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A fatal crash on I-75 caused the closure of the interstate for eight hours Tuesday near Exit 62 in Mt. Vernon. Traffic was backed up on Highway 25 from Berea to Mount Vernon causing long delays and several more small accidents on the interstate. According to a Kentucky State Police press release, a tractor trailer, driven by Herbert E. Richardson, 61, of Indianapolis, Indiana, was traveling north when his truck struck a Dodge Caravan, driven by Stephen G. Green, 69, of Ashland, in the rear (photo above), forcing the van into the rear of a tractor trailer driven by Brandon M. Sistrunk, 40, of Kalamazoo, Michigan. The report says Richardson's truck then left the roadway and struck another truck, driven by Paul A. Leechford, 26, of Faquay Varina, North Carolina. Green was pronounced dead at the scene by Rockcastle County Coroner Marvin Owens and a passenger in the Caravan, Jonathan W. Groves, 24, of Grayson was airlifted to the UK Medical Center where he is listed in critical condition. Leechford was taken to Rockcastle Regional Hospital where he was treated and released. The car was removed from the scene by David's Tire Center in Mt. Vernon. Traffic Crash Reconstructionist, Trooper Delzie Kelly reconstructed the accident scene and was assisted at the scene by troopers from Post 11, KSP Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers, Mount Vernon Police Department, Rockcastle County Sheriff's Office, Rockcastle County EMS and Rockcastle County Fire and Rescue. Trooper Kelly is continuing the investigation.

Jackson Energy to help with electric bill at Anchor building

Representatives of Jackson County RECC met with the Rockcastle Fiscal Court last Thursday to discuss ways the court might reduce their electric bill for the former Anchor Packaging building. The bill currently runs about \$4,000 per month for the almost 40 year old building.

Ben Jones, an engineer with RECC, told the court that the main cause for the expense was the fact that there are eight transformers at the building, seven of which are still in service. Jones also said that putting a meter on each of the transformers would reduce the county's bill by about \$1500-1600 a month. Jones said that the cost for relocating the meters, about \$3,000 per transformer, would be borne by RECC.

The engineer also told the court that more savings could be realized if more of the transformers were shut down and this could entail some reconfiguring of the wiring outside and inside the building.

Jones said that he felt two transformers would be adequate to service just about any industry's electrical needs but that RECC would work with any tenant to provide whatever they needed.

He further told the court that there were only three transformers on the building originally and that the others were installed at the request of various tenants.

The court voted unanimously to allow RECC to relocate the meters to the transformers.

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Brodhead council discusses nuisance ordinance

Members of the Brodhead City Council met Monday evening to discuss the nuisance ordinance that had been discussed at several previous meetings. The process began six months ago when local citizens attended the council meeting to complain about some local areas they felt needed to be cleaned up and which may qualify as a nuisance.

Members of the council discussed the issue and the City of Brodhead sent letters to those property owners, whose property citizens were complaining about, asking them to clean up their property.

Monday night, citizens returned to the council meeting frustrated that "nothing has been done" since the original complaints.

Councilman Ronnie (See "BRODHEAD" on A5)

CFD receives highest rating possible

Thanks to the dedication of members of the Climax Volunteer Fire Department, some local residents may see a drop in insurance rates.

According to Ken Holt, board member and CVFD fireman, the local department was recently inspected by ISO, an insurance service organization, as part of a state audit.

"We just couldn't believe the rating we received," said Holt. "The 8-B rating that we got is as high as any rural fire department can get."

The audit inspected every aspect of the station and recently returned the results to Holt. "I had to call and make sure it wasn't an error. It is simply unheard of for a first time audit to receive this high a rating," said Holt.

According to Holt, the exceptional rating means that anyone within five miles of the station could receive a significant reduction in their home insurance premium.

"With this kind of rating, a possible discount could be

significant for local homeowners," said Holt.

According to Holt, the inspection included every aspect of the department. "They spent all day long with us and inspected every truck, every tool, generators, water supply, uni-

forms, gear, pumps, hoses and every part of our station," said Holt.

Holt said the unusually high rating came in part due to extra effort by the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court. "The Fiscal Court (See "CFD" on A6)

Man arrested for pulling hand gun

Police arrested a North Carolina man last week for allegedly holding a handgun to another man's head at the Derby City Truck Plaza in Mount Vernon, according to a report by Mount Vernon Police Assistant Chief Joe Rush.

(See "ARREST" on A6)

County makes many improvements in 2015

There have been several accomplishments throughout the county in 2015 with Judge Executive Doug Bishop at the helm. "We are proud of what we have done in our county this year and we will continue to do ev-

everything we can to make this a better community for everyone," said Bishop.

The judge's office was moved into the area formerly occupied by CSEPP, and completely remodeled. CSEPP and the 911 center (See "COUNTY" on A5)

Voter registration deadlines are set

As political campaigns are in full swing, deadlines for registration to vote have been set.

According to Anita Moore, Mount Vernon Deputy County Clerk, December 31st is the final day for registered voters to change their political party.

Moore said party changes are growing in the area. "A huge number of registered voters changed from Democrat or Independent to Republican in Rockcastle County over the past year," she said. "Changes in political party are rising every

year."

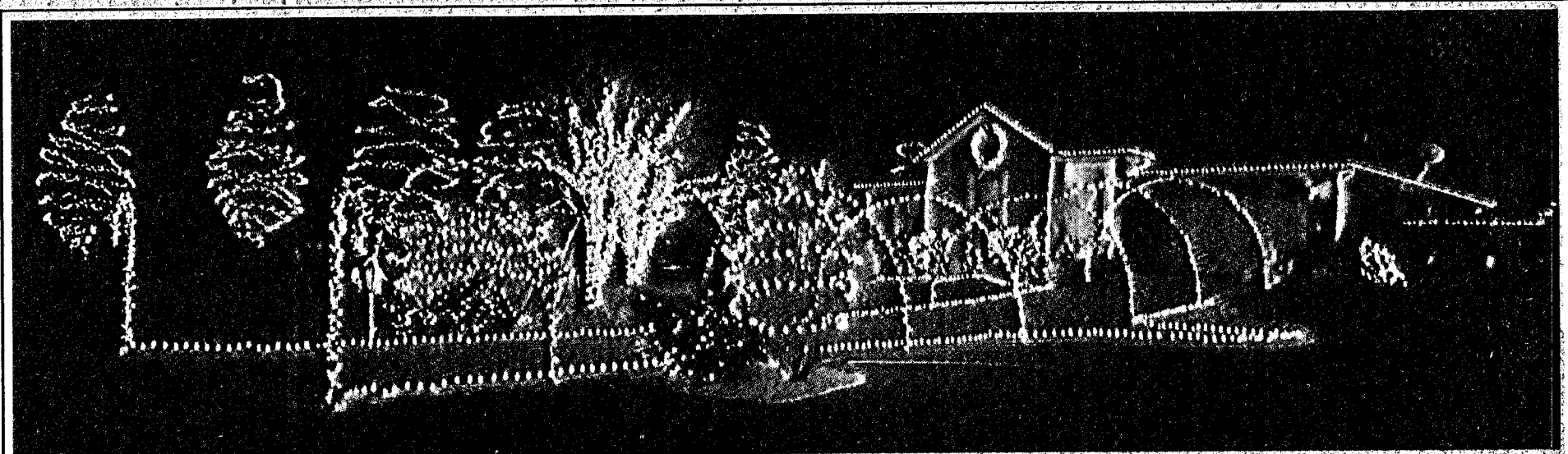
Independent voters cannot vote in the May Primary unless an Independent candidate is running for office. According to Moore, "Many people think being registered as an independent means they can vote in either the Democrat or Republican primary. But that is not true. An Independent can only vote in primaries if their party is running," she said.

Moore said the same holds true for any other party as well.

Deadline to register to (See "VOTER" on A5)



LVFD Chief Chris Mason chauffeured Santa and Mrs Claus and County Judge-Executive Doug Bishop, holiday Mason's grandson, CJ in the annual Livingston Christmas Parade held last Saturday night.



The home of Sam and Dana Hamilton, in Houston Point Subdivision, is one of the many homes beautifully decorated for the Christmas holiday season in Rockcastle County.

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ramblings

by: perlina m. anderkin

'Tis the season to be jolly, and I am, a little bit. I am desperately trying not to get stressed out but am really looking forward to our week off -- remember no Signal Dec. 25th.

I'm a little stressed over my newest acquisition of the animal kingdom. Bandit, a male Jack Russell, was picked up, as a stray, by Jan and Junior Owens. After advertising for his owners, the Owens decided not to keep him and I asked for him since I had just lost my big red dog, Penny.

Bandit is proving to be quite a challenge. He is male, so my other Jack Russell, Jax, also a male hated him on sight. They have pretty much called a truce although they do the whole walk around each other and sniff daily. There's only been one fight that I know of and I was present to quickly separate them.

But, Bandit is a door dasher and a digger. So far, he has found a way out from under my fence about six

times now. I have retrieved him from my neighbor's yard several times, once he came back on his own and the last time, my son-in-law Jason Coguer found him at MVES and returned him. I have just about run out of objects to block the holes he is digging under my fence and I think I'm going to have to put a low wire fence inside my fence - doesn't even make sense does it?

My children fuss at me about my dogs. Allison doesn't like Bandit at all because he has a habit of chasing his stub tail so vociferously that he scares Celia.

But, my house, my dogs. They are a great deal of company and a great deal of trouble, but they are the only thing I am actually responsible for these days and that still appeals to me somewhat.

I had a whole other column written for this week but I wandered too far into depressing explanations of my stress triggers and decided that "misery shouldn't

love company" during the holiday season.

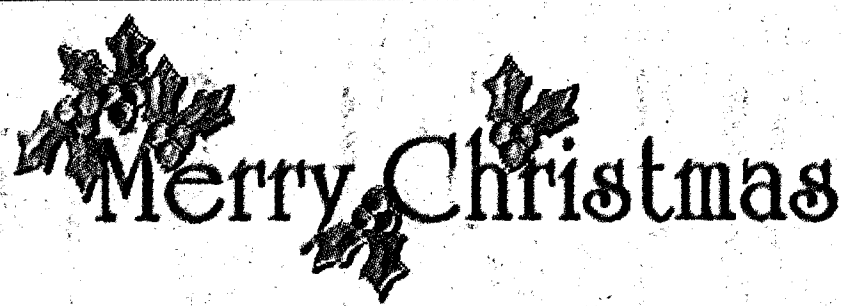
I want to say how much we, at the Signal appreciate our readers' loyalty. Many papers, especially dailies, have had trouble keeping their doors open during these days of news 24/7 available through our phones, computers, tvs, not to mention facebook, Twitter, SnapChat, etc.

We have always striven to keep Rockcastle County citizens apprised of the goings-on in the county, both the good and the bad, and we will continue to do so.

I, of course, cannot speak to how long I will be able to do so actively since I am at an advanced age, you know. But, I do intend to hang in as long as possible and continue, with what I consider to be the good fight for sanity to return to our nation and world.

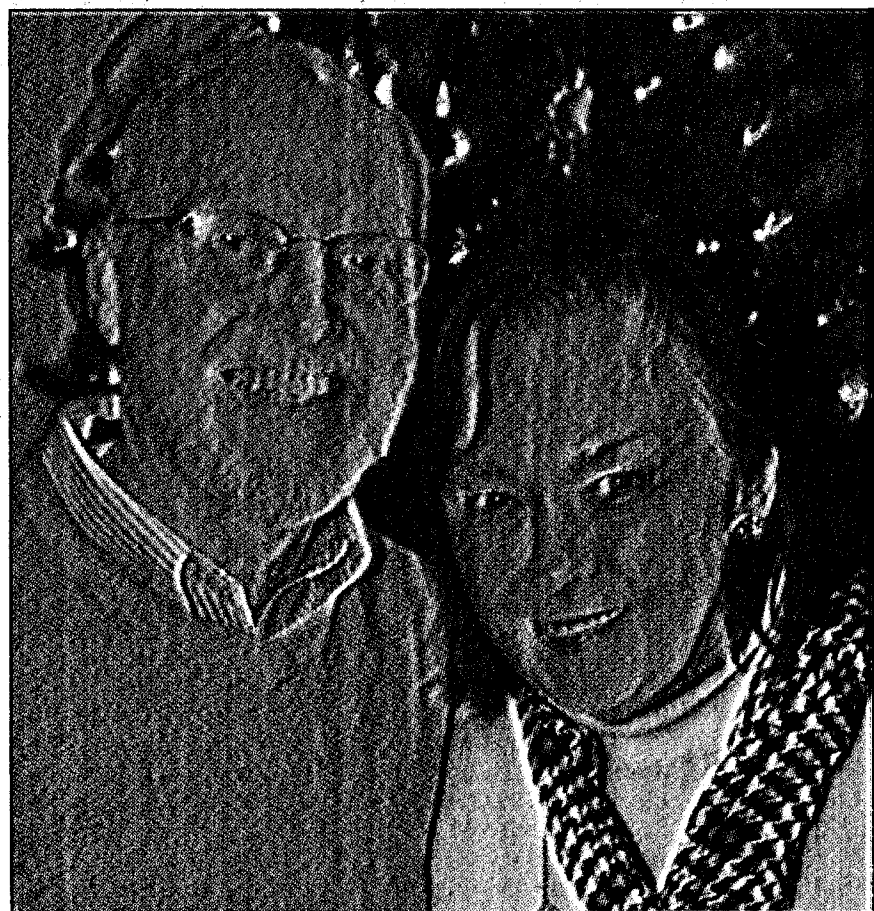
It has been a pleasure to be a part of this community since January of 1966 and it is my hope that the Signal has been important to our readers during this time and continues to be. After all, we are the only newspaper in this world that is concerned only with events that affect Rockcastle County.

So, in keeping with the season, from our family (numbering 40 immediate members at this time) to yours, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



May the joyous spirit of Christmas reside in your heart throughout the holiday season and beyond.

Mayor Mike Bryant and Carol



Aces Over

By Mike French



I never was a Santa believer. I think my dad worked way too hard for way too many hours per day to be able to afford gifts for our family to give credit to the jolly old saint.

That's right. I was the kid in the third grade telling the other kids that they were nuts. I can still remember the wide eyes of my classmates as tears filled the edge of their eye lids when I explained the Santa myth to them.

At the time, I wasn't trying to be mean. I truly never once told a kid there was no Santa with malice in mind. I did it because I thought I had information that they could use.

After all, along with the bubble-bursting news that there was no Santa, came a tactical advantage to me and my fellow eight-year-olds.

I explained to them that if we admit the truth, that our dads were the ones to buy us Christmas presents and Santa was not real, then we could hold our parent's feet to the fire.

I never had to hope Santa brought me something. I just told my dad, "I want a HotWheel dad. If I don't get one, I know not to blame Santa." He couldn't use the argument that Santa didn't bring one. It would be my dad's fault if it didn't happen.

With raised eyebrow, I think he began to see the error in his thinking. Yes, he got the credit for good presents, but he also got the blame for bad presents as well as the lack of a Hot Wheel.

Where other kids would think Santa let them down or that they had been on the naughty list, my dad knew that I knew who to blame.

This got me a lot of presents each year. In fact, my parents went overboard in trying to keep the blame off themselves I think. My presents were always big and sometimes I got much more than I even expected. They knew they would get the credit for that too. (Insert

smiley face here).

But then one year, after all the hoopla I went through convincing the neighborhood kids that Santa was a myth, things changed.

One year I wanted a electric race track and a bicycle and simply couldn't make up my mind which I wanted more. I spent the last five months of the year looking through Sears catalogs at both items and showing them to my mom and dad.

The decision was simply way too much for an eight-year-old to face. It was an internal battle that haunted me every day and was the last thing on my mind each night as I went to bed.

When I said my prayers, I didn't even know which thing to ask God to help me get.

This was going to be a difficult Christmas. Either way I was going to be very happy with the gift I got, but also disappointed that I didn't get the other one. It was an eight-year-old's no-win scenario.

I never made the decision. All the way up to Christmas Eve I kept the battle going and simply left the decision up to them.

So Christmas morning came and I rushed to the tree at dawn and mom had my hot chocolate ready (yes, I was spoiled, deal with it). I opened the smaller packages first of course and as usual was loving every present that wasn't socks or underwear. Anything with plastic or metal, I liked it.

Then came the final gift. That big box that I had waited to rip open for two weeks. It had been lying under the tree taunting me and I am certain that I heard it whisper my name a few times when no one was around.

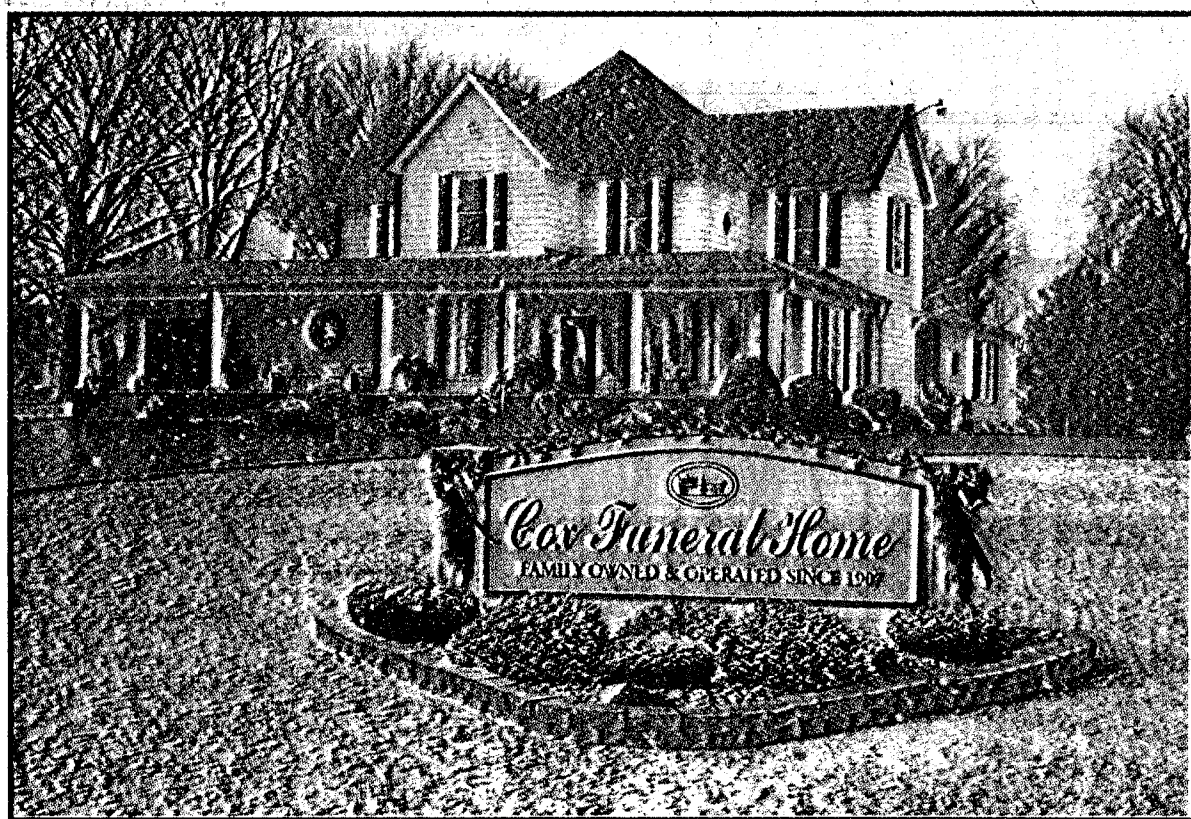
I ripped paper and tossed it across the room and there it was. The big-

(See "ACES" on A4)



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Points East

By Ike Adams



Readers keep telling me that they wish I would write about nothing other than old times and the way things used to be and the truth of the matter is that, for the most part, the older I get, the better they were. But there's still a lot of things I would not want to go back to.

Putting out a washing (doing laundry on a wringer washing machine) in sub-freezing weather immediately comes to mind as does packing in a dozen buckets of coal to keep fires going in a drafty old house and still waking up to find out the water bucket had frozen solid during the night.

Dodging mud holes and trying to find a path through deeply rutted dirtroads on a mile+ walk to school is not something I'd want to do again or wish off on my grandkids. I have, however, on many occasions when my own kids complained about walking across a muddy lawn to get to the school bus, wished they'd had to hoof it all the way, like I had to.

Getting a speck of mud on their Nikes would have been the least of their worries, not that they could have worn such flimsy footwear to Blair Branch Grade School during winter time, had they been there. We either wore knee-high rubber boots over our walking shoes or high-fitting leather boots that were supposed to be water proof but were not.

I can remember parking my boots and socks behind the huge pot-bellied stoves we used to heat the school building so they could dry out before the first 15 minute "recess" or play time. And I was not the only one.

Dad bought beef tallow that we used to rub into the sole seams and eye-lacings of our bootsevery night to help make them water-tight and supple. I'm reasonably sure that helped a little but my feet were usually wet and cold when I got to school or home from school between the middle of November until the first of April.

Nobody complained about the knee-deep ruts or tracks in the road, made by

heavily-loaded coal trucks because most adult men worked in the mines and getting the coal hauled to rail-road tipples was essential to keeping jobs.

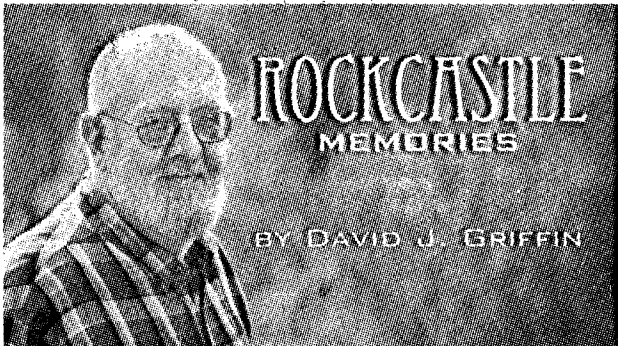
When the ruts wore down so deeply that even the coal trucks' rear axel differentials started dragging in the middle, the coal companies or sometimes the county road crew would haul in loads of creek gravel and/or "red dog" to fill them and the road would be reasonably level for a week or two but the road had to get virtually impassable for that to happen.

Red dog was old slate rock cinders from residue that had been piled beside the big company mines when they were in full swing during the early years of the industry. The rock residue contained enough coal and petroleum to spontaneously combust and, for many years thousands of tons, small mountains, many still smoking, of it dotted the eastern Kentucky landscape.

Local politicians decided it was excellent road material, far, far less expensive than limestone gravel and much more easily accessible than creek or river gravel. Unless a member of the county fiscal court lived on your road, you didn't even think about getting limestone gravel on it. Unfortunately, or perhaps fortunately, depending on your perspective, we never had a magistrate living on Blair Branch in those days.

In reality red dog was nothing more than very hard clay, heavily laced with enough iron and other very red minerals that rapidly turned into soft mud after the first rain or snow melt. Regular old mud would, at least wash off, but red dog mud was a permanent dye.

Anyway, there are lots of things about the good old days that I don't miss one single bit. On the other hand, there are certainly more that we have lost along the way that I sure do wish we hadn't. I promise that I will try to focus just on those when I wax nostalgical in the future.



One Of The Lonely Ones

Santa Clause came early for me this year! On December 5, I received a notice from the Apple iTunes store that a brand new Roy Orbison CD was now available—a shock to me (and his other many legions of fans) because he has been gone from this world since December 6, 1988. Orbison (as my readers have been informed any number of times) is one of my most favorite of any and all rock-and-roll artists.

From the mid-sixties until his death, I purchased every album that he recorded. His Lonely and Blue album from 1961 became my most treasured recording of all time. I even gave it to several of my close friends as gifts. I still listen to it on a regular basis. I have it on a thumb drive, which we use often while travelling in our SUV.

One of the Lonely Ones is the name of the newly discovered, newly released, never-before-heard album from a recording session by Orbison in 1969. It seems that this album chronicles the life hardships of Orbison more than any of his previous albums. To wit, he had toured with Eddie Cochran and Buddy Holly before they both died in separate accidents, and Orbison's own life was additionally marred by tragedies when his wife died at a young age, followed by the death of his two eldest sons who were killed in a horrific house fire.

It has been said that Orbison favored dark emotional ballads. The title song of this latest album confirms that belief. Knowing his history, listen to the lyrics of this haunting melody.

*I'm cold inside
The day just died
The night has just begun
I'm out having lonely fun
Waiting for the rising sun
I run with the lonely ones
I wish that they would turn and say
Get out you don't belong
But misery loves company
So I just tag along
Alone with the lonely ones
All they ever offer me
Are things they used to do*

Everyone has lost someone
The way that I lost you
Change is the lonely one
I am sick and tired, uninspired
I'd rather be dead and done
Than to be what I have become

After doing some research, I discovered that in recognition of his joining MGM fifty years ago, Universal Studios teamed up with LLC, the Nashville-based company founded by Orbison's surviving sons, to release the long lost album. Sometimes posthumous albums create a fine line between nostalgia and just plain sadness. This latest CD teeters toward the latter.

There is no doubt that Orbison's one-of-a-kind voice helped to define a generation of rock-and-roll super stars. He is one that always rises to the top. His voice is like none other. I am so glad that this wonderful disk has been released. I only wish I could share it with my beloved son, Todd. He, too, loved Roy. I have often wondered if they have met up with one another in heaven. I hope so. That sweet child called me on the phone the day that Orbison died just to express his condolences to his dad.

As I said, Santa came early for me this year, and apparently I have been a very good boy.

T.J.'s Journal

by: Tonya J. Cook



Old Time Christmas Candy

Dear Journal,
Last night Stanley and I went to the local grocery store. I rode in one of those electric carts as I'm still kind of weak and have endured arthritis for a long time. One of the first things I spied, right there in the middle of the aisle and at eye level was a huge display of candy...all kinds. It was enough to gain five pounds just going past.

Well, I'll let you know I lusted over that candy...and probably drooled. It wasn't the fact that it was candy, but the old-time kind that I remember from my childhood days. There were coconut bon-bons, crème drops ("chocolate drops", as they were once called), old fashioned sugar stick candy, coconut haystacks, chocolate covered raisins (my Uncle Junior told me they were chocolate covered flies as a child to deter me from eating so many...it didn't work), cordial cherries (several years ago, when I wasn't diabetic I ate a whole box while out shopping before I got home...I wonder why I'm diabetic?), and old fashioned hard candy. My mother always kept her hard Christmas candy in an antique candy dish with a lid that her grandma had given her. She told me that if I broke that candy dish she wouldn't whip me; she'd probably just kill me. I didn't eat a lot of hard candy as a child.

It's amazing the role candy has taken in our lives

once you stop and think about it. It causes "visions of sugar plums" to dance in the heads of children according to poets. What is Christmas, Valentine's Day, and Easter without candy? If a husband has a spat with his wife, she can expect a box of candy pretty soon, or a young gentleman caller gives candy to his date. It's the gift of choice on Mother's Day, to a patient in the hospital, or a reward for being good for unruly children. Candy canes hang from Christmas tree branches; candies are thrown out to parade goers, given as treats for children at drive-through windows and doctor's offices, and can be found in bank lobbies, on pillows of hotels and numerous other places. What is our obsession with it? I've heard of studies that have proven sweets to be more addictive than alcohol, drugs, and cigarettes.

Back a few decades ago in the 1920s and the years following, young people of a town or community could have a fun evening at a "taffy pull". All it cost was a little sugar and water. Let it cook, pour into a platter, and then the fun begins. I've never experienced this, but it comes from the era I'm in love with.

Well, I did get past the candy at the store without getting any, but I seem to recall having a dream about dancing sugar plums last night.

The Mount Vernon Signal will be closed December 17-27. There will be no newspaper on December 24th

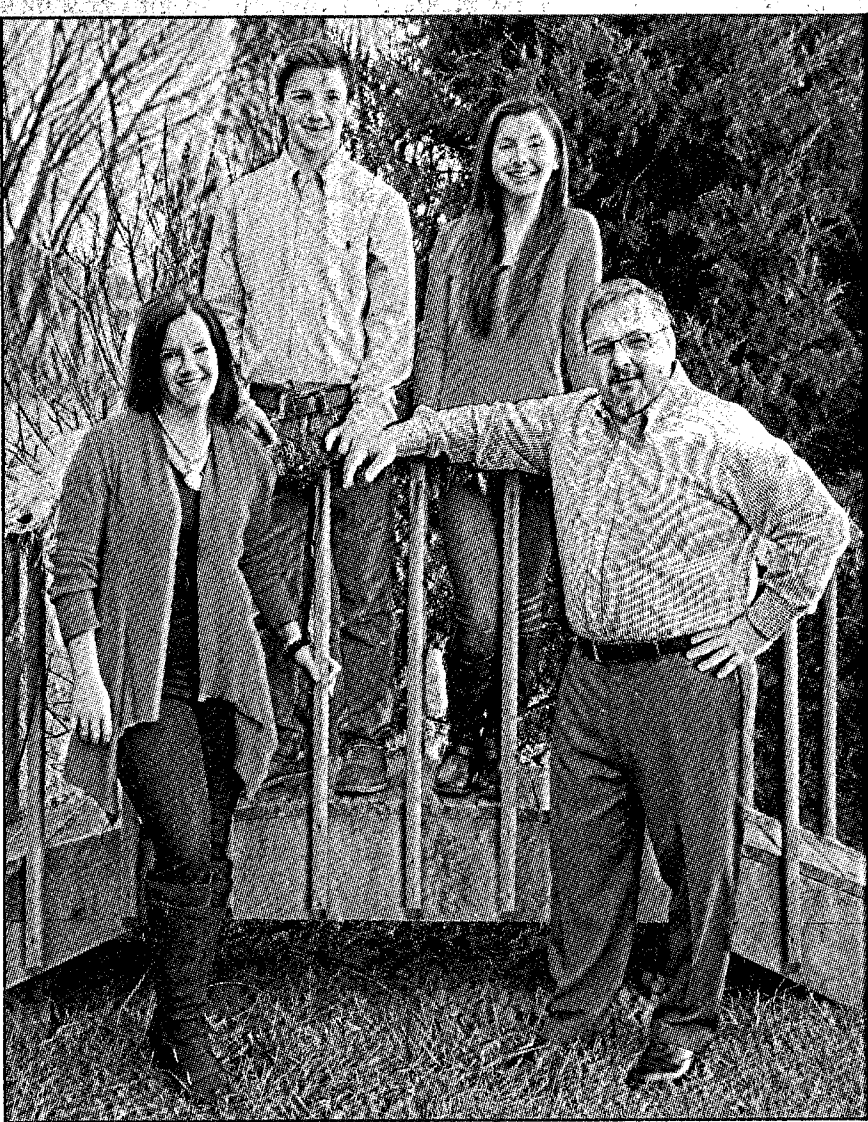
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Merry Christmas from the Burdette family
Twila, Jeff, Thomas and Zoe wish you the peace of the season, the comfort of faith, and offer up prayers and actions for the hurting.



The City of Mt. Vernon recently presented Jack Weaver with a plaque for 35 years of service. Pictured from left are: Becky Payne, Jack Weaver, Mayor Mike Bryant, Josh Bray and Jill Medley.

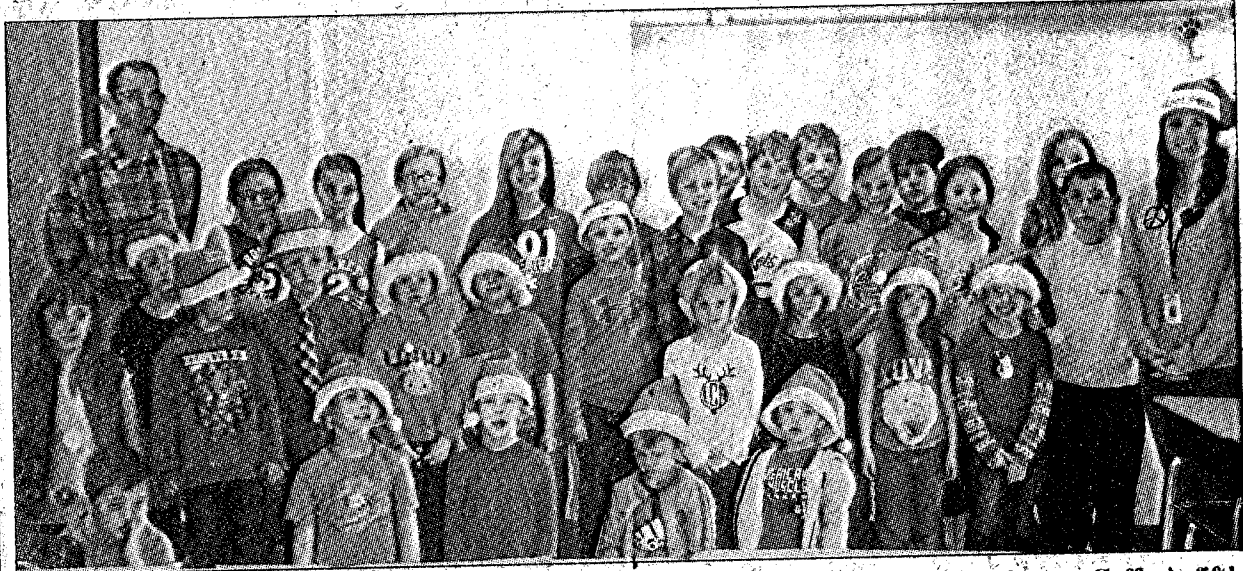
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School News
Archery practice is each Monday from 3:15 until 4:55.
Brownies (2nd & 3rd

Grades) will meet each Wednesday from 3:30 until 4:30.
Tutoring will be each Tuesday from 3:30 until

4:30. Parents must pick up their children.
Miss Kami Lovell's Kindergarten students sang Christmas Carols to

Mr. Thomas Coffey's 5th grade class. After the singing 5th grade students read Christmas stories to the younger students.



Miss Kami Lovell's Kindergarten students at MVES sang Christmas carols to Mr. Thomas Coffey's fifth grade class. After the singing fifth grade students read Christmas stories to the younger students.

"Aces"

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gest H.O. scale racetrack I had ever seen. Loops and curves and a bridge and cool cars and everything was there. I was so excited. But of course, in the back

of my mind, I knew this meant...no bicycle.

Then about ten minutes after all the opening was over and I was playing with my stuff, mom said, "Paul

(That's my dad) did you hear that noise out by the smokehouse last night?" Pop said, "Yes Ona (that's my mom) I did. It sounded like little bells and a bunch

of deer or something walking around."

In complete confusion I sat in wonder. "What are they talking about?"

They led me to the smokehouse, opened the door and there was my brand new "Wild One-V" 5-speed bicycle.

I stood and stared in awe trying to understand when mom finally spoke. "Well hmmm. I guess there is a Santa after all."

I exploded with joy! Life was good and this is as good as it gets.

The next school day, I spent the entire day trying to tell my friends that I had been mistaken. Santa is real. But alas, I had already convinced them otherwise.

By that time I was the only kid left in school who believed in Santa. My entire plan had backfired.

For many years that bicycle took me through alleys and woods and creeks in our little hometown. I wore it out completely.

I think the lesson here is...never give up on Santa. Just because you can't see someone and can't hear him and can't touch him, doesn't mean he's not real. Miracles do happen.

At Christmas time, I think you know who I am really talking about.
Merry Christmas.

