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## Council at RCMS changing by-laws

In an effort to avoid the same situation that has the hiring of a new principal at Rockcastle High School at a complete standstill, the Rockcastle County Middle School Site Based Council is in the process of changing their by-laws.

The council accepted the first reading of four recommended changes to the school's by-laws, "concerning the hiring of a new principal."

At the present time, the middle school's by-laws are set up the same way as the by-laws at RCHS, in which the vote to hire a new principal has to be unanimous.

After the second reading on March 15 and a vote of the council, a new principal at RCMS can be hired by a vote of four to one.

And, if the sitting council at RCMS cannot reach a decision on a new principal within two weeks after the interview process is complete, the council at RCMS will be dissolved and a new council elected.

## For now, school out May 24th

The mild winter weather has certainly been good on the heating bills and good for the Rockcastle County school calendar.

As of today, (Thursday, March 4) school has been dismissed only six days this winter, leaving only 48 school days yet to complete for this school year.



CUTTING DOWN THE NETS...Lady Rocket guard Brandy Reynolds takes her turn cutting down the net after the Lady Rockets win in the 49th District championship game Thursday night. It was the first time any Rockcastle County High School basketball team has ever won a district championship. The girls play Red Bird in opening round of the regional tournament tonight (Thursday).

## Large indoor "pot" operation found Tuesday

By: Richard Anderkin

A large indoor marijuana growing operation was apparently found at Roundstone Tuesday afternoon.

According to a search warrant, written by Rockcastle County Attorney Jeff Burdette, Kentucky State Police Detective Gary Lane received information about the indoor growing operation at the home of Johnny Sparkman.

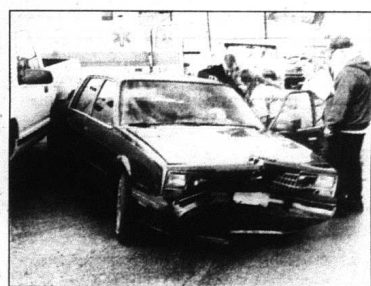
According to the search warrant, Charles "Chucky" Sparks, Sparkman's brother-in-law, told Lane that Sparkman had built two additional rooms onto his mobile home, which is located near Grace Baptist Church, to house the indoor growing operation.

Sparks also told Lane that he had observed the "marijuana growing on different occasions," and most recently about a month ago.

Also, according to the search warrant, Lane checked the electric bills of Sparkman's mobile home for the past year and found that they were in excess of \$2,000, which Lane said was inconsistent with regular and normal usages of a mobile home.

When Det. Lane, Deputy Sheriff Darrell Doan, and officers of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Drug Enforcement Agency arrived at Sparkman's mobile home Tuesday, they apparently found over 400 plants growing inside the two room addition.

No arrests were made at the time of the raid, but police said there is another suspect besides Johnny Sparkman in the case, which will likely be presented to the Rockcastle County Grand Jury.



Rockcastle Ambulance EMT's Anita Barron and Diane Partin prepare to remove Bill Bullock, 62, of Mt. Vernon, from his Chevrolet Celebrity Saturday morning. According to police, Bullock turned into the path of Rhonda Collins, 19, of Mt. Vernon around 11:30 a.m. The accident occurred on Main Street in Mt. Vernon. Both were treated at the Rockcastle Hospital.



Bill York, 47, of Brodhead lost control of his Chevrolet pick-up Monday night on Hwy. 70, at Quail. York's truck flipped over the guardrail in front of Bray's Transmission. He was taken to Rockcastle Hospital and transferred to the University of Kentucky Medical Center.



RCHS senior Josh Hendrickson was taken to the Rockcastle Hospital and transferred to the UK Medical Center after he was involved in a one-car accident on Hwy. 618 sometime Sunday morning. Also in the single vehicle wreck was Kenny Busell, 19 of Mt. Vernon, who was not injured.

## Girls win district

For the first time in 34 years a Rockcastle County basketball team has won the 49th district basketball tournament.

Last Thursday night the Lady Rockets defeated Clay County 70-62 in the district finals to claim the first ever title for RCHS and the first since Livingston High School won the 48th district tournament in 1965.

Three Rockcastle County teams have won the regional tournament and advanced to the sweet sixteen tournament.

Those teams were the 1953 Mt. Vernon Red Devils, the 1972 Brodhead Tigers and, of course, the 1997 Lady Rockets from RCHS.

Although RCHS head coach Chrysi Noble shies away from discussing another possible berth in this year's sweet sixteen, her Lady Rockets are favored to win the 13th regional tournament which is being held at Knox Central High School in Barbourville.

The Lady Rockets have lost only

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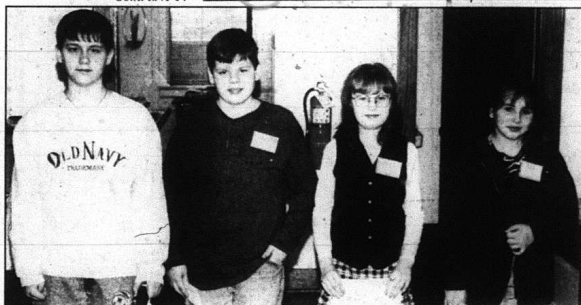
## Boys lose in region

The Rockcastle County Rockets traveled to Knox Central High School Tuesday night for first round action against probably the toughest draw of the Corbin Redhounds, who were 25-4 going into the regional tournament.

Rockcastle, 15-13 on the season before Tuesday night, gave the Redhounds a tough game and the hard-fought win, 74-69.

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RCMS eighth grader Robert Sandusky won the annual Rockcastle County School District Spelling Bee last week. The participants in the Spelling Bee are shown above, from left: Sandusky, Aron Cromer of BES who tied for third, Shawantha Smith of MVES, second place and Ashley Smith of RES tied for third. Sandusky will compete in Louisville on March 27th.



Fire completely destroyed a home in Livingston Tuesday morning. Members of the Livingston and Mt. Vernon Fire Departments were called to the scene around 7 a.m. The house, which was owned by Bobby Singleton, was heavily involved when the firemen arrived. It is believed to have been an electrical fire.



# Points East

By: Ike Adams

I think it was 1987 and I know it was April 17 when the snow storm destroyed everything in my garden except the Brussel Sprouts. You need to pull the leaves off Brussel Sprouts to make the sprouts set on and the snow saved me that problem. Unfortunately, all that was left of my cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli and several varieties of greens were the stems.

The reason I remember the date is that brother Keith and his family had planned on spending a week's vacation but to crappie fish on Lake Cumberland. We'd reserved a camp site. I could have rescheduled my vacation but Keeter had to schedule his months in advance and the coal company he was working for politely suggested that he consider a skiing trip since the conditions seemed better suited for that instead of fishing.

He called me up pretty depressed. The boat was full of snow and we had more than a foot on the ground in Paint Lick on Thursday night. We had planned on leaving Friday night. I told him to load up and come on down anyway because it was no telling what the weather might do over the next ten days.

Sure enough, the roads were clear by Friday afternoon, but I'm sure motorists along the Daniel Boone Parkway and I-75 probably questioned the sanity of anyone with a car full of youngsters pulling a bass boat with half a dozen fishing rods sticking up out of the snow. Keeter had decided that the wind would melt the

snow as he drove along and save him the work of shoveling the boat out.

But it had the opposite effect. When he pulled into my driveway he was towing a boat full of ice. As I recall we wound up spraying it down with hot water and it finally drained. In the meantime, I called the camp ground and was informed that they had cleaned off the tent sites and that we'd have the place to ourselves if we did show up. They only had ten inches and "it was melting fast."

It was, in fact, melting off fast. Swollen creeks had the road covered in several places as we drove down through Casey and Russell counties on Saturday morning with coolers, tents and a wide array of camping gear highly visible in the boat. But motorists and pedestrians were not laughing at us. Instead their mouths dropped open and their eyes got really big and they just stared. Kentuckians tend to feel pity for lunatics instead of making fun of them.

I wish the story had a better ending, but the fact of the matter is that we spent five nights in a swamp with little heaps of gravel sticking up out of the muck where we could pitch our tents. Instead of fried fish, we had lots of fried bologna. On the last night I drove into town and bought a couple pounds of ocean perch so the campground would at least smell like somebody was catching fish.

The point here is that just because March has arrived, you shouldn't be

assuming that Spring is just around the corner.

According to the Woolly Worms, the biggest snowfall of the season is yet to come. I might also add the Woollys have been right on target so far this winter and there's no reason to believe they're gonna screw up now, even though I hope they do.

And if you schedule a vacation

and it comes a big snow, for crying out loud try to get into a week-long Rook tournament or something. If you want to preserve a good relationship with your loved ones, do not—I repeat—do not go on a fishing and camping excursion with them.

Finally if you want to e-mail column suggestions to me the address is ikedams@aol.com.

# Sweet and Sour

By Zi Graves



## Chapter 6 - Changes

Before we moved to Rockcastle County Mat had told me many stories about Buffalo, the area we would be living in. The Buffalo one room school that gave the community its name was a mile or so beyond where we would be living. He also told me about the isolation and the lack of conveniences, its reputation for moonshining and also its reputation for some pretty rough characters, some of whom were doing the moonshining.

There were stories of his experiences when he had lived here a few weeks while he and Mr. Scott, the county surveyor, surveyed the dividing line between the 1,700 acres of "hills and hollows" land he and Rescoe Norton had joint owned in the area. They boarded with the Mize family so even before I met Alice I felt I knew her from the stories Mat had told of her ability to make everyone feel welcome and comfortable.

The smell of coffee, ham or home cured bacon coming from the kitchen would greet them when they awakened, and of course, that was always accompanied by hot biscuits and gravy plus homemade jelly or jam and freshly churned bowls of butter. His description of her hospitality and the breakfast she served would make ones mouth water. And maybe his description of hearty breakfasts eaten with the rest of the family in the kitchen, the willingness to take strangers into her home when it was already over crowded, the enjoyment of sitting on the porch in the evening, if it was warm weather or around the fireplace if it was cold, brought a somewhat picture to me of the perfect way to live. This probably influenced my decision to come to Rockcastle County with Mat and do likewise when I became established

in my new home and put out the "well you-all" sign.

It was on this trip he made arrangements to have the lumber for the house sawed at Swan Bullock's mill and Reece Mize would haul it. So he was a jump ahead of me for these were all strange people to me and I didn't know the difference between the good folks and those with the reputation of being rough, rowdy or just plain mean. As I said once before, I am a slow learner sometimes and it took a while to sort them out. In fact, I never did get them all sorted out for they were all nice to me when we once got to know each other. At that time, I didn't know the difference between two drunk men, that maybe one of them would be gentle and kind when he was drinking and the other would fight, shoot off his gun or abuse those around him. Since then I have had experience with both kinds and have lived to tell about it.

In looking backward as I write this, I remember a verse I learned as a child that has had some influence on my decisions to "sort the wheat from the chaff". It goes like this, (there is enough good in the worst of us and enough bad in the rest of us till it doesn't behoove any of us to talk about the rest of us). So, in time I had a variety of friends and I never thought to ask them if they were the good ones or bad. When I learned and accepted the friendship of these new neighbors, I saw nothing but the good in them. They were all doing the same thing I was doing, showing their best side to me. I was as much a novelty to them as they were to me. I guess I still had the taint of city living written all over me just as they had the habits of country living showing in their wrinkled and

sun browned faces and work worn hands.

Shortly after we got settled in the house, I asked Mat who the men were that I had been seeing pass the front door every morning just as we would be finishing breakfast and where would they be going every day. Sometimes a lone man would pass but usually it was two or three walking quietly up the crooked path leading past our door, each with a lard bucket in his hand. If I should be outside when they passed each one would say, "Howdy, Ms. Graves" or frequently when it was cloudy, one would say, "I shor think its going to weather today." And I became curious to know what was going on. Mat's answer was, "Oh, I thought you knew, they are going to work at the stone quarry. You know the W.P.A. program. When President Roosevelt started and sponsored the "Works Progress Administration Program", all the available men around here got a job and those from as far away as Skeggs Creek, Pongo Ridge and the Branch all were here to get to work. The Quarry was across from Mrs. Cooper's store down on Highway 80. At that time I didn't know where all these places were but now that I do know, I appreciate the ambition and desire to build ones own way as these men had. Some of them lived as far as five or six miles away and the walk was up steep and rough hills, still they passed our place by sun-up.

The lard buckets? Well, that was their lunch buckets. They had their biscuits and home cured meat, jelly or jam on biscuits, and these men baked sweet potato and piece of cake in that bucket. Kids going to school used them too. I soon learned their names and it was another link in the development of friendship.

Tim Jones, he got his name from being able to work and usually as these men did things around the farm, Charlie Mink, Tim's son-in-law, had a house full of boys and lived on Mize Branch, Sam Waddel, a tall gang man that lived the farthest, over on Skeggs Creek, at least five miles away, used a lot of Old English in his speech. It was he that used the expression, "I think it is gon to weather," when clouds scuttled across the sky. Another was when I asked him to bring his wife over for a visit, his answer was, "Waeil, the ol woman don't get out much and its a purty fair piece to tote her." This was strange talk to me but later I found out this area had some of the purest form of Old English still spoken. The settlers had left their heritage in this secluded part of the mountains. I'm not concerned about using the names of these three men for they were my very dear friends later on and I'm sure their offspring

won't mind.

Another one I haven't mentioned was George Phelps. He didn't walk with the others but rode a horse or perhaps it was a mule to work. He lived on Pongo Ridge, sometimes called the Campbell Ridge, and there was some three or four miles from the quarry. My very pleasant memory of him was the singing or whistling I would hear as soon as he would get in hearing distance. The first time I heard him coming over the hill I wondered where this beautiful singing was coming from. Then I saw it changed to whistling and took me back to when I was a child and my older brother whistled like that. It wasn't a plain whistle but twittered and warbled like a bird. Then I saw this tall man appear on horseback as he entered the path leading to our house and suddenly felt like he was bringing back a bit of my past. Good mornings were exchanged and he continued on his way still whistling. After that experience I listened carefully to the sound of music coming from the hill top. If you were there, I think he would be singing some old time lynch in a clear melodious voice that only belong to talented people who love to sing. I know he lifted my spirits and often I would be humming or singing right along with him, but, of course, he never knew about that. Singing had been a part of my life as long as I could remember and I recognized talent when I heard it. Years later, I went to a concert in Lewisburg, WV to hear the Berea Choir perform and the lead singer had that same quality to his voice. I marveled at the likeness to the voice. I had heard years ago as the melody of "In the Sweet By and By" came drifting in my door.

