



A two vehicle crash at the intersection of U.S. 461 and Highway 150 last Wednesday afternoon caused injuries to two people. According to a release from Kentucky State Vehicle Enforcement Trooper Chris McQueen, a Chevy pick up truck, driven by Shirley J. Mink of Mount Vernon, was westbound on Highway 150 attempting to pass through the 461 intersection, when a silver Chevy Cruze, operated by Ralph Holt, of Dayton, Ohio, pulled into the path of Mink. The report said both Mink, and an unknown passenger in Holt's vehicle, were transported to the Rockcastle Regional Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Assisting at the scene were Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement Officers, Mount Vernon Police, Rockcastle EMS and the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department.

Approves Sheriff's budget for 2016 Court gets update of jail renovation

At a special called meeting of the Rockcastle Fiscal Court Monday, Rockcastle County Jailer Carlos McClure, and Chief Deputy Jailer James Carpenter, gave an update on the progress of renovations to the jail, following the December 23rd fire.

McClure said that officials of the Department of Corrections (DOC) would be in Rockcastle on Tuesday to inspect the work to date. Carpenter said that new sprinkler heads would have to be installed in the old part of the jail and painting should be finished by the end of the week. The heating and cooling system in the old part was not damaged by the fire.

On Wednesday, Jailer McClure said that he had been given permission by the DOC, following the in-

spection on Tuesday, to begin returning county prisoners to the jail as soon as Friday.

There are currently 32 county prisoners distributed between Fayette Co., Lincoln Co. and Laurel Co. for which the county is paying \$34.13 per day board. If a prisoner has to be taken to a doctor or hospital, the rate for that is \$37.50 per hour. Magistrate Bill McKinney reminded the court and one prisoner has already had to

(See "Jail" on A7)

I-75 project still being addressed

By: Mike French

Rockcastle Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) Board member Sam Hamilton, told members of the board Monday that one of the biggest issues he hears from local residents is the traffic problem in the county when I-75 is blocked.

"We need to find a way to move that I-75 project forward. It's one of the biggest issues we face as a county and now that we have more Republicans in office, they are trying to get funding for widening the interstate," said Hamilton.

Hamilton said he believes the right-of-ways and easements have already been purchased. "It is my understanding that right-of-ways have already been purchased and easements are ready to go, and we need to do something during this session," he said.

Hamilton said if the project to widen I-75 is not including in the upcoming budget, it will be two years before the subject is brought up again. "We need to spend time in Frankfort over the next two months while road projects are getting assigned. We need our voices heard before we have to wait another two years," he said.

Hamilton suggests all citizens of Rockcastle

(See "I-75" on A7)

Sheriff and Rep. Shell wage war on synthetic drugs

By: Mike French

Thanks in part to the continuing efforts of Rockcastle County Sheriff Mike Peters, a new House Bill has been introduced to increase penalties for synthetic drug use and sales.

"This stuff is killing our kids and it has not been regulated like other drugs," said Peters.

Peters has been fighting the issue for several years and has gotten the attention of lawmakers to help battle synthetic drug use across the state.

Rockcastle's State Representative Jonathan Shell pre-filed legislation for the 2016 Session of the General

Assembly that places stiffer penalties on those who possess and/or sell synthetic drugs in the Commonwealth.

"In the past the General Assembly has passed laws that sought to identify synthetic drugs by their content as a way to combat their sale, but manufacturers and dealers keep pushing synthetic drugs on our streets and to our children," said Representative Shell.

Shell praised Rockcastle County Sheriff Mike Peters for bringing attention to this issue and helping him draft legislation to address it.

"After discussing the issue with Sheriff Mike Peters, and other law enforce-

ment officials in Rockcastle County and throughout the state, it was clear that we needed to take action on this issue. It's time we hold these people more accountable through increased penalties, and also taking property used through the manufacture and sale of synthetic drugs," said Shell.

Peters said synthetic drug use in Rockcastle County has been on the rise and is increasingly dangerous the longer it is available.

"This synthetic stuff could be worse than the original drug because you don't know what people are putting in it. They cook it up at home and use whatever they want," he said.

Cost is another issue that causes a bigger synthetic drug problem. "People can cook this stuff up at home and make it out of anything they want. It costs less than other drugs and that makes it easier to get for some," said Peters.

Bill Request 234, if passed and signed into law, makes the sale of four or more grams of synthetic drugs a Class C felony on the first offense, and a Class B felony on the second of-

fense. A Class C felony conviction carries a jail sentence of five to 10 years in Kentucky, and a Class B felony conviction carries a sentence of 10 to 20 years in prison. Shell's proposal also makes possession of synthetic drugs a Class D felony, which according to Kentucky law carries a maximum sentence of three years behind bars.

In addition, BR 234 also amends laws covering un-

lawful transaction with a minor, and sale of a controlled substance to a minor by adding synthetic drugs to the statutes. It also adds synthetic drugs to current Kentucky law that allows law enforcement to seize any and all property used in the transport, distribution, and sale of the drugs in the Commonwealth, including vehicles, boats, and planes along with any items pur-

(See "Drugs" on A7)

Tourism Commission still seeking support for Castle

By: Mike French

The Rockcastle Tourism Commission has been promoting the idea of a new Rockcastle Visitor and Convention Center near I-75 exit 62. Not just any building, but a "castle."

"I can't think of anyone who could resist stopping to see a castle sitting above I-75 overlooking Lake Linville," said Susan Tomes, Director of the Commission.

The castle, as proposed by Tomes and the tourist commission, would include a visitor center, meeting rooms, a chapel, a ballroom,

that could host most any event.

Tomes' goal has been to inform the public about the idea and then pursue funding through several outlets.

However, some local officials are concerned that the idea may not be feasible. "I just don't think the idea is credible. It would be nearly impossible to fund such a project," said, Kentucky State Senator Jared Carpenter. "I'm not shooting the idea down. I'm in favor of anything that may benefit Rockcastle County. But

(See "Castle" on A7)

RCIDA working on strategic plan

Discuss hiring new Director

By: Mike French

The Rockcastle Industrial Development Board (RCIDA) held its regular meeting Monday, January 4. One of the items on the agenda included providing a new manhole for the new building being erected by Mt. Vernon Eye Care in Rockcastle Business Park South.

Board member Corey Craig said the location of the new manhole has been established near the street which will allow service to future buildings. Craig said once the final survey of the property is received, construction should begin soon after.

Members of the board also discussed more repair work on the HVAC units at Source HOV, and the lease of property for the new CSEPP buildings.

The board then held a long discussion of the new strategic plan for the board and the hiring of a new executive director.

Craig said he has been given three names of qualified people to fill the executive director position, but he has not reached out to them since the board informally

agreed to wait until a strategic plan was in place before filling the position.

However, Chairman Jason Coguer said he had given the issue some thought since the last meeting. "I was in favor of waiting too. But the more I think about it, I can see the other side," said Coguer.

"I am wondering if a new executive director would have more of a buy-in and

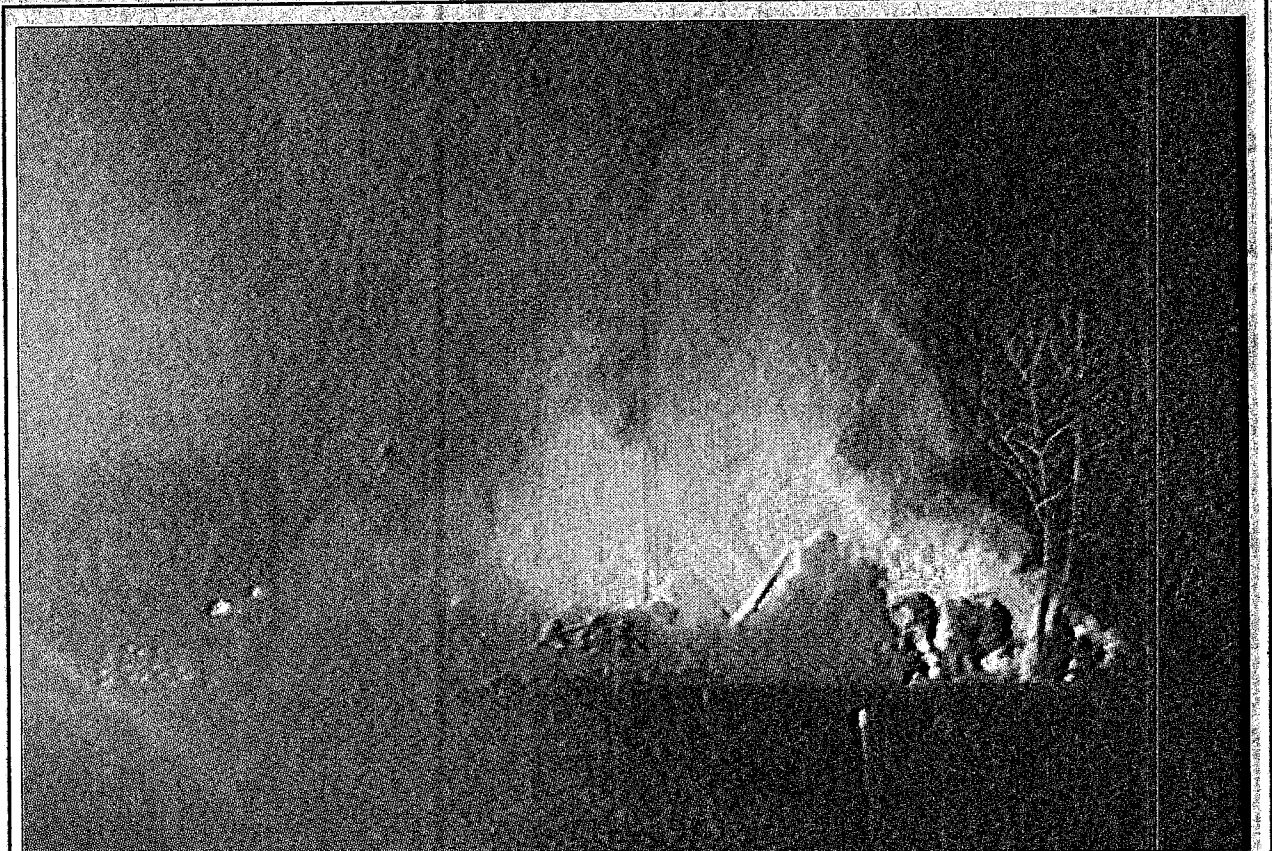
(See "RCIDA" on A7)

Indictments returned

Ten indictments were returned in December by a Rockcastle County Grand Jury. One of those indictments contained the names of seven defendants charged with check forging.

Named in that indictment were: Randi Saylor, 39 of Brodhead; Michael L. Price, 38, of Brodhead; Arnold D. McGuire, 60, of Brodhead; Michael A. Ashworth, 21, of Brodhead; Misty N. Holt, 33, of Brodhead; Francis Bailey, 32, of Mt. Vernon and Loretta L. Ashworth, 46, of Brodhead.

(See "Indictment" on A7)



The Mount Vernon Fire Department, Western Rockcastle Fire Department and the Brodhead Fire Department battled a blaze in a barn, belonging to Darrell Whitaker, Tuesday night near Spiro Road. MVFD fireman Adam Bales said the barn and all its contents were a total loss. According to Bales, there were two tractors and nearly 100 bales of hay, along with other equipment and supplies destroyed in the fire. The cause of the fire is unknown at this time. (Photo courtesy of MVFD)

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Aces Over

By Mike French



We had a neighbor when I was a lad named Tom. All us kids in the neighborhood just called him "Old Tom" and he didn't seem to mind. In fact, when we called him that, a slight smile would part his lips.

We didn't know much about him. No idea what his last name was or where he came from. To us, he had simply always been there just like the old creek we would play in.

About seven of us neighborhood kids would play in the alleyway of the street near Old Tom's house most every day. Without fail, he would be sitting on the old wooden porch in the wooden rocking chair watching us play.

If one of us wrecked our bicycle or fell, Old Tom would shout out to us, "Hey there. Are you okay?" We would assure him we were fine and get back on our bike and ride away.

A few times some of us were about to get in a fight and Old Tom would yell out, "AH AH AH!!!" and sort of break it up.

I was only inside Old Tom's house one time. Mom was out of sugar or something and sent me there to get a cupful. That was as close as I have ever been to the man as he led me into his kitchen and said, "get whatever you need boy."

He was a very wrinkled fellow with thin, sparse whiskers and white hair. A rather short man and especially so since he leaned on an old hand-carved cane. One of those that had marbles inside the wood and no one could figure out

how they got in there.

Once I filled mom's cup with sugar, he led me back to the door and said, "Tell your mom, hi."

He had an old, beat up, rusty truck with rotten wooden planks sticking up from the bed. I never saw that truck move. As far as I know, he never left the house.

I once tried (at the coaxing of my young friends) to crawl through the culvert that passed under our driveway and let water flow down the ditchline. But, I got stuck. Imagine that.

As I was wiggling and struggling to back out, I felt hands on my ankles, gently pulling me out of my would-be tomb.

I was crying and, as I felt freedom and began running to the house, I barely noticed that Old Tom had laid down in the muddy ditchline to reach in for me. I recall now that his clothes were completely covered in mud and I remember seeing him struggle to stand up again. Using his cane to balance himself and pull himself up as I ran away.

The next day, after school as I travelled past his house (yes, I walked to school every day), he was on that porch as usual.

"Thanks for getting me out of the ditch Old Tom," I yelled. He simply waved his hand with a nod which was clearly his version of "you're welcome."

The day we moved away from that little neighborhood, Old Tom stood in his yard leaning on that cane

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Points East

By Ike Adams



Across the two roads that run parallel to each other and my front porch, there is a patch of woods about a mile long and more or less 150 yards wide—more in some places and less in others—but with trees enough throughout its length that it qualifies as "woods" or at least the closest thing to "woods" within walking distance of my house.

Nobody is going to get lost in the Lowell Branch woods, at least not for very long, because sooner or later, even if they lay down and died, a local dog would find them and commence barking its fool head off, which is not to imply that anybody pays much attention to barking dogs in our neighborhood. Even I, about 20 years ago, developed the ability to sleep right through the incessant barking of dogs and way too many coyotes. Sometimes it seems that they are in a form of canine competition to see which can be the most aggravating.

Both used to worry me at night, but now I'd worry if I didn't hear something barking in the background of my dreams.

Anyway, the terrible ice storms that hit central and southeastern Kentucky in the late 1990s and right after the turn of the century wreaked havoc on the

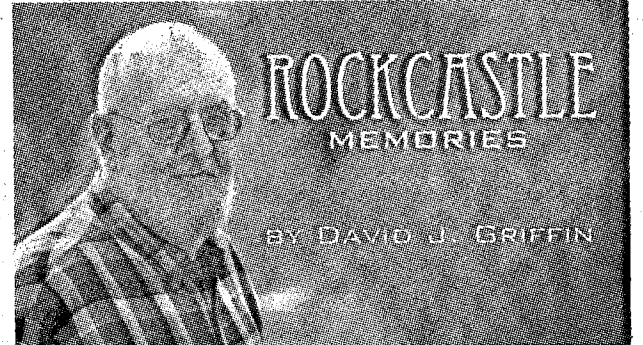
Lowell Branch woods such that many, if not most, of the trees suffered injuries from which they may never fully recover. In fact, I can sit on my porch and count more than a dozen that are either dead already or so badly crippled that they will be dead long before they make full utility of the seeds from which they sprouted.

