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Both Brodhead and Mt. Vernon held their Christmas parades last Saturday to kick off the Christmas Season in the county. In the above photo, Cub Scout Troop 263 won first place for their float in the Brodhead parade. Below, Charlie and Carolyn Napier were the Grand Marshals for the Mt. Vernon parade. Photos from the Mt. Vernon, Brodhead and Livingston parades will be in the Dec. 22nd Christmas edition of the *Signal*. Livingston's parade will be this Saturday, December 10th at 5 p.m.



Rockcastle Regional becomes state's first hospital with solar power

Rockcastle Regional Hospital has become the first hospital in Kentucky to use the sun as an energy source. The hospital went live with a solar array on November 30, 2011, incorporating solar power into its energy management plan and reducing its reliance on the public

power grid. Rockcastle Regional Hospital CEO Stephen A. Estes says the investment fits into the hospital's mission of creating a healthy community. "We've built our organization on forward-thinking innovation. Now we've applied that mindset to energy management, and it creates a win-win for us and the community in the long term," Estes said. "As corporate citizens, we feel an obligation to conserve energy, and doing so frees more resources for patient care and

Christmas events for Livingston

Christmas events continue this weekend for your enjoyment. The City of Livingston Christmas Parade will be this Saturday at 5 p.m. If you wish to participate in the parade, line-up begins at 4 p.m. at White Star. Livingston Fire and Rescue will be hosting a chili supper on Saturday as well. After the parade, Santa will be making an appearance at the firehouse and refreshments will be served. The tree lighting ceremony for Livingston will be at 6 p.m. on Dec. 10th.

Santa Claus is coming to town

It is that time of year, time for Santa Claus to visit and hear what all the good boys and girls in the county want for Christmas. Children will have two opportunities to visit with Santa Claus, and parents even have the opportunity to

Three charged with murder of local man

By: Sara Coguer
Three Rockcastle County men were arrested over the weekend in connection with the homicide of Jackie Bullock, 34, of Mt. Vernon, last Thursday morning. According to police, Bullock was visiting at the home on Lone Oak Drive early Thursday morning. After he left the home, Bullock's car went down a driveway, smashed through a fence and careened down a hill before coming to rest. Upon investigation, the Rockcastle Sheriff's office determined that Bullock's death was a homicide and early Sunday morning, charged Gary Lee Kirby, 19, of Mt. Vernon and Joshua Cameron, 23, of Brodhead, along with Peters with murder. Also, during the investigation of the Peters' residence, Deputy Matt Bryant found a meth lab and charged Peters with manufacturing methamphetamine. According to police, the three allegedly murdered Bullock during an attempted robbery of his prescription medication. All three men were in court Monday for a preliminary hearing where their bond was set at

Lamero Bridge refurbished

By: Sara Coguer
A historic bridge spanning the Rockcastle River at Lamero, between Rockcastle and Laurel County, has been completely refurbished and is open for business. Although the bridge has never been closed, over the past eighty nine years, the 102 ft. bridge had deteriorated badly. Thanks to the work of Jim Hayes of the Kentucky Heritage Council, and others, the bridge was refurbished and remains intact as it was built in 1922.

Recreation and Wellness presentation draws small crowd Tuesday night

By: Sara Coguer
Only about twenty people attended the informational meeting by Recreation and Wellness Taskforce Chairman Sam Hamilton Tuesday night at the RCHS Auditorium. Hamilton made the same presentation to the public as he did to the fiscal court back in September, giving the public the information that the taskforce had spent their time collecting and putting together for the fiscal court. Only a few people who were at the meeting made comments after the presentation was over, one being Mike Sheliga, who questioned the validity of

Circuit Clerk and PVA offices closed Dec. 13

Due to Governor Beshear having declared Tuesday, December 13th as a state holiday, in recognition of the inauguration for his second term in office, the Circuit Court Clerk's office and the PVA office will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 13th.



Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center went live with solar power on November 30th. Gary Asher, Facilities Manager, left, and Stephen A. Estes, CEO, stand near the new solar array on top of the hospital's Outpatient Services Center.

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Ramblings . . .

by:
Sara Anderkin Coguer,
Editor



It is getting close to Christmas, and I have yet to wrap a present and put it under the tree. I am a big proponent that if you have a tree up there should be presents under it, but I haven't bought any!

I don't know what is wrong with me this year, but I just cannot get into the shopping excitement. Actually, I hate to shop. I try to do as much as I can over the internet, but I am afraid I have waited too late.

Oh well, I'm sure my kids will have something to open Christmas morning, Santa Claus always takes care of that for me so that is one less worry I have.

Speaking of Santa Claus, when you are out filling in for Santa for those who don't believe anymore and doing your shopping this month, try and remember our local businesses. They need our support, and you can really find some unique items. I have plans to do some of my shopping locally in the next couple of weeks, I just hope that what I want doesn't get gone before I get there.

I could have (should have) gone shopping this past weekend, because almost all of our family was in the Smokey Mountains celebrating mom's 70th birthday.

When all was said and done, twenty two of us descended upon one cabin from Friday through Sunday, excluding Aaron and Lauren (who need to stay close to home until baby

Avery comes along), and my nephew Sean (who is in college and has to work - or that is what he told his parents, anyway).

If we do this again next year, we need to plan better about who is bringing what food. We had so much food there we could have lasted a couple of weeks if we were stranded and had to. More communication, less food.

The highlight of the weekend was going to be watching the U.K. - North Carolina game Saturday on the theatre screen. The crazy thing was that we didn't know until about 11:30 a.m. that it was going to actually happen. CBS was off the air for DirecTV in that area all that morning.

You have never seen a bunch of crazed, panicked people in your life. This was life or death (or something similar). We were ready to rip the rafters off (well, except for Jamie and Rick whose credit card was on file with the rental company). We even sent Jamie and Laura out to get a VGA cable to hook a computer up to one of the TVs. It was awful.

Thankfully, CBS came on just before game time and all was well and boy did it end well.

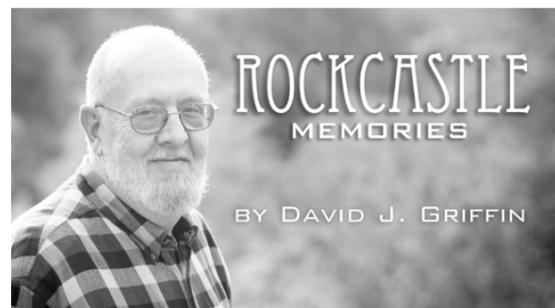
I decided to share a family photo from the weekend, to show you how happy we were when CBS came on and we could watch our beloved Cats whip the Tarheels.

Have a safe and blessed week.



Mt. Vernon holds annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

Tasha Dillingham, left, and Jason and Amanda Brown were some of the performers during the tree lighting ceremony in Triangle Park in Mt. Vernon last Friday night. A large crowd was on hand for the event that also included shopping on Main Street and caroling in front of the courthouse. More photos from the tree lighting and all three Christmas parades will appear in the Christmas issue.



Mommie Katie's Green Thumb

This morning when I got out of bed, I casually took my coffee into my office to see what email messages I had received. To my delight, my brother Al from Mt. Vernon had sent me several photo images that he and Eva, his wife, had found. The photographs were taken

of members of my family from the time when I was only a little boy. One of them specifically caught my attention - my grandmother, Mommie Katie, standing in the yard of our old home place, looking at her beautiful flower garden. Her flowers, both inside our house and outside, were always gorgeous. She truly had a "green thumb."

Mommie Katie's flowers, so meticulously placed in her yard, were the talk of the neighborhood. If you can imagine yourself walking on a winding path through her large yard, you would experience different clusters of flowering plants, placed by her own hands, in groups that were spectacular.

Just outside the living room door, she had the largest snow-ball bush I have ever seen. Time after time, I witnessed her standing in that door just looking at that big white bush. Early in the spring, the white flowers caught the attention of everyone driving up the lane next to the yard. Over the years, people commented on her show-ball shrub with envy because hers was the best they had ever seen.

On the edge of the yard, next to Pop's vegetable garden, Mommie planted a long row of orange lilies, which created a border for her yard.

Each morning, she put on her bonnet, tied her apron around her waist, and filled its pockets with her own special flower-garden tools. She also pushed her wheelbarrow to each particular spot where she worked by

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Lee Fain

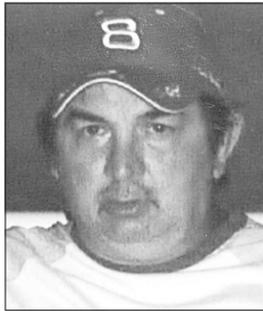
Lee Fain, 95, of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, December 5, 2011 at the Rockcastle Health & Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead. He was born on January 12, 1916 in Pine Hill, the son of the late John and Mary Wyrick Fain. He was a former owner and operator of the Mt. Vernon Florist, an Army Veteran of WWII, an avid U.K. Wildcat fan, enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, and great grandchildren, and was a member of the Bible Baptist Church.

Survivors are: one son, Bill (Barbara) Fain of Livingston; one daughter, Judy (Bobby) Bullock of Midway; four grandchildren, Jerry Fain, Becky Issacs, Jason Bullock, and Christy Fields; eight great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth McHargue Fain.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. (today) Thursday, December 8, 2011 at the Bible Baptist Church with Bro. Don Stayton, Bro. Jeremy Ellis, and Bro. Mickey Winter officiating. Burial will follow in the Elmwood Cemetery.

Arrangements are by the Cox Funeral Home where friends may call after 10 a.m. Thursday at the Bible Baptist Church.

Pallbearers were: Jimmy Fain, Oscar Fain, Lloyd Fain, Joe Fain, Garry Fain, and Jack Chaliff. Send condolences online at www.coxfuneralhomeky.com.



Larry Bell

Larry Dewayne Bell, 51, of Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, December 3, 2011 at the Casey County Hospital in Liberty. He was born in Louisville, on April 18, 1960, the son of Carl Robbins and Shirley Ann Bullock Robbins. He was a stone worker and a member of the Maple Grove Baptist Church. He enjoyed UK and Lady Rocket Basketball, going to NASCAR races, hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family, especially his first and only grandson, Ethan.

He is survived by: his wife of 29 years, Leshia Isaacs Bell; his children, Laura Beth and Tommy Kidwell, Ashley Bell, and Dylan Bell, all of Mt. Vernon; his grandson, Ethan Kidwell; a step-sister, Carol Sparks, of Pigeon Forge, TN; and two step-grandchildren, TJ and Megan Kidwell. He was preceded in death by: a brother, Roger Bell; his maternal grandparents, Monette and Shirley Bullock; and a step-sister, Deronia Jessup.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 6 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Tim Hampton. Burial was in the Bullock Family Cemetery on Cove Branch.

Pallbearers were: Kenny Allen, Keith Bullock, Billy Cameron, Mark Isaacs, Matthew Isaacs and Thomas Mitchell.

Honorary pallbearers were: Dr. David Bullock, Doug Bullock, James Bullock, Steve Bullock, AJ Reams, Coty Reams and Steve Robbins.

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Jackie Bullock

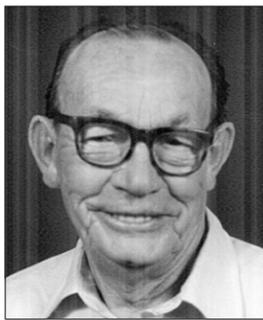
Jackie Martin Bullock, 34, of Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, December 1, 2011. He was born in Mt. Vernon, on August 22, 1977, the son of Mitchell Bullock and Sarah Isaacs Neeley. He was a welder and member of Valley Baptist Church.

He is survived by: his maternal grandfather, Charlie Isaacs of Conway; two sisters, Lisa Bloom of Berea and Jessica Adkins of Richmond; one niece, Allison Estes; and two nephews, Xander and Jasper Bloom. He was preceded in death by: his paternal grandparents, Taft and Bessie Bullock; and his maternal grandmother, Annie Isaacs.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 4, 2011 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home by Bro. David Sargent. Burial was in the Isaacs Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Andy Bullock, Ricky Bullock, Chuck Isaacs, Austin Phelps, Chris Turner and David Wilson.

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Edward G. DeBorde

Edward G. DeBorde, 85, of Shelbyville, IN and formerly of Rockcastle County, died Tuesday, November 29, 2011 at his home. He was born April 2, 1926 in Rockcastle County the son of the late Othar and Vada Lee Hibbard DeBorde. He had been an employee of Chrysler Transmission Plant and was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church in Kokomo, IN.

Survivors are: his wife, Ina Ruth Woodall DeBorde of Shelbyville, IN; one step-son, Junior Belcher of Shelbyville, IN; and one son, Glen DeBorde of Mt. Vernon; one brother, Theo DeBorde of Somerset; and one sister, Margaret VanHook of Somerset. He was preceded in death by one son, Tim DeBorde, and one daughter, Margaret Alcorn.

Services were held Friday, December 2, 2011 at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Marvin Cromer officiating. Burial was in the Friendship Cemetery.

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Thurney Ray Rowe

Thurney Ray Rowe, 66, of Mt. Vernon, and husband of Bonnie Rowe, died Monday, December 5, 2011.

Funeral services will be conducted (today) Thursday, December 8, 2011 at 2 p.m. at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home by Bros. Marcus Reppert and Gary Reppert. Burial will follow in the Rowe Cemetery.

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Juanita Parsons

Juanita Adams Parsons, 80, of Louisville, widow of Wendell Parsons, died Sunday, December 4th, 2011 at the Highlands Health & Rehabilitation in Louisville. She was born on October 18th, 1931 in Brodhead, the daughter of the late Shirley Adams and Anna Mae Sargent Adams. On May 15th, 1950 she was united in marriage to Wendell Evert Parsons and from that union came two children, Gary W. Parsons and Dwight D. Parsons. She was a loving mother and homemaker, she enjoyed collecting dolls and stamps. She was a member of the Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church.

She is survived by: two children, Gary W. Parsons of and Dwight D. (Rosetta) Parsons, all of Louisville; eight grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and one brother, J.C. Adams of Ohio.

Besides her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Wendell Evert Parsons.

A memorial visitation was held Monday, December 5th, 2011 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals. Burial was in the Saylor Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Saylor Cemetery Fund.

Condolences can be sent at www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com

In Loving Memory



June 7, 2011

No farewell words were spoken
No time to say goodbye
You were gone before we knew it
Only God knows why
Sadly missed by his children, Mom, Dad, brothers and sisters

Jack Bowman

Jack Bowman, 91, of Burnside and formerly of Rockcastle County, died Wednesday, November 30, 2011 at the Williamsburg Nursing Home in Williamsburg. He was born in Rockcastle County on August 17, 1920 the son of Isaac and Cleo Abney Bowman. He was a retired factory worker.

He is survived by: a son, James Bowman of Florence, and three sisters, Etta Brockman of Richmond, IN, Wetona Reams of Mt. Vernon, and Stella Sparks of Conway. Also surviving are eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by: his wife, Carrie Jordan Bowman; a son, Jack Bowman, Jr.; a daughter, Stella Obenshain; a brother, Amos Bowman; and two sisters, Ollie Carter and Myrtle Rogers.

Graveside services were held December 3, 2011 in the Johnetta Cemetery by Bro. Bradley Brock.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Card of Thanks

Thank You

About a month ago, it seemed that I was given a death sentence but, a man called Jesus, gave me a pardon. How can I ever praise Him enough?

So many people stood by me with prayers, cards sent and two special ministers who came to the hospital to pray, Rev. Larry Roark and Mark Sarvor.

I want to thank the entire congregation of the Apostolic Church, especially Thelma Couch and Bea Bales. Also, the Church on the Rock where a special lady, Sister Hill, prayed so hard for me.

Others who called were Ruth and James Blanton, Marlene Conners, Dale and Sandy Whitaker, who stood by me day and night, Jordan and Hannah Whitaker, Bob and Willie French and Michelle and Tom Atkin who sent food plus all my neighbors at Hunter Ridge.

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Margaret VanHook

Heaven has been blessed with another Angel. On Friday, December 2, 2011, Mrs. Margaret VanHook, 87, of Somerset, went to be with the Lord. She was born December 28, 1923 in Rockcastle County the daughter of the late Othar and Vada Hibbard DeBord. She was a homemaker, enjoyed sewing, spending time with her grandchildren, and was a member of the Burnetts Chapel Methodist Church.

Survivors are: one son, Joe (Sandy) VanHook of Somerset; one daughter, Libbey (Gerald) Crowe of Somerset; one brother, Theo DeBord of Somerset; two grandchildren, Kotey Crowe, and A.J. VanHook; and one step-grandchild, Kyle Alexander. She was preceded in death by: her husband, James F. "Buster" VanHook; two brothers, Hale, and Edward DeBord; and one grandchild, Kevin Crowe.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at Cox Funeral Home with Bro. Chris Jasper officiating. Burial was in the Burnetts Chapel Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Mark Hasty, Mike Hasty, Doug DeBorde, Gary Blanton, Glen DeBorde and Willie DeBorde.