When the concert ended this handsome young man came up to me and said, "Zi Graves, of all people I don't expect to see you here. Did you come just to hear me sing?" Quizzical, I looked at him and he said, "Don't you remember me?" I am Ricky Phelps, son of R.E. and grandson of George Phelps. I am ashamed to admit I didn't remember him but when he said Phelps all that came back to me, but, of course, he never knew I sounded familiar. The musical training by professionals and his practice with Berea's professional choir had only enhanced the voice he undoubtedly inherited from his family of singers. I may have forgotten his name that night but I will never forget it. I truly introduced him to my son Rodney and wife Helen as well as her parents, Virginia and Claborn Campbell all of whom went to Berea College. One never knows what talents are hidden in the hills and hollows of the Appalachian Mountains. Ricky is now teaching school in Charlotte, NC.

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### TOPS

(Take off Pounds Sensibly) TOPS meets Thursday at 6 p.m. at Broadhead Christian Church basement on Main St. in Broadhead. For more info, call 1-800-932-TOPS or locally 758-4047.

### Bookmobile Schedule

Mon., March 8: Scaffold Cane, Disputanta, Anglin Plains, Clear Creek, Wildie.  
Tues., March 9: Buffalo, Castle Village, Adult Day Care, Negro Creek.  
Wed., March 10: Ottawa and Bee Lick.

### Kiwanis Club

The Rockcastle Kiwanis meets Thursday at noon at the Kastle Inn Restaurant. All visitors are welcome. Bicyclist Donald Coyle will be discussing his trip in Ireland this Thursday.

### R.A.A.P. Meeting

Rockcastle Adoption Agency for Pets, Inc. meets the first Sunday of each month at 2 p.m. Call Terry at 758-9202 or Vickie at 256-5183 or Jackie 355-7849 for directions. Everyone wanting to help with RAAP's work is invited.

### CAP Job/Start Program

Are you looking for a job? Job/Start can help. Job Skills Training Program could be the place for you. For more info, call 256-9612.

### Class of '89 Meeting

Anyone interested in assisting with the 1989 Rockcastle County High School Class Reunion is invited to attend a planning meeting on Friday, March 5, 1999 at 6:30 p.m. at Pizza Hut.

### Sign-ups

The Crab Orchard Recreational League will hold sign-ups for all those interested in playing ponytail (girls age 9-12), girls softball (girls age 13-16), coach pitching, baseball (minor and major) on Saturday, March 13 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Crab Orchard Elementary School Gym. If you need more information contact Dan Gutenson at 355-2268. We are also talking sign ups for our co-ed and men's league softball teams, for this you may contact Dan Gutenson at 355-2268 or Jesse Harris at 355-2363.

### SBDM Meeting

The School-Based Decision Making Council of Rockcastle County Middle School will meet in special session Monday, March 15, at 3 p.m. to review the Common-wealth School Improvement Funds Grant Application.

### Free Classes

CAP Adult Learning Center will be offering free Adult Ed/Computer based classes beginning March 15th. Enrollment is limited. For more information contact Linville Rose at 256-9612 or 256-5307.



# Obituaries

## Beatrice Jones

Beatrice Owens Jones, 76, of New Castle, and formerly of Livingston, died Saturday, February 27, 1999 at the Tri-County Baptist Hospital in LaGrange. She was born in Rockcastle County on July 11, 1922, the daughter of George Washington and Bertha Gilliam Owens and was a retired waitress.

Survivors are one son, Bruce Owens of New Castle; two brothers, Ralph Owens of Lamero and Paul Owens of Livingston; four sisters, May Ivick of Mt. Vernon, Inez Myers of Dayton, Ohio, Jean Fossi of Reading, Pennsylvania and Lucille Owens of Las Vegas, Nevada; two grandchildren Darren and Jeff Owens and three great grandchildren, Sarah Wright Owens, Allison Ann Owens and Thomas Briggs Owens. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Lawrence, Billy Ray and George Owens, Jr., and one sister, Helen Owens.

Services were Tuesday, March 2, at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home with Rev. Elizabeth Bruckoff officiating. Burial was in the Red Hill Cemetery.

## John Daugherty

John Carson Daugherty, 61, of Florence, died Thursday, February 25, 1999 at the University Hospital in Cincinnati. He was born on October 12, 1937 in Middleboro, the son of the late John D. and Erbie Seal Daugherty. He was a Tri-City Insurance Service Agent, past President of Florence Rotary and North Bend Masonic Lodge #346 F&AM.

Survivors are his wife, Clarie Daugherty of Florence; two sons, David and Jeffery Daugherty, both of Cincinnati; one daughter, Paula Daugherty of Cincinnati; two step-sons, John Kramer of Florence and Kevin Kramer of Lexington and three grandchildren.

Services were Monday, March 1, at the Sixth Funeral Home in Florence. Burial was in the Elmwood Cemetery.

This obituary courtesy of Cox Funeral Home.

## Sammie Bryant

Sammie L. Bryant, 63, of Beverly Hills, Florida, and formerly of Pulaski County, died Sunday, February 28, 1999 at the Florida Hospital Alamo in Alamo Springs. He was born in Marshes Siding, Kentucky on October 25, 1935, the son of Billie and Mary Vanover Bryant. He was a retired truck driver and a member of the Crystal River Church of Christ.

Survivors are his wife, Wilma Roundtree Bryant of Beverly Hills, Florida; two sons, Dale Bryant and wife, Vicki and David Bryant and wife, Tammy, both of Somerset; five brothers, Billie D. Bryant of Las Vegas, Nevada, Bob Bryant, Lloyd Bryant and Gerald Bryant, all of Marshes Siding and Jay Bryant of Stevenson, Wisconsin; five sisters, Maxine Hixon of Homosassa Springs, Florida, Marlene Morris and Linda Lafevers, both of Somerset, Sue Tapley of Lake Park, Florida and Ruth Ann Lay of Dixon, Tennessee and two grandchildren, Becky and Sarah.

Services will be Friday, March 5, at 2:00 p.m. at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home with Bro. Marvin Cromer officiating. Burial will follow in the Higgenbotham Cemetery in McCree County.

## Anna Brock

Anna Mae Brock, 87, of Glendale, Ohio, died Tuesday, February 23, 1999 at Manor Care Woodridge. She was born July 4, 1911 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of Scott Evans and Belle York. She was a homemaker.

Survivors are four sons, Elmer L. (Faye), Neil (Pat), Charles K. (Brenda) and Michael (Lee Anne) Brock; two daughters, Alma L. (Robert E.) Fisher and Kathy (Bob) Lightle and 16 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Brock.

Services were Saturday, February 27, at the Vorhis Funeral Home in Springdale, with Rev. David Graves officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery.

## Arvil Vernon

Arvil Dempsey French, 64 of Lebanon, died Sunday, February 8, 1999 at his residence. He was born in Rockcastle County on January 20, 1935, the son of Rollie and Opal Saylor French. He was in the heating and air conditioning business and an Army veteran.

Survivors are his wife, Janice Howard French of London; two sons, Ethan "Tom" French of London and Nathan French of East Bernstadt; one daughter, Bridgett "Nicky" Davenport of London; three brothers, Marvin French of Mexico, Vernal George French of Texas and Bradley French of London; two sisters, Renee Lewis of East Bernstadt and Patti Carolyn Ponder of Lexington; seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Services were Tuesday, March 2, at the House-Rawlings Funeral Home in London with Rev. Jeff Lewis, Jerry Lewis and Frankie Marcum officiating. Burial was in the A.R. Dyche Memorial Park in London.

This obituary courtesy of Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

## Billie Childress

Billie Beaman Childress, 70, of Lebanon, Indiana, and formerly of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, February 24, 1999 at the Wilham Memorial Hospital in Lebanon. He was born on January 26, 1929 in Rockcastle County, the son of the late William David and Susie Catherine Moore Childress. He was a retired carpenter.

Survivors are one son, Jack L. Childress of Jamestown, Indiana; one daughter, Janet K. Wilder of Tampa, Florida; one brother, William "Geder" Childress of Thornmont, Indiana; three sisters, Lola Myers, Wanda Burnett and Ann Whitaker, all of Cincinnati; and four grandchildren, Melissa B. Wilder, Jason R. Wilder and Jonathan and Joshua Childress. He was preceded in death by eight brothers and two sisters.

Services were Friday, February 26, at the Myers Chapel of Memories in Lebanon.

This obituary courtesy of Cox Funeral Home.

## Jaunita Croucher

Jaunita Idell King Croucher, 78, of Berea, died Friday, February 26, 1999 at the Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington after a short illness. She was born in Rockcastle County. She was a member of the Galilee Baptist Church of Berea and the Eastern Star Chapter in Mt. Vernon.

Survivors are five children, Angie (Ralph) Coffey of Olmsted Falls, Ohio, Anna M. Grey of Berea, Jimmy (Shelby) Croucher of Berea, Ruby Jean (Larry) Swartz of Dayton, Ohio and Billy L. Croucher of Berea and 12 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and one great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her mother, Bertha King and her husband, Ed Croucher.

Services were Sunday, at Lakes Funeral Home in Berea with Rev. John Dodson officiating. Burial was in the Seafoad Cane Cemetery in Rockcastle County.

Pallbearers were her grandsons, Timothy Croucher, Anthony D. Croucher, Adam Croucher, William Croucher, Charles Croucher and Edward Coffey.

Honorary pallbearers were Mike Gay, Woodrow Gabbard and members of her church.

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## "Hub" Evans

Herbert "Hub" Evans, 92, of Sand Springs, died Wednesday, February 24, 1999 at the Rockcastle Hospital. He was born on August 10, 1906 in Rockcastle County, the son of the late Tom and Catherine Livesay Evans. He was a retired farmer, sawmill operator and a veteran of WWII.

Survivors are one son, George "Bo" Evans of Sand Springs; one daughter, Carolyn Rowe of Blue Springs; one sister, Laura Mae Russell of Cincinnati, Ohio and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Elma Hayes Evans; his second wife, Ruth Edna Renner Evans; one daughter, Betty Lou Evans; three sisters; two brothers and one half-brother.

Services were Saturday, February 27, at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. James Nicely officiating. Burial was in the Sand Springs Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Chuck, George, Ricky, Kenneth and Carl Miller and Arvil Kirby.



## Velta Proctor

Velta Proctor, 74, of Berea, died Thursday, February 25, 1999, at the Berea Hospital. She was born July 11, 1924 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of Sam and Elizabeth Adams Holcomb. She was retired from the Parker Seal Company and was a member of the Baptist Faith.

Survivors are her husband, Bernard Proctor of Berea; four sons, Gary Proctor and wife, Norma of Berea, Wayne Proctor and wife, Doris of Mt. Vernon, Brad Proctor and wife, Linda of Mt. Vernon and Neal Proctor and wife, Matzrae of McKee; two daughters, Gail Livesay and husband, Wayne of Berea and Norma Kennedy and husband, Eddie of Berea; three brothers, Dallas Holcomb of Brodhead, Wallace Holcomb of Jamestown and Preston Holcomb of Brodhead; one sister, Mildred Blevins of Mt. Vernon; 16 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Rita Lakes and two sisters, Almada Harris and Verbeida Holcomb.

Services were Monday, March 1, at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home with Bro. Ed Cortez officiating. Burial was in the Rimel Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Mike Livesay, David Jones, Bill Quinn, John Creech, Kenny Proctor and Eddie Proctor.



## George Richards

George Gardner Richards, 84, of Orlando, died Thursday, February 25, 1999, at the Berea Health Care Center. He was born July 1, 1914 in Fayette County, the son of George and Pearl Overbay Richards. He was a self employed sawmill operator and a member of the New Hope Baptist where he was a deacon.

Survivors are three sons, Kelly Richards and wife, Geraldine of Mt. Vernon, Frank Richards and wife, Roberta and Henry Richards and wife, Donna Jean, both of Orlando; two daughters, Pauline Bowman of Mt. Vernon and Jewell Brown and husband, Jerry of Otawaw; 20 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth; one son, Kenneth; one daughter, Evelyn Gibbons; one grandson; two sisters and one brother.

Services were Sunday, February 28, at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home with Bro. Harvey Pensol and Tim Hampton officiating. Burial was in the Johnetta Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Randall Bowman, Donald Bowman, Roy Gibbons, Jeff Richards, Mark Richards, Dean Richards and Justin Richards.

## Edith Thacker

Edith Baker Thacker, 81, of Berea, died Thursday, February 25, 1999 at St. Joseph East in Lexington of complications from heart surgery. She was a Rockcastle County native born June 20, 1917, the daughter of the late Robert Baker and the late Lucy Legear Baker Stewart. She was a homemaker and a member of the Fairview Baptist Church.

Survivors are her husband, Kenneth Thacker of Berea; nine children, Virginia (Conley) Saylor of Berea, George (Mary) Thacker of Union City, Ohio, Margie Gadd of Berea, Laverne (John) Powell of Berea, Kenneth (Alice Faye) Thacker of Greenville, Ohio, Lowell Wayne (Jean) Thacker of Richmond, Michael (Carolyn) Thacker of Richmond, Elaine Grant of Berea, Deborah (Dennis) Thompson of Berea; one sister, Lillie Belle Vaughn McGuire of Brodhead; one brother, David Stewart of Richmond, Indiana and 28 grandchildren and 36 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Rabon Thacker, one brother, Ira Stewart; one grandchild and one great grandchild.

Services were Sunday, February 28, at Reppert Funeral Home in Berea with Rev. Levi Lainhart officiating. Burial was in the Seafoad Cane Cemetery.

Grandsons served as pallbearers. Grandchildren, great grandchildren and their spouses served as honorary pallbearers.

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### Keith - Blanton

Garry and Gail Keith of Shelbyville, Ky. announced the engagement of their daughter, Michele Lee Keith, to J. Bruce Blanton, son of Jack Blanton of Broodhead and Betty Blanton of Rt. 1 Broodhead.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Shelbyville High School and a 1996 graduate of Eastern Kentucky University with a major in Interior Design and a Minor in Art. She is presently employed by the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department of Corrections, Division of Correctional Industries as an Interior Designer in Lexington. Michele is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Burton of Rt. 1 Broodhead. She is also the daughter of the late Mike Ledford and granddaughter of the late Faye Ledford of Broodhead. She is the adopted granddaughter of Mrs. Hallie Keith of Frankfort.

