

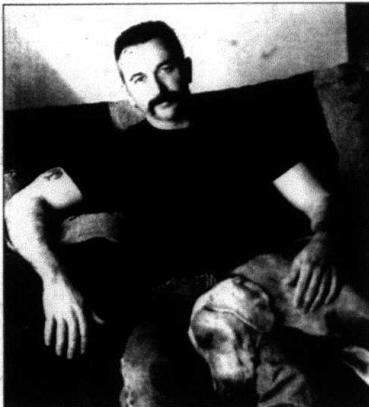
Aaron Tippin will perform in Renfro

He's been a farm hand, a welder, a pilot and has driven trucks and heavy equipment, but Aaron Tippin has found his true calling as one of country music's most admired performers. Since his debut album, "You've Got to Stand for Something" catapulted the multi-talented singer songwriter to the top of the charts he's had to make time for the weight lifting that keeps his prize winning physique in shape.

His hard work ethic has served Aaron well on the road to success. In 1987 he packed up and moved from the family farm in Greenville, South Carolina to Nashville in pursuit of a dream. He split his time between the Kentucky mill where he worked nights and 60 miles away in Nashville where he was writing songs by

day. "That was a great time in my life," says Tippin. "I barely had enough money for food so I would buy a 20 pound bag of beans, that's what I had every day for lunch and dinner, but I was just so happy, I was doing what I loved."

Country music lovers will hear the influence of his musical heroes, Jimmie Rodgers, Hank Thompson, Hank Williams Sr. and Lefty Frizzell in the songs he writes and sings. Aaron wants to keep traditional country music alive. There is no place where traditional country music is more alive and well than Renfro Valley Entertainment Center where Aaron Tippin will perform in concert on Saturday night. Show times are 7:00 and 9:15 p.m.
Call (606)256-2638 or (800)765-7464 for tickets and information.



Aaron Tippin will be at Renfro Valley May 20th

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Poet's Corner

Return to Renfro Valley

By William Jerry Ayers
Headed out for a night of entertainment, just my wife and me, Ended up at the Renfro Valley Entertainment Center you see.

For we knew the songs would be grand and the jokes up to date. Jim Gaskin was there, and as always was really great.

Listened to Susan Tomes Laws do great songs old and new. Jim and Susan's singing had everyone clapping before they were through.

Bun Wilson, as usual put a big smile on the entire audience's face. They all made us glad we had come to this friendly musical place.

Seen Alesia Robinson and Justin Rogers, the best cloggers by far. Mark Laws played the drums, and Don Guley was on the guitar.

We also enjoyed Pam Perry, Glen Thompson, Bobby Stone and the band.

Everyone laughed out loud at Jerry Isaac's chicken man. It was as always another really great fun filled country music show. And was sorry when it came time to get up and go.

For Jim, Susan and the other performers seem like an old friend. Now if YOU are looking for some great entertainment and loads of fun.

Then take it from this writer-poet Renfro Valley is the right spot for YOU.

A Mother's Love is Like a Melody

By William Jerry Ayers
We love you more than we can ever say, that's true, That's why on this special day, we pay tribute to only you.

Because whenever one of us is really feeling low, And things seem to be moving away too slow,

That's when we always run home and straight to you, Because that's where skies always seem blue, And no matter what, you always see us through.

Mother, your love is like a melody. Without you, what would our little

family do? We are so thankful that God gave us you.

For when "Old Man Trouble" gets us down, Or whenever smiles gives into frowns, All of us find ourselves turning to you once more.

You always seem to make things better, that's for sure. Your feelings for us is like a beautiful song that never dies.

We see it in the things you do and tell it in your eyes. For, MOTHER your love is like a melody.

Mothers Say the Sweetest Things

By William Jerry Ayers
All mothers have favorite sayings which they tell their children. Below are some of them which I would like to pass on this Mother's Day.

Nature didn't make you children perfect, so she did the next best thing, she made you blind to your faults.

Be yourself. Who else is better qualified. Kids if you want to look your best always wear a smile.

Children, you'll find there is little traffic congestion on the straight and narrow path.

My wife never get as low as some people will stoop to get it. The grass on the other side of the fence may look greener, but it is just as hard to cut.

When I was growing up, a naughty child was straightened out by being bent over.

A reward is never offered or given for a lost temper. A baby is God's way of saying that the world should go on.

