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Carlos Burdine was first in line to let Santa know what he wants for Christmas this year (photo at left). Santa listened to children's wish lists in the Brodhead Fire Station after the Parade Saturday. John Holbrook played Santa. Mr. and Mrs. Claus waded at children and adults alike during the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Claus were Stephen Thorn and Lynn Tatum in Mount Vernon's event. (More photos from parades will appear in next week's Signal)



RCIDA discusses Anchor Building and Strategic plan

Will lease CSEPP additional space

By: Mike French
Members of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority held their monthly meeting this week.

The first item on the agenda included discussion of the financial statement. Board Chairman Jason Coguer said the board received a bill from CSX Railroad to maintain the track system going to the unoccupied Anchor Building.

The bill for \$10,000 is for a calendar year of maintenance, according to board member Corey Craig. "Last year we only paid \$5,000 because we were only billed for part of the year," he said.

Craig said once the Anchor building is occupied, this maintenance bill will not be paid by the county or the board.

Board member Sam Hamilton said the lease agreement with whomever the new tenant may be, should include this fee. "If a tenant moves into the property and chooses not to use the rail system, they still need to cover this cost," he said.

Board members also discussed the RCIDA website. "The website needs a face lift and needs to be upgraded," said Coguer. "But I think we should wait to spend the money on that until we have our strategic plan in place so that the website can include all that information."

Hamilton agreed. "The only thing worse than no information is bad information," he said.

Craig said lots of items need to be worked out prior to upgrading the website. "There's a lot we could do with the website but we need a plan first. It needs to be managed every day. We need to finalize some plans, including hiring the new director before we spend these dollars," he said.

The web site, once upgraded, is expected to cost about \$375 a year, Coguer said.

The board members also discussed providing water and sewer service to the new building under construction at South Park by Mount Vernon Eye Care.

A steel access was installed. (See "RCIDA" on A8)

Coat Drive Planned

By: Mike French
The Rockcastle Circuit Clerk has joined forces with the local Lion's Club to sponsor the Second Annual Coat Drive in the county.

Last year a large number of new and used coats were donated and volunteers say many local children were given coats.

According to David Pensol, Rockcastle County School Superintendent, these donations go through the Mount Vernon Elementary Resource Center and the coats are distributed to (See "COAT" on A8)

School Board receives an "Excellent" on audit

MVES Principal addresses board

By: Mike French
The Rockcastle County Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening with James Dee (J.D.) Bussell, Principal of Mount Vernon Elementary School, giving a presentation on the progress and plans of his school.

The presentation is part of an ongoing plan, established by Superintendent David Pensol, for the board to hear from every school principal and get more involved in the educational process.

Bussell told the board that he is "very proud of our school" and enjoys the opportunity to talk about the school's progress.

Bussell mentioned the self-contained classrooms in which students do not switch teachers for different subjects. "Our teachers teach every lesson. It's more personal and provides more

one-on-one contact with each student," said Bussell.

One of the many other benefits, according to Bussell, is that teachers can extend any given subject if they find it necessary. "When you switch classrooms for a different subject when that bell rings, you go. Right then. But this way if a teacher is involved in an important lesson and sees the need, the teacher can extend that subject another 10-15 minutes. I think it is working very well," said Bussell.

Bussell discussed the school's curriculum and

provided charts showing all classes and time management to the board as well.

Bussell also discussed the student council he and his staff created. Five fifth graders are selected by students to run for class president. Once the president is

chosen in an election, the other four students are members of the council.

"We meet with this council of fifth graders each month and they let us know what they would like for the school," said Bussell. "At first you get some pretty

outlandish ideas, but as things get more serious, they really come up with some great ideas."

Bussell said the student council started a school clean-up program, including around the building. The (See "AUDIT" on A8)

County to receive two bloodhounds

The County Attorney's Office announced today that it has secured the donation of two bloodhounds for use in law enforcement and search and rescue work in Mount Vernon and Rockcastle County.

Discussions between Rockcastle County Jailor, Carlos McClure and Assistant County Attorney William Leger, led Leger to make initial inquiries about the possibility of obtaining a bloodhound for use in the

location of fugitives, missing persons, and lost or abducted children. Of the multiple inquiries sent out, two agencies responded with offers to donate a dog. Bob Stevens, with (See "DOGS" on A8)

First Republican caucus planned in Rockcastle

A steering committee for the Rockcastle County Republican Presidential Caucus has been announced. The caucus, a first for Republicans in Kentucky, will take place Saturday, March

5, 2016. Doris Cromer, Chair of the local Republican Party, announced a three-person steering committee that will help with the logistics for the caucus, including tabulations; outreach and security.

According to Cromer, PVA Janet Vaughn, GOP Youth Chair John Hughes and Sheriff's Deputy Casey McClure will head up efforts to hold Rockcastle's first ever Republican Caucus.

"I am thankful that Janet, John and Casey have agreed to help our organizing efforts for the caucus. We want to make sure we have an efficient and secure day set up for Rockcastle Republicans to help select our party's nominee for President," said Cromer. "I know our steering committee, along with other volunteers, will make that happen."

The Kentucky Republican Party executive com-

mittee voted to switch voting in the Republican contest for President from a primary election to a caucus.

The switch allows Kentucky Republicans to have a meaningful role in selecting the party's nominee for President, Cromer said.

It also allows Kentucky Senator Rand Paul to seek Kentucky's votes and delegates while seeking reelection to the Senate without legal challenges, according to (See "CAUCUS" on A8)

Two arrested for home invasion

By: Mike French
Two men were arrested and charged with burglary in the first degree after police responded to a home invasion on Sinking Valley Springs Road last week.

Steve A. Napier, 32, of Berea, and Frankie Lee Hurt, 38, of Stanford, were arrested.

Deputy Shannon Franklin, of the Rockcastle County Sheriff's office, said he and Kentucky State Police Trooper Scottie Pennington arrived at the scene to discover a door on the home of Abelardo Flores had been kicked in.

According to Franklin, Flores reported finding the door smashed and reported several items stolen from the home. Flores also told Deputy Franklin that he saw two men run into the woods carrying a safe stolen from the home.

Police then located the two men exiting the woods carrying several items that had been reported stolen and made the arrests.

According to the report, blood was found on the strap of a stolen rifle but Napier

told police it was his blood. Franklin noted that Napier had "several cuts and injuries." (See "HOME" on A8)

Checkpoints set by KSP

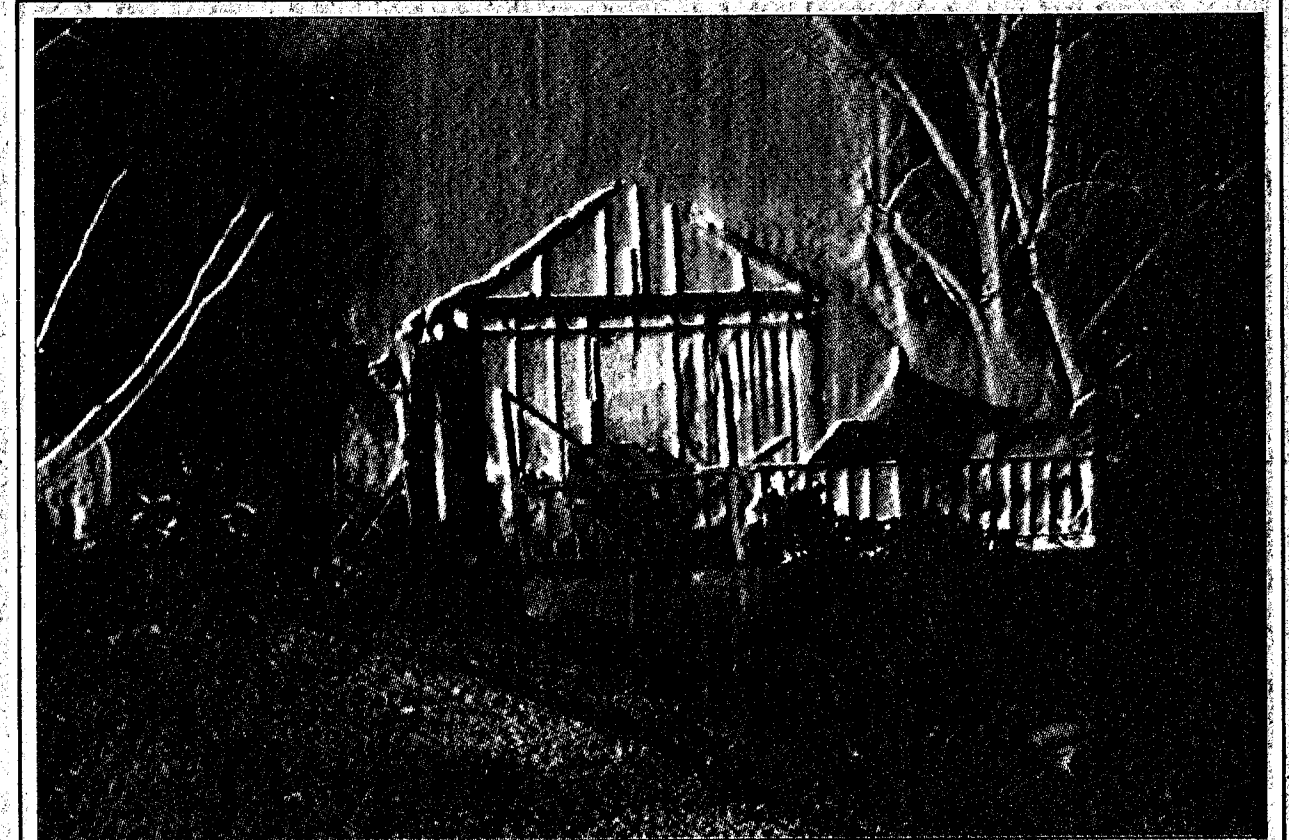
The Kentucky State Police Post 11 in London will soon be conducting periodic traffic safety checkpoints at several locations in Rockcastle, and surrounding counties, according to a press release.

The London Post serves Clay, Laurel, McCreary, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Wayne and Whitley counties.

The checkpoint locations have been approved by the Kentucky State Police and will be conducted under their policy and procedures manual.

Officials say the checkpoints will be conducted in an effort to enforce the traffic laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

According to police, special attention will be given to occupant protection (seatbelts), sobriety, insurance and registration violations.



The Mount Vernon Fire Department battled a house fire Thursday evening on Daily Street in Mount Vernon. Firefighters say the home was engulfed when they arrived at the scene and was a total loss. According to reports, a father and his son lived in the home but were not home when the fire broke out and no injuries were reported. According to J.D. Bussell, Principal of MVES, teachers and students at MVES brought gifts to the boy this week at school since his birthday was a few days after the fire.

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Aces Over

By Mike French



Not a day goes by that I don't forget something. It has gotten worse in recent years but I have adapted to it in some ways.

It has reached a whole new level recently in that I often forget that I forgot something.

I used to laugh and joke with my father and I still tease my mother about forgetting things. But these days I seem to understand their plight a little better and am getting ridiculed from my own children. "Gee Pop. Duh!"

But when I try to explain to them that I am much older and they will someday be the ones to forget things, I recall those exact same sentences coming from my dad. To me, as a youngster, it just gave me fuel for the fire.

I have been in the great city of Mount Vernon now for eight months and I'm trying to remember if there has been a single day that I didn't forget something. Of course, if there were such a day, I guess I wouldn't remember it.

I have a rather long commute so leaving something at home in the mornings is a huge deal for me.

I have already stood outside in the rain waiting for someone else to arrive at the office because I forgot my office key.

Many times I have left home and forgot to bring my camera to work. That's about the same as a scuba diver forgetting his oxygen tanks. It's a required tool for the job.

Besides writing and paste-up and photos, I deliver newspapers between the office and Berea. Out of the six weeks I've been helping to do that, I have forgotten the post office key 4 times and had to make the extra trip home.

Spencer and Paige keep telling me to put the key on my key chain. But guess what, I keep forgetting to do that.

A few weeks ago I had a meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. here at the office to do an interview. It completely slipped my mind. When I got to the office the next day I started working out what I was going to say during my apology phone call.

For me, this is unforgivable. To schedule a meeting and have another human being take time from their day to meet me is something I hold in true appreciation. I am never late. It's my number one, top pet peeve.

However, just before I called the guy to apologize, he called me here at the office and expressed his sincere apologies because he

forgot our meeting and didn't show up. So I said, "Yeah. I could have slept in that morning. But it's okay."

After reading this I suppose he will know the truth.

This morning I fixed myself a nice to-go cup of coffee to have on my trip to work. My wife texted me about half way here and said, "Thank you for the coffee. You're so sweet to have me a cup ready when I got up." I said, "You're welcome baby."

So, on my way to the office, I stopped at a convenient store to get a cup of coffee. I bought a pack of Marlboros, and a pack of Hostess Donettes. I had already taken a bite of the Donettes before I realized I still didn't get my coffee.

At home, the biggest difficulty is taking the trash to the end of the driveway. I only do it on Monday mornings. My wife has arranged the sidewalk in such a way that now I have to move the trash can out of the way to get to my truck to head off to work. This way, she knows I won't forget it.

Twice in the past few months I was so preoccupied as I went to my truck, that I actually moved the

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ramblings

by: perlina m. anderkin

I love the holiday season but I have a really hard time getting ready for them. Being a natural-born procrastinator, and possibly a latent OCD personality (which I don't have the energy to carry through with), I tend to think I have more time than I do to prepare for upcoming events.

When I happen to think of what I need to do before a certain date, I always think oh, that's three weeks away or this is the 7th, I have until the 23rd (our family get together). No sweat.

But, then, suddenly it is those dates and I am caught flatfooted and having to scurry around to get things together and scurry is not a word that's usually associated with me.

Hopefully, I will get it in gear and be a little more prepared this year but that smaller Christmas Tree I bought last Saturday is still sitting in its box in the living room and the urge to put it up and decorate it hasn't hit me yet but, hey, I still have 15 days until it's actually Christmas...

Leading Republican presidential contender Donald Trump recently called for a moratorium on allowing Muslim immigrants into the country and not letting those who are al-

ready here, including those who are America citizens, and have traveled outside the country to return is only half ridiculous. Almost as ridiculous as not allowing those on the government's no-fly list to purchase guns.

Given the government's proven incompetence in administering the most basic of programs, particularly the TSA, I certainly have no confidence in their ability to compile a list that truly reflects those who shouldn't be flying because they are a threat to our country.

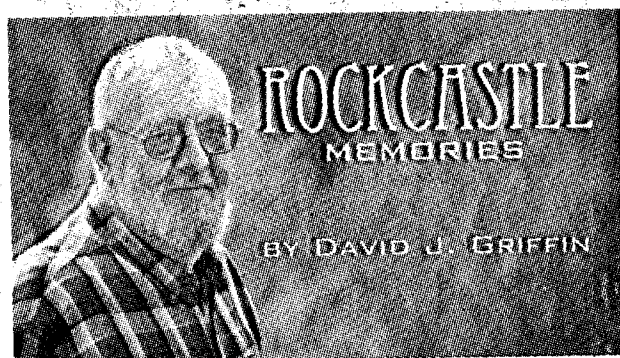
But, I digress. I was writing about Trump's latest idea to keep America safe. I should say here that he later conceded that Muslims serving in our armed forces out of country should probably be allowed to return when their tour is over. Yah think?

I have no problem whatsoever with a ban on Muslim immigrants at this time. The wife involved in the San Bernardino shootings was "vetted" and the address she gave on her application in Pakistan does not exist. It was also not noted that she spent several years in schools in Pakistan that have a reputation there for radicalizing students.

This idea of Trump's is right up there with the one to deport approximately eleven million illegal immigrants then, with proper processing, allow most of them to return legally. You cannot deport parents who are illegal, but who have children born in America, especially if those children are not old enough to be self-supporting without said parents, besides the fact that the children are American citizens. Unless, of course, those parents have been deported several times and have committed felonies but then if they make it to one of the approximately 300 Sanctuary Cities in our country they will be protected from deportation anyway.

But, our government should at least try to locate the reported 40% of the eleven million who are here on expired visas and find out what they are doing. I realize that is still over four million people but maybe we should have a process in place, and the human resources available, to track those whom we allow into this country on a visa and then round them up when it expires and they don't

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Mel Carter

When I was a senior at Mt. Vernon High School in 1962, Mel Carter released a hit called, When a Boy Falls in Love, which quickly began its climb up the Billboard charts. I remember purchasing a compilation LP of hits from various artists that included this song. The lyrics were co-written by Sam Cooke.