It is not uncommon for me to be sitting on the porch soaking up the stillness of the day with not even the faintest of breezes astir nor a single dog barking when all of a sudden I will hear a very loud crash in the woods across the way that was caused by a heavy, dead oak, poplar, sycamore, wild cherry, ash, elm or hickory limb falling, from on high, to the very roots of its raising.

Just last week, before the weather changed from balm to bluster, I was sitting out there trying to spot, through a set of those little racetrack binoculars, the northern flicker I had earlier glimpsed bare eyed when it flew into the woods.

I could hear it loudly hammering on a tree trunk and even hear small chunks, the residue of its industry, falling into the leaves on our mini-forest.

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"Sweet, Smooth, and Sassy"

On Christmas Day, the Griffin "clan" met at Al and Eva's home on West Main Street in Mt. Vernon in order to celebrate the holy holiday with our family. Unlike similar celebrations of my past, many of the older members of our family have passed away, and the remaining group is "growing younger." As always, Eva prepared a spectacular meal, and afterwards we gathered around the house to catch up on current events of the various family members.

One such group moved to the front porch to enjoy the 70 degree temperature, which, by the way, broke all records for Christmas Day in Kentucky. The porch group included: Howardy Haddix, Billy Haddix and his wife, Jamie, my wife (Kathy), and me. For some reason, the conversation moved to some of the "classic" automobiles which were owned by family members over the years.

Howardy asked, "Didn't Al have a '57 Chevy?" To which I replied, "Yes, he did, and I remember that that car very distinctly because I always thought it was the hottest vehicle he ever owned." Even though I was not old enough in 1957 (13) to have my driver's license, Al allowed me to drive his classic through the parking lot at Pleasant Point Baptist Church in Lincoln County. I drove it back and forth from the parsonage to the church, over and over, again and again.

During the following year (1958), Al and Eva moved to Woodbine Baptist Church, near Manassas, Virginia. When I was 14, I visited them and stayed for about two weeks. More about that in a moment.

Later in the afternoon of our holiday, Al and I discussed his '57 Chevy, and he told me some things that I had forgotten. He purchased the car in 1957 brand new and immedi-

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Are we as parents sabotaging our children?

By Ken Holt

I do my best to help children be more successful. I am privileged to speak during career days at schools and even bring kids to the Hyster-Yale Plant in Berea for a life learning wake-up call for the things that will help them find jobs and a career. I talk about what Hyster-Yale and many other companies look for in new employees and how it has changed over the years. The ones I do not get to talk to are the parents. I often find we as parents may very well be sabotaging our children to never find happiness

due to a financial burden and wanting more and more stuff beyond their needs.

We all want our kids to have a better life than we had. It can be an overpowering feeling that we must give them all their needs and wants. The hard part is knowing when to stop with the wants. They are consequences with everything we do. Many of these consequences can sabotage a child's happiness and well-being for the rest of their life.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lions Club thanks contributors...

Dear Editor,

The Mt Vernon Lions Club would like to thank the community members, who had a Pride of Lions placed in their yards, for their generous contribution to the scholarship fund for a college bound RCHS senior.

We would also like to thank Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Scalf's classes at the High

School for the excellent work they did in preparing the Lions for this fund raiser. They are a very talented group of young people.

Thanks also to Lumber King for their advice in acquiring the right materials for this project.

The Mt Vernon Lions club goal is for this scholarship to be an annual event to benefit our youth.

Mt Vernon Lions club

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T.J.'s Journal

by: Tonya J. Cook



In Search of the Elusive Port Wine Cheese Ball.

Dear Journal,

The new year has finally arrived. At times last year I seriously wondered if I would be here for the start of 2016. Thankfully, I've made it through and I don't want to waste a minute of the future. We just take things, such as time, for granted too often and let this valuable asset, a precious gift, slip through our fingers.

It has been a custom for Stanley and I to celebrate the passing of the old year and the arrival of the new in a unique way. We stay home and don't do anything...exciting, anyway.

In order to stay away from the large, boisterous celebratory drunken crowds as we've tried in the past, we simply choose to keep things on a quiet key. I think it has to do with age or should I say, maturity.

Our little New Years evening has developed a pattern over the years, one we've come to enjoy. We usually go out for a nice meal about six PM, being careful not to overeat and ruin the evening ahead. Then we head for home, hoping to avoid those who have foolishly chosen to drink and drive. About 10:30 or 11:00 PM, we have a traditional spread of some of our favorite snacks: grapes, apple slices, port

wine cheese ball, crackers, chicken wings, a vegetable tray with dip, and wait for the ball to drop with a favorite wine.

We had a little problem this year. We waited too late to get the port wine cheese ball. Stanley couldn't find one in Mount Vernon, so on New Year's Eve night we headed for London.

Fearing that the stores would close early, we searched for the cheese ball first. No luck. We finally had to settle for a cheddar log from Walmart.

By this time, we knew all of the restaurants had a twenty to thirty minute wait to be seated, so we settled on Pizza Hut. A fresh salad sounded pretty good, anyway.

We ordered a large pizza and got the salad bar. Pizza Hut was so busy, I think everybody in Laurel County had ordered a pizza. People were carrying them out a dozen at a time. In all of the rush, they had lost our pizza order. Well, about an hour later, we got our pizza. We got a little discount, but the whole event threw us quite

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Obituaries

Former Mt. Vernon Mayor passes away



Elizabeth Deborde

Elizabeth Frances Baker Deborde, 85, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, January 1, 2016 at her home. She was born in Walton on March 29, 1930 the daughter of Ernest H. and Ersie Clifford Cummins. She was a retired teacher, a former mayor of Mt. Vernon, and a member of Bible Baptist Church. She enjoyed cooking, reading, and her family.

She is survived by: a sister, Bethel Falin Hensley; her step-son, Eddie Baker; her step-daughter, Lorene

Noe, and a step-grandson, Freddy Dale Noe. Several nieces and nephews also survive. She was preceded in death by: her first husband, Robert Baker; her second husband, Charles Deborde; two brothers, Bluford Cummins and James Cummins; a sister, Lillian Renner; a half-sister, Sybil Smith; and two infant children, Bobby B. Baker and Patricia Baker.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at Bible Baptist Church by Bros. Don Stayton and Jon Burdette. Burial was in Hiatt Cemetery in Renfro Valley.

Pallbearers were: Kevin Bradley, Dwayne Burdette, Jacob Loudermilk, Mark Loudermilk, Ryan Loudermilk, Zack Loudermilk, Jeremy Neal, and John Renner.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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

Anna Phillips

Anna Christine Ponder Phillips, 98, of Dayton, OH, died Friday, January 1, 2016. She was born in Rockcastle County on September 7, 1917 the daughter of Benjamin Lester and Cordea Mullins Ponder. She was a farmer and homemaker and was a member of the Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church.

She is survived by: two sons, Bradley (Pam) Phillips of Centerville, OH, and Gary (Gail) Phillips of Dayton, OH; two daughters, Shirley Miller of New Castle, IN, and Ann (Doug) Ward of Dayton, OH; a sister, Anna Lee McDaniel of Mill Valley, CA; 16 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; and six great great grandchildren. Many friends also survive.

She was preceded in death by: two husbands, William Earl Phillips and Herman Alcorn; two daughters, Juanita Rose and Lois Reams; two sons, Denny Phillips and Fritz Phillips; a grandson, Johnnie Phillips; and a great granddaughter, Jessie Elliot.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Burgess Daugherty. Burial was in Red Hill Cemetery.

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

Card of Thanks

Dee James Cummins
The Dee James "Jimbo" Cummins Family wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to all who supported us during his long illness and passing.

A special thanks to Ina for all she did.



Thelma Juanita Coleman

Thelma Juanita "Mimi" Thomas Coleman, 72, went to meet the Lord and have a celebration of her life with a reunion in heaven on Thursday, December 31, 2015. She fell victim to a fast moving illness that she quickly lost the strength to fight. She was of the Baptist faith and was ready to meet her Savior. Mimi was born in Berea to the late Lillie Mae (Brooks) and Everett Thomas.

She is survived by: her two children, Anna Louise (Lulu) Coleman and George Gregory (Pauline) Coleman, both of Mt. Vernon; three grandchildren, Karlee (Courtney) Payne, Beth Coleman, and Kathrin Sandlin; two great grandchildren, Sadee Cheyanne Payne and Mason Brodee Payne; one sister, Barbara Bennett (late Sonny Bennett); one brother, Paul (Phyllis) Thomas; a special niece, Leigh Ann (Tom) Mosier and their three kids, Kaleigh, Kaleb, and Kara Mosier; and many other nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Sandi Thomas.

Mimi most enjoyed having company and listening to her family talk. Her favorite time was spent with all of "her babies". Everyone who met her walked away with a smile and a blessing and most likely a prayer as well.

Funeral services were held at Scaffold Cane Baptist Church Saturday, January 2, 2016.

Pallbearers were: Tom Mosier, Kaleb Mosier, Jimmy Thomas, Courtney Payne, Mason Payne, Heath Payne, Dee Thomas, and Lloyd Bennett.



Daniel Barron

Daniel Albert Barron, 89, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, January 1, 2016 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center.

He entered into this life April 4, 1926 in High Dry, a son of the late Harvey and Pearl Sweeney Barron. He was of the Baptist faith and was a faithful viewer of WLJC, and found great joy in mowing his yard, guns, knives and "trading".

Those left to celebrate his life are: his children, Jimmy (Anita) Barron of Eubank, Jerry Barron of Brodhead, and Bonnie (Roger) Daugherty of Pongo; grandchildren, Crystal Corbin, Jerry Dwayne Barron, Christo-



Charles "Charlie" Alcorn

Charles "Charlie" Jeffrey Alcorn, 45, formerly of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, December 22, 2015 in San Tan Valley, Arizona. He was born May 31, 1970 at Saint Joseph Berea, the son of Orville and Ruby Deloris Marler Alcorn. He was of the Baptist faith, whose membership was at Gateway Fellowship Baptist Church in Gilbert, Arizona. His vocation was welder and machinist. He found great joy in motorcycles, fishing, and camping with family and was very devoted and enjoyed his church.

Those left to celebrate his life are: his parents, Orville and Ruby Alcorn of Mt. Vernon; his children, Megan MaShaye Yvonne Alcorn and James Dalton Charles Alcorn, both of Mt. Vernon; brothers, Edward Earl "Eddie" Alcorn of Mt. Vernon, Shelly Wayne (Laurie) Alcorn of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, Vernon Orville Alcorn and Lynn Adams of Science Hill, Fred Walter (Jan) Alcorn of Livingston, Rodney Kyle Alcorn, Sr. of Mt. Vernon, and Randall Keith (Cindy) Alcorn of Mt. Vernon; sisters, Judy Katherine (Ken) Jones of Knoxville, TN and Cynthia Leona (Jeffrey Charles) Harms of San Tan Valley, AZ; his fiancée, Denisa Williams of San Tan Valley, AZ; and a host of nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 28, 2015 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Zandell Hasty officiating. Burial was in Freedom Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Vernon Alcorn, Eddie Alcorn, Randall Alcorn, Shelly Alcorn, Brian Alcorn and Benjie Jones. Condolences may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

pher Lee Barron, Jessica Danielle Barron, Jodi Gayle Daughtery, Matthew Derrick Cromer and Angela Helm; eight great grandchildren; a brother, Fred (Mamie) Barron of Mareburg; a sister, Flossie (Andrew) McFerron of Brodhead; and a host of nieces/nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Locie Barron (11-28-2014); brothers, Robert, Raymond and Ervin; and sisters, Alfa McFerron and Anna Mae Anderson.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Zandell Hasty and Bro. Eugene Gentry officiating. Burial was in the Mareburg Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Matthew Cromer, Zach Burkett, Josh Corbin, Gary McFerron, Chris Barron and Joe Barron.

Honorary casketbearers were Steve and Tim McKinney.

Condolences may be sent to www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

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Cancer survivors Karen Eastham and Devona Couch-Silvers sharing a hand message during a Comfort Givers meeting.

Find fun, support at Comfort Givers meeting

Comfort Givers is a faith based cancer support group that gives ladies a time to have fun and learn support tools for encouragement. The main support is prayer, individual and group. Prayer is depended on for each lady to daily surround themselves with peace of the Holy Spirit.

In the Comfort Givers group are cancer survivors, ladies in treatment, women who have lost someone to cancer and friends of cancer patients. All ladies are welcome to come for support.

Sharing experiences with each other can be of great benefit on a cancer journey. The meeting is held the second Saturday of every month at 11:00 a.m. at Lidia's Turn It Up dance studio by Roses in Somerset.

One of the goals of Comfort Givers is to help ladies that have no insurance. Wigs, mastectomy bras, scarves, and prothesis are available to them at no cost. Helping along the way is Devona Couch-Silvers, of Mt. Vernon, a trained make-up artist (*Este' Lauder, Lancome, Mary Kay*) and certified bra stylist. Devona uses the profits from her *Mary Kay* sales and her bra sales to support the Comfort Givers group. The group is also accepting donations of wigs, mastectomy bras and prothesis.

For donations, information or prayer, you may reach Devona at 606-305-6934.



Miller - Coffey

Angela Nicole Miller and Gregory Carlin Guffey would like to announce their engagement.

Angela is the daughter of Bernice Griffieth and the late Billy Miller and stepdaughter of Jeff Griffieth of Mt. Vernon. Gregory is the son of David K. Guffey and Sandy Branscum of Somerset.

Angela is a graduate of Rockcastle County High School and a 2014 graduate of Eastern Kentucky University with a degree in Dietetics. She is currently working toward her Masters Degree. Angela is an employee of the Rockcastle Regional Hospital.

Gregory is a graduate of Somerset High School and a 2014 graduate of Eastern Kentucky University with a degree in Criminal Justice. He is a police officer with the Somerset Police Department.

The wedding is planned for January 7, 2016 at the Sandpiper Beacon Resort in Panama Beach, FL. A reception will follow the ceremony.

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“Children”

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stop for kids? With the best of intentions and trying to do all the right things when it comes to our kids we often let emotions rule over financial common sense. Some of these purchases undoubtedly are more about parental status than a desire to turn children into achievers.

In almost all cases the more we spend on our kids the less it's appreciated and over time they make it an expectation. Many of us will buy stuff to the point of living beyond our means so the kids can have the best. I have attended Christmas gatherings where the kids got so many presents we had to take potty and snack breaks between the present openings.

My job as a parent is to love my child. But another big part of my job as a parent and even more important is to teach my child how to be a successful, functional person for now and when I'm no longer around.

Too often we give in to buying request knowing it's absolutely ridiculous, so our kids can fit in or have a status among their friends. I will have to say my kids wear better and more expensive clothes than I do. If I had a Carhart pair of pants when I was growing up it would have been my Sunday or special occasion dress only.

One of my co-workers told me their 17 year old son recently asks for a \$140 pair of sport shoes. He asks him why would you want such an expensive pair of shoes? He told him, "it's what the other kids are wearing". Had nothing to do with the quality, fit or durability of the shoe. After much negotiating they settled on a \$50 pair.

Do we have the "keeping up with the Joneses" kids' attitude? There is a fierce competition between parents for who can throw the most lavish birthday parties for their children. Renting ponies, carnival rides, etc. is a common scene. We want to make sure they have

as many or more toys and clothes with lavish brand names than the other kids. It teaches our kids to have these expectations to be happy and if it stops they see us as cheap skates and we no longer love them.

