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## Detention Center damaged after fire is set inside cell

By: Mike French

Rockcastle County first responders and the Kentucky State Police answered a call about a fire in the Rockcastle County Detention Center on Wednesday, December 23 at 3:24 a.m.

According to press releases from local agencies, and Rockcastle County Jailor Carlos McClure, inmate Justin Bishop, 24, of Berea, started a fire in cell number 127 after an argument with another inmate over a television.

102 inmates and four staff members were inside the facility when the fire started. According to reports, seven different fire departments responded to the call and extinguished the flame but 13 inmates and two staff members were taken to local hospitals and treated with non life threatening injuries.

"Right now Bishop is charged with arson in the first degree and 19 counts of wanton endangerment, first degree. But he will be lucky if he isn't eventually charged with 106 counts before it's over," said McClure. Bishop is charged with 19 counts because there were 17 inmates in his cell area, along with two staff members who entered the smoke-filled cell to help evacuate the prisoners.

According to McClure, Bishop originally started a

fire in a trash bin and it escalated from there. "After the trash can fire was extinguished, he (Bishop) took a milk crate full of paper and set it on fire and held it up to the ventilation system," said McClure. "This is what caused most of the damage to the facility and put the most people at risk."

In a television interview, Bishop told reporters that he did not set the fires and was sleeping when the fires broke out. He also told re-

(See "Fire" on A5)

## Fire to be expensive for county

By: Mike French

The fire, reportedly set by inmate Justin Bishop, 24 of Berea, at the Rockcastle County Detention Center on December 23, will cost the county a considerable amount of money, according to County Judge Executive Doug Bishop.

"This is a huge tragedy for the citizens of Rockcastle County," said Bishop. "It's a major expense and we have to pay it."

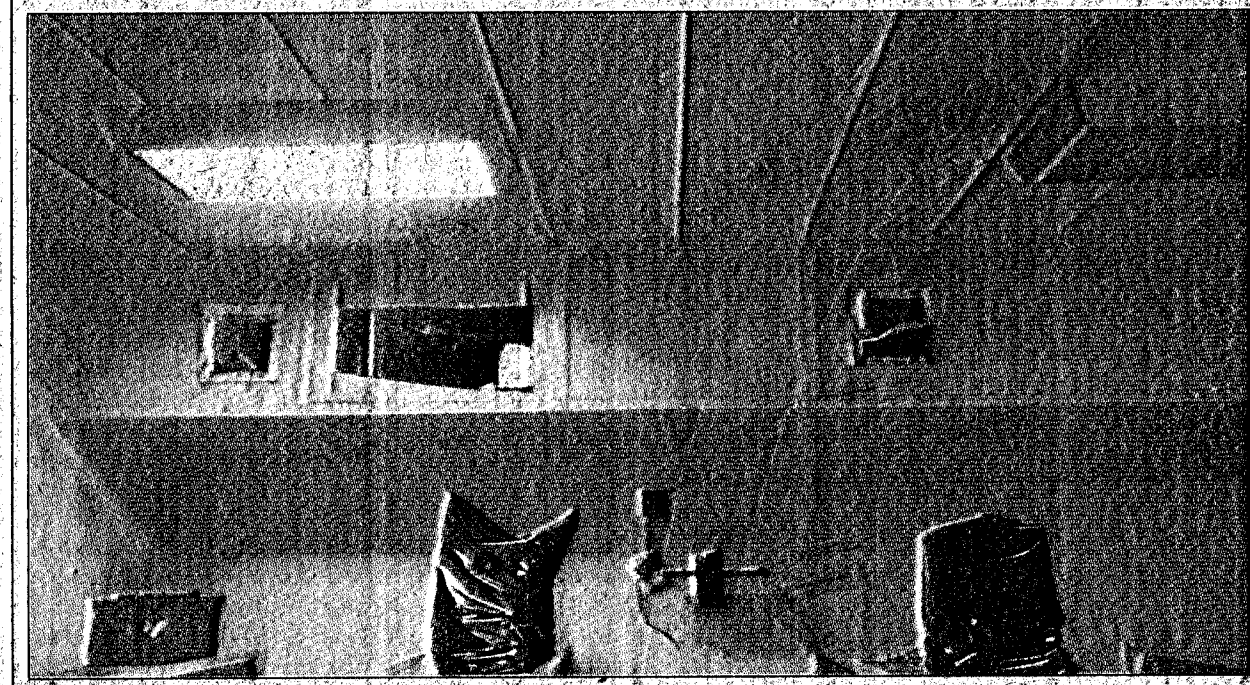
According to Bishop, the state reimburses the county for state inmates but the county is responsible for all county inmates. "County inmates are those we house that are awaiting a trial or were locally arrested and have 10 days or 90 days or 12 months. State inmates are transferred to us from the state," said Bishop.

According to Jailor Carlos McClure, there were 102 inmates in the detention center at the time of the fire and 38 of those were county inmates. "The cost to Rockcastle County for hous-

(See "Cost" on A5)



Fire departments from throughout the county responded to a fire in the Rockcastle County Detention Center on December 23rd around 3:00 a.m. First responders entered the building, from the Church Street side of the facility, to extinguish the fire that was allegedly set by an inmate. Reports say inmate Justin Bishop has been charged with Arson and 19 counts of Wanton Endangerment. Police think Bishop held a burning waste basket up to the air vent (shown below) causing the flames to enter the ductwork and cause damage throughout the air system. All 102 inmates were transferred to London from where they were dispersed to Lincoln County, Laurel County and Fayette County facilities.



## City holds first reading of nuisance ordinance

By: Mike French  
The Mount Vernon City Council held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 21.

The first item for discussion concerned the budget and council member Clifford Mullins asked about the new boat dock budget. City Administrator Josh Bray explained that portion of the budget to the council. "Everything is on

track. There were a few surprised and things that could not have been predicted in our first year. But, the budget is staying in line and the city is doing very well with the docks," he said.

Council member Jamie Bryant said she thinks the numbers are working out well. "It is not our goal to make a bunch of money here with these docks. The purpose is to provide a strong tourist attraction and a peaceful, safe place for our citizens while not losing money," she said.

Mayor Michael Bryant agreed. "We are waiting on people to discover by word of mouth that our dock is extremely competitive with retail stores such as Wal-Mart," said Mayor Bryant. "People will soon discover that we sell bait, fishing rods and reels and other fishing related goods and our prices are very reasonable."

Mayor Bryant explained that the dock provides good prices along with quick turn around. "People will soon realize that if there is something we don't have in stock, we can get it much quicker than most retail outlets. At least the next day and in many cases the same day," said Bray. "A lot of people expect equipment and material pricing at a dock to be high like at many other marinas, but our prices beat almost anyone out there."

Mayor Bryant told those present that money made from the docks will be used in the city. "We aren't trying to make lots of money out there. But any money we can make will simply help the city's budget. It all goes back to the city," he said. "We have been very

blessed with a positive response and things are going very well."

In other action, the council held the first reading of the new City Nuisance Ordinance and its companion ordinance concerning the enforcement of the nuisance ordinance.

Mayor Bryant explained

that concern over an exception in the ordinance has been misunderstood and City Attorney Bobby Amburgy said the exception is a specific one. "If it (a vehicle) is inoperative, the owner must have a recycling license, which is very complicated to get," said Amburgy. "A wrecking yard

or junk yard is legal within the city limits. But those people must have everything the state and KRS calls for."

The only other noticeable change in the ordinance requires members of the enforcement board to be either a property owner in Mount

(See "Nuisance" on A5)

## Second annual Give Hope Project deemed success by coordinators

The Spirit of Christmas was in the air the morning of Saturday, December 19, as well over 600 excited Rockcastle children, parents, grandparents and guardians filled the lunchroom and gym at Rockcastle Middle

School. The lessons shared had nothing to do with the three R's, but rather they were of love, of hope, of compassion and of giving. In fact, the name for this second annual project, is OPERATION GIVE HOPE, the

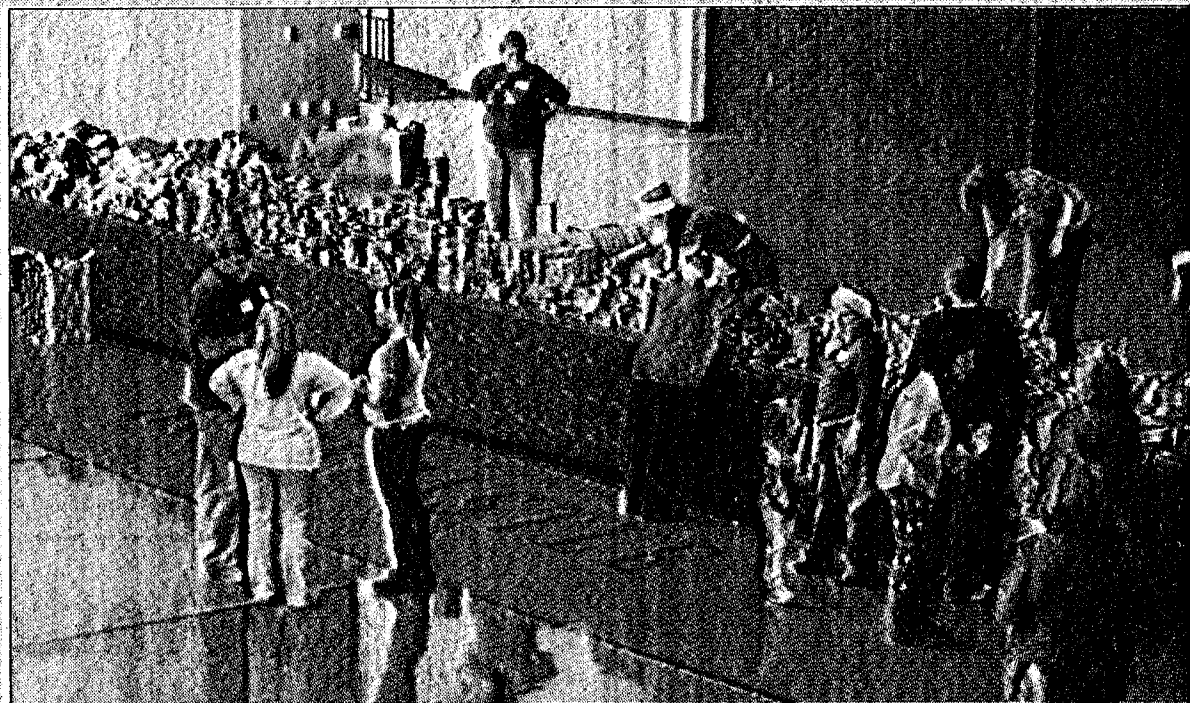
motto of which is: "A ministry of compassion to all the people of Rockcastle County."

After being treated to lunch, small groups of guests were ushered into the gymnasium where they heard a brief story of the

gospel from a Baptist minister and were each presented with a Bible donated by the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

First, children were guided to "The Toy Store" where the stage was piled

(See "HOPE" on A3)



Probably the most popular station for children, at the Operation Give Hope event on Saturday, December 19th at Rockcastle Middle School, was the Toy Station. Besides this part of the event, children, and family members, were given coats and backpacks with school supplies and snacks and treated to refreshments in the school's cafeteria.

### Counterfeit bills may appear in county

A counterfeit fifty dollar bill has surfaced in Rockcastle County, according to Sheriff Mike Peters.

The bill was taken to the Sheriff's office where it was determined to be fake currency.

According to Peters, the owner of the bill believes he was given the counterfeit cash in Stanford and no other counterfeit bills have been reported in Rockcastle County.

However, the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department asks all local residents to look closely at change they receive and keep an eye out for counterfeit bills.

"There have been no reports of counterfeit bills in the county yet, but if it is in Stanford, some of the bills will eventually make it to Rockcastle County," Peters said.

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## Aces Over

By Mike French



2015 is over and I have been in Mount Vernon now for about eight months. I can't begin to express how blessed I feel to be here. As dorky as it may sound, I believe that God provided this opportunity for me and placed me here.

The people I see every week are so kind to me and treat me like I have been here all my life. In a way, I have been. I'm from Berea and still live there (for the time being) but I was a performer at Renfro Valley for 12 years and have known the Anderkins for 25 years. So I have been in and around the city for many years.

In fact, the Mayor of this great city actually baptized me years ago.

Though I have traveled the world playing music all my life, I have also been involved in newspapers at the same time.

As a teen, I wore one of those old hats with a "press" pass stuck in the hatband. I have always wanted to work in the newspaper business and I was blessed to do so.

So, clearly, the newspaper life was my first love and when Perlina offered me this position (I'll call myself News Editor since it sounds important) I leaped at the opportunity.

The best thing about the job is that everyone here treats me with respect. Though I am "the new guy" here, each person seems to respect my opinion and asks my advice often. I'm not sure if they do that to make me feel better, but either way, it makes me feel like much more than just an employee. It is very satisfying to feel like you're part of the process. Respected, appreciated and depended upon.

I've never been a fan of being a single tooth in a cog. I much prefer the responsibility of being an entire cog in a series of cogs. Big fish/little pond type of metaphor.

Luckily for my peace of mind, we are all from the same school of journalism. We have that very similar opinion of public service combined with the business aspect of journalism.

Truth be told, even though it's our job to inform the public and utilize the First Amendment, unless we make a profit, we could not inform the public at all because we wouldn't be here.

The age-old argument in newspaper offices around the country has always

been, "Who pays for the publication? The news department or the advertising department?" I've been on both sides of that office argument for many years.

Journalists say, "Unless there is news in the paper, no one would read it and therefore you would never sell an ad."

Advertising workers say, "No one pays for a news story. Unless we sell ads, you wouldn't have a place to print your news."

This is one of the thousand reasons that I like small town, weekly newspapers. This argument doesn't exist here. Everyone in this office does some of everything that gets done.

Each person here sells ads, does page layout, writes stories, sweeps floors, takes photos, whatever needs to be done.

All in all, there is not a better bunch of people that I could work with. They make me feel like family and every day is a pleasure. I look forward to work every week.

And then there are the people of Livingston, Brodhead and Mount Vernon. Mayors and councils and board members and police and fire fighters along with city workers, judges and clerks have treated me like a life-long Mount Vernon resident.

Of course there are certain people at each meeting or county event that is there to help me. They remind me of people's names and give me background on them. One guy in particular has become the guy who watches my back. He occasionally whispers in my ear, "Ummm, don't print what he just said."

In fact, most meetings I attend have closed session meetings. Meaning that by law, the press is not supposed to be there, but they let me stay and listen as long as I don't have an ink pen in my hand. That way, when the issue comes up later in an open meeting, I know what they are talking about and can more accurately write about it.

In a nutshell, I want to offer a "thank you" to everyone who has made me feel so at home and a special bow to Paige Bengé who has become my sister and one of my best friends ever. I would jump off a cliff for her and I'm not convinced that she won't ask me

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## Points East

By Ike Adams



It was bad enough, I thought, when I found myself mowing grass on Black Friday while most everybody else was out fighting to get in line for those 99 dollar, big screen, TVs that had been gone since well before day break.

Now I find myself, on the first Monday after Christmas, hoping the rain will stop long enough for the yard to drain so that I'll be able to get enough traction to mow the grass in December. I'm reasonably sure that I had, never before, mown my yard in November. I know, for a matter of fact, that I've never had to mow it in December.

But it's darn near a have-to case because I just walked to the mail box, between downpours, and my feet, socks and shoes are wet to way up on my ankles from tromping through grass that took advantage of Christmas summer to put out several inches of new growth that we don't normally see between Halloween and Easter.

I have not checked the stats, but it sure feels to me like December was warmer overall, than October.

My Dad used to say that an inch of rain could have been a foot of snow if had been a little colder. A bit of internet research indicates that the snow to rain conver-

sion ratio is not quite that simple.

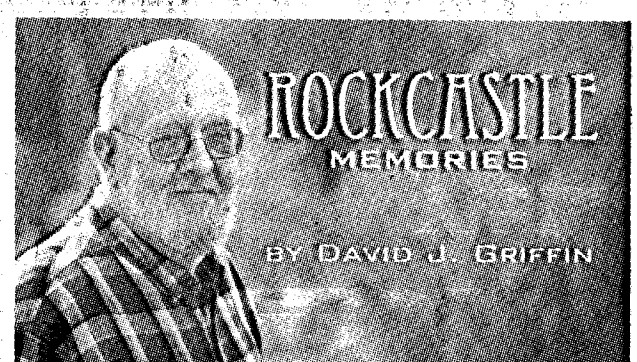
The colder the temperature, the more snow it takes to make an inch of rain according to information I found from several internet sources which I almost never believe until I find one that agrees with my point of view. And usually, no matter how ridiculous and profound your argument is, you can find an internet source that agrees with you.

But that's really another subject for another time.

In the meantime, after an hour or so of research, I am content to believe that most of the time, when it snows in Kentucky, it takes somewhere between 8 and 14 inches of snow to equal an inch of rain. I do know, for an absolute fact, that we have had just over 3 inches of rain in Paint Lick in December that could have been 40 and 60 inches of snow. It doesn't matter much to me that the ratio may be somewhat imprecise, that is still a helluva lot more snow than I want to contend with.

Between December 23 and the end of Christmas Day, my rain gauge measured just over 1.5 inches of new rainfall. Lowell Branch, in front of my house is usually a tiny

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### One Grand Fire

A few weeks ago, during one of the early cold "snaps," I took my sheltie, Shiloh, for a brisk walk through our woods on Furnace Mountain. He loves to walk with me, all the while picking up the various aromas in the woods.

The first incident that got our attention was a squirrel running through the dried leaves. Shiloh tried his best to catch the nut-hunting creature but was unable to follow the squirrel as it quickly climbed a hickory tree in our path.

The second thing that caught my attention was the smell of a distant wood-burning campfire in the adjacent forest. The frigid temperature and the aroma of the fire made me recall a similar situation in the woods, one that was located above Big Fill Cave in Rockcastle County when I was about eleven years old.