Send condolences online at www.coxfuneralhomeky.com.



Terry Lee Norton

Terry Lee Norton, 55, of Brodhead, died Friday, December 2nd, 2011 at the U.K. Medical Center.

He was born on March 28th, 1956 in Danville, a son of the late Janette Riddle Mitchel Norton. He was a foreman at A.T.S. Construction for 35 years. He enjoyed fishing, working on trucks, and spending time with his granddaughter.

He is survived by: one son, Jason Lee (Kayla) Moore of Brodhead; one brother, Larry Dean (Mary Gay) Norton of Brodhead; one granddaughter, Kelsey Annalyn Moore of Brodhead; one niece, Jessica Norton of Mt. Vernon; one aunt, Glenda Brown of Willailla; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and neighbors.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Janette Riddle Mitchel Norton.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, December 4th, 2011 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals Chapel with Bro. Randal Adams officiating. Burial followed in the Piney Grove Cemetery.

Casketbearers include: Donnie Lunsford, Randy Lunsford, Mark Singleton, Henry Bryant, Ricky Moore, and Roger Shafer.

Honorary casketbearer was Debbie Bulford.

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The Roots of Rockcastle

by: Tonya J. Cook



Finding a Jewel In the Dust, Part II

Last week in the Roots series, we took a brief look into the pages of one of America's most beloved books, the "Blue Back Speller". It was compiled by Noah Webster in 1783 and had been in continuous use until around 1933 in the United States. Undoubtedly, these spellers were used here in the county by generations of youth.

I had rediscovered a copy of the speller during house-cleaning a few days ago. It had belonged to my great-uncle H. F. "Frank" Price, Jr. His signature is written on the back cover in pencil that is now fading with the date, "March 28, 1921". He would have been about thirteen years old. I can almost detect another signature inside the front cover. It is the signature of his sister, Lucille. The spellers had evidently been passed through various siblings in the Price family, as I'm sure was the case in other families.

The general appearances of the speller is quite unimpressive. The spellers are, of course, an "antique" blue in color (kind of a mixture between robin's egg, a turquoise, and a teal). This speller is less than five inches wide, about seven inches long, and about half an inch thick. The binding of the one I have is worn away, making the front cover unattached from the book. The pages are fragile and yellow with age, the staples rusted, and portions of the first half dozen pages have been eaten away by silverfish, making the date of printing impossible to read.

When I pick up the book, I can feel a piece of history in my fingers. I can almost see the children of a simpler, carefree era who attended one-room schools in the county, or those in the city attending quaint neighborhood structures. The Blue Back Speller has survived several wars, the Depression, and all that fell in between.

In the one hundred seventy-four pages (the one hundred seventy-fifth page is an ad for Webster's New International Dictionary) is a well of various tidbits of information, keys to pronunciation, letters of the alphabet (in Old English and script), rules of punctuation, abbreviations, foreign phrases frequently used in English, parts of speech, and even fables not to mention other vital information other than spelling words.

The principle purpose of the book is to teach spelling; there are one hundred forty-nine "lessons" dedicated to this. Some of the spelling words chosen at random are "duel", "mural", "quench", "luminary", "skepticism", "insidious", "absorption", "assimilate", "wharf", and "surreptitious". These are in order of difficulty, with the more difficult words being toward the end of the book.

However, the real treasure of these spellers are bits of knowledge and wisdom written along with each lesson. There are usually a dozen or more such sentences along with the lesson. Some of these wise and insightful thoughts were in last week's column. Here are a few more "bits" for this week.

"Smoke rises because it is lighter than air."
"Vain persons are fond of the allurements of dress."
"Strong drink leads to the debasement both of the mind and the body."
"The Senate of the United States is called the Upper House of Congress."
"The cherry is an acid fruit."
"Cherubim is a Hebrew word in the plural number."
"All mankind have their origin in Adam."

"The laws of nature are sustained by the immediate presence and agency of God."

"Air contains vapors that rise from the earth, till they fall as dew, rain, snow, or hail."

"Let all your words be sincere and never deceive."

As you can see, these writings not only illuminated knowledge, but much wisdom, as well. These are the true jewels that guided the children of generations past. Sometimes you can find a treasure when you least expect it.

Reference material used in this column has been supplied by the "Nineteenth-Century American Children and What They Read" and the "Gale Encyclopedia of U. S. History".

Remember that I'm looking for good stories about the county, people and the events in their lives. I may be contacted at therootsofrockcastle@windstream.net.

"Memories"

(Cont. from A2)

removing the weeds and then using her magic to fertilize each group of blooms.

Continuing our walk around the yard, you would observe a group of roses of nearly every color nestled in a corner near her bedroom window. The position of each type of flowering plant was designed to showcase her yard.

Next to the road, in front of the house, Mommie planted rows of daisies and pansies, and sunflowers, which she placed in each corner of the front yard. It was fascinating to me how she carefully grouped each type of plant in order to create a bright and lively arrangement of color.

The porch ran across the entire front of the house and then alongside it. In that shelter, she had large pots of flowering plants inviting visitors to her home. Those pots contained petunias, marigold varieties, and sweet peas in an assortment of colors. On a regular basis, she filled her large watering can and carefully tended to the plants on the porch. She was very proud of the beautiful display created on the porch and, I believe, reveled in the fact that they could be seen from the road.

Inside the house, Mommie had countless numbers of African violets. There were rainbows of color in those small pots, which lined the window sills of several rooms. I never saw anyone who could create such "splashes" of color as she did. I can see her now, gently attending to each violet as if it were a child. If you were standing close enough to her while she was watering the plants, you could hear her, under her breath, talking to each one. Once I heard her declare, "Plants grow better if you talk to them."

Pop took his direction from Mommie Katie when the yard was manicured. She told him where to trim and where to leave things alone. I never heard him argue with her about the care of the yard. He just did what she asked. In those days, he cut the grass with an old "push mower," and of course, trimmed the weeds with a pair of hand shears.

When I left home to attend UK, it was my desire to major in Biology and Chemistry, which I was able to accomplish. With my degree in Biology, I thought I had knowledge of plants and animals that would allow me to cultivate flora in my own apartment or in my own yard. To my surprise, I absolutely did not inherit Mommie Katie's gift of gardening. Just the opposite occurred. Every time I try to grow any plant, even if I try talking to it, it just refuses to flourish.

When Kathy and I married years ago, I had the bright idea to encourage her to try some house plants. We discovered that she, too, lacked having a green thumb. We both seem to have the "kiss of death" for plants. Mommie Katie would be appalled!

Mommie Katie's garden was a form of personal expression. Her choice of colors, textures, shapes, and flower species all contributed to her own artistic design. Her entire yard was intended to highlight the groups of flowers arranged by her own hand. They were placed to complement each other.

Time after time, I witnessed ladies of the neighborhood coming to Mommie Katie to get a "start" for their own flower gardens. She delighted in sharing her colorful plants. You could ask her for anything she owned; it pleased her greatly to be able to give to others. That was just her way.

Mommie Katie loved both flowers and people, and they both loved her. I can't help but wonder if she wasn't given some gardening job in Heaven - for I know that she would love tending to the stunningly beautiful flowers that must be there.

(You can reach me at mtman@mis.net or you can drop me a line at P.O. Box 927 - Stanton, KY 40380. I appreciate your comments and suggestions.)

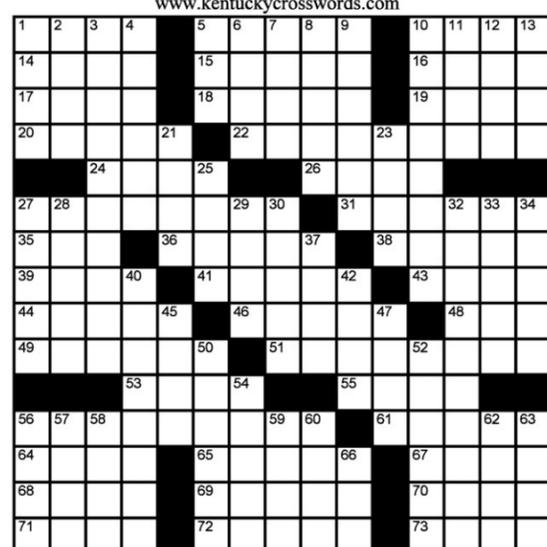
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Dear Editor,
The members of Livingston Fire & Rescue would like to thank everyone that has come to the Turkey Shoots. We would also like to thank everyone that has made a donation. The support we have received from the community has been tremendous and very much appreciated! We look forward to seeing everyone at future fundraisers and appreciate the continued support of the community!
With Heartfelt Gratitude,
Livingston Fire & Rescue

Kentucky Crossword # 515

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- ACROSS**
- Home to Honolulu
 - Fitch's power
 - Not occurring naturally
 - Valhalla chief
 - Really steamed
 - Bullfight cheers
 - Turns sharply
 - County of historic Maysville, KY
 - Easy win
 - It'll knock you out
 - County of KY's first tobacco crop
 - Can of worms?
 - Slangy assent
 - Ohio Co.'s seat, established in 1782
 - Fears
 - Thrilla in Manila boxer
 - Dinner bird, or a Caldwell Co. hamlet
 - Livingston Co. community, or Oregon's capital
 - Auction actions
 - Long muzzled fissioned
 - Backgammon equipment
 - Fort Knox bar
 - Month after Adar
 - Baseball's Ripken
 - One in a crowd, maybe
 - Kentuckian, modern abdominal surgery pioneer
 - They're broken up
 - Horse course

- Kentuckian, baseball hall of famer Pee Wee Reese's position
 - World record?
 - Feedbag fill
 - Kentucky governor Fletcher
 - Roman war
 - Initiation, e.g.
 - Coach
 - A "Land Between the Lakes" county
 - Gait between walk and canter
 - Kentuckian Richard Taylor's "___ Eye"
 - Slight advantage
- DOWN**
- Percolate slowly
 - Mine entrance
 - First cantilever bridge in the U.S. (Jessamine Co.)
 - Oust from office
 - Cell phone smart card
 - Links hazard
 - The life of Riley
 - Lack of stress
 - Good as new
 - State university, trained 4000 plus WWII sailors
 - "Thanks ___"
 - Expo presentation
 - Cable staple
 - Jazz phrase
 - Chemistry Nobelist Onsager
 - Gaulish jewelry
 - Equestrian's attire

- Dress with a flare
 - Clancy hero Jack
 - Casual attire
 - College at Pippa Passes, KY
 - Windshield attachment
 - Common sense?
 - Small computer architecture
 - Town where KY's first raw silk was produced
 - Woodworking groove
 - TelePromTer filler
 - PBS science show
 - Turns back, perhaps
 - Makeshift fence
 - Pompous walk
 - Work with mail
 - "Aquarius" musical
 - Camp Swampy dog
 - Not taken in by
 - Subatomic particle
 - Spellbound
 - Well-balanced
 - "... ___ he drove out of sight"
- SOLUTION TO KY514**
- LEWIS GRUB BIGH
EVICT EARL TREE
DIGNOR GYNTIANA
KNACKS ALTER
AND BIG BRIGHT
UNIVERSITIES
LIFER TOLD RAP
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Points East

By Ike Adams



I am a remarkably blessed man even though I spend a lot of, in fact, way too much, time whining about physical maladies that I really can't do much about beyond old fashioned grinning and bearing them. So, throughout the rest of the holiday season, it is my sincerest intention to stay off the pity pot and count a few and count a few blessings.

Chief among those blessings are my friends and I have more of those than anyone else I know except my pal, Fred Beste, who resides there in scrapple central, better known as Wind Gap, Pennsylvania. Indeed, I could probably spend the rest of this column enumerating the close relationships I have with a host of friends that I would not even know if Fred had not first introduced me to them.

For example, had it not been for Fred, I would not know Bob Kennedy who lives in Annapolis, Maryland. Bob now feels as at home in my place as he does in his own. Loretta thinks Bob hung the moon and the feeling is mutual. If I didn't know Bob I would not have tasted arguably the finest fruit cake on the planet.

Bob prepares said fruit-cake and sends it to me through the mail this time of year. We have a jumbo mail box, necessitated by my host of friends, so one day last week my old Chocolate Lab commenced barking treed. Hershey, like most Labs, is not normally a treeing dog but there he was, both paws upon our mail box post, barking his head off. It was earlier in the day than the mail normally runs so my first thought was that some critter must have found a way to get inside the box and Hershey was concerned about its welfare. I call Hershey my watch dog because normally he would watch rabbits and coons destroy my garden without so much as whimpering.

Anyway, I hastily hobbled out to the post and cautiously opened up the

box. A shipping container was stuffed inside it so tightly that I had to use both hands and considerable effort to extract it whereupon I found an Annapolis return address. I immediately realized that Hershey had treed Bob's fruit cake and wanted his fair share. For over a week now, Loretta and I have had slices of fruit cake with our morning coffee and I have shared a few crumbs I would normally have devoured myself with my dog. He is getting up in years and I figure his treeing effort should not go unrewarded.

One day later I was upstairs and I heard Hershey's

greeting bark simultaneous with a rapping on my front door. I got downstairs and opened the door just in time to see my Buddy, Grant Robinsons, pickup rapidly tooling in the distance down Charlie Brown Road. On our front porch table sat three boxes containing, respectively, white sweet potatoes, white turnips and six large heads of cabbage that from Grant's fall garden located there on the Druid Plateau in Northern Garrard County. This will be the first time in my life that I have made saurkraut in December.

I realize that I am being exclusive here, but I have yet to send prompt thank you notes to Bob and Grant so I decided to do it publicly. Thank you guys!

I owe the same to several other folks who I will get over the next few weeks. Please bear with me. In the meantime, please know that I am especially blessed.

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CVFD Fireman Training

The Climax Volunteer Fire Dept. will have fireman training Fri., Dec. 16th. Safety/Fire Behavior starts at 6 p.m. at the Rockcastle County Courthouse, 2nd floor in the CSEPP conference room. Call Dennis Clark 606-256-3257 for more information or e-mail climaxvfd@gmail.com.

Livingston Christmas Parade

The City of Livingston will host its annual Christmas Parade on Sat., Dec. 10th. Line-up starts at 4 p.m. and the parade will be at 5 p.m. Livingston Fire & Rescue will host a chili supper. Santa will be at the firehouse after the parade and refreshments will be served.

Livingston Christmas Parade

Livingston will host its annual Christmas Parade on December 10th. Line up begins at 4 p.m. with the parade starting at 5 p.m. The tree lighting ceremony will be at 6 p.m. Livingston Fire & Rescue will also be hosting a Chili Supper. Santa will be making an appearance at the firehouse after the parade and refreshments will be served.

State Holiday Next Tuesday

Due to Governor Steve Beshear having declared Tuesday, December 13th as a state holiday, in recognition of the inauguration for his second term in office, the Circuit Court Clerk's office and the PVA office will be closed on that date.

"Stomp Out Drugs"

Mt. Vernon Elementary School UNITE Club is sponsoring a "Stomp Out Drugs" shoe drive. We are asking for donations of new or gently used children and adult sized tennis shoes. We will be collecting shoes from Dec. 5th through Dec. 16th. Anyone with any questions should contact MVES UNITE co-sponsor Sonya Prewitt Parker at 256-2953.

Upcoming Classes at the Rockcastle Co. Extension Office

December 12, 6:00pm - Holiday Bracelet. Learn basic beading techniques while you make this easy three-strand bracelet; 7:30pm - Thumbprint Christmas Cards. These cards are fun and easy to do for adults and children. Free - bring your paper scissors. Call 256-2403 for details.

Pictures with Santa

The Grateful Bread Food Pantry is sponsoring Pictures With Santa Claus on Saturday, December 10th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 495 Williams Street (the old Family Advocacy Building). Cost is \$5 for 5x7. Call 256-3035.

VFW News

VFW Post 5908 is open Sunday thru Tuesday and Friday and Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m. (closed Wednesday and Thursday) for members, their guests and all other military members who would like to come and visit. The monthly meeting is every 4th Thursday at 7 p.m.

Kiwanis Club Meetings

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at Smokehouse Restaurant in Renfro Valley. Everyone welcome.

VFW News

VFW Post 5988 is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 5 p.m. for members and their guests. The monthly meeting will be held the fourth Thursday of each month, beginning at 7 p.m.

Brodhead Lodge Meeting

The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #556 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.

