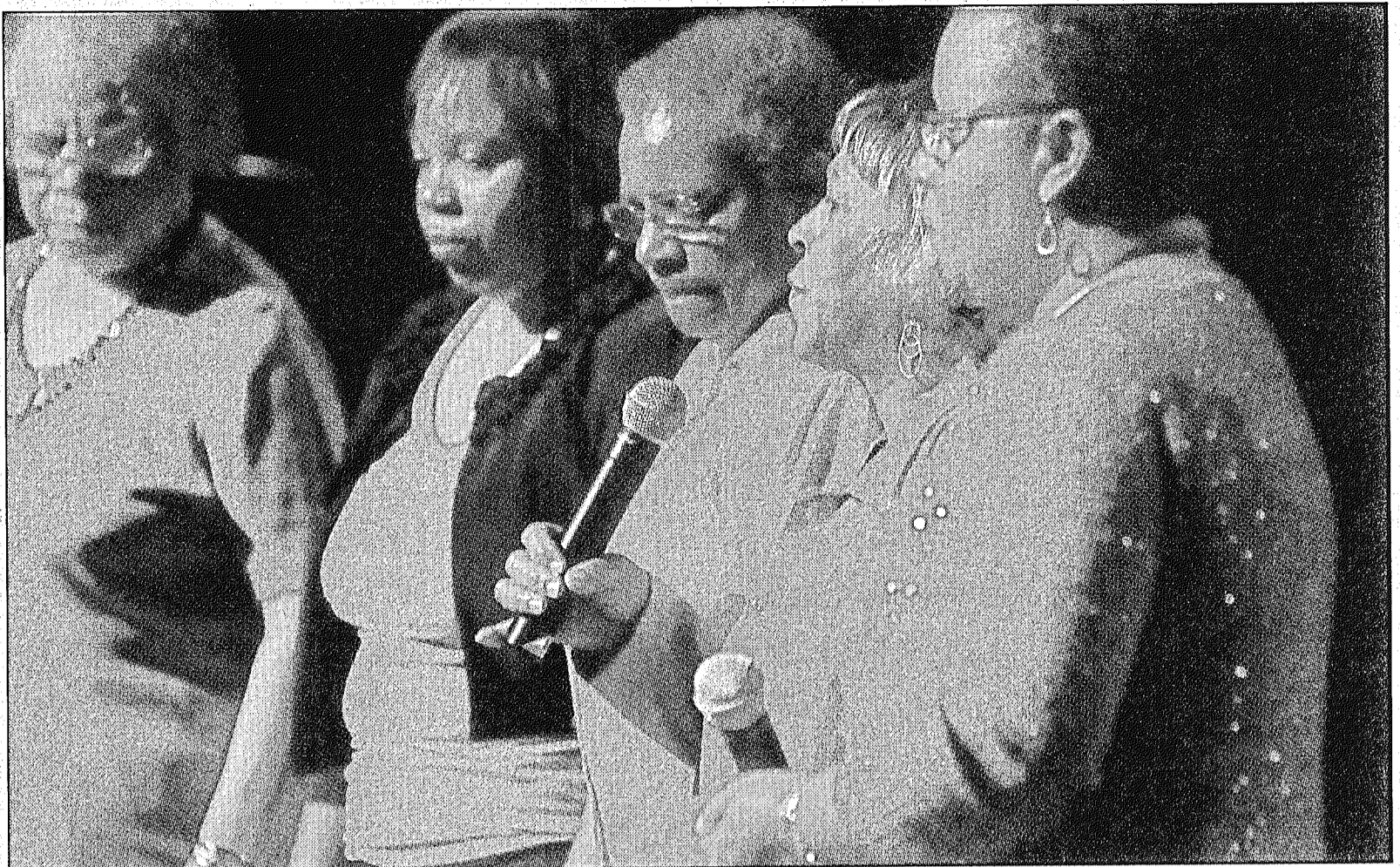
Groups and individuals have been making plans to participate for more than a month to bring the community together to celebrate the season in song, said the Rev. Howard Miller, the event's main organizer.

Choirs, soloists, special guests and a band will all collaborate into one explosive afternoon, Miller said.