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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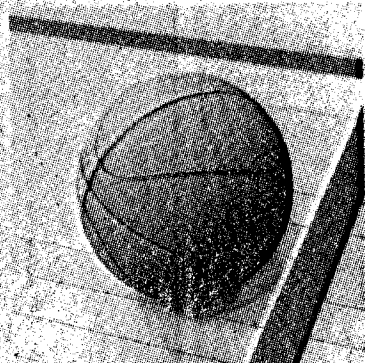
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Mon., Dec. 21st: Scaffold Cane, Clear Creek, Wildie,

Tues., Dec. 22nd: Hwy. 3245, Bryant Ridge.

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.

CVFD Board Meeting

Climax Volunteer Fire Department will hold their annual Board Meeting, Friday, 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.

Grandparent Support Group

Are you raising a grandchild in your home? If so, you are invited to attend our support group meetings, held monthly, to share experiences. The next meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 17th (today) at noon at the Rockcastle Co. Extension Office, 1050 W. Main St., Mt. Vernon. Guest speaker will be Morgan Bray of Rockcastle Regional Hospital.

RRTA Meeting

The next meeting of the Rockcastle Retired Teachers Association will be Wednesday, December 16th at 11:30 a.m. at the Adult Education Center. Rockcastle County School Superintendent David Pensol will be the guest speaker. Lunch will be provided. So plan to join us for this special meeting. If you have any questions, call Regina T. Burton at 758-8000.

Service Officer Available

A certified and trained State Service Officer will be at the London DAV building on East 80, behind Valley 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 afternoon at the Limestone Grill. Everyone is invited.

Historical Society Hours

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

American Legion Post 71

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

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moved to its new location in Rockcastle Business Park South. The remodeling created a conference area and provided for separate offices for the judge's staff.

Bishop said the fiscal court also created a new work space for Deputy

Sheriff Connie Bullen's work area. "We have a new counter space with glass and it is much more secure for us as well as those who visit," said Bullen.

Bishop and the fiscal court also created a separate office for the bookkeeping department and the occupational tax office.

But many of the changes

and additions since January have involved the County Road Department.

"We were hit with a blizzard last winter and it was horrible for us," said Bishop. "We had six trucks to clean ice and snow off the roads and five of them broke down. It was a real challenge."

However, since then, the

county has purchased two new trucks for the first time. "I don't think Rockcastle County has ever bought brand new trucks," said Coy Cromer, Road Department Supervisor. "We have bought some used ones but this may be a first."

The new trucks brings the fleet to eight vehicles used to keep roads safe, Bishop said.

The road department also purchased mowers and other equipment designed to keep roads clear and the county clean, according to Bishop.

"We are very proud of our boom mower and John Deere tractor. New, it would cost around \$150,000 but we bought it at an auction for \$32,000 and it had very few hours on it," the judge said.

Equipment added to the Road Department this year include two 2015 Chevrolet Silverados, a 2015 Jones trailer, a 2015 GatorMade Trailer, a 2014 Bobcat, two New Holland tractors, a bush hog, a John Deere tractor with boom mower, an Ex-Mark laser printer, a Gator utility trailer and a

Lark utility trailer. at a total cost of \$195,873. However, a large part of the cost was paid through grants that the fiscal court received, Bishop said.

Grants are also up for the county in the past year, according to officials.

In late 2015 the county received a \$100,000 grant for the Brodhead Fairgrounds for a new exhibition building that will replace the three existing old barns. This grant is a 75/25 matching grant and the new structure is expected to be built in 2016, according to Bishop's office.

There are also several coal severance grants to the county according to Bishop. Those grants include:

\$5,000 for the Livingston Volunteer Fire Department for equipment.

\$32,542 grant for the John Deere Boom tractor/mower,

\$15,000 to the road department as partial payment for the Bobcat.

\$5,000 for the Brodhead Fire Department used as partial payment on a 2015 Crew Cab Bush truck.

\$15,000 for a new roof at the County Library.

\$5,000 for the Western Fire Department to purchase new turn-out gear.

\$12,500 for the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame for operations.

\$12,500 for the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame for audits.

\$10,000 for the Brodhead Park stage construction.

\$15,000 to Livingston for Trail Town improvements,

\$50,000 to Brodhead as recreational reimbursement for the new ballfield fencing and new concessions at the fairgrounds. It also provided for electric in the Livingston Visitor Center and the purchase of land at Livingston.

Total grant monies received in 2015 was \$277,542, according to records in the judge's office.

"I think we have done wonderful things for the county and we will not stop trying to improve the quality of life for everyone in our county," Bishop said.



Deputy Sheriff Connie Bullen sits behind the new customer window in the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department. When the office was remodeled, it created more work space and a safer environment, Bullen said.

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Cash told members of the council that he had talked with a lawyer who suggested the city repeal the existing nuisance ordinance, which was adopted in 1995, and write a new ordinance from scratch.

Cash said there are parts of the existing ordinance that cannot be enforced and some outdated regulations.

However, Councilman Keith Graves disagreed with the suggestion. "Under the regulations of the existing ordinance, we sent letters to people and are in the middle of the process. If we repeal this ordinance and have no ordinance between now and when we write a new one, those letters are invalid and we will have to start all over again," said Graves.

Graves continued to explain that he is in favor of writing a new nuisance ordinance, but does not favor repealing the existing ordinance.

"My question is, how do we enforce the ordinance anyway? Can we utilize the sheriff's office?" Graves asked.

Councilman Cash said he doesn't think the sheriff's office can help. "The sheriff has been so good to us and helps us in so many ways. But they are stretched too thin already and don't have the manpower to keep up with our nuisance complaints," he said.

Brodhead does not have a police department and members of the council discussed ways to enforce the nuisance ordinance.

Mayor Walter Cash said some of the complaints may be difficult to enforce even with a new ordinance. "You can't ban trucks from driving on our roads and that's one of the complaints," he said. "There are some complaints that we simply can't do anything about by law."

Councilman Dallas Todd said the council needs to act now. "We have faced this for six months and nothing has changed. For the safety of everyone, we need to take some kind of action," he said. "We need to stop

beating a dead horse."

Councilman Graves said a new ordinance would need input from citizens. "We need citizens to help us with this new ordinance. There is a lot of opinion that has to go into this ordinance and putting a person's opinion in a law worries me," said Graves. "We have to clearly define what a nuisance. Is a paper plate in the yard a nuisance? Are two paper plates a nuisance? At what point does a law define exactly when it becomes a nuisance?" he said. "We have to be perfectly clear because what may be a nuisance to one person may be normal to another."

Todd suggested the council adjust every law and ordinance in the City of Brodhead. "We need to go through every law and ordinance we have one at a time and update them. That wouldn't be a big deal for Becky (City Clerk Becky Bussell)," he said.

The council discussed means by which to enforce any nuisance law. Councilman Cash said after a letter is sent, the city may involve the city attorney if nothing is done to correct the problem. Todd said he would handle the issue himself. "I don't care a bit to go up to their door and tell them what they need to do," he said.

However, Graves said council members should not be the ones to enforce laws. "It's not our place to strong arm citizens. There needs to be a clear path towards enforcing such an ordinance," he said.

After an hour of discussion, council members agreed to keep the current ordinance in place until a new one is written and to include discussion and planning of the new ordinance at January's regular meeting.

In other action, the council agreed to pay the city's monthly bills and a heated discussion between Todd and Mayor Cash concerning who can write checks for the city's fire department took place at the end of the meeting. However, no changes were made to the present system.

nearly half of those offered the option, decline to register.

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.

"Voter"

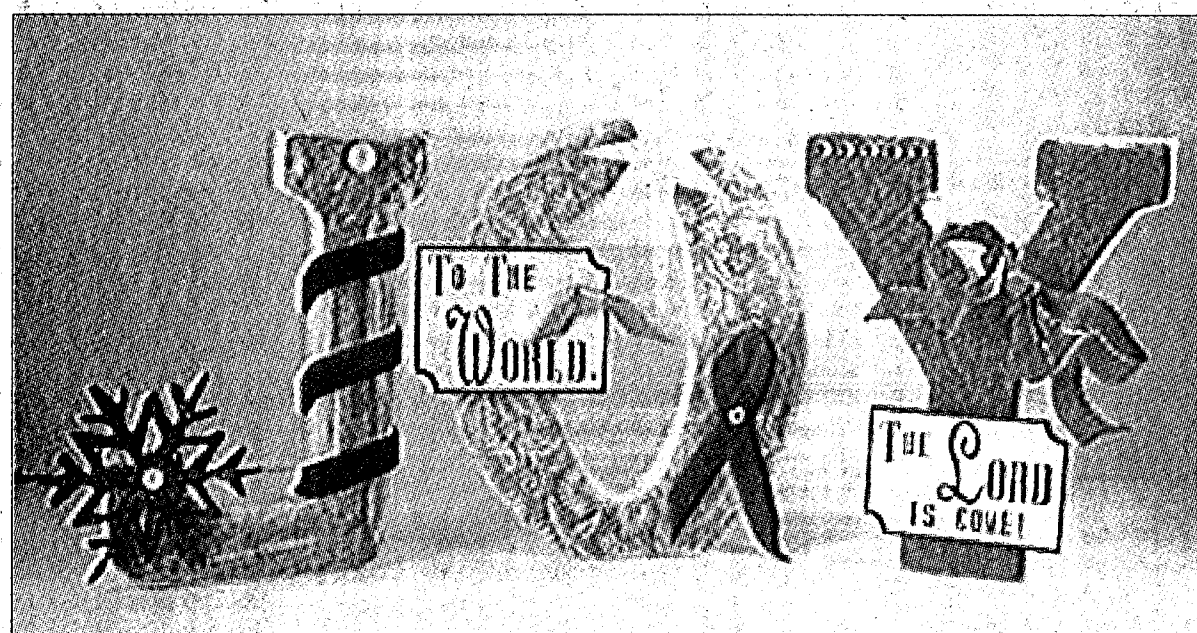
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vote in the May primary election is April 25th while deadline to register to vote in the November general election is October 10th.

Residents who have their driver's license renewed are automatically registered to vote, only if they were already registered, Moore said.

Those who are not previously registered to vote are offered the opportunity to register when they have their driver's license renewed, Moore said. Each voter has the option to decline to register.

According to Moore,



"For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

Sid, Julie, Sydney and Gracie Hines wishes everyone a

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



Front row from left: Sydney, Sid, Julie and Gracie Hines. Back row: Doug and Janet Bishop.

From our family to all of you, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We thank you for all prayers, support, and encouragement you have given to us this year. It is a joy to serve you and I am humbled and honored to have been placed in this position of County Judge-Executive by the good people of Rockcastle County.

To all of you who have worked so hard for so long to make this possible, we are forever grateful. I ask that you continue to pray for us and all of Rockcastle County as we work together to become the very best we can be.

May God bless each and everyone of you.

Doug and Janet Bishop

"Court"

(Continued from front) would lay out the electrical service plan for them at that time.

Bishop said Monday afternoon, after his meeting with representatives of the company, that they were awaiting approval of a patent for an additive to the product they plan to manufacture at the Anchor facility. He said that approval should come by Dec. 21st and that the representative said the company would be ready to sign a lease for the building at that time.

County Clerk's 2016 Budget

The court heard a presentation by County Clerk Danetta Allen which showed actual revenue through November of 2015 of \$2,200,941 and expected total 2015 revenue of \$2,369,065, \$24,815 less than anticipated. However, Allen's expenditures are also expected to be down by around \$108,000.

Allen told the court that she had anticipated excess fees for 2015, which are returned to the court, to be \$45,900 but had revised that estimate to around \$75,000 based on actual revenue/expenditure figures through November and estimated figures for December.

The clerk asked that her maximum salary amount be left the same as last year at \$235,000, even though she has only used \$155,831 through November. Allen said she would like to raise her clerk's salary by a \$1 an hour and have the flexibility to hire another clerk if needed. The court approved the \$235,000.

The maximum salary cap includes the clerk paying \$15,000 on the employer's share of retirement for her clerks and \$20,000 of the employer's share of social security benefits.

The court approved Allen's budget for 2016 of \$2,388,350 estimated receipts with \$2,339,941.33 estimated expenditures and estimated excess fees for 2016 of \$48,408.

Sheriff's 2016 Budget
Deputy Sheriff Dale

McNew presented the court with several options for Sheriff Mike Peters' 2016 budget.

McNew said that the final budget would depend on the court's direct monthly contribution to the sheriff's office for 2016.

The court contributes nearly \$300,000 to the sheriff's office yearly, including \$150,222 (in 2015) direct assistance broken into 12 payments; the office's employer contributions to social security/medicare/retirement; liability, workmen's compensation and vehicle insurance; audit expense, bonds, training, conference fees, etc.

Even with no raise for employees, the sheriff's office expects the court's cash contribution to have to increase to \$159,076 for 2016 mainly because of a decrease in payments to the sheriff's office for court security personnel by the state.

McNew said that if the sheriff gave a \$1 an hour pay increase to the three full time and two part time deputies, the court's contribution would have to increase to \$168,592. A 25c per hour increase for all 12 employees would increase that contribution to \$165,241 and a \$1 an hour raise for the other seven employees would bring the court's cash contribution to \$171,390.

The sheriff's budget has to be submitted to the state by January 15, 2016 in order for the sheriff to receive an interest free advance of \$85,000 from the state, which is used for expenses until the office receives enough operating revenue from local sources.

The court did not act on any of the options, preferring to study the proposals and take action before the January 15th date.

911 Personnel Request

911 Coordinator Bonnie Roark was also at the meeting to discuss more personnel she feels is needed to operate the service better.

Roark told the court that in 1997, when 911 went into

service in Rockcastle County, there were nine employees and she now has seven. "Every officer in the county would back me up that we need two people per shift," Roark told the court. She said it was not just a matter of dispatching emergency personnel after a call for help. In case of a fire, Roark said two fire departments have to be dispatched, plus the address verified along with call back information. "If the dispatcher is tied up with one call and another comes in, and they are there by themselves, there is a problem."

Since its inception, 911 has been mainly self-supporting, with the court only occasionally having to transfer funds to their account. This year, at one point, the county had to contribute \$20,000 to 911 and they put \$36,000 into their 2015-16 budget to meet expected contributions to 911 for this fiscal year.

County Treasurer Joe Clontz told the court that \$200,000 was approved as 911's maximum salary cap for the 2015-16 fiscal year and that 911 was well below that amount so the addition of two more employees should be covered in 911's 2015-16 budget.

Roark told the court that 911 pays new employees \$9 an hour to start and that she had one employee, with 14 years on the job, that is only making \$11.80 an hour.

County Judge Doug Bishop suggested that Roark might have to pay overtime in the short term to cover the needed personnel requirements until the court decides how to take care of the situation. "We understand you have a problem and we are going to help you solve it," Bishop told Roark.

Bloodhounds

Assistant County Attorney William Leger was present at the meeting to discuss the recent acquisition of two bloodhounds for use in the county.

Leger apologized to the court because of the release of information, about the dogs being donated, to the Signal before the court was apprised of the donations.

Leger said that the only financial obligation the county would have would be to pay a part of the dog's maintenance which would amount to about \$1,300 yearly with the City of Mt. Vernon picking up the difference of about \$700.

The dogs will be used in missing person cases, locating runaway inmates, etc. but cannot be used as a "drug dog" because they are "too sensitive" for that use.

Leger noted that it was quite a coup for the county to have these dogs donated. He cited a recent incident in Pulaski County where a bloodhound was needed and had to be borrowed from a Louisville agency.

The court approved paying a share of the dogs' maintenance.

In other action, the court: *approved a donation of \$2,500 to the Rockcastle Youth Basketball Association, which includes both boys and girls programs;

*approved the monthly contribution to RCIDA of \$13,539, which includes a \$10,000 payment to CSX for the railroad spur in the park;

*approved a contribution to the Boy Scouts summer camp program for 12 boys at a cost of \$3,000;

*approved a loan to the Pongo Volunteer Fire Dept. of \$20,000 for equipment upgrade. The loan will be repaid with state aid funds received by the department;

*approved \$3,037 for snow plows on two new trucks for the road department;

*approved a pay increase for Vickie Miller, an employee in the county judge's office, to \$14.87 per hour, and

Transferred \$3,000 from the general fund to the LGEA account; \$30,000 from the general fund to the detention center account and \$75,000 from the occupational tax account to the general fund.

Clontz noted during the meeting that the court had budgeted \$120,000 in revenue from the LGEA program, based on past payments to the county as a coal-impact county. However, of that \$120,000 the

county has only received \$15,000 and that is all they will receive this fiscal year.

Clontz said that, in addition, the county was financially hit with an increase of \$100,000 in the cost of health insurance for employees and a cut of \$250,000 in funds received by the county road department from the state.

The court did not take any action on three bids received for the demolition and removal of three barns at the Brodhead Fairgrounds.

The bids were supposed to be at no cost to the county with perhaps some compensation to the county for the materials in the barns.

However, one bid was for \$10,101 for the demolition and removal and another was for \$9,500. The

"CFD"

(Continued from front) given us a lot of help and made this possible," said Holt.

The Climax Fire Department now has two pumper trucks and two tankers, along with one brush truck, Holt said.

"We have 18 certified volunteers and everyone has done their part to make this happen," he added. Holt said each homeowner must negotiate their fire insurance rates with their individual provider.

"I will deliver a copy of this rating to each local insurance company and then homeowners should contact their provider and negotiate their rates," said Holt.

According to Holt, there is no guarantee that any individual company will lower rates but usually this rating decreases the cost of insurance.

Holt said a lot of the credit for the exceptional rating should be given to the volunteers as well, CSEPP Director Hal Holbrook and Judge Doug Bishop and the fiscal court.

"Hal provided us with a tremendous amount of communications equipment and made sure we have good handheld radios for each fireman and several other little things that we are sup

only bid received which did not cost the county anything was from the City of Livingston which offered to demolish and remove the buildings for the materials.

Judge Bishop questioned whether Livingston had the manpower for the demolition and if they could complete the process in the time frame allowed (60 days) sposed to have," said Holt.

"Judge Bishop and the Fiscal Court have also been a great help and have always been willing to help us with equipment that we are required to have. They have made this rating possible for the citizens in our area."

"Arrest"

(Continued from front) Michael L. Brown, 58, of North Carolina, was arrested after a 911 call about an argument at the local truck stop.

According to the report, Assistance Chief Rush, along with Sgt. Adam Stallsworth and officer Lucas Tucker, questioned several workers at the local business, along with the man who was threatened, and gathered enough information to locate Brown sitting inside the restaurant.

Police say Brown was questioned and claimed that the truck driver, was pouring urine from a bottle near his truck when the altercation started.

Police later found a hand gun behind an ice machine and arrested Brown and placed him in the Rockcastle County Detention Center.

Brown claimed the truck driver had pulled a billy club and threatened him with it.

Brown was charged with wanton endangerment, tampering with physical evidence, carrying a concealed weapon and violating safety regulations for having a radar detector in his tractor trailer.

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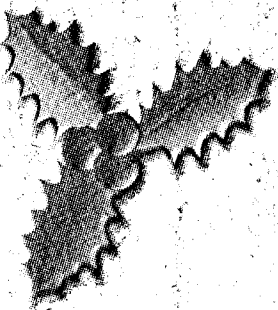
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Both Rocket teams defeat Somerset for first district wins

The Lady Rockets and Rockets chalked up their first district win Friday night, in a doubleheader with the Somerset Briar Jumpers, with the Lady Rockets winning 71-58 and the Rockets 84-78.

The Lady Rockets and the Lady Briar Jumpers were tied at the end of the first period 10-10 and it looked like the Rockets were on their way to putting the game away early with a 25-15 lead midway through the second quarter. However, Somerset came back and outscored the Rockets 10-0 to end the quarter and tie the game at half time 25 all.

Somerset drew first blood in the third quarter and the score was tied at 31 all when the Lady Rockets outscored the Briar Jumpers 14-9 to lead at the third quarter stop 45-39.

The Lady Rockets built on their lead in the fourth, outscoring Somerset 26-19 for the final 71-58.

27 of the Rockets points came at the free throw line, out of 34 possible, and the Briar Jumpers hit 30 of 39 free throws.

After having nine turnovers the first half, the Lady Rockets only turned the ball over three times in the second half for 12 total to

Somerset's 13 turnovers. Leading the scoring for her team was Mahala Saylor with 21 points, which included two three point baskets and going 9 for 12 from the charity stripe. Ashley McKinney and Emme Barker got 10 points each; Hope Kelley, Jayna Albright and Morgan Renner, 8 each and Maddy Bullen scored 6.

Lady Rockets 68

Lady Lions 57
Monday night, the Lady Rockets hosted the Garrard County Lady Lions and came away with their third win of the season 68-57.

The score was tied at 17 all at the end of the first quarter but the Rockets scored 26 points in the second, behind eight points by eighth grader Shelby Newland and seven by Emme Barker, to go up 43-29 at the half. The Lady Lions only managed 12 points in the second quarter, in part because of going four for 12 from the free throw line.

In the second half, the Lady Lions outscored the Rockets 29-25, hitting eight of 12 free throws and scoring four three point baskets in the fourth quarter.

Leading the scoring for her team was Emme Barker with 18; Hope Kelley got 13;

Shelby Newland 11; Mahala Saylor and Morgan Renner scored 9 each; Jayna Albright got 5; Ashley McKinney 2 and Maddy Bullen 1.

Lady Rockets 61

Lady Engineers 43
The Lady Rockets easily took the measure of the Estill County Engineers Tuesday night 61-43.

The Lady Rockets won every quarter, except the third, in the lopsided win, their fourth of the season against three losses.

Morgan Renner led her team in scoring with 14 points; Kelley got 12; Albright 11; Bullen 8; Saylor and McKinney 7 each and Emily Adams 2.

The Lady Rockets next three games are away. They will play a doubleheader with the boys at Adair County this Friday night then will play in the Bardstown Invitational on Saturday, December 19th and the Gateway Holiday Classic at Montgomery County December 27-29.

Rockets 77

Briar Jumpers 58

The Rockets were down 16-14 at the first quarter stop in their part of the doubleheader with Somerset Friday night, but came back in the second quarter to take a 37-28 lead to the locker room.

Junior Lucas Gentry helped his team to the lead with 18 first half points; half of his game high 36.

The Rockets extended their lead in the third, ahead 64-51 at the end of the period beyond 13 more points by Gentry.

In the fourth, the Rockets were up by 13 points 72-59 but the Briar Jumpers mounted something of a comeback, outscoring the Rockets 19-12 but the Rockets held on for the 84-75 win.

The Rocket effort was helped by their performance at the free throw line where they hit 22 of 27 to Somerset's 9 of 13. However, the Briar Jumpers tossed in eleven three point baskets to the Rockets four. The Rockets also turned the ball over 14 times to Somerset's 9.

Besides Gentry's 36; Carson Noble, who only had five points at the end of three quarters, threw in eight points in the fourth for 13; John Cornelius got 12, going 5 for 5 from the charity stripe; Thomas Burdette had 10 points; Dylan Rowe scored 8 and Zach Loudermilk got 7.

Rockets 72

Barbourville 95

The Rockets ran into a buzz saw at Barbourville Saturday, losing 95-72 to a good three point shooting team - 12 in the game.

The Rockets were down 21-13 at the first quarter stop, 43-28 at the half and 65-41 at the third quarter stop.

Dylan Rowe, with two three point baskets of his own, took high scoring honors for his team with 18. He was followed closely by Carson Noble with 16; Lucas Burdette got 14; Thomas Gentry scored 10; and Zach Loudermilk got 5.

Rockets 80

Engineers 56

Along with the Lady Rockets, the Rockets had no trouble with the Engineers from Estill County in their part of the doubleheader Tuesday night, winning 80-56.

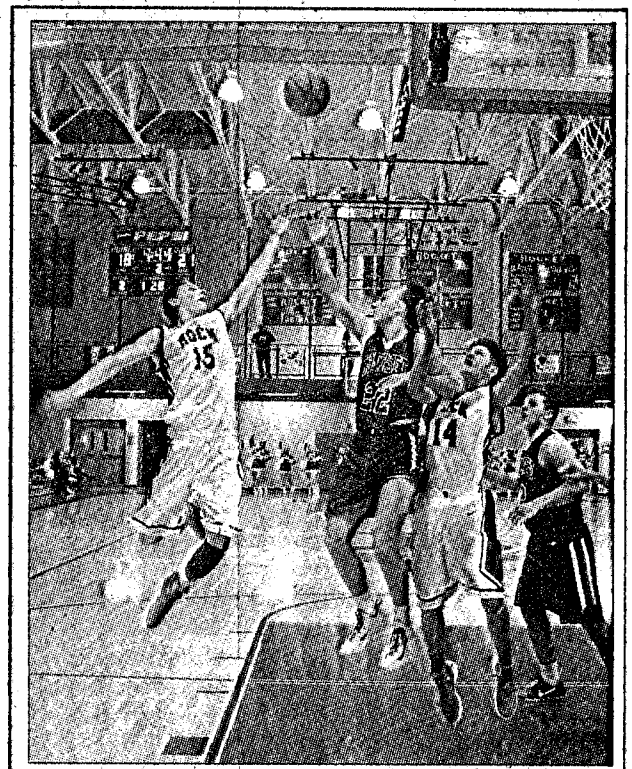
The Rockets won every quarter, ahead 24-11 at the first quarter stop; 46-25 at the half and 65-43 at the end of the third quarter.

The Rockets also won the battle of the three point baskets 11 to 5 with John Cornelius getting six of the three point shots and leading his team in scoring with 28 points. Dylan Rowe was second with 17 points; Carson Noble got 13; Thomas Burdette 10 and Zach Loudermilk and Jordan Hawkins, 1 each.

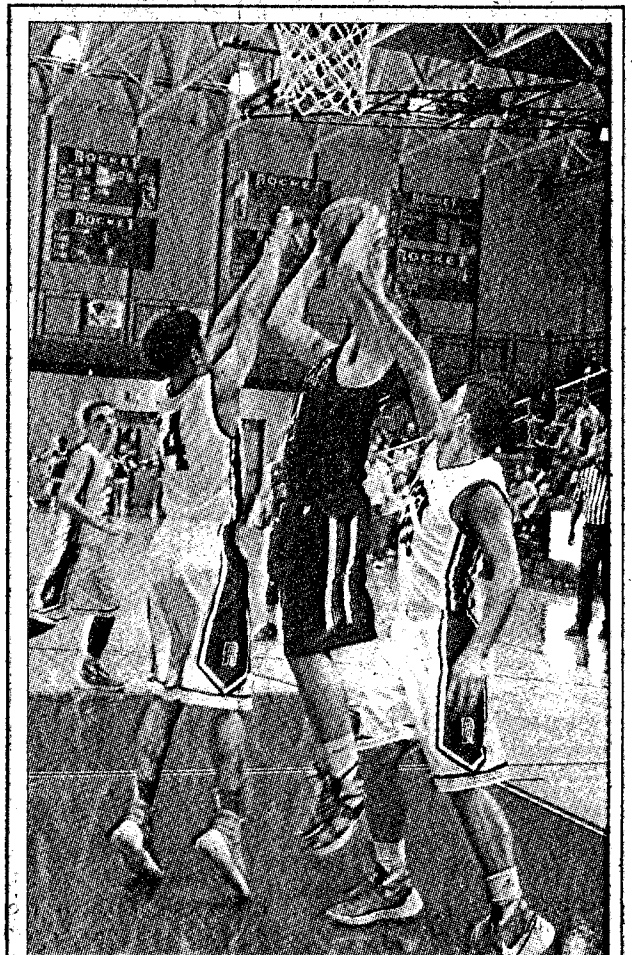
The Rockets will play, with the Lady Rockets at Adair County Friday night then will play Hart County at Adair County, on Saturday, Dec. 19th before heading to Berea on Sunday, Dec. 20th to participate in the Berea Invitational.

The Rockets will also take part in the Gateway Holiday Classic in Mont-

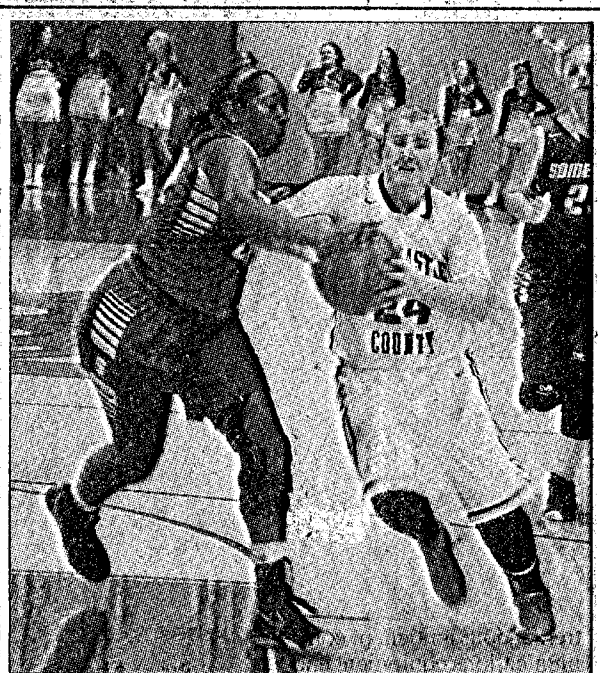
gomery County Dec. 27-29. The boys also have four wins against three losses on the season.



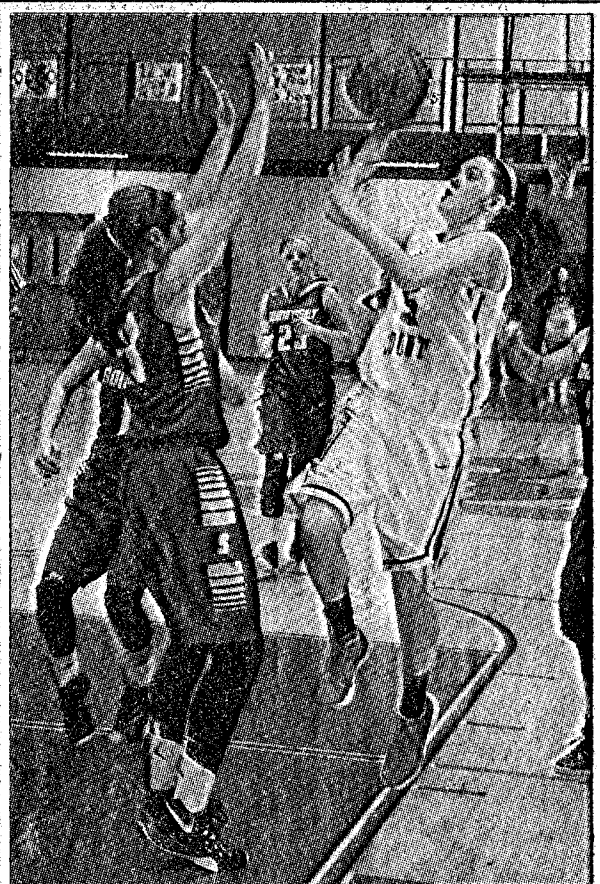
Senior Rocket Dylan Rowe goes high for a rebound during the Rockets' district game last Friday night against the Somerset Briar Jumpers. The Rockets won 84-78 and Rowe had 8 points in the contest. Also in the photo is Jordan Hawkins #14.



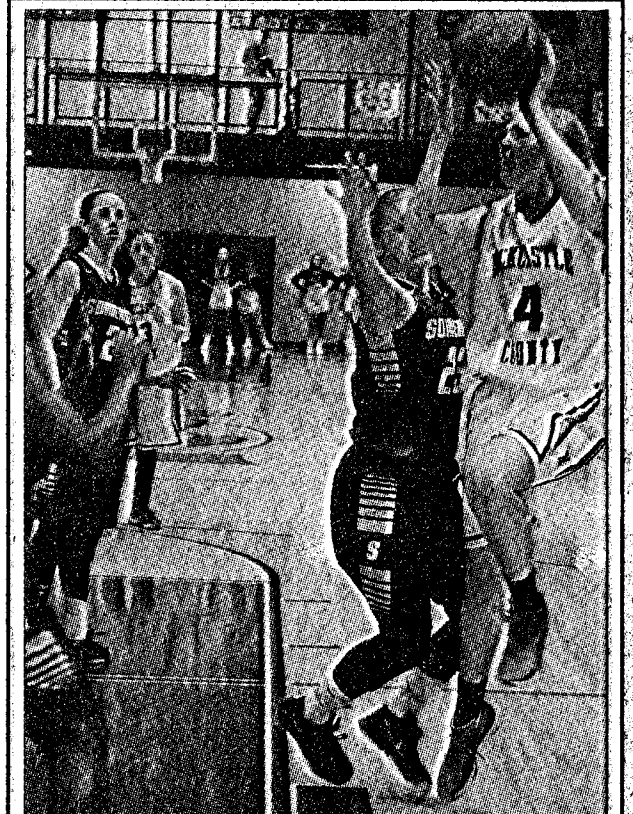
Rockets Jordan Hawkins and Carson Noble put the D on a Briar Jumper under the basket during the Rockets game with Somerset last Friday night. Noble had 13 points in the game. In the background is Dylan Rowe #15.



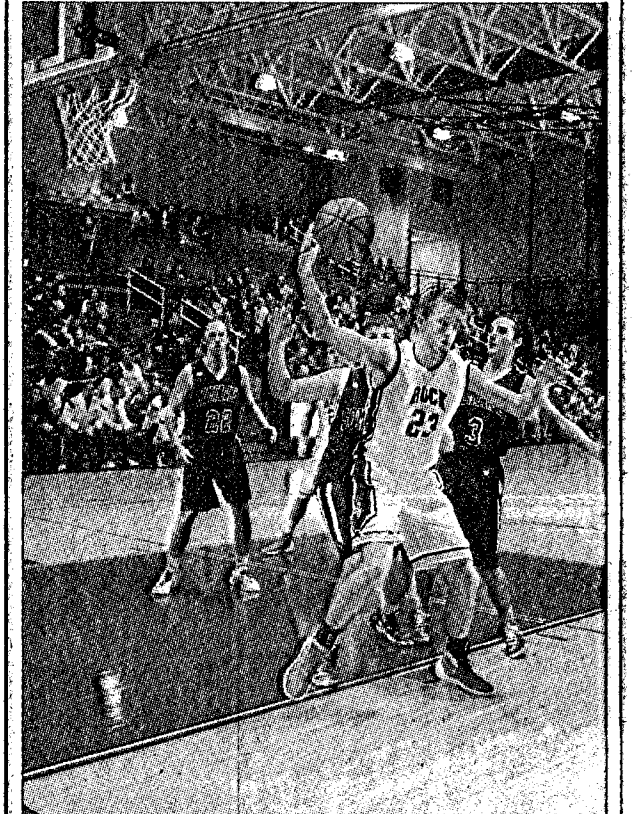
Junior Lady Rocket Mahala Saylor drives to the basket during her team's district game with Somerset. Saylor was the leading scorer in the game for the Lady Rockets with 21 points, which include two three point baskets and going 9 for 12 from the charity stripe.



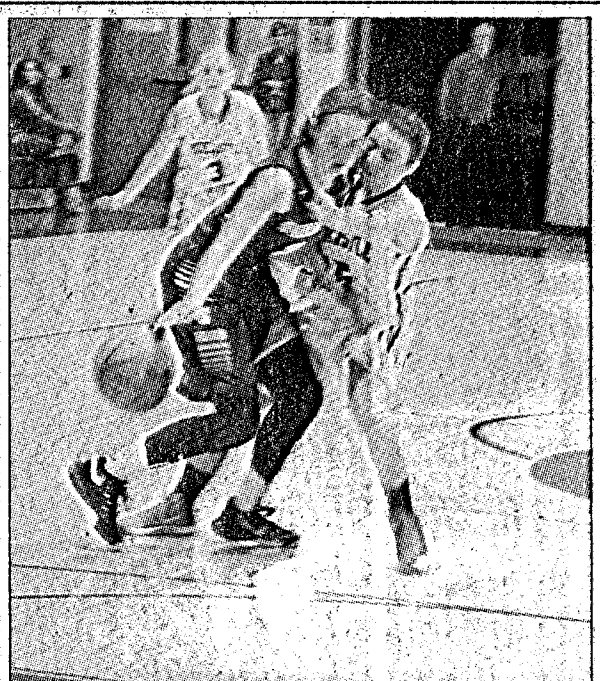
Junior Hope Kelley goes for two points after a great defensive play on the other end against Somerset last Friday night. Kelley scored eight points in the Lady Rockets win.



