

Lady Rockets prepare for 49th District Tournament

by Angela Owens and Jamie Owens

A great milestone was made last year by the Rockcastle County High School girls' varsity basketball team who finished with a record of 26-6, to captured the title of 49th District Champions.

Once again district tournament time is here, and once again the Lady Rockets have had a successful year.

Coach Chrysti Noble said, "I never dreamed with the loss of four starters we would have such a successful season." The record is 15-9.

Last year's team sparked a new interest for girls' basketball at the Rock, and due to this fact, much anticipation is placed upon this year's district tournament.

"I'm really excited about the tournament. If we play to our ability and really play our hearts out, we have the potential to become 49th District Champs again. The key is to take it one game at a time," said Coach Noble.

The Lady Rockets will play the first game of the girls' tournament against the Jackson

County Generals.

If they win the game they will most likely play Clay County for the Championship.

Of the three other teams in the 49th District (Clay County, Jackson County, and Oneida), Clay County is ranked number one and is favored to win the tournament; however Rockcastle

is ranked second and has given Clay County reason to fear.

Sophomore Brooke Roberts added, "I'm really positive. We are well-prepared. All I can say is they better get our name right at region."

The district tournament will be held February 24-26 at Clay County High School.

Boys enter tournament with winning season and high hopes

by Jeff French

Crunch time... when games in the regular season no longer matter.

"We've had good success, but all can be forgotten if we don't advance past district to region. That's our team goal," said Coach Clayton Cash.

The Rocket boys' team plays its first district game at Clay County against Jackson on Tuesday, February 24. Rockcastle is ranked second in the district

and fourth in the region. Clay County is ranked first.

"All we have to do is win our first game to get to region. Then we will play either Clay or Oneida for runner-up," said Coach Cash.

"I feel we are a lot quicker than Jackson, and I think we are a better defensive team.

"We really have to play hard because they aren't going to give the game to us. They're going to come out fired up; they want to prove they're capable of playing."

"I feel pretty good about the game. It's been so long since we've been to the region and it's about time we go. We have accomplished one of two goals this year. We have already had a winning season; now we want to go to the region," said sophomore Andrew Cash.

The Rockets finished the season with a record of 18-7, the first winning season in 20 years.

There are five seniors on this year's basketball team. They are

Blake Childress, Dusty McClure, Jon Brown, Travis Anderkin, and Billy Kirby.

"Although they have been on three losing teams, these seniors have stuck with it for four years. They all have improved and play a lot better. I'm proud of the seniors and cherish the time I've been with them," said Coach Cash.

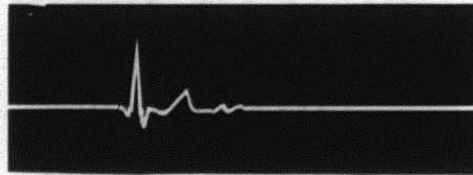
Although the two senior captains Travis and Dusty, are not starting, they contribute to the whole team effort.

"I feel that we have prepared all season for this goal. We have the better team, and all we have to do is prove it," said Dusty McClure.

"If we work hard and play as a team, we'll have a good chance of winning," commented senior John Brown.

The Rockets will stay with the normal line-up for the Jackson County game. "The quick, defensive line-up," said Coach Cash.

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Two seniors play football in Australia this summer

by Angela Owens

Most high school seniors are looking forward to graduation, college or other preparation for their adult life, but seniors Dusty McClure and John LaFevers are looking beyond graduation for a special reason.

They're worried about more than filling out cap and gown sizes; they have the responsibility of getting a passport to travel to a different country.

This past football season, Dusty and John, varsity football players for the Rockets, qualified for the Courier Journal's All-State team.

As a result of this honor, they have been invited by International Sports Specialists Inc. to participate (along with about 30 other senior football players from all four divisions in Kentucky) in the Down-Under Bowl to be held in Queensland, Australia this summer.

According to Dusty, the bowl is an effort to acquaint the Australians with American



Dusty McClure

football. He said the program has been implemented for several years, however, this is the first time Kentucky athletes have participated.

The two students will leave from Lexington June 30, traveling to Los Angeles and then on to Brisbane, Australia.

They will be playing in a mini-tournament of two or three games against Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Washington.



John LaFevers

In order for members of the Kentucky team to get acquainted, they will practice at least once in Lexington before they leave.

Not only are there scheduled practice sessions and games, but they are given time to see the sights of Australia and spend some time on the beaches and at amusement parks.

After an eight-day stay in Queensland, they will travel to Hawaii for three days of rest

and sightseeing before returning home July 12.

The boys are extremely excited about the upcoming event. John said, "I think this will be a good opportunity to visit a totally different country and to get to play a few more football games."

John said his parents were very excited about this once in a lifetime opportunity.

They weren't reluctant about letting him go because they felt as if it would be a good experience.

Dusty's parents on the other hand were kind of reluctant to let him go because of the dangers, but then decided it would be best to support his decision and encourage him in all he will be participating in.

Dusty said "I'm looking forward to seeing the sights more than anything."

The only thing that the boys have to worry about now is the cost of \$2,715 each will have to contribute in order to go.

They are raising this money

by soliciting donations from community businesses and people who want to help them go.

The boys are working hard and making contacts. Any donations are being divided equally.

Besides the cost of the trip, all they will need is spending money which they are also trying to save.

Other than that they're ready to go. "I'm ready to go today," said Dusty.

"I feel that it is great, and it could be a really big adventure. The overseas experience is one that is never forgotten," said Mr. Tom Larkey, head football coach.

Mr. Tony Saylor, assistant coach said, "John and Dusty have worked extremely hard the past four years and have been a tremendous asset to the football program. I am pleased to see them rewarded with this great opportunity. It not only rewards their football efforts, but it will provide them with an opportunity that most people will never have."

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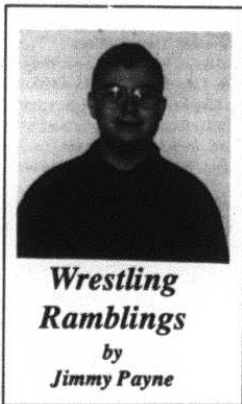
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WrestleMania XIV will live up to tradition; Stone Cold said so



Wrestling Ramblings
by
Jimmy Payne

WrestleMania Tradition

On February 9, WCW Monday Nitro prompted me to go back in time and watch one of the greatest matches of all time, back to Trump Plaza where the Mega Powers exploded for the World Championship at WrestleMania V.

Watching perhaps the best performance of Randy Savage's career, I saw him leap from one turnbuckle halfway across the ring thrilling the fans as he dropped the big elbow.

Then in one of the defining moments of his career, Hulk Hogan, the challenger, threw Macho Man off at the count of two.

Hogan got to his knees and shook his head, seeming to be impervious to pain, as his feet wagged and the finger pointed. Three right hands, big boot, and he leaped about four feet in the air, weighing 303 pounds, and hit the legdrop, a move that at the time that would have pinned anybody.

With WrestleMania XIV on the way, one can only hope for the same kind of meaning and talent displayed by Savage and Hogan almost nine years ago.

With the epic main events the WWF always seems to produce, I am not worried in the least. It seems every year somehow revolves around WrestleMania and the moment seems to take care of itself.

This year the WWF will have the best match possible as a main event when Stone Cold Steve Austin meets the Heart Break Kid Shawn Michaels for the WWF Championship, with the enforcer "Iron" Mike Tyson as the special guest referee.

WrestleMania always seems to bring out the best in athletes. It is the event that everyone wants to see, and all the wrestlers want to be at. For the past 13 years WrestleMania has been the event everyone talks about, and no matter if you are a WWF

or WCW fan, WrestleMania is the event to see.

New WWF Talent

Rocky Maivia has definitely come into his own since becoming a member of the Nation. He is the best young wrestler to come along in a while. The Rock is the wrestler to watch; he has the talent to become the World Champion and be a premiere athlete in the WWF. There are two wrestling qualities you must have to succeed in wrestling: personality and talent.

When The Rock first came to the WWF, he had talent but no personality. Since becoming the self proclaimed "best @\$ Intercontinental Champion there ever was," he has developed a personality of his own.

The New Age Outlaws are two wrestlers that couldn't have survived much longer without one another. They are talent the WWF has helped to develop into superstars.

Here's what you have: The Roaddog Jesse James, a disciple of the Armstrong Clan and the only one with the guts to use his real name and stop living off old Bullet Bob. The Roaddog was an interesting manager for Jeff Jarrett in 1995, but when he tried to come back and go on his own last year, he was a bore.

The moment he joined up with Billy Gunn, it was instant tag team magic!

But then again, should we have expected less from anyone who tagged with Billy Gunn? He has held the tag titles on four different occasions, one of only two men who has ever done so.

When Billy Gunn was first with the Smoking Gunns, he was so talented that he could be a future Intercontinental Champion, but when he converted into Rockabilly, his career quickly disintegrated. In a way the Roaddog saved his career.

Recent legislation aimed at referee protection

A bill that would automatically make it a felony to assault any sports official (referee) in Kentucky recently passed the House by an overwhelming majority and is expected to glide through the Senate.

The legislation is an attempt to make it clear to coaches, players or fans who may become angry over calls that physical attacks on referees will not be tolerated.



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ON THE EDGE

by Josh McKibben
This month, we look at funny ways to order a pizza.

If using a touch-tone phone, press random numbers while ordering. Ask the person taking the order to stop doing that.

Belch directly into the mouthpiece; then tell your dog it should be ashamed.

Do not name the toppings you want. Rather, spell them out.

Move the mouth-piece farther and farther from your lips as you speak. When the call ends, jerk the mouthpiece back into place and scream "GOODBYE!" at the top of your lungs.

Order a Big Mac Extra Value Meal.

Put the accent on the last syllable of "pepperson." Use the long "i" sound.

When they say, "What would you like?" - say, "Huh? Oh, you mean now."

Tell the order taker a rival pizza place is on the other line and you're going with the lowest bidder.

Imitate the order taker's voice.

Give them your address, exclaim, "Oh, just surprise me!" and hang up.

Stutter on the letter "p."

Ask if they're familiar with the term "spanking a pizza." Make up a description to go with the term. Ask that this be done to your pizza.

While on the phone, fake entering puberty.

Order one of those "Personality Pan" pizzas.

Dear Gabby,

When my boyfriend is mad, he punches and breaks things. He has never hurt me, but he still scares me. What should I do?

Scared Girlfriend

Dear Scared,

You definitely have a reason to be concerned. Although he's never hurt you, there's always that chance that his temper could escalate to not only punching walls, but you.

Explain to him that his behavior scares you, and you're worried that he might hurt you, or even himself. Suggest alternatives in venting his anger by punching a pillow or counting to ten. If he doesn't comply with your suggestions, you need to get out of the relationship before something serious happens.

Gabby

Dear Gabby,

I am terribly shy and I can't seem to fit in anywhere. For years I have convinced myself that it wasn't MY fault. I told myself that the certain individuals I most wanted to notice and possibly like me were just being snobby, on account of my physical appearance. (To be perfectly frank, I was terribly overweight. More to the point, I looked like a pig.)

I tested this theory by spending more time around them during breaks at school, simply waiting to be noticed. Unfortunately, my theory seemed true.

Normally, this wouldn't bother me, but during my senior year, I have changed greatly. (Not so I could win the attention of others.) Only a select handful of people at this high school do I consider friends. This hurts too much to bear. What can I do?

Covered

Dear Cornered,

If you have really changed for yourself, why do others' opinions matter so much? You may be

trying to draw attention to yourself, and it may have a negative effect.

By trying to involve yourself in this group, you are also setting yourself up for even more hurt. These people you talk about sound insensitive and superficial, or they could see the worth of everyone, not their physical appearance.

If you have a handful of friends, count yourself lucky. Cherish these friendships. When times get tough, your true friends will come through for you. The people that really count, even if there is only a handful, will more than suffice. These are the friends that really count and the only ones you should really worry about. Also, look around for other people who need a friend and be one to them. Your whole outlook might change.

Gabby

Dear Gabby,

As a senior, I have found myself to be frightened when the subject of the future comes up. I avoid the subject and get depressed that I haven't achieved all I could have. Though my accomplishments are better than average, to me they are mere necessities, and I always see undone things piling up in front of me. The pressures of deadlines and getting into a good college frightens me. Depression sets in when I look back at my friends and I think I may never see them again. Usually, poetry helps, but recently this escape has been futile. Please tell me how I could overcome this!

Sad

Dear Sad,

This advice may not help you now, but time will take care of your fears. Exciting things lie ahead for you. What you have or not done is in the past. Make the most of what you can do from here on out.

Gabby

Contest of Errors

by Josh McKibben

The Rocket staff wishes to apologize for the January issue, Volume 14 - Number 5. Although the staff does pride itself on the high quality of news it reports and the format and design of the newspaper, we do, frown on errors. The January edition of *The Rocket* was plagued with errors, mostly typos and careless mistakes.

The staff would like to lighten the trauma we felt as we began to discover the errors (after the paper was printed, of course) with a proposal. Pick up your old issue of the January *Rocket* and start searching for errors.

Keep a running tab of the number of errors you find, and write down your name and the final tally on the coupon below. This must be accompanied by the newspaper on which you have highlighted the errors you found. Return the coupon and the newspaper to Room 115, and wait for the results of this contest in the March paper.

The student, or faculty member, who finds the most errors in our paper, will receive the March issue of *The Rocket*, free of charge. Happy hunting!

Error Contest

Name _____

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HOROSCOPES

Aries (Mar. 21-April 20) -Your usual active nature will lead to much enjoyment this month. Go hiking or play basketball. Plan a special evening with that certain someone. Best Love Matches: Aquarius, Sagittarius, Leo, Cancer.

Taurus (April 21-May 21) -Show your compassionate side which is usually kept hidden. Someone close will need that extra boost of confidence. Valentine's Day brought you that special someone; don't let this someone slip away. Best Love Matches: Virgo, Capricorn, Cancer, Pisces.

Gemini (May 22-June 21) -Let cupid do his job. Let someone that you have been keeping at a distance into your life. Take the time to tell your parents how much they're appreciated. Best Love Matches: Aquarius, Leo, Libra, Aries.

Cancer (June 22-July 23) -You've finally found the one you think will be the big love of your life. Don't let a so called "friend" come between your love and happiness. Remember that no one is perfect. Something will happen to try your patience. Best Love Matches: Taurus, Pisces, Scorpio, Gemini.

Leo (July 24-Aug. 23) -Your daring self will get you involved in a very scary and important matter. The sympathy and respect you gave someone will be returned to you in your time of need. Accept it graciously. Best Love Matches: Aries, Gemini, Libra, Sagittarius

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 23) -Your perfectionist attitude is going to get you in trouble with friends; let go of that, but don't let go of your sensitive side. It is what endears you to others. Best Love Matches: Taurus, Libra, Scorpio, Capricorn.

Libra (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) - The limelight is coming your way along with a special friend that soon will become more. Don't over-use your charm; it could backfire more than once. Express your appreciation toward a friend--he may need it. Best Love Matches: Gemini, Aquarius, Leo, Sagittarius.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -Don't hold all your feelings in. Pent up feelings can cause serious health and emotional problems. Your special someone is there to stay so don't be insecure. Valentine's Day brought lots of surprises--be sure to appreciate. Best Love Matches: Aries, Leo, Libra, Aquarius.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Finish up that forgotten assignment; it might help you pass a class you are having problems with and make your parents so proud of you. Your special someone is right under your nose. Give it some time. Fate is on your side. Best Love Matches: Aries, Leo, Libra, Aquarius. **Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)** -Don't let your shyness get the best of you. Take a chance and to talk to that person you have had a secret crush on. It takes guts, but you can do it; the effort will pay off. Best Love Matches: Taurus, Virgo, Scorpio, Pisces.

Aquarius (Jan 21-Feb. 19) - Take advantage of your desire to be independent; a special person is getting ready to walk in your life--watch out for them. Appearances can be deceiving. Best Love Matches: Gemini, Libra, Aries, Sagittarius.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) -Your romantic side will be very strong, along with your love for helping others. You will have extremely good luck--especially with relationships. Best Love Matches: Taurus, Cancer, Scorpio, Capricorn.

Cupid-Cute Couples

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Brian Doan & Tabitha Woodall Doan

Kelly Lane & Brent Shehan

Clifton Matekovich & Tara Abney

Josh Singleton & Angela Owens

Travis Anderkin & Jennifer Carmack

Brooks Ingram & Paula Marcum

Michael Parsons & Ashley Holt

Say "An you are this in Pizza Place?" When they say yes, say, "Well, so is this!" You've got some catching up to do!" When they finally offer proof that it is, in fact, Pizza Place, start to cry and ask, "Do you know what it's like to be lied to?"

Change your accent every three seconds.

Ask if they would like to sample your pizzas. Suggest an even trade.

When he/she says, "Will that be all?" -agitter and say, "Well! Find out, won't we!"

Say, "Hello," act stunned for five seconds; then behave as if he/she called you.

Say it's your anniversary and you'd appreciate if the deliverer hid behind some furniture and wait for your spouse to arrive so you can surprise him/her.

Order a slice, not a whole pizza.

Make the first topping you order mushroom. Make the last thing you say, "And no mathrooms, please." Hang up before they have a chance to respond.

Get order taker's name. Later, call exactly on the hour to say, "This is your (time of day)/week-speak, (name)." Hang up.

Tell them to put the crust on top this time.

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News Brief

Somerset attorney arrested

A Somerset attorney was arrested Monday morning shortly before he was scheduled to represent a client in Rockcastle District Court. According to court records, when Rockcastle Deputy Sheriff Tim Cameron administered a portable breath test to attorney Charles McEnroe, the reading was .269.

Rockcastle County Attorney Jeff Burdette said McEnroe, 53, of Leaf Lane, Somerset, was due in court to represent a woman charged with operating on a suspended license, but was not able to do so because of his arrest.

The attorney was charged with alcohol intoxication and placed in the Rockcastle County jail. He was later released on his own recognizance and is due back in Rockcastle District Court on March 11.

Charges filed after shooting in Livingston

A Red Hill man was arrested on Monday night after he was charged with three counts of wanton endangerment.

According to court records, Lee B. Hammond, 44, was arrested after Brady Durham swore out a warrant for his arrest.

In his complaint, Durham said Hammond fired five or six shots into his Livingston home where he, his wife and son were located.

Following his arrest, Hammond was released on a \$15,000 property bond. He is due back in court on March 16 and can have contact with Durham or his family.

Lyle resigns from local 911 board

The City of Livingston is now without a member representing them on the county's 911 board.

Mayor Ed Lyle resigned Monday and has yet to pick a replacement.

(Cont. to A2)

Police find booze at Three Links

State police, and members of Rockcastle Sheriff Shirley Smith's office, raided the home of a Three Links man Tuesday, after receiving several complaints.

State police Detective Gary Lane said Arvil Branstetter, 56, of Three Links was charged with illegal possession of alcohol.

(Cont. to A2)

Bussell asks for help at Brodhead

Broadhead Police Officer Joe Bussell is asking residents in that town for their cooperation in curtailing several break-ins there in recent days.

Bussell said Tuesday that numerous cars and some homes had been broken into, but that he had no suspects.

(Cont. to A2)

Rockets advance to region



For the first time in 12 years, the Rockets are heading to the regional tournament after a 68-59 victory over Jackson County Tuesday night. The Rockets will play in the championship game Thursday (today) against host Clay County at 8:00.

Supreme Court dissolves Bowling's stay of execution

Ronnie Lee Bowling and his court-appointed attorney are using incorrect legal approaches to try to avoid his death sentence, the state Supreme Court ruled last week.

And to prove the point, the justices dissolved a stay of execution, leaving open the door for the signing of a new death warrant.

Bowling, 29, of Clay County, is unlikely to become the second person put to death since Kentucky reinstated the death penalty in 1978. He was sent to Death Row in December, 1992 for killing two service station attendants in separate robberies in Laurel County in 1989. In both instances, Bowling emptied his .38-cal-

iber revolver into the attendants.

One of the men Bowling murdered in 1989, was Rockcastle Minister Marvin Hensley, 48, of Burr, who was shot to death at his Laurel County gas station.

Bowling was also convicted in 1996 of trying to kill Ricky Smith, (Cont. to A2)

Renfro Valley icon for 51 years

Legendary entertainer dies

For 51 years, Old Joe Clark entertained Renfro Valley audiences with his shenanigans, humor and music. On Monday, his family, friends and many fans said goodbye to the well known entertainer.

Clark, 75, died Friday at Pattie A. Clay Hospital in Richmond due to complications of abdominal surgery. Over 400 people attended a memorial service in the Old Barn at Renfro for the first ever inductee into the Renfro Valley Hall of Fame.

Clark was among the first performers to realize the potential of a "festival" setting for Blue Grass and Traditional music and worked the circuit for many years. Clark's own Bluegrass Festival, held each fourth of July weekend in Renfro Valley, has become known nationwide as one of the best. The icon of the Renfro Valley Barn Dance began his entertainment career in the mid-30s, when country music was in its infancy.

During a 1995 interview, Clark recalled his first days in the entertainment business as a teenager growing up in east Tennessee.

"Jimmy Rodgers was singing 'T for Texas,' the Carter Family was picking 'Wildwood Flower,' and Manuel Dewey Clark, Jr., was fiddling it all," he said.

A young Joe Clark won his first banjo picking contest in East Tennessee when he was twelve years old. As a tap dancing, guitar-strumming mountain ballfader, Clark was pinned with the nickname "Speedy" and joined the ranks of a local band that was playing schoolhouses and theaters throughout East Tennessee.

After twelve years of learning his craft as an all-around entertainer, he then made his way to the Renfro Valley Barn Dance. It was after serving in World War II that Joe returned to the Valley to become one of the Lonesome Pine Boys. This popular group joined the Renfro Valley cast in the summer of 1946 and quickly became crowd favorites.

John Lair, Renfro Valley's founder, recognized Clark's potential as a full-time comic and helped him develop an old man character he called, "Uncle Joe Clark" in the early

50s. Soon, he adopted the label of "Old Joe Clark," after a popular fiddle song of the day.

Clark's fame grew over radio, television and movies. He appeared in such classics as *Country Music on Broadway*, *Second Fiddle to a Siee Guitar*, and *Marshall of Sleepy Hollow*.

He played stints on the Grand Ole Opry with illustrious performers of the day such as Bill Monroe. Old Joe Clark, the man, came to overshadow the character in the famous song. He shared some of the same attributes, however; an irresistibly, ornery attitude, hilarious country humor and a fantastic lick on the five-string banjo.

Old Joe's youngest boy, Terry, jumped on the stage one night when he was five years old and stood on a chair while Pete Stamper held the guitar.

Old Joe and Terry went on to tickle funny bones and picked banjos together for over twenty years.

"You won't find a single performer on the Renfro Valley stage (Cont. to A2)

Money had been used in general fund

Court must pay back \$86,000 to emergency fund

The days of robbing Peter to pay Paul have finally caught up with the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court.

Last Wednesday, the court voted to lease \$86,680 to be set aside in a protected fund.

That money was received by the county from the federal government through the state's Department of Disaster of Emergency Services at different times from 1991 to 1996.

The problem was that the county used the money to balance their general fund and not for what it was earmarked.

Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Buzz Carlolitus said that although the county had quit using the money over the past two years and set up a special fund for DES, that was not good enough for state and federal officials.

"They told us in so many words that if we did not put that grant money \$86,680 back into the fund where it belonged, we would get no more state

or federal disaster funds. "We were even afraid it might cause us to not get any reimbursement for the cost of cleaning up after the recent snow storm," Carlolitus said. "We really had no choice in the matter," he said.

The county will borrow, or lease, the money from the Kentucky Area Development District and repay it, over time from the general fund.

"The good thing is that all of the county's fire departments, the ambulance service, the sheriff's department, (Cont. to A2)

Altercation at school lands local man in jail

A Mt. Vernon man is behind bars this week after he was charged with three felony counts involving an incident at Mt. Vernon school.

According to Rockcastle County Attorney Jeff Burdette, David Hood, 30, of Paul Street, was charged with intentionally striking Mt. Vernon Elementary School principal Rose Brown with his vehicle last Wednesday afternoon.

Burdette said Hood was parked in the crosswalk at the school, while he went in to pick up his child and when Mrs. Brown requested that the car be moved, Hood made no attempt to do.

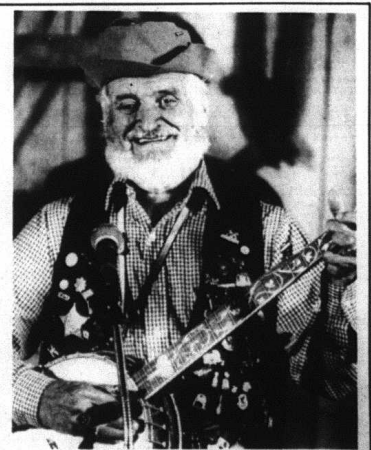
"When Mr. Hood came out of the building after school he backed his car into Mrs. Brown, causing injury and placing some children in harms way," Burdette said.

"After the incident Mr. Hood also called Mrs. Brown and used threatening language, attempting to prevent her from communicating the incident to others," Burdette said.

Hood was charged with wanton endangerment, assault and intimidating a witness.

On Monday, District Judge Walter McGuire refused to lower Hood's bond from \$25,000 cash and set another hearing date of March 2.

Burdette said that if Hood does (Cont. to A2)



"Old Joe" Clark 1922-1998



Deputy Sheriff's Tim Cameron and Darrell Doan and Sheriff Shirley Smith are shown with the beer, whiskey and vodka they helped confiscate, along with Kentucky State Police, Tuesday at the Three Links residence of Arvil Bramstetter.

"Booze"

(Cont. from front)

gal possession of alcohol for the purpose of sale after police found approximately 19 cases of beer and forty pints of whiskey and vodka.

