

RCHS principal chosen to help organize national meeting

by Cory Bailey

Out of all of the high schools in the United States, eight principals were chosen to represent the principals of the entire nation. Among this elite group was RCHS's very own Mr. Ronnie Cash.

The committee, sponsored by the National Science Foundation, met in Washington D.C. to discuss plans for a nationwide principal's retreat which is also to be held in Washington in February.

The main agenda, which is to help principals understand what

good programs in math and science consist of, will include topics like community involvement, standards, technology, and accountability.

Mr. Cash commented, "We were chosen because we are a pro-

gressive high school that is willing to change."

Mr. Cash added, "Our kids are performing at higher levels than some of the larger high schools. We are constantly seeking new, better ways to help kids learn."

Also attending the meeting were Ms Cindy Witt, science teacher who administers the Appalachian Rural Systemic Initiative (ARSI) grant the school received from the National Science Foundation, and Ms. Stephanie Hammack, math teacher.

Mr. Parrett retires for second time

by Nikki Barnett

Students of RCHS will no longer see the smiling face of Mr. Preston Parrett or read his daily poems about the everyday life of school.

As of December 1, Mr. Parrett retired, a second time, from his parttime job as attendance monitor.

Over the last few months he and his wife reportedly have had a number of health problems, factors which led to his retirement after over 44 years of working with students.

Now, students who have been absent have to see Ms. Becky Perkins in the office to get an excuse.

'My Voice in Democracy' Essay Contest Winners



Named first place winner this year (and the recipient of \$75) in the annual VFW essay contest was Renita Blanton, center. Kelly Farthing, left, won second place and \$50, and Angie Murphy won \$25 and third place. The first place entry will be entered in the regional competition. The three girls are seniors.

1997 Class Officers

The results of this year's class representative election conducted in homeroom is as follows:

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Sec/Treas. - Nathan DeLeon

Juniors

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Vice Pres. - Beth Blanton
Sec/Treas. - Steven Powell

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President - Abram Taylor
Vice Pres. - AngieFord
Sec/Treas. - Crystal Mink

Freshman

President - Tara Abney
Vice Pres. - Brandon Bishop
Sec/Treas. - Theresa Chislum



SEASON'S GREETINGS

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The Jimmy Awards



**Wrestling
Ramblings**
by
Jimmy Payne

It's that time of the year again, time to relax, lie under the Christmas tree, warmed by the lights and comforted knowing that you are safe from the cold outdoors. It's time to put the year to an end.

Are you kidding me! I'm pumped! I'm excited! The new year is going to be one of the greatest years for wrestling ever! But first, since the year is coming to an end, I think it is appropriate to dedicate my column to the best wrestlers in the world.

That's right! I am tired of reading all of these nonsense awards. It's time to recognize the real champions in professional wrestling.

The **Jimmy Awards**, will give them the credit they deserve.

This past month I have been busy analyzing the year in wrestling very carefully, so the winners of my awards are justified and deserving of credit.

The first Jimmy goes to **BEST ANNOUNCER**, the one with humor, voice and interest.

Without a doubt the winner has to be **Joey Styles** (ECW) who is always funny and seems interested in what's going on inside the ring (other than pay per views, or Sting masks).

Joey easily beats out competition from Jim Ross and Mike Tunica.

The **BEST NEWCOMER** to a federation showing the most talent and having the biggest impact is the next category.

Several wrestlers come to mind when you think about newcomers that can really wrestle -- Headbangers, Raven, Taka Michinoku, Patriot, Jeff Jarrett, and Brian Christopher, but it is hard to think of a newcomer any

better than **Ken Shamrock**.

Feuds have not been great this year with such sorry efforts as (Glacier-Mortis), (Wrath-Mortis), (Disco-Jacqueline (uncrowned T.V. champ)), and (Mongo-Jarrett) by WCW.

But one **OUTSTANDING FEUD** rose above all others and that was the one between **Shawn Michaels and Bret Hart**, a feud that has been boiling since 1992.

This rivalry probably never will be settled; it's always great when we are able to witness the two greatest wrestlers in the world display such hatred for one another.

This has been one of the most exciting years for great matches. WCW's Cruiser Weight title matches have outclassed their main events, while ECW has brought ruleless matches that entertain audiences.

It is WWF in my opinion, that stands alone as the king of main events, and that is what the crowd wants to see -- the superstars fighting for titles and for pride.

My top candidates for match of the year are: Bret Hart vs. Stonecold (WrestleMania XIII), Sandman vs. Sabu (November to Remember), Sabu vs. Taz (Barely Legal).

But the **MATCH OF THE YEAR** just has to be **Shawn Michaels vs. The Undertaker at Badd Blood**. This match probably ranks in the top five matches of all time.

Few times before have I seen two wrestlers of their caliber put on a show like these two did.

With top candidates for the **WRESTLER OF THE YEAR** like: Bret Hart (2 world titles in 1997), (Shawn Michaels 2 world titles, European title in 1997), (Stone Cold Royal Rumble winner, 2 tag team titles, 2 intercontinental titles), and (Shane Douglas 2 time ECW world champion), who was I to choose?

I have been watching

wrestling since the age of four or five, and never have I seen so many wrestlers dominate the scene.

Three or four wrestlers have won everything, keeping others from coming into the championship picture, while not cleanly defeating one another.

There hasn't been one clean-cut wrestler who deserves this award over the others.

The best way that I know to choose this award is to look at the title reigns and how dominating they were.

With dominance in mind, there are few that can say they have faced the best and remain feared by everyone in their organization.

Nobody, in my opinion, has been able to dominate like **The Human Suplex Machine Taz**.

Taz has been the ECW World Television champion for most of 1997 and will continue to dominate into 1998.

This year has been fun to watch with some fantastic WWF and ECW pay per views.

I have a great feeling that with Shawn Michaels, the world champion, and Stone Cold with his can open, that 1998 will be one of the greatest years ever in wrestling.

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Girls' varsity hopes high, sport perfect record

by Susan Brown

Although the girls went to the state tournament in basketball last year, this season has begun with the best starting record, 4-0.

They may be a young team, but their expectations are high. They hope to repeat last year.

"They will be successful," said Ms. Dawn Quigley, assistant

coach. She says they are very, very hardworking girls and give 110% in practice, games, and in whatever they are doing.

Nikki Bullock, who is described as a good leader and a

consistent player, is the only senior. She is a starting forward this year.

"I think we have the potential to be as good of a team as last year," said Nikki. "I hope we exceed last year's team's success and fulfill fans' expectations of a repeat."

Ms. Quigley says Tiffany McClure, a junior guard, is very hardworking and has a lot of desire to win, and the other junior guard is Amanda Osborne who is quick and a good defensive player.

Center Suzanne Brown, a junior, is a very strong post player

and has potential to dominate inside, according to Ms. Quigley.

Sophomore Brandy Reynolds who is point guard is described by her coaches as a smart player who will develop into a good point guard.

In addition to the five starters the team also has a very good bench. Juniors are Jennifer Cromer and Patti Stamper. Sophomores include Jessica Cobb, Brooke Roberts, and Angie Ford. The freshman are Jessi Rickles, Amber Falin, Ashley Lawson, Brittany Owens, and Rachelle Hammond.

The teams motive is to "climb

the ladder," Ms. Quigley said.

"Everyday in practice and in every game the girls are working hard to take a step higher on the ladder to our goal."

Their main goal, according to team members is to win the district tournament (which they lost to Jackson County even though they won the regional).

Football players recognized for academic achievement

Twenty-two RCHS football players have been named Academic All-State players by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association.

Ten were named First Team Academic All-State, which requires an athlete to maintain a minimum of a 3.75 GPA during their season. They include: Andy Hale, Jeff Linville, Cliff Malekovich, Jon Burdette, Derrick Bussell, Chris Bishop, Andrew Carrera, Brad McNew, Eric Denny, and John LaFevvers.

Twelve were named Honorable Mention All-State which requires an athlete to maintain a minimum of a 3.25 GPA during the season. They include: Dusty McClure, Dackery Larkey, Greg Harper, Dustin Crawford, Nathan DeLeon, Brooks Ingram, Thomas Coffey, Josh Hendrickson, Kevin Bradley, Joel Deatherage, Brandon Bishop, and Neil Childress.

Seven named to All District Team for 1997

RCHS football coach Tom Larkey was named Coach of the Year for the 1997 season in Class AA, Region 3, District 2, and seven RCHS football players were named to the 1997 All District Team. These were: Chris Bishop, Dusty McClure, John LaFevvers, Nathan DeLeon, Andy Hale, Brooks Ingram, and Andrew Carrera.

Rocket Madness kicks off season

by Nikki Barnett

The University of Kentucky's Big Blue Maddness brought about a new tradition at RCHS - Rocket Maddness.

The event is two years old at the Rock and as big a success as it has been, it probably will continue in the future.

"We have had such a good response in the past two years that we are now making this a tradition.

It's a great way to kick off the basketball season," says Ms. Julie Cruse, cheerleading coach and coordinator of Rocket Maddness.

At Rocket Maddness the cheerleaders and dance team members fed all the basketball players as well as members of the community who attended.

This year Rose's One Stop, Pizza Hut, and Godfather's

donated the pizza, and the cheerleaders and dance team provided snacks, drinks, and desserts.

The 150 community members present were eligible to win such items as a Rocket basketball phone, two basketballs, shirts, hats, two stadium seats, season tickets, three game tickets, water

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After first five games, boys remain undefeated

by Jeff French and
Chuck Bullock
Undefeated!

It's the word that every coach loves to hear. RCHS basketball coach, Mr. Clayton Cash, is no different, but this is the first season since he has been coaching the Rockets that the boys' basketball team has gone undefeated in the first five games.

"It's going to be one of the best seasons we've had if we keep up the intensity the whole year," said Coach Cash.

"Most of these first few games have been nailbiters," says Coach Cash. "They are playing real gutsy games, coming from behind and not laying down."

The first game of the season, the Rockets edged Willaimsburg with a 59-55 score.

Senior Blake Childress had an outstanding game with 13 points and 17 rebounds.

Sophomore Matt Brown also had a great game with 10 rebounds. Junior Layne Nicely and sophomore Andrew Cash also contributed by scoring in the double-figures.

The Rockets breezed by the Somerset Briarhoppers with a score of 76-62 with sophomore Andrew Cash leading the way with 20 points and 7 rebounds. Matt Brown added 12 points and 6 rebounds and Blake Childress tossed in 10 points and grabbed 7 rebounds.

A big concern in this game, according to Coach Cash, was their turnover ratio.

"We played hard. We played as a team and had a good inside game. Although our offense hadn't picked up as planned, we were accurate on defense," said Coach Cash.

"I'm pleased with our progress and I hope to continue to keep

playing hard".

The Lincoln County team was one Coach Cash and the team knew would be tough to beat.

The lead changed hands several times, but the final change was what gave the Rockets the victory.

It was Andrew Cash who hit a penetrating shot with just 4 seconds left on the clock, seizing the victory with the final score of 70-69.

"We don't have a lot of size, but we have a lot of heart and that's what won the game," says Coach Cash.

Traveling to Jackson County for a district game on December 9, the Rockets once again left victorious. Sophomore Andrew Cash led the Rockets with 28 points, five rebounds and five steals.

"We played hard, played smart, and had fun. It was the first time in my coaching career that we have beat Jackson County at home," said Coach Cash. "I felt

like we had them outmatched as far as talent was concerned."

A blow-out! That's what you could say about the Rocket-Oneida district game.

The final score was 80-43 with senior Billy Kirby leading the way with 12 points, followed closely by John Brown with 11.

The next district game is December 16 at Clay County.

"Clay County is a great team," said Coach Cash, "but they can be beaten."

"I feel good about the season so far," said Coach Cash, "but we have a tough schedule."

Rocket Madness (Continued from 15)

bottles, stadium cushions, and spirit packs were given away for door prizes.

"I believe there needs to be this transition between the football and basketball seasons," said Ms. Cruse. "It also brings recognition to both basketball teams, the cheerleaders, dance team, color guard, and band and introduces them to the community."

"I would like to thank everyone who made this a success," Mr. Cruse said. "I am thrilled and proud of both teams and of the

support from the community."

According to Ms. Cruse, it is the coaches who have decided that there will be no pep rallies before the basketball games.

Both teams have a 4-0 record and coaches sometimes fear any change in routine will bring bad luck.

"I wish we could have had a pep rally before the Jackson County game, but we coaches are sometimes afraid it will affect our playing, or in other words jinx us," said boys' basketball head coach Clayton Cash.

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Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Stay indoors this month or you could have an accident. Several people will be angry at you over something you had no control over, so look out. (They will soon get over it.)

Gemini (May 21-June 20) - The love you have been waiting for is waiting for love also. Be sensitive to those around you, and you may find your "gift" for the new year closer than you think.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) - Don't try to solve everyone else's problems, just concentrate on solving yours. Someone in need is waiting for help month. Be there to lend a hand. The same person may be able to help you very soon.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Be aware of an embarrassing moment in store for you. It is not the time to go out on your steady sweetie even if it is with a friend of a friend and you don't think you'll get caught.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - You may lose a love, but gain a good friend. A lot of attention will be focused on you this month. Try to remember "All glory is fleeting." Take a younger sibling somewhere.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Make a new start this holiday season. Let people know how you are feeling. You might be surprised by how much stress it will relieve to let go of pent up feelings.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Domestic situation changes; a special person returns to you for a short visit, but keep your head out of the clouds. This relationship may have suffered, but it is not beyond repair.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Jan. 19) - A big fight with a friend will work out okay even though it will leave you down for a few days. Focus on family and those you usually overlook. A good time for movie-going.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Don't worry that you were not able to find one of the gifts you had planned to buy for someone on your list. You'll see it was a bad idea anyway. Keep away from chocolate.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb. 19) - Put your school worries behind you for the time being. A job offer is coming your way. Consider it carefully even though it is not a hard job and offers a chance to make money.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Much attention revolves around unusual gifts. Refuse to become involved in a relationship that you know is not in your best interest. Use your head, not your heart.

Dear Gabby

Dear Gabby,
I'm head over heels in love with an older woman, but I still haven't told her. She is quiet a few years older than I am and a few pounds heavier. I know that looks aren't everything and age doesn't matter when you're in love, but I'm still not sure if I should make my move yet on asking her out.

Even though she hasn't said anything yet, I feel that she has a real passion for me because everytime I pass her van she waves and winks at me.

So do you think I should make my move or should I put her out of my mind since she is so much older than I am and look for a younger woman to set my sights on?

Shy Goat Boy

Dear Shy,
Go for it! If she has shown some interest in you, then she must like you or she wouldn't even waste her time winking at you. Age and looks do not matter whatsoever. True love does not wait for a person to decide whether or not he/she likes another person.

So stand up straight, put on a serious but confident smile, and make your move.

Gabby

Dear Gabby,
I have a friend who's been in love with this guy forever. But I think he has feelings for me. I don't know how to tell her about this. Please help.

Guilty Conscience

Dear Guilty,
First things first. Ask this guy if he likes you. Don't go running to your friend before you know for sure that he likes you. All this will cause is heartache and pain from all three parties involved. If he does like you, then you tell your friend in the nicest way possible that he has a romantic interest in you.

If you happen to like this guy also, then you tell her that you like him too. She will be hurt at first,

but in the end she will understand.
Gabby

Dear Gabby,
I'm a sophomore and I am a loner. It seems like I'd meet a friend by now, but I have no friends. Do you have any advice to help me?

Loner

Dear Loner,
You have one friend already, and that's me. So there is a start for you. What you need to do is go up and talk to people and be friendly. Some may think that you are being a snob if you don't talk to them. Just try to be someone's friend and they will be yours.

Gabby

Dear Gabby,
When I was a freshman at RCHS, all I heard about was the forbidden "Senior Wall." No underclassmen were allowed to be there at all.

Now, after making it to the senior class, I look at the wall and find nothing but freshmen, sophomores, and juniors standing by their senior boyfriends. I am just curious as to why the seniors of '98 have taken a step down?

Curious

Dear Curious,
I really don't know. In my opinion, the seniors have not taken a step down. They are just being more sociable.

What does it matter who stands against what wall? There are enough problems in high school to deal with other than worrying over who stands where.

So if you see underclassmen standing against the wall just ignore them. They are just practicing for when they get to be seniors. Practice makes perfect.

Gabby

Christmas Greetings from the grave!

by
Becky Davis

What would legendary pop artist Andy Warhol say to us this Christmas if he were still living?

"Happy Christmas, boys and girls. Eat lots of paper and take pictures of your grandmother while she is sleeping, maybe you'll get famous if your fifteen minutes aren't taken up already."

...and Edgar Allen Poe?

"Merry Christmas to all. Happy Holidays, and as the old saying goes, live fast, die young and leave a good-looking corpse."

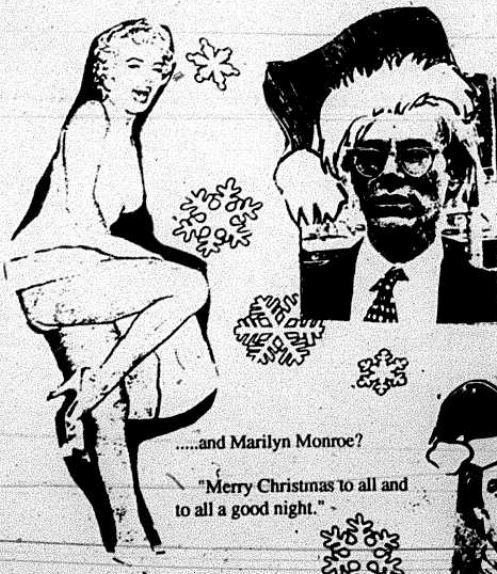
...and John Lennon?

"Come together right now. There's another year over and a new one just begun. Give peace a chance because all you need is love."

And now, the big man himself, Santa Claws...um...oops,I mean Clause.

"To all of you kids out there, stop writing me those annoying letters! It's bad enough that year round I am made to constantly stalk you and watch your move, but on top of all of that, you kids have the nerve to write me stupid letters about the toys that you want for Christmas! I mean, get a life!"

*Note: Santa is not really dead.



.....and Marilyn Monroe?

"Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night."



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Mt. Vernon firefighters were called to the scene of a trailer fire in Ramsey's Trailer Park in Mt. Vernon last Wednesday. Pearl Kite West, the owner of the trailer was not home when the fire broke out. Firefighters said the trailer was heavily involved when they arrived on the scene of the noon time fire. Most of West's belongings were destroyed by the fire. On Saturday, the home of Wayne Lear and Carolyn Wilson on the Old Broadhead Road was also destroyed by fire. The couple was not home at the time of the fire which firefighters believe started near a wood burning stove. Fire fighters from Brodhead, Mt. Vernon and Brindle Ridge were called to the scene.

Sixteen indictments handed down

Local man indicted for sexual abuse

A man who supplied counseling services to the state for foster children has been accused of molesting three boys he was counseling.

A grand jury indicted Matthew Getsi, 32 of Lowell Lane in Mt. Vernon, on three charges of first-degree sexual abuse Monday. "I knew there was a big to-do going on, but I didn't know it was that. I think it was more of a personal slander attack than anything else."

Getsi works for Eastern Kentucky University's Training Resource Center. The agency contracts with the state Department of Social Services to provide counseling to foster children, officials said.

"The investigation is continuing as to the role, is any, his role with Social Service played in his abuse of any kids," said Commonwealth Attorney Ray Carmichael.

Carmichael said the investigation was begun after the foster parent of the children reported the alleged abuse to the state police. The children also told police that abuse had occurred, Carmichael said.

However, a local woman whose three boys were kept by Getsi for five years, while she was in prison, said

that she did not think there was any basis for the indictment.

"The foster parent that brought the charges against Matt, is trying to stop the adoption of three boys that she has in her custody, by Getsi" Peggy Stanley said Tuesday.

"Matt held my household together while I was gone and I offered to let police speak with my three sons, but they declined," she said.

"My three sons look up to Matt like a father and we can't believe any of these charges are legitimate," Stanley said.

"This is just someone that is making false allegations and someone that has gone over those boys to lie about Matt," Stanley said.

A spokeswoman for the Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children said that, although Getsi was performing a service paid for by the state, he was not an employee of the cabinet.

"He was actually a contract person," working for ECU as an independent-living program manager, Margaret Harney said.

Harney said the job entailed teaching

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Will run for fourth term

Houk seeks re-election



Rockcastle County Clerk Norma Houk

Rockcastle County Clerk Norma Houk has filed for re-election.