I read this somewhere months ago. There is no reason why we should be scrimping and saving on our own needs, but spending wastefully on our kids. The word "no" should not be painful to say.

We are often setting the bar so high with the continuous showering of gifts and money it can destroy a

“Memories”

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ately had the top of it painted white. It had originally been black all over, but he wanted it to be two-toned. I must agree that this change made the car more attractive.

I remember the Chevy had a V-8 engine with a four-barrel carburetor. In 1957, Chevrolet had two 283-cubic-inch engines. The "Turbo-Fire" 283 had a twin-barrel carburetor which produced 185 horsepower. Al's engine was called a "Super-Turbo-Fire" 283 because it had a four-barrel carburetor which generated 220 horsepower. (My wife was horrified to learn that it was an automatic; when she asked him why, he said that he was danged tired of shifting gears!)

Al's car also had a padded dash, power steering, and power breaks (which were all standard on the Bel Air.) The radio was an AM push-button, and the car did not have air-conditioning. It did have the roll out "wing windows" to circulate the air when the car was in motion. At my age, I thought this was the coolest car ever!

After I got home from our Christmas celebration, I looked up some 1957 Chevrolet advertisements. One in particular caught my attention. It said: "The 1957

child's appreciation of the fact that some of the best things in life are free. It will also set them up for a lifetime of needing a high-cost lifestyle in order to be happy.

I have seen many teenagers and 20 something's that cannot cope with the real world. We have sheltered them and given them so much they cannot function on their own. Often to the point of depression, submitting to drugs and even suicide.

In many cases, it's our fault and failure as a parent when our children fail as an adult.

Chevrolet Bel Air is Sweet, Smooth, and Sassy." The ad was referring to the styling as being sweet, the new Turbo-glide transmission was called smooth, and the 283 cubic inch V-8 was referred to as very sassy.

One of the specific things that I recall about Al's '57 occurred in Manassas when I was there visiting at 14 years of age. Eva and I were traveling from Woodbine Baptist Church to Manassas, when an oncoming truck, which was filled with rock, tossed a stone which then hit the windshield of the car. Immediately, the front windshield smashed into a million tiny pieces, and flew all over Eva and me.

As soon as she could get the car stopped, she asked if I was alright. Neither of us were harmed, but we were scared out of our wits. She quickly called Albert, and he came to check on us and on his car. I had never experienced anything like that before, so I was totally freaked. Of course, the insurance company had the windshield replaced quickly, but the memory of this event has remained in my mind. In my view, Eva had been remarkably "cool" and collected throughout the event, and that, too, stuck in my mind.

Now that I have a restored '54 Chevy, I can relate to the automobiles of the 50's more than I ever could before. The cars of those days still are in demand and bring back many memories of the past - not the least of which is the old ad, "See the USA in your Chevrolet!" Good times.

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“T. J.’s”

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late getting home.

Now we were so full from salad and pizza we didn't feel like eating much of our traditional snack...but we forced ourselves. We must eat some of our snacks since we have put forth such effort in getting the port wine cheese ball that we couldn't find. I think the moral to this story is that we must search for our port wine cheese ball early next year.

“Aces”

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watching us load everything we owned into pick-up trucks. Trip, after trip we carried boxes and bags and furniture and appliances for hours. On every trip, Old Tom was still standing there watching us.

As we finally pulled out of the driveway for the last time in 1972, I waved goodbye at Old Tom from the back of the truck sitting on the furniture (which is where all kids rode in those days.)

Old Tom didn't wave but gave what appeared to be a bow in my direction then turned to go back in his house as we topped the hill.

That was the last time I ever saw Old Tom. Some years later my mother told me he had passed away and I think my dad even went to his funeral.

“Points East”

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floor. I supposed it to be somewhere on a dead, limbless, poplar sapling standing as naked and three times taller than a power line pole at the very edge of the woods and right beside the little creek we call Lowell Branch.

About the same time I lowered the tiny field glasses, the sapling toppled with a cracking crash and tremendous splash into the creek despite the fact that not even the faintest of breezes was in evidence.

To put this phenomenon into proper perspective, the

I never knew anything about Old Tom. I'm sure at some point he must have been married. He probably served in the armed forces. He may have had children somewhere and probably had a hobby or something he really enjoyed.

Surely his greatest accomplishment in life was not sitting on that porch watching over us kids. Old Tom had a story and probably a good one. I just never asked.

I believe in Guardian Angels. I am absolutely certain they exist and no one can convince me otherwise.

Old Tom might have been making my angel's job a little easier. Or, perhaps he was there until my Guardian Angel started his shift.

I don't know why I awoke this morning think-

ing about Old Tom. It's been many years since he crossed my mind. But thinking about it now in hindsight, I wish I had sat with him on that porch every now and then.

I wish I had asked about his family and life in general. I'm betting he had a very interesting story. He had to have regrets, accomplishments, weaknesses and strengths.

I tell this story to point out my New Year's Resolution.

I want to get to know people better that I see often. Not just everyone off the street. But people I claim to know, but really don't.

Everyone has a story. I'm going to try to find out the story of my "friends" and let no one leave my life again before I actually hear at least some of their story.

night before it happened we'd had one of those peculiar late December thunder storms, replete with howling wind and blowing rain so fiercely against the house that I feared for the siding which had been ripped off once before in a gale of seemingly less ferocity.

However, both our house and the rotten poplar sapling withstood the fury.

But, apparently, the sapling had been so shaken by the storm that it could be and was, in fact, toppled over for eternity by the an-

tics of a hungry woodpecker.

Okay, when I sat down, at the keyboard, to write this column it was going to be about three hawks that compete for chipmunks and other table fare in the Lowell Branch Woods, but, for some strange reason I never quite made it to that subject. Now I am hours beyond The Mountain Eagle's deadline and that one will have to wait until next week.

Here's hoping that The Eagle editor, Ben Gish, is sitting at his desk, twiddling his thumbs in Whitesburg

Kentucky Afield Outdoors

Kentucky's deer hunters continue setting state wide whitetail records

Kentucky often comes up in discussions about the best places in the country to hunt whitetail deer.

It's no wonder. The deer are plentiful, permits can be easily obtained and the state produces several trophy class bucks each year. The 2015-16 deer season is reinforcing Kentucky's reputation by breaking records at just about every turn. Two more fell this past weekend when black powder hunters finished a record late muzzleloader season and sent the state's overall harvest total soaring to unprecedented heights.

Kentucky's deer season harvest now exceeds 150,000 for the first time, and the tally will continue to rise with Free Youth Weekend on Jan. Dec. 26-27, crossbow season open until Dec. 31, 2015 and archery season not closing until Jan. 18, 2016.

"It's our highest harvest on record which is great," said Gabe Jenkins, deer program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "The herd is healthy and deer are reproducing. We had a couple of bad winters but we had good mast that got us through. It's all come together."

The previous record

harvest of 144,409 deer occurred during the 2013-14 season. After a slight dip last season to 138,898 whitetails - then the second highest harvest total on record - hunters have taken advantage of their opportunities this year. Hunters set monthly harvest records in September, October and November. By Wednesday, the December harvest total stood less than 400 deer shy of a new record for the month.

The modern gun season in November drives the annual harvest total. This year, hunters telechecked a record 44,314 deer on opening weekend and 105,440 overall during the firearm season.

Other highlights: A record 5,558 deer were telechecked during the statewide youth firearms weekend in October; the harvest of 8,262 deer during the October muzzleloader weekend was the second highest on record.

Roughly 300,000 people hunt deer each year in Kentucky and biologists estimated the state's deer herd at 1 million before archery season opened in early September.

A variety of factors have been in the hunters' favor since then. Among them, good weather during key hunting timeframes and a spotty mast crop that put deer on the move and made them more vulnerable to hunters.

"A big harvest leaves hunters happy and is good for the economy," Jenkins said. "We also have to realize there are a lot of deer

on the landscape and we need to continue to manage the resource properly.

"We're reaping a lot of rewards as far as the quality of the deer herd, but the quantity can get out of hand pretty quickly, which can decrease the quality of your herd. We want to make sure we're good stewards of the resource by managing our numbers."

Jenkins encourages hunters to continue to take advantage of the continued warmer than normal temperatures and also consider donating a deer to Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry.

Deer donated to the program are processed and the meat gets distributed to homeless shelters and food banks throughout the state. Information about how to donate your deer as well as a list of participating processors is available online at kyhuntersforthehungry.info.

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Service at Berea Gospel Tabernacle
Berea Gospel Tabernacle, U.S. 25 in Berea, will hold a service Saturday, January 9th, beginning at 7 p.m. with Billy Bryant.

Pastor Eugene Webb and congregation invite all to attend.

New Service Hours at Brush Creek Holiness

Beginning Sunday, January 3rd, church services will at Brush Creek Holiness Church will begin on Sunday night at 6 o'clock and Tuesday night service will be at 7 o'clock.

Pastor Lonnie McGuire and congregation welcome all to come.

Gospel Singing
There will be a Gospel Singing at Lighthouse Baptist Church featuring the Log Cabin Singers from Somerset on Saturday, January 9th, beginning at 6 p.m.

The church is located at 1391 Gabbardtown Road, Berea.



Clearfork bluegrass gospel group will be singing at The Depot in Livingston this Friday night, January 8. Music starts at 7 p.m. Everyone's welcome to come join for a great time of fellowship.

Applications due January 9 for Spring Exhibit at Artisan Center

The deadline for Kentucky artists to submit entries for the exhibit "Great Impressions: Prints by Kentucky Artists" at the Kentucky Artisan Center is Jan. 9, 2016. The exhibit will be held March 5, 2016 through Sept. 10, 2016.

Each year, the Kentucky Artisan Center develops and presents several special exhibits to showcase works by Kentucky artisans. These exhibits target a specific medium, theme, technique, or subject and often include artists and works not regularly on display at the center.

This exhibit will focus on printmaking - one of the oldest forms of illustration, and will showcase the array of techniques, styles and printmaking methods used by Kentucky artists.

For this exhibit printmaking is defined as work resulting from marks made when a plate, block, or other material/object to which wet color/ink has been applied is pressed onto a flat surface such as paper or fabric. Works submitted can be created using relief print processes such as block prints & engravings, and intaglio processes such as etching, drypoint, and mezzotint. Screen prints, monotypes and lithographs will also be included. Digital prints will not be considered.

Information about the exhibit and an entry form

are on the Participate/Exhibit Opportunities page the center's website at www.KentuckyArtisanCenter.org. You can also request an entry form and prospectus by mail at: Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea, Attn: "Impressions," 200 Artisan Way, Berea, KY 40403 or by calling 859-985-5448.

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is located at 200 Artisan Way, just off Interstate 75 at Berea Exit 77. The center's exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the cafe is open from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea features works by more than 700 artisans from more than 100 counties across the Commonwealth. The current exhibit, "It Takes Two: Collaborations by Kentucky Artists," is on

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Rockcastle Family Resource and Youth Service Center provided 28 hams for Christmas to Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.

An encouraging word:

Traditional Values Are Waning

By Howard Coop



On a December morning in 1962, I had a rude awakening. I left my desk and walked to the post office three blocks away to get the mail. During that leisurely walk, I saw an interesting thing that, at once, caught my attention, and what I saw led to an unusual experience.

As a result of what I saw on my way to the post office, I walked, slowly and contemplatively, from one end of Main Street to the other for one purpose: I wanted to observe the decorations in the windows of the stores. Since Christmas was nearing, every store in the town in which I lived was beautifully decorated for the season. At once, one thing became evident. In all of the decorations in the stores of that town, there was not a single symbol to be seen that involved the true meaning of Christmas. In every store, there was an abundance of tinsel and glitter, but the Christmas decorations, beautiful and eye-catching, in all of the stores were nothing more than sales gimmicks designed to lure customers into the stores and to promote sales.

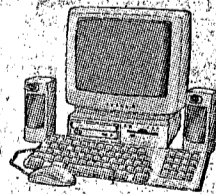
It has been fifty-three years since I made that walk, and things have changed dramatically. The secular spirit has spread to other areas of our lives. Many businesses have gone beyond decoration and require employees to greet customers with "Happy holidays." The traditional "Merry Christmas" might be offensive to someone; political correctness demands that this must be avoided.

Numerous media reports indicate that this secularization has had a profound effect upon our educational system. In some schools, Christmas programs have been abandoned. They have been replaced with secular programs that celebrate the winter solstice, or the changing of the seasons. In these programs, Silent Night and other carols that express the traditional meaning of Christmas may not be sung, but Frosty the Snow Man and songs like it are acceptable.

The secularization of society is becoming more observable as the years go by, and traditional values are waning.

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Bible Talk

As ISIS fights with guns and bombs in a physical war, in contrast, Christians are fighting the battle of righteousness and truth - a spiritual war. Our study this month: The good fight of faith.

The War - "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds.)" 2 Cor. 10:3-4. Our war is not carnal, fleshly, or a physical battle. Yes, the people of God are in a war, but it is a spiritual war, using spiritual weapons. Hear Paul again, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." God has given us the spiritual equipment to fight this conflict.

The Armor of God - "Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. . . Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" Eph. 6:11, 14-17. Notice that we have armor to protect every part of the body except the back. We are not to run cowardly away from the devil and his servants in the battle of right and wrong. Let us face the deceptions and false ideas of Satan head-on with truth.

Our Enemy - Our chief enemy is Satan. He is a powerful and a hungry adversary, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" 1 Pet. 5:8. The devil is very cunning and subtle, "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices." 1 Cor. 2:11, cf. 2 Cor. 11:3.

Victory is Assured in Jesus - Paul says in 1 Cor. 15:57, "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." As we go to battle against the wickedness in the world, Jesus will help in the battle of truth and righteousness. "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." Rom. 8:37. Are you prepared for the spiritual battle?

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Defeat Casey Co. 57-48

Lady Rockets win second district game

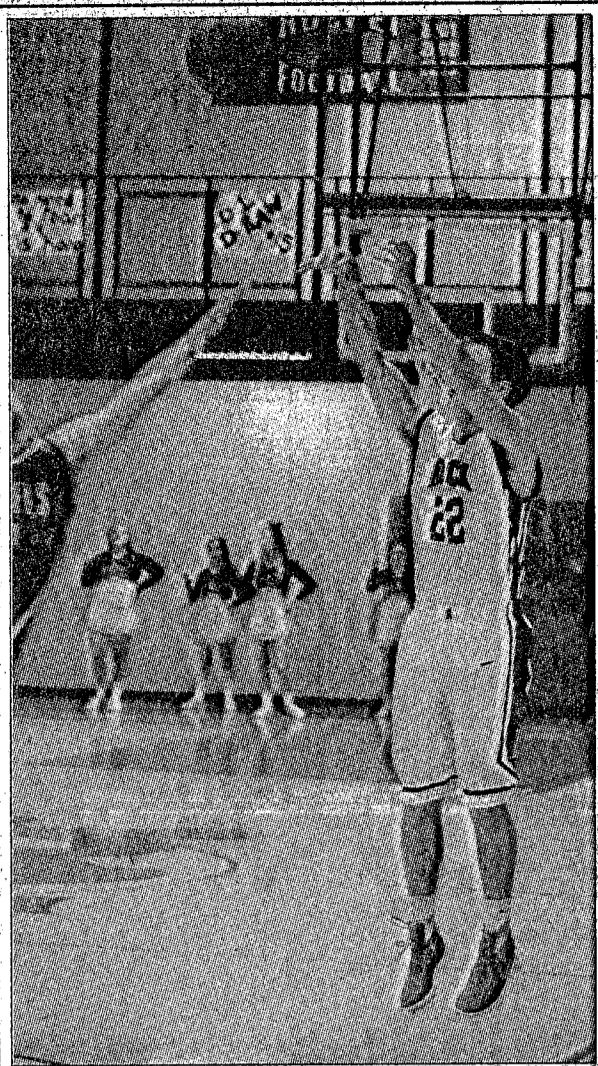
The Rockcastle Lady Rockets got their ninth win of the season Saturday by defeating the Casey Co. Lady Rebels 57-48 at Rockcastle.