Bramstetter is scheduled to appear in Rockcastle District Court on March 11.

"Lyle resigns"

(Cont. from front)

Rockcastle County Judge Executive Buzz Carlotis said that Lyle will be responsible for choosing someone from Livingston to replace himself, but that if he did not do so, he (Carlotis) would choose a replacement to sit on the nine member

board.

Carlotis also said Edwina Anglin, a former dispatcher for the city of Mt. Vernon had been hired by the board as the director of the county's 911 emergency telephone system.

The Judge also said that as soon as enough dispatchers receive their certification, the basic 911 would go into operation in the county.

"Court must pay"

(Cont. from front)

ment and other emergency agencies will get some much needed communications equipment," he said.

"If we don't get some help to pay the cost of the clean-up, I'm not sure what we will do," he said.

The county has estimated that it cost them over \$125,000 to clean up after the storm. In order for the county to receive federal funds, the President must declare a disaster, which he has not done.

"They tell us that because of all of the terrible storms to hit the country in the past few years, federal funds are low and we may not get any help," the Judge said.

The court indeed may not get any help, but that didn't deter local contractors from submitting bills to the court for snow removal.

During Wednesday's meeting the court voted to pay the bills when funds are available.

Those submitting bills to the court included: Jackie Goff, \$7,830, Andy Barnett, \$4,133, Mike Cameron, \$3,897, Kevin Burdine, \$877, Darrell Mason, \$447, Leslie Smith, \$447, Rodger Linnville, \$428, James Carpenter, \$320, Steven Ponder, \$278 and Billy Wynn, \$195.

The court also approved a \$195,000 payment to Elmo Greer and Sons for blacktopping of county roads last fall.

"Altercation"

(Cont. from front)

make bond he can have no contact with Mrs. Brown or anyone at Mt. Vernon Elementary.

Burdette said the case would be presented to the Rockcastle Grand Jury in March.

"Stay dissolved"

(Cont. from front)

owner of Burr Smoco, also in 1989.

The shooting in Rockcastle County with Smith, led to Bowling's arrest and later murder convictions.

His conviction and sentence were upheld by the Kentucky Supreme Court, and the U.S. Supreme Court declined to review his case. Just days after those decisions, Gov. Paul Patton set an execution date.

Attorney Stefanie McArdle said Patton's haste in ordering Bowling put to death usurped judicial authority. McArdle essentially argued that the court should prevent further death warrants until Bowling's appeals are exhausted.

"This is cutting him off at both ends from any access to the courts," McArdle said.

But the justices said there are procedures to be followed and Bowling has not done so.

McArdle said new federal restrictions on death-sentence appeals served to restrict state actions as well.

McArdle said Patton's death warrant forced the Kentucky courts to act, which raised a separation of powers issue between the executive and judicial branches.

Bowling still has several appeals available to him, and any execution is still years away.

There are 31 men under death sentences in Kentucky. Harold McQueen was executed in July, the only person to be put to death in the electric chair in Kentucky since 1962.

"Asks for help"

(Cont. from front)

notify him if they see any thing they think may be suspicious. Bassell's home phone is 758-8918 or his mobile number is 875-1666.

"Old Joe"

Clark dies

(Cont. from front)

who is more loved and respected than Old Joe Clark," said Jane Thorne, Vice President and General Manager at Renfro. "Younger performers and comedians looked up to Old Joe as a model of a successful entertainer. His antics and country humor have served to bring happiness not only to his fellow entertainers, but to everyone who crossed his path," she said. "He has brightened lives and put smiles on faces with his music and laughter and, for fifty-one years, he made the Renfro Valley stage a joyful place," she concluded.

A colorful and eventful 61-year show business career ended in a Richmond hospital Friday morning with the death of Old Joe Clark. Born, Manual Dewey Clark, Jr., in Erwin, Tennessee on August 6, 1922, he became interested in entertainment

at an early age; learning to play guitar and banjo (as well as other instruments) and singing the traditional songs he grew up with. He was fascinated by radio, and even built his own low-powered radio transmitter with the help of a neighborhood boy but the FCC in Washington had not licensed the operation and they had to shut down. But, soon, a local busi-

nessman, Tracy Church, got him on radio (in Johnson City, Tennessee) playing and singing and working stage shows through the tri-state area.

"In the days when Old Joe began his career, the entertainment business was not looked upon kindly," said fellow entertainer and long-time friend, Jim Gaskin.

"His father often suggested strongly that he get into more substantial employment, but the die was cast, he was a natural-born entertainer," Gaskin said.

"The banty-rooster stance, the beat-up hat, striped britches, tall Civil War boots, the vest covered with badges and buttons given him by admiring fans, the snow-white whiskers, the eyes that twinkled behind gold-rimmed glasses, the incessant rap of the banjo and boisterous singing of songs like "Salty Dog" will be missed; especially, the dear old man who brought us all this," Gaskin said.

"Entertainers all over America, from the very young to the very old, knew Old Joe Clark and valued his friendship. He has helped young entertainers as they came up through the ranks, always advising them be yourself; honey; do it your way," he did," Gaskin said.

U.S. SENATOR FOR KENTUCKY

Mitch McConnell

Why Does Our Tax System Punish Married Couples?

O curse of Marriage!
William Shakespeare, *Othello*

Did you know that each year 21 million married couples pay more of their hard earned income in taxes than they would if they were divorced or living together unmarried? Yes, it's true: the federal government's tax policy punishes couples, simply because they are married. This phenomenon is called the "marriage tax penalty," and the average Kentucky couple who pays it, loses \$1,400 each year. Does that make sense to you? It certainly doesn't make sense to me.

Here is how it works. With many families finding that it takes more than one income to pay the bills, more families than ever are relying on two breadwinners to make ends meet. Then, each spring when tax time comes around, couples are required to combine their incomes for the purpose of computing their taxes. Combining their incomes often pushes married couples into a higher tax bracket and thus their hard-earned income is taxed at a higher rate. Whereas a couple who lives together, but is not married, can file separately and be taxed individually on their own incomes, married couples are forced to pay based on their combined income.

I believe that this is simply unfair, and am thus a cosponsor of legislation to bring basic fairness into the tax code. Under the Marriage Tax Elimination Act — which is cosponsored by nearly 40% of the U.S. Senate and over 50% of the House of Representatives — couples would be permitted to file a combined income tax return on which each spouse is taxed separately at the unmarried rate. I believe this will result in a much fairer tax code that does not punish married couples, but places them on equal footing with the rest of the tax payers.

One of the most important reasons why we need to eliminate the marriage tax penalty is to allow families to take home more of their pay. Most of those punished by the marriage tax are couples with children who need every cent they earn. The \$1,400 dollars that they are penalized each year will go a long way towards paying for child care, purchasing a home computer for their children or saving for their future. \$1,400 could clothe an entire family for a year or allow them to make their rent or mortgage payments more manageable. Now who do you think needs this money more: hard working Kentucky families or the federal government?

How can the federal government promote family values while, at the same time, levy this tax penalty on married couples? We need a tax policy that helps families, not frustrates them. Simply put, eliminating the marriage penalty will allow families to keep more of their money and use it to build strong homes and promising futures for their children. Rest assured, I will continue to fight for the elimination of the oft-cursed marriage tax penalty, with the hope that at tax time next year, all taxpayers, single and married, will be on equal footing.

For more information on this issue or any other issue, please feel free to write me at 361A Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20510 or call me at (202) 224-2541. You can also reach me by sending e-mail to my office. My e-mail address is (senator@mcconnell.senate.gov).

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Mt. Vernon Personals

By Vallie Burton

Mattie Newton of Somerset and mother, Vallie Burton were at Shelbyville on Friday. While there they visited David Newton.

Albert York of Hindman visited his mother, Mrs. Ora York during the week-end.

Little John David Hurley celebrated his birthday on February 20th. We wish him many returns of the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Chafic Zenni and daughter of Cincinnati, Ohio were here Sunday to attend the funeral of her great aunt, Ms. Virgie

Spoonamore.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie R. Hamm and son, Shane of Versailles were here during the weekend due to the death of her mother, Mrs. Byrlla Osborne. We extend deepest sympathy to all who have lost loved ones recently. May the Lord comfort each one.

Mattie Newton of Somerset visited her mother, Vallie Burton on Sunday and Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Barron were in Somerset one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Roberts of Rutledge, Tennessee visited her sister, Vallie Burton on Sunday.

Quail News

By Vivian Owens

Mrs. Paul McCully and Lewis Whitaker visited their sister, Mrs. Zelma Hayes and Tommy on Sunday afternoon.

Jacob Jackson of Nicholasville, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jackson, spent Saturday night with his aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bullens.

Mrs. Carolyn Jean McKinney is a patient in the UK Medical Center Hospital at Lexington where she un-

derwent surgery Tuesday, February 24th. She wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, food and kindnesses they have done for her. My prayers are with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Estil J. Owens of Ohio spent Saturday night with his mother, Mrs. Vivian Owens.

Curtis Bullock spent Saturday night with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Delmas Bullock and Kristy.

Willalla News

By Carol Martin

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Reynolds, Jeremy and Torrie were in Daytona Beach, Florida on February 15th to watch the Daytona 500 Auto Race.

R.G. Whitaker is now home from the Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington and is reported feeling much better. R.G. celebrated his 71st birthday on Sunday, February 22 at his home with family present. Mrs. Gerry Owens of Advance, Indiana has returned home after spending a week here visiting family.

On Tuesday night, February 17th, Gerry Owens and Carol Martin hosted a chili supper for family at the new home of Jon Eric Martin. Those present were Don, Noreita, Grant and Jessica Thompson, Thelma Brown, Willis and Ruby Thompson, Dickie and Merita Martin, Tim Martin, Jill and Richard Cash, Josh Martin and David Osborne and Brownie

Martin.

Mrs. Dessie Bullock celebrated her 83rd birthday on February 17th at her home.

Ed Anderson celebrated his 75th birthday on Sunday, February 22nd at his home.

A birthday dinner was held at the home of Jack and Marie Goff on Sunday, February 15 in honor of Marie's father, Jim Stevens' 94th birthday. All of Jim's children were there except one and several grandchildren and great grandchildren were present. We wish Mr. Jim many more birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Goff, Keifer and Keeley, Larry Goff and Donna Coomer spent a week recently in Orlando, Florida and visited Disney World and other points of interest.

Mrs. Arlena Poynter of Lexington

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Mon., March 2nd: No schedule.
Tues., March 3rd: Burr, Pine Hill, Maple Grove, Clinax, and Three Links.

Wed., March 4th: Spiro, Level Green and Willalla.

Thurs., March 5th: Calloway, Red Hill, Livingston and Lamerco.

Rook Tournament

Rook Tournament, sponsored by the Rockcastle Jaycees, Saturday, February 28, 1998 at Rockcastle Teen Center, beginning at 6 p.m. \$10 per team, bring your own partner. First Place Prize is a Coleman Cooler and 2 Pizza Hut pizzas. Second place prize is 2 Pizza Hut pizzas. Contact Twila Burdette at 256-4637 or Lee Cain at 256-5017.

TOPS

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

1977 Class Reunion

RCHS Class of 1977 Reunion Committee is planning a 20-year reunion. We need current addresses of class members. Please send your address or any known address of 77 class members living out-of-town to Phyllis Deatherage, Rt. 1 Box 184, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.

Retired Teachers

February meeting of the Rockcastle Co. Retired Teachers will be held Thursday, February 26th at 11 a.m. at Neese's One Stop in Broadhead. For further information call Betty Glorvak at 758-8175.

Sign-Up Being Held Now

The District Cost-Share Program sign-up is being held February 2nd through February 27th paying on

Animal Waste System, Stock Water, Heavy Use Area and Rotational Grazing. Contact Conservation District at 256-2541.

Library Hours

The Rockcastle County Library will be closing at 6 p.m. on Thursdays during the months of January and February. Regular hours will resume in March for Thursday evenings. Other hours remain the same.

Rockcastle County

Saddle Club

Meeting, Monday, March 2nd at 7 p.m. at Club house. Representative from Daniel Boone National Forest Trail supervisor plus 1998 Saddle Club Schedule.

Kiwanis Club

Rockcastle County Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Thursday at Kastle Inn Restaurant. This Thursday, February 26th, guest speaker will be Hart Davidson with the Office of Geologic Information, Ky. Geological Survey Department. Visitors are welcome!

Project Graduation

Meetings

Anyone interested in helping with Project Graduation is invited to our meetings every Monday night at 7 p.m. at the RCHS Library.

VA Rep

VA Rep will be at the VFW Building at Lake Linville on Monday, March 2nd from 9 to 2.

Bus Drills

Rockcastle County Schools will be conducting bus drills on Friday, March 6, 1998. The Rockcastle County High School and Middle School will dismiss early at 2:30 p.m. Buses will proceed to the elementary schools where the drills will be conducted. Please adjust your schedule for this early dismissal.

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Obituaries

"Old Joe" Clark

Manuel Dewey "Old Joe" Clark, 75, of Richmond, died Friday, February 20, 1998 at the Patton A. Clay Hospital in Richmond. He was born in Erwin, Tennessee on August 6, 1922, the son of Manuel D., Sr. and Sarah Ann Rice Clark. He was a musician for Renfro Valley Folks for over 50 years. He was also a member of the First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon, Ashland Lodge #640F&AM of Mt. Vernon, the Okeita Temple, the Scottish Rite and a veteran of World War II.

Survivors are his wife, Jean Clark of Richmond; three sons, Lewis Clark and wife, Anita and Terry Clark and wife, Pam, both of Berea and George Clark and wife, Brenda of Richmond; one daughter, Sarah Miracle and husband, Gary of Mt. Vernon; four brothers, Horace Clark, Wayne Clark, Edward Clark and Howard Clark, all of Erwin, Tennessee; one sister, Inogene Hughes of Erwin, Tennessee; one grandson, Gary Lee Miracle and wife, Mary of Mt. Vernon and one great grandson, Christopher Dale Miracle of Mt. Vernon.

Memorial services for Old Joe Clark were held Monday, February 23, at the Old Barn in Renfro Valley with Bro. J. William Hall officiating. Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Speakers were Warren Rosenthal, Jim Gaskin and Pete Stamper.

Henry McCracken

Henry McCracken, 98, of Orlando, died Thursday, February 19, 1998 at the Rockcastle Hospital. He was born January 17, 1900 in Rockcastle County, the son of Thomas General and Martha Shouse McCracken. He was a retired farmer and coal miner and a member of the New Hope Baptist Church.

Survivors are his wife, Marie Himes McCracken of Orlando; two sons, Thomas McCracken of Livingston, and Roscoe Himes and wife, Mildred of Orlando; six daughters, Barbara Powell and husband, Ray of Climax, Martha Burnett and husband, James and Mary Lou Fish and husband, Edward, both of Carlos, Indiana, Marlene Brewer and husband, Scott and Panna Stewart and husband, Jerrold, both of Richmond, Indiana and Lillie Lawhorn of Mt. Vernon; two brothers, Moss McCracken and Johnny McCracken, both of Richmond, Indiana; four sisters, Dorothy Rowland, Mary Bond, Emma Parrett and Goldie Anderson, all of Richmond, Indiana; 24 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Services were Sunday, February 22, at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home with Bro. Ray Himes officiating. Burial was in the Johnetta Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Stacy Brewer, Zandal Powell, John Stewart, Brian Wynn, Bill Merida and Gary Bates.

John Harding

John F. Harding, 89, of Rt. 2, Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, February 19, 1998. He was born in Rockcastle County, the son of Howard Richard and Dora Francis Dees Harding. He was a retired farmer and carpenter. Also a member of the Clear Creek

Baptist Church and of the Berea Masonic Lodge #617 F&AM.

Survivors are his wife, Mary Thomas Harding; three sons, Wayne D. Harding and his wife, Thelma, John David Harding and his wife, Kathy and Perry Duane Harding and his wife, Phyllis, all of Mt. Vernon; six daughters, Betty Harding of Broadhead, Kathleen Abney and her husband, Hubert, Linda Martin and her husband, Glen and Ester Gay and her husband, Bennie, all of Berea, Bonnie Lewis and her husband, Bill of London and Janice Owens and her husband, Ronnie of Mt. Vernon; two sisters, Ruth Walke of Hamilton, Ohio and Ethel Johnson of Berea; one brother, Howard Harding of Mt. Vernon and 38 grandchildren, 49 great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Paul Harding; four grandchildren; one sister and three great grandchildren.

Services were Sunday, February 21, at Lakes Funeral Home in Berea with Rev. Sherman Hill and Rev. Wayne Henson officiating. Burial was in the Harding Cemetery at Clear Creek.

Pallbearers were Jeremy Blade Owens, Patrick Gay, Greg Abney, Jeff Martin, Terry Wayne Harding, Trent Harding, John Wayne Harding, Boyd Lewis and Wayne Lear, Jr., wife, Honorary Pallbearers were David Lee Harding, Tim Harding, Doug Abney, John Edward Lewis, Gene Martin, Ronnie Owens, Bill Lewis, Glen Martin, Hubert Abney and Bennie Gay.

Lonnie Bryant

Lonnie Bryant, 86, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, February 22, 1998 in Adrian, Michigan. He was born on September 25, 1911 in Whitley City, the son of the late Joe Edgward and Ida Mae Chitwood Bryant and was a retired inspector for the Tecumseh Corporation and a member of the Liberty Baptist Church.

Survivors are one son, Rev. Michael Bryant of Mt. Vernon; one daughter, Joanne Taylor of Adrian, Michigan; two brothers, Blaine and Roy Bryant, both of Cincinnati; one sister, Edna Mae Zink of Cincinnati; eight grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Delphia Mae Vaughn Bryant.

Services will be Saturday, February 28, 1998 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Mark Harrell officiating. Burial will follow in the Cresthaven Cemetery.

Friends may call Cox Funeral Home after 7:00 p.m. on Friday.

Fannie Robbins

Fannie Mae Robbins, 84, of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, February 18, 1998 at the Sowder Nursing Home in Broadhead. She was born on August 7, 1913 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of the late William and "Ma" Rowe Kirby and was a retired cook, and a member of the Blue Springs Church of Christ.

Survivors are two sons, Carl Robbins of Orlando and his wife, Shirley and Herbert Ray Robbins of Mt. Vernon and his wife, Catherine; one sister, Mary Sutter of Cincinnati, Ohio; seven grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren and six great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd Robbins; three brothers, Steve, Robert and

Burgess Kirby and three sisters, Bessie Mink, Nell Renner and Lucy Bussell.

Services were Saturday, February 21, at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Zade McClure officiating. Burial was in the Elmwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Larry Bell, Steven Robbins, Gordon Sowder, Kenny Allen, Robby Thomas and Shelly Mullins.

Samantha Brown

Samantha "S.J." Brown, 74, of Broadhead, died Thursday, February 19, 1998 at the Rockcastle Hospital. She was born on May 30, 1923 in Lincoln County, the daughter of the late James and Mealey Brock Smith and was a homemaker and a member of the Ottawa Baptist Church.

Survivors are one son, Jerry Lee Brown of Broadhead and his wife, Jewell; two daughters, Brenda Thomas of Cincinnati and her husband, Bentley and Diane Brown of Broadhead; two brothers, Luther Smith and Owen Smith, both of Broadhead; three sisters, Bernice Williams and Jean Hoskins, both of Broadhead and Evelyn Powers of Crab Orchard; 12 grandchildren and five great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Artis and Danny Brown and one brother, Earl Smith.

Services were Sunday, February 22, at the Watson Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Shelby Reynolds officiating. Burial was in the Ottawa Cemetery.

Earl "Red" Nichols

Earl Raymond "Red" Nichols, 92, of Cincinnati, Ohio and formerly of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, February 18, 1998. He was a member of the Woodstock Lodge #639 F&AM in Somerset.

Survivors are three sons, Burl and his wife, Lela, William and his wife, Brenda and John Nichols; two daughters, Earlene Nichols-Flynn and Shirley and her husband, Walter Rosinski; one sister, Ella Taylor; special friends, Steve and Mary and 12 grandchildren and several great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wives, Ruby Harris Nichols and Cuba Harper Nichols and four brothers, Art, Les, Ches, and Karl Nichols.

Services were Monday, February 23, at Vorhis Funeral Home in Springfield, Ohio.

Reuben Moore

Reuben A. Moore, 63, formerly of Rockcastle County, died at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Abingdon, Virginia on Wednesday, February 18, 1998 following an illness. He was a Rockcastle County native born December 20, 1934, the son of the late Tom and Matilda Miller Moore. He was a retired Westinghouse employee, veteran of the US Army, and member of the Fairview Baptist Church.

Survivors are two sisters, Dorothy

Gibbard and Georgia Blair, both of Berea and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by nine brothers and sisters.

No public services. Burial was in the Fairview Cemetery.

Repper Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Juanita Prather

Juanita Prather, 68 of Cincinnati, Ohio, and formerly of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, February 17, 1998 at the Bethesda North Hospital in Cincinnati. She was born on January 25, 1930 in Mt. Vernon, the daughter of the late "Wash" and Mae Cromer Barron and was a retired inspector for National Distilleries.

Survivors are one son, Larry Prather of Cincinnati, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her husband, Orville Prather; one brother, John Barron and one sister, Trethie McCown Cope.

Services were Friday, February 20, at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Raymond Offutt officiating. Burial was in the Elmwood Cemetery.

Paul "Unkie" Pingleton

Paul Edward "Unkie" Pingleton, 33, of Copper Creek Road in Berea, died Tuesday, February 17, 1998 at Berea Hospital following a brief ill-

ness. He was born October 28, 1964, in Garrard County and had lived in the Copper Creek area all his life. He was the son of Stanley and Lucy Helton Pingleton of Copper Creek Road and was a member of the Valley Baptist Church.

Survivors are his parents; one brother, J.L. Pingleton of Liberty; one sister, Connie Pingleton of Berea; three nieces and two nephews. He was preceded in death by one brother, Gary Wayne Pingleton and a sister, Margaret Laverne Pingleton.

Services were held Thursday, February 19, at Valley Baptist Church on Copper Creek with Rev. Don Smith and Rev. Wayne Henson officiating. Burial was in the Wilmot Cemetery in Garrard County.

Casketbearers were Gary Wayne Pingleton, Perry Pingleton, Eddie Spears, Michael Chandler, Marcia Chandler and Dexter Chandler.

Williams Funeral Home in Berea was in charge of arrangements.

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Mt. Vernon Message

Congratulations to Sarah Parsons from Mr. Roark's 5th grade class for winning the school spelling bee.

MVES SBDM will meet Monday, March 2, at 5:00 p.m.

The second twelve weeks ended on Tuesday, February 24. Progress reports will be sent home on Wednesday, March 4. Watch next week's article for awards program dates.

With the tremendous amount of traffic during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up, traffic safety is an important issue at Mt. Vernon Elementary. Policies and procedures are in effect and school staff and student traffic safety patrolers are on

duty each day to help ensure the safety of all. Please abide by these policies and respect crosswalks and school personnel requests regarding traffic issues, as these are established to serve the best interests of the children.

Thought for the day: Children need love, especially when they don't deserve it! A child needs to know that when he/she behaves inappropriately that it is not the child that is bad but the behavior. Discipline in love and not anger, as the child may associate the punishment with the anger of the disciplinarian rather than the misbehavior.

Tiger Pause

Thank you to those that volunteered their time last Thursday during our festival. This event requires a lot of participation from many volunteers to organize ahead of time and to operate the day of the actual event. If you attended we hope that you enjoyed the activities provided. A special thank you to Shari Proctor for thanking us some of the basics of line dancing for Family Night.

Congratulations to our spelling bee winner Lori Miller from Mrs. Asher's class. Lori will go on to participate in the county spelling bee to be held at the local Board of Education. Good

Luck Lori!

We are still in need of items to sell in the micro-society mall. If you have old figurines, vases, purses, jewelry, stuffed animals, or toys that you would like to get rid of, please bring those to Ms. Satka at the FRC. Thank you to those that have been saving their plastic grocery bags for us. We appreciate your help.

Soup table collection will end on April 9. Please turn all labels in before this date so that we may get credit for them. Tab collection also ends in April. The FRC will not accept tabs after deadline.

Cub Scout Pack 263 holds Blue and Gold Banquet

About sixty people met this past weekend to celebrate the anniversary of Cub Scouting in America. Twenty members of Pack 263, along with their families, held the annual Blue and Gold Banquet at Ponderosa in London. Reverend Wayne Henson of the Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church gave the blessing and served as the guest speaker for the event. Reverend Henson spoke about honor and character to the Cub Scouts. He encouraged the boys to remain strong of character and honorable in their dealings with others. He remarked that one of the goals of Cub Scouting is to build character. The Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church is the sponsor for Cub Scout Pack 263 this year. The boys will recognize their sponsorship by visiting with the church of April 4th for Scout Sunday.

Tiger Cubs present were Brandon Busell, Charles Dickerson, Casey Hayes, Skyler Hayes, Daniel Martin, Devon Mason, Christopher Winn, and honorary member, Jonathan Alexander. The Tiger Club leader is Mrs. Jennie Martin. The Tigers were given several orange beads for activities that they had completed in the Tiger Club booklet. Tigers are boys who are in the first grade.

Wolves present were Chris Evans, William Mason and Anthony Smith. Their leader is Ms. Kathy Howard.

These boys were presented with their Progress Towards Rank badge and two yellow beads which designated activities that the boys had completed. Wolves are in the second grade. These Wolves are currently working towards their Wolf badge.

Bears present were Chris Decker, Wesley Durham, Matthew Miller, Wesley Miller and Cody Robinson. The leader is Virginia Miller. The assistant is Carolyn Durham. Bears are boys who are in the 2nd and 3rd grade.