Mrs. Houk, a Republican, is seeking her fourth term as Rockcastle County's chief record keeper.

Houk was first elected in 1985 when she defeated David Bales and Paul Abney.

In 1989 and 1993, Mrs. Houk was unopposed.

Mrs. Houk, 50, lives at Brindle Ridge with her husband, Russell. They have two grown children, Sonya and Brian.

"It has been my pleasure to serve as county clerk for the past twelve years," Mrs. Houk said.

"It has always been my desire and goal to have a clerk's office that provides efficient, honest and friendly service to everyone in any way we legally could," she said.

Insurance cancellations could cost loss of licenses

Drivers who receive notice from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet that they have an uninsured vehicle and must show proof of insurance or lose their license, should not disregard the notice, Rockcastle County Clerk Norma Houk said Tuesday.

The notices are being sent as a result of House Bill 439, legislation passed in the last general session that requires insurance companies to send notice to the state Transportation Cabinet when insurance on a vehicle is canceled. The Transportation Cabinet's Motor Vehicle Licensing Division then sends a notice to the driver of the uninsured vehicle requiring him to show proof of insurance or have his license suspended.

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Two local men were honored at the annual Rockcastle County Farmers - Business Banquet on Friday night. Above, Alfred McNew, left and Cleith Thacker, right present local businessman John Cox with the Outstanding Business Award for 1997. Cox, 77, has been working at his family's business, Cox Hardware in Mt. Vernon, since joining his father in business in 1935. McNew and Thacker are officers of the Mt. Vernon Lion's Club that co-sponsored the event. In the photo at left, Roy Brown, left, and Tommy Harold Mink, right, present Carl Lewis with the Master Conversationist Award for 1997. The award is presented annually by the local Soil Conversation Board, of which Brown is chairman and Mink a director. Lewis and his wife Nancy operate a family farm at Willailla. WTVU news anchor John Lindgren was the featured speaker.



Work has begun on the new addition at the Rockcastle County jail. The building project, which will cost an estimated \$900,000, will add 28 beds for prisoners and will bring the jail in full compliance with state regulations for the first time in many years. The project is slated to be finished sometime late next year. Chris Goff of Goff Construction is shown moving dirt and rock from beside the courthouse for the new construction phase of the project.

County Statistics

Deeds Recorded

Darla King Husk and Darrell Husk, real property located on Scaffold Cane Pike, to William T. and Kristie N. Bullens. Tax 20.00.
 Anita Faye Hayes and others, real property located on Williams Street, Mt. Vernon, to Michelle Parkerson. Tax 39.00.
 Cecil and Judy King and others, real property located on Hwy. 150, to Robert Naylor. Tax 9.50.
 Ronald M. and Joyce R. Laswell, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Donald C. and Loretta Bray. Tax 10.00.

Master Commissioner's Deed for real property located in Rockcastle County, to Greenview Financial Servicing Corp. Tax 6.50.
 Jan Stevens and others, real property located in Rockcastle County, to James and Virginia Broadus. No tax.
 Mae Cox Jones, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Mae Cox Jones. No tax.
 Betty Peters, quit claim deed for real property located in Rockcastle County, to Jacob Peters. Tax 8.50.
 Anita Gayle and William Coffey, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Billy Gene and Flonnie Burke. No tax.
 Gary Wade and Gertha A. Mink, real property located in Sunset Place Subdivision, to Connie Hunt. Tax 71.00.

Daryl and Angie Johnson, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Freddy and Penny Cromer. Tax 35.00.
 Shawn Hamm, real property located in Hunter Ridge Subdivision, to Gary W. and Gertha A. Mink. Tax 9.00.
 Debra Smith, real property located on waters of East Fork of Skaggs Creek, to Gary Dewayne Blackburn. Tax 3.50.
 United States Marshall's Deed for real property located in Rockcastle County, to Rick Cole. No tax.
 Gerald and Margaret Miracle, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Merrill and Patsy Chandler. No tax.
 Merrill and Patsy Chandler, real property located in Rockcastle County, to William and Lorrie Givens. Tax 56.50.
 Robert W. and Shirley Wilson and Earl Wilson, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Michael Pingleton. Tax 56.00.
 Theodore R. Frith, real property located on Hwy. 150, to De Alva and

Charles Holbrook, real property located on Big Sinks Road, to Janet L. Barnett Hughes and Farlie Barnett. Tax 2.50.
 Joseph L. and Geneva E. Howard, real property located on Old Mt. Vernon Road, to Joseph L. and Geneva E. Howard. No tax.

Small Claims
 Southern Drywall Supply vs. Tommy Cope, \$852.73 claimed due for tool rental. 97-S-00079.

Circuit Civil Suits
 Citizens Bank of Brodhead vs. Alexander Curyk, Et Al, complaint

for \$87.46 and \$42,226.98 claimed due on notes. 97-CI-00264.
 Commonwealth of Kentucky, Ex Rel, Rick Saylor vs. Tanya Eller, URESA. 97-CI-00265.

Marriage Licenses
 Sherry Dawn Jones, 25, Somerset, cosmetologist, to Mitchell Michael Wayne Barron, 26, Brodhead, Alumitech. December 12, 1997.

District Civil Suits
 Central Financial Services vs. Karl Pittman, Et Al, \$2,730.55 claimed due on note. 97-CI-00208.

From Our Files
 35 years ago this week... The Mt. Vernon Band Boosters met in the Industrial Arts Building with band director, Robert Crissman directing his beginning band pupils in a program. Mrs. Jack St. Clair was named president; Mrs. Henry Coffey, vice president and Mrs. Jack Craig, was named secretary/treasurer.
 Patricia Hylton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram J. Helton of Mt. Vernon and Larry Todd, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Todd of Mt. Vernon were elected King and Queen of Roundstone Elementary School Fall Festival.

30 years ago this week... Billy Helton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Helton of Conway, was named All-Conference End on the All Conference Football Team.
 Army Private First Class Tommy E. Hodges, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Hodges, of Mt. Vernon, was assigned with the 563rd Supply Company near Long Binh, Vietnam.
 The Livingston Blue Devils led all the way to defeat the Mt. Vernon Red Devils by a score of 67 to 49. Learning Storer for Livingston was Tommy Mink with 24 points.
 25 years ago this week... The City of Mt. Vernon started renovation for sixty to seventy parking spaces, after purchasing a lot belonging to Tom Hansel. The property was adjacent to the former

Parson's Equipment Company building. The Rockcastle Rockets "B" team got the ball rolling when they defeated the Laurel Co. Cardinals 47 to 36 in the first game on the Cardinals home floor.
 The Loyal Clovers 4-H Club was selected as the Outstanding 4-H Club. Members of the club were: Marcia Lamb, president; Vicki Lamb; Carolyn Lamb; Charles Lamb, leader; Dawn Brunely; Robin Bowman; Cliffene Bowman, leader; Mrs. Charles Lamb, leader; Denzi Chasteen; Timmy Chasteen; Glenn Chasteen; Vonda Croucher and Sandra Spiers.
 20 years ago this week... Jack Farthing, one of the Rockets, junior starting guards, was knocked out due to a blow he received in action in the Annnville basketball game.
 Sam Ford, on behalf of the Rockcastle Improvement Council, presented C.T. Huffines, president of The Bank of Mt. Vernon, with the council's Improvement Award. The

award was given to the bank in recognition of the improvements made to the bank's building.
 Mr. and Mrs. Joe Robinson of Mt. Vernon celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary.
 15 years ago this week... The Rockcastle County Library system received a new Bookmobile from the state. The state usually issues a new vehicle each ten years.
 The Roundstone PTA held its second annual Pie Supper at the school. The organization raised over \$400 for its efforts which go toward the purchase of new curtains for the stage in the gymnasium.
 Town residents in the areas of Williams and School Streets were without electricity for almost an hour, due to an outage which was a result of an overload. The overload was apparently caused by the drop in temperature which increased demand.
 10 years ago this week... C. Paul Cash, a Rockcastle County timberland owner, was presented with a Certificate of recognition from the Courier-Journal and Louisville Times "Tom Wallace Farm Forest Contest" by Kenneth Thompson, Service Forester with the Kentucky Division of Forestry.

5 years ago this week... Ribbon cutting ceremonies signifying the official opening of Shell Food Mart, located on U.S. 25 in Renfro Valley. Those present were Dean Hendrickson, General Manager of Renfro Valley Folks, Inc.; Larry Hammond, director of student services for Rockcastle County; Teresa Smith, Food Service Development Specialist at Shell Food Mart; Danny Smith, Manager of Shell Food Mart; Keith Smith, vice-president of Citizens Bank; Rick Curry, vice-president of Curry Oil; Nanette Jensen, corporate secretary human resources manager; Glennis Miller, outgoing President of Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce; Joe Wheeler, vice-president of Shell Oil; Roland Mullins, Rockcastle County Judge Executive; Gary Cromer, Mt. Vernon Mayor; Bill Mink, Mt. Vernon Chief of Police; Joe Curry, president of Curry Oil; Richard Bray, Director of Administration of Rockcastle County Schools; Doug Brock, of Brock Studio and Karen Alcorn, Rockcastle County deputy sheriff.

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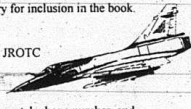


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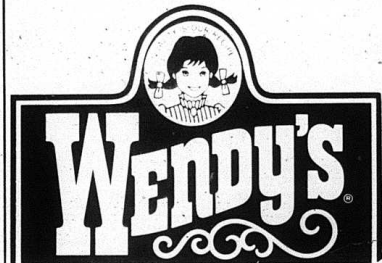
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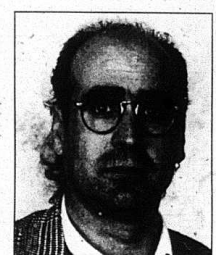
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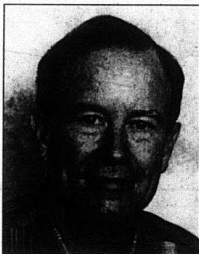
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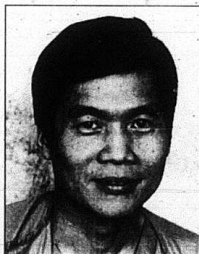
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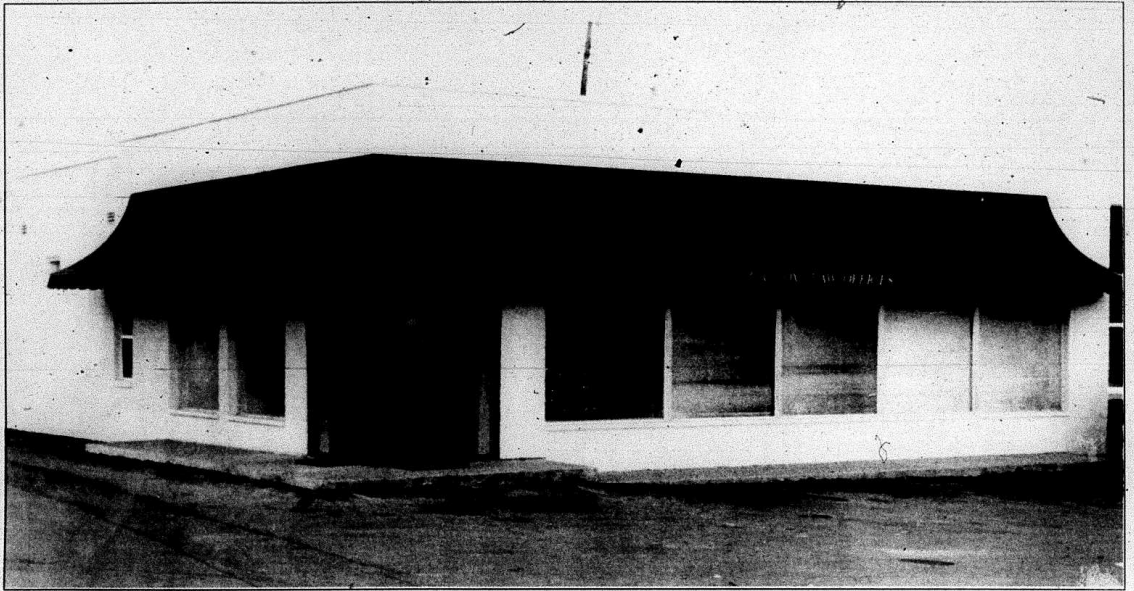
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Rockets wallop Oneida; lose to Clay County

It took five players, two referees and an opposing coach who spent the entire game several feet onto the playing floor, but the Clay County Tigers got a ten-point district win over the Rockets Tuesday night.

The Rockets came out smoking and ran out to a 17-10 first quarter lead off a balanced scoring attack.

They extended the lead to 31-20 in the second quarter but Clay then put on a 13-6 run, aided by five points at the free throw line, to cut the Rocket lead to four at half-time 37-33.

Clay drew first blood in the third quarter and the Rockets were plagued by several turnovers, enabling the Tigers to tie the score at 37 all before pandemonium broke out. An intentional foul on a Rocket, a technical on the Rockcastle bench, another technical on a Rocket player and the Tigers were in front 49-43. The Rockets fought back, pulling to within three at 56-59 on a three point shot by Layne Nicely but the Tigers got the last two baskets of the quarter for a 63-56 third quarter bulge.

But, in the fourth quarter, the foul line decided the outcome as 20 total fouls were called, 14 of them against the Rockets and 16 of the Tigers 24 fourth quarter points coming at the free throw line.

It was a valiant effort by Rockcastle, Andrew Cash led the scoring for the Rockets with 25 and Layne Nicely was next with 20, but that was not enough as Stephen Asher and Antwan Henson countered with 30 and 33 points, respectively.

Other Rockets in the scoring column were Steve Bradley with 9, John Brown with 8, Blake Childress, Travis Anderson and Dusty McClure, each and Matt Brown with 3.

Last Thursday night, the Rockets found out they would have no trouble from at least one district foe as they easily took the measure of the Oneida Mountaineers 80-43. Coach Clayton Cash got to play eleven players and all except one got into the scoring column.

The Rockets were ahead 23-9 at the end of the first quarter, 40-19 at half-time and 63-31 at the third quarter stop.

Only 29 fouls were whistled in the contest but the amazing thing about that figure was that only 11 of those were called against the Rockets.

Billy Kirby came off the bench to lead the scoring with 12 points, John Brown got 11; Andrew Cash 9; Layne Nicely, Travis Anderson and Matt Brown, 8 each; Blake Childress, Steve

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Andrew Cash goes by two Mountaineer defenders for a shot during action Thursday night at Rockcastle. The Rockets easily picked up their second district win of the season but lost at Clay County Tuesday night.

Rockets loss to Tigers was bitter lesson

by perlina underkin

It was pathetic. It was the rape and pillage of high school boys by two referees who were either (a) incompetent (b) too overwhelmed by the persona of the great Bobby Keith to envision the possibility that he might get beaten by lowly Rockcastle or (c) a deliberate act of sabotage by adults against kids.

If you overlook the muggings on lay-ups that were not called; the pinning of the ball against the backboard on a shot by Rockcastle County, which by any other referee would be good tending but at Clay Tuesday night was obviously just considered good defense by the refs; the out-of-bounds calls that were made the wrong way; you cannot overlook the defiant arrogance of two officials who allowed Bobby Keith to spend the entire game three to four feet onto the playing floor while coming over and telling our players, standing in front of their chairs, to sit down.

I thought the low point in high school officiating happened several years ago at Estill County when the ball was literally stolen from

Rockcastle by a referee. But that pales in comparison to what happened at Clay Tuesday night. After Rockcastle jumped out to an 11 point lead in the second quarter, it appeared that referees Eric Canady and Mika Ashmith were afraid that without their help, and a lot of it, the #1 team in the region might get beaten. And help they did.

Usually when I get upset with referees, a half-hour after the game I can calm down and say to myself, "I don't guess it was really that bad." "Not this time and the game film will bear me out. Several fans kept saying, "Wait until they (Clay Co.) come to Rockcastle." It won't happen, folks. For one thing, there are no referees from Rockcastle County in the 13th region so therefore, no one is part of the "Old Boy" network and the "Home Cooking" doesn't apply to us. And, who wants a win by "Home Cooking?" What does it mean if you win a game because you have cheated or been assisted in cheating by referees?

Clay County got to shoot 50 free throws Tuesday night, while we were

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Lady Rockets beat Oneida; lose to Clay

It's always tough to win at Clay County and when you perform poorly, it makes it even tougher. The Rockcastle County Lady Rockets turned in their worst performance of the season Tuesday night, losing to the Lady Tigers at Clay County 51-50. Chrysti Noble's young team showed just how young they were and several key calls that went against the Lady Rockets combined to give Rockcastle their first loss of the season.

The final 51-50 score was not indicative of the game -- the Lady Rockets were down 51-45 with less than a minute to play when Amanda Osborne put in a three point shot. The sequence of events following Osborne's three then provided some comic relief for the Rockcastle crowd. Following Osborne's shot, a Clay County player slapped the ball out of bounds and it wound up in front of a Rockcastle cheerleader. She promptly picked the ball up and tossed it back in bounds and Jessica Rickels picked it up, made the basket and the referees counted the goal. This showed the quality of the refereeing the girls team also had to endure.

After being down 27-16 at half-time, the girls mounted a strong rally in the third quarter to pull within one at 37-36. But, on at least two occasions during the period, the Rockets were called for walking while on their way to our goal, following a steal.

The Rockets inside game was pretty much shut down early when Suzanne Brown picked up two quick fouls in the first quarter and had to go to the bench with 3:44 left to play in that period. The Rockets were tagged for seven fouls in the first period, putting Clay County in the bonus late in the first quarter.

After a great third period, the Rockets went cold in the fourth, going into the 1:12 mark in score. Brandy Reynolds sank a three. Suzanne Brown then put in a free throw, Tiffany McClure added a three. Jessica Rickels got a basket and Osborne put in her three before the ensuing comedy of errors gave the Rockets another basket for the final 51-50 score.

Brooke Roberts came off the bench to play a strong game and lead the scoring with 13 points. Brandy Reynolds got 10, Tiffany McClure scored 8, Suzanne Brown got 6, Nikki Bullock 5 and Amanda Osborne and Jessie Rickels 4 each.

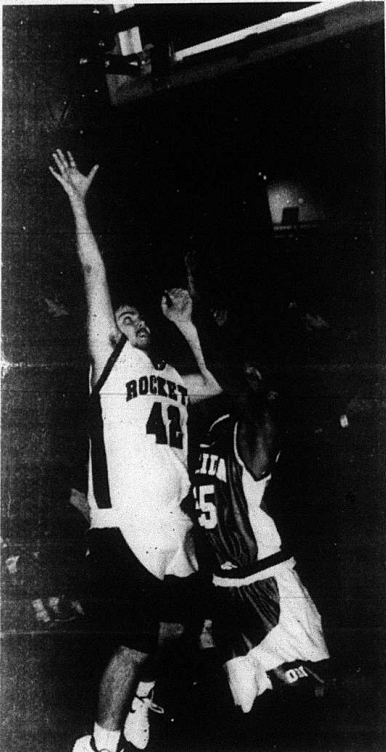
Thursday night, the girls will travel to Lincoln County to participate in their invitational tournament. Rockcastle hosted district foe Oneida and 14 Lady Rockets got into the scoring column. It was no contest as the girls jumped out to a 24-5 first quarter lead; were ahead 40-11 at half-time; 70-15 at the end of the third quarter and 88-20 at the end of the game.

The first foul of the game was called at 2:21 in the second quarter and a foul on Brooke Roberts at 2:09 were all the fouls called in the first half. In fact, a total of only nine fouls were called in the game.

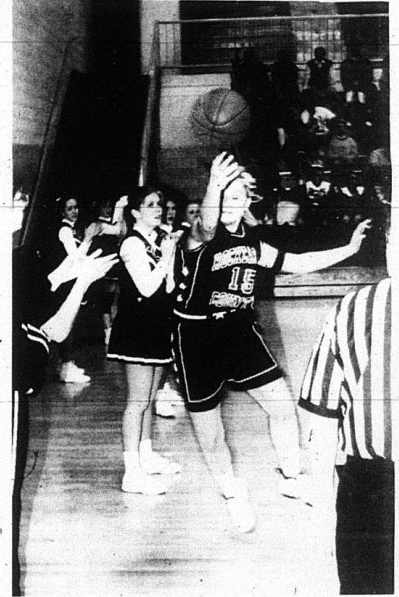
Coach Chrysti Noble got to begin substituting early in the first quarter as it was apparent from the start that the Lady Mountaineers were no match for the Rockets.