The groom is a 1985 graduate of Rockcastle County High School and a 1992 graduate of Eastern Kentucky University with a Major in Physical Education K-12. He is presently employed with the Henry County Board of Education in New Castle, Kentucky. Bruce is the grandson of the late Carter and Sallye Blanton and the late Walter and Daisy Chaney.

The wedding will be at 2 p.m. on April 3, 1999 at the Shelbyville Church of Christ with reception following at Galrein Farm in Shelbyville. All friends and relatives are invited.

### Fairview News

By Mrs. Hubert Chasteen

Hello to all readers far and near. Hoping you are the very best this Monday morning, March 1st. Another cloudy wintry day, but also another day to give thanks to our Lord for all the blessings that we receive from day to day. Our Heavenly Father has been so good to us down through the year, even though we have our trials, troubles and heartaches, we still should be thankful that we are still alive.

Our pastor, Rev. Harvey Pensol delivered inspiring messages at Fairview over the weekend with good results. Our attendance was good and for Sunday School 152 attended. Our average Sunday School attendance for February was 151 and we praise the Lord for that number.

We have lost so many of our friends during the past few weeks. The latest ones being Gilbert Lamb, Mrs. Juanita Croucher, Joe Reed and Mrs. Edith Thacker. May God continue to bless and give the loved ones extra strength for this trying time. As I've often said before, the grief doesn't stop with the closing of the casket. So please let's all remember these grieving families that we have.

Mrs. Ardilla Finch is visiting her mother Mrs. Edith Mullins of Snider. Mrs. Mullins (Aunt Edith) is doing very well at the age of 98 years. Bless her heart she is precious. Ardilla lives in Franklin, Ohio and her husband is in poor health and needs the prayers

of good Christian people.

Mrs. Hallie Alexander had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Wyatt of Madison County last Friday night.

Visiting in our home Saturday morning February 20 was Eddie Spencer and his brother, Colon Spencer. Eddie has lived in Maryland for the past several years but has recently moved back here on the Lambert Road. Eddie, his wife and son have now been baptized and became members of our church. His brother, Colon and his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Wanex (Nancy) spent a few days with Eddie and family. Nancy attended worship service at Fairview on Sunday, 21st. We were so glad to see her. Bless the Spencer family. They have always been good friends. And last but not least, Mrs. Spencer (Delavina) and I had a nice telephone conversation later which we both enjoyed so much. And another thing Mrs. Spencer still takes the Signal.

Sunday afternoon guests of ours were our daughters, Darleen Abney and Joyce Seals and daughter, Kim Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Hayes of Winchester visited her mother, Mrs. Mary Cope on Sunday. Mrs. Hallie Alexander had dinner at the home of Mrs. Nora Wade Lamb's along with others after the funeral of Nora Wade's husband, Gilbert Lamb.



### Rash - Alcorn

Pearlite Rash, daughter of Don and Martha Smithern of Broodhead, and Arthur Ray Alcorn, son of Arthur and Gracie Alcorn of Mt. Vernon were united in marriage on February 21, 1999 at the home of Don and Carol Jones.

Pearlite's Matron of Honor was Betty Lindblom. The Best Man was the bride's son, Jason Stewart. The ringbearer was Derrick Rash, also a son of the bride. Don Smithern escorted the bride-to-be to the waiting groom-to-be to the sounds of *Time in a Bottle*. Before performing the candlelight service, Rockcastle County-Judge Executive Buzz Carlotta's passed with the wedding party for a taped rendition of Bette Midler's *The Rose*.

The ceremony was performed in a large room decorated with navy blue and rose flower arrangements interspersed with greenery and candles placed throughout the room. A tall candelabra behind the wedding party held blue and white candles which reflected in a mirror draped with scalloped white material held in place with blue tea roses and silver and white ribbons.

The bride wore a floor-length navy dress dotted with tiny blue and white flowers. A matching garland of flowers around her head caught and held at the back, the soft folds of white silk fell to her waist. The groom wore navy pants, a pale blue shirt and a navy blue tie.

Following the wedding ceremony, guests were invited to move into the Jones' dining room for the reception. A beautiful wedding cake, complete with a miniature frog bride and groom standing next to the traditional bride and groom cake adornment, dominated the continued color theme of blue and rose in the room. During the reception many gifts were received and opened by the bride and groom.

The newlyweds wish to express their special thanks to Don and Carol Jones and to Hans and Betty Lindblom for their special efforts, and to all those who gave their support and love, and many gifts.

Ray and Pearlite will continue to make their home in Mt. Vernon.

Please remember always to live a good life, not a stumbling block to others. And let's all of us pray for one another. We all need the Lord. There are many lost people out there that need the prayers of Christian people. May God be very near and bless each one who reads this.

### Willalla News

By Carol Martin

Gilbert Burton was admitted to Rockcastle Hospital on Monday afternoon.

Phil Pumphrey still remains very sick at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Burton of Mason, Ohio were here on Monday and Tuesday visiting Mrs. Burton's mother, Mrs. Cola Grace Wilson in Mt. Vernon.

Mrs. Marshall (Ruby) Thompson spent the weekend in Ohio visiting her children, Brenda Wilson and Juanita Payne and family. While there they all visited Lester Thompson, who is 91 years old.

Mrs. Ernie Williams and son, Troy are building a new house on Hwy. 39

and Bandy and will be moving soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Broughton and Jonathan have moved to their property on the John Brown Road, formerly owned by Roger Hasty.

Mrs. Debbie Bullock and Mrs. Teri Gibbons gave a birthday supper for Mrs. Dessie Bullock on February 17th honoring her 84th birthday. Mrs. Dessie has a twin sister, Mrs. Essie Payne who lives in the Walnut Grove section of Pulaski County. Happy 84th birthday Dessie and Essie.

Ed Anderson celebrated his 76th birthday on February 22nd. Friends and family were present at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Debbie Bullock to help him celebrate.

Mr. Anderson will enter the VA Hospital in Lexington on Sunday, March 7th for surgery on Monday, March 8th.

Ms. Gina Evans and her niece, Olivia Hering enjoyed a birthday party last week at the home of Paul and Brenda Hering in Mt. Vernon.

Recent visitors of Mrs. Mary Jane Randolph and Arvil have been Mrs. Barbara Mink, Mrs. Jewell Brown, Mrs. Zula Murphy, Dan McKibben, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Burton and Mrs. Betty Lou Whitaker.

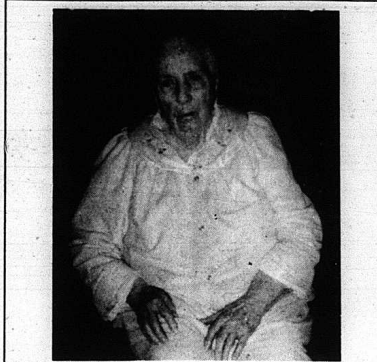
Roy and Flora Mae Brown returned home on Monday night after spending a few weeks in Florida.

Don Thompson celebrated his 66th birthday on Sunday, February 28th with a family dinner at his home. Happy birthday, brother.

Ms. Vergie Strunk of the Bee Lick area has returned home from the Lake Cumberland Medical Center. Mrs. Joy Reynolds, who is a niece of Ms. Strunk, reports that she is improving.

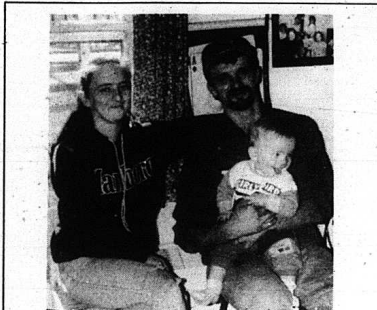
### Quail Homemakers meet recently

The Quail Homemakers met at the home of Carolyn White, Monday, February 22. Seventeen members were present. Betty Lou Whitaker gave the devotional. Roll call was called and answered with "What would you do if you had an extra hour in the day." Minutes were read by Jenny Lee Hansel. Plans were made for the Farm Machinery Sale which will be March 6 at the Broodhead Fairgrounds. The newsletter received by mail was discussed. The lesson, "Dietary Fiber" was given by Martha Hamm. Bingo game was won by Marie Goff. The next meeting will be at the home of Charlene Gentry.



### 94th Birthday Celebrated

Vida Richmond celebrated her 94th birthday with family and friends at her home on Flat Gap February 20, 1999.



### Anniversary Celebrated

Randy and Shawndra Chasteen celebrated their second anniversary with a luncheon at the home of Lola and Lee Roberts who were celebrating their 32nd anniversary on the 18th of February. The Roberts' son Donald and wife Lisa celebrated their first anniversary on the 18th of February with a luncheon at Ryan's Steak House in Richmond.

### In & Around Mt. Vernon

By Vallie Burton

(Delayed) Alben York visited his mother, Ms. Ora York recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Houston celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary February 9th. We wish them many returns of the day.

Mrs. Jean McGuire is on the sick list. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Virgil McGuire celebrated his birthday, February 13th. We wish him many returns of the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Eaton II and daughter, Lorena were supper guests of Patricia Holland last Monday night.

Sympathy is extended to all who have lost loved ones recently. May the Lord comfort each one.

Mattie Newton of Somerset visited her mother, Vallie Burton last Sunday.

Edward Houston celebrated his birthday February 23rd. We wish him many returns of the day.

Patricia Holland celebrated her birthday February 24th. We wish her many returns of the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Barron were in Somerset last Sunday.

Perry Noc celebrated his birthday, February 22nd. We wish him many returns of the day.

Mildred Hunt celebrated her birthday, February 14th. We wish her many returns of the day.

Seems like February is a birthday month.

Little Britney Elliott celebrated her 3rd birthday, February 20th and John David Hurley celebrated his 2nd birthday, February 20th. We wish them many returns of the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Perkins and children of Tampa, Florida visited Ms. Arthie Kirby recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stephens of Lexington visited her mother, Ms. Arthie Kirby Sunday.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Estill Kirby of Findley, Ohio, who passed away last week. She was the daughter-in-law of Ms. Arthie Kirby.

Ms. Arthie Kirby is on the sick list. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Mink of London visited her sister, Patricia Holland awhile recently.

Angie Eaton of Lexington visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Eaton II last Wednesday.

Sunday visitors of Mrs. Ora York were Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Renner of Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. John York and son of Broodhead, Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor of Broodhead, Mrs. Joann Smith of Crab Orchard and Liza York and daughter, Rachel and W. Ellis.

Little Chelsea Edwards celebrated

her first birthday, February 19th. We wish her many returns of the day.

Ester Burdette of Wildie visited Lillian Anglin recently.

Patricia Holland, Allene Eaton, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Eaton III and daughter, Lorena visited Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Eaton II Sunday.

Shirley Burton, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Blanton and Mildred Hunt of Mt. Vernon, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Blanton and family of Berca, Lori

Blanton, Ashley and Mark of Lancaster, Jamie Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cash and Jerry of Broodhead, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Browning of Annullie, Irene Watson and son, Nathan of Frankfort, Mr. and Mrs. David Blanton and Renita, Earl Blanton, Lisa Blanton and Megan and friend, Michelle and Ernie Mobley were all dinner guests of Ms. Dixie Blanton's son, Greg. We wish the birthdays in February of Lena Griffin, Jamie Hall and Mildred Hunt. We wish them all many returns of the day.

Little Cattin Daugherty has been sick for several days. We wish her a speedy recovery.

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# Library News

By Carol Jones  
Greetings once again from all of us at the library. We hope to bring you a bit of new information this week, but knowing myself as I do, no doubt I'll touch on old news as well. Some of the library employees have been fighting off viral infections of various types as I imagine many of you have been doing; but most of us are back to our normal selves now. That is, of course, as normal as we ever are with our usual complaints that we're about now and vegetable gardens, as well as little enthusiasm. The tiny garden spot that Don and I dug up last year for the first time is already sending me urgent signals. I always wondered why my mother used to love growing things so much; now, forty years later, I finally understand. My seed catalogs are already dog-eared from much perusing.

Spoking which... all last week in her column, I have completed the spring gardening display here at the library. I think you will enjoy both looking at it and using the informational books found there. I've tried to include books on both flower and vegetable gardens, as well as information on care and maintenance of gardens, lawns and trees. A few books on outdoor furniture and birdhouse making are also available.

Since some of you have already been checking out our spring gardening materials, the books on the display shelves will continue to change, but be patient! Your favorites should soon be returned and new ones will be added occasionally.

Throughout January and February our closing time on Thursday evening was moved back to 6:00 p.m. Some of you may be pleased to know that starting March 4th our regular closing time of 8 p.m. will be resumed.

Beginning March 6th, the library will display a special series of work in counted cross stitch crafts, pictures, etc. done by Geraldine. This should be a treat for all of us. She is really talented. The articles will be on display until March 14th.

Also, a private art show by Monica Carmack will be held here during National Library Week, April 8th-24th. Anyone who has seen Monica's artwork will surely enjoy this showing.

New books are pretty scarce around here this week, but we expect to receive some soon. A couple of those listed in Geraldine's column last week and more Avalon books should arrive shortly.

Among the non-fiction books available now are... **Resumes That Will Get You the Job You Want by Andrea Kay and Joli Boss** Recommended by Jay A. Block & Michael Betrus. We have a hard time keeping our resume books, so Geraldine has had to replace both of these books.

Other non-fiction books available include... **Favorite Brand Names: Grandma's Old-Fashioned Cookies and The American Story: Lifting The Veil** by the editors of Time-Life Books.

In the fiction category we have three new western books for our western buffs, and Andrew M. Greeley's new book **Irish Mist**. Dermot Michael Coyne isn't sure what he's gotten himself into. Nuala Anne McGrath, that beautiful and vivacious "Celtic Witch," has finally agreed to marry him. Her spirit personality is quite a challenge, but living with "a dark one," someone gifted with second sight, may be more than Dermot can take.

Nuala has a top-selling singing career now, with a top-selling CD. She's been invited to sing at Irish Aid, an international charity event in Dublin, to benefit Ireland's poor. But the plane hasn't even touched down before she has another one of her "spells."

Nuala had a "spell" last time the dancing duo set foot on the Emerald Isle, and they ended up solving one of the most famous mysteries in modern Irish history—who killed Michael Collins. But there are many tales of suffering and misdeeds in the murky mist of Ireland's turbulent and violent past. A lesser-known event perhaps, but with its own dark unanswered questions, is the assassination of Kevin O'Higgins, the man who succeeded Collins as the leader of the movement to free Ireland.