Eastern Kentucky University President Michael Benson will be playing piano for the concert, Miller said.

"I can't think of anything that would have been more suitable," he said. "Dr. Benson is a builder, a president, but he's also one of us and wanted to jump right in when he heard what we were doing."

In lieu of their usual Christmas concert, the Madison Community Band has decided to join forces for other groups the celebration. Dr. John Stroube, band director, said when he heard of the



Members of the First Baptist Church, Francis Street, choir sing for a past Madison County Community Christmas Celebration.

celebration, he knew combining the band with community choirs and soloists was the right move.

"I called Howard and asked him why we

weren't doing something together," Stroube said. "So we met and made sure we were compatible with the variously talented event Howard has put together."

Although church choirs, soloists and a band have typically met onstage for a mass community choir as the highlight of the celebration, this is the first year that pastors and ministers are additionally being asked

to join as a choir dubbed "The Singing Theologians," Miller said.

Clergy may participate regardless of talent level, Miller said. "Pastors who can't sing are welcome to lip-sync," Miller said with a laugh.

"We are looking forward to seeing many ministers as well as ministers of music joining us in song and celebration," said Miller, who is pastor of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Kirksville.



The Rev. Robert Blythe directs the First Baptist Church, Francis Street, choir at a past Madison County Community Christmas Celebration.



A.J. Bodnar and Liza DiSavino of Berea perform for a past Madison County Community Christmas Celebration.

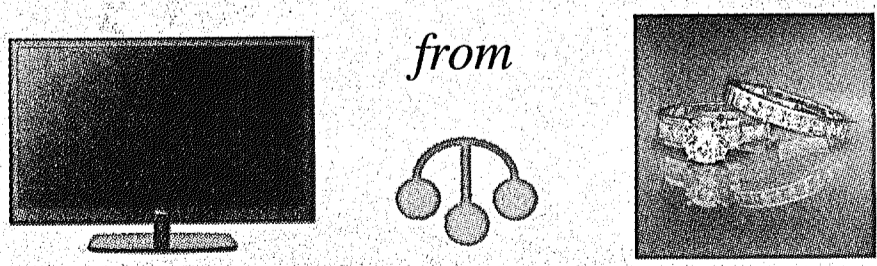
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Christmas of long ago to come alive at Irvinton

Travel just a little way but nearly 150 years back in time to Richmond's Christmas at Irvinton on Dec. 13-14.

This trek to the Christmas of yesteryear will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at the elegant, tranquil Irvinton House in Richmond's Irvine-McDowell Park, 345 Lancaster Ave.

Guests will experience a variety of scenes from Christmas in the mid-19th century.

The 194-year-old home will welcome Santa Claus, dressed as was depicted during the Civil War era. He will be available for photos and meet-and-greets with children and families both days.

Each room of the restored home will transform into a scene from the history, said Richmond Tourism Director Lori Tatum.

On Christmas Day in 1857, Elizabeth S. Irvine was presented the deed for the Irvinton Estate by her father, the second county clerk of Madison County. The Battle of Richmond Association will reenact the transaction along with other historically accurate proceedings.

"We have been decorating each room with as much accu-



A scene from the mid-19th century is depicted in the children's bedroom of Irvinton House.

racy and authenticity as we can," Tatum said. "We want to have as many people as possible to come out and enjoy it."

In the children's bedroom, youngsters will sit in a circle playing games and reading sto-

ries as adults chat.

In the dining room, one of Kentucky's leading Unionists, Curtis Field Burnam, will discuss plans to pay soldiers' who have safely returned to Richmond. He also will talk

about eating his holiday dinner at the St. Charles Hotel.

In her sitting room, Elizabeth Irvine will be telling her Presbyterian minister, Joseph Addison Smith, about how the loss of her children has tested

her faith.

In his room, David Irvine will be talking with young boys about the kinds of gifts they would like for Christmas. He will tell them how toy guns have caused some accidents.

Admission is \$5 per person, but no more than \$15 per family. Half of the proceeds will be donated to the Salvation Army's Richmond unit and the other half will benefit the Battle of Richmond Association.