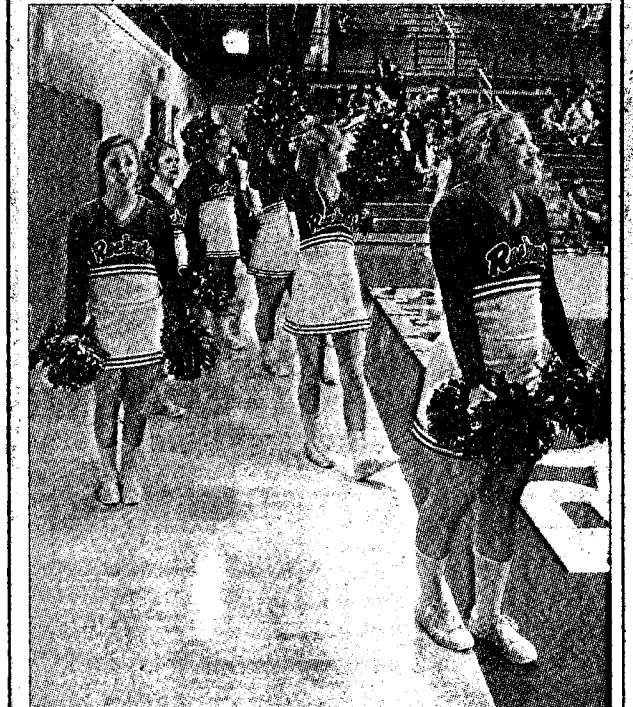
A Somerset Lady Briar jumper tries to contest a shot by Lady Rocket senior Ashley McKinney in last Friday night's district game at RCHS. McKinney had 10 points in the game, eight at the free throw line.



Junior Lucas Gentry puts a move on his defenders to get to the basket in his team's game with Somerset. Gentry scored 36 points in the game, including two three point baskets and going 8 for 8 from the free throw line.



Junior guard Jayna Albright harrasses a Lady Briar Jumper. The harrassment resulted in a steal for Albright who had 8 points in the district game.



The RCHS cheerleaders enthusiastically cheered their team on in their game last Friday night against Somerset. They were joined by the RCHS cheerleaders who took the floor several times to support the Rockets.

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Rockcastle archery teams compete in State Qualifier

The RCHS and RCMS Rocket Archery teams competed in their first state qualifying tournament of the season at Science Hill Independent on Saturday.

The RCHS Rockets achieved a state qualifying team score of 3052. The top shooter for the Rockets was senior Erika Howard with a score of 279. Erika ranked 8th out of 60 high school female shooters. This was Erika's highest score ever.

Jackson Cromer was tops for RCHS in bullseyes with 14 on the day. The Rocket sophomore achieved his best score ever as well with a 275 and was the top male shooter for the Rockets.

Jackson ranked 16th out of 81 high school male archers.

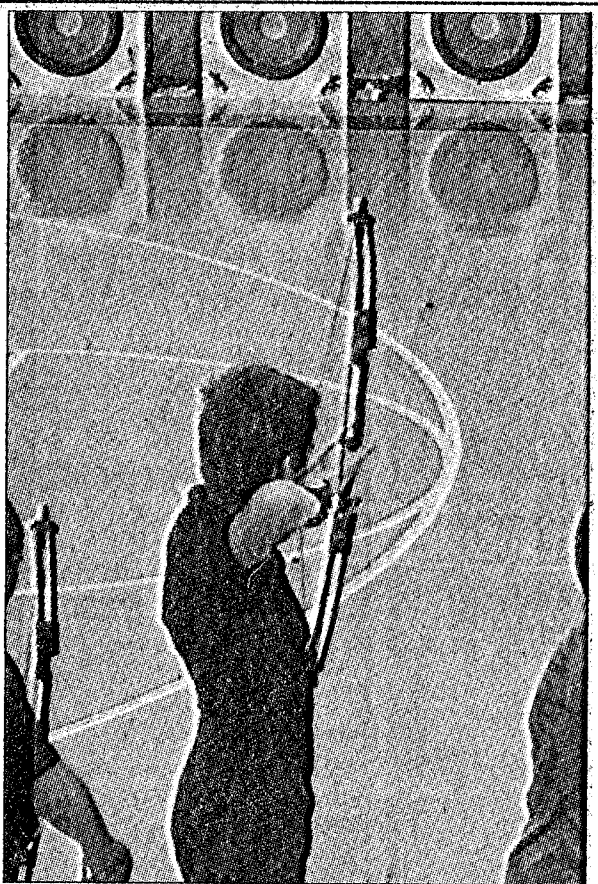
Sophomore Rebekah Lake was close behind with a 271 on the day. Rebekah hit the bullseye 12 times and ranked 15th out of 60 girls.

RCHS junior Jacob Collins also shot a 271 and had a ranking of 24 out of 81.

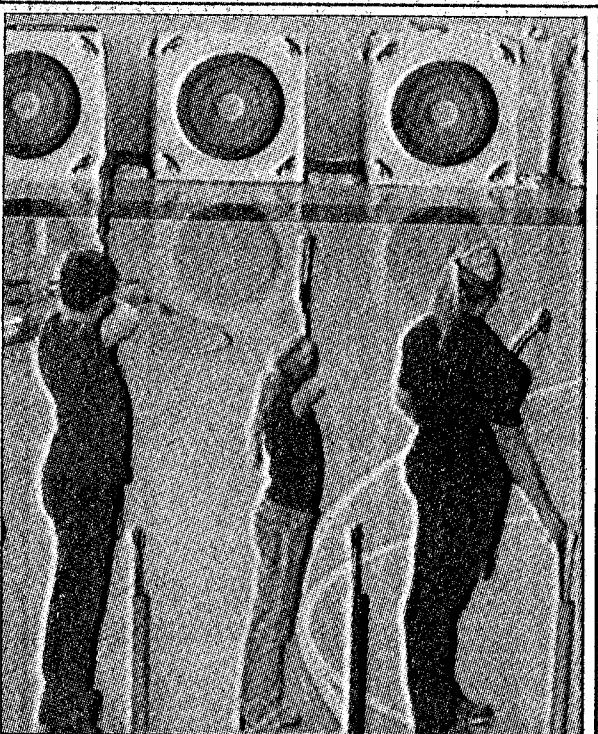
Sophomore Joseph Cowan had his best performance ever on Saturday shooting an all-time best for him with a 264.

Rounding out the 12 state qualifying scores were Callie Carpenter with 250, Ethan Thompson with 249,

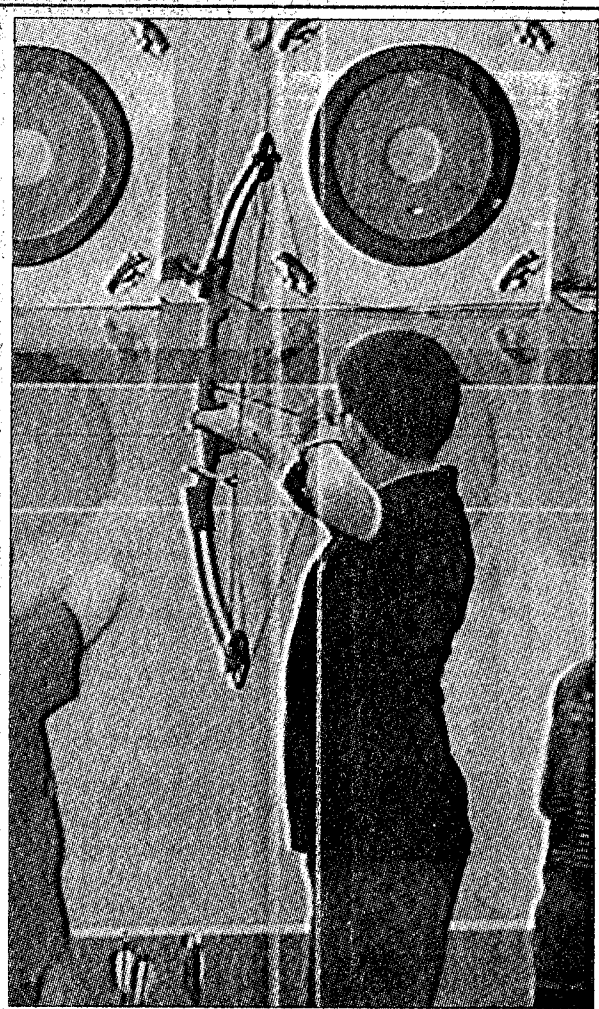
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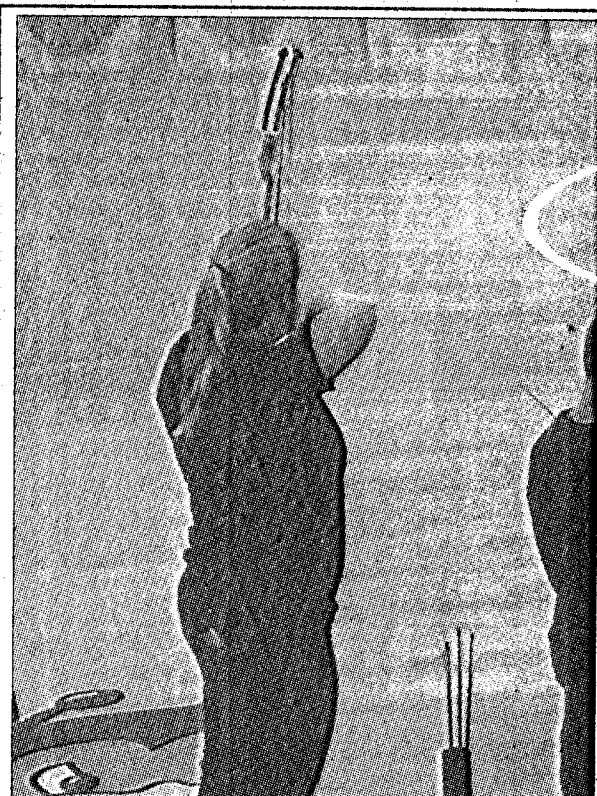
Tops for the RCHS Rockets in finding the bullseye was Jackson Cromer on Saturday. Jackson found perfect aim 14 times and was the top male scorer for the team.



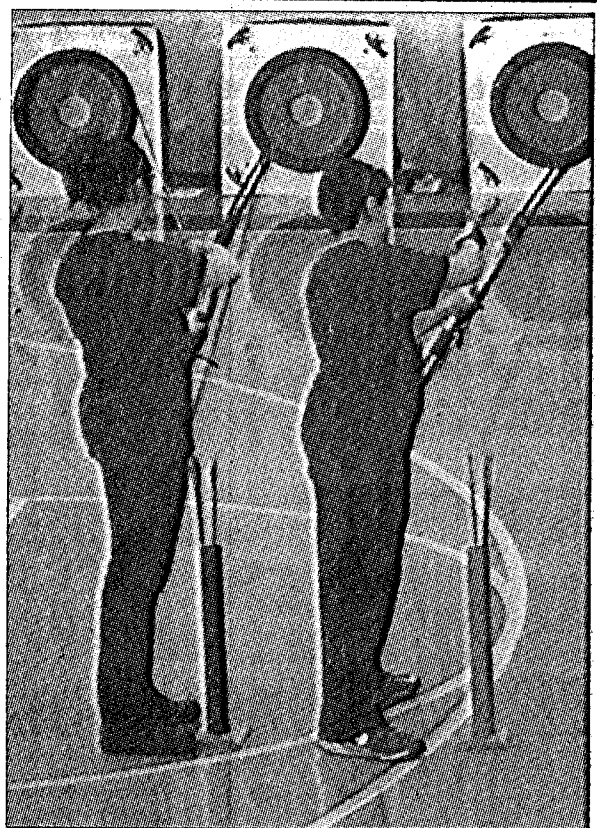
Pictured far left is top RCMS archer on Saturday, Gentry Phillips. Gentry received a personal best score of 258. Far right is Callie Carpenter preparing to shoot for RCHS.



Joseph Cowan achieved a personal best ever score at the Science Hill Archery Christmas Tournament.



Above, sophomore Rebekah Lake aiming for one of her 12 bullseyes. Senior Erika Howard was also on perfect target 12 times.



Preparing to shoot in their first tournament ever was 8th grader Sara Daugherty and 6th grader Bryson Atkin. Bryson's aim was on perfect target for a team high of seven times and he achieved the 4th highest score for RCMS.

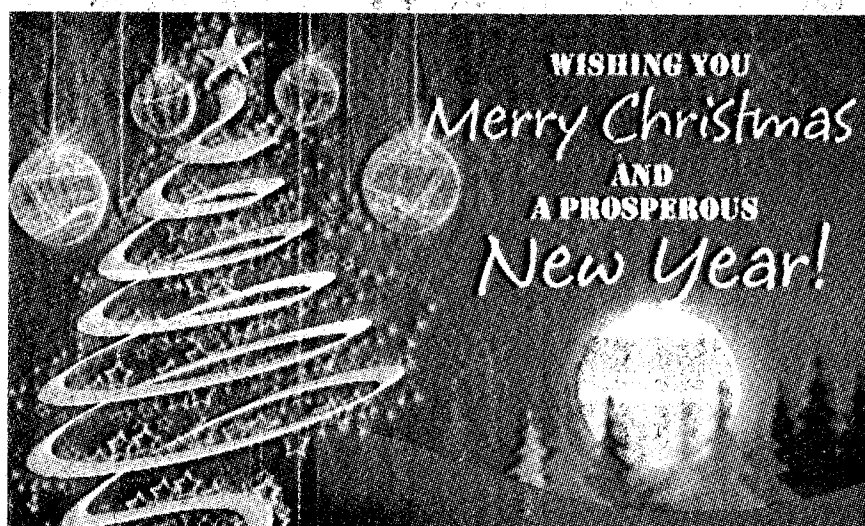
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Dear Santa Claus,
 How are you and Mrs. Claus? Are you excited about the 24th? I have been good this year. I help my mom with the dishes and with the dog. For Christmas I would like a dirt bike and Monster High Scary School. Would you please bring Ainslee Barbie. I will leave Rudolph some carrots and water. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. Sincerely, Andrea L.

Dear Santa Claus,
 How is Rudolph doing? Are the prezits ready? I have been good this year. I help my mom wash dishes. I have been tacking out the trash. For Christmas I would like a Wii and a dirt bike. Would you please bring my mom a ring? I will leave your reindeers carrinson the roof. Have a safe trip. Sincerely, Shane Sn.

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Dear Santa Claus,
 How is the Elfsdoing on the toys? I am ready for Christmas. My family is ready for December the 24th. I have been naughty and good this year. I play with my sister and sometimes I laugh at my sister when she falls. For Christmas I would like a LPS car and shopkin' seson4 pack. Would you please bring my nona a ragdoll because she loves rag dolls. I will leave you cookies and milk and the reindeers carrots and water. Have a safe trip and have a Merry Christmas. Sincerely, Adyson Mae L.

Dear Santa,
 How is Rudolph and the other reindeer and how ar you and Mrs. Claas? I bet yolllove all the cookies and milk this year. I have been good this year. I help my mom cook and I help my ant when I am at her house. For Christmas I would like some rollerskateswith flames on them and a cross bow with a dear sine to shoot. Wood you ples bring a 1000\$ dollars to donate to the hospital? Sincerely, Avery Hayes

Dear Santa,
 How is the reindeer doing? Are you ready for your trip her? I have been good this year. I help my neighbors rake there grass. For Christmas I would like a NBA basketball goal and a NBA 2015 basketball. Would you ples bring my dad a 2016 Harley Davidson? Sincerely to Santa, Shane Sm.

Dear Santa Claus,
 How is everything on the North Pole? I have been good this year. I do the dishes for my mom. For Christmas I want an Xbox 360. Please bring my brother a game and my dad a movie. Sincerely, Jordan B.

Dear Santa Claus,
 Are themreindeer okay? How are you doing? Santa are family wants more preseces. I can't wait for Christmas. I have been good this year. I help'd my mom put plantsin the ground. I helped my dad work on a car with his tools. For Christmas I would like a Minecraft toy and story mode. Please bring my sister earrings. I will get Ms. Cable a red mustangI will lize Santa chocolate chip cookies. Have a safe trip Santa. Sincerely, Ethan Sm.

Dear Santa Claus,
 How is Rudolph's big red nose? December 24 be ready for all the cookies and milk. I have been good this year. I help my mom put my baby brother to sleep. I help my Pa Billy in the hospital. For Christmas I would like a game for Xbox 360, Minecraft Story Mode and for Rocky bring an Xbox game Halo 5. I will leave you penit butercokies and milk. I will leave then on the table. Tell Rudolph Hi! Sincerely, Tristan M.

Dear Santa Claus,
 How do the reindeer fly? My family is hopngwe have a white Christmas. I have been good this year. I help cook and help clean up. For Christmas I would like roller skates and a new pair of LeBron shoes. Would you plases bring my mom a housekeeper because my sister throws everything in the floor. I will leave you hot cocoa. Have a safe trip. Sincerely, Maddox P.

Dear Santa,
 How are you doing? I can't wait till Christmas. I have been good this year. I helped my mom clean. I have been good at school. I showed my friend how to do a one-handed cartwill. For Chistmas I would like Slappy and a Nina tertel set with mask and weapons. Would you ples get my mom a Lalalopsydoll? I will leave you cockle chip cookies and the

raindeercarrots in the living room. Have a safe trip. Sincerely, Keathlee J.

Dear Santa Claus,
 How is Mrs. Claus and how are the reindeer? My famlyhop you have a good Christmas. I have been good this year. I help my mom get gas. I wuddlike to have a PS4 and a bow and arrow. Would you please bring my cousin a science cit? I will leave you hot co-coa or eggnog and cookies and carrots for the reindeer. Sincerely, Shadan D.

Dear Santa Claus,
 Hi! My name is Ainslee. I miss you Santa Claus. How are you and Mrs. Claus? I have been good this year. I helped my mom wash the clothes. For Christmas I would like an American Girl that has blonde hair. Would you please bring my cousin Shyanne a doll? I will leave you no bake cookies. I am going to leve it on the pool tabl. Have a Merry Christmas! Sincerely, Ainslee R.

Dear Santa Claus,
 How is everything at the North Pole? I have been good this year. I help my mom with the food. For Christmas I wold like some more gluvs and I would like for you to get Shadan a toy terokter. How era the renndertoday? Have a safe jerny. I will leev cerits on the roof for youer rendr. Sincerely, Shyanne B.

Dear Santa Claus,
 Are the reindeers excited? Are you ready for December 24th? I have been good this year. I help my mom clean are house and I helped my mom clean the yard. For Christmas I would like earrings and a puppy that comes with a blodreir and a brush and sisers. Wuld you please bring my mom new closes? I will leave you smecookies and milk on the table. Have a safe trip. Sincerely, Hannah B.

Dear Santa,
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Christmas tree. I have been good this year. I help wash the close and givthe dog a bath. I want a remote control car. Will you give my mom a towotocar? I will lev cookies and milfe. Sincerely, Ethan M.

Dear Santa,
 Our Christmas tree has a star on it. I have been a good this year. I help my mom clean dishes. I would like a little bouncy ball and a toy tweet for Christmas. Lacey would like a necklace. I will leave you choco-

late chip cookies. Sincerely, Sara R.

Dear Santa,
 How is Mrs. Claus. My family is looking forward for a white Christmas. I have been a good girl this year. I help with my baby brother. For Christmas I want my family to be together and my daddy to quit smoking. I would like for my momma a new pair of socks, I will leave the reindeer some carrots and you some milk and no bake cookies. Sincerely, Chloe B.

"Archery"

(Continued from A8)

Megan Taylor with 248, 246 for Ben Tyler, Tristan Begley with 237, Alexis Baker with 236 and Kim Wheat with a 226. Congratulations RCHS Archers!

The RCMS Archery Team also had a good day at Science Hill Independent. The top scorer for the middle school Rockets was Gentry Phillips with his highest score ever of 258. Gentry ranked 25th out of 105 middle school boys at the tournament.

Second for the team and the top shooting female was 6th grader Liz Renner with a 247. Liz ranked 39th out

of 97 middle school girls. Coming in third was Taylor Sloat with a score of 244.

The fourth highest scorer for RCMS was newcomer to archery, 6th grader Bryson Atkin with a score of 241. Bryson's rank was 37th out of 105 middle school archers. Bryson achieved the most bullseyes for RCMS with seven.

6th grader Thomas Ramsey followed close behind with a 239 as did 8th grader C.J. Cameron scoring 237. Rounding out the top twelve for scoring for RCMS were Freddie Doyle, Andrew Sargent, Caimen McClure, Jeremiah Powell, Michael Roebuck and Cody Kirby.

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 and family - Tara, Palin & Bristol

The Meaning of Christmas...

The child lying in the manger was God, come in the flesh.
 He was the Lamb of God, come to take away sin.
 He was the only begotten Son, come to reveal the Father's love.
 He was the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, come to destroy the works of Satan.
 He was light against darkness, righteousness against rebellion, truth against deception, goodness against wickedness, life against death, hope against despair, and -
 Jesus won!
 Submitted by M.G. Scheid (author unknown)

This is why we should celebrate Christmas. Merry Christmas to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords!
 "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)
 As we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus, we should always remember. He was born to die; not for what he did, but for us!

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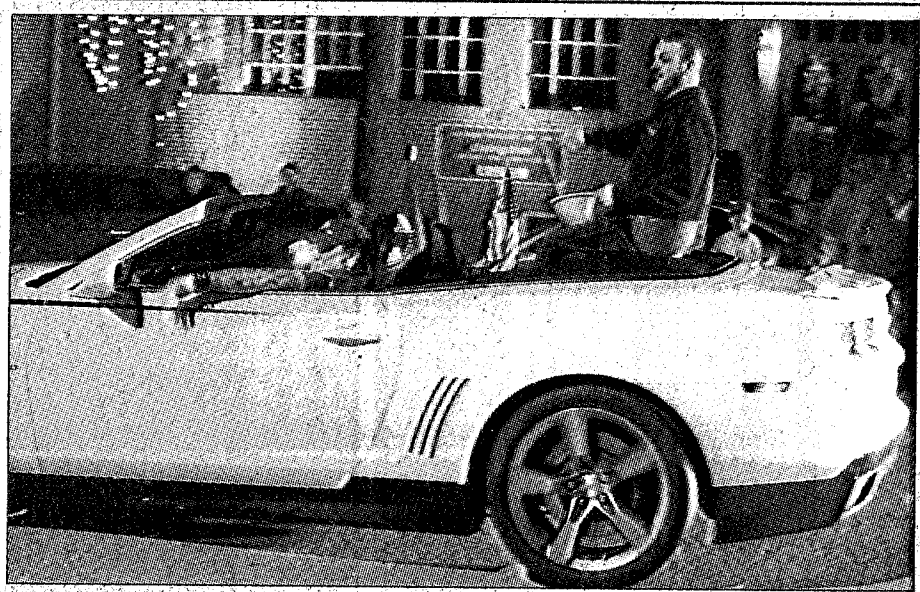
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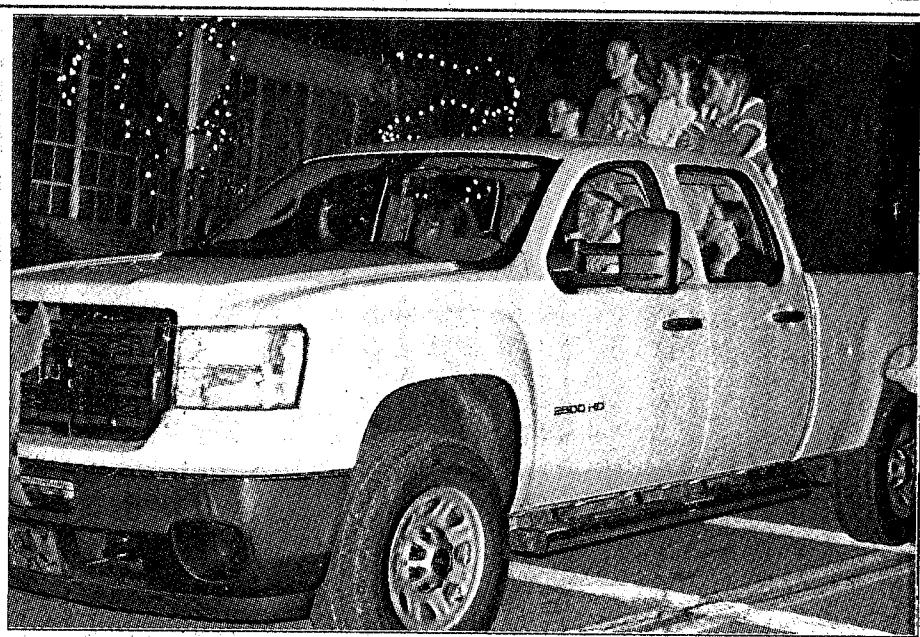
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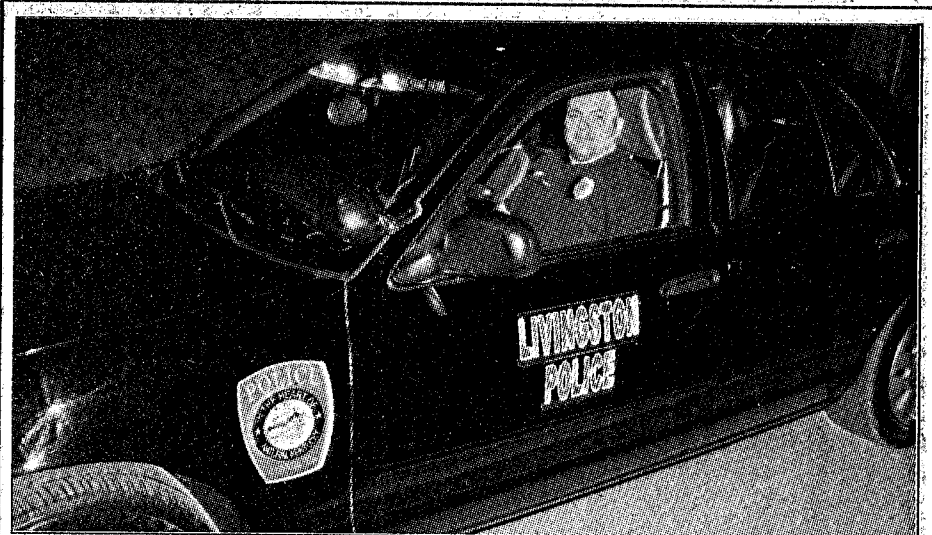
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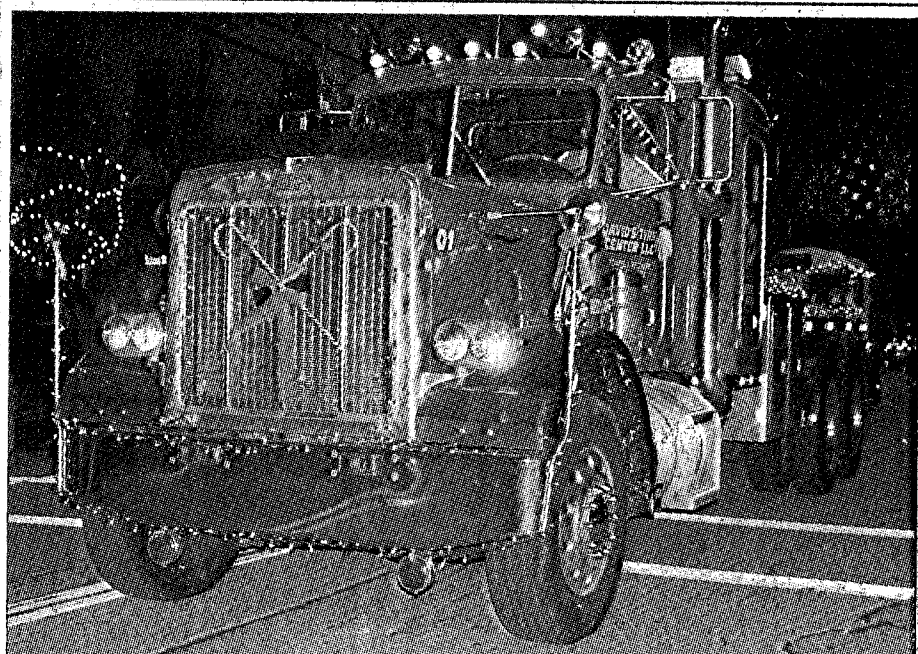
Livingston Mayor Jason Medley throws candy to those in attendance at the annual Livingston Christmas Parade last Saturday night. Medley is being chauffeured by Ronnie and Melissa Owens. Everyone enjoyed refreshments and visiting with Santa Claus.



Magistrate Mike McGuire and his family took part in the Livingston Christmas Parade.



Livingston Police Chief Travis Richardson led the annual Livingston Christmas Parade down Main Street last Saturday night.

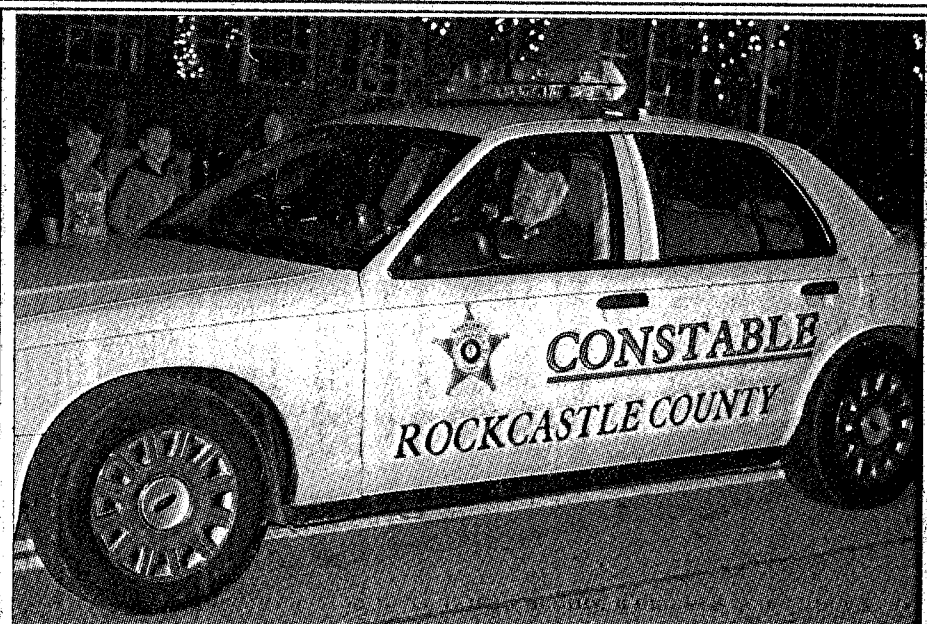


Josh Thompson decorated his truck and threw candy to the crowds.



Scenes from the 2015 Livingston Christmas Parade

At left: Kitty Pridemore enjoying taking part in Saturday's parade.



Constable Frank Maples took part in the Livingston Parade.



Carson Burdine was first in line to let Santa know what he wants for Christmas this year after Brodhead's Christmas Parade. Santa listened to children's wish lists in the Brodhead Fire Station after the Parade.

Obituary



Wayne Tallant

MSgt. Wayne Tallant, USAF (Ret.), 70 of San Antonio, Texas, and formerly of Rockcastle County, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, on Thursday, December 3, 2015.

He was stationed throughout the world during his 26 year military career.

He was a member of a Masonic Lodge in Maryland.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret; his children, Debbie Tallant, Steve (Sabrina) Tallant and Craig (Lisa) Tallant; five grandchildren, Talisia, Shyanne, Shayne, Carlene and Hudson; one brother, Richard (Rita) Tallant; one sister, Laura Tallant Frederick and numerous nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, Millard and Clarice Sams Tallant, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Roy and Tal and a great granddaughter, Haven.

A Memorial Service was held Saturday, December 12, 2015 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North in San Antonio.

Memorial contributions made be made to Fisher House Foundation. You may sign the online guest book at www.missionparks.com under the obituary section.

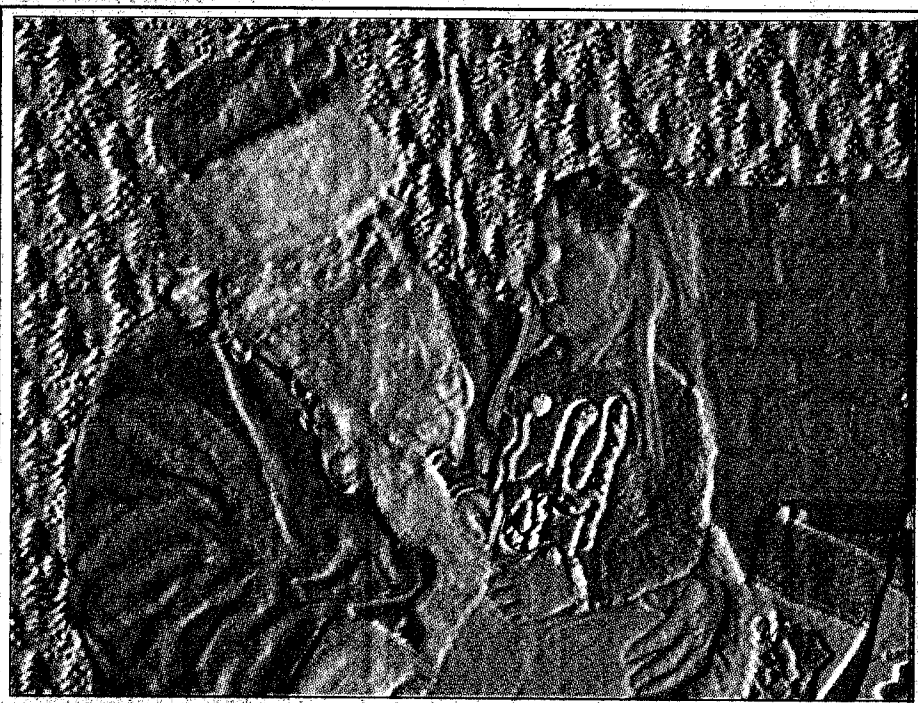
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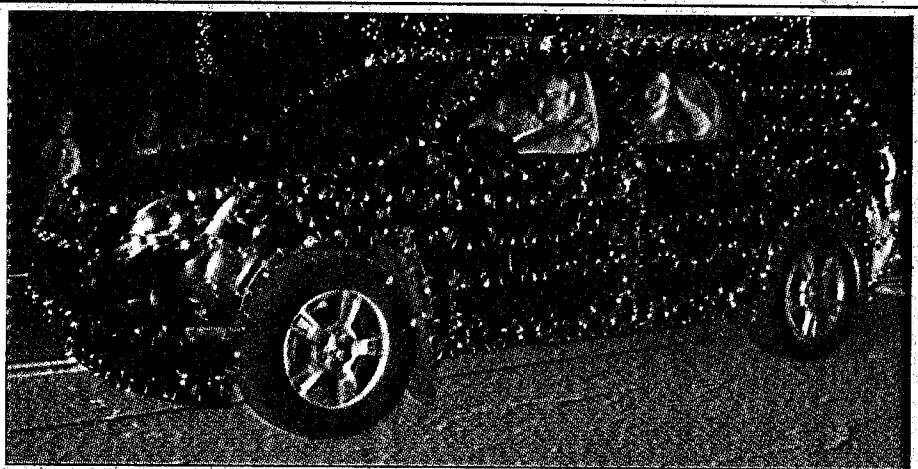
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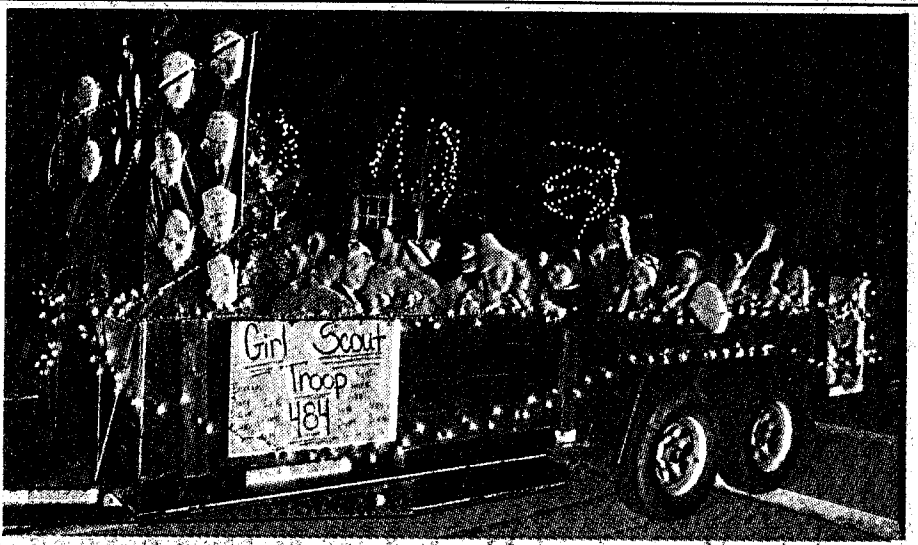
*Perlina Anderkin, Spencer and Paige Bengel
Douglas-Dell Ponder
Jimmy Perrin*



Paisley Bishop was one of many children who enjoyed visiting with Santa Claus before and after the Livingston Christmas Parade last Saturday. Paisley is the daughter of Brandon and Samantha Bishop.



