

Mayor Mike Bryant turned on the lights to the official Mount Vernon Christmas Tree Tuesday evening while rain kept local residents watching from their cars. Decorations on the ground, in the park, were handmade from styrofoam and PVC pipe by city employees, with the help of Lynn Tatum, Director of Vitalize Mount Vernon.

New city water tanks expected to be completed by January

By: Mike French

The 3 million gallon water tank project underway in the City of Mount Vernon is nearing an end, according to Mayor Mike Bryant.

According to Bryant, the project was already in the thought process when he was elected Mayor. "This has actually been going on for many years and we took the ball and ran with it when I took office," said Bryant.

The city contracted to construct two new water towers and new pipeline and pump stations, increasing the total capacity of water available from 1.5 million gallons to 3 million gallons.

One of the new tanks is located near McDonald's and the other is on Radio Tower Hill. Each new tank holds 500,000 gallons and, along with utilizing existing tanks, the available capacity will rise to 3 million.

"Our old tanks had been patched and repaired several times but we can still use some of our existing

tanks," said Bryant. "This will effectively double our water storage capacity and reduce the chance of have to close businesses or be out of water in a crisis."

Bryant said there have been instances in the past when water storage was low enough to threaten local supply. But the additional storage should greatly reduce the chances that a crisis will cause a water shortage.

"Of course there are no guarantees depending upon how serious the crisis may be. But this at least doubles our capacity and decreases the chances that we will have such problems in the future," he said. "It's been close a couple of times but this will give us some breathing room."

Adkins Construction was contracted to build the pump stations and line while Kentucky Glass is constructing the two water towers, Bryant said.

The project, started in

February, was projected to cost the city \$2.6 to \$3 million and thus far reports indicate the project is at or under budget.

The money was raised through a Kentucky Infrastructure Authority loan/grant. "We got a million dollars of that debt forgiven through the state so the amount we have to pay back is much less," he said.

Bryant says the City will wholesale water to a few other towns but that there are around 2,000 Mount Vernon customers.

Each month city officials including Bryant, Water Plant Superintendent Frank Baker, City Administrator Josh Bray and many other city workers meet with engineers and both construction companies for updates on the project. "It appears that the project is about 80% complete at this time and we expect completion by January," said Bryant.

"This will be a strong addition to our community and lessens the threat of having insufficient water in the future," the mayor said.

Salt is plentiful in county this year

By: Mike French

Salt is plentiful this snow season in the state and in Rockcastle County.

Amber Hale of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, says the state has more than 22,000 tons of salt ready for icy roads as well as 80 snow plows, salt spreaders and other equipment.

Rockcastle County Judge Executive Doug Bishop said the county is prepared as well. "All of our salt bins are completely full," he said.

Last year at this time, there was a shortage of salt in the county and officials were concerned about getting more delivered. However this year Bishop says the county is well prepared for inclement weather.

The county has six salt trucks with drivers ready at any hour to attack slick roads. "We are ready and have drivers available

around the clock," said Bishop. "We are hoping there is no snow but we are prepared in case there is."

Workers for the Transportation Department have already inspected all the equipment and is ready around the clock as well, according to a press release from Hale.

The report also says the state's goal is to reach any road within 8 hours of a routine winter storm event but higher priority routes will be treated within one to four hours.

"We take snow and ice response very seriously," said the Transportation Cabinet Chief District Engineer Bruce Neely. "Highway safety is an essential function of the Transportation Cabinet and our crews are prepared to meet that mandate by keeping our roads as safe as possible during bad weather."

Local police officers to help needy children this Christmas

Shop With A Lion Program planned

By: Mike French

"Christmas doesn't have anything to do with getting gifts. It's about finding ways to help other folks," said Rockcastle County Sheriff Mike Peters. And helping other is exactly what several local groups are trying to do again this year.

The annual "Shop with a Cop" Program has been changed to "Shop With A Lion" this year "due to

administrative regulations that say the sheriff's department is not allowed to accept donations for programs such as this anymore. So the local Lion's Club has volunteered

to step up and keep it going," Peters said.

Each year local police officers with the Sheriff's Department, Mount Vernon Police Department and troopers from the Kentucky State Police, join together to get Christmas gifts for children who wouldn't normally receive them.

"There is always some help from the Mount Vernon Police force and KSP. We get up to 15 or 16 kids and someone has to stay here and work. So their help makes all this possible," said Peters.

Working through social

services, local foster care centers and children in state custody, volunteers, with all three police agencies, find children who won't be getting Christmas presents this year.

Officers then pick up the children at each agency and take them shopping for Christmas presents at the Wal-Mart in Berea.

"Wal-Mart has been really good to us over the

(See "LION" on A7)

"We have done this since I have been Sheriff and it is always more of a blessing to us, than it is to the kids getting the gifts,"

Sheriff Mike Peters

Woman arrested with Meth

By: Mike French

A woman was arrested last week after police received a 911 call concerning someone shooting a gun from their vehicle.

According to a Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department report, Erica Rice, 27, of Crab Orchard, was charged with several drug offenses after deputies pulled the car over in Rockcastle County.

The incident started in Lincoln County when a 911 call was made reporting a driver firing a shot towards a male subject. The call was then transferred to Rockcastle County 911.

Deputy Brandon McIntosh located the vehicle on 150, near the Lincoln-Rockcastle line. The driver gave permission to search the vehicle in which McIntosh

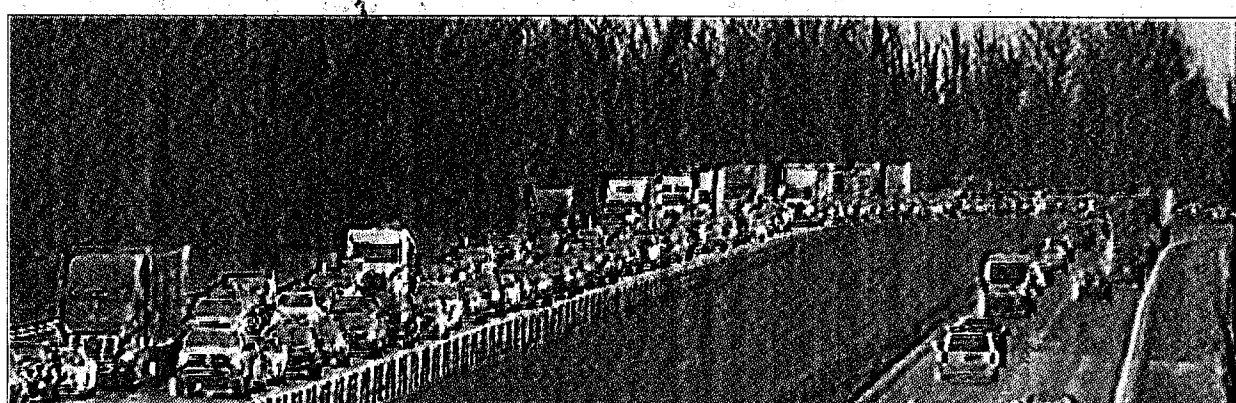
discovered a zip bag with needles and other items for drug use and a tube with a baggie of white crystal rock substance which Rice admitted was meth.

McIntosh also reportedly discovered white pills known as Lorazepam and another baggie by the side of the seat containing the white substance.

Rice was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), Possession of a controlled substance (drug unspecified), drug paraphernalia, illegal possession of a legend drug, and prescription of a controlled substance not in proper container.

Rice was lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center and is being held on a \$7,500.00/10% bond.

Thirteen cars in 3 crashes block I-75 for hours



Thirteen vehicles were involved in 3 crashes in Rockcastle County near the 64 mile marker this weekend as holiday traffic came to a halt in the area. According to David

Bales, Mount Vernon Fire Chief, five vehicles crashed near the 64 mile marker on the northbound side of I-75 Sunday afternoon. Moments later another four-car crash occurred at the same

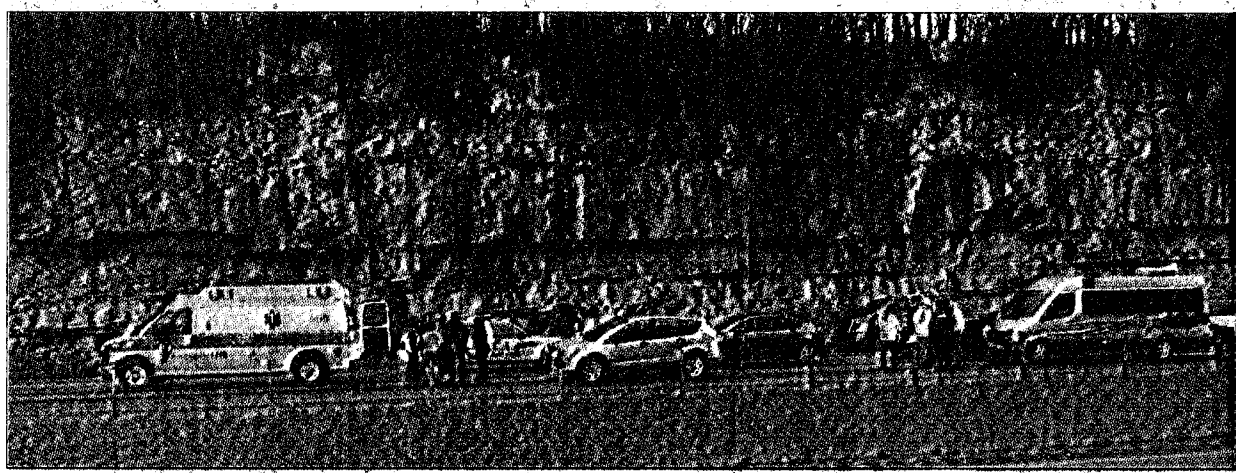
location, except on the southbound side of the interstate, causing both sides to be blocked.

Bystanders waiting for the crashes to be cleared, described I-75 as

"Kentucky's largest parking lot" while waiting.

An hour later, Bales said another 4-car crash occurred in the southbound lanes.

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Aces Over

By Mike French



1960s - 18 year-old kids were being dropped from helicopters into the mud overseas with rifles on their backs while ducking bullets and killing people. They were packing a 100 pounds of survival material on their back and marching through rain forests while fighting malaria-carrying insects. They added creek water to a bag of powder and that was their meal.

2015 - 13 year-olds go to air conditioned schools in gun-free zones wearing Tommy Hilfiger designer shirts and carrying a 4 ounce smart phone. They have calculated, measured, FDA approved, nutritious meals and have been warned not to say anything that may offend anyone at all for any reason at all. If a bug enters their classroom, lessons are halted until the bug is captured and set free outside to keep from harming another life form.

1960 - Kids awoke well before daylight to a list of farm chores that had to be done before the sun rose. Once their work boots were on, it was time to get the cows milked, eggs gathered, hogs fed, water brought up, coal chopped, wood split and outhouse visited.

2015 - Kids crawl out of bed moments before school to eat a prepared breakfast after a hot shower in a warm, ceramic tile-lined bathroom. Chores may or may not include picking up their own designer, limited edition Nike, high top, air-cushioned, arch supporting tennis shoes.

1960 - Weekends for teen-agers were spent throwing bales of hay onto a wagon in 90-degree temperatures and chopping the weeds out of every row of tobacco so that they could get to mowing the yard. All of this had to be done on Saturday because Sunday involved donning their Sunday best for Sunday services.

2015 - Weekends include a trip to the indoor, air conditioned mall to gather at the food court and choose from 20 different resta-

urants what to eat while still complaining that there are not enough choices. All of this had to be done on Saturday because Sunday is spent sleeping in and waking at noon for a trip to a restaurant for lunch.

1960 - Slumber under homemade quilts ended as youngsters rushed to the room with the coal-burning stove and warmed their fingers and toes next to the fire. Standing on wooden plank floors, one had to keep their toes away from the cracks to keep them warm while watching one of the three channels on the black and white TV.

2015 - Sleep is ended in a room with central heat as one steps on the carpeted floor with 5/8 of an inch of padding under it and 8 inches of insulation under that. Slipping on designer house shoes, one can watch one of the 415 channels on the 50-inch, color, flat screen, HD, smart, 3-D television with surround sound and X-Box games.

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Points East

By Ike Adams



If you had asked me, say sometime back in October, to make a list what I didn't expect to be doing on Black Friday, number one on that list would have been Christmas shopping.

That one was too easy. I never have, I never will and I didn't fall for the scam this year.

However, numbers two and three on my list would, most likely, have been mowing the yard and working in my garden, both of which I found myself engaged on the balmy day after Thanksgiving last week.

I should have known that I was in trouble when we drove through Richmond and into daughter Jennifer's subdivision late in the afternoon of Turkey Day and Loretta started commenting on the newly mowed lawns.

But, in fact, I didn't so much as give a thought to what ours looked like. I'm reasonably sure it hadn't been touched with steel

blades since several weeks before Halloween. I also knew that our mowers were sound asleep in the garage with no intentions of awakening before next Easter.

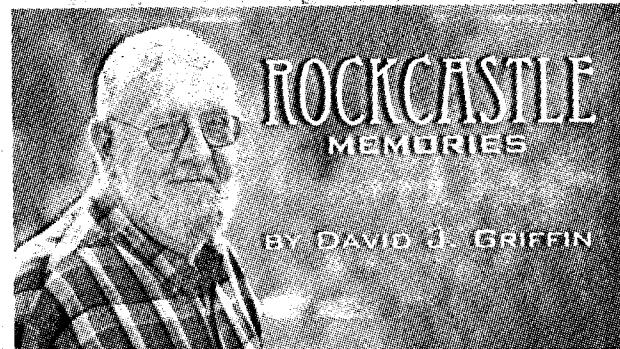
I also figured my wife would be out there slinging elbows in the commercial madness all day Friday and that I'd have the day and a good novel to myself without any serious interruption.

Loretta was already out in the yard piddling around with flower pots, garden hoses, pruning shears and the like when I got out of bed last Friday morning. I still have no idea why she was not at a mall somewhere because it is unlike her to stay at home if she thinks that incredible bargains are lurking at department stores. Now, it occurs to me that she has finally caught on to this perennial Black Friday crapola and finally sees it for the ruse it is.

After all, "Black Friday prices now!" sales were being touted on television, radio, newspapers and in fliers that somebody was sticking under my windshield wipers at parking lots since about the time I put the lawnmower into hibernation. Maybe Loretta has become as sick of the incessant advertising as the rest of the free world.

Just when I thought the political numbskullshad let me have my television

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Holiday Sweets

When I was a young boy, my Daddy began a Christmas "tradition" that lasted until I was in the fifth grade. Because my parents did not have a great deal of money, he came up with the wonderful idea to surprise the family with a huge (banana-type) box of candy, fruit, and nuts for our Christmas Eve bombshell.

