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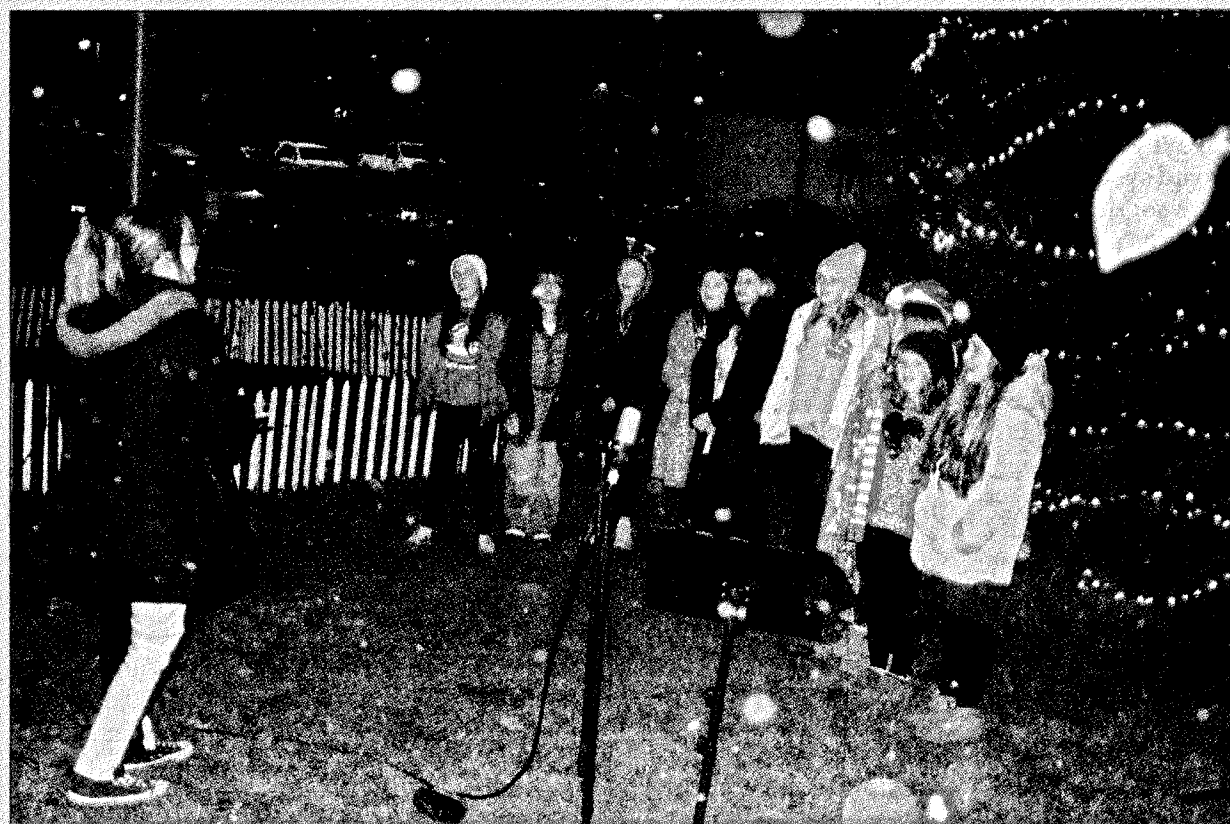
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Tree Lighting ceremony brings cheers



A large crowd turned out for the Mount Vernon Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony last week. As snow fell, the crowd stayed at the event to hear the Mount Vernon Mustangs (above) perform Christmas songs. Shown at right the crowd heard the RCHS Marching Band and local performers Jaclyn Bullock and Avery Bradshaw perform holiday music. The Kiwanis Club also gave fruit== bags to those present.



After a day that included the first snowfall of the 2024-25 winter season, a large crowd attended the annual Kiwanis Club Tree Lighting ceremony at Triangle Park in Mount Vernon last Thursday evening. Christmas music was performed live by local favorite Jacklyn Bullock with Avery Bradshaw on guitar, and then the crowd enjoyed performances by the

MVES Musical Mustangs and the RCHS Marching Band.

Eliza York-Hansel served as the master of ceremony, introducing each of the performers.

Mount Vernon Mayor Tim Roberts spoke to the crowd that braved the numbing cold temperatures (See "Tree" on A5)

Deputy rushes to his own home on a burglary call

Wife and children were at home

By: Mike French
Editor

Police risk their lives rushing to the rescue of citizens every day. All officers have been trained in protocol, procedure and technique related to dealing with dangerous criminals who may be threatening innocent citizens. But Rockcastle County Sheriff's Deputy Dustin Saylor was recently forced to rush to his own residence where his wife and children were

at home.

According to a uniform citation, Saylor was leaving a breaking and entering call in Brodhead when he received a call from his wife describing a frightening situation with a male outside their home. The citation says the man caused fear and apprehension for the deputy's wife and their two children in the home.

(See "Burglary" on A5)

Man arrested after dropping his pants in front of females

By: Mike French
Editor

Olen D. Robinson, 58, of Crab Orchard, was lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center on November 17th after being charged with terroristic threatening, indecent exposure and menacing in an incident earlier in the month.

According to a uniform citation, and a complaint warrant, Robinson had threatened a neighbor and exposed himself to two females near his home.

The two females, ages

18 and 21, arrived at their home to find Robinson in his yard next door screaming profanities towards the females "placing them in fear of immi-

(See "Flash" on A5)

Give Hope is Saturday December 14

Local children may receive a free backpack at Operation Give Hope which will be held Saturday, December 14 at the Rockcastle County Middle School from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event is planned to provide children with Christmas-filled backpacks, a toy and blanket while supplies last.

Children must be present to receive their gifts.

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

Snow blanket causes school closure

By: Mike French
Editor

Most remember the feeling when you awoke in the morning and slowly

dragged yourself out of bed only to hear a parent or guardian announce "Snow Day!"

This happened for the

first time in the 2024-25 winter season last Friday as a blanket of snow fell across the state Thursday night causing Rockcastle County School officials to call an NTI day.

By daylight, most roads had begun to clear but buses and student

drivers are often out before daybreak, officials said. Considering the cold temperatures, some back roads did not clear until nearly noon.

School classes can be cancelled or moved to NTI (Non Traditional Instruction) days for a

number of reasons and it takes a plethora of input from many sources to cancel classes, according to school officials.

Classes may be cancelled for snow and ice, flooding, illness, trees

(See "Snow" on A5)

Veterans resource day held last week at Farmers Market

By: Mike French
Editor

A Veterans Resource Fair was held last Wednesday at the Rockcastle County Farmers Market building. The event was free for all veterans and their family and offered valuable information in countless areas of veterans affairs. All veterans who attended were treated to a free lunch as well.

Veterans who attended found the Farmer Market Building filled with booths from organizations and groups whose purpose is to provide services of all types for Kentucky veterans. Workers were present throughout the building talking with veterans about countless subjects that many Kentucky veterans experience

(See "Vet" on A5)

Christmas events Next Saturday

Don't forget, next Saturday December 7, the Noel Night Market event will begin at 3 p.m. on Main Street in Mount Vernon. The Brodhead Christmas parade will begin at 2 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead. The Mount Vernon Annual Christmas parade will begin at 4 p.m. Santa is expected at both parades and everyone is invited to attend.



A blanket of snow covered some back roads in the county last Thursday night causing school closure on Friday. Pictured above is one of the back roads traveled by school officials to decide if classes should be cancelled.

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ramblings...
by; perlina m. anderkin

For me, personally, the world has been a cold, dreary place for the past four years. The many "programs" that have been put in place by the Biden Regime have done absolutely nothing to enhance the quality of life for the ordinary citizens but have instead diminished it.

Even now, with the impending inauguration of a legally elected President, who probably still didn't get his accurate number of votes credited to him, Democrats seem Hades-bent on making his term in office as chaotic as possible, just as they did in 2017-20.

Their main furor is presently centered around his ambitious policy to deport the majority of the over 10 million illegal immigrants that began flooding our country the day of Biden's installation and has not abated since -- with no vetting on the part of our government to see who was coming across our border. Of course, they not only allowed free egress into our country but have flown them, directly from their home country, AT TAXPAYER EXPENSE, and then allowed them to roam free wherever they choose. And, don't forget the further economic damage to our economy of our total support for these millions, with free lodging, food, medical care and even spending money.

The crimes, including rapes, loss of life and physical crimes against

our own countrymen, can be laid directly at the door of the Biden-Harris administration and they should be personally held accountable. And don't give me the old saw that their rate of crime is lower than citizens. For one thing I don't believe you and for another -- one crime against the citizens of this country is one too many and one that would not have happened had our government not turned their back on their own citizenry!!

BUT, the people did speak out en masse during the November election. They voted that they were fed up with the consequences of this regime's policies and felt that Donald J. Trump was the only one that could stop the bleeding.

The Democrats are still fighting over why their Marxist candidate was defeated and can't figure it out. And, really, am I supposed to be so upset that liberal women are shaving their heads in protest of Trump's election that I will decide I'm sorry that Trump won? I assume that's what these women are striving for but, with me, it's not happening.