Historical Society Hours

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

RCIDA Meetings

The Rockcastle County Industrial Development Authority holds its regular meeting the first Monday of each month at noon on the third floor of the courthouse.

NA Women's Meeting

The Women's NA Serenity Group of Mt. Vernon meets each Monday at 8 p.m. at the Christian Appalachian Project Community Center, 64 Beiting Lane, Mt. Vernon. Open meeting, non-smoking.

Women's Narcotics Meeting

A Women's Narcotics Anonymous Meeting is held every Monday evening at 8 p.m. at the Community Center, sponsored by Christian Appalachian Center. For more information, contact the Healing Rain Center at 256-5810.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

County Committee meeting

The Rockcastle County Farm Service Committee (COC) will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, December 8, 2011 beginning at 8:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the FSA office COC members are vital to the day-to-day operations of FSA.

The COC members help FSA at the local level by deciding the kind of program their county will have and how they will operate.

At this meeting date the County Committee Election Ballots will be counted.

Accommodations

Persons with disabilities who require accommodations to attend or participate in FSA meetings/events or functions should contact Warden Alexander at 606-256-2525 or Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339

Hispanic and Women Farmers Can Seek Compensation to Resolve Discrimination

If you believe that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) improperly denied farm loan benefits to you between

1981 and 2000 because you are Hispanic or a female you may be eligible to apply for compensation.

If you think you might be eligible to file a claim, access the Hispanic and Women Farmer and Rancher Center at 1-888-508-4429 or visit www.farmerclaims.gov.

FSA provides assistance for livestock losses deadline

Livestock producers who have begun the LIP (Livestock Indemnity Program) application process for 2011 must submit all the necessary documentation required and complete the application by January 31, 2012.

Dead animal disposal cost sharing

In conjunction with the LIP program the Rockcastle County Conservation District is offering cost share for the proper burial of deceased livestock. The

Rockcastle County Conservation District will pay 75% of the total cost of the burial not to exceed \$250.00 when the burial is performed according to all eligible requirements established by KRS.

For more information on this contact the Rockcastle County Conservation District at (606) 256-2525 ext. 102.

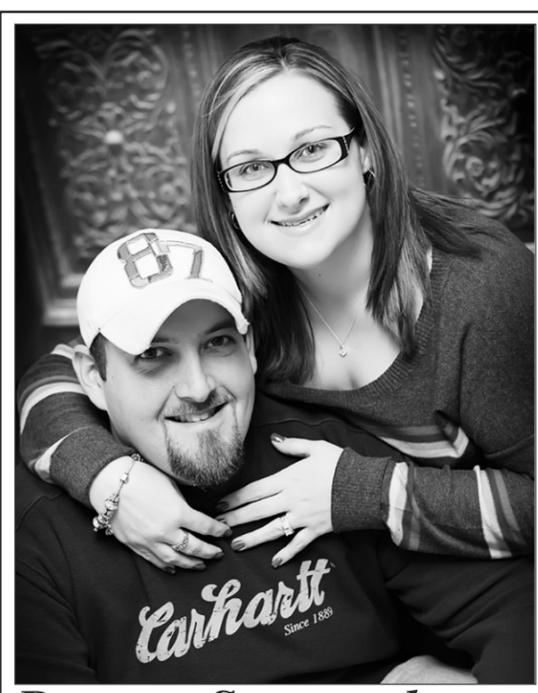
For more election information on these and other FSA programs contact your local FSA Office or Service Center or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>

Important program dates and Interest Rates

Farm Operating Loans-Direct = 1.500%
 Farm Ownership Loans=3.375%
 Limited Resource Loans=5.000%
 Farm Storage Loans-7 yr=1.500%, 10 yr=2.125%, 12 yr=2.375%

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Reeves - Severcool

Brian Salladin and Tammy Reeves, of Tunkhannock, PA and formerly of Brodhead, together with Shannon and Sonya Snow of Florence, would like to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter Brittianni D. Reeves to Scott W. Severcool, son of William and Kim Severcool of Forkston, PA.

The future bride is a 2004 graduate of Tunkhannock H.S. and a 2005 graduate of Allied Medical Institute of Forty Fort, PA. Brittianni has been employed with Geisinger Health System for 5 years.

The future groom is a 2001 graduate of Tunkhannock H.S. and a 2002 graduate of Welding Training Institute. Scott has been employed by Ronco Machine & Rigging Co. for 9 years. An August 2012 wedding is planned at The Inne of the Abingtons in Dalton, PA.



The Rockcastle County Farm Bureau was recognized for outstanding membership and program achievement during the recent 92nd Kentucky Farm Bureau annual meeting in Louisville. In this photo, Terry Lawson, center, accepts the award from David S. Beck, right, Kentucky Farm Bureau executive vice president, and Bradley R. Smith, left, executive vice president of Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, during the December 2nd recognition and awards program.

B.J. and Stacy Thomason would like to announce the early arrival of their daughter, **Dessie Kaylee Thomason**. She was born November 3, 2011 at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington weighing 3 lbs. 9 ozs. and was 16 inches long. Dessie's paternal grandparents are the late Bentley "Satch" Ray Thomason of Mt. Vernon and Brenda "Sissy" Sue Brown Thomason of Brodhead. Her maternal grandparents are Henry Wayne Richards and Donna Jean Miller Richards of Orlando. Dessie was welcomed home by her aunts Rhonda Barnes, Alicia Barnes, uncles Justin Richards, Donnie Barnes and first cousins Isaac and Abby Richards. Dessie's other first cousin, the late Joshua Bryan Durham along with grandparents, Bentley and Brenda, are watching over her from heaven.



Jason and Jamie Lear of Roundstone are pleased to announce the arrival of their son **Jase Samuel Lear**, who was born November 18, 2011 at 11:24 p.m. at St. Joseph London. Jase weighed 8lbs 10oz and was 22 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Michael McFerron and Patsy Ramsey. Paternal grandparents are Terry Lear and Donna Smith.

Blake Childress and Deana Hall wish to announce the birth of their daughter, **Kimberly Nicole Childress**. She was born August 14, 2011 weighing 4 lbs. 10 ozs. Paternal grandparents are Jesse Childress and the late Kimberly Childress. Paternal great grandmother is Ruth Brown. Maternal grandparents are Dean Hall and Carla Hall. Maternal great grandparents are Johnny Sargent, Anna Sargent, Geneva Hall and the late Frank Hall.



Yards to Paradise

By Max Phelps
 Biologically Diversify:
 (Every Yard Doesn't Need a Red Maple)

It seems everyone wants a Bradford pear or a red maple tree in their yard. Sure, at times they are beautiful to look at. But it's kinda like having only a Walmart when there used to be so many smaller shops with such a diversity of merchandise. I should think there would be more folks who'd rather be different, rather than having a yard that looks like every other yard around. And, besides, there is something to be said for genetic diversity. Why do we landscape with only a handful of plants and ignore hundreds of native options, plus many more if we want to consider trees and shrubs from far away places?

Yes, it may be that local nurseries only stock a bunch of 3 or 4 trees and a couple dozen of others in small numbers. And, it may be that they stock what they are used to people asking for. There really are other options.

If every yard has trees that turn red in fall, wouldn't it be more noticeable and impressive on your street if your plants all turned yellow or purple? Just like if the grocery had only red apples all the time, but one day they had some pink ones, wouldn't you be tempted to try them? Why not try for a unique landscape?

Being different is not the only consideration. When a new disease comes along or a new bug and invades a certain tree or plant species, whole areas can be devastated. Kind of like a corn blight that hit over 40 years ago, the old fashioned "Indian" corn produced nicely, but the hybrids failed badly for a year or two. We may think we're using native and

natural trees if we plant red maples. And we are. But not if that's all we plant! Think of all the other plants in all creation—it is not natural to plant millions of one kind of tree.

In the southeast and mid-Atlantic states, pin oak is another tree over planted. I mean, are there no virtues in the other oak species? Michael Dirr (the undisputed expert) in his Manual of Woody Landscape Plants takes up around three dozen pages describing different oak trees in America. How come landscapers just know about pin oaks, and perhaps one or two others. There are even evergreen oaks that are hardy down to ten below zero.

Maples are indeed pretty trees, good for shade, lovely coloring, even making maple syrup. There are scores of maple species native to this country, plus hundreds if not thousands more if one counts the many Japanese and Chinese maples. So, how about a maple that has leaves like a sycamore? Or one that only grows in the shade of a bigger tree? Or one that has peeling bark? Though red maples are lovely, why not diversify?

Be original. (Or, if not, try at least one little plant that is not to be found elsewhere on your block.) It will be both good for your ego and good for the environment.

I'll try to write a story about this another time, but would we need to buy bird-seeds if there were many and varied seed-bearing trees, shrubs, flowers and grasses growing in our neighborhood? The answer is no, the birds got along just fine thank you before we cleaned their woods, hedgerows and fields for corn or cotton or tobacco and paved the cities and planted non-natural grass

everywhere. (And trees and shrubs that have no seeds or fruits that make "messes".)

So, again I suggest some originality. Maybe you've wanted a weeping willow. But if there are 15 in your subdivision, maybe you could find one of the many other kinds of willow for your place. Burr oak, red oak, white oak, or willow oak might work rather than a pin oak. Instead of a flowering pear, maybe a flowering peach or cherry or plum or quince or apple would work for you. Even fruiting cherries, mulberries, pears and European plums, plus blueberries can be worked into landscaping for fruit as well as color and greenery.

Some of the most stately trees are the true cedars, cedar of Lebanon, Deodar cedar or Blue Atlas cedar.

Spruce, fir, hemlock, falsecypress, arborvitae and cryptomeria are options for evergreen conifers.

Linden, sweet gum, black gum, dogwoods or ginkgo could give shade plus other benefits. What about a Raywood ash that's the size of a Bradford pear, but no seeds, plus has purple fall color? What about magnolias, both evergreen and the many others...all bloom nicely at varying times of the year.

Winter blooming? Witch hazel, including parrotia and sycoparrotia and lorapetalum are lovely. Camellia and oregon grape if you want evergreen leaves also. (Or the new mahoberberis if you want to experiment: a cross between a barberry and a Oregon grape holly that is evergreen and has few or no briars.)

Nut trees? There are walnuts, pecans, beech, chestnut and filberts. Big compound leaves? There are Kentucky coffee tree, the evodia tree, blue bean

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CHURCH NEWS

Free Bible Courses

Free Bible Correspondence Course. Send your name and address to 3168 Quail Road, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456.

Let the Bible Speak

Tune into "Let the Bible Speak," with Brett Hickey, on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. on WDKY Fox 56.

Christmas Spectacular

Grace Fellowship Church invites you to attend a Christmas Spectacular Celebration Sat., Dec. 17th at 7 p.m. and Sun., Dec. 18th at 10:30 a.m. and 6

p.m. The church is located at 845A South Main Street in Carnaby Square, London.

Outreach Dinner

Pine Hill Baptist Church will host a Free Community Outreach Dinner, served by the youth of the church on Friday, Dec. 9th, beginning at 6 p.m. The event will be held at the church's fellowship building.

If you need a ride and live in or near the Pine Hill area, call 453-4665.

Directions: Take exit 59, go towards Livingston, approximately 3 miles, church is on the right, watch for sign.

Card of Thanks

Karen Cleo Brown Cash Doner

The family of Ms. Karen Cleo Brown Cash Doner wishes to express appreciation to friends, neighbors, relatives and community members for all the kind expressions of sympathy during the death and burial of our loved one. Thank you all so much for the flowers, gifts, food, phone calls, visits, attendance at and/or participation in Karen's services. Thanks to Dowell Martin Funeral Home and staff for exemplary service and assistance with everything down to the smallest details. We are grateful for and touched by the love and support from both within and beyond the Rockcastle County community.

We appreciate, too, that here drivers still observe customs such as pulling to the side of the road as a funeral procession passes, lending dignity to the occasion and paying silent respect to both the living and deceased. Thank you, Drivers.



In memory of Gertrude Bradley Renner June 6, 1920 - December 18, 1996 Missed by her children, Louise, Sue and Gary

In today's busy world, time, distance and hectic lives often separate us from family and friends of our youth, and even from those of the present; but in a community such as ours, when difficulties and grief threaten to overwhelm us, loving hearts come together again to provide strength and solace for those bereaved.

Collectively, your compassion and acts of kindness covered us like a blanket on a cold day. We were indeed comforted. May God bless and keep you.

Sincerely,

Jason, Andy, Brittany, Jaylen, and Kyle Cash, Karen's siblings, and extended family members

Kelly Gentry

The family of Kelly Gentry would like to take this time to express our sincere thanks for your prayers, love and concern during our time of sadness in the loss of our loved one.

A special thanks to the 3rd Floor nurses at Markey Cancer Center and all the doctors. Thanks to everyone that sent flowers and food and to those that made donations to the American Cancer Society and Hope House in Lexington in Kelly's honor.

A special thanks to Marvin and Judy Owens at Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals. Also to the pallbearers and a special thank you to all the 12th Region referees and umpires for being honorary pallbearers. Kelly would have been so proud.

Thank you for everything, Glen, Glenda, Shandra and David

Holiday evening at Hall of Fame

The Kentucky Music Hall of Fame will be hosting "A Very Festive Holiday Evening" on Friday, December 16th at 8 p.m. with special guests, the Pennington's.

This evening will feature JP, Jessie Rose and James performing songs they have

written along with some great holiday music to help celebrate the Christmas Season. The attire for the evening is semi-formal and is not a ticketed event as donations will be appreciated to help with the Hall of Fame's Educational Outreach Programs.



Pinehill Baptist Church
Free Community Outreach Dinner

Friday, Dec. 9
6:00p.m.

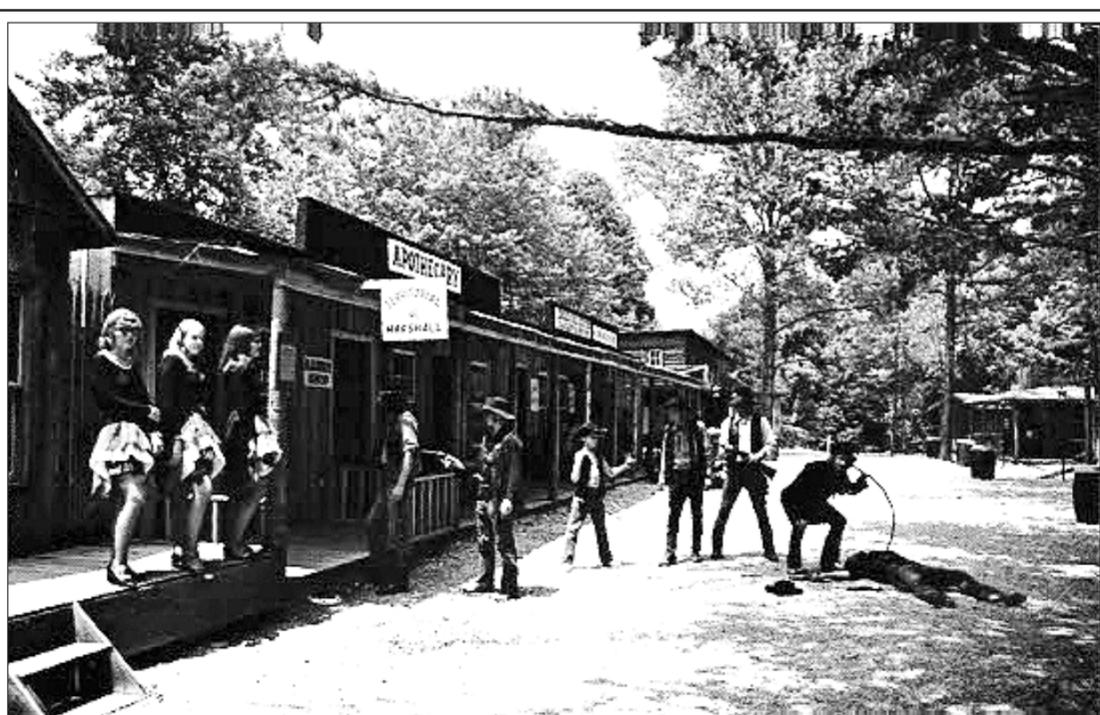
What: Free Community Outreach Dinner served by the youth of Pinehill Baptist Church

Where: Pinehill Baptist Church, Fellowship Building

Need a ride and live in or near the Pinehill area? Call 453-4665



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Blast from the Past!!!

This week's photograph from 1955, is of the original Fort Sequoyah Store at the Indian Village along the Rockcastle River just south of Livingston. The Indian Village was a reconstruction of a pre-pioneer Cherokee Village and was operated by Carlos and Lucille Carloftis. If you have a photograph for Blast From The Past contact David Owens at scoopowens24@yahoo.com or (606) 256-9870.