Aunt Jack, one of my Daddy's sisters, owned a grocery store on Main Street in Mt. Vernon, so he was able to find a large box early in early December, which he hid inside the store. For the next few weeks, he selected the candy that he wanted and filled small paper sacks with the assortment. Each bag was then tied shut or taped so that we would have to open each container to find the surprise inside.

The candy that constituted the assortment to be found in the individual bags included chocolate-covered creams, coconut bonbons, peanut brittle, Walnettos, assorted flavors of gumdrops, hard candy with soft centers, French creams, orange slices, chocolate-covered cherries, and finally, my favorite, a huge log of peppermint.

My mother, Bee, allowed me to take the hammer from the tool box, wrap the log in a towel, and then hit it with the hammer until

it was in small, bite-sized pieces. Everyone, except ate from the peppermint for weeks, until every morsel was gone.

The next items included in the Christmas box were an assortment of nuts placed in individual bags. He included: English walnuts, pecans, peanuts, Brazil nuts, cashews, almonds, and Hazelnuts. My grandfather, Pop, assisted me when Mommie Katie asked for a certain nut to include in her home-made fudge. We took a concrete block and the hammer into the backyard in order to shell the nuts.

The last items that Daddy incorporated was an assortment of bagged fruit. The choices that he always deemed necessary to bring were: Red Delicious apples, Golden Delicious apples, and a few Granny Smith varieties. He also had a bag of tangerines and another of oranges.

I often wondered why Daddy felt it necessary to bring this huge box of Christmas "goodies" home until one day when my mother explained, "David Joe, your Daddy probably wanted you all to have a memorable holiday, and he could pay Aunt Jack a little at a time." That satisfied my curiosity at the time, and I was grateful that he took the time to fill our box with such good Christmas cheer.

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T.J.'s Journal

by: Tonya J. Cook



Time In Increments

Dear Journal,
As I sit here looking out the window, I see raindrops hanging from bare maple tree branches in the front yard. The beautiful fall foliage is now all gone. The sky is gray and foreboding. The air is cool and crisp, and a fog lingers in the mountains. Some would say that it is a very depressing day. Sometimes even days like this are so beautiful and you're thankful to be a part of it. I'm reflecting on the journey down life's path I've traveled for over a year. It seems as if I'm living life in increments.

In the last eighteen months I've had a brain tumor and a stage III seven-inch cervical-uterine cancer.

I've endured all of the doctor visits, various scans, tests, radiation, and chemotherapy that goes along with it. Let's not forget the surgery and brain swelling. I've been so sick I was fairly sure I was going to die. However, I'd go to the doctor, mostly specialists at University of Kentucky, and they would tell me I'm doing well... or at least until the next scan, test, and visit. So, I wait and wonder and be thankful for the time I've had. Then I wait for the next increment of time. I guess that is the life of a cancer patient-increments-until they're all gone.

Thanksgiving has now come and gone. I wondered all of last summer if I would ever see another Thanksgiving. It has been especially meaningful this year for me and my brother, Don, who had prostate cancer this year. His wife, Carolyn, pointed out earlier in the year what a blessing that our mother is gone and didn't have to worry about both of her children being so sick at the same time.

In any case, I'm sure we're both thankful beyond words for the blessing of life and a little more time to share with our families and friends, and being able to do the things that are really important in life.

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Obituaries



Dee James Cummins

Dee James Cummins, 86, affectionately known as "Jimbo", of Crab Orchard died Thursday, November 26, 2015 at the Danville Center for Health & Rehabilitation. He was born August 20, 1929 at Mullins Station in Withers, a son of the late Money Troit and Nell Gray Mink Cummins. He had been a heavy equipment operator, having worked for Smith-Coal Co., Ruby Construction Co. and L & N Railroad Company. He operated a Loader, and was very fond of all types of heavy equipment. His hobbies and interests include fishing, motorcycles, and "big boys toys". Had been a third degree Mason #731 F&AM of Livingston, being inducted in 1953.

"Jimbo" will be lovingly remembered by his brothers, Money Ed Cummins of Crab Orchard and Garlan (Rachel) Cummins of Brodhead; his sisters, Vivian Louise (William) Saylor of Lexington, Elsie Virginia Taylor of Nicholasville, Lula Marie Strahm of Horseshoe, NC, Ruby Jo (Joe) Lubarsky of Louisville; sister-in-law, Ina Cummins of Crab Orchard; and a host of nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: brothers, Henry Cummins and wife Pauline and Vernon Cummins; his sisters, Linda O. Cummins and Nancy K. Dallaire; brother-in-law, Dale Strahm; sister-in-law, Bernice Halcomb Cummins; and nephews, Stewart Cummins and Mike Saylor.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 29, 2015 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Jack Stallsworth officiating. Burial was in Fairview Mullins Station Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: James W. Cummins, Bobbie Cummins, Billy Cummins, Walter Coffey, Keith Singleton, Doug Singleton, Joe Dallaire and Travis Taylor

Condolences may be sent to www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com.

Card of Thanks

Nina Barnett

The Nina Barnett family would like to take this time to thank everyone who shared in our grief during the loss of our mother.

She was such a good mother and loved her family so much.

Thank you so much for every phone call, text, visit, food and for showing your love and support.

We would like to especially thank Bro. Zandell Hasty and Bro. Mark Eaton for their special words that will comfort our hearts forever. Bro. J.O. and Judy Martin for the songs that mother talked about often. For the meals provided by Central Baptist Church after the funeral, we appreciated it. We are also thankful for Cox Funeral Home who went above and beyond to meet our needs and, most of all, we thank everyone for your prayers that carried us through a difficult time in our lives.

The Nina Barnett Family



Nina Barnett

Nina Barnett, 80, of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at the Berea Health & Rehab Center. She was born May 27, 1935 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of the late John S. and Corene Bell McClure. She was a housewife, enjoyed gardening, cooking, sewing, spending time with her grandchildren, and was a member of the Central Baptist Church.

Survivors are: six sons, David Barnett of Pulaski County, James Calvin, John Randall, and Seymore Barnett, all of Mt. Vernon, Terry Lee Barnett of Brodhead, and Eddie Barnett of Mt. Vernon; two daughters, Nina Frances Price of Science Hill, and Connie Hasty of Mt. Vernon; 23 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Calvin K. Barnett; one son, Calvin Barnett, Jr.; three brothers, Lloyd, James, and Sherman McClure; and two sisters, Sue Carroll, and Wanda Faye.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 21, 2015 at the Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Zandall Hasty and Bro. Mark Eaton officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Mrs. Barnett's grandsons. View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at www.coxfuneralhomeky.com.

Dollie Mullins

Dollie Mullins, 93, of West Alexandria, OH, died Wednesday, November 18, 2015. She was born in Livingston on May 22, 1922 to Jesse and Frankie (Howard) Mobley.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Dennis Mullins in 2000. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, West Alexandria, OH.

She is survived by: five children, Jack (Helen) Mullins of Springfield, OH, Larry Mullins of W. Alexandria, OH, Judy (Jim) Fox of Mesa, AZ, Marvin (Vickie) Mullins of St. Cloud, FL, and Charles Mullins of Apache Junction, AZ; 13 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; five great great grandchildren; a sister, Studie Irwin; beloved sister-in-law of Jack and Brilla Mullins of Mt. Vernon; and nieces and nephews.

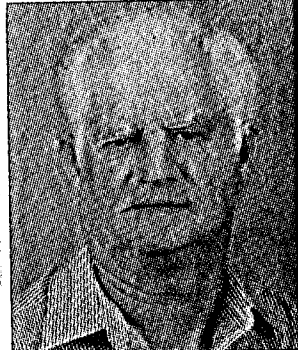
Also deceased by a brother, Ralph Mobley.

Funeral services were held Monday, November 23, 2015 at Lindloff-Zimmerman Funeral Home, West Alexandria, OH, with Pastor David Spears officiating.

Burial was in Sugar Grove Cemetery, West Alexandria, OH.

Donations can be made to Hospice of Dayton or Vancrest Activities Dept., 1600 Park Ave., Eaton, OH, 45320.

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Glen Roberts

Glen Roberts, 79, of Brodhead, died Thursday, November 26, 2015 at his home. He was born August 22, 1936 in Rockcastle County, the son of the late William and Ruby Lamb Roberts. He was a farmer, he enjoyed fishing, wood working, and his ford tractors.

Survivors are: his wife of 60 years, whom he married on September 3, 1955, Mrs. Virginia Denney Roberts of Brodhead; three sons, Jeffery Glen (Shirl), Stanley Edward (Joyce), and Kenny (Rosie) Roberts, all of Somerset; one sister, Rose Ann Roberts of Mt. Vernon; one uncle, Rob Roberts; two aunts, Ada Roberts and Edith Lunsford; two brothers-in-law, Ray Denney, and William Bill Barnett; four sisters-in-law, Ramona Denney, Janet Barnett, Wanda Carroll, and Diane Sizemore; four grandchildren, Jessica (Nathan) Carlton, Shenna (Jason) McKeown, April (Mark) Spears, and Adam (Taylor) Roberts; five great grandchildren, Hunter and Taylor Carlton, and J.J., Jet, and Genna Grace McKeown; many nieces, nephews and cousins; and two special friends, J.B. Stevens, and Glen Nicely.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: his grandparents, Thomas and Annie Roberts, and Roy and Rosie Lamb; his mother-in-law, Delina Mae Denney; 10 uncles; and eight aunts.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 28, 2015 at the Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Luther Allen officiating. Burial was in the Roberts Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Ray Denney, Jeffery Roberts, Stanley Roberts, Kenny Roberts, Nathan Carlton and Adam Roberts.

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



Mildred Owens

Mildred Owens, 86, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, November 28, 2015 at the Berea Health & Rehab Center. She was born July 14, 1929 in Rockcastle County the daughter of the late Luther and Gracie Jones Kirby. She was a housewife, enjoyed gardening, cooking, and sewing, and was a member of the Central Baptist Church.

Survivors are: two sons, Danny Dale Owens of Orlando, and James Henry Owens of Mt. Vernon, three daughters, Lydia Mae McLemore of Cove Branch, Cecilia Jean Brazee of Berea, and Joyce Sue Renner of Conway; one brother, Joe Kirby of Blanchester, OH; one sister, Wileta Owens of Mt. Vernon; 16 grandchildren; and 17 great grandchildren.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Tilmon Owens, Jr.; one son, Billy Wayne Owens; three brothers, James Robert, Wayne, and Donald Kirby; and one sister, Loretta Thomas.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at the Cox Funeral Home with Bro. John Renner officiating. Burial was in the Providence Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Mrs. Owens grandsons.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Health Department receives grant...

Dear Editor,
Rockcastle County Health Department has been awarded a small CDC Pedestrian Planning Grant.

Recently, Lynn Tatum, Sherry Spragens and Nancy Keber from the Rockcastle Healthy Community Coalition attended a training at the Department of Transportation in Frankfort.

The first step in pedestrian planning is taking a community survey regarding the present state of streets and walking paths in the community.

Rockcastle Healthy Community Coalition is in the process of putting together a survey that is suitable for our community.

We are looking forward to community input and will keep you informed of results.

Nancy Keber
Rockcastle Health
Community Coalition

Rocket Madness a success...

Dear Editor,
The Rockcastle County Basketball boosters would like to thank all those who helped make the 2015 Rocket Madness such a great success! Thanks to all that bought tickets for the meal, participated in the auction, and watched the "madness." Also thanks to the parents and grandparents who worked the event and to the players for putting in their time and energy as well.

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Good Happenings and NOT...

Dear Editor,
Good-- On a recent Sunday, Nancy Mullins, and the very talented Mullins children, Dyche, Carrie and Callie, plus grandchildren paid sweet and loving tribute to husband, father and grandfather, Roland, while helping friends and family celebrate his 75th birthday. Fun.

Not-- As an expanding terrorist war machine threatens many countries, including ours, President Obama declares global warming our greatest national security situation. The sun has a newly discovered cold hole in its inferno and scientists think this indicates a cooling event for earth.

Not-- The Kentucky Insurance Coop lost \$50.4 million last year and is "closing its doors." Members must apply for new health insurance, with a different insurance company, by December 15, 2015. (SurfKy News).

Good/Not?-- Statewide reporters on KET's Comment on Kentucky indicate Governor-Elect Matt Bevin is making pleasantly acceptable governmental appointments (as reporters they tend to lean left). He even is supposedly considering Hal Heiner as a finance or education appointee. This parallels to a "Trump" move. Both are experts in creating jobs and increasing finances. With Kentucky's newly-lowered credit rating, this might be welcome.

Not/Great-- A local pastor recently said (paraphrased), "Jesus did not die for everyone." Evidently meaning it is not our personal choice of acceptance that determines our being saved in Christ but is predetermined. This has caused several people to say directly (paraphrased), "If this is what Southern Baptists stand for, I don't want to be one anymore." Many others have somewhat silently left because they can no longer listen. Others have said to me (paraphrased), "I don't even want to go to church anymore" and/or "I feel worse when I get home than I did when I went." Great sadness.

Sunday afternoon Bro. Don Stayton of Bible Baptist Church was on the radio while I was traveling. He began (paraphrased), "Some pastors say that the Lord elects those who will be saved but I do not believe that, that's Calvinism." "You go, guy!" as I drove (paraphrased for Amen!).

Claretta Hodges
Mt. Vernon, Ky.

"Aces"

(Continued from A-2)

1960 - Kids rode in the back seat or in the bed of the pick-up truck and pedaled their bicycle to town to get some groceries. They gathered pop bottles out of roadside ditches to buy a candy bar and worked for neighboring farms for \$10 day.

2015 - kids are strapped down, tied up, belted in and covered over for a trip to the

store 1/8 of a mile away. The urge for a candy bar can cause a wild, screaming fit in the middle of Wal-Mart until they finally get a job flipping burgers and go on strike because they are only making the amount of money they agreed to work for in the first place.

1960 - Kids of all ages would gather between chores in the neighborhood

and play in the dirt or mud. Rolling in the wet grass and exploring old barns and building tree houses out of sticks were all weekly games. Dirt was later cleaned with homemade lye soap.

2015 - Kids are wrapped in sanitized clothing and given handi-wipes to keep dirt off their fingers and play time involves a monitor and

being locked in a dim room with dehumidified, sanitized, oxidized air filters and anti-allergenic soaps.

I'm not saying one era is better than the other. I'm just comparing the two and wondering what a comparison of 2015 and 2080 would be like.

I'm thinking the people of 2080 will look back at 2015 and think, "How on earth did those kids survive such hard times? Forced to watch a tiny little 50-inch screen must have been horrible for them."

I'm not too sure which era is safer or creates more moral values or informed voters. But I do envy one last comparison.

