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## County explodes with Christmas celebrations



The top photo shows the Grinch in the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade on the first place business float from the Mount Vernon Paw Spa. The second photo shows Santa in the Brodhead parade riding behind Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr.. The bottom photo shows the Mount Vernon Christmas tree that was lit during the Kiwanis Tree Lighting Ceremony as part of Noel Night Market Saturday. (See Dec. 21 issue for more photos)



By: Mike French  
Editor

*'Twas three weeks before Christmas and all around me, every creature was stirring in Rockcastle County.*

It was a comfortable, but overcast day filled with celebration and most everywhere that children went Saturday, Santa was soon to follow.

Light drizzle fell occasionally and roads stayed wet throughout

the day, but the warm temperatures provided a comfortable setting for the many events in the county.

The Livingston Christmas Indoor Yard Sale started early Saturday morning, with hundreds of people across the county searching for hidden treasures in the old Livingston Gymnasium. Hot chili was available for anyone looking to fill their belly or warm their bones as countless treasure hunters strolled

through the old Livingston School Gymnasium.

Countywide Activities started at 2 p.m. in the city of Brodhead as the annual E.J. Taylor Christmas Parade wound down Main Street with sidelined with young and old alike. City Clerk Becky Bussell blocked the road during the parade, protecting the entries and the children (See "Parades" on A5)

## Officials still dealing with recent derailment issues

By: Mike French  
Editor

After the CSX train derailment near Livingston, on the day before Thanksgiving, members of the communities that were evacuated are beginning to get their lives back to a more normal state, according to several residents and officials.

David Colson and Andrew Pensol of the Rockcastle County Emergency Management Center, along with the fiscal court, local fire departments, first responders, city officials and many more, worked through the 24-hour evacuation event taking care of the needs of local residents. But according to some, the situation may not be over.

Local officials involved spoke with the

Signal this week concerning the progress of the clean-up process and the derailment and evacuation. Their comments are as follows.

**Livingston Mayor Larry Davidson**

"So far I can say without hesitation that CSX officials have done a very good job of taking care of people and the environment," said Livingston Mayor Larry Davidson, at a called meeting last week at City Hall. "I really can say that thus far I am very impressed by their entire effort and I could tell five minutes after I met the EPA representatives that they were sincere about making things as right as possible."

But Davidson said as happy as he is with the

CSX response so far, the true heroes are the officials in the City of Livingston and first responders.

"I can't possibly say enough about the (See "Train" on A5)

### Brodhead meeting

The Brodhead City Commission's regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 11 at 6 p.m. at city hall. The public is invited to attend.

### Livingston Parade

Don't forget the Livingston annual Christmas Parade planned for Saturday, December 16, on Main Street. The event will include Santa and much more.

The public is invited to the free event.

### Mount Vernon

The Mount Vernon City Council regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 21 at 6 p.m. in city hall. The public is invited to attend.

### Livingston meeting

The Livingston City Commission's regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 14 at 4 p.m. at city hall. The public is invited to attend.

### School Board

The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County School Board is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12 at 6 p.m. in the Teaching and Learning Center on Richmond Street. The public is invited to attend.

### Fiscal Court

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court's regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12 in the third floor conference room at the courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

## Class action suit filed against CSX after train derailed near Livingston

By: Mike French  
Editor

A class action complaint and demand for jury trial against the CSX Transportation, Inc. has been filed by Morgan and Morgan law firm on behalf of Rockcastle County residents Lauren Webb and Debbie Francisco, individually, and on behalf of others that may become involved.

According to the lawsuit, which was filed in district court, the complaint is a demand for a jury trial and compensa-

tion on several counts of alleged negligence by CSX related to the train derailment that occurred near Livingston two weeks ago.

According to Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, the clean-up procedures near Livingston have now been halted due to the lawsuit since the company is not allowed to tamper with any evidence that may be used in a trial.

The derailment and (See "Suit" on A5)

## Rockcastle Grand Jury hands down 23 indictments

By: Mike French  
Editor

On Friday, November 21, a Rockcastle County Grand Jury handed down 17 indictments. Those indicted and their offense/s is as follows.

James Matthew Miller, 35, of Mount Vernon was indicted on two counts of possession of a controlled substance and one count of promoting contraband by knowingly introducing dangerous contraband into the Rockcastle County Jail.

His bond was set at \$5,000 cash or property (c/p).

Nathan Tyler Stewart, 36, of Orlando, was indicted on one count of aggravated trafficking in a controlled substance, one count of promoting contraband and one count of public intoxication. The aggravated trafficking charge includes knowingly and unlawfully being in possession

of more than 28 grams of Fentanyl.

His bond was set at \$50,000 c/p.

Paige Mercedes Doyle, 33 of Manchester, was indicted for the offense of possession of a controlled substance.

Her bond was set at (See "Indict" on A5)

### Car bursts into flames after crash

Residents in the Conway area began calling authorities Sunday evening after hearing a "loud boom" according to several local officials.

At the same time, members of the Brindle Ridge Fire Department were called to a two-car crash on Wilderness Road and Picnic Lane in the Conway area.

Once at the scene, (See "Flames" on A5)

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# ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

'Tis the season to be joyful and giving and, in that interest, our congress was scheduled to vote Wednesday on whether to proceed with a \$106 BILLION emergency foreign aid package that includes more than \$61 BILLION more for Ukraine. Yea, more Joy and Giving to Ukraine!!

So, the present regime installed in DC wants to, once again, enable Ukraine to continue their war with Russia which has been going on since last year and for which we have already given Ukraine over \$100 BILLION in foreign aid, including military equipment -- an amount which we (the taxpayer) have no idea how it has been spent. Wouldn't it be refreshing, and reassuring, if we had elected congressmen who felt it incumbent on them to give the American taxpayer, their only source of funds with which to play God-father to whomever they wish, an accounting of how these funds were spent? I know, I'll take 'aint't never gonna happen' for \$200, Alex.

It's infuriating that we have a group of elected officials in DC who are so arrogant that they hand out BILLIONS of our tax dollars without feeling any need to account to those from whom this money has been taken, for

how it is spent. And, when we complain, we get a pat on the head and a 'let your betters take care of these matters' attitude. Because, just like Mitch McConnell, for example, they know that by and large, they are going to be reelected, again and again, just because they manage to stroke their voters just enough for them to keep their place at the public trough!!

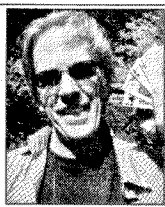
I can only hope that the House of Representatives will hold strong against this continued largesse to Ukraine's dictator (who has already shut down churches in the country and declared no elections will be held until this war is over) and who is killing off an entire generation of young men in his country. Russia invaded Ukraine, as I understand it, because of Ukraine's threat to join NATO and Russia did not want NATO on their country's border. This has a peaceful solution but it doesn't appear to be in pResident Biden's and his financial cronies in Congress's best interests to pursue it.

Instead they continue to bleed this country dry for their personal interests, in my opinion. (I really don't think I'm important enough to get anyone's attention in DC but just in case I mysteri-

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## Aces Over

By: Mike French



Everyone I know is good at something.

People are such individuals that I am amazed at how different people can be. I suppose this is why we have Republicans and anti-Americans (I mean Democrats.)

Anyway, it seems that each and every person on the planet has strengths and weaknesses. And I would guess that all 8 billion of them are just a little different from everyone else.

It is like a fingerprint or DNA. Each person has a set of abilities and talents and likes that are completely their own.

Yes, there are a lot of good baseball players, for example. But I bet that out of all of them, each one is better at certain things in baseball. Some hit well, some catch well, some run fast, some predict well, and on and on. Not only within the sport itself but I bet that even all those who are good baseball players and are good hitters, still have little talents and abilities that differ from other good hitters.

Even if they didn't they would have other interests in life. One great hitter may love astronomy while another great hitter loves painting.

My point is, we all have our own, special talents and abilities that are completely unique to us.

As for myself, I was never, ever any good at any kind of sport. Even the sports that I enjoyed playing and spent countless hours studying and practicing, did not help my abilities.

I got pretty good at playing pool at one time. I went to a pool hall every day for three years while in college. I played for several hours, seven days per week all three years and had some of the best pool players in the country teaching me.

Pool was by far the best sport I was ever involved

with. Yet I never got past a certain point. Oh I could beat any fellow that walked in off the street, but I never could beat a truly good pool player.

There was a limit to my abilities.

Golf was the same. I really enjoyed golf. I played about three times per week for five years. I was really into it and had my own cart and expensive set of clubs and even a set of Persimmon wood drivers.

I had some really good players try to teach me and I learned from the best. But the fact is, I never got any better. I know you would think I am exaggerating because even my coach would stand in amazement.

The truth is that I shot the same score consistently after five years, that I shot the first day I played. I never improved even one stroke.

I enjoyed it, but my interest in the sport was not proportionately related to my abilities.

I eventually gave it up. Not because I got tired of it, but because the people I played with got tired of waiting on me three holes back. I could tell that I was causing frustration in those around me and I was basically spending a small fortune for no gain.

But sports have been my weakness throughout my whole life.

My dad put me on a little league baseball

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## T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Adventures in Baking Dear Journal,

I've always wanted to make a Plum Pudding, especially after seeing "A Christmas Carol" the other day. I looked around on the internet and found "Tiny Tim's Plum Pudding" recipe and knew this was what I wanted. Now, I just needed to work up the nerve to try it. Plum Pudding has a justified reputation of being rather difficult to make. Some recipes were more difficult than others. After looking at several recipes, I finally decided upon one of the moderately easy ones to prepare.

There is to be the DAR annual Christmas dinner tomorrow night and I'll take my Plum Pudding along for dessert. I hope it turns out well as I will be very disappointed if it does.

I'm going to have to call upon my right hand man since my left hand is partially paralyzed since my stroke in January. I braced up and went to Walmart the other day to get the necessary ingredients. One ingredient was dates and I didn't think I was ever going to find any. Stanley finally found some for me.

This afternoon was the

point of no return, the pudding was going to be made. We assembled all of the ingredients together and began the process. It was one of those recipes where you have to have a dry ingredient bowl and a wet ingredient bowl. As you go they are mixed together. Just to tell you the truth, it is the closest thing to old fashioned fruit cake I've ever seen.

Well, it wasn't as bad as I had suspected. It didn't even take as long as I had thought, either. We finally got it into the oven. I thought I'd just bake it rather than boiling as some recipes suggested. You had to pour it into a cheesecloth and tie up the mixture with string and tie that to a stick over a pot of boiling water until it was done... whenever that may be. While I was making this seasonal favorite I had visions of Mrs Cratchet in her modest and humble kitchen in England about 1840-something making a Christmas dinner for her family.

The holiday delight is almost done and should be ready to take out of the oven within about the next thirty minutes or so. Lets hope for the best.

Be sure to get your copy of the Mount Vernon Signal on December 21. Our Christmas issue will include lots of photos from the Brodhead, Mount Vernon and Livingston Christmas parades.

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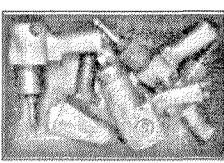
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## DECK THE HALLS WITH BOUGHS OF SAFETY

Follow these tips for a safe holiday season.

Here are some easy ways to ensure that you deck your halls free from fires, falls and fears:

- Never plug more than three standard-size sets of lights into an extension cord.
- Extension cords can occasionally overheat. Periodically touch-test the cord. If it's hot, unplug it.
- Elevate outdoor extension cords' plugs and connectors with a brick to keep snow, water and debris out of the connections.
- Make sure your smoke detectors are in working order.
- It's lights out at bedtime and when you leave your house. That includes lights on your tree and other decorations. Lights can short and start a fire.
- When it's time to pack the lights away until next year, put them in a tight-sealed container that will keep them dry.

