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tire and performed songs from the Renaissance. Mr. Stanley Cook performed songs on his dulcimer as the pioneers would have during the Christmas season.

Besides the entertainment, the evening also included a potluck dinner and an auction fundraiser, with Ben Allen as the guest auctioneer.

The Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution meets the first Monday of every month at the First Christian Church 6 p.m. Anyone interested in joining the DAR are welcome to attend.



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Bear quota met during archery/crossbow season

Hunters met their quota of 10 bears during Kentucky’s inaugural archery/crossbow season for black bears, which ended over the weekend.

The season opened Nov. 23 and was limited to nine days or until the quota of 10 bears or five females was filled.

“I consider it a success because hunters met the quota and because bears were taken outside of our traditional four-county bear zone,” said Steven Dobey, bear program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. “Prior to 2013, our bear zone included Harlan, Letcher, Pike and Bell counties. This year’s expansion to a 16-county region resulted in bears taken from four counties outside of that traditional area. That was exciting to see.”

Kentucky’s bear zone includes Bell, Clay, Floyd, Harlan, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Leslie, Letcher, Martin, McCreary, Perry, Pike, Pulaski, Wayne and Whitley counties.

Hunters took four bears in Letcher County, two bears in Perry County and one bear each in Harlan,

Pike, Leslie and Wayne counties. The largest bear harvested was a 375-pound male taken with a crossbow in Wayne County on opening weekend.

“Quite a few hunters were afield for this first archery/crossbow bear season,” said Wildlife Division Director Karen Waldrop.

Four of the 10 bears taken this season were females; six were harvested with a crossbow. Each of the bears was taken on private land.

A poor acorn crop in eastern Kentucky helped hunters’ odds this year.

“That’s the primary food source for bears as they are putting on weight before they enter dens, which the females usually do around the last week of November,” Dobey said. “When the key food source is absent then they tend to remain active. They’re wandering more try to pack on those last few pounds before denning for the winter months. As a byproduct of increased movements bears increase their likelihood of encountering hunters.”

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Luke 2: 10-11

Wishing you tidings of great joy this holiday season and beyond.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

from the families & staff of

William D. Reynolds County Attorney



Front row from left: Sarah Martin, Kathy Robinson, Tammi Martin and Patty Kirby. Back row from left: Asst. County Attorney Jeremy Rowe, Julie Adams and County Attorney Billy Reynolds. Not pictured: Amanda Bussell.