Webebo members present were Joseph Alcorn, Samuel Isaacs, Michael Lovell, Matthew Taylor and Dustin Thomas. The Webebo leader is Mrs. Leda Taylor. Webebos are in the 4th grade. Joseph Alcorn was presented with his Fitness and Scholar pins. Samuel Isaacs received his Scholar pin and his God and Country pin. Michael Lovell earned his Fitness pin and his Family Member pin. Matthew Taylor earned his sports belt loop in Bowling and his Scholar pin.

Each of the Cub Scouts received his Pinewood Derby car kit. The boys will work during the next month to construct their miniature cars. The derby race will be held March 30 at MVES at 6:00 p.m.

The Webebos opened the program with a Flag Ceremony honoring our

independence, and our history. This was followed by the blessing, an enjoyable meal, and the presentation of awards. The closing ceremony included all Scouts reciting their Cub Scout Promise.

The Cub Scouts will be selling flower buds during the month of March. The proceeds from this sale helps to pay for trips, badges, pins and other needs for the scouts. If you

February 21st - 28th deemed National FFA Week

Jeremy Reynolds, Reporter

While it has been awhile since our last writings, our Rockcastle County FFA Chapter has been far from idle the past couple of months. FFA Basketball practice, Parliamentary Procedure practice, monthly meetings, and a community cleanup project at the Broadhead Elementary Alumni Garden have been just a few activities which have kept our chapter busy during the winter months.

This week, February 21st-28th, has been deemed National FFA Week. During this time, extra emphasis is placed upon the Future Farmers of America members, parents, and their assistance in the community around this. This past Wednesday, February 18th Rockcastle County Judge Executive Buz Carlifotis signed a proclamation declaring this week as FFA Week in the county. We appreciate the cooperation of Mr. Carlifotis in working with our chapter in organizing this event. Through several members recorded Public Service An-

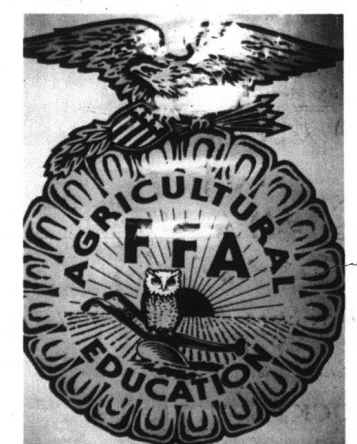
nouncements on WRVK Radio Station, which will be aired during this week. Also, in conjunction with FFA Week, our chapter held a Greenhand Ceremony honoring many of our freshmen members. Another activity planned is a FFA Basketball tournament at Madison Southern High School this Saturday.

National FFA Week is a great opportunity to strengthen local programs and demonstrate how FFA is indeed, BUILDING THE FUTURE. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agriculture education. FFA is a national organization of 450,000 members, among 7,431 local chapters throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands. With your help in the community, we are able to provide opportunities for students to apply knowledge and skills acquired through agriculture education. We thank you for your support.

Only full-time students, with a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or better may qualify for the



These members attended the signing of the FFA Proclamation by Judge-Executive Buz Carlifotis. Left to right: Jeremy Reynolds, Charles Leger, Matthew Hayes, Ryan Wynn, Jason Whicker, John Dyehouse, Amanda Clark, Brady Durham, William Leger, Erik Helton, and Roy Adams.



The official FFA Emblem contains five major parts: The Owl, The Plow, The Rising Sun, The Cross-section of an Ear of Corn, and the American Eagle. This is the official seal of the FFA.

Devin Browning completes Basic Training at San Diego

Marine Pfc. Devin R. Browning, son of Judy Browning of Mt. Vernon, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego.

Browning successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Browning and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Browning spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field

training. Browning and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values — honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Browning and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Browning joins 41,000 men and women who will enter the Marine Corps this year from all over the country.

He is a 1994 graduate of Reading High School of Reading, Ohio.

Three named to Berea College Dean's List

Rockcastle County high school graduates, Kelli Cromer, Julie Allen and Robert Poynter, have been named to the Dean's List at Berea College for the spring term.

To be eligible, a student must maintain a 3.0 average and earn grades of B or better in at least four full-credit courses, the equivalent of 16 semester hours.

Berea is a non-denominational, liberal arts college which offers bachelor of arts degrees in 23 areas of

study and bachelor of science degrees in agriculture, business administration, industrial arts and nursing. There is no charge for tuition and each student works at least 10 hours a week by no living expenses.

Kelli Cromer is the daughter of Glen and Melinda Cromer, of Mt. Vernon.

Julie Allen is the daughter of Ruth Allen of Broadhead and the late Clifton Allen.

Robert Poynter is the son of Shelby Jean Poynter of Berea.

Hammond elected as Room Chair for Delta Delta Delta

The Beta Zeta Chapter of Delta Delta Delta sorority at Transylvania University recently elected Bethanie Rae Hammond as Room Chair for the 1998 year.

Hammond is the daughter of Larry and Rebekah Hammond of Mt. Vernon. She is a graduate of

Rockcastle County High School.

The Beta Zeta Chapter was founded on Transylvania's campus in 1908. The chapter's purposes are friendship, scholarship, high standards of personnel, community service, quality activities and career development.

Cumberland College announces Fall Dean's List

The Cumberland College Office of Academic Affairs announces that Steven Rader, Kevin Rader, Holly Norton, Selena Mink, and Jeremiah Taylor, are included in the Dean's List for the Fall 1997 semester.

Only full-time students, with a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or better may qualify for the

Dean's List. Cumberland College, located in Williamsburg, is a private liberal arts college in its 109th year of operation.

Cumberland offers four undergraduate degrees in twenty-six major areas of study, thirty minors and nine pre-professional programs.

Wilson appears in Centre College Drama Production

Katie Wilson, of Mt. Vernon, recently served as assistant stage manager of Centre College's winter drama production. Under the direction of Centre drama professor Patrick Kagan-Moore, Wilson and other students staged *The Conduct of Life*, a contemporary play by Maria Irene

Fornes. A native of Cuba, Fornes has won critical acclaim for the play.

The Conduct of Life explores the relationships among a small group of people subjected to the difficulties of life in a country ranked by political instability.

Centre students presented the play in four performances running from February 4-7.

Wilson is the daughter of Thomas and Judith Wilson of Mt. Vernon and is a 1997 graduate of Rockcastle County High School.

Centre is a coeducational college currently cited by *U.S. News and World Report* as one of the nation's 50 best liberal arts colleges. The school's theater program is based in the Norton Center for the Arts, a regional performing arts center that annually brings Broadway plays, symphony orchestras and individual performers to the campus. Students in the dramatic arts program have the opportunity to participate in three major productions each year, in addition to a number of student-directed one-act shows.

School Menus

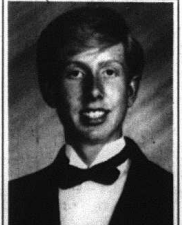
Rockcastle County Elementary Schools Menu March 2-6, 1998

National School Breakfast Week
 Monday: Danish or cereal, toast/jelly, juice and milk.
 Tuesday: Scrambled egg or cereal, toast/jelly, juice and milk.
 Wednesday: French toast, syrup/butter or cereal, pop tart, juice and milk.
 Thursday: School baked cinnamon roll or cereal, toast/jelly, juice and milk.
 Friday: Breakfast pizza or cereal, toast/jelly, juice and milk.

Lunch
 Monday: Pizza or sandwich, corn, garden salad, milk and cookie.
 Tuesday: Chicken fry or hot dog on bun, french fries, cole slaw, roll, milk and chesecake with strawberry glaze.
 Wednesday: Cook's Choice.
 Thursday: Ham sandwich or hamburger on bun, spicy fries, lettuce/pickles, milk and chocolate oatmeal square.
 Friday: Fish on bun with cheese or sandwich, spicy fries, macaroni and cheese, milk and fruit.

Rockcastle County Middle & High School Menu March 2-6, 1998

*Breakfast will be served each day.
 Monday: Chef salad or pizza or sandwich, corn, garden salad, milk and choice of desserts.
 Tuesday: Chef salad or chicken fry or hot dog on bun, french fries, cole slaw, roll, milk and choice of desserts.
 Wednesday: Cook's Choice.
 Thursday: Chef salad or ham sandwich or hamburger on bun, spicy fries, lettuce/pickles, milk and choice of desserts.
 Friday: Chef salad or fish on bun with cheese or sandwich, spicy fries, macaroni and cheese, milk and choice of desserts.



Courtney W. Adams has been named to the Dean's List of the College of Engineering at the University of Kentucky for achieving an outstanding academic record during the 1997 Fall semester. The University holds in high regard academic achievement, and appointment to the Dean's List is recognition of significant accomplishment. Courtney will graduate in May. He is the son of Johnny and Betty Ann Adams of Mt. Vernon and the grandson of the late Herbert and Lena Adams and Harris and Ruby Hann.

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Academic Honor Roll

Jennifer Dykes, daughter of Roger and Linda Dykes of Mt. Vernon, has a 3.86 GPA at RCHS. She plans on attending Ky. Tech and major in Finance and Accounting Technology. She has been a member of the RCHS Marching Band for four years, also a member of the Beta Club, National Honor Society, and Creative Writing Club. Her hobbies include working on the computer.

Obituaries

(Cont. from A4)

Juanita Allen

Juanita Miller Allen, 57, of Waynesburg, died Wednesday, February 18, 1998 at the Rockcastle Hospital. She was born March 15, 1940 in Casey County, the daughter of Tom and Ada Miracle Scharbrough and was a homemaker and a member of the Baptist faith.

Survivors are a special friend, Harold Carter of Waynesburg; one son, Buddy Gene Miller and his wife, Ellen of Mt. Vernon; three daughters, Glenda Carter and husband, Luther of Mt. Vernon, Brenda Sims and husband, Randy of Arlington Heights, Ohio and Oneida Wolfe of Scaffold Creek, one sister, Windie Lee Scharbrough of Columbus, Ohio and 10 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Services were Saturday, February 17, at Maple Grove Baptist Church with Bro. Tim Hampton officiating. Burial was in the Maple Grove Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Dennis Miller, Randy Sims, Jr., Chris Sims, Robert Miller, Bobby Cameron and Coby Smith.

Honorary pallbearers were Nicholas Eaton, Matthew Carter, Roger Carter and Randall Carter.

Mary Overbay

Mary Elizabeth Noe Overbay, 82, died Sunday, February 15, 1998 at Christ Hospital in Cincinnati. She was born February 16, 1915 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of the late Jarvis and Etta Noe of Mt. Vernon and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon.

Survivors are her children, Juanita, Phyllis, and Karen of Cincinnati; two sisters, Mabel Rickels and Ruth Brown, both of Mt. Vernon; one brother, Billie Keith Noe of Cincinnati and nine grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Besides her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Claude Overbay; one brother, Jarvis Noe, Jr. and one sister, Sarah French.

Services were Wednesday, February 18, with clergy Rev. Slade Rickels of Florida and Bro. Carl Wick off officiating.

Burial was in the Baltimore Cemetery in Cincinnati.

This obituary submitted by Ruth Brown.

Cards of Thanks

Chester Robinson

The family of Chester Robinson would like to thank everyone for the kindness shown during our time of sorrow. If you sent flowers, food or prayed for us it is deeply appreciated. Thank you for the words of encouragement. A special thanks to our friend, Bro. Olen McGuire and his family who sang. Thanks to the Brush Creek Holiness Church, Dowell and Martin Funeral Home for a great job and last but not least thank you Bro. Tim Hampton for coming to UK and praying with daddy.

Thank You Edd Powell

The family of Edd Powell wishes to express their gratitude and appreciation for the love and kindness shown during the loss of our loved one. Thanks for the food, flowers and help in any way. Thanks to the Rockcastle Hospital staff, Rockcastle Ambulance Service, staff, Richard and the Respirator Therapy staff, and especially to Dr. Tony Arvin, and to Dr. Orson Arvin and staff. Thanks to Saul Carpenter, Billy Medley, Allen Hensley, and the members of the Pine Hill Pentecostal Church, to the pallbearers—Chad Vaughn, Lage Clark, Raymond Clark, Bruce Hilton, George Shackelford, Danny Connors. Again thanks to everyone who helped in any way.

The Family,

Florence and Edith Powell, Eddie, Kathy, Clayton, Tina, Amy and Casey Powell, Ralph, Lyla, Ralphia and Stephen Powell, Ronald, Jennifer, Heather, Brian, Travis, and Megan Powell

Virgie Spoonamore

The family of Virgie Spoonamore would like to thank everyone for their kindness and sympathy shown during our loss. Thanks to everyone who visited her, sent cards, flowers and food. A special thanks to Bro. Eldon Browning for his comforting words and Barbara Faulkner for the beautiful songs, and Watson Funeral Home for their services. May God bless each one of you.

The Brothers & Sisters Thank You

Thank you to Everyone! Suzanne and I would like to take this opportunity to say a great big thank you to everyone for all the kindness and concern shown during her recent hospitalization. We want to especially say thanks for all the prayers, we know that there were a

great many of them. Thanks too for the flowers, balloons, letters, cards, angels, money, calls, stuffed animals, and the beanie babies. To those of you who were able to come to the hospital and visit we thank you. We are truly richly blessed to have family and friends who care so much. Your thoughtfulness will never be forgotten. May God bless each and every one of you.

Suzanne Graves and Louise Beuge

In Loving Memory

In Memory Of Bennett L. Burton, who passed away August 16, 1981

Little did we know when we awoke that morning. That sorrow that day would bring. When we received the tragic news that you were gone.

Sometimes it's hard to understand. Why some things have to be. But in His wisdom, God has planned beyond our power to see.

God gave us the strength to bear the blow, But what it meant to lose you, No one will ever know.

They say that time will heal the wounds, That some day, we'll forget. But time just seems to drag along, The pain is with us yet.

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spent Sunday with her parents, Glen and Geneva Elder.

Roy and Flora Mac Brown were last Monday visitors of Gilbert and Ola Burton. Ola is still sick at her home.

Tex and Connie Amyx were in Lexington on Friday night, February 20th to hear their daughter, Christina sang at Southland Christian Church. Christina was one of fifteen chorus students, selected to perform for Central Kentucky Music Educators Honor Chorus. Christina is a member of Rockcastle County Middle School Chorus.

Jasmine Martin of Somerset and Jillisa Lay of Brodhead spent Friday night with their Mamaw and Papaw Martin.

Ronnie, Micki Jo, Matt and Zach Woodson of Lexington spent Saturday night with Micki Jo's parents, Browne and Carol Martin.

Grant Thompson has been sick at his home and has missed five days of school. Hurry and get well, Grant.

Friends of Mrs. Doris Gooch surprised her on Saturday, February 21 with a supper at Liberty Baptist Church honoring her 60th birthday. Those from this community attending were Mrs. Pauline Gentry; Don and Ora Lee Hurst and Donnie; Gary and Sheila Hurst and Barry, Stephanie, Derrick and Chris Hurst. Doris is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oris Gooch of Woodstock.

Calvin and Magdline Shockley of Stuart, Virginia were here this week visiting Magdline's father, Ign Kirby and other relatives. Kenneth and Lilly Parsons were in Shepardsville, over the weekend visiting their daughter, Lisa Burke and husband, Ted and their daughters, Abby and Christina.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Elder of Florence spent last Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Goff.

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Revival
Morning View Holiness Church at Livingston has a revival going on now. Pastor Burgess Daugherty, Evangelist B.J. McKinney.

Singing
Praise Singers from Irvine will be singing at Rose Hill Baptist Church, Thursday at 7 p.m. Bro. Bob Bradley and church welcome everyone.



"If we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us."
—1 John 5:14

Who rises from prayer a better man, his prayer is answered.
—George Meredith

Since men had sailed the seven seas, All manner of discoveries, Like ways in which to fight disease, Have helped us to progress. We generated heat and light, And learned the way to read and write; In all these things, achieving quite A measure of success. But now we've come to recognize The helping hand our faith supplies, With each constructive enterprise. We've asked the Lord to bless, So let's give thanks each Sabbath day For blessings we cannot repay; Then we'll discover in this way A life of happiness.

—Gloria Nowak

Community Church Directory

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| <p>Berea Tabernacle
So. U.S. 25 across from Berea Ford Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday night 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ralph Chastain</p> <p>Bible Baptist Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m. - Broadcast
WVWK 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
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Nursery provided
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Pastor: Don Skayton</p> <p>Blue Springs Pentecostal
SS 10:30 a.m. Sun. Evening 6 p.m.
Friday night 7 p.m.
Highway 1249</p> <p>Brintle Ridge Baptist Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7:30 p.m.
Wed. Services & Youth 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Broadhead Baptist Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.
Youth Meeting (5th Grade) Up to 6 p.m.
Children's Choir 12 p.m.
Sunday Even. Worship 7 p.m.
Adult Choir Practice 6 p.m.
Wed. Even. Bible Study 7 p.m.
Mission Friends Rm. G.A. Actives 7 p.m.
Thursday Services - Broadhead Adult
Dance Center 11 a.m.
Shower Nursing Home 10:30 a.m.
(First & Third Thursdays)
Van service available for Broadhead
& surrounding area.
Nursery provided - Birth to 4 years
Phones: 758-8316 or 758-8313
Pastor: Rev. Mark A. Whicker</p> <p>Broadhead Christian Church
Main St. Broadhead
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Wednesday Youth Meeting 7 p.m.
Van Service Available
Minister: Wade Johnson</p> <p>Broadhead First Church of God
Main St. Broadhead
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Minister: Bill Davis</p> <p>Brush Creek Holiness Church
Orlando
SS 10 a.m./Sun. Evening 6 p.m.
Tuesday Evening 6 p.m.
Pastor: Otten McGuire</p> <p>Buckeyes Christian Church
1/2 mi. east of Reno Valley on Hummel Road
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
WVWK Radio 8:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Cledith Thacker</p> <p>Buffalo Baptist Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.
Pastor: Larry Proffitt</p> <p>Burnetts Chapel Methodist Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Highway 934 off Highway 461
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Pastor: Cloud West</p> <p>Calvary Apostolic Lighthouse
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Sunday Services 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
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Pastor: Bro. James Blanton</p> <p>Church of our Lord Jesus Christ
25 South of Mt. Vernon
Sunday 1:00 p.m.
Pastor: Keith Watkins, Pastor
Jeff McFadden, Asst. Pastor</p> <p>Church of the Nazarene
106 Ave. Mt. Vernon
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening 6 p.m. - Wed. 7 p.m.
Rev.: Richard Parker</p> | <p>Central Baptist Church
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Prayer Rooms 6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
There is a Difference - Come & See
Pastor: Dr. James W. Head</p> <p>Clear Creek Baptist Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7:00 unit time chg
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
Song Leaders Music
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Nacey
Pastor: Bro. Sherman Hill</p> <p>Climate Christian Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Interim Minister: Dale Sander
Highway 1249</p> <p>Community Holiness Church
Fairground Hill, Mt. Vernon
Sunday Services 6 p.m.
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Oliver Abney</p> <p>Community of God
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Pastor: Keith Asher</p> <p>Conway Baptist Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Pastor: Gary Parker</p> <p>Conway Church of God
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Pastor: C.W. Williams</p> <p>Conway First Resurrection Pentecostal Church
SS 10:30 a.m./Worship 11:30 a.m.
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Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
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Mission Groups 7 p.m.
Prayer/Bible study 7 p.m.
Pastor: Dr. Maynard Head</p> <p>First Church of Jesus Christ
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Sunday Morning 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Bro. James E. Nicely</p> <p>First Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church
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Pastor: Bro. Wayne Henson</p> | <p>First Christian Church
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Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Radio Program WVWK 1460 AM
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Wednesday Youth Training
and Adults 7 p.m.
Minister: Eddie Hammond</p> <p>Flatrock Baptist Church
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US 25 at Roundstone
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Gene Noe</p> <p>Freedom Baptist Church
Freedom Road
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Discipleship Training 6 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service 7 p.m.
256-2968
Bro. Shawn Madden</p> <p>Grace Baptist Church
US 25 at Roundstone
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.
WVWK Radio 5:15 a.m.
Pastor: Bro. Raymond Oltuf</p> <p>Hickory Grove Free Pentecostal Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Prayer
Youth Meeting 11 & 3 Saturdays
Radio WVWK Sunday 1:45 p.m.
Pastor: Randall Adams</p> <p>Lighthouse Community of God
Brush Creek Road
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
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Pastor: Dwight Hensley</p> <p>Livingston Baptist Church
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Pastor: Bro. Eddie Miller</p> <p>Livingston Christian Church
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Wednesday 7 p.m.
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SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Discipleship Training Youth 6 p.m.
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Pastor: Bro. Wayne Harding</p> <p>McNew Chapel Community Baptist Church
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Sat. 7 p.m.
Sun. SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sun. Even. 6 p.m./Radio Sun. 6 p.m.
Pastor: Jerry Ballinger</p> | <p>Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church
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Discipleship Training 6:30 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 7:15 p.m.
Wednesday 7 a.m.
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Sunday Services 10 a.m.
Pastor: Bro. Russell McFeron</p> <p>Mt. Vernon Church of God
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SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
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Pastor: Rev. Bobby Owens</p> <p>Mt. Vernon Pentecostal Church
Lovell St., Mt. Vernon
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Pastor: Buford Parkerson</p> <p>Mt. Zion Baptist Church
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Radio Program Sunday 2:30
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Pastor: Arthur Benge</p> <p>New Hope Baptist Church
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Sunday Even. 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.
Pastor: Doug Collins</p> <p>Norhaide Baptist Church
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SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Discipleship Training 6 p.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Wed. Prayer/Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
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Ottawa Community Bld. 1450
Bible Study 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Discipleship Training 6 p.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wed. Prayer/Bible Study 7 p.m.
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Pastor: Rev. John Curtis
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2nd and 4th Saturdays 7 p.m.
Sunday Services 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.
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Pastor: Allen Hensley</p> <p>Pleasant Run Baptist Church
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SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
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Pastor: Bro. Steve Weaver</p> <p>Poplar Grove Baptist Church
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Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
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Pastor: Rick Reynolds</p> <p>Providence Church of Christ
Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.
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Pastor: Bro. Dale Walters
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Sun. Night 6 p.m./Thurs. Night 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Bob Bradley</p> <p>Roundstone Baptist Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
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Wednesday night 7 p.m.
Sunday night 6 p.m.
Pastor: Arnold Pingelton</p> <p>Sand Hill Baptist Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Don Arthur</p> <p>Sand Springs Baptist Church
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Pastor: Danny Robbins</p> <p>Scalford Cane Baptist Church
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Pastor: Bro. Clyde Hodge</p> <p>Three Links Christian Church
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Pastor: Jack D. Martin</p> <p>Trinity Independent Baptist Church
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Pastor: Jackie Renner
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Pastor: Bro. John Irwin</p> <p>Wildie Christian Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m./Youth 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
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Youth Sunday 8:30 a.m.
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Minister: Kenton Parkey</p> <p>"Be strong and of good courage, and do not fear; for I am with you, and I will strengthen you, and I will help you, and I will be with you, and I will bless you."
—1 Chronicles 28:20</p> <p>"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding."
—Proverbs 3:5</p> |
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The Rockets won the post-season tournament and tied for first place in the regular season in the JV Division. Front row, from left: Matthew Burkhardt, Randy Bussell, Steven Rowe, and Derreck Hurst. Second row, from left: Greg Watson, Josh Hayes, Devan Bussell, Ronny Lee McClure, and Josh Frewitt. Back row, from left: Asst. Coach Barry Hurst and Head Coach Randy Dillingham.

The Celtics competed in the JV League. A picture was not available for the Celtics at press time. Team members are: Kyle Mullins, Mikah Reams, Justin Burkhardt, Jeff McLemore, Elijah Lunsford, Caleb Blair, Jackson Bray, Chris Mullins, and Brent Clontz. The Celtics were coached by Blake Mullins.



The Rockets won the Training League Championship and were runners-up in the post-season tournament. Front row, from left: Chandler Hunter, Isaac McQueary, Jordan Anglin, and Chris Hurst. Second row, from left: Mike Campbell, Daniel Bustle, Josh Cameron, Coty Childress, Jessica Allen, and Wes Miller. Back row is Coach Randy Dillingham.



The Celtics competed in the Instructional League. Front row, from left: Kyle Riddle, Danielle Adams, Brittany Calhoun, and Gary Keith Caldwell. Back row, from left: Coach Warren Cash, Jordan Cash, Justin Lear, Anthony Lawson, Thomas McClure, and Asst. Coach David Riddle. Not pictured was Scott Lovell.



The Lakers won the League Championship in the JV League and were runners-up in the post-season tournament. Front row, from left: Brandon Cameron, Dustin Albright, Jacob Taylor, and Mark Dyehouse. Second row, from left: Max Saylor, Shane Niceby, Jeff Todd, Nick Thomas, and Justin Albright. Back row, from left: Asst. Coach David Gibbs, Head Coach Howard Saylor and Asst. Coach Richard Gibbs. Not pictured was Brittany Cromer.



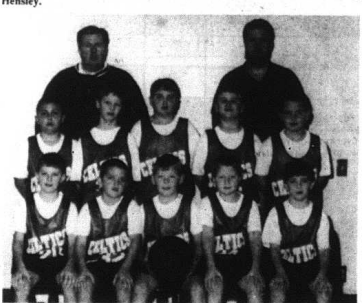
The Warriors won the post-season tournament in the Training League. Front row, from left: Nick Denny, Brandon Cromer, Ashley Dollins, Martha Swinney, and Gabriel Stallworth. Second row, from left: Tyson Hensley, Thomas Lovell, J.C. McClure, Jeremy Cook, and Zachary Burkhardt. Back row is Coach Dwight Hensley.



The Heat competed in the Instructional League. Front row, from left: Jeffrey Whitehead, Jake Woodall, Tanner Bray, and Freddie Moore. Second row, from left: Jordan Cook, Dustin Poynter, and Brandon Carpenter. Back row, from left: Coach David Woodall and Asst. Coach Doug Dwight Poynter. Not pictured were Nick Miracle and John Ryan Lambert.