Carter charted several songs in the early '60s that were singles intended for radio play. By the time he had reached his marketable peak in the middle of the decade, he was specializing in pop ballads.

In the fall of 1965, I had started my teaching career at Campbellsville High School in Taylor County. Carter's biggest success was the Top 10 Billboard Hot 100 Hits called, Hold Me, Thrill Me, Kiss Me, a song which reached number 8 in 1965. It sold over one million copies and was awarded a gold disk. That distinct ballad played constantly on AM radio stations across Kentucky. They lyrics explain why it was so popular.

Hold me, hold me
Never let me go until you've
Told me, told me
What I want to know and
then just
Hold Me, hold me
Make me tell you, I'm in love
with you
Thrill me, thrill me
Walk me down the lane
where shadows
Will be, will be
Hiding lovers just the same
as
We'll be, we'll be
When you make me tell you,
I love you
Kiss me, kiss me
And when you do I'll know
that you will
Miss me, miss me
If we ever say, 'Adieu' so
Kiss me, kiss me
Make me tell you, I'm in love
with you
They told me, Be sensible
with your new love
Don't be fooled thinking this
is the last you'll find
But they never stood in the
dark with you love
When you take me in your
arms and drive me slowly
out of my mind

Mel Carter, the man responsible for giving this

song a place in pop history, began his career in Cincinnati, at the tender age of four. His grandmother took him to a penny arcade and held him up to a microphone in a recording booth. Even the unpolished performance displayed an unmistakable touch of raw talent. From that point on, music proved to be Mel's destiny.

He produced one hit single after another for most of the 1960s. My wife can sing along to every word of his best known songs, like Band of Gold, All of a Sudden My Heart Sings, and You, You, You.

Carter's biggest hit, Hold Me, peaked on the charts in 1965, and he continues to perform to this day. Born on April 22, 1943, he is best remembered for that million-selling hit from 1965.

Unbeknownst to many, Carter later acted on a substantial number of early television programs, including: Quincy, ME, Sanford and Son, Marcus Welby, MD, The Eddie Capra Mysteries, and Magnum, PI.

Further proof of Carter's versatility lies in the fact that he also enjoyed success as a stage performer. A highlight of his career was playing 'Sportin' Life' in Porgy and Bess. At one of his performances, he received four standing ovations. Throughout his career, Carter has redefined the term "multitalented" and established himself as a legend in pop music.

From my days in high school until modern recordings, Mel Carter has been part of my listening pleasure for nearly 60 years. If you are not familiar with his unusual talent, pick up a copy of his Greatest Hits CD. I promise you will not be disappointed. His voice is very habit-forming. As with many of the songbirds of days gone by, you just have to give him another 'listenin' every so often.

(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.)

Points East

By Ike Adams



When I was a schoolboy in the late 1950s and early 60s, December weekends usually found me in the woods and in the shadow of my cousin, the late "Little" Steve Craft, so-called because his father was my Uncle Stevie who didn't believe in calling anybody Junior.

Once "Little" Steve reached adult status, he became plain Steve to everybody outside the immediate family. It's too complicated to explain. Suffice to say that when I talk about them, to this day, I find myself telling people that Stevie was the dad and Steve, the son, instead of it being the other way around.

Anyway Steve was about 10 years older than me and he was, essentially, my big brother. I certainly spent more time in their home on weekends, growing up, than I did in my own. And we usually spent half the day on Saturday, before or after I'd run my Grit paper route, and the better part of Sunday, "hunting".

Meaning that we took two or three small, beagle-related dogs into the woods and fields, armed ourselves with shotguns and hoped that we might actually get a shot at a squirrel, rabbit, grouse, quail or woodcock.

I can count, on my fingers and toes and have a few left unused, the number of times we actually came home with any sort of game that Aunt Nan could turn into table fare, but the number of times we tried would run into the numerous dozens, if not hundreds.

More often than not we came out of the woods, after a five or six-hour foray, with exactly the same amount of ammunition we had before we left the house. If we did luck-out and get a shot at something, Uncle Stevie would glance at our game bags when we stepped onto the porch, upon returning, and shake his head.

"I heard you waste that shell," he'd say.

And once, when one of us had actually bagged a woodcock, Uncle Stevie remarked, "Them little snipes don't have a shotgun shell's worth of meat on em."

I told him that I'd pay him for the shell and take it home for Mom to fix if that was the way he felt about it, not that he'd actually, himself, bought the ammo. He promptly said, "Nahhhh. What's done is done". Little Stevie winked at me because we both knew he was already drooling over the bird even though it was still a long way from being in the frying pan.

Once, while I was just barely old enough to be al-

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Obituaries



Flossie Irene Jones

Flossie Irene Jones, 80, of Livingston, died Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at the Compressive Care Center in Richmond. She was born in Laurel County on October 27, 1935 the daughter of Richard and Ida Mae Jones Overbay. She was a homemaker and a member of Morning View Pentecostal Church. She enjoyed singing, quilting, gardening, canning and telling people about Jesus.

She is survived by: three sons, Donnie Ray Jones, Carlos Eugene Jones and Jeffery Wayne Jones; three daughters, Christine (Bobby) Lee McClure, Barbara Jean (Danny Ray) Smith and Virginia Lucille (Ricky Gene) Barron, all of Livingston; and two sisters, Katherine Sue Scott of Livingston and Glessie Hubbard of Richmond. Also surviving are: 16 grandchildren, Tina, Crystal, Eric, Rodney, Amy, Kerri, Brian, Ashley, Travis, Jennifer, Dusty, Austin, John, Jeff, Shacota and Betty Jane; and 26 great grandchildren.

Funeral services for Mrs. Jones were conducted Saturday, December 5, 2015 at 2 PM at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home by Bro. Burgess Daughtery. Burial followed in the Moore Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Robert McClure, Rick Austin Barron, Jeffery Jones, Jr., Travis Smith, Eric Smith and Doug Medley.

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



Pauline Tackett

Pauline Kincer Tackett, 97, of Mt. Vernon, went home to be with our Lord Jesus Christ on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at the Rockcastle Health & Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead. She was born in Luner on December 26, 1917 the daughter of William Leonard and Clara Cope Bustle. She was a retired US Postal Service worker and was a member of the Mt. Vernon Pentecostal Cornerstone Church. She loved her church activities and reading the Bible. She was a member of the Garden Club and enjoyed her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren.

She is survived by: a son, Keith J. (Patricia) Kincer; a daughter, June (Paul) Carpenter; a daughter-in-law, Maxine Kincer; seven grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; and three great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by: her first husband, Wilbert Kincer; her second husband, Ishmael Tackett; a son, Wil Kincer; and a granddaughter, Tammy Kincer.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 6, 2015 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Luther Allen. Burial followed in Elmwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Mike Kincer, Kevin Kincer, Matthew Bray, Logan Kincer, Allen Kincer, Mike Mink, Craig Kincer and Samuel Kincer.

Visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
Create a Dream Stream
From the trickling or bubbling stone to the babbling brook or roaring mountain stream, the sights and sounds of flowing water seem to forever attract both the human observer as well as things in nature. From a steep mountain slope with rushing water to the meandering slow moving stream built where the land is flat, adding one or several waterfalls with musical sounds will be critical to obtaining the romantic and relaxing sounds of falling waters. Let us imagine creating this luxurious feature in the home landscape.

Though it would be wonderful, not all of us have been fortunate enough to live along a mountain stream or along a beach where we can listen to the ocean waves. There is a remedy for this without having to sell a home and pack up and move to the mountains or beach. It is certainly possible to turn either the rural homestead or the city yard into a lovely setting with relaxing sights and sounds of flowing water.

The "pondless waterfall" or the "bubbling boulder" offer small but economical installation options. Self-contained features with a pump and recirculating water permit the average homeowner to have a taste of the natural stream with a little waterfall. There are kits available for the do-it-yourselfer with instructions. Or, there are artisans trained and experienced one may hire to paint a natural landscape with stones and plantings.

Thinking bigger, perhaps inspired by a visit to a mountain stream or a well known waterfall at a tourist attraction or park, with money to invest being a necessity for most anything we desire in life, adding the roaring waterfalls or babbling streams to our property in the residential setting is very much possible, and perhaps you've never thought about it. Though an elaborate stream created to mimic one in nature, along with trees or shrubs or clumps of grasses or berry bushes can be quite the costly project; moving to

the mountains or to the ocean would be even more out-of-reach for the average family.

The size and elaborateness with which it is constructed, as well as the size of pump and the amount of water flowing in your stream will be important to determine if the stream of your dreams is affordable or is outrageously expensive. In any case, it can be done with personal sweat equity at a lower cost. With materials available today, almost anyone who carefully follows instructions can build a waterfall to enjoy.

If you are thinking of transforming a city lot into the magical look of a painting created by an artist, then you may wish to seek the best artist you can obtain to create the massive piece of paradise you've seen in your dreams with the loveliest of stones and the prettiest of plants from the palate of the creative landscape artist who has done something before that you admire. Always insist on seeing with your eyes and hearing with your ears some examples of the person's artwork you consider hiring for such a project. The difference can be day and night, the difference can be an unattractive mess or a really amazing result that is as lovely as any storybook painting of paradise.

When the visitor gapes in awe, then asks "where does the water come from?" you know you have a legitimate bit of paradise you can call your own. And I must say the pride of seeing and hearing those reactions is quite priceless.

As you dream of your own stream with waterfall (plus pond if your are inclined), keep in mind the look of the surroundings as the ideal stream and falls fits and blends well in it's setting. Whether you have a formal yard that would be best served with a formal looking waterfall with masonry work, or the natural look as one might find in a mountain valley with lush vegetation, you can have a dream steam or a romantic waterfall at your place.

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An encouraging word:

A Rich Heritage

By Howard Coop



Christmas was approaching, and as most towns are, the town had been decorated appropriately. Lights were shining brightly. Evergreens were in every window, and a Christmas tree, topped by a star, was in the center of the town. It has been reported that an individual looking, at the decorations, said, "Now, the Christians are sticking their noses in Christmas."

In an atmosphere in which faith based things seem to be under attack, such comments are not unexpected. Yet, it is good to remember that we have a rich heritage that supports faith based things.

"With a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence," fifty-six Founding Fathers of this nation gave us the Declaration of Independence, one of the foundational documents of our democracy. A short time later John Jay, the first Chief-Justice of the Supreme Court, said, "Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is their duty--as well as privilege and interest--of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their leaders."

Then, George Washing-

ton, the first president of the United States, said, "It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the protection of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor." And he said later, "It is impossible to rightly govern...without God and the Bible."

Thomas Jefferson, the third president of the United States, said, "God who gave us life gave us liberty. Can a nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are the gift of God?" And James Madison, the man known as "the Father of the Constitution" and the fourth president of the United States, said, "Religion (is) the basis and foundation of Government."

This is our heritage! Upon this foundation, a nation known as "the land of the free and the home of the brave" and respected around the world has been built. May it always remain true to this heritage?

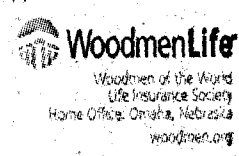
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- 2 cups sugar
- 6 eggs
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 box (about 12 ounce) vanilla wafers, crushed
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 package (7 ounce) coconut
- 1 can (20 ounce) crushed pineapple, well drained.
- Preheat oven to 350°.
- Grease a 9 x 13 baking pan or 48 mini-cake tins. (I use non-stick pans so I don't have to grease them. You can also use mini-cupcake liners.)
- Cream butter, add sugar and beat until smooth. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add crushed vanilla wafers alternately with the milk. (I use a food processor to crush the vanilla wafers.) Stir in pecans, coconut, and pineapple until well blended. Pour into prepared 9 x 13 baking pan. Or if using mini-cake pans fill cups 3/4 full.
- Bake for 20 to 25 minutes if using a 9 x 13 pan bake. For mini-cake pans bake for 13 to 16 minutes.
- Let cool in pan 15 minutes before removing to wire rack to cool completely. If desired, while cakes are still hot, push a small piece

of candy into top. For Halloween I used some Hershey's® pumpkin spice Kisses and squares of dark chocolate.

JUDY'S VEGETABLE PIZZA

- These make wonderful and pretty appetizers or snacks. To make it a little more colorful add chopped red bell pepper.
- 2 packages refrigerated crescent rolls
- 1 box (8 ounce) Philadelphia® cream cheese
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 package Hidden Valley® ranch dressing mix (dry)
- 1 cup carrots grated or diced small
- 1 and 1/2 cup broccoli florets
- 1 and 1/2 cups purple or white cauliflower, cut up
- 2 cups shredded cheese
- Form crust by laying out crescent roll dough flat (not rolled into crescents), end to end, on a long cookie sheet or a large pizza pan, and push the edges together leaving no gaps.
- Bake according to directions on the can and allow to cool.
- Mix cream cheese, mayonnaise, and dry ranch dressing until smooth; spread the mixture on the cooled crust.
- Sprinkle your vegetables over the mixture and top with shredded cheese.
- Cut into bars or slice like pizza.

Cards of Thanks

Glen E. Roberts

The family of Glen E. Roberts wishes to thank each and everyone who brought food, gifts or said kind words during our loss.

A special thanks to Cox Funeral Home for their services and Bro. Luther Allen for his kind words and to everyone for all your prayers.

The Roberts Family
Pauline Kincer Tackett

The Pauline Kincer Tackett family wishes to thank all the people who shared in our grief during the passing of our mother. She was a very compassionate, loving person who loved to be with her family.

Thank you for the food, visits and phone calls.

We especially thank Luther Allen for his kind words and encouragement to comfort us at this time.

Thank you to the great granddaughters, Grace Rinehart and Abby Kincer, for singing *Amazing Grace*, one of her favorite songs.

We are so grateful for the help of Roy Martin of Dowell & Martin Funeral Home, as he went beyond the call of duty to help us at this time.

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The Family of
Pauline Kincer Tackett

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“Points East”

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lowed to go hunting, we walked by a large brush pile, composed of numerous limbs and smaller branches that had been left where someone had harvested trees for timber or firewood.

Steve picked up a rock in the five pound range, heaved it atop the brush pile and a couple of rabbits, fast as lightning, ran out. He managed to shoot one of them, which accounts for one of the finger and toe counts mentioned above. This was before I was even allowed to pack a gun into

the woods, much less actually shoot one. But I still remember the incident like it happened only yesterday.

For several years thereafter, every time we went to the woods, both of us would pick up hefty creek rocks

“Ramblings”

(Continued from A-2)

leave.

We are facing a scary time in this country. With our open borders, that most Democrats want to leave that way, we have no idea who is coming across or what their intentions are.

America has always

and pack them well over half a mile up the mountainside until we reached that particular brush pile which we had long since named “The Rabbit Pile.”

We took turns standing

“gun ready” while the other one heaved the rocks onto the pile, but to the best of my knowledge we never again scared a rabbit out of it. At least, if we did, neither of us saw it leave the premises. I know, for sure,

that on numerous occasions, the dogs chased rabbits that took refuge there, but no amount of rock throwing would ever bring them out. Once burned, twice shy.

I’m sure The Rabbit Pile has long been rotted and turned to humus but if anybody on Blair Branch still needs a good load of 5-pound rocks, I’m reason-

ably sure that I could still tell them exactly how to find one, already piled up, in a spot where they would not, ordinarily think to look.

And if any of the younger generation has ever wondered how that big pile of creek rocks got placed way up on the mountain behind L.B and Shirley Blair’s old place, now you know.

USDA announces enrollment period for Safety Net Coverage

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Val Dolcini recently announced that producers who chose coverage from the safety net programs established by the 2014 Farm Bill, known as the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or the Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs, can begin visiting FSA county offices starting Dec. 7, 2015, to sign contracts to enroll in coverage for 2016. The enrollment period will continue until Aug. 1, 2016.

“The choice between ARC and PLC is completed and remains in effect through 2018, but producers must still enroll their farm by signing a contract each year to receive coverage,” said Dolcini.

Producers are encouraged to contact their local FSA office to schedule an appointment to enroll. If a farm is not enrolled during the 2016 enrollment period, producers on that farm will not be eligible for financial

assistance from the ARC or PLC programs should crop prices or farm revenues fall below the historical price or revenue benchmarks established by the program.

