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County filled with holiday events

By: Mike French
Editor

For those who enjoy Christmas festivities, this was the weekend to be in Rockcastle

County.

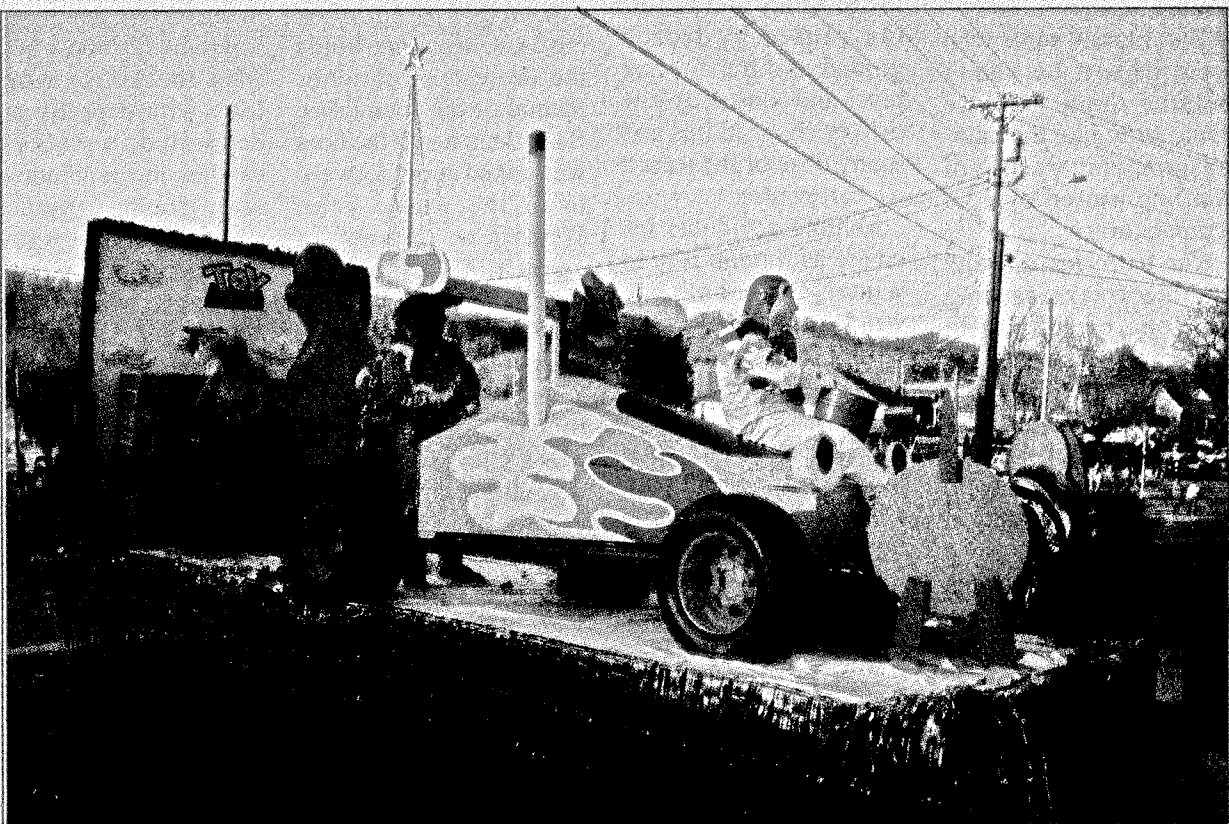
Christmas festivities began Saturday in the City of Brodhead with the annual E. J. Taylor Christmas Parade. The parade

brought cheers from the sidewalks lined with those celebrating the holiday.

Representatives from several county fire depart-

ments and local police, as well as owners of classic cars, trucks, motorcycles, ATVs and more, joined those on

(See "Events" on A5)



Shown above the float created by the Mount Vernon Paw Spa was named the overall winner of the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade Saturday. Shown at right, Santa and his favorite elf (Spencer and Marcos Benge) waved to the crowd during the Brodhead Christmas parade. The Noel Night Market was also held Saturday. See next week's Christmas issue of the Mount Vernon Signal for pictures from both parades and Noel Night.



SRO finds hit and run driver after exhaustive search

By: Mike French
Editor

Sometimes the only way to solve a complicated case is through exhaustive and experienced police work. Such is the case when it came to finding out who crashed into a Rockcastle County school bus filled with students several weeks ago.

As reported in the Signal, a Rockcastle County school bus, driven by regular driver Jeff Miller, was hit by a Jeep driven by an unknown male suspect who jumped out of the vehicle after the crash and ran away on foot.

The bus suffered only scratches but the Jeep was completely disabled caus-

ing the unknown driver to flee the scene on foot. Mount Vernon Police Officer and Rockcastle County SRO Dylan Hensley began the complex investigation to find the hit and run suspect.

Through his investigation, Hensley located the owner (Shannon Pulley) of the vehicle in Edmonson County, Kentucky over 100 miles from Rockcastle County. The owner had apparently sold the Jeep to a female named Gillian Vincent but the debt for the vehicle had not been paid and the title had not been transferred.

However, the description (See "SRO" on A5)

Stolen cash returned to homeowner

By: Mike French
Editor

(Editor's note: Since this story will tell dollar amounts and the location of cash, we will not use the homeowner's name.)

Thanks to Kentucky State Police Trooper Timothy Moore, a Rockcastle County man had his stolen cash returned to the safe in his home.

Trooper Moore was

called to a theft on Scaffold Cane Road on November 30. Upon arrival, the officer was told by the homeowner that he suspected Lucas Isaac, 28, of Mount Vernon, of stealing about \$30,000 in cash and several other items from his home safe. The homeowner told the officer that he had gone to Isaac's home to confront him and located one of the personal items that had been taken from the safe, so he felt certain Isaac was the one who took the money as well.

Trooper Moore began an investigation that led him to a business with a video of Isaac purchasing a chainsaw in Berea shortly after the robbery.

The officer obtained a search warrant for the Isaac home on Sweetwater Road and no items were discovered but a uniform citation says Isaac admitted to taking \$2,000 from the safe.

However, according to the citation, Isaac's wife intervened and convinced Isaac to admit the theft and inform the officer of the location of the missing money.

Moore then located a lockbox in a barn on Bluelick Road in Berea that had \$21,250 inside. Also inside the box was other items from the robbery as well as a bottle of Hydrocodone. The citation says Isaac admitted he does not have a prescription for the controlled substance narcotic.

After logging and reporting the cash and having several other officers confirm the amount in the

(See "Cash" on A5)

Traffic stop evolves into chase and over 25 charges

By: Mike French
Editor

Nathan Gadd, 37, of Mount Vernon has been arrested and charged with over 25 violations after a traffic stop last week.

According to a uniform citation, Mount Vernon Police officer Zach King, spotted Gadd

on US-461 near Level Green Loop Road on Sunday, December 7 with no seat belt.

Upon a traffic stop, officer King noted that the Kentucky State Police had been looking for Gadd on an assault complaint earlier on the same day.

Once the officer pulled Gadd over and approached the vehicle, Gadd sped off and the officer gave chase.

The chase led King along Level Green Loop Road and back onto US-461. The chase continued into the old blacktop plant and onto property marked private. Gadd apparently crashed through two closed gates with no trespassing signs present. One of the gates crashed back into the police cruiser as the officer continued the chase.

Once the chase led to an open field, the citation says Gadd leapt from his vehicle and fled on foot. Officer King was able to catch Gadd and, after a struggle, the officer was able to gain control of Gadd and place him in handcuffs.

The citation says a search of the car Gadd was operating yielded illegal narcotics and multiple syringes.

Gadd was transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was charged with speeding, inadequate muffler, failure to wear a

seat belt, obstructed vision, fleeing or evading police 1st degree, fleeing or evading police 3rd degree, failure to give proper signal, disregarding stop signs, two

charges of criminal mischief 1st and 2nd degree, criminal trespassing, one headlight, reckless driving, no operator's license, failure to produce insurance (See "Stop" on A5)

RCIDA plans to get involved with US-461 widening project

By: Mike French
Editor

Members of the RCIDA (Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority) talked a lot about the upcoming US-461 widening project with Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr., who was present for the

regular monthly meeting last week.

The project is slated to prepare for the bid process next year and plans currently include widening the highway from the Renfro Valley area near exit 62 to KY-150 and adding two roundabouts (See "RCIDA" on A5)

RCIDA buys 54 acres from Microfoodery

The Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority (RCIDA) recently purchased 54 acres from Microfoodery Holdings, Inc.

According to officials, the RCIDA purchased the space from the company for \$800,000. "The space became available and it is in a prime area," said RCIDA Executive Director Jeff VanHook. "There is (See "Acres" on A5)

Traffic stop leads to meth drug bust

By: Mike French
Editor

Three Rockcastle residents were arrested following a traffic stop on November 24 when Kentucky State Police Trooper Ben Allen spotted a vehicle on the highway and knew the driver, Garner Mink, 34, of Mount Vernon, to have a suspended license and two active warrants, a citation says.

However upon approval from Mink to search the vehicle, police discovered methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia in the car. Two passengers, Lola Mink, 24, of Brodhead, and Logan

McGuire, 34, of Mount Vernon were also searched and interviewed.

The citation says Lola Mink produced a glass pipe from her bra and admitted to having methamphetamine hidden inside a body cavity. Lola Mink told police she could safely retrieve the meth and did so successfully once at the local detention center.

All three were transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center.

Lola Mink was charged with trafficking in meth and possession of drug paraphernalia. She is be-

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ramblings...
 by; perlina m. anderkin

Since Paige is insisting that I cover basketball, I am really short of time for this column this week. I do want to say how happy I am that Daniel Penny was found not guilty of the last charge against him in the subway death of Jordan Neely on Monday. Penny has had a year and a half of his life disrupted on charges that should have never been brought. Penny was only protecting a subway car full of innocent people from a man who had boarded a train and almost immediately announced "I've had a rough day...someone is going to die today and I'm willing to go to prison." The fact that Penny, 25 a former Marine, stepped in and took care of the threat should qualify him for a medal -- instead he was arrested and spent the next 1 1/2 years embroiled in court defending his actions. The case should have been dismissed since all of the people on the train testified they feared for their life and called Penny a hero and two other men, a black and a Hispanic, helped Penny hold Neely down. Also, a paramedic said, after arriving on scene, that he had a pulse which should have proven that Penny's chokehold didn't kill him. But DA Alvin Bragg was determined to give it his all, disregarding the fact that a black man, Jordan Williams, 20, stabbed a homeless man to death to

stop him from attacking people on his NY train. He had \$0 bail and the charges were dropped but Penny's bail was \$200,000 and his appeal was rejected by Bragg. This despite the fact that Neeley had been arrested 42 times in seven years and, out of millions of people in NYC, was on a list of the 50 most dangerous mentally ill people in NYC. He also has outstanding current charges for assaulting a woman. BLM is threatening all sorts of shenanigans over this "miscarriage of justice" no doubt waiting for the billions of \$\$ to roll in as they did four years ago. With those billions, they bought mansions for themselves (one leader bought three for herself). **A suspect in the cold-blooded murder of an insurance executive in NYC** was arrested in Pennsylvania. He is reportedly a young "rich kid" who family owns several nursing homes and a country club. He was valetictorian of his class at an exclusive very expensive private school and is a graduate of UPenn with two degrees. His writings allegedly indicate an outrage with the health insurance industry. Someone recognized him in a McDonald's and called the FBI. Stay tuned... **If you thought the Covid vaccine scandal couldn't get any**

