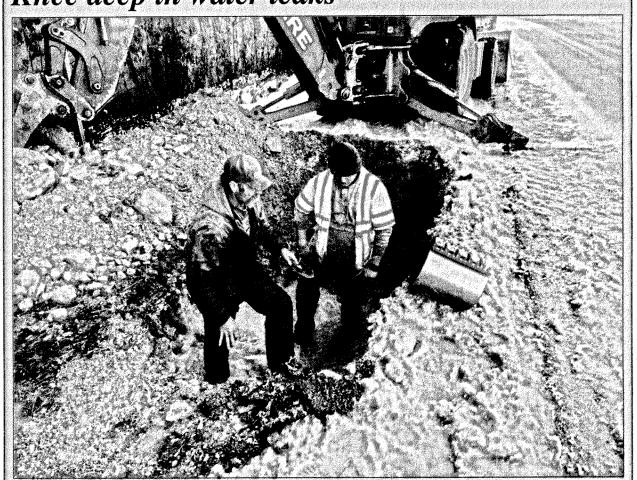
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Knee deep in water leaks



Shown above, Lloyd Prewit and Keaton McClure work on one of many frozen water lines Monday. This location, near Pizza Hut, is one of many that forces workers to stand in water and mud in below freezing temperatures to repair such leaks. A boil water advisory was issued Monday for the Burr area, Big Cave Road and all side roads off of Big Cave Road but is expected to be lifted by mid-week.

Low temperatures cause broken water lines county wide

By: Mike French Editor

As some may have guessed, the frigid temperatures have led to several problems at local water companies.

The below freezing temperatures have caused some broken water pipes and water plant equipment troubles. However, crews are alert and ready for the warmer temperatures which is when some of the leaks will show up.

"Once the temperatures begin to warm and the water begins to flow again, that is when the leaks will start showing up," said Frank Baker, Mount Vernon facilities Management Supervisor. Baker said a line that freezes and bursts may not show up until

water begins to flow through the broken pipe.

"We have had several issues of course," he said. "Anytime it is this cold there will be lines frozen and that means there will be some broken pipe somewhere."

The Rockcastle County Animal Shelter reported broken lines, with water flooding some areas of the shelter Monday morning, and several other businesses reported frozen lines Monday.

Other water services have also reported leaks and frozen pipes but crews are working on the issues, according to officials at each service.

Before the temperatures began to rise, local

(See "Leaks" on A5)

Winter storm hits before last storm snow melts

By: Mike French Editor

The big story in Rockcastle County last week was a snow storm that affected everyone in the community, in some way. This week, more snow, more ice and colder temperatures descended on top of the existing conditions creating an even more dangerous situation for most.

According to reports over 90 people have lost their lives in the nation

By: Mike French

Editor

snowy and icy roads in

Rockcastle County, led to

the arrest of a Sand Hill

According to a uni-

form citation, David

Paradies, 51, was arrested

after Kentucky State Po-

lice Trooper Ben Allen re-

moved him from his

earlier near the junction

of US-25 and Mullins

Station Road when

Trooper Allen came upon

Paradies' vehicle stuck in

a ditch. The vehicle was

unoccupied but still in re-

verse. Allen made contact

with a male standing near

the accident who advised

the officer that a wrecker

service had been con-

tacted and was on its way.

checking on the suspect's

license, a wrecker service

pulled the vehicle from

the ditch. Smelling alco-

hol, Trooper Allen asked

Paradies to stand by his

patrol car. However, after

several seconds, the sus-

pect got back into his ve-

hicle and fled at a high

rate of speed on the snow-

The citation says while

The incident began

wrecked vehicle.

man last week.

A high speed chase on

changes. Five are reported dead in Kentucky.

Those dangers and difficulties are not only for civilian citizens but also change the way first responders react to their daily duties, according to local first responders. Many may not consider the extra difficulties involved in responding to an emergency call during a winter storm, but officials say such responses are much more difficult and dangerous.

Once the chase began.

Post 11 informed Allen

that Paradies had an ex-

tradition warrant from

over snow covered roads

The chase led Allen

High speed chase on snowy

roads through Livingston

covered roads.

Missouri.

at the station," said Brodhead Fire Department Assistant Chief Brian Bullock. Being at the station when an emergency calls comes in, means the first responder can respond quicker and safer to all calls, he said.

There is also fire equipment that involves water while working in below freezing temperatures. "We have to concentrate and change the way we use our pumps to "First we have volun- keep them from freez-

ture, down US-25 south

towards Livingston. The

citation says the chase in-

volved speeds up to 70

mph Nearing the south

end of Livingston, Allen

was directed to end the

pursuit. Allen disabled his

teers who spend the night ing," Bullock said. "We respond, at the station then, once on site, "we also stagger responses based on the call. We may send our rescue to a wreck and hold our engine, that would normally

staffed and ready." Bullock said teams

Ninety dead in state from icy weather, five in Kentucky

also prepare the trucks and vehicles for winter travel with tire chains and

have to treat our nozzles differently to avoid freezing. We have to use water

(See "Storm" on A5)

After 37 years

Popular Mount Vernon business changes hands

By: Mike French

Like the old country store, it was the place to find the local news about your neighbor as well as a place to have your vehicle repaired or serviced. It became a gathering spot.

For 37 years, Rockcastle County and Mount Vernon residents found a way to spend some free time standing by the heat and chatting with owner Marvin Mink, while having their vehicle serviced at the Town and Country station at 130 South US-25 next to the courthouse. And if one found themselves having vehicle trouble, Mink

was one of the welltrusted wrecker service: in the community as well.

The local business somehow became one of the more popular places to meet and greet neighbors and friends and the mechanics that worked there became known as some of the best. Not only by working on vehicles, but some of the best people in general.

When Mink started the business, he waited several months to make sure things were going to work as he had planned, and then Town and Country was featured in the Mount Vernon Signal as a new

business in November of

Over the next 37 years, Mink employed countless individuals who could change oil, or a tire, as well as involving some of this family in the business. "I've had nephews and cousins and relatives working with me over the years," he said. "There's nothing like family."

In fact, one of those family members, nephew David Mink, purchased the vehicle lift from his uncle and opened a garage across

(See "Mink" on A5)

Animal Shelter pets ready for adoption

Don't forget to check out our new series we call Pawfect Pets inside this week's issue of the Signal. With the cooperation of the Rockcastle County Animal Shelter, we publish information and photos of two animals available for adoption each week. We are proud to offer this service to our community in an effort to help the animal over population problem in the county. Visit the shelter as soon as you can and you will likely find your newest forever friend.

with a 12 degree tempera-(See "Chase" on A5) Deputy appointed as full time Detective in Sheriff's office

By: Mike French

The Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department has appointed Deputy Sam

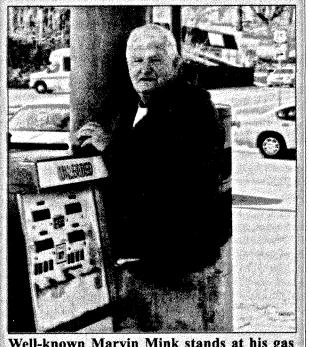
Brock as a full time detective. "This is positive progress for our department and our county," said Sheriff Shannon Franklin. "We have taken advantage of Sam's extensive training, experience and skillset and it will benefit our community greatly by putting his talents to good use."

Brock is the only full time detective with the department and Franklin says he has several plans to utilize Brock's experience to create a safer community. In fact, the sheriff says Brock will take part and work closely with a drug interdiction task force and will work with other agencies to attack drug issues in the county.

Brock is also a licensed drone pilot, well trained in search and rescue and has also been heavily trained in accident reconstruction, according to Franklin.

Brock spent many years as a detective in Laurel County before joining the Rockcastle department seven years ago.

(See "Detective" on A5)



Well-known Marvin Mink stands at his gas

pumps.

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In reading the editor's note I attached to last week's column, after the paper came out, I realized that it was not very selfexplanatory. The reason I ran it was that Goodall was credited with making that statement but it included the word "reduce" (as reduce population) and she did not actually use that word. She was intimating that, of course, it would be great if the population would go back to what it was 500 years ago -- but did not actually advocate for deliberately "reducing" the popula-

I have been on a learning curve of late since I figured out that people will deliberately put things on X (formerly known as Twitter) that are not true which causes me to have to verify their statements through other sources.

I must admit that I was disappointed in the Supreme Court Monday when they sided 5-4 in favor of the Biden administration in the Texas border razor wire case. The border patrol union blasted the decision.

