



DAR accepts five new members...

On February 12th, the Rockcastle Chapter met for their first meeting of the new year, during which five new members were sworn in. Each new member introduced herself and her patriot. Chapter Chaplain, Laura Durham led the swearing in ceremony and the ladies were welcomed into the chapter by regent, Betty Lindblom and fellow chapter members. Karen Adams was the speaker of the evening and provided a glimpse into cemetery preservation with her presentation. Debbie Brown and Karen Adams were the hostesses for the evening and provided the chapter with a Mardi Gras-themed meal and refreshments. Pictured above are: Chapter Chaplain Laura Durham, Kayla Bryant, Sara Coguer, Allison Carney, Jane Piatt, Jamie Bryant and Chapter Regent Betty Lindblom. Not present was Paige Bengel. Pictured below: Mardi Gras themed meal presented by hostesses Karen Adams and Debbie Brown.



Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

BUTTER BEAN SOUP
1/4 cup vegetable oil
1 cup diced cooked ham
1 small onion, chopped
2 small carrots, chopped
2 celery stalks, chopped
2 cans butter beans, undrained
4 cups water
Salt and pepper

In a large saucepan, sauté the ham, onion, carrot and celery in oil until the onion is soft. Add water and beans to sautéed vegetables and ham. Stir in salt and pepper to taste. Simmer for 30 minutes, or until heated thoroughly.

FRENCH ONION SOUP
1/4 cup butter
6 cups thinly sliced onions
1/2 teaspoon sugar
2 cloves garlic, crushed
7 cups beef stock
Salt and pepper
Grated Parmesan cheese
Croutons

In a large saucepan, sauté the onions in the butter on medium-high heat for 10 minutes. Add the sugar and cook for another 35 to 45 minutes until well browned, but not burned. Add garlic and sauté for 3 minutes. Add the stock; season with salt and pepper. Cover partially and simmer until the flavors are well blended,

about 30 minutes. Ladle into bowls. Add croutons to each bowl. Cover croutons with cheese. The heat from the soup should melt the cheese.

CHICKEN CORN CHOWDER

4 medium potatoes, diced
1 onion chopped, chopped
1 can (14 ounce) whole kernel corn
1 cup cooked chicken, bite-sized pieces
1 cup whole milk or cream
4 tablespoons butter
Salt and pepper
1 tablespoon cornstarch, optional

Place potatoes and onion in pan, cover with cold water and 1 teaspoon salt; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and let simmer gently 30 minutes or until potatoes are very tender. It's fine if the potatoes start breaking up. It just makes the soup a little thicker. Add the corn and chicken. Heat thoroughly. Add the milk or cream and butter; let butter melt. Season to taste and serve. If you want soup a little thicker, stir cornstarch into milk or cream before adding to potato mixture. Cook for an additional 5 minutes. Then add butter and seasoning. NOTE: Canned chicken works well in this recipe.

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Leadership Rockcastle to begin March 16th

The 10th Leadership Rockcastle class will begin on Saturday, March 16th. The Rockcastle County Development Board, sponsor of this program, is looking for county individuals that are interested in becoming active with Rockcastle quality of life issues. The opening session will be held at the Red Hill Horse Camp lodge in Livingston from 9am to 5pm. Brushy Fork Institute will facilitate this session that will cover Personal Leadership Style and Community and Economic Development.

The April session will be a trip to Frankfort to tour the State Capitol and meet with government representatives. The months May through September will involve a four hour commitment to meet once a month at a variety of locations throughout Rockcastle County.

Graduation takes place in October. Once class members graduate, they become voting members of the Rockcastle County Development Board. If you are interested in this program, please contact Lynn Tatum at 606-256-8007 or 606-308-4646 cell.



Wayne Bullock, right, a member of the Mt. Vernon City Council, chats with Agriculture Commissioner James Comer at the 2013 Kentucky Proud Legislative Breakfast held Feb. 13th in Frankfort.

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Bookmobile Schedule

Mon., Feb. 25: Scaffold Cane, Disputanta, Clear Creek and Wildie. **Tues., Feb. 26:** Pongo, Ky. Hwy. 3245, Bryant Ridge. **Wed., Feb. 27:** Seek 'n Learn, Wayne Stewart Center.

Senior "Fun" Night

Anyone interested in helping with Senior "Fun" Night, please test 606-392-8341 or meet at Denny's at 7 p.m. Friday night, Feb. 22nd. This will take the place of Project Graduation which was cancelled this year.

PVFD Chili Supper

Pongo Volunteer Fire Dept. will have a chili supper on Saturday, March 2, 5 to 8 p.m., with bluegrass gospel music. For more info, call 606-687-0865.

CCFFG Meeting

Concerned Citizens for Fair Government will meet Thursday, February 21st on the third floor of the courthouse at 6 p.m.

Mt. Vernon Council Meeting Date

The Mt. Vernon City Council will hold their regular February meeting on Monday, February 25th at 7 p.m.

February is "Love My Library" Month

February is "Love my Library Month". Return overdue items to the Rockcastle County Public Library during the month of February and all overdue fees will be forgiven.

Little League Sign-ups

Little League Sign-ups will be held every Saturday at Mt. Vernon Elementary from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Costs: Baseball, \$50 - each additional child is \$40; tee-ball, \$35 per child; girls softball, \$50. Contact Jerry Saylor at 606-392-1539.

DBCAA Directors Meeting

Daniel Boone Community Action Agency, Inc. will have a board of directors meeting on Tuesday, February 26th at 5:30 p.m. in Clay County at the central office located at 1535 Shamrock Road in Manchester. The public is invited to attend. DBCAA is an equal housing opportunity provider.

VFW News

During the winter months, the post will be closed Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday.

Brodhead Lodge Meeting

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

RCDB Meeting Notice

The Rockcastle County Development Board meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at noon at the Rockcastle County Courthouse 3rd floor Technology Center. The public is invited to attend.

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Kiwanis Club Meetings

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Teacup Cafe on Main St. in Mt. Vernon.. Everyone welcome.

Historical Society Hours

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

Sons of Confederate Veterans

The Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV), Rockcastle Camp, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. on the third floor of the county courthouse. For more information, contact David Owens at 606-256-9870.

American Legion Post 71

American Legion Post 71 meets the second Thursday at 7 p.m. of each month on the third floor of the courthouse. Commander David Owens invites all Rockcastle veterans to join this organization that honors American soldiers, sailors and airmen.

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