Jessie Rickels led the scoring for the Rockets with 16 points. Suzanne Brown got 14; Brandy Reynolds 11; Amber Falin and Brooke Roberts, 8 each; Rachelle Hammond 6; Tiffany McClure, Amanda Osborne, Nikki Bullock, Jessica Cobb and Jennifer

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Senior Billy Kirby was the leading scorer in the Rockets 80-43 win over the Oneida Mountaineers last Thursday night. Kirby scored 12 points in the game in which Coach Clayton Cash got to clear his bench.



Senior Nikki Bullock tries to save the loose ball in action at Clay County Tuesday night. The Lady Rockets were defeated 51-50 for their first loss of the season.

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Commonwealth Attorney opens office in Rockcastle

Ray Carmichael, Commonwealth Attorney for Rockcastle County, announced Monday the opening of a field office in Rockcastle County. Carmichael's announcement came after the Kentucky Justice Cabinet approved Carmichael's funding request for additional personnel.

Recently, the Kentucky Justice Cabinet approved Carmichael's request to fund a victim's advocate for his office to work primarily in Rockcastle County. Local law enforcement agencies as well as most elected officials supported Carmichael's application, according to the Commonwealth Attorney. The new funds will enable Carmichael to employ and maintain a permanent office in Rockcastle County.

In announcing the opening of his new office, Carmichael announced the selection of Colleen Horn to serve as his victim's advocate in Rockcastle County. Ms. Horn will operate out of this office. Carmichael's new office will be located on the third floor in the Rockcastle County Courthouse, Rockcastle County Judge/Executive Buz Carlolotis donated office space and furnishing to Carmichael for use by his staff. In addition to Ms. Horn, the office will be staffed with his

assistant prosecutor, Michael Pratt. Ms. Horn distinguished herself in the field of clinical social work with KidsPeace National Hospital and Treatment Centers in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Ms. Horn received her Bachelor's Degree from Lehigh University in Bethlehem. In selecting Ms. Horn as a Victim's Advocate in Rockcastle County, Carmichael said, "I believe Ms. Horn possesses the experience and education to serve as an excellent representative of my office to the people of Rockcastle County with access to her on a daily basis." Ms. Horn will work directly with victims of crime to ensure they are provided with all the available resources and information while Carmichael's offices prosecute those who committed the crimes.

Carmichael credited the establishing of the Rockcastle County office with the support of Rockcastle Judge/Executive Buz Carlolotis. "Thanks to Buz's leadership and support we were able to convince the Justice Cabinet to fund Ms. Horn's position and create a permanent office in Rockcastle County," Carmichael said. "When Carmichael campaigned for Commonwealth's Attorney in 1993 he pledged to do all he could to establish a permanent office in Rockcastle County." By working with other elected officials and being persistent, we have been able to fulfill that pledge and provide the people of

Rockcastle County direct access to their Commonwealth's Attorney," Carmichael said.

Carmichael's office will be open from 8:30 to 4:30, Monday through Friday and after hours by appointment.

Insurance Cancellations

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"Anyone who receives such a notice should not ignore it," Houk said. "Failure to comply with the law will result in a suspended license for the person holding the vehicle title and a penalty for reinstatement of driving privileges. And a suspended license could affect what you would pay to insure your vehicle in the future," Houk said.

Kentucky's uninsured motorist law, which became effective in August of this year, was designed to crack down on drivers who insure their vehicles prior to registration to obtain proof of insurance and then cancel the policy or fail to pay the

required liability insurance and basic reparation benefits to be carried on all vehicles registered in the state.

Carl Sumner, president of the Insurance Institute of Kentucky, estimates that 30 percent of Kentucky drivers are uninsured. This percentage translates to a higher premium for individuals who purchase additional coverage on their vehicle in case they are hit by an uninsured driver. "The impact of having uninsured motorists on the road is the increased cost to individuals who purchased uninsured motorist coverage on their vehicles," Sumner said.

But the law has also affected people who simply change insurance, are late paying a premium, junk a vehicle or cancel insurance on a seasonal vehicle. These transactions are viewed as cancellations by the insurance company and therefore trigger the letter to the Transportation Cabinet. Sumner estimates that more than 80 percent of the individuals who receive such a notice would fall into this category.

"People are getting this notice and they're ignoring it," Mona Carter, director of the property and casualty division of the Department of Insurance said. "Some agents are telling them to disregard it because it's a mistake. They don't worry about it."

Then drivers are surprised when they receive a second letter from the Transportation Cabinet informing them that their license has been sus-



Pictured above in front of the new Commonwealth Attorney's office on the third floor of the Rockcastle County Courthouse are from left: Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Mike Pratt, Rockcastle Sheriff Shirley Smith, Commonwealth Attorney Ray Carmichael, Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Colleen Horn, Rockcastle Judge-Executive Buz Carlolotis.

pending and they have to pay \$40 to have it reinstated.

If you receive a notice from the Transportation Cabinet, the law requires that proof of insurance be submitted, in person, to the clerk in the county where the vehicle is registered. This must be done within 30 days. The county clerk will accept

any one of the following documents as proof of insurance:

• an official Commonwealth of Kentucky insurance card

• a new bill of insurance

• a new bill of copay or a policy issued until an application can be processed.

• a reinstatement notice if the insured has the same company and policy or land

• a letter from the insurance company verifying coverage.

More than 12,000 notices have been sent to drivers by the Transportation Cabinet since the law's inception and over 5,000 licenses have been suspended as a result of the law. Houk said that less than 200

Rockcastle Counties have received the notice, but that when they do they should not ignore it.

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Indictments Returned

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ing youths in foster care how to get by in the real world. Getsi was to teach the children everything from how to buy a car to how to rent an apart-

ment. As soon as an investigation into the allegations began, Getsi "was put into a position that didn't involve children," Hamey said.

Hamey said that Cabinet for Families and Children bore no responsibility for checking Getsi's background. Rather, that was the responsibility of EKI, she said. "Once we've contracted them to do what needs to be done," she said.

Ron E. Harrell, EKI's director of public information, said Monday night that he had just been made aware of the indictment and that the university would monitor the situation.

Getsi will be arraigned on January 12.

Other indictments handed down included several different charges such as arson, assault, bail jumping, trafficking in drugs and stalking.

Mark Anthony Miller, 36, of Valley View Apartments, Mt. Vernon and Otis Kirby, 36, of Tevis Street, Mt. Vernon were indicted for the June 9th, 1996 burning of a house owned by Danny and Lisa Bustle on Floyd Street in Mt. Vernon.

Kirby was indicted for second degree arson and Miller was indicted for second degree arson, possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, being a persistent felony offender and driving a motor vehicle while his license was revoked.

Both men will be arraigned on December 22.

Also indicted were:

—Aaron Blackburn, 20, of Livingston, for the second degree assault upon Barbara Sue Setser, with a metal pipe in November.

—Pat H. Croucher, 38, of McKee, for bail jumping.

—Charles Marlow, Jr., 27, of Mt. Vernon, for possession of a controlled substance.

—Kathy Jo Mullins, 42, of Carter Drive, Mt. Vernon, for first degree stalking in connection with an assault upon Anita Hurley on October 10th and 18th.

—Charles Stacy Holbrook, 29, of Mt. Vernon, for trafficking in marijuana over eight ounces.

—Sonia Milburn, 20, of Mt. Vernon, for trafficking in marijuana over eight ounces. Milburn also was arrested last week for failure to appear in Circuit Court on another indictment in which she was charged with abandonment of her three-year-old child.

—Michael Wayne Bullock, 28, of Mt. Vernon, for driving under the influence while license had been revoked.

—Laurie Pittman, 20, of Brodhead, for criminal possession of a forged instrument.

—Robert Ray Smith, 33, of Linville Road, Mt. Vernon, cultivation of marijuana over five plants in April of 1997.

—Ronnie D. Cramer, of Terry St., Mt. Vernon, driving under the influence while license had been revoked, possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

—Frankie Lee Woodall, 38, of Brodhead, driving under the influence while his license had been re-



Baker announces

Byron Baker recently announced his candidacy for the office of Magistrate of the 4th District. Baker was born and raised in Rockcastle County; the son of the late Jim and Eva Baker. He is a member of the Central Baptist Church, Veteran of World War II and a life-long Republican. "I would appreciate your vote and support in the May Primary Election," Baker said.

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Tours are scheduled for Sunday, December 21; Saturday, December 27; Sunday, January 4; and Saturday, January 10. All tours will begin at 1:00 p.m. EST at the visitor's station at the entrance to Cyprus-Amox

WMA and will last until 3:00 p.m. For group tours, special arrangements and times can be made to meet the group's needs.

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Eighth graders Andrew Hammond and Josh Hale try to defend the inbounds pass at South Laurel Monday night. The RCMS Rockets led most of the game but came up just short 62-56.

RCMS teams lose to Cougars

The Rockcastle County Middle School boys dropped two games to South Laurel on Monday night.

The eighth grade loss in the final minutes 62 to 56, after leading most of the game.

Extremely poor foul shooting was the main reason for the eighth grade's second straight loss in conference play.

William Blair led the way with **Rockets loss to Tigers...**

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getting a shot at 27. We wound up with four players fouling out and four fouls on three others. Matt Brown wound up with a gash in his head (obtained while trying for a rebound under the basket) that required stitches but of course no foul was called. The "no blood, no foul" rule didn't even apply.

And, let us not forget, the time one of the referees told one of our team captains, when he approached him to inquire what a player did to get a technical, to say, in effect, "Shut up. If you don't get control of your players, I'm going to call more technicals and I'm not going to talk to you." This was after telling these same captains at the start of the game that he only talked to captains not to coaches. Obviously, he meant he didn't talk to our coaches since he talked to Keith several times during the game.

Come to think of it -- Keith and the referees could have saved everyone there a lot of time and aggravation if they had just announced to the Rockcastle team before the game that there was no way they were going to leave the premises with a win.

Call it our grapes, I don't care. It isn't, it was pure and simple thievery. I know this has no significant importance next to our world trade deficit, the murder of children by children or any of the other crises that face our world. But it is important. It was important to these children. It was important that the message they got was that adults will do anything to win -- and maybe that's an important lesson for children but it sure is a bitter one.

19, Andrew Hammond had 18, Josh Hale, 8, Josh Taylor, 4, Brandon McIntosh, 3, P.J. Rowe, 2, David Snyder, 1 and John Bray, 1.

The score was tied at 12 at the end of the first quarter, the Rockets had a two point lead at the end of the first half and a two-point lead at the end of the third quarter before falling by six.

The seventh grade boys were never really in their contest, trailing at the end of the first quarter, 14-11, at half-time 26-20, at the end of third period, 29-24 and finally losing by 13, 51 to 38.

The Rockets played poor defense, did not rebound well and did not take care of the basketball, making several unforced turnovers on their way to their first conference loss and second loss on the season.

Jason Reynolds led the scoring with 13, Aaron Anderkin had 10, Austin Miller, 6, Stephen Boreing, 4, Marty Reagan, 2, Chris Settles, 2, and James Michael Bussell, 1.

The sixth, seventh and eighth grade teams play at Northern Pulaski on Thursday night. The sixth grade kicks things off at 5:30.

Lady Rockets split two
(Cont. From B Front)

Cromer 4 each and Angie Ford, Britany Owens and Ashley Lawson, 2 each.

Ed's Note: In last week's story on the Lady Rocket's win over the Jackson Co. Lady Generals, we erred in saying it was Coach Chrysti Noble's first win over the Lady Generals at Jackson Co. Coach Noble's team beat Jackson Co. by 26 points at Jackson County last year. The Signal regrets this error.

Names omitted
Jessie Hayes' name was omitted from the seventh and eighth grade team pictures in last week's special section. Also, Matthew Silcox's name was omitted from the sixth grade boy's team picture. Both Hayes and Silcox were absent when the pictures were taken.



Seventh grader Jason Reynolds goes for two of his game-high 13 points in action against the South Laurel Cougars Monday night. The seventh grade Rockets lost 51-38.

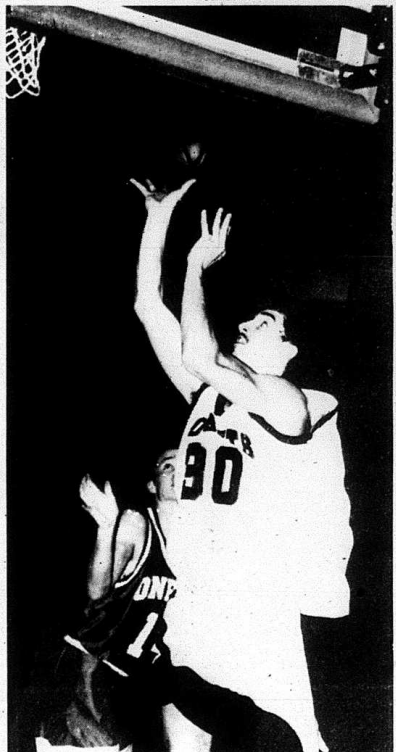


Junior Tiffany McClure had 8 second half points against the Tigers Tuesday night, one basket a three-pointer late in the fourth quarter. The girls came out cold in the fourth quarter after putting together a rally in the third and went on to lose 51-50.

Rockets lose to Tigers
(Cont. From B Front)

Bradley and Dusty McClure, 5 each and Blake Calhoun 4.

Friday night the Rockets travel to Clinton County and will then be idle until the South Laurel Hoops Classic Tournament at London beginning December 27.



Senior John Brown had 11 points in the Rockets lopsided win over the Oneida Mountaineers last Thursday night. Brown, like the other Rocket starters, saw limited action because Coach Cash began substituting early and often.

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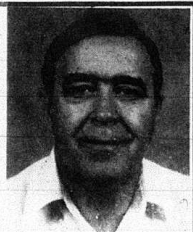
Featuring local drama talent Tracy Burdette and adult and youth of First Christian Church

Attention Heat Vendors

The Daniel Boone Development Council will again be administering the **CRISIS** portion of the **Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)** for low-income people in Rockcastle, Laurel, Jackson, and Clay Counties beginning January 5, 1998 through March 15, 1998, or until all of the agency's crisis funds have been expended, whichever comes first.

If you wish to participate and have not already submitted a bid and signed a vendor agreement for this heating season, please pick up a packet at the local office in Rockcastle, Laurel, Jackson and Clay Counties. Households who are at or above 28% of poverty level, must pay a portion of the fuel cost.

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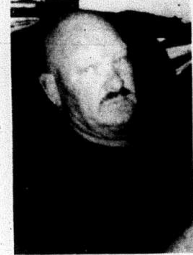
Obituaries

Manuel Shepherd, former Rockcastle Sheriff dies Tuesday

Former Rockcastle County Sheriff Manuel Shepherd died Tuesday night at the Rockcastle Hotel. He was 61.

Shepherd, of Mt. Vernon, had received ill for some time and had received a kidney transplant in February, according to his son, Matthew.

Shepherd served as Rockcastle County Sheriff from 1974 to 1978.



and as deputy Sheriff under Billy Kirby for three years prior.

Shepherd was retired from the Bluegrass Army Depot where he served as a member of the SWAT Team.

The Army veteran was a Kentucky Colonel, Mason and a Shriner.

He was born on May 22, 1936 in Rockcastle County, the son of the late Charles and Marie Howard Shepherd.

Shepherd is survived by his wife Clea Ballinger Shepherd, of Mt. Vernon; three sons, Manuel Shepherd, Jr., of Lexington, Matthew and Malcolm Shepherd both of Mt. Vernon and one daughter, Tammy Lunsford of Mt. Vernon. Four grandchildren and four step-grandchildren also survive.

Services for Shepherd will be conducted on Friday at 2 p.m. at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel by Rev. Harvey Pensel.

Burial will follow in the Elmwood Cemetery. Visitation for Shepherd will be held Thursday at Cox Funeral Home beginning at 5 p.m.

Martha Burdett

Martha Frances Burdett, 82, of Rt. 3, Mt. Vernon, died Friday, December 12, 1997 at the Jewish Hospital in Lexington. She was born on November 6, 1915, the daughter of John T. and Sarah Flinchum Berry. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon.

Survivors are: two daughters, Jane Coleman and husband, Danny of Mt. Vernon and Rachel Cromer, of Mt. Vernon; one brother, Jack Berry of Covington; one sister, Mary Golden of Cynthia and four grandchildren.

Services were Monday, December 15 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Maynard

Head officiating. Burial was in the Green Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Adam Coleman, Danny Coleman, Gary Johnson, Kevin Webb, Greg Rowe and Doug Howard.

Edward C. Ramsey

Edward C. Ramsey, 66, of Wildie died Tuesday, December 9, 1997 at his home. He was born on March 1, 1931 in Rockcastle County, the son of the late Albert and Maude Mason Ramsey. He was a farmer, and a member of the Clear Creek Baptist Church.

Survivors are: two sons, William Ramsey of Waco and Gerald Ramsey of Williamsburg; three daughters, Yvonne Mayes, Debbie McCollum and Debora Alexander, all of Berea; one sister, Dorothy Gatliff of Mt. Vernon; nine grandchildren, five great grandchildren, four nieces and six nephews. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Wanda Marcum and three brothers, Burl, Hugh and Homer Ramsey.

Services were Friday, December 12, at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Ira Dean and Bro. John Dodson officiating. Burial was in the Pennington Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Ralph Ramsey, Gary Ramsey, Mike Ramsey, Barry Gatliff, Benny Gatliff and Alan Mayes.

Gilbert Wynn

Gilbert Wynn, 86, of Rt. 4, Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, December 11, 1997 at the Rockcastle Hospital in Mt. Vernon. He was born on January 9, 1911, the son of Pete and Susie Madden Wynn. He was a farmer and a member of the Dave Jackson Masonic Lodge #731.

Survivors are: two sons, Raymond Wynn and wife, Ophal and Sand Springs and William Wynn and wife, Eva of London; three daughters, Gladys Chestnut of Orlando, Janice Helton of Crab Orchard and Norma Jean McGuire and husband, Lonnie of Mt. Vernon, eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Livina Blevins Wynn; one son, James Larry Wynn; one daughter, Alice Carpenter and three infant great grandchildren.

Services were Sunday, December 14, at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Tim Hampton and Bro. Lester Carpenter officiating. Burial was in the Wynn Cemetery at Livingston.

Pallbearers were Robert Chesnut, Gilbert Chestnut, Bill Carpenter, Jason McGuire, Dean Baldwin, Britt Wynn and Lonnie McGuire.

Austin Cain

Austin Lee Cain, infant son of William Henry Cain and Delilah Ruth Collins of Route 3, Brodhead died Tuesday, December 9, 1997 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center shortly after he was born.

Beside his parents, Austin is survived by his grandparents, Donald W. and Cheryl C. Collins of Brodhead, William Arthur Cain of Berea, and Mildred Marie Boyman of Berea; his great grandparents, Sherman (Danny) and Ruth Sargent of Brodhead, Henry Cain of Flat Gap Road, Gertrude Cain Miller of Berea and Denny Bowman of Franklin, Ohio.

Services were Saturday, December 13, at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals with Rev. Randall Adams officiating. Burial was in the Saylor Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Sherman Wayne Collins and David Lee Cain.

Willard Stallsworth

Mr. Willard Stallsworth, 82, of Livingston, died Wednesday, December 10, 1997 at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. He was born June 5, 1915 in Rockcastle County, the son of Sam and Mary Ellen Proctor Stallsworth. He was a mechanic for Livingston Motors for 39 years before his retirement and was a member of the Livingston Baptist Church.

Survivors are: his wife, Monnie Daugherty Stallsworth of Livingston; four sons, Ray Stallsworth and wife, Janet of Florence, Sam Stallsworth and wife, Carrie of Livingston, Leonard Stallsworth and wife, Sheila of Livingston and William Delmas Stallsworth and wife, Juanita of Independence; three daughters, Mary Anna Ponder and husband, Kenneth of Hebron, Della French and husband, Michael of Cincinnati and Carolyn Hinton and husband, Danny of Livingston, 16 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

Services were Saturday, December 13 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home with Bros. Billy Medley, Terry Leap and Joe French officiating. Burial was in the Bales Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Roger Ponder, Steven Ponder, Bryan Ponder, David Stallsworth, Ricky Hinton, Michael French and Jesse Stallsworth.

Honorary bearer was Tom Welch.