Kenneth Hansel and I were watching my grandfather, Pop, as he cut up kindling for our kitchen stove. I looked at Kenneth and mentioned what a great night it would be to sit next to our own fire in the woods. He was in immediate agreement. Knowing that we had to get our mothers to say it was alright, off we ran. His mom said it would be fine as long as he finished his chores first. I jumped in, and we had completed his work in short order.

The next step was to find my mother, Bee, to find out whether she would also allow me to go. Not only did she approve, she promptly prepared a small bag of snacks and Cokes for our adventure.

Kenneth's older brother, Paul, decided that he, too, would go with us. Then Earl Benton Cromer found out about our plans, so he joined us as well. We determined that we would walk out the gravel road toward Paul Carter's house and then go over the hill toward Big Fill Cave.

While it was still daylight, we spotted a place amongst the trees that was level. It also had plenty of stones to accommodate a quickly constructed fire ring

for our evening blaze. We spent the next hour collecting kindling, firewood, and suitable logs on which to sit around the fire.

The gang soon decided to get the fire going because, as the sun slid below the horizon, the temperature began to fall even lower. In no time, we had a tremendous blaze that took the nip out of the winter night air.

Since some of the other guys also brought food, we decided to put all of our edibles in one spot and share everything. Bee had packed sausage and biscuits, several oranges, and a bag of chocolate chip cookies. She also put several Cokes in the grocery bag.

Kenneth and Paul brought a large bag of popcorn, crackers and a can of potted ham. One of the other guys brought some assorted candy bars. We had enough food and drinks for even this number of hungry teenagers.

As the night temperatures began to fall even further, we pulled our logs closer to the fire and buttoned our coats a bit tighter. Occasionally, we heard unknown animals as they walked through the woods nearby. We also heard a distant owl.

I have no idea how long we sat close to that fire, telling assorted tales and teasing each other like all boys are capable of doing. Finally, Earl Benton said he was tired and cold, so he decided to walk home down that gravel road from which we originally came. Since Paul was older than Kenneth and me, he was next to vacate the woods. Kenneth and I decided to stay a while longer and then make sure the fire was totally extinguished before we went home. I remember feeling shivering-cold as we quickly walked the mile or so to our houses. (He lived just across US 25 from my house.)

Several times during the next few years, Kenneth and I recounted our special winter night in the woods. My memory of that night still makes me smile. I loved my

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## T.J.'s Journal

by: Tonya J. Cook



### Two Gentle Souls

Dear Journal,

Around this time of year, people's hearts turn to those ever-present with us in society that are simply labelled "the unfortunate". They are the ones who are looked upon with pity and we wonder how they exist and are thankful we've never been in that situation. Others, sadly, look down on them with a loathing and disgust, wondering why they don't do better, dress better, drive fine cars, and live in fine, immaculate homes. Well, there may be a variety of reasons as to why there seems to be two groups: the "haves" and the "have nots". However, it seems the "have nots" have a secret that is unknown to a great many others.

Of all the people for me to remember from my childhood are two gentle souls, who were among "the unfortunate". One such soul was a man named Fred who lived about four or five miles from our house... in a cave.

Fred was about sixty-ish, rather short and had a stooped posture. From under a little cap or hat he always wore hung stringy, salt-and-pepper gray hair. He dressed in old, baggy, nasty-looking clothes, and wore "brogans" as shoes. He used a long, straight branch from a tree as a staff.

In the summer, about two or three times a week, he went to town (London) to sell produce he had grown. He carried his produce in buckets and burlap bags loaded on a little wagon. He was usually accompanied by a small black dog. For Fred, the trek to town was at least nine or ten miles each way.

I was about three or four years old, playing out in the front yard. About nine AM, you could see Fred coming up the road, "Hello, Fred!" I'd yell. Our family had made friends with Fred and he usually stopped to visit, get a drink of water or coffee, and eat breakfast leftovers. He'd soon be on his way, but headed back home to the cave in late afternoon.

He always seemed to be happy, carefree, and smiling.

The other gentle soul was a man named Roscoe who was always in town (once again, London). I'm not sure where he lived. He was a contemporary to Fred and about the same age. He was tall, probably over six feet tall and he, too, always wore a little dress hat; I guess it was a fedora. He dressed in a grungy-looking, ill-fitting suit and tie with a long dress coat over the suit, quite often even in the summer.

Roscoe could be seen all over town beginning at about eight AM until they "rolled up the sidewalks" about six or seven PM. He'd walk all over town talking to folks here and there, visiting all the "mom and pop" stores and his favorite stop, the Begley Drug Store lunch counter. All of the lawyers, doctors, and business people around town ate at Begley's or the Dyche Drug Store lunch counter... or Weayer's Pool Hall (except for "decent" women who didn't dare darken the doorway of that establishment). These business people usually treated Roscoe to coffee and donuts or a sandwich. Everybody loved Roscoe because he, too, was cheerful and made people laugh. When he laughed, he had a smile

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# Obituaries



## Pamela McClure

Pamela McClure, 54, of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, December 18, 2015 at the Compassionate Care Center in Richmond, after a long illness. She was born June 10, 1961 in Hamilton, OH, the daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Howard Bussell of Richmond, IN, and the late Melvin Bussell. She enjoyed cooking, spending time with family and grandchildren, and was a member of the Baptist faith.

Survivors besides her mother are: one son, Chris McClure of Mt. Vernon; three daughters, Heather Todd of Mt. Vernon, Connie Bussell of Hamilton, OH, and Jennifer Ray Petrey of Crab Orchard; one brother, Ricky Dale Bussell of Oxford, OH; one sister, Donna Louise Wade of Richmond, IN; 11 grandchildren; two great grandchildren; two special cousins, Tina Dailey, and Jesse Kirby; one special aunt, Louise Gabbard; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews also survive.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, December 23, 2015 at the Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Bufford Parkerson officiating. Burial was in the Negro Creek Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Larry Mink, Calvin Todd, Jessie Kirby, Jack Dailey, Michael Cromer, and Stephen Samples.

Honorary pallbearers were Jonathan Bussell and Steve Milburn.

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## Anna Marie Eversole

Mrs. Anna Marie Eversole, 69, of Pine Hill departed this life Thursday, December 9, 2015 at her residence.

Anna was born May 24, 1946 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of Orbin and Cora Ingram Gilliam. She enjoyed talking on the phone with friends and family and loved her dogs.

Survivors include her brothers: Bruner (Mary Ann) Gilliam of Livingston, Frank Gilliam of Jackson County, Billy Ray Gilliam of Kansas City, Kansas, William Gilliam of Tampa, Florida and Jack Adkins of McKee; her sisters, Maggie Sue Depetris of Climax and Sarah Della Gilliam of San Diego, CA, two special nephews: Tim Gilliam of London and Tony Gilliam of Livingston and a host of nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Eversole and a brother, Bobby Gene Gilliam.

Casketbearers were: Bruner Gilliam, Tim Gilliam, Tony Gilliam and Donnie Collins.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, December 15th at Pine Hill Cemetery with Bro. Elzie Doan officiating.

Condolences may be made online at [www.marineoversfuneralhome.com](http://www.marineoversfuneralhome.com)



## Agnes Parnell

Agnes Parnell, 75, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, December 21, 2015 at the Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. She was born September 19, 1940 in Hazard, the daughter of the late Jesse and Frances Jamison Campbell. She was a retired truck driver, enjoyed reading, puzzles, spending time with family and friends, and was a member of the Maple Grove Baptist Church.

Survivors are: two sons, Mark Freeman of Milford, OH, and Mike Freeman of Park Hills, OH; four brothers, Paul Campbell of Mt. Vernon, Ronald Campbell of Villa Hills, and K.L. Campbell, and Dana Campbell, both of Hazard; three sisters, Katharine Sears of Knights Town, IN, Margaret Robbins of Orlando and Ruth Franks of Norwood, OH; and three grandchildren.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, James Parnell; one brother, J.C.; and one sister, Shirl Aubel.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 28, 2015 at the Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Jerry Owens officiating.

Pallbearers were: Ronald Campbell, K. L. Campbell, Paul Campbell, Tim Kirby, Robert Crawford, and Danny Rigby.

View the complete obituary, sign the guest registry, or send condolences to the family online at [www.coxfuneralhomeky.com](http://www.coxfuneralhomeky.com).



## Tabitha Crawford

Tabitha Craig Crawford, 88, of Orlando, FL, formerly of Mt. Vernon, died Christmas Eve 2015. The daughter of Ben and Sarah Craig of Mt. Vernon and, at the time of her death, the oldest living descendant of Jones "Pappy" and Maggie "Mammy" Hiatt of Renfro Valley.

An enthusiastic cheerleader at Mt. Vernon High School, she graduated in the class of 1945 along with her eventual husband Bill Crawford (son of Jack and Geneva Crawford of Renfro Valley). She graduated from UK and taught high school in Owensboro and Orlando for 27 years. After retirement Crawford worked part-time for 10 years at Disney World. Later, she was a greeter for 10 yrs. at K-Mart where her friendly spirit became well known to customers, as it was to congregations at St. Luke Methodist Church in Windermere, where she was an official greeter.

She is survived by her husband Bill and their son, Craig Crawford.

A reception honoring Tabitha will be held Saturday, January 2, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Luke's Methodist Church in Orlando.

Instead of flowers, per her wishes, give a stranger a smile today.



## Fred Mullins, Jr.

Fred Mullins, Jr., 86, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, December 26, 2015 at Baptist Health Hospital in Richmond. He was born in Orlando on August 24, 1929 the son of Fred, Sr. and Nancy Barnett Mullins. He was a farmer and a former Rockcastle County Magistrate. He was a US Army Veteran of the Korean War and was a member of the Pine Grove Church of Christ.

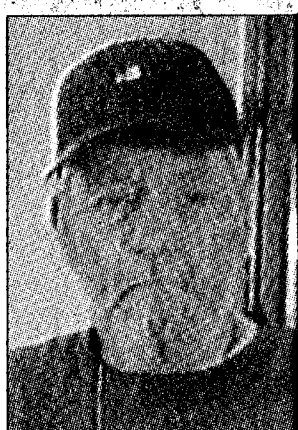
He is survived by: his wife of 33 years, Thelma Brockman Mullins; a son, Freddy (Jennifer) Mullins of Eubank; his step-children, Sharon (Rick) Graves of Waco, Jack (Patsy) Farthing of Newnan, GA, and Donna Blanton and Kimberly Farthing, both of Scaffold Cane; a brother, Stanley Mullins of Mt. Vernon; a sister, Sue Cox of Beaver Creek, OH; two grandsons, Steven (Samantha) Mullins of Cleveland, TN and Chris Mullins of Richmond; two step-grandchildren, Amanda Blanton and James Stacy; and three great grandchildren, Jayce Bowles, Bailey VanWinkle, and Dana Jade Stacy.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: a sister, Lola White; two brothers, Hubert Jennings and Everett Jennings; and an infant son.

Funeral services were held December 30, 2015 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. L.C. Moore and Roger Bowling. Burial was in Pine Grove Cemetery in Jackson County.

Pallbearers were: Amanda Blanton, Jayce Bowles, Jack Farthing, Rick Graves, Chris Mullins, Steven Mullins, and James Stacy.

Visit [www.DowellMartin.com](http://www.DowellMartin.com) to view online obituary.



## Jackie Bullock

Jackie Mitchell Bullock, 64, born August 9, 1951, died at his home of natural causes on Nov. 30, 2015.

He served in the US Army Reserve 10 years reaching the rank E7 and was a member of Burnett Chapel. He enjoyed cooking, telling tall tales, teaching his nephew's Andy and Giles the skill of hunting, and spending time with family and friends.

The loving son of Taft and Bessie Bullock, he is preceded in death by: his parents; brothers, Giles and Michael; sisters, Anita Louise, Mildred Jean, and Constance Gail; and his beloved son, Jackie Martin. He is survived by: sisters, Carol, Martha and Valeria; ex-wife and dear friend, Sarah Neeley; daughter, Lisa; grandchildren, Allison, Xander and Jasper; and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Memorial services were conducted Tuesday, December 29, 2015 at Burnett Chapel Methodist Church. Visit [www.DowellMartin.com](http://www.DowellMartin.com) to view online obituary.

## "Hope"

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high with new toys for girls and boys of all ages.

The bleachers on one side of the gym were completely lined with backpacks for each child to choose from. The backpacks were filled with various school supplies, snacks, art supplies, small toys, socks, hats, gloves, etc.

From there, hundreds of sorted coats of all sizes and descriptions awaited adults and children alike at station three.

The final stop for families was in the center of the gym where blankets, quilts and throws were made available.

Two years ago, Bro. Randy McPherson, Director of the Rockcastle Baptist Association of Churches said he told his wife, "This is the last Christmas I will sit back and do nothing to help others." Later he shared that vow and vision with the newly-formed Community Mission Team and its director, Katheryn Pope, a soft-spoken, iron-willed lady who worked diligently to see Saturday's project come to fruition.

About four years ago, Katheryn led a group of 15 people from Rockcastle churches on a mission trip to Romania but, according to Pope, it became clear to them that there were unmet needs in Rockcastle County. The mission team felt led to start a local ministry.

Their first Christmas outreach was called Love in a Box. The team filled shoeboxes similar to the Samaritan's Purse program

and gave them out at the Rockcastle Association office building and at the Livingston School before the Livingston Christmas Parade in 2011. The next two years they included Mt. Vernon and handed them out at Mt. Vernon Elementary School.

When Bro. Randy (as he is affectionately called), mentioned his God-given vision for the OPERATION GIVE HOPE program, Katheryn was excited. She dropped Love in a Box for a bigger and better plan. "By meeting needs, we want to open the door to share the gospel and show people we care," she says. "We may not be able to change circumstances in every case, but we can show Jesus's love."

A huge effort was made to get the word out to families. The Signal and WRVK carried ads, fliers went out from each school's Family Resource Center, the health department and businesses in all three towns. The response was excellent last year, according to Bro. Randy, when OPERATION GIVE HOPE was held at Northside Baptist Church, but he wanted it to be bigger and better this year. He got his wish.

The GIVE HOPE message promoted through the Association, Facebook, and word-of-mouth is probably what inspired 130 volunteers to show up Saturday to lend a helping hand for this year's operation.

By working together, Bro. Randy, Teresa Parrett, Mission Mobilization Coordinator for Kentucky Southern Baptists, Kaye Heseltine and Katheryn Pope, both home missionaries with the South-

ern Baptists were able to inspire much local support for the Christmas project.

According to Katheryn, they do not, nor will they, solicit. Apparently they have not needed to. Many donated the money used to shop wisely and buy enough new toys for each child and new coats and jackets for children.

Lee Earl Adams, Brodhead businessman, donated 16 boxes of new coats for adults and children. John Holbrook, local woodcarver, arrived with 600 key chains on which Jesus's name was carved. One was placed in each backpack. Ottawa Church's WMU donated 40 handmade quilts and throws. Donations of toys, blankets and coats were also given by Cash Express, Tic Toc Preschool, Lee Earl's Variety Shop, MiMi's General Store, Christian Appalachian Project and many local churches and individuals.

According to Teresa Parrett, the nearly 600 backpacks were bought and filled by churches in the Appalachian Regional Ministry, a twelve state area of the North American Mission Board.

Bro. Randy said, "The world is cruel, but folks need to know there is hope. There is compassion. This is the perfect time of year when hope, God's gift of his Son, can be shared."

And, according to Katheryn, this message did not fall on deaf ears. She said thirty-five persons responded to the gospel message presented by the ministers who volunteered during the day to tell of Christ's love,



Among the many happy children with new toys and Christmas-filled backpacks were, from left: Dakota Smith, Lydia Flores and John Flores.



Manning the registration table at the Operation Give Hope event Saturday, December 19th were volunteers Lee Earl Adams and Russell and Anna Poynter. Besides helping at the event, Adams, owner of Earl's This and That in Brodhead, donated 16 boxes of coats for children and adults.



Free coats were given to every family member of those invited to participate in Operation Give Hope. In the foreground are Bro. Randy McPherson, a main organizer of the event, and Chris Martin, presenting a Gospel message.



# Rockcastle Regional named high-performing organization

Studer Group® has recognized Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center as its December 2015 Organization of the Month for achieving and sustaining exceptional results in clinical, operational, and financial areas.

The award is given to high-performing healthcare facilities that achieve measurable positive results in key quality areas such as patient satisfaction, financial stability, and employee engagement.

In 2012, Rockcastle Regional began working with Studer Group, one of the nation's leading healthcare performance improvement firms, with a goal of becoming a better place for employees to work, physicians to practice medicine, and patients to receive care. During this time, the organization has experienced consistent results in improving patient experience and clinical outcomes.

"To be chosen from Studer Group's hundreds of outstanding partner organizations truly is an honor," said Stephen A. Estes, president and CEO of Rockcastle Regional. "It speaks to the commitment our board, physicians, and employees

have to reaching our potential as a provider of quality healthcare."

The entire organization has taken ownership of the improvement process, said chief nursing officer Cynthia Burton, R.N.

"Using Studer Group's leadership tools, we're improving both employee and patient satisfaction," Burton said. "In the process, we are becoming a better place for

physicians to practice medicine."

One of the most important initiatives launched during Rockcastle Regional's journey with Studer Group has been a greater focus on patient safety.

"We want safety to be the center of all that we do," said Rockcastle Regional president and CEO Stephen A. Estes. "It must be at the

heart of every decision we make and how we care for each patient."

An example of this commitment was the implementation of daily safety huddles, where managers report and discuss safety-related issues as they arise. These safety huddles have been the catalyst for creating a culture that is obsessed with patient safety, and because of them, patients are

safer today and receive an even higher quality of care.

The Kentucky Hospital Association recognized Rockcastle Regional for its patient safety efforts with the prestigious Quality Award in 2015, the organization's seventh KHA quality award in the last 10 years.

The KHA and Studer Group honors are two recent examples that have added to

Rockcastle Regional's growing reputation as a premiere rural healthcare provider.