1960 - Kid comes home with an "F" in math, he gets the belt to the butt and no TV.

2015 - Kid comes home with an "F" in math, the teacher gets sued, the school loses funds, the board changes policy and the kid gets consoled for being misunderstood.

I could have lived with the 2015 version of that scenario. Then again, I never got another "F" in math.

"Points East"

(Continued from A-2)

back, it became possessed by the Black Friday plague. As far as I can tell, Black Friday currently starts in October and only ends in January so they can start Valentine and Easter sales.

Anyway, coffee cup in hand, I ventured out onto the porch to get a better handle on what my wife was up to when she promptly pointed to a dozen or so two-gallon plant containers sitting at the edge of the garden and asked if I had any plans for them other than allowing them to sit there and scar the landscape for the rest of the winter. Said containers were all filled with potting soil and the residue of a bunch of blueberry plants that had not survived my feeble attempts at leading them to propagation. I'm honest enough to readily admit that calling the mess "ugly" would have been an understatement.

Then she announced that she would start her little push mower and at least

mown the front yard but she didn't believe she could maneuver it over all the mole ridges that crisscross in such a way that you can't take two steps without stumbling into one. I still have not solved that problem, but I have wasted \$25.00 on castor oil and dish detergent as well as a couple hours of time trying. Unfortunately the moles are propagating far more successfully than the blueberry plants.

Guilt soon pushed me into the garden to empty the plant containers on spots where I believed the rich soil would do the most good and while I was out there I decided to attack several dozen, newly-sprouted, thistle plants with my grubbing hoe before they had a chance to put down tap-roots.

Then I remembered our son-in-laws lush and well-groomed lawn from the day before and decided to fire up the riding mower. It coughed and sputtered in protest but the battery was

"Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

Bee always made sure that I took a Christmas present to Daddy, no matter where he lived at the time.

When my boys (Todd and Andy) were young, I decided to mimic Daddy's special gift one Christmas and put together a box of "goodies" to open on Christmas Eve. To my surprise, they were delighted and ate every particle in that big old box.

The next year I did not keep up the surprise, and Todd asked, "Daddy, where is the candy, fruit, and nuts?" I felt bad that I had not carried on the tradition for my boys. I never tried to match Daddy again after that one time because it made me sad to remember those early Christmas eves.

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

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WRVFD Potluck and Christmas Tree Lighting

Western Rockcastle Volunteer Fire Dept. will hold their annual potluck and Christmas Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 5th at Quail Fire Dept. on Hwy. 70 at 16 p.m. Bring your favorite dish and enjoy fellowship and lots of good eating. Hope to see you there. Thanks so much to everyone for your continued support.

Shop With A Lion

Mt. Vernon Lions Club is soliciting donations for their annual Shop With A Lion project. The project allows underprivileged children to have a shopping trip to Wal Mart for Christmas. Donations may be given to Mike Debord, 606-308-4844 or at the Sheriff's Department by December 5th. Help us make it a great Christmas for these children.

Benefit at LVFD

Livingston Volunteer Fire Department will hold a Benefit for Kimberly Howard McHone, 44, who has been diagnosed with lung and secondary bone cancer, on Saturday, Dec. 4th from 4 to 9 p.m. There will be gospel singing, an auction, raffle and food. Please open your heart and come and support Kim.

RRTA Meeting

The next meeting of the Rockcastle Retired Teachers' Association will be Wednesday, December 16th at 11:30 a.m. at the Adult Education Center. Rockcastle County School Superintendent David Pensol will be the guest speaker. Lunch will be provided. So plan to join us for this special meeting. If you have any questions, call Regina T. Burton at 758-8000.

Alpha Recovery

Alpha Recovery, a program promoting freedom from addiction, not a life long struggle with drugs, alcohol or anything else, meets each Saturday from 3 to 4 p.m. at Chestnut Ridge Church of God in Mt. Vernon. The group is led by Ray Owens and Tommy and Gina Dooley. "The past does not have to be your prison. You have a voice in your destiny. You have a choice in the path you take." Max Lucado For more information, call 606-308-5593.

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery classes are held every Monday night at the Community Outreach Center in Brodhead. Celebrate Recovery is a 12-step Christ-centered program and is a safe place to share and begin healing from all hurts, hang-ups and habits. Meal at 6 p.m. Music 6:45 p.m. Large Group 7 p.m. Signatures available for court, probation and snap. For more information, please call Chris Martin 606-308-3368.

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 Rockcastle soldiers, sailors and airmen.

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Shell speaks to RCHS Teenage Republicans

The Rockcastle County Teenage Republicans recently met during RCHS Club Day. State Representative Jonathan Shell attended the meeting to talk with members about his work in Frankfort and Kentucky politics.

In his remarks, Shell talked about Kentucky's underfunded pension systems saying the issue would likely be the biggest and toughest item the General Assembly discussed in the upcoming session.

"I'm committed to protecting our teachers' retirement. I'll be working closely with Governor-Elect Bevin to do that and to move forward in a fiscally responsible way," Shell said.

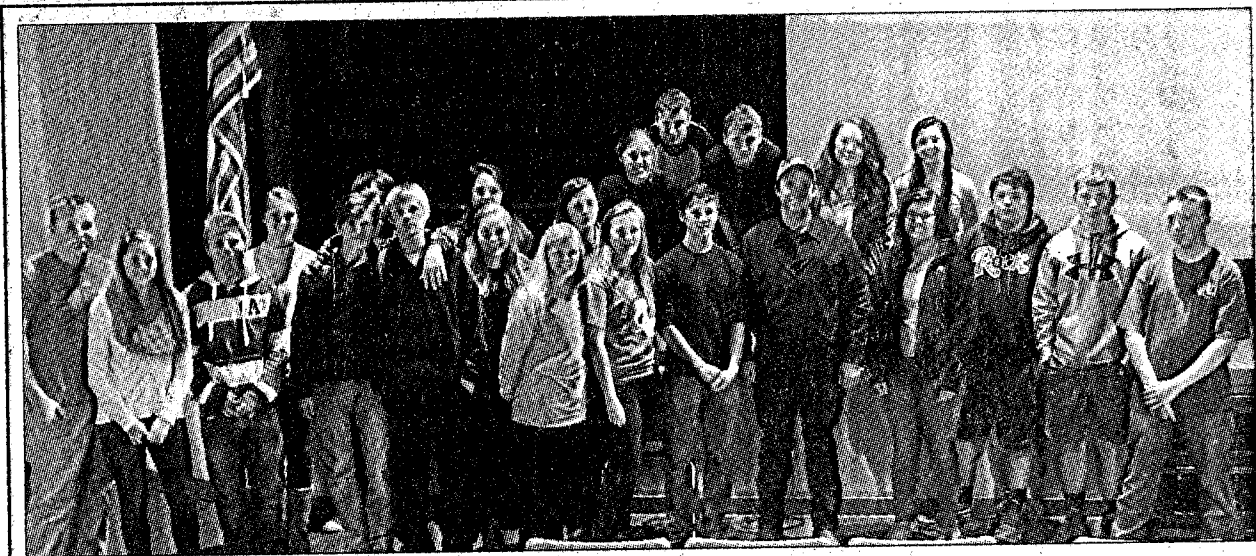
"To immediately deal with fraud, abuse, and waste, which both sides of the isle can agree needs to be done, the General Assembly should address double dipping and spiking. I also think when discussing this issue legislators should do their part. The retirement system for legislators must be more transparent and we (legislators) need the option to opt out," Shell added.

Shell, who is the Kentucky House Republican Campaign Chair, also discussed the recent landslide victory of Republican Matt Bevin over Democrat Jack Conway.

"It is going to be a new day in the state. I'm very encouraged and will continue my work to bring a new majority to the State House. Once Republicans achieve that majority, we can work with the new Governor to bring Kentucky conserva-

tive policies that have been blocked for decades," he told the group.

"We know how busy Representative Shell is and really appreciate him spending time with our group. He does a great job representing Rockcastle and we are excited to help him as he leads Republicans to the majority in Frankfort!" said Thomas Burdette, a junior at RCHS who is President of the Teenage Republicans.



State Representative Jonathan Shell with the RCHS Teenage Republicans.

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
Growing Apples at Home

Recently I was reading an article in a professional publication about a new variety of apple that will begin showing up on the grocery shelves in 2017, it's name is Cosmic Crisp. This new variety has been in the research, development and test-growing stage for some years, but is now being propagated by the thousands and planted in orchards in Washington State. That got me to thinking about a more general discussion about apples. Thousands of apples have come, and many have gone. Why does your grocer have 3 to 8 kinds, and not many others to choose from? I hope to shed some light on this, and encourage many more folks to plant a couple apple trees.

To assume the grocery store has the very best apples for various purposes would be major stretch. So, why do they sell the apples they do?

Money is the one word

answer. You've got to have a pretty apple, one that gets "pretty" before it's ripe and completely full of the delicious goodness an apple possesses, so that it can be harvested and put in giant refrigerated warehouses where it can keep up to a year and still be presentable at the supermarket, be sent down a packing line where it is washed and waxed and won't bruise (and rot anytime soon), and this apple must be consistent so that every time the shopper goes by the counter they can find the same pretty apples, free of blemishes, every shopping trip.

While I understand the reasons for the way Washington State markets apples (you won't find trees of Cosmic Crisp you can plant at home for several years, so you'll pay "premium" grocery prices if you want to be among the first to sample this variety), do you ever wonder what those other 300 or 1,500 or 7,500 apples taste like? Have you ever heard your grandparents speak of a family heirloom "sweet apple", "horse apple", or even a red delicious more green than red but actually juicy rather than "sawdust with a red skin" like the ones at the store? Let us at least consider growing an "old fashioned" apple or to in our yards.

Apples are not native to America, except for a thorny little crab apple. So, all our modern apples originated in the old world, before European settlers brought them to America. (And, before that, they came from interior Asia as early tribes migrated into Europe.) These apples were often seedlings, or "pips", some by accident and some intentionally planted from the seeds of an apple someone liked. But, a few people

also had "grafting" skills; old favorites, even from ancient Roman times, have been preserved in limited fashion.

You see, when you plant seeds of an apple, let's say you plant 100 seeds of a yellow delicious. You will get absolutely zero trees exactly like the "mother tree". Most of the 100 will be decidedly inferior. (You might get lucky and one actually be better than the original, but the odds are a bit like playing the lottery, not real good.) This is how, either by breeding or by accident, new apple varieties come about. Someone gets excited when they find a new variety that is special—maybe tastes better, maybe stores better, maybe looks better, maybe more resistant to disease, maybe is more tolerant of adverse conditions, or maybe the "inventor" just has a personal liking for a new kind he has discovered.

Hopefully a reader or two is thinking "OK, I'll try this. How do I get started?"

Some practical suggestions to begin. Let the stores keep selling Red Delicious apples and Granny Smith's. Instead, try something different. As a homeowner/backyard grower, you are not limited to raising an apple that keeps in storage for months, won't bruise easily, or looks like the one the witch tempted Snow

White with: Consider disease resistance. Consider what purpose you wish to use apples for; homemade juice, (who cares what the apple's skin looks like if the cider tastes good), fresh eating from the tree, keeping them all winter in the basement, pies, applesauce, apple butter, dried apples, an experimental taste treat, or perhaps for food security or to "eat locally grown" to do your part to be environmentally friendly. With these criteria in mind, do a little research into what you want to plant. Both newer varieties, and "antiques" can be obtained if you put forth some diligence to find them.

There are full sized trees, and many of these will live for many decades, but you can buy and plant many dwarf sized trees, since this is determined by what root the variety you like is grafted onto. Smaller trees are easier to pick and take up far less room, so trees with a dwarf or semi-dwarf rootstock are recommended for the city grower. If you have room for an arborvitae or a rose bush, you can grow some of the newer dwarfs. (But they often need staking and watering, whereas big old trees are less fragile.) There are even pole apples that can be grown in a large pot on the patio. An espalier can be grown up against a wall, needing almost no space.

A few cultivars for Organic growing might include these: Williams Pride, Liberty, Freedom, Enterprise, Redfree, Jonafree, Winecrisp, Bella, Gold Rush or Hudson's Golden Gem. If you want an apple to cut up in a salad that won't "rust", plant Courtland. Some of the most tasty or unusual apples are actually the rough knobby russet apples...you won't find these at the supermarket. Always plant more than one tree for proper cross pollination, unless you or a close neighbor has either flowering crab apples or fruiting trees within 50 to 100 feet of your place.

I am going to close with a quote from the 1898 Old Farmer's Almanac: "Baked apples have an excellent effect on the whole physical system, feeding the brain as well as adding to the flesh, and keeping the blood pure; also preventing constipation and correcting a tendency toward acidity, which produces rheumatism and neuralgia."