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



Loath, hate, detest, dislike, distaste, abhor, despise, repugnant, repulsive, nauseating, and on and on. All words that still do not do justice to my distaste for cold, winter days. Oh how I hate the slimy, slushy, muddy mess caused by snowfall. Pure ice falling from the sky and freezing things that should never be frozen is only one of a thousand reasons I am appalled by the thought of winter. Yes, I know some who seem to like it, but I don't believe them. No one could truly like the painful, grimy, bitter scales of chaffing caused by cold temperatures. Car batteries die and engines freeze causing millions of dollars in damage every winter across the country. Residential and business fires increase by 50% causing pain, death, misery and destruction world wide. Nothing works like it is supposed to work in freezing temperatures. Everything I touch is stiff and uncomfortable. Things that normally bend and flow, suddenly become brittle and snap at the slightest touch. Those who still live by burning wood or coal must dread winter even more than I. And yes, I too have trekked into the howling winds and painful frigid weather to gather more wood or coal to keep the entire family from literally freezing to death. Those who find themselves homeless are an inch away from a slow and painful death every day and animals in the forest must be miserable on a daily basis. Costs for every family is particularly debilitating trying to keep heavy coats and extra socks and gloves and boggins and scarves and boots and insulated coveralls and ear muffs and long Johns. It is almost entirely the cold, winter months that wedding rings and family heirlooms are lost. Why?

because the human body tries its very best to shrink away from the frigid, hurtful temperatures. Such shrinkage of the human body causes rings to fall off and disappear in the mush created by a mixture of snow, ice and mud. There is nothing about winter that is a positive thing. All things related to winter cause pain and suffering and damage to property and persons. There is no positive side to the agony and suffering caused by frozen ground and burst water pipes and constantly low tires or chapped lips and runny nose or flu season we call winter. Vehicle accidents increase astronomically in winter as people are stuck out in frozen weather trying to fight nature itself on their way home. I spend about four months per year in pain while sitting and rubbing my hands and hoping to feel a wisp of warm air from some heat source that someone has prepared. If I had my choice, winter would go away and never, ever return even for a moment. The one thing in life that I will never miss when I am gone, is cold, winter days and nights. The first thing I am going to do in Heaven is sign the Angelic petition to end the winter season worldwide for those I left

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Christmas Time's a-Comin' Dear Journal, Last week, I commented on the Christmases of long ago in the mountains and hollows of Kentucky and the Appalachian Mountains in general. Many of these old traditions still are alive and well in the Appalachians and have spread throughout the country. This week, I wanted to look back at Christmas when I was a child and growing up. In most cases, Christmas holds the dearest, most sentimental of our memories. Back then, it was the time we looked most forward to of the whole year. When I was about six years old, my school years began and there was the Christmas vacation. Even before then, it was a special time of year. I first realized that there was a Christmas when I was about three or four years old. I remember looking out of Grandpa's bedroom window and saw some Christmas lights around their windows in a neighboring house and I exclaiming, "Is it almost Christmas?" !! otherwise, I had no idea that Christmas was near. I remember the special foods that were always cooked around that time and the big meals that were served on a table with silverware, and the better dishes that were reserved for special occasions. The table would be decorated beautifully.

Family and friends would gather together for meals and other little gatherings to exchange gifts and socialize. The gifts were always special, especially to a child, but to look back now, it was the closeness of family and friends being together that was the special part of it all. Sadly, that too is a bitter-sweet memory in that so many of them have passed from us and memories are all that remain. I remember how beautiful the house would look with a pretty tree decorated, wreaths or candles in the windows, and fresh greenery throughout the house. The aroma of fresh pine and cedar was so welcoming and that would be mingled with the smell of delicious foods cooking. We would go to church services and the church would be decorated so beautifully, as well. Mom always dressed me in some kind of little frilly dress with a scratchy crinoline slip, slick patent leather shoes that hurt my feet and with tights that didn't fit well. I sure was miserable. On Easter, she would add a hat to all that. On the Sunday closest to Christmas everybody got a "treat". In a container, there would be an apple, orange, banana, a candy bar and candy cane. Imagine, a whole candy bar to yourself without even asking for it.

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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 over-heat. 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.

Merry Christmas

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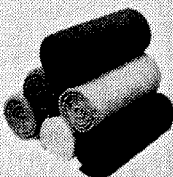
Give Hope will be held on Saturday, December 14 at the Rockcastle County Middle School from 11AM to 1PM.

Providing children with Christmas-filled backpacks, and a toy and blanket while supplies last.

Children must be present to receive gifts.



For more information, call Kathryn Pope at 606-308-3099 or the Associational Office at 256-4571.



Yards to Paradise

by Max Phelps

NATURALISTIC LANDSCAPING: The Woodland Garden

Woodlands are typically associated with a rustic or unique home, but this naturalistic option for landscaping can be used with most homes if planning and details are done with thought and care. The object is to create something a little wild, something natural—yet tamed by using some modern plants to go among native ones. Keep some trees if you already have a lot that has trees; plant a few to get this started if that's what needs to happen to begin the creation of a forested garden in your yard. And plenty of mulch, some winding pathways, and being sure to eliminate things like poison ivy can result in a tranquil woodland just outside your house.

This landscape needs some trees, not all the same size or species. Then some small trees. Then some shrubs. Finally native flowers, some grasses, and a few shade lovers that happen to be your favorites or desired for some sentimental or whimsical reason. If some big canopy trees already exist, you may have realized lawn grass doesn't grow well under trees. Adding some shrubs and perennials and mulching takes care of trying to raise grass and cuts the hours every week mowing.

It's pretty easy if you already have some forested spots in the yard to begin.

But, what if yours is a newer house and has maybe a tree and a half dozen foundation plants—or nothing at all? Or perhaps you're just tired of all the yard maintenance. We'll take a look into how to create a woodland garden where there is no lawn.

Let's assume you'll buy and plant at least two or three larger trees, maybe six to twelve feet tall. If the soil is too heavy, adding some good soil and raising the surface a few inches may help a lot. Planting these in some informal arrangement in a portion of your property that you'd like to begin this woody spot will get you on your way.

Shade is created in these types of landscaping. If you're starting from scratch, planting a little each season and slowly growing the natural area is probably best. Trying to convert a whole yard from scratch could be very expensive and still you'd not get the mature forest look. Some of the shade

loving plants could probably be safely installed if the slope of the yard is to the North even if there's but little shade early on in this planting and installation process.

So, let's start by a quick study of trees. Trees that have smaller leaves let more light through. Trees that have long deep taproots don't hinder smaller trees and shrubs nearly so much, so choose some of those. Red or Scarlet oak, some of the pines, gum trees, birches, honeylocust, ginkgo come to mind.

Once your bigger and taller trees begin to produce shade and darken the light hitting the ground, think of some understory trees. Serviceberry, snakebark maple or some of the Japanese maples, maybe redbud or fringetree or mockorange.

You may need to put it off for three or more years, but adding viburnums, azaleas, hollies, Carolina allspice, symphoricarpos, hydrangeas, and some berry producing plants as edibles for both people and animals helps flush out the look of a forest.

The final plantings can be done over the years. These may be garden plants such as hosta, daylilies, toad lilies, bee balm, columbine, and so many other diverse shade-loving blooming plants.

At some point paths should be installed. These can be simple, even moss or leaf covered, or a different shade of mulch from that around and under the trees and other plantings in your freshly created forest.

Making paths curve around a group of plants that you cannot see past makes people curious to see things beyond the bend, so create some mystery as you lay out your paths through your forested garden.

Thought out and carefully executed, this type of naturalistic landscaping only gets prettier and more elegant as the years go by. The cool shade may convince you to put seating, a gazebo or other amenities out in this naturalized area. Use a search engine and look up pictures and sketches on developing a forested home garden for additional inspiration.

Yes, all added up it is a chore. But so is cutting the grass 30 or 40 times every year. Just add some improved soil if needed, get out the hose if it's a dry spell, mulch recently planted things, and be pa-

tient before adding the things that must have shade to thrive.

The author is a landscaper.

ramblings...

(Continued from A2) worse... A Pfizer whistleblower released internal documents showing over 158,000 reports of serious adverse reactions within two months of the release of the vaccine and yet their are still people lining up to take it and running around in masks that have been proven to be of absolutely no use.

But, the 158,000 stat explains why Pfizer tried to seal their reports for 75 years until a judge said no, no!!

I am astounded when I hear Democrats pontificating that Trump will weaponize the DOJ. Because, that's exactly what they did, particularly AG Merrick Garland who ordered an armed FBI raid on Trump's home and authorized lethal use of force, even though the FBI was against it (that was a surprise in itself). Yet this man has sat before Congress, numerous times, insisting there is not a two-tier justice system in this country.

And remember that I questioned Helene hitting five hundred miles inland and causing death and unheard of destruction? Well, someone did a soil sample test in Western North Carolina afterwards and found elevated levels of chemicals normally used in weather modification programs. Things like Arsenic, permissible level 0.01, actual 8.27; Barium, permissible 0.05, actual 853.73; Chromium 0.05-57.42, Lead 0.05, 194.06 and Selenium 0.2-, 2.26.

That storm was manmade and FEMA is doing their part by not doing a darn thing to help. All the survivors in these devastated region are only receiving help from individuals and Samaritan's Purse. The Red Cross took the \$10 million they received in donations, folded up their tents and went home.

From eyewitness reports, people are sleeping in tents while housing FEMA has to distribute, in the form of trailers and 100 tiny homes,- built by the Amish are not not being assigned.

Now, I don't want you to think our federal government is not helping. pResident Biden recently pledged a record \$4 billion U.S. contribution to the World Bank's international fund for the world's poorest countries. It is being called a "historic pledge" by Biden administration officials (because it is a huge increase in our pledges of the past.) Meanwhile government officials evidently see nothing wrong with this while our own people

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sleep in tents with snow falling in the mountains of Western NC. Of course FEMA couldn't help financially since they spent \$1.4 billion of their budget on just a part of the upkeep of illegal immigrants.

The only thing that I hold out hope for is that the actual allocation won't have been disbursed by the time Trump takes office and common sense will prevail at that time!!

As of this week's publication date, there will be still be 38 days before Trump takes office -- the longest 38 days I will have ever endured.

Aces

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behind. I feel 100% certain there are no ice, cold, frigid, painful days in Heaven.

Here's hoping we can all make it through the next few months of agony. Perhaps we will pass on the street at some point as we struggle to reach March or April. But I won't see you. I will be balled-up into a nest of clothing attempting to make it to a time when winter coats can be locked away in a closet again.

Whoever invents heaters that completely enclose the human body in a 72-degree protective shell, will be the world's greatest hero.

The second most popular person on earth will be whomever invents a heated clear dome over Kentucky so that no snow or ice ever falls in the state again.

I guess there are those who disagree with my sincere hatred for winter months, but as far as I am concerned, they are just wrong.

No, I can't go to Florida. My family and friends and my job are here and I am willing to suffer like a dog on a chain for three months to be with them. Unless I can convince all of them (and all of you) to go with me. Are you packed yet?

Special Program and Service

On Sunday evening, December 15th, Creekside Baptist Church, located at 2261 Copper Creek Road, will host a special Christmas service, beginning at 5 p.m., where Christmas gifts and toys will be given to all children in attendance.

We appreciate the support of Cash Express in Mt. Vernon for their generosity in making this possible.

Also on Sunday night, December 15th, Creekside Baptist will present a special Christmas program.

The community is invited to attend this special service which will highlight the true spirit of Christmas.

Jack Stallworth is pastor.

Thank You

We want to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the Mount Vernon Fire Dept. and the Brodhead Fire Dept. for their efforts when our old homeplace (7 Old Somerset Road) caught fire.