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## Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps  
Land Planning

Perhaps you've purchased a new place, or maybe you're finally ready to do some improvements to a property you've had for awhile. It's wise to make a plan before getting started.

Sometimes one can dream and plan in their mind, but this has limits if you try to share your plans with anyone else, or if your memory isn't what it used to be. I recommend you get some paper and do a sketch, plus make a list. Even consider hiring a pro to help create the master plan. But, however you do it, get a plan of action before getting materials or plants.

Should you do some fencing, a windbreak, or a privacy hedge? Should you modify the contour of the land for some reason? (Berm to control erosion or to reduce traffic noise, redirect flow of

water in a downpour, prepare a spot for future buildings or pools or garden beds or an orchard, put in a different driveway or walk, terrace a slope, create a knoll if you have a flat lot, etc.)

Would shade trees be helpful? Do you know which direction is north and south? Where do the strongest winds blow? Do you want a yard full of plants, or just a minimum of a specimen tree in some high visibility spot? Do you have a second lot or maybe even a baby farm to plan what to do with? Planning is smart before you dig or build.

An idea for a newly built home in a development—sell or swap during the first dormant or winter season your two front yard trees the

builder installed. That clears you back to a blank slate that you can sketch up a unique plan to make your yard look special rather than “cookie-cutter home #23” along the street. (Builder installed landscaping may be required to meet codes in many cities, but they're sure not landscapers and most aren't very creative.)

Once you've gotten some drawing paper, or even just some notes in a notebook, you can expand from the basic stuff and list trees and flowers, note where the soil is good or awful and will

### Aces

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team when I was a lad. Dad, and past Lexington Mayor Scottie Baesler, were coaches. Once again, I never got better. I would practice at home with my friends and with my dad. But still after two years of playing every day, I still stunk.

Luckily, I had some musical talent. Playing stringed instruments came easy for me and I was able to take it to places that I never dreamed possible.

Still, even with my biggest and strongest natural talent, there were limits. I believe I was gifted at music and I took advantage of that. But I can tell you that I played with some people who did things that would have been difficult for me.

Everyone simply has different levels of talent and abilities and the same goes for weaknesses.

I guess the trick is to find one's strength and exploit them and find one's weaknesses and hide them.

The biggest task in a band is to hide your bandmate's weaknesses and bring attention to their strengths. Make everyone in the band sound better than they really are by using what you are good at, to focus attention to the right place. That's my opinion anyway.

So I guess life should be the same. If we could all use our strengths to support other's weaknesses, imagine what a world we would live in.

I think I will try it more often. Not with anti-Americans, but with family and friends.

have to be improved or you'll have to plant in a raised bed type arrangement. You know where excess water is going to go in a hard rain, you have decided on a detached garage or a garden shed at some point. If you think you might need a patio or a swimming pool have you sketched where they go in your overall plan? Let's say water comes from uphill or from next door onto your lot in a rainstorm—you don't want to put in a paved drive or patio and not figure out how you'll deal with a torrent running through the yard or muddying the patio every big downpour you get. (And you want to know if water from that muddy lot nearby is going to end up in your pool or on your patio before and not after you've spent for this major item.)

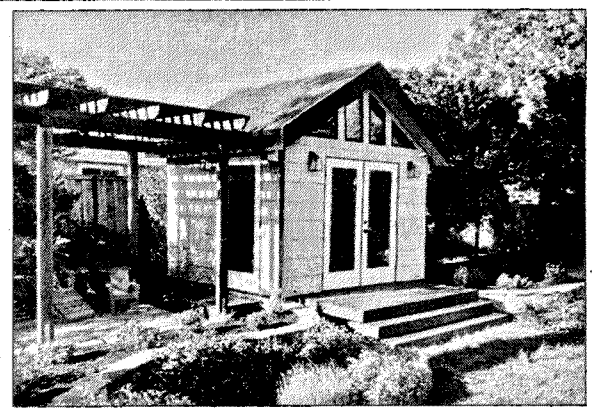
Let's say your lot slopes to the street or sidewalk. Could you construct a wall and end up with a flat yard (plus a lovely wall)? Or, if your home is downhill and lower than the street, should you create a raised berm (and perhaps landscape it) to be sure draining water doesn't end up at your front steps – or much worse, under your house!?

These are just some of the concerns a good plan from the beginning can prevent before they become problems at some later point. You will be grateful you made a plan and avoided unexpected trials in the future as you execute your plan of action for your home or acreage.

The more information you consider, such as the water, wind, soil,

heat, salt water from snow melt, the smoother things will go for you as you build out the plan you created. May yours

be a happy adventure as you transform your place into your dream paradise. Good plans make that much easier.



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**Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule**  
**Monday, December 11th:** Child Development, Seek 'n Learn, Lisa's Little People. **Tuesday, December 12th:** Scaffold Cane, Clear Creek, Wildie.

### Rockcastle Retired Teachers

The Rockcastle County Retired Teachers will meet on December 13th at the Academy (Old Vocational School) at 11:30 a.m.

### KPR Meeting December 19th

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of the Kentucky Public Retirees (KPR) will meet Tuesday, December 19th at David's Steak House in Corbin. Mealtime will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the meeting to follow. Guest speaker will be 87th District State Representative Adam Bwling. Retirees (and spouses) receiving retirement benefits from KERS, CERS or SPRS are welcome to attend. Membership information will be available at the meeting or on the website ([kentuckypublicretirees.org](http://kentuckypublicretirees.org)). For more information, call 606-260-0490.

### Weekly Grief Support Group

There is a Weekly Grief Support Group which meets each Thursday at 2 p.m. at Hospice Care Plus & Compassionate Care Center, 350 Isaacs Lane, Richmond. Please pre-register at [hospicecareplus.org](http://hospicecareplus.org) or by calling 859-986-1500. Open to anyone whose loved one was cared for by Hospice Care Plus. If travel is an obstacle, contact Abby at the number above to request alternative grief support options.

### Kiwanis Club Meeting

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club now meets at Limestone Grille each Thursday at noon. Kiwanis is a service organization working to improve the lives of children. The public is invited.

### Chamber of Commerce Meetings

The Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce meets once a month, on the third Tuesday, at noon at Limestone Grille. All members are encouraged to attend.

### VFW Post 5908

Rockcastle Memorial VFW Post 5908 at Lake Linville welcomes all military service members and their families. The post is open by appointment only, currently. If you would like to rent our event hall for special occasions, please call the number below. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 5 p.m. Those wishing to contact the VFW for help, information or any need, please contact Post Commander Michael Parsons 859-308-3568 and/or District Commander William B.J. Thomason at 606-392-1207.

### Rockcastle Historical Society & Museum

The Rockcastle County Historical Society & Museum meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at RTEC garage/training room.

### Mt. Vernon Lions Club

The Mt. Vernon Lions Club meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Limestone Grille.

### American Legion Post News

The David M. Smith American Legion meets at Limestone Grille the second Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. If you wish to eat before the meeting, arrive at 5 p.m. For more info, call Commander Kathy Bobo at 606-308-1208 or Chaplain B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882.

### 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.

### Celebrate Recovery/AA/NA

**Monday-Celebrate Recovery-Brodhead:** Community Outreach Center, Monday, 6 p.m. 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Contact: Nathan DeLeon 859-230-9590, Kathryn Pope 606-308-3099.

**Tuesday-Celebrate Recovery-Mt. Vernon:** Northside Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Tuesday, 6 p.m. Contact: J.R. Cornelius 859-314-7828.

**Wednesday-Alcohol Anonymous-Mt. Vernon:** 12 p.m. 55 Crawford St., Mt. Vernon, KY. Call 606-308-4893 for info. or rides.

**Thursday-Celebrate Recovery-Step Studies - Women Only:** Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Thursday, 6 p.m. Contact: Kathryn Pope, 606-308-3099 or Shell Bader 606-219-5653.

**Thursday-Alcohol Anonymous-Brodhead:** 8 p.m. Community Outreach Center, 36 Castle Village Dr., Brodhead, Ky. Call 606-308-8900.

**Friday-Celebrate Recovery-Livingston School Cafe** 9226 Main St., Livingston. 6 p.m. Contact: J.R. Cornelius, 859-314-7828.

**Sunday - Celebrate Recovery Step Studies-Men Only.** 6 p.m. Northside Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Contact: Jason DeBord 606-386-0646 or J.R. Cornelius 859-314-7828.

## ramblings

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ously disappear during the night at some point, please check the nearest Gulag).

**This prohibitive unnecessary expense** is not even the most egregious action being taken at this point by this regime.

We are currently paying \$451 BILLION a year (that's \$1.25 BILLION/day) for housing and care for illegals while most of America struggles and veterans are homeless and they are still coming and it's only going to get worse.

The scary part is no one has any idea who these illegal immigrants are or what they are doing, after they successfully stroll into our country. The vast majority are young men -- tens of thousands of them from China-- and Senator Dick Durbin of Illinois wants to use them to shore up the dwindling numbers in our military and give them citizenship for their service. A military that has basically been destroyed by its current Democrat “woke” leaders.

Isn't this a great idea? Two birds with one stone,

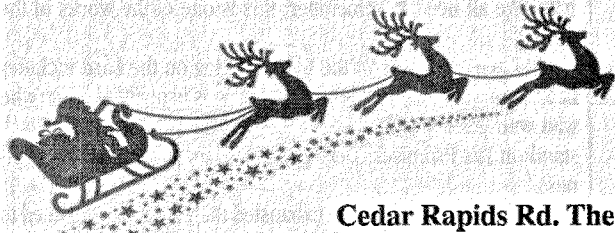
yea! Over 10 MILLION illegals, besides the millions that were already here, to replace our ethnicity and vote Democrat en masse and, in case that doesn't completely do the trick, they would be trained and armed as soldiers, loyal only to their Democrat saviors, and available to help ensure the demise of our country as we know it.

We already have several embedded in our Congress in the form of Senators and Representatives. It was a great boon for this when former (and maybe present?) president Barack Obama facilitated the import of 70,000 Somalians and settled them in Minnesota, where almost all cluster in the Fifth Congressional District.

That district has been identified by the FBI as America's terrorist recruitment capital and is represented by Ilhan Omar, who is calling for the dissolution of America's Homeland Security and who has lumped the U.S., Israel, Hamas and the Taliban in the same boat.

*It seems we forgot the lessons of 9/11 pretty quickly, doesn't it??*

## Visit Santa Claus and enjoy the Hamilton Christmas House decorations...



Santa Claus will be at the Hamilton Christmas House display from 6 p.m. to ? on Friday, December 1st and Friday, December 8th. Come and enjoy the beautiful decorations and lights, located in Houston Point Subdivision on

Cedar Rapids Rd. There will be a mailbox on the porch for kids to mail their Santa letters any night for direct transport to the North Pole. And, some of Santa's friends may also show up.

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# Obituaries

## Betty Kirby

Elizabeth Caroline "Betty" Kirby, 84, of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at her home. She was born in Philadelphia, PA on April 5, 1939, the daughter of Willits and Katherine Adams Herrmann. She was a retired supervisor for Rite-Aid and a member of Calloway Baptist Church. She enjoyed traveling with her husband while he was serving in the US Navy.

She is survived by: her loving husband of 65 years, William Kirby; a son, William "Billy" Kirby and wife Regina of Woodstock, GA; and a brother, Willits "Bill" Herrmann of Ocala, FL. Several nieces and nephews also survive. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: a sister, Catherine Allen; a brother, Conrad Warren Herrmann; and an infant brother, Bruce.