"I'm very proud of the team at Rockcastle Regional," said Tad Hunt, the hospital's Studer Group coach. "This is a family-focused, patient-centered team that cares deeply for its patients and community. It's an honor to work with this organization."

## "Journal"

(Continued from A-2)

that covered his whole face. But, I don't think he had a tooth in his head.

One sad day, Roscoe died. It was said that some of the doctors, lawyers, and business people worked together to give him one of the finest funerals, with more flowers than most had ever seen around London. He even wore a new, well-fitting suit.

It was a sad day when

## "Points East"

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trickle this time of year but it was roaring like a white water kayaking river on Christmas Day.

One of my grandsons told me he wished it would

these two gentle souls left us. They scarcely had anything seemingly of value, but it did seem they were rich in peace and joy, and even content with life. I think their secret was that perhaps they looked on the rest of us with pity, wondering how we existed and why we can't do better, because we "have" the burden of life and the cares of the world and don't know true happiness, the genuine love of life and people.

stop raining and I told him, like my Dad used to tell me, that he'd better be glad it was raining because all that rain could have been snow.

"But I want it to snow," he exclaimed!



## RES Christmas Surprise a success...

Dear Editor,  
Roundstone Elementary Schools Christmas Sur-

prise was a huge success. The Christmas Surprise allowed each student at RES to pick two gifts and get a wood carved key chain, meet Santa, Mrs. Claus, Rudolph, and take a class picture and individual picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Roundstone Elementary would like to thank several people and businesses for their time, effort, planning, and donations to enable this to happen.

First, Ms. Tanya Clark, she planned, prepared, and had the vision to do this. Helping her in every step was Ms. Becky Harding and taking photographs of

"But you wouldn't have been able to get to my house for Christmas," I told him.

"Nahhhhhh," he said, "We'da rode my Dad's truck cause snow can't stop it."

Still, on this last Monday-of-December afternoon, the outside temperature is hovering near 60 and we are still under a flash flood watch until tomorrow morning.

My Mom used to say that if it thundered in February it would frost in May.

To the best of my knowledge, she had no dire predictions for the thunder in December that woke me up at 5:00 A.M. this morning.

So, let it rain, I say. I am ever so glad it isn't snow. I just wish it would slow down long enough to let me get the yard mowed.

## "Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

friends and sharing such times with them. And I loved where we lived, near a huge forest that was full of fun things to experience.

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

## "Aces"

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too some day. Some people (very few in life) simply touch a nerve and an instant bond of trust and admiration is formed. Paige is one of those for me.

I'm so glad to be part of the Signal family and part of Rockcastle County.

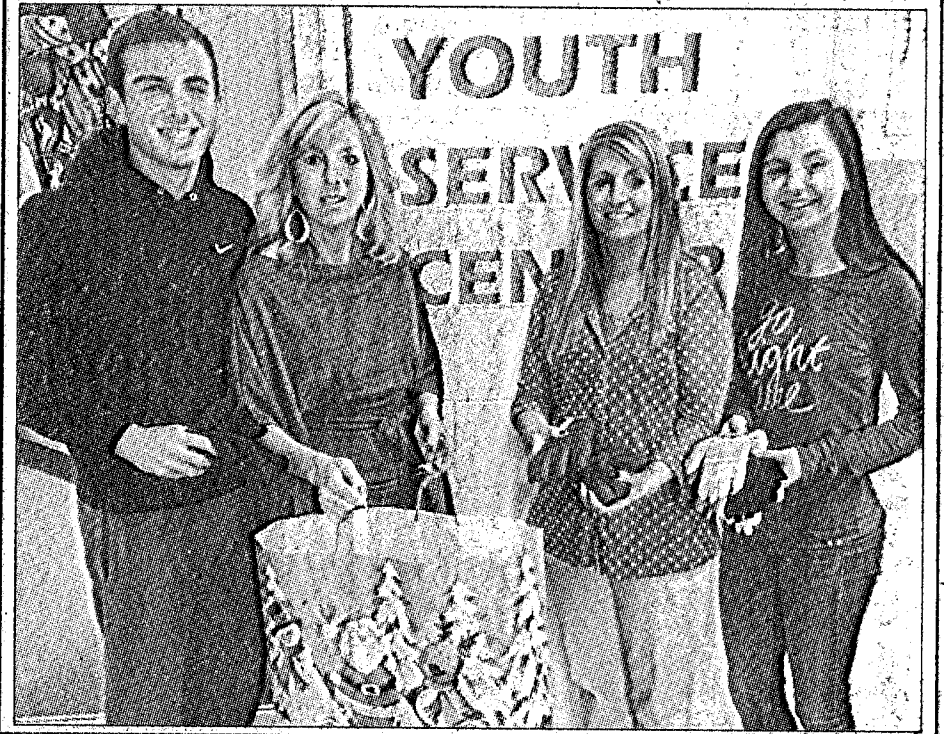
Here's a high-five as we head into 2016 together.

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## RCMS students donate over 300 pairs of gloves

The RCMS Student Council organized its first "Giving for Gloves" drive during the first two weeks of December. Students in 1st period classes competed to see who could donate the most money or new pairs of gloves—all to benefit fellow RCMS and RCMS students this winter. The Council was thrilled to be able to purchase and donate over 300 pairs of gloves to the Youth Service Centers at the middle and high schools. The gloves will be distributed to students in need this winter. Pictured above are RCMS Student Council members Cameron Coy and Caroline Coguer donating gloves to Jessie Mahaffey at the RCMS Youth Service Center. Pictured below with Angie Payne and Kim Hunter of the RCMS Family and Youth Service Center are Student Council Members Evan Hendrickson and Zoe Burdette.



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**BVFD Fish Fry**

Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department will hold their first Fish Fry of the New Year on Saturday, January 9th, beginning at 4 p.m. The price of the all you can eat meal has increased to \$9 because of rising costs.

**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.

**Alpha Recovery**

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

**Celebrate Recovery**

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

**DAR Meetings**

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

**Brodhead Lodge Meeting**

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

**Alcoholics Anonymous**

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

**Kiwanis Club Meetings**

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

**Historical Society Hours**

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

**American Legion Post 71**

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

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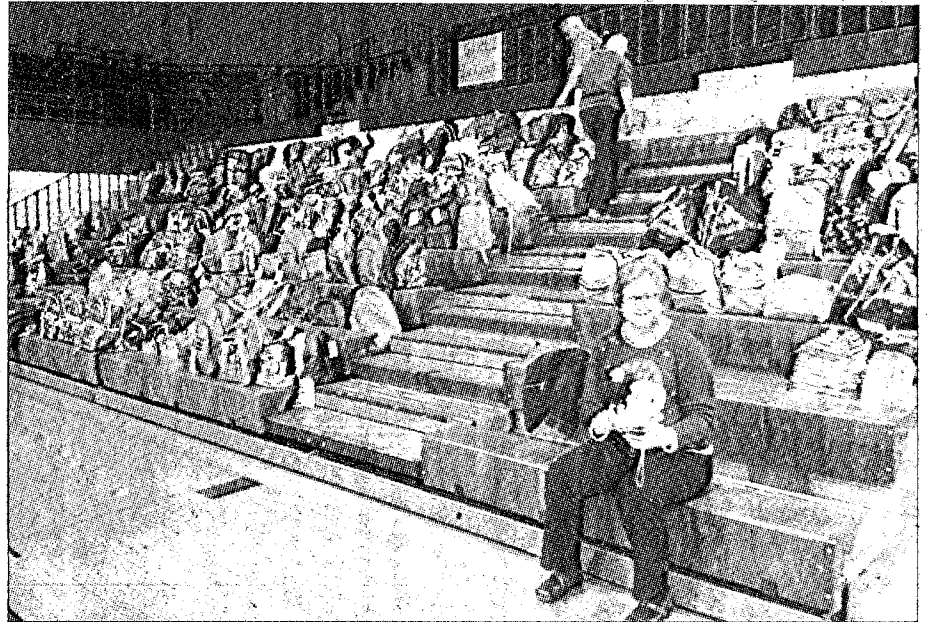
## More Operation Give Hope photos



The cafeteria at RCMS was filled with food and fellowship for all participants in the Operation Give Hope event Saturday, December 19th.



Volunteers Sarah Neeley and Dora Smith were busy at the free blanket station of the Operation Give Hope event held Saturday, December 19th at Rockcastle Middle School.



Shown, in the foreground, of the backpacks prepared for each child for giveaway during Operation Give Hope, is Teresa Parrett, Coordinator for Kentucky Southern Baptists, one of the event organizers.



Approximately 130 volunteers were on hand to expedite the festivities for everyone participating in Operation Give Hope December 19th at RCMS.

### "Fire"

(Continued from front) porters that several fellow inmates saw him awaken to a smoke-filled room.

The Kentucky Department of Corrections instructed jailers to take the evacuated inmates to the London Detention Center where the inmates would be distributed to other facilities in Laurel, Lincoln and Fayette counties.

McClure said the Rockcastle County Board of Education loaned the detention center three school buses to transport the inmates. "We all owe a debt of gratitude to the Rockcastle County School Board for being so helpful in moving all the inmates," said McClure.

According to McClure, most of the damage in the facility was to the heat and air duct system and one of the HVAC units. "There is a lot of damage to our facility. It's very serious and will cost the county a lot of money to repair," he said.

However, this is not the only expense related to the fire. "We (the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court) have to pay the facility where we took each of our county inmates," said McClure. "It costs us \$31.43 per day, for each of the 38 county inmates involved." The remaining inmates are state prisoners and the county will be reimbursed for their care by the state.

McClure said there is water damage from the fire suppression system as well as the damage from the fire itself. "We have some walls that are going to have to be torn down and replaced and repainted and flooring damaged along with the expense of the HVAC units and duct work and more. It's going to be costly," he said. Of course, the actual costs of repairing the fire damage will be covered by the county's fire insurance policy with KACO.

Jailers are meeting this week with Judge Executive Doug Bishop and Fiscal Court members to work out details concerning expense and procedure to complete the repairs, McClure said some work is already underway. "Everyone involved is working as hard and as fast as we can to keep the expense to a minimum and the time we are closed as short as possible," he said.

McClure said he does not know how long it will take to reopen the center. "There is no way to know for sure just yet how much damage has been done that we haven't found yet. If I had to guess I would say a few weeks at least," he said. McClure said the inci-

dent could have been much more damaging if not for special efforts by local agencies.

"A lot of people went above and beyond the call of duty when this happened. All the firefighters and first responders, all of the law enforcement officers, the school board and the Detention Center staff deserve recognition. It was a well organized, coordinated effort to extinguish this fire and move all the inmates without incident. Rockcastle County should be proud of the work their first responders did to keep this under control," said McClure.

Immediately responding to the call were troopers from KSP Post 11, KSP Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers, Rockcastle County Sheriff's Office, Mount Vernon Po-

### "Nuisance"

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lice Department, Detention Center staff and officers, Laurel County Detention Center Officers, Mount Vernon Fire Department, Brodhead Fire Department, Livingston Fire Department, Climax Fire Department, Brindle Ridge Fire Department, Western Rockcastle Fire Department, Pongo Fire Department and Laurel County Fire and Rescue.

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Mount Vernon Police Chief Brian Carter said he will place an officer there when possible and patrol the area more often.

Members of the council also discussed the blockage of the city during the latest wreck on I-75 and how to help the traffic problem when such an accident occurs.

Mayor Bryant said he and others are already working on getting the interstate widened to three lanes through Rockcastle County

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Creed Gabbard killed his first deer on December 26th.

### "Cost"

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ing these 38 inmates is \$31.43 per day for each one," he said.

If the repairs to the jail take three weeks as some suspect, the cost for housing these county inmates in other facilities will be over \$25,000 out of the Rockcastle County budget.

"Running a jail is a terrible expense. It's bad for everyone and there is no money in running a jail," said Bishop.

Even without this fire and rehousing inmates, Bishop said operating a jail is very costly to the county. "We not only have to feed them and house them but if someone gets stabbed or gets sick, we have to cover their hospital bills. We have to pay all medical expenses for each county inmate," he said.

Bishop said the expense of running a jail is a strain on all small communities. "It is tragic what's going on right now. All these smaller counties trying to save pennies and then if you have an inmate that has a \$200,000 hospital bill we have to pay that," he said.

"Crime doesn't pay anyone. The criminal will lose in the long run and every citizen loses every time we put someone in our jail," Bishop said.

Budgeting for unforeseen events can be devastating to smaller counties according to Bishop. "It takes over \$1 million per year to run this jail. It's a

humongous expense on its own even without things like this fire happening," he said. "You not only pay police and sheriff's department to arrest a criminal but then we have to pay to house them and feed them and provide for their medical expenses and it goes on and on."

The expense to repair the damage to the detention center has not been esti-

imated yet, the cost of housing inmates at other facilities and the medical expenses involved, along with the repair of the jail will be huge, according to Bishop. "This is a pretty big deal and will make a definite mark in our county budget," he said. "It's a real tragedy for the citizens of our county."

The cost of repairing the jail will be covered by the county's insurance policy.

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# Rockets are 9-7 on season

The RCHS Rockets had a busy holiday season, playing in three tournaments where they went five and three.

Prior to the tournaments, the Rockets played at Adair County on Dec. 18th where they hung in through the first half, leading 38 to 33 at the break only to lose the second half 54 to 36 for the final 87-74.

Junior Lucas Gentry took scoring honors for his team with 30 points, including four three point baskets. Jon Cornelius got 16; Dylan Rowe scored 12 points; Carson Noble 10; Thomas Burdette 4 and Zach Loudermilk got 2.

At the Hart County McDonald's Hoopin' It Up Classic on Dec. 19th, the Rockets owned Hart County 70-40 with Coach Benny Blanton getting to clear his bench.

Gentry again led the scoring for his team with 18 points; Burdette got 13; Noble 11; Cornelius and Rowe, 9 each; Jordan Hawkins got 5; Loudermilk 3 and Devin Mullins 2.

The Rockets then played in the Berea Invitational where they went three and one, owning wins over Pike Central, Ryle and Holy Spirit, losing only to a team from McAllie, TN in the first game 88-70.

In that game, despite going 27 for 35 from the free throw line, and hitting five three point goals, the Rockets just couldn't match the Tennessee team's power. Eleven members of that team scored, six in double figures.

Once again, Gentry led his team in scoring with 25 points; Rowe got 16; Noble 12; Cornelius 9 and Burdette 8.

In their second game of the tournament, against Pike Central, the score was knotted at 73 all at the end of regulation. In overtime, Cornelius went 6 for 6 from the charity stripe and Gentry and Burdette combined for seven points for the final 86-80 win.

Cornelius led the scoring in this game with 26 points, including three three point goals and going 9 for 10 from the free throw line. Noble was next with 20 points; Gentry got 18; Loudermilk 9; Burdette 6; Rowe 4 and Hawkins 3.

Cornelius came through big in the Rockets next game, against Ryle, with 26 points, 15 from three point range to help his team to the 64-52 win.

The game was never in question, with the

Rockets leading 19-8, 37-23 and 47-43 at the three quarter stops.

Also scoring for the Rockets were: Gentry with 13; Rowe got 10; Noble 7; Burdette 4 and Loudermilk and Hawkins 2 each.

The final game of the Berea tournament was harder for the Rockets. After trailing 35-28 at the half and 46-44 at the third quarter stop, Gentry came through with an 11 point fourth quarter and Noble added 7 for the final 66-63 Rocket win.

Gentry led in scoring with 26 points; Noble got 16; Rowe 14; Cornelius 8 and Burdette 2.

The Rockets faced the Worthington Kilbourne Wolves out of Ohio in their first game of the Gateway Holiday Classic in Mt. Sterling last Sunday and it looked, through three quarters, that the Rockets were going to add another one to the win column.

However, the Wolves came back in the fourth to outgun the Rockets 27-15 for the final 89-79 loss.

Gentry had to ride the bench much of the game because of early foul trouble and teammates, Carson Noble and John Cornelius, came through with superlative games to try and make up the difference. The two combined for 46 points in the losing effort.

Noble led the scoring for the Rockets with 26 points; Cornelius got 20; Gentry 13; Rowe 10; Hawkins and Burdette 4 each and Alex Spragens 2.

The team bounced back in their second game of the tournament on Monday, defeating the Ballard (Co.) Memorial Bombers 92-83.

This game was never in doubt as the Rockets led 31-21, 54-41 and 72-65 at the three quarter stops, enroute to their ninth win of the season.

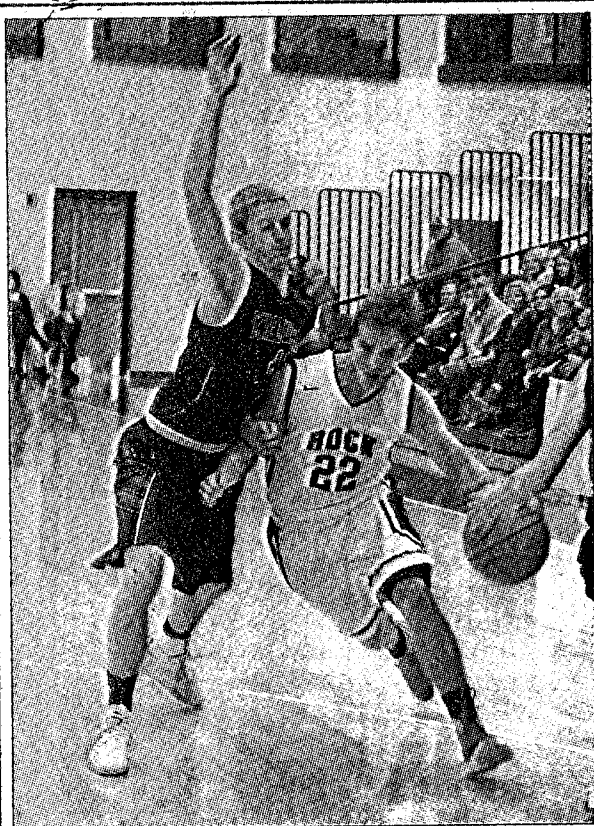
Five Rockets were in double figures in this game with Dylan Rowe taking high point honors for the Rockets with 19; Gentry got 18; Cornelius 17; Noble 15; Loudermilk 13; Burdette 6 and Hawkins 4.