The Bulls tied for first place in the JV League. Front row, from left: Nick Williams, Heather Hammond, Charles Cunagin, Johanna Abney, and Ricky Sandusky. Second row, from left: Colby Brown, Jerry Barron, Chad Cunagin, Matthew Allen, and Phillip Boreling. Back row, from left: Coach Dwight Griffin and Coach Steve Phelps.



The Celtics were runners-up in the regular season of the Training League. Front row, from left: Derek Adams, Charles Day, Justin Hensley, Adam Mink, and Bryan Gilbert. Second row, from left: Jacob Harding, Lynn Miracle, Derrick Cameron, Jesse McCauley, and Paul Payne. Back row, from left: Coach David Gibbs and Coach Richard Gibbs.



The Bulls competed in the Instructional League. Front row, from left: Jeffrey Lewis, Sasha Bullock, Dustin Bullock, Amber Lewis, and Jared Harding. Second row, from left: Sara Spoonamore, Michael Mendoza, Dakota Smith, Timothy Harding, and Logan Kincer. Back row, from left: Coach Ricky Bullock, Coach Scott Parrett, and Asst. Coach Jeff Bullock.



The Magic competed in the JV League. Front row, from left: Daniel Pingleton, Ben Graves, Josh Vanwinkle, and Jonas Adams. Second row, from left: Blake Roberts, Donnie Sowder, James Isaacs, and Brandon Griffin. Back row, from left: Coach Glen Roberts and Asst. Coach Mark Brummett. Not pictured were Chris Tolle and Justin Taylor.



The Hornets competed in the Training League. Front row, from left: Meagan Griffin, Ashley Lunsford, Taylor Whitaker, and Brandon Barnes. Second row, from left: Gerald Bradley, Donovan Figg, Matthew Bray, and Kyle Bussell. Back row, from left: Coach Dwight Griffin and Coach Steve Phelps. Not pictured were Anthony Cook and Mike Rowe.



The Pacers competed in the Instructional League. Front row, from left: Shane Bullock, Kyle Hayes, Jamie Todd, Jason Rader, Zachary Stevens. Second row, from left: Jacob Riddle, Devin Hasty, Spencer Mullins, Alan Burdette, Michael McDaniel. Back row Coach Zandell Hasty.



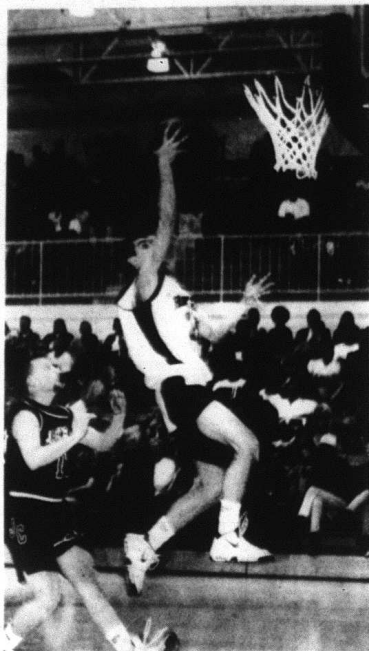
The Heat competed in the JV League. Front row, from left: Tim Simpson, Weston Riddle, Tara Bows, and Josh McFerron. Back row, from left: Jessica Riddle, Coach David Riddle, Brandon Fallin, and Adam Hensley. Not pictured were Amanda Rogers and Billy Hellard.



The Pistons competed in the Training League. Front row, from left: Josh Hancock, Wesley Durham, Larry Lawson, and Lance Baldwin. Second row, from left: Jared Brown, Drew Davidson, Zachary Hale, Doug Ponder and Matthew Bussell. Back row, from left: Coach Curt Brown and Asst. Coach Corey Scott. Not pictured was Asst. Coach Mike Singleton.



The Pistons competed in the Instructional League. Front row, from left: Grant Burdette, Mary Saylor, Jessica Barnes, John L. Saylor. Second row, from left: Chris Mullins, Cody Smith and Tanner Perkins. Back row, from left: Asst. Coach Tammy Barnes, Coach Cleston Saylor, Asst. Coach Doug Mullins and Asst. Coach Becky Perkins. Not pictured were Kayla Cameron, Dustin Kirby and J. Bustle.



Senior John Brown goes in for a lay-up in first round 49th district tournament action Monday night at Clay County. Brown had 13 points in the 68-59 Rocket win over Jackson County.

First time in 12 years

Rockets gain berth in district championship game with 68-59 win over Jackson Co.

For the first time in 12 years, the Rockcastle Rockets will play in the 13th region tournament by virtue of a hard-fought first round win over the Jackson County Generals.

The 68-59 win came Tuesday night at Clay County and the final score was the longest lead of the game for the Rockets who only led by two, 61-59, in the fourth quarter at the 1:14 mark. However, Andrew Cash then went on an offensive tear, scoring the last seven points of the game for the Rockets.

It was a nail-biter the whole way with the Rockets getting out to a 6-0 lead behind an opening bucket by Blake Childress and two by John Brown. But, the Generals came right back, tying the game three times before a last second basket by Childress gave his team a 16-14 first quarter lead.

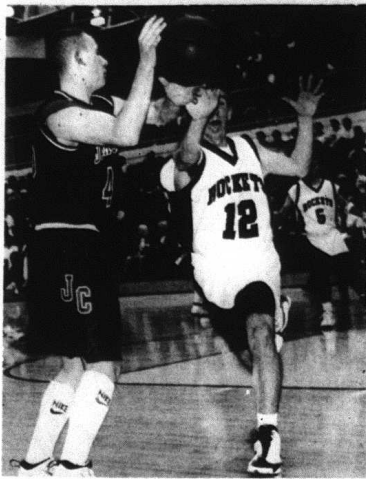
Brown opened the second quarter with the Rockets first basket and the Rockets built a 26-20 lead before the Generals came roaring back for an 11-0 run to take a 31-26 lead. However, Andrew Cash canned a three to cut the Generals lead to two at half-time.

Stevie Bradley knotted the score at 31 all in the third quarter and, with the score again tied at 34 and 3:53 left in the quarter, Jackson County took a time out and came back to go ahead 39-34. Bradley got two free throws and a three and Matt Brown got a basket to finish the Rockets scoring for the quarter but the Generals were up 45-41 at the end of the period.

Andrew Cash drew first blood in the fourth and Matt Brown added three the old-fashioned way to put the Rockets to within one at 47-46. Following two free throws by the Generals, Nicely got a three to tie the score again at 49 all. Cash put the Rockets ahead to stay with a basket off a steal by Matt Brown and, with 3:18 left in the game, John Brown got a basket to extend the Rocket led to 58-50. It was 58-52 and Jackson County had the ball when Nicely made a big steal, was fouled and got the back end of the double bonus. Again the Generals fought back, getting the three and a free throw and another basket to pull to within two at 61-59. At that point, Cash got the back end of the double bonus, the Rockets got the rebound off a Jackson Co. miss and Cash was fouled and sank both free throws. Nicely pulled down a crucial rebound for the Rockets and Cash came up with a put back for two more points. To cap his seven point run, Cash stole the ball from the Generals at mid-court and went in for an uncontested lay-up for the final score of the game.

Cash got 7 first half points and doubled that output in the second to lead the scoring with 21 points; John Brown got 13; Stevie Bradley 10, Nicely, who contributed with some crucial plays on defense, got 9 points; Matt Brown had 7; Blake Childress, the leading rebounder for the Rockets with 9 scored 6 first half points and Travis Anderkin had 2.

The Rockets fought hard for the win and that seems to be the trademark of this year's team -- they just don't quit. They are now 19-7 on the season and could get number 20 Thursday night at Clay County when they play for the district championship. Regardless, this has been a very exciting year for Rocket basketball fans and the good part is, it isn't over.



Layne Nicely put a defensive move on a Jackson County General and knocked the ball loose for the Rockets. Nicely finished the game with 9 points and several crucial defensive plays.

No defense of region title as Lady Rockets fall to Jackson County

Sadly, there will be no repeat of last year's 13th region championship for the Lady Rockets as they fell to the Jackson County Lady Generals 70-61 in the first game Tuesday night.

The Rockets got down 7-2 in the first quarter before Tiffany McClure got a three to make it 7-5. The Rockets then went on a 14-8 run to go ahead 16-15 at the first quarter stop. The second quarter saw the Rockets commit seven turnovers and lose their shooting eye while the Lady Generals were building a 29-20 lead. The Rockets righted their offensive ship somewhat from that point and pulled to within five at 30-25 on a basket by Brandy Reynolds off a steal by McClure. Freshman Jessica Rickels added a basket and Nikki Bullock a free throw and the Rockets left the floor at half-time down 34-28. The Rockets didn't do well at the free throw line the first half, getting only 7 of 14 but that wasn't as bad as the second half when the Rockets didn't get a single trip to the charity stripe.

In the third period, the Rockets

again started off shaky as Jackson Co. got out to their biggest lead of the game 45-34 but the Rockets fought back and went on an 11-0 run run, started by baskets by Rickels, Suzanne Brown, who worked hard under the basket the entire game, and Bullock and was capped off by a three pointer by Reynolds and another basket by McClure. However, the Generals hit a last second three to take a 48-45 third quarter lead.

Brown got the first basket of the fourth quarter but the Generals came right back to score the next five points and go ahead 53-47. Amanda Osborne and Reynolds, off a steal by McClure, got back to back baskets, Brown added another two and the Rockets were only down 55-53. That was as close as the Rockets would get as the Generals got 17 tries at the free throw line from that point and sank 13 of them for the final 70-61. Altogether, the Generals were 18-28 from the charity stripe to the Rockets first half output of 7-14.

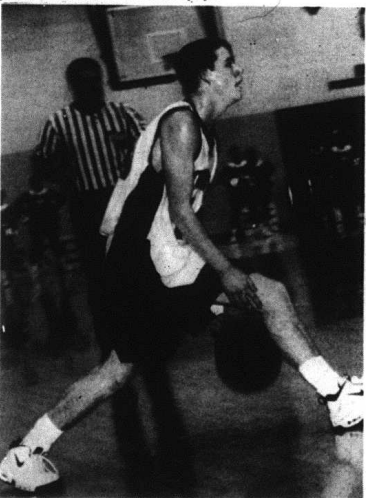
McClure led the scoring for the

Rockets with 15 edging out Reynolds with 14 and Suzanne Brown got a bushel of rebounds and 11 points. Sophomore Brooke Roberts got her first start of the season, due to senior starter Nikki Bullock being ill the day before the game, and scored 7 points, five in the first quarter, but also picked up her second foul midway through the first quarter and number three early in the third period, causing her to see limited action in the game. Despite being ill Monday, Bullock came through with six points as did Jessica Rickels and Osborne got 2.

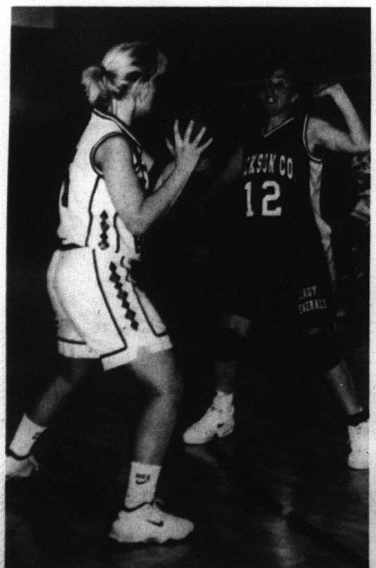
The good news for the Lady Rockets is that with the loss of only one senior, Nikki Bullock, the Rockets should be a more seasoned, experienced team next year.

Little League Baseball sign-ups at Saylor's Pharmacy, noon to 7 p.m. thru Mar. 4th

Support the Rockets in their bid for the 49th district championship game Thursday night against the Clay County Tigers



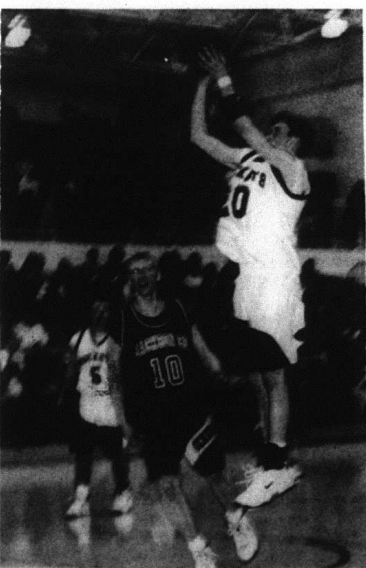
Stevie Bradley got 10 points in the Rocket win, seven coming in the third quarter.



Senior Nikki Bullock looks to pass the ball inside in the girls game against Jackson Co. The Lady Rockets came up on the short end of a 70-61 score. Bullock had six points in the game.

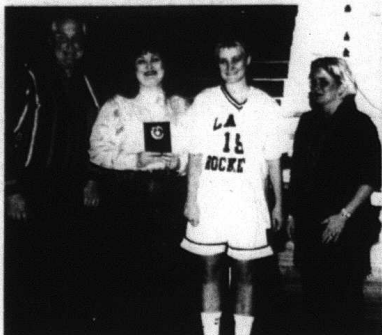


Sophomore Brandy Reynolds defends the inbound pass. Reynolds, who got two three point baskets in the game, was second high scorer with 14 points behind Tiffany McClure's 15.



Andrew Cash tries for a short jumper for two of his game high 21 points in the Rockets win over Jackson County -- the first opening round district tournament victory for the Rockets in 12 years.

Seniors Honored



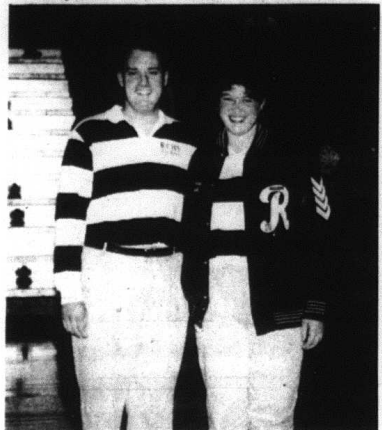
Nikki Bullock, daughter of Doug and Jeral Bullock, shown with coach Chrysti Noble.



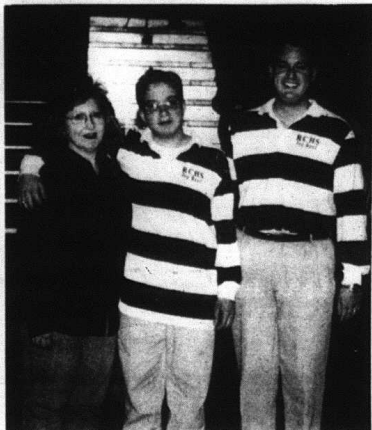
Heather Shivel, daughter of Roger and Sharon Bray, shown with cheerleading sponsor Cindy Witt.



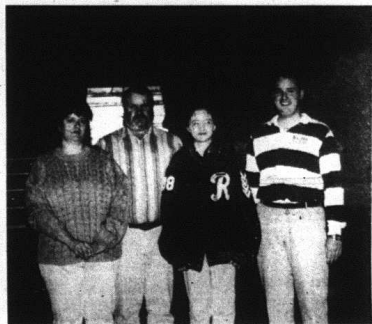
Jennifer Dykes, daughter of Roger and Linda Dykes, shown with band director Greg Daugherty.



Armanda Philbeck, daughter of Lonnie and Dianna Philbeck, shown with band director Greg Daugherty.



Josh Bray, son of Peggy Lewis and Roger Bray.



Stacy Richards, daughter of Henry and Donna Richards.



Brandi Martin, daughter of Jerry and Debbie Martin.



John Partin, son of Rick and Imogene Partin.



Tammy Renner, daughter of Wendell and Virginia Renner.

Burley clean-up sales planned for April

By Randy Greene

Burley officials announced a plan to help growers who have unsold and uncured tobacco that was severely affected by 1997 weather.

"U.S. burley markets will conduct periodic sales March 2 through 12, then everything will close down until clean-up sales, April 8 and 9," said A.F. "Happy" Wiglesworth, USDA grading circuit supervisor.

"As a service to the farmers who own this co-op, half the warehouses will sell on April 8, and the other half, April 9," said Danny McKinney, CEO of the Burley Tobacco Growers Co-

operative Association. "We just hope — even though warehouses may not make money — that they will stay open and take care of the farmers."

The plan responds to mounting requests that the Burley Co-op simply take the uncured tobacco and pay the affected growers.

However, officials say the co-op cannot do that because:

First, federal law prohibits farmers or warehouses from shipping tobacco directly to the pool, Wiglesworth said, adding: "There must be a bona fide market auction."

Second, "frozen semi-cured to-

bacco is non-supportable. It has no face value, worldwide," Wiglesworth said.

Third, "the co-op operates under a loan program, so it cannot legally take tobacco that has no price-support value," McKinney said.

However, growers should be cautioned.

T.A. "Tommy" Norvell, with

Southwestern Tobacco said that, while their buyers would participate in the plan, their purchases may be "very limited, if at all."

Southwestern has "generally finished our buying for the season," Norvell explained, adding, "The overall quality of tobacco being delivered has been declining, and there is little customer interest, this late in the year."

Local students named to EKU President's List

Four Rockcastle Countians are among 549 students at Eastern Kentucky University named to the President's List for fall semester study.

The List includes: Kevin Mullins

of Berea; Angela Brown of Brodhead and Angie Lawless and Jarrod Singleton, both of Mt. Vernon.

"We're delighted that some of Rockcastle County's best and brightest students are studying with us at

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Christopher Edward Decker and Brandon Lynn Bussell made the most of their days off from school. With the help of their mother, Michelle Decker and Eddie Callahan, they made these snowmen. They call them 'Snow Cold Steve' and 'Austin, Jr.'

Births & Birthdays



McKinzie Stone Taylor Todd Chasteen, daughter of Eddie Todd and Brandy Chasteen, celebrated her second birthday on January 24th at McDonald's Playland in Berea. McKinzie would like to thank all friends and family for the gifts she received.



Evan Phillip Singleton celebrated his second birthday on February 11 with a Pooh Bear Party attended by his new baby sister, Julianna Grace, parents Derrick and Kimberly Singleton, Grandparents Glen and Sue Cromer and Phil and Kay Singleton, Great grandmother Jane VanWinkle and all his aunts and uncles.



Derrick and Kimberly Singleton wish to proudly announce the birth of their second child, a daughter, Julianna Grace. Julianna was born on December 19, 1997 and weighed 9 lbs. 9 ozs. and was 21 inches long. Julianna was welcomed home by her brother Evan Phillip, Grandparents are Glen and Sue Cromer and Phil and Kay Singleton, all of Mt. Vernon. Great grandmother is Jane VanWinkle of Mt. Vernon.



Hi! My name is Blake Stephen Howard. I was born January 17, 1998 to Stephen E. Howard and Nikki Fye of Lockport, IL. I was born January 17, 1998 and weighed 7 lbs. 14 ozs. and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gene Howard of Lockport, IL, and great grandmother is Edith Steele of East Bernstadky and the late Dorothy Barnes.

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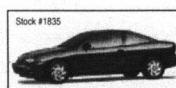
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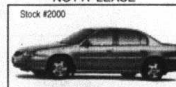
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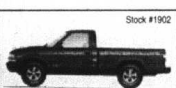
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Renfro Valley's 59th season begins March 6th

In keeping with tradition, there were no shows being held at the beautiful Renfro Valley Entertainment complex during January and February. However, you would never have known that by the sounds of phones ringing off the hook and the enormous amount of work going on in preparation for the new season.

1998 is already shaping up to be the biggest and best ever at the world famous entertainment center, if the number of advanced ticket purchases is any indication. As in the past, entertainers get a much deserved rest during January and February, but no one else can say the same. Besides the ticket handlers, our entertainment directors, special events coordinators, sales staff and maintenance people are hard at work making sure that our 59th season will be a special one. A record number of visitors came to the Valley in 1997, and with the spectacular line-up of entertainers already headed to Renfro Valley in 1998, a new record will surely be set this year.

Renfro Valley also has an excellent schedule of Gospel concerts for 1998 in place. The Gospel concerts will be kicked off by The McKameys on April 11, followed by The Isaacs on May 9. Other Gospel concerts will

This year's headliners include, Loretta Lynn, Patty Loveless, The Oak Ridge Boys, Don Williams, Carl Hurley, Neal McCoy

be added to go along with the always popular Gospel Talent Search, All Night Gospel Sing and Gospel Music celebration. Already on the schedule with The McKameys and Isaacs are The Smokey Cookes, The Hoppers and The Bishops. Of course, what would Renfro Valley be without comedy, and we have scheduled the best country comedians in the business to entertain our visitors in 1998.

Kentucky's funniest professor, Carl Hurley, will perform in the Valley on six different dates beginning on April 24 & 25 and Jerry Clower will return to the Valley for the fourth consecutive year on May 2. Visitors will also find Renfro Valley's own comedians Terry, Bun Wilson, Betty Lou Wilson and Pete Stamper back for

another season in the Valley.

Besides the great entertainment, visitors will find some physical improvements to our complex as well. Part of those improvements include adding new staging and lighting in the Old Barn Theater and the building of two new kitchens, one in the Valley's museum building and the other in the Red Barn. "The physical changes in 1998 are just part of our on-going effort to make Renfro Valley one of the top entertainment complexes in the nation," Jane Thorne said. "If you have been to Renfro Valley before, we certainly hope you will return in 1998, and if you haven't visited us before, we think you are missing one of the most enjoyable experiences of a lifetime," Thorne said.



WKYT-TV Weatherman T.G. Schuck spoke to Karen Powell's fourth grade class at Mt. Vernon Elementary School last Friday. Schuck discussed the weather, his job as a meteorologist, and interacted with the class following the presentation.

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Carol and Joyce Cain, real property located on Turkey Pen Branch waters of Big Clear Creek, to Clarence Spires. Tax 10.50.

Clarence Spires, real property located on Turkey Pen Branch waters of Big Clear Creek, to Wayne and Susa Berry. Tax 5.00.

Gary Ramsey and Ralph Ramsey, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Wayne and Stacia Berry. Tax 7.00.

Mobil Financial Associates Corporation, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Shelley Alcorn. Tax 2.00.

Earl H. and Brenda E. Bullock, and others, real property located on Richmond St., to Bluegrass Inn Apartments. Tax 116.00.

Robert L. Tinch, real property located on Chestnut Ridge - Sand Hill Road, to Brenda Kirby and Jesse Mason. Tax 1.00.

Wayne Thomas and others, real property located on waters of Staggs Creek, to Douglas Thomas. Tax 16.50.

Sarah Jane Brandt, real property located on U.S. 25 near Conway, to Stephen and Jill Ponder. Tax 28.00.

Kenneth and Patricia Pelfrey, real property located in Chestnut Heights Subdivision, to Stephen and Jill Ponder. Tax 12.00.

Randy and Sandy Van Winkle, real property located in Wolfe Creek section, to Greg and Dedra Poynter. Tax 6.00.

Clarence and Louise Carter, real property located in Sunset Place Subdivision, to Tommy Lovell. Tax 8.00.

Juan and Amy Nicely, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Juan and Amy Nicely. No tax.

Martin and Margie Vanzant, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Bruce and Leola Wynn. Tax .50.

Joe and Joann Allen, real property located on Chestnut Grove Road, to Russell Howard Parsons. Tax 2.50.

Johnny and Melinda Rader, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Clinton and Joann Hensley. Tax 2.50.

Marriage Licenses

Thursann Brown, 24, Scalp, Kentucky, unemployed, to Jason Lee McClure, 23, Mt. Vernon, Hicks Lumber Company. February 20, 1998.

Heather Dawn Allen, 18, Mt. Vernon, unemployed, to Arthur Ansell Bailey, 18, Mt. Vernon, unemployed. February 18, 1998.

Circuit Civil Suits

Alan Bennett Cromer vs. Deborah Cromer, petition for dissolution of marriage. 98-CI-00025.

Cathy Jean Allen vs. Darrell Keith Allen, petition for dissolution of marriage. 98-CI-00026.

Michelle York vs. Timmy York, petition for dissolution of marriage. 98-CI-00027.

District Civil Suits

Mountain Village Apartments vs. Dana Landford, forcible detainer complaint. 98-C-00013.

District Court News

February 18, 1998
Hon. Walter F. Maguire
Ricky D. Barron: Reckless driving, \$100 and costs.

Michael H. Brown: Fines due (\$467.50), issue warrant, suspend license.

Scottie J. Carrender: Speeding and other charges, issue warrant, suspend license.

Melissa A. Daniels: No insurance, \$500 and costs, suspend \$450.

Darrell Wayne Hoskins: No insurance, \$500 fine, suspend \$450; Operating motor vehicle under influence of intoxicants, \$200 and costs, \$200 service fee, \$10 victim crime fund, 2 days/time served.

Terina D. Kidwell: No registration receipt, \$50 and costs.

Percy Kirk, III: Fines due (\$345.00), issue warrant, suspend license.

William L. Mason: issue warrant, suspend license.

Pam McGuire: Fines due (\$101.50), issue warrant.

Barbara M. Meece: Operating motor vehicle under alcohol, \$200

and cost, \$200 service fee, \$10 victim crime fund, 2 days/time served.

Joel E. Newcomb: Operating motor vehicle under influence of intoxicants, \$200 and costs, \$200 service fee, \$10 victim crime fund, 2 days/time served.

Johnny E. Pringleton: Possession of marijuana and other charges, issue warrant for failure to appear.

Jennifer S. Reed: Drug paraphernalia use/possession, \$50 and costs.

Paul M. Rhoads: No Ky. Registration Plates, \$25 and costs.