That O'Higgins was gunned down on the way to mass is generally known, but what about Nuala's around, "the bridge behind the bridge," the link between past and present, becomes almost visible. And secrets bubble to the surface—some small and pleasant; others large and terrible. Confirmed by Dermot's diligent legwork, Nuala's intuitions intuitively a burning candle, the lonely widow of a decorated British officer, the captain of the infamous "Black and Tan" police force, a wild American woman from Chicago, and bloodshed—all somehow connected.

It is these lost souls who call out to Nuala. She feels their pain and must do all that she (and poor Dermot) can to bring the truth to light. But these events have left deep burning hatred and shame in the surviving generations, and there are people who want to snuff out that light—and its source—to keep the truth hidden.

# The Family Room

By Dr. Don Whitehead

## Are the Children OK If Mom Works?

What effect does Mom's employment have on the children? This question has been debated for years. There is a new study out that sheds some more light on this subject. Researchers in Massachusetts are reporting that their recently completed study shows that children are not harmed by the mother's employment outside the home. This study was just these children were concluded that as children whose mothers stayed home. Researchers found that it was the quality of time that parents spent with the children that seemed to have the most effect.

Mothers who have been working may have a sign of relief upon hearing of this report. Moms who do not work (other than at home) should not feel any regret because of this report. Staying at home to raise the children is still a viable option for many families. Some women who work because of financial necessity wish they could remain at home.

My hunch is that Mom and the children fare better if Dad is actively involved in the children's lives and in the ongoing work of the household. Mothers who work and have no help at home do not have a lot of extra time. If Dad is a partner in the child-rearing, children do better. This is also true in cases of divorce. A divorced father who is involved with his children (assuming there is no abuse) creates a better life for them. Most households are very busy these days. Mom and Dad have to make time available for the children. The time does not magically appear

from out of thin air. It takes a conscious effort on the part of both parents to spend time with the children. "What does all this mean for me?" Jane asks. (All characters are fictitious.) "As a single parent I have no choice but to work. My whole family makes me feel guilty because I am not at home with my children."

"I hope this means that you feel less guilty, Jane," I told her. "Your children are not going to grow up warped simply because you work." "I wish my ex-husband would get more involved with the kids," she said sadly. Sometimes he forgets to pick them up for his time with them.

"I'm sorry he is not a more responsible father," I replied. "This still does not mean instant mental illness for your children. You cannot make him be a father, but you can be the best mother possible."

"I try to make up to the kids for their Dad's absence," Jane added.

"I'm sorry, Jane," I interjected, "but you cannot make up for your father's absence. If you try, you may do too much for them. All you can do is be the best mom possible."

"Another working mom, Vera has a different take on the matter. 'I work because I want to,' she offered. 'I think it is good for my kids to have a working mother as a role model.'"

Mary, another working mom says, "I work to keep my financial independence. I will never be financially dependent on a man again. It took me years to get out of an abusive marriage because I had no money."

There are many good reasons for being a working mom. (For information about weight loss and stop smoking classes, call me at 606-679-4131 or toll free at 1-877-PASTORS or 1-877-727-8678.)

# Cards of Thanks

## "Jughead" Ballinger

The family of Raymond "Jughead" Ballinger wishes to express our thanks to his many friends for the loving support and expressions of sympathy during this time. Thanks also to the men who served as pallbearers, to Mary Ponder, Donna Mahaffey, and Cox Funeral Home for their assistance. We also wish to express our thanks to Bro. Shawn Madden and Bro. Raymond Offutt for the beautiful memorial service.

## Sincerely, Edith Abney, Phyllis and Clea Shepherd, Eta Mullins, George, Edward and Donald Ballinger Elden Chasten

The family of Elden Chasten would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, food, cards, phone calls and flowers we received during the illness and death of our Dad & Papa. Thanks to the Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church for all the prayers with him and for him, for all the visits to the hospital and his home. He really loved his church. A special thanks to Bro. Randall Adams for all the kindness and friendship over the years, for all the prayers during his sickness and the special words of comfort he spoke at the funeral. Thanks to Pam and Stephanie King for the beautiful songs. A special thank you to the friends and neighbors of Copper Crook and the pallbearers.

We also want to thank the staff of Rockcastle Hospital and Richard Barnes. A special thanks to Dr. Mike

Hamilton for the excellent care and kindness that he gave. Thanks to all the doctors and nurses at UK Hospital that helped with his care. We would also like to thank Marsha Ellison for the beautiful flowers. A special thank you to Marvin and Judy Owens of the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals for being so caring and comforting during our loss.

## The children and grandchildren of Elden Chasten

## Nancy Burdine

The family of Nancy Burdine would like to thank everyone for the prayers, food, cards, and flowers during the difficult time of the death of our loved one.

We would like to thank the staff at the Sowder Nursing Home for the good care they took of Nancy during the years that she spent there. Thanks to Watson Funeral Home and Cox Funeral Home for their help and kindness during our loss.

We would like to thank Bro. Noah Broughton and Bro. Pete Lamon for the thoughtful and kind words that were said at the service. Thanks to Mary Lawton and the singers for the beautiful music.

Thanks to all those who came to the nursing home and visited her while she was there.

We would like to thank those who came to the funeral home. The family greatly appreciates every act of kindness that was shown to them.

The Nancy Burdine family

# Agricultural News

## By Warden Alexander, FSA Director 1999 QUOTAS

The 1999 quotas are scheduled to be mailed on Friday, March 19th. When these notices are mailed, all producers are reminded to review the poundage and if you wish to appeal the quota you have 15 days to do so. Leasing of barley tobacco quotas will begin Friday, March 19th and will end Thursday, July 1st. Producers who have 1997 planted and considered planned history (P&C-marketing or transferring of quota) and did not have 1998 P&C credit are reminded of the two out of three year rule... to avoid loss of quota there must be P&C history for the 1999 crop year. Bulletin board space will be provided at the local FSA for those producers wishing to list poundage for lease.

## PESTICIDE CARDS

Producers who are in need of pesticide cards or the renewal of a pesticide card are reminded the County Extension Agent will hold meetings on Thursday, March 4th at 10 a.m. and at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Clontz and Cox Law Office-Main St., Mt. Vernon.

## MARKETING CARDS

Producers are reminded to turn marketing cards to the FSA office immediately after sales.

## EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR FARMERS

Under the emergency relief for farmers - Farmers are eligible to receive payment for either losses suffered in the 1998 crops or losses in any three or more crop years between 1994 and 1998. Farmers can receive payments under either the single or

multi-year provisions, but not both and USDA will make payments at the higher of the two levels. Rockcastle County eligible crops for payment are insured/noninsured crops such as tobacco and corn and the non-insurable crops such as hay, soybeans and vegetables for commercial use. Producers who suffered greater than a 35% loss on the above listed crops should provide the office will sale bills/wedge tickets and receipts for fertilizer, chemicals and related materials. Producers receiving payments must agree to buy crop insurance for the 1999 and 2000 crop years. REMEMBER: Sign up ends March 12, 1999. Producers should contact their local USDA Service Center or FSA Office for more information.

## USDA LISTENING FORUMS

The USDA State Outreach Council will hold a public listening session on Tuesday, March 2nd at Hazard Community College, 10:00 a.m. and also on Thursday, March 4th at the University of Kentucky Research and Education Center, Princeton - 10:00 a.m. For additional information contact your local FSA office. If possible - please make plans to attend.

## FARM CHANGES

Producers who have purchased or sold land need to contact the local FSA office for proper reconstitution of farms. Remember to bring your deed and/or notify the new owner to do so. Also notify this office of any/all address changes.

## Classified Deadline is NOON Tuesday

# In Loving Memory

## By Mary Darlene Hicks

They were two young boys meeting at the age of eleven or twelve. Each unsure about himself.

They had a lot in common intelligence, music and art. From that day onward they weren't far apart.

Onward to high school each trying to find his way. Yet as friends were inseparable sharing and caring day after day.

They shared each others problems they shared each others clothes. They shared many a secret only those two and God know.

They loved exploring caves they didn't mind the dark. To go repelling a high cliff to them it was a lark.

After school one married and became a father. With two little girls to love and rear.

The other was going to be a police officer. To protect those he loved so dear.

They were both only 21 seemed like life had just begun. But in only a few seconds their life here was over and done.

Their dreams and hopes all shattered. Their lives here on earth were no more.

These two friends were still inseparable. When the angels opened Heaven's door.

Though their lives on earth are over. Their memories linger very near.

I'm sure their friendship lingers,

## In Memory of my son, Earl Shelton and his friends

In memory of my son, Earl Shelton and his friends for many years, Josh Lewis, who were killed in an auto accident, March 5, 1998. They are both loved and sadly missed by family and friends.

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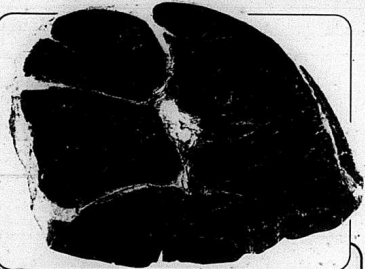
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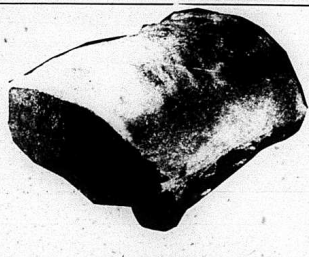
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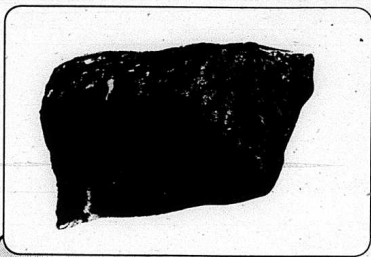
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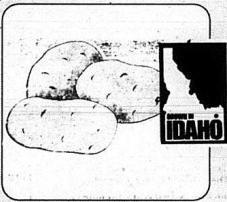


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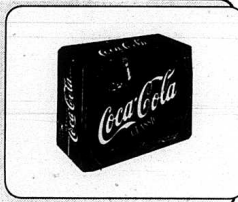
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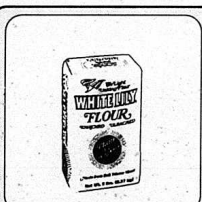
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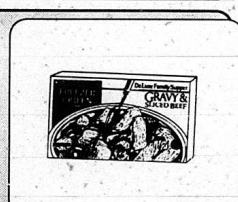
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**Family Pak Ice Cream** Gal. Sel. Var. **2.98**

## Extension Office Notes

### Extension Homemakers County Council Meeting

The Extension Homemakers County Council Meeting will be held March 11, at 7 p.m. at the Extension Office.

### Sit-n-Sew

March 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Extension Office. Bring projects to complete or get assistance with problem projects. Attend the whole day or an hour or two. Free and open to everyone. Call 256-2403 for details.

### Shing Purse Class

March 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Extension Office. Bring projects to complete or get assistance with problem projects. Attend the whole day or an hour or two. Free and open to everyone. Call 256-2403 for details.

### Furniture Restoration

Free class on furniture restoration on March 29 beginning at 10 a.m. at the Extension Office. Call 256-2403 for more details.

### Basketry Group

On March 29, 12 noon at the Extension Office there will be a meeting for individuals interested in the possibility of starting a Basketry Group. Call 256-2403 for information.

### Birdhouse Basket Class

March 29, 1 to 3 p.m., there will be a Birdhouse Basket Class taught by Marie Faulkner. Cost is \$5. Please call 256-2403 for details.

### Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to assist with after school 4-H Clothing Projects. Projects begin at the close of school until 5 p.m. Dates are: Roundstone, March 15-18; Mt. Vernon, March 29 - April 1; and Brodhead, April 1-15. Call 256-2403 for details.

### Pesticide Training

Farmers needing to update their restricted use chemical card will need to attend one of the training sessions being held on March 4 at 10 a.m. and against at 7 p.m. at the Extension Office. Call 256-2403 for details.

### Hunter Education Course

There will be a Hunter Education Course held on March 18, 19 and 20 at the Rockcastle Extension Office. The March 18 session will run from 6 to 9 p.m. and March 19 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. The course will conclude with range work on March 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. You must attend all three sessions. Anyone born after 1975, and wishing to participate in Kentucky hunting seasons

and/or hunting programs, must have a Hunters Education Card showing completion of this course.

### 4-H Variety Show

The Rockcastle Co. 4-H Variety Show will be held on Tuesday,

March 16, 1999 at 6 p.m. at Mt. Vernon Elementary School. Registration deadline is Friday, March 12. Variety Show acts must register by calling the Extension Office at 256-2403.

## Woodlots, like vegetable gardens, require work before harvest

The Kentucky Division of Forestry would like to remind landowners that free assistance is available to manage their woodlands. A forester will sample the stocking, growth and species present in your woods as he walks through with the landowners. After which, the topics discussed will be put in writing for further review. Most commonly, TSI (Timber Stand

Improvement) is recommended. This practice includes removing trees that are spaced too closely, removing trees which are damaged or of undesired species for timber or wildlife. Like growing a vegetable garden, your woodlot needs careful treatment such as weeding prior to harvesting to insure a bumper crop.

Like a garden, landowners will

want to fully utilize all the available growing space on idle, unproductive land, tree planting may be required. In thinly stocked woodlands, tree planting or a combination of measures to insure that natural reseedling takes place may be required. In either case, a forester can advise you on the proper species of trees to consider, proper spacing and care of your young trees. Trees can be obtained from the Division of Forestry at our cost of production and cost-sharing assistance can be obtained at your local Farm Service Agency or through the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

TSI is not rocket science. It requires time, a chainsaw, and herbicide. If a landowner decides to perform TSI, the forester will paint a spot on the trees to be removed. The landowner will then fell or girdle the painted trees, depending on tree size and spray them with herbicide to prevent re-establishment from suckers. Cost-sharing funds may possibly be available for 50% of the cost of herbicide and labor.

We also offer a harvest marking for \$3.00 per 1000 board feet marked. This service includes sending the

landowner a report on the species marked, the number of trees marked, and the board footage marked. This report will include guidelines to prevent erosion and environmental degradation and measures to ensure continuing profitability of your woodland. This should allow landowners to shop for the highest bid on their timber. More information and applications are available at your local County ASCS, NRCS and Extension offices or call the Kentucky Division of Forestry in Pineville at (606)337-3011, in London at (606)864-9396 or Toll free at 1-800-866-0504. These services are free for the asking, except for the timber harvest marking.

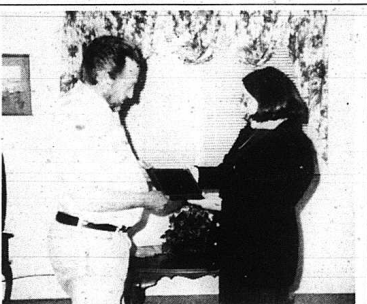
## Robert Cundiff joins Navy

Robert Cundiff recently enlisted in the United States Navy.