In their final game of the tournament, the Rockets fell to Paris, 84-72.

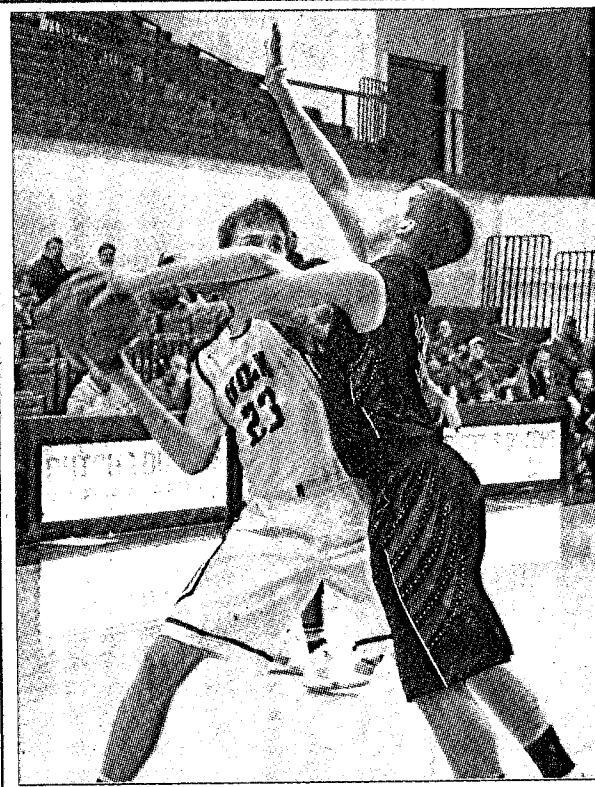
The game was close through the first half with the Rockets only down 38-35 at the break but Paris came back in the third quarter to outscore the Rockets 27-16 to decide the game.

Gentry led the scoring for the Rockets in this game with 23 points, Noble was next with 21; Burdette got 15; Cornelius 10 and Rowe 3.

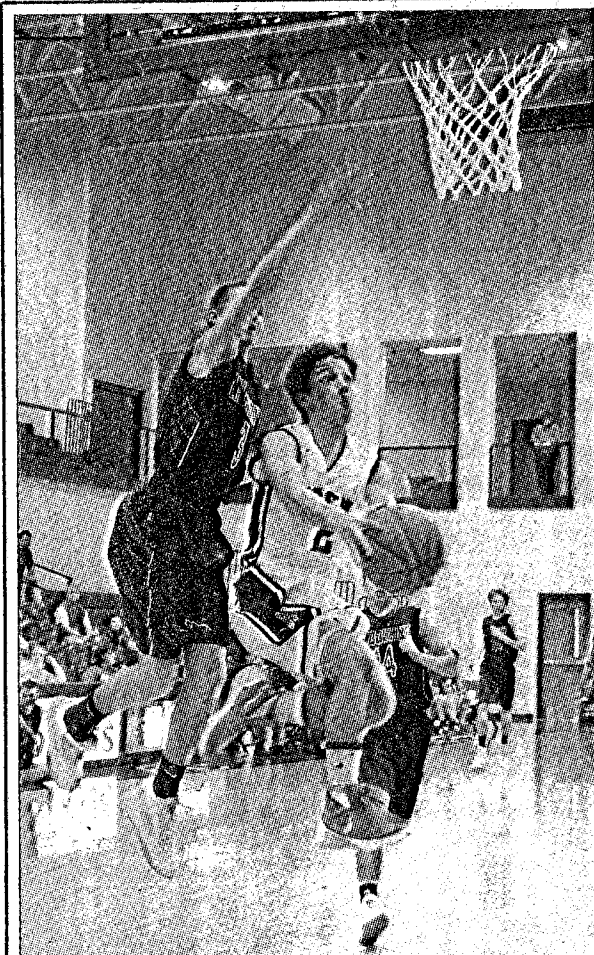
The Rockets will face three district opponents in their next three games, Casey at home on Sat., Jan. 2nd at 1 p.m., Somerset at Somerset on the 5th and Pulaski County at home on the 8th.



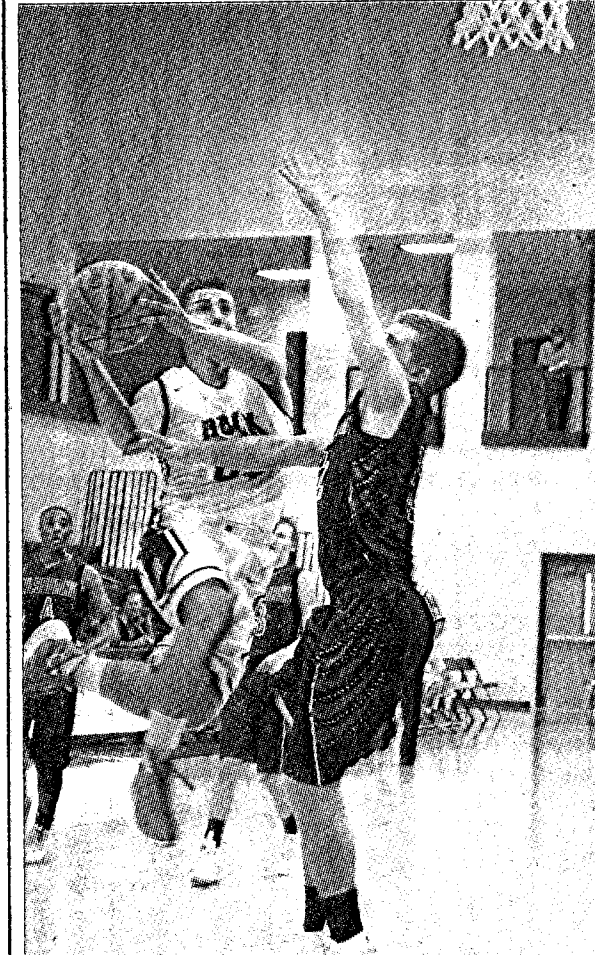
Junior John Cornelius drives to the basket during the Rockets loss to Worthington Kilbourne this past Sunday. Cornelius scored 20 points for the Rockets.



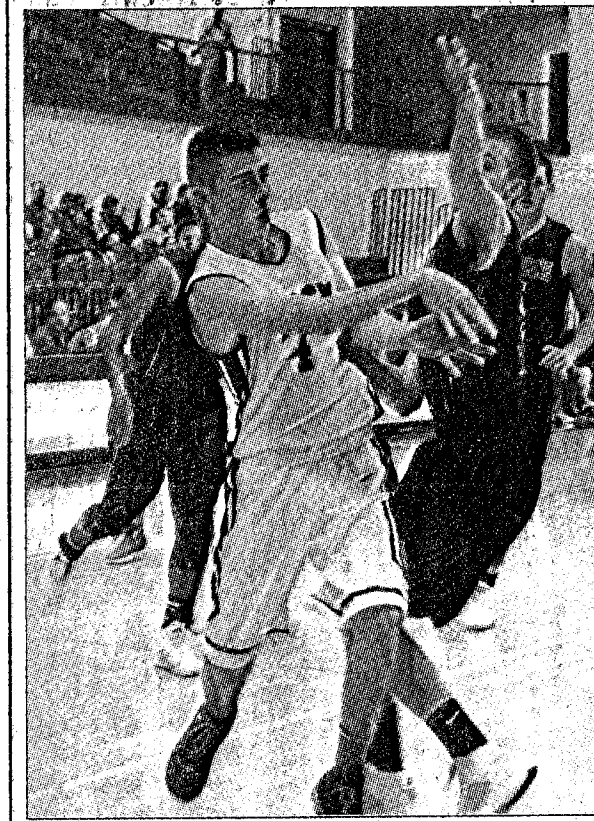
Junior Lucas Gentry fights off a defender during the Rockets loss to Worthington Kilbourne this past Sunday. Gentry's 13 points were good enough to put him in the 1,000 Point Club at RCHS.



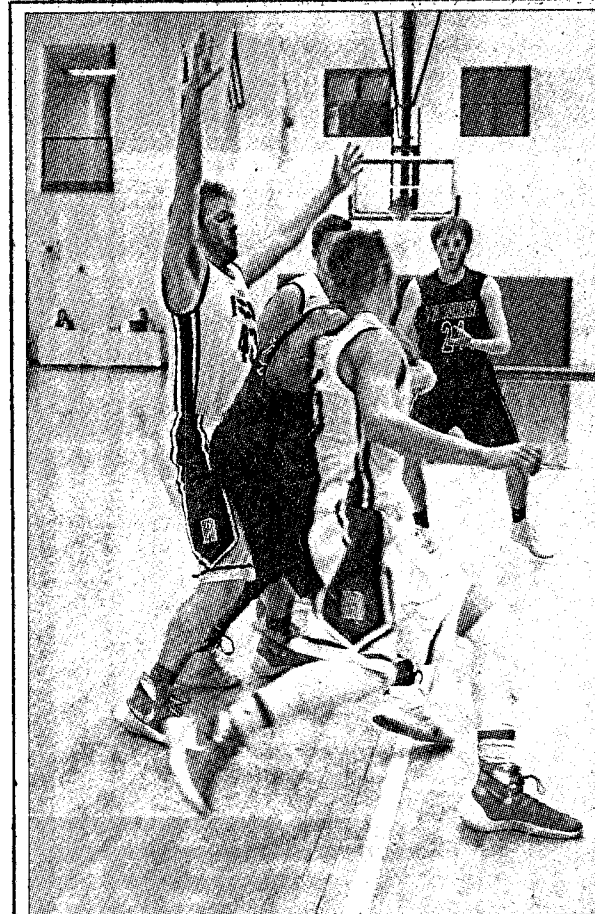
Junior Thomas Burdette gave the Rockets good minutes off the bench in the Rock's losing effort to Worthington Kilbourne Sunday.



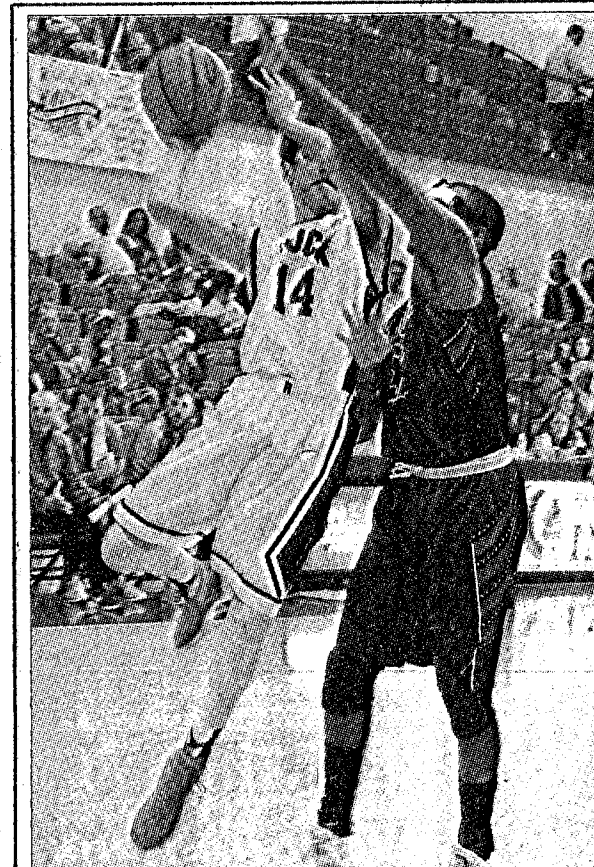
Junior Carson Noble goes up for two during the Rockets loss to Worthington Kilbourne this past Sunday. Noble led the Rockets in scoring with 26.



Senior Zach Loudermilk makes a pass for the Rockets in the first game Sunday of the Gateway Holiday Classic. Loudermilk his three straight three pointers in the first quarter during the Rockets win over Ballard Memorial Monday and scored 13 for the Rock.



Seniors Alex Spragens and Dylan Rowe apply defensive pressure under the goal during the Rockets loss to Worthington Kilbourne this past Sunday. The Rockets beat Ballard Memorial on Monday and lost to Paris on Tuesday to bring their record to 9-7.



Junior Jordan Hawkins puts up a shot during the Rockets loss to Worthington Kilbourne this past Sunday. The Rockets play Saturday at 1:00 when the host Casey County in a district matchup.

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# Lady Rockets win holiday tournament

After polishing off Adair County, 66-58, in their last game before Christmas break, the RCHS Lady Rockets won the Bardstown Invitational and struggled in the Gateway Holiday Classic at Montgomery County, going 0-3.

Against Adair County, the Lady Rockets were ahead 13-9, 32-26 and 42-40 at the three quarter stops. It was a competitive fourth quarter, with the Rockets winning the period 24-18 for the 66-58 win.

Junior Hope Kelley took scoring honors for her team with 14 points; Mahala Saylor added 11; Emmie Barker got 10; Morgan Renner 9; Jayna Albright 7; Maddy Bullen 6; Kenzie Himes scored 5 and Ashley McKinney 4.

In the Bardstown Invitational, the Rockets first game was an easy win over Cordova. The Rockets led at the first quarter stop 14-3, at the half 30-12 and 42-23 at the third quarter stop.

Cordova mounted something of a comeback in the fourth, outscoring the Rockets 14-6 but it wasn't enough as the Rockets won 48-37.

Eight Lady Rockets scored in the game with Kelley again taking scoring honors with 12; Saylor and Renner got 9 each; McKinney 8; Albright and Barker got 3 each and Bullen and Emily Adams each scored 2.

The second game of the tournament was a barn burner all the way against Grant County. The Rockets were ahead 30-20 at the end of the first half but Grant County came on strong in the second, outscoring the Rockets 39-30 but the rally fell just short and the Lady Rockets got the 60-59 win.

Kelley was again high scorer with 13; Saylor and McKinney got 12 each; Bullen scored 7; Renner and Albright 5 each; Adams got 2 and Barker 1.

The championship game of the tournament came down to the home team, Bardstown, and the Lady Rockets and the Rockets took the trophy, winning 57-45.

The Rockets came out strong, outscoring Bardstown 15-4 in the first quarter and leading 24-20 at the half. The Rockets then came through with a strong third quarter, winning it 14-3 and hung on in the fourth for the final 57-45 and their eighth win of the season. McKinney was high

point girl for her team in this game, getting 22 points; Saylor scored 16; Kelley got 10; Albright 4 and Renner 3.

The Lady Rockets then traveled to Mt. Sterling for the Gateway Holiday Classic. They ran into a buzz saw in their first game, against the Simon Kenton Lady Pioneers, losing 62-35.

The Lady Pioneers dominated from the outset, winning the first quarter, 16-7, the second 24-11 and the third 17-10, losing only the fourth 7-5 when both teams substituted heavily.

No Lady Rocket was in double figures. Ashley McKinney led the scoring for her team with 7; Barker and Saylor got 6 each; Kelley scored 5; Renner 4; Albright 3 and Himes and Adams, 2 each.

The girls also went down to defeat in their second game, losing to the Scott High Lady Eagles 69-56.

Although the Lady Rockets kept it close through the third quarter, down only 51-48 at the end of that period, the Lady Eagles unloaded in the fourth to outscore the Rockets 18-8 for the final 69-56.

Kelley took high scoring honors for the Lady Rockets with 16; McKinney got 13; Renner 12; Saylor 7; Bullen 4 and Barker and Albright, 2 each.

The last game of the tournament was a close one for the Rockets against Montgomery County, with the Rockets coming out on the short end 47-41.

Down only one point at the half, 23-22 and 35-34 at the third quarter stop, the Lady Rockets lost the battle of the fourth quarter 12-7 for the final 47-41. One factor in the game was the loss of Mahala Saylor due to an ankle injury suffered in the Scott High game. Saylor was already playing with a broken nose she suffered during the Bardstown tournament.

Kelley was once again high point person for her team with 16 points; McKinney got 10; Albright 6; Bullen 4; seventh grader Casey Coleman got 3 and Renner scored 2 points.

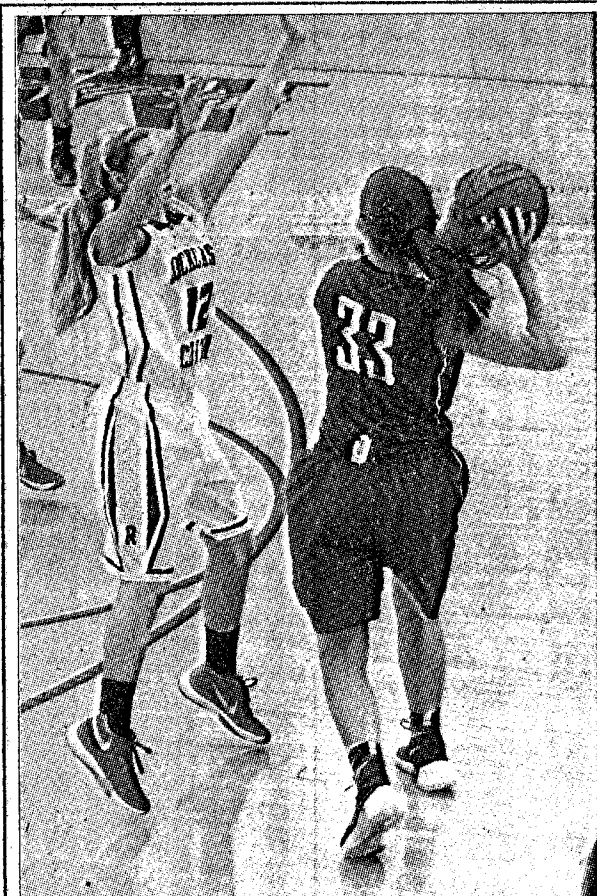
The Lady Rockets will play in a doubleheader with the Rockets this Saturday at home against Casey County with their game at 2:30 p.m. There will be another doubleheader on the 5th with the Rockets at Somerset and both teams will host Pulaski County on the 8th.