Casey has a young team, starting a freshman, a sophomore and three eighth graders and, after trailing 25-17 at the half, the Rebels managed to come back in the third, off of 7 for 7 from the free throw line, and cut the Rocket lead to three at the end of the third quarter 40-37.

However, in the fourth, the Lady Rockets bounced

back to outscore the Lady Rebels 17-11 for the win. In that quarter, the Rockets, who had only had six free throws in three quarters, got 12 attempts and hit eight of them.

Leading the scoring for her team was junior Hope Kelley with 19 points, including two three point baskets; Emme Barker came off the bench to score 10; Ashley McKinney got 9; Jayna Albright 6; Morgan Renner and Maddy Bullen got 4 each and Mahala Saylor scored 3 points.



John Cornelius hit some crucial three pointers late in the Rockets game against Casey County last Saturday but the Rockets lost on a last second shot by Casey County, 67-65. Cornelius led the Rockets in scoring with 21.

Rebels defeat Rockets 67-65 on buzzer beating shot

It was a heartbreaking loss last Saturday, when the Rockets met up with the Casey County Rebels in the Rockets second district game of the season when, despite a valiant fourth quarter effort, the Rockets came up just short 67-65.

After trailing at each of the three quarter stops, the Rockets mounted a strong comeback in the fourth quarter, outscoring the Rebels 20-15.

Rockcastle was down 63-56 with 2:20 left in the fourth quarter when junior John Cornelius went to war, scoring three of the Rockets last four baskets, including a long three, with 11:5 seconds on the game clock to tie the game at 65 all. The other basket came off a steal by Thomas Burdette to cut the Rebel lead to three before Cornelius tied it up.

The Rebels took the ball down the floor, got off a shot that missed, junior Lucas Gentry got the rebound but a Rebel picked

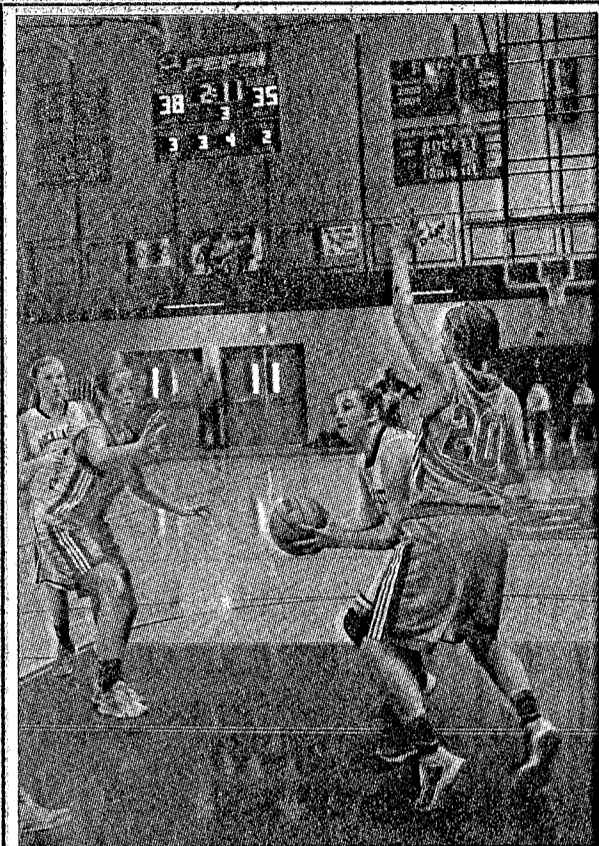
off his pass, shot the ball and it went in at the buzzer for the win.

The Rockets were down 31-22 at the first quarter stop, thanks to five three point baskets by the Rebels in the first quarter. They fought back to within five at the half, 40-35 and were down 52-45 at the third quarter stop.

In the fourth quarter, besides four points each by juniors Carson Noble and Thomas Burdette and three points from Gentry, and the game's leading scorer, Cornelius, hit three three point baskets to tie the score for his team at 65 but, 11 seconds later, the Rebels put in the winning basket.

The Rockets had 13 turnovers in the game, went 9 for 12 from the free throw line and hit six three point baskets.

Cornelius was the leading scorer in the game with 21; Noble got 18; Gentry 17; Burdette 5; and Dylan Rowe and Jordan Hawkins, 2 each.



Eighth grader Kenzie Himes goes up for two points in the Lady Rockets' district win over Casey County last Saturday. The girls picked up another district win Tuesday night defeating Somerset for the second time.

Rockets defeat Briar Jumpers

The Rockets got their second district win of the season Tuesday night when they traveled to Somerset and beat the Briarjumpers 89-72.

Rockcastle got off to a strong start, scoring 27 points in the first with four players sinking four three point baskets, including two by junior Carson Noble and putting them up 27-18 at the first quarter stop. The Rockets lost the second quarter 20-18 but were up 45-38 at the half.

The Rockets took the third quarter 22-19 and, in the fourth, behind a strong performance by junior John Cornelius, who went six for six from the free throw line and junior Lucas Gentry, who scored 10 of his game

high 25 points in the quarter, the Rockets put the game away 22-15 for the final 89-72.

Besides Gentry's 25; Dylan Rowe got 19, including two three point baskets; Noble got 17; Cornelius scored 13; Thomas Burdette 9 and Jordan Hawkins got 6. Altogether, the Rockets scored seven three point baskets in the win.

The Rockets will continue with district play Friday night when they journey to Pulaski County for a doubleheader with the Lady Rockets.

Next Tuesday night, the Rockets will play at East Jessamine also in a doubleheader with the Lady Rockets.

Lady Rockets defeat Lady Briarjumpers

The Rockcastle Lady Rockets got their third district win Tuesday night by defeating the Somerset Lady Briarjumpers 47-44.

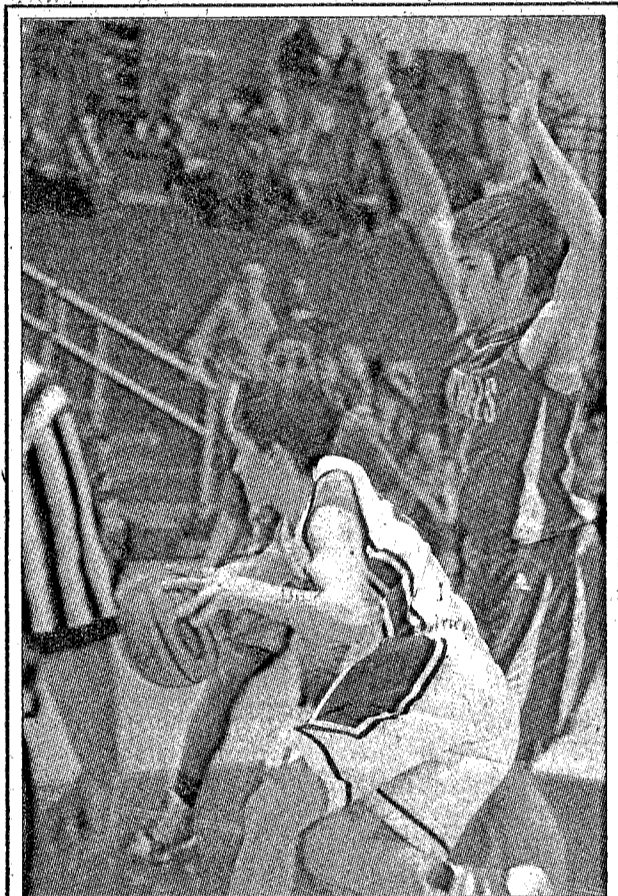
The Rockets were ahead at all the quarter stops, 14-12, 24-20 and 41-31 but the Briarjumpers mounted a furious comeback in the fourth, outscoring the Rockets 13-6 but it fell just short.

Junior Morgan Renner was the only Rocket in double figures and led the scoring for her team with 12 points, half of them from the

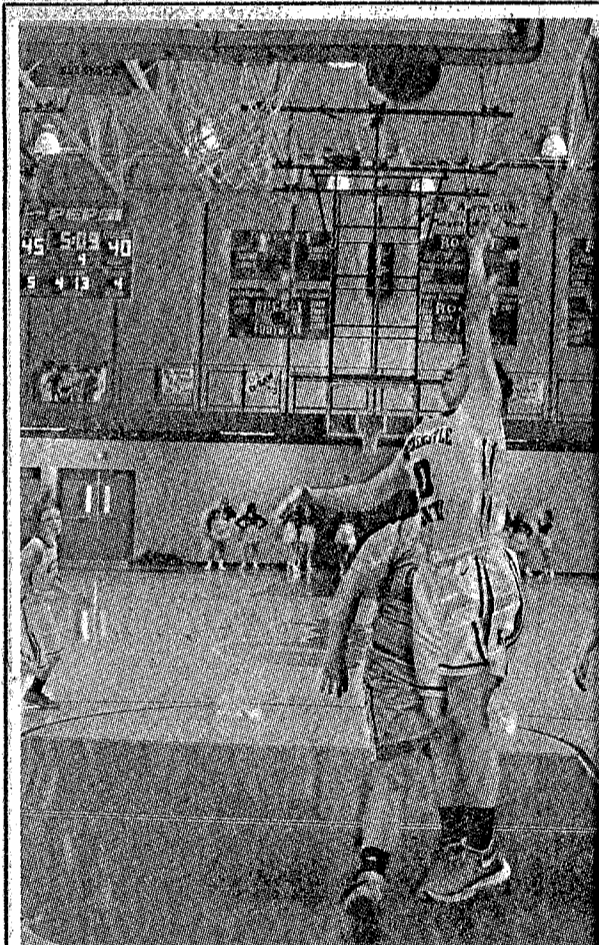
free throw line. Other Lady Rockets scoring were: Hope Kelley 9; Mahala Saylor 8; Ashley McKinney 7; Emme Barker 4 and Maddy Bullen and Kenzie Himes, 2 each.

The Lady Rockets are now 10 and 6 on the season.

This Friday night, they will host Pulaski County in a doubleheader with the boys team in their third district game in a row. Then, on Tuesday night, the 12th, they will travel to East Jessamine for a doubleheader with the boys team.



Junior Thomas Burdette makes a drive to the basket in the Rocket loss to Casey County last Saturday. Burdette had a crucial steal toward the end of regulation to cut Casey's lead to three. Burdette had five points for the Rockets.



Junior Emme Barker goes in for two after a steal during the Lady Rockets' win over Casey County last Saturday. Barker scored 10 points off the bench for the Lady Rockets.

Bear season produces record harvest in KY

Kentucky's first black bear hunt in modern times was held just six years ago in Harlan, Letcher and Pike counties. Not one hunter harvested a bear.

This year stands as a stark contrast.

The record 45 bears taken by hunters this year includes the largest bear harvested in Kentucky in the modern era. Taken on opening day of the modern gun season, it tipped the scales at 500 pounds, smashing the old mark set almost two months earlier during the archery-crossbow season.

"This is a poor mast year, which increases bear movement, but we have a lot more bears and a lot more hunters - and that's a recipe for success," said Steve Beam, Wildlife Division Director for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "We have a robust black bear population that is expanding its footprint in the state."

Black bears were nearly absent from Kentucky for about 150 years because of

habitat loss, a lack of protection and other factors. They gradually returned to southeastern Kentucky from surrounding states.

Bears were documented in 41 Kentucky counties last year, up from 11 a decade ago.

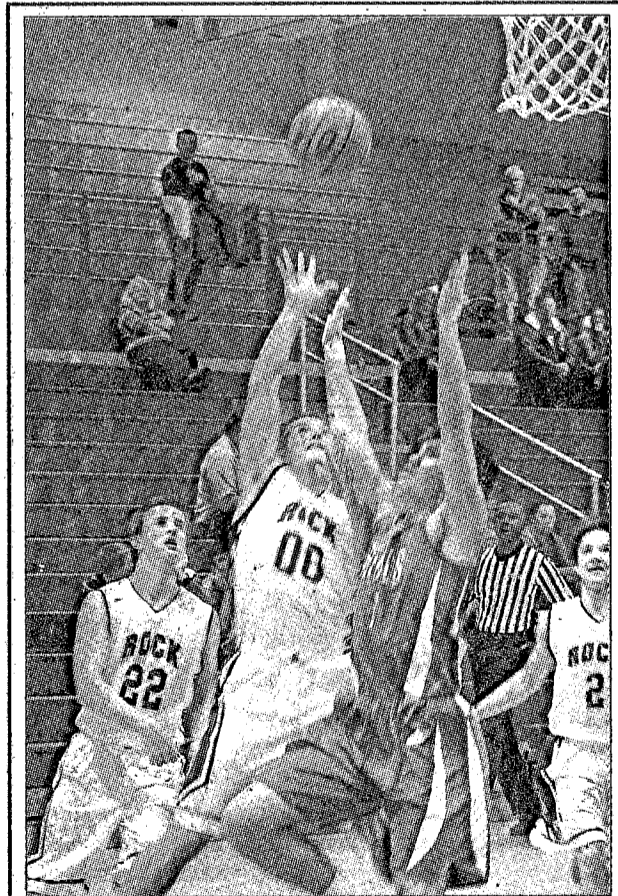
"We set very conservative harvest limits to make sure the population is protected, and we are seeing the results with the expanded population," Beam said.

Interest in hunting bears has grown since the first hunt in 2009. Kentucky Fish and Wildlife has sold more than 900 bear permits this year, up from 377 in 2009 and 729 last year.

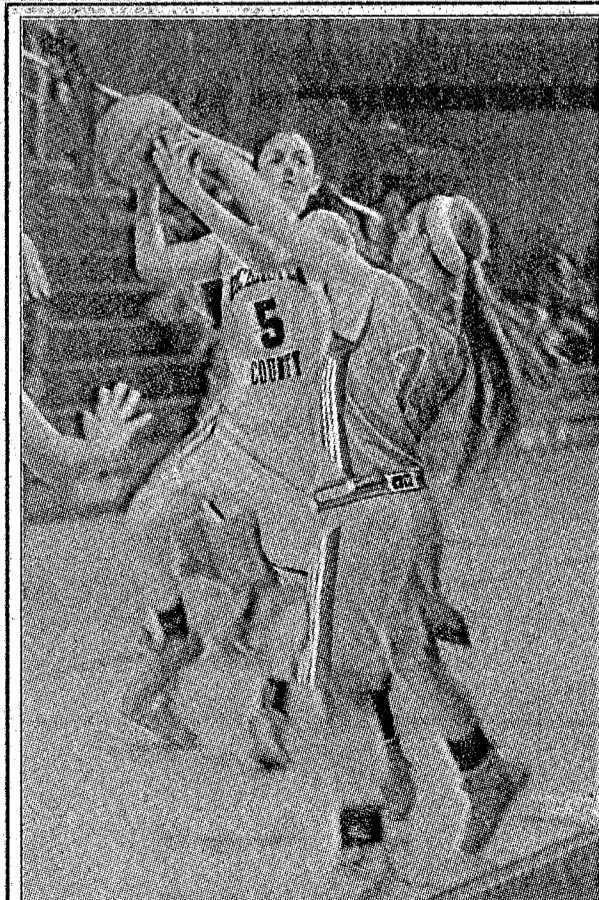
Kentucky's bear zone has expanded, too, and now includes Bell, Clay, Floyd, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Leslie, Martin, McCreary, Perry, Pulaski, Wayne and Whitley counties in addition to Harlan, Letcher and Pike counties.