The author is a landscaper. Questions are welcome: pondbuilder@hushmail.com. Website: www.rockcastles.net

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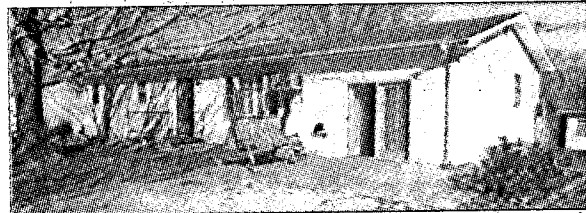
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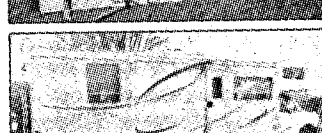
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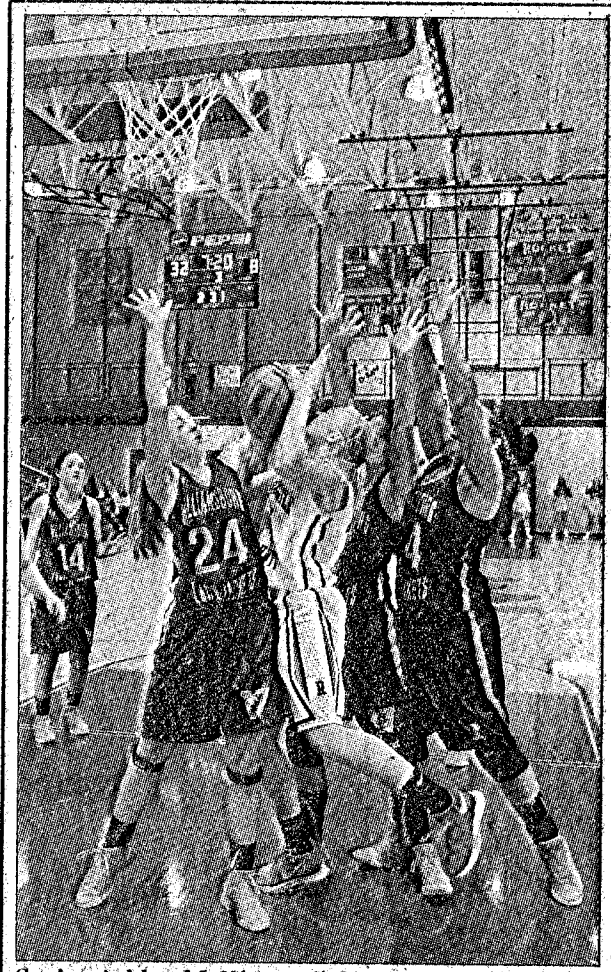
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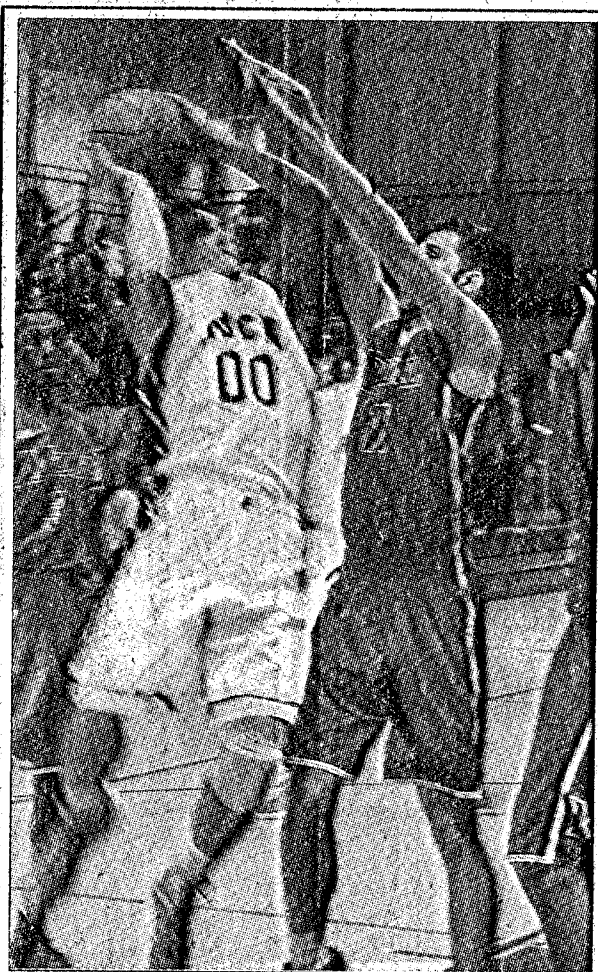
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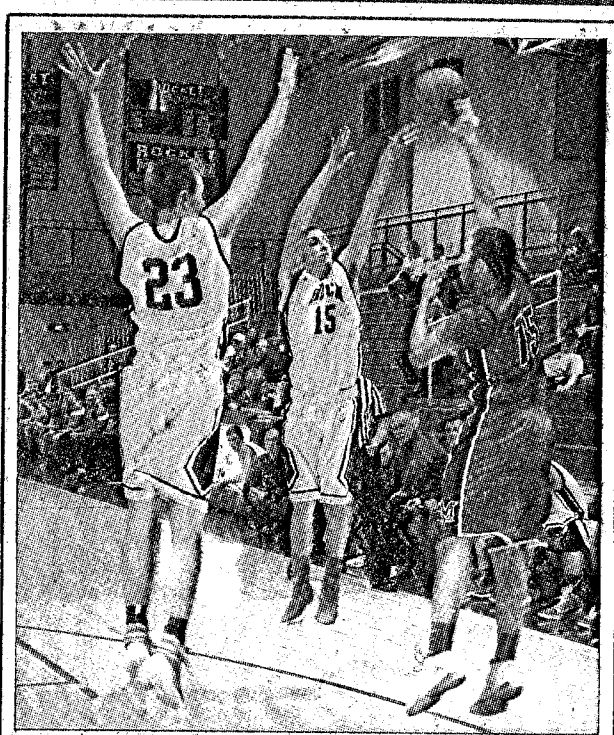
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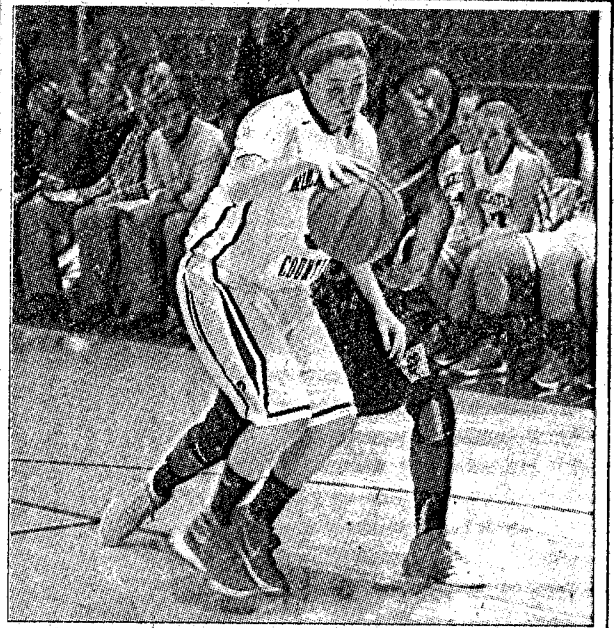
Senior Ashley McKinney fights to get a shot off in the Lady Rockets season opening win Monday night over Williamsburg, 56-12. McKinney led the Lady Rockets in scoring with 13.



Junior Carson Noble goes for two in the Rockets win over Model Tuesday night. The Rockets next game is Friday night when they travel to Lincoln County in a doubleheader with the Lady Rockets.



Lucas Gentry and Dylan Rowe put the defense on a Model player during the Rockets season opening win Tuesday night, 64-59. Gentry led the scoring for the Rockets with 27.



Junior Hope Kelley steals the ball on the Lady Rocket press during their 56-12 win over Williamsburg. Kelley scored 12 points for the Lady Rockets.

Lady Rockets and Rockets win openers

Lady Rockets defeat Williamsburg 56-12

The Lady Rockets scored their first points of

their game against Williamsburg at the 3:07 mark of the first quarter Monday night but, it

wasn't a problem as they were only behind 2-0 to the Lady Yellow Jackets at the time.

The Lady Rockets went on to easily trounce Williamsburg 56-12 for their first win of the 2015-16 season.

Nine Lady Rockets scored for their team in the lopsided win which saw Rockcastle ahead 14-2 at the first quarter stop, 32 to 6 at halftime and 49-9 at the end of the third quarter.

Senior Ashley McKinney led the scoring for her team with 13; junior Hope Kelley was close behind with 12; junior Mahala Saylor got 8; eighth grader Shelby Newland scored 7 points; junior Maddy Bullen scored 6; junior Jayna Albright got 4; junior Morgan Renner 3; junior Emme Barker 2 and sophomore Emily Adams 1.

The girls next outing will be against Lincoln County Friday night in a doubleheader with the Rockets.

Monday night North Laurel comes to town for freshman, JV and varsity games and the Lady Rockets will host Mercer County on Tuesday night the 8th in a doubleheader with the Rockets.

Rockets win 64-59 over Model Patriots

The Rockets also won their season opener Tuesday night, defeating the Madison Model Patriots 64-59.

The Rockets were up 14-12 at the end of the first quarter with junior Lucas Gentry scoring 10 of the 14 points. At halftime, the Rockets had extended their lead to 34 to 25 and Gentry had 19 of his 27 points for the game.

In the third quarter, the Patriots cut the Rocket lead to four at 44-40, outscoring the Rockets 15-10 in the period. The Rockets hung onto the win in the fourth,

outscored the Patriots 20-19.

Besides Gentry's game high 27 points, senior Dylan Rowe got 14; senior Zach Loudermilk got 7, junior John Cornelius scored 6 and junior Carson Noble 5.

The boys will play the second game of the doubleheader, with the Lady Rockets, Friday night at Lincoln County.

Saturday, Dec. 5th, the boys will travel to Jackson County for a Jayvee/Varsity game with Jackson City and Tuesday will play in the doubleheader game, with the Lady Rockets against Mercer County.

Rocket JV 34 Model JV 48

The Rocket Jayvee team lost their game Tuesday night against the Madison Model Patriots 48-34.

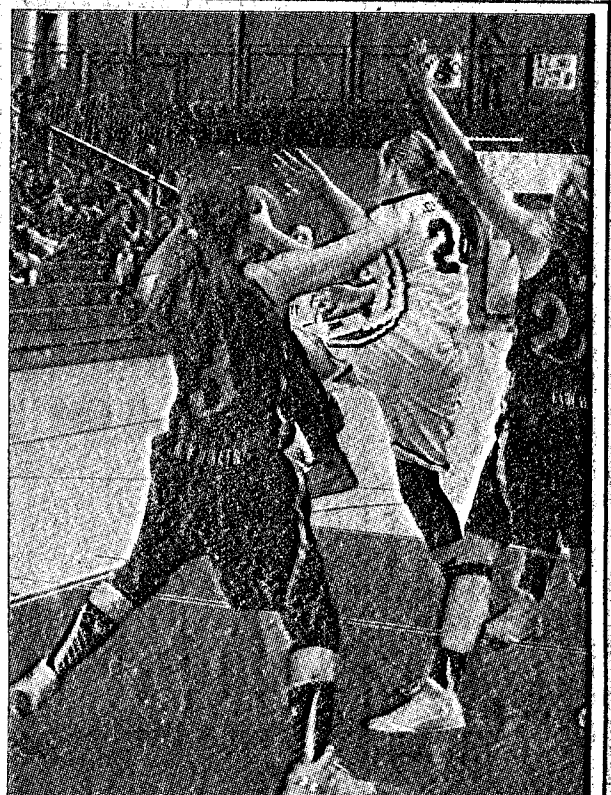
Freshman Cade Burdette led the scoring for his team in the losing effort with 12 points; sophomore Levi Gentry got 7; sophomore Devon Mullins scored 6; eighth grader Seth Sheppard got 3 and freshmen J.D. Hamilton and Donovan Elwood and eighth grader Trevor Todd scored 2 each.

Lady Rocket JV 36 Williamsburg JV 5

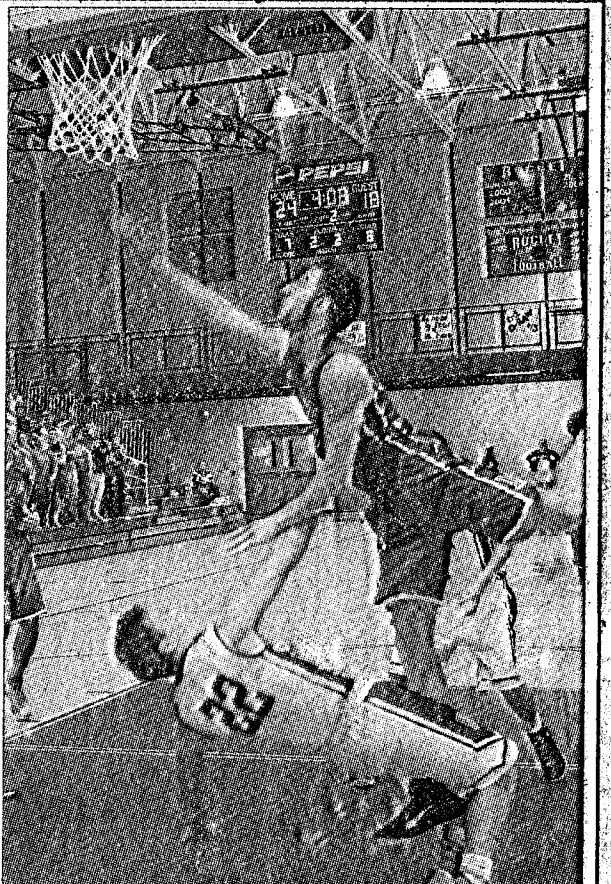
The Lady Rockets Jayvee team warmed up the court for the varsity with a 36-5 win over the Jayvee Yellow Jackets.

Eighth grader Kenzie Himes led the scoring for her team with 11 points; sophomore Mackenzie Payne and freshman Emma Bullens, scored 7 each; sophomore Lea Ellen Rogers got 5; freshman Savannah Neeley 3; freshman Jordyn Powell 2 and sophomore Emily Adams 1.

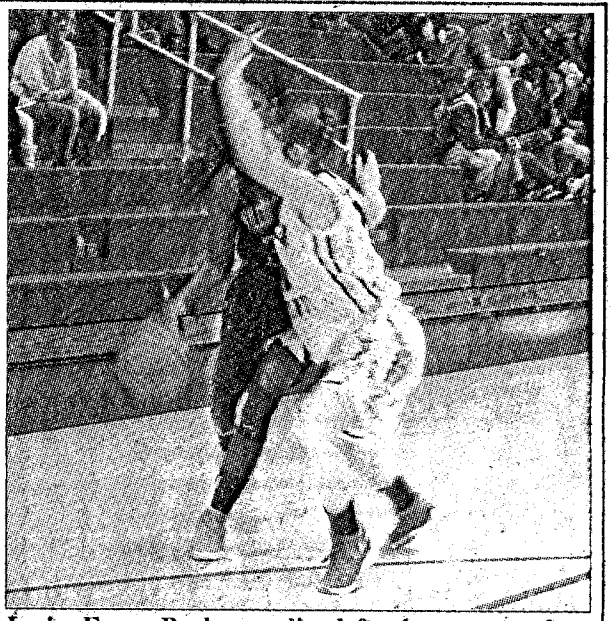
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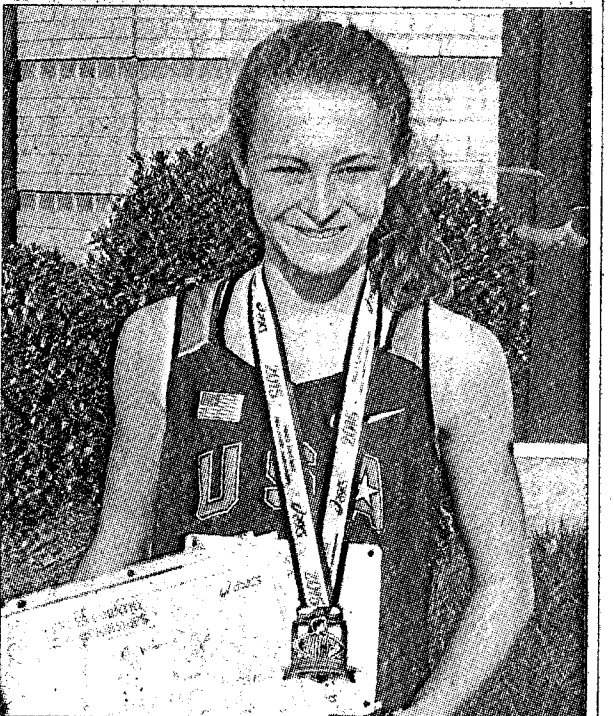
Junior Lady Rocket Mahala Saylor drives the lane and looks to pass in the Lady Rocket win Monday night over Williamsburg.