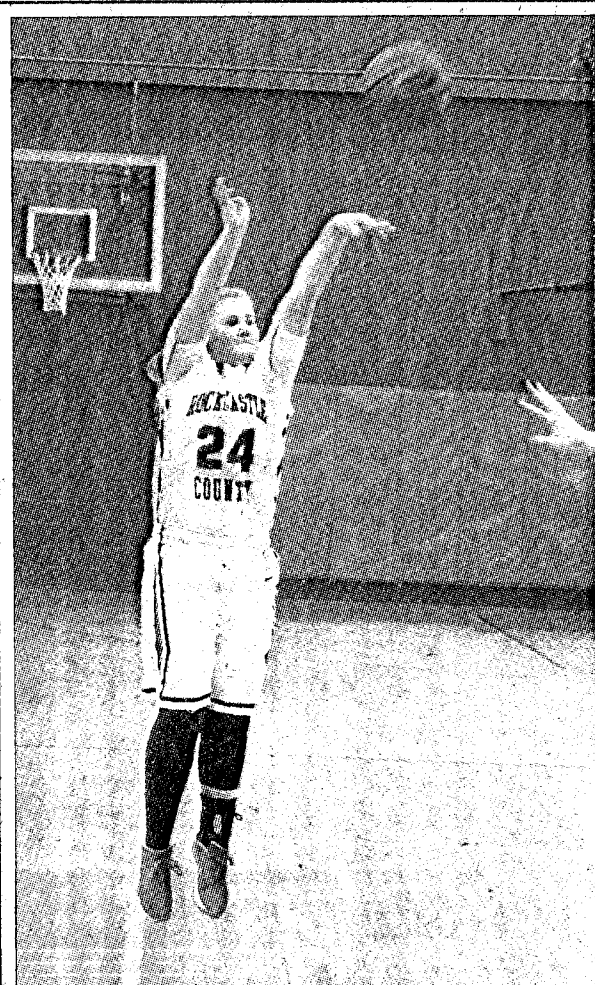
Junior Hope Kelley goes for two in the Lady Rocket loss to Simon Kenton this past Sunday.



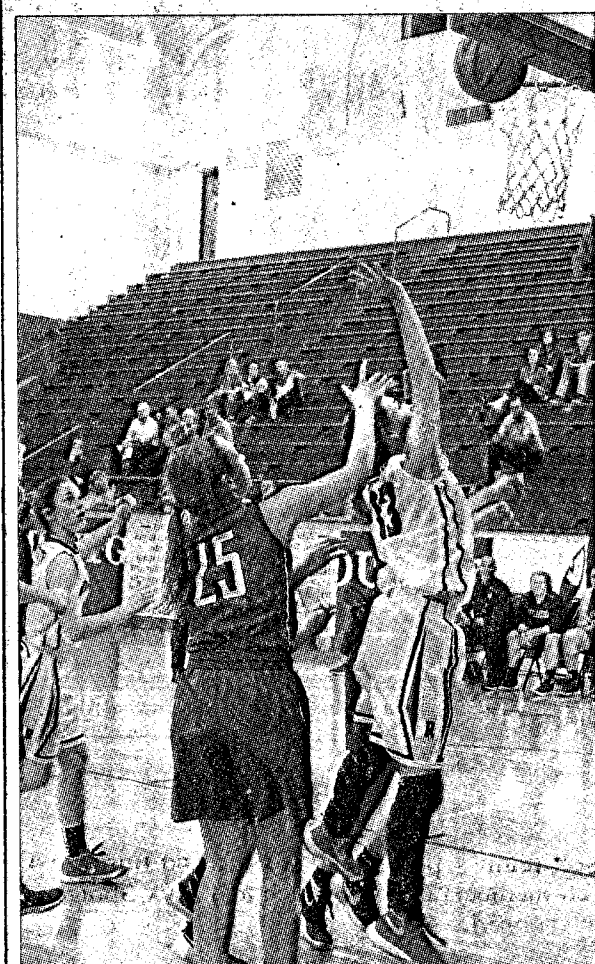
Junior Jayna Albright looks to make a pass in the Lady Rocket loss to Simon Kenton this past Sunday. The Lady Rockets face district foe Casey County this Saturday at 2:30 at home.



Junior Maddy Bullen applies defensive pressure in Lady Rocket action against Simon Kenton this past Sunday.



Junior Mahala Saylor puts up a jump shot in Lady Rocket action against Simon Kenton this past Sunday. Saylor scored six points in the losing effort.



Senior Morgan Renner goes for two in Lady Rocket action against Simon Kenton this past Sunday. The Lady Rockets had won seven in a row before heading to the Mt. Sterling tourney where they lost three.



Senior Ashley McKinney goes for two of her team leading seven points in the Lady Rocket loss to Simon Kenton this past Sunday.

## Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps  
Can You Landscape in Winter?

Tradition would impress upon us that it should snow for the holidays and that winter is for hibernating when it comes to the outdoors. Being creatures of habit, most people quit thinking about the yard or the landscape by Thanksgiving where I'm from. Once the leaves are raked, the yard is put aside until spring. In addition to habit, the weather generally does not cooperate well with landscaping in the winter. But not all years are "average"; have you noticed any flowering cherries or quince in bloom this week like I have?

Yes, not only can trimming up trees and shrubs and pulling or snipping dead flowers in the garden be done in winter, but anytime it's above freezing and not too wet, tree planting, stonework, deck building, drainage work, building berms or dry creeks can also be done. In any area where it's not expected to fall below zero, plantings of anything except small pots of flowers or something

will generally survive just fine. If in doubt, keep up with your warranties.

We find ourselves enjoying some unusually warm days, and you may be wondering what can I do, other than take a walk or something?

Having tried to put in drain lines with the snow flying, planting shrubs in mud to get a job completed, having planted potted perennial flowers in fall and seeing them rise up out of the ground and be killed as a long winter keeps freezing and thawing, I am completely aware of the perils of winter landscaping. Last year (thankfully--since it was a long and impossible winter to do outdoor work in Appalachia) I passed on even quoting a job for Berea College because it had a March deadline for completion.

This year, perhaps thanks to a strong El Niño, we have a completely different sort of winter so far, and the prospects are shaping up that the rest of it will be much different than the last winter. In December I finished building a masonry retaining wall already, have

planted trees and flowers, and have trimmed shrubbery. I was thinking about buying some daffodil bulbs and planting them this week for someone; with warm soil temperatures it will certainly still be possible to get spring blooming bulbs in the ground, if you can find any bulbs for sale still.

I've been wanting a couple more 'antique apples' for myself; surprisingly, I located a nursery that will ship this week bare-root trees if I just place the order. Considering the nice forecast for the foreseeable future, I just may do that.

So, can you landscape in winter? "It depends" is still a good answer. But with warm soil temperatures, even if it should dip down and snow a bit, it would be melted within hours. Trees planted before the soil freezes in the fall actually do better in many cases than if planted in spring. Small potted plants--I recommend waiting, but one or two gallon size and larger, plus B&B trees and shrubs can be planted just fine as I am writing this the fourth week

of December.

Heavy equipment on a pretty yard can make a mess anytime, but with current conditions now would work. Trimming can be done anytime when it's above freezing all winter long. Masonry work and concrete pouring can be done if nights aren't below 25 or 30 degrees. Dry stack stones and steppers, even ponds and streams and waterfalls can be constructed in winter. Short days may mean tasks take more days to complete, but if you've been outside enjoying springtime in December, you may have been wondering if you should "start something" in the yard or wait.

My advice is go ahead and dream and plan, and if you have decided on something, perhaps you would want to do it now rather than wait for the spring rush. At least get out in the yard and enjoy it without having to bundle in a ton of clothing. No point in having a yard if you never enjoy it, right?

The author is a landscaper. To contact, call (606) 416-3911 or visit [www.rockcastles.net](http://www.rockcastles.net)

## Second Annual Coat Drive in progress

The Second 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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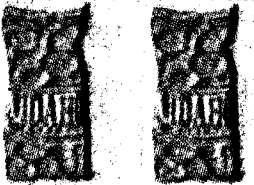



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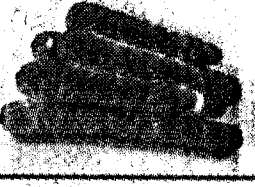
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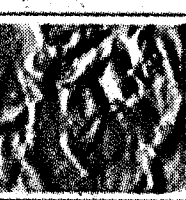

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# Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, December 31, 2015

## County Fair Board receives \$100,000 grant

Kentucky's outgoing Commissioner of Agriculture James Comer, made a stop in Rockcastle County on Monday to take care of some final business before his term ends next Monday.

Comer, flanked by Judge-Executive Doug Bishop, State Representative Jonathan Shell, magistrates, and other countywide officials presented the Rockcastle County Fair Board with a check for \$100,000.

The funds are to be used for capital improvements at the fairgrounds in Brodhead and Bishop has said that plans are to build a new exhibition hall with the grant.

The reimbursement grant is 75/25 with the county having to provide \$25,000 matching funds of the \$100,000 grant. With a reimbursement grant, the county fronts all the funds

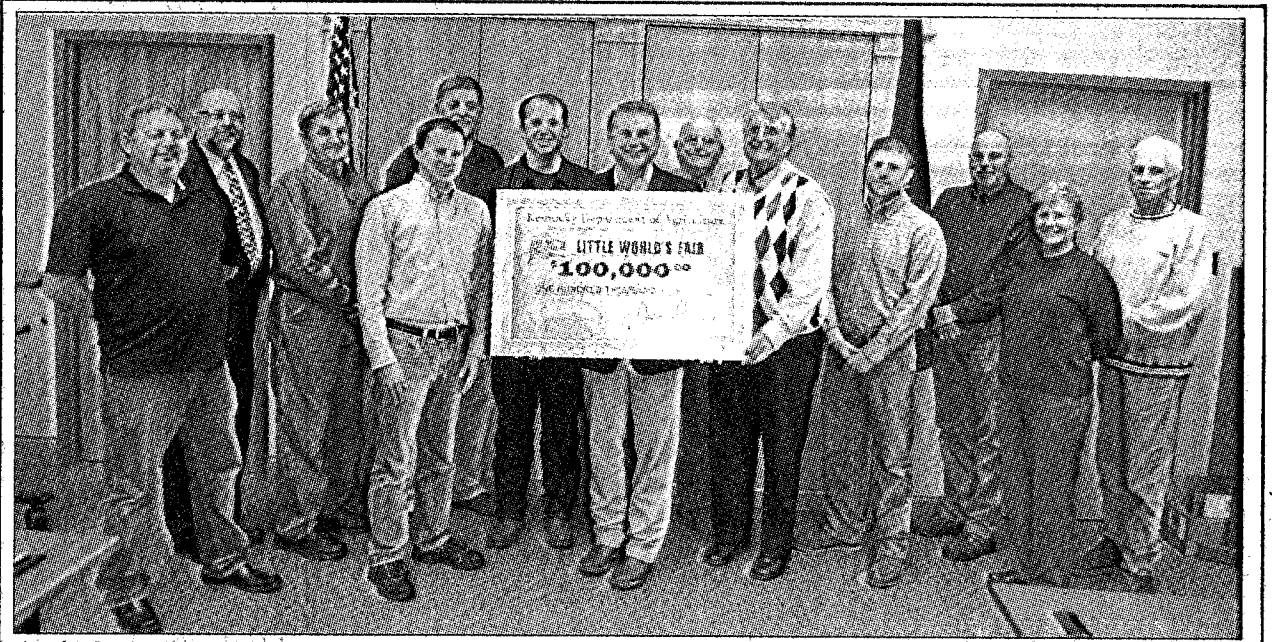
and then submits paid invoices to the state for reimbursement.

The grant was applied for through the Department of Agriculture's Aid to Fairs Program, which is funded by the Kentucky General Assembly and administered by the Kentucky Fair Council. Comer, as Commissioner of Agriculture, chairs the council. The money must be used for agriculture.

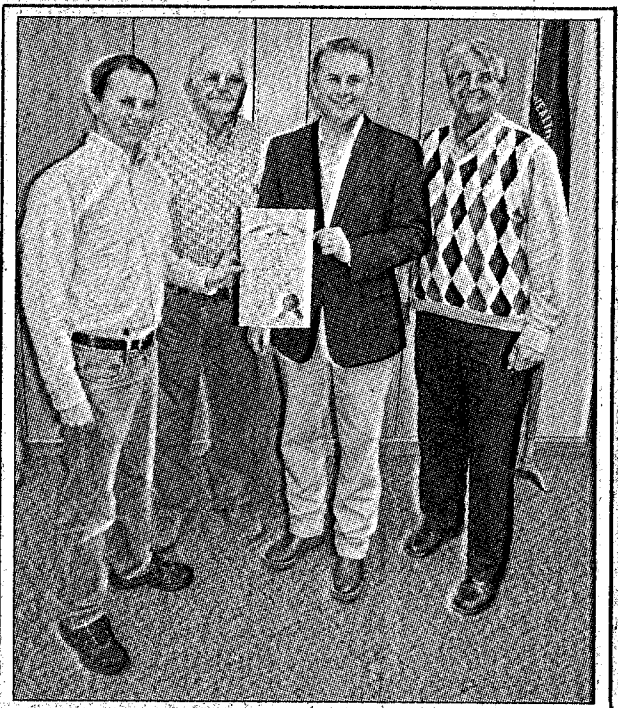
"I value the many friendships I have here in Rockcastle County and appreciate this community's support over the years. I understand what an asset the fairgrounds in Brodhead are and I know that this investment will benefit the area for years to come," Comer said.

"The hard work of Representative Shell, your fair board, Judge-Executive

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Agriculture Commissioner James Comer made a symbolic presentation of a \$100,000 check Monday to the Rockcastle County Fair Board. The check represents a \$100,000, 75/25 reimbursement grant from the state Agriculture Department. County Judge/Executive Doug Bishop said plans are to build an exhibition hall at the fairgrounds in Brodhead. Pictured from left are Rockcastle County Jailer Carlos McClure, County Attorney Billy Reynolds, Magistrate Gary Burdette, Travis Burton, Magistrate Shannon Bishop, State Representative Jonathan Shell, Ag Commissioner James Comer, Brodhead Mayor Walter Cash, Judge Bishop, Fair Board Chairman Mark Dyehouse, fair board member Roy Reynolds, PVA Janet Vaughn and Magistrate Bill McKinney.



Travis Burton was named an Honorary Commissioner of Agriculture by outgoing Agriculture Commissioner James Comer. The honor was bestowed for Burton's work in securing the \$100,000 grant for the Fair Grounds in Brodhead, his work as KDA Director of Communications, and his new role at the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. Pictured from left are Burton, Brodhead Mayor Walter Cash, Commissioner James Comer and Judge Executive Doug Bishop.

## Mount Vernon continues to grow in all departments

By: Mike French

The City of Mount Vernon has accomplished many different tasks over the past year, but among those most satisfying for Mayor Mike Bryant, and City Administrator Josh Bray, is the construction of the new water tanks.

"Everything we do for the city is important to us, but the one thing that has had the largest impact on every citizen in the county is nearing completion of the new water tank system," said Bryant. The project will provide three million gallons of water and Bray said this will give a much better "cushion" and time to put other measures into place should an emergency occur.

"This is a major accomplishment and benefits the entire county," said Bray.

Another of the accomplishments of the City of Mount Vernon is the readiness of city departments. "I can say that as far as we

know, each of our departments is better equipped and better prepared and in better shape than ever before," said Bryant.

Bray agreed. "Our seven departments get better every year and this is the best shape I've seen them in."

One of the largest accomplishments to the city budget includes the \$100,000 saved by switching insurance for city employees, according to Bray. "We were able to save over \$100,000 in health insurance premiums and provide the city employees with the same or better coverage," said Bray. "This made balancing the budget \$100,000 easier."

Bryant said he is also very proud that the city continues to grow. "Each year that I have been Mayor, we have had a net increase of businesses in the city. We don't have all of this year's numbers yet but there is no reason to think that growth and development is not go-

ing to continue," he said.

Among the list of growth and development in the city's water department has been the replacement of master water meters and a lead detection system along with blacktopping two complete roads and 600 feet of sidewalk. The water department also purchased a 2010 truck for snow removal and a truck for the use of the new Water Department Superintendent Frank Baker.

Also listed in the development are the new docks and bait shop at Lake Linville, built by the city. Bray said the docks have proven that the new construction will be a strong addition to the city and will be more than self-supporting.

The police department received new fingerprint kits and new computers and printers for city cruisers and new cameras for officers. The police department also applied for a grant for a new

Humvee and for a security grant for the law enforcement protection program.

In 2015, the city hired the first female employee of the water plant in Dana Bullock and has seen the seventh city employee graduate from the leadership Rockcastle Program.

The city also helped sponsor the Hunger Walk in September, the Red Bud Walk in April, The Rock-N-Roll Run at Renfro, Halloween on Main, The Bittersweet Festival Run and the Christmas Parade.

Bryant and Bray agree that the city budget is on track and the city is growing every year. "A lot of the credit goes to my predecessors. We have taken things they put in place that worked, and we built on them. In the first four years since I took office we reduced the overall budget by 20% and reduced spending by 25% and we plan to keep moving in that direction," said Bryant.

## First six months of 2015 dominated by elections

Time flies when you work at a newspaper. Going over the past year's headlines, a lot has happened in the county in one year. The following are the headlines that grabbed our attention each week over the past 12 months.

### January

Former Livingston Mayor Bill Medley passed away at 83 on December 23. His obituary appeared in the first issue of *The Mount Vernon Signal* of 2015.

### Fish fry helps to support Brodhead fire department

By: Mike French

If you like fish, Brodhead is the place to be on the first Saturday of every month and this January 2nd is no exception.