Tracy, Hoss and Jonathan Sowder

Rockcastle Community Bulletin Board

Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule

Monday, December 16th: Calloway, Red Hill, Livingston. **Tuesday, December 17th:** Maple Grove and Climax.

Rockcastle Historical Society & Museum
The Rockcastle County Historical Society & Museum meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Limestone Grille. However, there will not be a December meeting.

Christmas & New Year's Hours at Circuit Clerk's office

The Rockcastle Circuit Clerk's Office will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24th and 25th, in observance of Christmas. Regular business hours will resume Thursday, December 26th. **The office will also be closed** Tuesday and Wednesday, December 31st and January 1st in observance of the New Year's holiday. Regular business hours will resume on Thursday, January 2, 2025.

Military Mental Health & Depression Prevention Coalition

The Rockcastle County Military Mental Health & Depression Coalition meets on the 2nd floor of the courthouse every second Tuesday at 10 a.m. for a coffee muster. Coffee and donuts provided.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

TOPS, Take Off Pounds Sensibly, meets every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Brodhead Community Center.

Vietnam Veterans Meeting Date

Vietnam Era Veterans, that attended Livingston High School, are asked to meet the last Thursday of each month at 10 a.m., for breakfast and conversation, at Marcella's.

Weekly Grief Support Group

A weekly grief support group meets each Thursday at 2 p.m. at Hospice Care Plus & Compassionate Care Center, 350 Isaacs Lane, Richmond. Please pre-register at 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 Location Update

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets the first Thursday of each month at Marcella's Restaurant at noon and the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Thursdays at Limestone Grille. 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 Chaplain William B.J. Thomason at 606-392-1207.

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.

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 the Veterans Center the second Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. For more info, call Commander Kathy Bobo at 606-308-1208 or District Commander B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882.

Rockcastle UNITE Coalition

The Rockcastle County UNITE Coalition meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at noon at Marcella's Farm to Fork Restaurant to plan activities. Please join us each month.

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.

Tuesday - MARA - Medicated Assisted Recovery Anonymous - Mt. Vernon: 2 p.m., 75 East Main St., Mt. Vernon. Contact: 606-308-8900 for info

Wednesday-Air-All In Recovery-Mt. Vernon: 12 p.m. 75 East Main St., Mt. Vernon, KY. Contact: 606-308-8900 for more info.

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: 7 p.m. 75 East Main St., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Contact: 606-308-8900. Please park in the Coffey & Ford parking lot

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.

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Obituaries

Pearlie Mae Alcorn

Pearlie Mae Alcorn, 63, of Brodhead, died Thursday December 5, 2024, at her residence. She was born November 10, 1961, in Mt Vernon, a daughter to Billy Brummett and Martha (Blanton) Smithern. She was a manager of an adult day care center. She enjoyed crocheting, collecting frog figurines, and spending time with family. On February 21, 1999, she was united in marriage to the late Ray Alcorn, who passed away on October 2, 2011.



Those left to celebrate her life are: mother, Martha Smithern; her son, Jason Stewart; her grandson, Jalon Stewart; one great grandchild, Sebastian Shannon; one brother, Jeff Smithern (Pepper) of Brodhead; and two nieces, Brooke (Alex) and Katie.

Besides her father, she was preceded in death by her father that raised her, Don Smithern, and one child, Derick Rash.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 7, 2024 at the Marvin E. Owens Chapel with Bro. John McPherson officiating. Burial was in Ottawa Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to Marvin E Owens Home for Funerals.

Timothy Griffiths

Timothy Dean Griffiths, 63, of Waco, died Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at his home. He was born in Cleveland, OH on September 10, 1961, the son of Joseph Larry and Wilhelmine Jung Griffiths. He was a retired maintenance worker for Florida Crystal Company and was also a 20-year employee of American Glass Company. He enjoyed working outdoors as well as at his farm, and was a very talented metal artist who could fix anything. He was of the Baptist Faith.

He is survived by: his loving wife of 21 years, Barbara Newton Griffiths; his daughter, Amber Coffey; his mother, Wilhelmine Jung Griffiths; his step-children, Shanna Owens of Waco, and Ronnie Owens and wife Doaa of Richmond; a brother, Jason Griffiths and wife Hallie of Ohio; and two sisters, Teresa Hodgkiss and husband Paul of Pennsylvania, and Lisa Griffiths of Ohio. Also surviving are three grandchildren, Riley Owens, Mosa Nimir, and Adam Parrigan. He was preceded in death by: his father, Joseph Larry Griffiths; and grandparents, Joseph and Gladys Hess Griffiths, and Karl and Margaretha Leopold Jung.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 7, 2024 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Mr. Blake Rader. Burial followed in Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Will Hocker, Mason Johnson, Floyd Newton, Ryan Newton, Mosa Nimir, and Blake Rader. Please visit www.DowellMartin.com or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook page to view online obituary.

Patsy Marcum Farthing

Patsy Marcum Farthing died peacefully at her home in Newnan, GA on December 7, 2024. Patsy was born in Oneida on April 7, 1960, a daughter of the late James (Phil) and Lucy Marcum. Patsy lived in Berea from an early age until she married. Patsy then moved to the Atlanta, GA area, where she had a beautiful life with her loving husband of 31 years, Jack.



Patsy was a homemaker, wife, daughter, sister, aunt, and friend. Patsy was the best mother to her precious dog, Gracie. Patsy was as beautiful on the inside as she was on the outside. Patsy lit up every room she entered and was the life of every party. She never met a stranger and made a lasting impression on everyone she met. Patsy enjoyed traveling the world with her husband Jack, cooking, shopping, going to shows at the Fox Theatre, and spending time with family and friends. She was a member of the Baptist faith.

Patsy is survived by her husband, Jack Farthing of Newnan, GA and her dog, Gracie. She is also survived by her sister, Susan Corum (Parker) of Manchester, and her brother, Eddie Marcum (Donna) of Manchester. She leaves behind the following nieces and nephew: Jimmy Brant (Shannon) of Stamping Ground, Stephanie Zbinden (Marc) of Leesburg, VA, Tracy Childers of Richmond, Celia Samples (Brandon) of Manchester, and Elly Jones (Chris) of Manchester. Patsy also, leaves behind a host of great nieces and nephews that she adored.

In addition to her parents, Patsy is also preceded in death by her sister, Linda Brant and her precious dog Drew.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, December 12, 2024 at Britton Funeral Home in Manchester with Ken Bolin officiating. Burial will follow at Manchester Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will be held from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, December 12 at Britton Funeral Home.

This is a courtesy obituary by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home for Britton Funeral Home of Manchester.

Please visit www.brittonfh.com for more information.

Bernadine Cameron

Bernadine Cameron, 74, of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, December 5, 2024 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born in Hamilton, OH on December 29, 1949, the daughter of Tom and Dorothy Bowling Martin. She was a retired truck driver and was of the Baptist Faith.



She is survived by: her husband, Frank Cameron; her sons, Albert Robinson, Roy Robinson, and Steven Robinson; four grandchildren, Sidney, Kelsey, Joey, and Hanna; two brothers; and three sisters. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Robbie Robinson.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 8, 2024 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Steve McKinney. Burial followed in Lovell Cemetery at Burr.

Please visit www.DowellMartin.com or Dowell & Martin Funeral Home's Facebook page to view online obituary.

Freda Ann "Megan" Millburn

Freda Ann "Megan" Millburn, 37, of Stanford, died December 5, 2024, in a tragic accident. She dearly loved her children and her family. She found happiness in helping others, crafts, collecting antiques, shopping and animals. Her heart was pure and easily seen. Her smile was beautiful, and her laughter was contagious.



She is survived by: her dad, Paul "Steve" Milburn; sister, Emma Clines; brother-in-law, Glenlee Philhower; grandparents, Bobby and Peggy Mason; nephews, Noah Collins and Myka "Ivan" price; and Milo Thompson, who was previously her spouse and the father of her girls, Chole Thompson, Roxy Thompson, and her son Kayden Milburn. She will be remembered forever by her friends and family including her life partner, Michael Hopkins.

She is preceded in death by: her mother, Teresa Newcomb Milburn; grandfather, Larry Newcomb, Sr.; and her grandparents, Freda and Paul Milburn, all from Livingston.

Memorial services were held Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at Calloway Holiness Church with Bro. Philp Doan officiating.

Jerry Ray Taylor

Jerry Ray Taylor, born November 28, 2024 to Jeriann Danelle Taylor and William Lee Taylor at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. On this Thanksgiving Day, we were extra thankful to hear you cry for the first time. The nine hours mom and dad spent with you were the best of our lives. We may have known you for a short time, but the love we felt for you will forever be unmatched. Jerry's favorite book was "The Going to Bed Book". He enjoyed kicking and listening to mommy sing, lying on his dad's chest and being held by his parents and grandparents. He will forever be remembered for his innocence and strength.

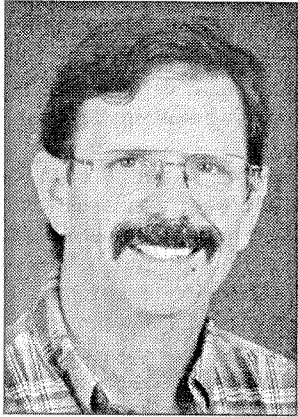
Jerry is survived by: his parents, Jeriann and William Taylor; his grandparents: Connie Jo Greenwell, Shannon and Becky Taylor, and Barbara Lovell; his great grandparents, Charlotte Bradley, Samantha and Jerry Price, John and Barbara Turner, and Jane Gilpin; his great great grandmother, Louanna Chaney; and his aunts and uncles, Kayla Briann and Dylan Elder, Isaiah Price, Emma and Matt Maples, Kaleb Whitaker, Bailey Price, and Cassandra and Adam Fortner. He was preceded in death by: his grandfather, Jerry Wayne Price, II; his great grandparents, Ronnie Bradley and Tony Gilpin; and his step-grandfather, George Greenwell.

Jerry's family chose cremation with no services. Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

Obituary provided by the family. Please visit www.DowellMartin.com to view online obituary.

Robert Howard Crawford

Robert (Robbee) Howard Crawford, 68, of Brodhead, died Friday, November 29, 2024. Robbee was born April 23, 1956, in Dallas, TX to the late Roy Raymond Crawford, Jr. and Nancy Nell (Whitaker) Crawford.



He attended Northside Baptist Church. His Christian faith was very important to him, and he tried to share his faith with others at every opportunity. Robbee was an Executive with Elkhorn-Hazard Coal Land, LLC. He enjoyed flying, farming, fishing, building and flying remote controlled airplanes, and building other things by hand. He also coached little league football for several years. Robbee had a stroke 17 years ago, and from that moment he was very health conscious. He was able to overcome the challenges and made it a point to celebrate that fact every year. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, and most of all he loved being on his farm.

Those left to mourn his passing are: his children, Christina Bolton (Stephen) of Richmond, Dustin Crawford (Jenna) of Indianapolis, IN, and Robert Crawford (Allyson) of Crab Orchard; grandchildren, Addilyn Bolton, Roslyn and Eva Crawford, Layla, and Bodhi Crawford, and Kylie and Jacob Cornett; the mother of his children, Regina Stivers; five sisters, Virginia Leigh Ballard, Susan Crawford, Caron McCracken, Evelyn Bacia, and Mary Crawford; and one brother, Roy R Crawford III.

He was preceded in death by: his parents, Roy Raymond Crawford, Jr. and Nancy Nell (Whitaker) Crawford; and one grandchild, Brooklyn Bolton.

A celebration of life service will be Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 2 p.m. on Robbee's farm, 95 KY Crawford airport runway hanger / 1991 Mt Zion Road, Brodhead, KY.

Arrangements entrusted to Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals.