Junior John Cornelius takes a charge in the Rockets win over Model Tuesday night. Cornelius had six points in the contest.



Junior Emme Barker applies defensive pressure during the Lady Rockets 56-12 win over Williamsburg Monday night.



RCMS 8th grader Tori Dotson recently concluded another outstanding cross-country season with a 28th place finish in the 13-14 year old age division at the Foot Locker South Regional Cross-Country Championships in Charlotte, North Carolina. Tori earned All-South Region honors for her awesome performance.

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The "Dream" Rockets were the 4th/5th grade champions and undefeated two years in a row. Congratulations on another perfect season. Pictured front from left are: Lexi Dotson, Makayla Denny, Haven King, Serenity McGuire, Molly Irvine and Bailey Terry. Back row from left: Adeline Bussell, Jaylen Messer, Hollie Brown, Keelee King, MacKenzie Lopez, Ella Bussell and Taylor King

USDA begins enrollment period for Conservation Program

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack recently reminded farmers and ranchers that the next general enrollment period for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) began Dec. 1, 2015, and ends on Feb. 26, 2016. December 2015 also marks the 30th anniversary of CRP, a federally funded program that assists agricultural producers with the cost of restoring, enhancing and protecting certain grasses, shrubs and trees to improve water quality, prevent soil erosion and reduce loss of wildlife habitat.

As of September 2015, 24.2 million acres were enrolled in CRP. CRP also is protecting more than 170,000 stream miles with riparian forest and grass buffers, enough to go around the world 7 times. For an interactive tour of CRP success stories from across the U.S., visit www.fsa.usda.gov/CRPis30, or follow on Twitter at #CRPis30.

"Over the past 30 years, farmers, ranchers, conservationists, hunters, fishermen and other outdoor enthusiasts have made CRP one of the most successful conservation programs in the history of the country," said Vilsack. "Today, CRP continues to make major environmental improvements to water and air quality. This is another longstanding example of how agricultural production can work hand in hand with efforts to improve the environment and increase wildlife habitat." Participants in CRP es-

tablish long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees (known as "covers") to control soil erosion, improve water quality and develop wildlife habitat on marginally productive agricultural lands. In return, FSA provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. At times when commodity prices are low, enrolling sensitive lands in CRP can be especially attractive to farmers and ranchers, as it softens the economic hardship for landowners at the same time that it provides ecological benefits. Contract duration is between 10 and 15 years. The long-term goal of the program is to re-establish native plant species on marginal agricultural lands for the primary purpose of preventing soil erosion and improving water quality and related benefits of reducing loss of wildlife habitat.

Contracts on 1.64 million acres of CRP are set to expire on Sept. 30, 2016. Producers with expiring contracts or producers with environmentally sensitive land are encouraged to evaluate their options under CRP.

Since it was established on Dec. 23, 1985, CRP has:

- Prevented more than 9 billion tons of soil from eroding, enough soil to fill 600 million dump trucks;
- Reduced nitrogen and phosphorous runoff relative to annually tilled cropland by 95 and 85 percent respectively;
- Sequestered an annual average of 49 million tons

of greenhouse gases, equal to taking 9 million cars off the road.

Since 1996, CRP has cre-

"Lions"

(Continued from front) years," said Peters. "They even make donations to the fund."

McDonald's also donates to the program each year by providing lunch for each child after the shopping trip.

"Santa is also present at McDonald's during the meal and the kids get a chance to talk to him after they eat," Peters added.

Around 15 children are normally taken for the shopping trip and money donated to the fund is divided among them.

"We have done this since I have been Sheriff and it is always more of a blessing to us, than it is to the kids getting the gifts," said Peters.

In fact, Peters said that very often, the children teach the officers, deputies and troopers lessons that they don't expect.

"I will never forget the little fellow I took with me one year. Here's a child that didn't expect to have a Christmas and suddenly he is told to pick out presents for himself," said Peters. "This young man picked gifts for his family and clothing to wear to school. Socks and underwear and things he didn't want his family to have to buy for him because he knew they didn't have enough money."

ated nearly 2.7 million acres of restored wetlands.

For more information FSA conservation pro-

grams, visit a local FSA office or www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation. To find your

local FSA office, visit: <http://offices.usda.gov>.

Peters said police officers, deputies and troopers who see the darkest part of society, stood in awe at the choices this child made.

"The selflessness, consideration, caring and love this young man showed that day with his arms filled with gifts for others, gave us all a moment of reflection," he said. "Yes, this is what Christmas is about."


"Crashes"

(Continued from front)

Bales suspects some of the accidents were caused by drivers "rubber necking" to

see the accidents instead of watching the road. Bales said the combina-

tion of rain and increased traffic may have contributed to the accidents as well.



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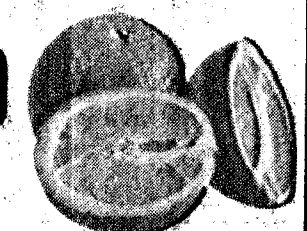
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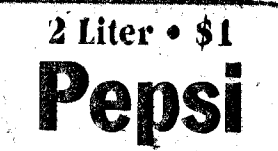
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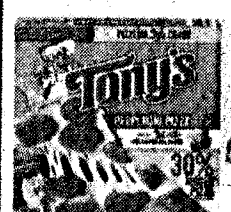
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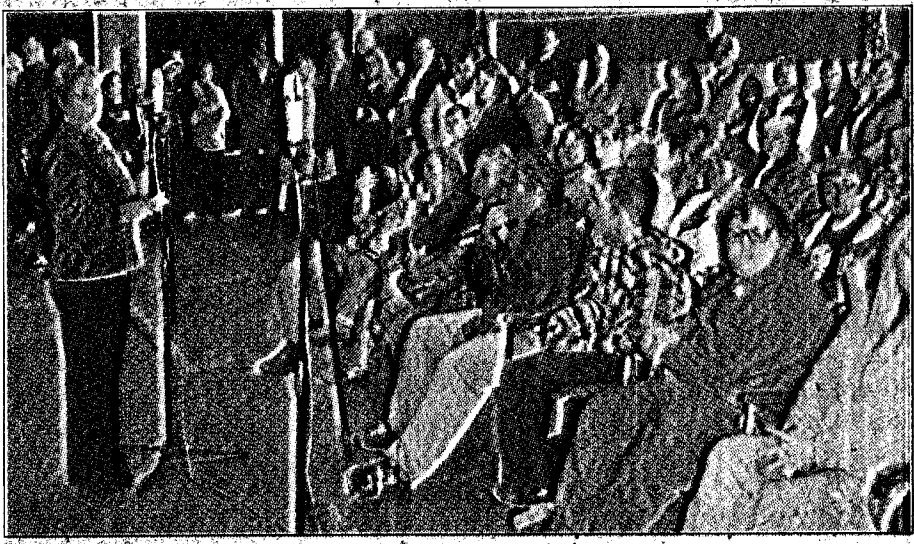
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Second Section

Thursday, December 3, 2015

Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony held Tuesday



Kiwanis Club President Rose Brown welcomed the large crowd to the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony Tuesday evening at Mount Vernon City Hall. Rain caused the event to be moved inside where those present were treated to music from local students.



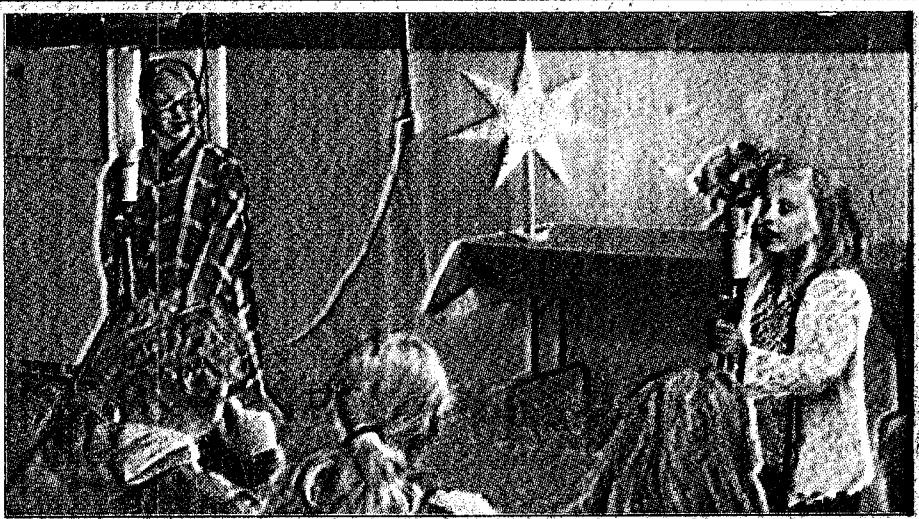
Members of the MVES Pentatones were led by Jamie Cornelius and performed three songs at the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony Tuesday evening which was held in city hall due to rain.



Kiwanis Club member Karen King helped distribute Christmas baskets to all the children in attendance during the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony Tuesday evening. The event was cosponsored by the City of Mount Vernon and the Rockcastle County Kiwanis Club.



Members of the RCHS Brass Band with Percussion entertained the large crowd at city hall at the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony Tuesday evening. The event was moved indoors due to rain.



Cousins Aden Amburgey and Celia Shaffer performed for the crowd Tuesday evening at the Mount Vernon Tree Lighting Ceremony in City Hall. The duet brought many of those in attendance to their feet.



Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant braved the falling rain and flipped the switch to light the official Mount Vernon Christmas Tree Tuesday evening. Local residents were forced to watch the lighting from their cars due to the rain and the other festivities were held indoors at City hall prior to lighting the tree.

Leaf fire gets out of control



A storage shed, owned by Mike Caulder on Elsie Lane in Mount Vernon, was destroyed this week after a fire got out of control, according to Adam Bales of the Mount Vernon Fire Department. Bales said the owner was burning leaves when the fire reached the building. Bales said controlled fires should be a safe distance from a wooded area or structure.

Tree Lighting Ceremony moved indoors due to rain

Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant stood in the rain and flipped the switch to light the city's Christmas Tree in Triangle Park Tuesday night.

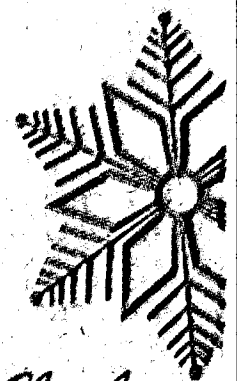
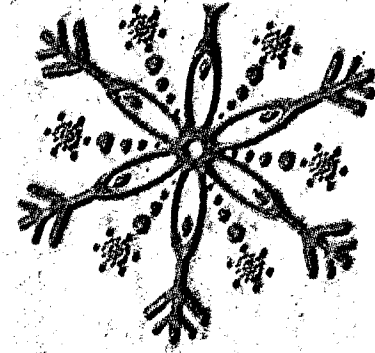
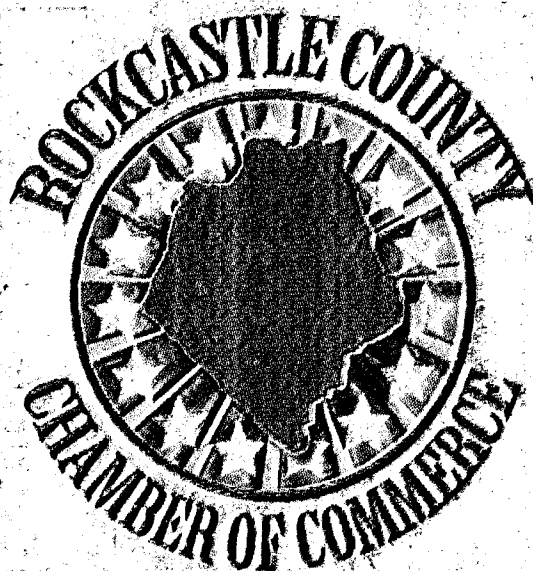
The Tree Lighting Ceremony itself was held in the City Hall meeting room which was filled with those enjoying music from the RCHS Brass Band with percussions and member of the MVES Pentatones.

Kiwanis Club members handed out Christmas Baskets to all those students who participated in the event.

Kiwanis Club President

Rose Brown spoke to those in attendance and Bryant welcomed all who participated. "I think this Christmas season, you can watch all the Hallmark and Lifetime movies you want and not get anything more touching than what we have seen here tonight with these children demonstrating a sense of community," said Bryant.

Bryant thanked Lynn Tatum, Vitalize Mount Vernon Director, for all the work she and city employees put into handmaking all the decorations, on the ground, in the park.