The Brodhead Fire Department has held a fish fry nearly every month for over 20 years and Rockcastle residents from across the county visit the event.

The idea started in the 1990s, according to Assistant Chief Rick Branham, as a fund raiser for the volunteer fire department.

"Since the 90s, people have come to our fish fry and helped support our fire department. This is a very important source of income for our department," said Branham. "We depend upon this monthly fundraiser for gear and supplies for the department."

Starting this month the price for the all-you-can-eat fish fry will be going up from \$7 to \$9. "We tried our best to keep the prices as low as we could and we didn't want to raise the prices. But our cost on the fish and the ingredients for our batter and all the food we serve has gone way up

Newly-elected County Judge Executive Doug Bishop was sworn into office by Chief Circuit Judge Jeff Burdette. Bishop defeated the 21-year incumbent Buzz Carloftis.

The new County Jailer Carlos McClure was sworn in with his staff the same day. McClure defeated James Miller who held the office for 16 years.

Sheriff Mike Peters and his deputies were sworn in on January 3rd.

and we had no choice."

Still, Branham says \$9 is a good deal for those who attend. "We hand dip the fish in our own homemade batter and serve cole slaw and french fries or baked potato and a drink. It's still a fair price and it helps our department so much," he said.

In a typical year, Branham said the fish fry raises around \$10,000 for the department. "We sell around 200 boxes of fish usually," he said.

Carry-out starts around 4 p.m. and there are also tables at the Brodhead fire house where residents can sit and enjoy the meal.

The event does not take place in July because of Independence Day or in August because of the Little World's Fair when volunteers hold the fish fry on the fairgrounds.

Branham said he enjoys the community support each month. "It's a good thing to see so many people coming out to support our fire department every month. And they get a great fish dinner to boot. It's a win/win situation," he said.

Country Magistrates Mike McGuire, Shannon Bishop, Gary Burdette, William Denny and Bill McKinney were also sworn into office on January 3rd.

Also sworn into office in January were County Clerk Danetta Ford Allen and her clerks Jessica Smith, Sonya McGuire, Becky Mays, Mattie Miller, Tina Gibbs and Anita Moore.

The newly-elected Brodhead Commissioners, Dallas Todd, Keith Graves, Ronnie Cash and Ricky Kirby were sworn in, along with Brodhead Mayor Walter Cash.

Mount Vernon Mayor Mike Bryant was also sworn into office as was State Representative Jonathon Shell.

Also in January, the Brodhead City Council proposed an increase in water/

sewer rates.

And, during the month, the Fiscal Court agreed to participate in the "Restore to Justice" Program which was created to reduce the recidivism rate by 25%.

Mt. Vernon City Councilman Adam Bales resigned his position citing personal reasons. Former council member Shelly Lewis was appointed to fill the position.

The last week of January saw the county's first snowfall after an inch and a half was reported locally.

Also one Wildie bridge was reopened and another was set for reconstruction.

### February

Morris Cromer, 55, was killed in a house fire on Low Gap Road.

Nancy Hale was named UNITE President and CEO.

Hale replaced former President and CEO Dan Smoot.

RCHS students participated in the "Dance Blue" marathon and raised over \$4,000 for the Kentucky Children's Hospital.

In February, the winter storm known as Octavia slammed Rockcastle County, forcing County Judge/Executive Doug Bishop to declare a county-wide state of emergency after 14 inches of snow covered the county. Closings and cancellations were caused throughout the county.

A boil water alert was issued in the county and numerous damage from the storm was reported throughout Rockcastle. Local police helped deliver medications to the sick and emergency response teams were kept

busy for the week in storm related incidents.

### March

Rockcastle County adopted a Right-To-Work ordinance giving manufacturers more reason to consider bringing their business to the county.

Addison Atkin, 17, of RCHS received the President's Volunteer Service Award for his service to the community.

Several areas in the county were under flood waters after the snow melted in February.

Police were searching for someone illegally cashing checks in Rockcastle and Madison County.

The 55th Annual farmers/Business Banquet was held at RMS.

Also in February, the

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## Sixty inches of rain fell in state in 2015

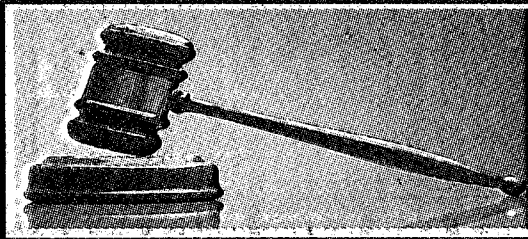


Flood waters flowed throughout the county on Christmas Day. This photo was taken in Climax as creeks and streams left their banks. According to the National Weather Service, in the State of Kentucky, December was the wettest since 1899 with 7.2 inches of rainfall.

Buddy Cox, local weatherman, said Rockcastle County received 5.97 inches of rain in December which is less than the state average but still more than usual in the county.



# News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



## Deeds Recorded

The Elnora S. Burke Revocable Trust Agreement, property in Rockcastle County, to Mark Blanton and Patricia Bradley. Tax \$155

Colin and Tressa Loudon, property on Linville Road, to Blevins Law, Trustee and Colin and Tressa Loudon. No tax

John B. and Wavel Wilson and Jackie Mullins, property on Cave Ridge Road to John D. Mullins. No tax

Joshua C. Weaver, property in Rockcastle County, to Derel Griffin. Tax \$50c

Samantha and Justin Thacker, property in Rockcastle County, to Jeff and Jennifer Houk. No tax

Ruby Norton, et al, property in Rockcastle County, to Timothy Wayne and Tammy Sue Renner. Tax \$50

Brenda and Ronnie Bradley, Donna Sue Hubbard and Glenn and Roy Whittemore, property in Rockcastle County, to Ashley Michelle Hubbard. No tax

James and Virginia Broadus, property on Negro Creek Road, to Ann K. Griffen and Matthew W. Broadus. No tax

Gary Dale Ramsey and Nancy Bradley, property in Rockcastle County, to Perry and Amy Mink Properties. Tax \$38

Jerry S. and Brenda Ikerd Trust UTD and Jerry Ikerd Family Limited Partnership, property in Rockcastle County, to Classic Country Land, LLC. Tax \$77

Tabitha Craig Crawford and James William Crawford, James Craig Crawford, and David Matthew Blank, property in Rockcastle County, to Jim Hasty Revocable Trust. Tax \$18

Eva D. Payne, property

in Rockcastle County, to David Daugherty. Tax \$21

Anthony Eugene and Nell Wanda Cromer, property on Ky. 1326, to Johnny Thomas Shafer II and Emily E. Shafer. Tax \$91

Mitchell and Robin P. Mullins, property in Rockcastle County, to Dustin Mitchell Mullins. No tax

Mitchell and Robin P. Mullins, property in Rockcastle County, to Jessica Nikole Williams. No tax

Beverly Huit, property on Williams St., to Gary Dale Ramsey. Tax \$56

Craig Norton, et al, property in Rockcastle County, to Joyce Norton. No tax

Jaime and Linda Norton, property in Rockcastle County, to Joyce Norton. No tax

William and Connie Norton, property in Rockcastle County, to Joyce Norton. No tax

Louanna and Donald Purcell, property in Rockcastle County, to Joyce Norton. No tax

James Clay and Amanda Michelle Brown, property in Dog Walk Community, to Nickalos W. and Teresa G. Gentry. Tax \$145

## Circuit Civil Suits

Meloyde Ann Thacker v. Brian Everett Thacker, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Jerry Sims v. Carol Ann Sims, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Bonnie L. Deborde v. Amanda L. Sturgill, complaint for child support and medical support.

Citizens Bank v. Toni Baker, et al, \$22,523.07 plus claimed due.

Dan Gather Cotton v. Melissa Cotton, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Clayton E. Howard v. Brodhead Tobacco and Tanning, et al, complaint.

Prestige Financial Services, Inc. v. Bary Blanton, \$11,953.46 plus claimed due.

Byron L. Abiley v. Joanna Ambrose, complaint for child support and medical support. CI-00248

## District Civil Suits

Midland Funding LLC v. Evelyn Tuttle, \$733.58 plus claimed due.

Elaine B. Merrick v. Hubert Thomas, forcible detainer complaint.

Midland Funding LLC v. Holly Kirby, \$1,575.48 plus claimed due.

St. Joseph Berea Emergency v. Kren Michelle Barron, \$579. claimed due.

Barclay's Bank v. Carla Robinson, money claimed due.

Tim Huff v. James Lindsey, et al, forcible detainer complaint.

Eagle Financial Services, Inc. v. Barry Blanton, \$2,054.23 plus claimed due. C-00275

## Marriage Licenses

Glenda Stegemoller, 55, Mt. Vernon, unemployed to James Stephen Stegemoller, 56, Mt. Vernon, factory. 12/10/15

Emily E. Hughes, 23, Orlando, data entry to Charles Lee Kirby, 23, Brodhead, TTAI. 12/14/15

Angela Lynn Sowder, 43, Mt. Vernon, clerical to Donnie Lee Caracoff, 50, Mt. Vernon, disabled. 12/15/15

Lillian Renee Dooley, 21, Brodhead, unemployed to Jonathan Douglas Wright, 23, Brodhead, ISS. 12/21/15

## District Court

Dec. 9-16, 2015

Hon. Jeffrey Lawless

Johnny D. Bowling: no/ expired registration plates - receipt, failure to produce insurance card, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, display of illegal/ altered registration plate, license to be in possession, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

Jeriah Konner Hamm: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/ drugs, sentencing order entered.

George J. Jarrell: no/ expired registration plates I- receipt, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta.

Charles Marlow: excessive windshield/window tinting, \$25 fine and costs.

Paul S. Millburn: public intoxication, possession controlled substance, sentencing orders entered.

Robert E. Northern, Jr: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to produce insurance card, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, carrying a concealed deadly weapon, bw issued for fta.

Will Penderly: assault, bw issued for fta.

Lance E. Peterson: failure to give right of way, license suspended for fta.

Charles M. Rodgers: speeding, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta.

Kevin W. Rodriguez: speeding, license to be in possession, operating vehicle w/expired operators license, one headlight, bw issued for fta.

Kenneth A. Tucker: disorderly conduct, sentencing order entered.

Michael T. Cunagin: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine plus costs.

Mark A. Durham, Jr: speeding, no/expired registration plates - receipt, license suspended for fta.

Desiree M. Fitzpatrick: driving without license/negligence in accident, \$50 fine and costs.

Clara Hammond: speeding, failure to produce insurance card, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt-plates, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, license suspended for fta.

Nicholas J. Denny: drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, possession controlled substance, 30 days (each count)/concurrent.

Patrick Ryan Hundley: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/ drugs, endangering the welfare of a minor, sentencing orders entered.

Devon S. Johnson: terroristic threatening, obstructing governmental operations, menacing, bw issued for fta.

James Miller: criminal trespass, 30 days in jail/to serve weekends; theft by unlawful taking, sentencing order entered.

Christopher Riddle: menacing, 90 days/probated 24 months on condition.

Carter L. Bowling: public intoxication and drug paraphernalia, bw issued for fta.

Billy R. Hellard: fines/ fees due (\$168), bw issued for fta/4 days in jail or payment in full.

Devon Johnson: assault, criminal trespass, bw issued for fta.

Phillip J. McCarroll: Pt 393, Federal Safety Regs, Parts Needed for Safe Op-

eration, paid.

John D. McClure: theft by unlawful taking, bw issued for fta.

Anthony J. Naylor: failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, no operators/moped license, 30 days/concurrent/ costs waived.

Bryan D. Phillips: flagrant non-support, bw issued for fta.

Larry D. Powell: possession of synthetic drugs, sentencing order entered.

Gordon W. Sowder: drug paraphernalia, sentencing order entered, possession of synthetic drugs, 30 days/probated (concurrent).

Roy Morris: Viol Part 392, Fed Safety Reg., Driving of Motor vehicle, license suspended for fta.

Scott M. Stewart: Viol Part 392, Fed Safety Reg, Driving of Motor Vehicle, license suspended for fta.

Chadiev Zoran: part 395/Fed Safety Regs-Hours of Service for Drivers, license suspended for ftas.

Joshua N. Abney: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

Amy M. Bingham: alcohol intoxication in public place, bw issued for fta.

Joshua C. Emerson: failure to wear seat belts, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta.

Darla Sue Grimes: criminal mischief, criminal trespass, bw issued for fta.

Keith L. Martin: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.

Terry W. Newcomb: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

Caleb Aaron Price: im-

proper start from parked position, \$10 fine and costs.

Cody M. Ramsey: criminal trespass, sentencing order entered.

Starlin D. Robinson: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine and costs.

Maranda Smith: public intoxication controlled substance, \$50 fine and costs.

David J. Sparks: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, sentencing order entered.

Adam S. Spurlock: possession of marijuana, \$100 fine plus costs.

Tonya G. Wagers: no/ expired registration plates - receipt, improper registration plates, speeding, reg & title requirements veh. not oper. on hwy., failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta.

Speeding: David Goff, James L. Britt, I'shia E. Evans, Tam Ngoc LePham, Jose A. Bajeca, Jason Bell, Anthony R. Powell, license suspended for fta; David Jared Flynn, Dellmas Richards, Mary J. Stewart, Octavius E. Newsome, paid; Diana S. Freck, \$14 fine plus costs.

Francis A. Whitis: fines/ fees due (\$193), four days in jail or payment in full.

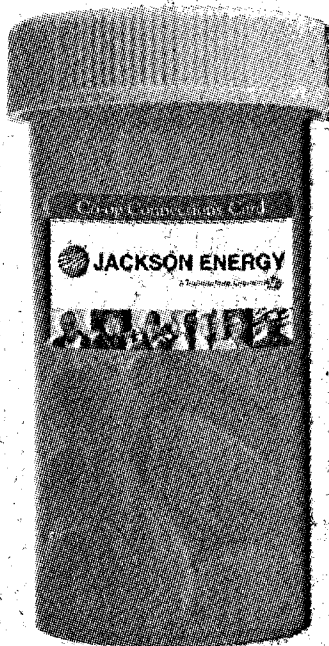
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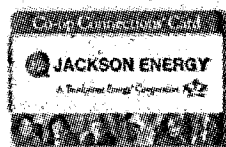
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# RES students write Santa

**Roundstone Elementary  
Mrs. Imogene Williams'  
Class at RES**

Dear Santa,

My name is Kellan Edward. I am six years old. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was help Daddy wash the car. A nice thing I did at school was get the red bag for Mrs. Tanya.

Please bring me a Jar Jar Binx Blanket for Christmas. I will leave cookies and milk for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Kellan*

Dear Santa,

My name is Austin Ray. I am five years old. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was bring the dishes. A nice thing I did at school was wrote a note to Sata Clause.

Please bring me an elf and deer named Rudolph for Christmas.

I will leave milk and chocolate chip cookies for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Austin*

Dear Santa,

My name is Evan. I am five years old. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was wash dishes. A nice thing I did at school was I have been quiet.

Please bring me all the cars I don't have in my collection.

I will leave cookies, carrots and milk for you, and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Evan*

Dear Santa,

My name is Katy. I am five years old. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was help Daddy fix a wheel. A nice thing I did at school was to help people make a play dough kitty cat.

Please bring me a beautiful doll house and dolls.

I will leave milk, cookies and maybe pizza for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Katy Hagen*

Dear Santa,

My name is Taylor Ann. I am six years old. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was I get things for my Mom. A nice thing I did at school was to help Jon.

Please bring me an elf that I can touch, an I-Pad, a make-up set and red, shiny high hills for Christmas.

I will leave cookies and milk for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Taylor*

Dear Santa,

My name is Addi. I am five years old. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was my homework. A nice thing I did at school was color.

Please bring me a puppy and sleigh for Christmas.

I will leave chocolate milk and cookies for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Addi Fox*

Dear Santa,

My name is Abby. I am six years old. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was wash dishes. A nice thing I did at school was played with Austin at recess.

Please bring me a real elf, a reindeer and an Anna Castle for Christmas.

I will leave milk and cookies for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Abby*

Dear Santa,

My name is Noya. I am six years old. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was to help clean. A nice thing I did at school was I helped Addi.

Please bring me a reindeer on the roof for Christmas.

I will leave milk and cookies for you and your reindeer.

indeer.

Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Nova Newcomb*

Dear Santa,

My name is Ellen. I am six years old. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was train my sister's dog. A nice thing I did at school was ask Nova to watch me be baptized.

Please bring me an elf on a shelf.

I will leave milk, cookies and oats for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Ellen Todd*

Dear Santa,

My name is Jasper R. I am five years old. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was the laundry. A nice thing I did at school was sharpen a pencil for Mrs. Tanya.

Please bring me a new Darth Vader toy and a zombie toy for Christmas.

I will leave carrots, water, chocolate milk and cookies for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Jasper*

Dear Santa,

My name is Deus. I am six years old. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was help pick out their clothes and shoes. A nice thing I did at school was help Mrs. Tanya pick up things she drops.

Please bring me an elf and Call of Duty 3 for Christmas.

I will leave milk and chocolate chip cookies for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Deus Newcomb*

Dear Santa,

My name is Jasper B. I am five years old. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was help Mom clean house. A nice thing I did at school was learn.

Please bring me a I-Phone for Christmas.

I will leave cookies for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Jasper Bloom*

Dear Santa,

My name is Kortney Helen. I am five years old. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was help build a fire. A nice thing I did at school was help people.

Please bring me a baby doll, a glass doll and a puppet for Christmas.

I will leave carrots, milk and cookies for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Kortney*

Dear Santa,

My name is Jon. I am six years old. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was I hugged them. A nice thing I did at school was help hang up the reindeer.

Please bring me an SUV, mustang and a train for Christmas.

I will leave milk and cookies for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Jon*

Dear Santa,

My name is Lacey. I am six years old. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was helped wash dishes. A nice thing I did at school was help my friends.

Please bring me a tablet and make-up set for Christmas.