Free and reduced meals for qualified students

Rockcastle County Schools participate in the federally-funded child nutrition program. This program provides meals to children while at school. Federal, state, and local guidelines ensure that nutritious meals are served each day for both breakfast and lunch in the recommended portion sizes.

Some children qualify for free or reduced-price meals based on the family income, family size, or if they receive food stamps (SNAP). To find out if your school child(ren) could receive these meals an application must be submitted at the beginning of every school year and any time during the year when your income status changes.

During these economically hard times many families are finding themselves struggling to make ends meet. It only takes a few minutes to complete a meal application and for it to be processed to determine whether or not the child(ren) would qualify for free or reduced-price meals.

Please stop by the Board of Education at 245 Richmond Street in Mount Vernon to fill out an application and find out immediately whether or not you

"Yards"

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shrub. Viburnum come in many sizes and shapes and colors. From 2 or 3 feet tall little shrubs to some larger than a crepe myrtle or vitex or sweet bay magnolia. Some are evergreen, some are deciduous. Some smell so sweet in bloom! Some have colorful fruit, some colorful fall foliage.

Want to get a little exotic or beyond ordinary? How about an evergreen anise shrub/tree that will stand ten below zero and will have cute bronze or purple or yellowish flowers? Or, how about a chitalpa? (Nope, this is not catalpa—though catalpa makes a wonderful yard tree if you can get over the fact it has large "cigar" shaped seed pods.) Chitalpa gets only 20 or so feet tall, blooming in late summer with catalpa-like blooms when few things are in bloom. Also exotic is a dogwood that gets 60 feet tall or a pagoda tree from Asia.

Of course dogwood trees are common in yards. But in addition to one 60 feet tall, there are Kousa dogwoods and the cornus mas Cornelian cherry dogwood that are both edible (even if not my favorite fruit). Also, a creeping type of groundcover dogwood exists.

Same goes for redbud trees. Did you know there are white ones, and some even kinda' yellow? Plus the popular "Forest Pansy" redbud with the burgundy new growth.

The author is a landscaper, with a specialty in waterfeatures. Contact us via www.rockcastles.net or www.mountainwaterfalls.net

qualify OR ask your school to send home an application with your child. Only one (1) application for each household needs to be

submitted for all children in that household.

If you have any questions about the meal application or to find out if there

are any substitute positions available in the food service program, please call 606-256-2125.

Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

I recently served these three dishes a party with the neighbors on our block. They were a big hit and were the first things to disappear. I was hoping for leftovers, but there were none.

CROCK POT SPINACH AND ARTICHOKE DIP

2 boxes (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
3/4 cup half-and-half
1 tablespoon onions, finely chopped
1 garlic clove, minced
1 box (10 ounce) frozen chopped spinach, drained and chopped
2 cans (13 ounce each) artichoke hearts, rinsed, drained, and chopped

1 cup parmesan cheese, shredded
1 can water chestnuts, chopped

2/3 cup Monterey jack cheese, shredded
Combine cream cheese and half-and-half in a bowl until well blended. Add remaining ingredients except Monterey jack cheese; stir well. Pour mixture into crock pot sprayed with non-stick cooking spray. Cook on high for 2 hours or until warmed through. Sprinkle with Monterey jack cheese.

SAVORY PARTY BREAD
You can use almost any unsliced bread with this recipe. We really like sourdough, so that is what I tested this recipe on the first

time. Then next time I used a long loaf of French bread. It was good also.

1 unsliced round loaf (1 pound) sourdough bread
1 pound Monterey Jack cheese, sliced
1/2 cup melted butter or olive oil
1 tablespoon garlic powder or 2 cloves fresh garlic, minced
1/2 cup chopped green onions
Fresh parsley, chopped (optional)

Cut the bread lengthwise and widthwise without cutting through bottom crust. Insert cheese between cuts. Combine butter or olive oil, garlic, and green onions;

drizzle over the bread. Wrap in foil; place on a baking sheet. Bake at 350° for 15 minutes. Unwrap; bake 10 more minutes or until the cheese is melted. Sprinkle with parsley if desired. Serve hot or warm.

SWEET AND SOUR SMOKIES

2 small packages of little Smokie links
3 ounces prepared mustard
2 jars (8 or 10 ounces each) apricot preserves

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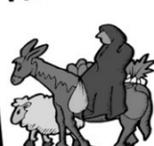


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Church 11 a.m.

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Children's Ministry:
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Brodhead, Ky. 40409
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
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Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship
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Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6
p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

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Sunday Services
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Choir 6 p.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.
Sunday Adult Choir 8 p.m.

Wednesday Services
Creative Ministry 6 p.m.
Bible Study 7 p.m.
Youth Ministry QUEST 7 p.m.
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Mission Friends 6 p.m.
Vaughn Raser, Pastor
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Sunday Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
Saturday Service 7 p.m.

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2922
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

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Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Josh Chasteen, Pastor

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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.
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Evening Worship 6 p.m.

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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.
Sunday Discipleship
Training/Youth Mission
Groups 6 p.m.

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Allen Hensley, Pastor
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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Discipleship Training 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship
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Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

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Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night 5:00 p.m.
Thursday Night 6 p.m.
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
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Recreation and Wellness

Complex will have big economic impact

By: Sam Hamilton
Chairman
Recreation and Wellness
Taskforce

Rockcastle County has suffered through the poor economic conditions over the last few years just as everyone else in this country. Someone said that we can't afford to build a Recreation and Wellness Complex with the economy in this condition. The truth is that we cannot afford not to build a Complex in these conditions. Our citizens are struggling to make ends meet and are forced to shell out their hard earned money to support other communities when they seek the services that our county does not provide. One person stated that he did not believe that people would drive to a central location because of the price of gas, but the reality is that these people are already driving to surrounding counties so that their children can participate in activities that are not offered in Rockcastle Counties.

A Recreation and Wellness Complex will have a big economic impact on our county. Not only will it help us keep our money in the county but it will also bring in money from people who live outside the county. One person stated that we have spent a huge amount of money on the industrial park and still have no jobs. The fact remains that companies do not relocate to communities that do not

provide basic health and recreation services such as sports leagues, workout facilities, and general recreational activities. You have to build infrastructure and give people a reason to want to relocate here. The question is, "What is there to compel someone to move to Rockcastle County?" A Recreation Complex could host sports tournaments that would draw people from surrounding counties. These people would buy gas, eat food and stay in a hotel while visiting. In turn, the demand for these services would grow and require new restaurants, hotels, and gas stations.

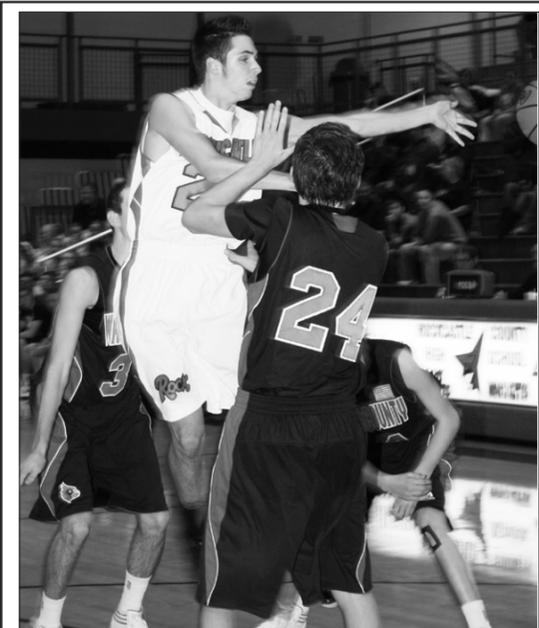
Economic development is done by creating a need for basic services which creates new jobs and increased revenues to the county. These revenues are then put back into the county and it creates a snowball effect. It was stated in one article recently that the traveling sports leagues are one of the fastest growing economic impacts to communities today. One sports tournament can create a \$100,000 economic impact on our county in one weekend. Currently we are forced to spend that money in other communities because we do not have the facilities to host these events. It is time for other people to help develop our county instead of our citizens funding projects in other communities.



Junior Sara Adams goes for a three in the Lady Rockets win over Wayne County. The Lady Rockets traveled to Lincoln County last Friday night, receiving their first loss of the season 61-50.



Junior Emily Miller goes for two against Wayne County. The girls play at home twice next week, Monday against Estill Co. and Friday against Somerset.



Junior Ashton Arvin dishes the ball to a teammate during the Rockets game against Wayne County. The Rockets have dropped their first three games, getting beat by Lincoln County 54-37 last Friday night and losing to Barbourville Tuesday night 93-60.



Junior Ben Allen tries to shoot over a Wayne County defender during their home opener. The Rockets will play again at home Monday night in a boys - girls double header against Estill County.

JROTC program holds Battalion Formal Inspection

The Rockcastle County JROTC program recently held their Battalion Formal Inspection (BFI) on November 2nd 2011. The inspection only comes around every three years. The inspector for this year was Mr. Jodie Jarboe from Fort Knox. The Rocket Battalion earned 584 points out of a possible 600. The inspection was divided up into different sections; Staff Briefing, Curriculum Knowledge, Color Guard Skills, Marching Skills, and In-Ranks inspection.

To start the day off the Rocket Battalion Staff took Mr. Jarboe into the conference room to brief him on each of their jobs. The briefing included the following cadets: Battalion Commander cadet LTC Felicia Boggs, Executive Officer (XO) cadet MAJ Jordan Moore, S1 cadet 2LT Ame Chiantaretto, S2 cadet SGT David Wynn, S3 cadet MAJ Jacob Houk, S4 cadet 2LT Aaron Baggett and S5 cadet 2LT Tiffany Howard. The S1 through S5 each earned 40 out of 40 on their briefing. All together the staff earned 96 out of 100 on the briefing.

For the Curriculum Knowledge two groups of cadets were divided up into different rooms to answer questions according to their level. A cadets let level is determined by the number of years they have been in the program. This was graded

by Sergeant Michael D. Evans and Mr. Jarboe. On this portion of the inspection the cadets earned 95 points out of a possible 100.

The Color Guard for the inspection included the following cadets: Addison Atkin as Left Guard, Jacob Houk as Right Guard, Shania Lawson as National Flag and Ame Chiantaretto as State Flag. The Color Guard did an exceptional job and earned 40 points out of 40.

During the In-Ranks inspection cadets were graded on their uniforms and were asked questions pertaining to the program. This portion of the inspection was graded by Mr. Jarboe, SGT Evans, and COL Sizemore from Clay County. For the In-Ranks inspection the Battalion earned 96 out of 100 points. The Battalion had an outstanding attendance.

The Battalion had two groups that marched for inspection. The first group was marched by cadet CPT Justin Houk, and the second by cadet SFC Shania Lawson. Both groups earned 47 out of 50 points.

The Rocket Battalion worked hard and did an outstanding job on the inspection this year. The Battalion gets to keep their yellow which in signifies that they are an Honor Unit with Distinction.

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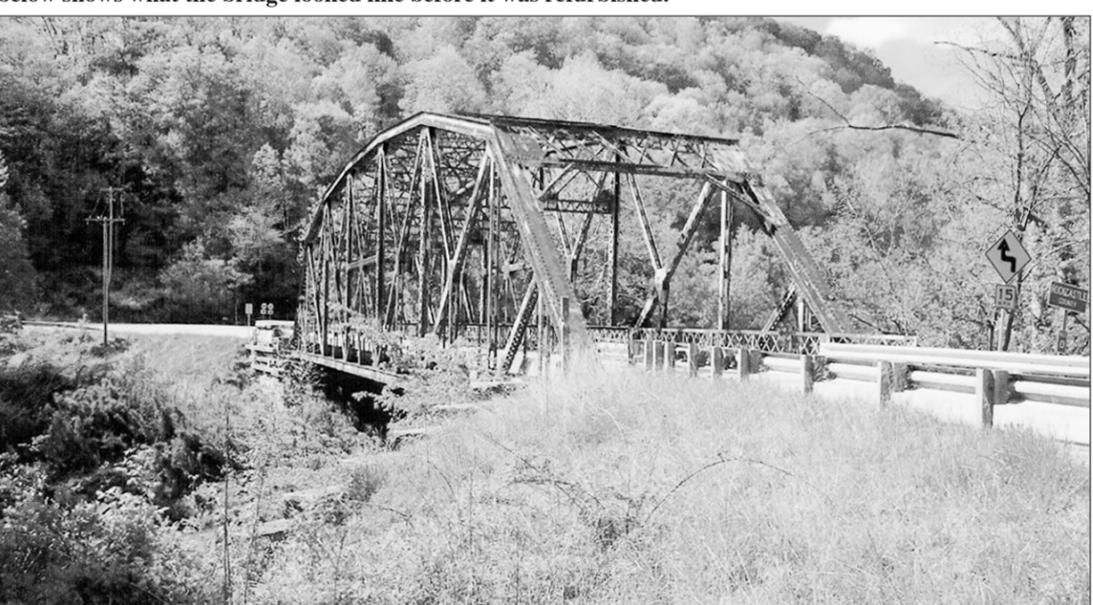
E. Carpet fibers are then groomed to fluff up worn walk areas to give a uniform look to the carpet.

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“Bridge”

(Cont. from front)

According to Hayes, the bridge is historic because of its age, and it is one of only three of its kind left in the state. Hayes said the state transportation cabinet wanted to tear the bridge down and replace it with a 1/4

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE PERMIT NO. 902-0051 INCREMENT NO. 1 & 2 PHASE 2 & 3 BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KRS:350, notice is hereby given that Jamieson Construction Company of 30 Jamieson Lane, London, Kentucky 40744, phone 606-878-7966, intends to apply for a Phase 3 Bond Release on Permit Number 902-0051, Increment Number 2 and Phase 2 & 3 Bond Release on Increment Number 1, which was last issued on January 31, 2005. The application covers an area of approximately 80.5 acres on the increments of which 72.9 acres were disturbed. The area is located in Rockcastle County, Kentucky, approximately 2.1 miles northeast of Wolf Creek Road's junction with KY 1912, and located 2.1 miles west of Johnetta, Kentucky. The Latitude is 37 deg. 24 min. 56 sec. and the Longitude is 84 deg. 14 min. 44 sec.

The total bond now in effect for these permit increments is Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) of which approximately one hundred percent (100%) of the amount will be released.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, grading, liming, fertilizing and seeding according to the re-vegetation plan and soil analysis. This work was completed in the Fall 2006.

A public hearing has been scheduled for January 21, 2012 at 9:00 am, at the Department of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement, London Regional Office, 85 State Police Road, London, Kentucky 40741. Written comments, objections and requests to attend this public hearing may be submitted to the Director of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 or the Department of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement, London Regional Office, 85 State Police Road, London, Kentucky 40741.

This hearing will be canceled if the Cabinet does not receive a request in writing for the public hearing before January 20, 2012.

mile long bridge, to the tune of \$2.9 million, but through his and others efforts, the bridge was saved, along with about ninety percent of the cost.

The bridge, which was badly rusted and hadn't been painted, was repaired, sandblasted and repainted battleship grey. The bridge is in the Penn Petit style, and was originally built by the Louisville Bridge and Truss Company.

Transportation Cabinet officials Phil Logsdon and Dean Croft were instrumental in helping Hayes with the project.

“Meeting”

(Cont. from front)

the statement that the recreation and wellness center would bring jobs to the county. Hamilton told Sheliga that he has said that a facility of this type would foster the ability to bring jobs to the county, and that the facility is only one tool in the process of creating jobs.

Claretta Hodges asked Hamilton where exactly he thought the money was going to come from to pay for this facility because, “in the past two years, the fiscal court has had \$50,000 and \$45,000, respectively, in their general fund left over to operate the county on, and my concern is where is the money to begin this project going to come from?”

Hamilton told the crowd that money has been set aside from the occupational tax for the purpose of recreation in the county, and even though that money may have been used in the past in other areas, if there was an actual recreation and wellness project, then the court would have to be more fiscally responsible because they would not have the recreation money to draw from.

Toby Mullins thanked Hamilton for giving the presentation to the public and told him that he was doing what was right by getting the information out there. Mullins stated,

“the magistrates say they need more information about the proposed recreation and wellness facility, and this is a step in the right direction. They (the magistrates) need to listen to and have the best interest of their constituents, and this information should help them make a decision, however they decide.”

Hamilton mentioned that he felt the community had gotten “the cart before the horse” by talking about land purchase before there was even a commitment by the fiscal court to proceed with a recreation and wellness facility. “What we need is a yes or no vote in favor of a complex, before we do or talk about anything else,” Hamilton said. “It took three rounds of elections in Boyle County before property for their Millenium Park was even bought. This process must take patience, must be built over time, and must be well thought out.”