Stacy Faulkner decorated this SUV with lights for the Livingston Christmas Parade held last Saturday.



Girl Scout Troop 484 had a Minion float in Livingston's Christmas Parade.

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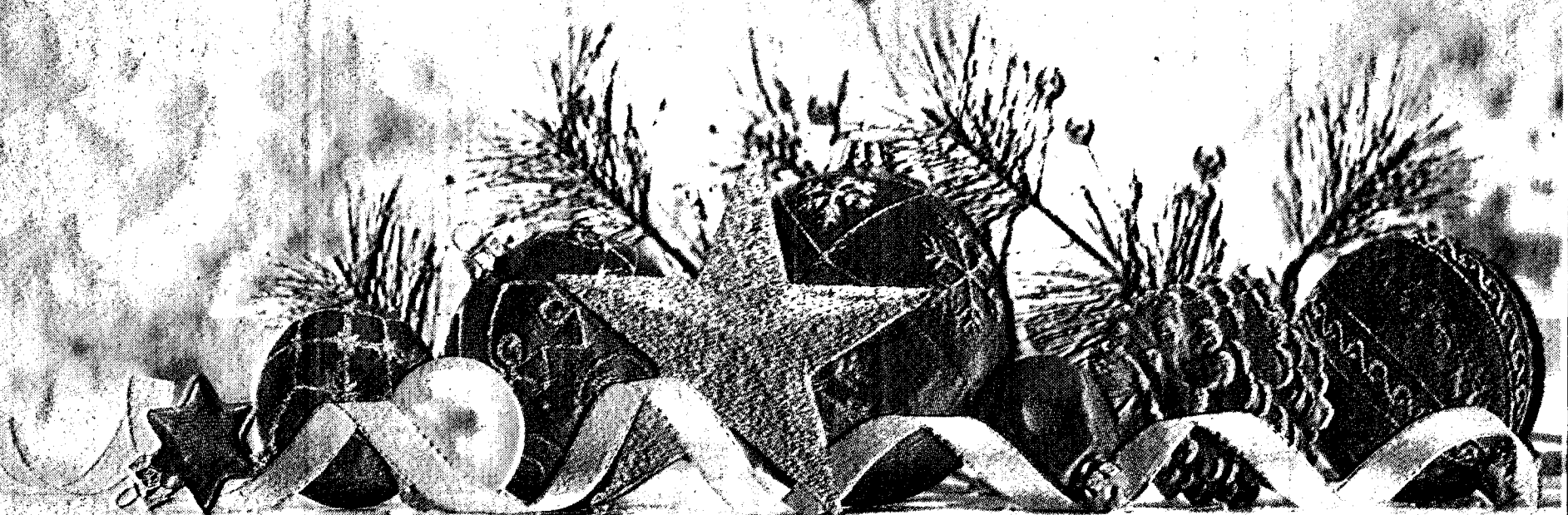
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Jerry and Nina Jones decorated their side by side and took part in the annual Livingston Christmas Parade last Saturday.



Children in attendance at Livingston's Christmas Parade enjoyed Christmas inflatables brought by Dale Shoemaker.



David Thompson, of David's Tire Center, brought his decorated wagon to the Livingston Parade and passed out candy to the children.

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unto us a son is given:
and the government shall be
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Isaiah 9:6

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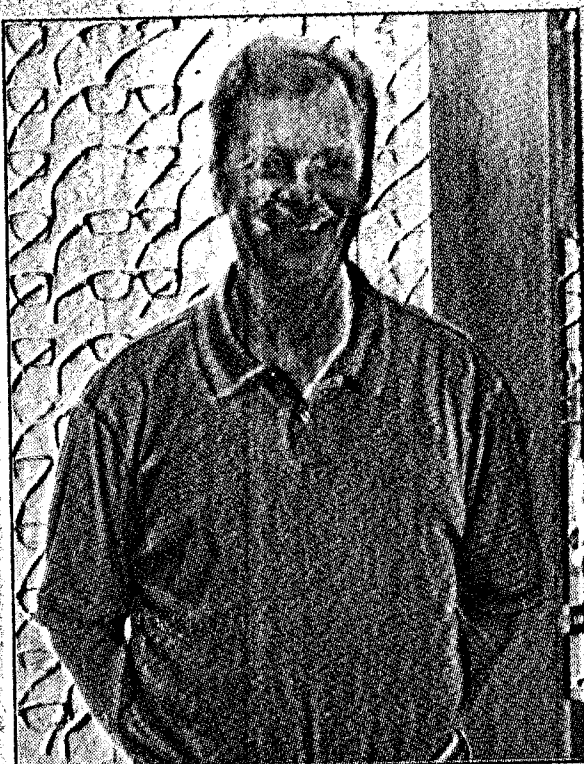
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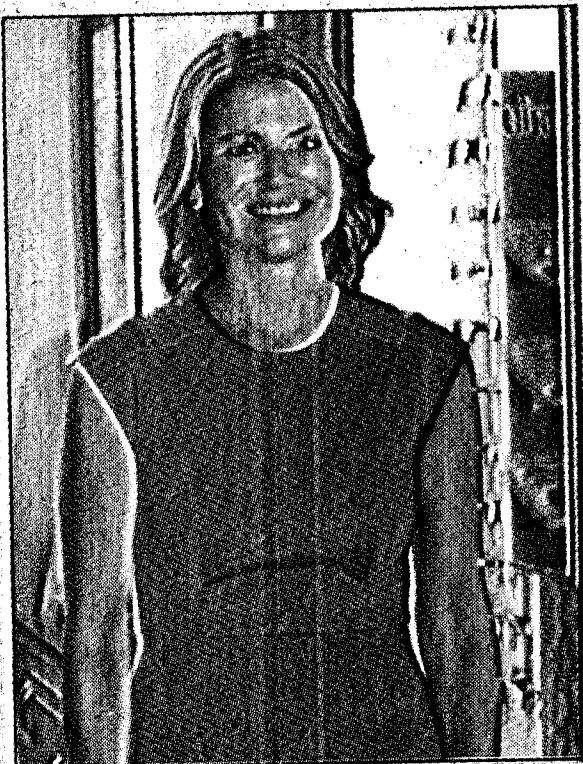
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Second Section

Thursday, December 17, 2015

Experience the holidays with Arts at KY Artisan Center

On Saturday, Dec. 19, visitors to the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea will experience the arts with woodcarving demonstrations and music as the Berea Welcome Center Carvers demonstrate a variety of holiday carvings and holiday music on the harp is performed by Jan Hill.

On Saturday, Dec. 19, three members of the Berea Welcome Center Carvers will demonstrate woodcarving and talk with visitors from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Ron McWhorter, of Richmond, carves oval bowls with an adz; Will Bondurant, of Berea, specializes in chip carving; and Jack Johnson, of Somerset, creates carved figures and animals.

Members of the Berea Welcome Center Carvers live in many communities in central Kentucky, and their activities include carving classes, carving demonstrations at schools, monthly Kentucky Artisan Center demonstrations and special events.

Members specialize in a wide variety of techniques and styles of carving. Carvers in the group often mentor each other, and all enjoy sharing their love of woodcarving, making their demonstrations at the Kentucky Artisan Center a mix of humor, technique and storytelling.

Woodcarving has many functional and decorative formats — from functional hand-hewn dough bowls to in-the-round caricature carvings, to decorative chip or low-relief carving on wooden tiles, spoons and walking sticks.

Also on Dec. 19, Lexington musician Jan Hill will play a selection of holiday music on her harp from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the center. Born in Nebraska and

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

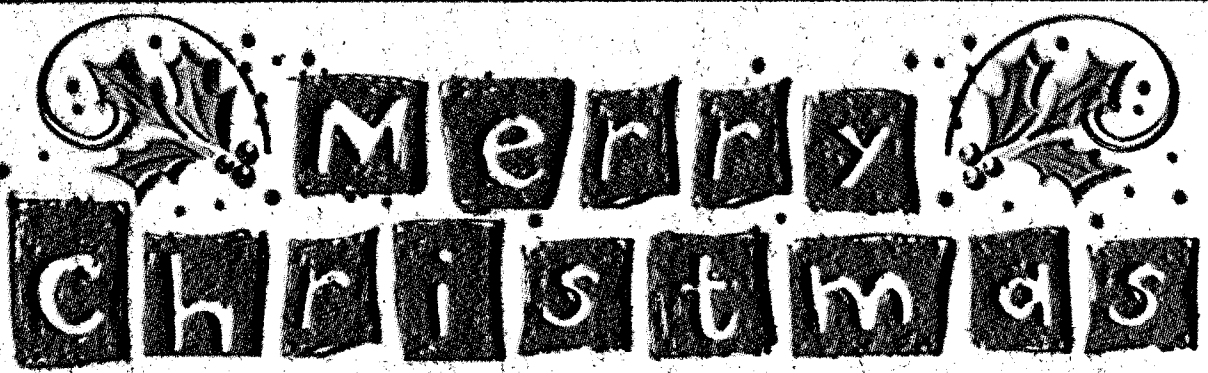
After retiring and moving to Lexington in 2001, Hill began playing at a variety of venues throughout the region. She will be playing a selection of holiday favorites from her CD "Christmas Harp Carols from the Hills" available at the center.

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea features works by more than 700 artisans from more than 100 counties across the Commonwealth. A special exhibit, "It Takes Two: Collaborations by Kentucky Artisans," is on display through Feb. 27, 2016. The center's lobby also showcases an 18-foot Christmas tree with beautiful ornaments made by Kentucky artisans.

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

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

There will be no Mount Vernon Signal next week



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



Front row from left: Matthew Silcox, Michelle Bullock, Sam Ford and Teresa Stevens. Back row from left: Paul Playforth, Roy Adams, Jeff Cromer, David Henderson, Billy Wayne Bryant, Ben Allen and Danny Ford.



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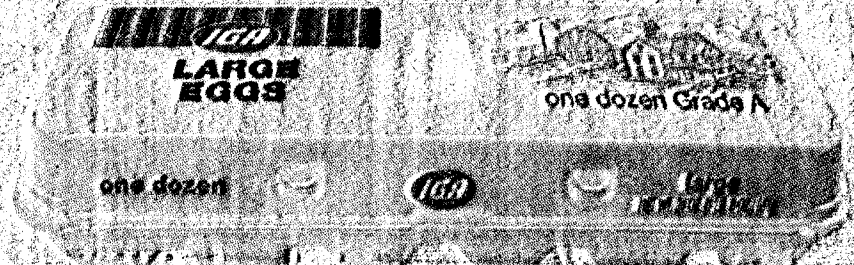


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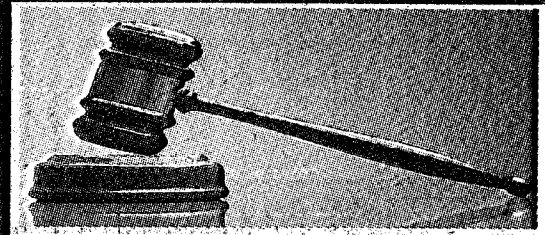
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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Deeds Recorded

Twila Simpson; property on Copper Creek Road, to Peter and Carol Hargis. Tax \$120.

Ky. Housing Corp., property in Rockcastle Co., to Secretary of Veterans Affairs. No tax

Kevin and Jessica Blevins, property on KY 1249, to Phillip E. and Gilda M. Phelps. Tax \$6

Arvil Glenn Smith and Barbara Ann Smith, property in Rockcastle County, to Roy Glen Smith, Jr. and Emma Grace Smith and Norman Richard Clouse, Jr. No tax

Paul Renner, property on Marler Hollow Road, to Samantha Miller Stephens, Verleena Miller and Tina Miller. No tax

Paul Renner, property in Rockcastle County, to Nikki Renner and Tina Miller. No tax

Paul Renner, property in Rockcastle County, to Paul Bentley Renner, Jordan Renner, Nikki Renner and Tiffany Renner. No tax

Jane B. Larkey, property in Rockcastle County, to Bobbie Larkey Womack and Larry Steven Womack. No tax

Joyce and Joe Jewell and Sue and Mike Brown, property in Mt. Vernon, to Katherine and Rickie Hysinger. Tax \$50

Robert and Shirley Wilson, property in Rockcastle County, to Donald and Ollie King. Tax \$100

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., property in Rockcastle Co., to Karen King. Tax \$17.50

Katherine Robinson, property on Trace Branch, to Wayne Robinson. Tax \$12.50

Marriage Licenses

Amber Dawn Damrell, 27, Mt. Vernon, shift leader to Daisy Ann Mink, 25, Mt. Vernon, shift leader. 12/8/15

Circuit Civil Suits

Livingston Christian Church v. Owners Insurance Co., complaint.

Citizens Guaranty Bank v. Robert Clay Smith, et al, \$7,283 plus claimed due. CI-00240

District Civil Suits

Winterwood v. Elizabeth Weakley, forcible detainer complaint.

Capital One Bank v. Bryanna L. Mullins, \$3,754.04 plus claimed due.

Southeastern Water Asso. v. Amy Nicole Robinson, \$817.11 plus claimed due.

Midland Funding LL v. Charles Wood, \$715.57 plus claimed due.

Jefferson Capital Systems LLC v. Jerry Hubbard, \$610.44 plus claimed due. C-00268

District Court

December 7, 2015
Honi Jeffrey S. Lawless
Austin L. McCormick: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered; failure to registr transfer of motor vehicle, 15 days/conditionally discharged 12

months.
Adron W. McKinney: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

Brandon Mason: receiving stolen property, sentencing order entered.

Mike Woodall: failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, operating motor vehicle under inf. of alcohol/drugs, sentencing orders entered.

Roy Bush: no/expired registration plates - receipt; no operators/moped licene, failure to produce insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, failure to notify address change to Dept. of Transp., bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

William Brian Evans: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

Jennifer Grubb: operating vehicle with expired operators license, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. ins., failure to produce insurance card, failure to wear seat belts, license to be in possession, bw issued for fta.

James R. Haight: fines/fees due (\$308); bw issued for fta/7 days in jail or payment in full.

Speeding: James A. Lee, Kristy M. Lovell, Lisa Holsombak, license suspended for fta; Scotty Vanwinkle, \$20 fine plus costs.

Tony L. Mink: operating motor vehicle under

influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

Sherry A. Olson: public intoxication controlled substance, \$100 fine plus costs.

Steven Pitman: no/expired registration plates/receipt, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, failure to produce insurance card, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to notify address change to Dept. of Transp., improper equipment, no rearview mirror, bw issued for fta.

Cody Robinson: public intoxication controlled substance, drug paraphernalia - buy/possess (two counts), possession controlled substance; sentencing orders entered.

Allen K. Stanley: failure to or improper signal, \$25 fine and costs; theft by unlawful taking, \$50

fine and costs; possession controlled substance, 90 days/probated 24 months.

Catherine S. Todd: possession controlled substance, 12 months in jail/to serve 90/balance conditionally discharged 24 months.

Eddie G. Vanwinkle: improper start from parking position, reckless driving, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to notify address change to Dept. of Transp., fleeing or evading police, failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta.

Jeremy S. Wagers: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta.

Jonathan D. Wells: one headlight, no/expired registration plates - receipt, bw issued for fta.

Edward S. Hendrix: failure to wear seat belts, paid.

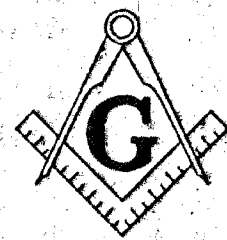
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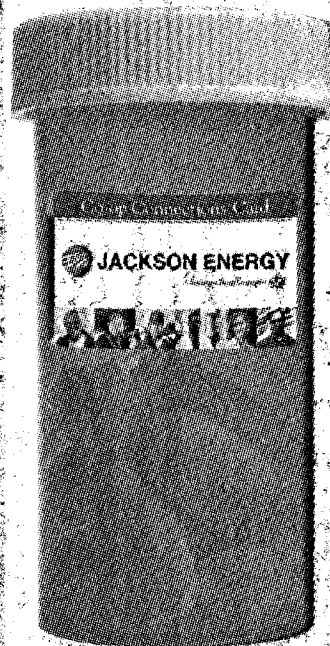


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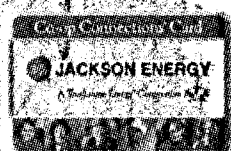
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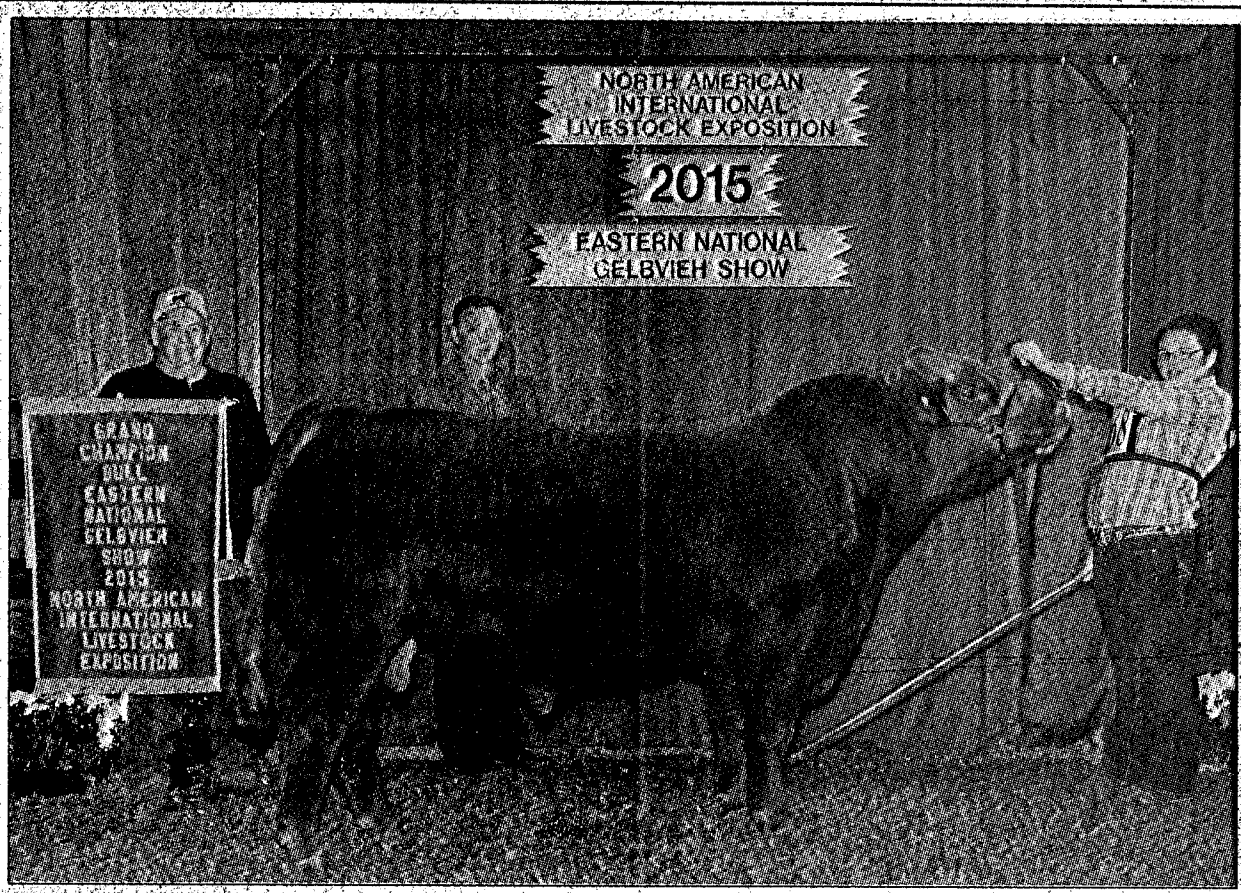
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On November 17, Emily Reynolds participated in the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) held in Louisville. Emily showed her bull "Bruiser" and won Grand Champion Bull in the Eastern National Gelbvieh show. Showing livestock is Emily's 4-H project and she has competed in many county fair livestock shows as well as the Kentucky State Fair. The NAILE began in 1974 and has grown to become the "world's largest all-breed, purebred livestock exposition. Since its inception in 1974 the expo has recognized the importance of showcasing today's younger competitors who are the show's future and will grow to become tomorrow's leaders in the livestock industry. In January, 2016, Emily plans to show at the National Western Livestock Show in Denver, CO. This is a great honor for Emily and we are very proud of her. Congratulations Emily from your family and friends.

Thoughtful stocking stuffers for the holiday

(StatePoint) While the big ticket items are always a thrill to bestow and receive during the holidays, sometimes smaller stocking stuffers are the most needed and appreciated.

Here are some ideas to get you started:

Tech Accessories

Gift new tech devices? Be sure you also equip recipients with all the accessories they will need to enjoy their gifts on-the-go. From hard shell cases that offer protection from slips and drops, (as these incidents are bound to occur) to app store gift cards for quick downloading of the software needed to make the most of these items.

Batteries Included!

Nothing kills the thrill of receiving a new device quite like the phrase "batteries not included." From remote-controlled cars to digital cameras, gift recipients won't want to just look at their new toys, they'll want to use them

right away! Avoid disappointment by providing juice for all those battery-operated goodies.

Consider pairing cutting edge gifts with cutting edge Energizer EcoAdvanced AA and AAA batteries. They are the brand's longest-lasting alkaline battery and the world's first AA battery made with four percent recycled batteries. To learn more, visit energizer.com/ecoadvanced.

Travel

For those loved ones who have traveled to spend the holidays with you, consider a thoughtful gift that can be used during the journey home. From travel-sized board games to snack packs or tiny notebooks, these items will come in handy whether gift recipients are traveling by plane, train or automobile.

This year, don't forget the stocking stuffers -- they are a great opportunity to show your loved ones just how thoughtful you are.

Tips to prepare your home for holiday houseguests this year

(StatePoint) Nearly 99 million Americans are expected to travel at least 50 miles from home during the holiday season, according to AAA. So how do you ensure it's the most wonderful time of the year for guests and hosts, alike?

Don't wait until the last minute to tidy up. Instead, prepare your home with these helpful tips.

Mudroom Makeover

It's the first place guests see when they step inside the house. But it's also where coats are strewn about, shoes are kicked off and winter gear is hung out to dry. Declutter with a row of hooks to hang items, and a bench to sit down and pull on boots.

Donate coats you're no longer wearing, and temporarily store seldom-used garments in a vacuum sealed bag to make additional space for visitors' belongings. Or, simply buy an inexpensive coat rack that can be placed near the front door so visitors have a place to hang outerwear.

Gorgeous Guest Bathroom

The powder room and guest bath are perhaps the most heavily trafficked areas of the home during the holiday season. Before visitors arrive, make sure your space is both functional and stylish.

An easy way to make a statement is by updating the bathroom faucet. Choosing one with a variety of configurations, like Moen's Wynford faucet, will allow a new piece to blend seamlessly with existing décor. It features a high-arc design for easy hand washing, and is kind to the environment, conserving water with a reduced flow rate. Using less water is also good for your wallet, and who wouldn't want to save a little this time of year?

To give overnight guests a truly spa-like experience, install a rainshower showerhead for exceptional water coverage. Did your guests forget shampoo? No room for conditioner in their carry-on? Simply fill a glass container with essentials, such as travel-size bottles of shampoo, conditioner or lotion for visitors to grab and use.

Hotel Hospitality

Thoroughly clean your guest room, especially in areas you might not pay attention to regularly. Dust baseboards, drapes and window blinds, and don't forget the headboard and footboard.

Freshen up carpeting and rugs by sprinkling baking soda over the area. Wait 15 minutes and then vacuum.

You can also make stale smells disappear with potpourri; make your own by placing holiday scents, such as cinnamon sticks or nutmeg in a bowl. Or, eliminate this step by hiring a profes-

sional cleaning crew -- think of it as an early holiday gift to yourself.

Ensure guests get VIP treatment with crisp linens, cozy blankets and plush mattress toppers. Make it

easy for them to acclimate to the unfamiliar space by adding a night light. It's an easy way to keep visitors from falling in the middle of night, and provides extra comfort for young ones who

may not travel often.

Having a plan will help make your holidays stress-free. Focus on these areas ahead of time, so can enjoy the season as much as your guests.

Season's Greetings
Happy Holidays
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Amanda Brown, James L. Cox, Jerry J. Cox and Shari Proctor.

Veterans History Project We want all Veterans

Submitted

The local Daughters of the American Revolution are participating in the Congress created Veterans History Project (VHP). Our mission is to collect, preserve and make accessible the personal accounts of American wartime veterans so that future generations may hear directly from veterans and better understand the realities of war.

We want all Veterans who served in the United States military, in any capacity, from World War I through the present and are no longer serving are eligible to participate, regardless of branch or rank. War time and peace time veterans are wanted.

This is occurring all over the United States. We will interview you, record your comments, personal narratives; photographs, letters, diaries, journals, military

documents and maps.

Any day is a good day to share, record or submit a Veteran's story. Let's get Rockcastle County and Kentucky Veteran's stories recorded.

The DAR in conjunction with the newly formed Rockcastle CAR (Children of the

American Revolution) will be involved in recording, interviewing and assisting in this project.

We will sit down with a veteran and conduct a video-audio interview about his or her military service. Or, submit a collection of photographs or documents that tell the veteran's story from his or her perspective, even if the veteran is deceased or unable to share an oral history. We have 13 veterans already signed up!

If you have any questions or would love to sign up to tell your story please call.

The Mount Vernon Signal
will be closed December
17-27. There will be no
newspaper on
December 24.

Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
Want a Different Landscape Look?

So many newer subdivisions have pitiful looking landscaping. Even the more expensive upscale areas can have more and bigger installations, but so often the landscapes match five other houses on the street (that also have the same floor plan or same brick or siding). This is often due to one of two factors, but let us get to those and other issues as well.

First, especially with the lowest priced neighborhoods, new construction is often required by municipal ordinance to have a certain number of shrubs and trees based on minimum counts, or size of lot or on size of home. When the developer/builder is also the landscaper, you can expect one maple tree and two or four evergreen shrubs, and that's about it. Whatever meets code and costs the least.

Second, big landscape companies, they have a tendency to put the same juniper or holly bushes into each of their designs. Unique and different landscaping would only happen if the homeowner gets involved and insists on certain additions or changes. I know. I once worked for a million-dollar landscape firm. China Girl hollies and monkey grass could be found in every landscape plan they handed me to implement. If we were lucky, a sweet bay magnolia or river birch would make it a little bit special. It looked good. But not great. And it sure wasn't different from the last one!

Alternately, let's say it's an higher-end home, and the builder (or new owner if they made a closing before the home was completed)

hires a landscape architect. These folks are sort of an engineer, some sort of artist. Since they draw the design, but don't have to persuade anyone to buy it, it often is a fancy and also expensive plan to install. Maybe their plan will have a tree on the drawing that isn't for sale within 300 or 1,000 miles, or one the author likes, but does not do well in the area. So, in a perfect world, you take the good parts of each and create a unique looking landscape that is attractive, different, and affordable and

suitable for the location, all the while complimenting the home and setting it off to best advantage.

My motto on this issue is that if you want a different look for your yard, you don't hire the same company that did the neighbor's yard!

Here is a little challenge, perhaps get the family involved and make it a game or a field trip: go through a subdivision and pick out the substandard landscapes that resemble each other, and actually introduce yourselves and meet a few of the homes owners. (Be nice and

don't say "your yard lacks something to be desired, and your trees are crooked; would you give me the name of the landscaper so I can avoid considering them for my home". Do, however, get the information so that you don't repeat the mistakes.)

Think in terms of a big shade tree, a couple evergreen trees, specifying sizes and shapes you want them to eventually have. Then let the landscape designer or architect present a couple options to you that meet the request. I would suggest

most homeowners may know a certain tree they like, or have a good memory from childhood of a favorite tree or something, but they aren't experienced in landscaping. So, give a few inputs, if you are hiring a landscape job, but don't tell the pro how to do their job.

If the homeowner knows what they want and are experienced in planting things that look good and actually live and thrive, then perhaps they can do things themselves, or supervise a local handyman or school kid.

I just wanted to draw to

the readers attention that if you want a pleasingly different landscape, find a different landscaper. So much more could be said concerning this topic. Publishers want a short article to print between ads, and attention spans are short anyways, so do your research and feel free to ask questions. Refreshingly different doesn't have to wreck a budget. Here's to your yard being different, more like paradise.

The author, Max Phelps, is a landscaper who has been writing this column for 15 years.
www.rockcastle.net

Great holiday gifts to help kids learn this season

(StatePoint) One of the best ways to motivate kids to learn is by making it fun, and the holiday season is the perfect opportunity to equip the kids in your life with gifts that are equal parts entertaining and educational.

For some great gift ideas that turn what could be a chore into a good time, consider the following:

Watch it Grow

Whether you do-it-yourself or opt for a store-bought kit, a terrarium offers children a hands-on lesson in horticulture, biology, earth science and responsibility. Terrariums, which make great gifts, can be used to grow beautiful plants and flowers, or edible herbs for the kitchen.

Pair this gift with books about nature and gardening and you may inspire a green thumb for life.

Smart Gaming

Kids will always want to play video games, so why not allow them to learn while playing? Check out VTech's InnoTV, an educational TV-connected gaming system designed with preschoolers in mind. It features an easy-to-use kid-friendly wireless controller and learning games for ages 3-8 that introduce language arts, science, technology, engineering and math concepts and more. InnoTV also offers access to a huge educator-sup-

ported library of additional games on VTech's Learning Lodge app store, as well as compatibility with a variety of InnoTab MAX cartridges.

"The family gaming console has found a welcome place in many family rooms for good reason," says Dr. Eric Klopfer, VTech Expert Panel member and Platform Learning Expert. "The console connected to the TV provides an interactive focal point for family gaming."

InnoTV comes with single-player, age-appropriate educational games (many aligned with Common Core curriculum standards), and allows for multiple players -- providing opportunities for social play, which is important for preschoolers learning to share, cooperate and take turns. To learn more, visit www.vtechkids.com/InnoTV.

Make Music
Many children wish to ex-

plore the world of music, but unfortunately, their schools may not offer the exact programs they are looking for. You can nurture musical talent and interest at holiday time, however. If your child is indecisive, consider a temporary rental of his or her instrument of choice and a starter pack of just a few lessons.

Kids' Size Science
Bourgeoning scientists will love making their own obser-

vations and discoveries. Luckily, kids-size scientific apparatus are available for those just beginning to explore everything from cells of plants to the cosmos. Telescopes and microscopes designed with kids in mind can help young ones develop the skills needed to succeed in science.

When making your gift list this season, don't forget the notion that fun and learning are two peas in a pod.

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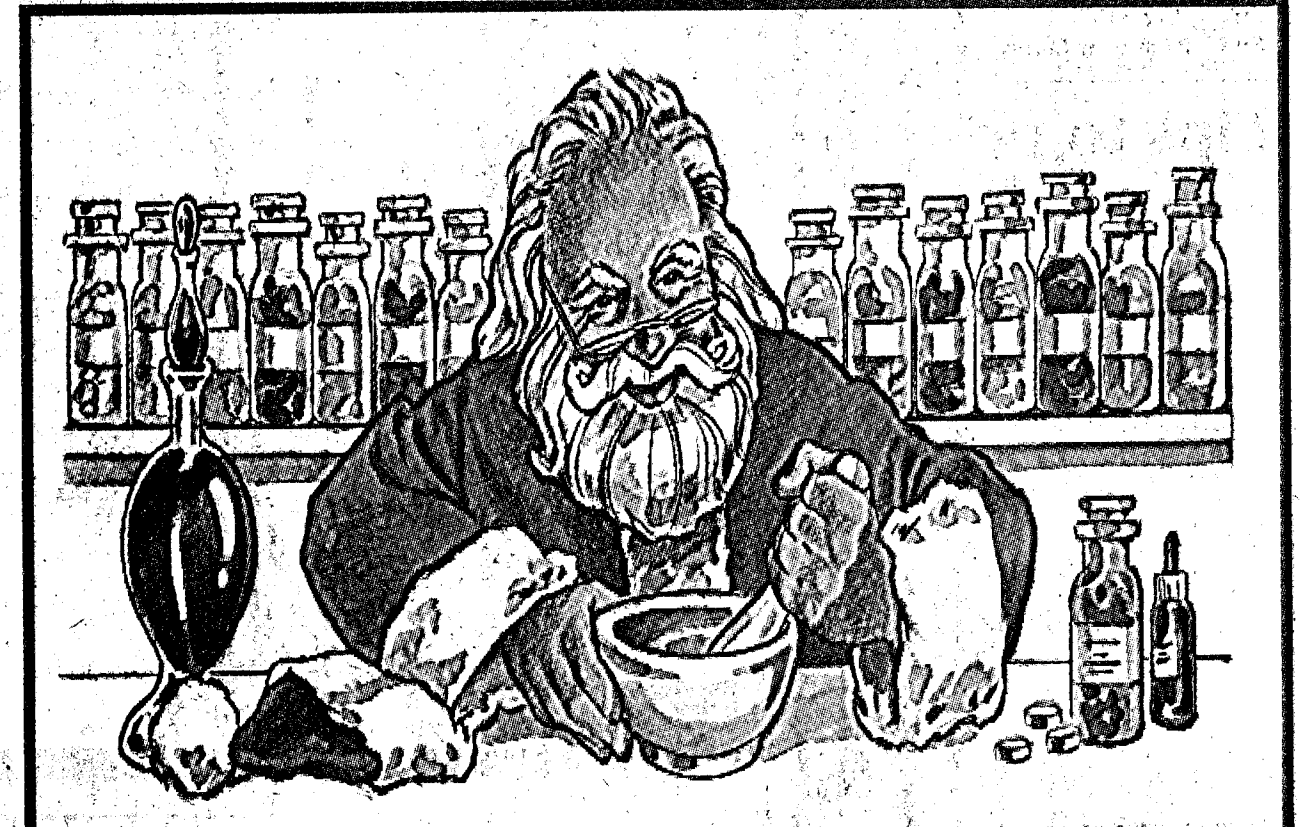
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Let the Bible Speak

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Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery classes are held every Tuesday night, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Northside Baptist Church.