As I said, their latest outrage is over Trump's determination to immediately get the criminal element, especially, of these illegals out of our country and several mayors and governors have declared their intention to fight it every step of the

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Aces Over

By: Mike French



My mother loved Christmas more than any human being I have ever met. She was obsessed with Christmas. I don't know what happened in her youth to make her so uniquely obsessed with the holiday but she was happier when someone mentioned Christmas, than any other time in her life. Mom's entire family were Christmas freaks and went excessively overboard every year, but mom was easily the leader of the pack.

I know a person puts a positive spin on obsessions when it involves their mother, but in my case I believe it was because she loved to give. Much like my wife right now, nothing made her happier, or makes my wife more pleased, than giving something to someone.

At a local gas station last Thursday night, during the hard, cold snow, the young fellow pumping our gas had a very thin jacket on and appeared to be half frozen. My wife seriously asked me to give him my coat. She was serious. I love my coat! She explained that I was in a good, warm truck and I have five coats at home and I didn't need five anyway. Well, yes I do! Mom was the same way.

When I see one of those people on a street corner with a sign, I have to find a different route because I know my wife will want to give him whatever he asks for. I'm not as good at sacrifice as she is.

Still, I would say about 80% of the time, my conscience bothers me and go back and give them whatever. But I don't smile! Instead, I grumble and groan while Dora is bouncing and smiling and happy as a bee in a flower pot. You would think she just hit the lottery. Well, mom was that way too.

I guess this time of year is made for people like that. It is my understanding that we celebrate the holiday for one reason and one reason only. The entire purpose is that we

celebrate a gift that we were all freely given long ago. A gift free of charge given to us with no strings attached. A much bigger gift than an extra coat. So I suspect that giving and sacrificing are among the greatest of traits.

My dad was considered a very tight man. He had saved a rather large sum of cash and was fairly well off. Everyone accused him of being tight with his money and even greedy. Dad was well known as the "Grinch" in the family and he was not considered a "giver." But they didn't see what I saw.

My dad was a giver too but he didn't want anyone to know it. He took pleasure in giving when someone was in need. But he didn't want to be the "hero" or they guy that "saved" someone. He didn't even want the person receiving to know it was him that gave. He knew he wouldn't always be there to give and he wanted everyone to learn to survive even when he was not there to bail them out. I think they call it "tough love." I call it "true love."

The world is full of darkness and evil and self-centeredness. Modern America has raised a generation full of those that are barely aware that other people exist until they need something. It is a sad state. It seems most sentences anymore start with the words, "give me..."

But thankfully, there are still a lot of people with giving hearts. Mom and dad are gone but I still see it from Dora every week and I know a few more with such giving hearts. People that feel real joy when they give are among my heroes anymore.

Of course one has to be careful of bums. There are those who are perfectly capable of working and earning their own way but prefer for YOU to work and provide for them. These people that lie in bed till noon and do nothing all day, yet are perfectly healthy, should

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T.J.'s Journal

By: Tonya J. Cook



Dear Journal,

A generation ago, back when I was growing up, the local community schools had what were known as carnivals. There were Halloween Carnivals or Fall Carnivals and were held to raise extra funding for the school.

They were always a welcome change of pace for the school children, their parents and the whole community that would always attend. On the proposed day, the school children would have regular class in the morning and that afternoon the excitement would begin. The first thing, just after lunch, was the party, usually for Halloween. Each child would bring a snack of cookies or candy. Each took a turn to go around to each desk in their class and distribute what they had brought. Cupcakes, fudge, and candy apples and popcorn balls were my favorites. All were homemade. We would play games and talk all we dared.

Each class had a particular way to make money. Some classes had what was known as the fishing hole, you took a fishing pole and for a dime you could throw your hook and line over a partition and some one, usually a teacher, would attach a little prize onto the hook. Then, there were cake walks. There would be a variety of cakes, pies and plates of candy brought to that class and for a price, usually fifty cents, you could walk around a circle of chairs with a cake sitting in one chair as music played. Some designated person would turn the music off and whoever was behind the cake chair won the cake. Some classes put on a play or put on a haunted classroom and charged admis-

sion. Others had grab bags and for about a dime you could grab a little prize in a brown bag. There was an old general store. Children would bring items from home to sell in the store. Just expect to find anything. There was face painting and all kinds of fun things to see and experience. There was the carnival king and queen contest. People would donate an amount of money and a penny was one vote. Whoever had the most votes won to be the king or queen. There was food to be bought in the cafeteria. They always had the best chili buns I've ever seen.

The carnival would last until about eight or nine o'clock that night to allow for people in the community to attend. Just about everybody in the community was there, even if they didn't have children in school. There would be a huge crowd there and the whole place smelled of good food wafting through the halls and laughter would echo off of those walls too. It really brought the community together, young and old. There was always a Thanksgiving meal served to the community. For a reasonable price you could eat it in the cafeteria or take it home with you. Our cooks were great. Whatever they made was excellent. They were a bunch of older down home grandmotherly women that were country cooks.

I sure miss those days. Everybody seemed to have such a good time and enjoyed each other's company so much. Those little communities are now just a thing of the past and the little community school houses and their little school carnivals.

Happy Thanksgiving from
the
Mount Vernon Signal
family

We Give Thanks...

In every thing give thanks; for this is the will
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1 Thes. 5:18

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Ladies Virtual Event 6:00pm Friday December 6th
at First Baptist Church Mt Vernon

The Prepare Him Room virtual event is an invitation to intentionally make space to seek Jesus amid the holiday rush. Throughout the event, you'll be immersed in an atmosphere of worship, encouragement and teaching that will inspire you to create room in your heart, home, and community for the transformative power of Jesus Christ.

Join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, embrace the true meaning of Christmas, and prepare Him room

6pm Pasta Dinner and Fellowship
6:45 Virtual Event with Jennifer Rothschild

Tickets are \$5.00
Purchase a ticket through the church office, with Jerri Lynn Smith or Wendy King

All proceeds will be donated to East TN for Christmas for the Children
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Ramblings...

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way. Denver's Mayor, Democrat Mike Johnson, even went so far as to say that ICE agents would be met at his city's border by armed police, "along with 50,000 Denverites: to defend illegals." What he didn't say is that the 50,000 could all be illegals since Denver has around that many in their city but, they've only "taken over a handful of apartment complexes" according to one obviously left-leaning propagandist when she tried to

chastise VP Elect J.D. Vance over his pro-deportation statements.
The day after Johnson's virtue-signaling announcement, a 14-year-old Denver girl was raped and killed by an illegal and, shortly afterwards, Johnson doubled down and said he was willing to go to jail over defending the illegals in his city.
Federal law, while not requiring cities and states to aid in the deportation does not, as I understand it, allow them to "obstruct" their removal by federal forces and there is

a federal law against harboring fugitives.
The Dems are conveniently forgetting that Obama deported 5.8 million illegals during his two terms in office and Clinton deported 12 million while Trump, in his first term, only deported 1.5 million.
We shall see what we shall see as this evolves.
Another fight brewing has the Dems up in arms about Trump's attempt to rein in government spending and the ongoing abuse and fraud that is rampant throughout government.
We took in \$4.439T in revenue in 2023 and spent \$6.134T, only a deficit, IN ONE YEAR, of \$1.695T. This is unsustainable and it happens year after year. There are so many unnecessary programs that could be done away with and they range from hundreds of thousands to millions in cost. However, Democrats look at that and say that these small sums would make no difference. They've evidently forgotten how to do simple math since they got elected -- just as many of them (including many Republicans) also have forgotten why they were sent to Congress in the first place -- to represent those who sent them there, not to join the swamp and see how much they can enrich themselves during their tenure -- Kentucky's Mitch McConnell being a prime example of this.

McConnell makes no secret of his dislike of Trump and is going out of his way to interfere with Trump's plans for his administration. He managed to get one of his sycophants, John Thune, installed as Majority Leader for the next session of the Senate and Thune put him in as chairman of the powerful

rules committee which will make it easier for McConnell to thwart Trump's agenda.
And finally, a prime example of just how far a country can fall under Democrat leadership.
A federal judge on Monday rejected a request to block a San Jose State women's volleyball team member from playing in a conference tournament on grounds that she is a transgender and her participation poses a safety risk and is unfair.
The ruling by U.S. Magistrate Judge S. Kato Crews (appointed to his office in January of this year by Biden) in Denver will allow the player, who has played all season, to compete in the Mountain West Conference women's championship opening this week in Las Vegas.
The players have now filed a motion for emergency appeal with the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.
There has been at least one report, that I have seen, of a woman volleyball player being injured so badly from a spike by a transgender player that she was damaged neurologically.
I'm just glad that there are still a few people in this country willing to stand up for what is right and just. But, it certainly would be nice if all the "feminist" groups (that supposedly look out for women's rights) would actually do so publicly in this matter.

Aces

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not be given anything they didn't earn. The world is full of scammers and bums and it makes it difficult to pick out those in real, honest need.
But, those in need through no fault of their own, deserve a helping hand when someone has extra. More importantly, when we give with no desire to be "thanked" or recognized, we are laying up treasures elsewhere. Christmas is not a time of receiving. It is a time of giving.
Here's hoping we all give a little more than planned this Christmas. Maybe we should give a little more than our leftovers. Maybe we should give a little more than what is comfortable. After all, giving something you don't need isn't really sacrificing anything is it?
The desire to give is a wonderful trait to have. It is indeed that time of year.
No one should give more than they can afford. Then again, usually one can afford a lot more than they give.
I know I wish I had given that fellow my coat. If I see him again, I will.