Graveside services were conducted Saturday, December 2, 2023 in Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery by Bro. George Renner and Mr. Joe Allen.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

Please visit [www.DowellMartin.com](http://www.DowellMartin.com) or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook page to view online obituary.

## Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps  
Beautiful Sights & Sounds of Waterfalls

As I was debating what to compose a new column about, a recent customer for whom I built an especially lovely and peaceful sounding pond with stream and waterfalls sent me some photos, and I felt moved to share a little of that with my readers. Maybe it'll help lighten up your mood just to reflect on the sights and sounds of falling water.

MH said "thanks again, until you sit here awhile there's just no way to imagine how peaceful it is". And I recall RB saying "this is the best thing I've ever done" after he'd experienced his pond awhile. Then there was DT that said after sitting looking at the waterfalls for awhile, difficult phone calls were a lot easier to make. There's such varied things in landscaping, but the most praise through the seasons has come from those enjoying their waterfeatures.

JL says "in the evenings the song birds come, with their towels over their shoulders, start lining up for a bath".

HG and AB said theirs exceeded all their expectations. One happy customer immediately said, you're going to build our next one too! OH! I said.

Many of us love the water. Maybe it's the lake, the ocean, or the mountains and their streams. It's no joke that waterfront property

commands top dollar in the real estate business. Both sights, like the beach or the river rapids, and sounds like waves descending on the shore or waterfalls splashing into a pool below a rock formation—sights and sounds of water top most lists of enjoyable things in the great outdoors.

I have seen quite a few of nature's lovely waterfalls. But the tally of those I built with stones and love for a family or couple are more in number. It's rewarding, but the greatest benefit comes to those that relax by them daily. And that bring back to mind the email that motivated me to share more of a topic I have loved for so long.

At another time I've shared the benefits of nature on test-taking, studying, reducing blood pressure, and the many other side benefits of spending some time in a lovely outdoor setting. Frazzled by life, taking time to appreciate some of these blessing in one's life can revive our spirits, even our bodies.

As autumn days get cooler, I encourage one and all to spend some extra time outside beside the water, or at least under a tree or a stroll in a green area. Plants, grasses, trees, rocks—and definitely the sights and sound of water give us pleasure to hear and behold.

The author is a landscaper.  
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## Stuff your stockings with Trooper Island Camp raffle tickets

This holiday season give the gift of hope and excitement with a Kentucky State Police (KSP) Trooper Island Camp raffle ticket. This years raffle offers an enticing choice for the lucky winner. The grand prize includes an option to claim a 2024 Ford Mustang GT Premium Convertible or a \$50,000 cash prize. Purchasing a \$10 ticket ensures your chance at winning, but more importantly, it helps Kentuckys children attend a free summer camp.

Trooper Island Camps annual vehicle raffle is its largest fundraiser of the year. Last years raffle sold a record number of tickets at 37,519. Trooper Island Camp Commander Trooper Jonathan Biven says he hopes to surpass that number in 2024 to make a greater impact on the lives of children who attend camp.

When you purchase a \$10 raffle ticket, youre not just entering a drawing; youre investing in children whose families are financially challenged by providing means for these kids to experience a week-long summer camp free of charge, said Trooper Biven.

Tickets are \$10 each and are available on the Trooper Island website or any KSP Post throughout the state. A max of 50,000 tickets will be sold, with the

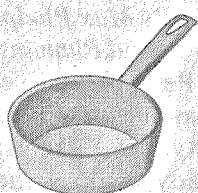
raffle drawing tentatively scheduled for August 25 at 3:00 p.m. EST during the Kentucky State Fair. Ticket holders do not have to be present to win. The raffle winner is responsible for all tax and license fees. (Charitable gaming license #0000633)

The 2024 Ford Mustang GT Premium Convertible is equipped with a 5.0L Ti-VCT V8 engine with Ford Co-Pilot360 Assist+. There is connected built-in navigation, a blind spot information system, and an active anti-theft system. The vehicles market value is \$58,467. A complete list of features and equipment can be found on the Trooper Island website.

Trooper Island Camp was established in 1965 by the Kentucky State Police at Dale Hollow Lake, near the Cumberland and Clinton County line. This free summer camp is designed for children aged 10-12 from families facing financial challenges. Every year, approximately 700 campers participate in a wide range of activities, including athletics, kayaking, archery, fishing, swimming, and many other camping experiences. The camp aims to instill leadership, teamwork, and valuable life skills while creating lasting memories for the children.

## Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins



### PARMESAN HASH BROWN CUPS

1 bag (20 ounce,) frozen shredded hash browns  
About 6 scallions, chopped  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon garlic powder  
1 cup grated parmesan cheese  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
Mix all ingredients together in a large bowl. Spray a 12-cup muffin pan with cooking spray. Fill with the hash brown mixture, your mixture should fill the pan. Push the hash browns down into the cups with the back of a spoon. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

### HASH BROWN BAKE

1 packet (1 ounce) Hidden Valley original Ranch Dressing Mix  
1 and 1/4 cups milk  
3 ounces cream cheese  
6 cups frozen shredded hash browns  
3 to 5 tablespoons bacon bits  
3/4 cup shredded Sharp Cheddar cheese  
Preheat oven to 350°. Grease a 9 inch baking dish.

Place hash brown potatoes in prepared dish. Sprinkle with bacon bits. In blender combine dressing mix, milk, and cream cheese. Pour over potatoes and bacon bits. Top all with cheese. Bake for 35 minutes.

### SAUSAGE HASHBROWN BREAKFAST CASSEROLE

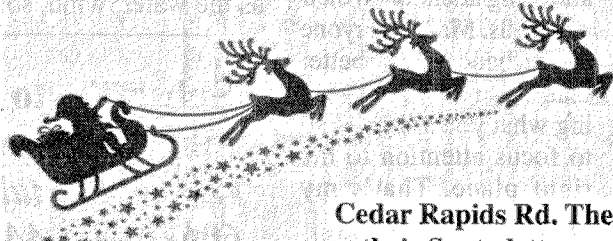
16 ounces frozen hashbrowns defrosted (usually half a bag)

1 pound breakfast sausage browned  
2 cups cheddar cheese shredded  
6 eggs  
1/2 cup milk or cream  
1 teaspoon kosher salt  
1/2 teaspoon black pepper  
Preheat oven to 350°. Grease a 7 x 11 casserole dish. Brown sausage. Layer thawed hash browns in prepared casserole dish. Layer the browned sausage over the hashbrowns. Sprinkle cheese over top the sausage and hashbrowns. Mix eggs, milk, salt, and pepper until mixed. Pour over the layers of hashbrowns, sausage, and cheese. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes or until eggs are set.

### SLOW COOKER HASH BROWN CASSEROLE

1 tablespoon butter, melted  
1 teaspoon onion powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
3 cups shredded Cheddar cheese  
2 cups sour cream  
1 can (about 11 ounce) condensed cream of mushroom soup  
1 bag (32 ounce) frozen hash brown potatoes  
Spray a 5 -quart slow cooker with cooking spray. In large bowl, mix melted butter with onion powder and salt. Stir in cheddar cheese, sour cream, soup. Mix well. Add hash browns until well combined. Place in slow cooker. Cover and cook on Low heat setting 6 hours.

## Visit Santa Claus and enjoy the Hamilton Christmas House decorations...



Santa Claus will be at the Hamilton Christmas House display from 6 p.m. to ? on Friday, December 8th.

Come and enjoy the beautiful decorations and lights, located in Houston Point Subdivision on Cedar Rapids Rd. There will be a mailbox on the porch for kids to mail their Santa letters any night for direct transport to the North Pole.

And, some of Santa's friends may also show up.

## Returning Good For Evil

(Matt. 5:43-47)

This is one of the most difficult things in the human life. The human way is: "An eye for an eye" (Matt.5:38) "Love thy neighbor and hate thy enemy" (Matt.5:43). "Salute only your brethern" (Matt.5:47)

Examples: Joesph blessed his brothers (Gen.50:15-21) Hebrew maid blessed her captor (2 Kings 5:1-4) David spared Saul (1Sam.24:9-15) Saul was jealous of David (1Sam.18:5-9) and became his enemy continually (1 Sam.18:29) Christ prayed and died for his enemies (1k. 23:34) Stephen prayed for his murderers (Acts 7:60)

This is the spirit of a child. (Matt.18:3) You can spank a child and later the child will come and throw his arms around you.

This is living by the golden rule. (Matt.7:12) The Christian believes in letting the Lord take vengeance. (Rom.12:19)

The Christian believes in doing good unto all men, even his enemies. (Gal.6:10) If this was practiced by all men, there would be no murders, no spite work, no discord-nothing but good will.

This is the best way to live. In the first place it would be difficult to pay back some people like for like; we cannot get that mean, we would be sure to lose.

Christ's way brings peace and happiness. But he who follows the other rule has bitterness and misery. (Which rule are we following?)

Thank you so much for reading this article. We have videos to watch on our You Tube channel Chestnut Ridge Church of Christ Mt Vernon Kentucky. The church assembles every Sunday morning at 10:00 A.M. and Wednesday evening at 7:00 P.M. We offer free Bible correspondence course. If you would like to contact someone from the church you can either call or text this number 606-224-1480.

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## Rest For The Weary

We read in Isaiah. 40:29-31, He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. 30 Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; 31 but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.

Isiah is well-known because it is well-loved. It is loved because it because we are all familiar with so many weary people who traveled a weary road. At times all of us have been weary making us exhausted. Over the duration of time, we can become discouraged. We all need to remember; this is one of the works of the devil.

First, we must wait on the Lord. Waiting on the Lord includes faith, trust, patience and hope. This hope is brought to those who wait with patience. To wait on the Lord is to believe His Word; stand on His Promises; Desire His Will; to hope in His Faithfulness.

Secondly, those who have exhausted their strength will need to have it renewed. Isaiah tells us in vs 30 Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall. There is a limit to all human endurance. Exhaustion can cause any one of us to stumble. In weariness we fall. To make us strong we must seek the Word of God.

We are asked in Isaiah 40:21,28

Vs 21 Have you not known?

Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

VS28 Have you not known?

Have you not heard?

The everlasting God, the Lord,

The Creator of the ends of the earth,

Neither faints nor is weary.

His understanding is unsearchable.

These are questions aimed at reminding us of the things we have always known about God. He is the all-powerful Creator; He raises and dethrones world rulers; He knows all about every one of us. He knows everything we face, and He cares. So, when we grow weary with this old world take time to read Is. 40:28-29, He will not grow tired or weary, and His understanding no one can fathom. 29 He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

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## Flames

(Continued from front) firefighters found a two-vehicle crash with one of the vehicle on fire. Officials say they believe the explosion heard throughout the community was the car explosion.

According to a social media post by Brindle Ridge officials, it took about 500 gallons of water to extinguish the fire and the driver of the car was seriously burned.

While fighting the fire, officials set up a landing zone for a helicopter to transfer the unknown victim. The decision was made to air lift the victim to the Louisville Burn Center.

The victim's condition is not known at press time and several calls to the Brindle Ridge Fire Department were unanswered.

## Suit

(Continued from front) evacuation brought national attention to the county as CSX officials, and first responders from all county entities as well as Livingston city officials, worked to evacuate the town of Livingston and the Piney Branch area. The derailment led to the release of alleged toxic chemicals into the air in and around the city, the suit says.