Because Mrs. Irvine lost all five of her children before they reached adulthood, it is believed that she donated the home to be used as a park so it would forever be used by children, Tatum said.

"We think she would be happy to have children enjoying the house," Tatum said. "We are honoring her memory by cherishing children and the magical spirit of Christmas."

The event is a cooperative venture of Richmond Tourism and the Battle of Richmond Association.

For directions or more details, call the Battle of Richmond Visitors Center at 859-624-0013 or Richmond Tourism at 859-626-8474 or toll-free at 800-866-3705.

Civil War era recipes FROM BATTLE OF RICHMOND ASSOCIATION

BRAISED AND CRISPY ROAST DUCK

(A favorite of Confederate Gen. Benjamin Huger)

Dress duck and rinse carefully inside and out with cold water. Rub all around, both inside and out, with salt and pepper. Fill ducks cavity with your favorite stuffing. Carefully sew up opening.

Lay duck on its back on rack of roasting pan and baste liberally with orange juice. Sear in oven at 500 degrees for 15 minutes. Then reduce heat to 300 degrees. Cover roasting pan.

Let duck roast until tender. Continue to baste with orange juice every 10 minutes. Allow 20 to 25 minutes roasting time per pound of duck.

Serve with cranberry sauce and sweet potatoes.

FRUIT JUBILEE SCHRUB

(A favorite of Gen. Edmund Kirby Smith, Confederate commander at the Battle of Richmond)

- 3 cups sugar
- 3 cups water
- 3 cups tea
- 2 cups grape juice
- 2 cups blackberry juice
- 1 cup gooseberry juice
- Juice of 6 lemons
- Juice of 4 oranges
- 5 cups ice water

Make syrup by blending sugar and water in large kettle. Bring to boil and let cook 10 minutes. Set aside to cool. Combine cooled syrup with tea. Add various juices and ice water. Pour over cracked ice in punch bowl. Makes 30 servings.

MINCEMEAT COOKIES

- 1 cup butter
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 eggs, well beaten
- 3 cups flour
- 1 cup mincemeat
- 1/8 tsp. ginger
- 1 tsp. nutmeg
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. cloves
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 cup walnuts, chopped

Cream the butter and sugar in a large wooden mixing bowl until it is light and fluffy. Stir in beaten eggs and enough flour to prevent

mixture from curdling. Add mincemeat and mix well.

Sift together in a separate bowl the rest of the flour, ginger, nutmeg, baking soda, cloves and salt. When finished, blend these ingredients and the chopped walnuts to the mixture in the first bowl. The cookie mixture should be almost stiff enough to roll.

Drop from a teaspoon onto a greased baking pan. Keep at least 2 inches apart to allow room to spread.

Bake at 375 degrees for about 10 minutes. Makes about 4 dozen 2 1/2 inch cookies.

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Christmas dance school starts Dec. 26

Although students won't be back from their holiday break, hundreds of people will be arriving on Berea College campus the day after Christmas as the 76th Christmas Country Dance School gets underway that evening. It will continue through New Year's Eve.