Cundiff, the son of Jack Cundiff of Mt. Vernon, will report to Recruit Training Center Great Lakes, Illinois, on June 21, 1999 for active duty, to begin with basic training.

Following basic training, Cundiff will begin instruction at "A" School located in Pensacola, Florida. After technical training, Cundiff will be assigned to any of the Navy's ships, squadrons or duty stations around the world.

## Classified Deadline is NOON Tuesday



Junior Griffin, president of C.R.A.M.I. (Cumberland River Alliance for Mental Illness) presents Carolyn Morris with an appreciation award acknowledging her support and leadership for the support group.

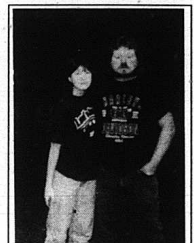
## Subscribe to the Signal



Kasey Jo Blevins, 6 months, just catching up on her reading. Kasey is the daughter of Tim and Denise Blevins of Glade Springs, Virginia.



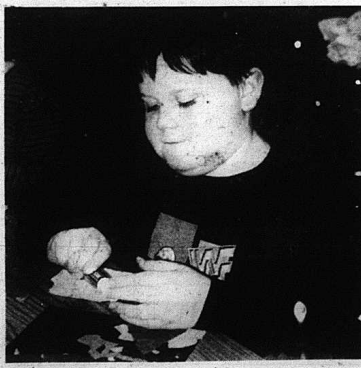
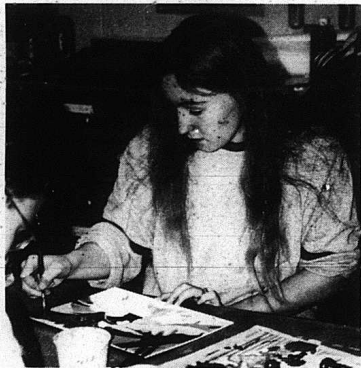
Randy and Valerie Dillingham are proud to announce the birth of their son, Nicholas Everette. Nicholas was born December 15, 1998 at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital. He weighed 8 lbs. 4 3/4 ozs. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Lee and Barb Collins of Mt. Vernon. Paternal grandparents are Lonnie and Loretta Dillingham of Mt. Vernon. Great grandmothers are Elizabeth Rogers of Brodhead and Irene Dillingham of Mt. Vernon.



Happy Birthday Clayton (March 4) and Ashley (March 14) Stewart. Love, Diane Stewart

# Rockcastle County Schools celebrate

# "March - Youth Art Month"



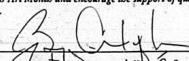
### YOUTH ART MONTH ENDORSEMENT

WHEREAS, art education contributes powerful educational benefits to all elementary and secondary student including the following:

- art education develops students' creative problem-solving and critical thinking abilities;
- art education teaches sensitivity to beauty, order, and other expressive qualities;
- art education gives students a deeper understanding of multi-cultural values and beliefs;
- art education reinforces and brings to life what students learn in other subjects; and
- art education interrelates student learning in art production, art history, art criticism, and aesthetics, and

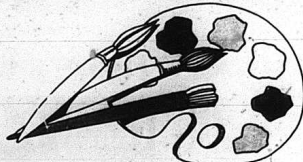
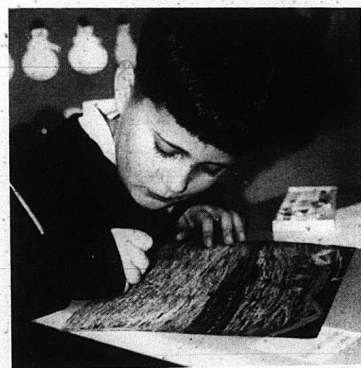
WHEREAS our national leaders have acknowledged the necessity of including arts experiences in all students' education,

AND WHEREAS MARCH is officially recognized as YOUTH ART MONTH, I endorse the observance of Youth Art Month and encourage the support of quality school art programs for children and youth.

SIGNED: 

DATE: 3/18/99

POSITION: County Judge - Executive





# WE'RE PROUD TO SUPPORT TODAY'S STUDENTS... AND TOMORROW'S LEADERS.

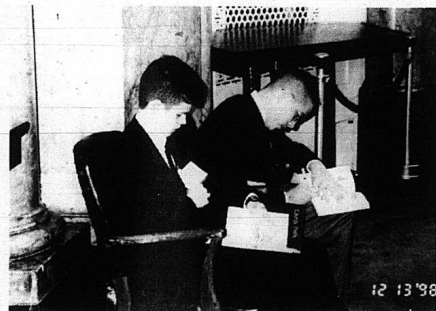


*Lauren Clontz & Rachel Childress, Advocates to the Supreme Court, KYA*

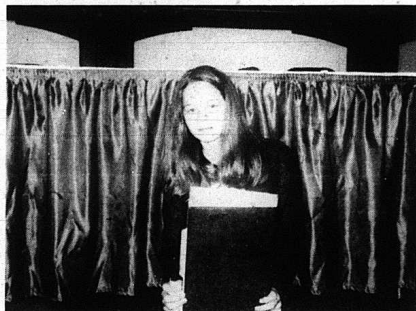
**Citizens Bank salutes the students of Rockcastle County Middle School and its Y-Club members, who represented our community proudly during the Kentucky Youth Assembly.**



*Elijah Lunsford, left, and Allison Anderkin, right, Youth Senators at KYA*



*Chris Tolle, Campaign Manager and KYA Gubernatorial candidate Aaron Anderkin.*



*Maggie Phillips, Senate Page at KYA*



*KYA Representatives Jon Kerns, Chris Tolle, David Miller & Brandon Reams*

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Students from Rockcastle County Middle School look on as Judge Carolotis declares "March - Youth Art Month". Students from left: Mark Dyehouse, Kayla French, Zachary Pensol and Rose Pruet.

## March is Youth Art Month

Youth Art Month is an annual observance each March to emphasize the value of art education for all children and to encourage support for quality school arts programs. This year, Youth Art Month in Rockcastle County began with County Judge Executive, Buzz Carolotis signing a proclamation declaring such surrounded by students from Rockcastle County Middle School. When asked about the importance of Youth Art Month, Judge Carolotis stated, "This is a way to increase community, business and governmental support for art education, and to recognize art education as a viable component in the total education curricula that develops citizens of a global society."

Throughout the month of March, county businesses along with area schools are encouraged to display student work and sponsor art related activities.

According to Rockcastle County

Schools Basic Art Coordinator, H. Allen Pensol, "March is the perfect time to recognize Art education as CATS Assessment is scheduled for April. March is also 'Theatre In Our Schools Month' and 'Music In Our Schools Month'."

As students prepare for the assessment period, teachers and administrators are continuously directing attention to the value of arts education which develops technical and communication skills along with divergent and critical thinking while promoting multi-cultural awareness.

The Rockcastle County School System encourages citizens to visit schools during Youth Art Month and view some of the works students are producing. If you or your business would like to help recognize Youth Art Month, contact your local school and find ways you can support Arts Education in Rockcastle County.

Ms. Ruth Allen, Interim Principal, Rockcastle County High School, 256-4816.

Mr. John Hale, Principal, Rockcastle County Middle School, 256-5118.

Ms. Rose Brown, Principal, Mt. Vernon Elementary School 256-2953.

Mr. David Pensol, Principal, Roundstone Elementary School, 256-2235.

Mr. Mark McKinney, Principal, Broadhead Elementary School, 758-8512.

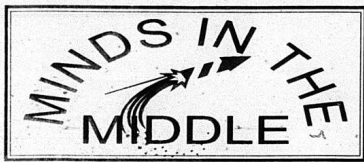
# Tiger Pause

Broadhead Elementary would like to say thank you to all the volunteers that helped with our Mardi Gras Festival in any way. The following were on hand to help throughout the day: Shirley Martin, Kristi Reynolds, Shari Proctor, Brenda Clark, Ruby Weddell, Teet Stevens, Molly Belcher, Carolyn Hunt, Gayle DeBord, Peggy Johnson, Wacey Lawrence, Donna Taylor, Michelle O'Rear, Vince Worley, Jerry Brooks, Brenda Saylor and Patsy Morgan. Others sent baked goods to be sold at the concession stand. The students had a great time.

Join us for Family Night on Thursday, March 4, at 6:00 p.m. Open gym will be the activity for this evening.

The deadline for turning in your Campbell product labels is March 25.

Broadhead Elementary recently held their annual spelling bee. Intermediate students competed in their classroom and each of the seven classes sent one representative to the library for the school wide competition. Representatives were as follows: Kayla Hayes (Graves), Becky Prewitz (Alcema), Aron Cromer (Williams), Jessica Pearson (Scott), Danielle Arnold (Reynolds), Heather Hopkins (Stand), Lori Miller (Coffee), Aron Cromer was our winner. Aron competed at the county spelling bee and tied for third place. Congratulations, Aron!



The 8th grade science fair was held at RCMS on January 29. The teams worked hard on this project for a number of weeks with much help from the RCMS staff. They would also like to thank the parents for the long, hard hours and never ending patience they have shown throughout the past few weeks. The science fair is a very important part of our curriculum as it covers most of the academic expectations for science. It also gives students an opportunity to explore branches of science that they may otherwise never get to explore in the typical classroom environment. As a result of their exploration, students learn through hands on activities and then show what they have learned through displaying and explaining their projects to a panel of judges. Each team then has first, second, and third place winners with a grand champion chosen for the 8th grade. 15 students from each team were chosen to attend the regional science competition at Cumberland College on March 31. The winners for the Comets team were Ross McClure (1st), Joe Husband and Rebekah Lyons (2nd), Daniel Dobbs (3rd), Michelle Harrison, Kelli Bullock, Britany Blair, Antim Miller, Aaron Anderson, Dale Barnett, Tanner Abbey, Stephen Boring, Bryanna Bussell, Angela Carpenter, and Amanda Booth. Winners from the Challengers team were: Bridgette Lear (1st), Darcy Phelps and Nicole Nicks (2nd), Travis Burton (3rd), Jon Baldwin, Jessica Carpenter, Matthew Mullins, Jessica Thacker, Jacob Albright, Ashley Bowles, Josh Bray, Britney Lear, Jessica Evans, Amanda Cummins, and Ashley Cottrell.

The 7th Grade Science Fair was held last Friday, February 26. The following students were science fair winners from the 7th grade Shooting Stars team: Tricia Beth Laswell, Crystal Murdock, Jenni Neeley, Sheena Fry, Amy Elliot, Shaketa Kidwell, Jessica Dennis, Ashley Kindred, Cody Alexander, Anna

Guilford, Jessica Riddle, Sarah Mullins, Savannah Renner, Tasha Parsons, and Jessie Hamm. Winners from the Adventurers team were Elijah Lunsford, Matt Evans, Brooke Smith, Ashley McClure, Jerilyn Mink, Allison Anderkin, Kristal Parsons, Lauren Clontz, Amanda Rogers, Torre Reynolds, Rachel Childress, Britney Harris and Steven Coffey. The 6th grade Science Fair is scheduled for March 23.

gram is sponsored by our Youth Services Center and is designed to help students realize that current choices affect the future.

This week we would like to begin helping you to become more familiar with our staff. To get this started, we would like to recognize Mrs. Charlotte Bullock. Mrs. Bullock has been a teacher for 15 years and began by teaching Kindergarten at Broadhead Elementary. Since then she has taught several different subjects including art, creative writing,

reading and math. Mrs. Bullock came to RCMS as a 7th grade Social Studies teacher. This year she moved to the In-school Suspension classroom. She is doing a great job with this area, focusing on why the behaviors occurred, prevention of bad behaviors, and parental involvement. Mrs. Bullock lives in the Ottawa area with her husband Ray. They have 3 children, Kimberly, Kathy, and Greg and 1 grandchild, Melinda. She is also a member of our Site Based Decision Making Council.

## Local students named to Berea College Dean's List

Three Rockcastle County High graduates have been named to the Dean's List at Berea College for the term just completed.

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.

Local honor students are Vanessa Jones of Mt. Vernon; Rachel Hamm, daughter of Danny and Regina Hamm, of Broadhead and Julie Allen, daughter of Ruth Allen of Broadhead.

## Taylor and Mink recognized as Who's Who Among Students

Cumberland College announces that Jeremiah R. Taylor and Selena Gayle Mink were recognized as a Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Taylor is a junior majoring in History and English. He is the son of Joe and Rita Taylor of Mt. Vernon. Mink is a senior majoring in Psychology and Public Health. She is the daughter of Bill and Louise Mink of Mt. Vernon.

College students are chosen for this award based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for success. The students join an elite group that is selected from more than 1,900 institutions of higher learning across the nation.

The annual directory of Who's Who was first published in 1934.

## Taylor receives honor

Cumberland College student, Jeremiah R. Taylor, son of Joe and Rita Taylor of Mt. Vernon, is among the members of Phi Alpha Theta, history honor society, that has recently been recognized for its annual publication, *The Upsilonian*.

*The Upsilonian*, a student journal with submissions from members of the club, was chosen as the winner in its class by the committee adjudicating the Central Ohio Student Journal of History Prize competition for Phi Alpha Theta. This is the third, in the last five years of contest, that the society has received this award.

"We have been extremely fortunate in these years of competition," said Dr. Eric Wake, Phi Alpha Theta's advisor. "It's a tribute to our students, who work hard and go the extra mile and they are to be congratulated," he said.

The Upsilon-Upsilon chapter of Phi Alpha Theta recently celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary on Cumberland's campus. In that time span, the chapter has received the Best Chapter in the Nation Award for twenty-one of twenty-two years.

Cumberland's chapter of Phi Alpha Theta will host the organization's regional conference on April 10, 1999. There will be nearly ten schools in attendance from across Kentucky and Tennessee. The keynote address will be delivered by Jack Tunstall, Executive Director of Phi Alpha Theta.

The Upsilonian may be accessed via the internet by visiting the Cumberland College website at [www.cumberland.edu](http://www.cumberland.edu).

## UK registration set for March and April

Current University Kentucky students may register for the summer and fall semesters between March 29 and April 20. Those who do not register by April 20 must late register beginning on the first day of classes and pay a non-refundable \$40 fee.

Before registering, undergraduates should contact their college dean's office for advising instructions. Undeclared and non-degree undergraduates should contact the Central Advising Service and Transfer Center in Miller Hall.