Celebrate Recovery is a 12-step Christ-Centered program and is a safe place to share and begin healing from all hurts, hang-ups and habits. Meal at 6 p.m., music at 6:45 p.m., followed by a Celebrate Recovery lesson or an amazing testimony of a transformed life! At 8 p.m., you can join a small group discussion. All sessions are designed to provide the strength to overcome hurts, habits and hang-ups. Large group at 7 p.m.

Come and be inspired and begin your journey of healing! Child care and

transportation provided. Call 606-256-5577.

Original Christmas Play

Fairview Baptist Church will present an Original Christmas Play, "A Christmas Box of Chocolates" on Saturday, December 19th at 7 p.m. and again on Sunday, Dec. 20th at 7 p.m. Please come and enjoy the Christmas play as we share the true meaning of Christmas.

You will laugh, you will cry and you will experience the Love of Jesus in a way that will touch your heart forever.

For more information, call 256-3722.

Pastor Vaughn Rasor and the whole congregation of Fairview Baptist welcome you!

Watch Night Service

Sand Springs Baptist Church will hold a Watch Night Service on Thursday, December 31st, beginning at 8 p.m. Featured singers will be Mattie Miller and Friends.

Bro. Eugene Gentry and congregation welcome everyone.

Christmas Play

Flat Rock Baptist Church will have a Christmas play on Sunday, Dec. 20th at 7 p.m.

Pastor Jack Stallworth and congregation invite you to come and be a part of this special Christmas service. *Emmanuel!*

Bro. Napier at Cupps Chapel

Bro. Marlow Napier will be preaching at Cupps Chapel Holiness Church on Thursday night, Dec. 17th (tonight) starting at 7 p.m.

Pastor Dwayne Carpenter and congregation welcome everyone.

New Service Hours at Brush Creek Holiness

Beginning Sunday, January 3rd, church services will at Brush Creek Holiness Church will begin on Sunday night at 6 o'clock and Tuesday night service will be at 17 o'clock.

Pastor Lonnie McGuire and congregation welcome all to come.

The Jubilee Year of Mercy

To all Christians everywhere who are interested in celebrating "The Year of Mercy." This Jubilee was announced by Pope Francis on March 13, 2015.

The Jubilee Year began on December 8, 2015 and its purpose is so the "Church might make clear its mission of being a witness to mercy." Pope Francis put the mercy of God at the center of this Jubilee Year and urged all the faithful "to live this year in the light of the Lord's words: 'Be merciful just as your Father is merciful.'" (cf. LK 6:36)

Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Catholic Church, in Mt. Vernon, will be open every Tuesday and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. during this Year of Mercy for those who wish to come in and pray. Each Tuesday and Saturday culminates with mass at 5 p.m. To learn more about the Year of Mercy and the many ways in which you can participate throughout the entire year, please check out the website for the Diocese of Lexington at cdlex.org. Type in Year of Mercy in the search box, then choose Year of Mercy under "PAGES."

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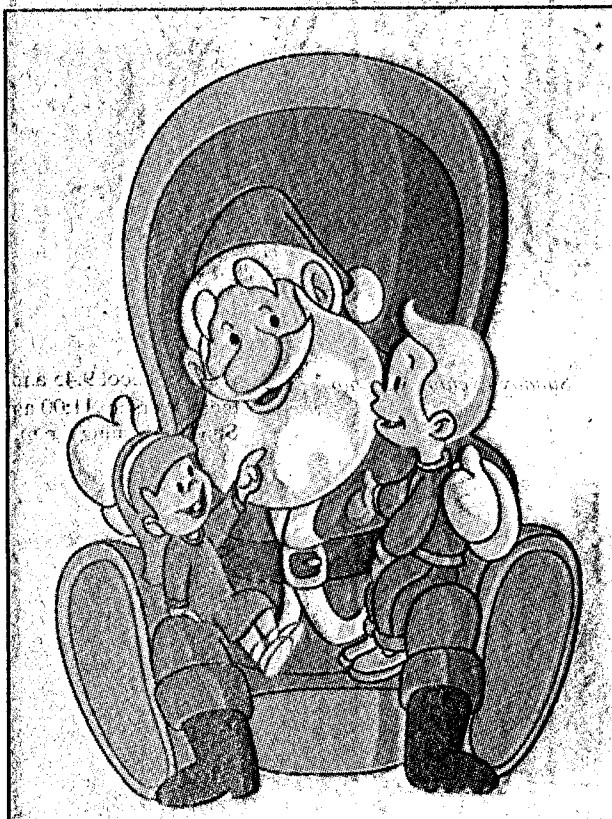
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Celebrate Recovery because of Jesus Christ

The Hope of Christmas

Northside Baptist Church
Tuesday Night 8pm

Warm smiles, generous hugs and heart-stirring generosity are part of the splendor of CHRISTmas. For those under life's Hurts, Hang-ups and Habits, Christmas can be a rough time of the year. Celebrate Recovery at Northside Baptist Church invites you to share with us the blessing, we have gained through a Christ-centered and empowered recovery.

What is Celebrate Recovery?

A Christ centered program that gives people the resources and relationships to help recover from life's hurts, habits, and hang-ups. This is a program for anyone struggling with past or current dysfunctions or compulsions, whether they are affecting their own life or the lives of those around them. The purpose of Celebrate Recovery is to fellowship and celebrate God's healing power in our lives through the Eight Recovery Principles found in the Beatitudes and Christ-Centered Twelve Steps. As we progress through the program, we discover our personal, loving and forgiving Higher Power Jesus Christ, the one and only true Higher Power.

Meetings:

Our Celebrate Recovery Meetings are open to everyone. Come join us as we enjoy food and fellowship at 8 pm. A time of worship music starts at 6:45. Followed at 7 pm by a Celebrate Recovery Lesson or an amazing testimony of a transformed life! At 8 pm you can join a small group discussion. All sessions are designed to provide the strength to overcome hurts, habits and hang-ups.

The Christmas Gift that Jesus desires is a renewed you. Start a journey with Jesus by coming to Celebrate Recovery each Tuesday night from 6pm to 8:30pm at Northside Baptist Church.

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Berea, KY
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Church Phone 606-256-5913
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Pastor: Don Stuyton
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Children's Ministry: Bro. Jarrod Amyx
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Marcus Reppert

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marcusreppert24@hotmail.com

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100 High St. Mt. Vernon
Sundays 6:00 p.m.
Thursdays 7:00 p.m.
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Corner of Silver & Maple St.
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237 W. Main St. Brodhead
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Tracy Valentine, Preacher
606-758-8662
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Brodhead Church of God
Hwy. 3245 • Brodhead
758-8216
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday evening 7 p.m.
Terry Orcutt, Pastor

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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.
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606-256-4988
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:15 a.m.
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service and Bible Study 7 p.m.
Youth Meetings: Sunday 5 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Bobby Turner, Pastor
606-758-4007

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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Tuesday Evening 7 p.m.
Pastor: Donald King
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.

Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
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Sunday Services
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.
Jack Carpenter, Pastor

First Baptist Church
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Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
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Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
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Jack Weaver, Pastor
Sunday 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
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Children's Church 11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting/Bible Study Wednesday 7 p.m.
Gary Parker, Pastor

Livingston Christian Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Arthur Hunt, Minister
Livingston Pentecostal Holiness Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Jim Miller, Pastor
606-256-1709

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Bro. Barry Hurst, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
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Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m.
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Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
Wayne Harding, Pastor
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sun. Morning Worship 11 a.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
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Sunday
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.
Hispanic Services 6 p.m.
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Tuesday
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.
Sunday Discipleship Training/Youth Mission Groups 6 p.m.
Wednesday Services
Youth Choir 6 p.m.
Children's & Youth Bible Study 6:45 p.m. • Service 7 p.m.
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Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
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Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
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Pastor:
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Toddler boredom busters for the holiday season

(StatePoint) For many families, the holiday season means giving, celebrating, and spending time together -- but it also means chilly weather and long hours cooped up inside the house. This year, consider using the downtime to help children tap into their natural creativity. Here are some festive ways to motivate kids to engage in fun and active learning.

Family Room Fort

If the weather outside is frightful, transform the family room or den into an opportunity for adventure. Kids can use the couch, blankets and all those boxes that seem to amass during the holidays to create a fort, which makes the perfect temporary stand-in for a treehouse or outdoor clubhouse. Let kids get creative by decorating the outside of the boxes with snowflakes, snowmen and other seasonal shapes.

Imaginative Toys

Parents can ensure creativity continues long after kids unwrap their presents. Playtime is also learning time: according to Dr. Deborah Libby, Early Childhood Reading and Language Expert and VTech Expert Panel Member, "Play ideally begins early and continues throughout a child's life, helping them learn, think, socialize, problem solve and ultimately have fun."

One great choice for sparking imaginations and building motor skills is the Go! Go! Smart Wheels Ultimate RC Speedway from VTech. With 4.5 feet of track, which incorporates features like a stunt ramp, elevator, track switches, and more, this new set inspires interactive play all year round. Kids take charge by using a remote control to zoom the RC SmartPoint Racer around the brightly-colored course, which also activates playful music and sounds to further engage little ones.

Another option is VTech's Go! Go! Smart Friends Busy Sounds Dis-

covery Home, cleverly designed to demonstrate cause and effect relationships to toddlers. Each friend comes alive when placed on one of the house's MagicPoint locations, through the use of talk, song, light and motion.

Tips to plan holiday budget

(StatePoint) While many will seek financial absolution in January, the first of the year will be a lot brighter if you avoid seasonal over-spending in the first place.

Here are some simple strategies for setting up a holiday budget and sticking to it.

Get Started Early

Purchasing gifts, decking the halls, throwing holiday parties and getting out of town should come as no surprise, and neither should the associated expenses. You can end 2015 in the black by planning ahead.

Just as you may tuck away savings for a rainy day or for a big purchase down the line, you can also create a holiday fund. Cut back on unnecessary expenditures here and there, diverting that portion of your income to a special savings account marked "Holiday Spending."

Smart Spreadsheets

Before hitting stores, map out spending with an organized spreadsheet. It's easier to keep track of your purchases when you have an interactive visual to assist you.

And these days, it's easier than ever to mathematically calculate your expenditures as certain new models of scientific

The characters also interact with one another, teaching children how to introduce themselves and build friendships.

And the Go! Go! Smart Animals Grow & Learn Farm features an electronic

calculators for the first time offer spreadsheet functionality. For example, Casio's new CLASSWIZ fx-991EX scientific calculator allows users to create spreadsheets of up to five columns and 45 rows for a maximum of 170 data items on its high-resolution LCD screen. With its icon-based display and 274 functions, this tool can prove valuable when planning your pre-holiday season savings. More information can be found at www.ShopCasio.com.

Shopping Strategies

Store designers have admitted that floor displays are designed to keep you browsing and to encourage impulse purchases. You can circumvent these obstacles by being aware of them. For example, the area around checkout is full of grab-and-go smaller items, the purchase of which can easily be justified on a whim.

Making a list and knowing what you plan to purchase before entering a store can help you get in and out without adding more to your cart than you planned.

With smart planning and new tech tools, you can end this year with your coffers full.

barn that teaches kids about colors, numbers, and plants. When toddlers roll Reggie the Rooster over each of the farm's SmartPoint locations, they'll hear new phrases, music and sound effects.

Gadgets don't have to mean passivity: these toys use interactive technology to occupy kids with the kind of imaginative play and creativity that furthers development and learning, long after the holidays are over.

Arts & Crafts

Making holiday decorations at home is a great way to get children involved in stimulating, hands-on activities. With just a few simple art supplies, they can craft their own greeting cards, create snowflake shapes that double as ornaments, or help design gingerbread houses. Such activities not only enhance fine motor skills, but also inspire kids to use their innate inventiveness.

This holiday season and beyond, keep boredom at bay by encouraging kids to be creative and mentally active.

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To former tenant at 91 Hacker Lane, Crab Orchard: You have until Friday, December 18th to remove remainder of your property at this location of it will be disposed on. 50x2

Notice is hereby given that Jonathan Wright, 119 Halcomb East Road, Orlando, Ky. 40460 has been appointed Guardian of Britany E. Wright, a minor. Any persons having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Jonathan Wright or to Hon. William D. Reynolds, 140 West Main St., P.O. Box 1250, Mount Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before January 4, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. 50x2

Notice is hereby given that Carolyn Sue Evans, 284 Friendship Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of James Harold Evans, deceased. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Carolyn Sue Evans or to Hon. John T. Pruitt, Jr.,

P.O. Drawer 30, Somerset, Ky. 42502-0030 on or before June 8, 2016 at 11 a.m. **Notice is hereby given that** Donald Carpenter, P.O. Box 802, Mount Vernon, Ky. 40456, has been appointed Administrator of the estate of James Edward Carpenter, deceased. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Donald Carpenter or to Hon. William D. Reynolds, 140 West Main St., P.O. Box 1250, Mount Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before June 1, 2016 at 11 a.m. 49x3

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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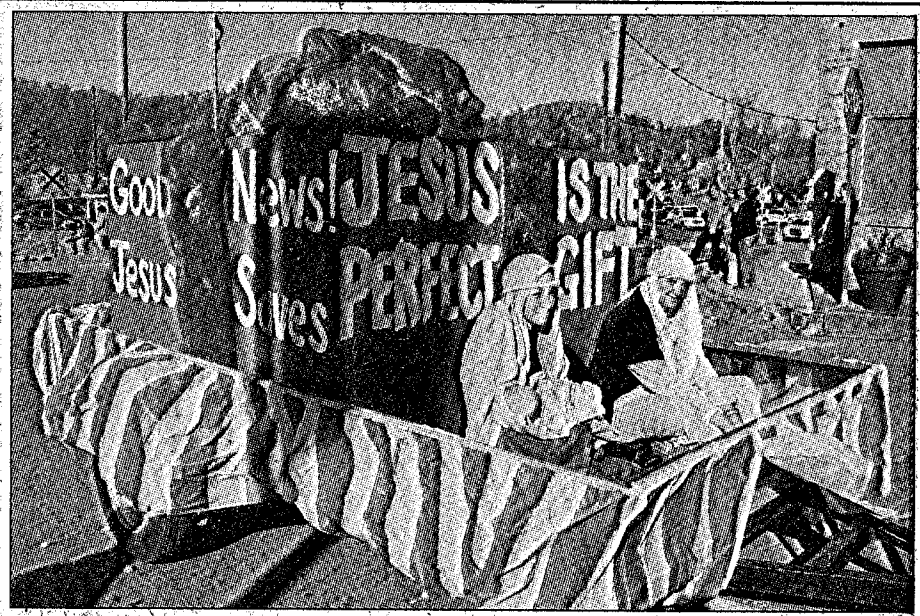
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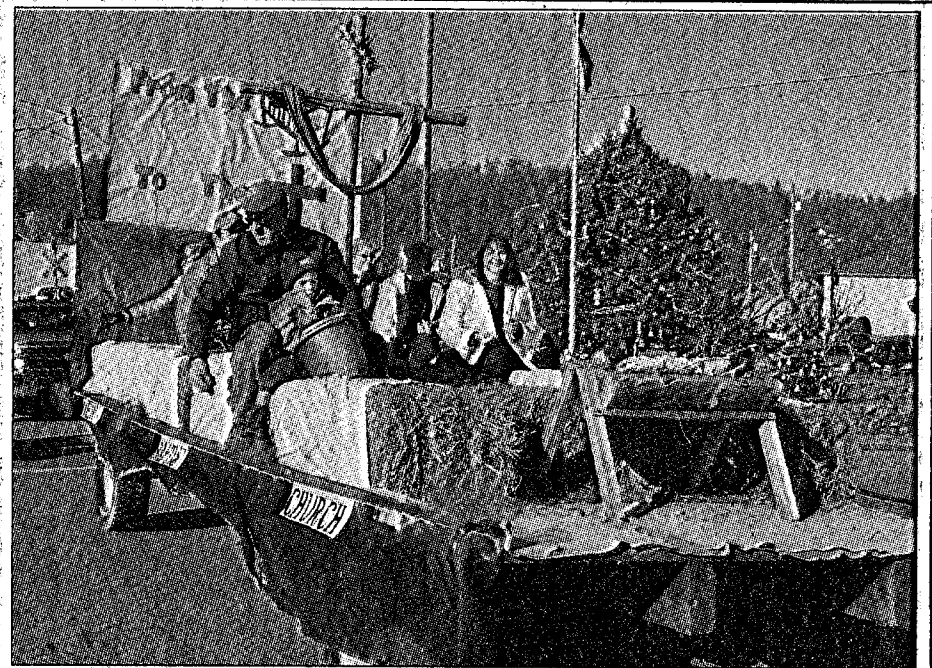
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Scenes from the 2015 Mount Vernon Christmas Parade



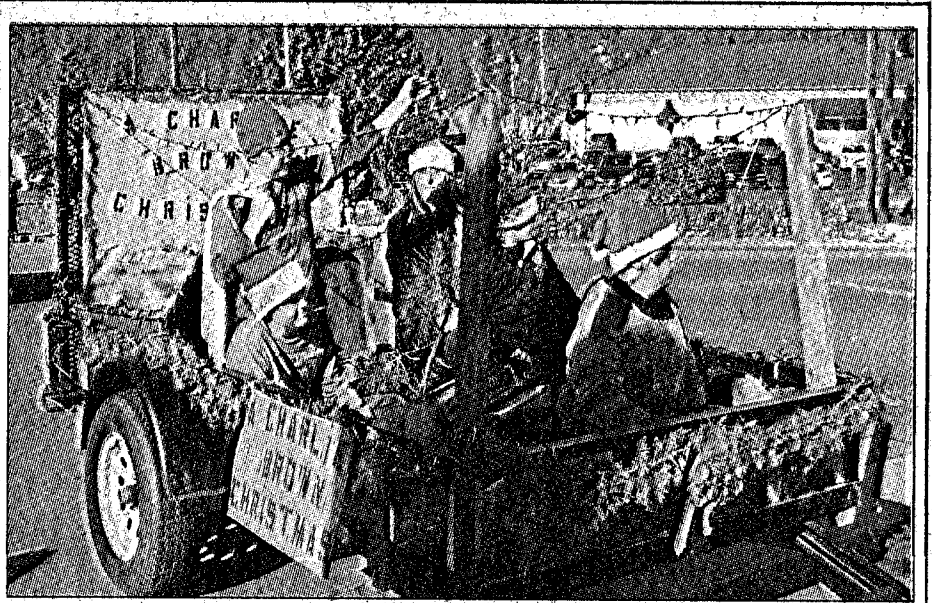
Erin Thompson and Chase Roberts rode the "Jesus is the Perfect Gift" float sponsored by the Community Mission Team during last week's Christmas parade. The float won "Best Float" and received a certificate after the festivities.



Members of the Macedonia Baptist Church tossed candy to everyone during the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade last week. The Macedonia float was awarded a certificate for placing second in the "Best Float" contest.



Crystal Rush, Addison and Abigail Rush, Jill Medley, Becky and Gracie Payne, along with Santa and Mrs. Claus, rode the City of Mount Vernon float during the Christmas Parade.



A Charlie Brown Christmas float won the third place award for Best Float in the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade Dec. 5th.

The Mount Vernon Signal will be closed December 17-27.
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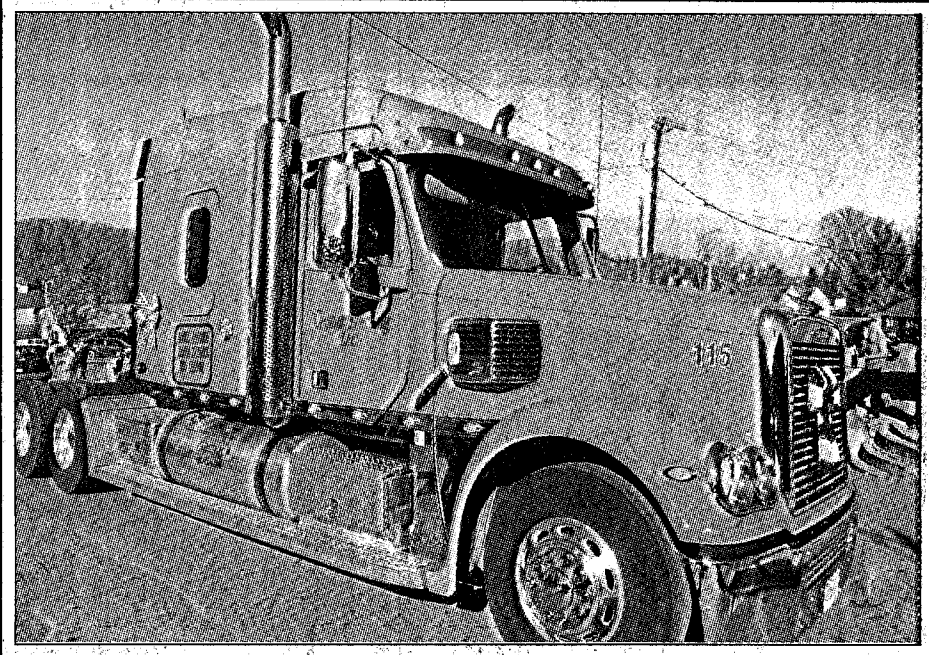
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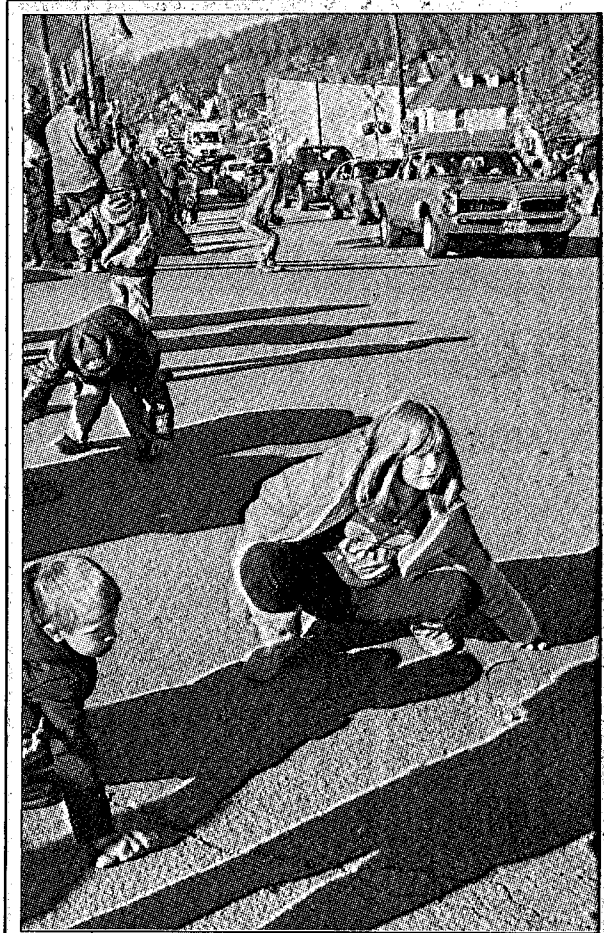
More parade photos from Mount Vernon



Fire Fighter Robert Harrison helped his son, Gavin, toss candy to those watching the Christmas Parade in Mount Vernon.



Cromer Trucking joined several other trucking companies to participate in the recent Christmas parade in Mount Vernon.



Children gathered candy along Main Street in Mount Vernon as most floats and vehicles in the Christmas Parade tossed treats to bystanders.

Merry Christmas

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

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Fun Writings from MVES

Fun writings from Mrs. Kathy's First Grade Class:

I would NEVER want to find THAT in my stocking!!!

Lyndsay - I would never want to find a tarantula in my stocking!

Karson - I would never want to find Mrs. Kathy in my stocking!

Myles - I would never want to find a fox in my stocking!

Nimawaye - I would never want to find an alive dog in my stocking!

Shelby - I would never want to find snow in my stocking!

Autumn - I would never want to find a snake in my stocking!

KateAnn - I would never want to find a monkey in my stocking!

Craig - I would never want to find a muddy basketball in my stocking!

Preston - I would never want to find the Grinch in my stocking!

Breann - I would never want to find a car or a snake in my stocking!

Canaan - I would never want to find coal and a fire in my stocking!

Jackson - I would never want to find a skunk in my stocking!

Sidney - I would never want to find rain and snow in my stocking!

Gracie - I would never want to find a bunch of spiders and snakes in my stocking!

Levi - I would never want to find dynamite in my stocking!

Addison - I would never want to find a snowman in my stocking!

Ethan - I would never want to find an Elsa in my stocking!

Nevaeh - I would never want to find goo in my stocking!

Fun writings from Mrs. Kaci's First Grade Class:

I would NEVER want to find a steak with A1 sauce on it in my stocking.

I would NEVER want to find fingernail polish in my stocking.

I would NEVER want to find a scary clown in a box in my stocking.

I would NEVER want to find a bumble bee in my stocking.

I would NEVER want to find Mrs. Kaci in my stocking.

I would NEVER want to find mud in my stocking.

I would NEVER want to find a tarantula in my stocking.

I would NEVER want to find a baby doll in my stocking.

I would NEVER want to find a snake in my stocking.

I would NEVER want to find a tooth in my stocking.

I would NEVER want to find a shoe in my stocking.

I would NEVER want to find a stinky sock in my stocking.

I would NEVER want to find rocks in my stocking.

I would NEVER want to find coal in my stocking.

I would NEVER want to find water in my stocking.

I would NEVER want to find big foot in my stocking.

I would NEVER want to find a frog in my stocking.

I would NEVER want to find bugs in my stocking.

I would NEVER want to find salad in my stocking.



Front row from left: Sharla Kidwell, Jeannine Lawrence and Janie King.
Back row from left: Keith Pierce, Sandy Durham, Julie Pigg, Donna McClure, Damien McDaniel and Mike Blount.



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I would NEVER want to find a frog in my stocking.
-Alexis
I would NEVER want to find bugs in my stocking.
-Cameron
I would NEVER want to find salad in my stocking.
-Dakota

More parade photos from Mount Vernon



The Rockcastle Mobile Animal Rescue unit made its way through the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade last Saturday. The unit, acquired through CSEPP, is available for all of Rockcastle County. In the event of an emergency, the unit can be used to rescue pets from homes that cannot be reached by home owners or owners that will not leave without their pets.



The Mount Vernon Fire Department displayed their ladder truck, and fire trucks from all fire departments in the county also participated.

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The proclamation states: "a locally made gift is unique in its connection with the maker and the Commonwealth . . . and buying Kentucky-made products contributes significantly to local economies and the quality of life in Kentucky."

"Give a Gift Made in Kentucky" highlights December as the month to shop for wonderful Kentucky-made items. Whether shopping for gifts or preparing your home for the holidays, the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is the place to discover distinctive Kentucky-made treasures.

Visitors can enjoy selecting gifts from the thousands of products created by the over 700 Kentucky artisans. From books, to musical recordings, specialty foods, sculpture, jewelry, pottery, beauty products and paintings - there are plenty of exceptional choices for holiday gift giving.

In December the center also presents artisan book

signings, musical performances and demonstrations on Saturdays throughout the holiday season, and the Artisan Café offers Kentucky cuisine to make holiday shopping a pleasure.

The Kentucky Unbridled Spirit Gift Card is another way to purchase Kentucky-made gifts for that hard-to-buy-for person. Gift cards purchased at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea can be used at the center, and can also be used at the Kentucky Horse Park, the Kentucky Historical Society, and at all Kentucky State Parks.

The Kentucky Artisan Center is located just off Interstate 75 at Berea Exit 77. The center's exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the Café is open from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

A special exhibit at the center, "It Takes Two: Collaborations by Kentucky Artisans," is on display through Feb. 27, 2016, and the center's lobby showcases an 18-foot Christmas tree with colorful ornaments made by Kentucky artisans. For more information about events call 859-985-5448, go to the center's website at www.kentuckyartisancenterky.gov, or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kentucky.artisan.center.

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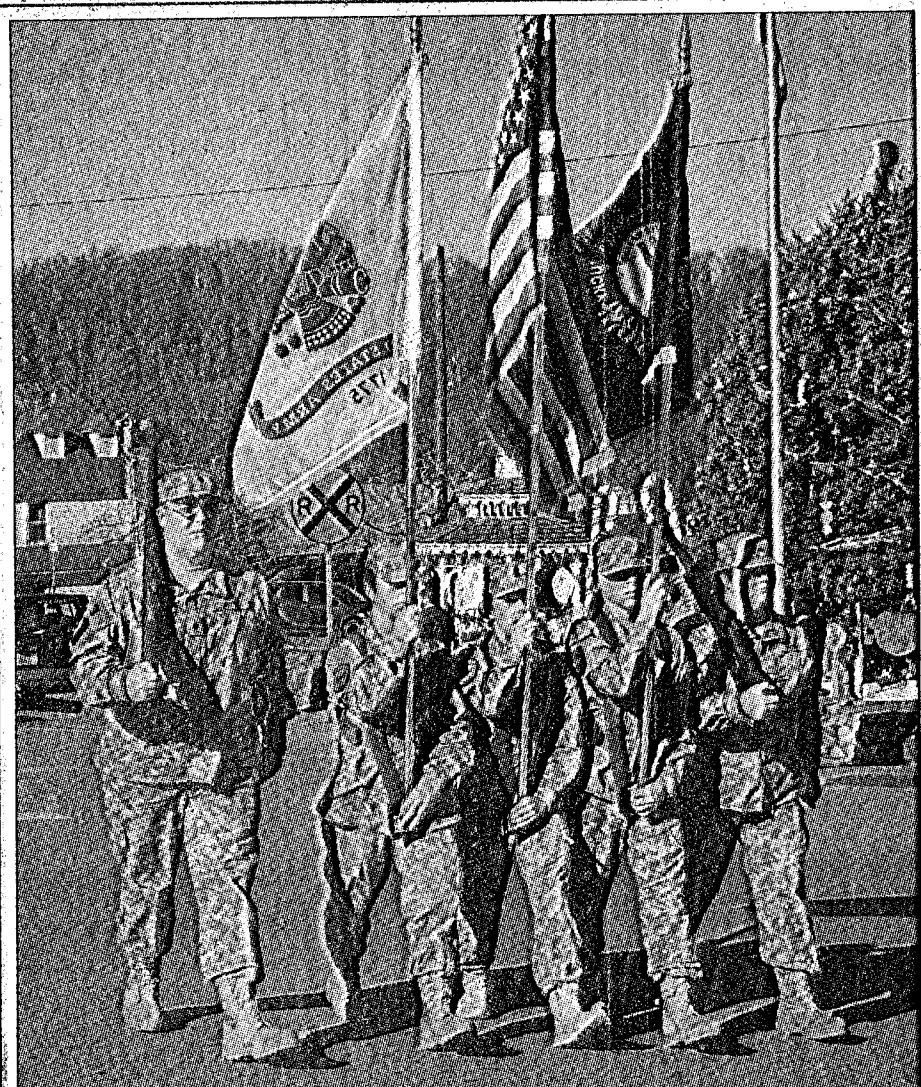
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Members of the RCHS JROTC from left: Will Merritt, Eli Rose, Victoria Barron, Dakota Frederick and Samantha Douglas carried flags down Main Street during the recent Mount Vernon Christmas Parade. Triangle Park and the Mount Vernon Christmas Tree is in the background.



Miss Rockcastle County Carley Childress tossed candy to those lining Main Street watching the Christmas Parade. The Mount Vernon Fire Department pumper truck was joined by fire trucks from surrounding fire departments.



Ronnie and Melissa Owens chauffeured Mt. Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant and wife Carol during the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.

Merry Christmas from
The Mount Vernon Signal

Whooping cranes reported in KY

Wildlife biologists have confirmed the presence of five federally protected whooping cranes in Hopkins County. Whooping cranes also have been spotted in Barren and several other Kentucky counties in the last two weeks.

Biologists with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources caution hunters to be mindful of the possibility of the presence of whooping cranes in their hunting areas.

The whooping crane is a federally endangered bird that may not be hunted. The Eastern Population of whooping cranes migrates between Wisconsin and Florida with their main migration corridor taking them through west-central Kentucky. There are approximately 100 whooping cranes in this population.

Whooping cranes are solid white with black wingtips. They have a red crown. Adults may have a wingspan of 7 1/2 feet and stand up to 5 feet tall on stilted legs. Juvenile birds are similar to the adults, but will have patches of brown or tan mixed in with the white. Both adult and juvenile whooping cranes are currently present in Kentucky.

Whooping cranes are

similar in silhouette to sandhill cranes. However, sandhill cranes have gray bodies and are smaller than whooping cranes. Whooping cranes may associate with sandhill cranes so caution must be used while hunting sandhill cranes.

Kentucky's sandhill crane hunting season began Dec. 12, 2015 and continues through Jan. 10, 2016, or until 400 sandhill cranes have been taken. Hunters must apply for this quota hunt. Drawn hunters must successfully complete an online sandhill crane identification course before they can receive a permit.

Hunters should be aware of other large-bodied birds which may appear similar to whooping cranes.

Large flocks of snow geese may be present in western areas of Kentucky and small groups may be present statewide. Snow geese are white-bodied birds with black wingtips. They do not have stilted legs.

Tundra swans and trumpeter swans have also been reported across Kentucky. Swans are large, solid white birds with wingspans approaching 7 feet. They do not have stilted legs. Swans may not be hunted in Kentucky.

Hunters should always

be sure of their target before firing a gun, regardless of the species being hunted.



We'd like to join you and your family in giving thanks to our Lord for His love and guidance, just as we thank you for your trust and support this past year.

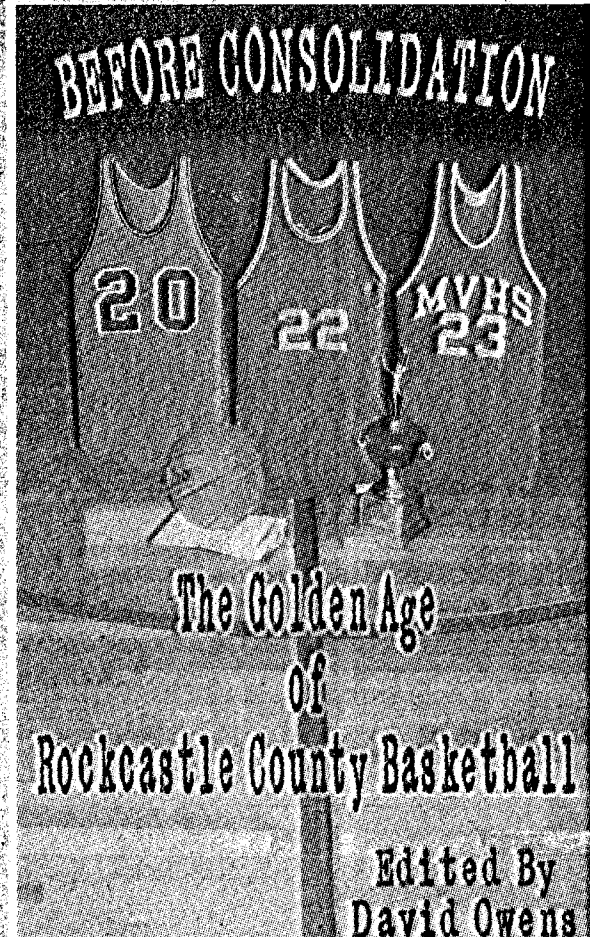
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Back row from left: Willis Coffey and John Ford.