The incident occurred on Wednesday, November 15 as many residents of Livingston were preparing their Thanksgiving dinner. The city was evacuated for over 24 hours due to the release of Sulfur Dioxide into the air, which is reported to potentially cause several health issues. Some local residents complained of having trouble breathing and a sore throat after the incident.

According to a report from CSX, the accident was caused by a faulty wheel bearing. The company apparently has HBD (Hot Bearing Detector) sensors placed along the track to measure the temperature of wheel bearings as they pass the sensors. However, according to the law suit, those sensors are placed about 25 miles apart in less traveled areas of the track but only 15 miles apart in more frequently used areas of the track.

The lawsuit alleges, among several other allegations, that had CSX placed the sensors as close in Livingston as it has in other areas, the derailment may have been prevented along with the subsequent toxic chemical release. The suit also alleges that CSX did not provide proper training of employees for such an incident.

According to the complaint, the derailment was "preventable had CSX placed detectors closer together as they do on more frequently traveled track."

The complaint says Webb, who lives about two miles from the derailment site, had spent time helping extinguish the fire for approximately 13 hours before she was told to leave the area. Since then, the complaint says Webb has experienced sore throat, trouble breathing, headaches and a respiratory infection.

Webb attended a special called meeting last week in Livingston to express her gratitude to the city and Livingston Police Chief Travis Davis who she says went above and beyond his duty to

rescue local residents.

Francisco, who lives about one mile from the site, suffers burning throat, irritated nose and post nasal drip, according to the complaint.

One of the counts in the complaint is seeking the creation of a fund to deal with future medical issues since "there is a likelihood that emissions of Sulfur Dioxide will result in health problems for individuals who inhaled the gas."

After several counts are listed in the complaint, the final plea includes further relief as the court may deem just and proper.

CSX officials told WLEX in Lexington that they could not comment on an open lawsuit but that safety is always their top priority.

## Indict

(Continued from front) \$5,000 c/p.

Charmelle Evette Fitten, 52, also of Manchester, was indicted on one count of possession of a controlled substance.

Her bond was set at \$5,000 c/p.

Hayli Marie Phelps, 31, of Milwaukee, WI faces six counts on her indictment. They include fleeing or evading police and five counts of wanton endangerment by operating her vehicle in a manner endangering in conduct which created a substantial danger of death or serious physical injury.

Her bond was set at \$25,000 cash or property.

Jason T. Manning, 47, of Brodhead, was indicted on a charge of possession of a handgun by a convicted felon.

His bond was set at \$5,000 c/p.

Eric W. Simpson, 26, of Crab Orchard was indicted for fleeing or evading police, possession of a controlled substance and operating a motor vehicle under the influence.

His bond was set at \$10,000 c/p.

Todd Franklin Whitaker, 27, of Johnson City, Tennessee, was indicted on one count of possession of a controlled substance and one count of operating a motor vehicle under the influence.

His bond was set at \$5,00 c/p third party surety.

Sandra Faye Sturgill, 42, of Revena was indicted on two counts of trafficking a controlled substance and one count of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Her bond was set at \$10,000 c/p.

Bobby Ray Lynam III, 34, address unknown, was indicted on three counts of trafficking in a controlled substance.

His bond was set at \$15,000 c/p.

Travis Logan Hensley, 33, of Mount Vernon was indicted on one count of fleeing or evading police, one count of operating a motor vehicle under the influence and one count of resisting arrest.

His bond was set at \$3,500 c/p.

Vincent Lee Durham, 43, of Mount Vernon was indicted on one count of possession of a controlled substance.

His bond was set at \$5,000 c/p.

Jerry D. Barron, 36, of Orlando, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

He was remanded to the Revive Life House.

Cody Ethan Munday, 24, of Nicholasville was indicted on one count of possession of a controlled substance.

His bond was set at \$5,000 c/p.

Halona Lee Wynn, 49, of Mount Vernon was in-

dicted on two counts of possession of a controlled substance.

Her bond was set at \$5,000 c/p.

Joshua Lynn Pickett, 33, of Russell Springs, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, operating a motor vehicle under the influence and possession of drug paraphernalia.

His bond was set at \$5,000 c/property, third party surety.

Nathaniel Lee Barker, 25, of Mount Vernon was indicted on one count of theft of identity.

His bond was set at \$5,000 c/p.

Jeremy Douglas Caldwell, 42, of Mount Vernon was indicted on one count of possession of a controlled substance and one count of public intoxication.

His bond was set at \$5,000 c/p, third party surety.

On Friday, October 27, a Rockcastle County Grand Jury handed down six indictments on seven people. Those indicted and their charges are as follows.

Amber Dawn Phillips, 28, of Brodhead, was indicted on one count of possession of a controlled substance.

Her bond was set at \$5,000 cash or property.

Jerry Edward Morris, Jr., of McKee, was indicted on one count of possession of a controlled substance and one count of operating a motor vehicle under the influence.

His bond was set at \$5,000 c/p.

Shawn G. Harrison and Daniel L. Phillips were named in a joint indictment.

Both were indicted on one count of trafficking in a controlled substance while armed with a firearm. Harrison was indicted on two counts of possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, and one count of being a persistent felon. Phillips was indicted on three counts of being a persistent felon.

Each defendant's bond set at \$25,000 c/p.

William Brandon Thrasher, 33, of Harrodsburg, was indicted on one count of assault in the third degree, one count of promoting contraband, one count of disorderly conduct, one count of alcohol intoxication, one count of resisting arrest and one count of being a persistent felon.

His bond was set at \$10,000 c/p.

David Kyle Robinson, 35, of East Bernstadt was indicted on two counts of theft of identity and one count of being a persistent felon.

His bond was set at \$10,000 c/p.

Samantha Danielle VanZant, 28, of Orlando, was indicted on one count of possession of a controlled substance.

Her bond was set at \$5,000 c/p.

## Train

(Continued from front)

Livingston city employees and commissioners," he said. "Travis (Police Chief Travis Davis) was simply amazing. Through smoke so thick it was nearly blinding, he and Sandi (Singleton, City Commissioner) fought through it to warn people and get our residents to safety. I could not be more pleased with our city employees or officials. The smoke was so thick that Sandi was driving with her foot out the car door to feel the edge of the driveway warning people."

In an official statement concerning his views about the derailment and what comes next, Davidson said "Livingston would like to thank its citizens for their understand-

ing and cooperation during the train derailment. Myself and the commission would like to ask for our citizens' continued support throughout the next few days, months and years as we navigate the process with CSX to continue to make things right for Livingston and its citizens. Livingston would also like to commend everyone in Rockcastle County, which has helped our citizens and Livingston throughout this CSX train derailment.

**Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr.**

Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook said he too was proud of those who stepped into the face of danger to help others. "The truth is, at the time that the town was being evacuated over a half mile away because of a toxic chemical spill, all the first responders who were helping were standing right there fully engulfed in the smoke from the fire," he said. "It was very stressful because we had heard everything from 'it is harmless' to 'it will kill you.' But I guess people weren't thinking about that at the time. They were just thinking about helping others."

However, Holbrook said, after the fact, his worries subsided quickly. "There was a heavy fog that morning and the smoke was made much worse by that," he said. "But the smoke was from the burning hillside. The sulfur wasn't even burning that I saw. The smoke people were breathing was from trees and brush on the hillside."

Holbrook went on to explain the solid, liquid and gas forms of the chemical in the railcar, as he has discovered more information since the derailment. "I am no expert but I suggest everyone research the chemical and it will help them understand about the chemicals involved. Some of the barley that spilled burned but that isn't toxic either. The truth is people didn't really inhale smoke from sulfur. That stuff they had on the train is used to make fertilizer. People are worried about how they are getting it out of the ground but they spread it in their own garden every year."

Holbrook said Pensol and Colson of the local emergency management center were on hand to help with the incident from the very beginning. "David and Andrew were right in the middle of everything. They are our emergency management crew and they played a big role in getting everyone taken care of," Holbrook said.

Though Holbrook too says he wishes such an incident and inconvenience had never happened, he believes CSX has handled the situation well. "There are rumors and accusations floating around as with any such event," he said. "But the truth is, the stuff 'hidden' under the plastic near the site is just barley and the smoke was from burning brush and the chemical is just the stuff they use to make fertilizer to spread on the ground. It was a terrible inconvenience for everyone but in my opinion there is really no reason to worry about health issues or the environment."

Holbrook stressed his gratitude for everyone who helped during the evacuation and the emergency. "The school jumped into action immediately, first responders were right in the middle of it all and everyone worked together for the safety of the community. It was a perfect example of small town fellowship and teamwork."

Holbrook said the State of Emergency was declared early, to err on the side of caution, before details were known concerning the derailment, the chemicals involved and the fire.

**Rockcastle County Sheriff Shannon Franklin**

"I was both proud and impressed by Rockcastle County first responders," said Sheriff Franklin. "All agencies worked so well together it was an amazing sight to see. All egos were set aside for the betterment of the people we serve and everyone worked together throughout the entire event."

Franklin said such emergencies, while unfortunate, bring good people together for a good cause. "Our local first responders were able to use our knowledge of the area and the people and give advice to those from out of town and out of state that they took to heart," he said. "Each agency played a part in the success of the entire event."

When asked how he feels about the response from CSX, Franklin said he would prefer to avoid comment concerning the railroad. "I just know how our people did and I saw some true dedication and outstanding effort from local first responders."

Franklin said a lot of the work involved common sense. "A lot of what had to be done was simply common sense. And our first responders showed that over and over again. I was proud to be a part of it all. I can say local first responders truly protected and served throughout that entire event."

**Other accolades**

During a special called meeting in Livingston last week, residents Lauren Webb and Clyde Carpenter expressed their gratitude to the city officials. "I want to stand up and say 'thank you' to you all. I have COPD and the smoke was thick. But you all fought through all that to come and get us. Thank you," said Carpenter. Webb agreed saying "I saw that man (pointing at Davis) fighting through the chemical smoke to get to people and make sure they could get out. He didn't hesitate to jump into the middle of it to help save everyone else. He did more than anyone to help the people of Livingston."

Webb is listed as one of the plaintiffs in a class action lawsuit against CSX.

## Parades

(Continued from front) who walked and rode down Main Street. Fire trucks and floats, along with antique cars and tractors, rolled slowly down Main as children darted into the street gathering candy that was being tossed from parade participants.

Among the line of displays, Santa and the Grinch rode through town, waving at the children and tossing treats to all those cheering.

Then the festivities moved to Main Street in Mount Vernon as one of the longest and most diverse parades in Mount Vernon's history moved down Main Street to a cheering crowd. The annual Mount Vernon Christmas Parade kicked off the festivities of the Noel Night Market which began at 4 p.m.

The Mount Vernon Parade included dozens of intricate floats and parade entries, including horses and four wheelers and more, with a focus on the theme of "Christmas Songs." The Mount Vernon Police Department blocked streets throughout the Main Street area to protect citizens and parade entries.

Most of the large crowd watching the parade had wet feet. No heavy rain fell during the event but light drizzle came several times during the day, keeping the tents and roads wet.

Once again, Santa and Mrs. Clause, along with the Grinch were seen waving at those lining both sides of the street, as the parade made its way through the vendor tents and displays of the Noel Night Market on Main.

Many of the vendors were set up inside a huge tent in the city parking lot, avoiding the threat of rain.

Winning parade entries were awarded prizes this year. The first place business float award went to Mount Vernon Paw Spa and second place went to the Rockcastle Health Department. The first place church float award went to Hickory Grove and second place went to Bible Baptist Church Shine Kids. The first place school float award went to Tic Toc Preschool. In the "other" category, first place went to Cedar Rapids Dolphins swim team and second to Brandon Gross.