It seems our SCOTUS can twist our Constitutition to fit any situation a majority of them agree on (such as forcing citizens to buy a product-Obamacare, for example).

This court, with the help of pseudo-conservatives John Roberts and Amy Coney Barrett, ruled against Texas protecting its own border with Mexico. The court ordered Texas to allow federal border agents access to the state's border with clude over 30,000 young Mexico, where Texas officials have deployed miles of concertina wire.

The order did not explain the justices' decision. The 5-4 order vacated a previous injunction from the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that

prevented border patrol agents from cutting the concertina wire. Abbott, under his Operation Lone Star initiative, also deployed state troopers across the 1,200 mile Texas-Mexico border; ordered state police to arrest migrants who are suspected of trespassing; spent \$11 million to install 70,000 rolls of concertina wire along the Rio Grande and spent \$1.5 billion on about a dozen miles of border walls. Most recently, Gov. Abbott has ramped up border enforcement around the 47-acre Shelby Park in Eagle Pass by surrounding the perimeter with the razor wire and limiting access to the city park.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said, after the decision, "This fight is not over and I look forward to defending our state's sovereignty." A material of the second

Abbott posted on X "This is not over. Texas" razor wire is an effective detterent to the illegal crossings Biden encourages. I will continue to defend Texas' constitutional authority to secure the border and prevent the Biden Admin from destroying our property."

Biden keeps insisting he wants to fix the border but Congress won't give him the funds. Now he wants to "fix" the border after allowing at least 10 million illegal immigrants into our country and a couple of million "gotaways" that we have no idea where they are or what they're doing.

These numbers inmen from China who could very well be a vanguard for their country's designs on our country.

Gordon Chang, Asian affairs and foreign policy expert and Gatestone Institute senior fellow,

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



It was a glorious moment. That jump in heart rate and sudden flow of adrenaline. The instant lack of cares and absence of worries. The total change in demeanor and fervent adjustment in attitude. Life became immediately grand and all was well with the world.

You may remember the moment well. It was that instant that you sat on the edge of the bed with sleep still in your eyes and the grunge still in your throat as you tried to pry the sleep from your mind. When your mother would stick her head into your room and speak those words that turned your body from the flow of cold molasses to the brisk, lively brim of vigor.

"Snow Day!"

Oh, the sudden joy that filled the heart. The instant appreciation for life. The immediate leap from dread to exultation. From apprehension to jubilation with one single phrase.

It wasn't that I hated school. I didn't really hate it. Though there weren't very many weeks of first grade that Miss Rigney did not place her wooden paddle across my back side, I enjoyed recess and the game of marbles, I also kept my huge towel nearby for the daily nap time,. I dreaded the inevitable three licks she gave me on a very regular basis, but I had friends there and enjoyed the bus ride. I never hated school.

Still, when mom stuck her head through my door and proclaimed that the snowfall overnight had caused those in authority to cancel school for the day, all of my internal organs instantly turned from sluggish to triumphant.

In reality, most of those days, back before the word "virtual" was even a thought in a technician's dreams, I ended up really bored. At first I was too excited to explain, but within an hour or so, I was looking for the other kids in the neighborhood to get out and play in the snow.

In those days, when school was cancelled because of snow, you didn't have to look outside to see if there was actually any snow. If school cancelled, you knew it was deep and it was not expected to melt any time soon.

There were snowmen, snowballs and snow cream in my immediate future.

In my senior year of high school, it was the worst snow storm in Kentucky history (and is still the record). At a time when buses followed the snow plows to children's homes and we got to school one way or another, that storm was so bad that we missed 30 consecutive days of school. It is my understanding that this had never happened before, or since, in the last 100

years. Keep in mind that in my day there was no such thing as internet or cell phones or even electronics. After Captain Kangaroo on our black and white television, we found games to play. The games we played involved opening a box, spreading out a folding cardboard game board,

placing pieces in their proper location and rolling dice. But most of the time, we played outside.

Though we had to be creative and find, or even invent, games to play, the snow provided many additional options. If there were enough of us, we could build a snow fort, and we often did. I can almost still hear the running and laughing and rolling in the snow. I remember running inside and standing next to the coal stove to warm our feet and hands only to run out and start again.

It is amazing how attitudes change in life. From childhood into adulthood, we somehow forget how to roll with the flow. I know I did at least. Honestly, I hate, hate, hate snow now. More than I hate enemies. More than I hate the liberal agenda. More than I hate hunger. More than I hate pain. Snow may well be my biggest hate in life. If not another single flake of snow ever fell again, I would be overjoyed. In my opinion, snow serves absolutely no purpose in life except to cause pain, filthy messes, discomfort, struggles, danger and expense. It is the most useless of all God's

creations. But with all the hate and disgust that I hold deep in my soul for snow and cold temperatures now, after each new snow, I can't help but remember, as a kid, when such a snowfall would have triggered a joyous jubilation in my heart. Sometimes I wish I could still find the joy in a snow fall. But, alas, that too is a childhood joy turned to suffering. A gift no longer wanted. A pleasure that is now an anguish.

It's too bad. But with adulthood comes responsibilities, concerns and desires that weren't there in childhood. I wonder which train of thought is

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Rockcastle istorical aven Rockcastle Historical

By: Markita Proctor

February is recognized nationally as Black History Month. The website, History.com explains that Black History Month began in 1915. It was at that time that Carter G. Woodson and minister Jesse E. Moorland founded The Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) an organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by Black Americans and other peoples of African descent. (history.com) This organization initiated the recognition of a national Negro History Week in 1925. This week was chosen as a result of the time between the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. This recognition inspired the national organization of celebrations to recognize and promote the accomplishments of African American people from around the country. President Gerald Ford eventually established the recognition of February as Black History Month in 1976. "Today, Black History Month is a time to recognize and honor the contributions and legacy of African Americans across U.S. history and

society..." (History.com) Rockcastle County has something of a dark past when it comes to the recognition of our African American Citizens. Unfortunately, there are tales of Klan activities throughout the years. But there are also stories of abolitionists, of those willing to stand up for and stand by the fine, upstanding Afri can American citizens of Rockcastle County.

One such citizen was Isaac Lysander "Sander" Smith. Linda R. Ashley, a noted historian, wrote a detailed account of Smith's life and his contribution to the county and our community.

What follows is taken from her account on the Rockcastle County Kentucky History and Genealogy page on Facebook:

Lysander Smith was a notable businessman and carpenter. He was mentioned in the Signal for his work within the black schools, and his work for the black precincts and elections. He is believed to have been an active member of the African American community in Rockcastle County. Mr. Smith was born sometime around 1861, but little is known about his birth. His father, Alfred Smith, served in the Civil War, and his mother Mary Fish Smith. Both Alfred and Mary are believed to have been slaves. They married with the believed consent of their slave owners and went on to parent two children, Sander and his sister Alice Smith. His enslaver was Julia Fish Azbill. The assumption can be made that his wife had also been enslaved by the family since her name was also Fish. Ms. Ashley was able to discern that Julia Fish Azbill and her husband, William, who had been a preacher, had actually held a wedding for the couple. It was unusual for enslavers to "allow" slaves to marry. Clearly, there were some rare exceptions. Despite coming from a life of enslaved parents, and his father dying when he was just a child, Mr. Isaac Lysander "Sander" Smith was able to be successful

Sander Smith and his wife appear on the 1910 and 1920 census. In 1910, they were reported to have been married for twenty-one years and had nine living children aged seventeen to one year. They owned their own home and were recog-(Continued on A-3

in his community.



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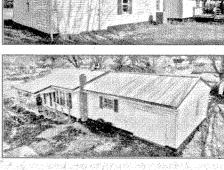
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Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Subsidy enrollment at Daniel Boone CAA available November 7th through December 16th

Home energy assistance program offering one-time heating payment assistance to qualified households in Clay, Jackson, Laurel and Rockcastle counties

Daniel Boone CAA is accepting applications for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Subsidy Component starting November 7th. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first serve basis through December 16, 2022 or until designated funds are depleted. Assistance received during prior LIHEAP Components does not impact a household's eligibility.

Crisis benefits will cover the minimum needed to alleviate the crisis not to exceed the Community Action Agency's local cost for a deliverable supply of the household's primary heating fuel or \$400 for gas or electric. Households can reapply each time they experience a crisis until the reach their maximum benefit. Benefits are paid directly to the fuel vendor.

Kentucky's Community Action Network collectively operates outreach offices in all 120 Kentucky counties. To apply, contact your local Community Action Agency of fice or call 800-456-3452. Visit www.capky.org/network to find the nearest office.