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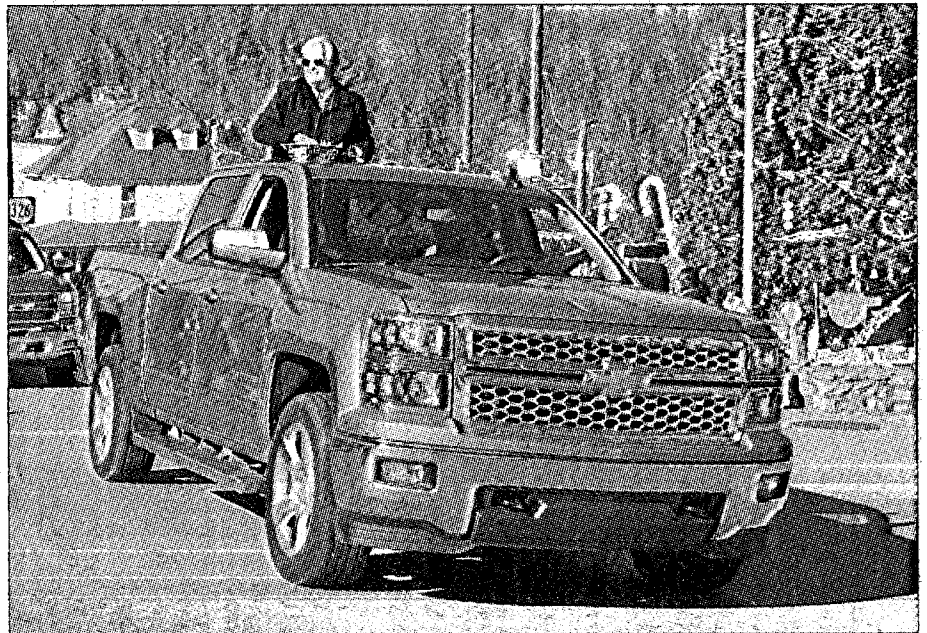
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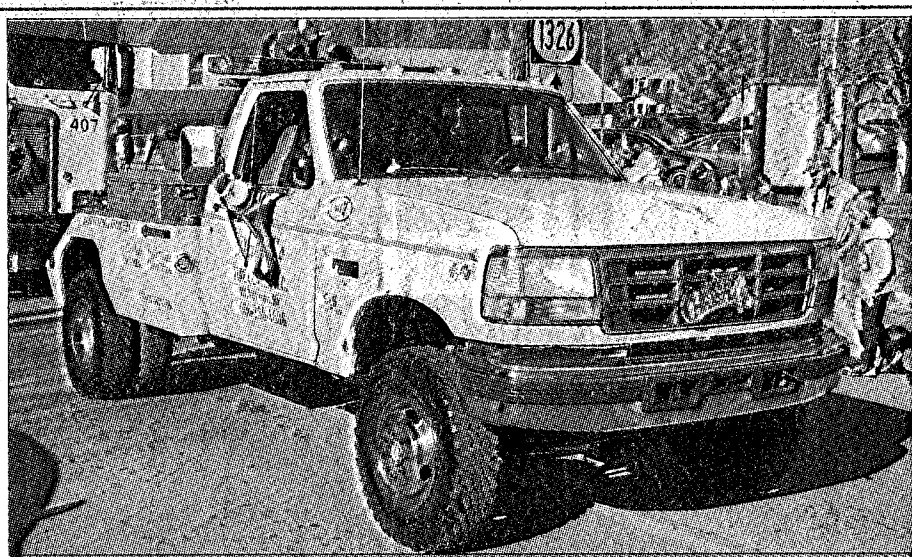
Rockcastle County Librarian Pam Chaliff drove the Bookmobile down Main Street in the 2015 Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



Rockcastle County Judge Executive Doug Bishop tossed candy to the many on-lookers who watched the Christmas Parade recently.



Kids scrambled to pick up candy as the Brindle Ridge Fire Dept. ladder truck joined many fire trucks in the recent Christmas Parade at Mt. Vernon.



David's Tire Center took part in the Mount Vernon Christmas parade.

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MERRY Christmas

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Front row from left: Tiffany Wallin and Cindy Lou Noe. Back row from left: Brett Noble, Robert Miller, Perry Noe & Kendrick.



From left: Noreitta Thompson, Cindy Lou Noe and Louise Wright.

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GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

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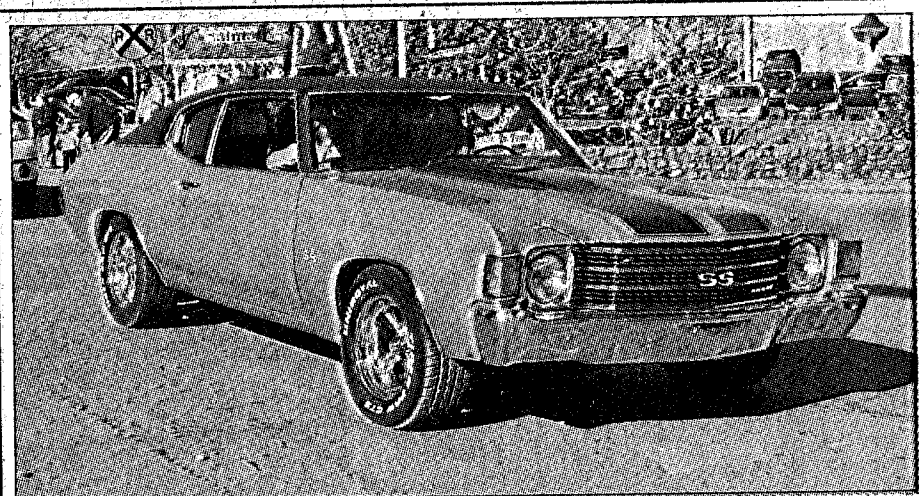
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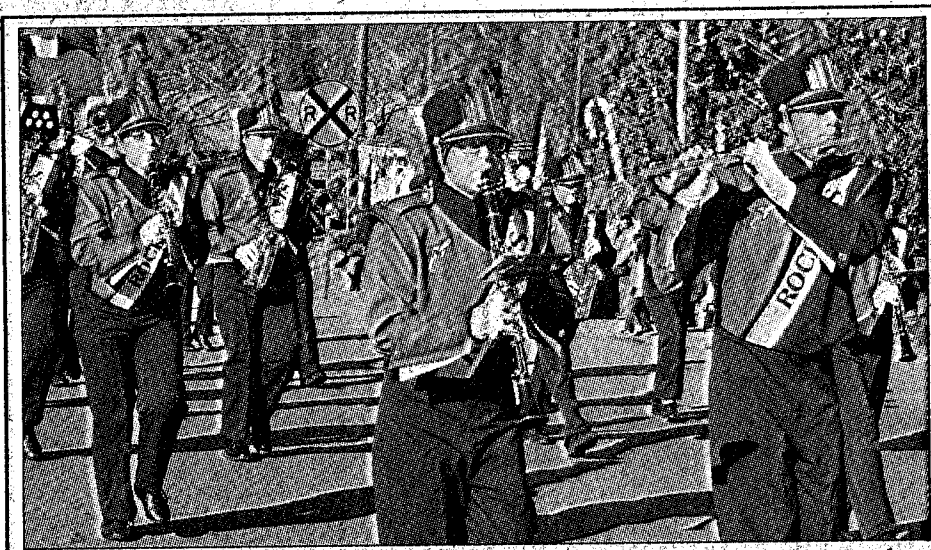
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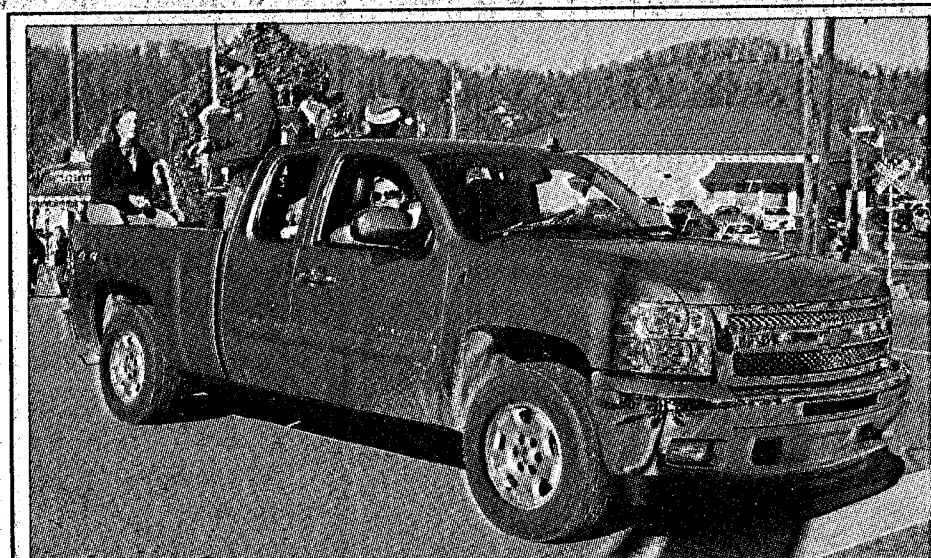
Rockcastle Jailer Carlos McClure and his daughter, Palin, displayed their classic Chevelle Super Sport during the Christmas Parade.



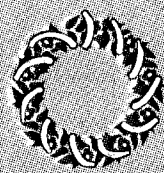
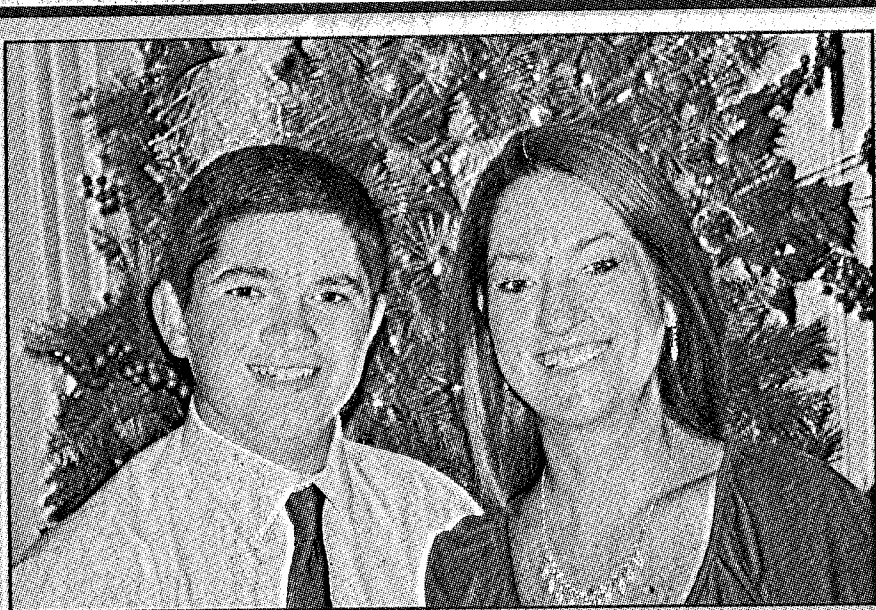
Bailey Adams and mom, Josie, tossed candy to children and adults who were watching the Christmas Parade.



Members of the RCHS Rockets Marching Band played Christmas songs as they marched down Main Street during the parade Dec. 5th.



State Representative Jonathan Shell driving family and friends down Main Street during the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.



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and a

Wonderful New Year!

Love,
Katie and Tyler Wood

KAC Christmas weekend hours

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea will close at 5 p.m. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, and will be closed all day on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, to enable staff to celebrate with their families. The center will re-open at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, and will be open regular hours of 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Kentucky Artisan Center is just the place to join friends and family to enjoy a meal in the Artisan Cafe and discover distinctive Kentucky-made treasures. Conveniently located off Interstate 75 at Berea Exit 77, the center offers a wide array of beautiful gifts created by over 700 artisans.

The center's exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the cafe is open 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

The center currently features works by more than 700 artisans from more than 100 counties across the Commonwealth. A gallery exhibit, "It Takes Two: Collaborations by Kentucky Artisans" is on display through Feb. 27, 2016, and in the lobby the center's 18-foot Christmas tree is adorned with an array of Kentucky-made ornaments. For information about the center's events call 859-985-5448, go to our

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Tips to make holiday road trips merrier

(StatePoint) Hitting the road for the holidays? You're not alone. Nearly nine in 10 Autotrader shoppers plan to travel by car this holiday season, and nearly a quarter will travel more than 300 miles, according to a recent poll. But experts say there's no reason to view road trips as a chore.

"Holiday travel doesn't just have to be about getting to where you're going," says Tara Trompeter, managing editor at Autotrader. "Family time in the car can be a great opportunity for making memories and a little bit of planning before you get on the road will go a long way toward filling the experience with more fun and laughter."

To keep holiday road warriors comfortable and content on their drives, Autotrader editors are offering their top holiday travel tips:

- **Prepare your vehicle.** Do a quick check on the essentials before you head out. Check the wear and pressure on your tires, and be sure your fluids (oil, coolant and wiper fluid) are topped off.

- **Make it an adventure.** Just because you have an ultimate destination doesn't mean you can't enjoy fun stuff in between. Check your route for family-friendly stops along the way, such as a zoo, park or even toy store to give kids something to look forward to while breaking the trip into manageable pieces.

- **Keep little ones engaged.** Technology features like built-in screens and DVD players can be saviors on the road. If your car doesn't come equipped with these, consider bringing along a handheld device on which little ones can play games or watch videos. And if technology isn't your thing, magnetized board games and word games can work just as well.

- **Bring snacks.** Greasy food isn't the best for staying alert -- or feeling good -- while road tripping. Instead of relying on fast food, bring along lots of small, healthy snacks to keep kids (and adults) content. Great options include fruits and vegetables that are easy to eat and fuss-free, like carrot sticks, bananas and apples.

- **Have patience!** Between road congestion, frequent stops and the sometimes bad weather that plagues many areas this time of year, holiday travel time can take longer than anticipated. Allow and plan for extra travel time, and you'll have a better chance of arriving safely and stress-free.

- **Consider an upgrade.** Before setting off, consider upgrading your old gas-guzzler to a new one that's energy efficient and comfortable enough to make the long journey with the family in tow. To help, Autotrader rounded up a list of 10 fuel-efficient family cars for a long holiday road trip that boast affordability, roomy interiors and a fuel efficient 30 miles per gallon on the highway. Among their picks are the Ford Fusion, Honda Accord, Honda CR-V, Jeep Cherokee, Hyundai Tucson, Kia Optima, Mazda CX-5, Nissan Rogue, Subaru Outback and the Toyota Camry. To learn more, visit autotrader.com.

With the right strategies for happy holiday travels, you can begin your vacation the second your wheels hit the road.

Give great books to kids this holiday season

(StatePoint) For a merry holiday season, fun new books make great gifts for kids. Don't know what's the latest and greatest in the world of kid's literature?

Here are four new titles to consider for the young book lovers in your life:

Classic, Retold
"Home Alone," which arrived in theaters 25 years ago, is one of the top grossing live-action comedies of all time. Now, illustrator Kim Smith has reimagined the John Hughes story as a classic Christmas fable. "Home Alone: The Classic Illustrated Storybook" comes complete with bumbling burglars, brilliant booby-traps, and a little boy named Kevin who's forced to fend for himself. Through a series of comic adventures, Kevin learns lessons about responsibility and the importance of family.

Serial Adventure
Followers of the Miss Peregrine series will be excited to receive The Miss Peregrine's Peculiar Children Boxed Set featuring all three novels in the series, including the newly released "Library of Souls: The Third Novel of Miss Peregrine's Peculiar Children." This action-packed series includes a special collector's envelope of 12 peculiar photographs, highlighting the most memorable moments of this extraordinary three-volume fantasy.

Spooky Mystery
Meet Warren the 13th, of "Warren the 13th and the All-Seeing Eye," a cursed 12-year-old Victorian bellhop who's terribly unlucky, yet perpetually optimistic,

hard-working, and curious. Orphan Warren's pride and joy is his family's hotel, but he's been miserable ever since his evil Aunt Annaconda took over the management.

Annaconda believes a mysterious treasure is hidden somewhere on the grounds, and she'll do anything to find it. If Warren wants to preserve his family's legacy, he'll need to find the treasure first -- if the hotel's many strange guests don't beat him to it!

This middle-grade adventure features illustrations on every page and a lavish two-column Victorian design.

True Tales for Athletes
Help make every goal, touchdown, and championship of all the greats come to life, from Babe Ruth (so incorrigible that his parents put him in reform school at age seven) to Muhammad Ali (who learned to fight at age 12 after a thief stole his bicycle). "Kid Athletes" is packed with inspirational stories from the world of sports, sharing tales from the childhoods of famous athletes.

Billie Jean King rose from modest circumstances to win 39 Grand Slam championships; Wilma Rudolph triumphed over polio to become the fastest woman on earth; and martial arts legend Bruce Lee credited his success, in part, to childhood dance lessons.

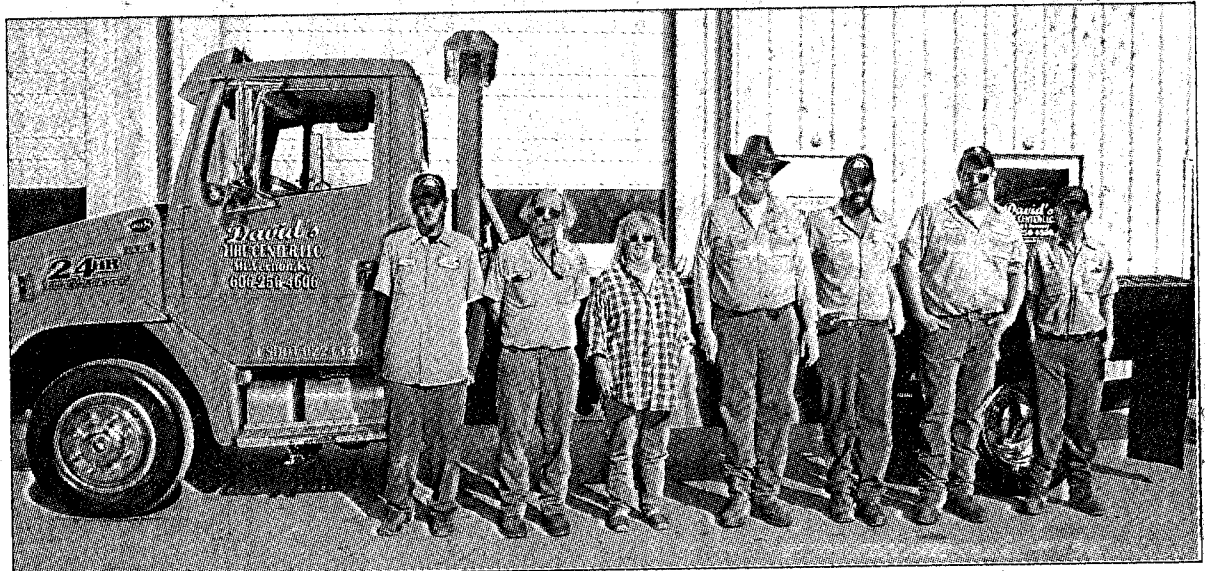
Have lit lovers on your list? While a gift card to a book retailer is nice, you can put even more thought into the present with a new exciting title.

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Kentucky Afield Outdoors

Simplify shopping for outdoor enthusiasts

Choosing the perfect gift for a hunter or angler on your holiday shopping list can be a daunting and confusing task.

Let the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' website take the guesswork out of the process. Visitors to fw.ky.gov will find a variety of gift ideas, any one of which will be a hit with the recipient.

Among the most popular and practical items every year is the Kentucky Afield outdoor calendar.

The 2016 calendar includes hunting season dates, monthly stocking schedules for Fishing in Neighborhoods (FINS) program lakes, helpful outdoors tips and stunning photography. A photo of a lone American black duck surrounded by mallard ducks taken by John Brunjes, migratory bird coordinator with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife, graces the cover of the 2016 calendar. The centerfold is a reproduction of artist Rick Hill's popular "Kentucky Fish" species poster.

While the deadline has passed to receive the 2016 calendar with the price of a new subscription to Kentucky Afield magazine, individual copies of the calendar may be purchased on the department's website for \$7.50 each while supplies last. Orders placed by Dec. 17 should arrive in time for Christmas.

Gift cards and gift certificates are always appreciated. A Kentucky Fish and Wildlife online gift certificate, redeemable for up to five years from the date of purchase, may be used to buy licenses and permits, passes to Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area, a one- or two-year Kentucky Afield magazine subscription or even registration fees for summer conservation camp.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife operates three such camps: Camp John Currie at Kentucky Lake, Camp Earl Wallace at Lake Cumberland and Camp Robert C. Webb at Grayson Lake.

The camps annually draw nearly 5,000 children

who have completed Grades Four through Six and remain popular for a variety of reasons. Campers are provided opportunities to learn fishing, boating, archery, swimming, firearms safety and other skills that they will retain and can practice for years to come.

"Conservation camp offers a child a chance to really learn a lot about themselves," said Laura Burford, assistant director of Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's Information and Education Division. "They learn about independence and making their own decisions, making their own choices. They grow up a lot. It may be the first time they get to try a lot of things without mom or dad being around. That lends itself to a lot of confidence boosting. It's a time for them to make new friends and learn new things."

Online registration opens in early January. The \$225 registration fee includes all lodging, meals, transportation, camper insurance as well as a Junior Sportsman's license. The license alone is a \$30 value and includes a junior hunting license, two junior deer permits and two junior turkey permits.

Similarly, the resident Sportsman's license for adults includes most of the permits an avid hunter and angler needs during a full license year. It represents a \$55 savings over buying the included licenses and permits individually. The new license year starts March 1, 2016. If you're buying a license as a gift you will need the birth date and social security number of the person who will be receiving it.

For those who want to share the gift of the outdoors, sponsoring a camper through the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Foundation is a great way to do it. Letters from children wishing to attend conservation camp but who do not have the means are posted on the foundation's website at kentuckywildlife.com. Donors may sponsor a camper for any amount.

"If you want to give \$5, \$10 or give a full ride, you can do that," Burford said.

The Salato Wildlife Education Center can inspire wonder and interest in the outdoors in young and old. The center features several indoor and outdoor exhibits, hiking trails and displays featuring live animals such as a black bear, an eagle, bobcats, elk, deer, bison, snakes, frogs, turtles and fish. The center is closed for the season and will reopen March 1, 2016. Annual memberships range from \$20 to \$50 and are available by calling Kentucky Fish and Wildlife at 1-800-858-1549.

And, finally, the Kentucky Afield store offers a variety of merchandise for fans of the popular television show and magazine. It includes hats in blaze orange, camouflage or khaki bearing the Kentucky Afield logo. There are Kentucky Afield polo shirts for men and women. Also offered are the "Best of Kentucky Afield Fishing" and "Kentucky Afield Deer Processing" DVDs. Past episodes of the television show may also be purchased through the online store. Orders should be placed by Dec. 17 for Christmas delivery.

Outside of the options offered by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife, you can't go wrong with some basic items. A compact LED flashlight or headlamp. Quality rain gear. A base layer set or socks made of synthetic material or merino wool. A pair of insulated camouflage gloves. Game calls. A multi-tool. A dry bag for paddling.

Any one of these ideas is bound to please the outdoors enthusiast on your holiday shopping list. Not only will they appreciate the gift itself, but also that you recognized their passion for enjoying the outdoors.

Author Kevin Kelly is a staff writer for Kentucky Afield magazine, the official publication of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. Get the latest from Kevin and the entire Kentucky Afield staff by following them on Twitter: @kyafield.

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Senator Jared Carpenter

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

BOURBON BALLS

It wasn't Christmas if Mum didn't make these. Judy has been making them since Mum passed away.

1 cup pecans, chopped
 4 tablespoons Kentucky bourbon

1 stick butter, at room temperature

1 pound powdered sugar

1/2 bag (12 ounce) semi-sweet chocolate

1/2 rectangle paraffin

Combine pecans and bourbon; wait at least 3 hours for pecans to absorb bourbon flavor. Cream butter and powdered sugar with mixer. Add bourbon and pecan mixture to butter mixture. Mix well. Roll mixture into small balls and chill in refrigerator for 1 and 1/2 hours. Melt chocolate in double boiler, adding shaved paraffin. Heat until thoroughly melted. Using a toothpick or long skewer, dip balls into chocolate and put on waxed paper to dry.

CAN'T FAIL CHOCOLATE FUDGE

A co-worker in Pennsylvania gave me this recipe, and I'm convinced that it's the same as what my family must have used. Jim's sister-in-law had sent him some fudge for Christmas. He was generous enough to bring it to work and share. When I asked for the recipe, he immediately emailed his sister-in-law to see if she would send it to me. His

mother had always made the fudge for the family and when she died she passed along the tradition to Jim's sister-in-law. They were happy to share that tradition with me.

2/3 cup evaporated milk

1 and 2/3 cup white sugar

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 and 1/2 cups miniature marshmallows

1 and 1/2 cups (12 ounces) semisweet chocolate pieces

1 teaspoon vanilla

Mix evaporated milk, sugar and salt in saucepan over medium heat. Bring to boil; cook 5 minutes, stirring constantly. (Start timing when mixture starts to "bubble" around edges of pan.) Remove from heat. Add marshmallows, chocolate pieces and vanilla. Stir vigorously for 1 minute or until marshmallows melt. Pour into a 9 x 12 buttered pan. Cool. Cut into squares. Makes about 3 pounds.

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3 cups light brown sugar

1 cup cream

4 tablespoons butter

1 cup chopped nuts—if desired

Boil sugar and cream until mixture forms soft ball when dropped into cold water. Remove from heat. Add butter. Beat until mixture is cool and no longer glossy. Add nuts if desired. Pour into buttered pan and let set.

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Several ways to give back this holiday season

(StatePoint) When making this year's holiday gift list, consider how you might also give back to your local community. The holiday season is the perfect time of year to do this, when volunteer and donation opportunities increase. Here are a few ideas to give back in your community:

The Gift of Literacy

Only one-third of all students entering high school are proficient in reading, according to a National Assessment of Education Progress report. Brighten children's smiles this holiday season while also giving them an opportunity to succeed at school and beyond. The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation has given new toys to children in need for more than 60 years. The organization also extends its reach through a partnership with The UPS Store through the Toys for Tots Literacy Program, which provides economically disadvan-

tagged children an opportunity to succeed in school and beyond. Donations can be made at The UPS Store locations nationwide or online at toysfortots.org/literacy.

One-hundred percent of all proceeds go to support local children and literacy programs. Your donations go even further thanks to the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, which is able to purchase books at a deep discount. To find a participating location near you and make a donation that will help ensure families everywhere have access to books, visit theupsstore.com.

Bake Sale

When you're busy making trays of cookies for your big holiday party, consider making an extra batch or two, and encouraging friends and neighbors to do the same. With your combined efforts, you can host a bake sale, which can be a lucrative and enjoyable way to raise money for your fa-

vorite charity.

If you don't have time to organize an event like this, you can still give back through your baking. Wrap packs of cookies or other goodies in bags as thank you gifts to your children's teachers, coaches and oth-

ers in your community who have served or been kind to your family all year.

Volunteer Your Time

One of the best ways to give back is by donating your valuable time. Make a trip to a local nursing home and spend time with resi-

dents who may not have family or anyone else to visit them this season. Additionally, soup kitchens are often in need of extra hands during the holidays. Ask your local organizations about volunteer opportunities.

While holiday wish lists are often full of fun gadgets, clothes and toys, there are still many in your community lacking more basic necessities. This season, think beyond your personal wants and do your best to give back.

What to know when giving kids tech gear

(StatePoint) Most parents expect their children to one day ask to use their cool, expensive tech devices. But adult tech for kids is now more accessible than ever, so parents don't need to hand over their pricey tablets, smartwatches and smartphones.

Just remember that when investing in technology for kids, there are a few things to keep in mind.

Fun Gadgets

The number of products designed specifically for children is growing, particularly when it comes to wearable tech. And these items are not only more affordable than their grown-up counterparts, but more durable as well.

One cool gadget to consider is the Kidizoom Smartwatch DX, by VTech, the next generation of its popular camera watch for kids with a tough, splash-proof, kid-friendly design. It features exciting motion-activated games, more than 50 3D clock faces and tools to hone math skills, as well as double the internal memory of its predecessor — perfect for prolific young photographers and videographers.

The Kidizoom Smartwatch DX, which comes in five colors, also offers creative photo effects, frames and filters, video and voice recorder, time-telling app, timer, alarm, calculator and calendar, along

with the ability to download additional apps from the Learning Lodge app store.

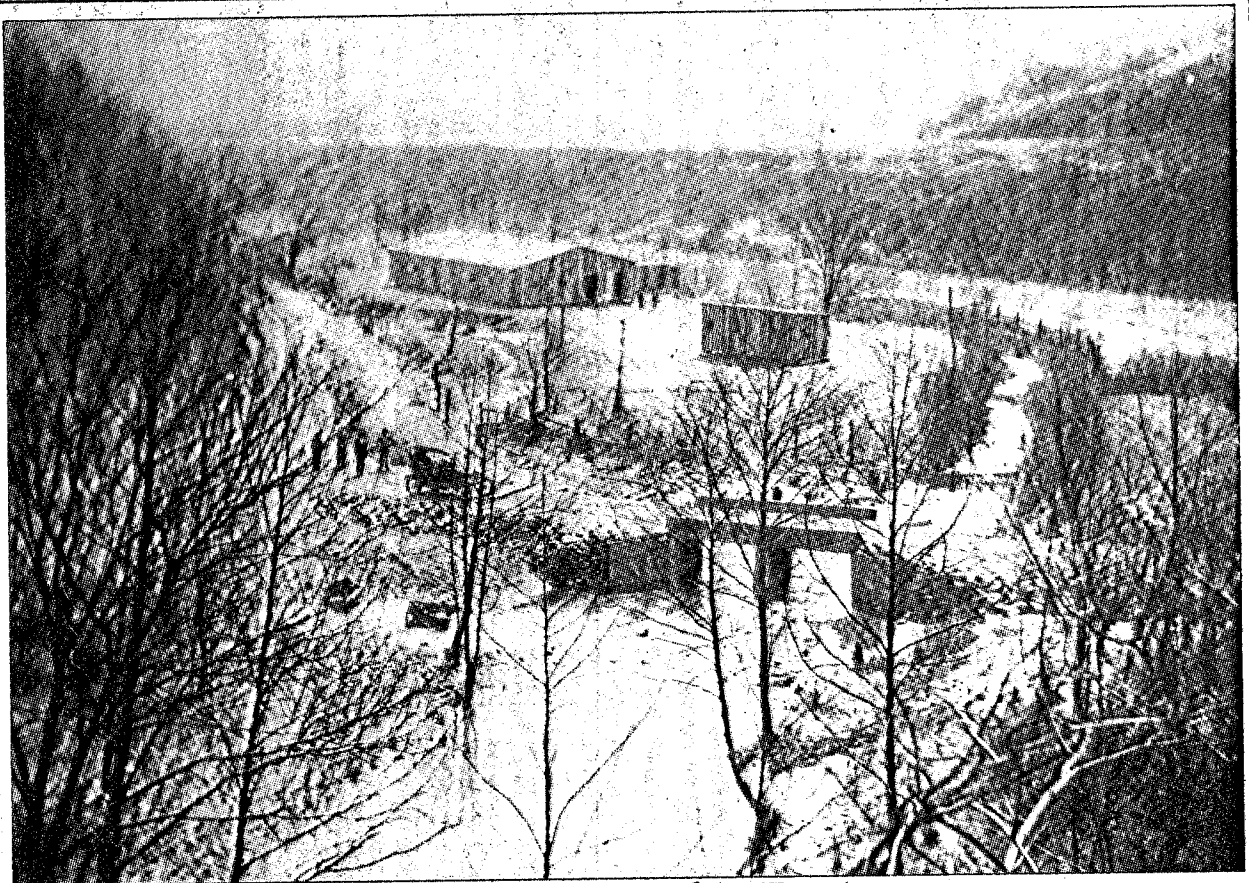
Another fun option for tech-savvy, active kids is the VTech Kidizoom Action Cam, which features a robust, durable design and comes complete with mounts for attaching to a bike, skateboard or scooter, plus a waterproof case that allows kids to take videos and pictures up to six feet underwater.

Good Tech Habits

Great technology can unfortunately lead to some not so great habits. Parents can create a few simple rules for kids (and themselves!) to combat this issue. For example, it's tempting to respond to one's phone during meal time; however, dinnertime will benefit by being gadget-free.

Likewise, parents can set a good example for kids by putting down their phone while driving. Kids will learn by example that there are certain tasks that need two hands and one's full attention.

There's no need to deny kids the benefits of tech gear until they reach a certain age. Innovations in the market are making gadgets a viable option for kids, so they don't need to be jealous of their parents' technology anymore — and in fact, parents may envy the rich features and content available in their children's gadgets!



Blast From The Past...

This week's photo is of the State Prison Camp at Mullins Station. The barracks held work release prisoners to supply labor for the building of the Dixie Highway. If you have a photo for Blast From The Past, contact David Owens at scoopowens24@yahoo.com or 606-386-0187.

Hark!
The Herald Angels Sing;
Glory To The Newborn King

And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

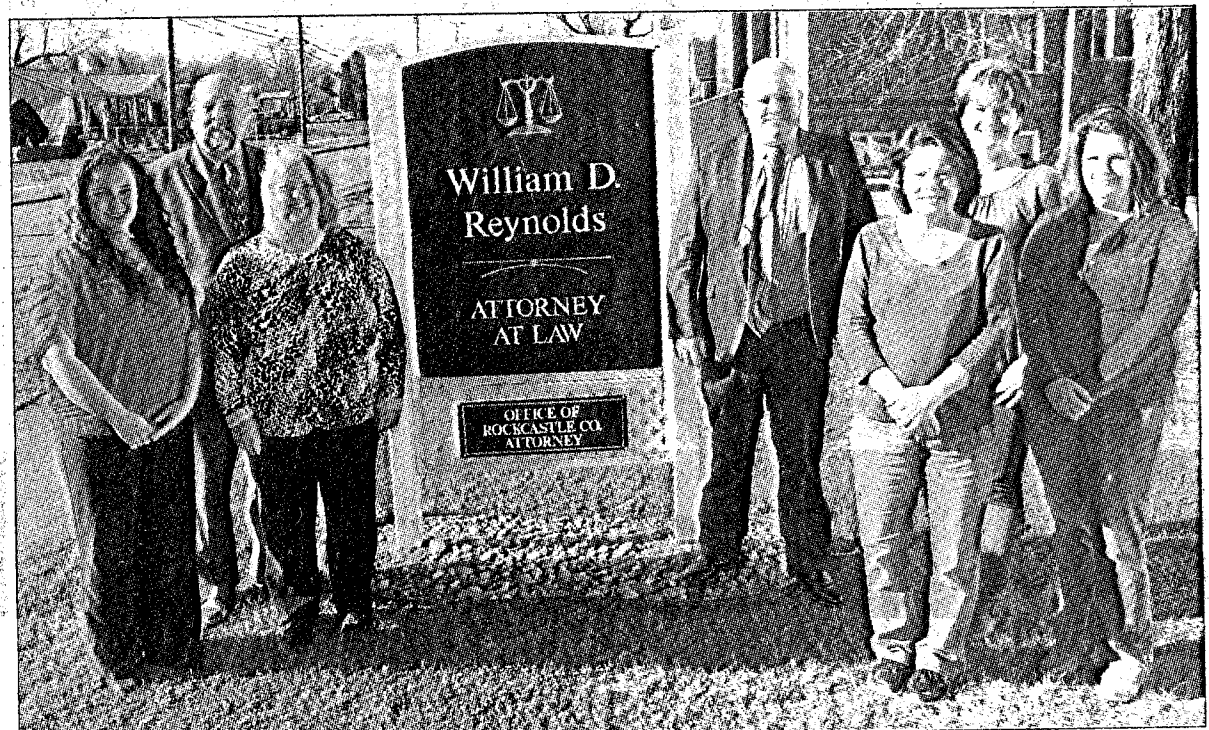
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Wishing you tidings of great joy this holiday season and beyond.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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From left: Meredith Gross, County Attorney Billy Reynolds, Kathy Robinson, Asst. County Attorney William Leger, Patty Kirby, Julie Adams and Samantha Wynn.