The modern gun season is one of four bear hunting

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Junior Carson Noble goes for two of his 18 points in the Rocket loss Saturday to district foe Casey County. Noble also put up 17 points for the Rockets in their 89-72 district win over Somerset Tuesday night.



Junior Hope Kelley goes for two of her team high 19 points in the Lady Rocket win over district foe Casey County last Saturday. Kelley also scored nine for the Lady Rockets in their win over Somerset Tuesday night. The Lady Rockets and Rockets will have big games this Friday as Pulaski County comes to town. Game time is 6:00 p.m.

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"Jail"

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be treated. ServPro, who was brought in to do the major portion of the cleanup, completed their work Monday, McClure said.

On question, Carpenter told the court that the new part, which houses state prisoners, will take a month and a half to two months to be renovated.

A new heating and air system is having to be installed and the court was fortunate to get a bid from Carpenter's Heating & Air of \$17,500 total for the job. County Judge/Executive Doug Bishop said that one bid the court received was for \$18,000 for labor for the project alone.

The bid includes a new HVAC roof unit, all new duct work and replacement of all vents. Carpenter said the duct work would take a week to 10 days by itself.

All bedding in the jail had to be replaced and McClure said that, as part of the renovation, cameras would be installed in each cell throughout the jail.

Bishop told the court that ServPro had contacted KACO, which carries the insurance on the building, and had been appointed general contractor for the project. However, Bishop said, he did not feel a general contractor, who would be paid a percentage of all expenses for the renovation, was necessary since the major expense of a new HVAC unit had already been contracted for by the court and the painting

would be done by work release inmates. "I'm going to call KACO and call that contract off," the judge told the court.

Bishop also said the county would "suffer" for the fire in June when it was time to renew their insurance with KACO. "The more the insurance company pays out, the higher our premium increase will be and we don't need the extra expense of a general contractor," Bishop told the court. "It's our building and we can cancel the contract. If we don't want to use ServPro we don't have to," he added.

The judge and jailer had nothing but praise for DOC officials. McClure told the court that "DOC has been very cooperative and has worked with us to get the jail opened back up."

McClure also told the court he planned on getting new uniforms and shoes for inmates and coats for work release inmates, all of which can be paid for from the jail's commissary fund.

Sheriff's Budget

Deputy Sheriff Dale McNew, presented the court with several different options for Sheriff Mike Peters' budget for 2016.

McNew told the court that, even with no raises for employees for 2016, Peters would need an additional \$738 more a month from the court to meet operating expenses in 2016. In 2015, the court contributed \$12,519 per month to the sheriff's office and the additional funding would bring that

total to \$13,256 per month. In addition to the cash funding per month, the court also provides the sheriff's office with payment of their liability, vehicle and workmen's compensation insurance, the employer's share of social security, medicare, retirement and health insurance, audit costs and other miscellaneous expenses for a yearly total which will now amount to \$310,000 with the additional funding.

McNew first presented Peters' budget to the court in December, before the jail fire occurred. He was told at that time that the court would consider the options and decide how much more they could contribute to the budget.

Monday, Bishop told McNew that, since the fire, the court still did not know what their out-of-pocket expenses would be and he felt that the court should only go with the additional \$738 per month contribution with the matter to be revisited after the court knows exactly what their costs will be because of the fire.

However, Magistrate Mike McGuire pointed out that another option, that of providing a 25c per hour raise for all employees, would only increase the county's contribution by an additional \$1,169 per month, or \$431 more than the \$738 increase which provides for no raises.

However, Bishop said the sheriff needed a budget approved by the court now

and the court would take another look later in the year.

On a motion by Bill McKinney, the court voted unanimously to approve the sheriff's budget with the court's contribution of \$13,256 per month.

Following that action, the court heard from Deputy Sheriff Todd Caudill. Caudill began by listing the problems in the sheriff's office with their equipment and vehicles, due to inadequate funding, and the fact that Sheriff Peters will have to get a personal loan to meet his payroll for January until he can get an interest free loan from the state of \$85,000 for operating costs until revenue begins coming in. "I wouldn't have Mike's job," Caudill said. "It's embarrassing for the sheriff to have to take out a personal loan to make payroll."

The deputy pointed out that the county was paying several thousand dollars a month for utilities for an

empty building that would go a long way toward helping pay deputies more, adding

Caudill said the court seemed to be more worried about the jail and inmates than law enforcement. "Three or four deputies are not enough to tackle the drug problem in this county," he said. He also pointed out there was only one law enforcement officer on duty in the county from 4 a.m. to 8 a.m. and said that the condition of the vehicles and equipment was an officer safety issue.

He also pointed out that the low pay in the sheriff's office made it difficult for Peters to recruit and retain competent deputies. Caudill told the court that he himself would be leaving the department. "I have 22 weeks of training, a master's degree and I can make more elsewhere. We should at least have the same pay as the City of Mt. Vernon."

"Castle"

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finding the funding mechanism for such a major project would be difficult to say the least. It's a great dream."

Kentucky State Representative Jonathan Shell said he is not familiar enough with the project to share an opinion yet. "It was mentioned to me early last year and that's the last thing I've heard about it," he said.

Mayor Mike Bryant said

he sees both sides of the issue. "People have asked about building ball fields and other recreational facilities and I am completely in favor of that. But the truth is, you can't use tourism funds for that kind of thing," said Bryant. "Restrictions on how tourism dollars can be used is very strict and this idea of a tourism center is within those restrictions."

According to Bryant, the property to build the proposed castle was purchased by the tourism commission with a loan through the City of Mount Vernon prior to his election as Mayor.

"If for some reason the tourism commission defaulted on that loan, it would fall on the city to pay that debt. Our first concern is that the tourism commission pay off that loan," Bryant said.

Once the loan for the property is paid, then Bryant said he agrees that a "new tourism center would be nice for the county" but he doubts the idea could be funded.

"I have no issue with the concept. But with the economy as it is and lack of funding, the reality is that it is very unlikely that any-

County Treasurer Joe Clontz spoke to Caudill's issues asking "Where would we take away from? This is not a wealthy county and we pay out almost a million dollars between the sheriff's department and the jail."

Bishop commented that the court was hoping to bring more jobs to the county to help build the economy but noted "we have to balance our budget."

Caudill ended with a plea for the court to "come ride with us, see what we do. Give them the raise they need which will help Mike recruit and retain. Give them an incentive to stay."

Also during the meeting, the court set the sheriff's maximum salary schedule at \$266,000 for 2016 and voted to declare the three barns at Brothead Fairgrounds as salvage so they can take advantage of an offer they have received to demolish the buildings, clean up the area and pay the county \$500 for the building materials salvaged.

"RCIDA"

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feel more ownership to the plan if they were involved in the process of developing that plan," he said. "As they helped develop the plan, they would have a better understanding of our community and its needs."

Board member Donna Hopkins agreed. "I would agree that this would basically give the new director some good local training," she said.

Board member Dale Whitaker agreed saying "I've been thinking the same thing. To really buy in to the plan, the director should be involved from the beginning."

Board member Sam Hamilton said he feels the director could be hired somewhere in the middle of the process of developing the plan.

"My biggest concern is to make sure the fiscal court is involved. Once we get things going and get the process underway, we can start looking for the director in the meantime," he said.

Craig said he has reservations about hiring the director before the plan is near completion. "During the interview process, they will ask us questions too and at this point, I don't think we have answers," he said.

"I think it would be better to have our conversations concerning the plan and get a big picture that shapes our collective vision as a board. Once we have done that, we will have a clarity on how to have a conversation with those we interview. We need to see our horizon today and picture our horizon 20 years

from now. I don't think we have that clarity yet," said Craig.

Whitaker pointed out that the director could be useful in formulating the strategic plan. "Whoever we hire will have some expertise in the area. It would be a benefit to get their vision in the plan as well," he said.

Craig said he prefers to hire someone who is not looking for a job. "The best hires I have made in my life are people who I recruited. They were not looking for a job," he said. "I find the best I can and then sell them on my vision. The best hires are people who are not looking," he said.

Coguer said he still has reservations about waiting

to hire someone. "We can sell someone on vision all we want but the bottom line is salary," said Coguer. "We have to find out what the fiscal court is willing to do and be able to tell applicants how we pay mileage, do we provide a vehicle, what hours are involved, how they are reimbursed and things like that. That's what will narrow the search down."

Craig said he understands both sides. "We need someone sooner than later. Holly (past director Holly Hopkins Scoville) was a full time ambassador for Rockcastle County and was out there keeping our name in front of committees and bodies in Frankfort. We don't have that now and we

can quickly fade into the shadows without it," he said. "We need to be on the new governor's radar."

Craig said all members of the board should be willing to meet three to four times per month to begin work on the plan and hiring the director.

Coguer ended the conversation with a summary of the discussion. "So the number one thing in my book is to find out what the fiscal court is willing to pay a director. All the vision in the world won't help if we can't pay them," he said. "We need a facilitator on board and then we need to meet with the fiscal court and then begin setting up meetings and getting things moving."

"Indictments"

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Saylor was indicted on four counts of criminal possession of a forged instrument. His bond was set at \$35,000 cash/property.

The other six were named on four counts of criminal possession of a forged instrument, second degree, by counseling, planning, promoting or aiding Randi Saylor in the criminal possession of forged checks/instruments.

Their bonds were each set at \$20,000 cash/property.

Others indicted were: Robert P. Tackett, 50, of Berea for the offense of receiving stolen property. His bond was set at \$10,000 cash/property;

Charles Bryant, 42, of Somerset was indicted for flagrant non-support by failing to provide for minor child/children in the amount of \$10,032.50. His bond was

set at \$10,000 full cash;

James A. Cotton, 31, of Mt. Vernon was indicted on four counts, two for assault, one for attempting escape and one for criminal mischief. His bond was set at \$50,000 cash/property;

Robert Franklin Kidwell, 38, of Richmond was indicted on four counts, one for rape, two for sexual abuse and one for incest. His bond was set at \$100,000 cash/property;

Jennifer Calder, 48, of Mt. Vernon was indicted on two counts of trafficking in a controlled substance, one first degree and one third degree. Her bond was set at \$25,000 cash/property;

Dirk W. Jones, 38, of Sunbright, TN was indicted on two counts, one for possession of a controlled substance, first degree and one for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol/drugs. His

bond was set at \$20,000 cash/property;

Bruce L. Smith, 31, of East Bernstadt was indicted on three counts - burglary, theft by unlawful taking and criminal mischief. His bond was set at \$25,000 cash/property;

Joseph Dawson, 40, of Berea was indicted on two

counts, one for manufacture of methamphetamine and one for fleeing or evading police. His bond was set at \$50,000 cash/property; and

Christopher F. Miller, 38 of Jackson, GA and Jessica L. Newcomb, 34 of Livingston were named in a joint indictment. Miller was indicted for the offenses of

trafficking in a controlled substance and tampering with physical evidence. Newcomb was indicted for the offense of complicity to trafficking in a controlled substance.

Miller's bond was set at \$25,000 cash/property. Newcomb's was set at \$15,000 cash/property.

"Drugs"

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chased with profits from the sale of synthetic drugs.

Peters believes this bill can make a big difference in Rockcastle County.

"Before this, someone could get busted with four pounds of the stuff and get a \$25 fine. Where's the incentive to stop doing it?" Peters said. "But if this bill passes, people will have to face serious time for making, selling or possessing

this stuff. This will be a great tool we can use as a deterrent."

As for the seizure of property, Peters said it is sometimes easy to tell what property was purchased with profit from drug sales.

"If a person doesn't have employment but has expensive items in their home, it's

pretty easy to tell where the money came from to buy it," he said.

If the bill is passed, Peters believes it will help all of Kentucky. "This stuff is killing brain cells in our children and adults alike. This bill would help combat the problem and keep our citizens safer," he said.

"I-75"

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County contact their representatives about the subject. "We are tired of this project standing still. Our town is basically shut down when there is a problem on the interstate," he said. "But once the road plan is complete in March, it will not be addressed again for two years. There needs to be a truck lane. That's the problem."

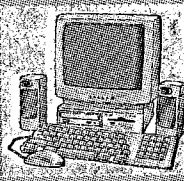
State Representative Jared Carpenter said he is very aware of the issue as well.

"I have had meetings about this subject and still have some set up next week to discuss it," said Carpenter. "We are definitely addressing this issue. It is a very important

subject and I want to see I-75 widened through the entire Rockcastle County," he said.

Carpenter said he intends to stay on top of the issue. "The next phase of the General Assembly is about to start and we hope to have a plan come from that," he said. "Of course the biggest issue is money and we are fighting to get the project funded."

Carpenter said he considers the widening of I-75 in the county as one of the more important issues he faces and he will continue to address it. "It's a major issue. There are a lot of wrecks on that stretch of road and we are doing all we can to address it," he said.