All applicants will be required to supply the following documentation at time of application: Proof of Social Security Number or Permanent Residence card (Green Card) for

each member of the household.

· Proof of all household's (all members) income from the preceding month. · Most current heating bill, statement from your landlord if heating expenses are included in your rent, statement from utility company if you participate in a Pre-

Pay Electric Program. The account number and name on the account for main heating fuel sources and

electric bill.

For the Crisis component, applicants requiring assistance for natural gas or electric must bring a disconnect/past due notice. If your rent includes heat, bring a copy of your lease and eviction notice. Pre-Pay Electric Program participants must show they have 10 days or less of pre-paid electric service.

Community Action Kentucky administers LIHEAP in partnership with the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services who receive the funding as a pass-through block grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. More information about LIHEAP and a listing of LIHEAP outreach offices can be found at the Community Action Kentucky website at www.CAPKY.org.

Kentucky 2024 official Visitors Guide is released

The Kentucky Department of Tourism released the 2024 Official Kentucky Visitors Guide, Team Kentuckys official visitors guide for travel in the commonwealth.

The 2024 Official Kentucky Visitors Guide serves as the states primary tourism advertising and promotional piece. Kentuckys many outdoor experiences are front and center in the latest installment of the commonwealths official travel guide.

Kentuckys tourism industry is experiencing a historic surge, with record-breaking economic impact in 2023, saidGov. Beshear. With so many new travelers visiting the commonwealth, the Official Visitors Guide will show them we have a little something for everyone from horse country and outdoor adventure to his-

ramblings (Continued from A2)

stressed recently that while some individuals may be escaping China's "pessimism" and distressed economy, others come with bad intentions. "I think that we're going to see acts of sabotage, assassinations, detonation of bombs, starting wildfires," Chang argued.

Whatever the root cause, everyone should be concerned about the border which, until Biden's installation, had been kept under control by Trump's Remain in Mexico" policy which Biden ended on day one. Trump got Mexico's cooperation by threatening high tariffs on goods from Mexico into the US if they did not cooperate.

I guess Texas is just going to have to continue their policy of sharing the wealth with northern states, particularly sanctuary cities, and dropping off illegals a bus load at a time several times a day. Maybe eventually, those sanctuary cities will come to the realization that they are being destroyed by pResident Biden's eagerness to import more Democrat voters.

Now I am wondering what SCOTUS's ruling will be on Colorado and Maine refusing to allow Trump's name to be on their primary ballot.

It seemed a cut and dried issue for me that state's should not be allowed to remove a candidate's name from their ballot, especially since their reasoning was his "insurrection" something Trump was never charged with or convicted of. This seems a blatant effort to deny the public the chance to vote for the

tory, arts, culture and our world-famous bourbon.

Resources in the guide include everything needed to plan a trip in Kentucky, whether exploring regionally or by topic of interest. Readers can also find regional itineraries, travel tips and a variety of other helpful information when touring the commonwealth.

From Kentuckys legendary outdoor and natural wonders to its tradition of folk art and handicrafts, its musical heritage, rich culinary heritage and hospitality, the 2024 Visitors Guide welcomes everyone to explore the state naturally.

The guide also celebrates a year of milestones, including the 150th anniversary of the Kentucky Derby, the 100th anniversary of Kentucky State Parks and the 25th anniversary of the Kentucky Bourbon

candidate of their choice. (Evidently, the infamous J6 committee wasn't able to come up with the grounds to charge DJT with insurrection either but then decided, as the last action of

their \$18M sham investigation, to delete 117 encrypted files and four terabytes from its probe just days before Republicans took over the majority of the House of Representatives).

But now, when the federal government is clearly not doing their constitutional duty and protecting our country from a mass invasion and SCOTUS clearly sides with them, who's to say what will happen in this other pending case?

And, the latest on the transgender women athletes? Transgender woman golfer Hailey Davidson has won a place on a US tour, designed to provide 'growth opportunities' for female players. She also has plans to become a member of the LFGA.

I've said it before, and I'll say it again. The only thing that will ever stop this nonsense is for real women in these sports to refuse to compete against a man, that would take care of it immediately.

And, a final thought from Octavia Butler, an American science fiction author and a multiple recipient of the Hugo and Nebula awards.

"Choose your leaders with wisdom and forethought... To be led by a thief is to offer up your most precious treasures to be stolen. To be led by a liar is to ask to be told lies. To be led by a tyrant is to sell youself and those you love into sla-

The 2024 Official Kentucky Visitors Guide provides excellent guidance for travelers, whether they are local, out-of-state or international, saidTourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet Secretary Lindy Casebier. 2024 will be a banner year for tourism in the commonwealth, and we encourage everyone to pick up a guide to assist with their travel planning.

Debuting with the release of the 2024 guide is Fireside Fortune, a new six-episode video series featuring an out-of-state family on an outdoor adventure in Kentucky. During each episode, the family is surprised to discover what activity they will be experiencing next. View the series using the QR code in the Kentucky Visitors Guide

KentuckyTourism.com.

After a record-setting year for Kentucky tourism, we are looking forward to an exciting 2024, filled with adventures and milestone anniversaries, saidKentucky Department of Tourism Commissioner Mike Mangeot. Our 2024 Visitors Guide is an excellent tool for planning your next trip to Kentucky, and we cant wait for you to be inspired by the Fireside Fortune video series.

New Official Visitor Guides are provided at no cost to visitors and are now available at Kentucky visitor centers across the state. An interactive, digital copy of the guide is also available onwww.KentuckyTourism.com.

For more information visitwww.KentuckyTourism.com. The Kentucky Depart-

ment of Tourism is an agency within the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet, which promotes the Commonwealth as a travel destination.

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(Continued from A2) as things were intended to be? Enjoy it, love it, appreciate it as a child? On hate, despise and dread in as an adult? Perhaps it is

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Haven

(Continued from A2) nized as a carpenter and homemaker.

The early 1900s was not a time of respect for the African American Community, but Isaac Lysander "Sander" Smith was able to accomplish some level of respect in Rockcastle County. He and his business partner, Neal Sanders were known for their carpentry skills and were known for their work on several buildings and homes around Rockcastle County. One such home was the recently demolished house that stood next to the Hardee's Restaurant near Renfro Valley for years. A testament to the quality of their work.

Isaac Lysander "Sander" Smith died on December 2, 1924, from the impact of diabetes. His children along with almost every other African American Family, left Rockcastle County in the 1940s.

Sander Smith lived an honest life, dedicated to his family, his trade, and community. Rockcastle County should not recognize this man

simply for the color of his skin but for his contribution to our history. I am certain we could still find evidence of his craft in the historical buildings that still stand.

February is recognized as Black History Month, and I will include more recollections of the African American Community of Rockcastle County in the following weeks, but I also choose to recognize our Rockcastle Citizens of all races, genders, and nationalities every week here in the lines of the Historical Haven column. Our little county does have its founding fathers and its heroes, the famous and the infamous... and while these individuals have their place in history and should be recognized, I feel the simple everyday folk who ran the businesses on Main Street, preached in our pulpits, built our homes, laid the railroads, taught in our little one-room school houses are even more notable. For it is these simple everyday men and women who made us who we are.

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Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule Monday, January 29: Brodhead and Copper Creek. Tuesday, January 30: Green Hill, Fairview and Brindle Ridge.

Vietnam Veterans Meeting Date

Vietnam Era Veterans, that graduated from Livingston High School, are asked to meet the last Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. for breakfast and conversation at Limestone Grille.

Weekly Grief Support Group

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

Kiwanis Club Meeting

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

Chamber of Commerce Meetings

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

VFW Post 5908

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

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

RTEC garage/training room.

Mt. Vernon Lions Club

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

The David M. Smith American Legion meets at Limestone Grille the second Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. If you wish to eat before the meeting, arrive at 5

p.m. For more info, call Commander Kathy Bobo at 606-

308-1208 or Chaplain B.J. Thomason at 859-358-2882. **DAR Meetings** The Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meets the first Monday of each month, September-May at 6 p.m. at First Christian Church in

Mt. Vernon. All prospective members are welcome to attend. 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

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,

Katheryn 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-

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: Katheryn 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.

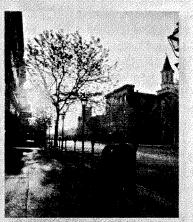




This week's installment of Pawfect Pets includes this friendly 2 year-old male German Shepherd who answers to the name Deisel (left) and this six month-old male German Shepherd (right) named Ruff. Both are very friendly friends. Anyone interested in adopting either of these two, or looking over the others that are available, should visit or contact the shelter at 606-256-1833 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. A \$20 adoption fee will help get your new family member to their forever home.