Hilda Mullins

Hilda Mullins, 92, of Spring Valley, passed away quietly at sunrise on Sunday, December 1, 2024, at Ohio's Hospice of Dayton.

Hilda was born November 26, 1932 to Millard Milton "Tony" Saylor and Delia Allen Saylor in Salvisa. She graduated from Brodhead High School, class of '50, and received her Bachelor's degree from Central State University, class of '67. She was active in several southern Baptist churches and attended Lighthouse Baptist Church in Xenia when she could.

She began teaching in a one-room schoolhouse in South Eastern Kentucky. She was a second-grade and eventually a third-grade teacher for Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Local Schools. She retired in 1984 after 32 years of teaching. Even though she wasn't in her classroom after retirement, it didn't mean that she stopped teaching. She was still teaching individuals in the community until she was 90. Her last student was a 60-year-old man who had never been able to read, after she finished teaching him he was able to read just about anything. During her teaching career, she influenced thousands. She always taught her students: manners, and every student could read easily when leaving her classroom. During her time at Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Schools, she took good care of her students, especially those who were needy. During Christmas, she would make them clothes and discretely give them the items. She loved her career, which showed through her hard work, dedication, and generosity.

Hilda was a wildflower enthusiast; she led many walks at the Sugarcreek Reserve. She was an enthusiast gardener of both vegetables and flowers. She could grow anything. She especially enjoyed growing, preserving, and eating her bountiful harvest each year. Listening to and watching birds was another one of her hobbies. She was an avid book reader. She would read anything and everything: novels, history, biographies, fictional, you name it, she would read it. She would regularly read 30 books each month. As a strong, independent woman, she thought for herself. Her personality made everyone feel welcome in her home, and she loved a good celebration. Hilda looked forward to celebrating all the holidays with her family. She cherished her two beloved granddogs, a Maltese named Brooklyn and her Toy Fox Terrier named Scout. She met and married Lloyd Mullins in 1952, and they were married for 49 beautiful years. They had a love story that was irreplaceable and was well-known. All you had to do was look at them. Among many things, she will be remembered for her love for her adoring husband and two wonderful daughters.

Hilda was preceded in death by her loving husband, Lloyd, in 2001; two grandchildren, Jacqueline Caroline Kirchner and Joseph Robert Kirchner; parents, Millard Milton "Tony" and Delia Saylor; four sisters, Juanita (Earnest) Stanley, Eyvonne (Robert) McDaniel, Lela (Stanley) Byerley, and Mary Neville (Eddie) Cash; and friends, Faye and Jerry Lane. She is survived by her two daughters, Rose (Delia Johnson) Mullins and Bonnie Kirchner; her faithful caregiver and protector of a son-in-law, Robert Kirchner III; many nieces and nephews; and her kindest and faithful friends, Lois and Jesse May.

Funeral services were held Thursday, December 5, 2024 at Lighthouse Baptist Church in Xenia with Josh Bevan officiating. Burial was at Spring Valley Cemetery.

If desired, contributions may be made to Ohio's Hospice of Dayton. Condolences at www.connerandkoch.com

Join us this December as we...

Journey To Bethlehem

First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon KY
Saturday, December 14 ~ 6:00 PM
Sunday, December 15 ~ 11:00 AM

Make plans to attend and invite a friend!

Cash

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lockbox, Trooper Moore returned the cash to its owner and transferred Isaac to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was charged with theft by unlawful taking and possession of a controlled substance. County Attorney Jeremy Rowe said Isaac is being held on a \$20,000 cash bond

Stop

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ance card, improper equipment, resisting arrest, possession of controlled substance 3rd degree, wanton endangerment 1st degree (police officer), improper equipment, no signal, driving on wrong side of the road, improper passing, windows not safety glass, operating on suspended license, license plate not legible and display of illegal registration plate.

Gadd's bond was set at \$20,000 cash or property.

Acres

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a lot going on right there currently and we expect more development soon."

RCIDA board members had given VanHook authority to negotiate for the property up to \$1.2 million at the November meeting after the meeting was reopened from a closed session discussion concerning the property.

The Microfoodery plant and Kentucky Pharmaceuticals lease the building at the plant, after selling the footprint of the structure. But VanHook said Microfoodery Holdings still owned the 54 acres near the building.

"We don't have specific plans for the space but we recognized the opportunity and we want to be sure we have some control over the space during the development in the area," VanHook said.

The RCIDA sold a recently vacated building to the Rockcastle County School Board for \$1.6 million last month and VanHook said this is the money that was used for the purchase of the space on Richmond Street.

The sale was agreed to by the RCIDA board several weeks earlier, according to VanHook, who said the board decided to reinvest the funds they had recently acquired from the school board. "We still have about \$800,000 left from the sale of the old Source Corp building and we feel this is a strong investment for our future," he said.

RCIDA

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near the interstate. The development also includes turning lanes and altered traffic patterns in preparation for development along the highway between Kentucky Fried Chicken and the interstate.

RCIDA Chairman Corey Craig asked the board if members agree that the RCIDA members should become more involved in the highway project. "That is really the front door to Rockcastle County," Craig said. "The economic development of that entire area is of vital importance for the county and the region and I wonder if everyone here agrees that the RCIDA should be much more involved in that process and

design. We can sit back and just accept what they give us, or we can play a role and help ensure that we get what will best serve the community. Whatever they do, will be that way for decades and we have to live with it."

Holbrook said some of the current parking at the KFC and Wendy's is currently sitting on state right of way. "I am not certain how they will deal with those issues but we have to consider entrance and egress to the businesses there and the businesses that are coming there in the future," he said. "There are also three easements involved that are still in question that engineers and designers are working through."

Craig said those interested in economic development and the first impression of the county, should have input in the process. "I know I have an idea and I bet others do as well. We need to let them know about our suggestions and ideas now. They need to have all the information they can have very soon," Craig said.

Holbrook said he will set up a meeting with the RCIDA and the Department of Transportation soon to share such ideas and suggestions.

Members of the board talked about roundabouts in other areas of the state and in Indiana and how they work and what issue they may cause. Executive Director Jeff VanHook and Holbrook said they each have viewed the virtual traffic patterns along the new projected roundabouts but he hopes to see more. "I'd like to see different scenarios and see how the two roundabouts will handle different situations. This exact situation is rather untested. How will two roundabouts, directly off the interstate, handle an accident or an I-75 detour or school bus time or emergencies? I hope we are able to see more depth concerning how this will work for everyone."

VanHook also said the Microfoodery entrance was originally designed with KY-461 widening in mind. "The driveway was designed with the thought that it may become part of an access road behind the development on 461," he said. "Entrance and egress would be much easier if traffic didn't have to pull out onto 461 and could come around to the light using that traffic-ready driveway as an access point."

The board agreed that the RCIDA should be involved in the design process and Holbrook said he will announce a meeting to discuss such issues, and many others, soon.

In other action, the board approved the monthly financial statements. VanHook also informed the board that property purchases are underway at both industrial parks.

VanHook also told the board that he is involved in regional airport development. VanHook said airports in the local region will become much more important after the industrial development that is expected begins to come to fruition. "With the two industrial parks and countless other potential projects in the near future, airports in our area will become of vital importance," he said. VanHook is attending air-

port development meetings in Danville, London and other areas to help with needs and potential growth. "There will be several meetings to evaluate and discuss the needs of our regional airport partners," he said.

The board discussed several other areas of growth and development in the region.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting date is January 1 but members did not discuss moving the meeting due to the holiday.

Bust

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ing held on a \$10,000 cash bond

Logan McGuire was charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, tampering with physical evidence and possession of a synthetic drug. His bond was also set at \$10,000 cash or property.

Garner Mink was charged with driving on a suspended license, failure to wear a seat belt, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and two counts of parole violation. His bond was set at \$5,000 cash.

SRO

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tion of the person driving the Jeep that fled the scene was described as a male who was six feet tall. Through more investigation, and working with the Edmonson Sheriff's office as well as Vincent family members and others, Hensley was able to discover that Vincent had reported to a relative that the Jeep in question had been stolen by a man in Berea named Andy Hembree and, according to a social media post, Vincent was in Rockcastle County seeking a ride home.

Through more investigation Hensley was able to uncover that the suspect accused of stealing the Jeep was using an alias and his actual name is Walter Hembree who had been arrested on other charges and was already in the Madison County Detention Center, according to Rockcastle County Attorney Jeremy Rowe.

Officer Hensley then took a photo of Hembree to a student that had been on the bus during the crash, who claimed to have seen the hit and run driver. A warrant says the student identified Hembree as the man driving the Jeep at the time of the crash.

The complaint warrant was issued from Rockcastle County District Court on the charge of fleeing the scene of an accident and failure to render assistance. A \$1,000 cash or property bond was assigned.

"I think Dylan (Hensley) did some very good work in finding Mr. Hembree," said Rowe. "It took some diligent police work but he never quit until he found his suspect. This is what a dedicated SRO looks like."

Events

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foot in tossing treats to those on the roadside. Santa and Mrs. Claus also joined the parade and waved to children throughout the chilly trip down Main Street.

Brodhead officials say the event was considered

one of the best as temperature remained in the 40s throughout the parade.

Shortly after the parade ended, the annual Noel Night Market kicked off in Mount Vernon at 3 p.m. with the closure of Main Street. Countless visitors enjoyed the food trucks, Down on Main and Los Cazadores restaurants which all provided many types of warm food and hot chocolate or coffee to help parade-goers endure the cold temperatures. The streets were also lined with craft and other vendors and events were held at Arts Place free to the public.

During the Noel Night Market event, sponsored by the Rockcastle Arts Association, the Mount Vernon annual Christmas Parade made its way past the well-lit Triangle Park and down the well decorated Main Street. Organizers say the event was a huge success with countless parade partici-

pants tossing candy and other treats to those watching the festivities in what many say may have been the longest Mount Vernon parade in history.

Santa and Mrs. Claus also joined the Mount Vernon Parade and then gathered in front of the courthouse to greet rows and rows of children who had the opportunity to whisper in Santa's ear. Once the parade was completed, the Night Market events kicked back in to celebrating the holiday with Christmas music and a Children's Lantern Parade just after dusk.

Paw Spa was named the overall winning float after the parade and took the \$300 top prize. In the "business" category, first place and a \$100 prize went to Limestone Grill while the second place \$50 prize went to the Nail House. In the "Church" category, first place prize of \$100 went to Freedom Baptist Church with First Christian Church taking

second place honors and the \$50 prize. In the "other" category, Climax Fire Department took the first place \$100 prize and Meredith and Brandon Gross took the second place, \$50 award.

In the "School" category, Tic Toc Pre School took the \$100 prize.

The Kid's Lantern Parade also filled Main Street and the massive tent as youth from across the county displayed their handmade lanterns lighting up downtown Mount Vernon. Those participating in the Lantern Parade also stopped to perform Christmas Carols as a large crowd endured dropping temperatures to stay downtown until the event was over.

See next week's Christmas issue of the *Mount Vernon Signal* for pictures of the Brodhead and Mount Vernon Christmas parades as well as Night Market photos.

First Responder's appreciation breakfast held at MVES

The First Responders Appreciation Breakfast sponsored by the Mustang Student Ministry was held on Friday, December 6th. The leader of the student ministry became aware of the importance of these community members during the time they were searching for the gunman who opened fire on the interstate earlier this year.

The students prayed for them and the gunman during that time and after all was concluded asked if they could do something special for the first responders for taking care of our community members during such a "dangerous" event.