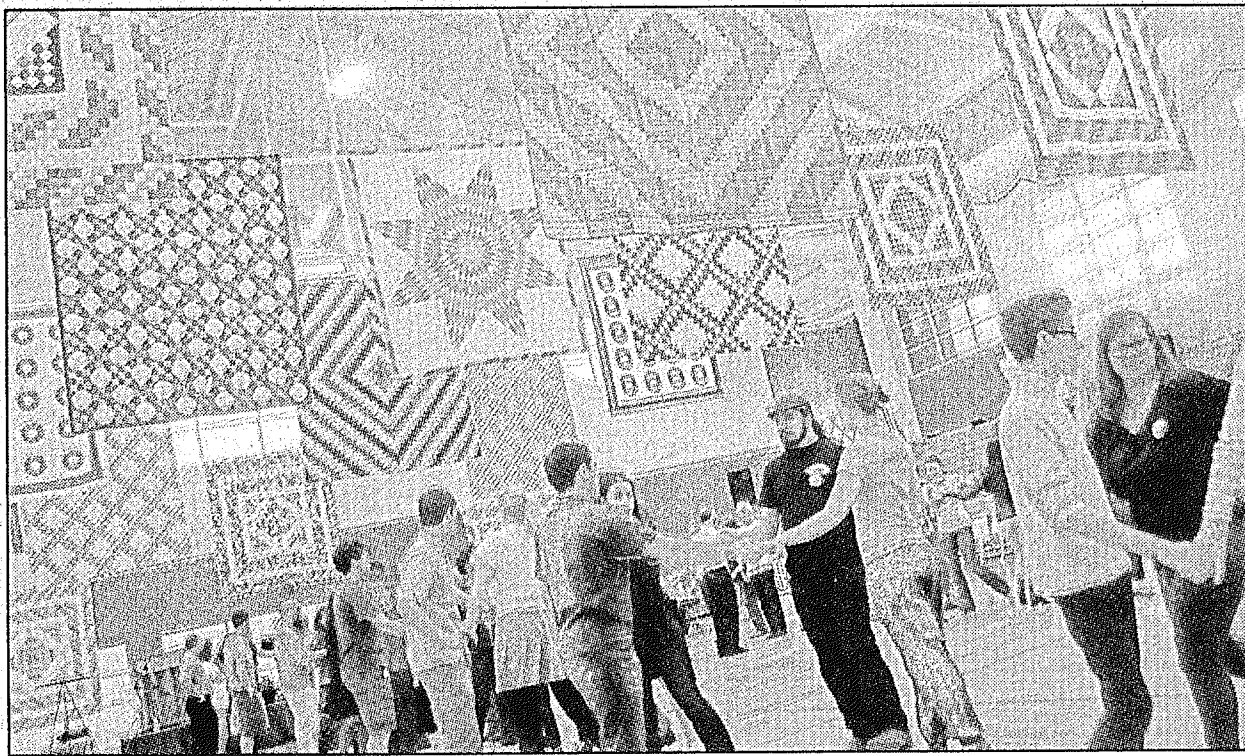
Participants will enjoy country dancing based on authentic English, Irish, Scandinavian and North American traditions, learning new styles and improving their performance of old ones.

There will be folk drama, storytelling, singing and crafts activities for teachers, youth leaders, recreation personnel and everyone else! Christmas Country Dance School, is devoted to the practice and enjoyment of authentic folk material.

While it's too late to be a full participant in the activities, three evening programs will be open to the public, Dec. 26, 28 and 30. Admission of \$20 will be charged at the door.

Almost all activities will take place in the Berea College Seabury Center.

For more details, email ccds@bereda.edu or call 985-3431.



The dancing begins the evening of Dec. 26 at the Christmas Country Dance School in Berea.

A VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS

By Bonnie Dalley
Register News Writer

White Hall State Park, located at 500 White Hall Shrine Road, can be seen in a different perspective this Christmas than normal. On Dec. 12-13, from 6 to 8 p.m., 10,000 square feet of White Hall will be decorated for Christmas. A self guided tour will lead you through history with the different themed rooms, and into the basement where you'll find a band playing African music.

"Our goal was to show the difference between the splendor of Christmas in the Victorian era, how nice and upper class it was, then to the basement

to see how the less fortunate spent their Christmas," park manager, Kathleen White said. "Tuesday Morning Dulcimers will also be performing in the drawing room, and refreshments will be available on site."

Decorating for Christmas at White Hall began the last week of October, and will finally come alive the first week of December.

"I think it's exciting because everyone is always really happy around Christmas time, and it is always fun to present the museum in a way that people normally don't see it as," White said. "Every room is deco-

rated with a different theme, and different story to show history and the Christmas spirit. The lights, glitter and music really add to the set up, and have been a big hit in the past."

It is \$10 for adults, \$8 for groups of 10 or more and those with military, senior or triple A, \$4 for children ages 6 to 12. Guests are asked to bring non-perishable food items when they come to see the decorations so that White Hall can donate the items to the Salvation Army. All money raised during this time will be going back into White Hall State Park, and to future events for the public.