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Mituaries

Margaret Alcorn

Margaret Jane Alcorn, 84, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, January 15, 2024 at Berea Health & Rehabilitation Center. She was born on Wolf Creek in



Rockcastle County on October 30, 1939, the daughter of Denny and Ola Hickey Bowman. She had been a homemaker and was of the Baptist Faith. She enjoyed gardening, flowers, and cooking.

She is survived by: her children, Michael Alcorn, Roger and Angie Alcorn, Robert and Justine Alcorn, Charlotte and Anthony

Jones, and Judy and Randy Cromer, all of Mt. Vernon, and Bernice and Michael Whitehead of Brodhead; her brother. William Bowman of Jackson County; and her sisters, Lula Mae Vanwinkle, Dorothy Davis, Mildred Cain, and Wanda Miller, all of Berea, and Carol Pennington of Lebanon, OH. Also surviving are 13 grandchildren, and several great and great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Gene Alcorn; her mom and dad, Denny and Ola Bowman; two sons, Calvin Eugene Alcorn and David Ray Alcorn; two grandsons, Brandon Smith and David Gene Alcorn: three sisters: and one brother.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 21, 2024 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Jack Weaver, pastor of The Little Country Church. Burial followed in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Anthony Alcorn, Michael Alcorn, Roger Alcorn, Anthony Jones, Ashley Whitehead and Christopher Whitehead.

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

Francis Jones

Francis Jones, 75, of Poplar Grove, died Monday, January 15, 2024 at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. She was born in Barbourville on June 10, 1948, the



daughter of Robert and Amanda Blakely Turner Edwards. She had been a homemaker and a member of Old Fashioned Grace Baptist Church in Ohio. She enjoyed gardening, crafting, sewing, interior decorating and spending time=with/her children!" grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

She is survived by: her children, David Jones and wife Regina Brady, Adam Nottingham, Rhonda Nottingham, and Adrianna Nottingham, all of Brodhead, Antonio Jones of Crab Orchard, Terry Frazier and husband Michael of Knox, PA, and Brianna Jones of Danville; and two brothers, Johnny Edwards and David Edwards. Also surviving are 12 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Winston Gene Jones; a daughter, Ronda Jones; and a sister-in-law, Brenda Byrd.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 22, 2024 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Barry Hurst, pastor of Freedom Baptist Church. Burial followed in Poplar Grove Cem-Pallbearers were: Antonio Jones, Danny Jones,

David Jones, Jesse Jones and Nicky Jones.

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

Card of Thanks

We, the family of James L. Morris, Mt. Vernon, would like to send a special thank you to those who gave us support during Jim's illness and passing on November 5, 2023.

A special thanks to Dr. Williams at Rockcastle Hospital, the nurses in attendance and EMS who transported Jim. Also, great appreciation to the Medivac personnel who flew Jim to UK Medical Center. Also thank you to Marvin Owens Home for Funerals.

The family will be forever grateful for the support of family and friends and Maretburg Baptist Church for their help and presence in our difficult time.

Jim was a patriot, a father and husband. Our blessings go out

Love,

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Bobby J. Barron

Bobby J. Barron, 80, husband of Bonnie Todd Barron of Brodhead, died January 20, 2024, at his home after a long illness with his loving wife holding



his hand. He was born March 25, 1943, in Hansford, to the late Robert Walker and Vadie Betty Mink Barron.

On August 4, 1973, He married the love of his life Bonnie, and they celebrated 50 years of life together. They traveled all over the United States as truck drivers. He was also a former business owner of Family Discount of

Stanford and B&B Grocery in Brodhead. He was a knowledgeable farmer and avid hunter, a talented musician and excellent singer. He was a proud member of Walnut Grove Church of Christ.

Besides his loving wife Bonnie Todd Barron, he is survived by: his sister, Darlene Faye (Al) Saunders of Crab Orchard; sister-in-law, Margie Barron of Brodhead; brother-in-law, Wayne Todd of Bee Lick and Mark Stratton of Brodhead; sister-in-law, Nellie Todd of Crab Orchard; special adopted daughter, Lola Swinney and husband Clell and family; nieces Stacey Blanton, Carolyn Thomas, Janice Cromer, Debbie Hiatt, Amy Turney, Jill Kersey, Jessica Lawson, and Shandra Johns; nephews, Shane Faulkner, Larry Barron, Wayne Barron, Coby Talarico, Jeffrey Todd, Jimmie Dean Todd, Timmy Todd, and Johnny Todd; and extended family cousins, friends and wonderful neighbors.

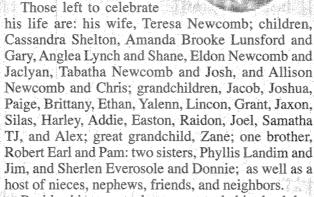
Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: his brothers, Thurnie Barron and Dean Barron: sisters, Mary Chaudina Stratton and infant sister Betty Barron; brothers-in-law, Artie Todd, Ronald Rogers, and Gary Fleming: and sisters-in-law, Lillie Fleming, Gledia Todd and Joyce Rogers. He was also preceded in death by his beloved dog, Patches.

The Family has chosen a grave side service with brother Marvin Cromer officiating. Burial will follow in the High Dry cemetery.

Farley Eldon Newcomb

Farley Eldon Newcomb, 74, of Livingston, died Sunday, January 14, 2024 at Rockcastle Rehab in Brodhead. He was born May. 6, 1949, in Laurel

County, a son of the late Robert and Norma (Whitt)
Newcomb. Farley attended Morning View Holiness Church and found great joy in hunting, fishing working, being in the logging woods and playing gospel music. He spent most of his life working in the logging woods. On July 2, 1992, he was united in marriage to Teresa Newcomb.



Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by: two children, Farley Newcomb, Jr. and Joel Newcomb; a brother, Donald Ray; and sister, Roberta McGuire.

Funeral services were held Friday, January 19, 2024 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Jason Medley officiating.

Lena Frances Norton Hayes

Lena Frances Norton Hayes, 88, died Monday, January 15, 2024. She was born April 23, 1935, in Wabd, to Denver and Mauda McKinney Norton.

Mrs. Hayes was a retired teacher and enjoyed sewing, gardening, reading and genealogy. She was a member of First church of Jesus Christ, in Sand Springs.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her husband, Floyd Hayes of Bee Lick; her children, Randall Hayes (Jennifer) of

Greensboro, North Carolina, David Hayes of Bee Lick, and Wanda Burdine (Stephen) of Quail; her brother, Dearl (La Veda) Norton of Edmonson; five grandchildren; and a number of nieces, nephews, and cousins, all of whom she loved dearly.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by: two brothers, Billy Norton, and Dale Norton; stepmother, Eva Bullock Norton; and one son, Jessie

Services were held Thursday, January 18, 2024 at Marvin E Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Wendell Martin officiating. Burial was in Freedom Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in the form of school supplies and library books to Rockcastle County Schools or other schools of choice. Donations can also be made to the cemetery fund.

Bill Lake

Billy Ray Lake, 60, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, January 8, 2024 at his home. He was born in Mt. Vernon on September 28, 1963, the son of George



and Irene Rowe Lake. He was a retired facilities maintenance worker for the former Pattie A. Clay Hospital in Richmond and was a member of the Tabernacle of Love Apostolic Pentecostal Church in Mt. Vernon. He enjoyed fishing, listening to music and reading his Bible.

He is survived by: his wife, Rhonda Elam Lake

of Wewahitchka, FL; his son, Tyler Lake, of Wewahitchka, FL; two brothers, Larry Lake of Cincinnati, OH, and John Lake of London; and two sisters, Anita Smith of Mt. Vernon, and Mary White of Rineyville. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews, Christen Smith, Ella White, Sierra Smith, Nicole Lake, Ashley Lake, Joann McCowan, Story White, Cullan White, Ethan Puckett, Brian Lake, John Eric Lake, Damien Johnson, Jace Johnson, and Jonathon Durham. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Charlie Lake.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Clyde Hodge and Brian Cromer. Burial was in Ottawa Cemetery.

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

Vicie Marie Durham

Vicie Marie Durham, 59, of Mt Vernon, died Monday, January 22, 2024, at UK Chandler Medical Center. She was born on February 3, 1964, in Mt Vernon,

a daughter of the late Milton and Yvonne (Durham) Leger.