Boyd E. Smith: Operating vehicle substance impaired, 3rd offense and failure to wear seatbelts, issue warrant/no bond/defendant failed to appear/license ordered pre-trial suspended.

Hiram A. Stull: Speeding, state (Cont. to B8)

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Our Readers Write

Dear Editor:
I teach social studies at our Rockcastle County Middle School on the eighth grade Challenger team. As part of my team's Enrichment Studies program we are inviting guest speakers to our class. Our speakers include: Dr. James Chism, County Judge-Executive Bruce Carolotis, Kentucky State Trooper John Yates and Supreme Court Justice Joseph Lambert.

On behalf of my team I want to express appreciation for these classroom visits. The information shared by these individuals is very beneficial to our students, helping them make informed decisions to become better citizens of Rockcastle County. When our school and community can

work together, there are great benefits!

Giving our students the best education possible is the goal of our Challengers team, and the contributions of these individuals is a positive step toward this goal.

Sincerely,
Pamela Martin
RCMS

Dear Editor:
There has been much talk during the General Assembly about the need to increase access to higher education, including a plan that would provide scholarships to students with good grades regardless of their financial need. Rep. Tom Burch has re-

cently introduced House Bill 434, co-sponsored by Rep. Greg Stumbo and others, which would help those kids to higher education for those Kentuckians who need it most — low-income parents who are struggling to meet the demands of school, work and raising a family.

New federal welfare laws are forcing many parents out of education and training and into low-wage, dead-end jobs that can't support a family. Yet study after study shows that education helps families leave welfare, increase their earnings and escape poverty. One survey indicated that workers with a bachelor's degree earned 89% more than those with

only a high school diploma.

House Bill #434 supports parents who are eligible for public assistance and want to engage in full-time post secondary education or training. It is an important step in assuring that Kentucky has the well-educated, highly-skilled workforce we need as we enter the next century.

Please urge your representatives to support this legislation. Leave them a message by calling toll free 1-800-372-7181. If you would like more information, contact Kentuckians For The Commonwealth at 606-878-2161.

Thank you,
Mimi Pickering
Whitesburg, KY

with an appreciation dinner for his 45 years of service.
John Lindgren, news anchor on WKYT-TV, Channel 27, Lexington, was guest speaker at the Community Prayer Rally sponsored by the Rockcastle County Ministerial Association.

20 years ago this week...
Ronnie McClure was the winner of the Rockcastle County Bass Club's 11th tournament of the year held at Dale Hollow Lake. He caught 19 lbs. 14 oz.

Thirteen Rockcastle County High School girls were nominated for basketball queen and attendants, Sherry Hansel, Kelli Cummins, Dee Ann

Sargent, Becky Tolle, Celia Durham, Kelli Payne, Janice Jones, Kaye Hammond, Connie Hunt, Kelly Bales, Sherry Barnett, Linda Whitehead and Kaye Payne.

30 years ago this week...
Broodhead High School hosted the 49th District Basketball Tournament. Lawrence S. Hall of Somerset was appointed Circuit Judge of the 28th District by Governor Louie B. Nunn. He succeeded Judge Roscoe C. Tarr, who died.

Sheriff Tim Reppert smashed barrels used in a moonshine operation after arresting two men from Tennessee for moonshining. The men were taken to Pincville and lodged in jail. Federal agents aided in the arrest.

From Our Files

10 years ago this week...
RCHS Senior Amy Hamn and Chris Larkey spoke to Mrs. Shirley Martin's first grade class during Broodhead Elementary's "favorite book" program.

Livingston Elementary School congratulated their cheerleading squad on its third place finish in the Broodhead Invitational Tournament. This was the first time Livingston had placed in the B.I.T. Squad members were Maleigha Johnson, Angie Stallworth, Crystal Jones, Angie

Mink, Sherri Griffin, Shawna Mize, Kristi Kelley and Trisha Goforth.
County Clerk Norma Houk, Joe B. Bolton of Eastern Kentucky and Russell Houk, prepared the voting machines for the March 8th Presidential Preference Primary.

15 years ago this week...
James Price, Bud Cox, David Bales, Gary Hansel, Paul Hansel, Mare Hopkins, Calvin Rader and Jack Chalfin, members of Mt. Vernon Fire Department, honored Chief John Cox

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Green Acres in Bee Lick! A touch of country living describes this 3 bedroom brick nestled in a beautiful setting. The home also has 2 baths, living, kitchen, dining, and utility room plus a 2-car garage with apartment overhead. All this priced just right at \$69,900. M1027

Prerogative Has a Price! You'll agree this new home featuring 1,800 sq. ft. of spacious living is worth every penny. The floor plan offers living, dining, kitchen, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, utility room, and an additional room to use as the owner sees fit plus a finished basement and garage. For Sale or Trade. \$95,900. M927

Go First Class! This spacious brick/vinyl home offers 1,780 sq. ft. of living area with entrance foyer, living room, dining, kitchen with breakfast area, family room, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and utility room. Added features include: deck, 2 car garage, and heat pump. Located in the Hunter's Ridge subdivision, this home is priced at \$97,900. M1072.

By George, We've Got It! Super ranch style home located on a large lot just off Richmond Street! This fieldstone home features 3 bedrooms, bath, living room, kitchen, formal dining room and washer/dryer hookup plus a carport and detached one-car garage. Priced at \$65,000. M1028

2-Fox-1 Investment! 1 1/2 story home with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, heat pump, fireplace, washer/dryer hookup and detached 2 car garage. Plus a 12x60 mobile home with 2 bedrooms and a bath. A golden opportunity located on Highway 150, Broodhead! Priced at \$72,500. M1053

Care to indulge in the Finer Things of Life? Such as living in this deluxe new vinyl siding home with over 2,000 sq. ft. of living area. This 2 story home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchen and dining area on the first floor. The ground floor has a bedroom, bath, recreation room and 1 1/2 car garage. Quality construction on a large lot. Priced at \$98,900. M1075.

Sophisticated? Underestimated! In Broodhead, this beautiful two story traditional home features living room, dining, kitchen, family, master bedroom and 1 1/2 bath downstairs plus 2 bedrooms and bath upstairs. Other amenities include: 2 car detached garage, concrete drive and immaculate condition. All this for \$110,000/ M1076

LOTS

Woodland Place Subdivision! Restricted, paved streets, city water - 2 large lots measuring approximately 1/2 acre each. Priced at \$5,000 each. M709

Ready to Build? Then check out Lots 13 and 14 in the Dyehouse Subdivision, Crab Orchard. The lots 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

Restricted Lots! Paved street, city water, 2 large lots measuring approximately 1 acre each. Located in the Woodland Place Subdivision and priced at \$9,000 each. M710

Restricted Country Building Lot! Evergreen Estates Subdivision - Blacktop street - city water - lot measures approximately 55,100 of an acre. One of Rockcastle's best neighborhoods. Owner will finance and will consider trade. Priced at just \$7,900. M834

Rolling Hills Subdivision! Just off old Highway 461! Two restricted building lots ranging in size from 7/10 to 8.10 of an acre on a blacktopped street. Priced at \$7,000 each. Take your pick and make plans now to begin your new home! M937

Sunnyside Estates! All New Restricted Mobile Home Subdivision! Large spacious country lots with paved streets, underground utilities, and city water. Financing available. Priced at \$7,900 each. M1048

Willitalla Section! Four large country lots with city water. Some restrictions apply. A fine area for your new home. Priced at \$5,700 per lot. M1049

Commercial Property

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 furnace/savage shop on street level as well as three apartments upstairs.

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Country Store - Established Business! Great location at Willitalla! Store equipped and ready to go plus two apartments overhead! Real estate and equipment priced at \$89,900 plus inventory. M1042.

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

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

Renfro Valley! Commercial Lot with frontage on US 25. Lot measures 8/10 of an acre with city water and sewer - in the midst of commercial potential. Priced at \$220,000 M1046.

20 Acres of prime commercial I-75 property at Renfro Valley. Great visibility from I-75, city water and sewer and good terrain with tremendous possibilities. May be your opportunity at \$300,000. M538

FARMS

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 Whitesburg. A nice acre and a dandy barn. Country with subdivision potential. Priced at \$44,900. M1016

97 Acres of Wood and Hill Land located in Jackson County! Property has a good 32x72 barn. Priced at \$25,000. M960

88 Acres located in the Pine Hill section of Rockcastle County! Good investment potential. Won't last long. Priced at \$24,900. M863.

6 1/2 acres located on 1912 near Climax. The property has blacktop road, some bottom land, some wood land and a creek. Ideal for a mini farm or a home site. Priced at \$9,900. M1062

30 Acres More or Less! **SOLD!** Highway 39, Pulaski County. Mostly all level crop land. Good land. M1077.

New on the Market! 83 Acre Dairy Farm Located on Cottrell Road, Pulaski County! With practically all tillable land, this farm is improved with a 6 room frame house, large 36x60 tobacco barn with 20 ft. shed, small storage shed, small stock barn and 4 stanchion milk parlor with equipment. The farm has city water, 5 ponds and a 2,500 lb. tobacco allotment. \$154,900. M1081

MOBILE HOMES

For Peanuts you can own this home located on Highway 150, Broodhead. This spacious sliding mobile home with addition has living, dining, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bath and utility room plus washer/dryer hookup and some appliances included. Also improved with a storage building and situated on a 1/2 acre lot. Priced at \$19,900. M1029

Hot New Listing! 1997 Doublewide Mobile Home features 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, living room, dining, kitchen and utility room, large deck and a barn. Situated on approximately 1 acre in the Bandy section of Pulaski County. Priced for \$69,900. M1058

A Great Place to Unwind - whether you enjoy the open air, a book by the fire or a warm luxurious bath. This home has it all including: 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, fireplace and a garden spot tub plus much more. Call Danetta for further details. Priced at \$67,500. M1079

FUTURE AUCTIONS

Absolute Auction of Mr. Richard and Ms. Rebecca Northem's Ranch Style House and 28 Acres M/L Saturday, February 14th at 10:30 a.m. Calloway Section of Rockcastle County

Absolute Bankruptcy Auction of House and Lot Saturday, February 21st at 10:30 a.m. 306 Center Street, Berea, Kentucky

Absolute Estate Auction of the late Ms. Pearl Benzley's Property Saturday, February 21st at 1:30 p.m. 411 West Main Street, Stanford, Kentucky

Absolute Auction of Barron's Cabinets' Equipment and Additional Inventory Saturday, February 21st at 11:00 a.m. Somerset, Kentucky

17th Annual London Farm Machinery Consignment Auction Saturday, February 28th at 9:30 a.m. Laurel County Fairgrounds Hwy. 229, London, Kentucky

23rd Annual Broodhead Farm Machinery Consignment Auction Saturday, March 7th at 9:30 a.m. Broodhead Fairgrounds, Broodhead

5th Annual Somerset Farm Machinery Consignment Auction Saturday, March 14th at 9:30 a.m. Pulaski County Fairgrounds Just Off Ky. 80 West, Somerset

Estate Auction of the late Billy Miller's 77 Acres M/L Farm Machinery and Vehicles at Absolute Auction Saturday, March 21st at 10:30 a.m. Highway 934, Pulaski County

Absolute Auction of Ms. Dovie Howell's House and Lot and Personal Property Saturday, March 21st at 1:30 p.m. Waynesburg, Kentucky

HOMES \$30,000 - \$40,000

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

Country Home in the Calloway Section of Rockcastle County! This home has 3 bedrooms, living, dining/kitchen, bath and utility room. In addition, there's a carport, cellar and storage building. This well-kept property is ready for your immediate occupancy. Priced at \$36,900. M1063

HOMES \$40,000 - \$50,000

Just Listed! Williams Street, Mt. Vernon 1 1/2 story home with family room, kitchen, living room, 2 bedrooms and bath downstairs and 2 bedrooms upstairs. This home is in need of some repairs. A good buy at only \$46,500. M1074

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Library News

By Geraldine Robbins



The sweater drive sponsored by Mt. Roger's Neighborhood and the Rockcastle County Library was finished last week. There has been a tremendous outpouring of sweaters for this drive. Certainly no one in Rockcastle County should be needing a sweater now. I don't know the final count but there has been well over 300 sweaters donated. Our thanks go out to everyone who donated and I feel sure that those that received the sweaters would say thanks, also. The manager of the migrant program, and I have been discussing a jeans drive, later. There is surely a need for these, too.

I hope everyone read Pam's column last weekend and now understand the bookmobile service better than before. The bookmobile service has been in existence here in the county as long as there has been a library, but I think sometimes we forget to include it in our services. But the bookmobile does play an important role in getting library service out to people that have a difficulty in getting to the county library or those that just enjoy having the service come to them.

Next week our children's services librarian, Betty Lindblom, will give

information of some of the programs that are available for the children that come into the library. She has special programs for the children on most holidays and other times and a weekly program for the preschool children.

1998 is going to be a very busy time for us here at the library. Plans are being made to have more computers and better service in the internet. Also, automation is being considered and this is a very time consuming job. We will have to do a complete inventory and more weeding of older books that are outdated and some duplicate copies of fiction books that have been circulated a lot.

The staff has to be continually trained for new programs on the computer and other new services that the library has to offer. We always like to hear suggestions and comments from our patrons if they feel these would be useful to us.

We will continue to get the best sellers and other books that are needed along with all the other activities that will be going on.

Some new books received recently are: 1. THE STREET LAWYER by John Grisham. Once again Mr. Grisham has written a spellbinding

novel that you won't want to put down when you have started the book. . . Michael was in a hurry. He was scrambling up the ladder at Drake & Sweeney, a giant D.C. firm with 800 lawyers. The money was good and getting better, a partnership was three years away. He was a rising star with no time to waste and no time for conscience. But a violent encounter with a homeless man stopped him cold. Michael survived but his assailant did not. Who was this man? Michael did some digging and learned he was a mental patient who had been in and out of shelters for many years. Then Michael dug a little deeper and found a dirty secret and the secret involved Drake & Sweeney. What now?

2. BED OF ROSES by Katherine Stone. . . Actress Cassandra Winter lies in intensive care, following a merciless attack by an unknown assailant. Now a man appears, demanding to see the ravaged actress, claiming that she is his wife.

Today she is famous and celebrated. Eight years ago she was simply a woman in love. The man she adored was Chase Tester. Chase and Cassandra met during an enchanted summer when she came home with Chase's sister, Hope. Chase had never been in love and Cassandra had never been loved at all. . . until him.

Yet it was she who left her love. She who had vanished with the secret she must never reveal. Years later Chase is back to help her, if he can and if she will permit it. Bed Of Roses is Katherine Stone's most emotionally triumphant novel yet and one our patrons will enjoy.

Two other non-fiction books that have been requested by our patrons wanting information on these subjects are: . . . WILLIE: Raising and Loving A Child With Attention Deficit Disorder. . . The story of Willie is

the story of an intelligent, creative, healthy child who, as his mother says, is "wired" a little differently from other people. In clinical terms, Willie has been diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder - a syndrome found in nearly ten percent of school-aged children. Recently the condition has yielded into public awareness and into a succession of self-help books, but now, for the first time, a mother speaks out about what it's like to live with ADD and how the condition affects home, family and beyond.

NATURAL WOMAN. NATURAL MENOPAUSE by Marcus Laux, N.C., and Christine Conrad. This book features the benefits of bio-identical, plant-derived hormones - the proven safe alternative to Premarin and Provera. It contains expert nutritional guidelines done with cutting edge research. Also, the secret to staying fit and beautiful.

Most women think they have only two choices of menopause: take Premarin and Provera and increase their risk of some cancers, or avoid taking synthetic hormones and suffer the often debilitating effect of menopause, such as bone loss and hot flashes. But according to this book, there is a better and safer way. An interesting book to read!

Some other fiction books are: . . . Lakota Winds by Janelle Taylor, The Cat Who Sang For The Birds by Lillian J. Braun, Song in a Strange Land and In The Twilight, In The Evening, both by Gilbert Morris. There is an attractive display by Monica Carmack that I would like for everyone to see. Monica is a very talented person and I certainly appreciate her letting us display her work. There is one large painting, a beautifully decorated guitar and some decorated bird houses.

Tax forms are still available for those who haven't yet filed their taxes.

The Family Room

By Dr. Don Whitehead

Confrontation Can Be Scary "My boss scares me," Jane told me. "He gets upset regularly and when he does, I fall to pieces. I cannot take his criticism of me. I would change jobs but the benefits of this one are too good to give up." (All characters are fictitious.)

As Jane and I talked, I began to see why she had this fear of conflict. Sometimes persons who are afraid of conflict grew up in households where there was a lot of conflict. Perhaps Mom and Dad fought, either verbally or physically, and, when they fought, the child was very fearful. When the child grew up and conflict occurred, she got that same scared feeling she had as a child when Mom and Dad fought.

This didn't seem to be true of Jane, however. Her childhood was notable for its lack of conflict. "No one ever got mad at my house," Jane remembered. "Things were always peaceful and quiet. Oh, I guess my little sister and I fought some, but Mom and Dad never fought. They never had a cross word."

"What did they do when they disagreed?" I asked.

"Jane thought for a long time. "I never heard them disagree," she finally said. "Our house was very calm and peaceful."

What Jane saw as a perfect childhood, I saw as a training ground for fear of conflict. Mom and Dad were also very afraid of conflict, so they avoided it at all costs. It is inevitable that two people living together will have some conflict. The only way around that is if one person gives in all the time and lets the other have his way.

That is exactly what happened in Jane's family. "Dad made all the decisions," Jane reported. "I never heard Mom disagree with him."

"Doesn't that strike you as un-

usual that your parents never disagreed?" I asked.

"Why, no," she replied in a surprised tone. "Dad always said that Mom was the perfect wife, and that I should try to be just like her."

Jane was afraid of conflict, because she had never learned how to handle it. She had never been around anyone who had conflict. Patterning after her mother, she grew up deathly afraid of conflict and did all she could to avoid it.

"Do you and your husband ever have conflict?" I asked Jane.

"Not if I can help it," she declares. "I guess I do give in all the time in order to avoid a fight."

"Do you give in to your boss too, I wanted to know."

"Yes," she replied, "but he's the boss! I have to let him have his way. "Even if he's the boss," I told her. "You have a right to your opinion."

Jane's saving grace is that she at least learned how to fight with her sister. Perhaps she could use some of that knowledge to stand her ground with her husband and her boss.

"It is Written"

Today we hear a lot about homosexuals demanding and asserting their rights. We want to consider the "Homosexual Bill of Rights" that are found in the word of God.

1. They have a right to hear the gospel of Christ, Mk.16:15-16, I Cor.6:9-10, Luke 24:47, Mt.28:19
2. They have a right to know that their conduct is sinful before God, I Cor.6:9-10, Romans 1:26-27; 1 Tim.1:10.
3. They have a right to know that God does not regard homosexuality and/or lesbianism as an "alternate life style". Heb.13:4; Rom.1:26-27.
4. They have a right to know that they will suffer in their own bodies & personalities the consequences of their sin, Romans 1:26-27.
5. They have a right to know that the Bible calls them "Dogs" Deut.23:17-18; Rev.22:15.
6. They have a right to know that their companion (husband/wife) has a God ordained right to put them away because of their sin, Mt.19:9, Jude 7; Gen.19:4-5.
7. They have a right to repent and turn from their sin, Luke 24:47; Acts 2:38; 1 Cor.6:9-11.
8. They have a right to know that homosexuality is not a disease, nor an alternate gender of life, but a sinful way of life that can be changed by the gospel of Christ, 1 Cor.6:9-11.
9. They have a right to know that they were not born homosexuals, but through lust fell into this lifestyle, and changed "the natural use into that which is against nature", Rm.1:26-27.
10. They have a right to be accepted and forgiven, when they repent and enter the body of Christ, 1 Cor.6:9-11; II Cor.2:7-11.

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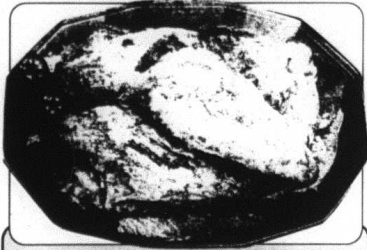
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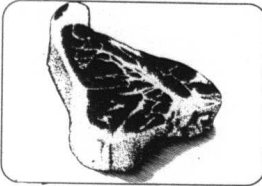
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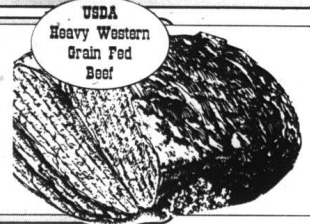
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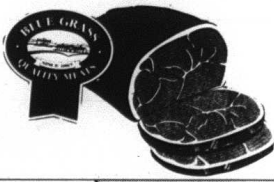
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Agricultural News

By Warden Alexander,
FSA Director

9th.

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

Due to the numerous amount of late sales for the 1997 crop year and the markets remaining open, FSA will NOT begin processing 1998 tobacco leaves until April 1.

Farm record changes requiring a reconstitution (division/combination of records) cannot be processed until after the 1997 Tobacco Records have been reconciled. After "tobacco rollover," these reconstitutions can be completed and revised notices will be mailed.

The crop insurance policy requires that all production be accounted for, therefore, any production will be assigned a fair market value by the insurance provider if it is not declared zero.

Beginning January 19, 1999, all payments made from the FSA Office will be made by direct deposit. This means that all participants in the AMTA (corn) program need to come in and make arrangements for their payments to be made directly to the

The 1998 Burley Tobacco Referendum will be held February 23-27. Ballots were mailed on February 20th. All eligible producers are encouraged to vote. Eligible voters include: owners, operators, tenants and sharecroppers engaged in the production of burley tobacco; owners whose tobacco is under the CRP program and owners who lease out their tobacco quota. Ballots must be postmarked no later than February 27.

The 1998 Tobacco Quota notices were mailed Friday, February 20. Any producers who had or will have sales after January 30, 1998, received an incorrect notice. A corrected notice will be sent when marketing cards are turned in and sales are reconciled. Disaster leasing deadline has been extended until close of business March 12. These "late" disaster leases will require approval from a State Office Representative. Interested parties should contact the office prior to the deadline.

The tobacco market is tentatively scheduled to remain open until April

financial institution of their choice. If you do not make arrangements by January 1, 1999, to receive your pay-

ment through direct deposit, you will no longer receive program payments from this office.

And hated to see you go. But now, you are without pain, And that's a blessing, we all know.

It's hard to give you up. You were part of her family. And we are going to miss, You old friend, especially me.

Poet's Corner

Another Time - Another Day
By Preston Parrett

His hair was like a snow capped peak
Showing white against the sky,
His face wrinkled and browned by the sun
Divulging days of toil long gone by.

His eyes were the blue of the distant haze
But they were friendly and bright,
He proudly wore old fashioned suspenders
Across his back stretched tight.

His hands were callused and knurled
From plowing many a mountain field,
But despite his many year
He had a grip of steel.

He stood on his porch proudly gazing
At his grandchildren happily at play,
Recalling years long gone by
Of another time and another day.

When he was a man in his prime
Watching his own children play with glee,
Thinking of the joy and laughter
As they covered around his knee.

His memory recalled the old home-
stead
With its woods, pastures and fields,
And of the many times he had prayed
For his crops to bring good yields.

For in his younger days times were tough
And money hard to come by,
But the children were well fed
By God's hand reaching down from a high.

He proudly watched them grow to adulthood
Saw them leave with an aching heart,
He realized that all parents suffer loneliness
When their children grow up and depart.

He waited as his parents had done
Before
For the visits from daughter and sons,
Wishing that they could come more often

For he and his wife were lonely ones.

Come on kids, we've got to go
His reverie was broken by the call.
Come on kids, we've got to leave

If we're to get home by nightfall.

As each one kissed him on the cheek
He was thankful and gay,
But in his heart he was wishing
That they could stay another day.

But he realized in his heart
That as he had left to take his stand,
Each child must leave home
To take his rightful place in the land.

Yet he was thankful in heart and mind
That his children could visit for a day,
And bring back fond memories
Of another time-another day.

Rusty
By Mayzell Ries

Rusty old friend,
I hated to see you go.
We all loved you,
You walked real slow.

Old arthritis got,
A hold of your feet,
But Rusty we thought,
You were real sweet.

Mrs. Verla,
Lost a dear friend.
For you were a friend to her,
Right to the end.

When you barked,
We knew you wanted water.
We carried it to you,
When we'd hear you holler.

When you were young,
You got into fights!
Mrs. Verla, and her husband,
Would take you to see Dr. Adams,
He'd fix you up just right.

When Mrs. Verla took her walks,
Rusty was by her side,
He always went with her,
He was full of pride.

As you got older,
You walked real slow,
You couldn't always,
Be on the go.

A hole of water,
You fell in,
And stayed in all night,
It was the starting of your end.

We all loved you, Rusty,

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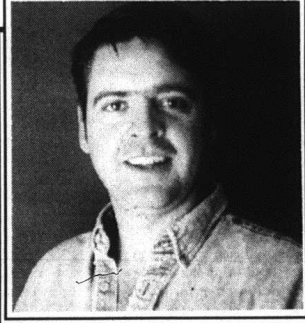
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HealthNotes

HealthNotes is a health awareness publication provided by Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center.

WARDING OFF COLON CANCER:

Tips for Detection and Prevention

Surprisingly, colon cancer is second only to lung cancer as the leading cause of cancer-related deaths, affecting nearly 5 percent of the U.S. population. Colon cancer does not discriminate—attacking both men and women equally. Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center has designated March as Colon Cancer Awareness Month to raise awareness of these startling statistics and promote prevention and diagnosis measures.

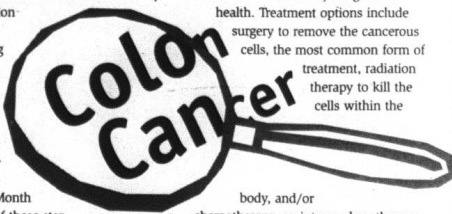
Your colon, a segment of the large intestine, is a necessary element of the digestive system. Colon cancer occurs when cancer cells are formed on colon tissue. Colon cancer affects people of all ages, but your chance of developing the disease increases as you get older.