Christmas with the Chamber

John Lair House
Tuesday, December 8th
6:00-8:00 pm

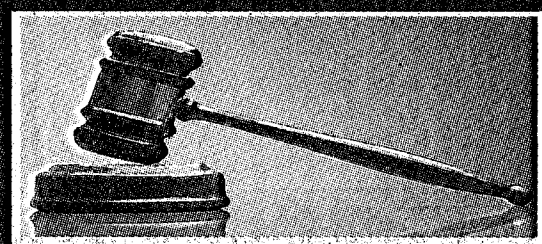
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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



District Civil Suits

Allgate Financial v. Diane Jennings, \$4,463.59 plus claimed due.
 Portfolio Recovery Asso. LLC v. Kathy Winkler, \$765.30 plus claimed due.
 Midland Funding LLC v. Tammy Bryant, \$595.27 plus claimed due.
 Midland Funding LLC v. Betsy Shafer, \$841.93 plus claimed due. C-00256

Rick A. Barron v. Angela M. Barron, petition for dissolution of marriage.
 Samantha Bond v. Byron Bond, verified petition for dissolution of marriage.
 Levi Jones v. Dustin Cronk, et al. complaint.
 Tamela Collinsworth v. Andrew W. Thomas, complaint for child support and medical support.
 Midland Funding LLC v. Leroy Monk, \$9,972.59 plus claimed due.
 CVI Loan GT Trust Inc. v. Michael Collins, \$8,118.77 plus claimed due. CI-00235

Deeds Recorded

Lorene Falin, property in Rockcastle County, to Floyd and Carolyn Bradley. Tax \$1.50
 Danny and Brittney Collins, property in Noe Subdv., to Emma L. McClure. No tax
 RCIDA, property in Business Park South, to Kimike Properties LLC. Tax \$35
 Donald Lewis Hurst, property on Poplar Grove-Willaila Road, to Barry L. Hurst, Garry Hurst and Donald Lewis Hurst, Jr. No tax
 Russell J. and Susan J. Hamrick, property on KY 1955, to Bruce Hatfield. Tax \$160
 David and Bonnie Martin, property in Maretburg Quadrangle, to Randy and Jill Martin. No tax
 Linda Williams, property in Rockcastle County, to Troy Williams. Tax \$15
 Joe Sargent, property in Evergreen Estates, to Donna Campbell. No tax
 Cumberland Real Estate Investments LLC, property in Lear Crest Subdv., to Jimmy Jeffers. Tax \$13.50
 Russell and Barbara Born and Kathy Davidson, property on old US 25, to Carl and Bonita Swanigan. Tax \$17
 Doris Thompson, Deanna Bullock, Judith and Tommy Grimes, Betty Barnes, Anita and J.N. Johnson, property in Rockcastle County, to Stephen M. Gebhart. Tax \$168
 Robert and Eva Blair, property on N. Wilderness Road, to Ken Griffin and Brandon Muncie. Tax \$23

Classified Deadline is noon Tuesday

District Court

Nov. 18, 2015.
Hon. Kathryn G. Wood
 Bertie Abney: criminal mischief, 30 days/probated 24 months on condition.
 Devin Lee Adams: possession synthetic cannabinoid agonists/piperazines, 30 days/probated 24 months on condition plus costs.
 Kathy N. Baker: possession of synthetic drugs, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).
 Joshua D. Bengé: possession of marijuana, 45 days/probated 24 months on condition plus costs.
 John Bullock: no operator license in possession, \$50 fine plus costs.
 Alexis Chasteen: fleeing or evading police, theft by unlawful taking (four counts), criminal mischief (four counts), probation violation (two counts), bw issued for fta.
 Frankie A. Cope: giving officer false name or address, 10 days/to serve, costs merged.
 Speeding: Ryan M. Crivolio, paid; Darius E. Russell, Thomas W. Sears, Jeffrey G. Roberts, license suspended for fta.
 Boyd W. Durham: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, bw issued for fta.
 Nathan L. Gadd: fines/fees due (\$268), bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or payment in full.
 Billy C. Mason: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine and costs, \$375 service fee, 30 days operator license suspension/ADE authorized.
 Austin McCormick: rear license not illuminated, no operators/moped license, bw issued for fta/license suspended.
 Michael E. McFerron: public intoxication, \$50 fine; possession of marijuana, \$50 fine; drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, 90 days/probated 24 months on condition plus costs.
 Shelley Ann Morales: failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, bw issued for fta/license suspended.
 Christopher Barkley Napier: alcohol intoxication in public place, \$50 fine and costs.
 Angela D. Northern: no/expired registration plates l- receipt, failure to produce insurance card, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, license lto be in possession, failure to notify address change to Dept. of Transp., failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, bw issued for fta/license suspended.
 Gregory A. Phelps: endangering welfare of a minor, possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, failure to notify address change to Dept. of Transp., bw issued.
 Jimmy Phelps: no/expired registration plates - receipt, no operators/moped license, bw issued for fta/license suspended.
 Matthew Spoonamore: harassing communications, 10 days in jail/costs merged.
 Jonathan D. Stewart: operating on suspended/revoked operators li-

cense, bw issued for fta/license suspended.
 Jonathan D. Wells: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, improper display of registration plates, bw issued for fta.
 Vernon L. Wilson: theft by unlawful taking, bw issued for fta.
 John C. York: criminal trespassing, \$100 fine/suspended on condition plus costs.
 Chaomin Guan: careless driving, improper passing, bw issued for fta.
 Kathy E. Ingram: failure to wear seat belts, license suspended for fta.
 Terry Miller: failure to

wear seat belts, \$25 fine; Angela R. Daugherty: menacing, 30 days/probated 24 months on condition plus costs.
 Triston Cole Robinson: criminal mischief, 90 days/probated 24 months on condition plus costs.
 Matthew D. Spoonamore: harassing communications, 10 days/costs merged.
 Joshua Dale Spurlock: menacing, 90 days/credit time served/costs merged.
 Daron L. Dooley: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, 10 days/costs merged.

Circuit Civil Suits

Billy R. Gadd, Jr., et al v. Misty Sutton, petition for permanent custody.

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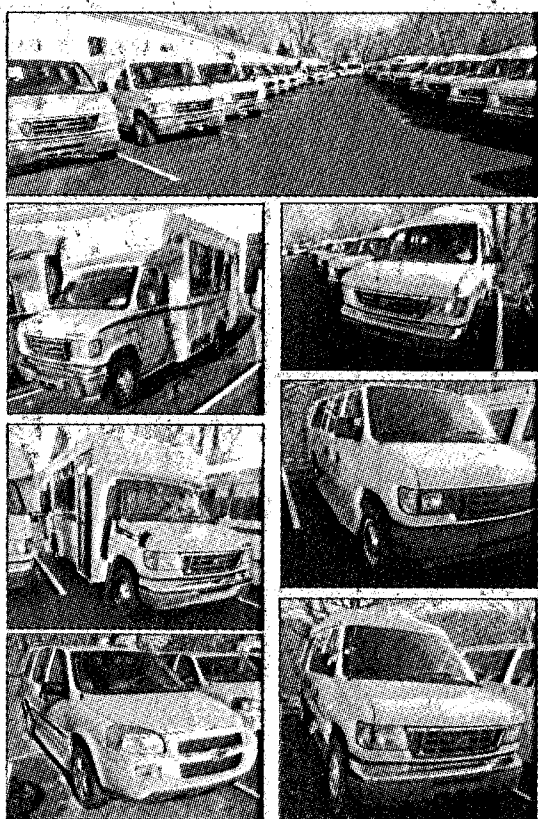
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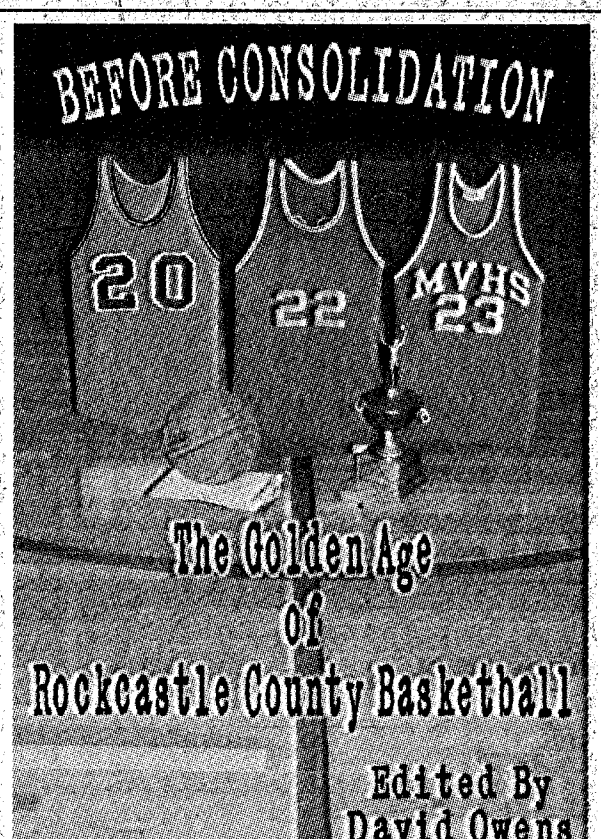
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Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I Civil Action No. 15-CI-00082

Pamela Mason Plaintiff
 v.
 David Mason and wife Debra Mason Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this partition action on August 20, 2015, I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

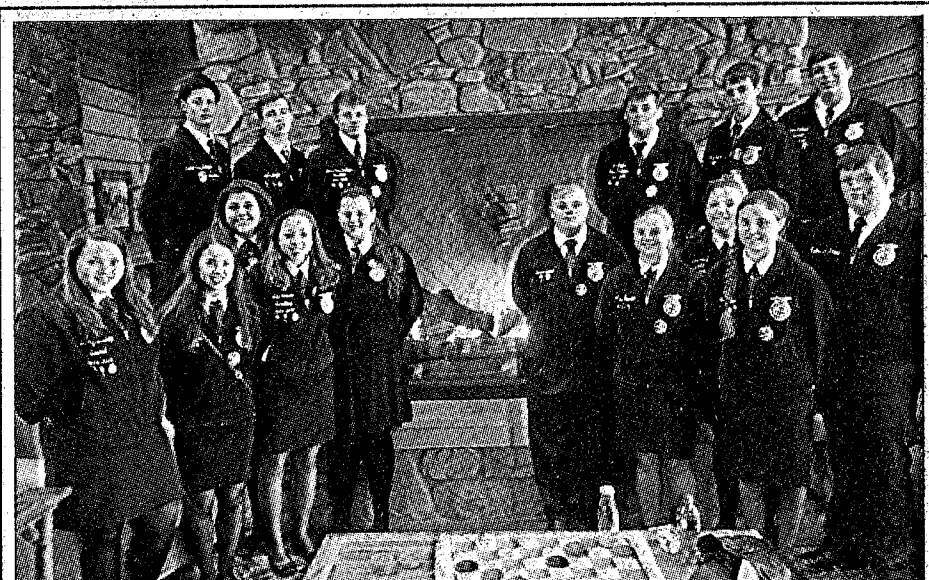
At the Courthouse on East Main Street Mt. Vernon, Kentucky on Friday, December 11, 2015 Beginning at the Hour of 11:30 a.m.

Said property being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at Dr. Pennington's corner, running in a southern direction with county road to the cave spring; thence a straight line across the railroad to a stone, stone cliff; thence a straight line over the hill to a double white oak; thence a straight line down the hill to Dr. Pennington's line, the beginning corner, and containing nine (9) acres more or less.

Pamela Mason and David Mason obtained title to the above described real property by deed dated September 13, 2001 and recorded in Deed Book 186, page 302 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

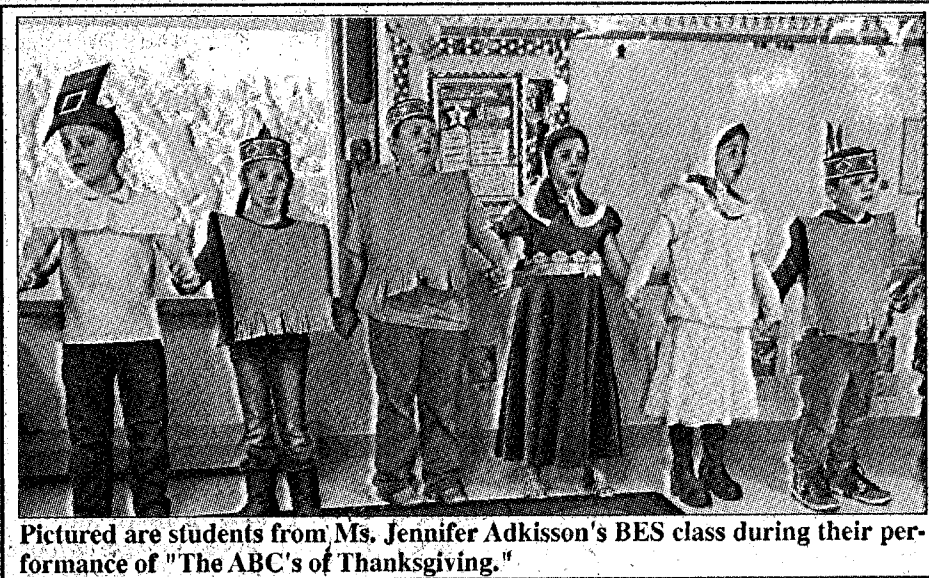
The property shall be sold on the following terms & conditions:
 1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved 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 the 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 2015 local, county, and state property taxes.
 4. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem taxes shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
 5. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
 6. This sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions, or covenants of record, or otherwise and shall be sold "AS IS."
John D. Ford
 Master Commissioner
 Rockcastle Circuit Court



Local FFA members attending the National Convention were front from left: Mary Bishop, Michaela Barron, Brittany Long, Allie Johnson, Autumn Kirby, Trevor Sweet, Allie Renner, Sierra Sturgill, Pamela Miller, and Andrew McKinney. Back row from left: Jordan Hawkins, Caleb Ballinger, James Clay Ballinger, Eric Bullock, Andrew Ponder, and David Gabbard.



Members of the Rockcastle County Nursery/Landscape team are from left: Allie Johnson, Mary Bishop, and Sierra Sturgill.



Pictured are students from Ms. Jennifer Adkisson's BES class during their performance of "The ABC's of Thanksgiving."

Rockcastle FFA attends National Convention

Submitted by Reporter Sierra Sturgill
Members of the Rockcastle County FFA traveled to Louisville, Kentucky on October 28-30th. During that time, members participated in several workshops, attended several sessions, and were able to connect with fellow FFA members across the nation.

148 other participants. Mary Bishop received a silver emblem, Allie Johnson received a silver emblem, and Sierra Sturgill received a bronze emblem.

On Wednesday night, the members were fortunate enough to be able to play laser tag, thanks to our local Alumni.

Members of the Rockcastle County FFA Chapter were one of 39 teams participating in the National FFA Nursery/Landscape Career Development Event (CDE). The event was held in conjunction with the 88th National FFA Convention & Expo in Louisville, Kentucky. The team led by advisor Roy Reynolds, was awarded a bronze emblem.

Members also competed for individual awards with

**Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I
Civil Action No. 15-CI-00117**

Ford Brothers Plaintiff

Sharon Yauger-Pendery, the unknown spouse of Sharon Yauger-Pendery, Capital One Bank (USA), N.A., University of Kentucky Federal Credit Union, Commonwealth of Kentucky Department of Revenue Division of Collections and Rockcastle County, Kentucky Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on September 25, 2015 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of TWELVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR DOLLARS AND 09/100 (\$12,724.09) bearing interest at the rate of 6.00% per annum (\$2.09 per day) from June 16, 2015 until the date of judgment, plus post judgment interest at the rate of 6.00% per annum, from the date of this judgment until paid in full, plus Plaintiff's attorneys fees in the amount of \$2,500.00 and Court costs in the amount of \$756.16, plus all Special Master Commissioner fees and other expenses of sale, I will offer at public auction the real property located in Rockcastle County, Kentucky and more particularly described herein. The sale will occur:

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, December 4, 2015
Beginning at the Hour of 1:30 p.m.**

Description of Property:

A certain lot or parcel of land lying and being in Mt. Vernon, Rockcastle County, Kentucky and further described as follows: BEGINNING at a corner stone at Locust; thence running with street 79 feet to a fence; thence running up the hill 75 feet to a straight line with fence to an iron rod in the ground above a Chestnut tree, Monroe Falin's line; thence with Monroe Falin's line, 79 feet straight above a block wall to a post and iron stake at a road; thence down the hill with road 75 feet to the beginning.