Rockcastle Community Bulletin Board

Rockcastle County Bookmobile Schedule
Monday, December 2nd: Brodhead and Copper Creek.
Tuesday, December 3rd: Green Hill, Fairview, Brindle Ridge.
Wednesday, December 4th: Senior Citizens/Adult Day Care and Wayne Stewart Center.

Rockcastle Historical Society & Museum Meeting Date Changed

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 Closings 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.

Remembrance Tree Ceremony

The annual Remembrance Tree Ceremony will be held Sunday, December 8th at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 425 Eastern Bypass in Richmond. Anyone who misses a loved one during the holidays is welcome to participate. To learn more, request an ornament or submit a photograph, visit hospicecareplus.org or the Hospice Care Plus Facebook event page. For questions, contact Hospice Care Plus at 859-986-1500 or hospice@hospicecp.org

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 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

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 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

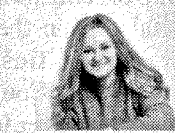
Sunday - Celebrate Recovery Step Studies-Men Only: 6 p.m. Northside Baptist Church, 777 Faith Mountain Rd., Mt. Vernon, Ky. Contact: Jason DeBord 606-386-0646 or J.R. Cornelius 859-314-7828.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ROADWAY

PURSUANT TO KRS 178.070, a Request has been filed by Rockcastle Fiscal Court, for the Fiscal Court to discontinue a portion of **Limestone Hollow Road (CR-1129)**.

A Committee of Viewers having filed a report that no inconvenience would result from the discontinuance of a portion of **Limestone Hollow Road (CR-1129)**.

The proposed discontinuance being described as follows:

To End County Maintenance at 6,650 ft. on **Limestone Hollow Road (CR-1129)**.

A public hearing will be held on the proposed discontinuance for the purpose of receiving public comments and in addition, to address the following specific question:

Does the portion of **Limestone Hollow Road (CR-1129)**, proposed to be closed provide a necessary access for a private person; and what inconvenience will the discontinuance of this portion of the road cause?

DATE OF HEARING: December 10, 2024

TIME: 3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Rockcastle County Courthouse 3rd Floor Conference Room

A copy of this Notice shall be posted at the Courthouse, in the vicinity of the roadway affected, and published two (2) times in the *Mount Vernon Signal*.

This the 18th day of November, 2024

/s/ Howell Holbrook
Rockcastle County Judge/Executive

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Obituaries

Hazel Margaret Miller

Hazel Margaret Miller, 87, of Brodhead, died Monday, November 18, 2024, at Rockcastle Regional Hospital in Mt Vernon. Hazel was born September 4, 1937, in Rockcastle County, to Sylvester and Mary Cromer McFerron. She was united in marriage to Curtis B. Miller on April 10, 1954. They enjoyed 27 years together until his passing on January 30, 1982.

She was of the Christian faith and was baptized into the Brodhead Christian Church many years ago.

She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, sister and aunt. She loved her family so very much, as they did her, and her greatest joy was spending time with them. She had been a babysitter and was "Mamaw" to the many kids she babysat and she loved each one dearly. She will be so sadly missed by her family and all who knew her.

Those left to mourn her passing are: her children, Wanda Martin (Steve) of Cape Coral, FL, Bentley Miller (Brenda) of Sand Springs, Linda Nicely (Tim) of Brodhead, Brenda McKnight (Larry) of Scaffold Cane, and Jimmy Miller (Annette) of Brodhead; her grandchildren, Rochelle Graves, Chase Boggs, Jeff Miller (Verlena), Mindy Gardiner (Joe), Shannon Nicely, and Lori Maggard (James); her great grandchildren, Stephanie Marx (Jake), Samantha Miller (Justin), Tina Miller (Bradley), Grace Gardiner, Brett Gardiner, Kinsley Maggard, and Abram Maggard; her great great grandchildren, Lily Welch, and Ryan Miller; sisters, Margie Barron and Irene Graves of Brodhead; sister-in-law, Irene McFerron of Brodhead; as well as many nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Curtis B. Miller; her parents, Sylvester and Mary McFerron; sister, Evelyn Mink; brothers, Fred, Andrew, Robert, and Edward McFerron; sisters-in-law, Flossie and Rhonda McFerron; son-in-law, Randall Boggs; and grandson, Kevin Nicely.

Funeral services were held Sunday, November 24, at Marvin Owens Chapel with Bro. Wendell Martin officiating. Burial was in Skaggs Creek Cemetery.

Casket bearers were: Jeff Miller, Shannon Nicely, Chase Boggs, Joe Gardiner, Brett Gardiner, and James Maggard.

Arrangements entrusted to Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals

Be thankful like Jesus Christ!

As Christians we have no choice about being thankful. It is commanded of us to do so. This week many people will gather with family and friends to enjoy each other and partake of a lot of delicious food together. Thursday is a day we recognize as Thanksgiving. But as Christians Thanksgiving is not a day, but rather a way of life. Being thankful for all the good blessings that come from God should be second nature to us. Not just for the food we receive but for every blessing our health, families, friends, our brothers and sisters in Christ.

The word thankfulness is mentioned 73 times in the New Testament, 20 times in the gospels. Christ left a perfect example of how we need to always be thankful to God.

In Luke 10:13-23 Jesus gives thanks for the wise and the prudent who rejected him, and, in the text, he gives thanks to those who received him as babes. Sadly, there are those today who feel that they are wiser than God. God really don't need those who change the truth of his word, to discourage those that are true followers Christ. This reference would be to those who feel that they know better how to serve God than the Savior. One's heart must be prepared to follow God, or they will not follow his teachings. Many people want the security of salvation without making a commitment to follow the example Christ set. The word Christian means to be Christ like. And Christ was always thankful.

Jesus gave thanks before feeding the 5000. Matt. 15:36 tells us, And he took the seven loaves and the fishes, and gave thanks, and broke them, and gave them to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. Jesus understood the need and he also understood the lack of food available, and he prayed to one who could change those circumstances. We also need to use this example to give thanks and pray before meals big or small.

Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, he thanked God for always hearing his prayers, even before they were answered. In John 11:41-42 it says, Jesus had a lot of confidence in how God would hear and answer prayers, do we? We must believe that God can and will hear our prayers or they won't get any higher than the ceiling.

And finally in Matt. 26:26-30, Jesus gave thanks at the last supper with his disciples. He knew his time of crucifixion was at hand and he expressed gratitude to his heavenly father. Being thankful when everything is going good in this life is easy. Being thankful when we don't understand or when we can't see the outcome is all together something different. Jesus was thankful always, you see a thankful heart is not controlled by our circumstances in this life, but rather by the one who gives us eternal life, Jesus Christ. Philippians 2:5 reads, Let this mind be in you, which was in Christ.

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

Clara Ann (Alcorn) Renner

Clara Ann (Alcorn) Renner, 54, of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, November 22, 2024, at her residence. She was born March 30, 1970, in Berea, a daughter of the late Arthur Ray and Clara Edith Cromer Alcorn. She had previously been employed by Rockcastle Sewing Company. She loved UK basketball, gardening and reading. On July 26, 1985, she was united in marriage to Bobby Renner and from that union came Savannah Ann, Matthew Brent and Alexis Brooke.

Those left to celebrate her life are: her husband, Bobby Renner of Mt. Vernon; her children, Savannah Ann Renner of Livingston, Matthew Brent Renner (Victoria) of Irvine, and Alexis Brooke Renner of Mt. Vernon; her grandchildren, Calie McFerron, Cadence McFerron, Catherine Renner, Willow Collins, Carly Renner, Paul Renner and Faith Renner; brother, Billy Ray Alcorn (Katie) of Mt. Vernon; sisters, Cathaleen Alcorn of London, and Judy Alcorn of Brodhead; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Michael Wayne Alcorn.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, November 27, 2024 at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Larry Mink officiating. Burial was in High Dry Cemetery.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

Reserve your spot now

DOT in Rockcastle December 11th

The Department of Transportation will be in Rockcastle County once again to issue and renew Driver's License and ID's. The RealID/Travel ID will be required in January of 2025 to fly domestically and enter federal buildings. You can register for an appointment beginning November 26 at Drive.ky.gov. There will only be 36 appointments available. The event is being held at the Rockcastle County Emergency Operations Center at 755 Progress Drive in Mount Vernon. This event is being brought to you by your Circuit Court Clerk Eliza Jane York-Hansel and your County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr.

Again, the website to register for an appointment is Drive.ky.gov.

Over \$1 million in funding going to nonprofits

Gov. Andy Beshear announced today that 107 nonprofit arts organizations across the commonwealth will benefit from more than \$1.3 million in funding in the 2025 fiscal year through the Kentucky Arts Council's Kentucky Arts Partnership (KAP) grant.

"Kentucky's arts scene is full of life and creativity, drawing travelers to the commonwealth for unique cultural experiences," said Gov. Beshear. "By investing in the arts, we can help this industry grow and thrive. We are proud to support these organizations and look forward to seeing the ongoing positive impact they provide throughout the commonwealth."

The KAP grant provides nonprofit arts organizations with unrestricted operating support to ensure that year-round participation in the arts is available to the people of Kentucky.