The two programs were authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill and offer a safety net to agricultural producers when there is a substantial drop in prices or revenues for covered commodities. Covered commodities include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium grain rice (which includes short grain and sweet rice), safflower seed, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat. Upland cotton is no longer a covered commodity. For more details regarding these programs, go to www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc.

For more information, producers are encouraged to visit their local FSA office. To find a local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

been known as a “melting pot” which welcomes all people but the assumption is that those welcomed will make the effort to become

“Aces”

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trash can out of my way and left. She has trouble believing that I just forgot. Apparently wives sometimes think forgetfulness and laziness may be interchangeable.

We have a system now as I leave for work each morning. She says, “Do you have your lighter? Do you have your billfold? Do you have your camera? Do you have your watch?...” And it goes on depending on where I am headed.

I once went to play a show with my band and forgot to take my instrument. At least that day, I knew something was wrong when

Americans and adopt our culture.

This is not, in my opinion, the case with a great many Muslim immigrants.

I started up the step to the stage and felt like I was missing something. One tends to notice a 30 pound instrument hanging off one’s shoulder...usually.

I have yet to step out of the house into a soggy yard and realize I forgot my shoes, but then again, the week is not over yet. It could still happen.

I really like the psychologists who say that forgetful people tend to be more intelligent. Yes, I looked it up. I think I’m going to go with that explanation and assume that’s the problem. After all, it couldn’t be that I am just getting old.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Rockcastle County eligible for Emergency Conservation

A flood has caused severe damage in the Maret Cemetery Rd, Wildie and Hummell area of the County. Farms and ranches suffering severe damage may be eligible for assistance under the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) administered by the Rockcastle Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Office if the damage:

- will be so costly to rehabilitate that Federal assistance is or will be needed to return the land to productive agricultural use

- is unusual and is not the type that would recur frequently in the same area
- affect the productive capacity of the farmland
- will impair or endanger the land

A producer qualifying for ECP assistance may receive cost-share levels not to exceed 75 percent of the eligible cost of restoration measures. No producer is eligible for more than \$200,000 cost sharing per natural disaster occurrence.

The following types of measures may be eligible:

- removing debris from farmland
- grading, shaping, or leveling severely damaged farmland
- restoring permanent fences
- restoring conservation structures and other similar installation.

Producers who have suffered a loss from a natural disaster may contact the local FSA County Office and request assistance from December 10, 2015 to January 10, 2016.

To be eligible for assistance, practices must not be started until all of the following are met:

- an application for cost-share assistance has been filed
- the local FSA County Committee (COC) or its representative has conducted an onsite inspection of the damaged area
- the Agency responsible for technical assistance, such as the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), has made a needs determination, which may include cubic yards of earthmoving, etc. required for rehabilitation.

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Letters to the editor must be no more than 400 words without prior arrangements having been made. Letters are published in the order in which they are received as space permits. Letters must not contain libelous materials. Letters must be in the Signal office before 4 p.m. on Monday to be considered for that week’s publication. All letters must include the author’s name, signature, address and telephone numbers. Illegible letters will not be considered for publication. Letters not meeting these guidelines will neither be published nor returned to the author. For questions or to make arrangements for a letter exceeding the word limit, contact the editor at 256-2244.



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Climax VFD Turkey Shoot

Climax Volunteer Fire Dept. will have a Turkey Shoot on Sat., Dec. 19th, beginning at 10 a.m. at the firehouse. Food and drinks will be available. For more information, contact Dennis Clark at 606-256-3257.

Climax VFD Board Meeting

Climax Volunteer Fire Dept. will have their annual Board Meeting December 18th at 6 p.m.

Lost a Child’s Bike?

A spokesman for the Mt. Vernon Police Dept. says they have a child’s bicycle which they found at the City Park some time ago. If you have lost one, please call 256-5372.

2nd Annual Coat Drive in Progress

Rockcastle Circuit Clerk Eliza York has teamed with the Mt. Vernon Lions Club for the 2nd Annual Coat Drive. Clean, new/used coats, of any size, may be brought to York’s office in the courthouse until January 15th. The coats will be distributed to Mt. Vernon Elementary School students.

Opening Day of Boys Youth Basketball

Everyone is invited to the opening day of Boys Rockcastle Youth Basketball on Saturday, Dec. 12th at Brodhead Elementary. Grades 2-3 will play from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and grades 4-5 will play from 1:10 to 4:30 p.m. There will be giveaways, contests and concessions. Come support the future of Rockcastle County Boys Basketball. Admission for the entire day is \$2.

Retired Teachers 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.

Service Officer Available

A certified and trained State Service Officer will be at the London DAV building on East 80, behind Valero Truck Stop, on Dec. 15th from 9 a.m. until at least noon, or longer, to assist all Veterans and their dependents with VA claims. DAV does not charge for this service. For more information, call 606-862-0032 or 606-877-1308. If no answer, leave a short message.

KPR Meeting Dec. 15th

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees (KPR) will meet Tuesday, December 15th at David’s Steak House, 125 W. Cumberland Gap Parkway in Corbin. Mealtime will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow. Guest Speakers will be Brian Towles, Retiree Health Care CMS Communications Coordinator, Kentucky Retirement System and Connie Pettyjohn, Director of Retiree Health Care, Kentucky Retirement System. Any retiree, and their spouse, receiving retirement benefits from KERS, CERS or SPRS are welcome to attend. Membership information will be available at the meeting or at the website kentuckypublicretirees.org. For more information, call 606-877-0079.

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.

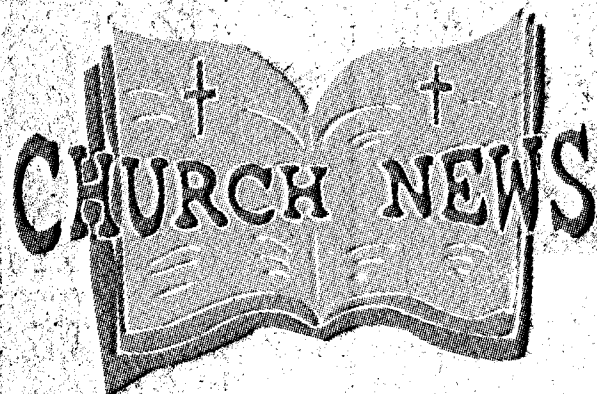
American Legion Post 71

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 American soldiers, sailors and airmen.

Jalyn Goff wins 2015 Rockcastle's Got Talent

The Livingston Community Lions Club hosted their fourth annual talent show recently on November 14 at the Rockcastle County High School auditorium. Jason Medley was the emcee for the evening. Members of the Stanford Lions club came to judge the event. Last year's winner, Lincoln Hines, was on hand to perform special selections but was not

elegible to compete. The first place winner for 2015 was Jalyn Goff, who received a trophy and \$100. Second place went to Christopher Longhurst, who won \$50 and a ribbon. Third place went to David Lindsey and granddaughter Aaliyah Caldwell, who won \$20 and a ribbon. They also won a trophy for Audience Favorite as judged by audience applause.



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.

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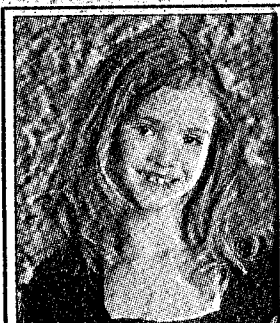
Come and be inspired and begin your journey of healing!

Signatures available for court probation and snap.

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

Benefit 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



Ms. Lauren Sanders of West Chester, Ohio celebrated her 8th birthday on December 5, 2015 at Sky Zone in West Chester. Helping her celebrate were her parents, Bob and Angela, brother Conner, grandparents Jean and Charles and uncle Dave along with nine of her friends and their parents.

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.

Watch Night Service

Sand Springs Baptist Church will hold a Watch Night Service on Thursday, December 31st. Featured singers will be Mattie Miller and Friends.

Bro. Eugene Gentry and congregation welcome everyone.

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.

Christmas Cantata

Flat Rock Baptist Church will have a Christmas Cantata this Sunday night, Dec. 13th, at 7 o'clock. The following Sunday night, December 20th, our church youth will present a Christmas program at 7 p.m.

Pastor Bro. Jack Stallworth and congregation invite all to come.

Bro. Holt preaching at Cupps Chapel

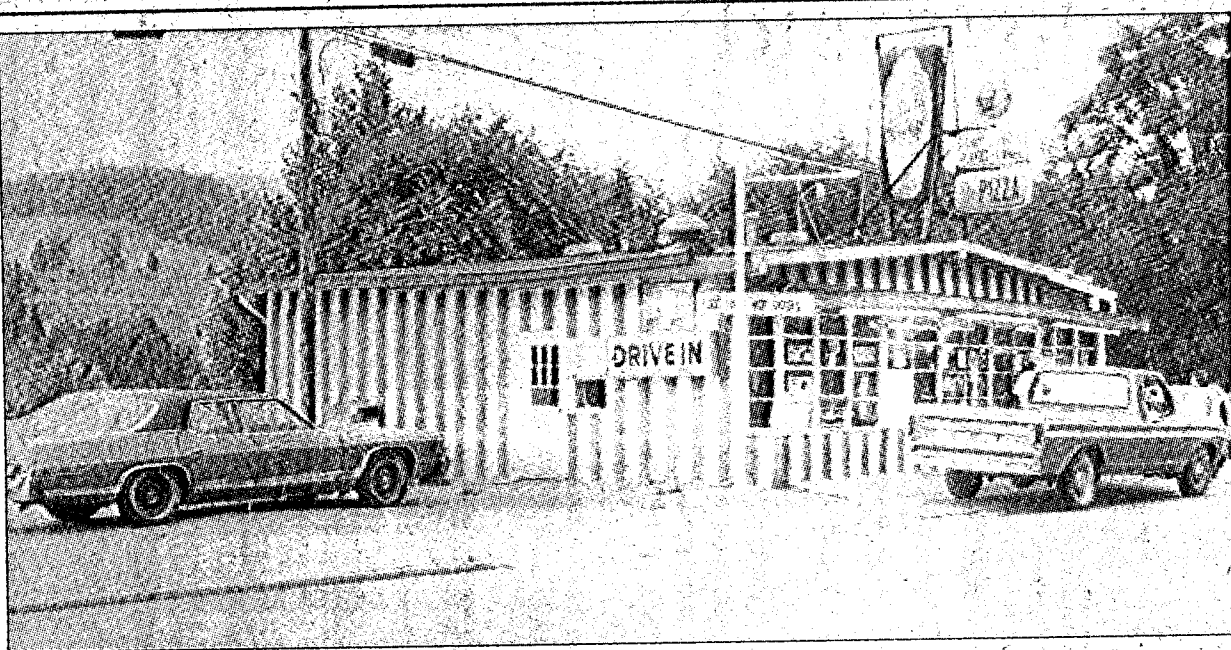
Bro. Rick Holt will be preaching at Cupps Chapel Holiness Church Thursday night, Dec. 10th, beginning at 7 o'clock.

Pastor Dwayne Carpenter and congregation invite everyone to attend.

Revival at Bride of Christ

Bride of Christ Church in Mt. Vernon, on High Street, will be in Revival Friday, December 11th and Saturday, Dec. 12th at 7 o'clock night each night. Bro. Samy Barney will be preaching and there will be special singing.

Everyone welcome.



Blast From The Past...

This week's photo is of the Mt. Vernon Dairy Freeze that was located on Richmond Street, courtesy of Jacob Owens. If you have a photo for Blast From The Past contact David Owens at scoopowens24@yahoo.com or 606-386-0187.

Kentucky Afield Outdoors

Five things to consider for reservoir smallmouth bass season

The recent spate of rainy and somewhat dismal days sends many minds toward the grim reality that winter is here to stay. Sunless, dreary days with bouts of rain in December, January and February give most people the blues. However, desolate winter days bring joy to the heart of a reservoir smallmouth bass angler. These are the days to catch the big ones.

Kentucky is a blessed region for smallmouth bass as the 11-pound, 15-ounce all-tackle world record came to the net of Leitchfield's David Hayes on a July morning in 1955 on Dale Hollow Lake. The genetics of the upper Cumberland drainage produce some of the largest specimens in the world and winter is arguably the best time to catch them.

Here are five simple tips that will help get more smallmouths in your hand this winter.

1. The uglier the weather, the better: Leaden skies that seem to scrape the tops of the tallest trees bring with them great wintertime smallmouth bass fishing. The falling barometric pressure that usually accompanies such conditions puts predator fish on the prowl. Dark clouds that obliterate the sun limit light penetration into the depths of Kentucky's better smallmouth lakes such as Laurel River, Dale Hollow, Fishtrap, Green River and Barren River, as well as Lake Cumberland. This creates better conditions for predator fish to ambush prey. A light rain or snow makes this scenario even more conducive to catching large smallmouth bass. Bright, shining days just after a frontal passage often offer comfort, but are the worst days to fish.

2. Find the bait, find the smallmouth bass: Electronic sonar units, commonly called "fish finders," improve each year. Users can manipulate the sensitivity of even inexpensive units to find schools of baitfish in reservoirs. These resemble cotton balls on the screen. However, astute anglers also look for gulls diving to the surface to discern the location of baitfish. If all else fails, fishing a point near the old river channel on the main lake presents a good chance of an angler intercepting a school of roving baitfish and the smallmouth bass following it. Fishing points, sloping banks or channel ledges near schools of baitfish greatly increases angling efficiency and boost the chances of a large smallmouth striking your lure. Dropping a jigging spoon or blade bait near the baitfish school often produces several fish.

3. Keep lure selection simple: One of the best things about winter smallmouth fishing is you can fit a day's worth of productive lures in a cigar box. A selection of 1/2-ounce football jigs for bottom fishing, some 3/16-ounce hair jigs for a swimming retrieve, a few blade baits like the 1/2-ounce Silver Buddy, a couple of jigging spoons and a bag or two of swimbaits with some 1/4-ounce ball heads are all you need. These lures consistently produce reservoir smallmouth bass all winter long. Concentrate on fishing slowly and thoroughly probing likely smallmouth structures instead of changing lures every half-hour. If all else fails, try live shiners or large crappie minnows rigged on a size 1 Octopus-style hook with a few split shots crimped about 18-inches above the hook.

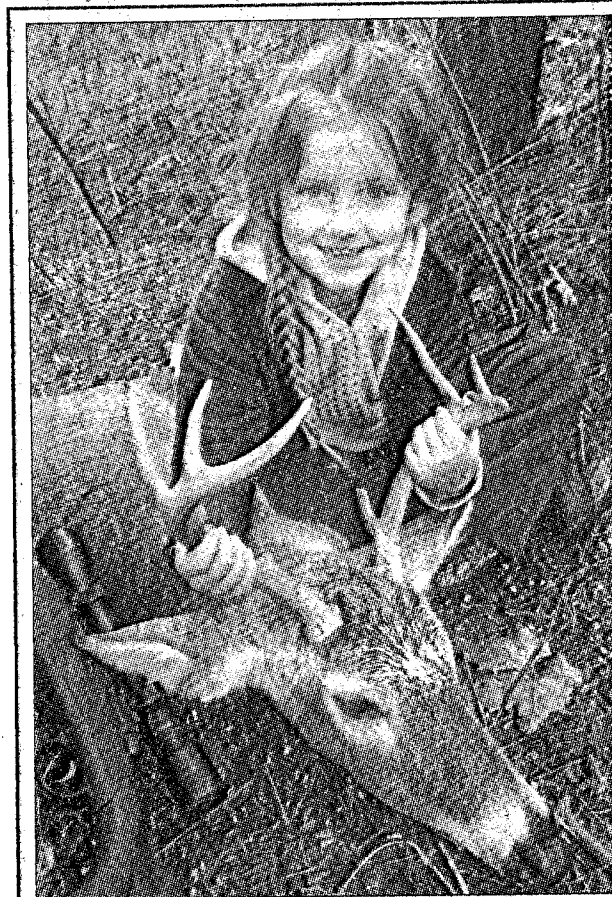
4. Have the right mentality: Winter fishing for smallmouth bass is a big fish game, not a numbers game. You'll have lulls in the fishing and a lot of empty casts. It is the nature of the game. Boredom and frustration can worm their way into the mind and you'll find

yourself going through the motions. Trophy smallmouth bass often bite when you aren't mentally prepared. Keep concentration on the task at hand, so you won't be flatfooted and consequently panicked when the 22-inchers hits. This is especially important during that prime time of 3:30 p.m. to dark. Smallmouth anglers in winter often go fishless until this time of day, then land several before dark with the shortest ode measuring 19 inches. Keep on your toes and mentally push through the lulls.