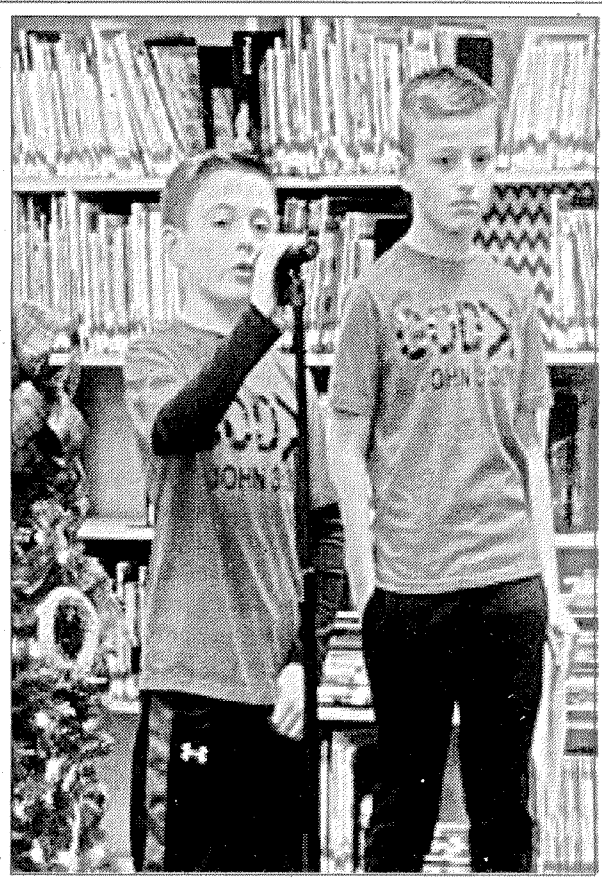
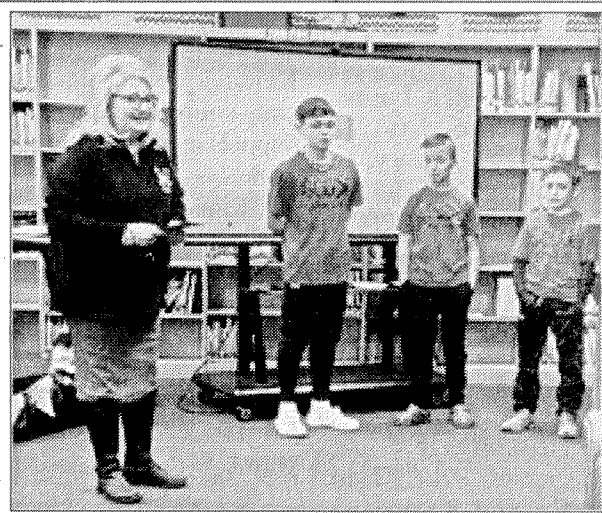
This meant a great deal to the student ministry and we appreciate the opportunity to thank those involved.

Rockcastle Farm Bureau named outstanding office

Rockcastle County Farm Bureau was recognized during the 105th Kentucky Farm Bureau (KFB) annual meeting in Louisville for its outstanding membership and program achievement in 2024.

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 Eddie Melton, 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 6.



The Mount Vernon Signal
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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Deeds Recorded

Bentley and Bobby Durham, property in Rockcastle County, to RGL Regional Industrial Development Authority, Inc. Tax \$1,000

Billy D. and Deborah Jane Sowder, property in Rockcastle County, to RGL Regional Development Authority, Inc. Tax \$4,000.

Bobbie and Bentley Durham, property in Rockcastle County, to RGL Regional Industrial Development Authority, Inc. Tax \$77

Brenda Chasteen Hamilton, property on Copper Creek, to Billy Shane and Jessica North. Tax \$150

Lisa Cassidy Parks and Billy Nelson, property in Rockcastle County, to RGL Regional Industrial Development Authority, Inc. Tax \$798

Alice Raleigh, property in Rockcastle County, to RGL Regional Industrial Development Authority, Inc. Tax \$2,189

Frieda Saylor, property on Hereford Road, to Aaron and Cheyenne Brown. Tax \$28

Debra Pingleton, property in Rockcastle County, to Paul William Gilpin. Tax \$190

Christopher and Hazel Powell, property in Rockcastle County, to Kyle Stevens. Tax \$23

Penny and Jimmy Wynn, and 11 others, property in Rockcastle County, to Jeffery L. and Samara Nicely and three others. Tax \$188

Penny and Jimmy Wynn, and 11 others to Wendy and Anthony Jackson. Tax \$30

Anna Clifford, property in Rockcastle County, to RGL Regional Industrial Development Authority, Inc. Tax \$2,665

Slaty Branch Farms, LLC, property in Rockcastle County, to Timothy Jordan and Sarah R. Kelley. Tax \$78.50

Chad and Amanda Messer, property on Chestnut Ridge Road, to Christopher Bige and Labriska Lea Maggard. Tax \$300

21st Mortgage Corp., property on US 25N, to Austin and Katherine Tallant. Tax \$25

Lester Bullock, property in Rockcastle County, to RGL Regional Industrial Development Authority, Inc. Tax \$500

Karla Kay Bullock, property in Rockcastle County, to RGL Regional Industrial Development Authority, Inc. Tax \$2,644

Ellen G. Miller, Dennis G. Miller, Heather Miller and Angie and Brian Burdine, property in Houston Point Subdv., to Ellen G. Miller and Dennis Miller. Tax \$209

Tina Maie Gibbs, Executrix, David Gibbs, Darren and Rebecca Smith and Stacy and Gloria Smith, property on Purrgsby Road, to Benjamin and Brittany Ahu Dods. Tax \$165

Ellen Miller, Angie and Brian Burdine and Heather Miller, property in Houston Point Estates, to Dennis Miller. Tax \$37

Terry Lee and Debra Renner, property in Owens Subdv., to Jennifer Renee Oliver. Tax

\$133
Microfoodery Holdings, LLC, property in Rockcastle County, to Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority. Tax \$10

Microfoodery Holdings, LLC, property in Rockcastle County, to Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority. Tax \$800

Mary B. Belcher, property in Rockcastle County, to RGL Regional Industrial Development Authority. Tax \$725

Brandon Peters and Katherine Demme, property in Rockcastle County, to RGL Regional Industrial Development Authority. Tax \$3,461

James Kevin and Linda Hamm, property in Rockcastle County, to RGL Regional Industrial Development Authority. Tax \$1,747.50

William Charles and Denise Norton, Michael and Kevin Norton and Bonita Yvonne Lay, property in Rockcastle County, to Jody and Jamie N. Carter. Tax \$1

Adams Family Irrevocable Trust, property in Rockcastle County, to RGL Regional Industrial Development Authority. Tax \$1,346.50

Daniel A. and Ashleigha D. Martin, property in Countryside Estates, to Natasha B. Shepherd. Tax \$282

A2R Property, LLC, property on Falcon Lane, to Crystal L. Langley and George Hubbard. Tax \$282

Carl David Bengel and Latanya R. Hager, property in Rockcastle County, to Honeycomb Homes

Circuit Civil Suits

Barbara Sue Bennett v. Dylan Blake Messer, petition for sole custody.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Robin Mason, complaint for child support and medical support.

Shannon Franklin, et al v. CSX Transportation, Inc. complaint.

Freedom Mortgage Corp. v. Jason Hooser, et al, complaint.

Firstbank v. Karen Denise Brumett, complaint.

Austin VanWinkle v. Mackenzie Sowder, petition to establish custody and parenting time.

Crystal Lynn Clark v. Aaron Thomas Clark, petition for dissolution of marriage.

America's Car Mart, Inc. v. Gregory S. Pelfrey, \$7,890 plus claimed due.

Heather Nicole Allen v. Nathan Scott Allen, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Jason Lee Abney v. Olivia L. Abney, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Tammy Lynn Barron v. Bobby Christopher Barron, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Jennifer Isaacs, complaint for child support and medical support.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Celeste Hoblit, complain for child support and medical support.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Kelsey Jasper, complaint for child support and medical support.

Donovan Wayne Smith v. Deborah Lynn Smith, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Commonwealth of Kentucky v. Calvin Cromer, complaint for child support and medical support. CI-319

District Civil Suits

Discover Bank v. Olivia D. Denney, \$1,625 plus claimed due.

Discover Bank v. Joey E. Chaney, \$3,375- plus claimed due.

Katherine Hysinger v. Jonathan Potter, forcible detainer complaint.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. Heather Nichols, \$718 plus claimed due.

Mariner Finance, LLC v. Bonnie DeBorde, \$2,966 plus claimed due.

Capital One v. Matthew D. Blevins, \$3,739 plus claimed due.

Capital One v. Chadwick A. Burdette, \$3,581 plus claimed due.

Midland Credit Management v. Connie Blevins, \$1,308 plus claimed due.

Tony Baugh v. Billie Bean, forcible detainer complaint.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. Troy Coffey, \$3,959 plus claimed due.

Discover Bank v. Savannah Thacker, \$2,003 plus claimed due.

:LVNV Funding, v. Jack Collins, \$13,164 plus claimed due.

TD Bank USA v. Christina A. Prewitt, \$1,780 plus claimed due.

Eagle Financial Services, Inc. v. Shacota B. Dees, \$1,043 plus claimed due.

Citibank v. Ronnie Reppert, \$4,875 plus claimed due.

Marriage Licenses

Sequoia Brooke Napier, 22, Richmond, factory, to A-Michelle Renea Rahe, 19, Richmond, unemployed. 12/4/24

Valerie Natividad Vincente, 23, Shelbyville, student and Justin Emery Rasnake, 28, Mt. Vernon, pastor. 12/5/24

District Court

Dec. 2-4, 2024

Hon. Benjamin Hardy
Amanda L. Barnes: facilitation TICS, 365 days in jail/probated two years on condition, costs waived.

Jason Bullock: alcohol intoxication in a public place, \$50 fine/converted to one day in jail; criminal trespassing, 30 days to serve/concurrent/credit time served/costs waived.

Kimberly Ann Cornute: disorderly conduct, public intoxication, menacing, 90 days in jail - each charge/probated two years on condition/costs waived; alcohol intoxication in a public place, one days in jail.

Christopher Wayne Adkins: safety fitness procedures - Viol Part 385 Fed Safety Reg, \$25 fine plus costs; Pt. 393 Federal Safety Regs, parts needed for sale, \$25 fine; Part 396 Fed Safety Regs Inspect/

counts), \$25 fine each count.

Richard Wayne Biggs: one headlight, \$25 fine/converted to one day in jail; possession controlled substance, 365 days in jail/probated two years on condition/costs waived.

Andre Lee Craig: no weight distance tax license, violation of international registration plan, no/expired registration plates and two other charges, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

Douglas William Floyd: disregarding traffic control device, traffic light, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, possess open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle and three other charges, bw issued for fta.

William Randy Graves: failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, \$500 fine plus costs.

Darrell Wayne Jackson: failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, \$500 fine plus costs.

James All Jones: Pt. 393, Federal Safety Regs, Parts Needed for Safe Operation, bw issued for fta.

Chris Elbert McKinney: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.

Quintavious Quaymon Nash: Viol Part 392, Fed Safety Reg., Driving of Motor Vehicle, Unified Carrier Registration Act Violations, bw issued for fta.

Darren Andrea Phillips: No weight distance tax license, bw issued for fta.

Cesar Humberto Ramirez: driving motor vehicle using handheld mobile telephone, no weight distance tax license and three other charges, bw issued for fta.

Jason Robert Scott: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, operate w/inactive/cancelled/revoked weight distance tax (two charges) and five other charges, bw issued for fta.

Ramandeep Singh: operating w/inactive/cancelled/revoked weight distance tax, failure to add taxable unit to taxable inventory, bw issued for fta.

Vitaii Feodorovich Tradachuk: operating w/inactive/cancelled/revoked weight distance tax license, violation of international registration plan and two other charges, bw issued for fta.