A huge crowd filled a well decorated downtown Mount Vernon, taking part in the Noel Night Market festivities, long after the parade was concluded.

Santa and Mrs Clause spent the rest of the evening under a tent on the courthouse lawn as youngsters got in a long line to take their turn sitting on Santa's lap and meeting the Grinch.

At 6 p.m. the annual Kiwanis Tree Lighting Ceremony was held in Triangle Park with Mayor Tim Roberts and Circuit Court Clerk Eliza Jane York-Hansel officiating. Roberts told the crowd he had witnessed the epitome of a "small town Christmas" throughout the week as teams worked to prepare the parade and other events.

The Rockcastle Middle School Choir and Band performed several Christmas songs and local talent Jacqueline Bullock provided a somber solo performance. City Administrator Jim Bowman flipped the switch to brighten the park with twinkling lights as the official Mount Vernon Christmas Tree was lit.

"We all worked very hard decorating the Main Street area and getting ready for the parade and the Night Market," said Bowman. "I think everyone had a very good time surrounded by a festive holiday atmosphere. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make this another successful event in the city of Mount Vernon."

As temperatures began to cool, many found their way to the free hot chocolate at the new Volunteers of America office and then made their way back to the Night Market activities.

The evening ended and the large crowd thinned as children and adults made their way home, as did Santa and the Grinch.

*But I heard him exclaim,  
ere he drove out of sight.*

*Merry Christmas to all,  
and to Rockcastle,  
good night.*

**See the Christmas issue on December 21 for lots of photos from the parades and Noel Night market**



# SPORTS

*In Season Opener*

## Rockets beat McCreary by 18; Craig pours in 33

The Rockcastle Rockets boys basketball team traveled to Stearns last Friday night to begin their 2023-24 campaign against the McCreary Central Raiders.

They came away with the 62-44 win, behind 33 points by sophomore Walker Craig, which included five three point baskets and going 6 for 7 from the free throw line.

The game was tight at the end of the first quarter with the Rockets holding only a one point edge 11-10. However, in the second quarter, Craig, hit two threes and two regular baskets to score 10 points to help his team outscore the Raiders 20-12 for a 31-22 halftime lead.

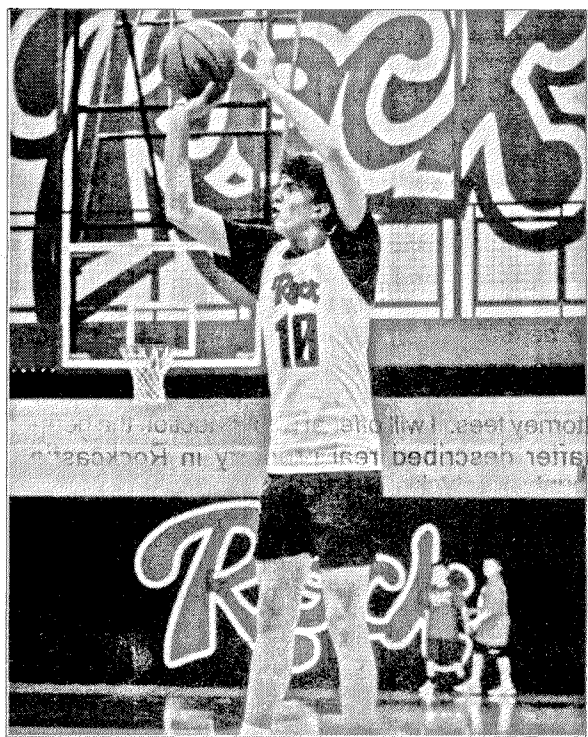
It was much of the same the second half, with the Rockets outscoring the Raiders 31-22 for the final 62-44.

Besides Walker's 33, sophomore Jace Rogers and junior Conner Hunt each scored seven points; Trent Wilson and Kaleb Alexander got five points each, Maddox McClure hit a three basket and Skyler Durham got two points. Craig shot 71.4% from the three point line and made 68.8% of his two point attempts.

The Rockets went 8 for 20 from the three point line and hit 52.3% of their total shots.

Connor Hunt took rebounding honors with eight while Craig pulled down five.

The Rockets were scheduled to host Danville Tuesday night and travel to Somerset on Friday night in a district match-up.



Walker Craig poured in 33 points in the Rockets' season-opening win over McCreary Central last Friday night. The Rockets were set to host Danville Tuesday night at home.



Camryn Cash applies the defense during the Lady Rockets' win over South Laurel Monday night. Photo by Les Nicholson.



Kelsey Maupin works around a defender in Lady Rocket jayvee action against Madison Central. The Rockets lost 39-34. Abby Deleon led with 10 points. Markley Richards had nine. Tessa Begley scored six. Ella McKinney scored five. Sadie Osborne and Maupin each added two.



Taylor King goes up for two of her 12 points in the Rockets' four point loss to Madison Central. King poured in 24 points Monday night in the Lady Rockets' 77-62 win over South Laurel.



Macy Spivey takes it to the basket during the Lady Rockets' loss to Madison Central. Spivey had 13 points in the loss and also added 13 points in the Lady Rockets' win over South Laurel Monday night.

## Chris Larkey named 3A District 7 Coach of the Year

### Players named to All-District teams

The halftime awards presentation during Saturday's KHSAA Class 3A state football finals had a local flare as Rockcastle County head coach Chris Larkey was recognized as the Kentucky Football Coaches Association 3A District 7 Coach of the Year.

Rockcastle County had its most successful season in nearly 20 years with an 11-2 record in Larkey's second season at the helm of the Rockets including a regular season district title, a second round playoff win and a victory over Bell County on Log Mountain by a 48-46 score back on Sept. 29.

Bell County was soundly defeated by Christian Academy of Louisville in Saturday's state finals 41-16.

In other recent football awards news, the coaches from Class 3A District 7 recently announce the members of the All-District team and Rockcastle County was well represented.

Christian Larkey, Tucker Warren, Caleb Moore, Anthony Goodin, Isaiah Jackson, Hunter Pingleton, Carter Powell, Jake Snyder and Benjamin Brenda were named to the All-District First Team.

Making their way onto the All-District Honorable Mention squad were Jayce Bowles, Dallas Howard, Jaydon Bowles and Colin Hamilton.

*Defeat South Laurel Monday*

## Lady Rockets lose to Lady Indians 63-59

The Lady Rockets began their 2023-24 season with a 63-59 loss to the Madison Central Lady Indians at home last Friday night.

The Rockets started the game with four straight turnovers and were down 16-10 at the first quarter stop.

The Rockets got a technical foul to begin the second quarter, because of a scorebook violation, and went on to fall further behind to the Lady Indians in the second quarter 35-24.

However, in the second half, in spite of Madison Central getting the first basket of the third quarter, the Lady Rockets put together a great second half, mainly behind the efforts of senior Talyne Shearer, who scored 16 of her game high 24 points in the half. The Lady Rockets outscored Madison Central 22 to 11 in the third quarter but Central came back to take the fourth quarter 17 to 13 for the four point win.

Shearer took team scoring honors with 24 points; Spivey, who had to sit out much of the second half after picking up her fourth foul early in the third quarter, was next with 13; Taylor King got 12 and Camryn Cash and Haven King scored five points each.

The Rockets won the rebounding wars 30-23, with Shearer pulling down 13 of those and Spivey getting eight. Shearer was also credited with four steals in

the game.

The Rockets hit 23 of 30 free throw attempts with Shearer hitting 11 of 15 and Taylor King going 8 for 8.

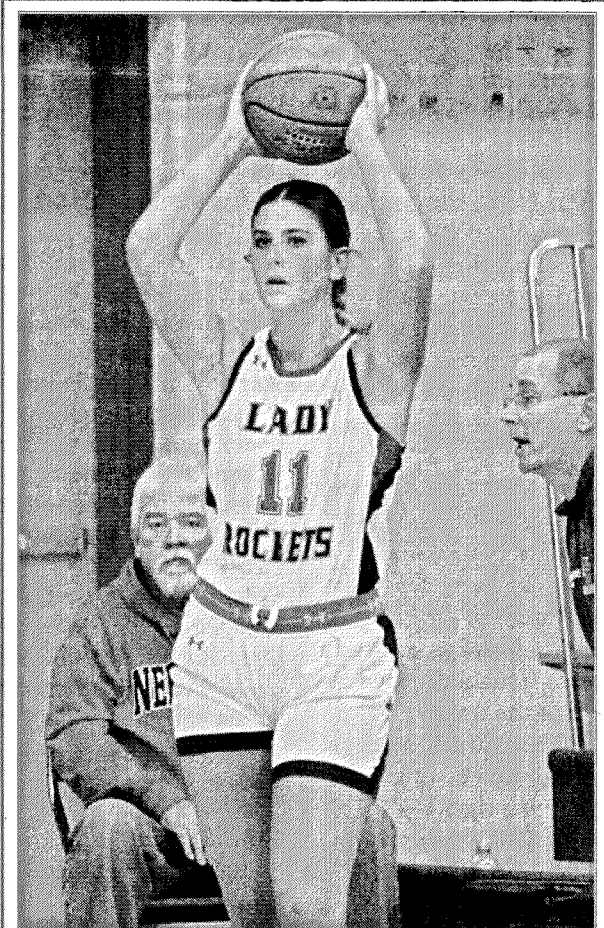
The Lady Rockets picked up their first win of the season Monday night at South Laurel, beating the Lady Cardinals 77-62.

The Lady Rockets got off to a good start, outscoring the Lady Cardinals 21-13 in the first quarter and were ahead 39-32 at the half. The Rockets took the second half 38-30 for the 15 point victory.

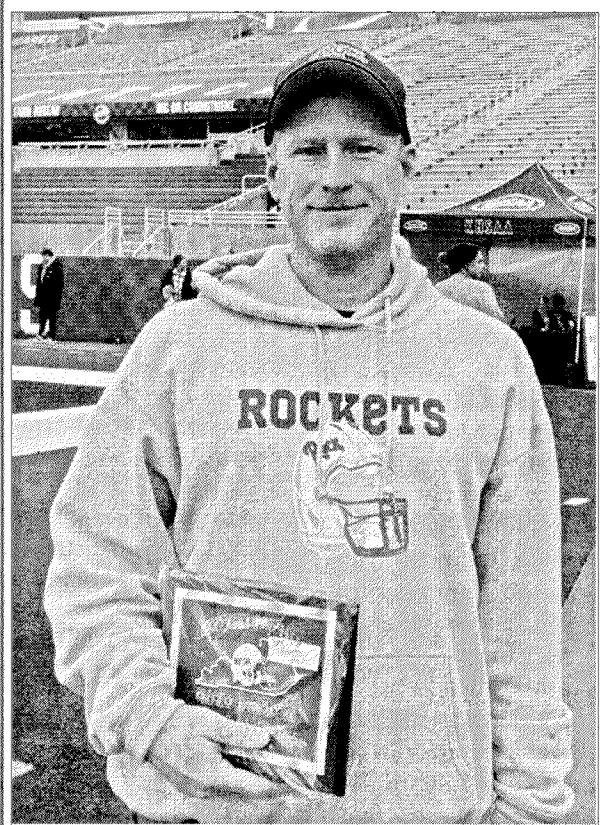
Talyne Shearer took scoring honors again for her team with 26 points, including going 10-11 from the charity stripe.

Shearer was followed closely by Taylor King with 24 points and she also hit 10-11 free throws. The only other Rocket in double figures, Macy Spivey, got 13 points, seven of them in the first quarter. Camryn Cash picked up one of the two three point baskets the Rockets scored and had five points along with sophomore Ella McKinney who scored the other three basket and added two free throws. Haven King finished off the scoring for the Lady Rockets with four points.