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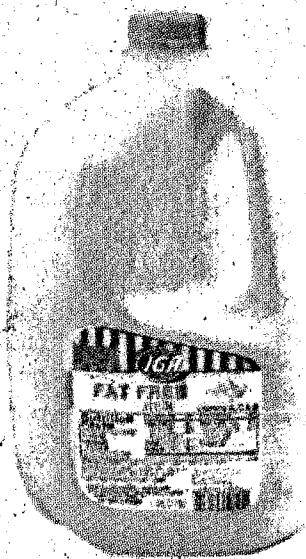
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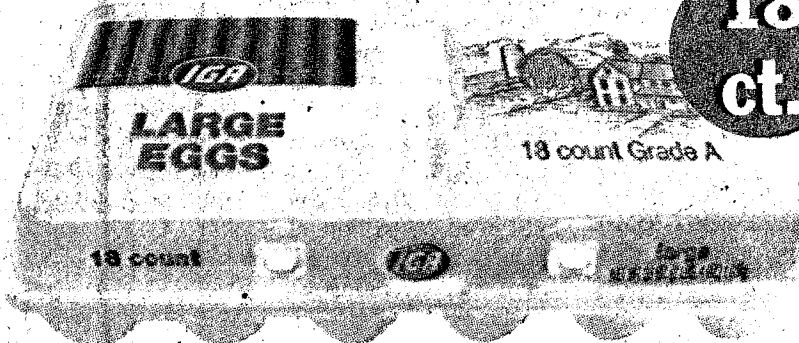
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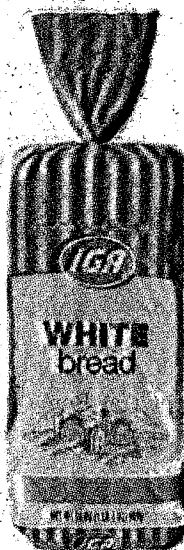
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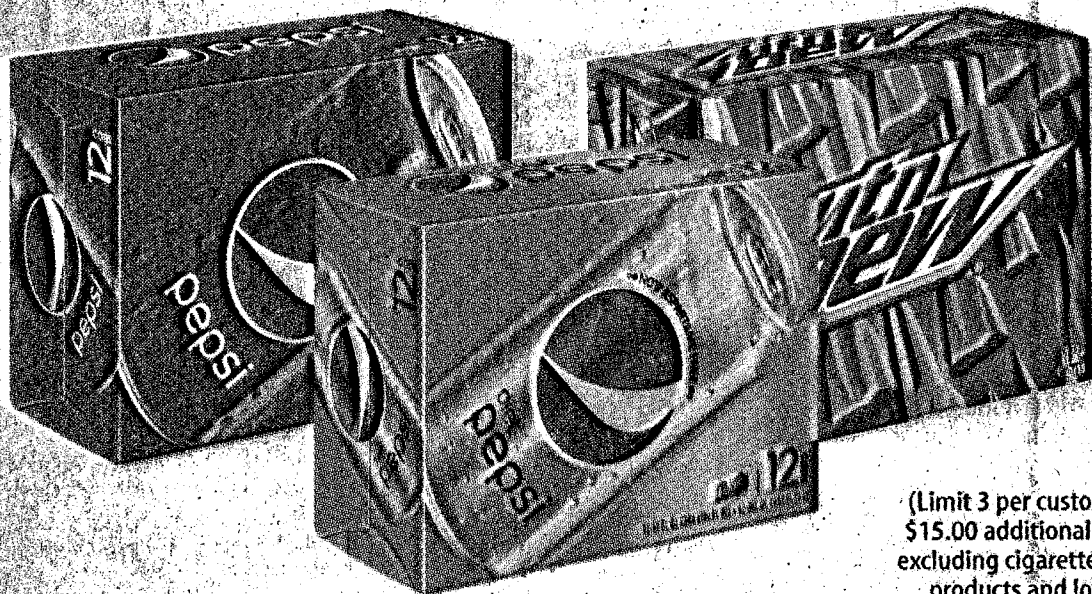


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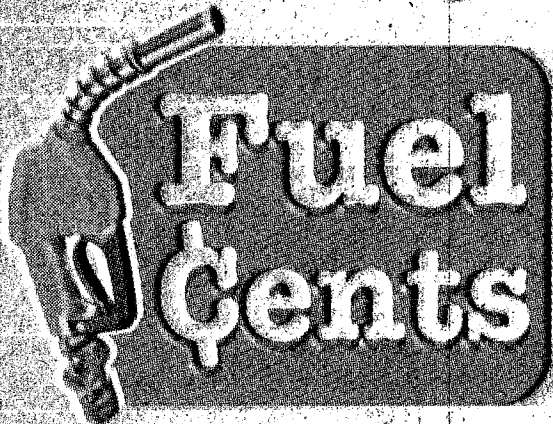
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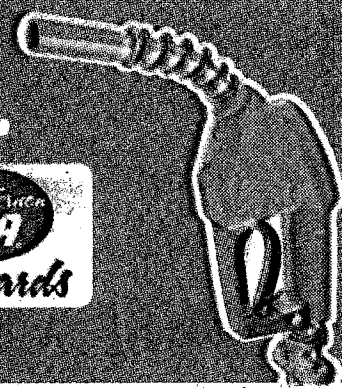
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Second Section

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Year in Review: July - December in Rockcastle

July

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court reappointed Joe Clontz as County Treasurer for a four-year term.

It was also in July that county clerks across Kentucky were forced for the first time to issue same-sex marriage license and Rockcastle's County Clerk Danetta Ford Allen released a statement that her office would abide by the new law.

Senator Mitch McConnell held a Town Hall Meeting at Community Trust Bank on 461. Over 100 local residents attended the meeting.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation took cancer patient Abby Langford on a trip to California. Local schools and several foundations and clubs had gotten behind Langford's battle with cancer. Sadly, Langford passed away later in the year.

The town of Livingston was named the first ever Kentucky Proud City thanks to the efforts of Mayor Jason Medley, who gave credit to his staff and other city workers. The designation drew state-wide attention and provides the city of Livingston with extra resources for marketing and advertising homegrown produce among other benefits.

The Rockcastle County School Board announced that all students in the county would be eligible to receive free lunch and breakfast this school year. The program is sponsored by the United States Agriculture Department and school board members report excellent participation throughout the school system.

Marcus Reppert was named the new principal at RCMS, replacing Christ Hendrickson who resigned earlier to return to a teaching position.

Americorps NCCC came to Livingston in July to help beautify the area. Volunteers worked in several areas of Livingston parks and trails.

August

In August, local voters addressed the issue of wine sales in Renfro Village. Voter defeated the effort by voting 97-51 against wine sales for a specific business in the Village.

Sheriff Mike Peters addressed the growing meth problem in the county and informed local residents about ways to spot meth use.

The City of Brodhead

started to develop a new nuisance ordinance and began looking at local areas that needed cleaning up.

The Fiscal Court addressed security issues in the courthouse annex to provide a safer environment for workers and customers.

Pride Spring Cleanup was held in August and nearly 300 volunteers helped pick up 870 bags of trash throughout the county.

Ricky Westerfield resigned from the Livingston City Council and was replaced by Brian Mahaffey.

The Boone Trace organization held another meeting at the Boone Gap area on the Rockcastle/Madison line. Many residents from both counties attended the event and planned to clean up the area and create a rest stop.

Brodhead officials met with engineers to discuss repairing the aged sewer lines and pump stations in the city. Officials of the city secured a \$1.275 million loan to begin the project next year.

September

In September, the Fiscal Court heard from insurance agent John Clay that the county's health insurance premium may increase by \$130,000.

The annual Livingston Homecoming Parade was held in September. Former Judge Executive Buzz Carloffis served as Grand Marshal.

Officer Jeff Parker was sworn in as Mt. Vernon's newest police officer.

Police Chief Carl Swannigan resigned his position in Livingston and a ceremony was held later to recognize his service.

In September, the Mount Vernon City Council voted to drop the city tax rate on personal property for the third consecutive year.

Mayor Mike Bryant informed the City Council about the progress of the new boat docks at Lake Linville. The new docks replaced old and damaged docks and will provide a safer environment for patrons of the lake. The city is doing other work near the lake as well, including a splash pad and an upgraded campground.

October

It was in October that Travis Richardson was named the new Police Chief in the city of Livingston, replacing former chief Carl Swannigan.

The Bittersweet Festival filled the streets of Mount Vernon as local residents

enjoyed festivities. Fire Chief David Bales was recognized at the festival for his 50 years of service.

Holly Hopkins Scoville resigned her position as executive director of the Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority. Members of the board are still in the process of finding a new director.

William B. Bailey, Sr., a member of the board at Rockcastle Regional Hospital, passed away in October.

Seniors John David Reddington and Ashley McKinney were named Homecoming King and Queen at the RCHS Homecoming game in October.

In October, Hal Holbrook, CSEPP Director, asked the city of Mt. Vernon to buy back CSEPP's part of the local fire station. Holbrook later obtained grant monies from other sources to build a new warehouse near the new 911 center.

The Rockcastle County Fair Board was informed they would receive a \$100,000 grant to make capital improvements at the local fairgrounds.

Chris Bishop was named the new Principal at RES in October.

Republican candidate for Governor Matt Bevin visited Mount Vernon and attended a luncheon at the Limestone Grill. Bevin was later elected as the new Governor of Kentucky.

October was also Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The Rockcastle Regional

Hospital published a special edition section concerning the subject as part of a county-wide campaign to increase awareness.

November

Rockcastle County voted Republican in every precinct, in every election this year during the general election.

Rockcastle County Detention Center Jailer Carlos McClure addressed the drug problem within the jail as inmates were finding creative ways to smuggle drugs into the cells. McClure has developed several strategies to fight the problem, including the use of an X-Ray machine to perform random tests on inmates.

The annual Veterans Day Ceremony was held at RCMS and hundreds of local residents and veterans enjoyed a day of appreciation.

In November, Judge Doug Bishop presented the idea of building a new playground area at Brodhead City Park to council members.

The funeral procession for fallen Richmond Police Officer Daniel Ellis came through Mount Vernon with nearly 1000 Rockcastle County residents joining RCHS students to line Highway 461 as Officer Ellis's funeral procession came through.

School Superintendent David Pensol began a new initiative to help school board members be more involved in the educational process of all local schools.

Free guided tours at KAC

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea will offer visitors free guided tours through the center's gallery exhibit, "It Takes Two: Collaborations by Kentucky Artisans" on Saturday, Jan. 9.

The exhibit "It Takes Two" features works in two and three dimensional formats - created by 66 artists who paired up to create 33 collaborative new works.

By working together, collaborating artists brought a variety of skills and backgrounds into play and learned about new materials and methods of working. The idea of collaborating to create art was for many participating artists an entirely new concept and idea.

These free, guided exhibit tours will be led by Kentucky Artisan Center staff who will talk about the exhibit, the artists and individual works. Staff will answer questions about the

techniques and various processes used in the objects featured. Tours will be given at 11 a.m. and again at 2 p.m.

In addition, on Jan. 9, Berea artist Virginia Petty will demonstrate her miniature natural material baskets from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is located at 200 Artisan Way, just off Interstate 75 at Berea Exit 77. The center's exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. with the cafe open from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

The center features works by more than 700 artisans from more than 100 counties across the Commonwealth. For more information about the center's events call 859-985-5448, visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kentuckyartisan.center, or the center's website at www.kentuckyartisancenterky.gov.

Pensol arranged for each school principal to visit the school board meetings each month to report on growth and development as well as plans for the future.

In November, Kentucky State Police Trooper Adam Hensley struck a horse with his cruiser totaling the vehicle. Hensley was flown to UK Medical Center for non-life threatening injuries.

The Rockcastle chapter of the DAR celebrated its 45th anniversary in November.

December

Three different car crashes on I-75 involved 13 vehicles and blocked the northbound interstate for several hours.

Mayor Mike Bryant flipped the switch to light the Mount Vernon Christmas tree in Triangle Park.

Members of the RCIDA discussed a new strategic plan which would include the hiring of a new director to replace Hopkins.

The Rockcastle County School system received an excellent rating from their state audit as auditors reported the findings to the board members during the regular meeting.

Christmas parades and events were held throughout the county in Livingston, Brodhead and Mount Vernon.

The year ended with a state-wide story about the fire in the Rockcastle County Detention Center on December 23. All 102 inmates were moved from the county and dispersed at other facilities. Repairs to the local facility are still underway.

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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.

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.

KPR Meeting January 12th

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees (KPR) will meet Tuesday, January 12th at Golden Corral Restaurant (next to Wal-Mart) in London. Mealtime will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow. Guest Speakers will be Shawn Sparks, Director of Planning and Constituent Services (Legislative Liaison) for the Kentucky retirement Systems. Any retiree, and their spouse, receiving retirement benefits from KERS, CERS or SPRS are welcome to attend. Membership information will be available at the meeting or at the website: kentuckypublicretirees.org. For more information, call 606-877-0079.

Service Officer Available

A certified and trained State Service Officer will be at the London DAV building on East 80, behind Valero Truck Stop, on Jan. 12th from 9 a.m. until at least noon, or longer, to assist all veterans and their dependents with VA claims. DAV does not charge for this service. For more information, call 606-862-0032 or 606-877-1308. If no answer, leave a short message.

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.

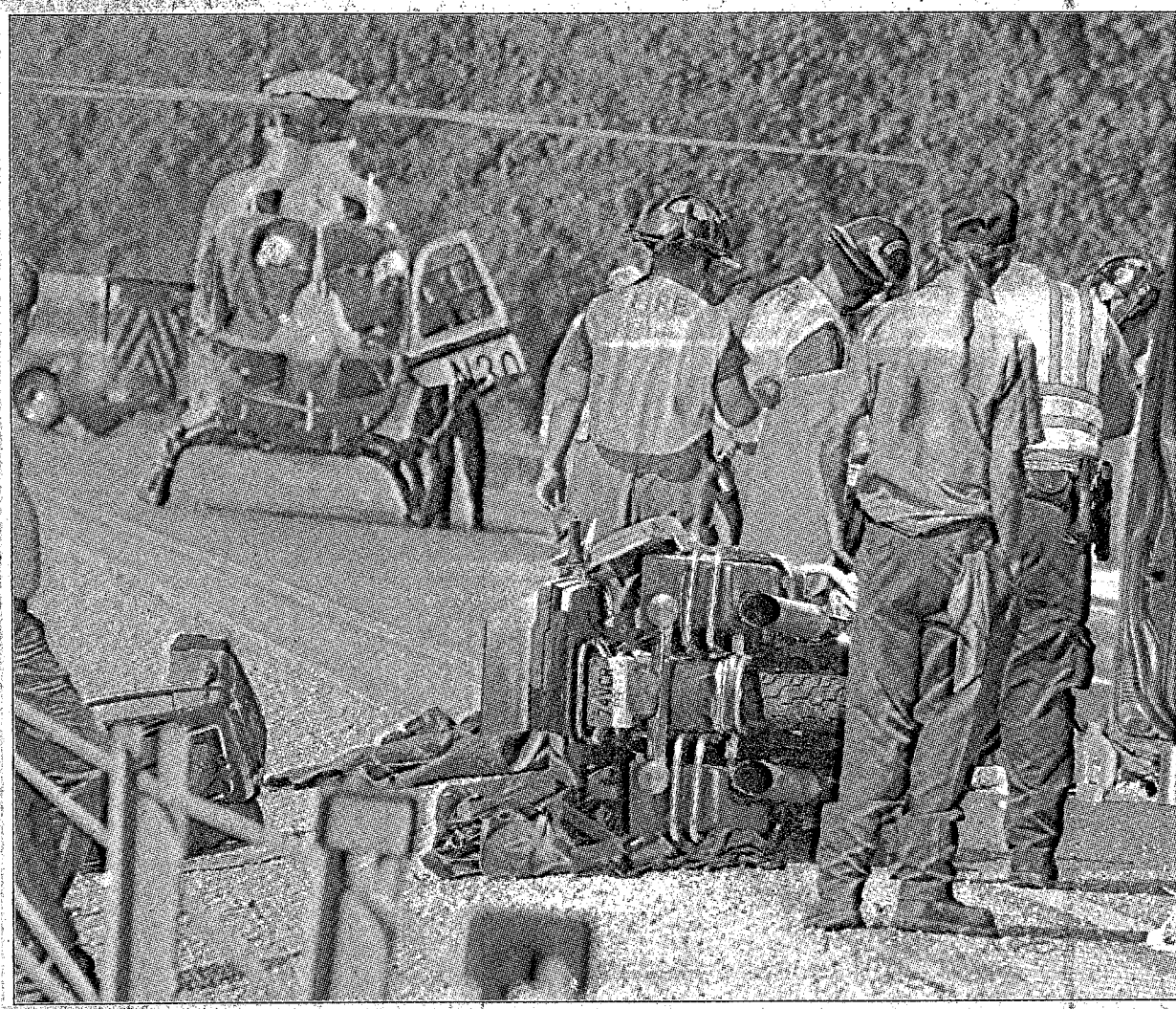
Historical Society Hours

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

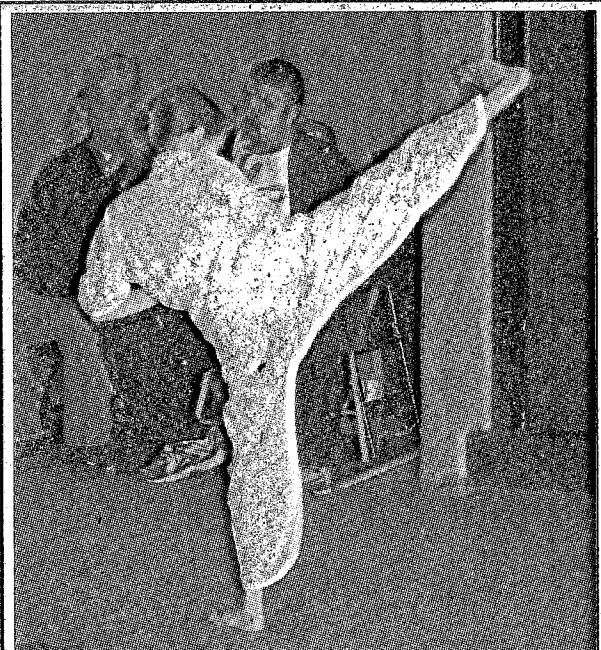
American Legion Post 71

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.