In fiscal year 2024, the Kentucky Arts Council awarded over \$1.2 million to 107 nonprofit arts organizations. In turn, those organizations provided approximately 3.7 million unique arts experiences and collectively leveraged more than \$81 million in additional funding. Funding for Kentucky Arts Partnership grants comes from the Kentucky General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts.

"Nonprofit arts organizations across the commonwealth will be putting this grant funding to good use," said Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet Secretary Lindy Casebier. "Arts industries help connect people within communities while increasing tourism to the region, creating a positive impact."

Support from grants like the Kentucky Arts

Partnership is important to organizations like the historic Lyric Theatre and Cultural Arts Center in Lexington, one of the newest partners.

"The Kentucky Arts Council has been an incredible partner, providing invaluable resources that have empowered the Lyric Theatre and Cultural Arts Center to fulfill its mission of being a beacon of diversity, inclusion and inspiration for the entire state of Kentucky and beyond," said Lyric Theatre and Cultural Arts Center Executive Director Christian Adair. "Thanks to their support, we've been able to reach new communities that had never even heard of the Lyric. We're excited to continue growing these collaborations and creating a vibrant, welcoming space that our community loves and cherishes. The future is bright!"

"All the Kentucky Arts Partnership organizations play a vital role in their unique communities," said Kentucky Arts Council Executive Director Chris Cathers. "These grants will help them continue their work of growing Kentucky's arts infrastructure while creating jobs and stimulating local economies."

Kentucky nonprofit arts organizations that provide year-round arts programs and opportunities can apply for general operating support funds through KAP starting in late November. These funds will support operating costs such as salaries and arts program expenses incurred between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026.

The competitive grants are awarded annually. A full list of organizations that received funding for the 2025 fiscal year can be found on the arts council website.

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!



Join us for the
2024 Hospice Care Plus
Remembrance
Tree Ceremony
Sunday, December 8, 2 PM
First Baptist Church
425 Eastern Bypass
Richmond, KY
hospicecareplus.org



Vet

(Continued from front) on a daily basis.

Booths on site included Village Caregiving in-home services. The Mountain Comprehensive Care Center was present with Vivian Taylor offering her expertise on a variety of subjects. Taylor, along with Amye Daniels worked with guests regarding homelessness and reintegration into society, as well as many other issues. Anyone interested in talking with Taylor may call 606-548-8977 or to talk with Daniels call 502-607-5467.

Also present at the event was the Kentucky Department of Veteran Affairs with Joshua Taylor providing brochures and fliers filled with information and details concerning legal services, disability services, educational services,

nursing care, homelessness and much more. To talk with Joshua Taylor, call 606-219-3879.

Also present was representatives of the Rockcastle County Military Suicide Prevention Coalition. The group sponsors a free donut and coffee muster on the second Tuesday of each month at the Rockcastle County Courthouse from 10 to 11 a.m.

Tables and booths included a Veterans Affairs Health Care System representative discussing housing issues and the homelessness program. Anyone interested in contacting the Health Care System should call 859-223-4511, ext. 3176. The Veterans' Crisis Hotline is 1-800-273-8255.

The Kentucky Career Center was also present with information concerning working in the agriculture field as well

as many other employment opportunities as they apply to veterans.

The Job Seeker Skill Workshop organization also provided information about a workshop every Thursday at 9 a.m. at 410 East Mount Vernon Street in Somerset.

Representatives of the Upward Bound Program were also present, providing information about trade schools, college, certifications, the truck driving field and welding field. Anyone interested in discussing these possibilities should call 859-622-2729.

There was hotdogs and chili along with drinks for all who visited the event and local veterans stopped by the event until the doors closed at 2 p.m.

The event was called a huge success by organizers and all veterans are welcome to call any of the services offered.

Snow

(Continued from front) downed, a potential community threat and countless other issues. However, in every case, it is the superintendent who makes the final call.

"It is a duty that we do not take lightly. It impacts a lot of families when we make the call to cancel classes," said Rockcastle County Superintendent Dr. Carrie Ballinger. "We don't want to disrupt anyone's schedule but we always put safety first."

Ballinger said she and a team of assistants leave the warmth of their home each potential snow day around 3:30 in the morning and begin driving the roads of Rockcastle County. "We each take a different section of the county and drive the back roads that our buses would have to travel and that our student drivers must travel," said Ballinger. "I ask myself every time, 'would I want my 16-year-old driving on this road in this condition?' Then we all compare notes and take everything into consideration before we make the call."

Ballinger said in some cases the decision is purely a judgement call. "Sometimes it is questionable but we always err on the side of safety," said Ballinger. "We would much prefer to make up a day in May than to have one student in danger."

Still, Ballinger said her team works to avoid such inconvenience for the entire district just because one road may be dangerous. "We have a great relationship with our parents," she said, "If it is just one road causing the issue, we contact those parents and try to meet them somewhere else or pick their student up at a different location. Our parents are really good about working with us and it makes it much better for all students when we work as a team like that."

According to Ballinger, there is no "set in stone" plan for cancelling classes. "It is more of a boots on the ground scenario," she said. "Every case is different and we make a judgement call for each situation."

Officials also use average attendance rates when there is an illness in the area. "If so many students are missing that the teacher is basically going to have to provide the same lesson again anyway, then we make that call as well," Ballinger said.

Also in rare cases, such as the I-75 shooter incident, earlier in the year, or threats to a school, Ballinger says she and her teams are in constant communication with the Kentucky State Police, sheriff's office or local police. "We take their advice on all of those issues," she said.

According to Marcus Reppert, Director of Student Services, Rockcastle County Schools missed five days last year. "Cancelling classes is different than NTI days," he said. "Now that we have NTI days (made possible when schools went digital due to COVID) we try to choose those instead of cancelling classes when possible." NTI days do not require make-up days.

The snowfall also caused Rockcastle County Judge/Executive

Howell Holbrook, Jr. and his teams to keep a close eye on the roadways. County crews began salting and scraping slick roads in the predawn hours as well. However, last Thursday's snow did not cause enough cover-

age for county road crews to begin clearing roadways, Holbrook said.

Still, the snow season is upon us and Holbrook says there is a good supply of salt and trucks are in good shape.

Agriculture News

If you have experienced delays in receiving Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) payments, Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs) and Market Gains on Marketing Assistance Loans (MALs), it may be because you have not filed form CCC-941, Adjusted Gross Income Certification.

If you don't have a valid CCC-941 on file for the applicable crop year you will not receive payments. All farm operator/tenants/owners who have not filed a CCC-941 and have pending payments should IMMEDIATELY file the form with their recording county FSA office. Farm operators and tenants are encouraged to ensure that their landowners have filed the form.

FSA can accept the CCC-941 for 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024. Unlike the past, you must have the CCC-941 certifying your AGI compliance before any payments can be issued.

Committee Meeting Date:

December 4th 2024
8:30 A.M. at the Mount Vernon USDA Service Center
Important program dates and Interest Rates
Farm Operating Loans-Direct = 4.500%
Farm Ownership Loans-Direct= 5.125%
Limited Resource Loans= 5.00%
Farm Ownership Loans-Direct Down Payment= 1.500%
Emergency Loans= 3.750%
Farm Storage Loans= 3 yrs. =3.750% 5 yrs. =3.750% 10 yrs. =3.875%
12 yrs. = 4.000%
Commodity Loans= 5.125%
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Booths from across the State of Kentucky joined in on the Veterans Resource Fair held last week at the Farmers Market. Veterans who dropped by the free event were exposed to dozens of resources available from educational opportunities to job fairs. Volunteers also tried to deal with homelessness among American veterans.

Tree

(Continued from front) to witness the event and then announced the lighting of the Mount Vernon Christmas Tree. The crowd cheered as the flag pole-tree lit up Triangle Park.

Volunteers with the Kiwanis Club then handed out fruit bags to all those present as many stayed around the park to enjoy the lights and atmosphere.

Officials said the event was reminiscent of an "Old Time Christmas." Roberts called out several names in appreciation for those who helped make the event possible and he left all those present with one last sentence. "Through all the festivities and celebrations, remember the real reason for the holiday."

In the photos below, snow was falling during the event causing flecks of light amid the holiday festivities. Some said the snow fall added a touch of nostalgia to the event.

Flash

(Continued from front) nent physical injury." Robinson then dropped his pants and underclothing revealing his genitalia

to both females and then yelled more suggestive profanities.

According to the complaint, Robinson has a long history of harassing the family of the 18-year-old female and has made multiple threats and harassing statements over a period of several years. Robinson also allegedly threatened to "burn the house down."

Rockcastle Sheriff's Deputy Dustin Saylor responded to the call and arrested Robinson. Robinson was lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center where he was held awaiting sentencing.

He was sentenced to 180 days in jail last week.

Burglary

(Continued from front) The citation dated in August says Officer Saylor was told an unknown male had been circling around the area between Willailla Road and East Level Green Road on a bicycle and was using a spotlight to illuminate the deputy's home. The suspect was also apparently tampering with the internet box on the pole outside the home. Saylor's family were reportedly "scared for the safety of

her and my two small children that were at home."

Saylor immediately rushed to his home to find Joseph Shane Burke, 38, of Brodhead, running behind his home as Saylor's wife came onto the porch pointing to where Burke had run.

In a foot chase, Officer Saylor warned of a tazer shot and then fired but missed. Reloading another cartridge, officer Saylor fired again hitting Burke with a five-second burst as the suspect leaped over a steep embankment on Dorman Creek Road.