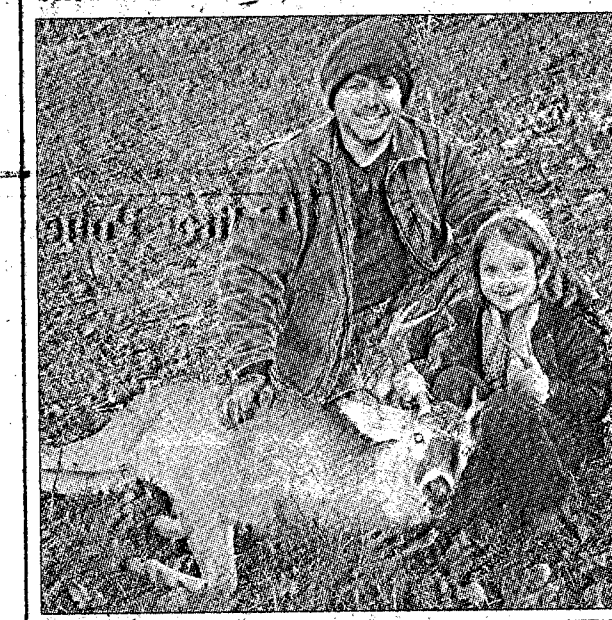
5. Big, deep water = big, fat smallmouth bass: Large smallmouth bass use acres and acres of deep water as their sanctuary much like white-tailed deer use heavy thickets. Anglers confused about where to prospect for winter smallmouth bass should stick to the main lake of the lower one-third of a reservoir nearest the dam. This is especially true on Kentucky's mid-depth hill-land smallmouth reservoirs such as Barren River or Green River lakes. You can't go wrong fishing main lake points or small covelets just off the main lake nearest the old river channel in winter for smallmouths. Anglers without boats can fish these areas from the bank in winter with just a few lures or some large crappie minnows and do just as well as those in expensive boats.

Kentucky is one of the few places in the world where anglers can routinely catch smallmouth bass heavier than 5 pounds with a chance at much larger fish. Its waters produced the largest smallmouth ever caught and documented and produces world class fish year after year.

Get out this winter and keep these simple tips in mind. A battle with a 5-pound smallmouth bass on a December day sure beats remodeling the basement.



Allison Combs, 7, of Mt. Vernon, killed her first deer opening morning of hunting season in Rockcastle County. The deer was a nine pointer and shot from 120 yards away with a 22-250. Allison is pictured below with her father, Mike Combs.



The employees at the NMHG manufacturing plant in Berea wants everyone to know they support the police. NMHG has 812 employees making Hyster and Yale lift trucks. Ken Holt, Factory Manager, stated "Our employees are encouraging everyone to step forward and show support for our police and other first responders. We appreciate their work and at times putting themselves in danger for us". Pictured above are NMHG shop floor employees presenting Officer Reed of the Berea Police Department a check as a token of appreciation.



Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at Triangle Park December 12th and 19th 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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Rockets and Lady Rockets combine to lose five of six

It's been a rough week for Rockets basketball, with the girls team losing to Lincoln, North Laurel and Mercer Co. and the boys losing to Lincoln, beating Jackson City and losing to Mercer.

Lady Rockets 68 Lincoln Co. 87

Coming off a rout of the Williamsburg Lady Yellow Jackets, the Lady Rockets ran into a buzz saw at Lincoln County last Friday night, losing to the very aggressive Lady Patriots 87-68.

Lincoln drew first blood and never looked back after winning the first quarter 22-12. Free throws gave the Lady Patriots half of their first quarter points and 12 of their 28 first half points.

At the end of the half, the Lady Patriots were ahead 48-28 but the Lady Rockets mounted a third quarter comeback, outscoring the Lady Pats 22-10 and cutting the lead to eight at 58-50. However, Lincoln Co. came back to take the fourth quarter 29-18 for the 87-68 final.

Some of the Lady Rockets' woes in the game came from their turnovers - 27 for the game to the Lady Pats 15. However, the Rockets did win the battle of the free throw line, hitting 21 of 30 to Lincoln's 11 for 16. The Lady Pats also put in nine

three point field goals in the game to the Rockets three.

Hope Kelley took high point honors for the Lady Rockets with 21; Morgan Renner, Emme Barker and Maddy Bullen scored 10 points each; Jayna Albright and Mahala Saylor got 7 each and Ashley McKinney 3.

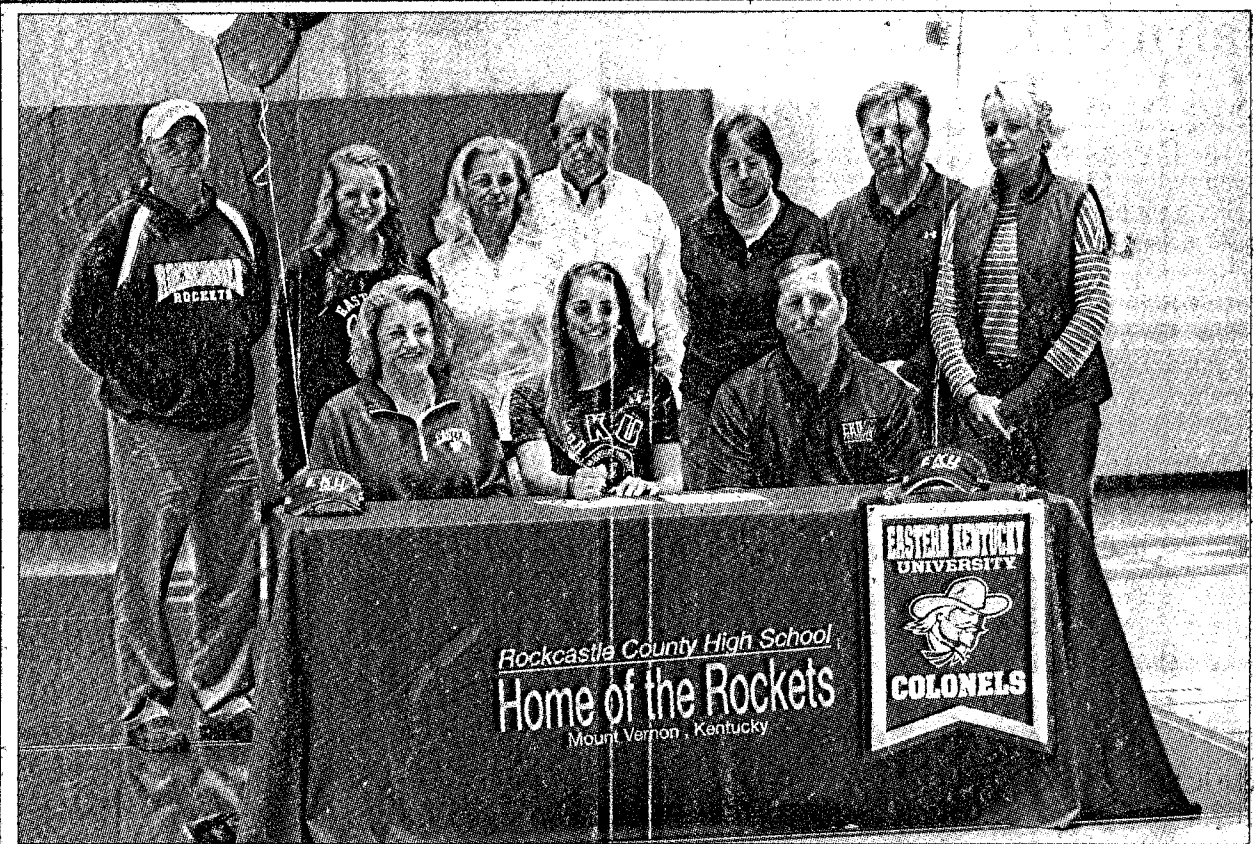
Lady Rockets 68 North Laurel 70

Monday night, the Lady Rockets got down to a good North Laurel Lady Jaguars team 23-13 at the end of the first quarter and were behind 36-24 at the half. However, they rallied in the third, outscoring North Laurel 21-12 to cut the lead to three at 48-45 and, in the fourth, despite 13 points by Ashley McKinney and seven by Hope Kelley, the Rockets fell just short in the two point loss.

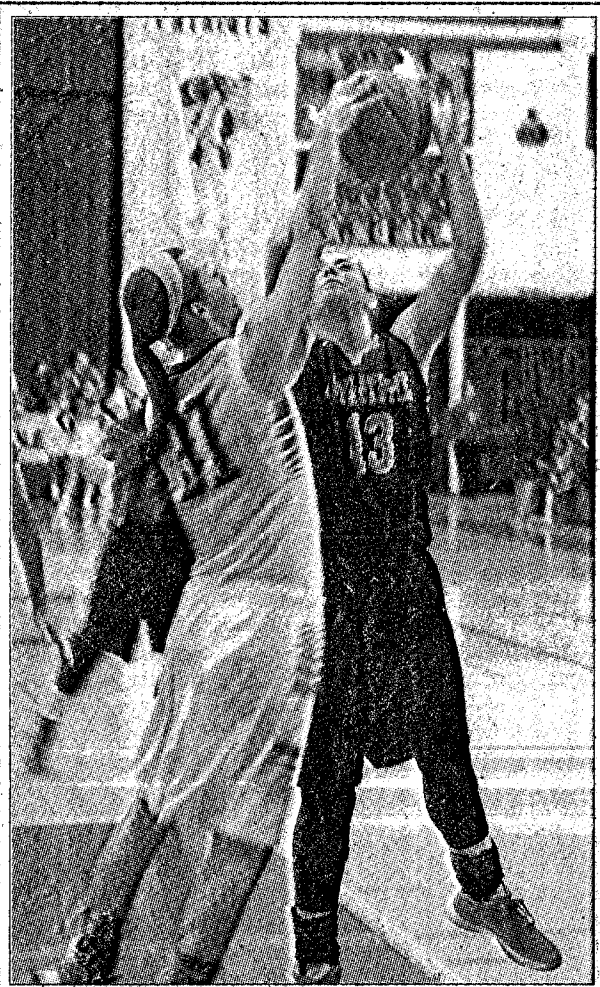
The Rockets hit 29 of 44 free throws, to the Jaguars 15 for 19, and were led in scoring by McKinney with 17. Saylor and Hope Kelley got 15 each; Morgan Renner scored 10; Maddy Bullen 5; Jayna Albright 3; Emme Barker 2 and Emily Adams 1.

The Jayvee team won their game, beating the North Laurel Jayvee 36-33.

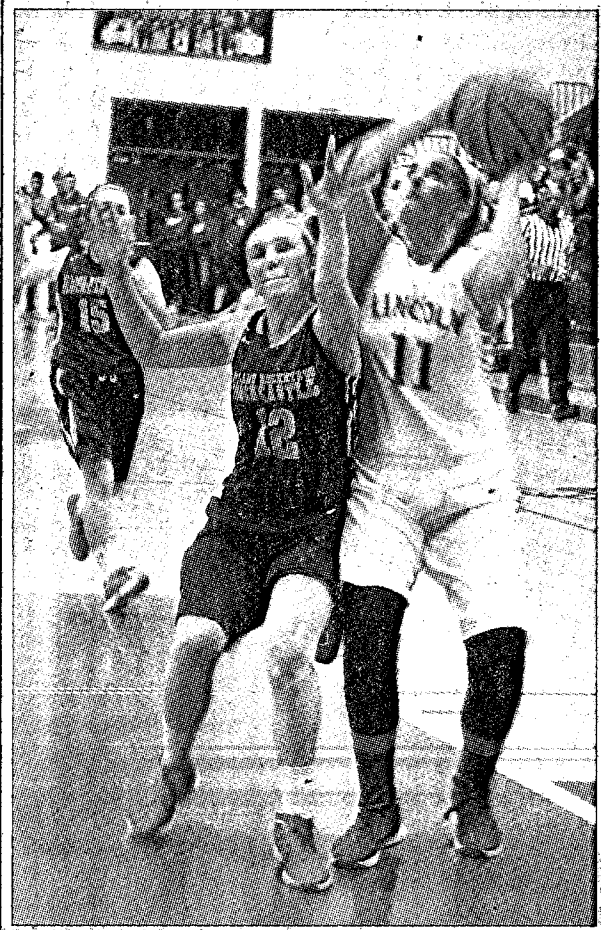
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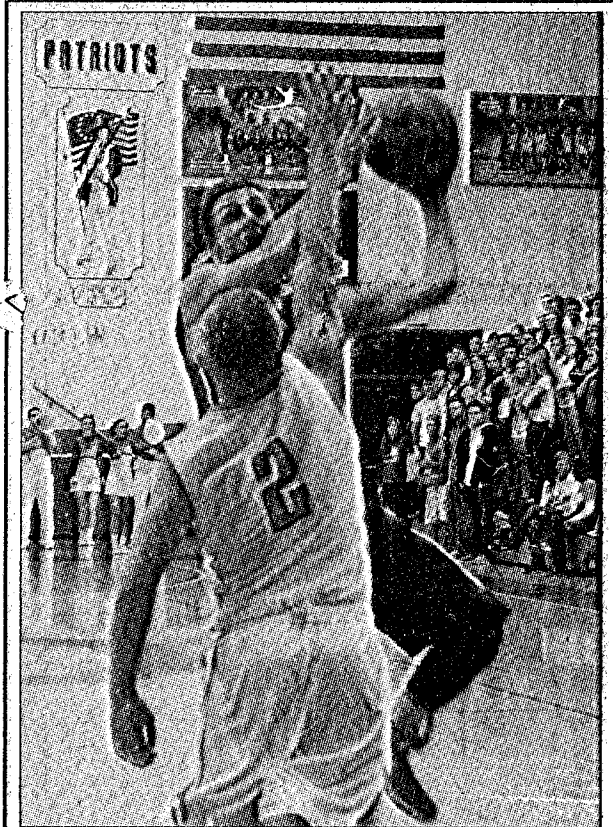
Hannabeth Owens signed of National Letter of Intent to play golf for Eastern Kentucky University during Rocket Madness. Hannabeth was joined at her signing by, back row from left: Trent Clark, Gracelyn Owens, Joyce Lecce, Larry Lecce, Tennyé Ohr, Robert Owens and Julie Asher. Hannabeth is shown with her parents on the front row, David and Detrina Owens.



Senior Morgan Renner fights for a rebound in the Lady Rockets loss to Lincoln County last Friday night. Renner scored 10 points for the Lady Rockets in the losing effort.



Junior Maddy Bullen tries to put a stop to a Lincoln County Lady Patriot in the Lady Rockets 87-68 loss last Friday night. Bullen came off the bench to score 10 points for the Lady Rockets.

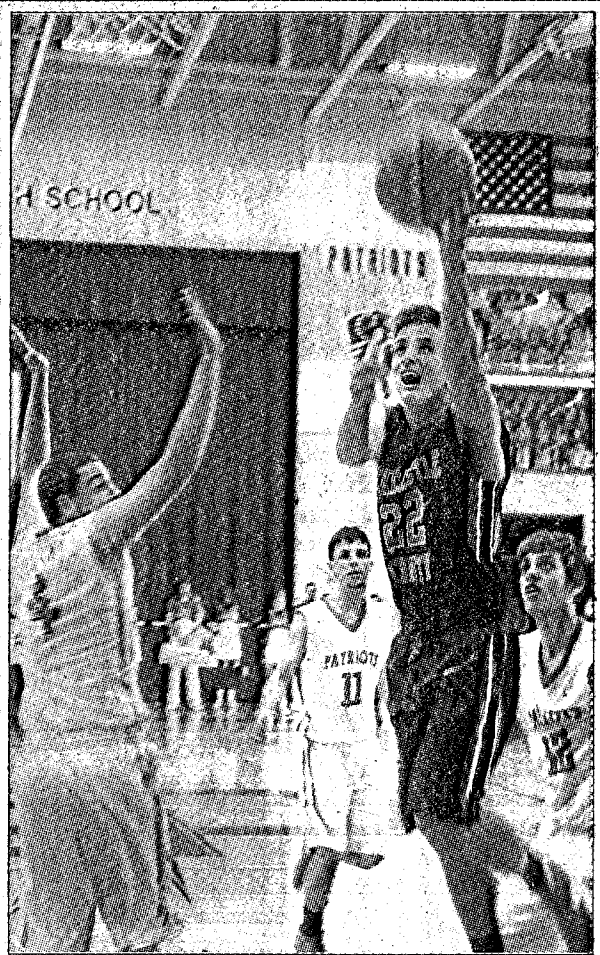


Senior Dylan Rowe goes hard to the basket during the Rockets 61-45 loss to Lincoln County last Friday night. Rowe scored nine points for the Rockets. Rowe also added 23 points against Jackson City and 18 against Mercer County.