The Defendant, Sharon Yauger-Pendery obtained title to the above-described real property by Deed dated May 12, 2014, executed by Ford Brothers Inc. and of record in Deed Book 247 Page 664 in the office of the Rockcastle County Court Clerk, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky.

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 required to pay a minimum of twenty percent (20%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond bearing interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum approved by the Special Master Commissioner.
2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of ten percent (10%) 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. Unpaid taxes or liens of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of sale, subject to the priority set out in the judgment entered on September 25, 2015.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2015 local, county, state, and school property taxes.
5. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
6. 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, and the property will be conveyed to the plaintiff in due season upon payment of the expenses of sale.
7. Upon confirmation of sale and distribution of proceeds the parties shall release their liens of record against the real property or the Special Master Commissioner is authorized to execute a release on behalf of the parties releasing their respective liens.
8. This sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions, and all other covenants and conditions of record, and otherwise shall be sold "AS IS."

**Jerome S. Fish
Special Master Commissioner**

Tiger Pause

Brodhead Elementary rolled into the Thanksgiving holiday weekend with a special performance provided by our 2nd and 3rd grade students. The special performance was centered around the origin of the Thanksgiving holiday. Also, 1st grade students held individual performances in their classrooms

with the presentation of "The ABC's of Thanksgiving." Each performance was a hit and the talent of Brodhead was shining bright.

Be sure to mark your calendars for our BES Winter Carnival, Friday, December 10, 2015 from 4:30-6:30. The Winter Carnival includes silent auc-

tions (themed baskets), games, chili supper, and more.

The chili supper will start at 4:30, an adult tray is \$5 and a child tray is \$3, a family of 4 or more will be \$15 (up to a total of 6 members). There will be student generated businesses and games to enjoy. We hope to see you there.

Minds in the Middle

Mt. Vernon Florist and National Heritage Inn are sponsoring a Frozen tea party with Elsa, Anna and Olaf on Thursday, December 3rd from 3:30-6:00 p.m. at Heritage Inn in Renfro Valley. Entry is \$5 at the door or bring a \$5 gift for our RCMS Youth Services Center Christmas Program in memory of Abby

Langford. Refreshments are included.

There will be a meeting on December 8th from 3:00-4:30 for all students who are attending KYA. That meeting will be followed by a parent meeting at 4:30.

Yearbook order forms have been sent home. Yearbooks are now on sale for

\$30. The price will go up to \$35 after the Christmas break. Extra forms are available in the office.

Boys who are interested in trying out for baseball should attend open gym at 5:00 on Friday evening.

Daily announcements are now available on our school website.

Students who wish to or-

der their picture retakes need to turn their orders and money in by this Friday.

Mrs. Bobo would like to congratulate the Voyager students for having the entire team passing the North America Unit Assessment Exam with no remediations necessary. Great job Voyagers, keep up the good work!

Student art exhibit open to public at SCC

Somerset Community College students from all academic programs are currently presenting their art in a SCC student exhibit. The exhibit, held in the SCC East End Gallery, located in Stoner Hall on the Somerset North Campus, will be open for viewing until January 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The East End Gallery at SCC provides an opportu-

nity for students from all academic programs to present their work or curate in a gallery setting, to use the space for large-scale installations or to experiment with artistic concepts and concerns in a public venue.

Students submit works each semester for exhibitions throughout the year and approximately 100 students show their work at four shows.

The current show's reception is open to the public and free, will be held Thursday, December 3, 2015, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

SCC students with art on display include: Cory Bond, Mt. Vernon; Cora Carter, Somerset; Andre' Mills, Somerset; Jacob Stringer, Somerset; Dylan Anderson, Russell Springs; Jill Angell, Wayne County; Haylea Barker, Somerset; Sharon Etris, Burnside; Casey Stidham, London; Whitney

Viars, Somerset; Amanda Wiggington, Somerset; Sonya Denny, Somerset; K Goodson, Somerset; and Erica Braden, McCreary County.

The SCC Student Exhibition is organized by and curated by SCC Associate Professor of Art Darlene Hensley-Libbey. To learn more about classes and related programming, contact Libbey at darlene.libbey@kctcs.edu or 606-451-1681.

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 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.

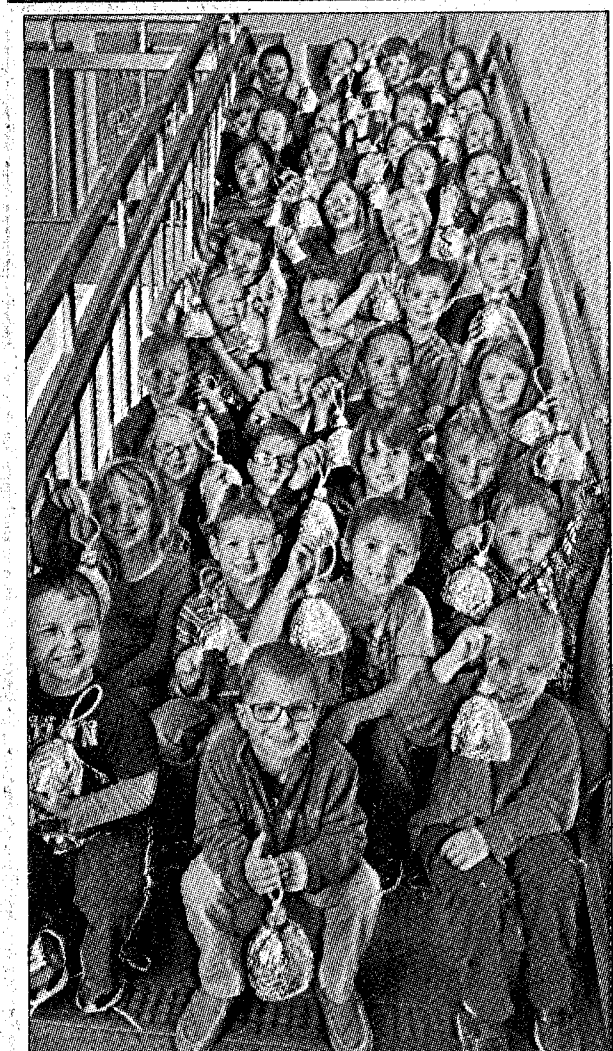
- Look for scholarships using KHEAA's "Affording Higher Education" and a free online scholarship search. You can find a link to a free search site under the

"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 the 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). Its sister agency, the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation (KHESLC), offers Advantage Loans to help students and parents pay for college. For more information about Advantage Loans, visit

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Mrs. Kaci's and Mrs. Kathy's first grade classes at MVES recycled 2-liter bottles to create "silver bell" ornaments to be displayed on the tree in Triangle Park.

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.

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery classes are held every Monday night at 6 p.m. at the Community Outreach Center in Brodhead (next to the Fairgrounds).

Celebrate Recovery is a 12-step Christ-Centered program and is a safe place to share and begin healing from all hurts, hang-ups and habits. Meal at 6 p.m., music at 6:45 p.m. Large group at 7 p.m.

Come and be inspired and begin your journey of healing!

Signatures available for court probation and snap.

For more information, call Chris Martin 606-308-3368.

Benefit Service at Faith Chapel

Faith Chapel Pentecostal Church will have a Benefit Service for Jean Stephens on Sat., Dec. 5th at 7 p.m. Everyone invited to attend.

Benefit Singing at Livingston Pentecostal

There will be a Benefit Singing at Livingston Pentecostal Church on Friday, Dec. 11th, beginning at 7 o'clock for David and Deanna Barnes, daughter and son-in-law of Dennis

An encouraging word:

There's More to Life Than Luck

By Howard Coop



A group of us, friends for many years, were engaged in a friendly conversation when one member of the group, shaking his head negatively, said somewhat dejectedly, "That's just my luck." And so, from his point of view, a failure was explained. He was helpless; there was nothing he could have done differently that would have changed the situation. Because of luck things just happened in his life.

He is not alone; many persons believe, or at least talk like they do, that luck, the chance happening of events, determines life and what comes to them in it. So, they use words like fate, a power that is supposed to determine the outcome of events before they occur, and kismet, the belief that some things are destined to happen; we have absolutely

"Deadlines"

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www.kheslc.com.

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. 6-7214.

and Donna Doan who lost their home due to a fire.

Featured singers will be the Webb Family, Jason Medley, the Doan Family and other locals.

Pastor Jim Miller and congregation welcome everyone.

Revival at

Pine Hill Holiness

Pastor Randy Chrisman and congregation invite everyone to attend a revival beginning Sunday, Dec. 6th through Wednesday, Dec. 9th at Pine Hill Holiness Church.

The Gabbards, from northern Kentucky, will be singing and preaching each night.

Sunday evening service begins at 6 o'clock and Monday through Wednesday at 7 o'clock.

Special Service at Berea Gospel Tabernacle

There will be a Special Service at Berea Gospel Tabernacle on Sat., Dec. 12th at 7 p.m. with Jacob Adams preaching.

On Friday, Dec. 4th, there will be a Christmas Supper in the basement of the church.

Fellowship Service at Crab Orchard Pentecostal

Crab Orchard Pentecostal Church will hold a Fellowship Service on Monday, December 7th at 7 p.m. Bro. Jim Miller will be preaching.

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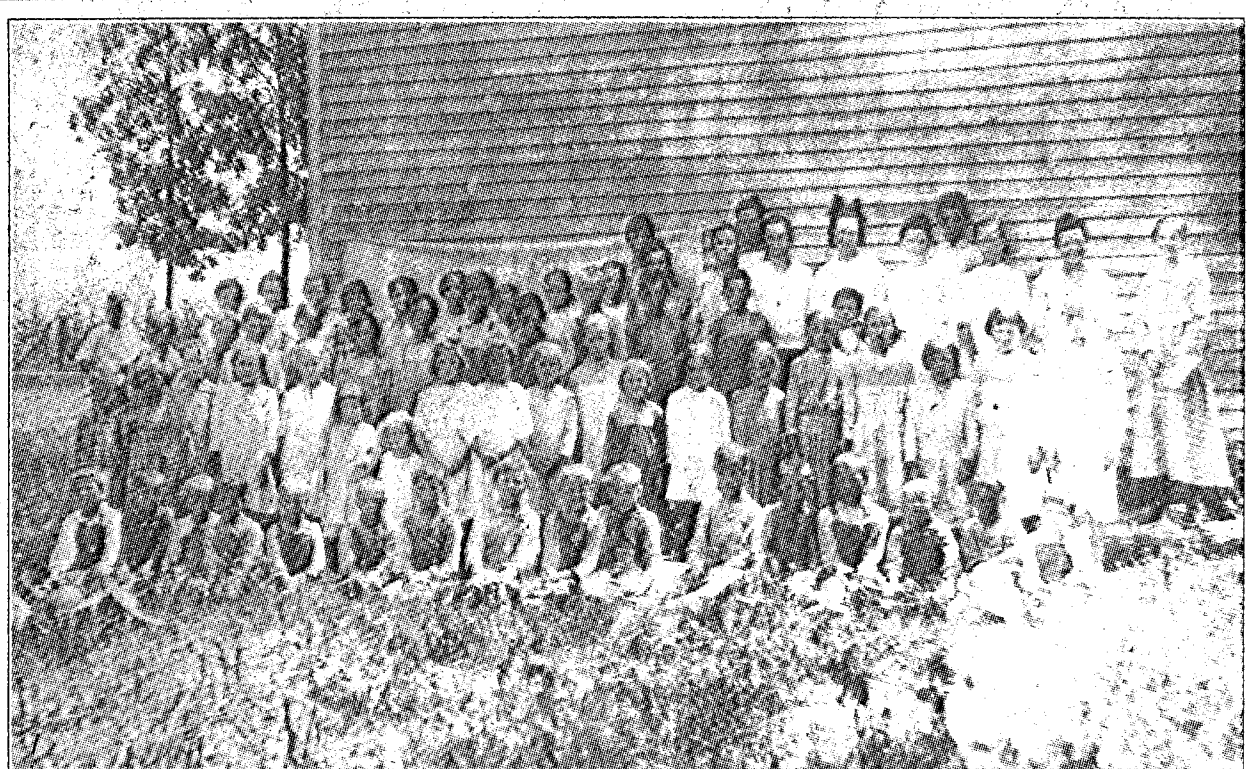
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Blast From The Past...

This week's photo is of Hickory Grove School. This photo is courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sergent, the students and year are not known. Mrs. Sergent would like to know if anyone can recognize the students or the school year term. If you have a photo for Blast From The Past contact David Owens at scoopowens24@yahoo.com or 606-386-0187.

Kentucky Artisan Center kicks-off holiday events

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea starts off the traditional holiday shopping season with multiple events featuring decorative gourds, holiday music on Celtic harp and hammer dulcimer and a book signing by Lexington photographer John Snell.

On Saturday, Dec. 5, Paul Buhmester, of Bowling Green will demonstrate his embellished and cut decorative gourds from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Buhmester embellishes the gourds that he grows in his garden by using an art form called pyrography - the art or technique of decorating wood, leather or other objects by burning a design on the surface with a heated metallic point. The tool most commonly used is called a wood-burning tool.

Mostly self-taught, Buhmester loves being able to grow his own material and is inspired by the process of watching the gourd grow and then changing it into art. The size, shape, feel, thickness and color of the gourds come together to inform his imagination and determine the final design.

"I create gourd art with various burning techniques and I also carve and cut into each gourd's surface," he said. "Each work is designed with elements of symmetry and are inspired by nature."

Experimentation is Buhmester's forte, and he makes the most out of the variety of shapes and differ-

ences each gourd presents. He has even transformed gourds into lamps and vessels.

Also on Dec. 5, Kyle Meadows and Tisa McGraw will perform sets of holiday music on hammer dulcimer and Celtic harp from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This musical duo will also talk to visitors about their music and their unique instruments and be available to sign their CDs.

Both Meadows and McGraw have been playing music for most of their lives. Born in North Carolina, Meadows began his career in music as a child, learning to play the piano by ear. As a teenager, he taught himself how to play the hammer dulcimer and now has been playing for over 20 years. He is known both locally and nationally as a hammer dulcimer musician and has appeared with Mark O'Conner and the Cincinnati-Symphony Orchestra.

McGraw began playing the piano as a small child. She played electric bass with a rock 'n' roll band for many years before turning to the world of harp music. McGraw has been playing the Celtic harp for 15 years, gaining a reputation for her delicate and beautiful handling of the instrument.