Failure to wear seat belts: David Lynn Adkins, Andrew Jacob Backus, Sandra Louise Bledsoe, Rodger D. Payne, Trevor Dean Harness, Kendall Ray Ross, license suspended for fta; Bradford Talor Hatcher, John K. York, Carol Paulina Jackson, paid;

Dan Poena: Viol Part 392, Fed Safety Reg, Driving of Motor Vehicle (three counts), bw issued for fta.

Speeding: Jonathan Christian Rise, \$36 fine plus costs; Jessica Leann Brock, Bobby Joe Scott, license suspended for fta; Joel Oliva Gonzalez, paid;

Michael Wood: no/expired registration plates, \$25 fine; license to be in possession, \$100 fine plus costs.

Joseph Wesley King: Viol Part 392, Fed Safety Reg, Driving of Motor Vehicle. bw issued for fta.

Tasha R. Alexander: failure to wear seat belts, no/expired registration plates - receipt, no operators/moped license, bw issued for fta.

Dawone Carr: no/expired Kentucky registration receipt - plates, failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, bw issued for fta.

Michael W. Denny: fines/fees due (\$243), bw issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.

Crystal Lynn Gaskins: fines/fees due (\$768), bw issued for fta/16 days in jail or payment in full.

Erica Andrea Green: fines/fees due (\$183), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Stephanie Hines: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, sentencing order entered.

Clifford J. Jarvis: fines/fees due (\$143), bw issued for fta/three days in jail or payment in full.

Jimmy D. Lamb: fines/fees due (\$233), bw issued lfor fta/six days in jail or payment in full.

Samuel B. Lawson: obstructed vision and/or windshield, \$25 fine; failure to produce insurance card and failure to notify address change to dept. of transp., \$50 fine each charge; operating on suspended/revoked operators liense, \$100 fine plus costs.

John H. Merriman: DUI, sentencing order entered.

Carlton Vernon Mitchell: operating w/inactive/cancelled/revoked weight distance tax, agreed order entered.

Abdirizak Mohamud Farah: failure to add taxable unit to taxable inventory, bw issued for fta.

David Jordan Miniard: Violation Part 383, Fed Safety Reg, Commercial Driver License, Part 391, Fed Safety Regs-Qualification of Drivers; Part 396, Fed Safety Regs, Inspect/Repair/Maintenance (two counts), bw issued for fta.

Rebecca Jane Newcomb: fines/fees due (\$153), bw issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.

Jason P. Northern: fines/fees due (\$425), nine days in jail in lieu of fines/concurrent/credit time served.

John Christian Roark: fines/fees due (\$668), bw issued for fta/14 days in jail or payment in full.

Arval D. Robbins: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure to produce insurance card and three other charges, bw issued for fta.

Viktor Rodriguez Leyva: failure to wear seat belts, no weight distance tax license and three other charges, bw issued for fta.

Joshua Joel Scott: unified carrier registration act violations, part 395/Fed Safety Regs - Hours of service for drivers (two counts), bw issued for fta.

James Seals: fines/fees due (\$643), bw issued lfor fta/13 days in jail or payment in full.

Christopher D. Smith: harassing communications, bw issued for fta.

Zaccariu Allen Spangler: operating w/inactive/cancelled/revoked motor fuel tax license, bw issued for fta.

Ronald Kevin Taylor: no/expired registration plates - receipt, failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, failure to produce insurance card and two other charges, bw issued for fta.

Matthew Jacob Trent: fines/fees due (\$213), bw issued for fta/five days in jail or payment in full.

Eduardo Daniel Uban Diaz: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine; operating w/inactive/cancelled/revoked weight distance tax license, \$25 fine plus costs.

Timothy Gene Wiley: failure to wear seat belts, operating w/inactive/cancelled/revoked weight distance tax license (two counts), no/expired registration plates, bw issued for fta.

Estifanos Yemane Tekle: failure to add taxable unit to taxable inventory, \$25 fine plus costs.

Ihnat Zaiarniuk: operating w/inactive/cancelled/revoked weight distance tax license, failure to add taxable unit to taxable inventory, bw issued for fta.

Rockcastle County Recycling Center open for recycling drop-offs

The Rockcastle County Recycling Center is located at 2528 South Wilderness Rd (US 25 South) beside the Rockcastle County Road Department Garage and is open Monday thru Friday from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. (closed on major holidays).

The following items may be recycled:

Newspapers w/inserts, magazines, catalogs, office paper, junk mail, shredded paper (needs to be bagged), books, phone books (paper products cannot be plastic lined or coated), cardboard (both corrugated and slick), plastics #1 Pet or Pete, plastics #2 HDPE, (no sheet plastics or plastic bags of any kind; no buckets or totes, no matter what number is on it), metal cans, aerosol cans, aluminum cans, aluminum foil, aluminum pie plates, glass bottles and glass jars (lids must be removed and discarded), old cell phones, car batteries, empty printer and toner cartridges, old computers (no monitors of any kind) and computer accessories, telephones, radios, digital clocks, (no televisions of any kind), rechargeable batteries (if the battery says rechargeable on it, then it is recyclable), and large bulky metal items.

Clean used motor oil may also be dropped off at the Rockcastle County Road Department Garage.

Recycling Drop-Off Trailers are available for use at:

Brodhead (behind City Hall)
Conway (by Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Dept.)
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Pongo (by Pongo Volunteer Fire Dept.)
Climax (by Climax Volunteer Fire Dept.)

Violations may be issued for putting trash in the recycling trailers!!!

If you have any questions, you may call the Rockcastle Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902.

Funded in part through a grant from the Kentucky Pride Fund, Division of Waste Management.



Santa visits Rockcastle County Saturday



Santa took time to talk to children along the sidewalks after the Christmas parade before he met with all the children in his workshop in front of the Rockcastle County Courthouse. Santa was a hit at both parades in Brodhead and Mount Vernon.



Shown above, a long line formed to talk with Santa

See parade photos in next week's issue



Santa had a lot of children whisper their favorite gift in his ear



Parents took photos of their child with Santa and Mrs. Claus as Santa's Elf handed out treats.

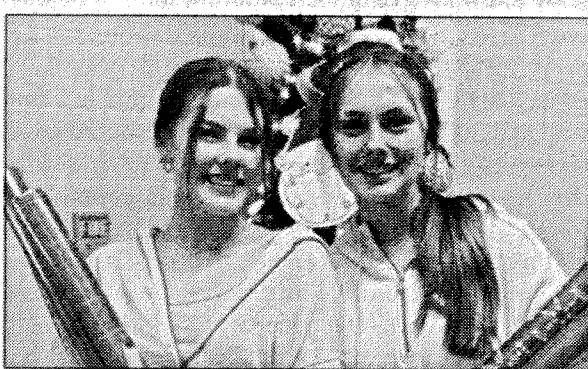


Santa was played by Spencer Benghe while Mrs. Claus was played by Dr. Carrie Ballinger and Santa's Elf was played by Marcos Benghe.

Spread Holiday Cheer: Support "Christmas at the Nursing Home"

This holiday season, help make Christmas special for the residents of the Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center. FCCLA and HOSA are providing a free holiday gift shop where residents

can select thoughtful gifts for their family and friends. Leading this event are FCCLA members Kendal Rader and Addy King. If you would like to make a monetary donation to help bring



joy to the residents during this holiday season, donations can be dropped off or mailed to the Rockcastle County High School attention to FCCLA. Donations are

needed prior to December 18th. The address is Rockcastle County High School 1545 Lake Cumberland Road Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

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Salvation has been brought down!
We often sing the song salvation has been brought down. It's a beautiful song reminding us of the importance of what was provided by God through his son, who he sent to this low land of sin and sorrow, so that we might have eternal salvation. Christ in his ministry gave us an example of how we ought to live and conduct ourselves. He was persecuted, mocked and ridiculed by those who opposed him and yet he lived a sinless life.

John 3:16 says, For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. V 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

The gift of Jesus Christ, His sacrifice on the cross is the only way we get atonement from our sins and reconcile humanity with God. The problem was sin, man's sin separated him from God resulting in spiritual death, resulting in the need for redemption. Romans 5:12 tells us, Wherefore, as by one man sin entered the world, and death by sin; and so, death passed upon all men, for all have sinned: Romans 3:23 All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. So, because we are in the flesh we all have a sin nature, which traces back to Adam and Eve in the garden of whom we all are descendants. So, it is in our nature to want that which is contrary to the will of God. Sin is against God, sin is the opposite of righteousness, James 1:13-15 reminds us, Let no man say when he is tempted that he is tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempted he any man: V14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. V 15 When lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished bringeth forth death.

So, God sent forth his son that we might have forgiveness of sins. It's by his goodness and mercy that we access salvation. The glory be to God.