Rockets open swim season at Barbourville

The RCHS swim Rockets traveled to Barbourville November 24th to open their 2015/2016 season. The team placed 5th out of 8 teams. 7th grader Laurel Yates led the way with a 1st place finish in the girl's 50 yard freestyle with a time of 27.56. Laurel also placed 2nd and broke the school record held by Lauren Burton in the 500 yard freestyle with a time of 6:02.05. 8th grader Aidan Cain placed 2nd in the boy's 50 yard breaststroke with a time of 41.96. The boy's 200 yard medley relay of Tristan Winstead, Aidan Cain, Reese Sherrow and Dawson Nicely finished

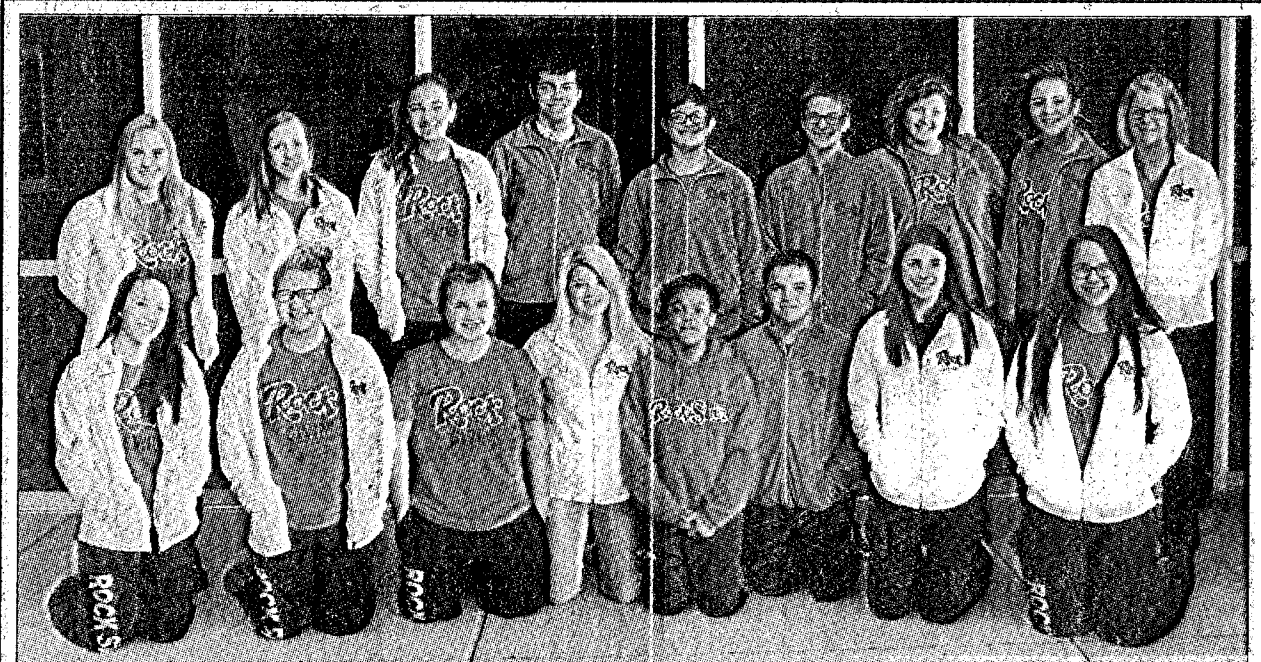
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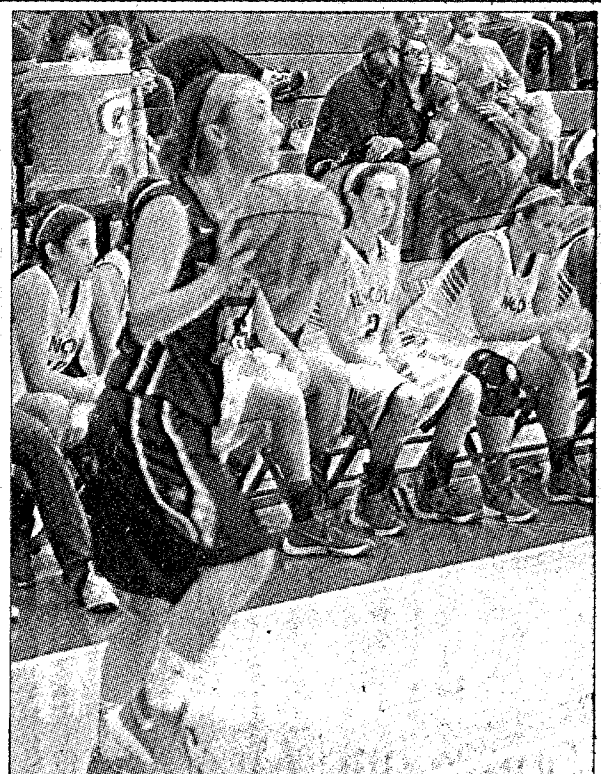
Junior John Cornelius goes for two of his 12 points in the Rocket loss to Lincoln County last Friday night. Lucas Gentry led the Rockets in scoring with 14.



Junior Thomas Burdette drives to the basket for the Rockets in their loss to Lincoln County Friday night. The Rockets came back with a victory over Jackson City Saturday night.



Members of the RCHS Swim Rockets are front row from left: Emily Hall, Emilee Thomas, Riley Clark, Paige Fowler, Yashaun Alexander, Zachary Taylor, Emily Childress, and Savannah Goff. Back row from left: Rebekah Lake, Laurel Yates, Autumn Courtney, Dawson Nicely, Reese Sherrow, Aidan Cain, Mackenzie King, Tristan Winstead, and Coach Charon Burton.



Junior Jayna Albright looks inside for the Lady Rockets in their loss to Lincoln County last Friday night. Albright scored seven points on the night. The Lady Rockets lost by two to North Laurel Monday night and lost to highly ranked Mercer County Tuesday night.

T.J.'s Journal

by: Tonya J. Cook



It's Fruit Cake Season Again

Dear Journal,
This week I will be carrying on a tradition that has been in our family for over a hundred years. It's the baking of the annual fruit cake. The fruit cake, known as "Grandma Otey's", goes back to the time of the Civil War or before. She was the one credited with it, but not necessarily the first one to bake it. She was my great-great-grandma on my mother's side, and died in 1923 on Thanksgiving day. In one aspect, I dread making the cake as it is a "detailed" cake. If you don't follow the recipe in detail, it will fail. Then, on the other hand, I love to make it as I carry on a tradition that has been in our family for over a hundred years. Grandma Nancy Sharp Otey was married to Reverend James Otey. They owned a large boarding house in northeastern Tennessee. Grandma's excellent cooking gained fame that grew and spread throughout the area. In time, she was asked to come prepare food, to cater, certain lavish parties, weddings, anniversaries, and such as far away as Knoxville, Bristol, Middlesboro, etc. A train ticket was sent, money for travel or a private coach arrived to take Grandma to

the place of the event. She was usually gone for up to a week at a time, including travel time. She was also paid for her services. But not to worry, she left five daughters back at the boarding house to cook and care for Grandpa. They all turned out to be pretty good cooks, too. My grandma, Evelyn Price-Norton, made the cake and sold it for a whopping five dollars each back in the 1920s in the same general area in order to buy a Singer treadle sewing machine from Montgomery-Ward. She scoured the area, taking orders and then delivered the cakes all on foot, up and down the railroad tracks and unpaved roads with two small children in tow in the bitter cold of December. That old sewing machine is still in the family and is with her great-great-granddaughter, Angie, in Lexington. One of those children in tow was my mother, Inez. She made the cake as I watched as a small girl, scarcely able to look over the table's edge. It's making had become a yearly event. I always left Santa a slice and a mug of homemade boiled custard, Grandma Otey's recipe of course. It looks as if the tradition will endure one more year as I make a cake for my brother, Don and one for me.

"Rockets"

(Cont. from A6)

The Lady Rockets were ahead at the half 16-14, led at the third quarter stop 24-16 and held the Jags off in the fourth for the win. Seventh grader Casey Coleman led the scoring for the Jayvee Lady Rockets with 13; Emily Adams got 6; Shelby Newland 4; Jordyn Powell and Lea Ellen Rogers 3 each; Emma Bullens, Kassie Lay and Kenzie Himes, 2 each and Mackenzie Payne 1. **Lady Rockets 35** **Lady Scotties 77** In Tuesday night's game between the Lady Rockets and the Lady Scotties from Mercer Co., the Lady Scotties left little doubt, from the outset of the game why they are ranked in the top five in the state. The score at the end of the first quarter was 21-6 and it just got worse for the Lady Rockets. Trailing 37 to 19 at the half and 55-27 at the third quarter stop, the Lady Scotties continued to pour it on in the fourth for the final 77-35. None of the Lady Rockets were in double figures in the game with Mahala Saylor; Ashley McKinney and Morgan Renner each with eight points leading the scoring for the Rockets. Maddy Bullen added 3, Emme Barker 2 and Kenzie Himes got 1. Friday night, Dec. 11th, the Lady Rockets will host district foe Somerset, in a doubleheader with the boys team. Monday night, the 14th, the Lady Rockets will host the Lady Lions from Garrard Co. and Tuesday night, the 15th will play the Lady Engineers from Estill County, in a doubleheader with the boys team at home. The Lady Rockets are now 1 and 3 on the season. **Rockets 45** **Lincoln Co. 61** The Rockets didn't fare much better in their game at Lincoln County, losing 61-45. The Rockets held their own during the first three quarters of the game, down 12-10 at the first quarter stop, 25-21 at the half and 42-38 at the end of the third quarter. But, in the fourth, Lincoln took over the game, outscoring the Rockets 19-7 for the final 61-45. Lincoln County hit

five threes to the Rockets two; Lincoln was 10 for 19 from the free throw line to the Rockets 9 for 18 and the Rockets made 13 turnovers to the Patriots 6. Lucas Gentry led the scoring for his team with 14 points; John Cornelius, who got the first six points of the second quarter, scored 12 points; Dylan Rowe, who scored the first six points of the third quarter, got 9; Carson Noble 8 and Thomas Burdette 2. **Rockets 85** **Jackson City 68** Saturday, the Rockets journeyed to Jackson County to play the Jackson City Tigers from Breathitt County and came away with their second win of the season, 85-68. Although the Rockets were down at the half, 37-35, they came back with a strong second half to lead the Tigers 50-31. Lucas Gentry led the scoring for his team with 32 points, scoring 14 of those in the fourth quarter, Dylan Rowe got 23; Zack Loudermilk 11; Carson Noble 9; Thomas Burdette 6 and Jordan Hawkins and Alex Spragens, 2 each. **Rockets 51** **Mercer Co. 85** The Rockets had a rough outing Tuesday night when the ranked Mercer County Scotties came to town and defeated Rockcastle 85-51. The Rockets did manage to stay with the Scotties the first quarter when the score was tied at 20 all at the end. However, the Scotties outscored the Rockets 21-12 in the second quarter, 30-8 in the third and 14-11 in the fourth for the final 85-51. Dylan Rowe scored 18 points to lead his team, followed by Lucas Gentry with 14; John Cornelius got 12; Carson Noble 5 and Thomas Burdette 2. The Rockets will host Somerset at home this Friday night in a doubleheader district game with the Lady Rockets. On Saturday, the Rockets will travel to Barbourville and will then host Estill County, along with the girls team, on Tuesday night, Dec. 15th. The Rockets are now 2-2 on the season.

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Proposed deer season dates for 2016 - 2017

The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission proposed the dates of the 2016-2017 deer seasons; changes to deer zones and slight modifications for elk hunting at its quarterly meeting Dec. 4.

Commission members proposed deer zone changes for Hardin, Webster and Marion counties. They also recommended modifying deer hunting regulations on four wildlife management areas (WMAs).

The commission also recommended keeping the number of elk permits the same as last year and created two new limited entry areas (LEAs) for elk hunting.

The commission recommends all hunting, fishing and boating regulations for approval by the General Assembly and approves all expenditures by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. All recommendations must be approved by legislators before they become law.

2016-2017 deer season dates (no changes from last season, dates reflect calendar shift)

- All zones:
• Archery: Sept. 3, 2016 - Jan. 16, 2017, either sex
• Crossbow: Oct. 1 - Oct. 16, Nov. 12 - Dec. 31, 2016, either sex
• Early Youth Weekend: Oct. 8 - 9, 2016, either sex
• Early Muzzleloader:
• Zones 1, 2 and 3: Oct. 15 - 16, 2016, either sex
• Zone 4: antlered only
• Modern Firearms:
• Zones 1 and 2: Nov. 12 - Nov. 27, 2016, either sex
• Zone 3: Nov. 12 - Nov. 21, 2016, either sex
• Zone 4: Nov. 12 - Nov. 21, 2016, antlered only
• Late Muzzleloader: statewide: Dec. 10 - Dec. 18, 2016
• Zone 4: Dec. 10 - Dec. 18, 2016, antlered only
• Dec. 16 - Dec. 18, 2016, either sex
• Late Youth Weekend: Dec. 31, 2016 - Jan. 1, 2017, either sex

Bag limits remain the same as last season.

In other deer-related business, the commission recommended a few zone changes. Hardin and Webster counties change from Zone 2 to Zone 1 while Marion County moves from Zone 3 to Zone 2.

They also proposed several changes to deer hunting on some public lands. These changes will be effective for the 2016-2017 deer seasons:

- Open Knobs State Forest and WMA in Bullitt County for the youth fire-

arms deer season.

- On Grayson Lake WMA in Carter and Elliott counties for the late muzzleloader season under statewide regulations.

Remove the one deer per season bag limit on Higginson-Henry WMA in Union County and place the area under statewide bag limits.

On Big Rivers State Forest and WMA in Union and Crittenden counties, create an archery/crossbow only quota hunt from the Monday following the October youth deer weekend through Nov. 30 and close the area to all deer hunting except quota hunts during this period.

Allow drawn hunters on Kentucky Fish and Wildlife quota hunts to bring one assistant with them on the hunt. The assistant must check in and check out with the drawn quota hunter.

In elk-related business, the Commission recommended keeping the number of elk quota hunter permits at the current level of 910. They also proposed allowing elk landowner permit holders to hunt on private property adjacent to the enrolled land if the adjacent landowner grants permission for elk hunting.

In other elk-related business, the commission proposed creating two Limited Entry Areas (LEAs). One will encompass the new lands as part of the Revelation Energy Hunting Access Area in Floyd, Martin and Pike counties and will be called Tug Fork LEA. The other encompasses the Fishtrap WMA in Pike County and will be called the Levisa Fork LEA. As this area is an active elk release site, it will remain closed to elk hunting until the herd reaches a harvestable population.

The commission also proposed creating an easy to use checking requirement for deer harvested with out-of-season permits. They also proposed allowing Kentucky Fish and Wildlife to establish temporary hunting seasons and regulations for newly acquired properties.

The commission also recommended allowing slingshots as legal equipment for taking small game.

The next Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. (Eastern time) Friday, March 4, 2016. Meetings are held in the Arnold Mitchell Building, located at 1 Sportsman's Lane in Frankfort.



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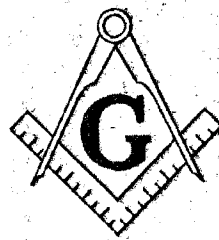
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19th Day of December 2015

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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 out 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

"RCHS Swim Season"

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2nd with a time of 2:27.01. The boy's 200 yard freestyle team of Reese Sherrow, Zachary Taylor, Tristan Winstead and Dawson Nicely placed 2nd with a time of 2:12.39.