Maggie Hasty

Maggie E. Hasty, 78, of Lebanon, Indiana and formerly of Sand Springs died Monday, December 15, 1997 at the Witham Memorial Hospital in Lebanon. She was born on January 19, 1919 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of the late George H. and Orpha Barnes McClure. She retired from the E-Z-Rak in Lebanon, was a member of the First Church of Jesus Christ at Sand Springs, enjoyed gardening, quilting, housework, playing the organ and singing.

Survivors are: her husband, Joe Hasty of Lebanon; three sons, Lee Hasty of Whitefield, Indiana, Wayne and Bob E. Hasty, both of Lebanon; four daughters, Wanda (Thomas) Deal of Indianapolis, Indiana, Geri (Alan) Reddington of Frankfort, Indiana, Ruth (Michael) Cochran of Darrington, Indiana and Joyce Taylor of Lebanon; two brothers, Charlie and Henry McClure; seven sisters, Zora Miller, Grace Fitch, Linda Barnes, Lucy McClure, Nell Barnes, Fannie Bullock and Mary Wallen, 11 grandchildren, two step grandchildren and one great grandson.

Services will be Thursday, December 18, at the Myers Chapel of Memories in Lebanon with the Pastor, Morris Jones officiating. Burial will follow in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Lebanon.

Memorial are suggested to the Arthritis Foundation of the American Diabetes Association.

This obituary courtesy of Cox Funeral Home.

Betty Wilburn

Betty Jane Shelton Wilburn, 57, of Crab Orchard, died Sunday, December 14, 1997 at home after having complications from lung and brain cancer. She was the wife of Jimmy Wilburn. She was born August 23, 1940 in Lincoln County to Catherine Payne Shelton and the late James Shelton. She was a member of Wats Chapel Baptist Church and was a former employee of Whippool in Danville.

Survivors are: her mother, Catherine Shelton; her husband, Jimmy Wilburn; one son, Danny Wilburn; one daughter, Elaine Kidwell, all of Crab Orchard; four sisters, Ruby Owens and Mary Singleton, both of Crab Orchard and Elizabeth Manning and Dale Julian, both of Stamford; seven brothers, Johnny Shelton, Ray Shelton, Bill Shelton, Tea Shelton, Truman Shelton, David Shelton and Ed Shelton, all of Crab Orchard and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father, James Shelton and one brother, George Shelton.

Services were Wednesday, De-

ember 17, at the McKnight-Martin Funeral Home Chapel in Crab Orchard with Bro. Mel Shelton officiating. Burial was in the Crab Orchard Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jerry Shelton, Steve Quinton, Darrell Hennes, Denver French, Rick Shelton and Ernest Bennett.

Roy Davidson

Roy Davidson, 79, of Bon Aqua, Tennessee and formerly of Mt. Vernon, died Monday, December 15, 1997 at the Horizon Medical Center in Davidson, Tennessee. He was a retired musician and radio broadcaster from Renfro Valley Folks.

Survivors are: his wife, Christine Davidson; a daughter, Dianne McGuire and husband, Eldon Winchester; a step-son, Robert Appell of New Berlinville, Pennsylvania, two brothers, Bill Davidson of New Holland, Ohio and Charles Davidson of Mason, Ohio; a sister, Louise Poynter of Blanchester, Ohio; and one granddaughter and one step-granddaughter.

Services were Tuesday, December 16, 1997 at the Graveside in the Bon Aqua Methodist Church Cemetery.

This obituary courtesy of the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

Edith Godsey

Edith C. Godsey, 73, of Norwood, Ohio died Monday at the Bethesda North Hospital in Montgomery, Ohio. She was born on December 6, 1924 at Walnut Grove, the daughter of the late Luther and Nanie DeBord. She had been a nurse's aide at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati where she had recently received the "Employee of the Month" award.

Survivors are: one son, Wayne Bose; a daughter, Anita Watson; three brothers; three sisters and three grandchildren.

Services were Wednesday, December 17, at the Poplar Grove Baptist Church with Bro. Rick Reynolds

officiating. Burial was in the Poplar Grove Cemetery.

Local arrangements were made by the Cox Funeral Home.

Death Bulletin . . .

Teddy Brock

Teddy Brock, 61, of Brindle Ridge, died Wednesday at Rockcastle Hospital. Funeral services will be held at Dowell and Martin Funeral Home where arrangements are incomplete.

Cards of Thanks

Ed Fain

We would like to thank everyone for the kindness shown through the death of our loved one. Special thanks to Bro. Eddie Hammond, First Christian Church members, Connie Amey, and friends and neighbors for the flowers, food, cards and prayers. Also to Dowell and Martin Funeral Home for the kindness.

The Family of Ed Fain

Thank You

The Bringer family would like to thank our co-workers, friends, family and everyone for their acts of kindness and concern in our hour of need. Your cards, money, visits, special programs and prayers have touched a special place in our hearts. We just want to say thank you. Please continue to send us your prayers that "God" will strengthen us through "Hill will." We also wish to thank the following groups for the programs they sponsored in our hour of need: The Clear Creek Boys, The Gospel Jubilee, Amber Thacker and family, Renfro Valley entertainers, the Narrow Way Church of God. Again, we say thank you.

Sincerely,
The Bringer Family
Dana, Betty, Latoya,
Alicia & V.J.

Rockcastle Community Bulletin Board

Bookmobile Schedule
No. bookmobile schedule. Happy holidays.

Holiday Grief Helpline
Are you depressed?...Lonely? Are the holidays getting to you? Do you need someone to listen to you? We are available 7 days a week, November 24 - January 1, 6:00 a.m. - Midnight. For a comforting voice and a listening ear, call 1-800-360-9862. Sponsored by Hospice Care Plus, Inc. (formerly Hospice of the Kentucky River, Inc.) Hospice East, and Heritage Hospice.

TOPS
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets Thursdays at 6 p.m. at the First Church of God on Main St. in Brodhead. Phone 1-800-932-TOPS for more info.

Free Rat Bait
The local Health Department, Dabney Feed Supply and the Cooperative Extension Service will make available Free Rat Bait starting Wednesday, December 17th at the Extension Office and Dabney Feed Supply.

Extension Office

Holiday Hours
The County Extension Office will be closed for the holidays starting December 25th through January 1st. We will re-open on Friday, January 2nd at 8:00 a.m.

Board of Education
Holiday Hours
The Rockcastle County Board of Education Central Administration

Offices will be closed December 24, 25 & 26 in observance of the Christmas Holidays.

Craft Bazaar
Teen Center Craft Bazaar, Saturday, Dec. 20th, 9:00-4. Need crafters, no set-up fee, you keep your profits. Tables available on first come first serve basis. Call 256-4919, ask for Glenna to reserve space.

Senior Citizen Notice
The Rockcastle Day Health Care Center is now accepting applications for qualified clients. For more information call 256-4316 or visit our Senior Center located on Hwy. 25 south in the old roller rink building next door to Lumber King.

Services Extended
Rockcastle County Senior Citizens is now extending services in the Brodhead area to reach all persons 60+ who are interested in congregating for a noon meal. Services will include meals to be served at the Brodhead Center, shopping and other activities. Call or visit the Center for further information.

Christmas Parade
Livingston Christmas Parade will be Dec. 20th at 6 p.m. For information call 453-4901 or 453-9143 after 5 p.m.

Special Session
The Rockcastle County Board of Education will meet in special session Thursday, December 18, 1997 at 5:30 p.m. Agenda item - to review KIRIS Results and Transformation Plan.

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Teddy, someday I'll be where you are, I know I'll see you for you are the brightest shining star - When God says to me, "Come your space is ready," come now let's go. Then I'll be with you, My Big Brother, I Love You So!

Happy Birthday, Teddy. We all love and miss you so bad. Forever your loving, Little Sis and your son, Willie Dean

In Memory

Those we love, remain with us, for Love itself lives on. Cherished memories never fade, because a loved one is gone.

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In honor of Wesley Mays We love and miss you, Merry Christmas! Darlena, Sabrina and Jodi

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God's Garden
God looked around his garden and found an empty place. He then looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face. He put His arms around you and lifted you to rest. God's garden must be beautiful He always takes the best. He knew you were suffering. He knew you were in pain. He knew you would never get well on earth again. He saw that the road was getting rough and the hills were hard to climb. So He closed your weary eyelids and whispered "Peace be thine." It broke our hearts to lose you but you didn't go alone. For part of us went with you the day God called you home. Sadly missed by your daughter, Donna

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One year ago today, I had my Darling away. He has gone from me. Oh Dear, never more to return. Thou shall sleep peaceful. Until the Judgment.

Miss you so much, but I know our Lord, Knew you had suffered enough, long enough.

Your loving wife, Hazel Nantz

Church News

Christmas Play
The members of the Red Hill Baptist Church wish to invite everyone to attend our Christmas Play. The play will begin at 6 p.m. Christmas dinner will follow the Christmas program in the basement of the church. Please join Bro. Dale Walker and the choir for a holiday celebration for Jesus.

Celebrate Christmas
Please join us at Our Lady of Mount Vernon Church on Christmas Eve to commemorate the birth of our Lord. We will begin our celebration with festive music and carols at 9:30 p.m. and Mass will begin at 10 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Preaching & Singing
Bro. James Adkins and brothers from LaFollette, TN will be preaching and singing at Rose Hill Baptist Church on Sunday, December 14th at 6 p.m. Bro. Bob Bradley, and church welcome everyone.

Christmas Program
"The Mall and the Night Visitor" will

be performed on December 21st at 7 p.m. at First Christian Church, 160 W. Main at Lovell Court. This production will feature adults and youth from the church as well as local drama talent. Call 256-2876 or 256-0020 for FREE ticket information.

New Year's Rocket Eve
Rock out the old and ring in the new as ROCKETOWN blasts into 1998 with New Year's Rocket Eve on December 31st. From 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., join hundreds of other Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers at Bible Baptist Church for an evening of great music, skits, games, videos, and much more as we focus on TIME and our last few hours of the year! In addition

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Live Nativity
The Crab Orchard Baptist Church will present their "Live Nativity" on December 17, 18 and 19. There will be a presentation each evening at 7 p.m. and again at 8 p.m. The church is located at 317 Stanford Street in

Crab Orchard. The nativity will be located behind the church this year to allow for more parking or you may view our presentation from our vehicle. Each musical show last approximately 30 minutes. Come, join us as we celebrate this joyous time together. Everyone welcome. No cost. Plenty of parking available. For more info, call 606-355-7062.

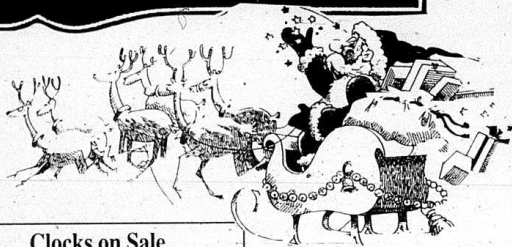
Outdoor Live Nativity
Outdoor Live Nativity Scene at Poplar Grove Baptist Church off Hwy. 70, December 20th at 7 p.m. Welcome everyone to attend.

Christmas Play
The Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church invites everyone to attend their annual Christmas Play which will be held Sunday, December 21, 1997 at 6:00 p.m.

Don't forget...
The Signal will print one day early next week. Please bring in ads, classifieds, news items as soon as possible. Deadline is 2 p.m. Monday.

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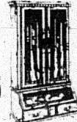
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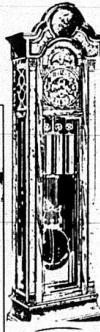
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Mount Vernon Signal

Third Section

Thursday, December 18, 1997

4-H Speech Contest held

The Rockcastle County 4-H Council held their annual Speech Contest on Tuesday, December 2nd at Mt. Vernon Elementary School. 60 speeches were given and awarded ribbons. Champions and Alternates were recognized in each category. The First & Second Place winners in each age division will compete in the Wilderness Trail Area competition on Saturday, April 25th, 1998, at the West Knox Elementary School.

The Rockcastle County 4-H Council would like to say a special thanks to all the teachers and staff members who helped make this contest possible. Special thanks to

Berea College students of the "People Who Care" organization for judging and Rockcastle County FFA members and advisors who helped in being Room Hosts. Thanks, also, to the Mt. Vernon Elementary School for hosting the event, and a BIG THANKS to the youth who participated.

Here is a list of all the students who gave a speech, followed by the title of their speech:

2-Year-Olds

(1st Place Winner) Allican Carter "The Greatest Friends" (2nd Place Winner) Kendra Blanton "My Greatest Friend"

The following 9-year olds were Blue Ribbon Winners: Megan Andrikin "My Big Brother" (Carter Hammond) "Recycling: It's Our Job" Rachel Kitten "Snowflake"

10-Year-Olds

(1st Place Winner) Teresa Smith "Penny Coin" (2nd Place Winner) Genoa Cummins "Facing My Fear" The following 10-year olds were Blue Ribbon Winners: Gabe Guilford "The Game of Football" Kyla French "My Uncle" Sarah Bullock "Daria" Britany Perkins "The Best Way To Stop Smoking is to Never Start" Kili Frederick "My Grandfather" Makayla Bryant "Pets" Hollyann Colton "What Comes Around Goes Around" Heather Hopkins "Appreciate Your Mom" Jessica Holbrook

"All Babies Out of a Perfect" Kyla Bryant "My Cousin" Leahann Colton "A Child's Life"

11-Year-Olds

(1st Place Winner) Anna Parsons "Will My Dad Ever Grow Up" (2nd Place Winner) Rachel Childress "Sister, Sister" The following 11-year olds were Blue Ribbon Winners: Chere Eddy "Loving" Britany Himes "Attitudes of Pro Athletes" Ashley Mize "The Good and Bad Sides of Having Brothers" Elisha Coffey "Read

Safety for Animals" Paula Ann Rowland "A Grand Lark" Heather Hammond "Best Friends" Erika Daniel "Shower: Bad Breath" Lauren Donta "Victoria's Diabetes" Hannah Burdette "Living a

Twain Brother" Gina Nicole McClure "Tobacco: Good or Bad" Kara Martin "Life & Work on a Farm" Amanda Bowman "My Cat With Three Legs"

12-Year-Olds

(1st Place Winner) Ben McKibben "Is Your

Oven Talking" (2nd Place Winner) Anna Guilford "Ground Water Pollution"

The following 12-year olds were Blue Ribbon Winners: Chae Robbins "The Pumpkin Farm" Bridgette Lear "The Day I Will Never Forget" Jessica Riddle "California: The Land of Mystery" Britany Cromer "The Fly" Dora French "My Best Friend" Essica Byrd "Marijuana" Ashley Francisco "My Great Grandpa" Rebecca Nigg "Old My 8th Sister" Ashley Cottrell "Violence" Josh Bray "A Super Hero" Amanda Cummins "A Day On a Farm" Tana Hasty "Farewell" Maggie Phillips "Being a Peacemaker" Kaiti Cook "Having a 14-Year-Old Aunt" Ashley Bowles "What Has Pollution Done To Us" Michelle Rowe "Being The Italy"

13-Year-Olds

(1st Place Winner) Melinda Coffey "Heroes of Today" (2nd Place Winner) Travis Burton "How to be a Comedian" The following 13-year olds were Blue Ribbon Winners: Jessica Thacker "Dogs: The Teenage Disaster" Mel Thompson "Concedence Are You a Victim" Courtney Alexander "The Mysterious Visitor" James Wheat "Hey Buddy" Rachelle Riddle "Heroes"

14-Year-Olds

(1st Place Winner) Cassie Smith "Road to Freedom" (2nd Place Winner) Leslie Saylor "Making Wiser Decisions" Rhonda McClure won a Blue Ribbon for "Taste and the Meaning of a"



Participants in the 12- and 13-year-old division at the 4-H Speech Contest.



Youth from Mt. Vernon Elementary School gave 4-H speeches at the County Wide Talk Meet.



Rockcastle County Middle School youth in the 13-year-old division of the 4-H Speech Contest.



The 12-year-old division at the 4-H Speech Contest.



4-H Talk Meet participants from Brodhead Elementary School.



Six youth from Roundstone Elementary School gave their speeches at the 4-H Talk Meet.

Kiwanis Club says thanks

By Bev Rockwell

The members of the Kiwanis Club would like to thank all the talented and hard working citizens who contributed their time and energy towards making the tree lighting ceremony at the Mt. Vernon City Park last week such a success.

This year, lights for the big tree presented a real challenge for city workers; new lights and supports were needed. A week of frustration, struggle and numbering cold met them at every turn but the job was done in plenty of time to give those of us who were able to attend a real treat... the lights were spectacular. We hope everyone in the county and surrounding areas will make a special effort to come into town and see the lovely Christmas displays. Our special "THANKS" to city workers, Dennis McClure, Lonnie Hall, Vernon Bussell, William Sandlin, Skeeter Cromer and Chris Ponder.

A rich assortment of voice and instrumental talent was heard that evening, filling each of us with the Christmas spirit. Our gratitude and appreciation to the Renfro Valley Carolers, Scott Pittman, Amanda Denny, Angie Blanton, Amber Thacker, Julie Eaton, Shaun Burdette, the Fairview Baptist Church singers and the Rockcastle County High School Brass Ensemble under the direction of Greg Daugherty.

Jan Gill, representing the Modern Woodmen of America, was present to donate a beautiful arbor and bench now permanent fixtures in the park. Charles Horrah, a gifted blacksmith from Berea, was commissioned to design and build the handsome structures. We look forward to spring when the arbor will host a lush assortment of color elements.

We appreciate the assistance we received throughout the year from Mt. Vernon Signal and WRV/K in advertising Kiwanis Activities.

We would like to give Vicki Cox, Kiwanis Community Services Chairperson, special recognition and thanks also. She worked hard lining up our entertainment and encouraging volunteers to meet deadlines.

From each of us at Kiwanis, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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Make Physical Activity A New Family Tradition...



By: Hazel Jackson
County Extension Agent
for Home Economics

Making physical activity a family holiday tradition is one way to keep from carrying the extra pounds picked up during this festive season into the new year.

Since customary holiday foods are fat and calorie-laden, it's easy to put on weight during this season. The average American gains an estimated seven pounds during the holidays.

You can burn many calories using holiday activities such as cleaning and decorating the house, shopping for gifts and groceries, wrapping presents, preparing meals and clearing the table and washing

dishes. Other calorie-burners are splitting and stacking wood, removing snow, building a snowman, tossing snowballs, and participating in winter sports such as skiing, ice skating and snowmobiling.

Why not make it a holiday family tradition to take a walk after a holiday meal, go carolling in your neighborhood, dance to holiday music, take children to the park, or play a game of basketball? This will encourage your children to develop a lifelong exercise habit because children are more likely to be physically active when they see their parents exercising.

winter on poor nutrition, but there may be long-term effects on productivity. Some effects are apparent right away, but others may not show up until two or three years later, in terms of reduced calf numbers and lower profits. Inadequate nutrition, especially through the winter, can result in poor reproductive performance. Thin cows rebred more slowly, replacement heifers and first-calf heifers often skip a year before calving, and the time between calving and the time between calves increases. Health problems also increase, since animals may have vitamin deficiencies and may become more susceptible to internal parasites and respiratory ills. Lower-than-minimum nutritional also may mean lower weaning weights. Under-nourished cows produce less milk and calves may have to be weaned early. So, producers cutting back too much on feed... and nutrition... will likely cut their income. Cull cows usually will weigh less and will sell for less, and small calves mean fewer dollars. But a little planning can help producers prepare for their herd's nutritional needs and avoid excess feed expense. Sample and test harvested forages for their nutritional value so you can supplement forages correctly and efficiently. Many times early-cut grass, alfalfa and good-quality mixtures may need only mineral or vitamin supplementation to meet the needs of dry pregnant beef cows.

After you take inventory of how much feed you have and how good it is, plan to allocate it to cattle on the basis of need. All beef cattle do not have the same nutritional requirements. Grouping cattle with similar needs and feeding accordingly will make winter feeding more economical. Feeding all cattle the same meal will overfeed and underfeed, and will waste feed dollars. For example, feeding

dry cows and lactating cows together results in overfeeding the dry cows. Most herds can be split into two or three groups. Young calves should have first priority, lactating heifers next, then lactating cows. Mature dry cows can use lower-quality roughage up till 30-60 days before calving. Prior to calving, a higher energy ration will provide stronger calves to face winter weather, more energy for the cow to milk and rebreed. Consider reducing the size of your herd, since you can't afford to feed poor-producing or non-pregnant cows. If you have kept production

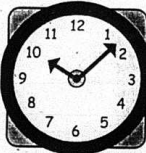
records such as the cow's age and weaning weights of calves on each cow in your herd, you easily can identify non-pregnant cows and examine your animals for soundness. Cull cows that have lost their teeth, or that have feet and leg problems, bag eyes or unsound udders.