Hamilton plans to make another presentation to the fiscal court in the next few weeks.

“Hospital”

(Cont. from front)

wellness initiatives.”

Estes's idea for utilizing solar power at Rockcastle Regional stemmed from reading an article about a solar project at the Cincinnati Zoo with solar panels on parking structures. He thought about the possibilities of solar power at Rockcastle Regional and incorporated the project as a part of an internship. John Lambert, a University of Louisville student completing a summer internship at Rockcastle Regional, researched and determined the feasibility of solar power at the hospital campus, strategies for managing energy costs and possible solar companies.

Discussions began taking place with several companies and Green Earth Solar of Knoxville, Tennessee was awarded

the contract. Green Earth Solar started in 2006 and has completed dozens of solar projects including dairies, manufacturing facilities, restaurants, parks and residential areas, but Rockcastle Regional Hospital is their first hospital project.

“If it is light enough to see outside, the modules are producing solar energy. The brighter the sun, the more intense the energy will be,” said Ed Zubko, Green Earth Solar partner. “Rockcastle Regional Hospital is buying 30-50 years of electricity in advance instead of paying for it monthly. They are making an investment and accruing decades of free electricity.”

Two hundred and ten solar modules have been installed on the top of the hospital's Outpatient Services Center. The modules will produce around 290 watts each (60.9 kW total) and will account for enough energy annually to power eight to ten homes. Kentucky Utilities will purchase the power generated.

“We pride ourselves on being a progressive hospital,” said Rockcastle Regional Hospital Board Chairman Joe Lambert. “Since we first opened the ventilator care facility, we've been constantly in search of innovative ways to improve all aspects of our service mission. Solar power is another project to add to our list of accomplishments.”

The solar panels essentially will power the third floor of the Outpatient Services Center, which is a space that will be utilized for community wellness events. The panels will also provide an educational experience for local students. The hospital plans to invite science classes and local students to tour the solar array.

“This project will benefit our organization and the environment,” said Gary Asher, Rockcastle Regional Facilities Manager. “We've diversified our power sources for economic benefit and decreasing our dependence on environmentally-damaging fuels.”

A kiosk will be in the lobby to show real-time solar energy that is being produced and provide other statistics. The hospital web site will also provide information about the solar panels including the carbon offset and trees saved.

“Santa”

(Cont. from front)

help a good cause along the way.

Santa will be at the Grateful Bread Food Pantry for pictures with children this Saturday, December 10th, from 9-5. Grateful Bread is located at 495 Williams Street, across the road from Mt. Vernon Elementary School. Pictures are \$5 for a 5x7 and proceeds benefit the food pantry. You can call 606-256-3035 for more information.

Santa Claus will also be at 145 Main Street,

across from Community Trust Bank, Saturday December 10th and 17th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Santa will be outside under the porch, so bundle up to stay warm while you wait. For more information about this Santa visit, contact Mt. Vernon City Hall at 256-3437.

“Murder”

(Cont. from front)

\$1,000,000 cash / property. Peters also has a \$25,000 cash/property bond for the manufacturing methamphetamine charge.

During Monday's hearing, Dwayne Singleton, 46, of Brodhead, and an uncle of Joshua Cameron, caused a disturbance over the judge's decision to not lower the three men's bonds. Judge Scott Lawless, who was presiding over the hearing, had Singleton removed from the hearing and sentenced him to thirty days in jail for contempt of court.

All three men are scheduled to appear in court Wednesday, December 14th.



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Second Section

Thursday December 8, 2011

Brodhead Christmas breakfast draws about 100 people



Susan Day, Megan Caudill and Carissa Looney worked during the Brodhead Christmas breakfast last Saturday. Around 100 people enjoyed the breakfast, which benefited the Brodhead Fire Department.



Georgette May, Betty Glovak and Bob May enjoyed each others' company during the Brodhead Christmas breakfast.



Megan Caudill served Carol Ann and Harold Vanhook during the Christmas breakfast at the Brodhead Firehouse. For seven dollars a person could get a choice of sausage, bacon, or country ham, eggs, biscuits and gravy, fried potatoes and fried apples.



Clinton Graves, Bobby Taylor and Donnie Brown swapped stories during the Brodhead Christmas breakfast.



Zach Gentry, Ashley Reynolds, and Vernon Cash pay Brodhead Mayor Walter Cash their money to eat at the Brodhead Christmas breakfast.



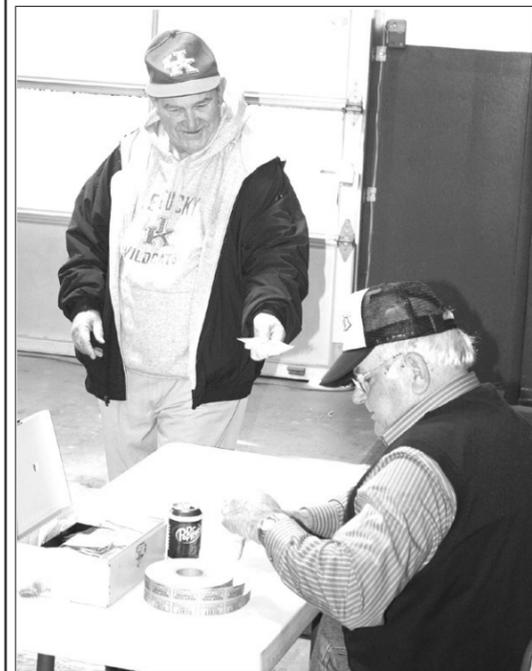
Marsha Jones and grandson Gabe Wynn got up early last Saturday for the breakfast at Brodhead.



Carissa Looney and Glen Adams refill the gravy bowl while helping serve at the Brodhead Christmas breakfast.



192 participate in 8th Annual Jingle Bell Run/Walk
More runners and walkers than ever participated in the 8th annual Jingle Bell Run/Walk held Saturday morning at Renfro Valley. The run/walk was sponsored by Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center. See more pictures and the story on page B3.



David Brock gives Mayor Cash his money before enjoying the breakfast at Brodhead last Saturday morning.

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News from the Rockcastle Courthouse



Circuit Civil Suits

Renita Reams vs. Diann Powell, complaint. CI-00313

Deeds Recorded

Barbara Conner, property on U.S. 25, to Community Trust Bank. No tax.
Cedar Rapids Recreation Center, property on Hwy. 150, to PBK Bank. No tax.
Jeffery James and Janet Lynn Robinson, property in Rockcastle County, to Karen Robinson. Tax \$80.
Mark Robinson, property in Rockcastle County, to Karen Robinson. Tax \$5.

David and Melissa Johnson, Julie and James Copenhaver and Misty Johnson, property in Rockcastle County, to Tiny Johnson. No tax.
Arvel and Patricia Kirby, property in Rockcastle County, to Phyllis Hines and William T. Hines. Tax \$76.

Federal National Mortgage Assn., property on Conway-Copper Creek Road, to Eugene Shackelford. No tax.

Tommie Falin and Alwanda Falin, property in Hays Fork Heights Subdv., to Alwanda Falin. No tax.

Tommy Falin and Alwanda Falin, property in Rockcastle County, to Alwanda Falin. No tax.

Tammy Hensley, property in Rockcastle County,

to Carl Hensley. No tax.
Alice Marie Hicks, property on Barnett Road, to Keith Simpson. Tax \$6.50.
Freddie Wayne Mason and Charles Shaw, property on Foxglove Hill Road, to Jessie Owen Mason. No tax.

Marriage Licenses

Danielle Marie Bishop, 26, Berea, housing asst. to Christopher Lee Robbins, 26, Berea, Berea College. 11/28/11.

Iris Parker, 52, Mt. Vernon, retired, to Gary Parker, 55, Mt. Vernon, sales. 11/29/11.

District Court

11/28/2011

Hon. Kathryn G. Wood
William C. Califf: public intoxication, bench warrant (bw) issued for failure to appear (fta).

Francis D. Grubb: fines/fees due (\$430.50), bw issued for fta/9 days in jail or payment in full.

Speeding: Anna E. Hahn-Milby, \$30 fine and costs; Travis S. Allen, Gary W. Stephens, license suspended for fta; Phillip L. Buttram, paid; Jocelyn J. Daulton, \$34 fine and costs;

Fred D. Powell, Jr: alcohol intoxication, bw issued for fta.

Joseph S. Holsing: theft by unlawful taking, 30 days/probated 12 months on condition, restitution plus costs; alcohol intoxication in public place, \$100 fine.

Gregory L. Howard: theft by deception (two counts), bw issued for fta.

Tiffany A. Martin: public intoxication, \$100 fine and costs.

Joseph D. McKnight: reckless driving, \$100 fine and costs.

Dennis W. Powell: fines/fees due (\$208), bw issued for fta.

Phillip K. Thomas: public intoxication, \$100 fine and costs.



Teresa Vanzant, left, presented Teresa Amix with her membership pin at a recent Kiwanis Club meeting. Rose Brown, right, presented Cletis Brown with his membership pin. The Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Back Porch Smokehouse in Renfro Valley.



Billy Reynolds presented Bentley Cromer and Glenda Smith with Certificates of Appreciation for their year of service on the Kiwanis Club board during his year as President. Shown from left are: Reynolds, Cromer, Smith and Rose Brown.

Recycling Center Is Now Open!!!

Rockcastle County is now offering a recycling drop-off program. Recyclables may be dropped off at the Rockcastle County Recycling Center on US 25 South (2528 South Wilderness Rd.) during the hours of 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday thru Friday (closed major holidays).

The following items may be recycled:

Newspapers w/inserts, magazines, books & catalogs, office paper, junk mail, phone books, plastic bottles & jugs (#1-7) (any size soda and water bottles, laundry detergent jugs, bleach and fabric softener jugs, milk and water jugs, cooking oil bottles and jugs, shampoo bottles, dish liquid and alcohol bottles (please rinse out jugs), metal cans (rinsed), empty aerosol cans, aluminum cans, glass bottles and jars, sheet glass, ceramics, computers, radios, phones, vacuum cleaners, clocks, cameras, camcorders, vcr/dvd players and satellite boxes.

Rechargeable batteries such as those found in: cordless power tools, cellular phones (the whole phone can be recycled), cordless phones, laptop computers, digital cameras, two-way radios, camcorders and remote control toys. If it says rechargeable on it, then it's recyclable!

Clean used motor oil may also be dropped off at the Rockcastle County Road Department during regular business hours.

Recycling trailers are also available at the following locations: City of Brodhead (gravel lot across from Citizens Bank), City of Livingston (gravel lot across from old Livingston Gymnasium), Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Department (at Conway) and at the Pongo Volunteer Fire Department. The trailers will only be pulled out to empty them and will then be taken back to the same location. Please help us make this a successful venture by being clean and/or neat with our recycling habits. Do not put anything in the individual bins except what is labeled on them. **Do not leave recyclables on the ground!** If you drop something on the ground, pick it up. **Absolutely no trash is to be put into the bins!** Remember, camera surveillance is utilized in Rockcastle County and it is illegal to improperly dispose of trash.

If additional information is needed, you can call the Rockcastle County Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902

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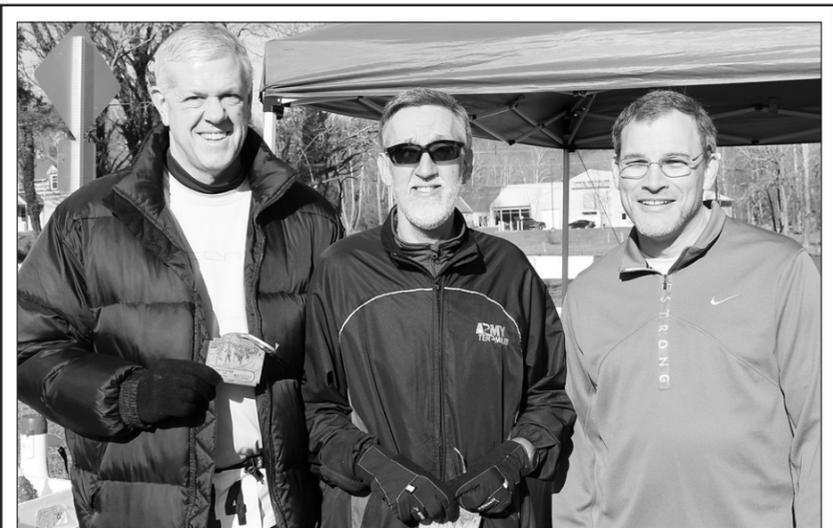


Jingle Bell 6K Run/Walk attracts 192 participants

Saturday's 8th annual Jingle Bell 6K Run/Walk attracted more participants than ever. A total of 192 runners and walkers helped raise money for long-term care residents of the Respiratory Care Center at Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center. Saturday's total far sur-

passed last year's 134 participants. Evans Kiprutto, of Richmond, was the overall winner with a time of 19:15, which is a five minute nine-second per mile race. The fastest female was Kat Pagano with a time of 22:31. Rockcastle Regional would like to thank the sponsors: UK Health Care,

Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation Center, Citizens Bank, Community Trust Bank, Mt. Vernon Signal, Jailer James Miller and his wife Dee Ann, Fayette Graphics, Bissell's Inc., and Singleton Insurance. A special thanks also to Renfro Valley Entertainments Center, the Mt. Vernon City Police, and Backporch Smokehouse Restaurant.



Males: First place Walter Norris of Bowling Green, second William Haney and third Phillip Stratton.



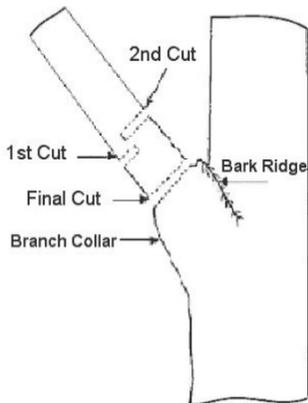
Females: First place Susan Haney of Winchester, second Raina Remole and third Rhonda Marin.

How to prune storm damaged trees or low limbs

By Ian Owens
Retail Manager of Owens Garden Center & Landscape
Many times when you are driving through the community you notice a tree that would be an astounding specimen if it was shaped up a bit or had been cleaned up last late fall as winter dormancy set in. The following are some guidelines to proper tree pruning that can save the ambiance of your landscape and sometimes literally the trees life.

wound paints are asphalt based. In the heat of the summer, the petroleum can become more volatile, damaging the new tissue that the tree is trying to heal itself with. Trees have a remarkable ability to wall off, or compartmentalize, a damaged area. Thus there is no need for any sealers. Proper pruning sequence and cut locations Another thing not to do is to prune off broken branches flush with the trunk. This type of pruning takes much longer to heal than when pruned properly.

beyond help that you can reasonably reach. Don't get anywhere near an electric wire, don't climb a ladder with a chain saw, don't do anything your mother wouldn't have approved of. Once the badly damaged branches are clear, take an objective look at what remains. If the structural main part of the trunk is damaged, there is no real recovery from that and the tree should be removed by a professional. If the tree is sound then next think of how you want the tree to look. Decide if the desired look is to be tight and full or wide and airy, then make the appropriate cuts to reach the acquired goal.



What Not To Do
One thing you should not do is to use any kind of tree wound paint. This will always make the problem worse! Tree wound paint is cruel and unusual punishment for a tree. Most tree

The Right Things To Do
The first step is to decide where to prune. Do not be too hasty in making this decision. Safely cut away what is obviously broken

After It Is Over
After pruning call your local garden center and request appropriate disposal of the limbs. They will most likely take your non diseased tree limbs and recycle them into grade A organic mulch to be used on your plants in the coming years.

Money tips for college students

Tax tips for students

Income tax season is fast approaching, and students may want to consider these tips from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) to help the process go more smoothly. Although you may not have earned enough to be required to file, you may get a refund if your employer withheld taxes from your pay. But before you file, discuss the tax situation with your parents. Depending on how much they contributed to your upkeep during the year, they may be able to claim you as a deduction on their tax returns, which could save them thousands of dollars. Students and their parents

may be able to take advantage of these deductions or income adjustments on their federal taxes:
•American Opportunity Credit, available for the first 4 years of college.
•Lifetime Learning Credit, available if a taxpayer or a dependent is taking college courses to acquire or improve job skills.
•Tuition and fees deduction, which lets taxpayers deduct qualified education expenses paid during the year for themselves or a dependent. The expenses must be for college.
•Student loan interest deduction, which lets people deduct up to \$2,500 per year on federal taxes for interest paid on federal stu-

dent loans. For more detailed information about federal programs, go to www.irs.gov to download the free Publication 970 Tax Benefits for Education. Kentucky also offers a tuition tax credit for undergraduate studies at colleges and universities in the state. Remember that tax rules may change from year to year, so make sure you have the most up-to-date information before filing. To learn how to plan and prepare for higher education, go to website address www.gotocollege.ky.gov. For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit website address www.kheaa.com.