Other notable swimmers include:

Event #	F/P/S Name	Class	Improv
Event # 4	Men 200 Free		
2:57.09	F Winstead, Tristan	8	-5.51
Event # 7	Women 50 Free		
37.21	F Fowler, Paige	9	-2.36
Event # 8	Men 50 Free		
30.62	F Nicely, Dawson	8	-4.20
32.57	F Sherrow, Reese	8	-2.37
35.13	F Winstead, Tristan	8	-1.46
Event # 12	Men 50 Fly		
36.84	F Sherrow, Reese	8	-8.79
Event # 13	Women 100 Free		
1:25.66	F Fowler, Paige	9	-7.04
Event # 14	Men 100 Free		
1:33.21	F Alexander, Vashaun	8	-4.76
Individual Meet Results			
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Rockcastle County Rockets [ROCK-KY]			
Event #	F/P/S Name	Class	Place Points Improv
Event # 15	Women 500 Free		
7:38.33	F Lake, Rebekah	10	7 10 22.21
Event # 17	Women 200 Free Relay - Lead-Off Legs (50 Free)		
38.82	F Goff, Savannah	10	--- --- 5.71
Event # 18	Men 200 Free Relay - Lead-Off Legs (50 Free)		
32.92	F Sherrow, Reese	8	--- --- -2.02
Event # 19	Women 100 Back		
1:32.28	F Courtney, Autumn	8	10 5 4.00
2:05.13	F King, Mackenzie	11	13 2 9.92
Event # 21	Women 50 Breast		
42.77	F Thomas, Emilee	8	8 8 0.69
45.06	F Courtney, Autumn	8	11 5 ---
Event # 22	Men 50 Breast		
41.96	F Cain, Aidan	8	2 15 ---

"RCIDA"

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stalled when the park was established. However, according to Craig, the Whitehouse Clinic Building was constructed between the existing manhole and the steel access under the roadway.

"This is where the Whitehouse Clinic building had to be located because of elevations. But now we will have to fine the most efficient route to run the sewer and water to the new buildings," he said.

Craig also said plans should include preparations for future development as well.

Rockcastle County Judge Doug Bishop attended the meeting and informed members of progress in leasing the Anchor Packaging Building.

Bishop told the board that plans are still underway to lease the space and he expects to know by today (Thursday) if the building is leased.

"There are no signed contracts but everything still looks very positive," he said. "We are just anxiously waiting."

The board also discussed the strategic plan. "This is a very important strategic plan. A lot of the county's future depends upon it," said Coguer.

Craig agreed, saying "We need to have a verbal agreement amongst ourselves to commit to this plan. It will take some time

and effort on everyone's part to create a meaningful plan."

In other action, Coguer said that CSEPP Director Hal Holbrook had acquired funding for the new storage warehouse and is requesting additional lease space to construct the building.

"I have been to the dispatch center and I dare say not many communities have such an elaborate facility," said Coguer. "I was shocked at the technology. It was very impressive."

Holbrook had attempted to get the City of Mount Vernon to purchase CSEPP's lease on part of the city's fire department building in order to help fund the new warehouse. However, after several months of negotiations, Holbrook raised funding from other sources, according to Coguer.

The new warehouse is expected to be a 50X70 building and include restrooms and a finished interior.

Holbrook has requested an additional 1-1.5 acres for the new building and the board agreed to lease the additional space to CSEPP for \$1.

Craig pointed out that the entire center, including the new warehouse and the existing CSEPP building, will belong to the county in 2023 when the lease is up.

According to Craig, the new warehouse structure has already been advertised for bids.

"Dogs"

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Bloodhounds R Us, of Douglas, Massachusetts, responded to Leger's inquiry offering to donate a trained Bloodhound that would be ready to work.

Mr. Stevens has over 50 years of experience training dogs. He trains German Shepards for use in police work, as well as bloodhounds. His organization has donated approximately 150 bloodhounds to law enforcement. Mr. Stevens estimated that the dog would be ready for pickup in April of next year.

Mr. Stevens includes a week of training for the officer who will handle the dog, in all his donations.

Shortly thereafter, Richard Berrelez, with the ALIE Foundation, of Denver, Colorado, also responded to Leger's inquiry with a similar offer. The ALIE Foundation is a charitable organization, which Berrelez founded after his granddaughter was abducted and killed in 1993.

When Alie Berrelez was abducted from her front yard it was not until after 4 days of fruitless searching that a bloodhound was brought in to assist. Four days after the abduction the bloodhound tracked the child's scent from the place she had been abducted to a wooded area 14 miles

away, where her body was found. Berrelez believes that his granddaughter would still be alive if the bloodhound had been available on the day she was abducted.

Richard Berrelez will be on WRVK's Chatter That Matters, along with Reynolds and Leger, on Dec. 16th at 6:30 p.m. to talk more about his organization and the dog that will be donated.

Berrelez expects to have a young dog available as early as February, but the dog will still need training after pickup.

Bloodhounds have a scenting ability greater than a German Shepard dog, although they are first and second in the ability.

Without these donations, the cost to acquire a trained bloodhound would be between \$7,000 to \$8,000 per dog.

The city and county are working together to help make this resource available in the community.

Mayor Mike Bryant and Judge Executive Doug Bishop have been supportive of the project and played an active role in deciding how to best utilize this new resource.

Sheriff Mike Peters, Mount Vernon Police Chief Bryan Carter, Jailer Carlos McClure, and County Attorney William Reynolds have all expressed support for the program and all have active roles in its implementation.

Final decisions about which agencies will receive which dog, have yet to be made.

"Home"

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ries and a bandage on his hand and fingers."

Police are not sure how the injuries occurred on the subject.

Besides the rifle, the items stolen included a DVR, a chain saw, tools, a hunting knife, a TV and other items.

Franklin said police are investigating another alleged accomplice in the burglary.

Napier and Hurt are being held in the Rockcastle County Detention Center on a \$75,000 cash bond.

"School"

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students also organized a "Bus driver and Cafeteria Worker Recognition" program. "The students say they are the unsung heroes and they are going to give them treats in appreciation of their service," Bussell said.

Bussell also pointed out that MVES has improved overall assessment scores. "In 2013 our school was at 18%. In 2014 we were ranked at 39% and in 2015 we were ranked 68%. Our goal is 70% by next year," he said.

Pensol said he thinks MVES is "the school to watch," as far as growth and development in education. "It's been a pleasure to watch Mr. Bussell's plans develop and make a difference. MVES is on the move and its principal has a very thoughtful and organized plan for the school."

Bussell said his goal is to "send a better product" to the middle school.

In other action, the board received the annual audit for the district. The audit results, performed by White and Associates, PSC, were presented to the board for approval.

Arti White explained the audit and answered questions from board members.

According to White, the Rockcastle County School District received an "excellent audit report." White heaped praise upon the school board members and especially Finance Department Chairman Jason Coguer.

"There were no negative findings to report and I have no concerns after this audit," said White.

Pensol said White had

"Caucus"

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ing to Cromer.

Besides Paul, Marco Rubio, Donald Trump, Ben Carson, Ted Cruz, Jeb Bush and John Kasich have filed to participate in the caucus.

The Caucus will be held March 5, 2016 at the Rockcastle County Middle School.

made the audit process easier. "Mr. White has been available to us for advice and even provided communication to school level bookkeepers. It has been a successful process," said Pensol.

Board Vice Chair, Angela Mink agreed that the audit looked positive but she had a few questions about some of the numbers. "I don't really like voting to approve this entire (70+ page) audit when we just received it a few moments ago. I would much prefer to look over the numbers and read it before we approve it," said Mink.

However, Pensol said that by law the board had to approve the audit this meeting in order to meet state mandates and guidelines.

Mink agreed to vote to approve the audit, if the board will include discussion of the audit at the next regular meeting.

The audit was approved by the board.

Pensol also presented the board with new personnel additions to the district.

The board agreed to hire Danny Robbins as custodian at RCMS, and Kendra Callico as instructional assistant at MVES, both as full time, classified employees.

As classified substitutes, the board approved the hiring of David Glovak and Valerie Kendrick as substitute custodians.

Pensol also announced the resignation of Valerie Kendrick as Custodian from RCMS.

The next regular meeting of the board will be January 12, at 6 p.m. at Brodhead Elementary School.

"Coat"

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children in need.

Resource coordinators at the center have clothes closets and keep track of students who may be in need of some assistance, according to Pensol.

"They are very aware of student's individual needs throughout the school and can distribute donations to those who would benefit the most," said Pensol.

Teacher's may also refer individual students to the resource center work-

ers if the teacher notices a need, according to Pensol.

"There were a lot of coats donated last year and it made a difference to a lot of kids in our area," he said.

Anyone with a new or used coat who is willing to donate one or more, may do so by dropping the coat off at the Circuit Clerks of

ice at the Mount Vernon Court House. Donations will be taken until January 15.

Coat Drive underway

The 2nd Annual Coat Drive is now in progress. Bring in your clean, new/used coats, any size, until Jan. 15th to Circuit Court Clerk Elna York's office in the courthouse. Coats will be distributed to Mt. Vernon Elementary.

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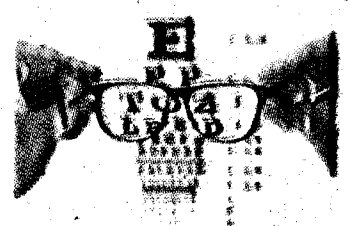


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adding new technology allowing our doctors to better serve and treat our patients with chronic eye disease.



Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, December 10, 2015

Brodhead Christmas parade



Members of the Daisy Girl Scout Troop joined many others to march down Main Street in Brodhead during the Annual Brodhead Christmas Parade Saturday. (More photos from parade will appear next week).

Rockcastle Development Board receives honor

Submitted by Tonya Cook
In the advancement of Livingston as a Trail Town, there was much work to be done. Lynn Tatum, Rockcastle County Development facilitator, incorporated the assistance of a group of young volunteers, the AmeriCorps NCCC team. They are young people in their 20s from all over the country who volunteer to work in an eleven state region. In this case, the southern region.

The AmeriCorps volunteers cleared and improved trails, worked in the old school building, and developed the first tangible steps in converting the old Donald Rice property into a city park. They made and installed playground equipment, as well as smaller

projects. According to Stephanie Gittinger, AmeriCorps NCCC Southern Region Director, stated that the team "felt that their project was incredibly organized and presented them with a great variety of work, and a lot of work which they really enjoyed." They especially enjoyed working with Steve Barbour, Sheltoe Trace Trail Director, who instructed them in building trails.

The AmeriCorps volunteers who worked in Livingston were headquartered in Vicksburg, Mississippi. Various groups from there were dispensed to seventy-nine different sponsors. Fifteen of those sponsors were nominated as "New Sponsor of the Year", meaning they had never requested volunteers before. The Rockcastle County Development Board was one of those fifteen of seventy-nine organizations. Although the local development board didn't receive top honor, it was a great honor to be nominated.

The Rockcastle County Development Board plans to utilize the talents of the AmeriCorps in the future.

Livingston chief vigilant on holiday patrols

By: Mike French

Officials across the nation say home, vehicle and business break-ins increase dramatically during the Christmas holiday season. Travis Richardson, Livingston Chief of Police, says the local area is no exception.

"During this time of year, people are more vulnerable and crooks are aware of that," Richardson said.

In an effort to combat the typical increase in burglary, Richardson has developed an unpredictable schedule. "I want to let churches, businesses and local residents know that we are watching their property," he said.

Richardson even created a flyer called "Extra Patrol Notification" that he leaves around the City of Livingston when he is on patrol. "I don't leave a flyer at every location and I change up the time in which I patrol each area," he said. "This way the bad guys never know when we will be there."

The flyer reads, "This building and/or property has been and will continue to be checked by the Police Department."

Richardson said he has seen the increase over the years. "Livingston is probably no worse or no better than any other town. It hap-

pens across the country," he said. "I've done this for 12 years and it is typical everywhere because people know there are gifts in homes and cars at this time of year."

But Richardson plans to increase his patrols during the holiday season. "Bad guys know people have new things in their home and vehicles. But guess what? We know there are bad guys out there too and we are watching for them," he said.

Richardson leaves the occasional "calling card" when he patrols an area to help the public feel safer. "We don't only want churches, homes and businesses to know we are out here watching, we want the thieves to know we are here too," he said.

Richardson said there are some actions that local residents may take to lessen the chances of a break-in.

"Keep a close eye on what you throw away. If you get a new flat screen TV and put the box out by your trash, that's a billboard for thieves, letting them know you have a new flat screen TV," he said.

Richardson suggests cutting up the boxes from gifts or new items and placing them in garbage bags. "Don't let them know what you have in your home," he said.

Richardson also said people may leave gifts inside their car to hide them from children. But he suggests a better hiding place. "I do not recommend hiding gifts in a car. But if you do, keep the items well hidden and lock your doors everytime," he said.

According to Richardson, thieves rarely enter a locked vehicle. "It is extremely rare to find a car's window broken out because the bad guy knows that will make noise and attract attention," he said. "They usually check to see if a car is unlocked and only enter those that are."

Richardson said a huge majority of items stolen from a car is illegal entry, instead of burglary. "It's not a break in if it is unlocked. It is only illegal entry," he said.

Richardson said that he wants potential criminals to know that he is close by. "They may not see me, but I'll be close by. And if I am off duty, the Sheriff's office and the Kentucky State Police have agreed to help patrol the area," he said.

Richardson said his

motto is similar to that of other law enforcement agencies. "It is our pleasure to protect and serve the people and establishments of our community," he said.

Richardson suggests everyone be vigilant this season. "Citizens should use

common sense and always lock their vehicle and pay attention to their surroundings," he said. "Christmas is about giving and about Christ. But there are always Grinches out there and we are watching for them," he said.



Rockcastle County Farm Bureau was recognized during the 96th Kentucky Farm Bureau (KFB) annual meeting in Louisville for its outstanding membership and program achievement in 2015. The award honors county Farm Bureau offices who meet the company's profitability requirements and whose insurance policy growth meets or exceeds its annual growth goal. Pictured: Terry Lawson, President of Rockcastle County Farm Bureau (center), accepts the award from Brad Smith, Chief Executive Officer of KFB Insurance Companies (left), and David S. Beck, Executive Vice President of the KFB Federation (right), during a December 4 recognition and awards program.

Rockcastle Regional receives recognition for overall performance

Rockcastle Regional Hospital has been recognized by iVantage Health Analytics for overall performance excellence in areas of quality, patient perspectives, and financial strength.

Using the Hospital Strength INDEX™, iVantage Health Analytics compared the performance of more than 4,000 acute care hospitals, including more than 1,300 rural and Critical Access Hospitals.

"It is an honor to be recognized for our achievements in these three areas," said Nick Bastin, chief financial officer of Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center. "We completed our most recent fiscal year with a strong operating margin of over four percent. This award is a testament to the dedication of our Board of Directors, medical staff, leadership team, and employees to outstanding performance in financial strength."

Leveraging data from public sources provided by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the quality care and patient experience at Rockcastle Regional is among the highest in the nation among rural hospitals.

Rockcastle Regional director of quality and patient safety Tammy Brock, RN, MSN, CPHRM says that the organization is proud to be in the top 25 percent of hospitals as it represents their strong commitment to be the provider of choice for patients to receive great care.

"These top quartile performers should take great pride in this recognition," said Michael Topchik, senior vice president of iVantage Health Analytics. "It's an honor to celebrate their achievement as they continue to serve their communities despite the many market, regulatory, and financial pressures they face."

The industry's most comprehensive and objective assessment of hospital performance, the INDEX reviewed and aggregated data from public sources such as Medicare Cost Reports, Medicare claims data, and Hospital compare to derive a single strength overall rating for each facility.

2nd Annual Coat Drive

The 2nd Annual Coat Drive, sponsored by Circuit Clerk Eliza York and the Mt. Vernon Lions Club is in progress. Bring coats, clean and new/used of any size to York's office in the courthouse, until January 15th. Coats will be distributed to Mt. Vernon Elementary.