Use storage and feeding methods that make the most of your hay. Improper storage and feeding, especially of large round bales, can result in losses up to a third or more. Store round bales indoors or under special hay tarps on well-drained site. Feed hay on top of

grass, in hay racks, or on special concentrated feeding pads, not in mud. Feed lowest quality hay first so that the best hay is available during late winter when the cattle really need it. And consider purchasing corn to balance the late cut fescue hay made last June. Low quality hay passes through animals slower, limiting how much hay they can eat. Cows could actually starve to death on low quality hay even though they have all the hay they can eat.

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Farm News

By: Tom Mills
County Extension Agent
for Agriculture

Feeding the Beef Herd through the Winter

As winter moves in upon us, beef producers begin a balancing act. They have to try to hold down winter feed costs, which is one of the biggest expenses in maintaining

a herd, and at the same time provide their cattle with adequate nutrition at the most critical time of the year.

Cows can usually survive the

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You Live Only Once So enjoy life more in this almost new home located in the Sunset Place Subdivision. This vinyl siding home offers an entrance hall, living room, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and utility room. Added features include heat pump, balcony, front porch, and rear deck. Priced at \$69,900. M935

"For Sale or Trade!" Appealing! Price, Location! Attractive brand new home situated on a nice lot. Located in the exclusive Houston Point Subdivision, this house contains 1800 sq. ft. of living area and offers a large front porch, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, utility room, and for the first time plus a finished basement and garage. All this priced at \$89,500. M927

Welcome Home is what this home says to you and your family! It's a "forever" home with charm, warmth, and quality! This 1 1/2 story home features entrance foyer, living, dining, kitchen, bedroom, and bath on the first floor; there's 2 bedrooms upstairs and a utility/storage room and a car garage in the basement. Other amenities include: heat pump, city water and sewer, and deck. Priced to sell at \$75,900. M997

Just Reduced! Take a Deep Breath of Fresh Country Air! Brick house and approximately 2 acres located on Carl Brown Road near Spiro. This home features a living room, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, and one bath plus a full basement. Other amenities include carpet, storm windows, ceiling electric heat and washer/dryer hookup. Priced at \$69,900. M1034

"Owner Fishing For Offer!" Price Reduced to \$65,000 With Immediate Possession! This home has lots to offer with 3 bedrooms, bath, full basement, large living room, eat-in kitchen and city water. There's also a large garden spot and storage building. Call Sonja today for your appointment. M989

Just Reduced! Like New Brick Home - Mountain View Subdivision **Brookdale!** This house has 1,387 sq. ft. of living area with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, utility room, living room, kitchen and dining room plus Kool-free heating and cooling, lots of cabinets and a dishwasher. There's also an attached garage, storage building and garden spot. Immaculate condition. Now priced at \$77,000. M1020.

"Owner Will Consider Trade!" Located at Chestnut Ridge this two story home offers 4 bedrooms, lounge, 2 baths, entrance foyer, utility room, utility and storage rooms, and a full basement. Added features include 2 car garage, deck, 2 fireplaces, washer/dryer hookup and heat pump. Owners ready to move. Reduced to \$69,500. M981

Package yourself in this nice brick home located in the Woodstock section of Pulaski County. The home features entrance foyer, living, dining, kitchen, family room, 3 bedrooms, and 1 1/2 baths plus a partially finished basement and 2 car garage. With all this on 2 1/2 acres, the property is priced right at \$77,500. M1035

All Wrapped Up For Christmas! Located on Hunter Street, Mt. Vernon, this nice brick home offers living room, dining room, kitchen combination, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, and utility room. Added features include new heat pump, almost new carpet and painting throughout the home, carpet, and concrete drive. This property is situated on a nice level lot with city water and sewer. Priced at \$68,900. M1055

Commercial Property

Commercial Lot on Richmond Street near Video Fantastic. Great space for an office, a car lot, or even a fast food restaurant. Priced at \$39,900. M840

Reduced to \$45,900 Income Producing Property! Two story brick building located at 40 Main Street, Mt. Vernon. This building is presently occupied with a furniture/salvage shop on street level as well as three apartments upstairs. M875

Commercial Opportunity - Truck Stop at Renfro Valley! All buildings and equipment for operation. Walk-out deal! \$400,000. M932

One Acre Lot with commercial or multi-family potential located near the Woodland Place Subdivision. Great location at Willalls! Real estate and equipment priced at \$89,900 plus inventory. M1042

Commercial Building measuring approximately 50x75 with 4 bays, office, and restrooms situated on a one acre lot. Located on Old 461 and priced at \$59,900. M1051

Established Sporting Goods Business in South Central Kentucky with catalog and mail order service. Owner wanting to retire. Call for details. M1056

Just Listed! Commercial property, Renfro Valley, Kentucky, 10 acres with city water and sewer. Development Potential. Owner will consider dividing into smaller tracts. Priced at \$79,500. M1057

New on the Market! Commercial Building, High Street, Mt. Vernon. 3 bay garage-type building containing approximately 2,600 sq. ft. The building has 3 overhead doors, city water and sewer and is situated on a dandy lot measuring approximately 150x150. Priced at \$52,900. M1060

Homes \$30,000 - \$40,000

Invest in Better Living - Two Story Home located in the Sand Springs section. The first floor has living room, dining/kitchen combo, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath; the upstairs is a large open room. The home has new carpet and could be divided into two apartments. Priced at \$34,900. M1036

Lovell Lane, Mt. Vernon: This aluminum/vinyl siding home offers living, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bath and utility room. Other amenities include full basement, city water and sewer, porch, gas heat, and washer/dryer hookup. Conveniently located and priced at \$39,900. M1037

More Than Meets the Eye! This completely remodeled home offers three bedrooms, bath and utility room. Added features include storm windows, washer/dryer hookup, electric baseboard heat, flu and wall to wall carpet. Conveniently located on Shirley Street. priced at \$36,900. M1050

Mobile Homes

1994 16x80 North River Mobile Home in mint condition. This home features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room, dining/kitchen combination and utility room plus full insulation, washer/dryer hookup, electric heat, thermopane windows and cathedral ceilings. A home of your own to be moved to your location! \$24,900. M995

Just Reduced to \$39,900 Country Quiet on Freedom School Road! 28x40 1994 Manufactured home with 3 bedrooms and 2 baths on a wooded lot. This could be your home away from it all. Priced at \$46,900. M904

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Bulls Eye! Right in the Center of Everything - close to school, stores, and churches. This home features 3 bedrooms, bath, living room and kitchen with new carpet and a car detached garage and storage barn are included in this package. Very affordable housing. M1026

FARMS

150 Acres located in the Long Branch section of Rockcastle County! Near I-75 and the Rockcastle River! Unlimited potential! Priced at \$44,900. M862

80 Acres of Wooded Land! Price Hollow Road, south of Mt. Vernon. Young timber! \$425 per acre. M898

45.7 Acres located near Crab Orchard with no restrictions. Priced at \$15,000. M936c

Located About 1 Mile Off I-75 On Route 1004, Orlando, 127 acres more or less. City water available, privacy, timber possibilities. Priced at \$47,500. M988

Reduced! Cedar Creek Section of Lincoln County - on Highway 150 between Crab Orchard and Stanford. 33 acres and a dandy barn. Country with subdivided with lots of road frontage and city water. Priced at \$49,900. M1016

97 Acres of Wood and Hill Land located in Jackson County! Property has a good 32x72 barn. Priced at \$25,000. M960c

Located in Jackson County, approximately 8 acres of bottom land fronting on a blacktop road. Priced at \$9,500. M960b

LOTS

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Woodland Place Subdivision! Restricted paved streets, city water - 2 large lots measuring approximately 1/2 acre each. Priced at \$8,000 each. M709

4 Large Building Lots - Located on Hwy. 70 in Pulaski County near Bandy - city water - Garden Space - Priced at \$5,250.00 each M880

Ottawa Section of Rockcastle County! Nice building or mobile home lots with blacktop road and city water. Some restrictions apply. Owner financing available. priced from \$6,800 to \$8,800 each. M747

Laswell Entry Road! Building or mobile home lots ranging in size from 49/100 of an acre to 78/100 of an acre. City water available. Some restrictions apply. Priced from \$5,500 to \$6,500 each. M1001

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Ready to Build? Then check out lots 13 and 14 in the Dyehouse Subdivision, Crab Orchard. The offer city water with meter installed, city water available, blacktopped street plus an already finished foundation for a home and 2 car garage. Priced at \$14,000. M1009

Brindle Ridge - 3.11 acres with an excellent barn! This tract could be divided into lots! City water. All of this priced at \$32,900. M1023

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The Family Room

By Dr. Don Whitehead

Grief Doesn't Take A Vacation
If someone you love has died in the past year, this will be a hard time of the year for you.

Normally, the holidays bring thoughts of joy and peace and family and togetherness. But this year you will notice that empty chair at the

family table, marking the absence of someone you loved.

Grief does not take a vacation during the holidays. If anything, it intensifies then because of all the reminders.

The only way to get over grief is to grieve. It is a mistake to try to keep from feeling those sad feelings. Those sad feelings are nature's way of letting go of the pain that makes you so miserable.

Vera's family told her, "Now we've got to be strong for your mother. You know how much she depends on you." And Vera was "strong for Mom" and did not cry at all during the week after her father's death. Six months later she found herself feeling very depressed and unable to shake it. The grief that had not been expressed was catching up with her.

If you have trouble expressing your grief, you might try this: write a letter to the person who has died. In it tell him or her those things that you wish you had said when he or she was still alive. Include any appreciations and "I love you's" that need to be said. Also include any regrets that may be left over from the person's life. It is just as important to air these "negative" feelings as it is to air the "I love you's."

You may choose to let someone read that letter, or you may decide to keep it to yourself. Read it aloud, visualizing the person who died as being in front of you while you read. Then either tuck the letter away somewhere or destroy it, depending on what seems appropriate for you.

Another positive step you can take to deal with grief is to go to the cemetery and "talk" to the one who is buried there. I admit that I have gotten a few strange looks from some people when I have suggested this, but it is often very helpful.

My father died in 1989. There are times when I feel the need to "talk to Dad," so I visit the cemetery where he is buried. Now, logically, I know that Dad is not in that cemetery, but there is something about being there that helps me feel close to him. He

and I have had some good talks at his graveside.

Is there ever a time when a grieving person should seek professional help? Yes, when she can't stop crying or when she can't cry at all. A counselor can help you turn off the flood of tears and get on with your life. Or a counselor can help you open the flood gates and let the tears begin to flow. Anyone who becomes suicidal after a death, should see a counselor or a doctor.

In the words of a Harry Chapin song, "If you don't cry, then you'll never heal." Tears help the pain to flow out of the body rather than being held inside. As hurt washes from the body, new feelings of hope and good memories can come in.

Feel the feelings and let them go. Denying that you have the feelings does not get rid of them. They lie there inside and cause problems, such as depression, headaches, stomach distress and anxiety attacks.

The same process works in dealing with all feelings. Feel them and let them go. Denying them only makes them stronger.

May your holiday season be one of memories that remind you of the joy of past relationships and one of hope for the future.

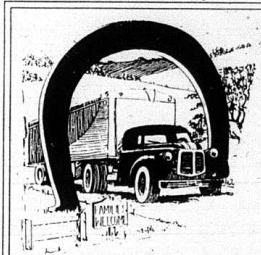
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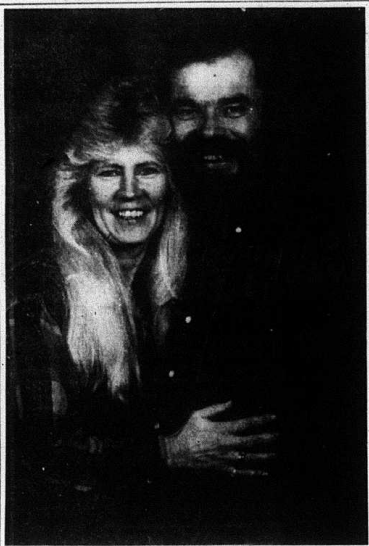
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Owens - Alexander

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Four Generations

Bronith Childress, great grandmother; Faye Denney, grandmother; Karen and her daughter.

Happy 99th Birthday "Miss Nancy"

Nancy Helton, known to her many friends and former students as "Miss Nancy", celebrated her 99th birthday on December 2, 1997. She is a resident of the Sowder Nursing Home in Brodhead. A birthday party was held in the nursing home. In attendance were her son, Kenneth Hopkins from Mesa, Az., granddaughter-in-law Donna Hopkins, great grandson, Stephen Hopkins from Mt. Vernon, and several nieces and nephews.

Ted and Verla Scott

Congratulations on your 55th wedding anniversary.
Love,
Family and Friends

"IT IS WRITTEN"

Last time we began a discussion on the important topic of worship. We noticed that the Bible talks about 4 kinds of worship: **will** worship, **ignorant** worship, **vain** worship, and **true** worship. Today we want to talk more about being a true worshipper of God.

Notice the text in John 4:23-24: "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him: God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." It would appear to me that men and women who have the right attitude, would be desiring to be what God wants them to be, because Jesus said, "for the Father seeketh such to worship him." If I want to please God the Father, I must worship him in spirit and in truth." Now notice that word "must" found in our text. This word **must** means need be, ought, should, be compelled, have to, moral obligation. It is not something optional. That same word "must" is found in John 3:7, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." If we are going to be forgiven, we must be born again.

Now notice the 2 things necessary to be a true worshipper: our worship must be in spirit and in truth. To be in spirit, is to worship with the right attitude, disposition, frame of mind, feeling. The Bible describes the kind of spirit or attitude we must have in the various acts of worship. Secondly, we must worship in truth, that is according to the word of truth. "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." John 17:17. What we do in worship must be as the Bible teaches. "We can do the right things in worship, but not have a right attitude, thus is unacceptable. We can have the right attitudes in worship, but do the wrong things, thus is unacceptable. So both the right attitude, and the right things must be done to be a true worshipper. Next time we will begin looking at the 5 acts of worship."

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The officers of KRTA-East met at the Hometown Restaurant in Berea. The meeting was opened by President Hudson. After welcoming remarks, he introduced Sue French, council member, who reviewed the 1998 Legislative proposals. Main topics of interest she discussed were insurance, cost of living increases, value of year of service and death

benefit. If you've read your KRTA publications, you know about these topics - but keep in mind we will have representatives in Frankfort to speak for us when the session opens.

Virginia Shaw - as always - was with us. Virginia is our state membership chairperson. We now have 17,660 members in the state association. (Cont. to C6)

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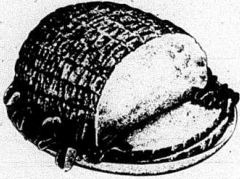
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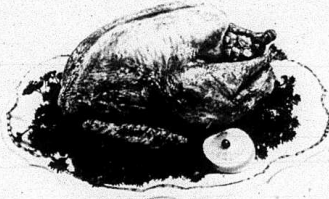
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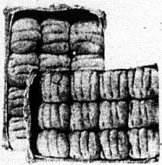
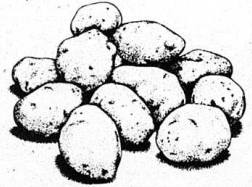
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Willaila News

By Carol Martin

Mrs. Edith DeBord Godsey of Lebanon, Ohio passed away on Monday, December 15th. She was the daughter of the late Luther and Name DeBord. Burial was on Wednesday at Poplar Grove Cemetery.

Mrs. Lola Todd and Mrs. Glenda Miller visited Lola's son, Paul Todd in the Oak Grove community on Monday. Paul is back home and improv-

ing from being hospitalized for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Brownie Martin visited Mr. and Mrs. Rennie Woodson and boys of Lexington on Sunday. Poplar Grove Baptist Church off Hwy. 70, will have a Outdoor Live Nativity Scene on December 20th at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Livingston News

By Frances Dickerson

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Burdine of Covington visited his mother, Mrs. Nora Burdine during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Mullins of Indianapolis, Indiana visited his aunt, Mrs. Carrie Loudermilk last Friday. Mr. C.F. Mullins, Jr., and Mr. C.F. Mullins, Sr., of Louisville visited in Livingston on Friday.

This is a tad of news left over from Thanksgiving. In order for Mrs. Lena McClure's family to get together for Thanksgiving due to work and living so far apart they celebrated Saturday. Had dinner with her son, Dale and his family of Mt. Vernon, others present were her son, Gary and his wife of White Pine, Tennessee. Mr. Mike McClure and Mr. Tim McClure and his family, all of Lancaster, Ohio. They all reported an enjoyable day.

Mrs. Margaret Burdine's daughter and little son of Berea visited her one day during the week.

Mr. "Butch" Mahaffey (son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Mahaffey) of Taylorsville is seriously ill at this time.

Sympathy is extended to the Stallsworth family due to the death of Mr. Willard Stallsworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Adams would like to announce the marriage of their daughter, Chrystal to Robert King, Jr. They were married December 6th by Bro. Saul Carpenter at her home. We all wish them many years of happiness.

Mrs. Lelia Jones is in UK Hospital in Lexington very ill.

Norman H. Mullins has returned to his home in Washington State, after spending several weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Denver Mullins.

Mrs. Hazel Halcomb and her daughter, Irene Shelley, spent a few days in Livingston this past weekend. They are from Louisville.

Agricultural News

By Warden Alexander, Director

Ballots for the local COC election were counted Thursday, December 4, at the USDA Service Center on Highway 150. The results were as follows: Darrell Wayne Whitaker - 96, Barry Hurst - 24, Eddie Paul Nee - 13, Tammy White Cornett - 5 and one write-in for Earl Nee.

Tobacco marketing cards were mailed Thursday, November 6. If you did not receive your marketing card, there may be additional forms that you need to sign. Tobacco producers are reminded to promptly return their marketing cards to the office as soon as all sales are final. Failure to return cards may result in reduction of future year quotas.

As a condition for approving a poultry tobacco disaster lease, an application for disaster credit must be filed by the producer before the crop is harvested. Due to weather related conditions an exception has been made for the 1997 crop year to also accept disaster credit applications after the crop has been harvested. The following conditions must be met: Crop must have been affected by a natural disaster or disease and suffered at least a 20% loss, suffi-

cient acreage planted to produce the effective quota, COC approves the application. Producers who have a loss, and think they may want to disaster lease, should contact the office.

FSA makes and guarantees farm loans and provides technical management assistance to family farmers. A "family farm" is defined as one that a family can operate and manage itself with a reasonable amount of hired labor. FSA loans are tailored to a borrower's needs. FSA Credit Managers help the borrower analyze problems, determine available resources and plan how resources may best be used. The loan programs offered are: Operating loans, Farm Ownership loans, Emergency loans, and Youth Project loans. We are now receiving payments in the Rockcastle Office for all existing loans through the former Farmers Home program.

In the Government's effort to reduce operating costs, legislation has been passed which requires that all NEW recipients of Federal payments made after 7-26-96, be made by electronic funds transfer, or direct deposit. The law further states that ALL payments made after 01-01-99,

by made by direct deposit. We encourage you to sign up now, contact us to find out how!

When destroying tobacco that is in excess of 499 pounds, contact the FSA office. The disposal must be witnessed by an FSA Representative.

The Burley tobacco penalty rate for 1997-98 is \$1.44/lb.

The 1998 Burley Tobacco Referendum will be held in February. All eligible producers are encouraged to vote. Eligible voters include: Owners, Operators, Tenants and Sharecroppers engaged in the production of burley tobacco; Owners who's tobacco is under the CRP program; and Owners who lease out their tobacco quota.

The USDA Service Center will be closed on Thursday, December 25 and Friday, December 26, to celebrate the Christmas holiday.

Retired Teachers

(Cont. from C4)

Our aim is for 20,000 by the year 2000. With Ms. Shaw's enthusiasm and determination and some help from the rest of us - there's no reason why we can't reach this goal!

As always the folks at Homestead Restaurant served us a delicious lunch. We always appreciate their efforts.

The Rockcastle County Retired Teachers December meeting was held at Kastle Inn Restaurant. This was a supper get-together - no business just fellowship and entertainment. Our special guest were E.J. and Betsy Smith of Stanford.

E.J. Smith offered the invocation and then we were well served by the girls at Kastle Inn. After supper, we were entertained by Betsy, she sang for us and with us, a medley of Christmas and inspirational songs.