Next up for the Lady Rockets is a doubleheader district game at Somerset Friday night with the girls taking the floor at 6 o'clock.



Talyne Shearer has led her team in both Lady Rockets' games to start the season. Shearer had 24 points in the Lady Rockets' loss to Madison Central and scored 26 in their win over South Laurel Monday.



RCHS football coach Chris Larkey was presented the 3A District 7 Coach of the Year award at the state football finals this past week.



## Rockcastle County Farm Bureau recognized for outstanding membership and program achievement

Rockcastle County Farm Bureau was recognized during the 104th Kentucky Farm Bureau (KFB) annual meeting in Louisville for its outstanding membership and program achievement in

2023. The award honors county Farm Bureau offices that meet the company's profitability requirements and whose insurance policy growth meets or exceeds its annual growth goal.

Terry Lawson, President of Rockcastle County Farm Bureau, was acknowledged as the award recipient by Mark Haney, President of Kentucky Farm Bureau, John Sparrow, Executive Vice

President and CEO of KFB Insurance, and Drew Graham, Executive Vice President of the KFB Federation, during the organization's awards program on December 1.

## Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

**SQUASH SALAD**  
1/2 cup apple cider vinegar  
1/4 cup vegetable oil  
1 teaspoon brown sugar  
Dash of salt  
3 cups thinly sliced zucchini  
3 cups thinly sliced yellow squash  
3 tablespoons chopped red onion  
1/4 cup chopped fresh basil or parsley, optional  
In a large bowl, whisk together vinegar, oil, brown sugar, and salt. Add zucchini, squash, and red onions; gently toss to coat all vegetables. Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours, but no more than 6

hours. Just before serving toss with basil or parsley if desired.  
**CARROT APPLE SALAD**  
1/3 cup sour cream  
2 tablespoons mayonnaise  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
1 tablespoon cider vinegar  
1 teaspoon honey  
1 pound carrots, peeled and trimmed  
1 apple, cored  
1/2 cups dried cranberries or raisins  
Salt  
2 tablespoons fresh mint leaves for garnishment  
In a small bowl whisk together sour cream and

mayonnaise until smooth. Whisk in the lemon juice, vinegar, and honey. Grate first the carrots and then the apples. Can use food processor. Transfer them to a large bowl and stir to combine. Pour the dressing over the carrot mixture and toss. Season with salt to taste. Roughly chop mint and sprinkle over salad. Serve chilled.

**WINNIE'S THREE BEAN SALAD**  
A co-worker at the Bank of Oak Ridge shared this recipe with me way back in 1981. She couldn't remember where she got the recipe, but she gladly shared it with me.  
1 can (15 ounce) green beans -not French cut  
1 can (15 ounce) yellow wax beans

1 can (15 ounce) red kidney beans  
1 cup cider vinegar  
3/4 cup sugar  
1/2 cup vegetable oil  
4 tablespoons water  
3 or 4 chopped celery stalks  
1 chopped onion  
1/2 cup chopped green pepper  
Paprika  
Drain and rinse beans. In bowl mix the vinegar, sugar, oil and water. Add beans, onions, celery, and green pepper. Toss gently to cover all vegetable with marinade. Sprinkle with paprika. Best if made night before. Note: I like it right after it's been made almost as much as if had set overnight.

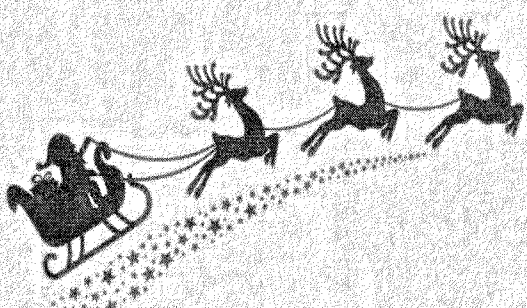
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*Visit Santa Claus and enjoy the Hamilton Christmas House decorations...*  
  
Santa Claus will be at the Hamilton Christmas House display from 6 p.m. to ? on Friday, December 8th.  
Come and enjoy the beautiful decorations and lights, located in Houston Point Subdivision on Cedar Rapids Rd. There will be a mailbox on the porch for kids to mail their Santa letters any night for direct transport to the North Pole.  
And, some of Santa's friends may also show up.




**Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
**Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II**  
**Civil Action No. 20-CI-00241**  
**Mid South Capital Partners, LP** Plaintiff  
**V.**  
**Unknown Heirs, Legatees and Devises of James Roberts, Unknown Heirs, Legatees and Devises of Donna Lynn Roberts, Commonwealth of Kentucky, County of Rockcastle, Unknown Spouses of the Unknown Heirs, Legatees and Devises of Donna Lynn Roberts** Defendants

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on October 13, 2023 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND 70/100 (\$4,457.70) 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 Thursday, November 30, 2023**  
**Beginning at the Hour of 10:00 a.m.**  
Beginning at a slick rock in the branch near Coal Mines; thence west with branch, Rome Graves line to a sugar tree; thence nearly South 200 feet to a stone in side of Old Coal Road; thence with said road nearly East to the beginning and supposed to contain one (1) acre and being a part of the P.M. Bullock land.  
Address: Pokeberry Lane  
Map ID: 036-00-028

Being the same property conveyed to James Roberts and wife, Donna Lynn Roberts, from Charles D. Marler and his wife, Freda Marler, by Deed dated February 18, 1997, and recorded in Deed Book 164, Page 587, in the office of the Rockcastle County Clerk. James Roberts passed away on May 15, 2003, no Will or Affidavit of Descent of record. Pursuant to survivorship clause in said Deed, fee simple title was vested in Donna Lynn Roberts. Donna Lynn Roberts passed away on July 15, 2012, no Will or Affidavit of Descent of record. Her remainder interest passed to the Unknown Heirs, Legatees and Devises of Donna Lynn Roberts.

**The property shall be sold upon the following terms & conditions:**  
1. The real property shall be sold together as a whole.  
2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) 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.  
3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of (6%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.  
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2023 local, county and state property taxes.  
5. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid from the sale proceeds.  
6. Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.  
7. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.  
8. In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder, and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.  
9. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is".  
**John D. Ford**  
**Master Commissioner**  
**Rockcastle Circuit Court**

**Card of Thanks**  
**Thurman "Jack" Raines**  
The family of Thurman "Jack" Raines wishes to extend a most sincere thank you to everyone who brought food, visited and offered support during our loss.  
We also extend our deepest gratitude to Bro. Bill Hammond, Dr. Justin Williams and staff, Hospice Care Plus, Dr. David Bullock and Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.  
In addition, our most heartfelt thank you goes to the members of the Mount Vernon Fire Department, for your expression of honor during the procession.  
*The Raines Family*

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**What is the Safe Haven Law?**  
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[makaela.abney@rockcastle.kyschools.us](mailto:makaela.abney@rockcastle.kyschools.us)  


**Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
**Rockcastle Circuit Court**  
**Division II**  
**Civil Action No. 20-CI-00232**  
**Mid South Capital Partners, LP** Plaintiff  
**V.**  
**Courtney Hensley, Commonwealth of Kentucky, County of Rockcastle, CMH of KY, Inc. d/b/a Crossland Homes, Central Financial Services, Inc., Credit Acceptance Corporation, Kentucky Department of Revenue, Division of Collections, unknown spouse of, if any, Courtney Hensley (Zachary King), CMH Homes, Inc., A Tennessee Corporation, f/k/a CMH of KY Inc.** Defendants

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Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on October 13, 2023 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY ONE DOLLARS AND 33/100 (\$4,221.33) 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 Thursday, November 30, 2023**  
**Beginning at the Hour of 10:15 a.m.**  
Said real property being more particularly described as follows:  
BEGINNING at an IPC set in the East right of way of an unnamed county road (D.B. 165, page 15), said IPC bears North 35 degrees 14' 47" West 151.06 feet from the junction of the East right of way of the unnamed county road with the North right of way of Cove Branch Road; thence with the East right of way of said County road; North 35 degrees 14' 47" West 59.43 feet to an IPC; North 24 degrees 34' 39" West 27.74 feet to an iron pin; North 25 degrees 40' 40" East 45.61 feet to an iron pin; North 10 degrees 34' 52" East 50.15 feet to an iron pin, also corner to Joseph Denny (D.B. 111, page 239); thence leaving the East right of way and running with Joseph Denny; North 52 degrees 02' 00" East 247.13 feet to an iron pin; thence leaving Joseph Denny and severing the land of the grantor two new courses; South 26 degrees 48' 40" West 221.79 feet to an IPC; South 33 degrees 23' 09" West 141.62 feet to the BEGINNING.  
Address: 46 Riggsby Road  
Map ID: 059-00-045.12

Being the same property conveyed to Courtney Hensley, from Richard Hensley, single, and Judy Mink, single, by Deed dated August 18, 2018, and recorded in Deed Book 265, Page 685, in the office of the Rockcastle County Clerk's Office.  
**The property shall be sold upon the following terms & conditions:**  
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**Master Commissioner**  
**Rockcastle Circuit Court**



# Ambassadors needed to promote tourism in southeast Kentucky

The Kentucky Wildlands announces 2024 Ambassador Program to expand and promote tourism in Southern and Eastern Kentucky

The Kentucky Wildlands, a regional tourism marketing initiative, is excited to announce a 2024 Ambassador Program that will expand and promote Southern and Eastern Kentucky as a regional tourism destination.

The newly launched program is seeking tourism Ambassadors to share the region's natural beauty of The Kentucky Wildlands, a sprawling 14,000-square-mile region spanning 41 Southern and Eastern Kentucky

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counties. "We're very excited to launch this program," said Tammie Nazario, director of The Kentucky Wildlands. "We already have some amazing ambassadors who helped launch the popular Kentucky Wildlands Waterfall Trail and now we're ready to grow that network as we move toward future projects."

The goal of the program is to turn every visitor encounter into a positive experience and grow new storytellers for Eastern Kentucky. Storytelling has always been one of the most effective ways to connect with people, especially in Appalachia. This desire to share one's story and be surrounded by listeners is what makes this program powerful.

Ambassadors will work in partnership with The Kentucky Wildlands to represent the region in a positive light and establish brand recognition; create online content such as reviews, posts, and blogs; facilitate communication by reviewing and listening to visitors' comments and suggestions and relaying them to the team; and attending or helping to organize tourism events.

If interested in becoming a 2024 Ambassador, please visit [www.explorekywildlands.com](http://www.explorekywildlands.com)

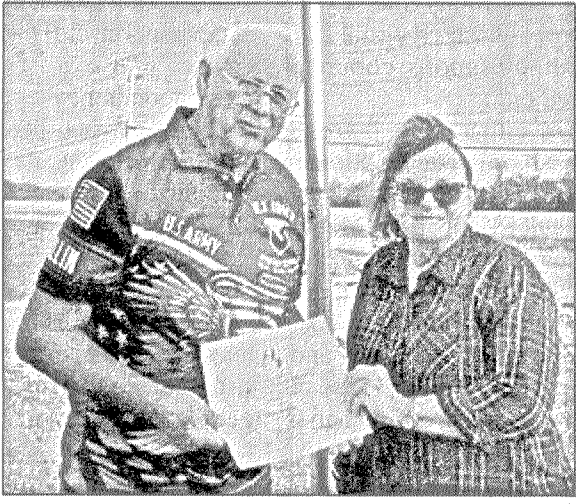
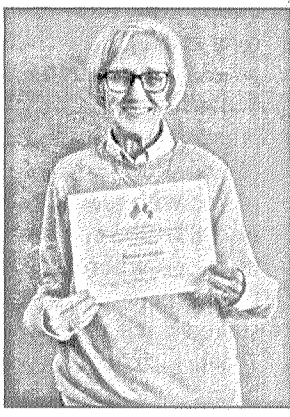
and fill out an application form. For more information, contact The Kentucky Wildlands at 606-677-6150 or email [administrator@kywildlands.com](mailto:administrator@kywildlands.com)

The Kentucky Wildlands serves Adair, Bath, Bell, Breathitt, Casey, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Estill, Floyd, Garrard, Green, Harlan, Jackson, Jessamine, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lincoln, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary, Menifee, Metcalfe, Monroe, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Rowan, Russell, Wayne, Whitley, and Wolfe counties.