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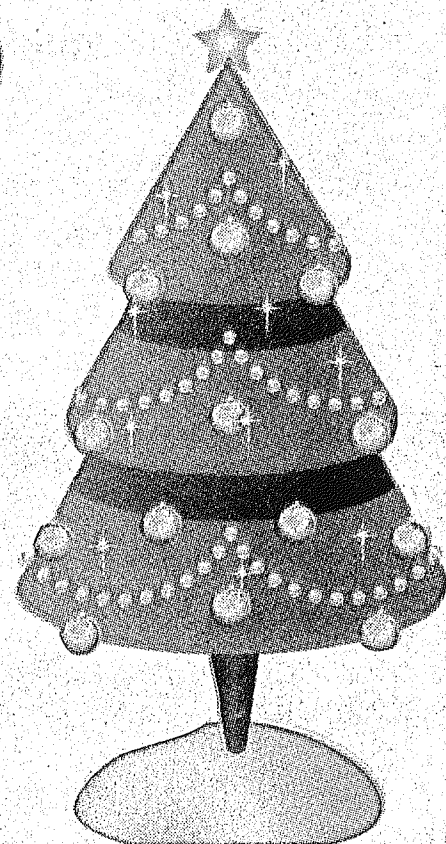
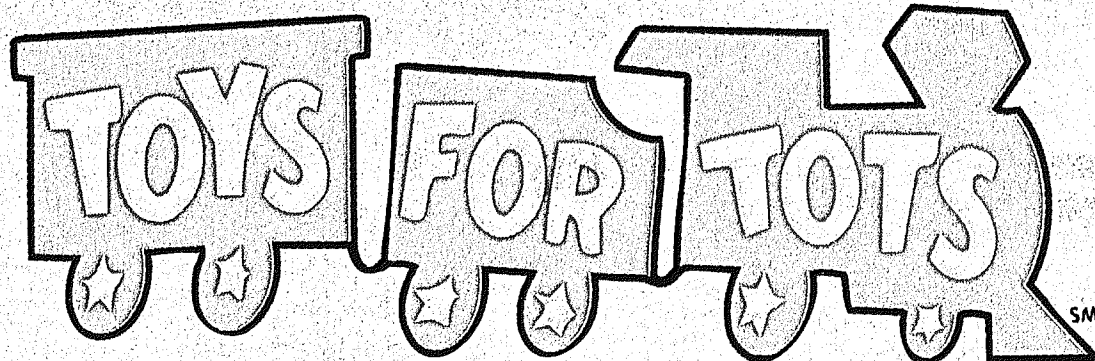
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A Santa Lucia procession with young women in white robes carrying candles concludes the Danish-American Christmas celebration.

Danish-American Christmas celebration Dec. 14 in Berea

The nonprofit Folk Circle Association of Berea will host its 22nd annual Danish American Christmas Celebration, 5 p.m. Sunday, December 14, at the Russel Acton Folk Center.

All are invited to celebrate Christmas with traditions from both America and Denmark.

There will be Santa's workshops, Christmas carols, story telling, food and dancing around a real spruce with live candles in the middle of the folk center.

The celebration will conclude with a candlelight Santa Lucia procession. For details, call Sune Frederiksen at 986-7584.

ORIGINAL ART, ORIGINAL GIFT

Machaeta Ballard
Register Staff Writer

What is typically a gallery throughout the rest of the year, the Berea Arts Council building in Old Town Berea will transform into a unique shopping experience during its "Original Art, Original Gift" holiday shopping event from Dec. 14-30, said BAC executive director Gwen Childs.

Approximately 30 artists will have items that are not typically sold elsewhere, said Childs.

Handmade items rang-

ing from stitched fabric baskets and quilted pieces, functional wooden pieces, pottery from several studios, holiday cards and metalwork will be available for purchase Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

"We ask local artists whose art isn't necessarily covered in other shops, to display with us for the holidays," Childs said. "Berea has a reputation for being the folk arts and crafts center of Kentucky and there are a lot of artists trying to make a living here. We want to

give all an equal opportunity."

The transformation from gallery to shop is something the council looks forward to every year, Childs said. It's an opportunity for all to shop because there are items at every price level, she added.

"Keeping handmade items idea in mind, it's a wonderful opportunity for us to keep it all concentrated into one area. It's also an opportunity to find that right, handmade gift for the holidays," she said.

