



The Rockcastle County High School band presented their annual Christmas Concert in the auditorium at the school on Thursday night.



Some members of the Rockcastle County High School chorus under the direction of Mrs. Tammy Reynolds, performed at the Rockcastle County Board of Education meeting on Tuesday night.

## Indictments

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resisting arrest and possession of drug paraphernalia.

James Hayes, 19, of Mt. Vernon was indicted on two counts of bail jumping for not appearing in Circuit Court on July 28 and October 26.

Christopher Sean Mullins, 25, of Mt. Vernon was indicted on one count of criminal possession of a forged instrument.

David Hood, 33, of Mt. Vernon was indicted on one count of second degree burglary.

Darrell Andrew Estep, 21, of Williamsburg was indicted on one count of theft by unlawful taking over \$300 and one count of fleeing or evading police.

John L. Fain, 29, of Mt. Vernon, was indicted on one count of operating a motor vehicle while license suspended, third offense and one count of fleeing or evading police.

Robert Hammons, 36, of Mt. Vernon was indicted on one count of flagrant non-support.

## Laswell

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murder case.

As of press time Wednesday, Laswell had not been arrested and no arraignment date had been set.

Davy Stewart was set to go to trial in Madison County on Monday, to answer charges leveled against him after he had an altercation with police in Madison County, as he was apparently trying to flee the area.

Stewart, who has been in custody since August 11, was shot by police in the altercation in Madison County.

Kentucky State Police Detective Gary Lane is the lead investigator.

## Lady Rockets win three

## Indictments

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lost the handle on the ball. A mad scramble for the loose ball ensued and Amber Falin wound up at the free throw line for the Rockets where she hit both shots with 20 seconds left in the game to put the Rockets up 50-47. Clay County scored on their next possession and with 4 seconds on the clock, Rickles was fouled and hit one of the two for the final score of 51-47.

Hammond led the scoring for the Rockets with 15; Rickles got 10; Denney and Falin scored 6 each; Ashley Mink and Ashley Lawson got 4 points each and Amy Barnett 2.

## Varsity beats Harlan and Everts

The Lady Rockets tuned up for their match against Clay County with week end wins over Harlan and Everts.

At Harlan Friday night, the Rockets found themselves down 27-22 late in the second quarter. They then put on an 8-0 run to go ahead 28-27 to be down by only one 29-28 at the half.

The Rockets offense got it together in the third quarter, outscoring Harlan 13-9. However, Harlan came back to tie the score at 47 at all in the 1:38 mark of the fourth quarter before Hammond canned three free throws and a two point goal along with a 4-4.

Jessie Hayes had an even scoring game with 8 first half points and 7 second half points to lead the scoring with 15; Hammond got 13;

Denney scored 10; Rickles had 4 and Mink, Johnna Abney and Angie Boreing got 2 each.

Against Everts Saturday, the Lady Rockets were ahead 16-10 at the end of the first quarter and 26-17 at the half.

But the Lady Wildcats put on an 11-1 run in the third quarter to go ahead 28-27 midway through the period.

After that, it was a close game with the biggest lead the Rockets could muster coming early in the third quarter at 42-36. At that point, the Wildcats put on a 9-0 run to take a 45-42 lead before the Rockets were able to stop the bleeding with six straight free throws, four by Denney and two by Rickles to lead ahead 48-45 with 1:55 left in the game. Jessie Hayes, who led the scoring in the game with 14, got the last three points of the game for the final 51-47 score.

Besides Hayes, Ashley Mink scored 10 points; Rickles got 7; Abney 6; Denney 4; Barnett and Lawson 2 each and Hammond 1.

## Jayvees win two

The Lady Rocket Jayvees racked up two easy wins against Harlan and Everts.

Brianna Bussell led the scoring for her team against Harlan with 11 points in the 44-16 win.

Also scoring were Jessie Hayes with 9; Amy Barnett got 7; Jessica Carpenter 6; Johnna Abney 5; Allison Anderson 4 and Lauren Clontz 2.