As a duo, Meadows and McGraw have been performing together nine years and have played a variety of events from coffeehouses to concert halls. From toe-tap-

ping renditions of holiday favorites to hauntingly beautiful traditional Christmas carols, visitors will enjoy this musical experience.

Also on Dec. 5, photographer John Snell will be on hand to sign copies of his new book, "Red River Gorge-My Second Home" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Each year Snell spends countless hours lugging heavy camera equipment off the beaten path, through the Red River Gorge in eastern Kentucky. There he climbs into overhangs and cliff-lines to find and express the beauty of nature that is unique to this unusual geographic and geological location.

Snell's new book contains 224 pages of photographs and text that spotlight one of Kentucky's most beautiful natural treat-

ures. The book also includes a section on great photo spots within the Gorge and tips for making better photographs there.

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea features works by more than 700 artisans from more than 100 counties across the Commonwealth. The center's lobby showcases an 18-foot Christmas tree with colorful ornaments made by Kentucky artisans. For more information about events call 859-985-5448, go to the center's website at www.kentuckyartisan.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kentuckyartisancenter.

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Bible Talk

In our study this month we want to talk about the world's religious "holy day" called Christmas.

Jesus Was Born - The birth of Jesus Christ into the world was one of the marvelous events of history. For it was absolutely necessary for Jesus to come in the flesh, in order that he might live and then die on the cross, that men could be forgiven of their sins. Mt. 1:18-25 and Lk. 2:1-20 records for us the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, of the virgin Mary, in the town of Bethlehem. The exact month and day are not recorded when he was born.

History of Christmas - Christmas celebrations stem from pagan holy days and festivals that were held during the winter solstice in late December. In the early centuries following the death of the apostles, a spirit of iniquity began to spread rapidly and apostasies began to multiply, 2 Thess. 2:1-12. Many of these pagans were converted to apostate churches. With the spirit of iniquity, lawlessness, and apostasy at work in many of the churches, these pagan converts were appeased and accommodated with their desire to keep their celebrations and holidays. This was done by mixing biblical events to "Christianize" their pagan practices. Many things developed (and continue to develop) through the years in the Christmas celebration. You can check an encyclopedia to find the historical development of many of the things about Christmas. The Bible however does not record a Christmas celebration.

Authority for All We Do - Paul exhorts us in Col. 3:17, "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Concerning a religious celebration of Christmas, there is no biblical authority. Paul said in Gal. 4:10-11, "Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labor in vain." Therefore, Christmas as worship is not commanded by God. In contrast we are commanded to remember Jesus Christ during the Lord's Supper on the first day of the week, Lk. 22:15-20, 1 Cor. 11:18-30, Acts 20:7. Let it also be noted, that Christmas, to many Christians today, is a secular celebration of family and friends, peace and goodwill to all men. An occasion to spend time with family and loved ones.

We invite you to study and worship with us at the Providence church of Christ.

Our Time of Services:

Sunday 10am Bible Study, Worship 10:40 & 6:00pm; Wednesday 7:00pm.

Our Web Site: www.WhatSaithTheScriptures.com

Rockcastle Chapter DAR

Now Taking Pre-Sale Orders

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This is a 143 page softbound book containing Rockcastle's American Revolution Patriots and the battles that they fought. Pre-publication orders are now being taken and the cost will be \$15.00. The cost will be \$20.00 after publication. 100% of the proceeds will go towards purchasing a military monument for Rockcastle's Patriots to be placed at the courthouse.



By Karen Haman Adams

Please mail check payable to KSDAR Rockcastle Chapter and send to: Karen Adams

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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
bhpp@ymail.com

Berea Gospel Tabernacle
231 US 25 South
Berea, KY
Tuesday Night 7 p.m.
Sunday Night 6 p.m.
Pastor: Eugene Webb

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
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Richmond 1 p.m. Wednesdays
Pastor: Don Staylor
Associate Pastor/Youth:
Bro. Jeremy Ellis

Kids for Christ
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Secretary: Jo Roberts
Music Director: Dan Dull

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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
Sunday: 8:55 p.m.
Thurs.: 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Carlisa 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:
RA's & GA's
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.
Lonnice 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
606-224-4641

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Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
606-256-2988
centralbaptistky.org
Pastor: Mark Eaton

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Terry Thornton, Minister
Climax Holiness Church

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Thursday Nights 7 p.m.
3rd Sat. of every month at
7 p.m.

**Conway Missionary
Baptist**
116 Meadow Lark Lane
Berea, KY 40403

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.
RA's and GA's 7 p.m.
Mission Friends 6 p.m.
Vaughn Rason, 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 6 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.fbcmky.org
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Bro. Bruce Ross, Pastor
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
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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 Stallworth, Pastor

Freedom Baptist Church
Freedom School Rd.
Mt. Vernon
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Discipleship Training 6 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship
7 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Prayer
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Classes 7 p.m.
www.freedomsbc.com
email:
pastor@freedomsbc.com
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606-256-2968

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Randal Adams, Pastor

Youth Pastor, Scott Adams
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wed. Evening 7 p.m.

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Sunday Morning Worship
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Wednesday 7 p.m.

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Wednesday 7 p.m.
Gary Parker, Pastor

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Arthur Hunt, Minister

**Livingston Pentecostal
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Jim Miller, Pastor
606-256-1709

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Bro. Barry Hurst, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship
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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
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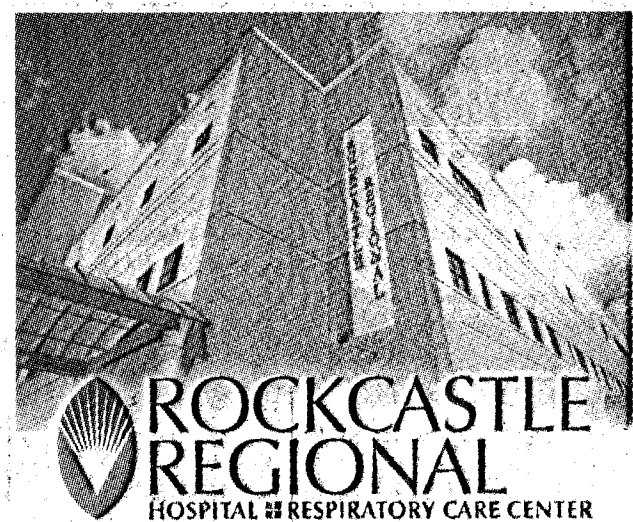
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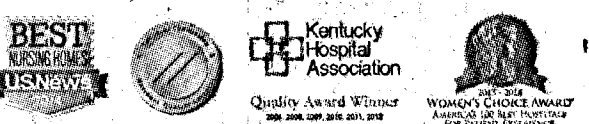
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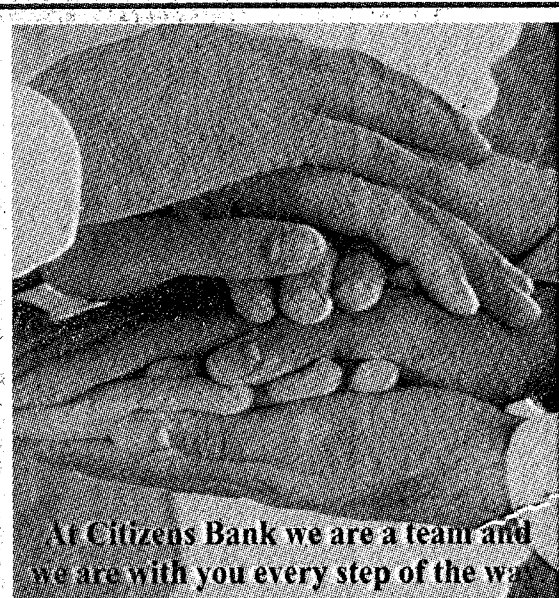
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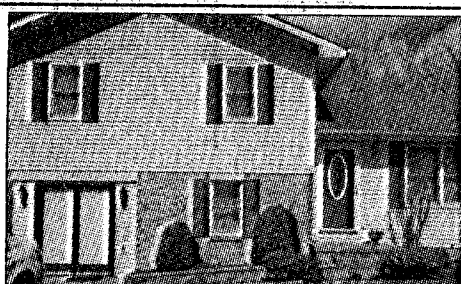
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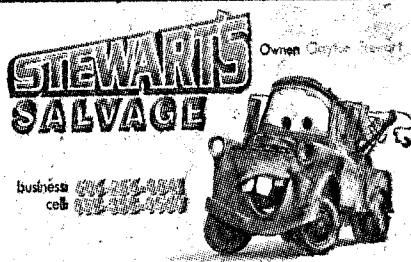
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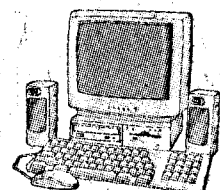
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DAR Native American State Chair Janice Lear with Rockcastle Chapter chair Tonya Cook. Lear was the guest speaker at the recent celebration of National Native American Month held by the local chapter of DAR.



Local Historian and Author, David Owens, tells the Tales of the Thunderbolt People during the recent celebration of National Native American Month held by DAR.

The Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution hosted an afternoon of education and celebration of the Native American people on November 23. Janice Lear, KSDAR Indian chairwoman was the guest speaker.

Jim Redbird Gross of the Shawnee tribe demonstrated Native flute playing and smudging. Mary Oliver

demonstrated flute playing and Native dancing. David Owens, local historian and storyteller, told native tales and demonstrated the culture of the Thunderbolt people, a branch of the Cherokee. All wore Native regalia.

Light refreshments were served. The Daughters of the American Revolution hopes to make this an annual event.

Mamaw's Kitchen

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CHUCK ROAST WITH VEGETABLES

This is how we started our vegetable beef soup. We would make a meal of the chuck roast on the day it was cooked, but the next day we used the leftovers in a soup.

5-pound chuck roast
Salt
Pepper
2 cups water
1 onion, peeled but kept whole
1 or 2 stalks celery in two-inch pieces
5 potatoes, peeled and quartered
1 pound carrots in two-inch pieces
Rub salt and pepper into all sides of roast. Place in large Dutch oven. Add water, whole onion, and celery. Bring to a boil, cover and reduce heat to medium low and simmer for 2 to 3 hours. Add potatoes and carrots to pan and bring back to a boil. Reduce heat, cover, and gently boil for another 45 minutes or until vegetables are tender.

VEGETABLE BEEF SOUP

Robbie always says that he grew up on this soup. He also says the only thing Judy ever fixed was chili and this vegetable beef soup. Serve with a pan of hot cornbread, crackers, or toast.

Left over roast, vegetables and broth
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2 medium potatoes diced
1 can (15 ounce) green peas, drained
1 onion, chopped

1 can (16 ounce) whole kernel corn, drained
2 medium carrots diced
1 can (15 ounce) Veg-all® mixed vegetables, drained
1 can (14 ounce) diced tomatoes
1 can (8 ounce) tomato sauce

If you don't have the left-over chuck roast use 1 to 2 pounds ground beef, browned and drained, and three cups water or enough water to make it as soupy as you want.

Place all ingredients in a large soup pot. Turn on high until it starts to boil. Reduce heat to low and let it gently simmer until potatoes and carrots are tender. Let simmer until time to eat. This can also be put in a crock pot and let cook all day.

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Midland Funding, LLC Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on October 26, 2015 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of FIFTY THREE THOUSAND SIXTY FOUR DOLLARS AND 28/100 (\$53,064.28) 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 11, 2015
Beginning at the Hour of 11:30 a.m.

Said property being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

All that parcel of land in city of Mt. Vernon, Rockcastle County, Commonwealth of Kentucky, as described in Deed Book 220, page 41, ID#034W-02-014. Being known and designated as:

All that certain tract of land located in County of Rockcastle, State of Kentucky, to-wit: Being all of Lot No. 19 in Countryside Estates Subdivision as shown on plat of record in Plat Book 2, Page 42, in the Office of the Clerk of the Rockcastle County Court. Reference is made thereto for a more complete description. The lot is subject to restrictions of said subdivision as shown on plat recorded in the County Court Clerk's Office.

Being the same property conveyed to Michael Reynolds, single, by deed dated January 16, 2008, executed by Karen A. Bray, et al. and recorded in Deed Book 220, page 41 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 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 2015 local, county, and state, property taxes, subsequent.
4. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem taxes 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. This sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions, or covenants of record, or otherwise and shall be sold "AS IS."

John D. Ford
Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court

Enjoy the holiday season with art December 12th

On Saturday, Dec. 12, visitors to the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea will enjoy a variety of events with Christa Smith demonstrating her Bavarian wax ornaments, the musical trio Raison D'Etre performing holiday musical favorites with voices, guitar, piano and percussion, and free guided gallery tours given through the center's current exhibits.

Smith, of Elizabethtown, will demonstrate traditional Bavarian molded wax ornaments from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Born in Germany, Smith moved to America over 35 years ago. Once in this country, she became fascinated with the cultural contributions German immigrants had made to this country. She began researching traditional German crafted items that she knew about and eventually began creating her own beeswax ornaments, painting them for extra effect and using cookie molds and old gingerbread molds she had collected.

The art of molding and carving beeswax into holiday ornaments is an old German tradition that was practiced for many generations dating back to the 16th century. German immigrants brought this tradition to eastern Pennsylvania in the late 17th century. Colonial women gathered honey from the wild beehives in the surrounding woods, using the honey for cooking and turning the leftover beeswax into ornaments.

Also Dec. 12, visitors throughout the center can enjoy live music performed by the musical trio Raison D'Etre, playing holiday favorites from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Raison D'Etre features Violet Rae Webster,

Robert Schultz and Vickie Ellis, a trio of versatile musicians who put their fine vocal harmonies to good use in everything from Shaker hymns to holiday favorites. With varied backgrounds in musical theater, classical piano, radio, theater and folk instruments, the group combines their talents into a unique mix.

As singers and musicians they also play piano, drums, guitar and banjo to accompany their singing with fresh rhythms.

Raison D'Etre has appeared at key venues including the Singletary Center for the Arts in Lexington, Leeds Center for the Arts in Winchester and the Kentucky Center for the Arts in Louisville.

Visitors that day can also enjoy free guided tours through the center's gallery exhibit, "It Takes Two: Collaborations by Kentucky Artisans" at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. This exhibit showcases works by 66 Kentucky artists who have paired up to create an array of 33 collaborative works that are most unique.

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

Wax ornaments by Smith, and musical recordings by Raison D'Etre 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 4 p.m. Admission is free.

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea features

works by more than 700 artisans from more than 100 counties across the Commonwealth. The center's lobby showcases an 18-foot Christmas tree with beautiful ornaments made by Kentucky artisans. For more in-

formation about events call 859-985-5448, go to the center's website at www.kentuckyartisancenterky.gov, or to the center's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/kentucky.artisan.center.

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