Salvation Army serves those in need, thanks to donations at Christmas

By Bonnie Dailey
Register News Writer

Christmas bells are ringing around Richmond again this year, thanks to Salvation Army Volunteers.

And thanks to those who drop money into the Salvation Army's red kettles, life will be a bit easier for many in Madison County at Christmas and through 2015.

"I want to emphasize how important this is for our organization," Lt. Dominique Darby of the Salvation Army said of the group's Christmas season appeal. "This is how we support our programs for the upcoming year, and make it possible to help people in our community. We are always looking for volunteers to help."

Many youngsters will have presents on Christmas morning thanks to those

who took an angel from Christmas trees set up in local stores and then purchased presents for the child described on the angel.

Among the Salvation Army's most important services, especially during the winter, is its emergency shelter. They saw an increase in people needing shelter as unseasonably cold temperatures were recorded before Thanksgiving this year.

Individuals may stay in the emergency center for up to 30 days at a time. The intake time is between 6 and 10 p.m. daily.

The Salvation Army's Richmond unit also serves meals in its kitchen three days a week and operates a Thrift Store, among other services.

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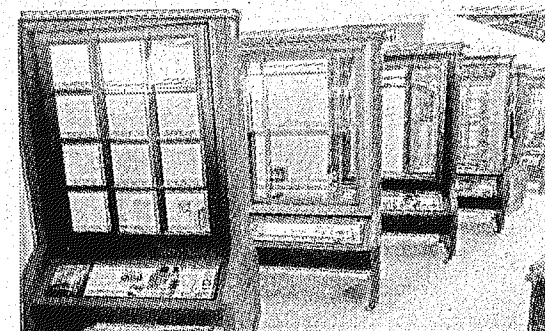
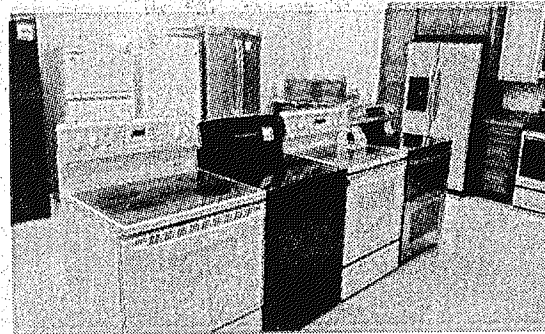
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First Presbyterian Church hosts Christmas Eve dinner

Register Staff Report

Children may go to sleep Christmas Eve with visions of sugar plums dancing in their heads, but for some people in Madison County, sugar plums and family gatherings may be only a fantasy.

However, First Presbyterian Church in Richmond will host a Christmas Eve dinner to which they are invited.

Known locally as the Peter Marshall/Ginny Moretz Dinner, the tradition was begun by the Rev. Peter Marshall, a beloved Washington, D.C., pastor who became chaplain of the United States Senate. During World War II, he had his church members serve a Christmas Eve dinner to military service members and others who were in Washington and could not be home for the holiday.

The church continued the tradition after the war, and many other Presbyterian churches began their own Christmas Eve dinners in memory of Marshall after his untimely death.

The idea spread across the country after Marshall's wife, Katherine, wrote a bestselling biography of her late hus-

band titled "A Man Called Peter." It also was made into a popular movie. Katherine Marshall also wrote a best-selling biographical novel about her mother, "Christy." Focused on her mother's years as a one-room school teacher in the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee, it became the basis of a popular television series in the 1990s.

Although originally intended to welcome people who cannot be with family on Christmas Eve, anyone is welcomed to participate in First Presbyterian's dinner, said Sandy Connor, who helps plan the event.

"We hosted our first Peter Marshall Dinner in 1981," she said. "It was organized by Ginny Moretz, who was in charge for many years. After she and her husband moved away, we decided to honor Ginny by adding her name to the event."

Last year, about 160 guests, Connor said.

The dinner is free and reservations are not required, she said, but planning is easier if people who expect to attend call Connor at 582-8822 or Linda Adams at 200-0762.