She found great joy fishing, ginseng hunting, singing, and cutting broom handles. In the summer of 1983, she was united in marriage to James Miller and from that union came two children, James and Mary.



Those left to celebrate her life are: her children, James Curtis Miller of Mt Vernon, and Mary Eversole (Steven) of Crab Orchard; two grandchildren, Matheu and Haley Eversole; three brothers, Jim Durham (Terry) of Orlando, Tim Durham (Tammy) of Orlando, and Billy Bullock of Mt Vernon; one sister, Ethel Hensley of Mt Vernon; one very special aunt, Emma Gray of Orlando; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Milton Leger and Yvonne Leger.

Funeral services were held Friday, January 22, 2024 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bro. Jason Medley officiating. Burial was in Briarfield cem-

> Condolences to the family may be made to marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Hilda Faye Hampton

Hilda Faye Hampton, 79, of Eubank, died Thursday, January 18, 2024, at Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation in Brodhead. She was born on January



25, 1944, in Delta, a daughter of the late George Dodson Morrow and Jetta (Kidd) Morrow, Hilda was a member of Sunrise Baptist Church.

She found great joy working bible school, latch hooking and cross stitch. She was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. On December 18, 1961, she was united in

marriage to MacArthur Arthur Hampton, and from that union came three children, Doug, Tim, and Patricia.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her children, Douglas Hampton of Eubank, and Timothy Hampton (Kim) of Mt Vernon; five grandchildren, Joshua Hampton (Tiffany), Adrienne Beth Wright (Jacob), Phillip Hampton (Felicia), Bethnay Hampton, and Destiny Hampton (Shannon Trent Jr); five great grandchildren, Jaxon, Abigail and Ashton Hampton, and Benjamin, and Ellie Pat Wright; four sisters, Rosetta Branscum, Elsie Cromer, Geneva Hinds and Jean Seeser; one brother, Benny Morrow (Ruth) of Wayne County; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by: her daughter, Patricia Cromer; three sisters, Evay Simpson, Stella Sexton, and Edith Morrow (infant); six brothers, Roosevelt, Louid, Clifford, Dewey, Forrest, and Lawrence Morrow.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Bros. Tim Hampton and Larry Simpson officiating. Burial was in Negro Creek Cemetery.

The family would also like to send special thanks to Rockcastle Health and Rehab.

Shirley Carpenter

Shirley Carpenter, 80, of Livingston, widow of Russell Carpenter, died Sunday, January 21, 2024. Funeral arrangements are by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home and are incomplete.

Harvey Dean Bond

Harvey Dean Bond, 59, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, January 20, 2024.

Funeral arrangements are by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home and are incomplete.

Leaks

(Continued from front) crews already discovered a broken fire hydrant and a storage tank in Mount Vernon that had burst. "We have crews working around the clock on broken lines and equipment," said Baker.

In fact, this past Saturday evening and Sunday was a demanding period for the local water system. "This weekend was the highest production we have ever had at the Mount Vernon Water Department," Baker said. "Between broken pipes and systems and people keeping their water running in order to keep pipes from freezing, we pulled the biggest draw of water in our history.'

Baker said crews are working to keep up with broken lines and to locate new leaks that will begin showing up when the lines thaw. "We have been struggling for the past week but we are on top of it," he said.

Residents are urged to have piping wrapped with insulation and make certain vents are closed in crawl spaces.

Storm

(Continued from front) on fire and in below freezing temperatures that can create a problem by fixing a problem."

Bullock said trucks carry bags of salt in order to help firefighters stand while fighting a fire or other emergency.

There is also special ice-presence training that first responders use to prepare for emergency calls during extremely cold temperatures. Such training took place this weekend past Brodhead.

The fiscal court also changed some protocols during snow and ice presence. Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr. said the county used a lot of salt during the first snow storm and then ordered replacement salt which arrived hours before the second snow storm hit the area. "We had a lot left but we never know exactly how much we will need," said Holbrook. "It is much better to have salt you don't need than to need it and not have it

available.' According Holbrook, the standard road salt used by the county is not as effective as the salt used on state highways because traffic activates salt and helps it work. "State highways are more heavily traveled and that helps the salt do its job," he said. State workers also add other chemicals to salt which officials say is very expensive. The fiscal court pays over \$100 per ton for salt. "Ironically, that is just a little under what we pay for paving, which salt destroys," said Holbrook.

The second storm in Kentucky has caused thousands of closures, according to news reports. and local offices are no exception. Rockcastle County Schools were closed all last week using 3 NTI days and closed Friday as a traditional snow day while Livingston City Hall and the Western Rockcastle Water Association also closed for part of the week. A State of Emergency was declared by the governor and businesses were closed as the sheriff's department, city police and constables reported making runs

throughout the week helping stranded motorists or delivering medicines, among other emergencies.

Forecasts suggest the weather will continue to improve this week but first responders and road crews remain ready for the next winter event.

Some forecasters predict flooding if temperatures rise quickly as the snow melts and more rain is in the forecast.

Mink

(Continued from front) the street behind the Sheriff's Department, keeping the family tradi-

tion going strong.

For many in Mount Vernon, customers seemed to consider themselves part of the Town and Country family.

Mink and his wife. Darlene. have one daughter and two grandsons and they, too, were around the mechanic lifestyle most of their lives.

"He taught me the meaning of honest, hard work," said his daughter Christy Phillips in a social media post talking about the love Mink has for his community as he retires.

But, as time moves on, the 70-year-old made the decision recently to sell his popular business and retire from the hard lifestyle of running a service station and wrecker service. "I'm not sure what I will be doing for the rest of my retirement but right now, while Mount Vernon is covered in snow, we are in sunny, warm Florida," he said.

Mink doesn't plan to stay in Florida very long and will likely be back in Rockcastle County very soon but he is spending at least some of his retirement in comfort.

"It wasn't an easy decision but I figured I had put my whole life into that business and I had better get out while I still had some good life left to enjoy," he said. "We don't really have specific plans but we hope to do some traveling now that we

have time." But, regardless where his travels may lead, Mink considers Rockcastle County home. "I really do appreciate all the people, customers, family and friends who came to the shop all those years," he said. "I honestly appreciate them. But most of all, I appreciate the friendships we were able to make over the years."

However, the tradition is not gone but only under new ownership. The station is now run by new owners Brett and Billi Noble and the lights are on early every morning as customers continue to fill the parking lot or gather in the main lobby while their vehicle is ser-

Noble and his brother Ethan Nicely, open the doors every Monday through Saturday at 6 a.m. and on Sunday at 8 a.m. "We still offer all the same service, except the wrecker service," said Brett as several men sat around the waiting room chatting to start their day.. "And that includes being a part of our community and treating people right."

Though you won't find Mink at the station every day, he will be around the county somewhere between his travels. Mink said he put a lot of himself into the business and he got a lot out of the business. But what he considers his biggest gain are the lifelong friendships. "I want to thank everyone for their business but even more I thank them for their friendship.'

Chase

(Continued from front)

emergency lights and siren but followed the subject to Ford Hollow Road. When he attempted to turn onto Ford Hollow Road. Paradies' vehicle left the roadway and crashed into a tree. Allen then removed Paradies from the vehicle and performed sobriety tests, which the citation says he failed.

Paradies was transported to the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was charged with operating on a suspended license, operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol, no seat belts, driving too fast for conditions, fleeing or evading police, failure to produce an insurance card, failure to notify of a change of address, possession of open container, and speeding 15 over the

Detective

(Continued from front)

Brock and Franklin agree that the new SRO (School Resource Officer) positions in Kentucky have greatly cost statewide city and county police departments. "The biggest problem at all departments right now is retention. There aren't enough officers here or in about any town right now. Small town sheriff's departments and city police just can't compete with the pay scale of school boards," said Brock. "The defund police movement damaged people's desire to be a cop but then, when the SROs became a position across the state, it damaged small departments even more by offering better pay and much better schedules." Brock said all local departments are suffering from losing quality officers to SRO positions in Kentucky. "Mount Vernon Police have lost officers and our department loses officers on a regular basis," he said. "You can't blame them. A qualified officer can now make major salaries as an SRO and work on a school district's schedule off in the summers and work 8 to 5, five days per week and make \$52,000 per year? What police department can offer that?"