The door prize, a beautiful poinsettia provided by Shirley Martin, was won by Joanna Allen. We were sorry that Shirley, one of the most faithful of our "faithful few" was unable to be with us because of recent surgery.

This was a most enjoyable evening. We wish more of you could have been with us.

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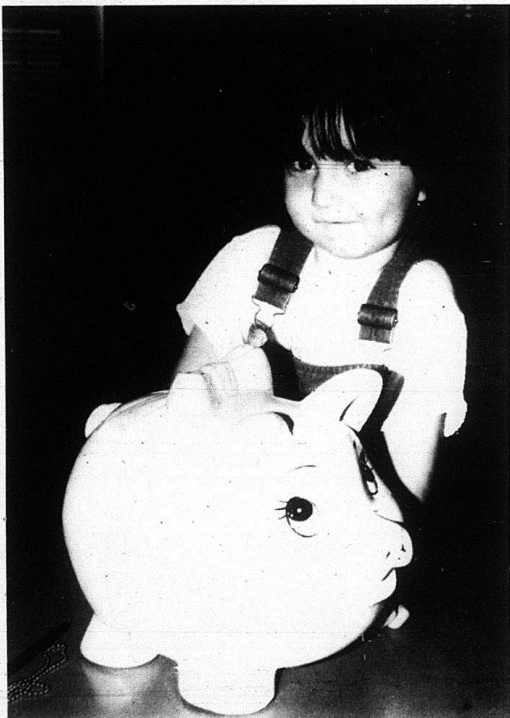
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Points East

By: Ike Adams

I don't exactly know how it happened, but I have flowers blooming on the window shelves in my office as though it were the first day of Spring.

One is an African Violet with a clump of perfect purple blossoms. I also have two pots of Shamrocks that are covered with dozens of thriving white flowers and an abundance of buds that should open over the next several days.

A couple of weeks back I purchased an Amaryllis bulb that should be blooming by Christmas or thereabouts. On a few occasions, I've had an Amaryllis peaking on Christmas Day, but that's not unusual. That's what they're supposed to do. But I can't recall the Shamrocks or violets going crazy this time of year and I've been growing them for decades.

As long time readers of this column already know, I'm not a big fan of snow and cold weather. Normally I'd rather be in an office without a window or at least have the shades closed during winter time. (Someone told me the other day that they didn't believe I liked weather, period.)

The Shamrocks, however, are constant reminders when I glance up, that in just three months most of the landscape will look much like they do. Winter is almost worth going through just to see the dogwoods, redbuds and all the Spring bulbs popping open. In the meantime, the flowers in my window almost like having a piece of Spring year-round and somehow they make winter easier to bear.

In other news, one of the most aggravating things about my state of matrimony is the fact that Loretta wakes me up four or five times a week in the wee hours and tells me to roll over because I'm snoring so loud I'm keeping her awake. In fact, I sometimes wake myself up. Worse than that, I've even made the dogs start barking.

The aggravating about it though, is that I usually have trouble falling back to sleep.

A couple of weeks ago, somebody asked if I'd tried using Breath Right Strips to control my snoring and I found out that they are those hand-aid looking strips that you see athletes on television wearing across their noses.

I mentioned them to Loretta and she made a special trip to the local drug stores and finally found them for something like six bucks a dozen. All they consist of is a stiff, flexible piece of plastic on a piece of adhesive and they do, in fact, work like a hand aid. They bend over your nose and when you fasten them down the plastic tries to straighten back out and the pressure sort of spreads your nostrils out.

Now it sounds like a gimmick, but my wife will tell you that I haven't woken her up with my snoring in over two weeks and I can tell you for sure that I wake up feeling much better rested before I started using the things.

If you have a spouse who snores, you might want to buy a box of them and simply follow the instructions.

Ashley Mink, Amanda Rogers, Lindsey Vick, Jordan Stratton, Amanda Cummins, Adam Collins, Aaron Anderkin, Rebekah Lyons, Tara Thompson, Rebecca Alsp, Krystal Parsons, Susie Tristano, Lauren Clontz, Audrey Burke, Zach Taylor, Melissa Thompson, Jessica Maher, Elijah Lunsford, Matthew Bustle, Joseph Lambert, Adam Childress, Kristy Chisler, Jonathan Kerns, Amber Thacker, Ross McClure, Clay Smith, Ronald Willey, Zach Powell, Jenni B. Neeley, Michelle Rowe, Brittany Cromer, Jessica Jones, Josh Bray, Jessica Thacker, Eric Adams, Leslie Saylor, Karah Bowles, Cassie Smith, Rachel Childress, Kristy Chisler, Tanner Abney, Sarah Mullins, Amy Gililand, Austin Miller, Brittany Blair, Daphne Adams, David Miller, Chris Soutles, Josh Taylor, John Bray, Brandon Reams, Daniel Dobbs, Cody Alexander, Blake Arnold, Andrew Hammond, Joshua Hale and Heather Adams.

I was asked to drive the students to Louisville and Frankfort. The bus left on December 11th and returned on December 13th. Due to a personal conflict, I almost did not go on this trip; fortunately I decided to go.

First of all, we got stuck in a traffic jam. I was transporting the sixth grade. I was amazed to hear what the children were planning to do once they reached their destination. They practiced their bills they intended to submit to the house and senate. After their practice session, they began to sing. The songs were so beautiful they brought tears to my eyes.

After getting to Louisville, the children immediately went in different directions.

The first session began with the star spangled banner. Guess what county sang that song? Rockcastle County. No other county participated in the singing.

When our school participant got up and sang, I sat there and cried like a baby. Here we are, a small town in Central Kentucky being called on for such an honor, I was proud.

Still not really knowing the children's purpose of the trip, I began to follow them. They were trying to get different bills passed in the senate. Our children would get up very proudly and state their purpose and argue very professionally with much respect of the other counties.

They were all dressed in a very professional manner. They all looked like miniature business women and men.

In the sessions I attended, all the bills were passed. Our children were

very confident when presenting their statements, which I feel was the reason their bills passed.

I want Rockcastle County citizens to know that I was proud to be an American citizen, but after this trip, I am proud to proud to say that I am a citizen of Rockcastle County.

To those parents who have worked so hard to raise these children, I would encourage each of you to go to the next outing if at all possible. Although I did not have a child participating, I held my head up proudly as I was transporting these children. Imagine how you would feel if you were there.

In closing, I used to say I was proud for this generation to take over. I must eat my words and say, I AM PROUD TO BE FROM ROCKCASTLE COUNTY.

Williametta French
School Bus Driver
Rockcastle County Middle School

Dear Editor,

Just recently the first shift employees at Image Entry of Mt. Vernon conducted their annual Christmas charity drive. Image Entry donates \$100 dollars to each department within the office, as seed money to help start the drive. With the dedication and work the employees put in, First shift went well over our goal. We also had help from local businesses. We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to Super Saver, McDonald's, Wendy's, Superior, Taco Bell, Apollo's and Burr Somoza for their generous donations. We would also like to thank our CEO Bill Deaton for caring about his employees and our community and giving us the



Charles E. and Amy (Hammock) Graves wish to announce the birth of their first child, a son, Nathaniel Austin Graves, born on September 19, 1997 at the Baptist Regional Hospital in Corbin. He weighed 8 lbs. 3 ozs. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Lola Dean and Arlie Hammock of London. Paternal grandparents are Patricia and Robert Graves of Mt. Vernon. Great grandparents are Charles C. Graves of Brodhead and the late Mary Ellen Graves, Anna Mae and Ernest Cromer of Mt. Vernon, Ernest and Lily Jackson of London and Fred Hammock of London and the late Leonia Hammock.

Hi! I'm Casey Jo Carpenter. I had a birthday Tuesday, December 16th and was five years old. My mommy and daddy are Curtis and Diane Carpenter. My papaw and mamaw are Murphy and Eva Martin and Jasper and Mardella Carpenter.

seed money each year to start our projects.

Our charity fund will be going to local children. We think it was great how everybody opened their hearts and worked together to see the children have a Merry Christmas.

From everyone at Image Entry to all of you, have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Image Entry of Mt. Vernon
First Shift

Senior Citizens MENU

Thursday, December 18th: Fried chicken, buttered broccoli, mashed potatoes, roll, margarine, ice cream or rice pudding, milk.

Friday, December 19th: Beef stew, stewed vegetables, cooked cabbage, cornbread, margarine, hot peach cobbler, milk.

Monday, December 22nd: Ham and noodle casserole, green beans, cole slaw, roll, margarine, fried apples, milk.

Tuesday, December 23rd: Roast beef, scalloped potatoes, winter mix,

roll, margarine, pumpkin delight cake, milk.

Wednesday, December 24th: Turkey dressing, scalloped potatoes, apples, italian green beans, roll, holiday spice cake, milk.

Thursday, December 25th: Holiday.

Friday, December 26th: Holiday.

Monday, December 29th: Pinto beans, harvard beans, collard greens, cornbread, margarine, banana pudding, milk.

Tuesday, December 30th: Pork chulet, mexican rice, winter mix, roll, margarine, lemon pudding, milk.

Wednesday, December 31st: Holiday.



Alaina Victoria Coquer celebrated her first birthday, November 2nd with a Sesame Street party at her home. She is the daughter of Jason and Sara Coquer of Mt. Vernon. Alaina's grandparents are Jim and Paulina Anderkin and Larry and Ruth Coquer, all of Mt. Vernon. Great grandparents are Victoria Reese of Roundstone and the late Leonard Reese and James and Mary Anderkin. Alaina wishes to thank all of her family for coming to her party and for the very nice gifts.

Our Readers Write

Dear Editor:

I would like to direct this letter to all the Y-Club Delegates from Rockcastle County Middle School: Jessica Denny, Bridgette Lear, Jennifer Durham, Emily Wright, Tiffany Hopkins, Jerilyn Mink, Anna Guilfoif, Travis Burton, Veronica Bray, Cassie Sower, Allison

Anderkin, Shanda Stamper, Torre Reynolds, Justin Rogers, Ashley Cottrell, William Blair, Shana Noe, Beth Durham, Peyton Rogers, Ben Taylor, Jerred Steverson, Michael Howard, Kane Holbrook, Ben Cory, Courtney Alexander, Chris Tolle, Justice Cornelius, Josh Whicker, Brian Reynolds, Summer Owens,

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Mt. Vernon Message

Fourth and fifth grade students at MVES recently completed a unit of study focusing on Shakespeare. The unit incorporated activities in the arts and humanities including concepts of art, drama and history. Students participated in choral readings, theatrical readings, art projects and writing activities and concluded the study with a live presentation presented by the Kentucky Shakespeare Festival called "Boy Meets Girl Meets Shakespeare."

"Buster the Bus" also made an appearance to students at MVES during an assembly program aimed at raising children's awareness of school bus safety. A special thank you to David Perkins, Darrell Allen and Robert Pybas for making this program possible.

MVES PTA continues to collect "Boxtops for Education." See a PTA member for more information.

We would like to give a very special thanks for everyone who helped with the Family Resource Center Christmas tree at MVES. Teachers and staff, Kiwanis, Rockcastle County Jaycees, Mt. Vernon Signal, Busy Bee Homemakers, Hazel Jackson, Plastic Factory, Image Entry, Brindle Ridge Baptist Church, Blue Springs Pecosocial, Ms. Gertha Mink, RCHS National Honor Society, Migrant Program, CAP, REAP and PTA.

Your Family Resource Center will be open during Christmas Break, call 256-5173 8:00-3:30, ReginaJett.

Winter Break will begin on Monday, December 22 and school will reconvene on Monday, January 5, 1998.

MVES students, faculty and staff will like to wish each of you a safe and happy holiday season!

Stories by Miss Parkerson's Class

Jordan Wade Cook
I am going to help my mom put up my Christmas. I am going outside to ride my sled. I am going to open my present on Christmas Eve and go outside to have a snow ball fight and I am going to build a snowman and I am going to have snow cream. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Landsey Reynolds
Christmas is my favorite time of the year. We open our presents on Christmas morning. I do not know what I got but I hope I get a train. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Shaqueta Dees
On Christmas I am going to be asleep when Santa Claus comes. When I get up I will see my presents. I have been good. Merry Christmas.

Shawn McHone
I see the snowman. I think Santa Claus is coming to town to my house to give me a present. I do think Santa Claus is thinking what to do at his house. I get to play on Santa Claus and his reindeer. He said my reindeer is a very good reindeer and I said yes your

reindeer is good.

Mrs. Smith's Class

Freddie
I see Santa Claus. He would do me a favor because he is good to me. He is a fat old man because he gives me presents. Because I am good to him.

Jacob
I like Christmas because I get a new toy. I like good old Santa Claus. Because Santa Claus lets us dress up like a elf and Dustin dress up like a elf. Santa takes us a ride. The End.

Cody
I am in the manger no crib for a bed. The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay. The stars in the sky look down woe he has. The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

Mrs. Carter's Class
Matthew Cromer
Happy Christmas. I like Christmas because it is good to me. Santa Claus comes to my house to deliver toys.

Kayla Gail Rowe
Christmas Time
At Christmas time I put my Christmas tree up. I put my ornaments on it. At Christmas time I put decorations outside my house. At Christmas time it is Jesus' Birthday. At Christmas time you sing carols.

Kirsta Owens
I like Christmas because it is fun. You get lots of gifts. I saw a stocking hanging on my door.

Devon
On Christmas Santa Claus goes to give gifts. On Christmas the angels watched over baby Jesus. The elf works for Santa Claus. The stocking gets filled with candy.

Mrs. Vanzant's Class
Michelle Lynn Bullock
One morning I was asleep. I looked outside and I saw Santa Claus. He left 20 presents by my door. I liked him, then he got in the sleigh and Santa Claus went to the North Pole. I opened the door and I got all the presents and read the tags that had Michelle on them. I had 10 presents. I put the other 10 presents under the Christmas tree for my sisters.

Casey Lee Hayes
I ride in the sleigh. I deliver presents

to little boys and girls. I slide down the chimney. I say, "Ho! Ho! Ho!" I have a magic sleigh. I wear a red suit and black boots. I am jolly.

Jodynn Sylvia Bullock
Once upon a time there was a reindeer that said, "Santa Claus I am here to help you pull the sleigh." Santa Claus said, "Thank you reindeer. I will let you pull my sleigh."

Sara Bethanie Barnett
I like the gingerbread man because it is Christmas. The gingerbread man has two legs, a nose, a hat, a mouth, a hand and a head. I like Christmas because all of the elf's made toys for us. I like Christmas because Santa Claus came to visit me and said, "Ho! Ho! Ho!"

Mrs. Webb's Class
Charles
One Christmas morning I saw an snow dragon. I ran in the house and told my mom. Let stay in the house," said mom. I said, "But mom I want to go out to play. The dragon is going to step on our house. Then she let me go out side. I saw the dragon again.

Ronnie
It was the night before Christmas. They hung up the stockings with care while they look that sant nick will soon be there. I heard a big noise I ran like the wind to see what the mader. I saw a big sleigh with a big man and then he came to my house he came down my chimney with a big sack of toys he looks like a man who just opened his

Felicia
The night before Christmas I saw a light. It was a star a funny sort of star. They thought it was a star, but it was an angel. When I saw the angel it made me feel like the Christmas spirit. When I went to sleep I heard a voys calling. I thought it was skerey. But it was Santa.

Jeffrey
On Christmas morning I have my Christmas tree up. I put ornaments on the tree and popcorn. I open my presents from Santa Claus. I play with my toys. I love Christmas!

McClure's Class
Katy Mattingly
One night I woke up and I had gifts I knew Santa came to my house. I got lots of gifts. I got a doll a ball and a tape player with a clock. My sister got a doll to and a book. My dad got a shirt. My mom got a dress everyone was happy the next morning. I woke up I was going to my grandma's I got lots of gifts to farm everyone.

Timothy Singleton
Christmas is special to me because it's Jesus' birthday and the angels watched over him. I like Jesus' present because it was baby Jesus. I like reindeer because Santa Claus ride the reindeer he delivers presents all over the world.

Can Reindeer Fly?
By Mrs. Cable's and Mrs. Clontz's Class
Reindeer can fly because they got magick. They have wigs because Santa gave them magick to fly.
Jody Denney

Yes, because they are magit. They eat good food and they are good to people.
Christopher Sowder

I think that reindeers can not fly because they do not have wegs and they can not walk strat without foleg down.
Nicholas Denney

Reindeers can fly because Santa can give toys to children, they can help Santa deliver too.
Kayla Owens

They can fly because they are fast and they are form the North Pole. They are real.
Logan Cable

Reindeer can fly because they are magick and they have done it a long time. They run fast and get heir and heir.
Megan Bond

Reindeer can fly because Santa put a spell on them and Santa calls their names. I think they like to fly for Santa because Santa feeds them when they get back from the fly.
Cassie McFerrin

Reindeer cannot fly because they do not have e wigs and Santa is not rell.
T.J. Kidwell

Can reindeer fly because reindeer don't have wings. Reindeer are to fat to fly. They pull the sleigh to slow.
Rochelle Hoskins

Reindeers really fly because they are Sauts reindeers.
Martha Swinney

Can reindeer really fly because they don't have wings and they are heby and they are big and some are little.
Earl Overbay

Yes, because they got special feet and special horns.
Nicholas Miracle

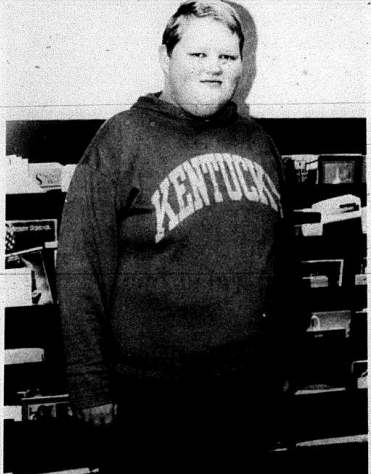
Reindeer can't fly because Santa is not real and elf's are real and reindeer are in the woods.
Phillip Hampton

Reindeer cannot fly because they are rill. Also, they are not at north. They were not here.
Dewey McFerron

Yes, they can fly because they fly over house tops give presents out. They fly because they like to fly.
Samantha McKinney

Reindeer cannot fly because they don't have powers or ability or they don't have wings.
Chris Ayers

Academic Honor Roll



Dale Green, son of Harlan and Gonnetta Green of Flat Gap, has a 3.88 GPA at RCHS. He plans on attending Berea or Eastern Kentucky University and major in Secondary Education. He is president of the Spanish Club, captain of the Academic Team, activities director of the Beta Club, involved in Creative Writing Club, and member of the Education Talent Search. His hobbies include writing and being a Rocket fan.



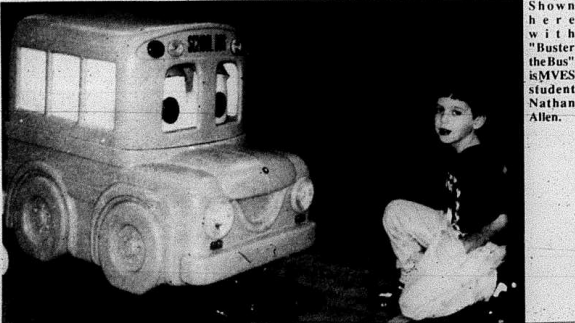
Nicholas Williams won the bicycle given away at MVES in the 4th and 5th grade attendance drawing.



Attendance winners at MVES for the first 12 weeks were from left: Sammy Clifford, Shannetha Smith, Misty Overbay, Kim Alcorn, and Phillip Hampton.



Other MVES attendance winners were from left: Yasha Farris, Phillip Boring, Jason Nickles, Adam Mink and Casey Hayes.



Shown here with "Buster the Bus" is MVES student Nathan Allen.