MAKE IT, TAKE IT, GIVE IT Become an elf and make your own gifts

By **Michaela Ballard**
Register News Writer

There is hardly a more personal gift than one made by your own hands, said Berea Tourism Director Belle Jackson.

That is why Berea Tourism is hosting Make It, Take It, Give It through Dec. 28. The program offers 30 workshops that provide instruction by professional artisans and all materials needed to create a one-of-a-kind gift made by your own hands.

Courses range from glass-blowing an ornament, a copper or brass stamped cuff bracelet, snowscape painting,

gourd chickens, boot-toppers, crocheted scarves and more.

"The one I want to take is the Shaker oval box class," Jackson said. "It's a two day class and by the end you can go home with four shaker oval boxes. How awesome is that?"

Prices for the courses vary depending on materials and time. Typically a class lasts a half- to full-day, but can also last multiple days.

"The costs outweigh learning a new skill," Jackson said. "You can't buy four shaker boxes for the cost of the course, and you get to bring out your inner artist and learn

how to make them, too."

For those who can not make it to a course, or know someone who might like to receive a class as a gift, purchasing the course for someone else is always an option.

Berea Tourism's website, berea.com, has a list of the courses, times they are available and descriptions including difficulty level. All courses can be purchased online.

Some classes, particularly beginner-level classes, are family friendly for children, parents and grandparents, Jackson said.

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HOLIDAY CALENDAR

Through Dec. 28

• "Make it, Take it, Give it!" workshops, sponsored by Berea Tourism Department. For details, visit berea.com/mtg or call 985-2540.

Dec. 12

• "Big Bad Voodoo Daddy Christmas," 7:30 p.m., ECU Center for the Arts. For tickets, visit ekucenter.com or call 622-7469.

Dec. 12-13

• Victorian Christmas at White Hall tours, 6-8 p.m., White Hall State Historic Site. For details, call 623-9178.

Dec. 13-14

• Christmas at Irvinton, 6-8 p.m. Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Irvine-McDowell Park, 345 Lancaster Ave., Richmond. For details, call 624-0013.



The Madison Central Band performs a community Christmas concert.

Dec. 14

• Madison County Christmas Concert and Community Sing, 5 p.m., ECU Center for the Arts.
• Danish-American Christmas celebration, 5:30 p.m., Russel Acton Folk Center, Jefferson Street, Berea. For details, call 986-7584.

Dec. 14-30

• "Original Art, Original Gift" shopping event, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Saturday, Berea Arts Council gallery, Old Town Berea.

Dec. 15-16

• Concert by Madison Central

High School band and chorus, 7:30 p.m., ECU Center for the Arts.

Dec. 15-18

• Santa will visit various Berea locations. View his schedule on Facebook page of Berea Parks & Recreation or call 986-9402. Free to all ages. Santa says, bring your camera.

Dec. 17

• "Straight, No Chaser - Happy Hour Tour," ECU Center for the Arts. For tickets, visit ekucenter.com or call 622-7469.

Dec. 24

• Christmas Eve candlelight service, 5 p.m., First Baptist Church, 425 Eastern Bypass, Richmond.
• Christmas Eve service, 5 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 401 W. Main St., Richmond.
• Christmas pageant, 5:30 p.m., First Christian Church, 412 W. Main St., Richmond.
• Christmas Eve candlelight

service, 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 330 W. Main St., Richmond.

• Christmas Eve candlelight service, 11 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 401 W. Main St., Richmond.

Dec. 25

• "Christmas: Served with Love" free drop-in Christmas dinner, 1-4 p.m., First Baptist Church, 425 Eastern Bypass, Richmond.

Dec. 26-Jan. 1

• Christmas Country Dance School, Berea College Seabury Center. For details, visit berea.edu/ccds or call 985-3431.

Dec. 31

• Diamonds & Denim Ball, 8:30 p.m., Arlington Country Club, heavy hors d'oeuvres, open bar, silent auction and dancing with music by Bent Penny Band. Sponsored by the Richmond and Bluegrass Rotary clubs.

Special events every Saturday at Kentucky Artisan Center

Register Staff Report

Every Saturday until Christmas, the Kentucky Artisan Center in Berea will present a variety of experiences.

