

# Mamaw's Kitchen

By Regina Poynter Hoskins

**SKILLET SPAGHETTI**  
1 pound hamburger  
1 onion chopped  
1 can tomatoes  
1 small can tomato sauce  
1/2 cup water  
1 teaspoon sugar  
1 jar (4 ounce) mushrooms, drained and chopped  
3/4 cup green pepper, chopped  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon chili powder  
7 ounces spaghetti, uncooked  
2 cup shredded cheddar cheese  
In large skillet brown hamburger and onion; drain. Stir in all remaining ingredients except cheese; cover and simmer. Occasionally, add water if needed. Cook about 30 minutes or until spaghetti is tender.  
Spread cheese on top and cover to let melt. Or you can put in casserole dish and melt cheese in oven.  
**PIZZA PASTA SALAD**  
1 can (14 ounce) diced tomatoes  
1 teaspoon dried garlic  
1 tablespoon Italian seasoning

4 tablespoons red wine vinegar  
1/4 teaspoon sugar  
1/2 cup olive oil  
1 teaspoon salt  
8 ounces uncooked spiral pasta  
1 to 2 cups Italian blend cheese, shredded  
1 to 2 cups sliced pepperoni  
Black olives, optional  
Combine tomatoes and their juice, Italian seasoning, red wine vinegar, sugar, oil, and salt in blender or food processor. Puree or chop. Refrigerate while preparing the pasta.  
Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain pasta; rinse in cold water. Drizzle with dressing; toss to coat. Add cheese, pepperoni, and olives (if desired). Mix all together. Cover and refrigerate for at least an hour before serving.  
Amount of cheese and pepperoni is up to you.  
Can also add green pepper and onion, but Jase and Jaden do not like those two vegetables on their pizza (or in their salad!).

## Rocket Madness is tonight

Rocket Madness will be held in the RCHS gymnasium and cafeteria this Thursday (tonight) from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Festivities will begin with a meal in the cafeteria at 5:30 p.m. The meal will cost \$5 per plate and will be provided by Back Porch Smokehouse of Berea. The meal includes a choice of a barbecue sandwich or hot dog along with chips, cookies and a drink.  
Following the meal, everyone will meet in the gymnasium at 6:30 p.m. for an introduction of the players and a scrimmage between the teams. The scrimmage is free and there will also be a silent and live auction held during the event.  
The annual event kicks off the Rockets and Lady Rockets high school basketball season.  
The RCHS Rockets and Lady Rockets basketball programs encourage everyone to come out and attend the event.

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## “Chase”

(Cont. from front)

chase, pursuing Dirkach on I-75 southbound through Rockcastle County into Laurel County.  
Officers used two separate tire deflation devices and, as a result, Dirkach's vehicle was drastically slowed due to flat tires which enabled officers to perform a Pursuit Intervention Technique. After enabling the PIT maneuver, Dirkach's vehicle struck the median wall and came to a complete stop. Dirkach was not injured in the collision.  
Officers arrested Dirkach and charged him with first degree fleeing and evading police in both Rockcastle and Laurel counties, first degree wanton endangerment, first degree criminal mischief, resisting arrest, reckless driving and speeding. He remains lodged in the Laurel County Detention Center on a \$25,000 10% bond.

## “Bridge”

(Cont. from front)

topping project is complete.  
Hale went on to say the temporary bridge will be in operation until the Dix River Bridge is reconstructed and reopened for use. Bids for the reconstruction will be let in January. The project is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2014.  
Once the Dix River Bridge is reconstructed, Hale said the temporary bridge will be torn out with large track excavators and a lot of the material will be recycled and used on other projects.  
Department of Highways District Eight Chief Engineer Bruce Neely said they understand the problems the closing of the Dix River Bridge has caused for many people, which is why they constructed the temporary bridge.  
“We understand the inconvenience brought about whenever a bridge must be suddenly closed, but the safety of the public must be paramount,” Neely said. “We would like to thank the city and county officials as well as the property owners and utility companies for their cooperation in getting this diversion completed.”

## “Chase”

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Upon arrival, Children found Slusher lying on the front porch being physically restrained by her father. He said that Slusher was screaming and kicking as she was being restrained.  
Upon further investigation, Childress noticed that Slusher appeared to be under the influences of a stimulant as she had dilated pupils, slurred speech and was very unstable on her feet.  
Childress arrested Slusher after he asked her to calm down several times and she refused. Slusher continued to resist arrest after Childress placed the handcuffs on her and escorted her to his cruiser.  
Family members told Childress that Slusher had taken her 18-month-old daughter into the woods with her for a long period of time when the temperature was 37 degrees, according to KSP Post 11 in London.  
Childress noticed the child only had on pajamas with no shoes or socks. He said the child was still extremely cold to the touch.  
Slusher was charged with endangering the welfare of a minor, public intoxication of a controlled substance, first degree disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. She was lodged in the Rockcastle County Detention Center and later released on a \$2,000 surety bond.

## The one that didn't get away!!

David Anglin of Orlando won a 15-20 lb. turkey gobbler in a drawing at Wal-Mart recently.

## “City”

(Cont. from front)

Superintendent Dennis McClure told the council that the old bed was “about rusted off. It's actually dangerous to be on the road, at least the bed part.”  
McClure told the council that his brother had offered to give a bed to the city and that city workers could make the switch. This would at least “buy time” McClure said. He said the rest of the equipment (spreader, blade, etc) was in good condition. The truck is a 1997 model one ton pick up.  
The city tried to buy a salt truck last year in an online auction but was outbid.  
The council heard reports from Fire Chief David Bales and Police Chief Brian Carter.  
Bales' report showed: 28 runs made in October and 1,750 gallons of water used. These runs included: 13 accidents with injuries; 4 accidents with injuries and entrapment; 2 vehicle fires; one smoke investigation in residence; one woods or brush and grass fire; 6 fire alarm activations and one hazardous materials - smell of propane.  
Bales said that Adam Bales, council member and a member of the fire department, would be in Frankfort Tuesday to meet with Homeland Security officials in connection with a recent \$10,000 grant awarded the department.  
The mayor commended the fire department for their work in obtaining grants and also said the department has “one of the fastest response times in Kentucky, even in comparison to some

paid departments.”

Carter's report showed 559 total calls for service during October, including 20 non-injury accidents; 5 injury accidents; 27 total ar-

rests; 5 drug charges; 67 traffic violations; 10 other criminal charges; 18 warrants served; 3 DUI arrests and one criminal summons served.

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