At Everts, the Rockets won 40-29; Barnett led the scoring for her team with 12 points; Bussell and Abney got 9 each; Clontz scored 7; Stephanie Price and Carpenter got 4 each and Hayes scored 3.

## Freshmen beats Everts

Stephanie Price led the scoring for the Rockets with 11 points in her team's 29-27 win against the freshmen Wildcats.

Others scoring were Ashley Kimberl with 10; Anderkin with 3; Clontz and Krystal Parsons 2 each and Anna Guilfoil 1.

## Rockets

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points, 20 to 10, to extend their lead at the end of the third 62-45.

Rocketcastle ended the game with their fourth win on the season, 75-51 with sophomore Austin Miller hitting a three at the buzzer to emphasize the win.

## Road

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Gates has sued the county in an effort to close the Toddy Payne Road, which runs through their property.

The court discussed the Old Conway Road during their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, but took no action.

## Government help is available to help pay energy bills

Is your heating bill too expensive for your budget? If so, information in a new booklet might help.

The Financial Assistance Network in Washington, D.C. has just published a booklet, "How To Get Government Help To Pay Your Energy Bills." The booklet gives information on how and where to get government help to pay your heating bills.

"The federal government has budgeted over one billion dollars to help people who are struggling to pay their heating bills. Many people do not know that this money is available or how to get it," said Edmund Billings, a researcher at Financial Assistance Network. "We've published a book-

let that explains the program and tells consumers where to apply for assistance in their area. The booklet also has a special section for homeowners to get up to \$25,000 of government money to help reduce their energy bills, even if they have no equity in their home."

Consumers can receive a copy by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Financial Assistance Network, Government Help for Energy Bills Booklet Offer, P.O. Box 60848, Washington, D.C. 20039-0848. Consumers can also get information by calling 202-595-1027 or by visiting Financial Assistance Network's Internet web site: www.FinancialAssistanceNetwork.org

## Church News

### "Two Pennies"

"Two Pennies" is the name of the Christmas play at Maple Grove Baptist Church. The play will be at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17th. A special treat will be given to everyone who attends. There will also be a special fellowship afterwards. Bro. Keith Carr and church welcomes everyone.

### Thank You

Maple Grove Baptist Church would like to thank everyone for the help you gave for the recent benefit our church sponsored for Jennifer Bell's (a patient at Rockcastle Respiratory unit) family. A special thanks to our pastor, Bro. Keith Carr and Jeanne Lawrence for their efforts to organize this benefit, all the church members who helped in the food preparation and serving, and Save-A-Lot and Saylor's Furniture for their donations and all the ones who attended the singing and gave money. We would especially like to thank the singers: Ralph and Judy Nicely, Bro. Kenneth Thompson and the singers: from Copper Creek Baptist Church, Greg Bullock, John Blair and Christ Jesus My Redeemer Group, Barbara Blegley, Scott and Joanne Miller, Ronald and Vickie Mullins, Judy Mullins, Jessica VanZant, Tasha Chesnut, Tony Renner, Wendell and Virginia Renner and the Maple Grove musicians. We wish the very best to Bro. Rick and Joan Bell while they are living in our community to be near their daughter, Jennifer. Merry Christmas to all.

### A Pocket Full of Prayers

Written by: Chrystal Powell Mt. Vernon Church of the Nazarene invites you to join them in their Christmas celebration. We hope our Christmas program will bless your heart as it has been blessed ours. The

program will be December 16, 2000 at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served after the program.

### Nativity

Conway Baptist Church - Live Nativity Scene - December 22 and 23, 6 to 8 p.m.

## Rifle Team Wins State

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Jeff Smith, Zachary Shepherd, Ronald Willey, Jason Martin, Claudia Vezraska, Tara Thompson, Brittany Edwards, Adam Stallsworth and Josh Hayes.

## What Is Position Air Rifle Shooting?

By SGM Keith Taylor

When most people hear about an air rifle competition they probably picture kids lined up in the backyard shooting at tin cans with BB guns. Nothing could be further from the truth. Air gun competition is one of the fastest growing sports in the world among young people and adults alike. The equipment is like nothing you'll ever see at your local gun store.

