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A Rockcastle County family lost their home Monday afternoon to fire. Authorities say the home, located on Hwy. 1505, Brodhead, belonged to Bobby Ray Nickles. The family was not a home at the time. The cause remains unknown. The home is considered a total loss but firefighters were able to salvage some belongings and Christmas gifts. Brindle Ridge Fire Department was assisted by the Brodhead Fire Department and Mt. Vernon Fire Department.

Several Christmas events scheduled in Rockcastle Co.

Several events will be held in Rockcastle County this weekend to help people get into the holiday spirit.

In Livingston: The annual Christmas festivities will kick off this Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Visitor's Center as the Community Missions Team will read "The Christmas Story" and give out gifts to children.

The Christmas parade will take place at 6 p.m. with line-up starting at 5 p.m. at White Star Auto Parts.

Following the Christmas parade, the tree lighting ceremony will be held in Memorial Park at 7 p.m. Santa wish-list lanterns will also be released after the tree lighting ceremony.

Livingston Christmas festivities will end with a teen Christmas dance at 8 p.m. in the former Livingston School Café. The dance is sponsored by the Livingston Community Lions Club.

In Mt. Vernon: The annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 6th at 6 p.m.

The "Winter Wonderland" themed parade is at 7:30 p.m. with line-up starting at 6:30 p.m. at Mt.

Vernon Elementary School. First, second and third place awards will be presented to the best floats.

In Brodhead: The Christmas parade is Saturday, Dec. 7th at 6 p.m. with line-up starting at 5 p.m. at Brodhead Elementary.

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Weather delays road projects

County Judge/Executive Buzz Carloftis has been notified that there is likely to be a delay until Spring for the county road resurfacing projects due to the weather.

According to information received by Carloftis, a large number of counties did not receive approval of the use of FLEX funds by the state until October. That, coupled with an increase in state maintenance contracts, has caused Rockcastle County's use of FLEX funds to be delayed until Spring.

Sections of 27 county roads are slated for resurfacing and patching using these funds.

Rockcastle County native inducted into Kentucky Teacher Hall of Fame

A Rockcastle County native was recently selected as one of three teachers to be inducted into the Kentucky Teacher Hall of Fame.

Rockcastle County native Golda Pensol Walbert, 88, of Glasgow and two other long-time educators were recently chosen by a statewide selection committee.

In 1946, Walbert received her bachelor's degree in education from Eastern Kentucky Univer-

sity. She then received her master's degree in Education Administration in 1950 from ECU.

Walbert started her teaching career in Rockcastle County Schools in 1943 where she taught in several different one-room schools and found herself

assuming the duties of cook, custodian, nurse and teacher.

Walbert then went on to teach at Harlan County Schools from 1952 to 1954 and Barren County Schools from 1954 until she retired in 1989. Her awards include the ECU Outstanding Alumnus Award, Glasgow-

Barren County Chamber of Commerce Athena Award, Barren County Schools Hall of Fame and Distinguished Alumni Award and the Kentucky Unbridled Spirit Award.

Walbert, is the sister of the late Harvey Pensol and

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Snow system moving into Rockcastle

A large snow system was expected to move into Rockcastle County Tuesday afternoon bringing high winds, low temperatures and snow.

The National Weather Service in Jackson recently issued a winter weather advisory for Rockcastle County until Wednesday at 1 p.m. Projected snow totals for Wednesday afternoon were 1-3 inches with larger amounts in areas of higher elevation.

NWS forecasters said rain would change to snow late Tuesday afternoon with snowfall being the heaviest early Wednesday morning. They are also warning drivers of the hazardous road conditions on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning due to anticipated snow covered roads and visibility

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Blood drive next Tuesday

The Kentucky Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in Mt. Vernon next Tuesday.

Those wishing to donate in Rockcastle County can do so at First Baptist Church from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Every donor will be entered for a chance to win a \$200 Visa gift card.

To schedule a donation visit kybloodcenter.org or call 1-800-775-2522. Blood donors must have a photo ID, be seventeen-years-old, weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health and meet other additional requirements. Sixteen-year-old donors must have a signed parental permission slip which can be found at www.kybloodcenter.org.



The temporary bridge in Brodhead was recently blacktopped. The bridge was built to eliminate the lengthy detours for motorists that was caused by the closing of the Dix River Bridge. The temporary bridge will be in use until the Dix River Bridge is reconstructed and reopened for use. Bids for the reconstruction will be let in January and the project is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2014.



Golda Walbert

Jingle Bell run/walk is next Saturday

Rockcastle Regional Hospital's annual 6K Jingle Bell run/walk is next Saturday at the Renfro Valley Entertainment Center.

Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. and the race starts at 8:30 a.m. The registration fee on race day is \$25. However, the fee is \$20 for those who preregister before next Monday at noon. Participants can preregister online at rockcastlehospital.org/race/dec.

The course will start and finish at Renfro Valley entertainment Center. Awards will be handed out to the overall male and female winner, top three male and female walkers and the top finishers of each listed age group.

All participants will receive a free sweatshirt while supplies last. There will also be a \$100 cash prize to the fastest male and female. Gifts will also be scattered throughout the course for participants to find that contain cash, gifts or coal.

For more information about the race contact Susan Turley at 606-256-7746 or s.turley@rhrcc.org.



Mt. Vernon Fire Department responded to a single vehicle accident last Thursday night on I-75 southbound at the 64 mile marker. Authorities say Alexandra Jones, 16, of Berea was traveling in the left lane when she lost control of her vehicle and overcorrected before crashing into the cable barrier. Jones' passenger Acree Harris IV, 18, of Mt. Vernon was flown to the UK Medical Center where he was treated and later released. Jones was transported by ambulance to Rockcastle Regional Hospital where she was treated and released. MVFD was assisted at the scene by Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department and Rockcastle EMS.

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