Registration is done through the UK-VIP telephone registration system. Students should call during their assigned three-day window. The windows are listed in the 1999 fall semester Schedule of Classes and are available on the UK-VIP line by using the "status check" function.

Students also will have a secondary window during priority registration in case they are unable to register during their assigned windows.

For more information, students should call the Registration Office at (606)257-7173.

## School News Deadline is Noon Tuesday



Congratulations to those students who were selected to represent RCMS in the CKMEA Honors Chorus. These students spent two days rehearsing with featured conductors, learning their repertoire and preparing for the public concert. The performance was held on Friday, February 18th at Southland Christian Church in Lexington. Students representing RCMS were, from front row left: Josh Weaver, Jamie Weaver, Ashlee Bowles, Surprise Stallsworth, and Amanda Smith. Middle row, from left: Daniel Dobbs, Tashia Chesnut, Jessie Belvins, Stacy Purcell, Rachel Childress and Mrs. JoAnna Sizemore. Back row, from left: Matthew Mullins, Christina Amyx, Jennifer Brown, Heather Adams, Melissa Jones, Traci Parsons, and Allison Anderkin. Not pictured was Kacey Scoggin.



The Rockcastle Migrant Program sponsored an arts contest through Allen Pencil. This was offered county wide. The theme of the art project was CREATING A VILLAGE OF HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY. Ms. Debbie Bugg's art class at Rockcastle County Middle School produced the winner and runner-up. The runner-up was Debra Brewer, and John Entzremmer was the winner. The winners were presented Indigo Timex watches by the Migrant Program. Shown left to right are: Migrant Advocate-Charlie Napier, winner-John Entzremmer, runner-up-Debra Brewer, Migrant Recruiter, Pat Bryant and Rockcastle Middle School Art Teacher Debbie Bugg in the back row. The two Rockcastle students' art work will be competing at Little Rock, Arkansas in the National Migrant art contest April 24-28. We wish them well.


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**Just Reduced! Special Bargain for Beginners!** This 1988 Holy Park Mobile Home offers 3 bedrooms, bath, utility, kitchen, dining room, family room, electric heat and carpet. Priced at \$9,500. Located along Hwy. 150, Brodhead. Call Sonja for your appointment. M119



**Looking For A Home?** This is it! Nice brick ranch with three bedrooms, large living room, kitchen/dining combination with nice cabinets. Large carpet, blacktop drive, big yard with trees and shrubs. It "moves in" condition. In addition, there's a mobile home hookup, this is a must see! Asking \$48,500. M1082



**Looking For A Buy?** You've found it - this vinyl siding home on 2.43 acres, more or less, located near Hershey's Auto Sales is perfect. With 106 square feet, the first floor features: living room with cathedral ceiling and fireplace, kitchen/dining combination with oak cabinets, master bedroom, utility and bath. Upstairs offers open loft and 3 bedroom combination. Also a fully insulated wind metal storage building. Reduced to \$49,900. M1121



**Older Charm, in this cozy one and a half story home in the Sparo section of Rockcastle is a must see!** Features include: dining room, kitchen, living room, utility, full bath. Also features a sidewalk, paved driveway and a 2600 metal building. Situated on 6.83 acres and priced at \$175,000. M1168



**Minutes From Everywhere -** in the Berton Bullock Subdivision, this almost new 3 bedroom vinyl siding home offers living room, dining kitchen combination, 2 bedrooms and utility room. Central air, hot pump and 2 car garage are just a few of the extras you'll appreciate. Priced at \$79,900. M1180



**Owners Anxious To Sell!** so they've Further Reduced the price of this 1995 Mid-America 1470 Modular Home to \$37,000. This home features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchen/dining combination, family room and utility room. All appliances are included as well as an above ground 4 ft. pool for this one low price. Contact Danetta today and make an appointment. M1162



**Have You Overlooked this 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath brick?** You'll definitely want to check it out - features 1792 square feet of living area and offers central air, heat pump and 2 car detached garage. Located on Lot #6 in the Robert Ford Subdivision. Priced at \$79,900. M1150



**Country Atmosphere -** Breathing room inside and out! This vinyl siding home w/ large front porch offers living room, dining kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and utility, central air, well to wall carpet and built in cabinets. City water and creek on property. Situated on 2.79 acres on Little Clear Creek Rd. in the Farview section. Priced at \$69,900. M1187



**Showcase Property!** This 1 1/2 story vinyl siding home is one you'll have to see! Approx. 3 miles from McKee, this home offers 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, living room, kitchen, formal dining room and utility room. Approx. 2350 sq. ft. of living area with Anderson windows, hardwood floors, lg. living room with fireplace, full bath, utility room, central air, hot pump and 2 car detached garage. Also a sidewalk, paved driveway and a 2600 metal building. Situated on 6.83 acres and priced at \$175,000. M1168



**Lots of Space, Lots of Options in this 2 story vinyl siding home!** First floor offers living room, dining kitchen comb., 2 bedrooms, bath and utility and the upstairs has 2 bedrooms in addition, the basement which could be separate living quarters offers 2 bedrooms, bath and utility room. Located on Chestnut Ridge and priced at \$89,900. Call Sonja for details. M1105



**Get Back To Nature** on 40 acres of bottom land with an excellent 32x40 barn with shed, and live in the corner of this modern brick home. 11,000 sq. ft. of living area. Offers 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, kitchen/dining comb., plus washer/dryer hookup, recessed baseboard heat and storm walls. Located in the Indian Creek section of Jackson County. M960a



**Your Golden Opportunity** is right here on this 40 acre farm ml, located on Terrill Creek Road in Arniville. Improving the property is a 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath brick offering full basement and 2 car garage. Asking \$149,900. M1188



**Have You Looked and Look?** Maybe you haven't noticed this cozy aluminum vinyl siding home, located on Lowell Lane, Mt. Vernon. Offers living room, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bath & utility room. Also, a full basement, city water and sewer, & gas heat make it all the more comfortable - not to mention its price at only \$36,900. M1027



**New Listing! Peace and Quiet:** Privacy and room to roam - this self-sustaining property consists of a nice brick ranch with full basement with drive-in garage, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchen and dining area w/ french doors, lg. living room with fireplace, much more 108 acres ml with 32x46 barn, 650 lb. tobacco base, 8-10 stable area, ml in young timber. All located on good blacktop road w/ approx. 15 miles of road frontage. Asking \$148,500. M1093



**Tired of Paying Rent?** Then this is for you! 1989 mobile home with nice yard, city water and sewer, KU electric. Home consists of 2 bedrooms, bath, large living & dining area, nice cabinets, fully furnished, including TV & VCR. Front deck and like new 12x16 metal storage building. Home is 14x65 Asking \$28,500. M1085



**Under Construction! Be the First** to live in this pretty, brand new home in the quickly-developing Hunter Ridge Subdivision. This new brick/vinyl home offers living room, kitchen, dining room, family room, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths and utility. Features central air, heat pump, plenty of closets, wrap around porch and concrete drive. Priced at \$99,900. M1164



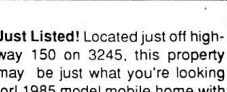
**New on the Market!** Quail community, Hwy. 70 and 618. This completely remodeled vinyl siding home has a large eat-in kitchen w/oak cabinets, living room w/fireplace, one bedroom, utility room and bath on the first floor. The second floor has 3 bedrooms. This lovely home is situated on a lot measuring 69'100' of an acre. Priced at \$65,900. M1171



**1997 Clayton Doublewide** with living-dining-kitchen, 3 bedrooms w/walk-in closets, 2 baths & utility room. Situated on 14 acres ml and has outstanding adjacent to mobile home wire rooms. Also on this property is a 3 bedroom fixer-upper home which would make ideal rental property. Located on Wadd Jones Road in the Sand Springs section. \$70,000. M1189



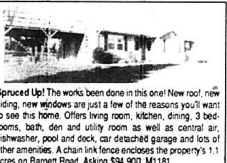
**Plenty of Charm and Comfort** Here in this 3 bedroom, 2 story home w/special amenities such as large wrap-around porch, swimming pool, gazebo and stained glass windows. Conveniently located on a level lot on West Main St., close to schools, churches, and stores. House has full basement, living room, dining room, kitchen, family room, entry hall, oven range and dishwasher. Priced at \$106,000. M1175



**Just Listed!** Located just off highway 150 in 3245, this property may be just what you're looking for! 1985 mobile home with 2 bedrooms, family room, kitchen/dining room, living room, bath and utility room plus and attached greenhouse. In addition, there is a 26x40 detached garage. Situated on 8/10 of an acre and priced to sell at \$33,900. M1195

**Remodeled & Roomy -** This house has been completely remodeled and there's plenty of room on these 4 acres on Chestnut Ridge! Vinyl siding home offers living room, kitchen, dining room, 2 bedrooms, bath, utility, central air, and heat pump. Also features numerous outside buildings and 2 car garage. Asking \$65,900. M1194

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**Spurred Up!** The work has been done in this one! New roof, new siding, new windows are just a few of the reasons you'll want to see this home. Offers living room, kitchen, dining, 3 bedrooms, bath, den and utility room as well as central air, dishwasher, pool and deck, car detached garage and lots of other amenities. A chain link fence encloses the property's 1.1 acres on Barnet Road. Asking \$94,900. M1181

**Affordably Priced -** this mobile home w/ addition, offers 4 bedrooms, bath, living room, dining kitchen combo and utility room. Located on approx. 1 acre on Brush Creek. TV Satellite also included in purchase price of \$16,900. M1185



**Need More Space and a Place to hang Your Hat?** How about 21.37 acres and a 1996 Clayton Mobile Home? Offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths (one jacuzzi), living room, dining room, kitchen, utility & includes some appliances. Also features a storage building and small barn. Located on Good Hope Church Rd. in Pulaski Co. Priced at \$79,900. M1173

### Future Auctions

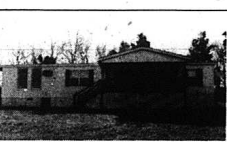
**24th Annual Brodhead Farm Machinery Consignment Auction** Saturday, March 6, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. Brodhead Fairgrounds, Brodhead, Ky.

**6th Annual Somerset Farm Machinery Consignment Auction** Saturday, March 13, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. Pulaski County Fairgrounds, Somerset

**Absolute Auction of Land Company of Corbin's House and Lot** Saturday, March 13, 1999 at 2 p.m. 11 Hamblin Street, Corbin

**absolute auction of Ms. Janet Hines' 110 Acres ml in Tracts** Saturday, March 20, 1999 at 10:30 a.m. Highway 70, Eubank

**Absolute Estate Auction of the late Ms. Marcello Jo Thompson's Mobile Home Tracts & Personal Property** Saturday, March 20, 1999 at 1 p.m. East Bernstadt, Ky.



**New on the Market! Green Acres in Brindie Ridge!** 145 acres ml - Farm or development potential w/frontage on both the Pur Rigby and Barnett Roads. The farm is improved with an older five room house, barn, 3 car detached garage and miscellaneous buildings. In addition, there is a 3 bedroom, 3 bath modular home and a horse barn. Priced at \$350,000.00. M1191

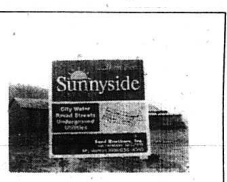
**COMMERCIAL**  
**Commercial Property, Rentro Valley.** 10 acres w/ city water and sewer. Developing potential Owner will consider divesting into smaller tracts. Priced at \$79,500. M1057  
**Located on U.S. 25!** Commercial building with small apartment w/2 garage doors 12' wide. 3 bed apartment has outside entrance. Immediate possession. M1147  
**Fixer-Upper** wincome potential! Located on Main St. in Livingston, here's a building that could be the perfect place to start your small business!

This building has been used as a grocery for many years and is easily adaptable for whatever plans you may have. Also, there's an apartment overhead featuring living room, kitchen, bedroom, bath and utility. Priced at \$119,000. M1142  
**Commercial Lot!** Located on Spring St., Mt. Vernon, this lot would be ideal for a small business. City water and sewer! Priced at \$45,000. Invest today! M1149  
**New on the Commercial Market!** Income-Producing Property - Make an investment with this trailer park containing 7.61 acres and 21 mobile homes. Located next to Superior Grocery on U.S. 25 in Mt. Vernon. call for details. M1174

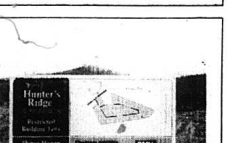


**Commercial Property!** Good income-producing, well established restaurant business. Includes building, all equipment, dining area seating 40 people, game room, tanning bed room, storage, kitchen, 2 baths, office space. In addition, there could be a 3 bedroom, 1 bath apartment upstairs. City water and sewer, KU electric. 5 miles from south I-75 and 7 miles from north I-75 to the East. Call for more details. L081

**LOTS**  
**New Listing!** 2 Level Lots offering city water and sewer. Located on Profit Street in Mountain View Estates in Brodhead. Priced at just \$15,000. M1179  
**8 Lots** Totalling approximately 5 acres. These lots are fenced and city water is available. Located on Highway 3445 in McKee. Priced at \$30,000. M1170  
**Four Large 1/2 Acre Lots** in the Woodland Place Subdivision waiting for your creativity! Restored, paved streets, and city water. priced at \$8,000 each. M709  
**4 Lots +/- 1 Acre Each!** Take your pick, located in the Woodland Place Subdivision with paved street and city water. Hurry - only \$9,900 per lot! M1710  
**In A Word:** here is an ideal restricted lot for building your new home. Located in the Rolling Hills Subdivision, the lot measures 81'0" of an acre. Priced at \$7,000. M937  
**Peace of Land - Peace of Mind** is what you could find on these 3.11 acres located in the Brindie Ridge Section. A sandy city water improve the property. Asking \$32,900. M1190



**All New Subdivision!** If you're looking for a large country lot for a mobile home, look no further. Paved streets, underground utilities and city water in the Sunnyside Estates Subdivision. Financing available. Priced at \$7,900 each. M1048



**New Development! Introducing the All New Hunter Ridge Subdivision!** Located on Highway 150, across the street from Cedar Rapids Country Club. Prestigious restricted lots with underground utilities. Choose the lot of your choice! Prices range from \$10,000 to \$12,000 each. M948

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**43 1/2 Acres!** Located in the Walnut Grove Section of Pulaski County. Property includes a 52x96 horse barn, storage building and mobile-home hookup. All cleared land under new fence. City water, spring and creek. \$69,000. M1157  
**40 Acre Farm** on Highway 3445 in McKee! Practically all cleared land with a 36x60 barn with city water and electric, as well as an 1839 lb. tobacco base. Priced at \$75,000. M1169  
**Need More Space?** Located on Highway 934 in Pulaski County, these 33.9475 acres are all fenced with pond & spring. Priced at \$54,900. Call for

# Bussell member of EKV baseball team

The Eastern Kentucky University baseball team begins a five-game home stand with a 3:00 p.m. game Friday at Turkey Hughes Field against Wright State University.