One of many 2015 crashes in Rockcastle County



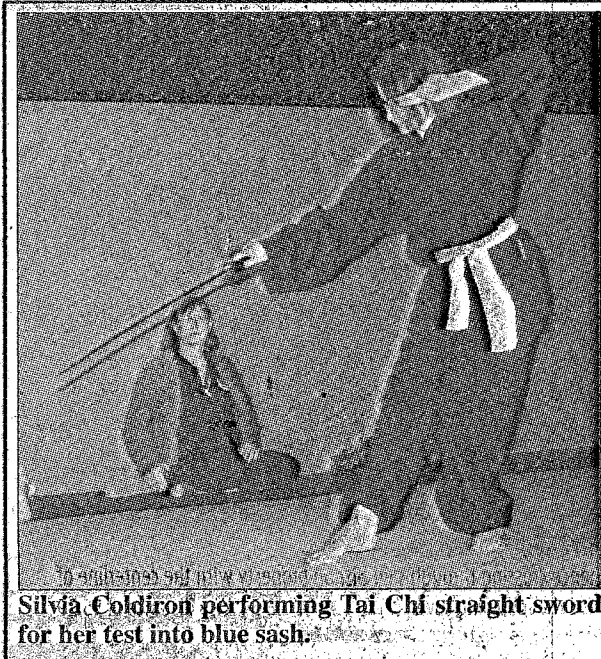
One of the many crashes of 2015 on I-75 near Rockcastle County is shown above. In this crash, two people were injured and airlifted to the UK Medical Center and several other wrecks occurred nearby while first responders were working this wreck. Many officials in Rockcastle County are working to get I-75 widened through the county and representatives are pursuing the issue.



Becca Tucker performing short kata for her test into yellow belt.



Devyn Seaberg performing First Level Bo Kata for his test into green belt.



Silvia Coldiron performing Tai Chi straight sword for her test into blue sash.

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Students at Rockcastle Shaolin Do worked hard in preparation for the December Rank Advancement. Congratulations to all of the testing students on passing into the next rank. Students pictured with Grandmaster Sin The' and instructors are front row: Sensei Cassie Bullock, Dale Cole, Landon Mullins, Jailun Tyree, Jeremiah Sparks, Harrison Mullins, Susanne Mullins, Sara Tucker, Adrianna Graves, Bradyn Seaberg, Tegan Hooker, Amore Neal and Levi Clemmons. Back row: Grandmaster Sin The', Sensei Chris Graves, Master Eric Bullock, David Hensley, Silvia Coldiron, Cameron Zornes, Inan McFarland, Elisha Blanton, Cassie Kidwell, Stephen Robinson, Miles Davis, Devyn Seaberg, John Asher, Amanda Renner, Becca Tucker, Jon Webb, Ethan Fetters, Sensei Eli Price, Sensei Josh Stallworth, Sensei Sam Mathis, Sensei Gail Hardin and Sensei Paige Neal. Not pictured: Dexter Barnes, Gregory Justin Rogers, Renee Mikell.



News from the Rockcastle Courthouse

Circuit Civil Suits

Kentucky Tax Co. LLC v. Michael Kirby, et al. \$786.76 plus claimed due.

Kentucky Tax Co. LLC v. Dale McClure, et al. \$786.76 plus claimed due.

Kentucky Tax Co. LLC v. George Kirby, et al. \$786.76 plus claimed due.

RTO Rentals v. Jerry Cain. \$686.96 plus claimed due.

Amanda R. Thomas v. Hubert Thomas, petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00001

Pamela Bullock v. City of Mount Vernon, complaint. CI-00002

District Civil Suits

Midland Funding LLC v. Paul Watts. \$513.77 claimed due. C-00276

Marriage Licenses

Sara Ann Adams, 20, Mt. Vernon, unemployed to Christopher Blake Mullins, 18, Mt. Vernon, U.S. Military. 12/28/15

Laron A. Bingham, 54, Richmond, self-employed to Larry Redmon, 61, Richmond, retired. 12/29/15

Time for college-bound seniors to fill out FAFSA

High school seniors planning to attend college or technical school this fall should fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, also called the FAFSA, as soon as possible, according to the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

The information on the FAFSA determines if students qualify for federal grants and student loans. It is also required to apply for state grants and scholarships. In addition, many colleges use the information to award their own grants and scholarships. Therefore, students should submit the FAFSA even if they feel it is unlikely they will qualify for aid.

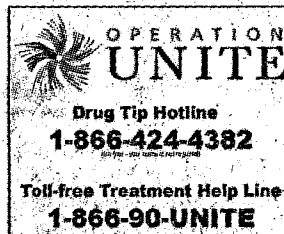
The FAFSA asks for information about income, assets and expenses. A formula set by Congress determines eligibility for federal and state aid. If the student is considered a dependent under federal guidelines, both the student and parents must provide financial information. Nearly all students going directly to college from high school are considered dependent.

Some student aid programs have limited money and provide funds on a first-come, first-served basis, so it is important to submit the FAFSA as soon as possible.

For fastest results, KHEAA recommends that students submit the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.gov.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES), need-based grants and other programs to help students pay their higher education expenses.

To find links to other useful education websites, go to www.gotocollege.ky.gov. For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7214.



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Deeds Recorded

Jarrod E. and Patricia A. Singleton, property on Little Clear Creek Road, to Elvin G. and Donna M. Pratt. Tax \$165

Arthur Neal and Valerie Lorene Sluder, property in Quail View Subdv., to Ivan Jeff and Morrissa Swofford Hayes. Tax \$10

Kathy Lynn Riley, property in Wildie Quadrangle, to The Eugene T. Caldwell and Lori E. Caldwell Revocable Living Trust. Tax \$1.50

Marvin C. and Edith Lear Ponder, property on Ponder Lane, to Valley High Farms LLC. Tax \$90

Second annual coat drive going on now

The 2nd Annual Coat Drive, sponsored by Circuit Clerk Eliza York and the Mt. Vernon Lions Club is in progress.

Bring coats, clean and new/used of any size to York's office in the courthouse, until January 15th. Coats will be distributed to Mt. Vernon Elementary.

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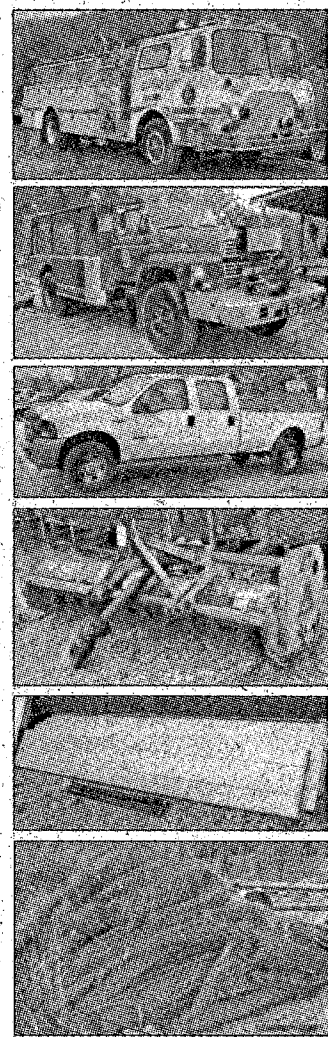
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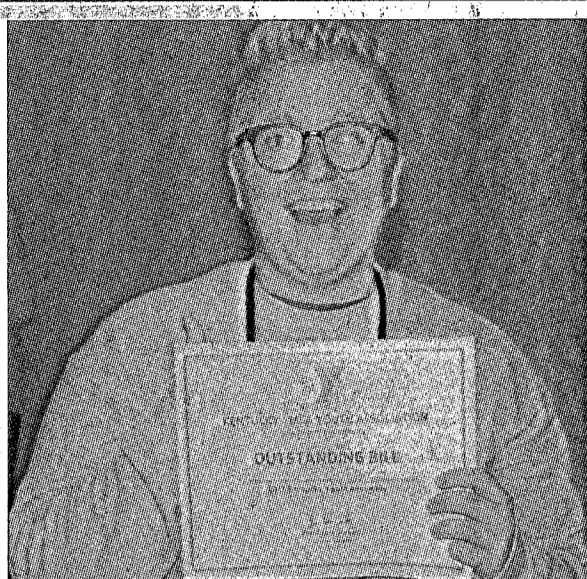
Students visit Respiratory Center



MVES first graders from Kristy Isaacs', Jamie Bryant's and Paula Davis' classes recently performed holiday songs and poems for patients and families at Rockcastle Regional Respiratory Care center.



Judicial Team members Sarah Roberts, Jackson Cromer and Cameron Brown at the recent Kentucky Youth Conference.



Laney Poynter passed a bill in the Congressional Program at the Kentucky Youth Conference.

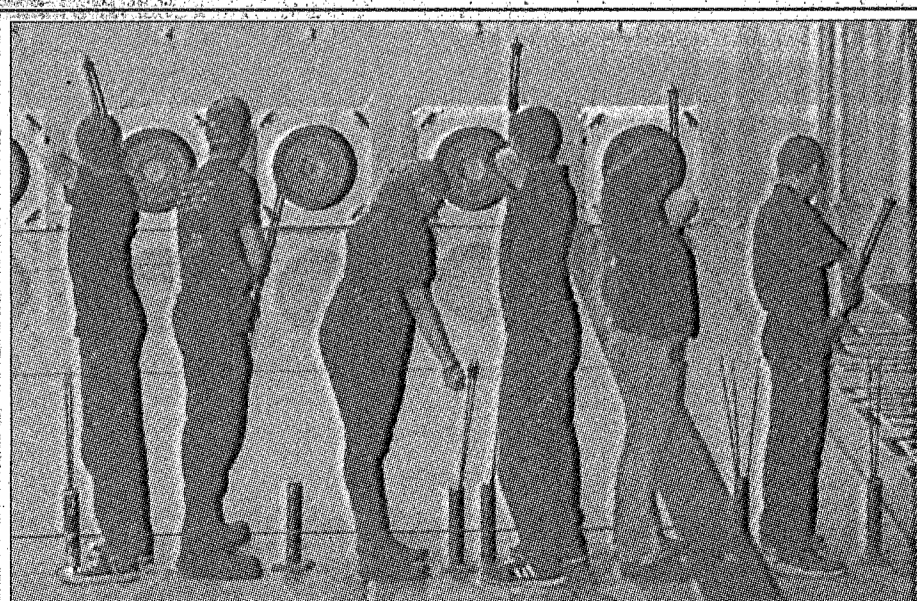
RCHS archers improve score at Pulaski Shootout



Helping improve the Rockets total score at the Pulaski Shootout were Megan Hampton, Sasha Schenk, Megan Taylor and Rachel Chadwell.



Shooting for the Rockets at Northern Middle were from left: Erika Howard, Alexis Baker, Rebekah Lake, Tristan Begley, Trista Graves, Aaron Pevley and Sam Brickley.



Shooting well for the RCHS Archery Team during the Pulaski Shootout were: Ben Tyler, Jacob Collins, Kim Wheat, Joseph Cowan, B.J. Wynn and Jackson Cromer.

The RCHS Archery Team improved their score by 95 points from the previous weekend to shoot a team score of 3147 at the Pulaski Shootout at Northern Middle School on December 19th.

The top scorer for the Rockets was junior Jacob Collins hitting the bullseye 11 times and finishing with his best ever score of 279.

Sophomore Jackson Cromer showed consistency maintaining his 275 from the previous weekend. Jackson had the most bullseyes for the team with 13.

The top scoring female for the Rockets was newcomer to the team, 10thgrader Alexis Baker. Alexis scored a 272 and hit the bullseye 11 times. Following very close behind, were Erika Howard and Rachel Chadwell. Both girls also hit the bullseye 11 times and finished with scores of 271.

Rounding out the top 12 for the Rockets to add to their state-qualifying score were B.J. Wynn tying her individual best of 262, Ben Tyler with a personal best of 257, Aaron Pevley (255), Joseph Cowan (254), Sam Brickley with his personal best of 252, Tristan Begley (251) and Rebekah Lake (248).

The team continues to improve and practice in preparation for the NASP Regional Tournament in Somerset on February 5th and 6th.

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Civil Action No. 15-CI-00058

Deutsche Bank Trust Company
Americas, as trustee for Residential
Accredit Loans, Inc. Mortgage Asset-Backed
Pass-Through Certificates,
Series 2006-QS9 **Plaintiff**

v.

Sonya Robinson, Clayton Robinson,
Chase Manhattan Bank USA, NA,
Capital One Bank (USA), N.A.
and United States of America,
Department of Treasury-
Internal Revenue Service **Defendants**

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on November 23, 2015 for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY SIX THOUSAND FOURTEEN DOLLARS AND 45/100 (\$176,014.45) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, January 22, 2016
Beginning at the Hour of 11:30 a.m.