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Chief Petty Officer Cole French
Chief Petty Officer Cole French was Pinned Aboard the USS Carl Vinson (CVN70) on 27 September, 2024.
Cole is a former graduate, and resident of Mt Vernon. Cole is the grandson of Joe and Letha French who have been long standing residents of Mt Vernon until recently.
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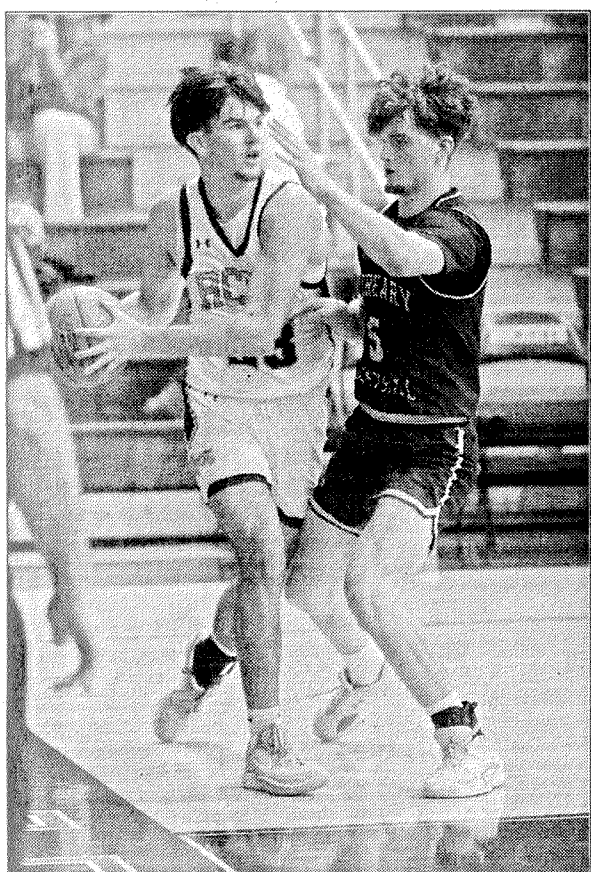
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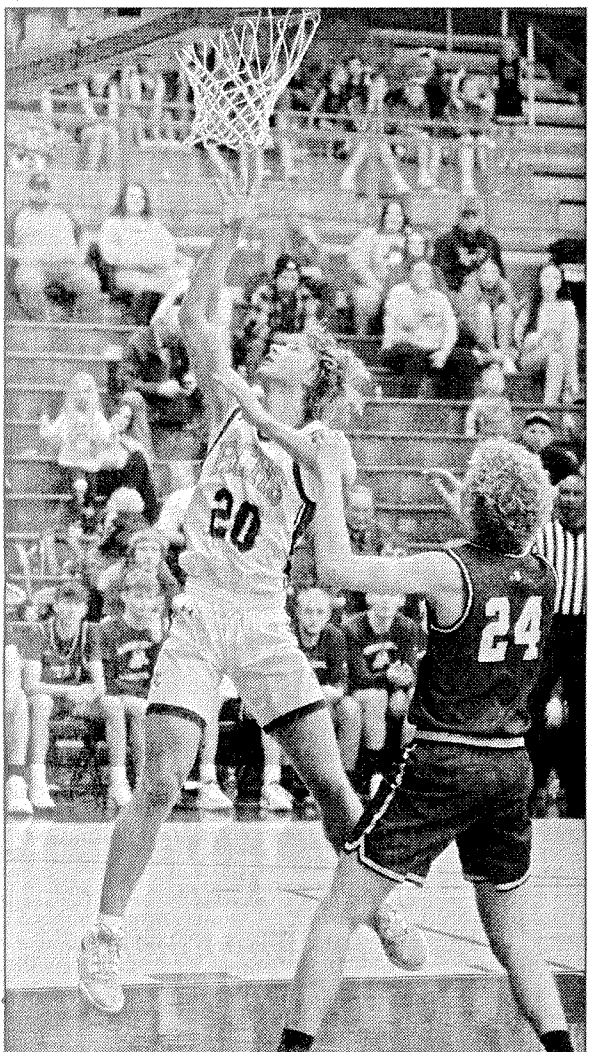
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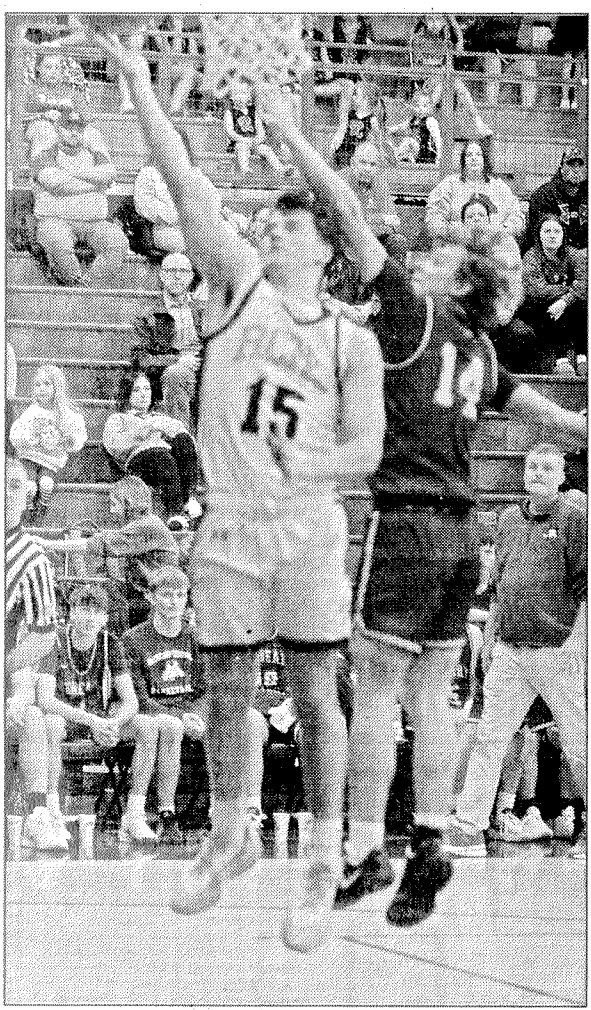
Rockets lose home opener to McCreary; defeat Berea



Maddox Parsons drives the baseline during the Rockets' 60-53 loss to McCreary Central Friday night. Parsons led his team in scoring with 17 points.



Connor Hunt goes to the basket during the Rockets' 60-53 loss to McCreary Central Friday night. Hunt had 11 points for the Rockets.



Colton Cash puts in a layup during the Rockets' 60-53 loss to McCreary Central Friday night.

Rockets and Lady Rockets travel to district foe Somerset Friday Game time 6 p.m.

The Rockcastle Rockets dropped their home opener to the McCreary Central Raiders 60-53 last Friday night and then followed it up with a 71-54 loss to Breathitt Co. Saturday night at the DJ Begley Classic in Hazard.

Monday night, the Rockets picked up their first win of the season with a 64-60 victory over Berea.

Against McCreary Central, the Rockets led at the first quarter stop 15-13 but were behind 29 to 20 at the end of the half.

After getting down 31-20 in the third quarter, the Rockets bounced back, behind three straight three point baskets by junior Maddox Parsons and a basket by junior Jace Rogers, which tied the score at 31 all. The Rockets actually took a 35-34 lead on another basket and two free throws by Rogers but McCreary came back to tie the score at 36 all and go on to take a 43-37 third quarter lead.

The Rockets never could get over the hump in the fourth quarter, being behind 51-44 before McCreary finished out the game hitting nine out of nine free throws for the

final 60-53.

Parsons led the scoring for his team with 17 points, five three point baskets and two free throws; Rogers got 14; senior Connor Hunt, who picked up his second foul with 2:43 left in the first half, got 11 points and sophomores Colton Cash with six and Zeke Fain with five finished off the Rocket scoring.

The Rockets hit 41% of their shots, going 12 for 21 from two point range and seven of 25 in three point baskets.

Cash led the rebounding war for the Rockets with seven; Fain pulled down five; Hunt four; Parsons two and four other Rockets got one each.

At Hazard Saturday night, the Rockets took on Breathitt County and wound up with the short end of the scoring, losing 71-54.

Connor Hunt led the scoring for his team with 19 points, hitting 5/9 shots and going 9/10 from the free throw line. Hunt also took rebounding honors with seven. Jace Rogers got 15 points, including 5/7 from the charity stripe; Maddox

Parsons was 3/4 from three point range for nine points; Xavier Leger got seven and Colton Cash picked up four.

Hunt again came away with the most rebounds, seven; while Cash picked up six; Parsons five; Fain four; Rogers three; Leger two and Mullins one.

Rockets 64 Berea 60

The Rockets played Berea Monday night at home and got their first win, 64-60.

Connor Hunt again led the scoring for his team with 20 going 6/6 from two point range and hitting 8/14 free throws. He was credited with two assists and one steal. Jace Rogers scored 18 points, going 2/7 from two point range, hitting 4/10 three point shots and adding two free throws. Rogers also led big in assists with seven and had two steals. Parsons scored 12 points off four three point shots; Fain and Cash got five points each and Leger scored four points.

The Rockets really got the advantage at the free throw line in the

game with 17 fouls called on Berea to five on Rockcastle. The Rockets responded by picking up 15 of their points at the charity stripe.

The boys will next play at Somerset Friday night in a double header with the Lady Rockets and the two teams will then travel to Boyle County for games next Tuesday night.

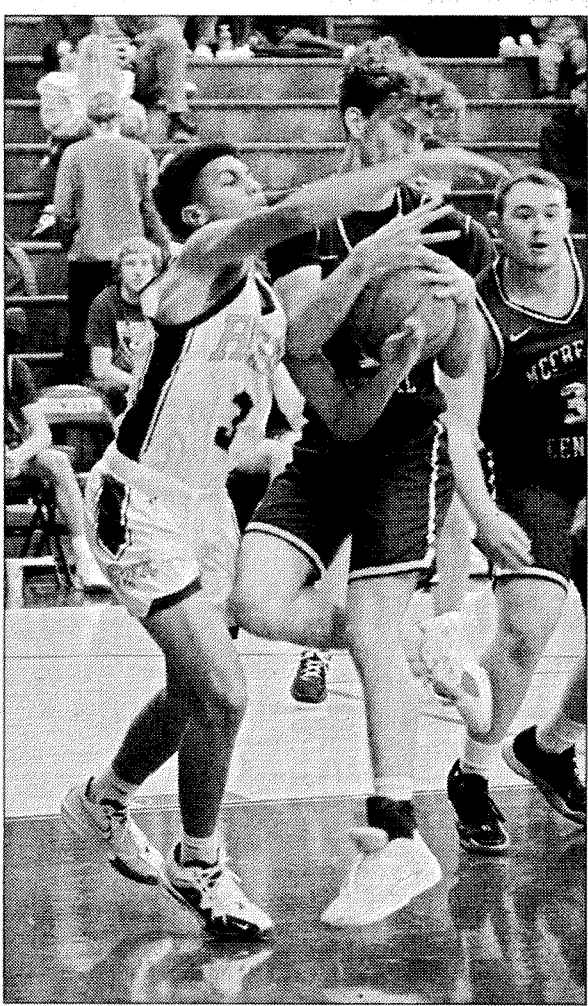
Jayvee defeat Patriots 59-56

It took an overtime, but the Rocket Jayvee came away with a three point, 59-56 win over the McCreary Patriots Jayvee.

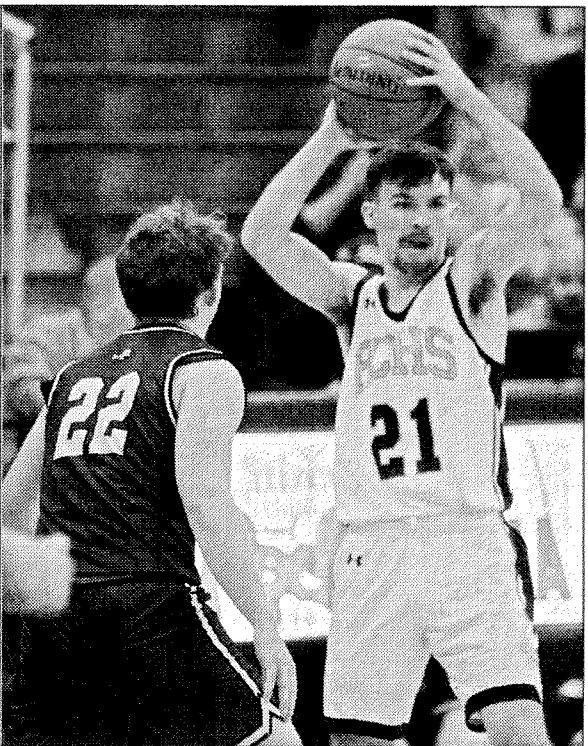
The Jayvee were ahead 13-8 at the end of the first period, tied 26 all at the half and ahead 44-40 at the third quarter stop. The Raiders took the fourth quarter 18 to 13 ending the game in a deadlocked 53 all.

In the overtime, the Rockets outscored the Patriots six to three for the three point win.

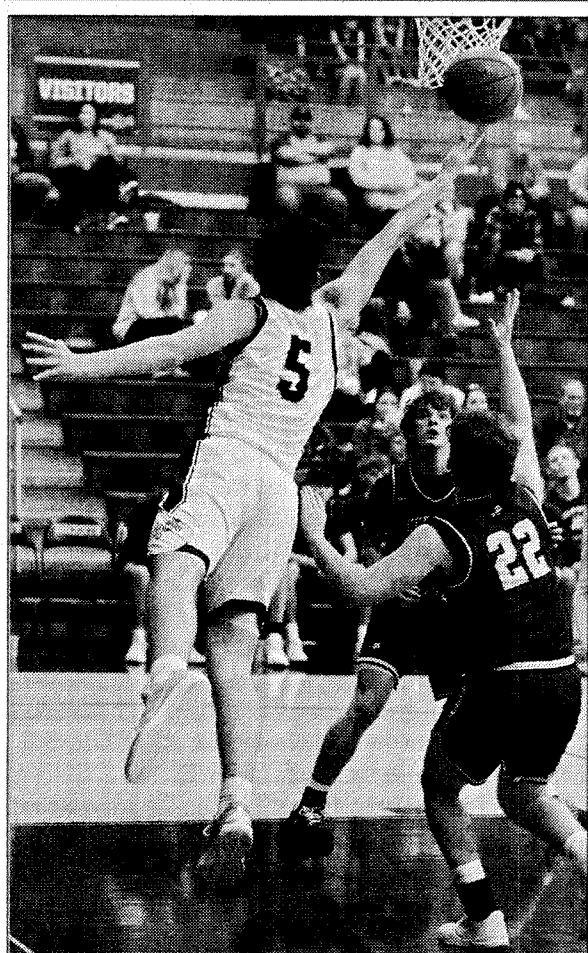
Xavier Leger put up a game high 32 points; Wyatt Craig got 17; Blake Mullins eight and Dalton Bullens scored two.