Bowling Green follows Wright State into Richmond for single games Saturday (3:00 p.m.) and Sunday (noon). Eastern Michigan furnishes the opposition Tuesday and Wednesday for single games.

EKU's 4-2 overall, is coming off a win over Mercer University (9-7) and two losses to Georgia Southern (11-6, 11-0) last weekend.

"We're hoping to work on eliminating big innings by our opponents. We were hit with an eight-run and two five-run innings last weekend and we want to see that consistency on the scoreboard," said EKV head coach Jim Ward. "We're also hoping to develop more confidence in winning at home this year."

Eastern's offense has been clicking thus far, averaging more than seven runs per game, although Ward hopes to see that consistency throughout his starting line.

"We can use more productivity out of our whole lineup. We have five guys that are pounding it, but we need the other four to contribute as well," Ward said.

Senior rightfielder Sean Murray leads the Colonels with his .440 batting average. Junior first baseman Lee Chapman is hitting .381 with a team-leading three home runs and 10 runs batted in. Junior third baseman Jack Sharp, who will miss this weekend's games with a sore left

wrist, is next at .364.

Junior second baseman Adam Basil is hitting .333, while junior starter Eric Bess is .304 batting average. Other Colonels regulars and their averages are: freshman shortstop Kiley Vaughn (.261), junior leftfielder Tom White (.208), senior third baseman J.D. Bussell, from Broadhead, (.182) and senior catcher Joe Smith (.120).

Defense has been a team strength as remarkably Eastern has committed the 1999 season without committing an error in 218 chances. Bussell, an RCHS graduate, leads the way with 19 assists and seven putouts, while Vaughn has 17 assists and eight putouts.

"Kiley's performance at short has built a confidence in our other players and pitchers that can not be measured," Ward said.

Ward indicated that the rotation this weekend would have senior rightfielder Eric Bess starting on Friday, junior leftfielder Corey Eagle going Saturday and freshman rightfielder Chip Albright on the mound Sunday. Redshirt freshman rightfielder Spencer Bloy will pitch Tuesday, and Bess will close the weekend against Eastern Michigan Wednesday.

"We need our pitchers to start going 6-7 strong innings. We've been pitched with (Mike, junior leftfielder) Marini in his relief roles. We will continue to evaluate our people in these next few games."

Overall, we believe we have some depth in our pitching this year," Ward said.

# Track teams compete at Panther Indoor Games

Rockcastle's track and field teams recently competed in the Panther Indoor Games held at Frankfort's Fanning Dugout Civic Center. Over thirty teams were on hand for the annual competition of the state's premier track and field athletes.

The boys' team had a great meet and were led by strong performances from junior Stewart Abney. This also marked the first competition for newcomers Josh Frith, D.J. Bradley and Matthew Brooks.

The 50 meter dash was contested by eighth graders Matthew Brooks and Adam Stallworth. Both boys did very well in their first indoor competition. Matthew placed 74th with a time of 8.5 seconds and Adam finished 79th in 8.71. In the 400 meter dash, sophomore Stephen Hopkins led Rockcastle with a great race and a 39th place finish in 1:06.55. Sophomore Josh Frith was close behind and placed 40th in 1:07.36. Matthew Brooks placed 52nd in 1:12.79. Adam

Stallworth finished 60th with a time of 1:22.56.

The distance events included inspiring performances by Stewart Abney. Stewart ran a great 800 meter race and placed 26th overall in a team record time of 2:38.08. Stephen Hopkins finished 36th in 2:46.94. Freshman Josh Ramsey placed 41st in 2:51.48, while Matthew Brooks finished 44th in 2:52.72. In the 1500 meter run, Stewart ran an awesome race and finished the 23rd place. He set a new 1500 meter record with a time of 5:12.54. Seventh grader Andrew Nelson also ran an excellent race and finished 26th in a Rockcastle Middle School record time of 5:13.96. Other finishers included Josh Frith - 39th (5:31.38), Josh Taylor - 45th (5:41.44) and Josh Ramsey - 53rd (5:58.27). In the 3000 meter run, Andrew Nelson was the lone representative from Rockcastle. Andrew ran an impressive 12:04.73 for a 25th place finish and a new middle school record.

The only field event participant for Rockcastle was freshman D.J. Bradley. D.J. competed in the shot put competition for the first time ever and threw an impressive 25' 0.25" for 33rd place overall.

The girls' team had a great meet and finished in 8th place overall - their best finish ever. The girls' team was led by strong performances from sophomores Cheyenne Carmack, Tara Abney and Theresa Chislum, along with a solid performance by sixth grader, Johanna Abney.

The 50 meter hurdles included some very close finishes. Theresa Chislum ran a nearly flawless race and finished seventh in 9.52. Tara Abney ran in a separate heat and

finished eighth with a time of 9.53. Tara ran the race earlier, but was forced to run a second time when the timers failed to start the clock. Her first race was well-timed and her time would have been approximately two-tenths of a second better than her first.

The 50 meter dash included eighty-eight competitors with the top four in the preliminaries qualifying for the finals. Sophomore Cheyenne Carmack ran an awesome race with a time of 7.41 seconds and qualified for the finals. Matched up with three of the state's fastest short sprinters, Cheyenne ran a great race and finished fourth overall with a time of 7.45, only hundredths of a second behind the winner. Sixth grader Johanna Abney was one of the youngest sprinters to compete in the 50 meter dash. Youth was not a factor, as Johanna ran a strong race and placed 25th with a time of 7.93 - one of the fastest middle school times of the meet. Theresa Chislum ran very well and placed 35th in 8.18. Sixth grader Cheryl Embs ran a great race and finished 51st in 8.47. Sixth grader Casey Taylor was not far behind, placing 54th in 8.51. Sixth grader Tara Rowe ran well and placed 60th in 8.65. Mary Beth Spomanauer ran very well and finished 66th in 10.52. Cheryl, Casey, Tara and Mary Beth all placed very well in their first competitive 400 and placed 34th in 1:23.92.

Seventh grader Cassandra Ramsey had the grueling task of running the 800 meter and 1500 meter run. In the 800, Cassandra ran well and placed 31st overall in 3:07.63. In the 1500, Cassandra ran very well and placed 18th in 6:29.03.

Tara Abney and Theresa Chislum competed in the shot put competition, an event they don't normally participate in. Both girls did very well. Tara placed 15th with a throw of 20' 11.25". Theresa placed 21st with a throw of 19' 1.75".

The best event for the girls was the 200 meter spring medley. The team of Tara Abney, Theresa Chislum, Johanna Abney and Cheyenne Carmack ran a great race and placed sixth overall with a new team record time of 31.22.

Both boys' and girls' teams had their first competition. Results of the Kentucky High School Invitational held at U.K.'s Nutter Fieldhouse will appear in next week's Signal.

"Rockets" (Cont. from front)

Rockcastle was 14 of 15 from the free throw line for the night, but it was not enough for Rockcastle to advance to the semi-finals.

Andrew Cash scored for the Rockets to begin the game to put the Rockets up two.

Corbin scored on their possession but Layne Nicely drove the baseline for the Rockets next score.

Corbin tied the score again, and then took the lead for Rockcastle could not score on their possession.

Jacob Burdette tied the score at six for Rockcastle with a jumper and Nicely put the Rockets back ahead by two with the steal and basket.

Rockcastle got a big defensive rebound but could not take advantage and Corbin tied the score again.

Cash was fouled on a layup and sank both free throws to put Rockcastle into double digits.

The Redhounds tied the score at ten after a questionable walking call on Matthew Brown. Corbin re-took the lead after the Rockets could not find the hole.

Cash brought the Rockets within one, 12-11, with a made free throw but that was all Rockcastle scored in the first quarter as they began forcing shots and went three possession without a score to give Corbin the 30-11 lead.

Nicely got a steal to start the second quarter but could not convert good defense into points as he missed the layup.

Christopher Parsons lit a basket to keep Rockcastle within ten, 23-13 and Brown hit a basket to tie the game at 25-15.

A Corbin foul gave Rockcastle the ball back and Brown scored again to cut the Redhound lead to eight.

Corbin scored the next four points before Nicely got another steal and subsequent layup.

Down 29-19, Cash was fouled on a defensive rebound and then passed for the Rockets on their next possession.

Nicely hit the first three of the night for Rockcastle at the 4:02 mark to pull the Rockets within seven, 31-24.

A dead ball call on Corbin's next possession gave Rockcastle the ball back according to the possession arrow but the Rockets could not score.

Cash hit a shot to keep the Rockets within seven, 33-26, and Nicely hit his second three, 31-24, pull Rockcastle within six, 35-29.

Good defense caused a Corbin turnover and Cash cut the Redhounds' lead to four with a basket.

The Redhounds answered with a three but Matthew Brown sank two free throws, and Andrew Hammond to keep Rockcastle within seven of the Redhounds, 42-35, going into half time.

Rockcastle came out big in the third quarter and outscored Corbin 22-13 to make it a whole new ballgame at 55-55 going into the fourth quarter.

A Corbin turnover to start the third gave Rockcastle the possession and Parsons sank a three for the Rockets, 58-55, hustling back on defense.

Corbin answered Rockcastle's run with three, but Nicely sank two free throws to keep the Rockets within one.

A steal and score by Cash put Rockcastle up one, 46-45, and then Corbin and Rockcastle traded the lead on the next four possessions.

A turnover by Rockcastle gave the Redhounds the 51-48 lead but Brown hit a jumper to keep Rockcastle within one.

Down 53-50, Nicely scored and was fouled, making the free throw and tying the game, 53-53.

Corbin scored on their possession

but Corbin tied the game 55-55 with a basket at the buzzer.

Rockcastle went up two with a basket by Cash to start the fourth quarter and a call against Corbin and the subsequent score by Parsons put the Rockets up four, 59-53.

Corbin answered with three and Layne Nicely was called for a very questionable charge, giving the Redhounds the ball and the 60-59 lead.

The Rockets did not score on their next possession, but a steal by Nicely gave the Rockets the ball back and Burdette hit the basket to put Rockcastle back up one.

Corbin scored, but Brown tied the game at 63-63 with a jumper. Cash tied the score again 65-65 with a jumper from 12 feet.

Rockcastle went two possession without a score and the Redhounds went up four before Cash stopped the run with two made free throws.

Down 69-67, Rockcastle had to start fouling the Redhounds to stop the clock and try to regain the possession.

Rockcastle could only convert one more possession into points, however, as Cash was fouled with 17 seconds to go and scored both free throws.

Corbin hit three free throws to put the game out of reach for Rockcastle, and advanced to the semi-finals against Harlan with the 74-69 win.

**ROCKCASTLE 69**  
**CORBIN 74**  
CASH 27; NICELY 19; BROWN 10; PARSONS 7; BURDETTE 4; HAMMOND 2.

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TWO FARM MACHINERY CONSIGNMENT INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT

## Auctions

24TH ANNUAL BRODHEAD FARM MACHINERY CONSIGNMENT AUCTION SATURDAY, MARCH 6TH, 1999 - 9:30 A.M. BRODHEAD FAIRGROUNDS Brodhead, Kentucky Consignments accepted Wed., Thurs., Thurs., March 4th, & Fri., March 5th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

6TH ANNUAL SOMERSET FARM MACHINERY CONSIGNMENT AUCTION SATURDAY, MARCH 13TH, 1999 - 9:30 A.M. WOOD COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, Somerset, Kentucky Just off Ky. 80 West, Somerset, Kentucky Consignments accepted Wed., March 10th, Thurs., March 11th, & Fri., March 12th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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Vanessa Mink was escorted by her aunt and uncle, Tim and Laura Renner.



Bridgett Felner, daughter of Lowell and Beverly Felner of Berea.



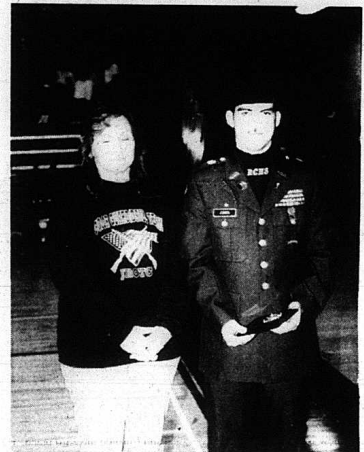
Kyle Fletcher, son of Mrs. Michelle Mason of Brodhead.



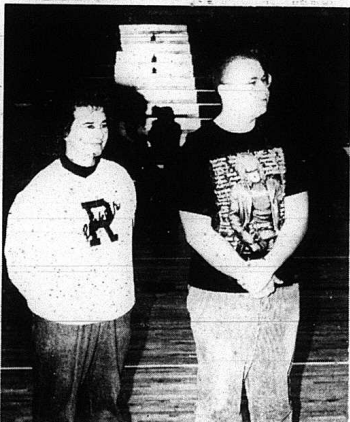
Tammie Burton, daughter of Edna Burton and Ray Green of Danville.



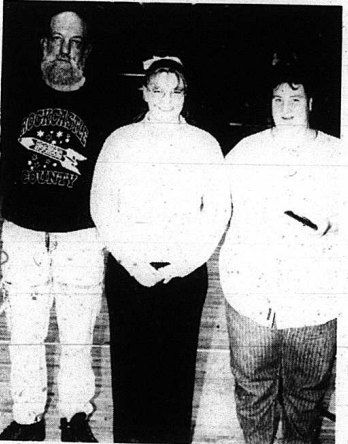
Stephanie Dobbs, daughter of Bentley and Leila Cromer of Mt. vernon.



Shaun Jones, son of Mrs. Rhonda McFerron and Mark Jones of Mt. Vernon.



Jimmy Payne, son of Dale and Kathy Payne of Mt. Vernon, who has filmed the Rockets games for the past year. Jimmy was escorted by Debbie Cash.



Elizabeth Bullock, daughter of Jerry and Sandra Bullock of Livingston.