Officers and department officials agree that school districts are doing nothing wrong. "Of course, they want the best officers they can get to protect our children. Of course, they want to pay them well with good benefits in order to keep them. No one blames school districts. But small towns and small counties don't have the revenue a school district has. Ultimately that means we battle to find qualify officers and when we do, and we pay for their training, we can't keep them. They go to a job that has better hours, better benefits and a lot more salary," said one local police officer. "Who can blame

According to Brock, once an officer is trained. it becomes easy for them to find an SRO position that pays over \$40 per hour and more. "If you are willing to move, you can make a very good liv-

ing now being a cop." Brock himself has been offered SRO positions. "I love Rockcastle County, I enjoy working with Shannon and the fiscal court treats me very well. I don't want to go anywhere," he said.

So, Rockcastle County now has at least one full time detective with over 20 years of on-the-job experience. "I can now focus on my duties and relieve our guys from investigative work so that they can spend more time on patrol and answering calls," said Brock. "If I can free up other officers, that may help a little with

the shortage of officers," he said.

In the meantime, police departments across the state are searching for quality officers and officials at the Sheriff's Department say Rockcastle is lucky to now have a full time detective.

Judge Debra Lambert ready to train anyone interested in suicide prevention class

By: Mike French Editor

Many subjects that used to be considered taboo, and were not typically discussed in open forums, have moved into main stream conversation over the past few decades. One of those issues is near to the heart of Supreme Court Judge Debra Hembree-Lambert -- Suicide prevention.

"Suicide is our last taboo," said Lambert. "We talk about a lot of things we didn't used to speak of in public. It is time we speak openly and act boldly to help our fellow travelers over their rough patch of road."

Lambert said she had made an attempt to start such work earlier in life but nothing came to fruition. "With several people I have known in the legal field having killed themselves, I remembered QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) each time the sad news was heard," she said. "Finally in May of this year, with another beautiful life lost, I grew tired of my excuses.'

So Lambert jumped into the QPR program and recently completed her QPR Gatekeeper training course. She can now be a teacher of others interested in suicide prevention in their com-

munities. QPR is a national program whose mission is to reduce suicidal behaviors and save lives by providing innovative, practical and proven suicide prevention training, according to their website. Spokesmen for QPR said "The signs of crisis are all around us. We believe that quality education empowers all people, regardless of their background, to make a positive difference in the life of someone they know."

The organization offers training that helps anyone understand and identify individuals who may contemplate suicide. The student is taught what to look for and how to recognize the signs of

such internal troubles. Lambert said "As soon as my tests are graded, I will be ready to train at no charge, any group interested in the one hour course that may save a life. It is meant to teach ordinary people how to read clues of suicidal distress, similarly to teaching ordinary people to save a life with CPR or the Heimlich maneuver."

QPR officials say that surveys indicate most organizations are not properly trained in suicide prevention and recognition.

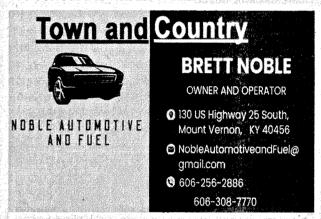
Lambert says anyone who would like more information on the organization may go to QPRinstitute.com or private message her if you have a group you would like to have trained. "I would love to have the opportunity to make up for the opportunities I may have lost from not having done this earlier,"

said Lambert. The training can include professionals in or out of the medical field, individual training, full organization training, professional training or you, too, may become an instructor, according to QPR officials.

Anyone interested may call 888-726-7926 at QPR, or text Lambert at 606-305-3231 or visit the

website listed above and fill out the request form.

"I would be happy to train a church group or community group and at any organization interested," said Lambert. "The training only takes about an hour and if I can't do it personally, I will find someone who can."



Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II Civil Action No. 22-CI-00151

Stockton Mortgage Corporation

Plaintiff

Michael Nathaniel Williams aka Michael Nathan Williams **Shianne Williams**

Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order to reschedule sale entered in this action on December 21, 2023 for satisfying the judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN THOUSAND ONE **HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR DOLLARS AND 88/100** (\$111,134.88) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street Mt. Vernon, Kentucky on Thursday, February 1, 2024 Beginning at the Hour of 10:00 a.m.

Said real property being more particularly described as follows:

Lying and being in Rockcastle County, Kentucky and being more particularly described as follows: Being all of Lot #7 in the Robert Ford Subdivision as shown by plat of record in Plat Book 1, Page 61 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Court, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky reference is made to said plat for a more complete description of said lot. Subject to covenants, easements and restrictions, if any, appearing in public

Address: 115 Liberty Drive, Mount Vernon, KY 40456 Parcel ID: 046W-16-006

Property Address: 215 Joyce Street, Mount Vernon, KY 40456 Parcel Number: 046W-18-019

Being the same property conveyed to Michael Nathan Williams and Shianne Williams, husband and wife, by deed dated September 15, 2020 and recorded on September 24, 2020 in Deed Book 274, Page 390 of the Rockcastle County Clerk's Office.

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

1 The real property shall be sold together as a

2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser(s) required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.

3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of (3.1250%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.

4. The purchaser shall pay the 2024 local, county and state property taxes.

5. Unpaid delinquent State, County and/or City ad valorem real estate taxes owed to those government entities, and not sold pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 134 to any private purchaser during the pendency of this action shall be paid

6.Full satisfaction of the judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.

7 The purchaser shall have possession of the real

from the sale proceeds.

property upon compliance with the terms of the

8. In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder, and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required. 9. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold "as is". John D. Ford

Master Commissioner

Rockcastle Circuit Court

Rockets get 10th win of season beating Bearcats

It looked like it was going to be a long night for the Rockets as they, and the Anderson County Bearcats (12-8), duked it out evenly in the first half of Monday night's home game.

The score was tied 11 all at the end of the first quarter and at 22 each at halftime.

However, The Rockets came out hot to start the second half, going on a 12-0 run before the Bearcats got their first basket at the 3:28 mark to take a 38-26 end of third quarter lead.

The Rockets also outscored the Bearcats in the fourth quarter 13-11 for the final 51-37.

The Rockets put up four threes in the first half to Anderson's six but the Bearcats came out cold in the second half on three point shots, not htting a one, while the Rockets added three more.

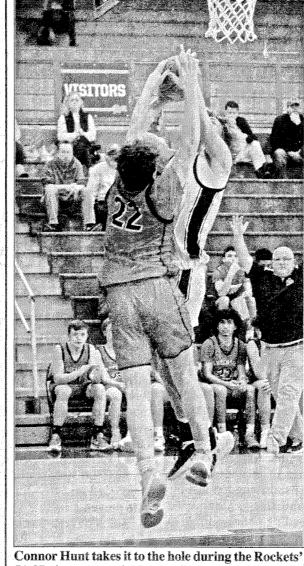
Sophomore Walker Craig led the scoring with 15 points and senior Trent Wilson was the other Rocket in double figures with 12. Senior Skyler Durham got eight points, sophomore Jace Rogers scored six and junior Connor Hunt and freshman Colton Cash each got five points.

The Rockets and Lady Rockets games with Wayne County and Pulaski County got cancelled last week due to the heavy snow.

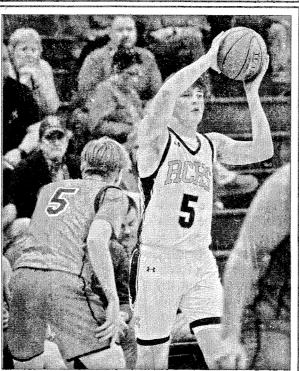
The Rockets and Lady Rockets will will host their Rocket Classic this week end with the Lady Rockets kicking off the invitational against North Laurel at 6:30 on Friday night, followed by the Rockets v. Knox Central at 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, the Lady Rockets will play Southwestern at 5 p.m. and the Rockets will take on Savre.

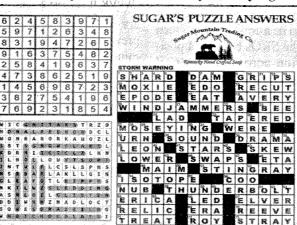
On Monday night, January 29th, the Lady Rockets will travel to Whitley County and the Rockets will host Madison Central Tuesday, January 30th.



Connor Hunt takes it to the hole during the Rockets 51-37 victory over Anderson County Monday.



Jace Rogers surveys the offense during the Rockets' 51-37 victory over Anderson County Monday night.



The Empty Seat

Skyler Durham runs a fast break during the Rock-

ets' win over Anderson County Monday night.

In business. This is a complex society. We are dependent on our fellow man. If one fails to do his task, the welfare of others is affected. "Not slothfill in business." (Rom.12:11) Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord. God teaches work rather than idleness. (Eph.4:28) Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may give to him that needeth. There is a quality to those who work with their hands, to provide the things their family needs, and are busy about the things that pertain to the kingdom.