About The Kentucky Wildlands: The Kentucky Wildlands is a regional tourism initiative in 41 counties in Southern and Eastern Kentucky. It showcases the region's majestic beauty and rich heritage with the goal of driving economic development. Components of the initiative include a media campaign, hospitality education, itinerary development, and entrepreneur training. The initiative was launched by Eastern Kentucky PRIDE, Inc., which is a nonprofit organization, with grant funding from the Appalachian Regional Commission and Economic Development Administration.



Rockcastle Chapter NSDAR presents flag certificates to individuals and organizations that properly display the Flag of the United States. Pictured above from left: Freda Parsons, Deputy Director of RTEC, Shirley Cummins, Executive Director, RTEC, Edwina Anglin DAR Chair and Operations Manager Mike Dixon. Pictured bottom left: Perlina Anderkin. Pictured at bottom right: Glenn Wallen and DAR Chair Edwina Anglin.



## Educational Mini-Grant awarded to Rockcastle County Farm Bureau

Rockcastle County Farm Bureau was honored as one of six recipients of a Kentucky Farm Bureau (KFB) Educational Mini-Grant.

The Mini-Grant is a special project of the Kentucky Farm Bureau Women's Program and administered through the Kentucky Farm Bureau Education Foundation. One-time grants of up to

\$500 are offered to county Farm Bureaus on a competitive basis to help fund projects that result in increased agricultural literacy. Priority is given to those programs demonstrating a need for financial support.

In addition to Rockcastle County Farm Bureau's award, Mini-Grants were also given to

the Farm Bureaus in Cumberland, Edmonson, Fayette, Scott, and Taylor counties.

Kentucky Farm Bureau is the state's largest general farm organization with more than 474,000 member families. For more news and updates from Kentucky Farm Bureau, visit [KYFBNewsroom.com](http://KYFBNewsroom.com).

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# Auction

200 Acres in Rockcastle County  
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**AUCTION 1 – 199 ACRES IN 13 TRACTS – DUG HILL RD., BRODHEAD**  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH @ 1:30 P.M.**

**DIRECTIONS:** Turn off of Hwy 150 near EST factory onto Hwy 1229. Go approximately 2 miles, property is on the left. Auction signs are posted.

TRACT 1 – 8.4 acres on the east side of Hwy 1229 and is mostly cleared.

TRACT 2 – 9.6 acres and is improved with a lovely Bedford stone house with 4 bedrooms, formal living room w/ stone fireplace, kitchen, formal dining room, spacious family room, 2 baths and utility room. Other amenities include full unfinished basement, 2 car attached garage, heat pump/central air. In addition to the house, there is also a barn, small storage building, 2 larger storage/shop buildings, one measuring 32 x 72. Preview of house by appointment only.

TRACT 3 is 6.2 acres on the east side of Hwy 1229 and is mostly cleared.

TRACT 4 is 9.2 acres on the east side of Hwy 1229 and is all cleared.

TRACT 5 is 11.9 acres on the east side of Hwy 1229 and is mostly cleared.

TRACT 6 is 91.8 acres on the east side of Hwy 1229 and is wooded and cleared land.

TRACT 7 is 5.9 acres on the west side of Hwy 1229 and is wooded and cleared.

TRACT 8 is 11.4 acres on the west side of Hwy 1229 and is wooded and cleared. This tract has a pond.

TRACT 9 is 12.1 acres on the west side of Hwy 1229 and is wooded and cleared.

TRACT 10 is 10.9 acres on the west side of Hwy 1229 and is wooded and cleared.

TRACT 11 is 8.7 acres on the west side of Hwy 1229 and is wooded and cleared.

TRACT 12 is 8.8 acres on the west side of Hwy 1229 and is wooded and cleared.

TRACT 13 is 4.3 acres on the west side of Hwy 1229 and is mostly wooded.

**AUCTION 2 – 127 ACRES IN 3 TRACTS – OTTENHEIM COMMUNITY**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH @ 10:30 A.M.**

**DIRECTIONS:** Turn off Hwy 643 onto Allen Rd. Proceed to Ephesus School Rd. Auction signs are posted.

TRACT 1 fronts on Ephesus School Rd. and Bowling Rd. and contains 45.1 acres. It has a combination of crop and woodland.

TRACT 2 also fronts on both Ephesus School Rd. and Bowling Rd. with 37.9 acres and is mostly cropland with a few acres in woods.

TRACT 3 fronts on Bowling Rd. and contains 44.8 acres, mostly cropland and a few wooded acres.

**AUCTION 3 – 116 ACRES IN 9 TRACTS – HWY 70, EUBANK**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH @ 1:30 P.M.**

**DIRECTIONS:** From Hwy 39, turn west onto Hwy 70 at Bandy. Go approx. 2 miles to property or from Hwy 27 in Eubank, turn east on Hwy 70. Go approx. 6 miles to property. Auction signs are posted.

TRACT 1 – 12.7 acres fronting on north side of Hwy 70 and Goodhope Estes School Rd. Mostly all cleared cropland.

TRACT 2 – 6.4 acres and fronts on Goodhope Estes School Rd.

TRACT 3 is 16.5 acres with 2 grain bins, pond and is mostly all cropland. This tract fronts on north side of Hwy 70.

TRACT 4 has 25.6 acres, fronts on north side of Hwy 70 and is mostly cropland.

TRACT 5 is 1.6 acres and fronts on Goodhope Estes School Rd.

TRACT 6 is 1.5 acres and fronts on Goodhope Estes School Rd.

TRACT 7 is 39.3 acres, fronts on north side of Hwy 70. The majority of this tract is cropland with some woods.

TRACT 8 is 8.1 acres, all wooded and fronts on south side of Hwy 70.

TRACT 9 is 5.1 acres of all woods and fronts on south side of Hwy 70.

**MULTI-PARCEL AUCTION:** Each farm will be offered individually in tracts utilizing the multi-parcel method and selling in the manner that reflects the best returns for the sellers. This concept gives each and every prospective buyer the ability to purchase his or her individual tract or combination.

**NOTE:** The purchaser of a single-family residence built before 1978 has a maximum of 10 days to inspect the property of lead-based paint. The period for inspections begins November 28th through December 7th. The successful bidder must sign a waiver of the 10-day inspection period.

**BUYER'S PREMIUM:** A 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to the winning bid to determine the final sale price.

**TERMS:** 20% down due day of sale, with balance in 30 days with deed.

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# Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, December 7, 2023

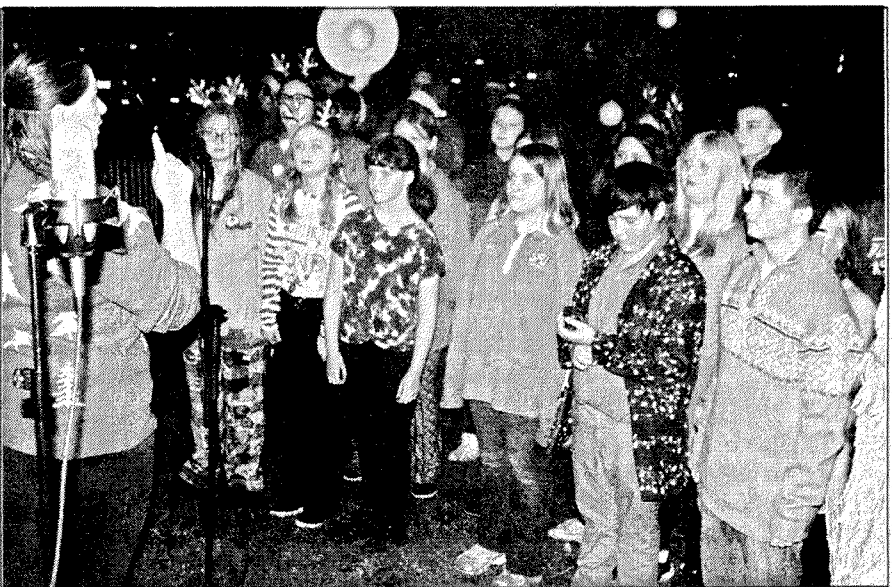
## Noel Night Market & Tree Lighting



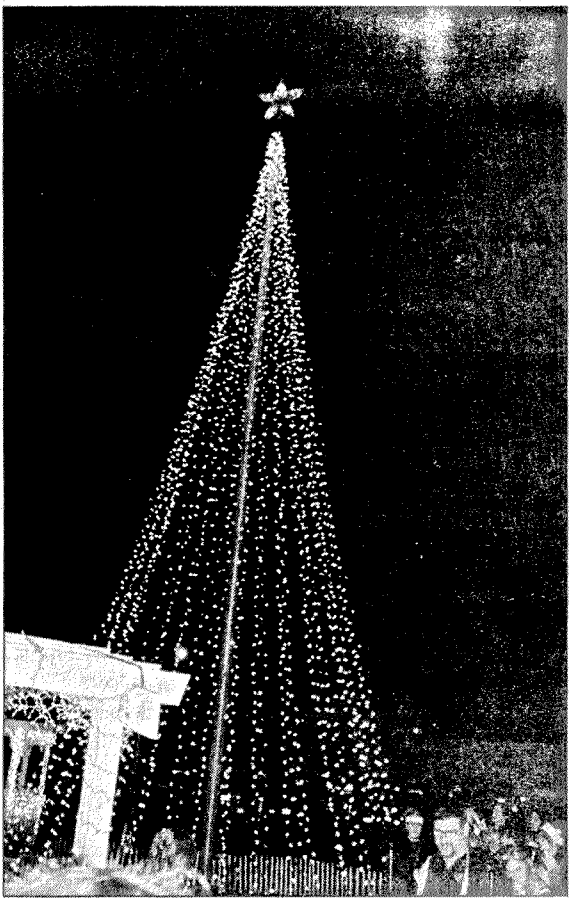
Main Street was well decorated for the Noel Night Market and Christmas Parade.



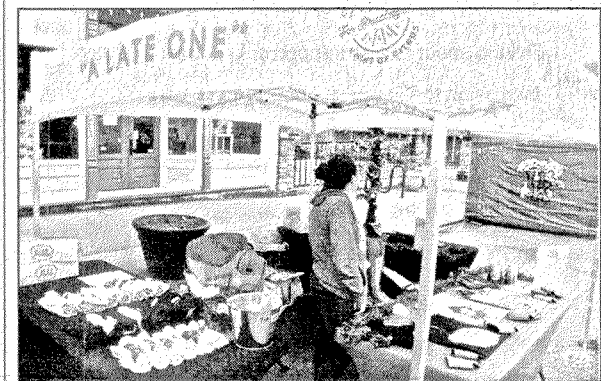
Mayor Tim Roberts welcomed the crowd at the Tree Lighting ceremony.



The RCMS Choir performed several Christmas songs to kick off the Mount Vernon Tree Lighting ceremony.