I will leave carrots, milk and cookies for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Lacey*

Dear Santa,

My name is Elizabeth Marie. I am five years old. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was hug and kiss them. A nice thing I did at school was play with boys and girls.

Please bring me a nice cooker for Christmas.

I will leave carrots and

milk for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Elizabeth*

Dear Santa,

My name is Kinley. I am five years old. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was help them with my baby brother. A nice thing I did at school was help my friends get their backpack out of their locker.

Please bring me a Barbie Dream House and some Barbies and furniture for Christmas.

I will leave cookies and carrots for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Kinley*

Dear Santa,

My name is Sallee. I am five years old. I think I have been good this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was clean when I was sick. A nice thing I did at school was I haven't been mean to any kids.

Please bring me a Little Pony and a horse and a toy snowflake for Christmas.

I will leave milk, water and cookies for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Sallee*

*Mrs. Tanya Clark's and Mrs. Becky Harding's Kindergarten Classes*

Dear Santa,

My name is Leighton. I am five years old. I live in Mt. Vernon. I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was let the dog out. A nice thing I did at school was help my friend. Please bring me Frozen dolls for Christmas.

I will leave cookies and carrots for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Leighton*

Dear Santa,

My name is Cayden. I am six years old. I live in Burnt Ridge. I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was help my friend. Please bring me some play horses for Christmas.

I will leave cookies and milk for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Cayden*

Dear Santa,

My name is Alyssa. I am six years old. I live in Flat Gap. I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was help my friends tie their shoes. Please bring me a Minion teddy bear for Christmas. I will leave milk, cookies and carrots for you and your reindeer.

I will leave cookies and milk for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Alyssa*

Dear Santa,

My name is Bobby. I am six years old. I live in Salt Springs Hollow. I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was help take the groceries in. A nice thing I did at school was help my friend find his jacket. Please bring me a Grand Theft Autos for Christmas. I will leave cookies and milk for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Bobby*

Dear Santa,

My name is Aaliyah. I am five years old. I live in Brindle Ridge. I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was help for the wash rags. A nice thing I did at school was being nice to my friends. Please bring me a big unicorn for Christmas. I will leave milk for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Aaliyah*

Dear Santa,

My name is Deserae. I am six years old. I live in Scaffold Cane. I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was help my nanny do laundry. A nice thing I did at school was try to help my friends. Please bring me a bracelet with a ring for Christmas. I will leave milk, cookies and carrots for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Deserae*

Dear Santa,

My name is Grace. I am six years old. I live in Brindle Ridge. I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was help my daddy feed the dogs. A nice thing I did at school was help Alyssa. Please bring me a Barbie doll for Christmas. I will leave cookies for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Grace*

Dear Santa,

My name is Shyann. I am five years old. I live in Little Clear Creek. I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was help my sister clean up her room. A nice thing I did at school was help one of my friends. Please bring me a tent for Christmas. I will leave a picture for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Shyann*

Dear Santa,

My name is Matthew. I am five years old. I live on Lambert Rd. I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was sweep a lot. A nice thing I did at school was help my friends. Please bring me a Pat Patrol set for Christmas. I will leave carrots, milk and cookies for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Matthew*

Dear Santa,

My name is Jay. I am six years old. I live in Flat Gap. I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was pick up my toys. A nice thing I did at school was help my friends feel better by giving hugs. Please bring me an Xbox game for Christmas. I will leave milk, cookies and carrots for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Jay*

Dear Santa,

My name is Marrick. I am five years old. I live in Roundstone. I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was do chores. A nice thing I did at school was be a good leader. Please bring me an Army video game for Christmas. I will leave cookies, milk and oatmeal for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Marrick*

Dear Santa,

My name is Danika. I am six years old. I live in Conway. I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was help clean old wash rags. A nice thing I did at school was share my crayons. Please bring me a Collers Holles for Christmas. I will leave cookies for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Danika*

Dear Santa,

My name is Beatrice. I am five years old. I live in Roundstone. I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was clean my room. A nice thing I did at school was help my friends tie their shoes. Please bring me a Minion teddy bear for Christmas. I will leave milk, cookies and carrots for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Beatrice*

Dear Santa,

My name is Taylor. I am five years old. I live in Big Sandy. I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was help my mom do laundry. A nice thing I did at school was help my teachers. Please bring me a toy dragon for Christmas. I will leave milk, cookies and carrots for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Taylor*

Dear Santa,

My name is Davie. I am five years old. I live in Buffalo Hollow. I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was put books on shelf. A nice thing I did at school was share my crayons. Please bring me a talking ghost for Christmas. I will leave cookies and milk for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Davie*

Dear Santa,

My name is Grace. I am six years old. I live in Brindle Ridge. I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was help my daddy feed the dogs. A nice thing I did at school was help Alyssa. Please bring me a Barbie doll for Christmas. I will leave cookies for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Grace*

Dear Santa,

My name is Kylee. I am six years old. I live in Sweetwater. I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was change my sister's diapers.

Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Kylee*

Dear Santa,

My name is Kylee. I am six years old. I live in Sweetwater. I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was change my sister's diapers.

Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Kylee*

Dear Santa,

My name is Kylee. I am six years old. I live in Sweetwater. I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was change my sister's diapers.

Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Kylee*

Dear Santa,

My name is Kylee. I am six years old. I live in Sweetwater. I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was change my sister's diapers.

Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Kylee*

Dear Santa,

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Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Kylee*

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Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Kylee*

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Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Kylee*

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Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Kylee*

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Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Kylee*

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Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Kylee*

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Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Kylee*

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Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Kylee*

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Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Kylee*

Dear Santa,

My name is Kylee. I am six years old. I live in Sweetwater. I think I have been nice this year. One nice thing I did for my family this year was change my sister's diapers.

A nice thing I did at school was help Matthew. Please bring me a bounce house for Christmas. I will leave cookies, carrots and milk for you and your reindeer.

Merry Christmas!!!  
*Love, Kylee*

Shannon Bishop, whose district includes the fair grounds.

In addition to the check presentation, Comer used the occasion to name Travis Burton of Brodhead an honorary Commissioner of Agriculture. Burton serves on the fair board and formerly worked as Director of Communications for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.

"Travis did a terrific job serving this state and the agriculture community during his time as Director of Communications at the Ag Department. Having spent a lot of time with Travis, I can tell you, he is a tireless advocate for Rockcastle County."

Especially Brodhead! The first place he took me to was the Dari Delite."

"I told Travis if there was ever a way I could help out Rockcastle County to let me know and he immediately said, 'as matter of fact, there is'"

Comer said, referencing Burton's involvement in the grant process.

"Because of his passion for service, the excellent job he did while at the Department of Agriculture, all he does for Rockcastle County including his help with the \$100,000 grant, and the good work he is doing now at the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, I am making Travis Burton an honorary Kentucky Commissioner of Agricultural."

Comer announced.

Comer said there are 135 fairs in the state and it says a lot about the work Burton has done to get this grant for the Fair Board.

Brodhead held the two-day Dix River Festival with vendors and a parade as local residents lined the streets enjoying the festivities.

The Rockcastle County School district received a \$6000 grant to help support literacy from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

Recruitment flyers were found in the yards of several homes in the city reportedly from the Klu Klux Klan (KKK).

**June**  
A woman was found dead in her home in June, and an investigation was opened. Mary A. Hinton, 86, of Livingston was found beaten to death and Kimberly Dale Slusher and Tabitha Howard were later arrested and charged with the murder.

It was in June that the 43rd graduating class said goodbye to RCHS.

Livingston began its sidewalk project in June which was completed later in the year.

Though local police and deputies made drug arrests in Rockcastle County nearly every week of 2015, it was in June that Sheriff's Deputy Brandon McIntosh led police to a bust which yielded over a pound of methamphetamine along with heroin, cocaine, pills, cash and drug paraphernalia. The drugs were found on Highway 150 and was one of the largest drug busts of the year. Michael J. Kunick was arrested and charged with several drug-related charges.

East Mount Vernon voting district announced a future wet/dry vote to consider allowing a business to sell wine in the Renfro Valley Shops.

Also in June, the Rockcastle Regional Hospital held an open house for the new Cancer Center and Infusion Center.

The Christian Appalachian Project held a 50 year Alumni Reunion in Mount Vernon with over 250 volunteers enjoying the festivities.

## Fair

(Continued from B1) Bishop, Brodhead Mayor Walter Cash



# CHURCH NEWS

## 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.

## Fellowship Meeting

Crab Orchard Pentecostal Church will hold a Fellowship Meeting Monday, January 4th at 7 p.m. with Bro. Claude Gilbert from London.

Bro. and Sister Donald King and congregation invite everyone.

## 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.

## Acts of the Holy Spirit available at CrossBooks

Albert E. Griffin's *Acts of the Holy Spirit* is available now from CrossBooks! Visit [crossbooks.com](http://crossbooks.com) or call 866-879-0502. You can order this title at your local bookseller or preferred on-line retailer. 978-1-4627-3461-0 (SC ISBN), 978-14627-3463-4 (HC ISBN), 978-104627-3462-7 (Ebook ISBN).

## Watch Night Service

New Hope Baptist Church, 3213 New Hope Tower Road at Orlando, will be having a Watch Night Service on Thursday, December 31st at the church. Service will begin at 8 p.m.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and join in the praise and worship until just before midnight, when we will gather together to pray in the New Year.

# Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

## BEEF BARLEY SOUP

About 1 pound stew meat  
1 tablespoon vegetable oil  
4 cans (14.5 ounces each) beef broth  
1 can (14.5 ounce) petite diced tomatoes  
1 large onion, chopped  
2 white or yellow potatoes, peeled, cut into bite-sized pieces  
1 cup frozen mixed vegetables  
2/3 cup regular barley  
1 stalk celery, chopped  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
Trim fat from meat. Cut meat into 1-inch pieces. In a large skillet cook meat in hot oil over medium-high heat until browned. Drain off fat.  
Transfer meat to a 5- to 6-quart slow cooker. Stir in broth, tomatoes, onion, potatoes, frozen vegetables, barley, celery, and garlic.  
Cover and cook on LOW for 8 to 10 hours or HIGH for about 5 hours.

## CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP

2 chicken breast halves, boneless and skinless  
1 medium carrot, sliced  
1 stalk celery, sliced  
1 onion, chopped  
2 tablespoons butter  
1 cup water  
4 cups rich chicken broth  
1 cup uncooked egg noodles  
Cut chicken into bite-sized pieces. In a 2-quart sauce-

pan over medium-high heat sauté chicken, carrot slices, celery, and onion in the butter for 5 minutes or until onions are tender. Add water and broth to the chicken mixture. Heat to a boil. Stir in the noodles. Reduce the heat to medium. Cook for 10 minutes or until the chicken is cooked through and the noodles are tender. NOTE: Instead of the chicken breast, use one or two cans of cooked chicken and just sauté the vegetables.

**VEGETABLE SOUP**  
There is no fat in this soup, but it has plenty of flavors from the herbs and spices. I started making this soup after eating at a popular restaurant in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

1 can (14 ounce) petite diced tomatoes  
1/2 teaspoon dried celery  
1 can (29 ounce) Veg-all®, drained  
1 dash hot sauce (I use Cholula)  
1 cup water  
1/2 teaspoon sugar  
1/2 teaspoon each dried oregano and garlic  
Salt and pepper  
1/2 teaspoon dried chopped onion  
Add all ingredients to large soup pot. Bring to boil. Reduce heat and gently boil for 30 minutes. Serve with warm cornbread or crackers.

## Local DAR celebrates Christmas with WWII for theme

The Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently met and celebrated the holidays with their annual Christmas dinner and the theme of the evening was "Christmas Time during WWII".

Presenters Jean Gentry and Kathy Bobo focused their program on Pearl Harbor and favorite Christmas carols of today like "I'll be Home for Christmas" and "White Christmas" which came out of the war time period of the 1940's.

The speech made by President Roosevelt and British Prime Minister, Winston Churchill while lighting the National Christmas tree in 1941 was also part of the program.

The art department of the middle school provided posters reflecting Pearl Harbor in 1941. The installation of new members and an annual chapter fundraiser concluded the evening's events.



Taking the Oath of Office were: Amanda McNew; Kathleen Stevens; Juanita Cloud - Registrar; Iris Young; Cassie Literal - Regent; Debbie Brown; and Chaplain Laura Durham.



Artwork provided by RCMS Art students at the recent Christmas Dinner held by the local chapter of DAR.

## Family and Consumer Sciences

### Hazel Jackson

Rockcastle County Extension Office



## Dealing with children's behavior during holidays

While we like to think of the holidays as a picture-perfect Norman Rockwell painting, they tend to be the exact opposite and full of stress for everyone around. Think about it—from buying presents and extra food to visiting relatives you hardly ever see, stress can come from all sides during this time of the year.

As adults, we have learned how to cope with at least some of these holiday stresses over the years, but for young children, these stresses can be extremely difficult to handle. As a result, you may find your child acting out more than normal.

Here are some suggestions to help you and your children better navigate holiday stress.

1. Keep them busy. With colder temperatures and inclement weather, it can be hard for children to burn off their energy. That can cause boredom and restlessness. When some children try to find a cure for their boredom, it can lead to undesirable behaviors. Child development specialists encourage parents to find ways to keep children busy during the season to curtail some of these challenging behaviors. This really isn't as difficult as it sounds, if you allow your child to share in some of the responsibilities of the holidays like cooking, shopping, wrapping presents and volunteering.

2. Preparation is key. Ready your child for a visit with relatives you only see once or twice a year. If your children have seen the relatives before, remind them about things they did together the last time the relatives were in town. Realize that very young children may not remember relatives who visited from a previous year. Let your child know you'll be there for them during and after the visit. Talk with your visiting relatives beforehand and let them know your children may not be exceptionally warm toward them at first and to give the children some time.

3. Maintain some sense of normalcy. This can be especially difficult if you are traveling to a place your child has never been before.

but encourage them to pack familiar toys, books and pillows for the trip. Some children may need to stick to their normal schedule to help maintain their behavior. Try to eat and sleep at the same times. If you are hosting relatives, continue to have your child do their normal chores or participate in any normal activities.

4. Set realistic expectations. Some of us set unrealistic expectations on big events throughout the year, with the holidays being the culmination. No matter how hard we try, the holidays will never be cookie-cutter perfect. Realize that your children are still children, and some of their undesirable behaviors may just be a phase they are going through or normal for their age. A 2-year-old will not likely sit quietly through dinner. A 4-year-old may become impatient waiting to open gifts. A 10-year-old may be bossy, especially to younger children. Keeping this in perspective will help you and your children have a less stressful holiday.

You can get more information about childhood development topics at the Rockcastle County Extension office by phoning (606)256-2403.

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Jean Gentry was the presenter during the recent Christmas Dinner held by DAR.

## An encouraging word:

### A Reliable Guide

By Howard Coop



On July 21, 1971 at 11:30 A.M. local time, we arrived at Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam to begin a twenty-one day Grand Tour of Europe. I had never been in those European countries, so I did not know the road ahead. Every step we would take would be into strange territory.

Although I was in strange territory, I had no fear, I approached that tour with complete confidence, for immediately after arriving at the airport in Amsterdam, we met Chris Hotten, a young Englishman who was to be our guide for the entire trip. Chris had led many groups through those European countries, and he knew the way well. Day after day he briefed us, informed us, and lead us. I was absolutely sure of his ability to guide us, and I was not disappointed. Chris made our tour a most enjoyable experience.

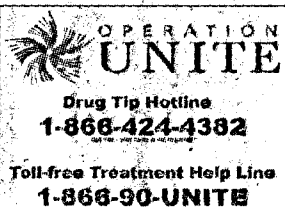
Horatio Nelson Powers, an eighteenth century author called the New Year "A path untrod," and he went on to say that it "waits beyond tomorrow's mystic gates." The New Year is beyond the "mystic gates," and it is an "untrod path" to the future. We don't know what is ahead in the New Year; therefore we don't know what it holds for us. At this point, it is an unknown quantity. This is an absolute certainty. However, if it is like most years, we know, with a reasonable degree of certainty, that it will have many pleasant experiences and some experiences that may not be so pleasant. That's just the way life is. But one thing is sure. An anonymous individual was right when he said, "The path into the New Year is aglow with opportunity."

If the grand tour through the year ahead is successful and we seize its opportunities, there must be a reliable Guide who knows the way and will lead us through all of the unpleasant experiences we will face and help us celebrate all of the pleasant experiences that will occur.

## Are you ready to quit smoking?

Rockcastle Regional Hospital will be hosting a quit smoking class called Cooper Clayton. The class and all nicotine are FREE. All costs are covered by Rockcastle Regional Hospital and a grant funded by the Rockcastle County Agency for Substance Abuse Policy (ASAP).

To register, please call Morgan Bray at (606) 256-7704 or come to class at Rockcastle Regional Hospital on Tuesday, January 6 at 6:00 p.m. Must be 18 or older to attend. All tobacco and E-Cigarette users are welcome to attend.





