



Four members of the Rockcastle County Y-Club were chosen to participate in the Conference on National Affairs, (CONA), which will be held at the Blue Ridge Conference Center in Black Mountain, North Carolina in July. Only twenty delegates from Kentucky were invited to participate in the conference as delegates. CONA was created in 1968 and brings together the best of the best high school students to discuss and debate current national and international issues. Shown above from left are RCHS students: Aaron Anderkin, Courtney Alexander, Chelsen Stratton and Josh Hale.

## Gardiner promoted

Marine Corps. Cpl. Joseph A. Gardiner, son of Polly E. Gardiner of Mt. Vernon, recently was promoted to his current rank while serving with Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Gardiner was promoted based on

sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty.

Gardiner, a 1997 graduate of Rockcastle County High School, Mt. Vernon, joined the Marine Corps in July 1997.



Drew Elliott Arnold, son of Sharon Sparks Arnold, formerly of Mt. Vernon, and grandson of Eva Sparks recently graduated from Schlarman High School in Danville, Illinois. During his senior year he was named an all-county running back in football, all-county in basketball and recently named to the all-conference all-county baseball team. Drew has just signed a national letter-of-intent to play Division I baseball for Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois. He will be a pitcher for the WIU Leatherneck baseball team.



The family of Steven Lane Ponder would again like to thank the churches, community, and individuals for the many prayers and the support that you have given on his behalf. He has just finished his third series of chemotherapy, and will have completed his sixth and final series by mid-August. On a recent trip home from the hospital, Lane caught a nine pound catfish.

## Farm News

By: Tom Mills  
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"Sneaky" Pests Can Cause  
Minor Damage to Tobacco

Budworms are "sneaky" pests whose undetected feeding often causes serious damage to tobacco plants during this part of the growing season. Typical transplant water insecticide treatments will run out at 4 weeks, leaving plants unprotected. The small green to black worm feed in young plant buds creating round, uneven holes in developing leaves. Budworm injury can top tobacco plants resulting in early sucker growth.

Since budworm feeding generally is confined to the bud area and the larvae are small, early signs of damage often go undetected. By the

time feeding holes become obvious, most of the harm has been done.

Budworms are a wide spread problem. Early detection and through spray coverage are essential to limiting crop damage. At weekly intervals, check the bud area of plants for small feeding holes on the leaves and small black insect droppings, resembling ground pepper, that collect on the leaves. Budworm damage can be reduced with properly timed insecticidal sprays.

For more information contact the Rockcastle Co. Extension Service at 256-2403.

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