"It is so important for people with a family history of colon cancer and anyone over the age of 50 to practice healthy maintenance habits," said Dr. Michael Hamilton of Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center. "It is preventable and highly treatable when detected in its early stages."

Healthy habits include having your stool tested once a year for symptoms of colon cancer and undergoing a colon cancer screening—a test that examines the inner lining of your rectum—every five years. High-risk individuals need to start testing around the age of 40. If polyps, which are potentially cancerous tumors, are detected early enough, they can be

removed before developing into cancer.

If colon cancer is diagnosed, treatments vary, depending on the stage of the disease and the state of your general health. Treatment options include surgery to remove the cancerous cells, the most common form of treatment, radiation therapy to kill the cells within the



body, and/or chemotherapy, an intense drug therapy to kill the cells.

Although the exact cause of the colon cancer is unknown, there are several factors that may increase your chances of getting it. Research has shown that your diet, heredity and your environment play an important role. A diet high in fat may increase your chances of developing the disease.

Developing healthy eating habits, such as a high fiber diet consisting of fruits, vegetables and whole grain foods, is a big step toward prevention. Being aware of the warning signs also is important. If you experience diarrhea, constipation, blood in your stool, general stomach discomfort, frequent gas pains, constant tiredness or lose weight with no known reason, do not hesitate to see your physician.

"What's promising is the death rate from colon cancer has been steadily declining. This mostly tells us that early detection is on the rise and people are getting serious about their routine exams," said Dr. Hamilton.

HEALTHY TIPS

Quick Corn Bread

The following recipe is virtually fat free. Calories, fat and cholesterol were reduced by:

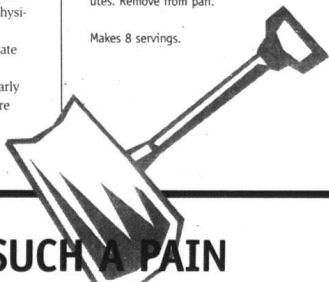
- Using skim milk in place of whole milk
- Replacing whole eggs with egg whites
- Using butter-flavored granules in place of oil

	Before	After
Calories	236	141
Fat (g.)	11.6	1
Calories from fat (%)	44%	6%
Cholesterol (mg.)	58	1

- 1 cup unbleached flour
- 1 1/3 cups yellow cornmeal
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 cup skim milk
- 2 egg whites
- 4 tablespoons butter-flavored granules, reconstituted

Coat an 8-inch-square baking pan with non-stick spray. Whisk flour, cornmeal and baking powder in a bowl. In another bowl, whisk milk, egg whites and butter granules. Add milk mixture to dry ingredients and stir just until moistened. Pour batter into pan; spread evenly. Bake at 425 degrees until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, 20 to 25 minutes. Cool on wire rack for 5 minutes. Remove from pan.

Makes 8 servings.



Calendar of Events

MARCH

Cataract Awareness Month

National Kidney Month

Children and Healthcare Week
March 15-21

National Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Week
March 2-8

Doctor's Day
March 30

Colon Cancer Awareness Month

WHY SHOVELING SNOW IS SUCH A PAIN

Last month's big snow storm probably threw you for a loop, and it may have done the same to your back if you were out shoveling the white stuff.

Back pain, especially low back pain, is a common problem that almost everyone has suffered at one point in his or her life. Research shows that eight out of 10 adults will experience a low back problem in their lifetime and more than half of first-time sufferers will have recurring symptoms.

Since most of your body weight rests on your lower back, any amount of strain on your back's muscles, ligaments, bones or tendons can lead to pain and discomfort. Bad posture, loss of flexibility in your back area, incorrect body mechanics, stress and/or repetitive trauma, and other risk factors such as obesity and smoking all contribute to back pain.

"Daily activities require a constant awareness that we are moving properly and in a way that is not harmful to our back and its muscles," said Steve Coy, director of physical therapy at Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center. "Something as simple as brushing our teeth still requires that we bend forward at our hips and not with our back. Increased awareness of our movements reduces our chances of experiencing pain."

Although painful, most back problems are not severe and can be relieved by applying heat or cold to the painful area or by taking over-the-counter pain medications.

"The majority of back pain sufferers are able to return to their normal activities after a back problem," Coy said. "Few are victims of severe back trauma that is long lasting." However, more severe cases of back pain, caused by an accident or other

trauma, need to be handled appropriately and with immediate care.

Prevention is the best medicine and, in the case of back pain, increased awareness is essential to your wellness. Coy suggested that you follow these rules:


- Learn about the most comfortable and neutral posture positions that will alleviate stress on your spine.
- When sleeping, sleep on your back with a pillow under your knees or sleep on

your side with knees bent and a pillow between your knees.

- Rest one foot on a stool if you must stand for long periods of time.
- Use a chair that reclines slightly and provides support to your lower back.
- Focus on exercise that will increase your flexibility and strength.

Most importantly, if your problems persist or have occurred from an accident, consult with your physician.

HOUSECALLS



PROFILE
Carmen Poynter, Personnel Manager and Administrative Assistant.

Family: Husband, Dwight; son Dustin, 8; son Devin, 22 months

Education: High school graduate; one year of vocational school

Activities: Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church

Carmen Poynter's face is a familiar one at Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center. Since 1983, she has been an integral part of the hospital's administration. With more than 300 employees, Poynter has had the opportunity to work with many

people. "I've seen a lot of people come and go throughout the past 14 years. It's always interesting to get to know so many different people," Poynter said.

As a working mother, finding enough time to do her job well and raise her

children can be challenging. Poynter expressed that she's been able to do this because she works for someone who is supportive and understanding.

"Mr. Keene cares about his employees. He strives to create a family atmosphere at the hospital."

ROCKCASTLE

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Legislative Update

By Rep. Danny Ford

During the closing seconds of the first half a basketball player positions himself under the backboard, leaps from the floor and grabs a rebound, pivots on his right foot and dribbles down the floor. At half-court he sees that he is all alone and as the crowd roars, he drives to the basket and scores two points.

Unfortunately, the ballplayer ran to the wrong basket and scored two points for the other team.

The Legislature must guard against making a mistake of this type—moving

with purpose and efficiency, but moving in the wrong direction.

There are two bills moving through the legislative process that seek to make the Commonwealth a better place to live. These well-intentioned measures aim to make our highways and schools safer. However, each bill needs to be streamlined and finetuned. House Bill 327 attempts to address the very serious problem of drunk driving in Kentucky by allowing police officers to confiscate a suspected drunk driver's license on the spot. We must decide how to

proceed after a drunk driving suspect's license has been taken by a police officer.

As originally written, House Bill 327 would institute an Administrative License Revocation (ALR) program: Under ALR a person would lose his license until a hearing, to determine guilt or innocence, is conducted by the Transportation Cabinet.

Under House Bill 327, as currently written and approved in committee, a suspected drunk driver would have his license confiscated and be given a temporary license that would expire in 21 days, within this time period the question of guilt or innocence would be brought before a District Judge.

Obviously, it is extremely important for the Legislature to crack down on drunk drivers, because it will make our roads less dangerous. In addition, tougher laws against drunk driving are long over due.

Another measure is House Bill 330, aimed at providing training and resources to combat school violence. Under provisions of this proposal, a state center on school safety would be created, schools would be provided with money for security and discipline measures, and automatic expulsion of students who make threats would be allowed. The goal of House Bill 330 is to make our schools safe and deal with discipline problems on a daily basis. One concern

with this legislation is the amount of input allowed from the local level.

Once again, we have a bill that needs a little more work and I am confident that a good school safety law will be enacted.

(\$111.50), 30 days in lieu of payment; contempt of court, 60 days, consecutive.

Robert A. Offill: Contempt of court (\$121.50), assessed 30

days in lieu of fine and costs; fines due (\$477.50), 60 days/consecutive in lieu of fines and costs; Alcohol intoxication, 10 days/consecutive in lieu of fines and costs.

District Court News

(Cont. from B2)

traffic school, \$47.50 costs.

Douglas Franklin Sykes: Defendant failed to appear, bond ordered forfeited, warrant order re-issued and license suspended.

Teresa A. Tyre: Prescription in improper container, \$250 and costs and 30 days/probated on condition.

Vickie R. White: Reckless driving, \$100 and costs; state traffic school authorized on payment of fine and costs.

Joy A. Williams: Reckless driving, \$100 and costs.

Shane J. Miller: Faulty Equipment, \$20 and costs.

David L. Debord, II: Drinking in public, \$25 and costs.


Franklin E. Bond: Contempt of court, 30 days in lieu of fine and costs.

Clifton V. Davis, Jr.: Speeding, \$25 and costs; Failure to wear seatbelts, \$25 and costs.

Bobby L. McClure: Fines due

Vote For Vote For

Larry Hensley



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Vote For

Arthur (Ott) Bond

For

MAGISTRATE Second District #6 On Ballot

Paid for by Arthur (Ott) Bond

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY DETENTION CENTER ADDITION

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
FOR
ROCKCASTLE COUNTY DETENTION CENTER ADDITION
MT. VERNON, KENTUCKY

SECTION 00010 - ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

INVITATION:

Sealed proposals, in duplicate, for the referenced work will be received by the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, Office of the County Judge Executive, P.O. Box 755, Rockcastle County Courthouse, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456 in the manner and on the date hereinafter specified for the furnishing of all labor, materials, supplies, tools, appliances, equipment, services, etc., necessary for the construction of the Rockcastle County Detention Center Addition as set forth in the Contract Documents as prepared by Architecture Plus, Inc., 112 North Court Street, P.O. Box 511, Georgetown, Kentucky 40324-0511, telephone number 502-863-9454 and under the terms and conditions of this Advertisement. This project is being Bid by Bid Packages and will be managed by Architecture Plus, Inc., 112 North Court Street, P.O. Box 511, Georgetown, Kentucky 40324.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project consists of a renovation and addition to the first floor of the existing jail. Construction of a new 24-Bed security section and a 16-Bed Restricted Custody Section. Installation of a new Fire Protection System and Smoke Evacuation System. The site is the existing Rockcastle County Courthouse.

METHOD OF RECEIVING BIDS:

Package Bids will be received from all Contractors on a lump sum basis for the total project. Bids shall be submitted in the manner herein described and on the Form of Proposal included with the conditions and specifications and shall be subject to all the conditions as set forth and described in the Bid Documents.

NOTE: Failure to utilize the Form of Proposal set forth in the Bid Documents will be cause for invalidation of the bid.

METHOD OF AWARD:

Award shall be issued on the lowest responsive bid price by a responsible bidder. The Bid Proposal will contain all qualifying requirements and forms.

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS REVIEWED:

Specifications, Plans, and Contract Documents may be examined at the following places:

- Office of the County Judge Executive, Hon. Buzz Carlotis, Rockcastle County Courthouse, P.O. Box 755, Mount Vernon, Kentucky 40456.
- Architecture Plus, Inc., 112 North Court Street, P.O. Box 511, Georgetown, Kentucky 40324-0511.
- Associated Builders and Contractors of Kentucky, Inc., 1440 Campbell Lane, Suite #500, Bowling Green, Kentucky 42104.
- F. W. Dodge McGraw Hill Information Services/ABC Plan Room, 1812 Taylor Ave., Louisville, Kentucky 40213.
- F.W. Dodge McGraw-Hill Information Services, One Paragon Centre, Suite 230, 2525 Harrodsburg Road, Lexington, KY 40504
- Builders Exchange of Louisville, 2300 Meadows Drive, Louisville, Kentucky 40218
- Associated General Contractors, 2321 Fortune Drive, Lexington, Kentucky 40509.
- Associated Builders and Contractors, 1051-F1 Newtown Pike, Lexington, Kentucky 40511.

OBTAINING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS:

Plans and specifications may be obtained from Architecture Plus, Inc. 112 North Court Street, Georgetown, Kentucky 40324, (502) 863-9454 in accordance with the following deposit and charge schedule:

	DEPOSIT	REQUIRED ON	REFUNDABLE
initial set	\$100.00	1 complete set	\$75.00

All checks shall be made payable to Architecture Plus, Inc. If plans and specifications are to be mailed, arrangements must be made with Architecture Plus, Inc. A separate non-refundable check for \$15.00, per set, shall be made payable to Architecture Plus, Inc. Plans and/or specifications will be mailed upon receipt of checks.

Plans, specifications and all addenda must be returned, at the plan holder's expense, in usable condition within thirty (30) calendar days after the closing date of receipt of bids to Architecture Plus, Inc., 112 North Court Street, Georgetown, Kentucky 40324. No bidding documents will be released by the issuing authority commencing five (5) days prior to the date of the bid opening.

BID SUBMITTAL:

CONTRACTORS MUST SUBMIT THEIR BID IN A SEALED ENVELOPE.

SEALED BID FOR: ROCKCASTLE COUNTY DETENTION CENTER ADDITION

BID DATE AND TIME: MARCH 18, 1998 at 2:00 P.M. (Local Time)

PLACE: ROCKCASTLE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Bids, upon their receipt by the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court, are stamped showing the hour and date received. Bids received after the scheduled closing time for reception of bids will not be considered provided any legal bids have been received on said referenced Package.

Only those contractors who have obtained Contract Documents directly from issuing authority will be eligible to submit a proposal for this project.

BID WITHDRAWAL:

No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening of bids. Clerical errors and omissions in the computation of the total lump sum bid shall not be cause for withdrawal of the bid without forfeiture of bid bond. Bids may be withdrawn in person prior to the closing date for receipt of bids.

BONDING:

All bids for labor and material in excess of \$10,000.00 shall be accompanied by a Bid Guarantee of not less than five (5%) percent of the amount of the base bid. One Hundred (100%) percent Performance and/or Payment Bond shall be furnished by the successful bidder. All bonding and insurance requirements are contained in the instructions to Bidders and/or Conditions.

RIGHT TO REJECT:

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive all formalities and/or technicalities where the best interest of the Owner may be served.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The listing of major sub-contractors, unit prices and selected materials and equipment lists are required to be submitted with the bid. Additional materials and equipment lists will be required to be submitted within two (2) hours of the reading of the bids by the low bidder as described in the Form of Proposal.

It is imperative that a Representative be present at the Bid Opening for any company submitting a Bid. The Representative must be in a position that he/she can answer any and all questions on behalf of company, in regards to this project and questions that may arise concerning his/her company.

WAGE RATES:

Kentucky Prevailing Wage Rates are applicable to this contract.

BIDS REQUESTED

The following bids are requested:

BID PACKAGE

NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
#5	Precast Prestressed Concrete Decks
#33	Structural Steel

Robert Burke Roofing: Free Estimates. Satisfaction guaranteed. Home ph. 758-8211. 52x100dnf

Bobcat Service: Reasonable rates. Call 256-3344. 7mf

Tree Topping Service: Tree topping and trimming service available. Also firewood for sale. \$35 full truck load. Call (606)453-9325. 18x4

Electrical Service & Repairs: Phone lines installed. Call 758-4258. 16x2nd

Sewing In My Home: Doll, baby, children, and women clothes, etc. 20 yrs. experience. 256-5455. 18x5pd

Classified deadline is NOON Tuesday



FOR SALE
New house with three bedrooms, two baths, living with oak cabinets and dishwasher, laundry room, extra large dining room, kitchen with vaulted ceiling, and an attached one car garage. The house is well insulated, has central air and heat and is located on a large lot (.83A) in the Rolling Hills Subdivision. Price \$80,000. Call Clarence Carter, Mt. Vernon at 256-2617.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Pursuant to Section 105 (a)(c) of the Job Training Partnership Act the public review of the Job Training Plan for the Cumberlands Service Delivery Area serving the counties of Adair, Casey, Clinton, Cumberland, Green, McCreary, Putlaski, Russell, Taylor, and Wayne within the Lake Cumberland Area Development District and the counties of Laurel, Rockcastle and Whitley in the Cumberland Valley Area Development District will be on display March 3, 1998.

The purpose of the Job Training Plan is established to provide programs to prepare youth and adults facing serious barriers to employment for participation in the labor force by providing job training and other services that will result in increased employment and earnings, increased educational and occupational skills and decreased welfare dependency, thereby improving the quality of the work force and enhancing the productivity and competitiveness of the Nation.

The Job Training Plan for the Cumberlands Service Delivery Area will have an approximate budget of \$2,211,664.00 to provide approximately 1,200 participants an array of services such as employability skills, basic education, vocational services, and post-secondary education services as determined by the Cumberlands Workforce Development Board/PIC.

The Job Training Plan for the Cumberlands Service Delivery Area for Program Year 1998, beginning July 1, 1998 will be on display for public review in the Lake Cumberland Area Development District office in Russell Springs, Kentucky from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Central Time and the Cumberland Valley Area Development District office in London, Kentucky from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

Any inquiries can be directed to Stuart Carman, JTPA Director of the Lake Cumberland Area Development District, PO Box 1570, Russell Springs, Kentucky 42642 or by calling (502) 866-4200.

Sheriff
Yearly Financial Status Report

Name: Shirley Smith Date: 1-30-98
County: Rockcastle Period from
Address: PO Box 715 1-1-97 thru 12-31-97
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

RECEIPTS:

Commission from taxes	73,578.96
Arrest Fees	1,680.00
Sheriff Security Service	12,434.00
Conveying Convicts	741.50
Delinquent taxes	3,316.18
Auto Inspections	4,296.00
Executions	4,875.00
Sheriff Fee From County	10,213.50
Insurance Report	458.00
Interest	1,533.43
Daniel Boone National Forest	3,567.29
Federal Grant	4,600.00
Gun Applications	3,807.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	125,099.18

EXPENDITURES:

Sheriff's salary	46,000.00
Deputies salary	57,184.91
Uniforms	2,132.10
Postage	
Utilities	1,778.41
Supplies	765.59
Expense while transporting	
Gasoline	11,100.20
Gun Applications	1,235.00
Vehicle Maintenance & Repairs	2,243.19
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	122,439.40
Excess receipts over expenditures	2,659.78

I certify that this statement to the best of my knowledge, is true and correct.
/s/ Sheriff Shirley Smith

NOTICES

More \$\$\$SSSS: For White Oak Stave Logs. Haul to American Stave Company, Eubank. (606)379-2311. 3x52nd

Steve Spoonmore Roofing: is also for hire to remove trees and debris from the recent snow at reasonable rates. 758-4318. 19x1pd
Posted: No hunting, no trespassing on Crawford Place - Old Broadhead Road. Danny Smith. 47mf

Posted: No trespassing on property belonging to Ruby Sayers located just off Hwy. 1250. Violators will be prosecuted. 21x4

Notice: Is hereby given that Willene C. Burton, Rt. 1, Box 250, Broadhead, KY 40409, has been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Olin T. Burton, on the 2nd, day of February, 1998. Any persons having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Willene C. Burton or to Clontz & Cox, Attorneys at Law, P.O. Box 1350, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before August 2nd, 1998. 19x3

Notice: Is hereby given that Helen Noel, 2240 Copper Creek Road, Crab Orchard, KY 40419, has been appointed Administratrix of the estate of Lewis McGuire on the 2nd, day of February, 1998. Any persons having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Helen Noel or to Hon. James W. Lambert, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 736, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before August 2nd, 1998. 19x3

Notice: I, Linda Renner, am not responsible for any debts other than my own. Effective: 2-9-98. 20x4pd

Notice: Is given that Carl R. Clontz and Sue French have filed a Final Settlement of her accounts as Co-Administrators of the Estate of Lovell Clontz, deceased. A hearing on said settlement will be held on March 13th, 1998. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before said date. 20x2

Notice: Is hereby given that Erce L. Cromer, P.O. Box 164, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456, has been appointed Administratrix of the estate of Virgie L. Hasty on the 11th, day of February, 1998. Any persons having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Erce L. Cromer on or before August 11th, 1998. 20x3

Notice: Is hereby given that Linda Jackson Proctor, 100 Lovell Lane, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456, has been appointed Executrix of the estate of Willie L. "Ted" Jackson on the 30th, day of February, 1998.

Any persons having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Linda Jackson Proctor or to Hon. Jeffrey T. Burdette, P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before August 20th, 1998. 20x3

Notice: Is given that Frances Burdine has filed a Final Settlement of her accounts as Administratrix of the estate of Luther Franklin Burdine, deceased. A hearing on said settlement will be held on March 9, 1998. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before said date. 21x2

Notice: Is given that Michaela Gill Cope has filed a Final Settlement of accounts as Executrix of the Estate of Annie L. Wolfe, deceased. A hearing on said settlement will be held on March 18, 1998. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before said date. 21x2

Notice: Is hereby given that Lucille McHargue, of Rt. 5 Box 484D, Mt. Vernon, KY and Marie Mullins, P.O. Box 1717, Mt.

Vernon, KY 40456, have been appointed Co-Executrices of the estate of Jerline Dooley on the 20th, day of February, 1998. Any persons having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Lucille McHargue or Marie Mullins or to Clontz & Cox, P.O. Box 1350,

Mt. Vernon, KY 40456, on or before August 20th, 1998. 21x3
Notice: Is hereby given that Richard Danreil, 45 Cupps Chapel Road, Crab Orchard, KY 40419 has been appointed Limited Guardian of the estate of Pamela Pugh, 45 Cupps Chapel Road, Crab Orchard, KY 40419 on the 17th, day of February, 1998.

Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Richard Powell on or before August 17, 1998. 21x3

Notice: Is hereby given that Betty Harko, 4845 Myrtle Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45241 has been appointed Executrix of Virgie Spoonmore, P. O. Box 131, Broadhead, KY 40409 on the 17th, day of February, 1998. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Betty Harko or to Hon. Jeffrey T. Burdette, P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before August 17, 1998. 21x3

Notice: Is given that Tennessee Northern has filed a Final Settlement of her accounts as Administratrix of the Estate of John L. Northern, deceased. A hearing on said settlement will be held on March 18th, 1998. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before said date. 21x2

WANTED

Wanted: Barnco's Auto Salvage located on Cove Branch Road buys junk cars and trucks and has used auto parts for sale. Call 256-9018. 37mf

Wanted: Junk cars and trucks. We have auto parts for sale. Call 256-5403. 41x12

Wanted: Will do babysitting in my home. M-F. First and second shifts only. Call 256-9486. 21x2

Wanted: Need a babysitter from 4 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. Mon. - Fri. More information call 256-9413 after 4:00 p.m. Must have references. 21x2nd

Wanted: Mother of 2 wants to babysit. Flexible hours. Call 256-9493. 21x1

On An As-Needed Basis: Researcher to check various type court records, mostly criminal. Reply to Darlene Warren, POB 14592, Cincinnati, OH 45250-5492. 21x2

YARD SALES

Attention Quilters: 90 inch, 108 inch lining; 96 inch batting, binding and printed quilt tops; 4 ft. shop lights - \$5 each; solid oak card table with four chairs, NEW consignment shop - plus size and smalls. ALSO NEW personalized embroidery shop for linens, shirts, jackets or accessories; full line restaurant; Wagner; silk flowers. Midway Flea Market between Richmond and Berea. Open Thurs. -

Sun. 9-5. 16mf
Garage Sale: At the home of Benton and Theresa Bullock on Hwy. 461. 2 miles past junction

150 and 461 towards Somerset. Garage will be heated. Furniture of all kinds, clothes of all sizes. Other items too numerous to mention. Fri. & Sat. from 9-7. Signs will be posted. 21x1

Theresa Bullock on Hwy. 461. 2 miles past junction

At the former produce market on Hwy. 70 in Broadhead. Given by Barbara Bassell. Clothing (all sizes), shoes, household, items, mini blinds, comforter sets, toys and etc. Rain or shine! 21x1pd

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Make this year the most exciting, enriching year ever for you and your family. Share your world with a young foreign visitor from abroad. Welcome a high school student, 15-18 years old, from France, Spain, England, Germany, Sweden, Mexico, or Russia as part of your family for a school year and make an overseas friend for life.

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Mrs. Sarah Jane Schaaf, Secretary
Revenue Cabinet
Honorable Buzz Carloufs, County Judge/Executive
Honorable Norma Houk, County Clerk
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Independent Auditor's Report
We have audited the statement of receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the County Clerk of Rockcastle County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 1996. This financial statement is the responsibility of the County Clerk. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards; Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the Audit Guide for County Fee Officials issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. These standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The County Clerk is required to prepare her financial statement on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the cash basis and laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the County Clerk for the year ended December 31, 1996, in conformity with the basis of accounting described above.

To the People of Kentucky
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(Continued)

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statement taken as a whole. The schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statement. Such information has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the financial statement taken as a whole.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued a report dated January 6, 1998, on our consideration of the County Clerk's internal control structure and a report dated January 6, 1998, on compliance with laws and regulations.

Respectfully submitted,
Jones & Ritchie, CPAs
Jones & Ritchie,
Certified Public Accountants

Audit fieldwork completed -
January 6, 1998

Safety Issues of Diet Drugs

By: Hazel Jackson
County Extension Agent
for Home Economics

The Wall Street Journal reports Americans spend \$5.6 billion on diet aids. With the downfall of Fen-Phen, a number of alternatives have already been marketed. But the safety stakes are high with these products as well.

EPHEDRA. Traditionally, Ephedra, also known as ma huang, has been used to treat respiratory disorders. Two of its chemical components, ephedrine and pseudoephedrine, are found in prescription and over-the-counter decongestants and bronchodilators. Ephedra has been a staple on the weight-loss scene for several years and some supplements now marketed as "natural fen-phen" contain the herb.

A wide range of side effects, from dizziness and agitation to increases in blood pressure, abnormal heart rhythms, heart attacks, strokes, seizures and brain hemorrhages have been reported. As a result of these side effects, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is proposing new regulations to limit the amount in a single dose, per day and for a maximum of 7 days. Ephedra products would not be allowed to make weight-loss claims.