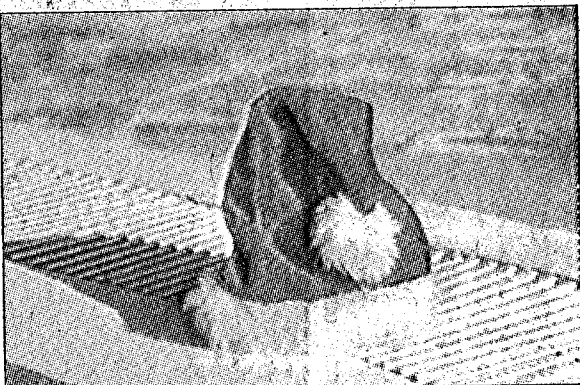
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2015 4-H Speech Contest held

Winners of the 2015 4-H Speech Contest were from left: 12 year old winners Kyle Coffey - 1st Place and Silas Durham - 2nd Place; 11 year old winners Bailey Bullock - 1st Place and Sean Cash - 2nd Place; 10 year old winners Lindsay Rowe - 1st Place and Reagan Rumsey - 2nd Place; 9 year old winners Emily Thacker - 1st Place and Ryder Robinson - 2nd Place.



11 and 12 year old 4-H Speech contestants were: Avery Bullock, Daniel Wilson, Destiny Webb, Michelle Ruhe, Bailey Bullock, Sean Cash, Jenna Loudermilk, Carson King, Jordan Davis, Cameron Wright, Kyle Coffey, and Silas Durham.



9 year old 4-H Speech contestants were Emily Thacker, Ryder Robinson, Deanna Lunsford, Landon Collins, Bailey Mink, Kelsey Rowe, Noah Phillips, Wendell Gentry, Katelyn Wrenn, Abby Burdette, and Makayla Coffey.

Minds in the Middle

Hola! We say gracias to the student council for organizing Fun Fiesta Friday. They added some spice to our day!

Our annual spelling bees continue at RCMS. Congratulations to Aiden Cain, team winner for the Challengers and Kerrigan Medley, team winner on the Adventurers team. In competition for the Shooting Stars on Friday were class winners Reece McGuire, Andrew Phillips, Chelsea Stephens, and Hannah Thomas. The overall winner was Reece McGuire.

There will be a Unite Club meeting on Thursday at 2:30. Members will receive their Unite Club t-

shirts.

Time to get a discount of your RCMS yearbooks is running out. The cost this week is \$30. The price will go up to \$35 after the Christmas break. Extra forms are available in the office.

There will be art club this Thursday from 3-4:30 but bus transportation will not be provided.

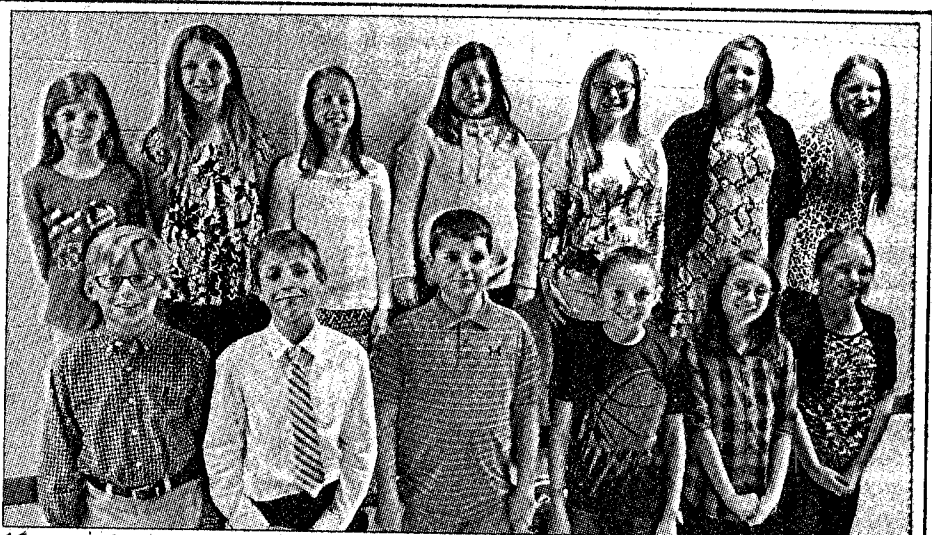
We thank the RCMS Choir and Bands for the awesome job they did last week with their Christmas Concerts. It was awesome! This week, we look forward to seeing our drama club performances.

The Rogers Explorers' Summer Program applica-

tions are now available to current 8th grade students. The Rogers Explorers program is a three-day, two-night program focused on skills in leadership, technology, math, science, and community service. Interested 8th grade students can see Mrs. Cromer or Mrs. Bullock for information.

Daily announcements are now available on our school website.

This Friday will be our last day of school before Christmas break. 2nd grading period report cards will be given out when we return. We will resume classes on January 4th. Have a wonderful time with family and friends.



10 year old 4-H Speech contestants were: Makenzie Moore, Kameryn Medley, Evan Burdette, Abigail Jones, Raychel Carpenter, Devin Smith, Mitchell Jones, Alexis Brock, Maddie Ellis, Natalie Wilkerson, Reagan Rumsey, Lindsay Rowe, Joseph Elam, and Tammy Shield.

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Wendy's/Marathon closing at 9 p.m. Christmas Eve • Closed Christmas Day

Tips for picking and presenting perfect gifts

(StatePoint) With a few simple tips, your holiday gifts can be personal, meaningful and beautifully wrapped.

Pick a Present

Spend time brainstorming. Make a list of the recipient's hobbies, activities you've done together, favorite places -- anything that might inspire a gift. Take a look at the recipient's social media pages to see which brands he or she likes or follows, or pinned on Pinterest.

Does your brother follow tech blogs? Purchase the latest tech trend, like a smart watch. Does your best friend pin anything with a monogram? Find great gifts on sites like Etsy or Personal Creations, which offer items that can be engraved or monogrammed for a completely one-of-a-kind present.

Head to the store or look online with a specific idea in mind, so you're not overwhelmed.

Shop Smart

Do a quick search online for available deals, and to compare prices from different retailers. Deal-sharing sites like Slickdeals provide information on offers across a wide range of product categories, while sites like PriceZombie allow you to track costs for your preferred present. The site will send you an alert when the item's price drops.

Some research also helps you discover which stores have the best selection (and return policy). Be sure to get a gift receipt, especially if purchasing clothing.

Knowing exactly where you need to go -- the sporting goods store, the shoe section, the beauty aisle -- simplifies the entire process.

Personalize Packaging

Make the wrapping as extraordinary as the gift with fun, creative packaging. Colorful wrapping paper in your recipient's favorite color or pattern is always a good choice. Next, embellish with ribbons, bows or glittery tapes. Finally, don't forget a card to express how you feel.

Remember, commercial packaging lacks the personal charm and care of a gift wrapped and shipped by you. Luckily, brands like Duck brand offer all the materials you need to easily -- and safely -- ship your wonderfully wrapped gifts.

Start by selecting the right shipping materials for the size of your item. You may want to consider a cushioned envelope, such as those from the Bubble Wrap brand, when possible, as they're more cost-effective for shipping smaller items, plus provide extra protection for your shipped goods. For larger gifts, wrap them in several layers of Bubble Wrap cushioning for safety, then ship in a clean, sturdy box.

Seal the box with strong packaging tape, like EZ Start packaging tape. It won't split or tear; plus the tape's Frustration Free special release technology means you never lose the tape end, making the entire process easier.

For an even more festive look, consider using a colored or printed packaging tape, wrapping items in colored Bubble Wrap, like purple or red, or adding stickers to the outside of the box -- just be sure there's room for the shipping label.

With planning and creativity, you can purchase and present the perfect gifts for loved ones this year.

Merry Christmas



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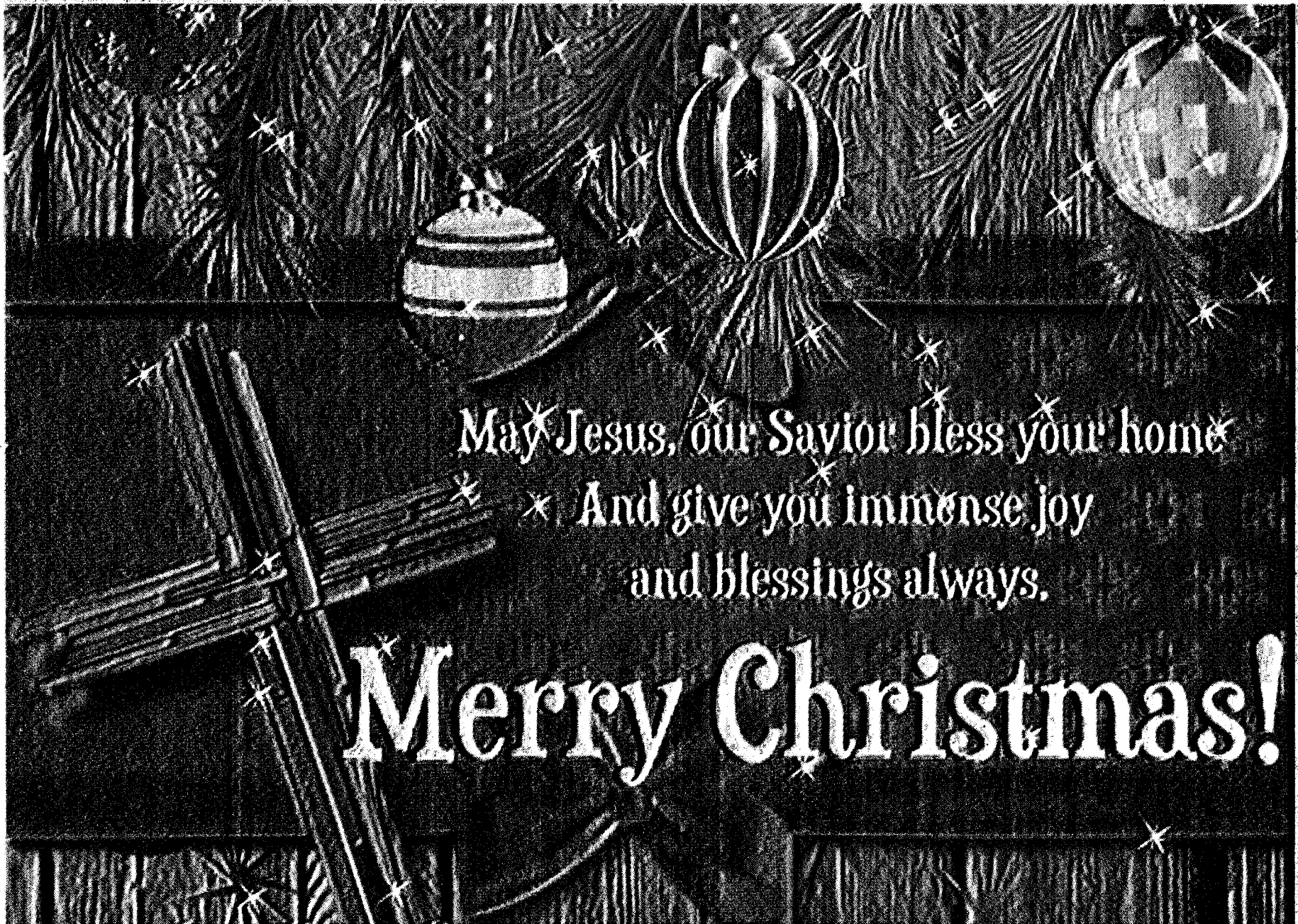
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Seated from left: Ashley Harding, Susan McNew and Christa Taylor.
Back row from left: John Lawson, Jordan Cash, Betty Sue Bullen, Shelly Mullins and Sam Burton.

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15 artists added to KY Crafted program

After more than a year in the Berea Arts Accelerator Program, printmaking artist Grace Wintermyer has transitioned to her own studio space in Berea.

In addition to that major step in the life of a working artist, she can now add "Kentucky Crafted artist" to her list of accomplishments. Wintermyer, 25, is one of 15 artists recently admitted to the Kentucky Arts Council adjudicated program that provides assistance to Kentucky visual and craft artists through marketing and promotional opportunities and arts business training.

"Being a juried Kentucky Crafted artist is a unique honor," Wintermyer said. "I tend to second-guess myself and be very critical of my work, so being chosen for this program by a panel of experts is beyond rewarding. As a young artist, being able to associate myself with the Kentucky Crafted brand is an opportunity to have my work seen and taken seriously by thousands of art collectors and appreciators. This kind of exposure takes years off my journey in becoming a successful Kentucky artisan."

"The corps of talent we've added to Kentucky Crafted is truly diverse and representative of the best in Kentucky art and craft," said Lori Meadows, arts council executive director. "It's always exciting to see artists flourish after adding the Kentucky Crafted brand to their respective studios."

That brand is a badge of honor for Wintermyer and the other new Kentucky Crafted artists, like Bill Berryman of Winchester. Berryman, 58, produces drawings and paintings. He has been an arts educator for more than 30 years, but has been developing his own arts business in the past five years. He said the Kentucky Crafted program was originally intimidating, but that it became a goal in the past few years. Last year he was juried into the Kentucky Guild of Artists and Craftsmen, and he set his sights on Kentucky Crafted.

"People kept telling me 'you need to do this,'" he said. "I got my ducks in a row and stuck my neck out this summer. It's a valida-

tion of all the hard work I've put in and the belief other people have in me. Just to be associated with the word Kentucky is an honor I may never be able to live up to or describe.

"It was a dream come true," he added. "The past few years doors have opened and things have happened for me, I'm 58. I tell my students that John Wall is not going to be playing his best basketball at 58, but I'm making the best art I ever have, at the top of my game."

The new Kentucky Crafted artists are:

- Dave Tucker, Kentucky Oak Bourbon Barrel Furniture, Louisville, wood

- Lindsay Frost, Unique & Unusual Woodcarvings, Louisville, wood

- Sissy Watson, White Tulip Studio LLC, Louisville, metal

- Sarah Spradlin, Sarah Spradlin Artworks, Paris, painting

- Deborah Stratford, Stratford Art Prints, Louisville, print making

- Bill Berryman, Bill Berryman Drawings And Paintings Of Fine Art LLC, Winchester, graphics

- Tonya Vance, Lexington, fiber

- Grace Wintermyer, Richmond, print making

- John Marks, Fine Crafts of Kentucky, Walton, wood

- Devin French, Devin French Glass' Art, Louisville, glass

- Steve Clay, Steve Clay Art, Glasgow, painting

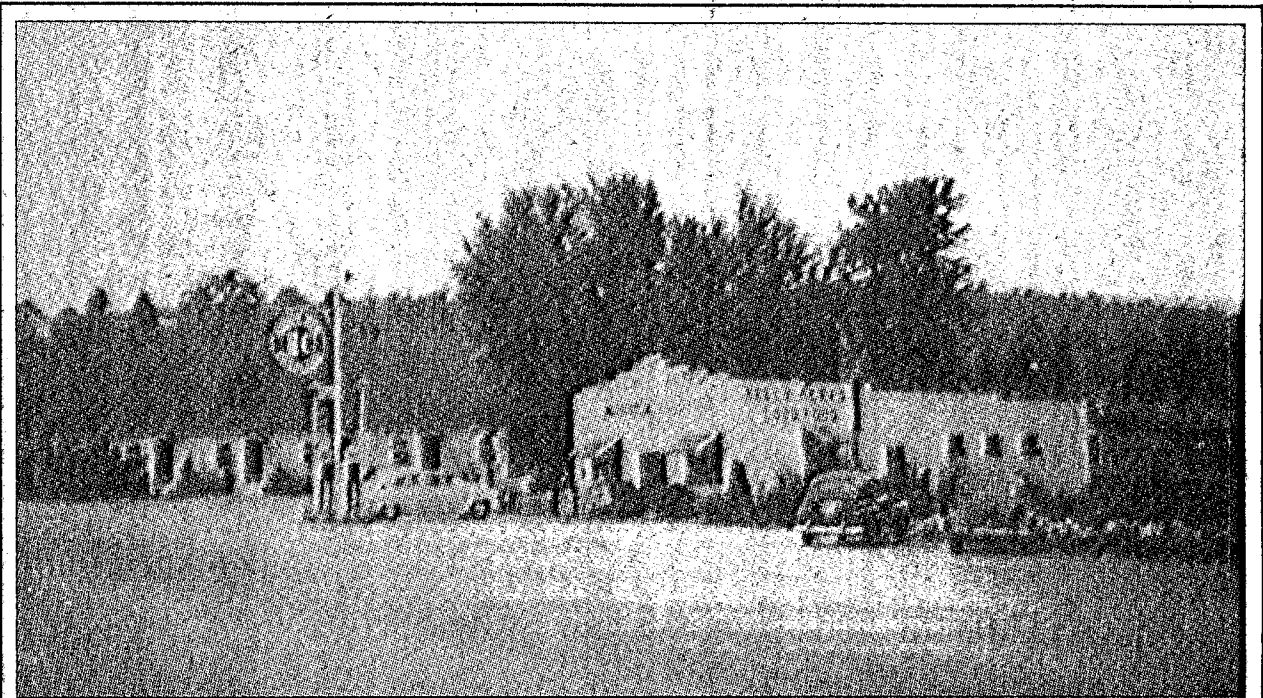
- Michelle Strader, Silver Run Ceramics, Catlettsburg, clay

- Rebecca Miller Campbell, Miller Campbell Designs, West Liberty, mixed media

- Amanda Bridges, Amanda Bridges Pottery, Winchester, clay

- Lacey Roberts, The Painted Lace, Frankfort, fiber

In addition to marketing assistance, the Kentucky Crafted Program provides business training and exhibit opportunities to its members, such as inclusion in its online directory and exhibiting at Kentucky Crafted: The Market, the arts council's award-winning fine art and craft showcase, which takes place annually in March.



Blast From The Past ...

This week's photo is of Belly Acres Restaurant which was located across from the Renfro Valley Drive In, present day location of Hardees. If you have a photo for Blast From The Past, contact David Owens at scoopowens24@yahoo.com or 606-386-0187.

Kentucky bear quota hunt with dogs season to continue for two days

Bear hunters in Kentucky will have the opportunity again in December to harvest a bear using dogs.

The bear quota hunt with dogs season is a split season. Initially open for two days in November, the season continues for two days in December if the quota has not been met.

The quota of five bears was not met during the November hunt; only two were harvested. As a result, the quota hunt with dogs season will continue Dec. 19-20, when three bears of either sex may be taken over both days. If all three bears are taken on Dec. 19, then

the season will be closed on Dec. 20.

Bear hunters must call Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's general information number at 1-800-858-1549 after 9 p.m. Dec. 19 to check if the harvest quota has been reached.

Unless license exempt, hunters must purchase a bear permit and a bear chase permit or junior bear chase permit, in addition to an annual hunting license. Bear chase permits are available for purchase online at fw.ky.gov. Hunters must telecheck their bears by 8 p.m. EST. Hunters also must call 1-800-858-1549 within

24 hours of harvest to arrange for a physical check of the animal and receive a tag. A hunter shall not harvest more than one bear in a license year.

Hunters may read about all equipment, licensing,

hunter education and youth supervision laws, and find a map of the bear hunting zone in the 2015-16 Kentucky Hunting and Trapping Guide, available wherever hunting licenses are sold and online at fw.ky.gov.



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UK Health Career Program accepting applications

The University of Kentucky Area Health Education Center (AHEC) is now accepting applications for the 2016 Summer Health Career Programs.

AHEC is accepting applications for its four-week Summer Program which will be held on the campus of the University of Kentucky June 19 - July 15, 2016. Students accepted into the Summer Enrichment Program will spend four weeks observing and learning from UK faculty, health professionals and health profession students. Students will attend classes in biology, chemistry and physics. The Summer Enrichment Program is open to current high school sophomores and is designed to provide students an insight into college life.


The Health Researchers Youth Academy is a two-week program also held on the University of Kentucky campus beginning July 5 - July 15, 2016. The Health Researchers Youth Acad-

emy provides students an opportunity to learn about health care research and to understand some of the requirements for majors leading to a career in those fields. Students accepted into the program will attend classes in physiology, observe research model presentations by UK faculty, and complete a literature review leading to the development and production of a health research poster presentation to be displayed at the closing ceremony. The Health Researchers Youth Academy is open to current high school juniors.

Both the Summer Enrichment Program and the Health Researchers Youth Academy are residential camps designed to increase the number of disadvantaged and under-represented students who successfully pursue educational programs and careers in the health professions. There is no cost to students to enroll and attend the summer programs. Housing and meals are provided. For more information contact Michael Witt, UK Health Careers Coordinator at 859-323-1378 or Michael.Witt@uky.edu. Students can also visit the link at <http://medicine.mc.uky.edu/UKAHECCamp> to complete the on-line program applications. To be considered, applicants must be a resident of Kentucky and all applicant material must be completed and submitted by March 25, 2016.




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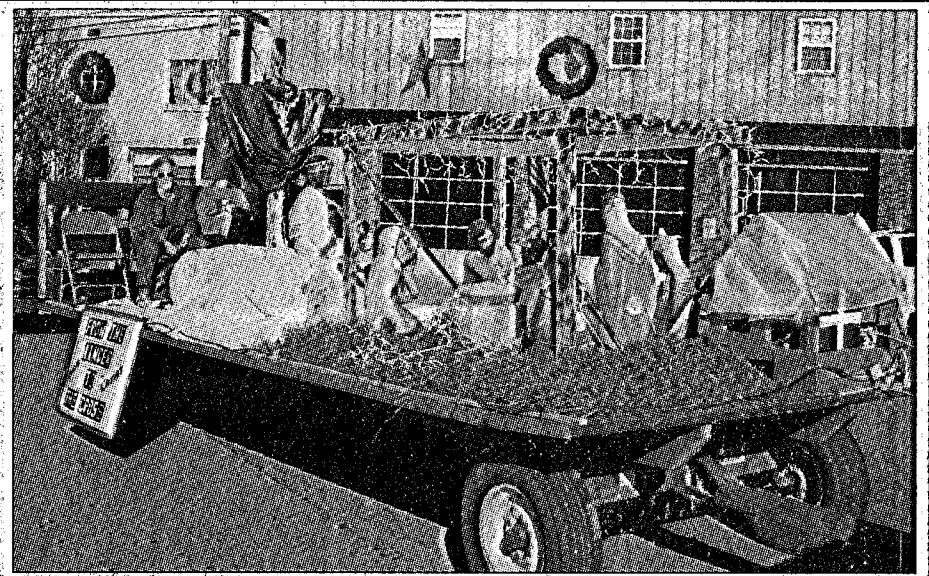
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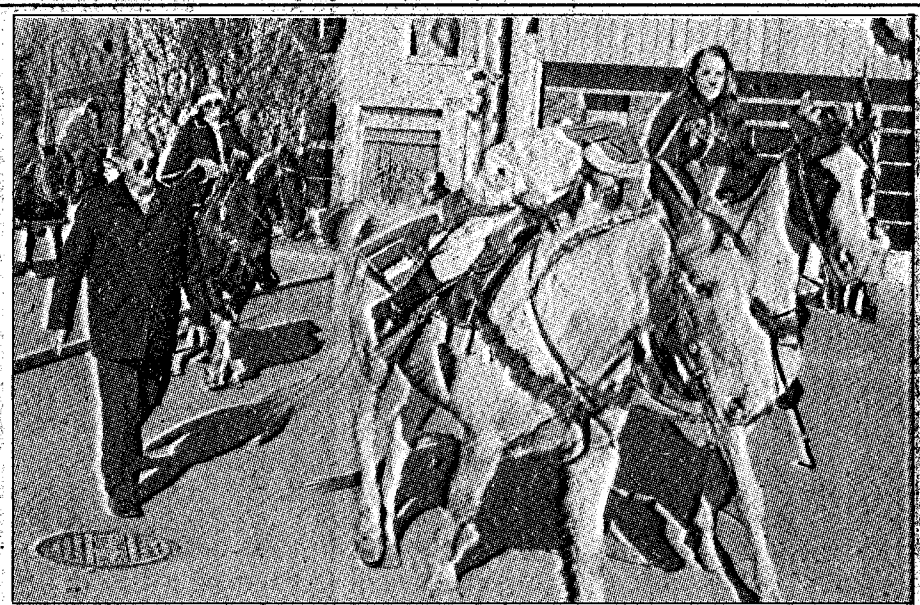
Scenes from the 2015 Brodhead Christmas Parade



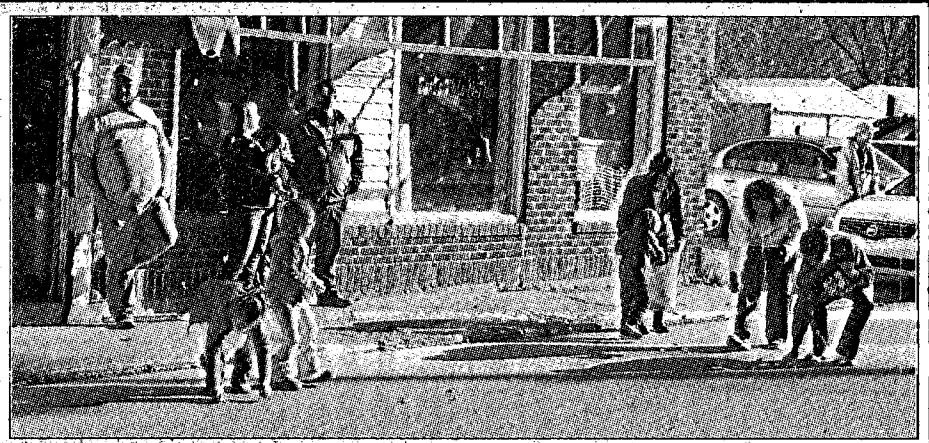
The Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department used their antique fire truck to carry Santa (John Holbrook) in the Christmas Parade held recently. Santa visited with many children at the fire station after the parade.



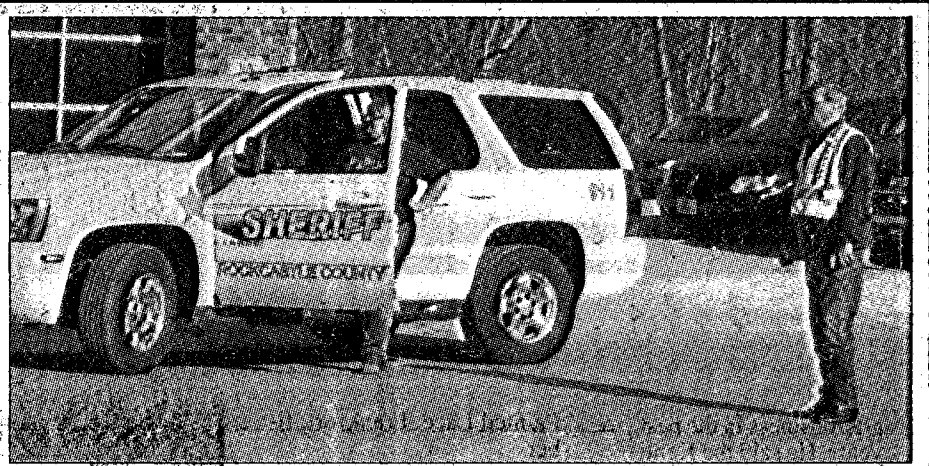
Members of the Crossroads Assembly of God rode their float in the Brodhead Christmas Parade last week.



County Judge-Executive Doug Bishop is shown, with his daughter, Julie, and granddaughters, Sydney and Gracie, as they rode horses through the streets of Brodhead during the recent Christmas Parade.



Children and adults lined Main Street in Brodhead and gathered candy tossed to the sidewalk by parade participants.



Rockcastle County Sheriff Mike Peters closed off the streets for the Christmas Parade.

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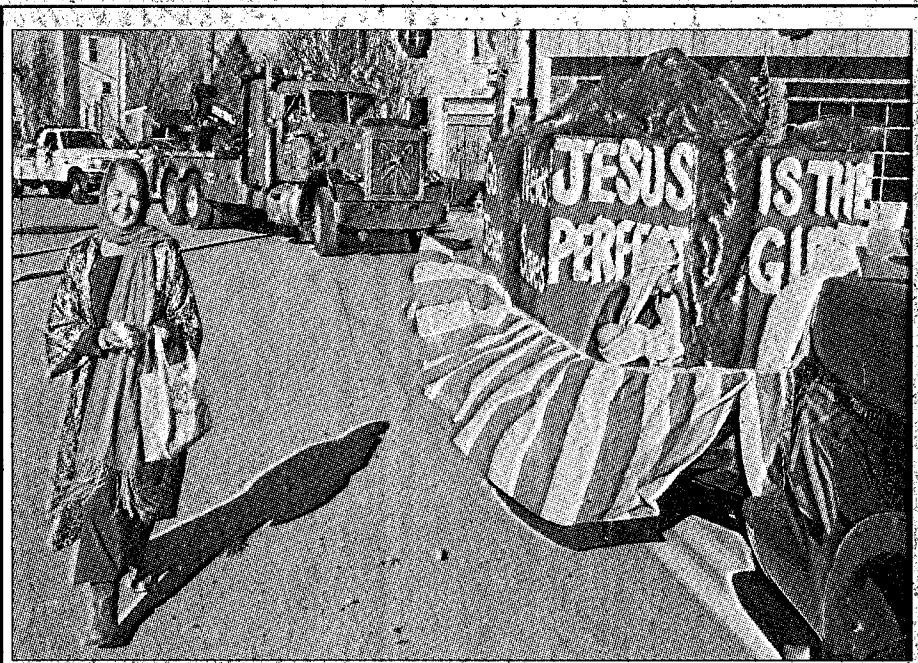
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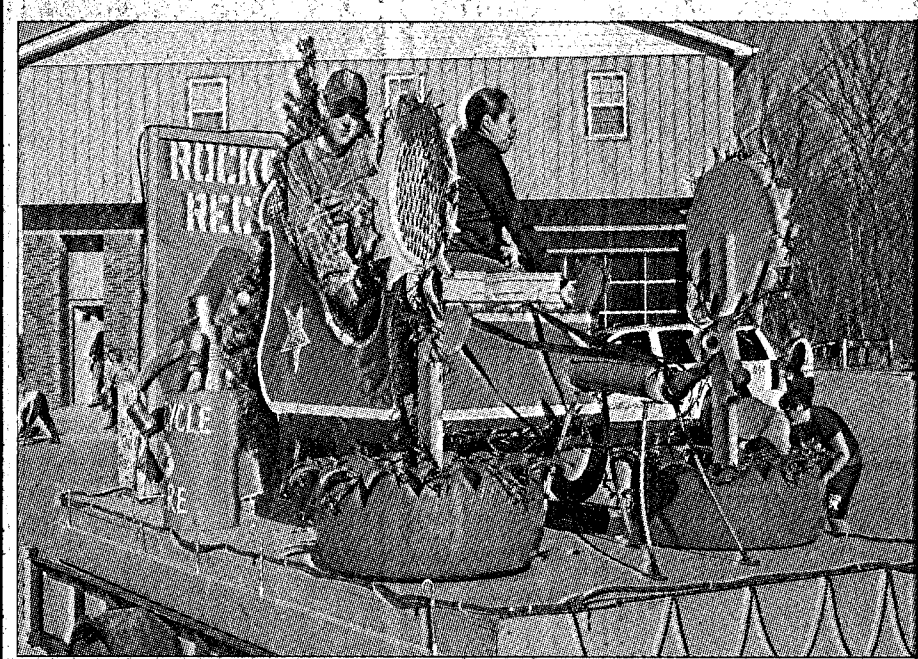
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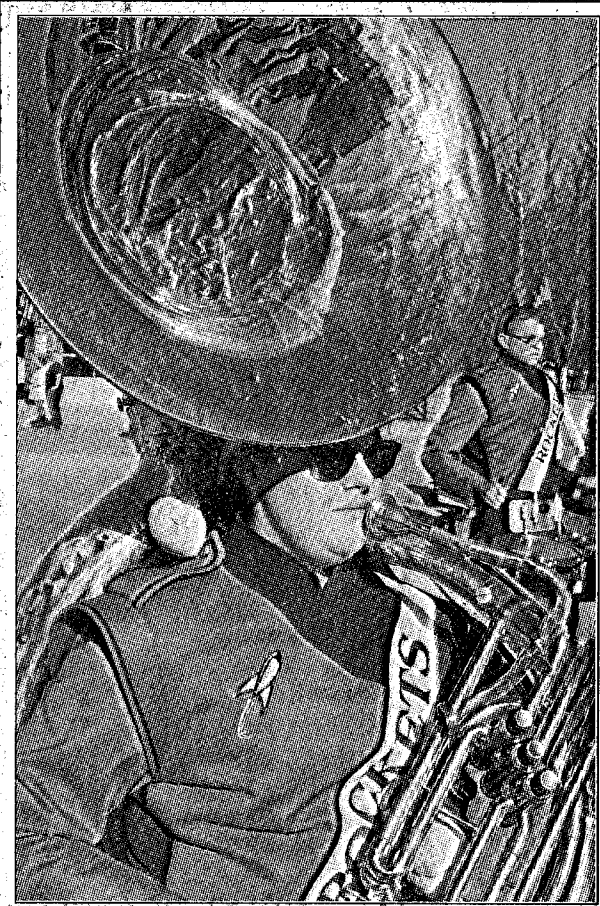
*More photos of the
2015
Brodhead Parade.*



Katheryn Pope walks beside the float, "Jesus is the Perfect Gift," sponsored by the Community Mission Team of the Rockcastle Association of Kentucky Baptists. Pope handed out candy to those who lined the streets of Brodhead during the parade.



Jalon Stewart and Zoey Holland passed out candy from the Rockcastle Recycling Center's float during the Brodhead Christmas Parade.



Abigail Fletcher played the Sousaphone during the Brodhead Christmas Parade. Percussionist Ryan Martin is seen in the background.



Members of the RCHS JROTC unit carried flags down Main Street during the Brodhead Christmas Parade last week. Pictured from left: Eli Rose, Victoria Barron, Dakota Frederick and Samantha Douglas.