Said property being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

RR 1, Box 190K, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
All that certain parcel of land situated in the City of Mount Vernon, County of Rockcastle and State of Kentucky:
Beginning at a 30" locust tree marking a southeasterly corner of the property conveyed to John Shepherd and Natasha Shepherd by Deed Book 195, Page 449 and a northeasterly corner of the property as conveyed to John R. Barnett and Edith Barnett by Deed Book 177, Page 679 and being in the westerly line of said Bishop property, and being the point of beginning of the tract herein to be described;
Thence with the easterly line of said Shepherd property N 38° 16' 27" E, a distance of 247.47 feet to the centerline of east fork of Skeggs Creek, and being in the southerly boundary of the property as conveyed to Barbara Reppert, et al., by Deed Book 174, Page 631, passing iron pins set at 5.00 feet and 232.47 feet;
Thence with the meanders east for Skeggs Creek and said "Reppert" property, the following eleven (11) calls; S 77° 45' 56" E, a distance of 65.32 feet; S 66° 52' 29" E, a distance of 60.10 feet; S 53° 43' 02" E, a distance of 32.97 feet; S 31° 45' 44" E, a distance of 33.22 feet; S 47° 02' 54" E, a distance of 46.43 feet; S 46° 43' 52" E, a distance of 86.28 feet; S 45° 39' 19" E, a distance of 75.45 feet; S 44° 52' 38" E, a distance of 59.17 feet; S 48° 57' 58" E, a distance of 56.68 feet; S 54° 08' 44" E, a distance of 51.95 feet; S 60° 16' 38" E, a distance of 70.00 feet to the centerline of a drive and being referenced by an iron pin set in the centerline of East Fork Road which bears N 14° 48' 54" E, a distance of 24.31 feet;
Thence crossing through said Bishop property with the centerline of drive the following seven (7) calls; S 14° 48' 54" W, a distance of 55.29 feet to an iron pin set; S 05° 24' 08" E, a distance of 181.66 feet to an iron pin set; S 23° 00' 05" E, a distance of 85.15 feet to an iron pin set; S 18° 44' 57" W, a distance of 38.84 feet to an iron pin set; S 51° 50' 15" W, a distance of 121.93 feet to an iron pin set; S 61° 30' 15" W, a distance of 98.46 feet to an iron pin set; S 77° 42' 45" W, a distance of 69.73 feet to an iron pin set;
Thence leaving the drive and containing through said Bishop property the following four (4) calls; N 66° 55' 39" W, a distance of 314.89 feet to an iron pin set; N 63° 50' 41" W, a distance of 53.34 feet to an iron pin set; N 56° 27' 49" W, a distance of 222.19 feet to an iron pin set; N 67° 51' 49" W, a distance of 190.32 feet to an iron pin set in the easterly line of said Barnett property;
Thence with the easterly line of said Barnett the following two (2) calls: N 43° 41' 12" E, a distance of 191.15 feet to a 20" hickory tree; N 36° 56' 40" E, a distance of 232.81 feet to the point of beginning, passing an iron pin set at 5.00 feet and containing 10.807 acres by survey, subject to all legal highways and right of ways whether of record or not. All iron pins set are 1/2" by 18" rebar with orange plastic caps labeled "HUPP #3623". All measurements are based upon actual field survey by Covenant Surveying, LLC on the 14th day of March in the Year of Our Lord 2005. All bearings are based on the easterly line of the property as conveyed to John Shepherd and Natasha Shepherd by Deed Book 195, Page 449 and being based on a magnetic reading having been taken in the field, no adjustments have been made for declination. The above described property is further delineated on the plat attached hereto.

Being the same property as conveyed from Chris Bishop and wife, Sabrina Bishop to Clayton Robinson and wife Sonya Robinson of record in Deed Book 204, page 259, dated 3/29/2005 and recorded on 4/1/2005 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

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

1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have a force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
3. The purchaser shall pay the 2015 local, county, and state property taxes.
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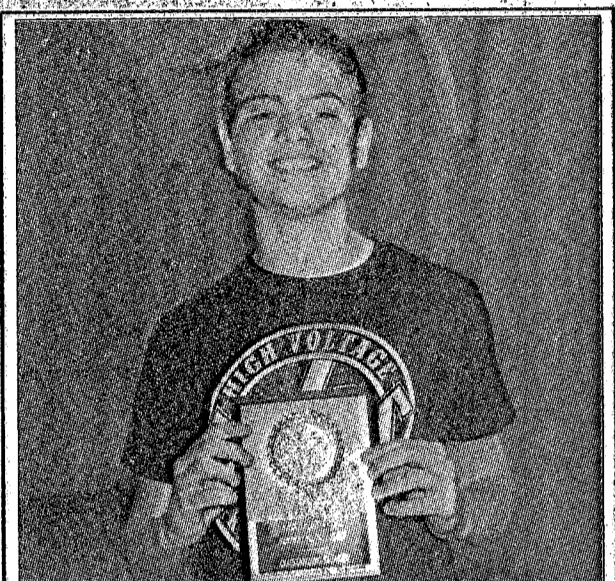
School news and events



Mrs. Kathy's, Mrs. Kaci's, and Mrs. Paula's first grade classes at MVES enjoyed a visit from the Ky Derby Museum in Louisville. The students learned about caring for pets and preparing a horse for the Kentucky Derby.



Mrs. Angie Hunt's Kindergarten Class conducted a Community Service Project. The project was to collect food for MVES's Backpack Program. Over 300 items were collected to feed children in need. Her class would like to encourage others to show love and kindness by donating food to meet the physical needs of children.



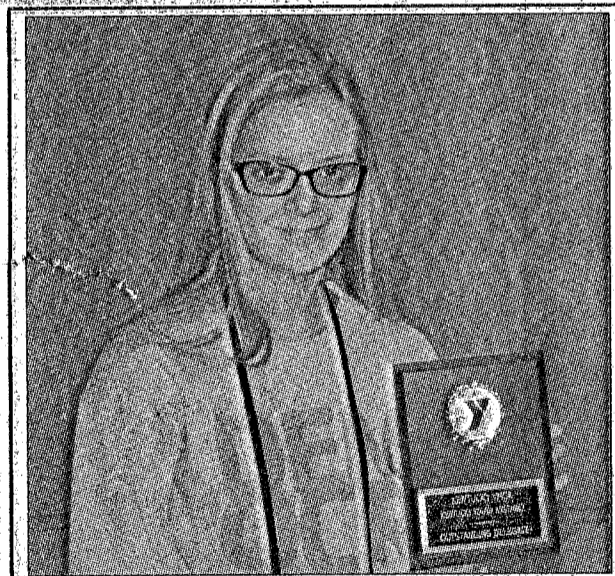
Cole Ballinger won a Speaking Award at the Kentucky Youth Conference.



Mrs. Kathy's class at MVES has been participating in drama class for this Arts Block rotation. They have been learning about Nursery Rhymes. On Monday, as a culminating activity, the students dressed as their favorite nursery rhyme characters.



The RCMS Y-Club competed in a mock Kentucky Legislature in Louisville on December 3-5 at the Kentucky Youth Conference.



Sarah Roberts won Outstanding Delegate Award at the recent Kentucky Youth Conference.

Local students attend Kentucky Youth Conference



Evan Hendrickson ran for Lt. Governor at the Kentucky Youth Conference.



The RCMS Y-Club attended the Kentucky Youth Assembly in style thanks to Citizens Bank. The bank donated portfolios to the students to use during their sessions and it was greatly appreciated. Pictured are Y-Club officers, Tristan Winstead, Zach Taylor, Autumn Courtney, and Ashlyn Brock with Customer Service Representative Joan Edgington.

2016 Rogers Scholars now taking applications

If you are a high school sophomore student seeking to develop your leadership and entrepreneurial skills or an eighth-grade middle school student interested in math, science, and technology, The Center for Rural Development wants to hear from you.

Applications for the 2016 Rogers Scholars and Rogers Explorers summer youth leadership programs have been posted and are now available online at The Center's youth programs website.

Rogers Scholars, an intensive one-week summer program, provides valuable leadership skills and exclusive college scholarship opportunities for upcoming high school juniors in Southern and Eastern Kentucky to fulfill their potential as the region's next generation of leaders and entrepreneurs.

The program is presented in partnership with the University of the Cumberlands, Lindsey Wilson College, Eastern Kentucky University, Asbury University, Morehead State University, and the University of Pikeville.

Applications for both Rogers Scholars and Rogers Explorers are available online at www.centeryouthprograms.com. All applicants are required to complete and submit their application through the online registration site. Mailed and emailed applications will not be accepted.

The deadline to apply for Rogers Scholars is midnight (Eastern Time) on Sunday, Jan. 31. Applicants for Rogers Explorers have until midnight (Eastern Time) on Monday, Feb. 15, to apply for that program.

Both programs are provided tuition-free to participants within The Center's 45-county primary service area.

For more information, contact Delaney Stephens, youth programs coordinator, at 606-677-6000 or emaiilyouth@centertech.com.

Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II Civil Action No. 15-CI-00078

Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as trustee for Residential Asset Securitization Trust Series 2005-A15 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-0 Plaintiff

V.

Melbia J. Moore a/k/a Melba Moore, Commonwealth of Kentucky, County of Rockcastle and Unknown Spouse, if any, of Melba J. Moore a/k/a Melba Moore Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on November 13, 2015, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of FORTY THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$43,767.00) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, January 22, 2016
Beginning at the Hour of 11:30 a.m.

Said property being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

3284 Sand Springs Road, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
Beginning on the stone on the edge of Sand Springs Road; thence up the hill with Jack Jones (now Sam Jones) line about 140 or 145 poles to a stone corner; thence South about 175 yards to a stone corner; thence an East course down the hill to Sand Springs Road to a stone near a persimmon tree; thence a North course with the road to the beginning, and containing thirty (30) acres to be the same more or less.

Being the same property in which James and Melbia Moore obtained a 3/4 interest to said property as devisees under the Will of Ella B. Moore of record in WB 9, Page 558. Being the same property in which James acquired an undivided 1/12 interest as a heir at law as shown in Affidavit of Descent of James E. Moore of record in Deed Book 203, Page 237 and the same property in which Debbie Cameron and Brenda Cottrell acquired an undivided 1/12 interest as a heir at law as shown in Affidavit of Descent of James E. Moore of record in Deed Book 203, Page 237 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk. Being the same property acquired by James E. Moore and wife Ella B. Moore as tenants in common, by deed dated March 28, 1959 of record in Deed Book 79, page 347 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk. Being the same property James and Melbia Moore obtained a 1/6 interest in said property by deed dated January 24, 2005, executed by Brenda Cottrell, et al. of record in Deed Book 203, page 248 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

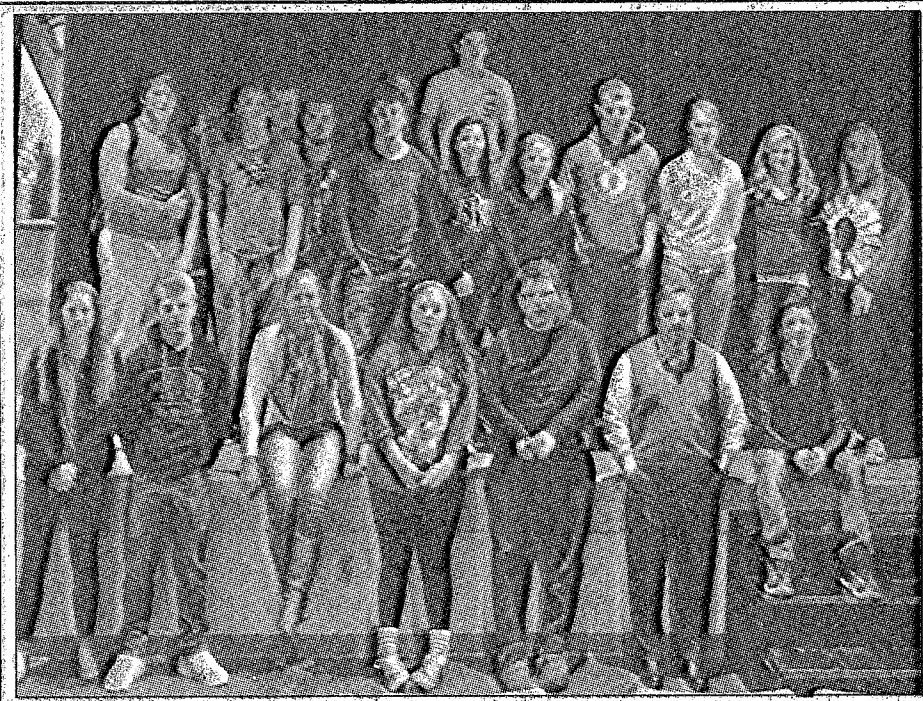
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Judge Burdette speaks to Teenage Republicans



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Burdette not only serves as Chief Circuit Judge for Rockcastle, Pulaski, and Lincoln Counties but is also the Chief Regional Circuit Judge for the 23 counties of the Cumberland Region. Burdette has spoke locally and throughout Kentucky about the U.S. Constitution and was recently a featured speaker on the topic at Xavier University in Cincinnati.

The Teenage Republicans, who focus on political involvement and enhancing their understanding of government, thanked Burdette for taking time to talk with the group.

**Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II
Civil Action No. 15-CI-00135**

Kentucky Housing Corporation Plaintiff

V.

Alicia J. Jasper Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on December 11, 2015, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWO DOLLARS AND 12/100 (\$109,802.12) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, January 22, 2016
Beginning at the Hour of 11:30 a.m.**

Said property being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

120 D Proffit Street, Brodhead, KY 40409
Being all of Lot No. 1, of the Re-Division of the Mountain View Estates of record in Plat Book 4, Page 278, in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk. This being the same property formerly described as Lots 21 and a portion of Lot 22 of the Mountain View Estates of record in Plat Book 4, page 59, all in the Office of the Rockcastle County Court Clerk.

Being the same property conveyed to Alicia J. Jasper, unmarried, by Deed dated August 28, 2006, of record in Deed Book 214, Page 716, in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

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

1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of ninety (90) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
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Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

OATMEAL CAKE

This was one of Mamaw's favorites to take to reunions or potlucks.
1 and 1/2 cups boiling water
1 cup quick cooking oats
1/2 cup margarine, melted
1 cup packed brown sugar
1 cup white sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 eggs
1 and 1/2 cups plain flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1 and 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon salt
Preheat oven to 350°.
Pour boiling water over oats. Stir. Let cool about 20 minutes.
Mix margarine, sugars, vanilla and eggs. Sift flour with baking powder, soda, cinnamon and salt. Add to sugar mixture, and then add oatmeal mixture. Mix well. Pour into well greased 9 x 13 cake pan. Bake at 350° for 30 to 45 minutes.
TOPPING:
1 cup packed brown sugar
1 stick butter
1/4 cup evaporated milk
1 cup shredded coconut

1 cup pecan pieces, chopped
Combine all topping ingredients and cook very little—just enough to melt butter and get all combined. Pour over top of cake and put under broiler until bubbly and coconut is golden brown.

DUMP CAKE

California 1991. Since Aunt Lillian's birthday was so close to Thanksgiving, we had invited a couple friends from church to join us for the holiday and to help her celebrate her 96th birthday. Tom Byrne and Bob Ryman had eaten with us before and I had made almost the exact dinner except for this dessert. Tom declared this was the best meal he had ever eaten. When I pointed out that he had eaten the same thing here the last time, his reply was "Not this fantastic cake".
1 can (15 ounce) crushed pineapple
1 can (15 ounce) cherry pie filling
1 box yellow cake mix
1 stick butter

1 cup packed light brown sugar
Grease 9 x 13 baking pan. Dump in pineapple (juice and fruit) and cherry pie filling. Spread dry cake

mix evenly on top. Cut up butter and put over cake mix. Sprinkle with brown sugar. Do not stir or mix. Bake at 350° for 45-50 minutes.



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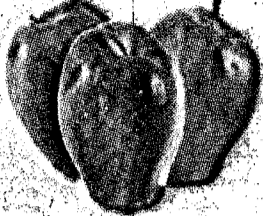
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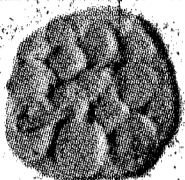
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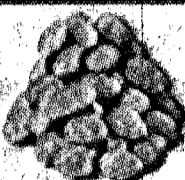
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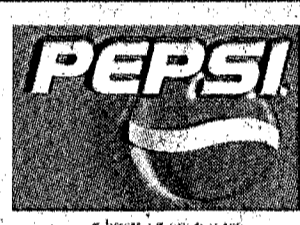
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