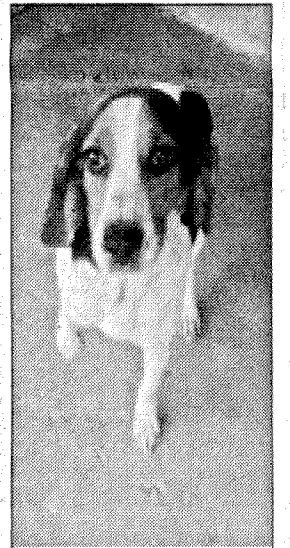
The officer then reached Burke, who was on the ground at the bottom of the embankment. Saylor told Burke to roll onto his stomach but Burke resisted and appeared ready to punch the officer, the citation says.

A short fight ensued with Saylor striking Burke twice in the face. Burke was then handcuffed and led up the difficult terrain to the officer's cruiser. It took several attempts for Saylor to get Burke back to the top of the embankment with the two men lying on the ground in several attempts to reach the roadway.

Deputy Saylor had called EMS to transport Burke to the hospital for his injuries from the fight, as well as possible injuries from the fall over the embankment. Once cleared by hospital staff, Burke was transported to the Rockcastle Detention Center where he was charged with menacing, criminal trespassing, fleeing or evading police, robbery 1st degree, resisting arrest, public intoxication, criminal littering and disorderly conduct.

According to County Attorney Jeremy Rowe, Burke received a sentence of 180 days in jail for the charges last Monday during a hearing.

Pawfect Pets



This week's installment of Pawfect Pets includes Elvis (left) the 4-5 month old Labradoodle male who is friendly and Ruby, the 2-3 year old female Beagle who is also friendly. Anyone interested in adopting one of these pets or any other animal at the Rockcastle County Animal Shelter, should visit the shelter or call 256-1833. There will be a \$20 adoption fee.

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.)
Livingston (between Liv. Fire Dept. & City Hall)
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.

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Deeds Recorded

Charles and Stacy Buchanan, property in Mountain View Estates, to Linda Conner. Tax \$230
Zachary James Hale, Executor, property near Roundstone, to Troy and Sharon Blair. Tax \$90
Rhonda Miller, property in Rockcastle County, to David Alan and Marcia Ethel Coffey. Tax \$7
Willard and Virginia Durham, property on Tyree Street, to Jordan Cheri Davis and Joseph Lepore. Tax \$150

Circuit Civil Suits

Donna Gayle Anglin v. Ronald Anglin, petition for dissolution of marriage.
Lendmark Financial Services, LLC v. Jordan Burton, \$9,371 plus claimed due. CI-00295

District Court

November 18, 2024
Hon. Kathryn G. Slone
Joseph Shane Burke: menacing, public intoxication controlled sub-

stance, 90 days each/to serve; resisting arrest, criminal littering and disorderly conduct, 180 days each/to serve/all concurrent/costs merged.
Candie Dailey: probation violation, probation revoked and balance of sentence imposed.
Mark Proctor: possession of synthetic drugs and drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, 15 days each/credit time served/costs merged.
Olen Dwayne Robinson: terroristic threatening, 180 days in jail; indecent exposure (two counts), menacing (two counts), 90 days each charge/all concurrent/costs merged.
Randy Allen: criminal trespassing, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).
Jerry Barron: public intoxication (three counts), criminal trespassing, operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, possess pen alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle, bw issued for fta.
Richard Wayne Biggs: possession controlled substance, 365 days/probated two years on condition plus RDS by July and costs.
Jessica Kay Blackburn: theft by deception, \$30 restitution to CSX plus costs.
Speeding: Randall Travis Bone, Macee Karlee Terry, Jose Manuel Cepeda Guerra, license suspended for fta;
Selena A. Bray: criminal trespass, bw issued for fta.
Curtis Broughton: fines/fees due (\$198), bw

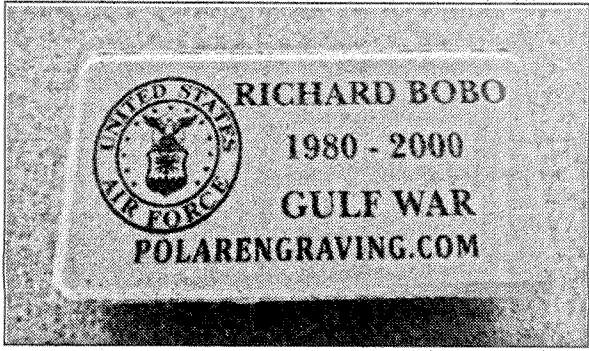
issued for fta/four days in jail or payment in full.
Aaron Anthony Cantrell: fines/fee due (\$268), bw issued for fta/six days in jail or payment in full.
Carlos Colegrove: fleeing or evading police, receiving stolen property, resisting arrest, bw issued for fta.
Joshua Cade Coleman: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, reckless driving and three other charges, agreed order entered.
Rhonda Cromer: failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, operating vehicle w/expired operators license and four other charges, bw issued for fta/license suspended.
Mitchell Davis: failure of owner to maintain req. insurance/security, no operators/moped license, no/expired registration plates - receipt, court notice issued for fta.
David Denny: no brake lights, operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to wear seat belts, failure to notify address change to dept. of transp., bw issued for fta/license suspended.
Michael W. Denny: fines/fees due (\$743), converted to 15 days in jail.
Edwin B. Evans: criminal trespassing, wanton endangerment, court notice issued.
John L. Fain: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 fine plus costs.
John Kevin Falin: public intoxication controlled substance (two counts),

60 days in jail/credit time served/costs merged.
Walter Hembree: leaving scene of accident/failure to render aid or assistance, bw issued for fta/license suspended.
Stephanie Marie Hines: operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, wanton endangerment, assault, bw issued for fta/license suspended.
Veronica A. Jones: failure of non-owner operator to maintain req. insurance, no operators/moped license, failure to or improper signal and five other charges, bw issued for fta/license suspended.
Andrew McCloskey: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, bw issued for fta/license suspended.
Thomas Lee Meeks: fines/fees due (\$258), bw issued for fta/six days in jail or payment in full.
Cody Blake Murphy: failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, rear license not illuminated, reckless driving and five other charges, bw issued for fta/license suspended.
Alex Bernard Jones: operating w/inactive/cancelled/revoked weight distance tax license, bw issued for fta.
Stephanie Phelps: public intoxication controlled substance, disorderly conduct, bw issued for fta.
Jonathon P. Rose: improper use of left lane/overtaking vehicle, operating with inactive/cancelled/revoked weight distance tax license, bw issued for fta.

Lora M. Shushan: operating on suspended/revoked operators license, failure to wear seat belts, failure to produce insurance card, bw issued for fta/license suspended.
Adrian Jo Smith: public intoxication controlled substance, \$100 fine plus costs.
Steven Sparkman: alcohol intoxication in a public place, \$100 fine plus costs.
Garay Vargas: speeding, failure of owner operator to maintain req. insurance, possess open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle and five other charges, license suspended for fta.
Eric Wheelless: no/expired registration plates - receipt, bw issued for fta.
Kevin Michael Tyler Burdette: failure to wear seat belts, paid.

“Walk of Honor” Fundraiser

The “David M. Smith” American Legion Post 71 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5908 are holding a brick fundraiser to construct a “Walk of Honor” at the recently opened Rockcastle County Veterans Park. Engraved bricks will be the foundation and will honor Rockcastle County Veterans, past and present. Order forms will be distributed by members of the two organizations. If you have any questions or would like an order form contact Richard Bobo at (606) 308-2271 or email boborichard719@gmail.com.



District Civil Suits

LVNV Funding, LLC v. Shera Cairrel, \$998 plus claimed due.
Midland Credit Management, Inc. v Heather Armstrong, \$595 plus claimed due.
Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. John Isaacs, \$866 plus claimed due.
Fort Logan Hospital v. Patricia Kilby, \$991 plus claimed due.
Valley View Apartments v. William Rose, forcible detainer complaint.