In home. Some have gone on from this life. (1Cor.15:22) For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. We cherish their precious memories. Some have married and left the home. (Gen.2:24) Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. Seats are empty because some have done as did the prodigal son (Lk.15:11-32). Other seats are empty because of desertion. Both companions

and children are often deserted. (Matt.19:6) In church. Some seats are empty because of death, but their works and memories fill our lives (Rev.14:13) And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them. Other seats are empty because of lukewarmness and neglect. (Rev.3:16) So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold or hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. The empty pew as an eloquent tongue. It says to the preacher, "Your sermon is not worth very much." To the visitor it whispers, "You see we have no interest here." To the members who are present it suggests. " Why don't you stay away next Sunday, too. "You and you alone say so much when you fill that empty

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Matthew 6:19 Jesus is specifically speaking to his disciples, VS 19 Jesus tells them lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust, doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. VS 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.

This teaching makes us ask the question; how do we lay up treasures in heaven? Here are just a few ways that we can do that according to biblical teaching.

How to lay up treasures in heaven, Matt. 5:5-8- Being humble and pure in heart.

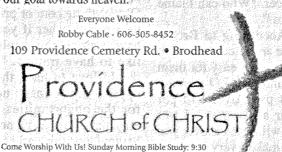
Matt. 5:6 - Hungering and thirsting for righteousness. Matt. 5:7 - Show mercy. Matt 5:9 - Making peace. Matt. 5:10 - Being persecuted for the sake of righteousness. Matt. 5:13 - Being the salt of the earth, which is preserving Godliness. Matt. 5:14 - being the light of the world.

Matt. 5:19 - Following God's commands. Matt. 5:22 - Resisting anger. Matt. 5:28,32 - Being faithful to one's spouse. Matt. 5:37 - Keeping your word. Matt. 5:39 - Turning the other cheek.

Matt. 5:41 - Going the extra mile, Matt. 5:44 - Love your enemies. Matt. 5:44 - Pray for those that persecute you, Matt. 6:3 - Giving to the needy discreetly. Matt. 6:12 - Practicing forgiveness.

Matt. 6:25 - Shunning worry and trusting God to provide for your needs. Matt. 6:33 - Seeking first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. Matt. 7:1,5 - Not being unfairly judgmental, but someone who examines their own life and integrity first. Matt. 7:7 - Pursuing the things of God. Matt. 7:15 - Being on guard against false prophets. Matt. 7:21 - Practicing authentic discipleship, meaning that we not only believe in Jesus, but seek to know him and do what he says.

May we all strive to lay up all these treasures to reach our goal towards heaven.



Sunday Morning Worship: 10:20- Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00 Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00

Legislative Update

By Brandon Storm
State Senator
Week 3 of the 2024

Legislative Session
The Kentucky General
Assembly reconvened in
Frankfort on Tuesday after
observing Martin Luther

King, Jr. Day to start the

third week of the 2024

Regular Session.

This week's notable development was the unveiling of the biennial budget proposal by the state House of Representatives. The proposed bills, House Bill (HB) 6 and HB 1, are now available for review at Bills Legislative Research Commission. With these proposals in hand, the Senate will begin its review and formu-

late recommendations. I

will keep you updated on

the pertinent details of the

budget as it progresses.

The Senate Transportation Committee, which I serve as co-chair, did not meet in week three. However, we did receive a state road plan proposal from the executive branch. It will now be the state House of Representative's turn to offer a road plan proposal. The Senate will continue to review and consider its own recommendations. I will advocate for Casey, Laurel, Lincoln, and Rockcastle Counties, I will focus on ways to strengthen and grow our aviation industry, such as supporting regional airports like the London-

Corbin Airport. There was an uptick in floor action this week as we passed several Senate bills (SB), including SB 10. This proposed measure aims to amend the Constitution of Kentucky (Section 95) by shifting elections for state constitutional officers to even-numbered years. The objective is to address voter fatigue, boost participation, enhance cost-efficiencies for local governments, and fortify the stability of government at various levels.

Despite recent bipartisan efforts to expand voting access, the 2023 general election saw an 8.7 percent decrease in turnout compared to four years prior. The amendment is anticipated to save local governments about \$20 million annually and the state approximately \$1.9 million annually in those years that an election would no longer occur. Perhaps the most convincing argument favoring the measure is that voters would be given an additional year free from political campaign ads, mailers, and road signs. All indications are that voters are fatigued, as Kentucky holds elections three out of every four years. Only a few other states hold odd-year elections.

If the Kentucky House of Representatives ultimately passes SB 10 and is backed by the majority of Kentucky voters, the amendment would be made to the Constitution of Kentucky. Elections for statewide offices would still occur every four years, starting after the November 2027 election. An additional year would be added to the term of officers elected that year, with the subsequent election set for 2032.

Other bills receiving ap-

proval this week include SB 24, which seeks to refine the landscape of managed care organizations contracted by the Department for Medicaid Services. Under its provisions, the department is now limited to engaging with no more than three such entities, a strategic move aimed at enhancing efficiency, optimizing service delivery and saving millions for the state and the insured.

SB 17 also advanced through the Senate. This bill focuses on easing the regulatory burdens related to death certificates for county coroners and vital statistics. This legislative effort is designed to alleviate workloads and set realistic timelines for forensic studies, contributing to a more streamlined and effective system.

Lastly, SB 63, having garnered approval, proposes a meaningful change by renaming the current Investments in Information Technology Improvement and Modernization Projects Oversight Board to the Information Technology Oversight Committee.

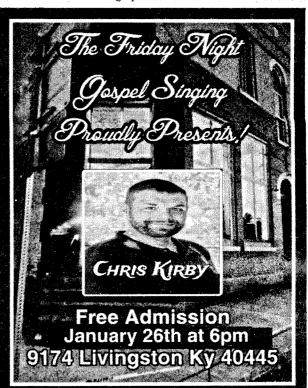
I signed on a co-sponsor to Senate Joint Resolution 77 on Thursday, a resolution that garnered plenty of support and discussion in the Senate chamber. The resolution expressed support for our greatest ally, Israel, and condemned the violent and inhumane Hamas attacks on our Jewish brothers and sisters on October 7. The Israeli Consulate recently invited lawmakers to view raw and unedited footage of the October 7 terrorist attacks, which claimed the lives of over 1,200 innocent men, women, and children. The depictions shown in the exclusive showings to lawmakers and executive branch officials are beyond depraved. It's evil in its most blatant and unashamed form.

It's concerning to see protestors at universities and even outside the state capitol on the night of the viewing who sympathize with the motives behind the attack on Israel. A Harvard University poll shows that 60 percent of Americans ages 18-24 believe the grievances of Palestinians can justify the killing of Israeli civilians and the kidnapping of another 250 civilians. This is a terrifying perspective; everyone who knows the truth is called on to speak it.

In closing, I was happy to introduce my intern for the 2024 Session, Peyton Holmes, of Bullitt County. She is a student at my alma mater, Eastern Kentucky University. I am honored to have her assistance in Frankfort and already know she has a bright future ahead of her.

Find the status of legislation by calling 866-840-2835, legislative meeting information at 800-633-9650, or leaving a message for lawmakers at 800-372-7181. You can watch and follow legislative activity at KET/org/legislature and Legislature.ky.gov.

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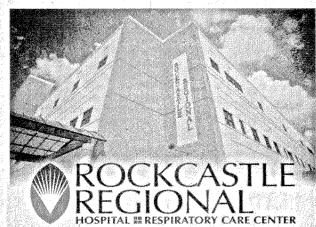
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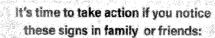
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9:30 a.m. 49x3 Notice is hereby given that Tina Marie Gibbs. 111 Purr Rigsby Road, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 has been appointed Executrix of the Estate of Sarah Marie Smith, deceased. on the 22nd day of January 2024. Any person having claims against said Estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Tina Marie Gibbs on or before July 22, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. 49x3

Classified Deadline is 4 p.m. Monday Call 606-256-2244

Suicide Warning Signs for Youth



- 1. Talking about or making plans for suicide.
- 2. Expressing hopelessness about the future.
- 3. Displaying severe/overwhelming emotional pain or distress.
- 4. Showing worrisome changes in behavior, particularly in combination with the warning signs above, including significant:
 - Withdrawal from or changing social connections/situations.
 - Changes in sleep (increased or decreased).
 - * Anger or hostility that seems out of character or out of context.
 - Recent increased agitation or irritability.

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Suicide Warning Signs for Adults



Risk is greater if a behavior is new or has increased, and if it seems related to a painful event, loss, or change.