ST. JOHN'S WORT. St. John's Wort is used to treat mild to moderate depression. The herb's chemical actions aren't completely

understood. The only studies of the herb have lasted 8 weeks or less, so no long-term safety information or effectiveness is available. Side effects of fatigue, dizziness, skin rashes and increased sensitivity to sunlight have been reported.

CHROMIUM. Chromium is an essential trace mineral needed for normal insulin function. It is found in whole grain foods, black pepper and some vegetables.

In supplement form, it is touted as a fat-burning and energy-boosting aid. The mineral may have merit in diabetes treatment, but that is still under investigation. Studies have yet to support the use of supplements to help people lose weight, build muscles or boost energy.

TRYPTOPHAN. The body uses the amino acid, tryptophan, to manufacture serotonin. An over-the-counter version is being used as a weight-loss aid, but there's no solid proof of the synthetic compound's effectiveness or safety in weight loss.

The FDA regards any over-the-counter product commercially promoted as an alternative to prescription anti-obesity drugs to be a drug and are beginning to take appropriate regulatory action to remove such products from the market.

at the top of the tree and cut branches to the desired height. Be sure to make these cuts to an outward-growing limb and don't leave branch stubs because it is difficult for the tree to seal off or grow over stubs.

If more than two very large limbs need to be removed, plan to remove them over a two- or three-year period. Next, remove any limbs that cross over each other and eliminate limbs that have narrow or weak crown angles. Try to avoid having more than one branch arising from the same area of the trunk and remove or cut back limbs that crowd other limbs. Also remove water sprouts and try to divert sprouts into grow and fill vacant areas of trees.

Since applying grow more on horizontal than vertical branches, pruners should encourage the development of branches that grow at 45 to 60 degree angles from the trunk, which also promotes development of strong branches. Try to remove branches that arise at sharp angles from the trunk. These are often weaker because bark accumulates between the branch and the trunk and they often break off under heavy fruit load.

The only spray required for apple trees at this time of year is a dormant oil treatment. Full coverage with a dormant oil spray will smother scale and mites. Be sure treatment is made when temperatures will not drop below 32 degrees for 24 hours. If freezing occurs, the layer of oil will be broken, allowing air beneath the layer and preventing scale and mites from being smothered.

More information on apple tree pruning and a video tape can be obtained from the County Extension Office.

PESTICIDE CARD TRAINING

Training for Restricted-use Pesticide Cards will be given **Tuesday, March 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Basement Meeting Room of the County Extension Office.**

Hunter Education Course is March 5th and 6th

Attention Outdoors People! There will be a Spring Hunter Education Course sponsored by the Rockcastle Sportsman Club, the Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife and the Cooperative Extension Service.

The course will begin Thursday, March 5th from 9:00 - 9:30 p.m. and on Friday, March 6th from 9:00 - 9:30 p.m. at the County Extension Office. The Saturday, March 7th range work will be announced during the two-night

course work. This is a great opportunity for young people to go through this course. There's no need to sign up... just come to the Basement

Meeting Room of the County Extension Office Thursday, March 5th at 6:00 p.m. Youth needs to be at least 9 years old and parents should attend with their child.

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Farm News

By: Tom Mills
County Extension Agent
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Fertilizing and Pruning Home Apple Trees



Well-managed, home-grown apple trees will yield larger crops and higher quality fruit when they get off to a good start. Fruit trees can be fertilized in February and late March. When fertilizer is applied now, tree roots are able to pick up the nitrogen in preparation for spring growth. If nitrogen is applied mid- to late summer, this may promote winter injury because hardiness development may be delayed.

In most cases, nitrogen in the form of ammonium nitrate is the only fertilizer needed for apple trees. The amount of nitrogen that should be applied depends on a tree's age and the amount of growth it made the previous season. Evaluate tree vigor by examining the terminal shoots of the apple tree to determine how much growth was made the previous season. The point from which the shoot grew the previous season is marked by bud scale scars that form a short ring in the bark around the shoot. These bud scale scars are left by the bud scales that cover the terminal bud during the previous winter.

On apples, it is best to have an average of 12 to 15 inches of

terminal growth. If a tree has more than this, use a little less fertilizer and if there is less than this, use a little more. For apples, apply a quarter pound of nitrogen per year of age of tree. For example, a 4-year-old tree would get about 3 pounds of ammonium nitrate. The fertilizer should be sprinkled on the ground beneath the drip line of the tree, not at the base of the trunk, so rainfall will wash the fertilizer down into the root zone.

But remember, if a lawn is fertilized, this may supply all the nitrogen fertilizer needed for an apple tree.

Fruit trees should be pruned every year to promote annual fruiting. The goal is to open up the tree to allow sunlight to get into its interior. Pruning is best done between mid-February and the tree's full bloom when the worst of winter is over because pruning dehardsens trees and makes them more susceptible to winter injury. Young trees should be pruned last because they are most susceptible to winter injury. On older trees, first remove any dead or diseased branches and then start

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Tobacco Awareness Program presents possible health risks

by Josh McKibben

You're sitting in the classroom. Your leg is hopping up and down frantically.

You stand up and walk to the teacher's desk. You tell her you need to "go to the bathroom." She gives you a note, and you rush out the door.

You know you don't really need to use the bathroom, and you feel a rush of "success" go down your spine.

You crawl into one of the bathroom stalls and pull that cigarette out of your pocket--the one you've been waiting all day to smoke.

As you light it and prepare to take that long-awaited puff, you hear footsteps.

You try to toss the cigarette into the toilet, while at the same time, waft the smoke away from your body.

You look for a stick of gum and a bottle of perfume to hide the stink, but it's no good. You've been caught.

So now you're ready to face the consequences. The average price to pay for being caught possessing or using tobacco products on school grounds is 5-10 days in Alternative School--a punishment that doesn't always quite seem to address the problem of tobacco in school.

Enter the all new Tobacco Awareness Program.

Now, along with the 5-10 day referral to Alternative School, comes a three-hour tobacco awareness course for violators of the prohibition.

The course, taught by Ms.

Beverly Sexton from the Comprehensive Care Center of Mt. Vernon, is now a monthly requirement for any student caught during that time with tobacco products on the premises or partaking of said product.

Mr. Barry Noble, assistant principal, who, along with Ms. Ruth Allen, is one of the innovators of this program, said, "Realistically we don't expect to cause everyone to quit smoking or dipping, but we just want them to at least know the dangers of tobacco use." Mr. Noble is referring to the 30 students who attended the first session of the Tobacco Awareness Program on January 29. Mr. Noble said Ms. Sexton did a good job, even incorporating an actual human lung from a smoker into her lesson to show the dangers first hand.

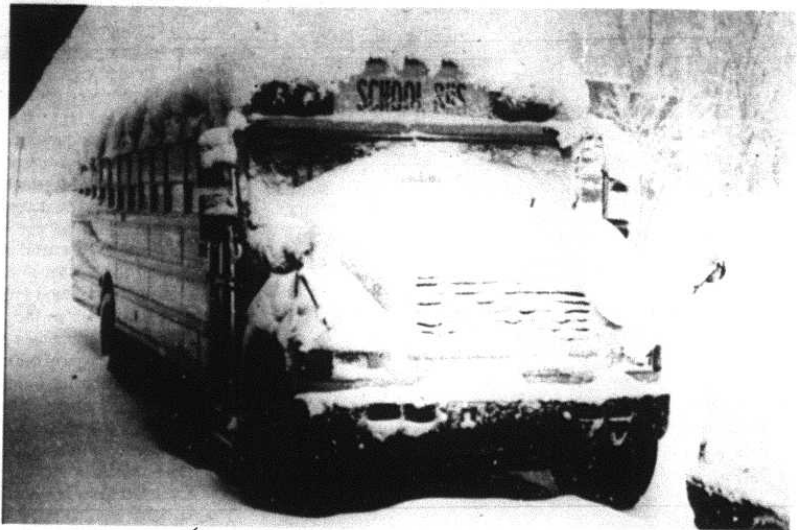
"They were very respectful to Ms. Sexton," Mr. Noble said, "and it seemed as if some of them may have taken it to heart."

This is the first year this program has been implemented, but Mr. Noble hopes to continue to use it in the future.

Like the first session, subsequent visits from Ms. Sexton will be unannounced.

"I want to use this year as a pilot program, and then see whether it can be useful in years to come," Mr. Noble said.

One other possibility according to Mr. Noble, is to make the training required after school, so students would have to take time out of their own personal schedule, instead of using valuable class time.



Cover-up

Even though the biggest snow for several years fell in mid-month, a full week of Spring Break is still on the school calendar. So far school has been cancelled due to snow only six days this year. School is scheduled to be out May 20.

New law clears up prayer uncertainties

by Cory Bailey

Since 1970, when prayer in schools was first eliminated, attention has centered around students' rights.

Recently, however, in light of the shooting that took place at Heath High School, a new spark of controversy was alive in this session of the state legislature.

Legal issues regarding liability and students' rights to pray while at school arose after the tragedy since the incident occurred directly after an early morning prayer group and members of the group were the victims.

Apparently some administrators were trying to tell the students that it was not permitted to pray on school property and during school hours.

A brief new bill was voted into law in honor of the three students who died in the shootings.

Although the act only has two parts, it helps to clarify what can and cannot be done concerning student-led prayer.

Rockcastle County's Representative Danny Ford commented about the law, "It certainly defines what can be done and what can't."

The bill reads simply: *No school board, administrator, or teacher shall prohibit a student from praying during noninstructional times when the prayer is voluntary and student-initiated.*

The second part simply states that the bill shall be known as the Nicole Hadley, Jessica James, and Kayce Steger Act.

Legislature restricts teen marriages; repeals helmet law for those over 21

by Leighanne Seals

Besides KIRIS testing, prayer in school, and home schooling, another controversial issue often brought up in conversations among high school students has recently been brought up for discussion and action by this session of the Kentucky Legislature.

The recent marriage of an 18 year old senior boy at Rockcastle County High School to a 12 year old girl has raised controversy,

locally and across the state, over teen marriages.

Records show that last year, 317 children under the age of 16 were allowed to marry in this state.

HB 37, which limits marriages of those under the age of 16, recently passed the House easily and is expected to pass the Senate and be in effect by July.

Once the bill is in effect, no one under the age of 16 will be

permitted to marry unless the girl is pregnant and has the signed permission of a district judge and the parent.

Currently, any child can marry at any age as long as a parent consents.

Another House bill could make helmets optional to cyclists over 21. HB 106 requires all motorcyclists who choose not to

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Dear Editor,
Who cares who sits or leans next to the so-called, Senior Wall?!!

Certainly not THIS year's seniors! If the author of that totally irrelevant and obviously unresearched article in the

January issue of *The Rocket*, would have actually gone to the wall herself instead of hiding behind her keyboard, she would have seen that the "Senior Wall" is not a place where we, the Senior Class of 1998, judge people due to their class.

Anyone who wants to sit there can. With the exception of a very few seniors, we do not set ourselves higher than any other class.

We were once in underclassmen's shoes and know how bad you can feel when you are left out.

Dale Green

Editors' Note: *The writer of the January column titled "Should Walls Divide?" to which this letter refers, acknowledges that she did not make it clear that she was referring to a letter submitted to Dear Gabby from a senior who was upset because the Senior Wall was being invaded by underclassmen.*

Dear Heather (Kirby),

I enjoyed your fine poem in *The Rocket*. You have a fine talent, a gift for expressing your feelings, an acceptance of the whole of life - the sweet and bitter - and the ability to weave it all together to make it a positive part of your life.

I like the imagery - "memories playing like an undying song," and I like the shape of your poem - the way it looks on the page. I admire the graceful rhyme; it flows so naturally.

Your poem brought many memories of when we went from Mt. Vernon Baptist Church to the mission at Chestnut Ridge. I would like to know your grandmother's name. I believe I would know her.

Keep on Writing!

Sincerely,
Elinor Denney
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Editor,

The Rocket is great. We enjoy reading it during our spare time. For us, the back page attracts our eyes with its bogus horoscopes and sometimes silly Dear Gabbys. We get a good laugh and mystery out of who the lame crushes are contributed from. Opinions are good to hear, but not conflicts. Sometimes we think opinions should kept silent.

Angie Houk and Inace Evans

Hurrah! for the law

by Josh McKibben

Simple question: Why get married before you graduate high school? In some cases, the question could be: Why get married, before you graduate middle school? But, this question will probably go down as being one of those "life's greatest mysteries."

Ask some married teenage couples, and they'll tell you, "We just love each other so much." Yeah, well that's what Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley said, and look where they are now...and they were in their 30's!

Is there some type of fulfilling attraction from having a ring on your finger and a piece of paper that says "18-year old, John Doe, is now bound for life to 12-year old, Jane Doe"?

A new Kentucky law is sailing through state legislation that states that teens under the age of 16 cannot be united in holy matrimony unless the bride is pregnant, and there is consent of parent(s) and a judge.

In the natural world most people agree that there should be such a thing as "childhood."

This should not be a world where young Jane can't go to the park with her friends, because she has to cook dinner for Johnny, and young Johnny can't play baseball for his high school team because he's too busy working double shifts at the factory to support Johnny, Jr.

Does the term "robbing the cradle" mean anything? What do teenage marriages have to look forward to, in a positive light?

Here's what teenage newlyweds have to look forward to trading in: school will be traded in for a full-time job; care-free fun will be bartered for responsibilities and obligations; and friends will be swapped for household appliances.

Lots of teens in love would say that they're afraid of losing their significant other, so marriage is the "only" form of commitment strong enough to keep them together. They're afraid that another person or a squabble will terminate their relationship.

Here's a thought: if your love interest is infatuated with some-

one else or a petty fight causes you to break up, you don't belong together in the first place.

Ask an older couple that's been married for 35 years or so, how many crushes they had on other people before they found their true love. They'll probably tell you that they didn't find that special someone until they reached a certain level of maturity--a level that's probably much higher than just 12 years old.

Being a teenager is about finding yourself and what you're made of. At the age of 16, you should be worrying about getting a car, passing Mr. Vanzant's Chemistry class, and growing facial hair--not who you're going to spend the rest of your life with.

It seems as if marriage isn't being taken very seriously by teens and adults alike. It's as if divorce has become an acceptable means of escape. In reality, though, marriage should be much more sacred.

So remember, when you say, "I do," it's for life, and life can be a long, long time.



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From the Principal's Pen

Students,

Time is quickly approaching when we hear talk of schedules for next year. Seniors will hopefully not need a schedule here at RCCHS, but everyone else will. I urge each of you pay close attention to the choices you make.

Talk to your parents, teachers, and counselors for all the advice you can get. This is one of the most crucial decisions you will make. I will attempt to place each of you in the classes you choose, so make wise choices. Our goal will be to make no

schedule changes next summer.

Instructional time is too valuable to waste. If any of us can be of assistance, please let us know.

Mr. Cash

Down the Hall

What do you think about Kentucky's new marriage law prohibiting teens under 16 yrs. of age from marrying?

(Exceptions are if the girl is pregnant and has both permission from a parent and a judge.)

"I think this law will increase pregnancy among teens."

-- Courtney Barnett



"I think it is good because teenagers need to be getting their education and trying to make their lives turn out the best they can."

-- Kayla Hammand



"I think you can get married at anytime you want, if you're 7, 9, 11 or whatever, especially if your parents are stupid enough to sign for you."

--Scotty Moore



"Marriage is a big responsibility. I don't think you should get married at that age because you will have bills to pay and possibly mouths to feed. So why get married at that age and go to school and have tremendous pressure placed upon you?"

-- Tim McNew



Some people just need attention, even if negative

Your parents have always taught you not to talk to strangers, to look both ways before crossing the road, and to respect your elders. What some students haven't learned, however, is to respect teachers and fellow students.

Everyday at RCHS there is an occasional student who thinks it is cute to make fun of a teacher while he or she is trying to teach thirty other students.

For instance, in one of my classes, a student called the teacher a "dimwit" - just to impress his friends.

Either the teacher did not hear it or know who said it because if she had, I think she would have sent him to the office.

I do not think that this particular teacher is, was, or ever

will be a dimwit. A dimwit doesn't get a college degree.

Also, it is very rude to stand up right in the middle of class and yell obscenities and curse words just to get attention.

Can't students just yell those words at home and get the negative attention they seem to need from parents?

Or do some students do this at home and still don't get any attention.

If I said curse words to a teacher, not only would I be embarrassed, but I'm sure Mr. Cash would inform my grandmother immediately, and let me tell you, she wouldn't be happy.

What right does a student have to make fun of a teacher?

It's not like teachers make a lot

of money teaching. If I were a teacher and a student were rude to me, I'd lay him or her out too quick to talk about.

Students being rude to other students is another problem area in my opinion.

Comments such as "you're ugly" and "you're a skank" are hurtful, demeaning words that have nothing to do with the most important part of a person, which is what is inside.

It doesn't matter who's name is sewn on a person's jeans as long as he or she is a nice, caring person.

God loves everyone the same whether they wear Tommy Hilfiger or Riders.

Respect. Is it a word that's extinct or is it just being forgotten by this generation?



Column
by
Christina
Mahaffey

The 4th Lunch Group Woes

It's probably the most worn-out topic for high school newspapers, and it would almost seem unfitting for me NOT to discuss -- school lunches.

Unbelievably, though, I won't tackle this issue, because the problem is no longer the food itself; instead, it is the allotted time we have to eat those lunches and the quality of the lunch presented to the 4th Lunch Group.

How convenient it must be to take third block, and divide it into four equal lunch groups.

How inconvenient it is, on the other hand, to the students, to be stuck in that dreaded 4th Lunch Group.

The first three lunch groups have the privilege of getting a selection of what to eat. There are usually at least two different choices for the main course and even a lovely assortment of garden salads to tempt the tastebuds of Lunch Groups #1, #2, and #3.

But when the clock strikes 12:45, the starting point for 4th Lunch, they all vanish.

Could it possibly be that the preceding lunch groups have already gobbled down our wide selection of food choices and left us with yesterday's re-heated Sloppy Joes?

And doesn't the varying num-



The Bottom Line a monthly column by Josh McKibben

ber of students in the lunch groups strike anyone as unbalanced? The 3rd Lunch Group seems to be short a few students--I don't know, say, 200 or so?

On the other hand, 4th Lunch Group has the distinction of having the record for fitting the most people into one cafeteria during a single time frame of 25 minutes.

Students in all lunch groups are given a fair amount of time, 25 minutes, in which to eat their lunches. That's fine.

But when it seems like half the

school's population is being crammed into the final lunch group, the time you've been given to eat, has a way of diminishing.

I, personally, get in the lunchline, somewhere about the middle of the line, but still don't get seated until 12:55. The people at the end of the line are lucky to get a seat at all, and when they do, it's usually not until after 1:00.

Some may say, "Well, 15 minutes is plenty of time to eat a meal, son."

That may be true, but doesn't the state mandate that enough time be given for students to complete their lunch? The problem is, people aren't getting a chance to complete their meal.

I don't know about the rest of the 4th Lunchers, but I'm sick of having to throw my dessert away, (even if it is a half-melted popsicle), just so I can make it to class without being tardy.

Quite simply, the numbers in 4th Lunch are much too high. If I were in charge, I would start shifting some students around, before some angry parents catch wind of this and start calling in, complaining about how young Cletus didn't get to finish eating his imitation Chex Mix.

I'm Josh McKibben, and that's the bottom line.

Academic Team wins first place in district level Governor's Cup

The Academic Team beat out Madison Central to win first place in the annual district level Governor's Cup competition held at Madison Southern, February 14.

Members of this team include: Dale Green, Cory Bailey, Beth Blanton, Chad Silvers, and Nathaniel Bullock. Alternate members include: Nicole Green, Angie Howard, Mindy Bullock, and Zach Gentry.

Individual winners were: Chad Silvers, 2nd place in general knowledge test and 4th place in social studies; Beth Blanton 3rd place in science and Dale Green 3rd place in social studies.

Regional competition is to be held this Saturday, February 28 at North Laurel.

Ms. Stephanie Hammack is head coach and assistant coach is Ms. Allene Cornelius.

Rifle team places first in league

by Leighanne Seals

Recently the JROTC traveled to Corbin High School where the rifle team placed first out of nine schools in the Daniel Boone League Competition.

The shooters were Shaun Jones, Kristen Cobb, Tami Taylor, and Chris Phillips.

The General Knowledge Team placed third out of nine schools.

Members of this team were Brian Doan, Kyle Fletcher, Jason Whicker, Tabitha Dees, and Joe Clark.

Tami Taylor, Tabitha Mink, Melissa Looney, Kristen Cobb, and Julie Burdette members of the Color Guard placed fourth.

Sgt. Maj. Keith Taylor said, "Our kids stood out from the rest. Their conduct, bearing, courtesy, and sportsmanship always make us proud whenever we take them anywhere."

The same JROTC teams will travel back to Corbin on February 28 for a competition with 16 schools from Kentucky and Tennessee.

Bullock's drawing places second

by Cory Bailey

Junior, Nathaniel Bullock placed second at the Kentucky National Honor Society convention for a drawing he submitted in which he included himself as a character.

Nine club members and two chaperones attended the two day convention which was held at the Executive Inn West in Louisville.

Although everyone who attended participated in a competition, Nathaniel was the only one to place.

Those attending the convention were: Holly Machal, Vanessa Mink, Kelly Farthing, Cory Bailey, Nathaniel Bullock, Chad Silvers, Amy Nelson, Dale Green, and Danette Harris.

FHA wins big at regional STAR Events competition

by Cory Bailey

Four members from the Rockcastle County High School chapter of FHA placed first at the Regional STAR Events competition which was held at Eastern Kentucky University on February 21.

Members who placed first in their categories included: Heather Bray and Rachelle Hammond, placing first in chapter showcase; LoraBeth Payne in job interview; Dana Mason in entrepreneurship; and Shalanta Nicely in child development.

Those placing second in their categories were Mary Beth Browning, in the facts test, and Kristy Lovell in product

comparison.

Secretary LoraBeth Payne said, "For this being my first year in STAR Events, I feel very proud of how I performed. It took a lot of preparation, but it was worth the first place finish."

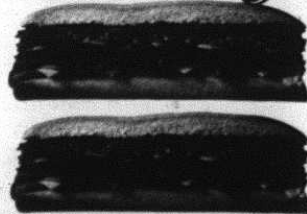
Dana Mason, activities director said, "For me, STAR Events was an interesting addition to my FHA experience. I devised a full business plan and I am very proud of my performance."

FHA advisor, Robyn Johnson commented, "I was really proud of all the hard work and dedication that each officer put into her Event. It really paid off."

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Shown above is Nikki Bullock, left, having her face whited-out by Rachelle Hammond during FHA sponsored "White-Out Day" Friday, February 13. Members of the organization went from class to class painting students' faces to draw attention to the ratio of people killed each year by drunk drivers. The grim reaper and Ms. Pat Hopkins, aide, look on.

FHA collects food for local REAP agency

FHA recently sponsored a school-wide food drive to replenish the food bank for Rockcastle counties through REAP.

All first period classes at RCHS were invited to collect as much food as possible.

The goal was to raise at least 1,500 food items and receive a fifteen minute break for the whole

school.

However, even though the total collected was 1020, the food drive was counted a success according to Ms. Renee Smith, FHA advisor.

The contest motivated students to contribute generously in Mr. Scott Adams's Advanced Topics class. They won first place

bringing in 211 cans to win the grand prize, pizza.

Mr. Adams said that he and his students gave money at first, but they knew that wouldn't be enough for them to win, so they started bringing in cans.

Coming in second place was Ms. Renee Smith's Practical Living class who brought in 175

Creative Writing Club to see Shakespeare play

Creative Writing Club members and some senior English students are looking forward to a February 27 trip to see a Shakespearean play at the University of Kentucky.

Y-Club party a success

The first-ever Y-Club Valentine Bash held in the lunchroom was a big success, according to Ms. Debbie Coleman, one of the sponsors.

The goal of \$500 was met by ticket sales to member's and their invited guests, song dedications/requests and concessions.

Nathan Deleon and John Burdette served as DJ's.

Steven Carerra and Tiffany McClure were voted king and queen by guests.

All proceeds will go to the Ashlee House, a shelter for homeless.

Beta Club has raffle, and clothing drive

Beta Club recently held a Valentine raffle for the students and teachers.

The grand prize was two 1/2 dozen roses which were won by Mr. Dale Whitaker and Melissa Renner. Ms. Becky Taylor won the teachers' drawing for dinner for two at the Chop House in Lexington.

Beta is also planning a clothing drive to collect 50 to 60 items for the Migrant Program.

They will be accepting such donations as jeans, jackets, and any other articles of clothing. Donations are being taken to Room 24. Contact Ms. Susan Norton or Ms. Becky Taylor with questions.

Also, any person interested in joining Beta can see Ms. Taylor in Rm. 24. You must have at least a 3.5 GPA.

Spring projects for Key Club

RCHS's Key Club members recently made and delivered Valentine patients at the Respiratory Unit of the local hospital and the area nursing homes.

Upcoming events in April and May are the Adopt-a-Highway project and the second Annual Artist Exhibition. They will also continue doing projects that involve kids.

National FFA Week celebration going on

FFA began their celebration of National FFA Week with a Green Hand Ceremony on Friday, February 20.

This coming Friday, February 27, the club will be sponsoring a Hillbilly Day and inviting the student body to participate.

FFA are also asking trivia questions on the Daily Agenda this week. Those who know the answer will have their names put into the daily drawing, and the winner will receive \$5. On Friday, the winner will receive \$20.

FFA will also participating in the traditional basketball tournament on February 28 at Madison Southern High School.

Spanish Club plans trip

Spanish Club and several Spanish students will be attending a flamenco dance program at EKV on April 21.