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Private Country Setting with plenty of elbow room - This 2-story vinyl sided home features a LR, Kit, DR, 1 BR, 1 BA, and Utility room on the 1st floor and a FR, 3 BR, and 2 BA on the 2nd floor. Other amenities include: a 1-car attached garage, front porch, heat pump, central air, city water and septic system. Property is situated on 50 acres +/- . Call today for your appointment to view. \$259,000. M2680

Looking for good starter home or rental investment? This 2 BR, 2 BA mobile home is situated on an acres +/- might be just what you're looking for! Formerly used as a business, this property on Hwy. 25 consists of an over-sized garage with city water. \$37,900. M2653

Sale Pending

Lovely! This lovely brick home is located just 3 miles south of Mt. Vernon and has convenient access to I-75. The home consists of 3 BR, 2 BA, LR, DR/Kit combo, office and large laundry area. Situated on a 1.5 acre lot with barn, tool shed and gazebo for your enjoyment. M2663

Home Sweet Home! Once you inside this inspiring, spacious, 4 BR, 2 BA, vinyl siding ranch-style home...you may NEVER want to leave! This home is situated on 10 acres +/- and has an exceptional view. Other amenities include: heat pump, c/a, barn, laminate floors, kitchen appliances, and a big back patio. Priced to sell at \$125,900. M2713

Business Right at Home - This home consists of 3 BR and 2 BA. Amenities include: jetted tub, central heat/air, gas logs fireplace. There's a huge garage that consists of approx. 3,400 sq. ft. with full kitchen, 2 half baths, and could be set-up with living quarters. All of this is situated on approx. 3 acres with a country view! Reduced due to health reasons to \$110,000. M2677

Gas Saver! Walk to churches, school, stores! Lovely 2 BR, vinyl siding house that has lg. LR and kitchen, heat pump/central air. Also included is a storage bldg, all situated on level lot. Priced at \$49,900. M2686

Convenient Location... is what this home offers being within minutes from the schools, grocery store and major highways. This charming, vinyl siding home consists of 3 BR, 2 1/2 BA, and is situated on a corner lot. Included is a partially finished, full basement with ample space to use as another bedroom. Amenities include: central h/a, city water, 1-car garage, and nice back porch. Priced at \$94,900. M2706

Enjoy the Peace and Serenity of Country Living! 28x60 vinyl sided doublewide is situated on 8.44 acres by survey. Features eat-in kit., LR, 3 BR, 2 BA and utility. Extras: 1-car attached carport, detached garage bldg, barn and so much more. A creek runs through the property. Priced to sell at \$79,000. M2639

Nice! This 1 1/2 story home is located on Tevis Street in Mt. Vernon. Features include 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, living room, dining room and kitchen. It has a full basement and detached garage with an extra lot. This property is located close to the schools, banks, and post office. Priced at \$49,500. M2717.

Spring is in the air! This home consists of 3-4 bedrooms, two baths, kitchen, dining room, city water and sewer. Central heat and air and KU utilities. Yard is fenced in and has a pool in back. Located on a dead end street and priced at \$84,900. M2643

Stop The Press! This lovely home features a LR, DR, Kit, 2 BR, 1 1/2 BA and utility room on the first floor. The second floor features 2 BR, Den, and 1 BA. Other amenities include a full basement with fireplace, two car attached garage with storage overhead, heat pump, central air, above ground pool, barn, city water and septic system all situated on 2 acres m/l. Call today for your appointment. M2657

Mini Farm!!! If you're looking for a nice home with a country setting, then this property is for you! This 3 BR, 1 BA, vinyl siding home is situated on 4 +/- acres and has a 2-car attached garage. Property includes a horse barn with 2 stalls and loft for hay. Other amenities include: central heat/air, partial basement, city water and much more. Only asking \$89,900. M2697

Check it out... This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home is priced right at \$110,000. Amenities include: living room, kitchen, heat pump, central air, full unfinished basement, and partially fenced yard. Call for more details. M2720

Excellent 2006 Modular Home... in immaculate condition in Mt. Vernon. Home has a master suite with master bath, large living room, kitchen with oak cabinets, 2 add'l bedrooms and one add'l bath. Home also has central heat/air. Situated on 7/10 of acre. Ready to move into! \$85,900. M2719

What a Deal... This recently remodeled ranch style home is situated on 1 acre +/- . The home consists of 2 BR, 2 1/2 baths, LR, Kit, DR, and utility room. The home also has a full, unfinished basement that could add to your living space. Other improvements include: 40x40 det. garage, barn and older garage bldg. Amenities include: central air, city water, septic and a beautiful back porch. Priced at \$89,900. M2699

Heart of Renfro Valley! 1.43 acres of commercial property with 325 ft. of road frontage, two blacktop entrances, level lot, city sewer available, one mile north of I-75. Priced at \$99,000.00. M2642

For Sale or Lease! Only one mile out of Mt. Vernon, this commercial bldg. with vault is ideal for any retail office. Includes outdoor shooting range. \$59,900. M2645

Commercial Building in Renfro Valley - This vinyl sided commercial bldg. features 1500 +/- sq ft of sales area, 1 bath and full basement with blacktop road frontage along Hwy 25. Other amenities: blacktop parking lot, city sewer, heat pump, and central air. Situated on 1.74 acres. If you're looking for a commercial bldg. in Renfro Valley, then call today for an appt. to view this property. \$139,900. M2679

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY FOR SALE

Great Investment Opportunity! 19.138 acres overlooking Renfro Valley and joins the KOA campground. City water/sewer available. Lots of development potential. \$115,000. M2638

Opportunity! This 32x32 commercial, block building could be the perfect opportunity for you. Priced at \$48,900 and ready to use immediately. Call for more details. M2718

LOTS/ACREAGE

298 +/- Acres - This property has blacktop road frontage along Sweetwater Road and is mostly wooded with an abundance of marketable timber. \$447,000. M2667

Secured, Unimproved, Vacant Land - ideal for hunting or as recreational land. Being SOLD by boundary deed. A copy of the deed is available upon request. Approx. 8 acres for \$8,995. M2688

Lots Available! Now in the Lear Crest Subdivision. There are 7 lots to choose from so hurry to take your pick. Priced at \$11,900 each. M2346

REDUCED! 127 Acres more or less by the boundary! This 127 acres m/l is mostly wooded with some young timber. If you're looking for recreational land or simply a get-away, then be sure to call for your appointment today. Reduced to \$95,250. M2635

13 Acres overlooking Mt. Vernon on old US 25. Building sites -- convenience. Priced at \$24,900. M2444

4 Lots Available in South Ridge Estates - ranging in size from 0.29 acres to 0.49 acres. Selling as a whole and priced at \$18,000. M2721

Subdivision Lots - Here's two, great, restricted subdivision lots located in Houston Point. The lots can be sold together or separately for your convenience. Hurry, before they are gone! Priced at \$22,000. M2700

Mini Horse Farm! This 15.6 mini horse farm is improved with a 60x60 barn with a 24x60 basement as well as a 24x60 attached equipment shed. There's also a training barn measuring 110x20 with washroom, tack/office room plus a 12x36 run-out shed. \$219,000. M2698

Reduced!! This CORNER LOT could be yours for only \$16,900. Strategically located at corner of West Main Street and Hysinger Hollow Road, making it a prime heavy traffic location for a small business or a convenient home. City water, sewer, KU electric. Now only \$16,900. M2596

Make This Your Building Site! Measuring 73/100 of an acre, this lot features blacktop road frontage and city water available. Conveniently located close to Mt. Vernon but in the Brodhead School District. Whether you're looking for a "cheap" building site or good investment property, don't let this one get away. \$8,500. M2617

Severall...Large Country Lots, with a great view! Holbrook Estates in the Brindle Ridge section - convenient to Mt. Vernon & Berea. City water, cable TV, lots measure 3/4 to 1 acre. Prices range from \$9,900 to \$12,900. M1796

They're Going Fast! Conveniently located between I-75 and 461, over 100 restricted building lots in the newly developed Rainbow Ridge Subdivision. Newly blacktopped roads - city water - some lake views. Prices range between \$11,900 - \$16,900. M1798

FUTURE AUCTIONS

Absolute Estate Auction of the late Mrs. Alberta Gossett's Home & Lot
Saturday, December 10th at 1:30 p.m.
129 South Central Somerset, Ky.

Absolute Auction of 17 Acres +/- in Tracts and Barn
Saturday, Dec. 10th at 10:30 a.m.
Bill Toad Rd., Eubank, Ky.
Online Only Auction
Fuel Center - Restaurant
Bidding ends: Dec. 15th at approx. 11:00 a.m. EST
8471 Hwy. 196 - Faubush

Online Only Doubleheader Auction Auction #1 - 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Home Auction #2 - Personal Property
Bidding Ends: Jan. 17th at approx. 4 p.m.
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Congratulations to the following members of the RCHS Band who were selected by audition as members of the 2012 Bluegrass All-Regional Bands. Pictured from left are: Shanoah Shelton, 1st Chair Clarinet Concert Band; Dalton Gray, 1st Chair Bass Clarinet Concert Band; Jake Mink, 5th Chair Trombone Concert Band; and Dylan Hillard, 1st Chair Symphonic Band.

EKU students attend national conference

Twelve Eastern Kentucky University Middle Grades Education majors participated in the national conference of the Association for Middle Level Education (AMLE) Nov. 10-12 in Louisville.

Scot Carlston of Berea, Jill Jonas of Lexington, Heather Lewis and Danielle Stidham of Richmond, and Kyle Norton of Eaton, Ohio, joined faculty members Dr. Dorie Combs and Dr. Rodney White in presenting "Taking the Lead: Providing Clinical Experiences for Pre-service Teachers in Diverse Schools." The students shared what they learned from the Diverse School Contextual Analysis Project conducted as part of the Middle Grade Curriculum course.

For this project, each student spent a school day with a minority student from a diverse middle school. They then compared that school to another middle school of their choice.

During the conference presentation, each student shared what they learned about effective instruction for young adolescents and described how their attitudes and beliefs were affected by this experience.

Robert King of Stearns and Chase Weitkamp of Richmond joined students from Northern Kentucky University, the University of Kentucky, and the University of Louisville in

"Teacher Preparation Panel-Middle Grades Education Teacher Certification in Kentucky: Pre-service Teachers' Perspectives."

Eight students enrolled in teacher preparation programs described the experiences that have most prepared them for teaching.

Christ Rueter of Union, Wayne Akers of Science Hill, Stephanie Barnett of Brodhead, Carl Schoensiegel of West Chester, Ohio and Kelsey

Cravens of California also attended the conference and served as volunteer facilitators for presentations.

The Association for Middle Level Education's annual conference included more than 600 sessions on more than 60 topics, including keynote addresses by U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and author Henry Winkler.

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Mt. Vernon Message

School News
Book Fair Events:
Thursday, December 8

"Donuts for Dad from
7:30a.m. until 8:30 a.m.
Friday, December 9

Grandparents of Kindergarten students visit as follows:

AM students 10:15-10:45 and 10:45-11:10
PM students 11:30-12:00 and 12:15-12:45

MVES SBDM meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 12 at 4:00p.m.

Friday, December 16 is the last day to donate to our Stomp Out Drugs Shoe Drive.

Friday, December 16 is our last day of school until January 3rd.

MVES FRC News
FRC Council Meeting is Tuesday, December 13 at 12:00 in the FRC Office.

FRC 100% Club meets on Thursday, K, 3rd-5th will meet at 8:30. K, 1st-2nd will meet at 12:30.

FRC Parent Pick-Up for Christmas Presents is Monday, December 19th from 9:00a.m. until 4:00p.m.

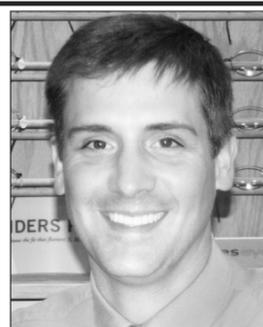
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Lasalle Bank National Association as trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-FF1, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-FF1 Plaintiff

V.

Dustin McClure, Crystal McClure, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., U.S. Bank National Association, as successor in interest to Wachovia Custodian for Sass Muni V DTR US Bank Cust, Addington Oil Co., Inc. Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on September 17, 2011, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY ONE DOLLARS AND 31.100 (\$101,681.31) plus interest, costs and attorney fees, I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, December 9, 2011
Beginning at the Hour of 11:30 a.m.**

Said property being more particularly bounded & described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin corner to Carl Speaks in the north right of way of U.S. Highway No. 150; thence going with the Speaks line N 15 degrees 21 minutes 53 seconds E, 161.17 feet to an iron pin corner to Speaks in the south right of way of the L & N Railroad; thence with said railroad right of way N 79 degrees 48 minutes 36 seconds W, 240.00 feet; N 66 degrees 19 minutes 57 seconds W 630.00 feet; N 53 degrees 22 minutes 23 seconds W, 100.00 feet to an iron pin corner to Emma Crank; thence leaving railroad right of way and going with the Crank line S 39 degrees 09 minutes 07 seconds W, 56.00 feet to a post corner to Crank in the north right of way of Highway No. 150; thence going with said highway right of way S 56 degrees 35 minutes 08 seconds E 706.76 feet; thence S 75 degrees 15 minutes 00 seconds E, 306.08 feet to the beginning and containing 2.505 acres as surveyed by C. Douglas Mullins, Registered Land Surveyor No. 2773.

There is excepted from this tract herein described and not conveyed 140 feet with highway and railroad conveyed to Terry Shaffer by deed of record in Deed Book _____, page _____ in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

Being the same property that Dustin McClure and wife Crystal McClure obtained by deed dated November 15, 2006 and recorded in Deed Book 213, page 342 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

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

1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have 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.
3. Unpaid taxes of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2012 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
6. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
7. 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.
8. 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**

Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II Civil Action No. 10-CI-00313

JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. Successor by merger to Chase Home Finance LLC successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation Plaintiff

V.

Bonnie K. Wood Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on November 9, 2011, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FORTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND 59/100 (\$118,448.59) plus interest, costs and attorney fees, I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, December 9, 2011
Beginning at the Hour of 11:30 a.m.**

Said property being more particularly bounded & described as follows:

128 Mutt Ponder Road, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
Beginning on an iron pin a new corner to James Sexton and in the East right of way of Mutt Ponder Road; thence going with new line of Sexton and down a drain S 53° 56' 20" E, 1763.74 feet to a 3" wild cherry, N 81° 40' 47" E, 78.08 feet to a poplar; N 84° 11' 22" E, 97.00 feet to a 12" maple; N 88° 08' 14" E, 147.17 feet to a stump; N 89° 40' 34" E, 189.93 feet to a point in the center of a drain and in the Herbert Lear line; thence going with the Lear line S 46° 59' 29" W, 86.59 feet to a buckeye; S 52° 59' 44" W, 460.88 feet to post; corner to Lear and in the East right of way of Mutt Ponder Road; thence going with the right of way N 28° 16' 54" W, 229.25 feet to a point of beginning and containing 2.387 acres, by survey of C. Douglas Mullins, Registered Land Surveyor No. 2773.

Being the same property conveyed to Bonnie K. Wood, an unmarried person, by deed dated February 21, 2003, recorded in Deed Book 193, Page 450 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

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

1. The real property shall be sold together as a whole.
2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) 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. Unpaid taxes of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
5. The purchaser shall pay the 2011 local, county and state property taxes.
6. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
7. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
8. In the event that 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**

Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I Civil Action No. 11-CI-00260

Green Tree Servicing, LLC Assignee of Greenpoint Credit, LLC Plaintiffs

V.

Susan Rae Culton, et al Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on November 7, 2011, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of SIXTY FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY NINE DOLLARS AND 44/100 (\$64,539.44) plus interest, costs and attorney fees, I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, December 9, 2011
Beginning at the Hour of 11:30 a.m.**

Said property being more particularly bounded & described as follows:

516 Madison View Road, Berea, KY 40456
TRACT 12:

A tract of land lying and being in Rockcastle County, Kentucky. Also located on the north side of the Linville road; Beginning at a steel pin with cap 1837 set on the north side of a gravel lane leading from the Linville Road also a corner of tract Three; Thence with the line of tract three the following calls; Thence North 15 deg. 26 min. 00 sec. East, 329.03 feet; to a steel pin with cap 1837 set on the north side of a branch; also a corner of Donald Dees DB 133, Pg 406; Thence with a new line with D. Dees the following calls; Thence North 55 deg. 50 min. 14 sec. West, 126.72 feet; to a steel pin with cap 1837 set 2 feet from the property line of D. Dees & T.H. Mink; Thence South 20 deg. 15 min 22 sec. West, 352.28 feet, to a steel pin with cap 1837 set on the north side of the gravel lane also being 2 feet from the property line of D. Deeds & T.H. Mink; Thence with the north side of the gravel lane the following call; Thence South 67 deg. 26 min. 56 sec. East; 150.79 feet to the point of beginning.