# Church Directory

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

**Berea Gospel Tabernacle**  
231 US 25 South  
Berea, KY  
Tuesday Night 7 p.m.  
Sunday Night 6 p.m.  
Pastor: Eugene Webb  
Bible Baptist Church  
100 Higher Ground (off US 25)  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Church Phone 606-256-5913  
e-mail: www.biblebaptist.org  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship/Children's  
Church 11 a.m.  
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.  
Video services Tues., Thurs., &  
Sat. at 11 a.m., 4 p.m. & 9 p.m.  
Channel 3 - New Wave  
Cable Channel 5 in Berea and  
Richmond 1 p.m. Wednesdays  
Pastor: Don Stayton  
Associate Pastors/Youth:  
Bro. Jeremy Ellis  
Kids for Christ  
Children's Ministry:  
Bro. Jarrod Amys  
Secretary: Jo Roberts  
Music Director: Dan Dull  
Blue Springs  
Church of Christ  
7 miles south of Mt. Vernon on  
Hwy. 1249 (Sand Springs Rd)  
Services:  
Sundays 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Preaching Brethren  
Gary Reppert, Doug Hawkins  
Marcus Reppert  
Contact Info:  
Marcus Reppert  
104 Byrda Way • Mt. Vernon, Ky.  
606-308-2794  
marcusreppert24@hotmail.com

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

**Brodhead Baptist Church**  
Corner of Silver & Maple St.  
Brodhead, Ky. 40409  
606-758-8316  
Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. &  
7 p.m.  
(Nursery Provided)  
Sunday Youth Bible Study  
5 p.m.  
Wednesday Adult & Youth  
Worship/Bible Study 7 p.m.  
Children's Programs:  
RAS & GAS  
Mission Friends and  
Creative Ministry  
Ralph Baker, Pastor  
Brodhead Christian  
Church  
237 W. Main St. Brodhead  
606-758-8721  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.  
Tracy Valentine, Preacher  
606-758-8662  
Cell 606-303-8980

**Brodhead Church of God**  
Hwy. 3245 • Brodhead  
758-8216  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday evening 7 p.m.  
Terry Orcutt, Pastor  
Brush Creek  
Holiness Church  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.  
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.  
Lonnie R. McGuire,  
Pastor

**Buffalo Baptist Church**  
Located 15 miles south of  
Mt. Vernon on Hwy. 1249  
(Sand Springs Rd.)  
606-256-4988  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:15 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Tim Owens, Pastor  
Calloway Baptist Church  
76 Calloway Branch Rd.  
(Off US 25) • Calloway  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 6 p.m.  
George Renner, Pastor  
606-224-4641

**Central Baptist Church**  
86 Maintenance Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456  
606-256-2988  
centralbaptistky.org  
Pastor: Mark Eaton  
Home of "Central Baptist  
Christian Academy"  
K-12 Private School  
"Central Time" Radio  
Broadcast  
WRVK 1460AM  
Monday-Friday 11:15 a.m.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning and  
Children's Church 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study,  
Prayer Meeting and "Patch  
the Pirate Club" 7 p.m.  
Transportation and Nursery  
provided for all services  
Mark Eaton, Pastor  
Church of Christ at  
Chestnut Ridge  
2 miles south of Mt. Vernon  
Turn left off US Hwy 25  
Sundays 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.  
Bro. Ova Baker  
Bro. Dale McNew  
Bro. Philip Scott  
Church of Christ on  
Fairground Hill  
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.  
Different speaker each  
Sunday  
Climax Christian Church  
Hwy. 1912  
308-2806 • 256-4138 • 256-5977  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Terry Thornton, Minister  
Climax Holiness Church  
Sunday Night Worship 6 p.m.  
Thursday Nights 7 p.m.  
3rd Sat. of every month at  
7 p.m.  
Conway Missionary  
Baptist  
116 Meadow Lark Lane  
Berea, KY 40403

**Crab Orchard Pentecostal**  
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 3 p.m.  
Wednesday 7 p.m.  
Bobby Turner, Pastor  
606-758-4007

**Faith Chapel Pentecostal**  
S. Wilderness Road  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
Saturday Service 7 p.m.  
Jack Carpenter, Pastor  
First Baptist Church  
340 West Main Street  
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 606-256-2922  
Neal Thornton, Pastor  
Jesse Wright,  
Assoc. Pastor/Youth  
website: www.fbcvkv.org  
email: fbcmtvernon@newwave.net  
Sunday Services: 8:20 a.m.,  
10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
Wednesdays: AWANA and  
Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  
Live Broadcast WRVK 1460AM  
Sundays at 11 a.m.  
Broadcast on New Wave Cable  
Channel 3 Tues., Thurs. & Sun-  
day at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. & 8 p.m.  
First Christian  
Church  
West Main St. Mt. Vernon  
606-256-2876  
Bro. Bruce Ross, Pastor  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship  
11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.  
Flat Rock Missionary  
Baptist  
504 Maple Grove Rd. Hwy. 1004  
Orlando, Ky.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Fellowship Hour 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.  
Jack Stallworth, Pastor

**Freedom Baptist Church**  
Freedom School Rd.  
Mt. Vernon  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Discipleship Training 6 p.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship  
7 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening Prayer  
Meeting & Youth/Children  
Classes 7 p.m.  
www.freedombc.com  
email:  
pastor@freedombc.com

**Hickory Grove  
Pentecostal Church**  
Hwy. 1505 (6 miles from Brodhead)  
Brodhead, Ky.  
Randal Adams, Pastor  
Youth Pastor: Scott Adams  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wed. Evening 7 p.m.  
Lighthouse Assembly of  
God  
Hwy. 1004 • Orlando, Ky.  
Tim Hampton, Pastor  
606-256-4884 • 606308-2342  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship  
11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wed. Evening 7 p.m.  
Tues. Night Intercessory Prayers  
7 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Bible Study  
7 p.m.  
Little Country Church  
Jarber Rd.  
Turn left off Rev. Green Loop  
onto Jarber Rd.  
Jack Weaver, Pastor  
Sunday 6 p.m.  
Wednesday 7 p.m.  
Livingston Baptist  
Worship Service 11 a.m.  
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  
Macedonia Baptist  
Scaffold Cane Road  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Bro. Barry Hurst, Pastor  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.  
Maple Grove Baptist  
Hwy. 1004 (Big Cave Road)  
Orlando, Ky. • 606-256-1873  
Bro. Jerry Owens, Pastor  
Home Phone 606-256-3075  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship,  
11 a.m.  
WRVK Broadcast 2 p.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.  
Maretburg Baptist  
Church  
2617 New Brodhead Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456  
Wayne Harding, Pastor  
Phone: 256-8844  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sun. Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Sun. Discipleship Training/  
Sunday Youth Missions  
6 p.m.  
Sunday Worship 7 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.  
www.maretburgbaptist.org  
maretburgchurch@yahoo.com  
McNew Chapel  
Baptist  
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
Jerry Ballinger, Pastor  
Mt. Vernon  
Church of God  
1025 W Main St.  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
Bobby Owens, Pastor  
859-986-1317  
Mt. Vernon Church of  
the Nazarene  
40 Fair Street • Mt. Vernon  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
David Smith, Pastor  
Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
606-308-3293  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.  
New Hope Baptist Church  
Jct. 1797 New Hope Tower Rd.  
Orlando

**Northside Baptist Church**  
777 Faith Mountain Rd.  
(Off 461 bypass) Mt. Vernon  
606-256-5577  
Sunday  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Children's Church 11 a.m.  
Hispanic Services 6 p.m.  
Evening Worship 6 p.m.  
Tuesday  
Celebrate Recovery 7 to 9  
Wednesday  
Adult & Youth Worship 7 p.m.  
Time Warner Cable  
Tues., Thurs., Sun.  
9 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m.

**Ottawa Baptist Church**  
1074 Ottawa Rd. • Brodhead  
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.  
Jim Craig, Pastor • 758-8453  
ottawabaptist@windstream.net  
Our Lady of Mt. Vernon  
Catholic Church  
515 Williams St (across from MVES)  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
606-256-4170  
Mass Times:  
Tuesdays at 5 p.m.  
Sabbath Mass: Sat., 5 p.m.  
Holy Days 5 p.m.  
Fr. Michael Flanagan, Pastor  
Sister Joyce Moeller,  
Pastoral Associate  
Jack Lawless, Groundskeeper  
Tom Darst, Maintenance  
Philadelphia United  
Baptist  
834 Bryant Ridge Rd. Brodhead  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
Saturday Service 7 p.m.  
Gordon Mink, Pastor  
606-308-5368  
Pine Hill Holiness  
5216 S. Wilderness Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456  
Randy Chrisman, Pastor  
256-5955  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sun. Evening Worship 6 p.m.  
Thursday Night Worship  
7:00 p.m.  
WRVK (1460 AM) Broadcast  
Noon Sundays  
Pine Hill Missionary  
Baptist Church  
81 Limeplant Hollow Road  
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456  
Bro. Clyde Miller, Pastor  
859-986-1579  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Discipleship Training 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship  
6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting &  
Youth Service at 7:00 p.m.  
Prayer Partners Ladies Meeting  
monthly every 2nd Tues. at 6:30 p.m.  
Pleasant Run Missionary  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 5 p.m.

**1st Sunday in Month Church at  
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Respiratory Care  
Bro. Gary Bowling, Pastor  
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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
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email:  
dan.mckibben@juno.com  
www.WhatSaiithTheScriptures.com  
Roundstone Baptist  
Jason Brown, Pastor  
606-308-1272  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.  
Sand Hill Baptist Church  
Sand Hill Rd.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday Night 6 p.m.  
Pastor Tommy Miller  
Sand Springs  
Baptist  
Directions: Take Hwy 1249, go  
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
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Scaffold Cane Baptist  
Chris Cobb, Pastor  
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Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.  
Union Chapel  
Pentecostal  
1505 Union Chapel Rd.  
Brodhead, Ky.  
Lether Napier, Pastor  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
United Gospel of Christ  
4 miles off US 25 on Wildie Rd.  
Church welcomes everyone  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
Valley Baptist Church  
4482 Copper Creek Rd.  
Berea, Ky. 40403  
Organized in December 1909  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.  
Evan Eckler, Pastor  
Wildie Christian  
Church  
1478 Wildie Rd. • Wildie  
606-256-4494  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m.  
Family Fellowship 6 p.m.  
Bible Study 6 p.m.  
Bro. Gary Pettyjohn, Pastor**

**Bro. Steven Vanhook, Pastor**  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship  
6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night 7 p.m.  
Dixie Park Cornerstone  
700 N. Powell St. Berea, Ky.  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service  
6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
Joe Vanwinkle, Pastor  
Fairground Hill  
Community Holiness  
Church  
Sunday Evening Service  
6 p.m.  
Thursday Service 7 p.m.  
Robert Miller, Pastor  
Fairview Baptist Church  
520 Fairview Loop Road  
Mount Vernon, Ky.  
Sunday Services  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Children's Choir 6 p.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.  
Sunday Adult Choir 8 p.m.  
Wednesday Services  
Creative Ministry 6 p.m.  
Bible Study 7 p.m.  
Youth Ministry QUEST 7 p.m.  
RAS and GAS 7 p.m.  
Mission Friends 6 p.m.  
Vaughn Rasor, Pastor  
606-256-3722  
email: fairviewbapt@aol.com

**Bro. Jerry Owens, Pastor**  
Home Phone 606-256-3075  
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Orlando

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Sunday Worship  
11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.  
Flat Rock Missionary  
Baptist  
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Orlando, Ky.  
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Jack Stallworth, Pastor

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Home Phone 606-256-3075  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship,  
11 a.m.  
WRVK Broadcast 2 p.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.  
Maretburg Baptist  
Church  
2617 New Brodhead Rd.  
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456  
Wayne Harding, Pastor  
Phone: 256-8844  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sun. Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Sun. Discipleship Training/  
Sunday Youth Missions  
6 p.m.  
Sunday Worship 7 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.  
www.maretburgbaptist.org  
maretburgchurch@yahoo.com  
McNew Chapel  
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Sunday School 10 a.m.  
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Jerry Ballinger, Pastor  
Mt. Vernon  
Church of God  
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Mount Vernon, Ky.  
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Bobby Owens, Pastor  
859-986-1317  
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40 Fair Street • Mt. Vernon  
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Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
606-308-3293  
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New Hope Baptist Church  
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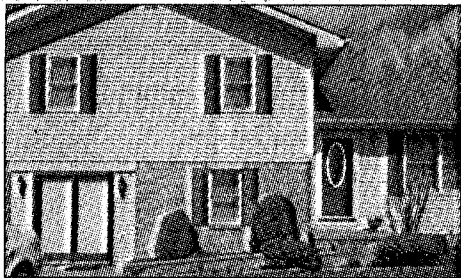
**2 BR/1BA** newly remodeled trailer on a nice lot located off Hwy. 70. \$365 deposit/\$365 per month. Call/Text 606-308-3847.  
**2 BR Trailer.** 483 Tyree Street. Two built-in rooms, garage and carport. Newly remodeled with new carpet and vinyl. No inside pets. 3 person maximum. Background check and references required. \$300 month/\$300 deposit. Cecil King 606-758-9683 or 606-510-3719. 52xntf  
**2BR** real nice apartment, located at 211 Industrial Park Road. Water and electric included. \$650 month/\$300 nonrefundable deposit. Call 606-308-5459 or 606-256-8603. 52xntf  
**2BR/1BA House,** close to town. Call 859-447-3513.

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Maple St. Storage of Brodhead  
 256-2884 or 606-308-2491

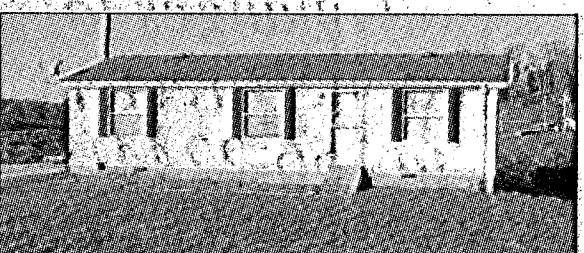
## For Sale

185 Woodland Place Mount Vernon



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12-year-old doublewide on a 1/2 acre site. Situated on high elevation looking over a valley. Has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths with quick access to several roads.  
 \$59,000 Call Don Foster (859) 582-1100  
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000 Barnett Rd. - Brodhead - \$19,900  
 167 Briar Rose Rd. - Mt. Vernon - \$120,000  
 95 Quail Rd. - Mt. Vernon - \$95,000  
 000 Quail Rd. - Mt. Vernon - 14.26 A - \$39,900  
 SOLD! 1141 Little Clear Creek - Mt. Vernon - \$164,900  
 PRICE REDUCED! 95 Liberty Dr. Mt. Vernon - \$105,000  
 220 School St. Mt. Vernon - \$116,900  
 REDUCED! 270 Williams St. Mt. Vernon - \$69,900  
 SOLD! 9371 N. Wilderness Rd. Berea - \$30,000  
 Lot 15 Tern Lane Brodhead - 0.93 acre w/septic, water meter & elec. pole set - \$17,000  
 REDUCED! 341 Pleasant View Dr. - Doublewide & 1.21 A - \$67,900  
 REDUCED! 2800 Richmond St. - Commercial Bldg. & 1 A - \$119,000 - With extra 11 A - \$169,000 • 11 Acres only - \$50,000  
 REDUCED! 2780 Richmond St. - Doublewide & 0.645 A - \$70,000

## Property For Sale

**2BR Home** with garage. Just north of Mt. Vernon on eight acres +/- Ready to move into. Serious inquiries only. Shown by appointment only. 606-308-3669 or 606-308-1689. 9xntf  
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**Drivers: CDL-A, 1 yr.** Guaranteed Home time. \$1250+ per wk. & Benefits. Monthly Bonus program usually \$500-\$650. No-touch. 855-454-0392. 52x2  
**Experienced cooks** needed at Limestone Grille in Mt. Vernon. Apply in person.

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## Posted

**Posted:** Absolutely no trespassing, hunting or ATVs on land belonging to Al and Barbara DeChambeau on Poplar Gap Road and Poplar Gap Church Road. Violators will be prosecuted. 44x10.

**Posted:** Absolutely no trespassing on property (61 acres) owned by Loyd Jones, 7 miles from Livingston on St. Rd. 1955. Violators will be prosecuted. 42x12

**Posted:** Property belonging to Don and Kitty Reese on Smallwood Road at Roundstone. All trespassers will be prosecuted. 49xntf

**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Glen Roberts at 560 Dix River Branch Road, Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 35xntf

**Posted:** No hunting, trespassing or ATVs on land belonging to Jason and Sara Coger at Roundstone. Not responsible for accidents.

**Posted:** No trespassing on land belonging to James and Dorothy Rash heirs on Rash Branch Road off Chestnut Ridge. No hunting, camping, ATVs, trespassing for any purpose. Not responsible for accidents. Violators will be prosecuted. (1/21/16)

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

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

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

**Posted:** No trespassing on property known as C.B. Owens Farm across from Fairgrounds in Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 25xtn

## Notices

**Notice:** On January 9, 2016, at the hour of 9 a.m., I will sell the contents of Unit #52 of Perry & Amy Mink Properties, LLC at the premises, located at 110 Old Somerset Road, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky. All purchases shall be in cash and the property shall be removed the date of sale. 52x1

**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.

51x3

**Notice is hereby given that** Garlan Cummins, 4721 Willailla Road, Brodhead Ky. 40409, has been appointed Executor of the estate of Dee James Cummins deceased. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Garlan Cummins or to Hon. William D. Reynolds, 14C West Main St., P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before June 15 2016 at 11 a.m. 52x3

**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

**Notice is hereby given that** William H. Asher, 56 Osage Lane, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Executor of the Estate of Martha M. Asher, deceased. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said William H. Asher or to Hon. Jeremy Rowe, P.O. Box 3038, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before June 13, 2016 at 11 a.m. 51x3

**Notice is hereby given that** Clara June Moberly Carpenter, 2030 New Orleans Dr. Lexington, Ky. 40505, has been appointed Executrix of the estate of Pauline Tackett deceased. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Clara June Moberly Carpenter or to Hon. William D. Reynolds, 140 West Mair St., P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before June 20, 2016 at 11 a.m. 52x3

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## Pets

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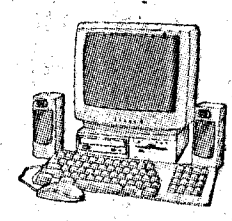
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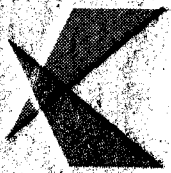
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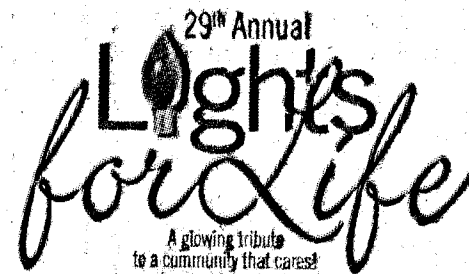




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