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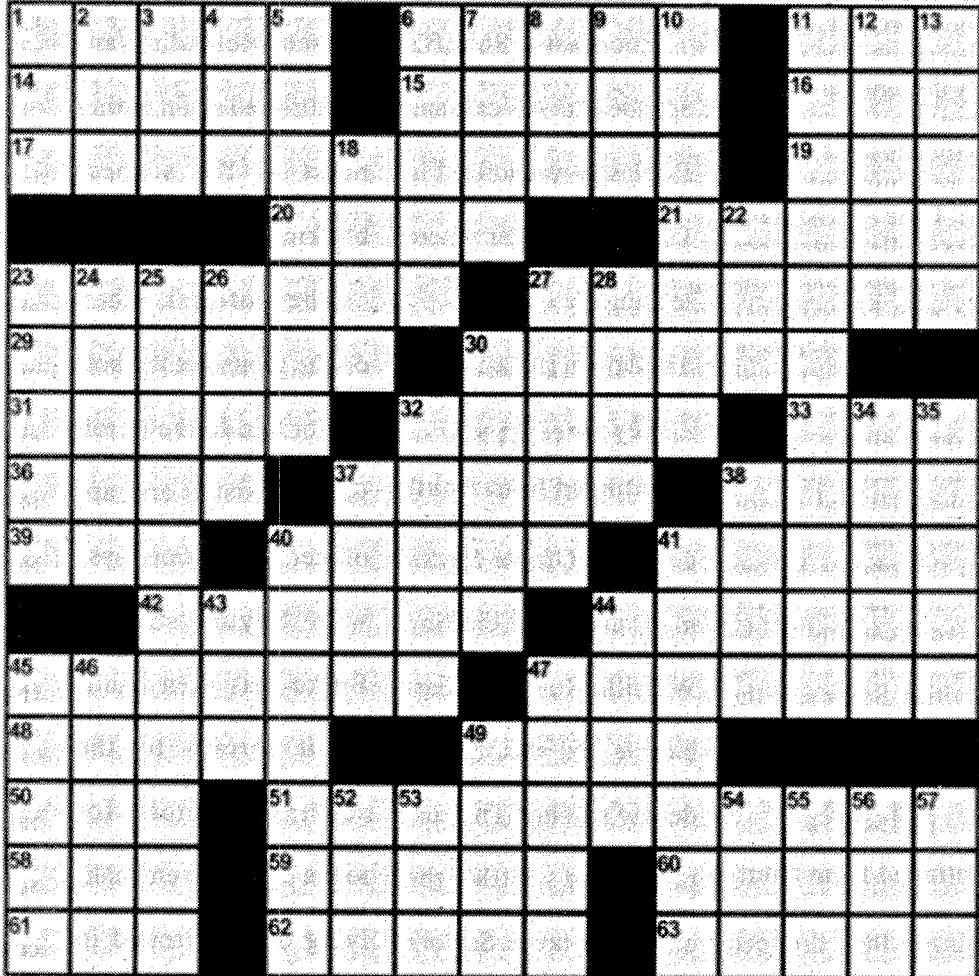
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SUGAR'S PUZZLE PAGE

ON CONDITION



ACROSS

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- 6) Montezuma, for one
- 11) Dashboard abbreviation
- 14) Key in Florida
- 15) ___cotta
- 16) "I can't believe my eyes!"
- 17) Prepare to stop crying
- 19) Charged particle
- 20) Bank heist units
- 21) Indian social class
- 23) ___oblongata (brain part)
- 27) Simple shelters
- 29) Humiliates
- 30) Martin with an Oscar
- 31) Easy wins
- 32) Audacity
- 33) Backstabber
- 36) First-rate
- 37) Ratty or flea-bitten
- 38) Booby trap component
- 39) Leave white tracks
- 40) Dude kin
- 41) Certain mast (var.)
- 42) Arrange tidily
- 44) Mum
- 45) Some socks

- 47) Vast frozen expanses
- 48) Runway figure
- 49) Andean land
- 50) Busy bother
- 51) Be seductive, in a way
- 58) Use a needle and thread
- 59) Come to mind
- 60) Spooky
- 61) Member of the family, often
- 62) Marina sight
- 63) All-out attack

DOWN

- 1) Way past voting age
- 2) Wide's partner
- 3) Swelter
- 4) Teamwork inhibitor
- 5) Computer attachments
- 6) Baffled on the Pacific?
- 7) Zorro's marks
- 8) "Don't give up!"
- 9) Before, in poetry
- 10) Rush down in vast quantities
- 11) Certain skin cream
- 12) Quick snap
- 13) Fine-tunes
- 18) Slithering sea creatures

- 22) "Santa" tail
- 23) Convenient places to shop
- 24) Digital novel
- 25) Discouraging or dissuading
- 26) They often deliver good news
- 27) The "L" of XL
- 28) Jealousy
- 30) He's there late in Red Square
- 32) Directory contents
- 34) "Gladiator" setting
- 35) Army shelters
- 37) Bit of dust
- 38) Uncontrolled
- 40) Bedroom separator, often
- 41) Some simple math signs
- 43) CBS logo
- 44) "Certainly!"
- 45) Accumulate
- 46) Event with lots of bucks
- 47) Article of faith
- 49) Fancy-schmancy
- 52) Victorian, for one
- 53) First syllable of a simple game
- 54) Hawaiian giveaway
- 55) Anger
- 56) County fair animal
- 57) "Comprende?"

Frankfort Update

By Brandon Storm

As we gather with family and friends for Thanksgiving, it's a time to reflect on the blessings we share and to express gratitude for the hard work and contributions that make our communities thrive. Whether you're educating students, protecting our neighbor-

hoods, keeping our roads safe, or ensuring that goods and services reach their destinations, your dedication helps make Kentucky a better place to live. Thanksgiving is also a moment to pause and savor the warmth of togetherness. The days have

grown shorter and the air crisper. While we might miss the long summer evenings, we now embrace the comfort of cozy gatherings, hearty meals, and the joy of being with loved ones.

For many, this holiday signals a time to reset and prepare for the winter months ahead. As the leaves fall and the days grow shorter, it's a natural pause to reflect on the year behind us while looking forward to the season ahead. The holidays provide a sense of renewal, a chance to rest, reconnect, and refocus on the things that matter most.

As the holiday season unfolds, there's an air of anticipation and hope for what's to come—whether it's the excitement of gathering with family and friends, the warmth of long-standing traditions, or the prospect of new opportunities in the coming year. It's a time to cherish the present while also embracing the promise of fresh beginnings on the horizon.

As you enjoy your Thanksgiving traditions, I want to remind everyone to travel safely. Whether you're driving to visit family or simply running errands, please be mindful of others on the road. Let's make sure everyone can celebrate this season with those they cherish.

I'll also ask you to be mindful of those who may have lost a loved one this year or are far from family. Open your circle

to welcome them in and offer compassion at a time many find themselves feeling even more alone. Keep in mind that mental health doesn't take a holiday.

In the coming weeks, we'll continue to hear testimony in preparation for the 2025 General Assembly. If you have thoughts on how we can improve our commonwealth or if there are ways I can better serve you, don't hesitate to reach out. I can be reached at my office in Frankfort at 502-564-8100, or by email Brandon.Storm@ky.legislature.gov

It's an honor to serve as your state senator. I wish you and your family a joyful and peaceful Thanksgiving!

Sen. Brandon J. Storm, R-London, represents the 21st Senate District, including Casey, Lincoln, Laurel, and Rockcastle Counties. Sen. Storm serves as co-chair of the Legislative Oversight and Investigations Committee. He is a member of the Interim Joint Committees on Transportation; Banking and Insurance; Economic Development and Workforce Investment; Judiciary; Local Government; State Government; and Tourism, Small Business, and Information Technology. Additionally, he serves on the Budget Review Subcommittee on Transportation. Storm is also a member of the 2024 Artificial Intelligence Task Force.

MAMAW'S KITCHEN

Regina Poynter Hoskins

SWEET POTATO BREAD
2 cups white sugar
1 cup vegetable oil
3 eggs
2 cups mashed canned candied yams or 2 cups sweet potatoes
1 teaspoon vanilla
3 cups flour
1/4 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon ginger
1 teaspoon ground cloves
1 cup chopped walnuts
Preheat oven to 325°. In a large mixing bowl, combine sugar, oil, egg, sweet potatoes, and vanilla.

In a separate bowl, mix dry ingredients (except walnuts) together well and add to wet ingredients.

Stir until just combined. Fold in walnuts. Pour into 2 standard loaf pans. Bake for 75 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

NO BAKE SWEET POTATO CHEESE-CAKE

CRUST:
2 and 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
1/3 cup sugar
8 tablespoons butter melted

TOPPING
3 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese room temperature
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup light brown sugar
3 cups cooked mashed sweet potatoes
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

1 container (16 ounce) Cool Whip®
Mix crumbs with sugar and melted butter until combined. Spray a 9 x 13 pan with nonstick cooking spray and pour the crust mixture in. Press into pan. Cream together cream cheese, sugar, and brown sugar. Pour in vanilla, spices, and sweet potatoes. Combine. Gently fold Cool Whip® into the sweet potato cream cheese mixture until combined. Pour and spread evenly into the crust. Place in fridge for at least 3 hours before serving. Dust with cinnamon before serving.

CINNAMON SWEET POTATOES

5 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
1 teaspoons cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons grated fresh lemon peel
1/2 cup honey
6 medium sweet potatoes

Heat oven to 325°. Brush 13 x 9 glass baking dish with melted butter. To remaining butter, add cinnamon, salt, lemon peel, and honey; set aside. Peel sweet potatoes; cut into 1-inch chunks. Place in baking dish. Drizzle with half of honey mixture; stir to evenly coat potatoes. Cover tightly with foil; bake for 30 minutes. Remove foil; spoon remaining honey mixture on top of potatoes. Recover; bake for 20 to 30 minutes longer or until potatoes are tender.

Holiday meal ideas from Fish and Wildlife

Kentucky families have many natural options to make delicious and nutritious meals this holiday season including wild turkey, deer, waterfowl and small game, and many types of fish.

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources provides ideas and resources for Thanksgiving and other holiday meals on its website, fw.ky.gov. Recipes and other resources from the department's Field to Fork and Hook and Cook programs, feature stories from the Kentucky Afield magazine and TV show, and recipes from other sources for fresh or frozen game are easily accessed through the Learn to Hunt and Wild Game Recipes pages.