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Federal-State Market News
Garrard County
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Lancaster, Ky.
December 12, 1997

Cattle: 3182
For The Week: 3322
Compared to Last Week: Slaughter Cows steady; Slaughter Bulls 1.00 lower; Feeder Steers steady 1.00 lower; Feeder Heifers steady 1.00 lower.
Slaughter Cows: Breaking Utility and Commercial #3-5.30-34.50, low dressing individuals 27-30; High Culler and Boning Utility #1-3.35-50.39; Cutters #1-2.25-50.29; 50; Cutters 21-24.50.
Heifers: 950-1100 lbs. 45-53.
Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade #1 1555-2370 lbs. indicating 78-80 carcass boning percent 41.25-45; Yield Grade #2 1180-1860 lbs. indicating 76-77 carcass boning percent 37-40.75; Yield Grade #3 1155-1895 lbs. indicating 73-75 carcass boning percent 33-36.75.
Feeder Steers: Medium and Large Frame #1 200-300 lbs. 95-105; 300-400 lbs. 71-78; package 300 lbs. 84-100; 500-600 lbs. 77-86; package 35 head 513 lbs. 83-50; 600-700 lbs. 70-78; 700-800 lbs. 68-76, including load 63 head 735 lbs. 74.
Small Frame: #1 300-500 lbs. 80-88; 500-700 lbs. 68-76.
Medium Frame: #2 300-500 lbs. 63-71; 500-700 lbs. 60-65.
Large Frame: #2 (Holsteins) 300-500 lbs. 57-61; 500-700 lbs. 50-55.
Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large Frame #1 200-300 lbs. 70-76; 300-400 lbs. 71-78; package 300 lbs. 84-100; 500-600 lbs. 77-86; package 38 head 442 lbs. 73-40; 500-600 lbs. 66-77; 50; package 510 lbs. 77-50; 600-700 lbs. 65-71; 700-800 lbs. 65-72, including load 67 head 756 lbs. 70.80.
Small Frame: #1 300-500 lbs. 61-68; 500-700 lbs. 55-63.
Per Head: Medium and Large Frame #1 Stock Cows 4-8 yrs. old with 150-350 lb. calves by side 80-595; Medium and Small Frame #1 Stock Cows 2-10 yrs. old with 80-150 lb. calves by side 325-495. Medium and Large Frame #1 Stock Cows 2-8 yrs. old 4-8 months bred 460-560; Medium and Small Frame #1 Stock Cows 2-10 yrs. old 2-7 months bred 240-435.
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V. **DALLAS J. FUGATE, ET AL.,** DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to judgment and order of sale entered in this action on November 17, 1997, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of SIXTY ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY FIVE DOLLARS AND 72/100 (\$61,195.72) plus interest, costs and attorney fees, I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky:

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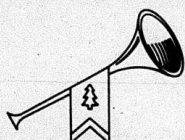
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THE ROCKET



Rockcastle County High School

Volume 14 - Number 4

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KIRIS scores indicate RCHS a successful school Scores up for third consecutive year

by Jimmy Payne

The dictionary definition of a rocket is: a fireworks, a signal, a projectile weapon containing its own fuel used to propel a space craft into outer space.

"This is a good way to see Rockcastle County High School right now, as a learning machine trying to propel its test scores to the highest possible level.

For the past three years, students' knowledge has successfully fueled the rocket and test scores have steadily risen, which makes RCHS a "successful school."

"We can celebrate today and tomorrow," said Mr. Ronnie Cash, principal, "but we don't have time to rest."

"I'm proud the seniors are graduating from a successful high school. We owe them that."

---Mr. Ronnie Cash
Principal

The testing coordinator from the Central Office notified Mr. Cash of the test results the week before Thanksgiving. Mr. Cash said, "I went in and sat down in my

office and breathed. I didn't know whether to cry to laugh I was so happy."

He said the news marked the high point of his 27-year career. "I was happier than at anything that had ever happened to me in the work world.

"There were people who didn't believe we could do it, but we did."

"For the most part teachers and administrators were pleased, but they know we must work for continuous improvement."

---Ms. Ruth Allen
Curriculum Coordinator

By bringing up the scores once again, the high school is a progressing school, the objective of every school everywhere in Kentucky, and in Mr. Cash's opinion, a school is either progressing or regressing. There is no standing still.

Students at the Rock raised their test scores in reading (which had the greatest gain), science, social studies, arts and humanities,

practical living, and writing. Math, which had seen a gain of almost 15 points year before last, was the only area which dropped.

The scores recently released are a combination of the writing portfolios of the Seniors of 1997 combined with the KIRIS test scores of the Seniors of 1998.

The dropout rate went down and overall the non-cognitive index (which includes a combination of dropout rate, attendance, and successful transition) went up.

The administrative assistant in charge of curriculum, Ms. Ruth Allen said, "For the most part teachers and administrators were pleased, but they know we must work for continuous improvement."

"It has been a gradual increase which says we are getting better. I think we will see that continue," said Mr. Cash.

"I'm proud the seniors are graduating from a successful high school. We owe them that," he said.

Four years ago the high school was in decline, but with some dedicated teachers and hardworking students the school may be at its highest level ever. Four years ago can be considered a countdown start. This year is lift-off.

Academic Index	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
Reading	31.3140	32.4300	53.9380
Mathematics	35.4820	44.2400	39.0980
Science	40.8360	39.7960	47.1980
Social Studies	41.3200	36.8740	46.0680
Arts & Humanities	17.3860	18.9880	20.2300
Prac. Living/Voc. Studies	28.4560	21.0640	24.8360
Writing	26.4250	38.2820	42.2415
Total Academic Index	33.0	35.3	41.8
Number Tested	168	198	178
Accountability Index	42.7	44.7	50.2

Attendance Rate	
1994-94	94.42
1995-96	95.44
1996-97	95.15
Dropout Rate	
1994-95	6.01
1995-96	7.19
1996-97	5.58
Retention Rate	
1994-95	7.05
1995-96	11.01
1996-97	10.47
Transition to Adult Life	
1994-95	92.77
1995-96	95.60
1996-97	94.34
Noncognitive Index	
1994-95	93.56
1995-96	94.19
1996-97	94.29



FFA Holiday Fundraiser
Josh Thompson, a member of the Rockcastle County chapter of FFA is seen here getting some of the poinsettias the club sold during the holiday season ready to deliver.

Four-hour class may eliminate drivers' ed

by Cory Bailey

Over the years, drivers' education has become a somewhat popular class at RCHS. Enrollment for the spring term is very high, 114 students.

Most students take it because it is required in order to keep a license, others take it for a discount on car insurance, and some even take it because they are forced to by their parents or scheduling conflicts.

Now, however, all this may change. The state Department of Transportation is offering a four-hour course which meets the requirement for anyone receiving a license. The law requiring the driver training took effect October 1 of last year, the same time as the graduated licensing program.

Under this law, new drivers must take the four-hour training or a drivers' education class like the one in the RCHS curriculum within a time period or have their licenses revoked.

The first of these classes was held at RCHS on December 8 and gave those who took it the certification for a drivers' license.

According to Mr. Ronnie Cash, principal, students will be able to choose between the 18-week drivers' education class now in the

Please see **FOUR HOUR CLASS** - page 5

What About Rewards for Students?

After RCHS received cash rewards last year for improved test scores, the money was distributed among members of the faculty and administrative staff, cooks, bus drivers, aides and custodians. This decision was made by the teachers with little consideration for the student body.

Students were in a sense, short-changed. Teachers, custodians nor bus drivers took the test, yet, they were the ones who received the reward. They were doing a job they were hired to do.

Don't get the wrong impression, all of these people combined provided the adequate environment for the improvement, and without the teachers we couldn't have reached this goal. Most students realize this and appreciate what teachers do for them.

But when a team wins a big game, they get a steak dinner or pizza. The coach gets to eat too, of course. He is an important part of the team, but the players are not left out.

If a student does well on the ACT, he/she is the one who receives recognition or compensation, not the faculty. Of course, they are the ones who helped the student achieve this goal, but they didn't take the test for them. Why should it be any different with KIRIS?

Perhaps the State Department of Education should say teachers only get a percent of the money and the rest has to be spent for something to benefit all of the students in the school.

Even though RCHS is a state of the art school, and we should be proud of what we have, there are many things that could make the school even better. We do not have tennis courts or soccer field, a salad or potato bar in the cafeteria, trees and/or shrubs and flowers surrounding the building, or cultural performances or educational/motivational speakers in the auditorium.

These are things that students, dream of having, and if the reward money (or just part of it) were to go toward the betterment of the school, some of these things could become a reality.

Toyota's motto: "You want it; you got it," may be too much to expect, but how about: "You got it, what about us?"

LETTERS FROM READERS

Dear Jimmy,

I'm pretty sure you don't know who I am. My name is Tracey Anderkin, and I live in Berea and go to Berea Community High School a.k.a. the "spaceship". I was just writing you to let you know that your Wrestling Rambblings article in the Rocket was very good.

I had never read *The Rocket* before, but when I visited my granny in Mount Vernon, she showed it to me. I myself am a wrestling fan of 7 years, and I couldn't agree more with what you said. A few points you made that I really liked were:

*"During the matches, the announcers insist on talking about everything; except what is going on in the ring." (Isn't that the truth)

*"Nitro.....got worse. (Don't I know it!!)"

*"WCW has had a bad string of pay-per-views...." (And they still are)

*"WCW is not just the second best wrestling organization, but in fact, it is behind both WWF and ECW." (Finally, someone else sees the light!!)

Your whole article was excellent. Being a female wrestling fan, the guys at my school don't believe that I can like it just because of my gender. I could probably put those guys to shame when it came down to it. Basically, the guys at my school like Nitro because of... you guessed it, the Nitro girls.

This is wrestling, not Soul Train!!! Now, since Raw doesn't come on until 9:00, I usually watch the first hour of Nitro and I do have my favorites: I like the NWO, excluding SYXX and "Hollywood" Hulk Hogan, (I never liked him anyway) but especially Marcus "Buff" Bagwell, whom I have cheered for since he was a member of the Stars and Stripes with the Patriot.

Also, I like Disco Inferno, just because he is funny. But the WWF is sooooo much better. Every week on Nitro you see the same match again and again and again, but on Raw, you actually have a variety. And, the WWF pay-per-views are a lot better. I can tell you from experience, because I attended the September 7 In Your House event in Louisville, and it was spectacular.

And they don't have to gain ratings by putting on some half-naked, fake-smiling girls to act like they know how to dance!! They are just altogether great, but it was a big blow when Bret Hart left. He is also one of my favorites, but a big point I want to make to the anti-WWF or anti-ECW people out there is this: at least we don't have to buy their old wrestlers every week and act like it's going to destroy the "other organization".

I just want you to know that you know how to write a good article. I put my address on the back of the envelope if you want to contact me for information about wrestling or if you just want to discuss this with me any further. I would enjoy talking about wrestling with someone other than people who don't really know what they are talking about in the first place!! Keep up the good work

Tracey Anderkin
Berea, Kentucky 40403

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From the Principal's Pen

Students,

The last time I wrote a message to you I was most excited about a topic - the results of the KIRIS scores - which I could not discuss because the information was embargoed by the State. I am so pleased by your scores and the progress our school made that when I heard the news, I really didn't know whether to laugh or cry.

I am so tired of some people bashing the high school and blaming us for low test scores, etc. That's why it makes me especially proud of our staff and students.

We have begun to see the results of hard work and dedication. I have always been proud to say I am part of Rockcastle County High School and that we have the finest student body in the world. This school is part of me and when we do well, I'm proud. When we don't, I'm hurt.

It is fine to celebrate now, but there is little time to enjoy the victory as testing for this year begins in April, and we must prepare.

I also want to say how much I appreciate our board of education, our superintendent, and central office staff for all their help in reaching this goal.

Mr. Cash

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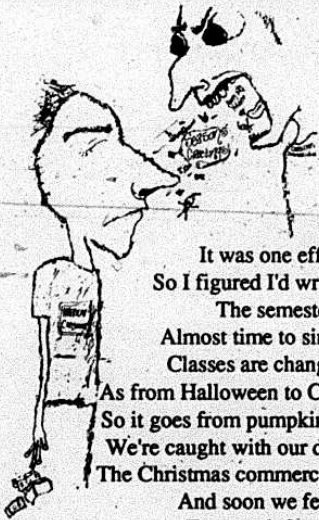
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STUDENT OPINION

Christmas Nightmare

Column
by
Glennys Pulliam



It was one effort to get this in on time,
So I figured I'd write this column irrhyme.
The semester's almost over, you see,
Almost time to sing carols around the tree.
Classes are changing; it all will seem new
As from Halloween to Christmas we are through.
So it goes from pumpkins to evergreen trees and,
We're caught with our drawers 'round our knees.
The Christmas commercials smack us in the face,
And soon we feel like packing the mace.
Too much family and too many friends,
Our poor little budget is stretched to the end.
Before we know what will happen next,
With the bankruptcy blues we are hexed.
But then, we still have presents to go.
Of consumerism, we're caught in the flow.
Still the commercials rant and roar,
We're caught by the bug. "Buy more! Buy more!"
When all of the gifts are bought and sold,
We're out of money and left in the cold.
Wrap the presents, trim the tree.
Falalalalala and five golden rings.
We must go home and rest the feet
And bask in the glow of the fire's heat.
Finally, we pick up our lives' last shards
When suddenly we realize, we forgot the cards!



What makes a happy holiday



Column
by
Christina Crawford

Christmas- it's almost here. It's the season for giving, sharing togetherness, and rejoicing. I always enjoy giving and receiving gifts, and I

like how the snow always adds a nice finishing touch as the world remembers precious memories from the past.

It's a time to look forward to spending time with those close to me; and I'm always thankful that everyone is happy and healthy. This Christmas season, I plan to give as much as I can to those in need. I like giving books, clothes, and food to local charities, and I always enjoy sending extra special gifts to the two children that my family and I have sponsored through-out the years.

It would be nice to see everyone help out as much as they can this season.

Most importantly, Christmas is a time to thank the Lord for all he has done for us. He is the reason for the season.

Letters

from Readers

(Continued from p. 2)

NOTE : This letter was sent to the **RCHS** chapter of **FHA** and we would like to forward its message to the readers of *The Rocket*.

To Whom It May Concern:

Following the recent tragedy at Heath High School, a member of **FHA**, **Melissa Jennings**, is still in the hospital, paralyzed from the waist down.

Melissa's family needs financial help in making their car and home accessible to a wheelchair. Anyone wanting to donate for this project, can give see Ms.

Renee Smith or Ms. Robyn Johnson.

Ginny Ellington,
State Advisor.

P.S. I also, in addition to a monthly donation, have a few items to donate which might be needed for the shelter (i.e., large dog kennel, dog bed(s))

Dear Rocket Editor,

I think it's great you are taking the initiative to determine the interest in forming an animal shelter in Rockcastle County.

It is a much needed service that is long overdue.

I will support an animal shelter in whatever way possible.

Thank You,
Amy McNew
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Happy
Holidays
from
The Rocket
staff!



Teen Leadership Council attends two day training

by Cory Bailey

The Teen Leadership Council is practically an unknown organization at RCHS, yet it is more than just an excuse to get out of class on club day.

Despite common misconceptions, TLC is not a club in name only. The members are caring, serious, compassionate people, who are ready to listen to the concerns of others.

Each year, potential members from each grade level are chosen by their peers and must also receive two teacher recommendations to be considered for the position.

Members must maintain high moral standards and be a roll model for fellow students.

To be a member, students must complete a two day training session at Jabez, Kentucky.

While there, they learn skills that will prove useful in handling

situations that might arise, concerning the students at their school.

Such skills include negotiation tactics, trust building, problem solving, and communication techniques.

"TLC has taught me how to work with people who are much different than myself," commented senior, Heather Bray.

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Senior, Heather Bray

This year, 21 members attended the conference that was held on December 7 and 8.

TLC members are available to visit with classes and talk to the students about problems that they might be facing.

TLC sponsor, Ms. Jill Ponder, commented, "This year's group is probably the best students that I have ever worked with. They are well trained to work with others regarding their problems."



At Jabez, one of the many communication building activities was the human knot. Pictured above are the members trying to work their way out of the knot and into a circle without letting go of each other's hands. This year's TLC members include: Heather Bray, Chris Bishop, Cory Bailey, Megan Holbrook, Ronna McClure, Travis Anderkin, Cliff Matekovich, Heather Burton, Jamie Owens, Angie Ford, Andy Hale, Nathaniel Bullock, Mary Beth Browning, Jon Burdette, Brooke Roberts, Andrew Cash, Roy Adams, Tara Abney, Jamie Settles, Angela Owens, Brandon Bishop, and Dackery Larkey. Also attending Jabez were Ms. Robyn Johnson and Ms. Jill Ponder (sponsor).



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Band keeping busy

by Glennys Pulliam

This year the RCHS band, under the direction of Mr. Greg Daughtery, has been busy taking part in a number of competitions and special events.

The Marching Colonels

for a Day was hosted recently by EKU and included six students who qualified for the honor.

Glennys Pulliam, Tammy Renner, John Partin, Amy Neslon, Armanda Philbeck, and Derrick Dooley spent a day learning what it is like to be in a college band.

The Christmas Concert

and chili supper on December 9 was attended by around 400 people who heard the Brass Choir, High School Band, Eighth Grade Band and Winterguard Flagcorps performed.

Parades have dominated the fall performances of the band with participation in the Livingston Homecoming, the Chicken Festival, the Bittersweet Festival and Christmas parades.

The Brass Choir, made up of most of the brass instrument players, has performed at the Mt. Vernon Tree Lighting ceremony and in the Christmas Concert.

Four-hour class (continued from front)

schedule or the new four-hour class. He thinks most will choose the latter.

The only catch, however, is that the four-hour class does not currently influence the insurance rates of those who take it; the 18-week drivers' education class does allow a discount on insurance.

"Most high schools have already done away with the program because of its expense and liability," he said.

He also indicated that since drivers' education is not on the KIRIS test that if registration drops, there is a good chance the class will be dropped from the schedule.

If this happens, Mr. Cash said that he would be in favor of adding a new science teacher.

Mr. David Riddle, the current drivers' education teacher is also certified to teach health and P.E., and he will not lose his position as a teacher Mr. Cash said. He added that Mr. Riddle is also qualified to teach the four-hour course.

Mr. Riddle said, "The need for drivers' education is there now, but will it be there in the next couple of years?"

Of those enrolled in drivers' education next semester, many will choose to stay in the class.

Junior, Mary Beth Browning said, "I would rather take drivers' education because my insurance will be lower and I'll only be in the classroom for the first couple days."

However, some plan to drop the class. Junior Suzanne Brown said, "I would rather take a four-hour course because it's shorter and less time consuming."

The course, which covers the fundamentals of safe driving, will be offered as many times as it is needed throughout the year based upon the number of people showing interest.

Those who have questions can see Mr. Cash or call Debbie Childress at (502) 564-6800 Ext. 2504.

Josh McKibben also contributed to this story.

FHA begins activities for 'Families First'

by Christina Mahaffey

One of the new projects sponsored by the RCHS chapter of the FHA this year is called Families First, a program aimed at helping to raise awareness of the increasing negative forces families face as society changes and to encourage members to find positive ways of problem-solving.

In this national peer program, members plan, coordinate and carry-out activities that help themselves, their peers, and others become stronger family members.

Project leaders have recently had club members involved in family related activities. They have been decorating boxes and filling each one with items children would enjoy such as crayons, coloring books, and stickers and donating them to the local Department of Social Services to be given to area children.

Senior Crystal Childress has begun regular visits to a primary

class at Brodhead Elementary to help the teacher work on a self-esteem project with students.

Committee directors are planning a coloring contest in the primary grades a bit later.

Members also recently conducted a survey to determine some of the most common family-related stresses and problems they face.

At the December club meeting, Brenda Lawson, from the Positive People, a motivational agency based in London, spoke to the club about things that stand in the way of good intra-family relationships.

Faculty sponsor Renee Smith is pleased the club has initiated this new project. "Students need to learn the importance of strong families and how it impacts the lives of the members."

FHA's Families First activities directors are Shalanta Nicely and Crystal Childress.



BEST WISHES
to the Staff and Students
at RCHS
during this
Special Season
of the year!

from

Jeff Burdette

Rockcastle County Attorney

Junior chosen outstanding KYA delegate; two win court case

by Rissie Griffin

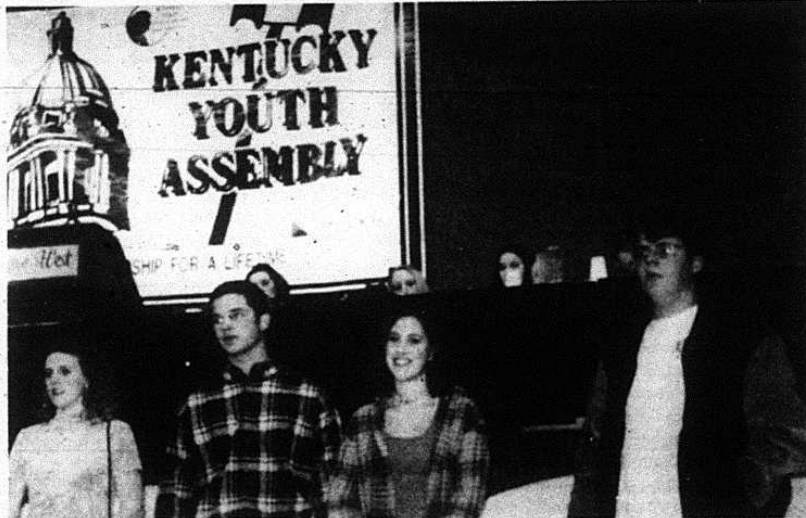
A junior at RCHS received the honor of being named one of 12 Outstanding Delegates from the 1,706 students who recently attended the Kentucky Youth Assembly (KYA) in Frankfort.