CONTAINS 1.062 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.
This description prepared from a physical survey conducted by Gary W. Holman KY L.S. 1837 on 2-11-98.

TRACT 13:

A tract of land lying & being in Rockcastle County, KY also located on the north side of the Linville Road; Beginning at a steel pin with cap 1837 set on the north side of a gravel lane leading to the Linville Road, also a corner of Tract Four; Thence with the north side of the gravel lane the following calls; Thence South 67 deg. 26 min. 56 sec. East, 414.00 feet; to a steel pin with cap 1837, Thence South 31 deg. 14 min. 22 sec. East, 414.00 feet; to a steel pin with a cap 1837 a corner with D. Dees DB 133, Pg. 406; Thence with a new line with D. Dees the following calls; Thence North 5 deg. 23 min. 48 sec. West, 124.12 feet; to a steel pin with cap 1837; Thence North 26 deg. 34 min. 03 sec. East, 99.52 feet; to a steel pin with cap 1837, Thence North 3 deg. 21 min. 00 sec. East, 240.05 feet; to a steel pin with cap 1837 set on the north side of a branch; Thence North 82 deg. 17 min. 35 sec. West, 100.97 feet; to a steel pin with cap a corner to tract four; Thence with the line of tract four the following call; Thence South 15 deg. 26 min. 00 sec. West, 329.03 feet to the point of beginning.

CONTAINS 1.099 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.
This description prepared from a physical survey conducted by Gary W. Holman, KY L.S. 1837 on 2-11-98.

The above described real property is improved by a 2000 Redman mobile home, serial no. 11261094.

This being the real property conveyed to Susan Culton, married, by deed dated December 7, 1999, and recorded in Deed Book 177, page 514 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

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

1. The real property and mobile home shall be sold together as a whole.
2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser 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 twelve percent (12%) 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. Unpaid taxes of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
5. The purchaser shall pay the 2011 local, county and state property taxes.
6. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
7. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
8. In the event the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
9. The purchaser is required to purchase fire and extended coverage insurance on any improvements to the real property, from the date of sale until the purchase price is paid in full to the extent of the Court appraised value of the improvements or the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, with a loss payable clause to the Rockcastle Master Commissioner.
10. 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
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For Rent Trailer in Brodhead. 758-4729. 38xntf

For Rent: 2BR/1BA in Sunnyside Estates. \$350 month plus deposit. No pets. **2BR/1BA** in Mt. Vernon, \$400 month includes water bill. No pets. 308-5459. 49xntf

For Rent: Accepting applications at Mt. Vernon Housing Authority on Mondays 9 a.m. til 12 noon. Rent based on income. 256-4185. 14xntf

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For Sale: 4 BR brick ranch home. 2 1/2 baths, 3 car garage on 18 1/2 acres. Corner of Maple Grove Road and Big Cave Road. 256-3518. 51x3p

For Sale: Mobile home park. 16 trailers w/2 extra lots. 15 acres of land., more or less. \$75,000. 606-308-5389. 50x4p

For Sale: 80 Union Chapel Road. 1600 sq. ft. 3BR/2BA brick ranch, located on one acre. Completely remodeled. Minutes from I-75. Call 765-969-0613 for details. 23xntf

For Sale: 1.9 acre wooded lot on Freedom School Road. Septic tank and city water already there. 3/4 mile from 150. 606-308-2290. 37xntf

Posted

Posted: No trespassing on property owned by Eugene T. Caldwell on Hummel Road, Hummel Strip Pits and Brush Arbor. 47x10

No trespassing on property belonging to Emma Gray in Orlando section of Rockcastle County. Not responsible for accidents. No hunting. 50x4

Posted: No trespassing or hunting on property belonging to Edmund Wilson on Hummel Road (old Doc Wolfe farm). Not responsible for accidents. 1x1

No trespassing on property owned by Judy Marsh (formerly owned by Berl and Ruth Hopkins) partially bordered by Hwy. 461 and Countryside Estates. Violators will be prosecuted.

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Farmer Waddle and Clista Spivey heirs on Hwy. 490. Violators will be prosecuted. Not responsible for accidents. 1/26/12

Posted: Absolutely no trespassing on property of Dell Ponder on Red Hill and Black Bear Lick Lane. Violators will be prosecuted.

Posted: No trespassing on land belonging to James and Dorothy Rash heirs on Rash Branch Road off Chestnut Ridge. No hunting, camping, ATVs, trespassing for any purpose. Not responsible for accidents to anyone. Violators prosecuted.

Posted: No trespassing on Crawford Place - Old Brodhead Road. Danny Smith. 47tfn

Posted: Absolutely no hunting, fishing or trespassing on property belonging to Mark and Debbie Cummins. Violators will be prosecuted.

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Notice is hereby given that Alberta Sue Cunningham, 330 Redbud Drive, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed executrix of the estate of James A. Cunningham on the 23rd day of November, 2011. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Alberta Sue Cunningham or to Hon. William D. Gregory, 240 East Main St., P.O. Drawer 220, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456-0220 on or before May 23, 2012 at 11 a.m.

Notice is hereby given that Beatrice Barnett, 2679 Sweetwater Road, Berea, Ky. 40403 has been appointed guardian of Jacob Shelton, a minor. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Beatrice Barnett or to Simons, Dunlap & Fore, P.S.C., P.O. Box 726, Richmond, Ky. 40476 on or before May 28th, 2012 at 11 a.m. 1x2

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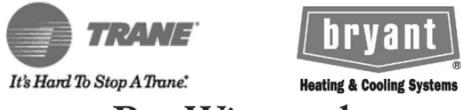
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Brodhead would like to think the students who participated in the Jump Rope for Heart fund raiser for the American Heart Association. During the Jump Rope for Heart event, Brodhead students developed various jump rope skills while empowering them to improve their own health and the community involvement of helping other kids with heart-health issues. The Jump Rope for Heart event was great way for students to develop physical fitness

skills and learning the importance of becoming active citizens.

Students recognized during circle time as Students of the Week were, Shane Bryant, Kilee Carpenter, Elizabeth Denny, Rylie Bradley, Noah Dennison, Abigail Bowen, Caden Dooley, Nathan Coffey, Kayman Baldwin, Kaylee Butler, Raegan Chasteen, Lindsey Jones, Cadee Evans, Valerie Franklin, Rylee Denney, Gracelynn Cromer, Katie Vance, Cora

Cook, and Emily Hall.

Brodhead Elementary School hosted their first ever Winter Wonderland Carnival on Friday, December 2nd in order to raise money for new technology in classrooms. Hundreds of people attended the event to play games, win prizes, and bid on silent auction items. A special thank you goes out to all who sponsored or volunteered to make this such a successful effort to place new technology in our classrooms.



These Brodhead Elementary students made donations to the American Heart Association. Pictured are, front from left: Journey Calder, Olivia Smith, Kylie Martin, Elisabeth Owens, Emily Casteel, Alyssa Martin, Jenna Wells, Granville Graves and Cassie Smith. Second row from left: Dalton Lefler, Destiny Adams, Jameson Mink, Calliegh Burdette and Zayden Barnett. Back row from left: Izzy Clouse, Kaylee Collins, Destiny Kidwell, Karalinn Loudermilk, Keelee King, Valerie Franklin, Kiarra Clouse, Haley Graves, and Richie Clouse.



Rockcastle County Middle School students recently participated in the Girls Exploring Math and Science (GEMS) conference at Somerset Community College. GEMS was created as a way to encourage girls to consider mathematics-oriented and science-oriented careers, and to take advanced level mathematics and science courses in high school. Pictured are, front from left: Emily Childress and Tori Phillips. Middle row from left: Rachael Davis, Hailey Harper and Hannabeth Owens. Back row from left: Kayla Shafer, Glennnda Lear and Laney Poynter.

Minds in the Middle

We need your help! The RCMS Unite Club and Student YMCA are currently conducting their annual food drive. All proceeds will go to the local Mt. Vernon Food and Clothing Mission. The homeroom that brings in the most items will receive a popcorn and movie party.

Our Youth Service Center is in need of new or slightly used sweat pants and belts. If you could bring those items, please drop them off in the mornings at the Youth Service Center.

The current Box Tops collection period will run through December 15th. The winning team will receive an extra incentive with the administrative staff. The Voyagers are currently in the lead, but all teams are still in the running.

RCMS is proud of all of the Student YMCA members who participated in the Kentucky Youth Assembly last week. Congratulations to Caleb Ballinger on receiving an Outstanding Speaker award and to Jackson Cromer on receiving an Outstanding Delegate award. Emily Childress also made RCMS proud serving with the Media Corp and David Gabbard did an excellent job serving on the Leadership team.

Congratulations to Andrew Stadler, Robert Davis, and Akira King on winning the Media Center's "Who

Am I?" contest. From clues given, these students were able to identify a popular author and win a prize.

There will be an afterschool dance this Friday sponsored by the RCMS Track Team. You must have team and parental permission to attend. The dance will dismiss at 4:45.

The Art Club has Christmas ornaments for sale. Those are on the tree in the front office and can be pur-

chased for \$1 each.

Congratulations to Mrs. Ballinger's 6th grade Enterprisers on winning last week's attendance race. Mrs. Stewart's 6th grade Voyagers came in second, followed by Mr. Mattingly's 7th grade Shooting Stars.

Friday evening at 7:00 will be the public performance of the RCMS Band and Choir's Christmas Concert. Come enjoy the sounds of the season!

Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II Civil Action No. 10-CI-335 & 10-CI-337

**Peoples Bank & Trust Company
of Madison County** Plaintiff

v.

Joan Draths, et al Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on October 14, 2011, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of THIRTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY SIX DOLLARS AND 62/100 (\$13,786.62) plus interest, costs and attorney fees, I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, December 9, 2011
Beginning at the Hour of 11:30 a.m.**

Said property being more particularly bounded & described as follows:

Little Clear Creek Road, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456
A certain lot or parcel of land lying and being on the south side of Little Clear Creek in Rockcastle County, Kentucky and is more fully described as follows:

Beginning at a 1/2" conduit with a plastic cap stamped RLS #2773 in the south right of way of the Little Clear Creek Road and being a corner to Rude Osolnik; thence going with said right of way S 76° 45' 05" W, 38.84 feet to a 1/2" conduit with a plastic cap stamped RLS #2773; thence S 69° 20' 52" W, 172.41 feet to a 1/2" conduit with a plastic cap stamped RLS #2773 in said right of way and being a corner to Wayne Smith; thence leaving said right of way and going with the line of Wayne Smith S 37° 03' 20" E, 604.61 feet to a 1/2" conduit with a plastic cap stamped RLS #2773 in the line of Rude Osolnik and a corner to Wayne Smith; thence going with the line of Osolnik N 82° 15' 07" E, 219.03 feet to a 1/2" conduit with plastic cap stamped RLS #2773; thence N 36° 10' 28" W, 647.64 feet to the point of BEGINNING and CONTAINING 2.84 ACRES; and the improvements thereon being known and designated as _____ Little Clear Creek Road, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.

See also plat of the above described property filed as an attachment to deed of record in Deed Book 157, Page 661 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

This being the real property conveyed to Edith O. Borden, by deed dated October 28, 1999, executed by Terry Baker, et ux. and recorded in Deed Book 177, page 74 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

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

1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of 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.
2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) 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.
3. Unpaid taxes, including 2011, of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2012 local, county and state property taxes.
5. Full satisfaction of the plaintiff's judgment shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale.
6. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
7. 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.
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AGENDA

Regular Meeting

December 13, 2011

7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- A. Silent Prayer
- B. Roll Call
- C. Reading of Board Team Commitments

2. ADOPT AGENDA/ACTION:

3. COMMUNICATION:

- A. Auditor Matt Shackelford from Cloyd and Associates Report

4. OPERATIONS/ACTIONS:

- A. Approve minutes of the November 8, 2011 Regular Board Meeting
- B. Approve bills for payment
- C. Approve request for Family and Medical Leave of Absence for Donna Wilson starting November 9, 2011 through February 9, 2012 in compliance with Board Policy 03.1232
- D. Approve School Activity Fund Raiser
- E. Approve School Trip Forms

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION:

- A. Review/Approve Technology Upgrade

6. DISCUSSION/REVIEW:

- A. Review Monthly Financial Reports
- B. Review Superintendent's Personnel Action Report
- C. Other:

7. ADJOURNMENT:

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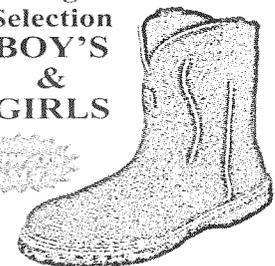
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Now-Jan. 31

• Photo exhibit by J and K Kreations, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., RAAC Gallery, 399 W. Water St.

Dec. 7-11

• Berea Arena Theater presents Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the theater on Big Hill Road (KY 21).

Dec. 8

• RAAC "Fun With the Arts" Fall Showcase for students attending



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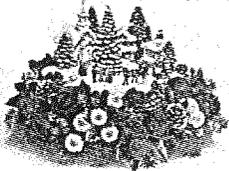
Tiny Tim, 10-year-old Myles Maxson, is carried by father Bob Cratchit, John Stauffer, during last year's rehearsal of the Charles Dickens classic, "A Christmas Carol" by The Berea Arena Theater. This year's performances are Dec. 7-11, 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, at the theater on 1835 Big Hill Road (KY 21) in Berea. Call 986-9039 for reservations.

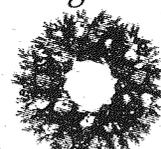
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Students in a Fun with the Arts strings class perform during one of the program's showcase performances last year. From left are, Sebastian Pelletier, Jackson Rhorer and Liam Clark. Fun the the Arts is a joint program of RAAC and Madison County Schools and is open to all school-age children in the county. Eleven programs are offered for elementary school students, with two available for middle schoolers beginning in January. For details, call RAAC at 624-4242 or visit www.artsinrichmond.org.

Shannon Johnson and Glenn Marshall, 6 pm, Richmond Area Arts Center, 399 W. Water St.

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Dec. 9

• Deadline to register for Richmond Parks and Rec's Santa Letters. For details, call 623-8753.

• "Heartfelt Holidays," 1-3 p.m., Madison County Library, Chestnut Street, Berea. Free display of fun, easy, cost-efficient gift ideas presented by the Madison County Extension Office.

• Santa and Mrs. Claus and an elf will be at Sweets and Treats in Richmond Centre from 5 to 8 p.m.

Dec. 9, 10

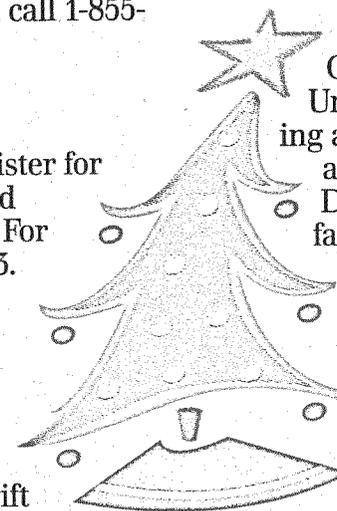
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Dec. 9-11

• "Christmas Reflections" by the Rose Barn Theatre, 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, at White Oak Pond Church, Barnes Mill Road at Goggins Lane.

Dec. 10, 11

• "O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem!", the 5th Annual Living Christmas Tree, Silver Creek Baptist Church, 6 p.m. Directed by Hamp Valentine.

• Christmas celebration at Irvinton, sponsored by the Battle of Richmond Association and



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Living history portrayers from the Battle of Richmond Association presented "A Civil War Christmas-1861" at Battlefield Park. Singing Clockwise from left in this 2009 file photo, Charlena Tipton, Paula White, Greg Tipton, Paul Rominger, Emily Burns, Danny Burns, Mary Kuhn, Anna Burns, JoHanna Cook and Sarah Burns, at the piano sing Christmas carols. This year the Battle of Richmond Association and Richmond Tourism presents "Christmas Spirit at Irvinton," 7-9 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 10; 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, Irvine-McDowell Park, Lancaster Avenue. Admission, \$5 adults, \$2 children/seniors; under 5 free.

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Dec. 10

• Christmas bazaar, Saint Mark Catholic Church, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., featuring cookie trays, baked goods, crafts, Grandma's Attic and breakfast. For details, call 623-2989.