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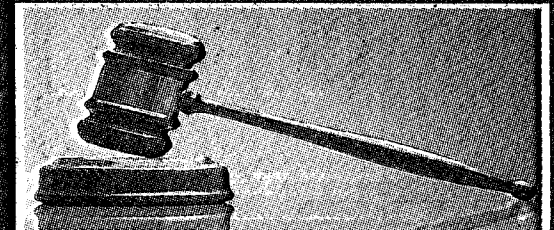
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District Court

Midland Funding LLC v. Scherrie Gwaltney, \$706.18 plus claimed due.
 Eagle Financial Services, Inc. v. Shawn K. Anderson, et al, \$3,442.48 plus claimed due.
 World Finance Corp. v. Matthew Marlow, \$3,633.09 plus claimed due.
 St. Joseph Berea Emergency v. Cassandra Denney, \$1,028 plus claimed due.
 Marvin Kelly Ponder v. Anthony Scott Stevens, forcible detainer complaint.
 Cavalry SPV I, LLC v. Gail Lake, \$1,127.03 plus claimed due. C-00263

Circuit Civil Suits

Dorothy Leann Gadd v. Johnathan Keith Gadd, petition for dissolution of marriage.
 Glenn Alan Fugate v. Karen Lynn Fugate, verified petition for dissolution of marriage.
 Gary Parker v. Iris Parker, petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00238

District Civil Suits

Nov. 30 - Dec. 2, 2015
Hon. Kathryn G. Wood
Hon. Jeffrey S. Lawless
 Scott D. Anglin: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).
 Steven Curtis Ash: fines/fees due (\$212), bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or payment in full.
 Mark L. Bond: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$25 fine and costs.
 Christopher A. Carraco: speeding and no/expired registration plates, license suspended for fta.
 Speeding: Nathan Andrew Cervoni, Johnny R. Cook, Jamie C. Golden, Megan E. Gray, Thomas Eric Jones, Chandler Purcell, Bethany M. Richmond, Tabitha Ramirez, Darlene Smith, Donald P. Statter, Joseph Scott Burke, II, Grant Smith, Nathan M. Farris, Micheal P. Koenig, Lisa Mae Davidson, license suspended for fta; Andrew H. Lambert, Damian O. McPherson, James R. Cornett, paid; Thomas Henry Schend, \$40 fine plus costs/state traffic school authorized in lieu of fine.
 Jacob Pearson: operating on suspended/revoked operators license (two counts), assault, 90 days/probated 24 months on condition (each count) plus one cost.
 Donna J. Ferch: fines/fees due (\$158), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.
 Cory L. Ferguson: fines/fees due (\$153), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.
 Tabitha J. Halcomb: fines/fees due (\$183), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.
 Walter Hembree: fines/fees due (\$883), bw issued

for fta/18 days in jail or full payment.
 Darren D. Johnson: fines/fees due (\$708), bw issued for fta/15 days in jail or full payment.
 Devon S. Johnson: fines/fees due, contempt/5 days in jail/credit time served.
 John Halen Kemper: fines/fees due (\$143), bw issued for fta/3 days in jail or full payment.
 Harlan B. Lawson: fines/fees due (\$263), bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or full payment.
 Jessica J. May: fines/fees due (\$708), bw issued for fta/15 days in jail or full payment.
 David E. Hise: fines/fees due (\$208), bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or full payment.
 Victoria Harold: alcohol intoxication in public place, \$50 fine plus costs.
 Robert L. Hartrum: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, failure to notify address change to Dept. of Transp., bw issued for fta/license suspended.
 Joshua D. Howard: failure to wear seat belts, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, reg & title requirements veh not oper on hwy, license suspended for fta/bw issued.
 Megan D. Jones: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, bw issued for fta/license suspended.
 Donald W. Crouch: no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine; failure to produce insurance card, \$50 fine plus costs.
 Kenneth B. Evens: speeding, \$50 fine; no operators/moped license, \$100 fine plus costs.
 Joshua E. Fetters: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine plus costs, \$375 service fee, 30 days operator license suspension/ADE authorized.
 Megan D. Jones: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, bw issued for fta/license suspended.
 Christopher Miller: contempt, 4 days in jail/credit time served.
 Joseph D. Morris: fines/fees due (\$753), bw issued for fta/16 days in jail or full payment.
 Steven Nicley: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta.
 Melinda D. Osborne: fines/fees due (\$263), bw issued for fta/6 days in jail or full payment.
 Lester J. Powell: fines/fees due (\$153), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.
 William A. Riggle: fines/fees due (\$818), bw issued for fta/17 days in jail or full payment.
 Regina G. Russell: fines/fees due (\$233), bw issued for fta/5 days in jail or full payment.
 Floyd L. Themon: op-

erating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.
 Kathy L. Todd: failure of no-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, operating vehicle with expired operators license, bw issued for fta.
 Vernon L. Wilson: fines/fees due (\$153), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.
 Kenneth P. Kelley: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure to produce insurance card, failure of no-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, theft by unlawful taking, theft by failure to make req. disposition of property, flagrant non-support, bw issued for fta/license suspended.
 Robert J. Lawson: drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, 30 days/probated 24 months on condition plus costs.
 Austin L. McCormick: failure to wear seat belts, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, license to be in possession, obstructed vision and/or windshield, bw issued for fta/license suspended.
 William McDonald: no/expired registration plates - receipt, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, bw issued for fta/license suspended.
 Kevin Joseph Mink: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, 90 days/probated 24 months on condition; failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, 90 days/probated 24 months on condition plus costs.
 Raymond T. Mitchell: flagrant non-support, bw issued.
 Jacob R. Pearson: fines/fees due (\$273), 7 days in jail or full payment.
 Samantha A. Pittman: possession of synthetic drugs and drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, bw issued for fta/license suspended.
 Virginia L. Slusher: theft by deception, \$25 fine plus costs/fine suspended and 20 days/probated 24 months on condition.
 Christopher Edward Stewart: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine plus costs, \$375 service fee, 30 days operator license suspension/ADE authorized.
 Ezekiel T. Wolfe: possession of synthetic drugs, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess, illegal possession of legend

drug, bw issued.
 Christopher Stevens: Viol Part 392, Fed Safety Reg. Driving of Motor Vehicle (two counts), bw issued for fta.
 Michael W. Baird: fines/fees due (\$568), bw issued for fta/12 days in jail or payment in full.
 Scott E. Berryman: careless driving, communication device violation, bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or full payment.
 Melissa G. Blackburn: failure to wear seatbelts, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, license suspended for fta.
 William R. Chasteen: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, 10 days/credit time served.
 Zachary T. Cobb: fleeing or evading police, wanton endangerment, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing orders entered.
 Ashley N. Coots: fines/fees due (\$343), bw issued for fta/7 days in jail or full payment.
 William R. Dailey: failure of non-owner operator maintain req. insurance, \$1,000 fine/suspended, five days in jail/credit time served, costs waived.
 Elliott Dooley: receiving stolen property, bw issued for fta.
 Cora Collinsworth: fleeing or evading police, 90 days/concurrent with present five year sentence.
 Joshua L. Dooley: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, 90 days/probated 24 months on condition/concurrent with sentence for drug paraphernalia-buy/possess.
 Daniel J. Hunsucker: theft by unlawful taking, 365 days/probated 24 months on condition.
 Richard A. Lovell: criminal trespass, \$50 fine plus costs/converted to 4 days serve.
 Timothy Vanwinkle: drug paraphernalia - buy/possess and fleeing or evading police, 365 days/probated 24 months on condition/costs converted to 3 days in jail.

John F. Blair, property on Little Clear Creek, to Jerry M. and Blaine Blair. Tax \$3
 Claude Stephen and Julie Wagner, Nancy and Bob Larcade and Janie and Jack David, property in Livingston, to Timothy L. Cameron. Tax \$25
 Cumberland Real Estate Investments LLC, property in Lear Crest Subdv., to Aaron and Amy Caldwell. Tax 4
 Cumberland Real Estate Investments, LLC, property in Lear Crest Subdv., to Ker and Serenity Hopkins. Tax

\$5
 Cumberland Real Estate Investments, LLC, property in Lear Crest Subdv., to Eugene T. and Lori E. Caldwell Revocable Living Trust. Tax \$4.50
 Citizens Bank, property in Orlando Subdv., to Ethan McClure. Tax \$7
 Darrell and Sheila Rowe, property in Sunset Place Subdv., to Ashley and Joshua Hayes. Tax \$135
 William Azbill, property in Rockcastle County, to Gerard and Misty Lakes. Tax \$40

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Community Trust Bank, Inc. Plaintiff

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Terry Michael Reynolds, a/k/a Michael Reynolds, Brenda Lewis Reynolds, Commonwealth of Kentucky, Chase Bank, USA, N.A. and 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

Deeds Recorded

Ronnie Denney, property on KY 618, to Norma J. McGuire. Tax \$2
 John Brainard, Adm., property on US 25, to Teresa Jo Cromer. Tax \$25
 Denton Cromer, property on US 25 to Teresa Jo Cromer. No tax
 Department of Veterans Affairs, property on Linville Road, to Wells Fargo Bank. No tax

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RCMS is proud of these boys who were selected and participated in the G2-TECS conference at Somerset Community College on November 20th. G2-TECS is a conference for eighth grade boys who are interested in or might be interested in careers in math, science, engineering, technology, or health sciences. The boys participated in many hands-on, real life activities. Chosen to participate from RCMS were: Yashaun Alexander, Zach Taylor, Jacob Hunt, Dawson Nicely, Morgan Johnson, Reese Sherrow and Jacob Loudermilk.

Tiger Pause

The 2nd and 3rd grades at Brodhead Elementary are going to be traveling to Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Nursing Home on December 15th to sing for the residents. In connection, as a way of giving back to their community, they have decided to do a blanket drive November 30th to December 10th. During this time they will collect new blankets to give to the residents to help them stay warm during the winter months.

So far, the 2nd and 3rd grade students have collected 74 blankets. We are in a race to give every resident a blanket. Thanks for your support of the Brodhead 2nd and 3rd grades and their drive to give back.

Brodhead Elementary School will be hosting a Winter Carnival on Thursday, December 10th, from 4:30 until 6:30. The event will feature indoor activities, student lead games, and student generated businesses for everyone to visit. Admission is free to the carnival with varying cost for products and games. Brodhead will also have a silent auction for themed baskets created by individual classrooms, which can be viewed on our school website. Coinciding with our Winter Carnival we will be hosting a chili supper. The cost of the chili supper will be \$5 for adults, \$3 for children, or \$15 for a family of 4 or more. (Up to 6 guests) **Chili supper will continue while supplies last**.



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Merry Christmas from Miss Kami's MVES kindergarten classroom.

Second Annual Coat Drive Planned

The 2nd Annual Coat Drive, sponsored by Circuit Clerk Eliza York and the Mt. Vernon Lions Club is in progress. Bring coats, clean and new/used of any size to York's office in the courthouse, until January 15th. Coats will be distributed to Mt. Vernon Elementary.

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RCHS students complete the Couch to 5K, Jingle Bell Run

After working during and after school to complete an 8-week training program called Couch to 5K, or C25K, some freshman PE & Health students at RCHS completed the Jingle Bell Run on Saturday, December 5th.

Proceeds from the run went to benefit the Miracle Fund for respiratory care patients at Rockcastle Hospital.

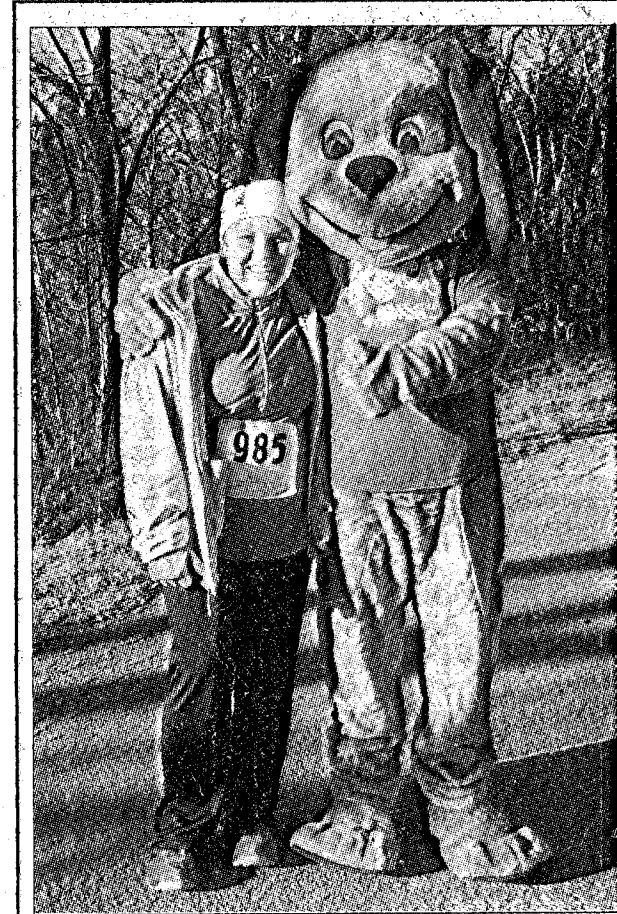
The runners from RCHS were thankful to play a small part in such a wonderful thing the Miracle Fund does.

On top of contributing to a great cause, the reason Mrs. Vanessa Howard wanted her freshman classes to complete the C25K program was to give the girls a sense of accomplishment and a feeling that they really can achieve anything they set their minds to. Many of the PE & Health students had never competed in a race or attempted a program such as C25K. And while most would agree that the program was challenging, the race goes were extremely proud as they crossed the finish line.

Lindsey Mink, freshman

at RCHS, had this to say, "This really does let us know that we can do anything; I'm really glad I stuck with it."

Way to go ladies. A special thanks to Rockcastle Hospital and Kayla Rowe for making this possible.



Lindsey Mink with the mascot from the Jingle Bell Run.



Freshman PE & Health students at RCHS completed the Jingle Bell Run on Saturday, December 5th. Pictured are: Mrs. Vanessa Howard, Hannah Mullins, Casey Rowland, Hope Holbrook, Shaylin Howerton (2nd place in age group), McKenzie Lowery, Lindsey Mink, Sarah Cornelius (3rd place in age group), Sheradyn Cox, Tessa Pickle, and Blaise Hedges.

LIVE ONLINE ABSOLUTE Auction

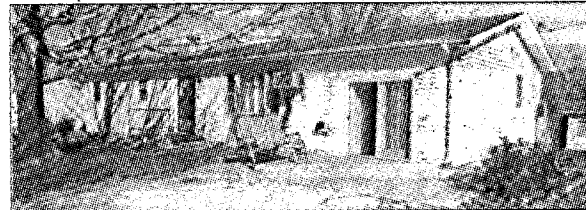
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Directions: Turn off Hwy 150 in Brodhead onto Bowling Ridge Rd. Go 1.9 miles to the auction. Auction signs are posted.

The 4.46 acres are primarily cleared land and has blacktop frontage and city water. The property is improved with the above pictured frame house. The house has living room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bath, family room and utility room. It has carpet throughout most of the house and tile in the kitchen. It has vinyl siding, gas wall heater, electric range, refrigerator and much more.



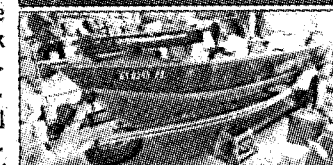
In addition to the house, there is a 54x30 metal garage with 4 doors. It has concrete floor, electric, and plumbed for a toilet, and additional storage buildings.



In addition to the real estate, the following will also be available:
Guns: Remington 30.06 w/ scope - Thompson 45 caliber muzzle load w/ scope - Harrington Richards 20 gauge shotgun - Thompson 50 caliber muzzle load w/ scope - Martin 22 mag rifle w/ scope - Rossi 22/410 single shot w/ scope - Remington 700 muzzle load w/ scope.



Personal property to sell includes: 2005 Jayco Escapade motorhome w/ 43,239 miles and Chevy chassis - 1991 Lund boat w/ 60 hp Johnson motor, 4 stroke - 12x24 storage building - 14 ft utility trailer w/ ramp - Honda Rancher EE 4 wheeler - Husqvarna rotter tiller - Troybilt 50" zero turn lawnmower - Chicago mig welder - Craftsman miter saw - shop vac - air compressor - air tools - fishing rods & reels - gas grill - concrete picnic table - tools - large Craftsman toolbox, like new - work bench w/ drill & vise - 3 pc living room suite - recliner - bedframe w/ mattress & box springs - Fenton glass - dolls - lamps - cane bottom rocker - coffee & end tables - 2 small chest deep freezers - Hotpoint refrigerator - kitchen cabinet - milk glass - crock bowl - several nice nutcrackers - lots of what nots - yard swing - dog kennel - battery chargers - assortment of Case pocket knives, several still in box and much, much more!