"Preparing meals with wild-harvested game and fish fits with today's natural lifestyle trend and cooking up creative dishes with these ingredients is sure to impress family and friends," said Rachel Crume, R3 branch manager with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. "There are plenty of recipes out there, many specifically tailored for wild turkey and deer, which you can easily find on our website."

Several hunting seasons are open now or will open on Nov. 28, Thanksgiving Day. Fall fishing is

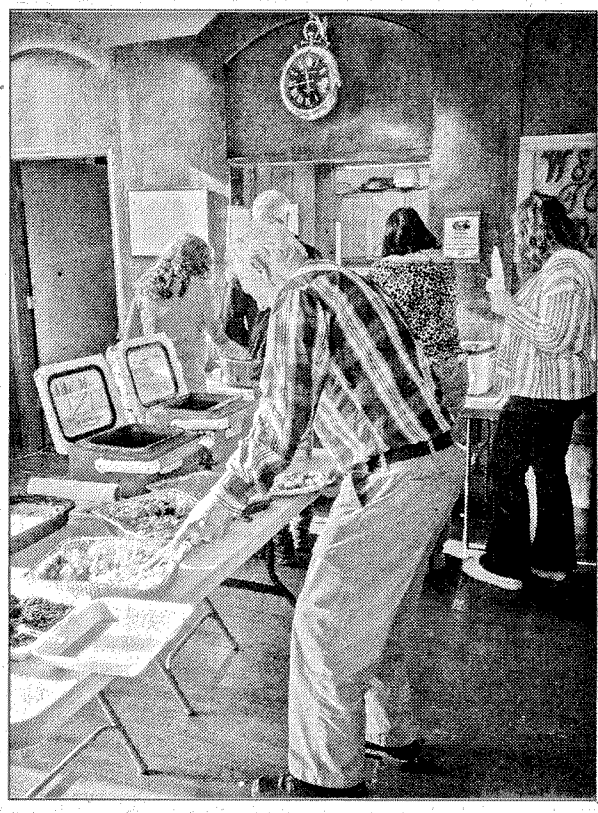
an often-overlooked opportunity to harvest fresh protein for healthful table fare. Crappie, trout and striped bass are some of the fish that remain active all year long, providing excellent cold-weather fishing. The annual Fishing Forecast reveals the best lakes to fish across Kentucky. It is available through the department's website and the Fish Boat KY app, which is available for download from the iTunes App Store or Google Play Store.

Deer hunters who may have experienced a bountiful harvest during the current open seasons can make the holiday better for others by donating their deer to Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry, a statewide hunger relief program dedicated to providing a healthy source of protein to needy Kentuckians.

The organization coordinates with deer processors to distribute donated venison to participating food banks and other charities.

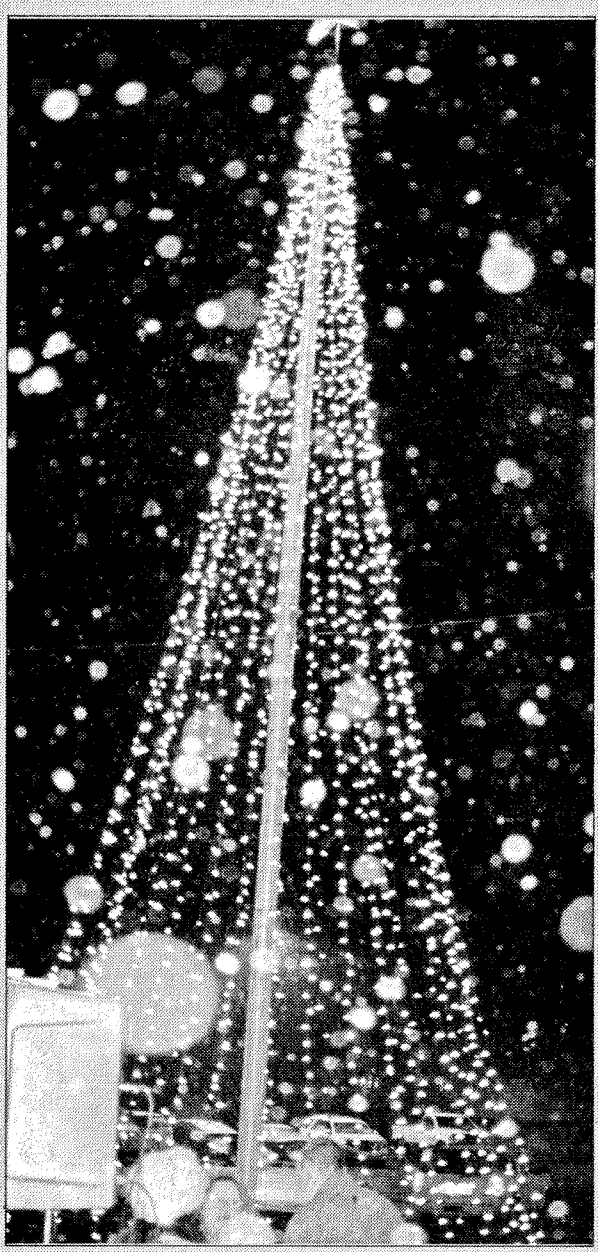
The department's website provides detailed information on the wild game and fish species available for harvest across Kentucky; season dates and requirements; and how to purchase a hunting, fishing, or combination license plus any necessary permits.

Thanksgiving dinner



Countless Livingston residents showed up for the warm, Thanksgiving Meal last week at the Livingston Depot Building. The annual event is sponsored by the City of Livingston and provides a Thanksgiving dinner to anyone interested in fellowship with neighbors and friends in the Livingston area.

Tree lighting



The City of Mount Vernon Christmas Tree in Triangle park was lit during a ceremony last week during a hard snowfall. Dozens of residents attended the event and braved the frigid temperatures to watch the official Tree Lighting Ceremony during the snow fall.

DOT in Rockcastle December 11th

December 11, 2024, the Department of Transportation will be in Rockcastle County once again to issue and renew Driver's License and ID's. The RealID/Travel ID will be required in January of 2025 to fly domestically and enter federal buildings.

You can register for an appointment beginning November 26 at Drive.ky.gov. There will only be 36 appointments available. The event is being held at the Rockcastle County Emergency Operations Center at 755 Progress Drive in Mount Vernon.

This event is being brought to you by your Circuit Court Clerk Eliza Jane York-Hansel and your County Judge/Executive Howell Holbrook, Jr.

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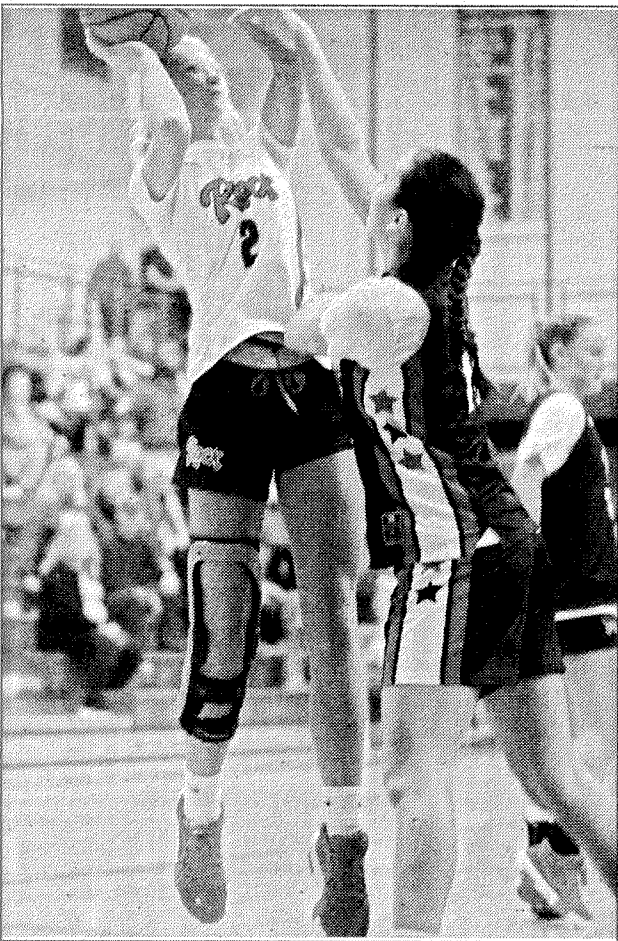
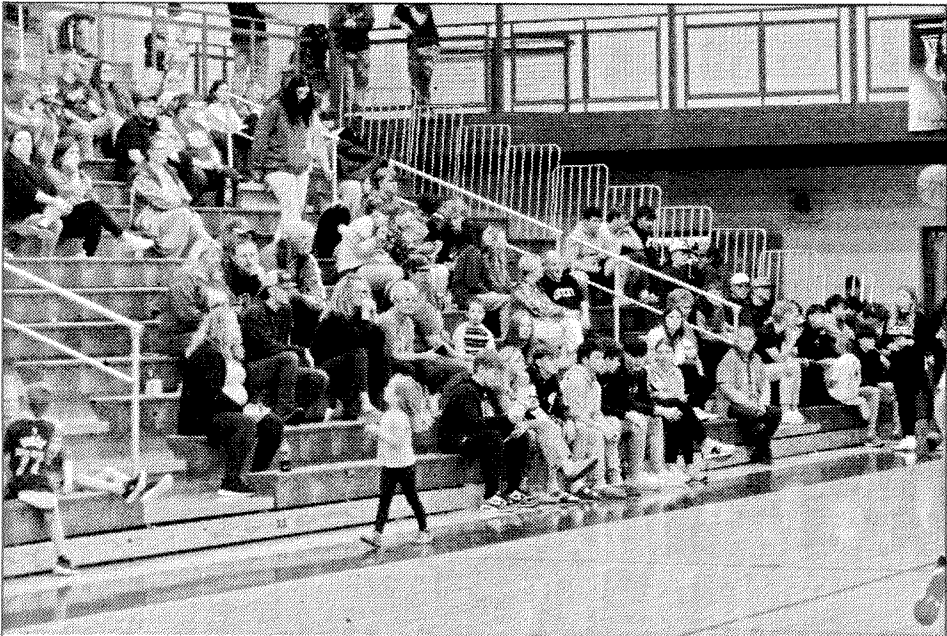
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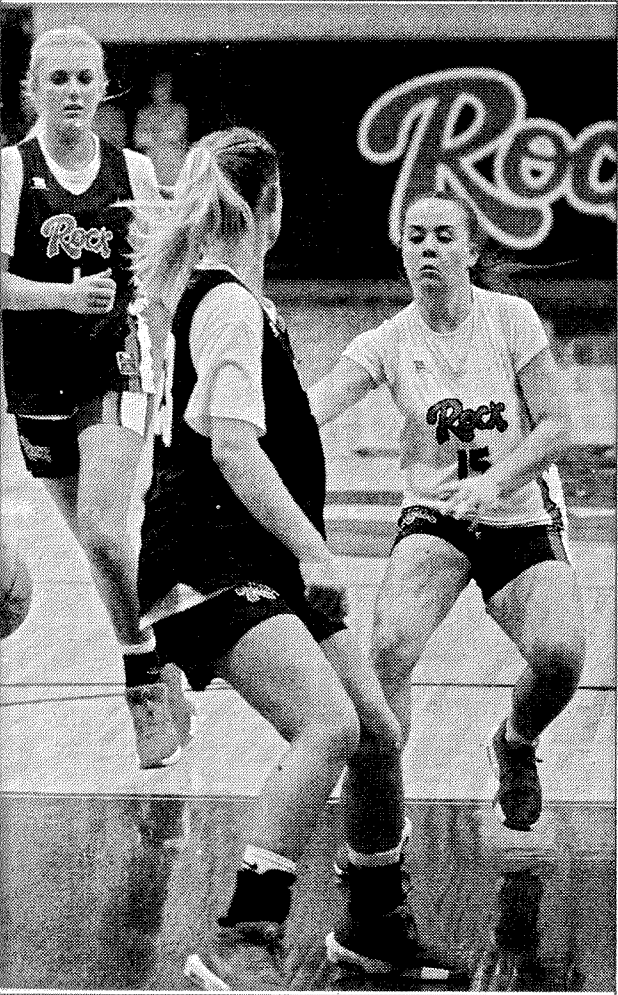
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SPORTS