• Winter Joy Beauty Pageant, sponsored by Madison Central High School Band Boosters, 10 a.m., at the school. Deadline for entry form and \$30 early registration fee is Nov. 26. On-site cash-only registration is \$45. For details, call Stacy Clay, 248-4863 or Valerie Winn, 582-8669.

• Santa and Mrs. Claus and an elf will be at the Town Centre Fountain in Richmond Centre from noon to 4 p.m.

• Hospice Benefit Sing, Lighthouse Baptist Church, 1391 Gabbardtown Road, Berea, 6 p.m., featuring the Lighthouse Singers.

• "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Shopping: A Guide to Shopping Online," 6:30 p.m., Madison County Public Library, 507 W. Main St., Richmond. This 90-minute class teaches how to shop safely online, giving



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Led by girls in white robes, attendees of the Danish-American Christmas celebration last year in Berea sang Silent Night by candlelight.

an overview of Amazon, eBay and comparison shopping. Free, but pre-register at 623-6704 to attend.

• "The Nutcracker" by Lexington Ballet, 8 p.m., ECU Center for the Arts. For tickets, call 1-855-358-7469, toll free.

• Berea Folk Dancers, Berea College Alumni Building, dinner 6:30 p.m., dance 8 p.m. Dances to be called by Mary Harrell and Theresa Lowde. Call 986-1398 for details.

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Dec. 11

• Les Jongleurs Winter Concert in conjunction with Madison Brass. 3:30 p.m. at First Christian Church in Richmond. The concert is free with a donation of non-perishable food for God's Outreach.

• Red House Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir presents the Christmas musical, "Light Looked Down," 6 p.m., 2301 Red House Road, northeast of Richmond.

Dec. 12

• RAAC "Fun With the Arts" piano recital, 7 p.m., Richmond Area Arts Center, 399 W. Water St.

Dec. 13

• Individuals with special needs Christmas Party: make Christmas cookies and play games, 6-8 p.m., Russel Acton Folk Center, Berea.

Free event, siblings welcome. For details, call Berea Parks and Recreation, 986-9402.

Dec. 14

• Comedian Jerry Seinfeld performance, 7 p.m., ECU Center for the Arts. For tickets, call 1-855-358-7469, toll free.

• Madison County Retired Teachers Association, Michaels in Ravenna, 11:30 a.m., featuring a Christmas program and Ray Roundtree as a guest speaker, bring a wrapped, \$10 gift to participate in the gift swap.

Dec. 15

• Reception for photography exhibit by J and K Kreations (Jerry and Kim Owens) and Richmond Chamber of Commerce Thursday Night Live, 5-7 p.m., Richmond Area Arts

Center, 399 W. Water Street. Free.

• GOP Ladies Club Christmas Dinner, Ryans, 6:30 p.m., featuring Madison County Clerk Kenny Barger and the installation of officers.

Dec. 17

• Breakfast With Santa, 9 a.m.-noon, Richmond Area Arts Center. Photos with Santa, chil-

dren's activities, and continental breakfast, \$5. For details, call 624-4242 or visit artsinrichmond.org.

Dec. 18

• "Happy Birthday Jesus" party, 6 p.m., First Baptist Church, Francis Street. Presented by the Children's Fellowship.

• Christmas program, 6 p.m., Valley View Baptist Church.

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Jamie Wood of Richmond, accepts a gift from one of Santa's helpers after telling the jolly fat man from the North Pole what she wants for Christmas. Santa also brought Mrs. Claus, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and several elves to the Richmond Centre, lasst year.

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Dec. 19

• Christmas party featuring the "Polar Express," a model train, 6 p.m., Madison County Public Library, 507 W. Main St., Richmond. Get a photo with Santa and a free book.

Dec. 24

• Christmas Eve service, 5 p.m., First Baptist Church on the Bypass.
• Christmas eve candlelight service, 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 330 W. Main St., Richmond.
• Christmas Eve Candlelight Vespers, 11:30 p.m., White Oak Pond Church, 1238 Barnes Mill Road.

• Christmas Eve service, 5 p.m. and 11 p.m., First United Methodist Church.

Dec. 26-Jan. 1

• Christmas Country Dance School, Berea College Seabury Center. A fun way to stay warm. Classes in traditional dance styles including English clog, country, Morris dance, rapper, Danish, Appalachian clogging and square dance, plus singing, music, crafts and parties. Advanced leadership classes for callers and dance instructors. Scholarships available. Register by Dec. 1. Call 985-3431 for details or visit www.berea.edu/peh/dance/ccds/default.asp.

MAKE IT, TAKE IT, GIVE IT!

Artisans teaching 12 days of Christmas gift-making

Are you tired of buying meaningless Christmas presents every year? Do you wish that you could give your loved ones something you made with your own hands?

The studio artists of Berea are offering their help with your Christmas conundrums.

Now through Dec. 12, the studio artists will offer a variety of workshops during Berea Tourism's "12 Days of Christmas – Make it, Take it, Give it!"

Throughout the event, artisans and galleries will open their studios to those who would like to learn their craft and make their own Christmas gifts.

There will be everything from jewelry, pottery, cutting boards, candles, glass ornaments, knitted hats

and scarves to baking your own gourmet cookies and making flavored nuts and traditional French yule logs.

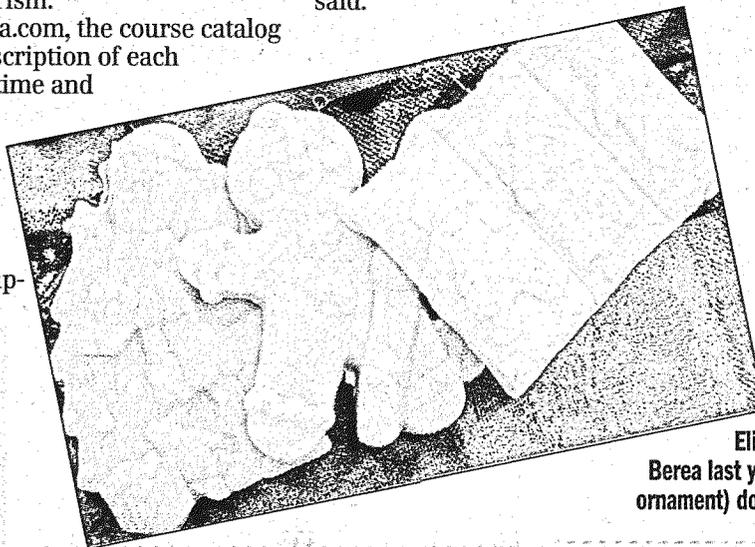
"This is a double gift – you can gift yourself by exploring your inner-artist while making something beautiful and handmade for someone you care about," said Belle Jackson, executive director of Berea Tourism.

On Berea.com, the course catalog offers a description of each class with time and location as well as the cost of participation, which generally includes sup-

plies.

You also may register for classes through the website or contact Berea Tourism at its toll-free number, 1-800-598-5263.

The idea of "Make it, Take it, Give it!" came from the success of July's "Festival of Learnshops," during which local artists gave similar demonstrations, Jackson said.



Unpainted molded beeswax ornaments made by Christa Smith of Elizabethtown are displayed last year at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea. At top, German-born Christa Smith of Elizabethtown paints a molded wax ornament during a demonstration in Berea last year. "It's so easy," Smith said of the process. "The nice thing is if (the ornament) doesn't work out, throw it back in the pot, melt it down and start over."

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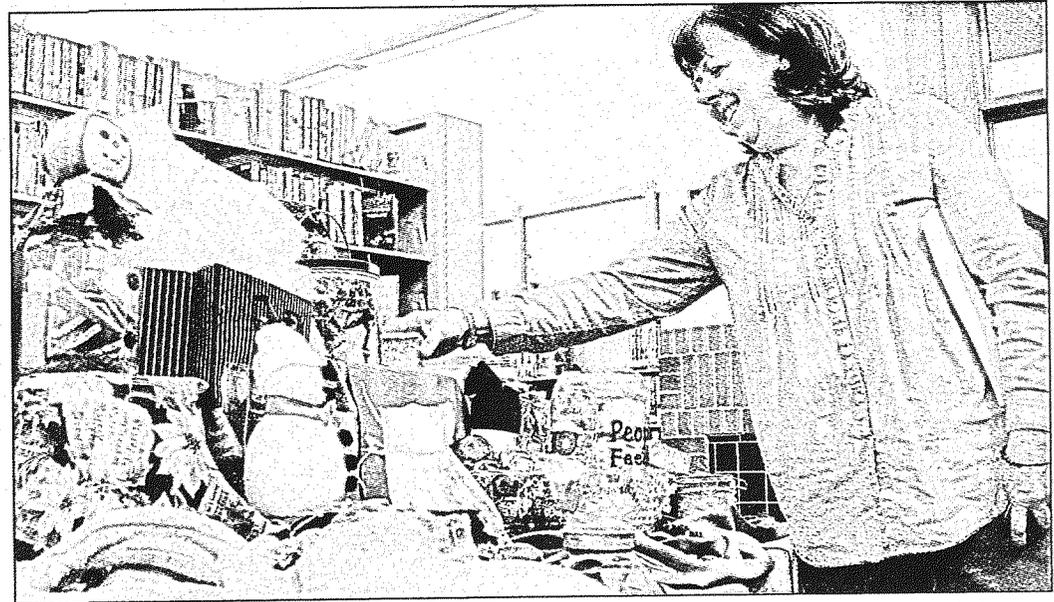
To view a course catalog and register for "12 Days of Christmas – Make it, Take it, Give it" go to Berea.com or call Berea Tourism at 1-800-598-5263.

HEART FELT HOLIDAYS



Family and Consumer Sciences program assistants, Kay Grant and Cheri Stacy, will again be sharing their ideas for simple, inexpensive holiday gift giving. Visit them at any of the dates and places below to see how to make your holiday gift giving a little easier. These are not workshops, you may drop by to see the display at your convenience. They have examples of handmade crafts and gifts from the kitchen, inexpensive decorating ideas and money saving tips for a stress-free holiday.

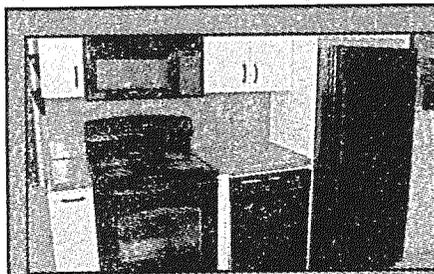
Richmond Seniors — Dec. 8, 12-1 p.m.
Berea Library — Dec. 9, 1-3 p.m.



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Betty Parke of Richmond looks at the "Heartfelt Holidays" display, sponsored by the Madison County Cooperative Extension Service, at the Richmond branch of the Madison County Public Library. The display includes examples of easy-to-make frugal gift ideas and may be seen Dec. 9 from 1-3 p.m. at the Berea branch of the Madison County Public Library. At left, Cheri Stacy, a program assistant with the Madison County Cooperative Extension Service, shows off examples of easy-to-make frugal gift ideas at the Madison County Public Library in Richmond as part of the Extension Service's "Heartfelt Holidays" display. Pictured are a snowman smores kit, left, and a snowman birdfeeder made from a sock.

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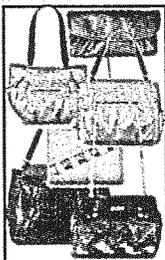
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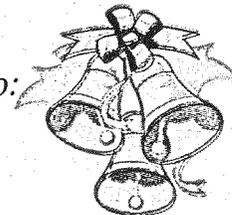
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Make plans to attend Christmas Country Dance School in Berea

By Jay Buckner
Berea College

Berea College's 74th annual Christmas Country Dance School, December 26 to January 1, is accepting registrations. Space is limited and spots are filling up for this unique holiday tradition when hundreds of participants create and share holiday memories while learning country dance.

Most events will be conducted at the Seabury Center at Berea College. For class descriptions, staff biographies, applications, scholarship information, and other details, visit www.berea.edu/ccds/ or call 985-3431.

Ages 13 and older can enjoy daily dances, music, singing and classes in traditional dance styles, including American contra and square dancing, waltz, English country, Morris, rapper, Molly, Danish, Appalachian clogging and Kentucky running sets. Classes also are offered in storytelling, crafts, playing

music for dances, dance calling, songs from Ireland, harmony singing, putting on a mummer's play, and instruments such as tin whistle, recorder and jaw harp. Internationally-known musicians, callers, and instructors join Kentucky's finest. Their talent, energy and patience ensure a week of fun, creativity, learning and community for all participants. The week concludes with a gala New Year's Eve banquet and dance.

Many of the classes are graded, so beginners are given the special attention they need, while advanced dancers and musicians are provided with new insights and inspirations. Advanced leadership classes are also available for callers and dance instructors, and teachers can earn continuing education units.

This year, only three of the evening dances on December 26, 28 and 30 will be open to those who are not enrolled full-time. The charge is \$20 at the door.

For more information, contact Deborah Thompson at 985-3142 or Deborah_Thompson@bereda.edu.



Tickets on sale for new EKU holiday musical and dining celebration

Register staff report

Experience an Eastern Kentucky University tradition in a brand new way.

What was the annual EKU Madrigal Feaste celebration is now "Deck the Halls: A Musical and Dining Celebration of the Season." The holiday celebration still will offer a collaboration between food and music, but with a more modern turn.

Scheduled Dec. 9 and 10 in the Keen Johnson Ballroom, the celebration will feature EKU's Madrigal Singers, Concert Choir and University Singers performing a variety of traditional and contemporary carols. In addition, a variety of ensembles from the Department of Music will provide pre-dinner music.

"Our goal is to take cherished tradition at EKU and make it even stronger," said Dr.

Richard Waters, director of choral activities. "By involving all three of our choral ensembles, we are able to expand the variety of music that is sung. In addition, with more students involved, it is our hope that more parents and family members will come experience this high-light of the season."

"Our goal is to take cherished tradition at EKU and make it even stronger."

— DR. RICHARD WATERS,
DIRECTOR OF CHORAL ACTIVITIES

The dinner menu will include some familiar favorites from past Madrigal Feaste dinners, such as was-sail and Cornish game hen, but also will feature new, more modern dishes, such as plain quiche and bread pudding with a Maker's Mark sauce.

Doors will open at 6:15 each night with musicians entertaining in the lobby. Seating begins at 6:45 with dinner at 7.

Tickets, \$26 each, are available by phone at 622-2179 (Visa or MasterCard orders only) and in the Colonel One Office, located on the main floor of the Powell Building.



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Red velvet cake reimaged as a cookie

The Associated Press

Red velvet cake has long been a favorite of Southern cooks. But in recent years it has become a popular treat across the country.

Taking our inspiration from both red velvet cake and red hot cinnamon candies, we combined the two in a meltaway-style cookie that crumbles and melts in your mouth. And following red velvet cake



BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

tradition, we topped each cookie with a little cream cheese icing which pairs perfectly with the cinnamon bite.

Red Hot Velet Meltaways

Start to finish: 1 1/2 hours
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Makes 3 dozen cookies

For the cookies:

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

1/2 cup cornstarch

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup granulated sugar

1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter,
room temperature

1 teaspoon red food coloring

1 teaspoon cinnamon extract

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

For the frosting:

1/2 cup (4 ounces) cream
cheese, room temperature

1/4 cup unsalted butter, room
temperature

1/4 cup powdered sugar

Red sugar or sprinkles, to decorate

In a small bowl, sift together the flour, cornstarch and salt. Set aside.

In the bowl of an electric mixer, beat together the granulated sugar, butter, food coloring, cinnamon extract and ground cinnamon just until creamy and well combined. Stir in the flour mixture, then refrigerate the dough until chilled, about 1 hour.

Heat the oven to 350 F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

Roll the chilled dough into balls the size of a large marble. Slightly flatten each ball to a disc about 1/4 inch thick. Arrange the cookies on the prepared baking sheet. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes, or until set. These cookies should not brown or spread, and will be quite fragile. Allow to cool on the baking sheet.

To make the frosting, use an electric mixer to beat together the cream cheese, butter and powdered sugar until smooth and creamy. Using a pastry bag or a zip-close bag with the corner snipped off, drizzle the frosting over the cookies in a zigzag pattern. Sprinkle with red sugar or sprinkles to decorate. Store in a single layer in the refrigerator.

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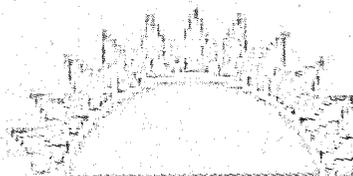
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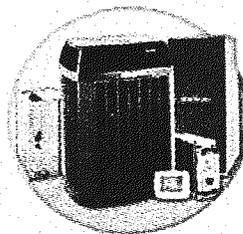
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