- Talking about or making plans for suicide.
- Acting anxious or agitated; behaving recklessly.
- Talking about being a burden to others.
- Talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain.
- Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs.
- Talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live.
- Sleeping too little or too much.
- Withdrawing or feeling isolated.
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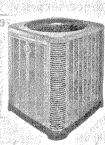
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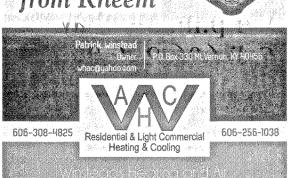
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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Troy A. and Jackie R. Mahaffey, property in Owens Subdv., to Mechanical Refrigeration Co., LLC. Tax \$65

Bill R. and Verna B. Patrick, property on Little Clear Creek Road, to Joshua Lee Singleton. Tax \$33

Judy Mitchell, property in Lear Crest Subdy., to Prisha Lvnn Lanham. Tax \$295

Larry and Regina Goff, property in Rockcastle County, to Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority. Tax \$125

Mark Cummins, property in Rockcastle County, to Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority. Tax \$826.50

Carol Ann Kirby, property on waters of Crooked Creek, to Makayla Wildman. Tax \$160

M.S.P.C. Development, Inc., property in Sunny Side Estates, to Tallina Rayburn. Tax \$8

Mikhael and Callie Shaffer, property in Rockcastle County, to Josh and Jessica Dollins. Tax \$250

Walker and Casey Atwood, property on Disputanta Road, to Charles C, Walker, Jr, No

Charles C. Walker, Jr., property on Disputanta I tem, LLC v. Charlie Road, to William Charles Walker and Casey Atwood. No tax

Clyde Raymond and Woody, eviction notice.

Magdalene Collins, property in Rockcastle County, to Caleb Kirby. No tax

Robert and Julie Phillips, property in Virgil Lee Brock Plat, to Billy and Christy Phillips, Tax

Vernon and Martha Abney, property in Conway Community, to Dwayne Spires. Tax \$125

Stanley Mack and Phyllis Partin, property on Sowder School Road, to Isaiah and Destiny Partin. Tax \$47



Carla Nicole Green, 40, Berea, custodian and Billy Ray Johnson, 45, Berea, disabled. 1/17/24

Maria / Leighanna Anders, 30, Brodhead, unemployed and Stephen Ray Bond, 31, Brodhead, assistant manager. 1/18/



Republic Finance, LLC v. Adam Short, \$1,907 plus claimed due.

E.M.H.F.L., Inc. DBA William Charles Fort Logan Hospital v. Betty Rose Payne, \$1,375 plus claimed due.

Discover Bank v. Kristie D. Wolken, \$3,932 plus claimed due.

Jefferson Capital Sys-Crabtree, \$2,250 plus claimed due.

Tony Baugh v. Robert

Circuit Civil Suits

Troy Capital, LLC v. James Cox, et al, \$8,253 plus claimed due.

ADS Tax Lien Company, LLC v. Lawrence Vernon Staton, et al, complaint for foreclosure.

ADS Tax Lien Company, LLC v. Hope G. Mock, et al, complaint for foreclosure.

ADS Tax Lien Company, LLC v. Peggy Falin, et al, complaint for foreclosure.

Discover Bank v. Lawrence Jones, \$7,036 plus claimed due.

Takina Cottrell v. Shannon Franklin, adm. of estate of Courtney Duff. complaint for damages claimed due.



January 10, 2024 Hon. Kathryn G. Slone

Randy Allen: public intoxication controlled substance, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

Johnathan Goodman: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, \$500 fine plus costs; operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100

Francisco Hernandez Perez: no operators/ moped license, \$100 fine plus costs.

Phillip Hudson; possession controlled substance (two counts), drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, public intoxication (two counts) criminal trespassing, bw issued for

Hannah Alice Hyatt: operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol, \$200 fine plus costs, \$425 service fee, license suspended up to six months.

Benjamin Franklin Jones: operating motor vehicle under influence of substance, \$200 fine plus costs, \$425 service fee, license suspension up to six months.

Steven R. Napier: speeding, reckless driving, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to surrender revoked operators license, bw issued for fta/ license suspended.

Rebecca Jane Newcomb: failure to wear seat belts, \$25 fine.

Michael Saylor: public intoxication, 1st degree possession of CS/Heroin. drug paraphernalia and seven other charges, court notice issued.

Aman Sharma: operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol, \$200 fine plus costs, \$425 service fee, license suspended up to six months.

Jeremy Steven Wade Wagers: operating motor vehicle under influence of controlled substance, \$500 fine plus costs, \$425 service fee, 60 days in jail/to serve on home incarceration w/electronic monitoring, license suspended up to 36 months.

Ahmed Mohamud Addow: failure to wear seatbelts, license suspended for fta.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Disaster Assistance Available for Livestock Losses

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides assistance to you for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather, disease and attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the federal government or protected by federal law.

For disease losses, FSA county committees can accept veterinarian certifications that livestock deaths were directly related to adverse weather and unpreventable through good animal husbandry and management.

For 2023 livestock losses, you must file a notice and provide the following supporting documentation to your local FSA office no later than 60 calendar days after the end of the calendar year in which the eligible loss condition occurred.

Proof of death documentation.

Copy of grower's contracts.

Proof of normal mortality documentation.

Livestock beginning inventory documentation

USDA has established normal mortality rates for each type and weight range of eligible livestock, i.e. Adult Beef Cow = 1.5% and Non-Adult Beef Cattle less than 250 lbs = 5%. These established percentages reflect losses that are considered expected or typi-

cal under "normal" conditions.

In addition to filing a notice of loss, you must also submit an application for payment by March 1, 2024.

For more information, contact the Rockcastle County USDA Service Center at 606-256-2525 or visit fsa.usda.gov.

Committee Meeting Date: February 7 2024 8:30 A.M. at the Mount Vernon USDA Service Center.

Important program dates and Interest Rates

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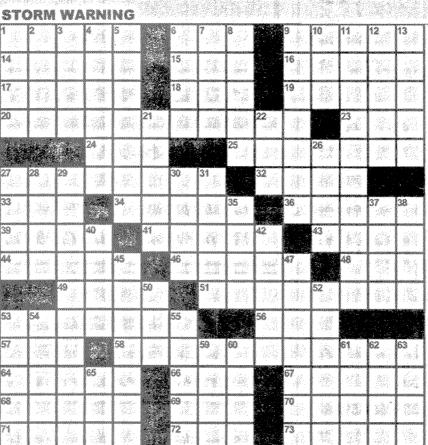
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9) Is spellbinding 14) Courage or spunk

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17) Lyric poem

18) "Have some"

19) Animator Tex 20) Large sailing ships

23) Drone, e.g. 24) Boy

25) Became gradually smaller

27) Ambling 32) "____ No. No. 1!"

32) No. 1!
33) Ashes holder

34) Oscar category

36) TV genre

39) Folk singer Redbone

41) Great balls of fire

43) Make asymmetrical 44) Let down

46) Trades 48) In-flight info, for short

49) Cause serious injury to

51) Dangerous long-tailed fish 53) Heavy hydrogen, e.g.

56) Affectionate utterance

57) Well-used pencil 58) Discharge of lightning

64) "All My Children" vixen

66) Took charge 67) Young snakelike fish

68) Another archaeological find 69) Gay Nineties, for one

70) Superman Christopher 71) Milk-Bone biscuit, e.g.

72) "Rob ____" (Sir Walter Scott novel) 73) Wander off

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1) Old World duck Arizona Indian

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3) Impulse transmitter 4) Enigma 5) They play music for parties

6) Consider to be 7) Sandler of Hollywood

8) Bach composition

9) Comprehended

10) Gun, as an engine

11) Arctic ship 12) Blender button

13) Penned up the pigs

21) "Bye"

22) Cold and wet

26) Blows it

27) Ponder (with "over")

28) Popular cookie

29) Leisure-time winter vehicle

30) Some party treats: 31) Chews like a chipmunk

35) "Dang!"

37) Intro to physics?

38) "Off with you!" 40) Tidy

42) Paprika, e.g. 45) It's read to a misbehaving child

47) Makers of dins at inns 50) Dash abbr.

52) Fancy drinking glass 53) Dead to the world

54) More likely 55) Calculus pioneer 59) Infamous fiddling emperor

60) "Saving Private Ryan" re-enactment 61) Far from under 62) Bulgarian dollars

63) Deuce topper65) Cloak-and-dagger U.S. org.