"There are endless opportunities to enjoy the holidays in a unique fashion when you add Kentucky-made art, crafts, books, music and food to your celebrations," said Victoria Faoro, executive director of the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea. "We are proud to offer thousands of Kentucky-made items and to present artisan book signings, musical performances and demonstrations on Saturdays throughout this holiday season."

Saturday, Dec. 13, visitors to the Center will enjoy a variety of events with Cynthia Cusick, of Irvine, demonstrating her inlaid pottery decoration techniques, musician Jan Hill, of Lexington, performing holiday

favorites on the harp, and free guided gallery tours through the center's current exhibit "Put a Lid On It: Containers by Kentucky Artisans," given at 11 a.m. and again at 2 p.m.

On Saturday, Dec. 20, visitors can experience the arts with woodcarving demonstrations and music as the Berea Welcome Center Carvers demonstrate a variety of holiday carvings and the musical group Raison D'etre performs holiday favorites. This singing trio also plays piano, drums, guitar and banjo, to accompany their songs with fresh rhythms.

All artisan demonstrations are held from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and musical performances and book signings are held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Artisan Center is located east of Interstate 75 at Exit 77 north of Berea. Open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., admission is free. For more details about the events, call 859-985-5448.

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Located near the corner of Collins and East Main streets behind The Medicine Shoppe in Richmond, it is open for distributions Mondays and Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m.

Begun in 2001 as a small food pantry in a church, Grace Now has become an independent non-profit corporation certified to accept tax-deductible donations.

Grace Now's all-volunteer staff includes people from local churches, schools and civic organizations, as well as some current or former clients. It

seeks to build relationships with those it serves and involve them in its work.

Its mission is to make a positive difference in the Madison County community by providing resources, particularly food and clothing, to people in need, and to assist them in a manner that treats them with dignity and demonstrates God's unconditional love and grace.

Grace Now obtains its operating funds primarily from private donations, supporting its mission without government aid. Relying on unpaid volunteers and maintaining tight controls of its costs ensures that donations go directly to feeding the hungry.

Overhead consists only of a modest amount for rent and utilities, and much of that is covered

by gifts designated for that purpose. When you donate, you can be assured that your donation will be used to help those in need.

Grace Now reports that its recipients are mainly children, the working poor and the recently unemployed.

The organization's primary goal is to prevent and alleviate the damage persistent hunger inflicts.

With your support, Grace Now's supplemental feeding programs helps children learn and perform better in school, advances healthful aging and facilitates independent living for seniors. It lessens the daily burden of the working poor to choose between paying for food and other necessities such as

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utilities, housing or medical care.

For more details about Grace Now and how you can help, visit www.gracenowky.com or call 859-626-8990.

Each year, the Richmond Register's holiday food drive benefits Grace Now. This year, renewing Register subscribers who donate 10 items of canned goods through the newspaper will receive two month of free

delivery. New subscribers may purchase a year of delivery for the discounted price of only \$75.

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God's Outreach feeds 1,500 families a month

By Bonnie Dalley
Register News Writer

With continued community support, the food bank at 1512 W. Main St., Richmond, helps put food on the tables of Madison County families in need, said Mandy Agee, assistant director.

To qualify, recipients need to meet only a few requirements, she said. Those include proof of need and identification that proves Madison County residency. Qualified families may visit God's Outreach once every 30 days and receive about \$70 worth of groceries.

"They will get meat, potatoes, fresh produce,

eggs, bread and some non-perishable goods," Agee said. "We serve about 100 to 140 families every three hours."

Although God's Outreach collects donations all year, its biggest fundraiser, the Gift of Food, takes place around the holidays. It gives everyone in Madison County the opportunity to sponsor families who are in need, Agee said.

"The families know who sponsored them," she said, "and that way they make a strong connection with them. There are a lot of tears when they realize that someone in the community cares so much that they'd pay for their food. I think the

families probably think that the food is donated from the government, but when they find out it is people right here in the community, it's heart-warming."

God's Outreach is open Monday through Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Richmond Register is conducting a food drive and subscription promotion that will benefit God's Outreach as well as the Grace Now food bank.

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