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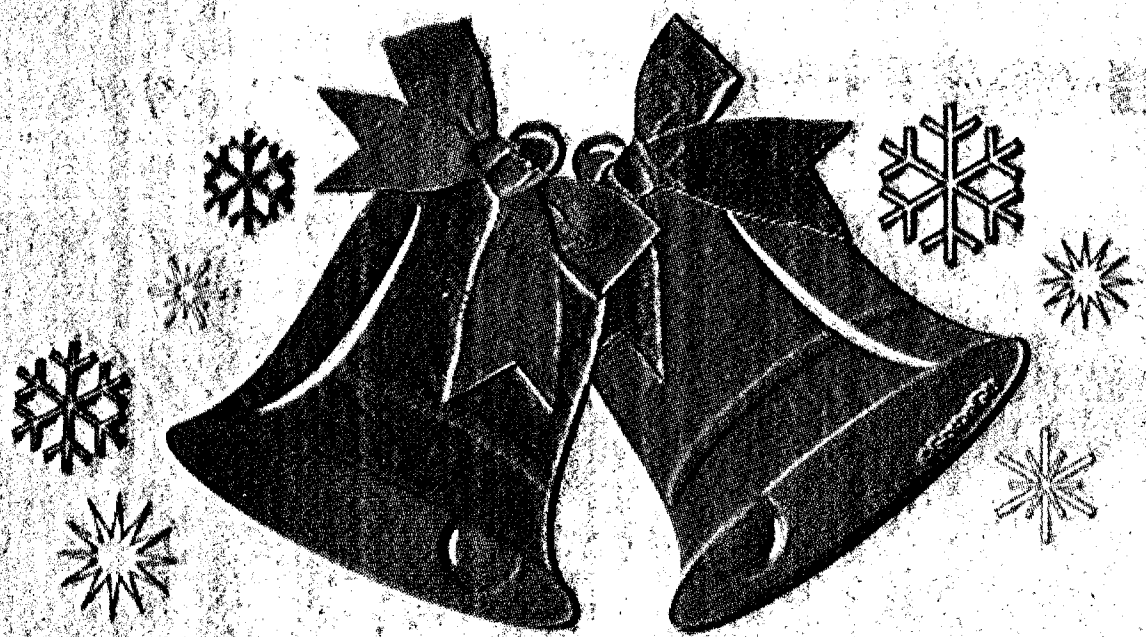
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May the spirit fill your hearts this Christmas.



From left: Danetta Ford Allen, Janet Blevins, Amy Mink, Tina Gibbs, Anita Moore, Becky Mays and Sonya McGuire.

County Clerk's Office Closed December 24th - 26th and December 31st - January 2nd
December 31st is last day to change party affiliation and be eligible for vote in the 2016 Primary Election.



David Thompson, of David's Tire Center, brought his mules and wagon to the Brodhead Christmas Parade. Riding along were his granddaughters.



State Representative Jonathan Shell drove his family and Justin Poynter in the Brodhead Christmas Parade.



The Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department displayed one of its fire trucks during the Christmas Parade. Local fire departments from across the county participated in the parade.



Brownie Troop #2986 marched down Main Street in Brodhead as part of the annual Christmas Parade.



Harold Taylor showed his classic Chevrolet, as did many other classic car owners, during the Brodhead Christmas Parade.



Cecil and Judy King drove their classic Thunderbird in the Brodhead Christmas Parade. There were several classic cars involved in the event.

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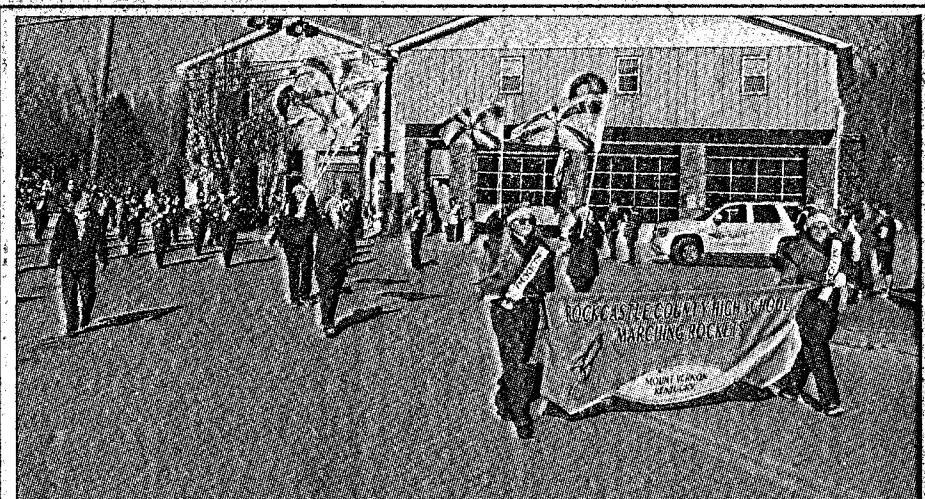
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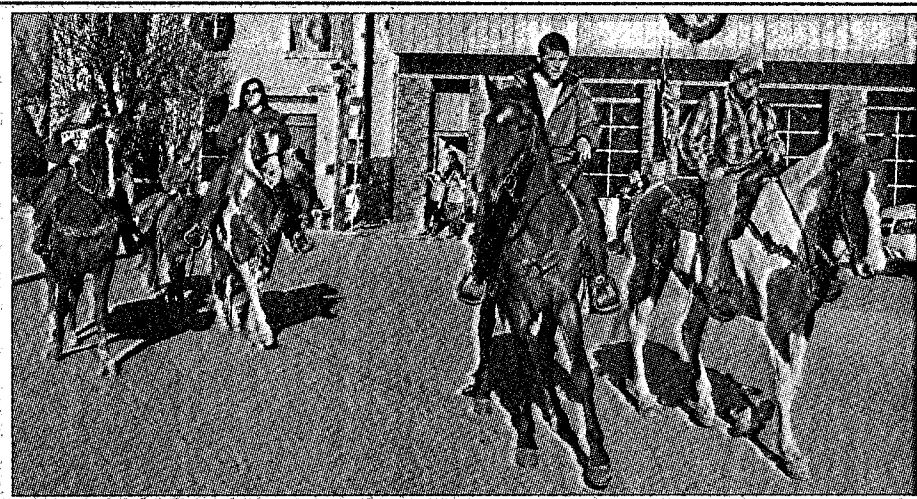


Front row from left: magistrate Gary Burdette, magistrate Bill McKinney, Court Clerk Patricia Martin and Vicky Miller.
Back row from left: magistrate Shannon Bishop, magistrate Mike McGuire, magistrate William Denny,
County Judge-Executive Doug Bishop, County Attorney Billy Reynolds and County Treasurer Joe Clontz.

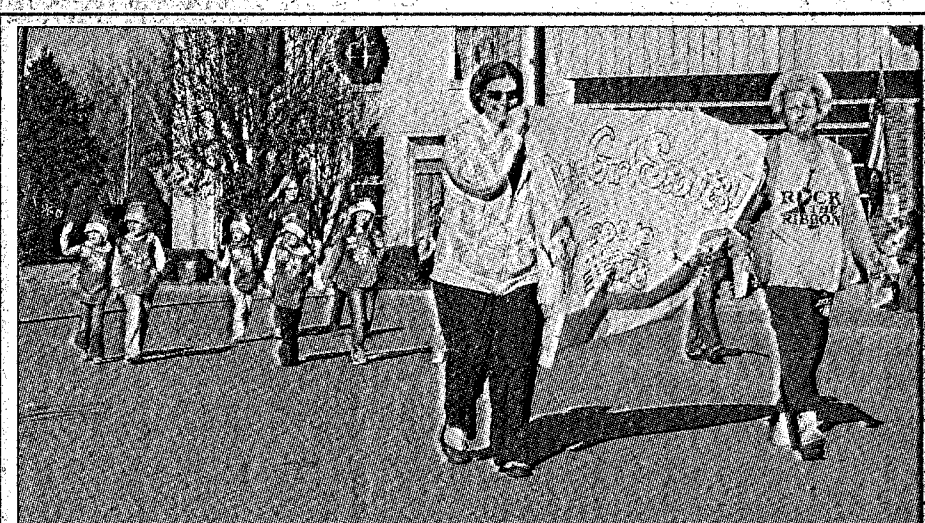
More photos from the 2015 Brodhead Parade



Miranda Brown and Dante Robinson carried the banner for the Rockcastle County High School Marching Rockets during the annual Brodhead Christmas Parade on Main Street. Onlookers cheered after each performance by the students as they marched.



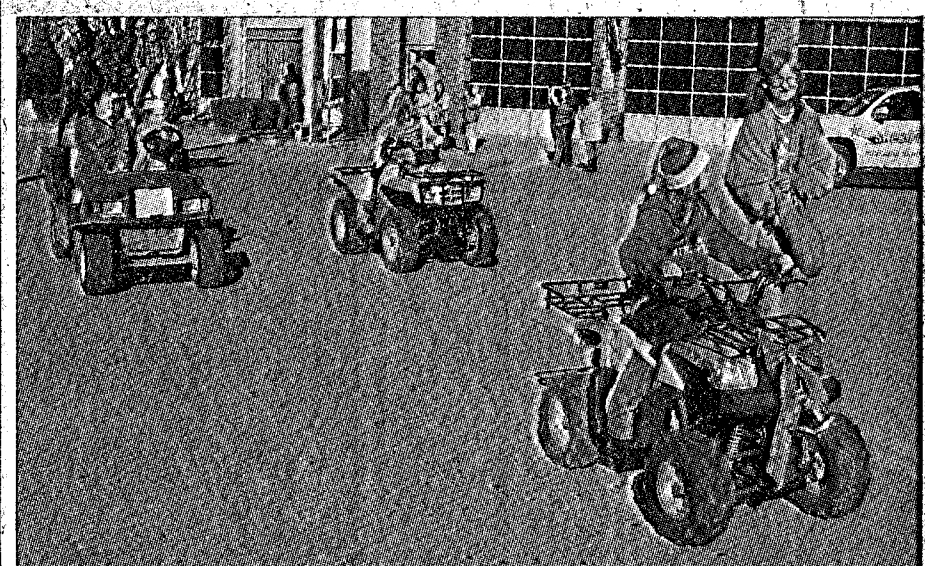
Kayla, Jacob and Konnor Leger and Nick and Roy McCollum rode their horses in the recent Brodhead Christmas Parade.



Samantha Robbins and Shanda Hayes carried the banner for the Brodhead Daisy Girl Scouts. The girls joined others in tossing candy to those lining the sidewalks of Brodhead.



The U. S. Army local JROTC displayed flags during the Brodhead Christmas parade.



Many four-wheelers and dirt bikes were on display during the Brodhead Christmas Parade.

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Front row from left: Eli Haddix, Stephanie Allen, Sam Alcorn and Sandra Hamm.
Back row from left: Marcia Olinger, Brenda Miller, Joyce Allen, Brittney Mullins, Kim Denny, Eliza Jane York and Renita Blanton.

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SCC and Lindsey Wilson partner for online degree

Students in the Visual Communication Program at Somerset Community College (SCC) now have a new direct path to a bachelor's degree from Lindsey Wilson College.

SCC students who earn an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree through the Visual Communication program can receive advanced placement in Lindsey Wilson College's online User Experience (UX) Design bachelor degree program. The partnership allows students to complete the entire associate to bachelor's pathway through online courses.

"Several of our SCC Visual Communication graduates have continued their education at four year insti-

tutions," said Stuart Simpson, Visual Communication program coordinator. "What makes this partnership special is that, in most cases, Lindsey Wilson College will honor all student credits earned at SCC."

Lindsey Wilson College is a four-year liberal-arts college affiliated with the Kentucky Conference of The United Methodist Church. The college is located in Columbia, Ky., about 20 miles from Lake Cumberland in South Central Kentucky.

According to Dr. Dennis Robinson, director of online education at Lindsey Wilson College, "We are very excited to work with Somerset Community Col-

lege to provide their students with a bachelor's degree in User Experience Design. This degree is unique in our region and will prepare students for a career field that is in demand here at home and around the world."

All classes for the associate degree and bachelor degree are available completely online.

SCC's program offers students a full-range of technical classes with a focus on hands-on training. Instruction is provided in digital design and the computer software used for desktop publishing, illustration and digital photography.

"Since going online a few years ago, we've seen a steady increase in the number of students realizing the need and taking Visual Communication classes," Simpson said. "We believe even more students will be attracted to SCC's program as the result of this unique pathway to a bachelor's degree."

Even though all classes are online, Simpson said that the program promotes a personal touch.

"Our faculty make it a point to be available to our online students and offer personalized instruction through emails, individualized videos and discussion boards," he said. "Associate Professor Cindy Burton, of Somerset, our lead instructor, and Greg Kitzmiller, adjunct instructor from London, go above and beyond to make each student's experience a success."

According to Lindsey Wilson College's website, "User Experience (UX) Design is one of the fastest growing and most exciting segments in the interactive industry. UX professionals are in higher demand than ever as this field touches everything that humans interact with from medical devices to video games to jet cockpits. With the continued expansion of technology such as wearables, holographic interfaces, and the Internet of things, the demand for UX professionals will continue to grow in the foreseeable future."

To take advantage of the UX-BA degree at Lindsey Wilson College, contact: Sandy Moore at moores@lindsey.edu.

Students interested in SCC's Visual Communication program should contact Simpson at stuart.simpson@kctcs.edu or Burton at cindy.burton@kctcs.edu.

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10 tips for safe decorating during the holidays

As the heart of the holiday season approaches, many will be decorating their homes and businesses inside and out. With countless options at our fingertips, it's easy to forget safety is even more important than style when it comes to adorning our spaces. In the spirit of keeping everyone's holidays safe, Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company offer the following tips:

Decorating outdoors

- Hang decorations and holiday lights during daylight hours when it's easier to see power lines and avoid them with your ladder.

- Always carry ladders parallel to the ground and look up for power lines before positioning your ladder.

- Make sure trees have not grown too close to a power line before stringing lights.

- All outdoor cords, plugs and sockets must be weath-

erproof.

Decorating indoors

- Throw out any damaged lights strands. Older strands can be replaced with LED light strands which are safe to the touch and shatterproof. Be sure to check wall sockets, wires and any loose connections.

- Use no more than three standard-size sets of lights per single extension cord.

- Avoid running electrical extension cords under rugs or high traffic areas.

- Unplug holiday lights before leaving home or going to bed.

- Place holiday trees, candles and decorations at least three feet from fireplaces, portable heaters, radiators, heat vents and candles.

- Purchase flame retardant metallic or artificial trees. Make sure real trees have fresh, green needles that aren't easily broken and get plenty of water daily.

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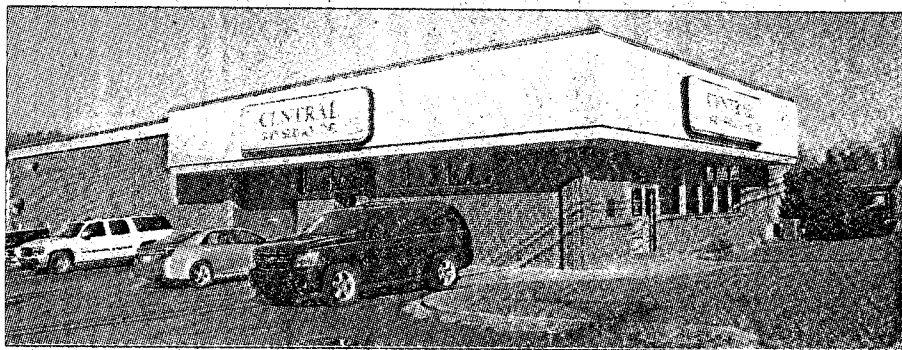
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The RCHS Key Club held a food drive recently for "Ashlee's House Homeless Shelter" and donated a large amount of canned goods and staples for the families living there. We would like to thank all these amazing students and their Key Club Faculty Advisor Kayla Bryant, shown far left. The Key Club is a great asset to the community and we are so grateful for their kindness and generosity especially at this time of year when so many families are in need. Members on hand for the presentation were from right: Cameron Brown, Caleb Ballinger, Emily Deubel and Caroline Cogner.

For upcoming 2016 Session

Bill to protect teachers from frivolous lawsuits

Representative Stan Lee, R-Lexington (45th District), is sponsoring a bill in the upcoming 2016 Session of the General Assembly that if passed would protect teachers in Kentucky's 174 school districts from frivolous lawsuits involving their supervision, care, and discipline of students done in good faith.

"It seems more and more teachers and school administrators have been stripped of their ability to keep order within their classrooms and hallways, leading in some cases to rebellion and anarchy among students with discipline problems," said Rep. Lee. "Compounding the problem is the constant threat of lawsuits, which has further destroyed the ability of teachers to maintain discipline in the classroom. It is my belief that has in turn led to a rise in the number of teachers and staff being threatened or as-

saulted by students in both Kentucky and the nation."

According to statistics provided by the Kentucky Department of Education, there were 1,977 reports incidents involving threats against local teachers and administrators. That number is an increase of nearly 400 reports compared to just two years ago, which 1,600 complaints were reported during the 2012-13 school year.

Nationally teachers have seen an increase in the number of threats and assaults at school. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, during the 2011-12 school year eight percent of all teachers reported being physically assaulted, which was higher than any other year. The same report found nine percent of all teachers in the U.S. had been verbally threatened, the highest number recorded since the 1993-94 school year. Rep.

Lee says he filed the bill after a certified employee within the local school district, who told how she had been assaulted twice and now suffers from an ongoing concussion, contacted him urging the General Assembly to take some action.

"We have to allow teachers and staff the ability to defend themselves and bring order back to our schools. One way we can do that is let our educators take action that is appropriate without fear of reprisal in civil court," added Rep. Lee. "My bill simply does one thing: it exempts teachers and administrators like principals from personal liability for damages done in the act of supervision, care, or discipline of students as long as it undertaken in good faith, involves the exercise of discretion and judgement, and is done within the scope of their employment or authority."

This holiday season

Five things to know about family hunger

With the holiday season upon us, many of us are reflecting on how we can share our blessings with our less fortunate neighbors. Hunger in Kentucky isn't seasonal—it's a year-round issue. There are 700,000 people, including more than 200,000 children, in our state who struggle with hunger.

When you set the table for your holiday celebration this season, the Kentucky Association of Food Banks wants you to know FIVE things about hunger in Kentucky:

1. While many are spending the extra money for a traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings, 91 percent of food bank client households in Kentucky report purchasing the cheapest food available, even if they knew it wasn't the healthiest option, in an effort to provide enough food for their household.

2. When you string up your holiday lights, remember that 67 percent of the households we serve report choosing between paying for utilities and paying for food in the past year, with 32 percent reporting making this choice every month.

3. Hunger affects people of all ages. Our members provide food assistance to more than 600,000 people annually, including 170,000 children and 120,000 seniors.

4. While the holidays mean no school days for kids, it can also mean empty stomachs for many. Nearly all Kentucky's food bank client households with

school-aged children (94 percent) receive free or reduced-price school lunch through the National School Lunch Program.

5. Families facing hunger are at risk for a multitude of health problems, including nutrition-related diseases. For instance, 65 percent of our client households have at least one member who suffers from high blood pressure. Also, 41 percent of households have someone who struggles with diabetes.

A little can go a long way, and a simple gesture can help provide struggling families with much-needed food and an extra reason to be thankful. Each \$1 donation to the Kentucky Association of Food Banks helps provide fresh Kentucky-grown fruits and vegetables for 7 meals to people in need through our Farms to Food Banks program.

During this season of giving thanks, we'd like to share how grateful we are for the state appropriation from the Kentucky General Assembly for the Farms to Food Banks program. To date the \$1.2 million in the current state budget, combined with support from private funders such as Farm Credit Mid-America and the Lift a Life Foundation, has allowed us to distribute over 5 million pounds of Kentucky-grown fruits and vegetables to struggling Kentuckians in all 120 counties. Over 400 Kentucky farmers have benefited from a new

market for their Number 2-grade produce.

The program is an example of an effective public-private partnership with measurable impact, and we are thrilled to have strong support from both sides of the aisle in Frankfort. Kentucky Senate President Robert Stivers, House Speaker Stumbo, House Appropriations and Revenue Committee Chairman Rick Rand, Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Paul Hornback, House Agriculture Committee Chairman Tom McKee, and House Education Chairman Derrick Graham all played a key role in seeing the funding included in the current state budget.

Individuals, charities, businesses and government all have a role in ending hunger. Donate. Volunteer. Advocate. Educate. Together we can solve hunger. Visit kyfoodbanks.org to find out how to help this holiday season and throughout the year.

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Pictured from left: Rick Brummett, Dale McNew, Brandon McIntosh, Connie Bullen, Michael Brummett, Shannon Franklin, Bill Barrett and Sheriff Mike Peters.

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MVES first graders write Santa Letters

Mrs. Kaci Brown's 1st Grade (Edited)
 Dear Santa, How have you been? Will you please bring me a X Box One, a phone, and a toy reindeer. You can come down my chimney, Love, Reese

Dear Santa, Have the elves made new toys? I would like a new sleigh. I have been pretty good this year, Love, Dakota

Dear Santa, Have the elves been busy? Will you please bring me a Rudolph and a sleigh? I also want a girl swing. I have been good this year, Love, Dixie

Dear Santa, I can't wait till Christmas! Will you please bring me Minecraft toys, stuffed animals, and legos. I hope you have a good trip, Love, Jacob

Dear Santa, How are your reindeer? Will you please bring me a doll, legos, and a stroller. You can come down the chimney at my house, Love, Alexis

Dear Santa, How have you been? Will you please bring me a movie, a 3 DS game, and a Star Wars toy. I hope you have a good trip, Love, Garrett

Dear Santa, How are your reindeer? Will you please bring me an iPad, a little toy fire truck, and two little firefighters. I hope you have a safe trip, Love, Andrew

Dear Santa, I have been a good girl this year. Will you please bring me a hat, a tablet, and a ball. I will leave you a present, Love, Amore

Dear Santa, Have the elves been busy? Will you please bring me a skateboard, a Xbox 360, and a toy truck. I will leave you a surprise, Love, TaeShawn

Dear Santa, How are your reindeer? Will you please bring me survival gear, Xbox One game, and Fallout 4. Use the garage door when you come to my house, Love, Samuel

Dear Santa, I have always wondered if you have kids. Will you please bring me a Xbox One, a new controller, and a new Under Armour hoodie, Love, Dawson

Dear Santa, How have you been? Will you please bring me a bow, some arrows, and a train set. I will leave you a surprise, Love, Jackson

Dear Santa, Have the elves been busy? Will you please bring me a phone, a tablet, and a baby doll. I hope you have a good trip, Love, Marley

Dear Santa, I have always wondered how your sleigh flies. Will you please bring me a lego ninejogo game, a phone, and a lego Star Wars set. You can come in my front door, Love, Jordan

Dear Santa, Have the elves been busy? Will you please bring me a tablet, a phone, and a toy robot. I hope you have a safe trip, Love, Cameron

Dear Santa, I have always wondered if you have kids. Will you please bring me a Minecraft bat toy, a Minecraft Xbox 360, and a Santa toy. I do not have a chimney so you can use my front door, Love, Caleb

Dear Santa, I have been a good boy this year. Will you please bring me a tablet, an iPad, and a phone. I will leave you a surprise, Love, Hunter

Dear Santa, How have you been? Will you please bring me a toy giraffe, nail polish, and a descendent movie. I hope you have a good trip, Love, Madison

Dear Santa, I have always wondered if you have kids. Will you please bring me a descendent doll, a tablet, and a baby doll. I do not

have a chimney so you can use the front door. Love, Miley

Mrs. Paula Davis' 1st Grade
 Dear Santa, I have ben good eavrea day and eavea nit and year so. wood you pulez brang me a air hoog, the noowon. So pleaz pleaz. The chno of all thd; dumensnns plez. Love, Dilan

Dear Santa, I have bin good and I obay the yechre and I obay the prisubl and I wot a sopr chrample, Love, Sydney

Dear Santa, I want a Lego Nihjog master of spinjw. The set I want is cool. It has cole and anuccidrewryer. I have ben good but Anne has ben bad, Love, Bennett

Dear Santa, How are your randertoday. I have ben very good and how aryoutoday. I want a toy dog and a toy cat for crimis and I want a toy haose for crimis, Love, Shelby

Dear Santa, I hav bin god this yer. Wut I want for crimis is a amiercidall that loocsnica like me haool doow you sogale, I love you santa, Love, Autumn

Dear Santa, I hav ben good at schoole some timis but I havben good at home a lots of times. Whot I whot for cremis I whot a rnot cuntoc motasicle, Love, James

Dear Santa, I have Ben good. I hop That mThortglows today. I wunt a giawtik, Love, AuBree

Dear Santa, I hope that boys and girs u cross the wold and sees you aet goieg to gev them presens. Gev the girs a DS gev the boy veteogames. I wot ot like ent-leg, Love, Kaylee

Dear Santa, I am good each kresme. I wat a set of Legos and a bike and a toy trlk, Love, Javen

Dear Santa, How ar you this crimis. Ar upi rety to deliver the presins to the boys and gres? What I woot for crimis is a zoomer chop Leng, Love, Landyri

Dear Santa, I wish you a mare crimis and hawl is micles. I link romdofs red nos becos it lis emp lick a libol. I wunt a ifl on the shif for krmismis, Love, Kelsey

Dear Santa, Hi santa hail aryyou doing. I have ben good I woit oen toy and closs womm and I wot and Eace and onein, Love, Palin

Dear Santa, I hop that I have bin good a nuf for a stuffbar to slep with. Love, Harley

Dear Santa, I have bin good at shool. I wut a ball pleseat the house. Can you brig my bruther something for my bruther, a toy. Can you Love, Jace

Dear Santa, Have I been a good boy? I want a bulo bik and ran bos, Love, Colson

Dear Santa, I have ben vere good and I whant a sillacone baby whith ecchra clowse and a baby ceterra, Love, Marley

Dear Santa, I have ben good. Will you brag me a bldozr? Love, Micky

Dear Santa, I help mie mom. I wat a gloin stik bike and micky mas, Love, Nathaniel

Dear Santa, How is yra raindeer. For crimis I wot a tres. I bin good. I obaed the tchr at skool, Love, Teyton

Mrs. Jamie Bryant's 1st Grade
 Dear Santa, How are you? I have been good a lot. You should know that I have bin triengt to be good. I hope you bring me lost of presnts, Love, Blake

Dear Santa, How are your elfs? I have been grate ollmy life. You should know I want a bild a ber for Crismas. I

been good for 3 days a bad somtimis. You should know I want 3 canyances. I hope that nobody gets rocks in there stoceng, Love, Maddy

Dear Santa, How is Froste? I have been good today. You should know to gev me som prasents. I hope I get a Mashen gan, Love, Jackson

Dear Santa, How is Rudolf? I have been good this year. You should know I lost my toof. I hope I get orby crush for Cresmes, Love, Avery

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I have been good and bad all year. You should know I want a Elsasice pales. I hope you have a Merry Crimas, Love, Kinsley

Dear Santa, How is Rudof? I have been bad sometimes. You should know what I wont for Crasmas! I hope you are feeling good, Love, Cole

Dear Santa, How are you Santa? I have been food for a month.

You should know I wat a prasis. I hope you have been good Santa, Love, Sam

Dear Santa, How are you Santa? I have been good some. You should know my presnts. I hope your slay is shiny, Love, Emma

Dear Santa, How is Rudolf? I have been good for a wek. You should know I wont a nrf gun for Crismis. I hope you eat a lot of cukees, Love, Davin

Dear Santa, How are you? I have been good a lot. You should know I wonta good day. I hope you have a good Crimiss, Love, Hayden

Dear Santa, How are you today? I hope you are ok. I have been bad some timesor maybe all day. You should know I wonta dag and a cat! I hope you feel good on Crimis, Love, Ashlynn

Dear Santa, How you Santa? I have been good a lot. You should know I wont everthing and a unukorn! I hope I get a unukorn, Love, Jaden

Dear Santa, How are the randeor? I have been good sum tim. You should know I went a toy rascar. I hope you have a fun time, Love, Braxton

Dear Santa, How are the randiry? I have been good. You should know that Ethan dont belevin you. I hope the randdirs don't get sik and canetfly, Love, Makyala

Dear Santa, How are the raindir? I have been good, well I was bad oneis. You should know I like Raindir. I hope you give me a 4-weeler, Love, Lucas

Mrs. Kristy's First Grade
 Dear Santa, I wude like a frozen dol for crimis I have ben notey and nise and for crismis I wute a toey dol, love Makayla

(Cont. to D8)


Christmas Greetings

Many thanks to our customers and friends this holiday season



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"Letters"

(Cont. from D7)

Dear Santa,
I want a toy car and a toy truck and I want a pet gofich. fome Christian

Dear Santa,
I wut a toe truc. Kason

Dear Santa,
I wot a hol hoop and a toking rpnsof and a slepeg budey. Love, Harley HoHoHo

Dear Santa,
I wut a onu brbe. I wut a frozen brbe. I wut a brbe car. Precious

Dire Satu,
I will like sume cukes and a elf on the shaf. I ben good and bad, Your frinb Eli

Dear Santa,
I have ben good thesyear. All I want for a zomer kity. Your frind, Breonna

Dear Santa,
For crismasI would like you to get me some of these things. Snap game, pie in the face game, spy gear, and nerf guns and bows. Love, Wyatt

Dear Santu,
How are you my name is Kenzie. What I wont for crismis is a rlow from the gud dinr and an ipod and a bisicl with banuna hadbars. Your frind Kenzie

Dear santa,
What I want for Christmas is the legoJurassic world. I want a toy rocket fishing rod and a animal book Love Ryan

Dear Satu,
I like stuf amnols. Iv bin nis. I will leev u cukes. I wuld like legos and a bebe gun. Your frid, Owen

Dear Santa
This year I would like a real puppy. And I want a new book and I want a dress that has UK on it. Your Friend, Abby

Dear St. Nick,
I have been nice this year. I want a tmnt Lego set and a gocart. I will leve carrot for the raindeer and I will leve cokesand milk for you. Love Colton

Dear Santa,
I want a bebegun I want trashes I want a football. I want nifs I want stuf enumil I want a grabr Yay frind Cal

Dear Santa,
I have Bin noty. But I will be ever good the rest of the yer. I went a baskastball and I went a hors. Your frind Nicholas

Dear santa,
I want some my littilpones. I have been good. I want a horos. Love Tessa

Dear satu,
I wot for crismus is a rilpone. I have bin nise. I hope. I wot for crismusis a bow n ear. I am gon to leve you some cuces and I am gon to leve you ceris. Love, Carlelgh

Der sntu
I bin nis I wud lk a frozn dol and a elf on th shf for crimas Kyera

Dr Sta
I wd lk a jet and a rokt.

Nathan
Der Santu
I wont a tablit and ipod for crismus. Jayden

Mrs. Kathy's First Grade (Edited)

Dear Santa,
How is your weekend going so far? Me and my sister have been fighting a little this year. I have been good most of the time. I want a real kitten for Christmas. I have been wanting one for all my life. I will take good care of my kitten. I will name her Sweet Pea. Santa, I think you are the best! Love, Nevaeh

Dear Santa,
Are your reindeers laughing about Rudolph? But is Rudolph the red nosed reindeer? I have been good ALL year long. I want a dirt bike. They are fun! I also want a tractor so I can farm. I need a watch so I can tell time. Say hello to Mrs. Clause! Love, Ethan

Dear Santa Clause,
How is Mrs. Clause and the reindeer? How is Rudolph and how are the elves? Well I have been a little good this year. I would like every Ninjagotset. I can keep getting the Legos for my brothers Ninjagotruck. I also want lots of Nerf guns. I will leave you fifteen cookies. Love, Canaan

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph doing? I have been good at school, but I might be mean at home. I want my own tablet charger for Christmas. I have to keep on using my moms and she has to use it for her phone. I need some new clothes. I hope you have a safe trip. Love, Autumn

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? I have been good at home all year. I want an American Girl Doll. I want the one named Grace because my middle name is Grace. I also want a clip board with paper in side of it. My mom has one and I want one like hers. I hope you don't fall off the sled! Love, Sidney

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would love if you would buy me some play-dohand if you don't mind to buy me a Baby Alive Doll. If you have trouble then this is the title of the Baby Alive. The title is SnackinSarah. I would also like a newborn doll. I have been good most of the time at home. At school I have been awesome! I promise because I go to 2nd grade every day almost. I also want to get a laptop and a new tablet because my tablet is messing up and some Shopkins and anElf on a Shelf. Thank you! I still believe in you Santa. Love, Kelsie

Dear Santa,
Are the reindeer doing alright? I have been very good for the whole entire year! I would like an American Girl doll for Christmas. I would also like a keyboard piano. I know how to play Mary Had a Little Lamb. I will leave you some milk and cookies. Love, Gracie

Dear Santa,
Are the reindeer good? I have been good to my Dad. I play with my brother on the computer. We get along most of the time. I want a bowling ball for Christmas. I already have cans for it. I also want a toy gun that makes noises. I will leave milk and cookies for you. Have a safe trip. Love, Jackson

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? I am good all the time. I want an I-Phone for Christmas. I also want a monster truck. I will leave you some cookies. Love, Craig

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? I am good all the time. I want a purse like moms for Christmas. It's gray with black spots but they are not all like together. I also want a new TV in my room and gold Justice Sandals. I will leave you some cookies. I love you. Santa. Love, KateAnn

Dear Santa,
Are you doing OK? I have been good this year. I would like a gun that makes noises. I would also like a Minion Freeze Ray that isn't real. I saw it on the movie. Don't fall out of the sleigh! Love, Levi

Dear Santa,
Is it cold in the North Pole? I have been bad at home but I have been good at school. I want a Flash costume for Christmas so I can play Flash. I would also like an Ipod. I play on my cousins but I need my own. And I want a dirt bike with training wheels and a helmet. Have a safe trip! Love, Myles

Dear Santa,
How are you? I have been kind of good this year. I really want a puppy for Christmas! I want a brown Chihuahua so I can play with it. I will feed it, giveit water, and a good home. Have a good year. Love, Landon

Dear Santa,
How is your reindeer? I have been good at school and home. I want 2 lion puppets like Mrs. Kathy's. I also want a globe to see where the countryis. I want a Magic Meatballsgame. I will leave milk and cookies for you. Love, Preston

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph at the North Pole? I have been good this year. I want pink tennis shoes so I can wear them to school. I also want

a blue purse so I can take it to school. I will leave some cookies and puzzles for you. Love, Addison

Dear Santa,
I have been good until me and my brother fight. I want a Zoomer Kitty to play with for Christmas. I also want a Raquel Barbie. She doesn't like Barbie. Say hi to Mrs. Clause. Love, Shelby

Dear Santa,
Is it cold at the North Pole? I have been good at home. I like to work. I want a dirt bike and a 4 wheeler for Christmas. I want to ride them on my farm. I know how to ride. I also want a push mower so I can mow and a Christmas tree to put in my playhouse. Have a safe trip. Love, Karson

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? I have been good this year. I'm sorry I screamed at mamaw. I want a toy unicorn named Star Lily. Her horn changes color! I also want a J.J. My Jumping Pug. He jumps up and makes noises when you pat his head. I want a pet goldfish. I will name her Goldy. Have a safe trip. Love, Lyndsay

Dear Santa,
Have you been busy this year? I have been good most of the time this year. I want an American Girl Doll

for Christmas. I want the one that has all the little dogs. I also want a LOT of stuffed bears. I put them all on my bed. I would like

Hello Kitty sheets for my bunk bed and a new pink backpack for school. I will leave you some cookies. Bye Santa. Love, Breann



As another year comes to a close, we want to let you know how very much we enjoyed serving you, and wish you all a very joyous and wonderful holiday season.

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