Andy Hale was chosen for the honor by the 50 advisors attending the conference.

The RCHS delegation of 36 Y Club members had other successes as well as they participated in student run and organized model government. They wrote and presented bills, participated in committees, argued cases, and ran the legislature.

Adam Holt and Nathaniel Bullock won the high court case they argued against Lexington Catholic concerning the issue of whether or not it is constitutional to place the ten commandments in the classrooms.

Adam, who has attended KYA five times, said the victory was "sweeter because it was Lexington Catholic since they beat us in football."



Andy Hale, second from left, recently chosen Outstanding Delegate at the KYA convention, is shown with three of the eleven other students who received this honor.

Two bills written by RCHS students were successful in the legislature.

Andy Hale and Nathan DeLeon co-authored a bill requiring

persons responsible for homeschooling their children to have the minimum of a GED themselves. The bill passed the

both houses and was signed into law by the governor.

Stephanie Dobbs and Tammy Renner co-authored a bill requiring schools to use a filtering


service on the Internet. The act passed the House, but was defeated in the Senate.

Jamie Owens and Chad Silvers lobbied with other delegates for the passage of these bills.

RCHS was represented in all three programs of the KYA which include: the Premier Program for 9th and 10th graders who debate and hear speakers on topics such as capital punishment, abortion, and tobacco issues; the Senior KYA for upperclassmen who participate in model government acting as legislators, and legislative leaders; and the Model Supreme Court where students are judges and lawyers arguing cases.

Mr. Adam Coleman and Ms. Debbie Coleman, both social studies teachers at RCHS accompanied the students.

"This was by far the best group of students I have ever traveled with in my six years of teaching," said Ms. Coleman. Mr. Coleman said he was pleased with our delegates successes and felt they represented the high school very well.



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"Setting the Country"

Cadets go rapelling, make rockets, winterize homes

by Staff Sergeant Leah Adams
JROTC Public Affairs Officer

Cadets spend Saturday rapelling

by Staff Sergeant Leah Adams
JROTC Public Affairs Officer

The fall day was chilly at first as a group of JROTC cadets from RCHS piled on the bus at 8:30 a.m., but warmed up quickly when the sun came out as the group made their way to Barbourville for a day of repelling with the Kentucky National Guard.

The day began with a brief class on tying Swiss seats and a demonstration of rapelling followed. One by one cadets tied their seats and walked up the stairs to the top of the tower.

Slowly but surely ----cadets backed their heels off the side of the wall and repelled down. Each cadet was given the chance to rapel at least once, but most went down two, three, and some even four times.

Some braver cadets (including J.R. Baker, Adrian Isaacs, Kyle Fletcher, Newt Robinson, Jessie Clouse, and Joe Clark) had the nerve to rapel Australian style, which is head first.

Upcoming events include winterization project, fund raisers, and Christmas parade

December holds many special events for JROTC cadets. Along with bake sales, dances, and the annual Christmas parade, Cadets plan to participate in a winterization project.

Around twenty cadets, under the supervision of a professional carpenter, will "winterize" a house for an elderly couple in Rockcastle County. Winterizing may include anything from hanging insulation to laying new carpet. Everyone is eagerly anticipating the results.

LET 2 and LET 4 cadets make and fire model rockets

Studying American Military History is one part of the curriculum for JROTC cadets. LET 2 and LET 4 cadets have worked in small groups to construct replicas of rockets used in the military.

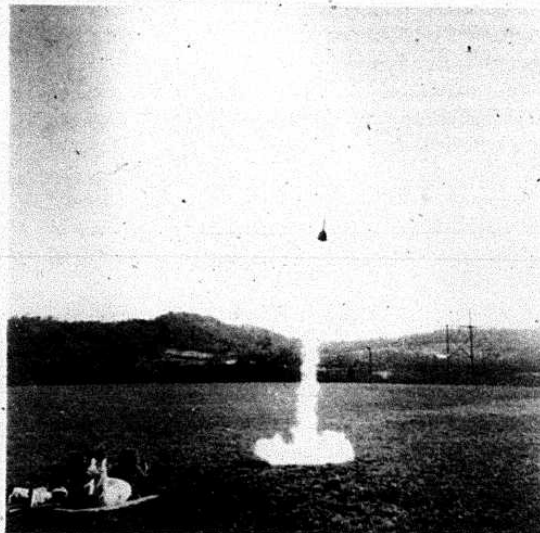
Each group started out with a simple rocket kit, but with hours of gluing, measuring, and painting, they have created some very real-looking models. Some of these replicas including the Patriot Missile, SR-71 Blackbird, and the Bull Pup are on display in the lower hall.

Along with the building of a rocket, cadets were also required to write a research paper about their rocket. They have had access to the library and the internet to look up as much research as possible to include in their papers.

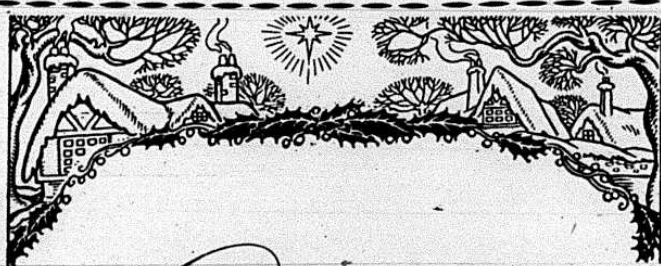
Once each rocket was finished, they spent the entire class period November seventeenth launching their rockets and calculating the distance each one went. A few days prior to the launching date, Ms. Dawn Quigley, math teacher,

taught the cadets the proper way to calculate the distance and

height using some trigonometry skills.



Leslie Rowland and Becky Renner watch as their SR-71 Blackbird races toward the sky.



Merry
Christmas

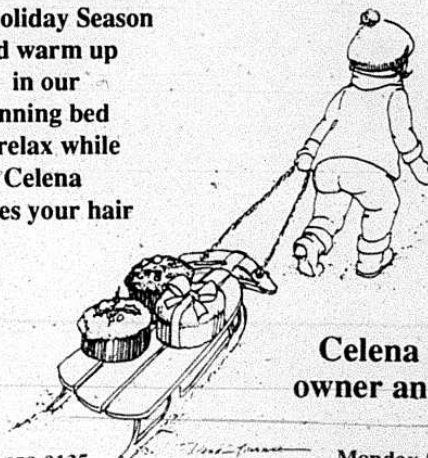
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Remember the idealistic hangouts portrayed in "Happy Days" (Arnold's) and "Saved by the Bell" (The Max) where kids could go after school to enjoy the company of friends and fellow classmates, chow down on greasy, yet affordable food, listen to completely spazzy music, and consider themselves cool?

Well, that was television, and the reality of the situation is that there are no places like that in sunny, downtown Mt. Vernon, which looks slightly like a time-warped town of the 1950's.

Without a real place "to go" in this countrified county, kids and adults alike, have found a different means of socializing after the 3 o'clock hour ---cruising (and sometimes gathering).

Cruising (aka cruisin') which has somehow captured the imagination of youth everywhere, has become one of the most popular forms of enjoying oneself in this otherwise boring neighborhood over the past few years.

What do we need to cruise? (a) a car...duh! (b) a license...duh, again! (c) friends to ride along so you don't look pathetic (d) a high tolerance for monotony.

The reason you need a high tolerance for monotony is that passing the same landmarks, the same cars, and the same people for hours on end can become rather discouraging.

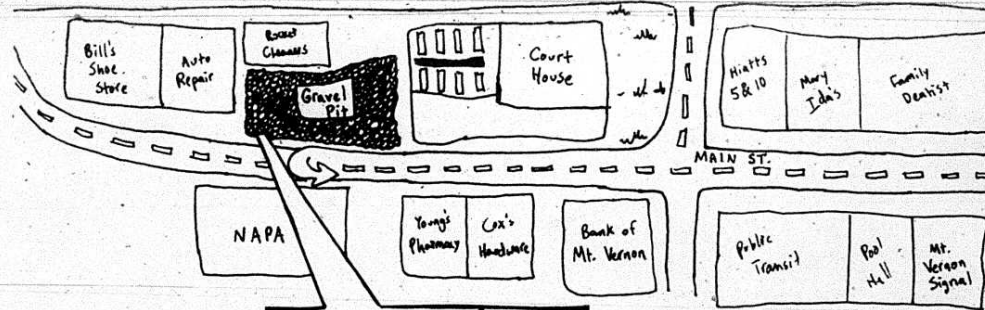
So what makes cruisin' so appealing? Some galavant the bumpy, two-lane streets of Mt. Vernon as a means of passing the time away. Some people are on the lookout for interesting occurrences that may arise (a fire, a wreck, a drug-bust). Newly licensed drivers do it because they think they are supposed to and think it makes them look cool. Others do it because chicks dig it...yeah, right! Yet others do it without knowing why and without thinking about it. But the real reason is that there is nothing else to do in this dried-up, fried, forgotten town.

What is it in the teenage psyche that causes them to drive the same 0.7 mile stretch, burn endless gallons of gas, and spend countless hours of perfectly good time cruisin'?

Consider this: if you cruised town from NAPA to the Tobacco Barn and back 34 or 35 times, you could have driven to Lexington using the the same amount of gas, the same number of miles, and probably in less time.

Along the cruisin' route, though, there are some mediocre hangouts that have gained popularity in years past. The Gravel Pit, probably the most popular (with high schoolers at least), is a small unpaved parking lot where cars filled with rambunctious teens can meet and associate. The parking lot in front of the Health Department, an unlikely hangout in more exciting cities, and the Mt. Vernon Car Wash next to Dairy Mart, are the two other off-beat hangouts.

Although questions like, "Why cruise?" and "Is it just a passing fad?" may go unanswered, cruisin' seems to be the norm of the hour, as well as the lone form of entertainment in tiny Rockcastle County.



When asked "Do you cruise town?," surprisingly, many students felt that it was pointless.

(It should be noted that cruisin' has become popular among adults and recent high school graduates, which could account for the rush hour traffic almost everyday.)



**FEATURE
BY
JOSH
MCKIBBEN**

Heather Burton - "Sometimes, but I usually don't have time to."

Kristy Whitter - "No, but I will when I'm 16."

Adam Holt - "No, because I have to work."

Wendy Himes - "No. What's the point?"

Chad Silvers - "It's worth a couple of laps around."

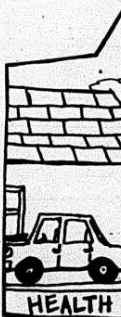
Tammy Renner - "No, because I don't have time."

Cliff Matekovich - "No. Think of the gas money."

Marybeth Browning - "No because it's a waste of gas."

Aatish Patel - "No, because it's a waste of gas. But I do go to the Gravel Pit sometimes."

**CRUISIN'
MT. VERNON**



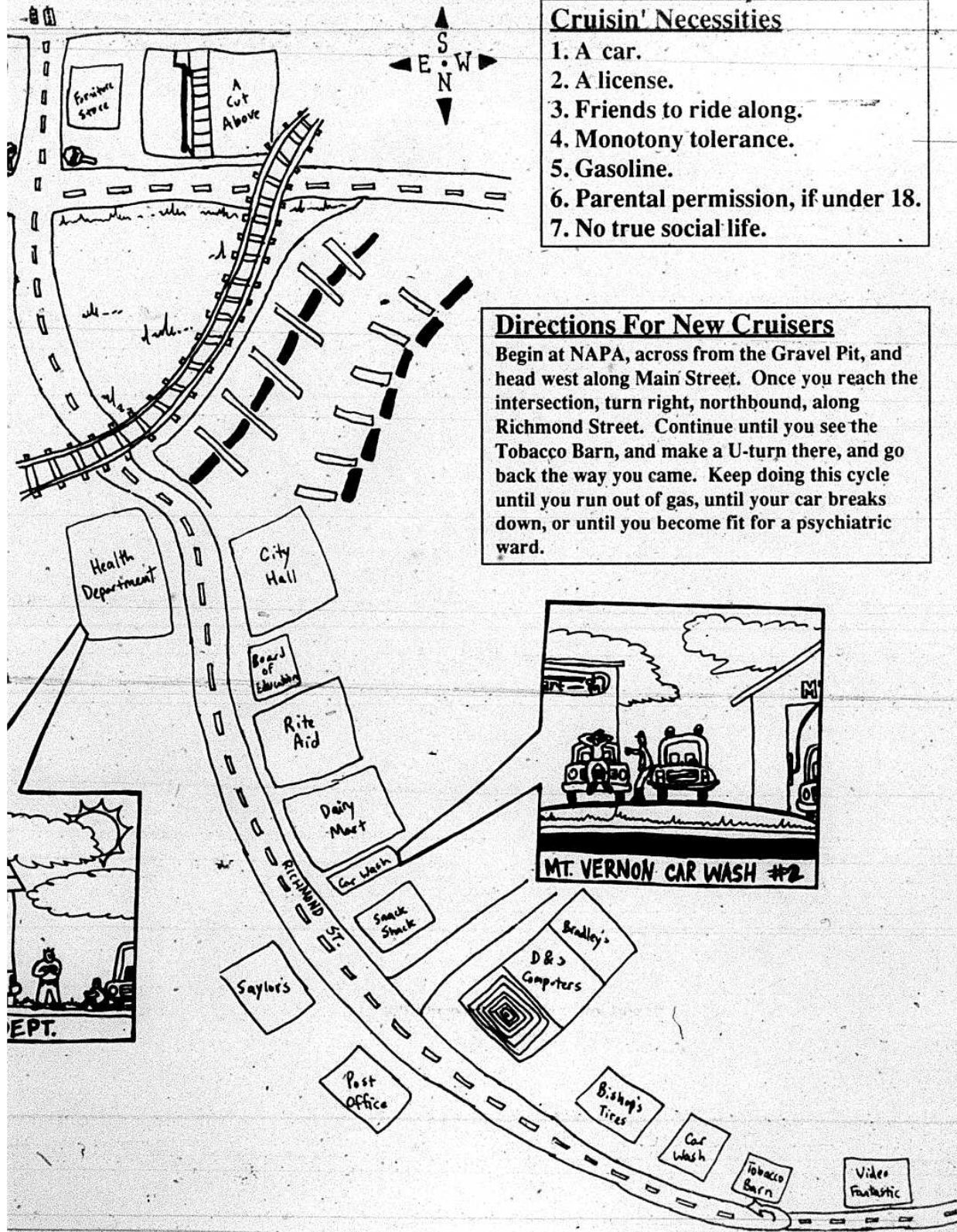
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Cruisin' Necessities

1. A car.
2. A license.
3. Friends to ride along.
4. Monotony tolerance.
5. Gasoline.
6. Parental permission, if under 18.
7. No true social life.

Directions For New Cruisers

Begin at NAPA, across from the Gravel Pit, and head west along Main Street. Once you reach the intersection, turn right, northbound, along Richmond Street. Continue until you see the Tobacco Barn, and make a U-turn there, and go back the way you came. Keep doing this cycle until you run out of gas, until your car breaks down, or until you become fit for a psychiatric ward.



Book Reviews



by
Glennys
Pulliam

Book Chat



The Word On Words

Is Kissing a Girl Who Smokes Like Licking an Ashtray? confusing, but has good story line

This first book I have ever read by Randy Powell is the classic story of boy meets girl, but is in love with another girl so almost misses right girl because of blind puppy love.

In other words, this book sometimes makes the reader want to reach in, shakes Biff's shoulders, and yell, "Hello? Anybody Home? Perfect girl right over there!"

Biff Shmurr, the main character, is 18 and a senior who while on spring break, meets Heidi, a gum-chewing, cigarette-smoking 15 year-old.

She's loud, opinionated, and completely his opposite, but she's good company.

Eventually, Biff realizes that his perfect girl isn't the ideal Tommie Isaacs, whom he's been crushing over for two years, but Heidi, who's not exactly perfect, but is right for him and is right under his nose.

This book has a good storyline, but sometimes how it gets from one place to another confused me. However, I do recommend it. **Rating:*****

The Dreamer well-written, but pointless

The Dreamer, by L.D. Pierce, is a true horror novel. Ashley had always felt a sense of protectiveness over her baby sister, but then something starts to happen. She begins to have dreams that are more

and more disturbing. She dreams a demon has control of her little sister and then one day she enters the nurse's office and the demon is standing over the baby.

The house maid, Vernette, assures Ashley that her dreams are ESP in disguise. Slowly Ashley understands the dreams and realizes the threat to her sister. She convinces her friends to help her use the plans brought forth in her dreams against the demon.

I enjoyed the book, but it was of course, a horror novel. Even though it was well-written, it seemed pointless somehow. **Rating:****

Goodbye Doesn't Mean Forever, a touching story

Lurlene McDaniel has always written good books, but this one truly touched me. It's called *Goodbye Doesn't Mean Forever*.

Jory Delany is a member of a rich family, and she has always done everything she should to make her leukemic friend, Melissa Austin, comfortable.

Then, despite all the chemotherapy, Melissa dies. Jory is left alone to deal with the loss of her best friend and a pushy, socialite mother.

After struggling with her loneliness, Jory learns to turn her anger into hope and inspiration like Melissa wanted. Somehow, she finds people that can help her deal with her loneliness, and she gains a new outlook on life.

I definitely recommend this book. **Rating:****1/2**

More books soon to arrive at the library

by Nikki Barnett

According to Ms. Janet Wells, school librarian, 200 more library books are due to arrive any day now. This shipment will bring books dealing with such areas as chemistry, art, film, history, literature, science, social studies, and biology books.

Piers Anthony and Phyllis Whitney books will also be arriving. Of all the books in the library Ms. Wells now has approximately 2184 of them with Accelerator Reader tests.

Students should return books

Ms. Wells would like to remind students that they need to return all of their library books.

The sooner students return their books to Ms. Wells the sooner she can get all the books on the library computer.

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Reviews



by Josh McKibben

Avoid seeing 'Mortal Kombat' sequel

The only thing worse than the first "Mortal Kombat" movie was the sequel, "Mortal Kombat: Annihilation."

This movie was one of those movies that stresses special effects over plot. Unless you're a "Nintendaholic" and a Mortal Kombat junky, you're lost.

This picture pits some of the most pathetic actors to grace the screen, with the producers hiring former American Gladiators (Sabre, Malibu) to play major roles.

"Mortal Kombat: Annihilation" is filled with senseless cartoon violence, overly-corny punchlines, and an industrial/dance score that will put you to sleep.

This film was intended for simple-minded morons and was almost as boring as watching WCW Monday Nitro. I don't think "Mortal Kombat: Annihilation" will be getting any Academy Awards nominations this year.

Metallica 'un-loads' musical genius

Metallica

Re-Load

Elekta Records

Rating: 7 out of 10

While most bands are releasing new albums every two years, leave it to rock visionaries Metallica to release two albums in a little over a year.

In 1996 "Load" was the beginning of a whole new era for Metallica, shedding most of their grunge/metal act and donning a toned-down, hard-rock persona.



All Regional Band

Three RCHS band members were recently selected for All-Regional Band. From left John Partin, left, was awarded third part, third chair; Glennys Pulliam, first part first chair; and Derrick Dooley, third chair, second part.

"Re-load" is just another chapter in the evolution of James Hetfield & Co., bashing out a wide variety of compositions. "The Memory Remains," the first single, could almost be considered a heavy metal track, but is lightened by guest Marianne Faithfull's moaning "la-

da-da-da da-da-da."

The follow-up to "The Unforgiven" from Metallica's "Black Album" comes in the form of "The Unforgiven II," a surreal voyage into the creation of a grunge ballad. The real sleeper here, though, is "Low Man's Lyric," an entrancing

mix of wild west rustling music, Irish folk and dark, poetry pop.

This album could just as well be called "Un-loaded" because Metallica unloads their entire arsenal of musical genius and opens up to a much broader listening audience.

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