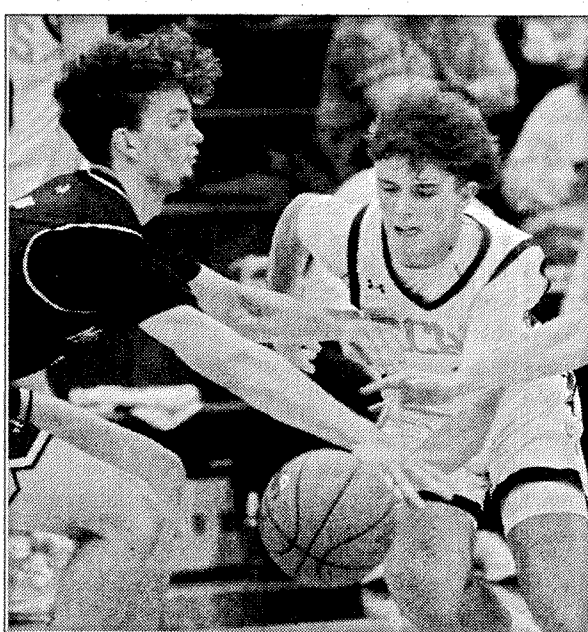
Xavier Leger fights for a rebound during the Rockets' 60-53 loss to McCreary Central Friday night. Leger had 32 points in the jayvee overtime win.



Kaleb Alexander looks over the offense during the Rockets' 60-53 loss to McCreary Central.



Jace Rogers takes it to the basket during the Rockets' 60-53 loss to McCreary Central Friday night. Rogers had 14 points for the Rockets.



Zeke Fain dribbles through trouble during the Rockets' 60-53 loss to McCreary Central Friday night. Fain had five point and five rebounds for the Rockets.

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Posted: No hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Wayne and Marie Bullock on Kincade Ridge Road and 1250 Spiro Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky.

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

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

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Notice is hereby given that Dora Rash, 120 Lair St., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Administratrix (no will) of the estate of Dennis Rash, deceased, on the 5th day of December, 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Dora Rash or to Kelli Brown Goldberg Simpson, LLC, 9301 Dayflower St., Prospect, Kentucky 40059 on or before June 5, 2025. 43x3

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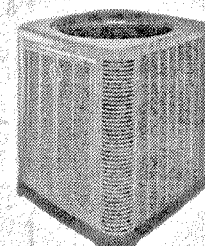
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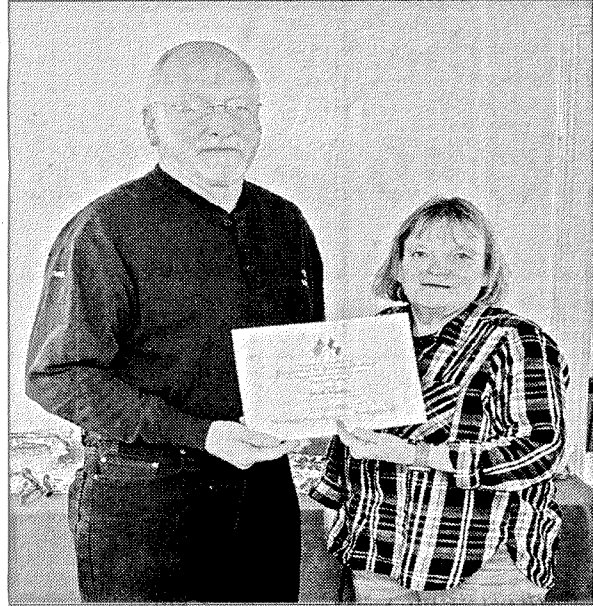
DAR presents awards at Christmas dinner

Rockcastle Chapter presented several awards at the chapter's annual Christmas dinner. The Flag of the United States Chair, Edwina Anglin presented Mark Adams with a flag certificate for properly displaying the U.S. Flag. Regent Karen Adams presented the Excellence in Historic Preservation award to Jill Smith of the Heritage Tombstone Cleaning and Repair Company for their preservation of headstones across the bluegrass. Mark Adams was presented the award for his continued work in cemeteries across the re-

gion repairing and recording headstones and maintenance of cemeteries. Sharon Lovell was presented the award for her genealogical work in preserving local history. She has successfully added 12,400 obituaries to Findagrave.com to assist researchers and give a sense of history to the people who are listed on the site. The chapter raised \$1,355 with their annual fundraiser auction. The proceeds from the auction goes towards projects for education, historic preservation and patriotism.



Jill Smith, Mark Adams, Sharon Lovell, Regent Karen Adams.



Mark Adams and US Flag Chair, Edwina Anglin

PUMPKIN-SWEET POTATO SOUP RECIPE
Gluten-free
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 medium onion, diced
4 medium carrots, peeled, chopped
2 celery stalks, chopped
1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger, to taste
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon curry powder- mild or hot, to taste
Dash of sea salt, to taste
2 heaping cups fresh pumpkin, peeled and cubed
2 medium sweet potatoes, peeled, cubed
6 cups light vegetable broth
1 cup half and half
Lime or orange zest for garnish
In a heavy soup pot, heat

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

the olive oil over medium heat; sauté the onion for about 5 minutes until softened. Add in the chopped carrots and celery, and stir in the spices. Lower heat and gently cook for about 10 minutes, being careful not to brown the onions. Add the pumpkin, sweet potato, and vegetable broth; stir together. Cover and bring to a slow simmer, cooking the soup for about 25 to 35 minutes until the vegetables are very tender. Remove from heat; let cool slightly and puree the soup. Taste and adjust the seasonings. Return the pot to medium-low heat. Stir in the half and half; blend till

smooth. Warm through gently for ten minutes—do not let it boil. Sprinkle soup with lime or orange zest to serve.
BEER CHEESE SOUP
4 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 carrot, finely chopped
1 large yellow onion, diced
2 cloves garlic, peeled and minced
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1 cup milk
1 cup half-and-half
1 (16 ounce) beer
1 tablespoon Dijon or stone-ground mustard
10 ounces sharp cheddar, shredded
Salt & Pepper
Melt the butter in a large

pot over medium heat. Add the carrot, onion, and garlic; sauté 10 minutes. Add the flour and stir well. Cook, stirring frequently, for 3 minutes until the flour turns golden brown. Combine the milk and half-and-half. Slowly pour into flour mixture, whisking constantly until combined. Turn the heat up to medium-high and add the beer and mustard. Bring to a boil, whisking frequently until foam subsides. Simmer on low heat for 10 minutes until thick. Remove from heat and whisk in the cheese a handful at a time. Taste and add salt and pepper as needed.

Storm named Chair of Judiciary committee

Senate Majority Leadership has announced Sen. Brandon Storm, R-London, will serve as the new chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee. The committee oversees legal matters such as civil and criminal laws, the court and corrections systems, and juvenile justice. It ensures the justice system operates fairly and efficiently while upholding laws to protect the public's rights and maintain public safety.

"Brandon is exceptionally qualified to lead this critical committee," said Senate President Robert Stivers, R-Manchester. "As an attorney with extensive trial court experience and deep knowledge of civil, criminal and family litigation in state and federal courts, I have complete confidence in his ability to guide legislation through the Judiciary Committee with exper-

tise and integrity." In addition to his new role, Storm will continue to serve on the Senate Transportation Committee, where he was vice chair.

He will also remain on the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee.

Storm has been named Senate co-chair of the Juvenile Justice Oversight Council and will be a liaison member of the Budget Reserve Subcommittee on Justice.

"I am honored and prepared to take on the role of Judiciary Committee chair," Storm said. "I want to thank Senate leadership for trusting me to serve in this capacity. As I enter my fifth session as senator for the 21st Senate District, I bring professional and legislative experience to this role and look forward to applying what I've learned to help shape sound policy for

Kentucky's justice system."

A native of Laurel County, Storm earned his Bachelor of Science in police administration from Eastern Kentucky University in 2000 and

a Juris Doctor from the Mississippi College School of Law in 2003. Brandon Storm also graduated from the esteemed Henry Toll Fellowship Program in 2023.

Discounts for educators and state employees

The Kentucky Artisan Center will be offering a 20% merchandise discount for all Kentucky state employees and educators this Christmas season. This discount will be available now through Monday, Jan. 6, 2025. State employees must show proof of employment for the discount to be honored.

The Kentucky Artisan Center features works by over 850 Kentucky-based artists and small businesses in one convenient location. Products range from fine art, art prints, jewelry, books, seasonal items, Ken-

tucky Proud food products and more. With something to interest loved ones of all ages, there are many opportunities to gift a Kentucky-made item this Christmas season at a discounted price.

The Kentucky Artisan Center through October 2024, nine tourism development projects have an estimated investment of \$251.5 million. The projects will provide 352 full-time jobs and 1,326 part-time jobs once operational. For more information, visit kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov.



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- 1) mater
- 5) Academy newbie
- 10) Pet with green "hair"
- 14) Having little fat
- 15) Mary of "The Maltese Falcon"
- 16) Brinker with the skates
- 17) Mormons
- 20) Emulate a skunk
- 21) Express disapproval of
- 22) Have a sudden inspiration?
- 25) "Silas Marner" novelist George
- 26) Public speakers' places
- 30) Line from the heart
- 33) "I knew it all!"
- 34) Cuckoo clock feature
- 35) T. in Athens
- 38) Some handy homeowners
- 42) "Mayday!" cousin
- 43) Congress
- 44) "Sesame Street" resident
- 45) Broccoli bit
- 47) Accomplishments
- 48) Between ocean shores
- 51) Sitcom legend Dick Van
- 53) Clinton daughter

- 56) Causing the willies
- 60) How many bills are paid
- 64) "What can I say?"
- 65) Carpenter or lumberjack, at times
- 66) Adolescent's outbreak
- 67) Rank, in tournaments
- 68) Square-jawed detective
- 69) Respectful address to a lady

DOWN

- 1) "together, now!"
- 2) Grassy grazing expanses
- 3) Damon of Hollywood
- 4) Not behind?
- 5) Coat for frigid weather
- 6) Mind-altering drug
- 7) Approx. for a landing
- 8) Harrelson on "Cheers"
- 9) Scottish Gaelic
- 10) Like sweater weather
- 11) Vietnam's capital
- 12) Preface, essentially
- 13) Selling point
- 18) Interlock, as gears
- 19) Impersonator
- 23) More melancholy
- 24) Emulated a hungry lion
- 26) Dog's "dogs"

- 27) Margarine substitute
- 28) Buck fanciers
- 29) Squid squirt
- 31) Cuddly warm
- 32) Be wrong
- 35) Telephone sound
- 36) Desert descriptor
- 37) Swiss Army knife's array
- 39) Keanu in "The Matrix"
- 40) Turn in coupons
- 41) Fury
- 45) Like a billiard table and some hats
- 46) Eyelid unit
- 48) Ultimate heights
- 49) Oar fulcrum
- 50) Reasoning ability
- 52) Presidential contender of 2004
- 54) Eden-to-Nod direction
- 55) Way, way off
- 57) Travel
- 58) Andean civilization
- 59) Italy's volcano
- 61) "Up, up and away" defunct airline
- 62) Common Market inits., once
- 63) Alter a skirt, in a way

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