The rifles used in precision category, typically sell for \$1400 or more. In fact that sights used are more expensive than your normal .22 caliber rifle. Why so expensive? Because that's what it takes to reliably hit a "ten ring" that's the same size as the period at the end of this sentence at 33 feet. In addition to the super

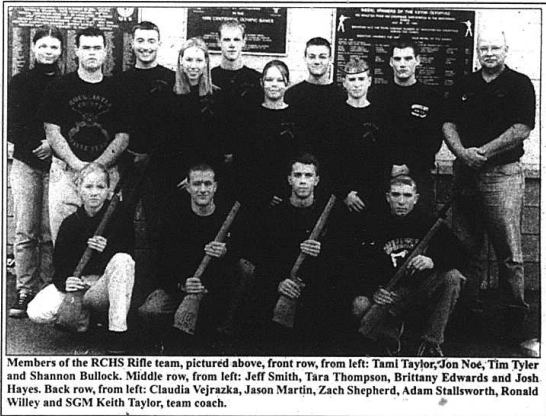
accurate rifle, other equipment is needed. Among these are leather and canvas shooting jackets ranging in cost from the \$200 jackets used by RCHS all the way up through custom fit jackets in excess of \$700. Other equipment not used by RCHS but used by the majority of competitors include extremely stiff leather pants and special shoes designed to lower the shooter's heels and support the lower body and provide an absolutely

stiff foundation. The rifles used are powered by compressed air, pneumatic, CO2 or spring piston. Muzzle velocity is usually around 850 feet per second, launching a .17 caliber pellet with such accuracy that if the rifle were mounted in a bench vice, you could fire 10 pellets into a hole barely larger than the first shot you fired.

Sporter category on the other hand limits the competitor to the equipment allowed on the firing line. Rifles are generally limited to a weight of 7 1/2 pounds or less, with a trigger pull no less than 1 1/2 pounds. Clothing is limited, allowing the shooter to wear no more than two sweat shirts and shoes which don't extend over the ankles. This is the category which RCHS has solely participated in until this year. This is the "entry level" of air rifle competition which is extremely competitive. It's also the level which the RCHS Rifle Team has pretty much dominated in Kentucky for the last several years.

The course of fire varies, according to the type match shot. The most common is referred to as a three-position (3-P) match, with a full match consisting of 40 shots fired from each of three positions: Prone, Standing and Kneeling. Most matches are usually half course, commonly referred to as a 60 match for the 600 points possible score. The other most common match fired is called an "International Match." In International matches the course of fire consists of 40 or 60 shots fired from the standing position. Positions in all matches are strictly regulated in areas such as the angle of the fore-arm of the non-firing arm and the placement of the non-firing elbow in kneeling. Time taken for a shot usually consists of 60 seconds for one and a half minutes per shot for the prone and kneeling positions and two minutes per shot in standing. All air rifle, or air pistol matches are fired from a distance of 10 meters, or approximately 33 feet.

Air rifle competition is a fantastic sport which competitors are able to compete in throughout their entire lives, from middle school age on through the adult senior years. Levels of competition range from local matches sanctioned by organizations such as the Jaycees, 4-H and American Legion, through high school and college teams, on through international level competitions to include the Olympics.



Members of the RCHS Rifle team, pictured above, front row, from left: Tami Taylor, Jon Noé, Tim Tyler and Shannon Bullock. Middle row, from left: Jeff Smith, Tara Thompson, Brittany Edwards and Josh Hayes. Back row, from left: Claudia Vezraska, Jason Martin, Zach Shepherd, Adam Stallsworth, Ronald Willey and SGM Keith Taylor, team coach.



Old Conway Road dead ends at the interstate and has one house on it.

You Are Invited to Attend a Special Presentation

By The Bible Baptist Church Choir Christmas Cantata

the Father's GIFT of love

the birth of hope, truth and wisdom

Community Performance Saturday, December 16, 2000 - 7 pm

Encore Performance Sunday, December 17, 2000 - 6 pm

"Come to the Church on the Hill"

US 25 South Mt. Vernon, Kentucky