Mothers as you can see say the cutest and smartest things. We love them and may God bless them all.

May they have a happy and love filled Mother's Day.

Rockcastle County Laugh Line Wrote By William Jerry Ayers Smiles are something that can be shared by one and all.

City Dude...Have you lived around Rockcastle all your life? Country Boy...Nope, not yet.

Randy...There a lot of girls around Mt. Vernon that don't want to get married. Jim...How do you know? Randy...I've asked them. I asked a friend of mine how come

his wedding ring was on the wrong finger, he said because he married the wrong woman.

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail, not his tongue.

Sign in Rockcastle County Store—wanted a person to work eight hours to replace person who didn't.

His wife said she wanted to see the world, so he gave her a MAP.

Him...Take away this coffee it tastes like mud.

Her...Well it was GROUND this morning. Apple growers are good to the core.

Rockcastle County Dairy men have lots of pull. Money can't buy everything, including what it used too.

For a brighter Rockcastle County day wear a shining smile.

"Tourney"

(Cont. from front)

The infield has been completely resodded and is expected to be in good shape when the district begins on Monday.

The girl's tournament will also be held at RCHS beginning at 5:00 p.m. on the 29th.

Clay County and Jackson County will play the first game with the loser playing Rockcastle County.

Because Oneida is not playing in the girl's tournament Rockcastle drew a bye, but they must still win one game to advance to the region.

If Rockcastle loses their game, they are out and the winner of the first game goes to the region as district champs and the winner of the Rockcastle game goes as runner-up.

If Rockcastle wins, they will play the winner of the first game at 5:30 on Tuesday.

The girl's region will be held at Middlesboro High School beginning on Monday, May 29.

"Track"

(Cont. from front)

In the 400-meter dash, Stewart Abney ran exceptionally well and finished with his best time ever.

Stewart placed fifth overall with a personal best effort of 58.28.

The 3200-meter relay team of Bill Burdett, Brandon Cole, Matt Whitaker and Andrew Nelson ran a great race and finished 10th in 11:36.20.

In the 100-meter hurdles, Steven

Shackelford ran very well and finished ninth in 21.47. Steven also competed in the 300-meter hurdles and finished 8th overall in 52.03.

In high jump, Steven tied a personal best effort with a leap of 5'0". He placed ninth overall.

In the 3200-meter run, Andrew Nelson ran well and finished 10th overall in 13:02.25, while teammate Bill Burdett was very close behind. Bill placed 11th in 13:03.09.

In the 800-meter run, Brandon placed eighth in a great race and finished eighth in 2:45.02. Matt finished ninth overall with an excellent effort of 2:45.49. In the 1600-meter run, Brandon ran very well and placed eighth in 5:53. Matt also ran well in the event and finished ninth in 6:08.

The varsity teams next compete at the Pulaski County Invitational this Saturday in Somerset.

"Guilty"

(Cont. from front)

Ford Lovell, Darren Sturgill, Charles Brock, Teresa Lovell Cunningham, Charles Cunningham, Donald Wayne Crouch, Ronald L. Abney and cubans Gustavo Vidal and Alejandro Cabrera.

Their penalty ranges from five years up to 20 years imprisonment. Barbara Lovell, 27, of Mt. Vernon was also among those who pled guilty.

In April she pled guilty in Rockcastle Circuit Court to first degree assault in connection with a local murder case.

What federal time she receives will run concurrently with the ten year sentence she received in state court.

Barbara and her husband, David, were charged with the 1997 murder of Charles "Toddy" Baker, 31, of Mt. Vernon.

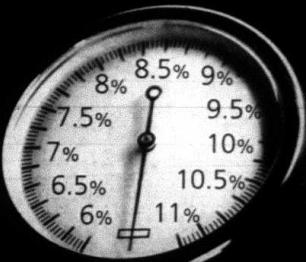
David Lovell was also among those charged in the federal drug round-up, but he has yet to plead guilty or be tried.

He also still faces the murder charge in Rockcastle County.

His wife Barbara, who admitted to shooting Baker, but not killing him, is expected to testify against her husband.

Brian Lovell, David and Richard Lovell's brother, was also among those charged in federal court and he is still awaiting trial.

The U.S. Attorney's office said that over \$250,000 in cash, real estate and proceeds had been seized during their investigation.



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