Macy Spivey puts up a jump shot while Markley Richards plays defense.



Markley Richards makes a pass with Taylor King and Ella McKinney on defense.

Rocket Madness kicks off basketball season

The Rockets and Lady Rockets hosted Rocket Madness Monday night at RCHS.

The Rockets begin their season December 6th when they host McCreary Central at 7:30.

December 7th, the Rockets face Breathitt in the D.J. Begley Classic in Hazard.

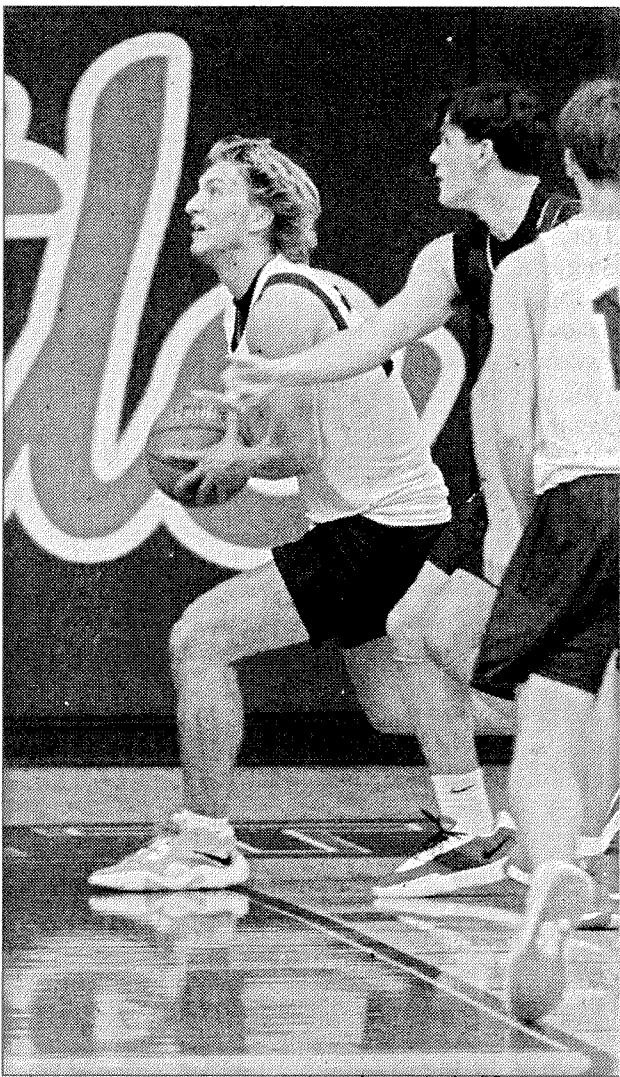
The Lady Rockets begin their season December 2nd when they host South Laurel at 7:30.

The Lady Rockets travel to North Laurel December 7th for a 6 p.m. start.

At left: Jace Rogers takes a shot during the Rockets' scrimmage while Maddox Parsons plays defense.

At right: senior Connor Hunt fights to the basket while Colton Cash plays defense.

Bottom left: A large crowd was in attendance for the fun and festivities Monday night.



See next week's paper for our 2024 Basketball Preview

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Posted: No hunting or trespassing on the former Berl Hopkins' land (now belonging to Judy Hopkins Marsh) on KY 461 near US 150 and 461 intersection. 27x20p
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Posted: No hunting or trespassing on farms, belonging to Gary and Peggy Roberts, on KY 3245. Violators will be prosecuted. 36/24x52
Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Glen Roberts at 560 Dix River Branch Road, Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 35xntf
Posted: Property belonging to Kitty Reese on Smallwood Road at Roundstone. All trespassers will be prosecuted. 49xntf
Posted: No hunting, trespassing or ATVs on land belonging to Jason and Sara Coguer at Roundstone. Not responsible for accidents.
Posted: No trespassing, hunting or fishing on land belonging to Rachel Denney on Hwy. 3245 (former Reggie Benge property).
Posted: No trespassing on property known as C.B. Owens Farm across from Fairgrounds in Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 25tf

Notices

Notice is hereby given that Judith Ann Baker, 1299 Fort Harrod Way, Crab Orchard, KY 40419 has been appointed Executrix w/will attached of the estate of Proctor Brock (deceased) on the 29th day of October, 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Judith Ann Baker or to John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mount Vernon, Kentucky 40456 on or before April 29, 2025. 40x3

Notice is hereby given that James Elmer Ballinger, 6049 Three Links Road, McKee, KY 40447 and Harold D. Ballinger, Jr., 5550 Canebrake Court, Lexington, KY 40509 have been appointed Co-Executors of the Estate of Edith Martin Ballinger, deceased, on the 26th day of November, 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said James Elmer Ballinger and Harold D. Ballinger, Jr. or Hon. John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before May 26, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. 41x3

Notice is hereby given that Reginald Amaral, 9105 Old Culpepper Rd., Warrenton, VA 20186 has been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Theresa Amaral on the 1st day of Brodhead, 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Reginald Amaral or to Hon. B. Travis Newman, 2420 Frankfort Ave., STE. 300, Louisville,

KY 40206 on or before May 1, 2025. 38x3

Notice is hereby given that Jason Amyx, 308 Bandy Rd., Mount Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Administrator (w/no will) of the estate of Ballard G. Amyx (deceased) on the 1st day of November, 2024. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Jason Amyx or to John D. Ford, P.O. Box 247, Mount Vernon, KY 40456 on or before May 1, 2025. 38x3

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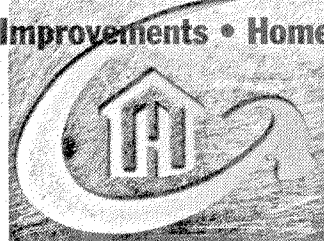
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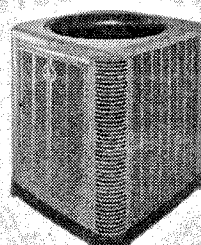
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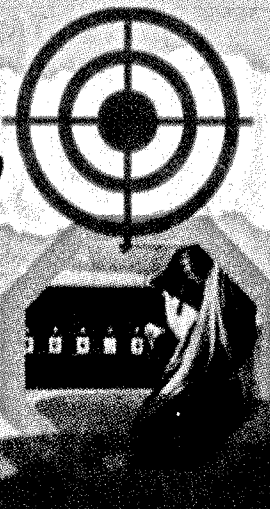
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