The Mount Vernon Christmas Tree stands tall in Triangle Park for all to see. The tree was lit during the Kiwanis Club Tree Lighting ceremony Saturday evening during the Noel Night Market event.



Vendors attempted to stay dry during the all-day drizzling rain that fell during the Noel Night Market event.



Jaclyn Bullock performed a heartfelt solo song for the crowd at the Tree Lighting ceremony Saturday night.



Circuit Court Clerk Eliza Jane York-Hansel served as the master of ceremonies at the Tree Lighting ceremony.



Many vendors set up under a huge tent during the Noel Night Market event to avoid the rain.

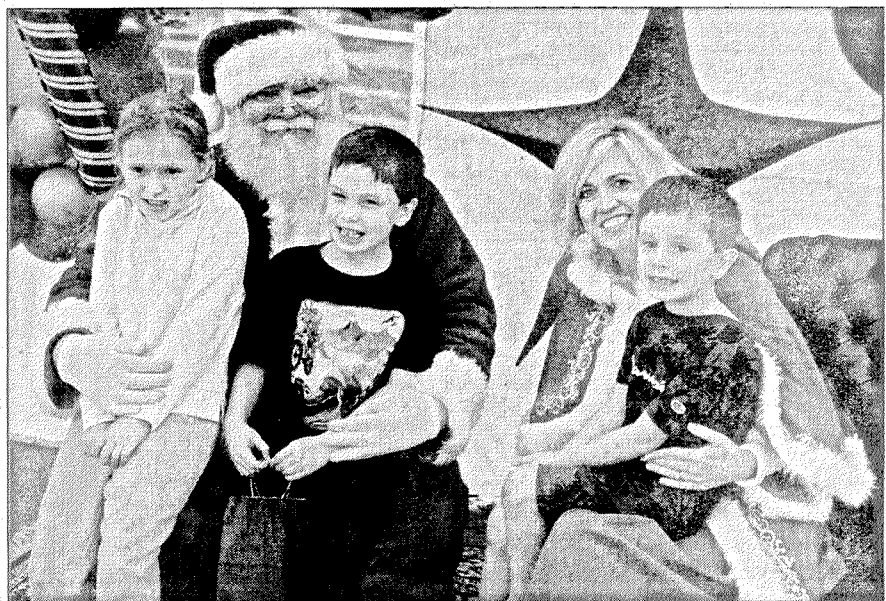


Vendors displayed their many variations of wares throughout the Noel Night Market.



Vendors tried to stay warm during the Noel Night Market.

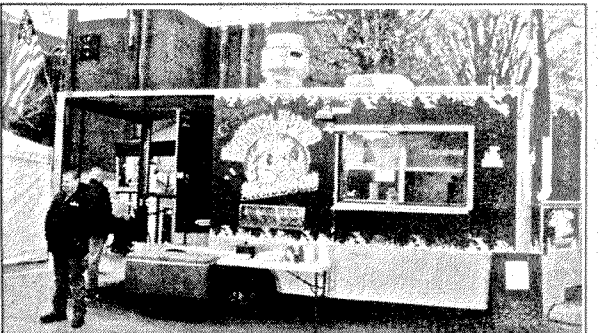
Photos by  
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Santa and Mrs. Claus greeted countless children after the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade. Children stood in long lines to reach Santa and tell him what they want for Christmas.



Shown above and at right, several food trucks kept visitors well fed with hot food and hot chocolate during the Noel Night market event.





# Classifieds

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Posted: No trespassing on property owned by Shannon Hellard on Cove Branch Road in Rockcastle County. All violators will be prosecuted. 8/17/23

Posted: No trespassing or hunting on land belonging to Wayne and Marie Bullock on Kincade Ridge Road. 39x24

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Brian and Angela Burdine and located at 428 Black Bear Lick Lane, Livingston. Violators will be prosecuted. 47xntf

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Notice is hereby given that Peggy Mitchell, 1097 Muirfield Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45245, has been appointed Executrix of the Estate of Charles Evert Murray, deceased, on the 4th day of December 2023. Any person having claims against said Estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Peggy Mitchell or to Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before June 5, 2024 at 11 a.m. 43x4

Notice is hereby given that Charles D. Deatherage, 2259 KY Hwy. 2750, Crab Orchard, Ky. 40419 has been appointed Executor of the Estate of Charles C.

Deatherage, deceased, on the 22nd day of November, 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Charles D. Deatherage or to Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before May 22, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. 42x3

Notice is hereby given that Paul Pearson, 2528 S. Tree Tower Road, Sand Gap, KY 40481 and Lydia Vincent, 360 Kings Trace Drive, Berea, KY 40403 have been appointed Co-Executors of the Estate of Bernice Adams, deceased, on the 15th day of November 2023. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Paul Pearson & Lydia Vincent or to Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before May 15, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. 41x3

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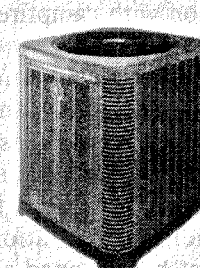
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# Kentucky law enforcement honored for impaired driving enforcement

More than 170 Kentucky state and local law enforcement officers were recently honored for extraordinary efforts to protect motorists from impaired drivers, in keeping with Gov. Andy Beshear's high priority on highway safety.

The occasion was the Governor's Impaired Driving Enforcement Awards, held at the Hyatt Regency in Lexington and hosted by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's (KYTC) Office of Highway Safety. Those receiving awards represented more than 150 law enforcement agencies.

"Our law enforcement are the heroes who work to keep our families safe by ensuring impaired drivers are removed from our roadways," said KYTC Secretary Jim Gray. "Their efforts are saving lives, and we are grateful for their dedication to the commonwealth and our people."

Awards were presented to those with the most impaired-driving arrests in each agency and in each division from Oct. 1, 2022 through Sept. 30, 2023. Award recipients received a plaque, while the top division winner was presented with the Highway Safety All-Star Award – a commemorative baseball bat from Louisville Slugger.

Local officers receiving awards were Detective Samuel A. Brock of the Rockcastle County Sheriff's office and Officer Zachary King of the Mount Vernon Police Department.

Brian Swift, executive

director and CEO of the Tarrant County Medical Society in Fort Worth, Texas, and spokesman for the National Alliance to Stop Impaired Driving, addressed the attendees and praised their efforts to save lives in their communities.

"Today is more than just receiving an award," said Swift. "It is about saving lives, and that is what officers do have the ability to do every time they pull over an impaired driver. The number of multi-substance impaired drivers on our roads today is staggering, and we must be diligent to enforce laws and utilize technologies that will ensure public safety."

Swift's parents were hit and killed by an impaired logging truck driver on March 20, 2013. His father, Tom, died on the scene, and his mother, Barbara, ultimately died of her injuries three days later.

"My whole life changed in a second, and it was 100% preventable," said Swift. "Don't be fooled: It can happen to you or your loved ones, and law enforcement is the first line of defense in getting irresponsible people off our roads."

According to the KOHS, last year in Kentucky there were 4,127 total crashes involving an impaired driver, resulting in 1,990 injuries and 189 deaths.

"Too many families have lost loved ones due to this selfish act," said KOHS Executive Director Bill Bell. "Our office will continue to support law enforcement efforts

to remove impaired drivers from our roads, including providing federal funds for additional enforcement during this holiday season."

The KOHS, Kentucky State Police and local law enforcement agencies are partnering for the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over holiday enforcement campaign. Officers will be out Dec. 13, 2023, through Jan. 1, 2024, watching for any moving hazardous violation, with an emphasis on impaired driving. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration funds the campaign and reports high-visibility enforcement reduces impaired driving fatalities by as much as 20%.



Lilyann Storm and Paige Cash sold 100 FFA poinsettias to ensure that every resident at the Brodhead Nursing Home received a special Christmas plant to display in their individual rooms. Thank you to everyone in our community that supported these girls and purchased a poinsettia or donated in memory of a loved one. Special thanks to Ottawa Baptist Church, Brodhead Pharmacy, Western Rockcastle Water Association, Lonestar, County Clerk Danetta Allen, and Collins Respiratory Care. Pictured delivering poinsettias are from left: Lilyann Storm, Dwayne Clark, Ben Brenda, Paige Cash, Maddie Hayes, and Lucas Hayes.

# Daniel Boone National Forest lifts fire restrictions

The Daniel Boone National Forest has announced the lifting of an emergency order restricting campfires that was implemented November 16.

"While the recent rains were beneficial and reduced the risk for wildfire, we urge forest visitors to continue using caution with campfires," said Ryle Benke, Assistant Fire Management Officer on the Daniel Boone National Forest.

With the decreased wildfire danger, the Daniel Boone National Forest has planned several prescribed burns that will reduce the risk of future wildfires and increase habitat diversity

across the Forest. Prescribed burning removes leaf litter, woody debris, and other potential fuels from the ground and recycles nutrients in the soils to promote healthy vegetation and wildlife habitat.

"Prescribed burning is one of the best ways to prevent a damaging wildfire. By waiting for the right conditions and carefully controlling the burn itself we can mimic historic fire disturbances and reduce underbrush and flammable vegetation, which is key to limiting wildfire growth," said Daniel Boone National Forest Supervisor H. Scott Ray.

"We have strict re-

quirements for prescribed burns," said Ray. "We wait for the right weather conditions to make sure that we can burn safely. Our fire management team is committed to safe prescribed burns that put the right amount of fire in the right places at the right time."

During prescribed burns, additional firefighting personnel and equipment will be on site and the public may see some smoke in the air. The Forest works closely with partners, like the Kentucky Division of Forestry and The Nature

Conservancy, to ensure that all prescribed burns are conducted with appropriate oversight and direction from skilled fire practitioners.

Depending on weather conditions, upcoming prescribed burns are planned in Clay, Laurel, and Pulaski counties. Up-to-date alerts on current prescribed burn areas will be shared on the Daniel Boone National Forest's social media accounts @DanielBooneNF.

Learn more about the Daniel Boone National Forest at [www.fs.usda.gov/dbnf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/dbnf)

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- Catalogues
- Relative of the jack fish
- Starter starter
- Class action grp.?
- Left the saddle
- Bit of needlework
- "Lord of the Rings" menace
- Desert roamer
- Bottom of a foot
- "Jurassic Park" author
- Prefix with "normal" or "chute"
- Brooklynese "Y'all"
- Mandela's party
- Biases
- Base of a window
- "Malcolm X" director Spike
- Attendee
- Big name in computers
- Much less upscale
- Stopped the squeaking
- Thing with a tiny stain
- Large, round hairdo
- Men
- Word heard in church
- Type of nonlethal gun
- Sound of a water balloon hitting the ground
- Penny

**DOWN**

- Mother, informally
- Geisha's sashes
- It brings a tear to the eye
- Body of beliefs
- Hairy zoo creature
- Internet address, for short
- "Arrivederci"
- Aggregate
- Some pitching stats
- Five-armed marine creature
- Life sentences?
- Aberdeen girl
- Free from moisture
- Mysterious stuff
- Airhead
- Skin-cream ingredient
- How some things are lit
- Splendid displays
- Court event
- Capital of Ghana
- Handheld munchies
- Sum
- Repeat oneself?
- "It follows that ..."
- Stonehenge priest
- The last to leave the party
- Speck in the ocean
- Large stringed instruments
- Heading for a list
- Earth shaking experiences
- Short summary, for short
- Lavender flower
- Separate, as flour or ashes
- Beige shade
- Throw dice
- Certain citrus fruit
- First garden
- Bumper imperfection
- More, in Madrid
- Thing in a pod
- Suffix for the extreme

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