Students going need to bring their \$20 and permission slips to Ms. Powell before class or at break by Friday, February 27.

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cans.

"I passed a cup around to collect money; one person bought the cans of food, and then others donated food items as well," Ms. Smith said.

A very close third place went to Mr. Jason Wilson's Algebra I class. He motivated them to bring in food by telling them he thought they had a good chance of winning because they were always so determined. "My students deserve all the credit," said Mr. Wilson.

The drive was Ms. Smith's second block foods class's Service Project.

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Two student teachers join math department

by Jimmy Payne

There is no better way to make the school year a bit more interesting than with a new look.

During this nine weeks, and for the rest of the semester, the RCHS math department will be getting a fresh new look with two new student teachers, Mr. Jesse Adkinson and Mr. Matt Perkins.

Mr. Perkins, who student teaches for Mr. Jason Wilson, is 21, is not married, but is in a "serious relationship".

At the end of the semester, he will graduate from Berea College with a bachelor's degree in physics education and a minor in mathematics.

Mr. Perkins said he started out majoring in physics and teaching in summer programs.

"I always thought I would be an engineer," said Perkins. "In my junior year of college, I came to the realization that I wasn't enjoying it as much as I thought. I missed teaching."

So even though it was against his family's wishes, during his

senior year, he changed to education.

"I like working with people, and I like science. I wanted to combine the two things I love," said Mr. Perkins.

When asked about our school Mr. Perkins said, "I'd heard various comments before I came, but so far I am impressed."

Mr. Adkinson, who student teaches for Ms. Becky Taylor, is 23, married, and at the end of the semester, will graduate from Eastern Kentucky University with a degree in math.

Mr. Adkinson said he started out in law enforcement, but decided if he was going to solve problems, he would start with the youth.

Mr. Adkinson says the faculty members have all been nice.

"Students have been really nice; everyone's been friendly and outgoing."

As for the future, Mr. Adkinson said, "I can go two ways, either go into administration and become a principal or become a pastor."

Bill requiring home schooling parents have GED in trouble

by Adam Holt

The Home Schooling Bill proposed by Representative Freed Curd has recently come under fire from home school advocates who think new laws would unfairly punish good home schools.

These home school lobbyists are trying to kill the bill before it leaves the House Education Committee and is presented in the House.

At least 7,313 students were home schooled in Kentucky in 1996, a 150 percent increase in the past six years.

Home school advocates are estimating that this year there may be as many as 10,000 being home schooled in the state.

The bill that Rep. Curd sponsors consists of four main parts:

* Home school teachers must have at least a high school education or a GED, and home school students must take annual standard achievement tests.

* Any student involved in public truancy disciplinary or expulsion

proceedings are not eligible.

* A representative from the local school district must inspect each home school annually, checking attendance records, subjects taught, and activities performed.

* Existing state laws says students' licenses can be revoked for bad grades, but some students get around that law by going into home school. One stipulation of Rep. Curd's bill is that home school students' licenses can also be revoked for bad grades.

When asked her feelings about the controversy, Ms. Debbie Coleman, social studies teacher at RCHS, said, "The visits to home schools could pose some constitutional problems; however, if the home schools want to be recognized nationally and their children accepted to universities and colleges, they will have to be standardized in some way.

"Without some form of checks, home schools can be abused, just like without observations, some teachers could go all day without teaching."

Rep. Danny Ford said he has gotten a number of calls about government interference and the bill being unconstitutional.

Rev. Joe Adams (leader of the Christian House Educators of Kentucky said, "Any new laws (dealing with home schools) will be challenged in court."

According to Rep. Ford, the U.S. Supreme Court has no authority to regulate the home schooled student or the environment.

"I think when you hear from the Department of Education, you hear there is a real problem with parents not having a GED. When I first heard that, I thought it had some validity," said Rep. Ford.

"Now we receive information that contradicts it," he said.

"We could probably be doing a better job with the laws that we have and enforce them."

Those wishing to discuss the bill with Representative Ford or other lawmakers, can call 1-800-313-9137 (ext. 5413 and ext. 5391)

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Governor proposes scholarship plan

by Josh McKibben

In late January, Kentucky Governor Paul Patton introduced a plan to guarantee scholarships to students who perform well in high school.

This proposed Commonwealth Merit Scholarship is not based on income and will give everyone the opportunity to receive benefits.

Students with a "C" average or better in high school would be eligible to earn scholarship money for each year of high school, and bonuses for ACT scores are also a possibility under the Governor's plan.

The scholarships can be used at any Kentucky technical school, community college, and 4-year college or university, and maintaining good grades is one of the stipulations for keeping the scholarship.

According to the proposal, if students' post-secondary grades fall below a 3.0, but stay above a 2.5, they will lose half their scholarship; if students grades fall below a 2.5, their scholarships will be suspended, but can be restored if grades improve.

Under the current recommendation, the funding for this program would be revenue from the state lottery.

During the first year of the scholarship program (1998-99), the General Fund, which receives \$150 million a year from the lottery, will do the funding. After that, the program will be relying on lottery revenue.

Representative Danny Ford said, "If it gets tied in with the lottery, I am going to have a difficult time supporting it. It will be blindsiding people."

When Gov. Paul Patton introduced the plan, dozens of legislators criticized the fact that the lottery was funding this program.

On the other hand, Rep. Ford said, "I think it's a great idea because it will encourage more people to attend college."

RCHS Guidance Counselor, Dale Whitaker, said "It's the perfect thing. This is exactly what I've been searching for."

According to Mr. Whitaker, "The whole idea is to get more students to go to college and get

the state of Kentucky going the right way."

"The middle-income students get left out on financial aid and certain scholarships, and if they can devise a way to fund it, this will be the best thing that has ever happened," Mr. Whitaker said.

The plan has not yet been approved, but here are some of the examples of scholarships under the plan:

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2.1	- \$100
2.7	- \$700
3.0	- \$1,000
3.2	- \$1,200
3.5	- \$1,500
4.0	- \$2,000

ACT Bonus	
15	- \$36
17	- \$71
20	- \$214
22	- \$286
25	- \$393
27	- \$464
28+	- \$500

Two students learn from experience

by Nikki Barnett

Patty A Clay Hospital was the observation area recently for two of Ms. Allene Cornelius' students.

Ashley Freson and Barbara Mullins, students in Ms. Cornelius' Medical Exploration Class, spent the day on the job with her and gained valuable experience with everything that can be seen in an ICC-CCU unit of a hospital including trauma, the very ill and dying, wound dressing, vital signs, medications, and machines.

"The second I was asked to volunteer at the hospital, I was very excited. I learned things I could never have learned in the classroom," said Ashley. "I had hands-on learning experience I will never forget."

Ashley, who spent the whole day with Ms. Cornelius, had to be at the hospital at 6:50 a.m. because Ms. Cornelius wanted her students to be at the hospital early so that they could sit in on the morning meeting where staff members discuss the patients' conditions and get an idea of what to expect that day.

"Shadowing Ms. Cornelius was a great experience. I learned how things we learn in class are used, and I also learned how you sympathize with the patient," Barbara said. "I think I learned more working with the patients than Ms. Cornelius will be able to teach me."

Ashley and Barbara were asked to wear slacks, a solid shirt, and name tags. The Medical Explorations Class does not have lab coats for the students to wear as of now. According to Ms. Cornelius, however, a doctor at the hospital loaned the girls lab coats so that they would "look more professional."

"I think students will find an education more meaningful if they see a real-world application. I think in the real world you not only have to be knowledgeable, but be able to communicate," said Ms. Cornelius.

Ms. Cornelius works 12 hour shifts every other weekend as a nurse. She has been a nurse for 25 years and has worked in the ICC-CCU for 12 years.

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Loss of father deeply painful for two girls who try to cope

by Kacey Taulbee

"I hate you! I wish I didn't have parents!"

These words are sometimes spoken by young people when they are angry at their mom or dad. However, they couldn't imagine what it would be like to actually lose a parent.

Lindsey and Shauna Hall, however, have had to face this reality. Their story is a little different though.

They had to face the agony a little longer because for three years, they knew their daddy was going to pass away, and during that time, he did not remember his daughters.

On November 3, 1994, when Shauna and Lindsey (who at the time took turns living with their dad and their grandparents) got home from school, they both say they knew something was wrong. Something was different.

Later that evening, their dad was found by a next door neighbor, face-down and unconscious in the car he had been working on.

When he revived, he had no recollection of who he was or who his family was.

An ambulance was called to take him to the emergency room at the Rockcastle County Hospital.

When he revived, he had no recollection of who he was or who his family was. After a series of tests, he was admitted, but he began suffering from seizures and was transferred to the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington.

After more tests, it was determined there was fluid on his brain, and a shunt was put in to relieve the pressure.

The procedure did not work and doctors decided that Pat Hale had scar tissue, then finally brain damage. Hopes for his recovery were slowly disappearing.

"When my dad first got sick," says Lindsey, "I didn't know how to react. I was so scared that he would die, but I was still full of hope. I prayed every night that Dad would get better, and that things would be like they were before."

When he was released, there was much controversy within the family over where the girls' father would go to start recovery.

At first, it was agreed that he should stay with his daughters at their grandparents' home. After all, they felt they were the ones who knew him best and could feed him memories of the past.

After three months, however, his sister decided that she should take him to her home in North Carolina and take care of him.

Realization of the need for constant medical attention soon sank in, and she decided her brother needed more care than she could give him. He was sent to a VA nursing home nearby.

Shauna and Lindsey soon found out what had happened and wanted him closer to them. Their dad was brought back to Lexington where he was transferred from one VA nursing home to another.

He did not improve, but continued to live in a confused state.

My father was a wonderful man, full of compassion. He was always there for me, never let me down. Sometimes I blame myself. I feel if I could have been there for him, I could have somehow prevented his sickness and death."

--Lindsey

"The thing that hurt me the most about my dad getting sick," Shauna said, "was that he got to the point where he didn't know me. It was so painful to go to visit him and know that the man who used to make me laugh when I needed him to, had no clue that I was his oldest daughter. Every time I went to see him I lost a piece of my heart."

During the almost three years their dad was sick, Lindsey says she struggled with the fact that her dad would never get any better. "Every night was a constant battle to fight off fear and tears and anguish that I felt. Most nights I cried myself to sleep."

I remember coming home from school every day when I first started playing flute in the seventh grade and playing the latest song I had learned. Even though I would hit really bad notes, he would laugh and say, "Shauna, I think you need to practice some more."

--Shauna

"I thought it was my fault. I knew he was in the car. I just thought he was working on it," said Shauna. She says she still questions why she didn't check on him.

One week before school started this year, on August 5, the agony finally ended. Pat fell asleep and never woke up.

"My heart broke," says Lindsey, "and it seemed my whole world in the present had slowed down and returned to the past. The memories that contained my father all came flooding back to me, but the amount of tears I cried over losing him was doubled

Overcoming Setbacks



Lindsey Hall, left, and Shauna chat by the locker.

of that."

"I had so many questions, but I just couldn't find any answers," says Lindsey.

"If I had to choose one thing I miss most about my father, it would have to be not having him around to talk to. He always helped me, no matter what the problem. The other thing I miss most is not being able to hear him tell me he loves me. I miss those words so much, but I miss the person who said them even more."

Her sister Shauna says, "If I could see my father one more time, before he got to the point where he didn't remember me, it would have to be to tell him that I love him, because while he was living, he would tell me that he loved me, and I would always say, 'I'll get back to you.' Yeah, he knew that I meant I loved him in my own little way, but now it seems so silly."

The sisters, now living with their grandparents, agree that people should be thankful for their parents. They also believe you just have to remember the good times because if you dwell on what could have been, you are only wasting your time.

Shauna said, "The best memory I have of my dad is making up the 'father-daughter

dance' that we were going to perform at my wedding. It was really crazy, but I wouldn't give the memory up for the world."

Senior girl battling

by Leighanne Seals

If you ever happen to be in the children's wing at the Rockcastle County Hospital, you will more than likely see a very bright and energetic girl who goes by the name of Robin.

Robin Stroh, a senior at RCHS, says, "Working and living here really gives me the confidence and strength that I need. The staff and live-in patients here are like my second family."

Since the age of five, when Robin was diagnosed with neurofibromatosis, she has called the Rockcastle County Hospital home.

Neurofibromatosis is a

rare disease about 1 in 3,000 causes tumor skin and nerves. People familiar with for this disease call it the disease of Man."

Robin has a leg in the disability she may lose she ages.

However, a wheelchair Robin down. riding around can be found latest fashion other teenage sunbathe, an

Sisters lose mother in seven-month battle with cancer

by Sahlana Sebastian

You never know how much someone really means to you until that person is gone. For Cristy Phillips, a freshman at RCHS, and Kim Collins, a senior, events have proved the truth of this statement. The recent loss of their mother has had a crucial effect on their lives.

In early July 1997, Cristy and Kim's mother discovered some lumps around her neck and shoulder area. Concerned, she consulted a doctor and found that she had cancer.

Not ready to deal with this sort of thing, the family was hit hard, and it was just the beginning.

Doctors x-rayed the upper part of her shoulder and back to see where the cancer had originated, but according to Cristy, were unable to find it. They did complete scans of her body, but still there were no signs of where the tumors were coming from. Cristy said doctors referred to it as "unknown primary," so there was slim chance of surgery removing the cancer.

The family never gave up, however. They demanded treatments even though the doctor said that they would not destroy the cancer, only slow down the growing process.

After several strokes, the girls' mom became very ill and was transferred to a Lexington hospital. During this time, she had forty-three radiation treatments and nine chemotherapy treatments.

"She was always in pain, and she got so weak that she couldn't even stand up by herself. I missed about a month and a half of school. I was afraid if I went, she wouldn't be there when I got home. I wanted to spend as much time with her as possible," Cristy concluded.

After being in the hospital for months at a time, the doctor came to a ~~conclusion~~ **conclusion** that the radiation and chemotherapy had failed, that there was nothing left they could do; however, they gave the family the option of more chemotherapy treatments.

Cristy's grandmother and father hastily said no, that she didn't deserve to go through any more and took her home.

On January 29, three weeks after their mother returned home, she passed away.

There will always be the question, would the extra chemotherapy treatments have worked?

Cristy said she asks herself, "Why did this have to happen to my mom? I never wanted to really be around her. I only wanted to hang out with my friends. Now I wish I had gotten to know her better. I'm going to miss her."

"It is really hard to believe someone that's been there all your life can die at the point in your life when you feel that you need them the most," said Kim.



Cristy, left, and Kim struggle to catch up on work they missed during their mother's illness.

She says what she regrets most is ~~hiding~~ **hiding** the fear she felt for her mom. "I tried to run from the situation and make myself believe she would recover even though I could see that it wasn't the way things were going to be."

"I miss my mom so much," Kim said. "Sometimes I wish I could have just one more talk with her to get her to answer questions that I was afraid to ask because I didn't want her to think I had given up hope."

Even though she has missed a lot of school, Cristy's teachers have agreed to help her as much as possible to catch up on her

work. Some have offered to stay after school with her to help.

Right now, Cristy and her dad are staying with his sister, but they plan to move back home soon. Cristy shared a heavy load of work and responsibility during her mother's illness since Kim is married and does not live at home.

Cristy says the family has received help from Jennifer Cook of Hospice who still calls to talk and offer support. Their church has also helped with donations and support.

At one point during her

mother's illness, Kim was so behind in school and so discouraged she thought of quitting, but she is now struggling to catch up.

Kim says that people at school have been really good to her.

"Everyone has let me know that I'm not alone and that they care. If it hadn't been for them, I probably wouldn't have come back as soon as I did. I truly wanted to lock myself inside my house and never leave again. Thanks to everyone I have gotten back on task and I have almost caught up on all my work."

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jewelry and makeup. From 8 to 10 a.m. Monday through Friday, Robin has a school-to-work job grooming and socializing with patients living on the respiratory wing of the hospital.

She reads, helps students with art projects, and massages stiff joints. Other duties include making bulletin board scenes, showing visitors around, and throwing birthday parties for students.

Ms. Angela Hunt, Robin's supervisor, said, "Robin is a great person to work with. She interacts real well with the kids. If you ask the children who they want to work with, they always ask for Robin."

The feeling must mutual because Robin, who has worked at the hospital since September, says, "Working with people, the children in particular, is great."

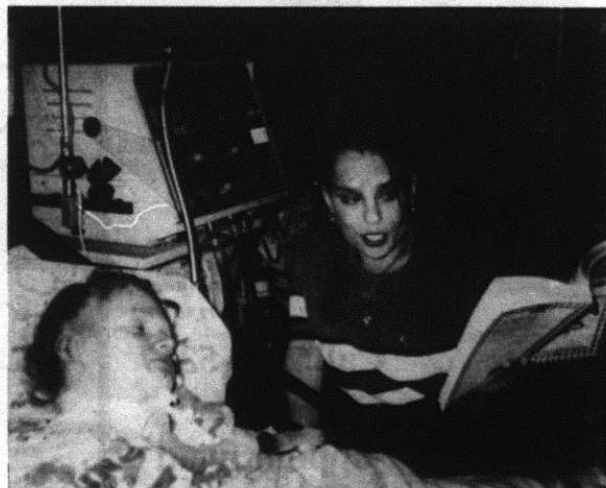
"Robin is a true inspiration and miracle because the doctors said she wouldn't make it, but she is still going strong," said Ms. Hunt.

"She never complains when she is in pain; she is a real trooper."

Although she loves what she does at the moment, Robin doesn't see this as a future career choice. In fact, it is Robin's dream to study cosmetology after graduation.

"If you ask the children who they want to work with, they always ask for Robin."

Angela Hunt supervisor



Robin reads to a young patient.

Book Reviews by
Christina Mahaffey

Kiss the Girls has chills,
thrills, and romance

Kiss the Girls by James Patterson is a book you definitely have to read. Not only does it have suspense, but also short chapters so you don't get caught in the middle of a fifty page chapter.

Alex Cross is a doctor-turned-detective whose niece, Naomi, is thought to have been kidnapped by the infamous Casanova who is also linked to the recent murders of the young, beautiful, and intelligent women of the south.

Alex travels down to the south in search of Naomi; in the meantime, Kate McTierin (one of the women Casanova kidnaps) escapes from the underground house of horrors where Casanova keeps the women hidden.

This is a great book and I recommend everyone read it. It's got thrills, chills, and even a little romance—a book for the toughest critic.

****1/2

Long Live The Queen not
for sensitive reader

Long Live the Queen by Ellen Emerson White would be a bit disturbing for the sensitive reader.

Meg, the president's daughter, was a happy, carefree person who had dreams of becoming a professional tennis player until she is kidnapped from school.

Meg is held in a bleak and dismal room with only an iron bed and one of the kidnappers as company until the main terrorist is captured, and the militia group takes Meg into the woods and leaves her chained in a cave to die.

She does not die, but escapes. However, when the crisis is over, her inner turmoil begins.

Although I wouldn't recommend this book for everyone, I have to say it was a pretty good book.

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Rocketown enthusiasm continues

by Angela Owens

What has live, loud, contemporary Christian music, lots of teens, free prizes, food and fun for everyone? What else, but Rocketown?

Rocketown was an idea which originated in 1996 with Scott Stayton, youth minister at Bible Baptist Church.

"I got the idea for Rocketown about the beginning of 1996," said Scott. "It didn't really originate from anything. I just

"I just thought it would be a good thing to do, something where teens and everyone in the community could congregate and relate their daily relationships with Christ."

---Scott Stayton

thought it would be a good thing to do, something where teens and everyone in the community could congregate and relate their daily relationships with Christ."

The first Rocketown was held on August 9, 1996, just as school was beginning.

Scott and those planning this event were a little nervous, but when over 70 people showed up in the auditorium of Bible Baptist Church, things started to fall into place.

There were scavenger hunts, songs by Praise and Stained Glass bands. There were also teen volunteers, and motivational



Shown above (from left to right) are Mikey Howard, Tony Renner, and Tammie Renner. These are members of a local band that performed at Rocketown.

speakers such as Gavin Durison (the Kentucky Wildcat mascot), to encourage young Christians.

Due to the overwhelming success, Rocketown became a regular event held every two months, but it has grown and improved, and now over 200 people attend every time.

Not only do they come, but they sing and freely and openly show their love for Christ.

Brandy Owens says, "I think it is a great way for the younger people of the community to worship God and have fun at the same time."

Many RCHS students say that Rocketown has made an incredible impact on their lives and relationships with Christ.

"It's a great spiritual experience," said Natasha Bishop.

Craig Sowder said, "I think Rocketown is good because it offers a lot to teens, up beat music and lively, funny skits. It is also a good way for teens to get together and worship God without feeling ashamed."

"I think Rocketown is a good experience for teens because it introduces them to Christ without pressure and lets them have fun worshipping God with their friends," said Courtney Hansel.

Although Rocketown has been a huge success, there are still goals to be met.

"I want to do different things that teens respond to," said Scott. "Our goals are to hit topics that are in the daily lives of young people, but for the most part I want the young people to see God is real and that they need a daily relationship. In order to do this, we must keep the topics relevant to teens."

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Native American heritage proves valuable to senior girl

Brandy Martin used family Bible to document Cherokee and Choctaw Indians in her family.

by Jimmy Payne

Rockcastle County High School senior Brandy Martin has a terrific opportunity left to her by her Native American ancestors.

If she attends one of many school which accepts her American Indian heritage, she can receive her education absolutely free.

Brandy didn't find out until two years ago, during a vacation to Florida to visit relatives, that she was eligible.

She said her aunt informed her dad that if they filled out the proper applications, that she and her siblings could receive a free education.

She got the information from the headquarters in Mobile, Alabama.

After she filled out the questionnaire, six to eight

weeks later, she received her Indian card qualifying her, her sister and brother to receive a free education (if they choose a college that accepts their Native American heritage).

Brandy is one-fourth Cherokee Indian on her mother's side. Her great, great grandfather was full blooded.

Brandy will go to school, all expenses paid.

On her father's side she is one-fourth Mowa Choctaw; her great great grandma on her dad's side was a full-blooded Mowa Indian.

Brandy said that the Indian card can also help with housing, and sometimes, it can help with job opportunities.

"It's a relief to know that my mom and dad are not going

to have to struggle to pay for my education and my brother's and sister's education," said Brandy, who plans on attending either Madison or Laurel county's vocational school and majoring in machine tool technology (running machines off of computers).

Both schools accept the card as payment for all tuition and fees.

Brandy said that her 11 year old sister Kara has dreams of becoming a lawyer.

In the future, she hopes to research some of her ancestors. She said that she has recently enjoyed attending Indian festivals in Barbourville and Junction City.

If she can prove that her children have Indian blood,



Brandy Martin will be attending technical school.

they too can receive a free education.

Brandy was able to prove she was eligible because her family kept most of its

history in family Bibles.

Brandy, who co-ops at the Rockcastle County Hospital, is the daughter of Jerry and Debra Martin of Livingston.



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Boys' and Girls' Varsity Teams
in
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***Congratulations to both teams
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Three Track Team members place in state's Mason-Dixon Games

by Angela Owens

January 24 was an especially exciting day for three members of the RCHS track team.

Freshman Cheyenne Carmack placed third in the 400 meter run, and Theresa Chislum, also a freshman, placed fifth in the 55 meter hurdles in the the Mason Dixon Games, the annual indoor state championships held at Freedom Hall in Louisville.

Jeremy Saylor placed eighth in the long jump.

The twelve points which these students accumulated placed the boys in 31st place and the girls in 10th out of the 40 teams participating.

Ms. Chrysti Noble, girls' varsity track coach, says this is only the second year the team, which includes middle school students, has competed in these games, and that the competition went much better for Rockcastle this year.

Mark Brummett, middle school coach who attended the games with the team, feels the team is doing very well. "Cheyenne, Theresa, and Jeremy had outstanding performances, and because of that we have been invited to participate in the Kentucky High School Invitational this past weekend.

"This is very significant because 11 other states were invited to compete," he said.

This was an opening event for the Rocket track season; the rest of the season members will be preparing for the regional and state trials at the end of the season.

Other members of the track team who competed at the Mason-Dixon Games are: Michael Parsons, Andy Hale, John Burdette, and Stewart Abney.

Head coach Mr. Tom Larkey said he appreciates Coach Brummett taking his time with these athletes.

"They all did a great job and worked very hard," he said.



Theresa Chislum



Cheyenne Carmack



Jeremy Saylor

Age eligibility for high school athletes clarified

A bill barring any athlete who is 19 before August 1 from playing on a competitive athletic team in high school passed the House last Friday.

The age limit has been the rule of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association for some time; however, the Kentucky Board of Education waived this eligibility rule for a football player which caused a legal battle that reached the Kentucky Supreme Court recently. The court upheld the exemption.

The law takes away any question concerning age eligibility and takes away any Board of Education role in the matter.

Legislature (from front page)

wear helmets to be covered by private medical insurance. For riders and drivers under 21, however, a safety helmet is still required.

The repeal of the helmet law comes after years of furious lobbying by motorcyclists who still are not pleased with the insurance requirement tacked onto the bill in the House.

One of the opponents of the change, Representative Jim Callahan of Southgate thinks the repeal seems to contradict a recent law that forces all drivers and passengers in vehicles to wear safety belts.

Representative Bob Helringer of Louisville says the bill will cost lives. "If it costs one life, it is

too much."

Those who support the insurance amendment say that with freedom comes responsibility. The amendment's sponsor, Charles Geveden of Wickliffe, says that insurance would balance motorcyclists rights against the possible cost to society.

Another new helmet law, which has been given to the House Clerk and which could come to a vote during this session, according to Representative Danny Ford of Mt. Vernon, affects much younger bikers.

If HB 254, known as the Bicycle Bill, should become law, bike riders 14 years of age and younger would be required to wear helmets.

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