Buyer's Premium: 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to the winning bid of all personal property to determine final sale price. No Buyer's Premium on real estate.

Terms: Real Estate: 20% down the day of sale with balance due within 30 days in the form of cash or check. Personal Property: Payment in full due day of sale in the form of cash, check, Visa or MasterCard with an additional processing fee.

Note: The purchaser of any single-family residence built before 1978 has a period of ten days to inspect the property for the presence of lead based paint. The inspection period is December 2nd through December 11th. The successful bidder must sign a waiver of the 10-day post inspection period. Announcements made day of auction take precedence over printed material.

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Money Tips for Students

KHEAA provides Tax tips for students

Income tax season is approaching, and students may want to consider these tips from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) to help the process go more smoothly.

Although you may not have earned enough to be required to file income taxes, you may be able to get a refund if your employer withheld taxes from your pay. Before you file,

though, discuss the situation with your parents. Depending on how much they contributed to your upkeep during the year, they may be able to claim you as a dependent, which could save them thousands of dollars.

Students and parents may be able to take advantage of these programs on their federal taxes:

- American Opportunity Credit, available for the first four years of college.

- Lifetime Learning Credit, available if a taxpayer or a dependent is taking college courses to acquire or improve job skills.

- Tuition and fees deduction, which lets taxpayers deduct qualified education expenses paid during the year for themselves or a dependent. The expenses must be for college.

- Student loan interest deduction, which lets people deduct up to \$2,500 per year on federal taxes for interest paid on federal student loans.

For more detailed information about federal programs, go to www.irs.gov to download the free Publication 970 Tax Benefits for Education.

Kentucky also offers a tuition tax credit for undergraduate students who attend state colleges.

Remember that tax rules may change from year to year, so make sure you have

the most up-to-date information before filing.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers Kentucky's grant and scholarship programs, including the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES). It provides financial literacy videos at <http://itsmoney.kheaa.com>. KHEAA also provides free copies of "It's Money, Baby," a guide to financial literacy, to Kentucky schools and residents upon request at publications@kheaa.com.

To learn how to plan and prepare for higher education, 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.

Blood Drive next Tuesday

December is the season for gift giving and Kentucky Blood Center offers Kentuckians the chance to give the gift of life at area blood drives.

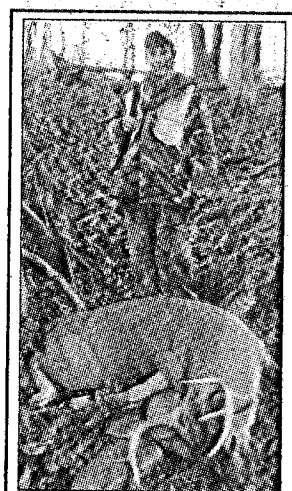
Blood donors also have the opportunity to give a gift to the needy in Kentucky by donating the value of their thank you item from Kentucky Blood Center (KBC)

to The Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign.

Area residents are invited to be life savers at the upcoming KBC blood drive which will be held at First Baptist Church's gym on Tuesday, Dec. 15th from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m.

To schedule a donation, visit kybloodcenter.org or call 800-775-2522. Walk-ins are welcome.

Blood donors must be 17-years-old, weigh at least 110 pounds, be in general good health, show a photo I.D. and meet additional requirements.



Joseph Frith harvested this nice 6-point buck in Carroll County on November 25th.

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School News

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Tutoring will be each Tuesday from 3:30 until 4:30. Parents must pick up

their children.

MVES Pentatonics Winter Program will be Friday, December 11 at 1:15

Ms. Paula Davis' Class News:

First Graders in Paula Davis' room made sight word ornaments and decorated their classroom Christmas tree with them.



MVES first graders in Paula Davis' room made sight word ornaments and decorated their classroom Christmas tree with them.



Minds in the Middle

This Friday will be Fun Fiesta Friday. Get out your ponchos and sombreros and start speaking Spanish! We will also have some very special guest entertainment for lunch.

Our annual Y-Club and Unite Club food drive will continue through December 16th. Students should bring the food to their homeroom and someone will come and pick it up. The homeroom that brings in the most will win a popcorn and movie party. Don't want to carry food in or can't get time to go to the store? Stop in the lobby and purchase a can to donate from the Leadership Team for 50 cents.

Our annual spelling bees are underway at RCMS. Congratulations to the students who were class winners in the Adventurers' spelling bees on Friday. Shakira Harris, Jenna Wells, Kerrigan Medley and Gabe Tackett will now compete for the title of team winner. Congratulations to Brexton Cromer, the team spelling bee winner for the Comets team. Brexton Cromer defeated tough competition from the class winners Dalton Pashi, Jeriann Price and Matthew Browning. The classroom winners for the Voyagers team were Kaylee Butler, Brett Gardiner, Hope Sowder, Azlan Brock and Becky Daniel. The overall team winner was Kaylee Brock. Congratulations to all of these students for the achievement.

Thanks so much to Mt. Vernon Florist for sponsoring the Frozen tea party in honor of Abby Langford. \$800 was raised for our RCMS Youth Services Center Christmas Program. Thanks also to Heritage Inn for hosting the huge event.

Congratulations to the RCMS Unite Club on once again being named the regional middle school Unite Club of the year. There will be a Unite Club meeting next Thursday. Members will receive their Unite Club t-shirts.

Order your RCMS yearbooks today. The cost is \$30. The price will go up to \$35 after the Christmas break. Extra forms are available in the office.

Daily announcements are now available on our school website.



ADAM H. EDELÉN AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

To the People of Kentucky:

Honorable Steven L. Beshear, Governor
 Lori H. Flanery, Secretary
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 Honorable Doug Bishop, Rockcastle County Judge/Executive
 Honorable George "Buz" Carioffis, Former Rockcastle County Judge/Executive
 Members of the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court

Independent Auditor's Report

Report on the Financial Statement

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balances - Regulatory Basis of Rockcastle County, Kentucky, for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statement.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the *Audit Guide for Fiscal Court Audits* issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in more fully in Note 1, the financial statement is prepared by Rockcastle County, Kentucky on the basis of the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles paragraph, the financial statement referred to above does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of Rockcastle County, Kentucky as of June 30, 2014, or changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the fund balances of Rockcastle County, Kentucky as of June 30, 2014, and its cash receipts and disbursements, for the year then ended, in accordance with the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government described in Note 1.

Emphasis of Matters

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the Rockcastle County Fiscal court adopted new accounting guidance on a regulatory basis. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statement, the Rockcastle County Fiscal court would have included some component entities under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as established by the *Government Accounting Standards Board*. However, under the regulatory basis they are no longer required components of the reporting entity. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statement taken as a whole of Rockcastle County, Kentucky. The budgetary comparison schedules and capital asset schedule are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statement, however they are required to be presented in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Department for Local Government to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is not a required part of the financial statement. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement. The budgetary comparison schedules, capital asset schedule, and schedule of expenditures of federal awards have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement or to the financial statement itself, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the budgetary comparison schedules, capital asset schedule, and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statement.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 29, 2015 on our consideration of Rockcastle County, Kentucky's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Based on the results of our audit, we present the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs included herein, which discusses the following report comments:

- 2014-001 The Fiscal Court Should Ensure Appropriations Do Not Exceed Approved Budgets
- 2014-002 The Jailer Should Ensure Daily Receipts Are Batched Daily And Compliant With KRS 64.840
- 2014-003 The Fiscal Court Should Ensure Compliance With KRS 42.455 Regarding Local Government Economic Assistance (LGEA) Disbursements
- 2014-004 The Fiscal Court Should Prepare And Present A Schedule Of Expenditure Of Federal Awards To The Department For Local Government
- 2014-005 The Fiscal Court Should Ensure All Timesheets Are Prepared And Approved Prior To Payment
- 2014-006 The Jail Lacks Adequate Segregation Of Duties Over Receipts, Disbursements, And Reconciliations
- 2014-007 The Jailer Should Maintain Supporting Documentation Over Inmate Commissary Purchases And Sales Taxes Collected/Paid
- 2014-008 The Jailer Should Improve Procedures Over Reconciling Inmate Accounts

Respectfully submitted,

Adam H. Edelen
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 Auditor of Public Accounts

June 29, 2015

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The work done by conservation groups as well as state and federal fish and wildlife agencies over the past 60 years to increase waterfowl populations is nothing short of remarkable.

"This year, we've had the highest counts of ducks as a whole by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Canadian Wildlife Service," said John Brunjes, migratory bird coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "It is the highest counts ever with 49,522,000 ducks as well as 11,643,000 mallards; also a new record."

Green-winged teal popu-

lations are at their all-time high with just over 4 million birds and numbers of gadwall numbers are also exceptionally high with 3,834,000 birds.

This all is great news for the opening of the waterfowl hunting seasons for ducks, coots, mergansers and geese on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26. "I think it will be a highly productive season," Brunjes said. "We have a lot of ducks and geese out there, but as with all hunting, success is weather-dependent."

Some cold weather would help push birds languishing up north into Kentucky. "The migration maps show many ducks in the up-

per Plains and upper Midwest," Brunjes explained. "We are a week or so away from opening day and it is too warm. The question is whether we will have birds. It all depends on the weather. The severe cold snap forecast for the coming weekend should help drive some birds south."

Brunjes said western Kentucky usually has ducks and geese earlier than the eastern and middle sections of the state. "I saw a lot of birds on Lake Barkley and Kentucky Lake last week," he said. "The reality is you hunt where you have a spot, but early in the season, go west if you can. The east gets better with cold weather."

Finding a waterfowl hunting spot can be a chal-

lenge for the majority of Kentucky hunters. The first place to check is the public land hunting section of the current Kentucky Hunting Guide for Waterfowl. This section details the hunting options and regulations on public lands, mainly wildlife management areas.

Many, but not all, of the smaller lakes owned or managed by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife are open to waterfowl hunting, especially those with wildlife management areas along their shores such as Cedar Creek Lake in Lincoln County. Call the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife information line at 1-800-858-1549 to inquire if a lake is open to waterfowl hunting.

The following state parks have open waterfowl

hunts that open Dec. 13 and close Jan. 31: Barren River Lake, Grayson Lake, Greenbo Lake, Lake Barkley, Lincoln Homestead, Nolin River Lake, Paintsville Lake, Pennyrite, Rough River Lake and Yatesville Lake. Hunters must check-in at the designated check station each day before hunting and get a map detailing areas of the park open to waterfowl hunting. They must also check out each day as well.

"Our large lakes operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or the U.S. Forest Service are open to waterfowl hunting," explained Maj. Shane Carrier, assistant director of law enforcement for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "However, you cannot hunt areas marked by signs that are closed for hunting and you cannot hunt areas closed to public access. A person cannot hunt in designated recreation areas or public access points."

Carrier recommends hunters on the bigger lakes employ common sense to avoid conflicts and not hunt near marinas or private residences.

Farm ponds that dot the landscape of Kentucky offer excellent duck and goose hunting. "Farm ponds can be really good, but they often need some cold weather to get birds on them," Brunjes said.

Harvested silage fields provide an overlooked waterfowl hunting opportunity. The corn stubble and waste grain draw both ducks and geese.

"Waterfowl feed in fields when the really cold weather sets in," Brunjes said. "The best time to hunt

fields is when the birds start feeling stressed from cold weather."

Scouting for potential spots is important in waterfowl hunting, as is simply time in the field.

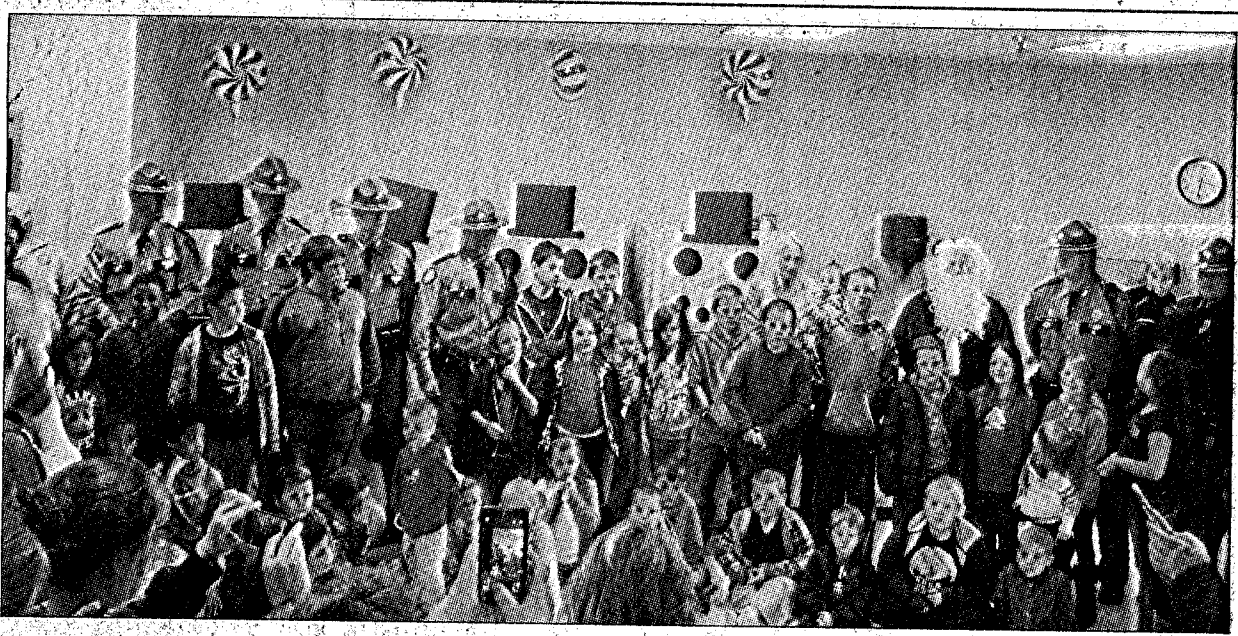
"One of the great rules with wildlife is there are no rules," Brunjes said. "If you have a day to go hunt, get out there because you just don't know."

Duck, coot and merganser season runs from Nov. 26 through Nov. 29 and opens again Dec. 7 and closes for good Jan. 31, 2016. All goose seasons open Nov. 26 and close Jan. 31, 2016, except in the Northeast Goose Zone which opens Dec. 19 and closes Jan. 31, 2016.

New for this season, waterfowl hunters must fill out the Harvest Information Program (H.I.P.) Migratory Bird Survey before going hunting, if they have not completed the survey already this year. This brief, 5-minute survey is available online at the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website at fw.ky.gov. Click the "My Profile" tab to begin.

Kentucky waterfowl hunters must also possess a valid Kentucky hunting license, a Kentucky Migratory Game Bird-Waterfowl Permit as well as a Federal Duck Stamp. Duck stamps are available at post offices across Kentucky.

Author Lee McClellan is a nationally award-winning associate editor for Kentucky Afield magazine, the official publication of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. He is a life-long hunter and angler, with a passion for smallmouth bass fishing.



On Monday December 7, the Kentucky State Police Post 11 London and the Kentucky State Police Professional Association Chapter 11, held its annual "Shop-With-A-Trooper" Program at the London Wal-Mart. The program, which operates solely from donations, was able to help 42 children have a better Christmas. The children, chosen and recommended by the local troopers, were from the seven different counties served by KSP Post 11. Kentucky State Police Posts across the state hold this type of event each year to help those less fortunate and to booster a positive image of police officers for the children.

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Posted: No trespassing on Crawford Place - Old Brothead Road. Danny Smith. 47tf

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Notice is hereby given that James C. Barnett, P.O. Box 1313, Mount Vernon, Ky. 40456 and Connie C. Hasty, 451 Bright Shade Lane, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 have been appointed Co-Executors of the estate of Nina M. Barnett, deceased. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said James C. Barnett and Connie C. Hasty or to Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mount Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before June 1, 2016 at 11 a.m. 50x3

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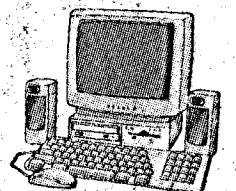
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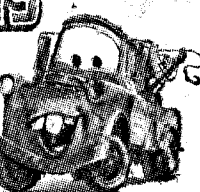
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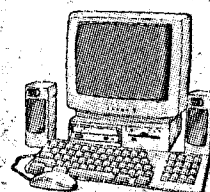
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