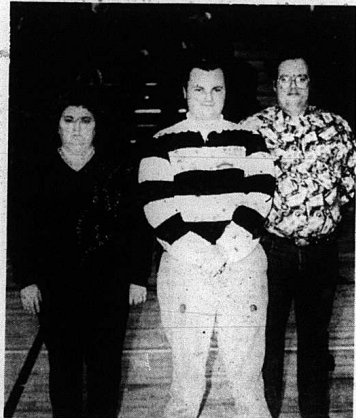


Kristen Cobb, daughter of James and Paula Cobb of Roundstone.

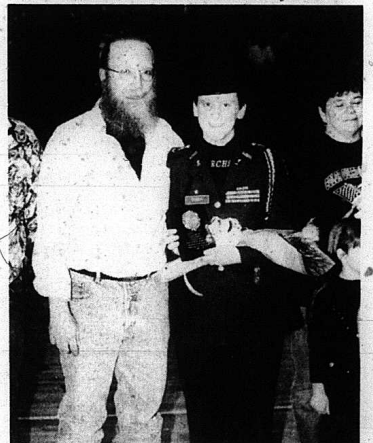
Three senior band members could not be in attendance since they were performing with the Honors Band at Eastern Kentucky University. They were: Derrick Dooley, son of Danny and Janice Dooley; Amy Nelson, daughter of David and Barbara Nelson of Mt. Vernon and Glennys Pulliam, daughter of Edith Pulliam of Berea.



Shauna Hall, daughter of Debra Lynch of Mt. Vernon, was escorted by her mother and grandfather, Homer Brown.



Joshua Renner, son of Donald and Francis Renner of Mt. Vernon.



Miranda Seiber, daughter of Rohald and Betinda Seiber of Conway.

# February 20 - 27 declared FFA Week

By Chapter Reporters—  
Zachary Gentry and John Bussell  
County Judge Executive Buzz Carlotis declared FFA week on Thursday, February 25, to be held February 20 thru the 27.

FFA Week honors the many members who participate in this great organization. Numerous members and officers work extremely hard to further strengthen the FFA organization, and establish the FFA as a better

environment for leadership. This nationally celebrated week involves various activities. National officers attend many schools across the nation encouraging participation and leadership among chapters. Local activities included a display in the high school exhibiting parliamentary procedure. Questions about the FFA were placed in the daily agenda at the high school. Numerous

students would attempt to answer the question for a chance to win five dollars. On Friday, we held a large drawing, including all the week's participants for a chance at twenty dollars.

The Rockcastle County FFA would like to thank all those who participated in this outstanding week of events. Their participation and leadership is greatly appreciated.

this season. The Lady Rockets have won all three previous meetings.

This year's team is somewhat different than the 1997 state tournament team in the fact that they are smaller, but they are also quicker.

The 1997 was also one of experience with four senior starters, while this year's squad starts only two seniors.

Coach Noble thinks the key to Rockcastle is in the negotiating the field and returning to the sweet sixteen is her teams tenacious press.

"We don't play many people, but we are in great shape, so I think we can press an entire game if we think we need to," Noble said.

"In high school sports anything can happen and there are some very good teams in the regional tournament, we will have to give a tremendous effort, if we are going to have any success," she said.

Noble also expects her Lady Rockets to be at full strength for the tournament, with the return of sophomore guard Jessica Rickles.

Rickles received a severely sprained ankle in the second half of the championship game against Clay County on Thursday night, but Noble said she had practiced the last two days and would start on Thursday night.

Game time at Knox Central High School is 6 p.m.

## "School Out"

(Cont. from front)

If mother nature cooperates, school will be dismissed on Monday, May 24.

There is only one more scheduled break on the calendar and that is the week of April 5-9 for Spring break.

## Burley cleanup sales March 8-11

There will be burley tobacco clean-up sales March 8, 9, 10 and possibly the 11th, according to Gloria Robbins of the Rockcastle County Farm Service Agency.

To make certain of the exact dates, producers should call their individual warehouses, Robbins said.

## Church News

### Monthly Singing

Monthly singing at New Hope Baptist Church on Saturday, March 6th at 7 p.m. featuring the Smith Sisters. Pastor Joe Vanwinkle and church welcomes everyone.

### Revival

Pine Hill First Missionary Baptist Church invites everyone to attend revival Monday, March 15 - Friday, March 19 beginning each evening at 7 p.m. with Brother Rick Reynolds preaching the message each night. We hope to see everyone there.

### "Hosanna"

The First Baptist Church in London invites you to attend the presentation of "Hosanna", a Passion Play. The performances will begin each night at 7 p.m. on March 29th and 30th and April 1st. For free tickets mail your request to First Baptist Church, 804 West 5th St., London, Ky. 40741 or call Karen at 864-4194.

### Revival

Revival at Pine Hill Holiness Church Sunday, March 7th - Friday, March 12th. Sunday at 7 p.m. Monday - Friday at 7:30. Evangelist: Milton Smith of Indianapolis. Church invites everyone.

### Singing

Saturday night singing, March 6th at 7 p.m. at Sand Springs Baptist Church. Featuring singers Ken McIninch from Cincinnati. Backup singers: Family Circle. Everyone welcome.

### Gospel Meeting

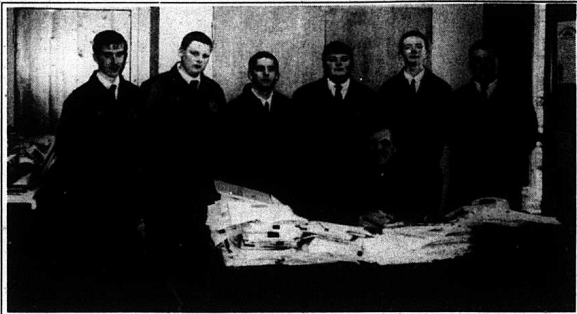
"Resolving to LIVE what We Say We Believe" - Gospel Meeting - First Christian Church, 160 West Main St. @ Lovell Ct. - Mt. Vernon. March 14-19, Sunday morning at 11 a.m. Sunday - Friday at 6:30 p.m. Evangelist - Bro. Harley Davidson from Western Hills Church of Christ in Lawton, Oklahoma.

### Singing

The Milligan College Concert Choir will sing at First Christian Church Mt. Vernon Sunday, March 14th at 6:30 p.m. The concert is open to the public.

### Weekend Meeting

Weekend meeting at the Bandy Church of Christ, March 12th, 13th, 14th, Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and evening service at 2:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.



Shown in the picture are County Judge Executive Buzz Carlotis with members of the Chapter Officer Team. Those members were, from left: Jeremy Reynolds, Roy Adams, Eric Helton, Zach Gentry, Matthew Hayes and John Dyehouse.

## "Lady Rockets"

(Cont. from front)

four games this season, their season opener, two in a very tough invitation tournament at Berea and one to district foe Jackson County.

They have been ranked number one in the region by the Lexington Herald-Leader on numerous occasions throughout the season and have already defeated the third ranked team in the region, Clay County, three times.

Jackson County, who defeated the Rockets in a game in McKee last month, is already gone from the scene, after Clay County disposed of them in the first round of the district tournament last week.

If the Rockets beat Red Bird, a team that has a losing record, they will most likely face Harlan in the

semi-finals on Monday night.

Harlan was last year's winner of the 13th regional tournament and Middlesboro, a team Rockcastle could face in the region finals was

this year's winner of the All A Classic Tournament in Richmond.

The Lady Rockets could also face Clay County, a team ranked third in the region, if Clay and Rockcastle can get to the finals. It would be the fourth time the two teams have met

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Meeting Location - Central Administration Offices

March 09, 1999

7:00 p.m.

Draft Agenda

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Silent Prayer
- B. Roll Call
- C. Reading of Board Team Commitments

### 2. ADOPT AGENDA/ACTION

### 3. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Choral performance by RCHS students
- B. State Senator Albert L. Robinson

### 4. OPERATIONS/ACTIONS

- A. Approve minutes of the February 9, 1999 regular monthly meeting
- B. Approve minutes of Special Meeting on February 23, 1999
- C. Approve application for emergency Substitute Teachers
- D. Approve participation in the Summer Feeding Program. Breakfast and lunch will be prepared at participating schools during the summer school session and any student enrolled in Rockcastle County School System will be permitted to eat free regardless of family income
- E. Approve maternity leave for Barbara Mullins according to Board policy 03.2233
- F. Approve payment of bills
- G. Approve School Trips:

### 5. DISCUSSION/ACTION

- A. Review/approve authorization of Board contribution to Project Graduation using the formula of \$4.00 per senior class member
- B. Review/approve request for Superintendent/Designee to advertise bids for backhoe, dozer and dump truck hauling
- C. Review/approve amended facility plan (new Brodhead Elementary School as capital construction priority, granting superintendent/designee to proceed with design professional selection and authorization to sign necessary documents as relates to proceeding with the construction process)

### 6. DISCUSSION/REVIEW

- A. Review Monthly Financial Report
- B. Review month 6 attendance statistics
- C. Review lease prices for security cameras
- D. Review perpetual calendar
- E. Review pending litigation
- F. Review Board Policy 04.2
- G. Review Superintendent's Personnel Actions Report

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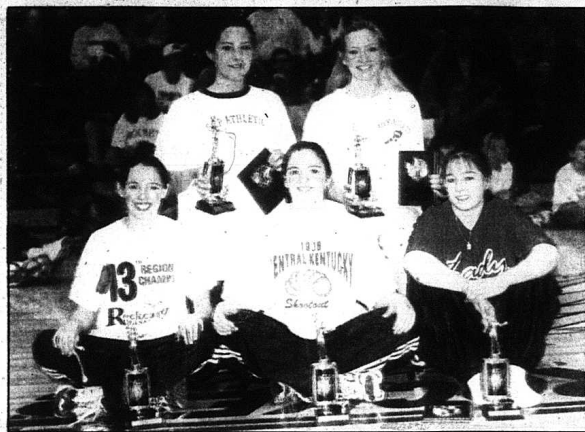
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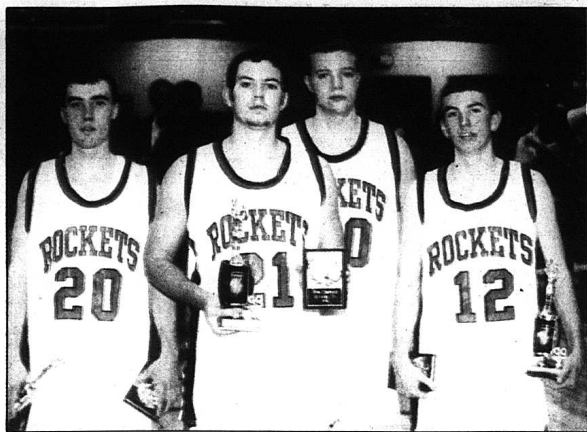
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The five starters for the Rockcastle County Lady Rockets were selected to the 49th district all-tournament team at RCHS Thursday night. They are pictured above, front row, from left: Brandy Reynolds, Tiffany McClure and Jessica Rickles. Back row, Suzanne Brown and Brooke Roberts. The Lady Rockets play Red Bird in the first round of the regional tournament at Knox Central Thursday night.



Four members of the Rockcastle County High School boy's basketball team were selected to the 49th district all tournament team Thursday night. Pictured above, from left: Andrew Cash, Christopher Parsons, Matthew Brown and Layne Nicely. The boys were beaten in the first round of the regional tournament Tuesday night by Corbin, 74-69.

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# Lady Rockets beat Clay, win district

The Rockcastle County High School Lady Rockets brought home the first ever district basketball championship for their school last Thursday night with a hard-fought 70-62 win over the Clay Co. Lady Tigers.

The win was especially sweet for the Rockets since they lost in the championship game two years ago to Jackson County and had to cede one of the toughest brackets in the region to win the 13th and a place in the state tournament for the first time in RCHS basketball history.

It was with a makeshift team that Coach Christi Noble's first district title went to. Sophomore starter Jessie Rickles injured her ankle and had to leave the game at the 6:04 mark of the third quarter. Junior Brooke Roberts was already on the bench with three fouls. But, senior Tiffany McClure, who started the game hot and never cooled off, seemed to redouble her effort. Amber Falin and Rachelle Hammond, came through at crunch time.

McClure got the first basket of the game and Rickles was next to score on a steal and lay-up. Junior Brandy Reynolds added a basket, senior Suzanne Brown scored on a steal of a Tiger's inbounds pass and Reynolds canned a three to put the Rockets up 11-5. However, the Rocket offense sputtered and Clay tied the score at 11 all at the 1:03 mark. But, McClure immediately put her team back on top with two free throws and followed with another basket to put the Rockets up 15-13 at the end of the first quarter.

Clay tied the score to begin the second quarter but Reynolds came back with a basket and Rickles canned a three to put the Rockets up 20-15. McClure scored on a Clay County turnover to make it 22-17 and this called for a Tiger timeout. The tigers came out smoking and scored six straight points to take a 23-22 lead at the 1:45 mark. But McClure came back with two baskets and Brown added two free throws to put the Rockets up 28-25 at halftime.

Clay tied the score at 29 all early in the third quarter but McClure and Brown had put the Rockets up 33-29 when Rickles was injured and out of the game. With junior Brooke Roberts already on the bench with three

fouls, Coach Noble turned to sophomore Amber Falin to fill the gap left by Rickles departure.

McClure and the Tigers swapped baskets for three trips and the score was 40-37 when the Tigers went back in front 41-40. However, McClure came through again to tie the score at 42 all but two free throws for the Tigers gave them their only quarter stop lead 44-42 at the end of the third.

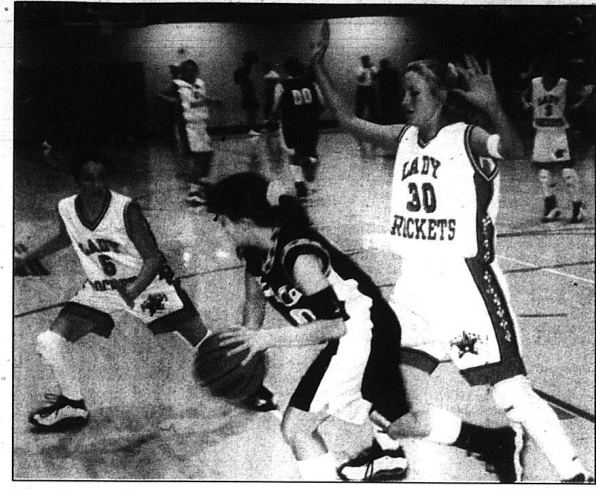
Falin came through with a basket to begin the fourth quarter, tying the score at 44 all and, after a Clay bucket, sophomore Rachelle Hammond canned a big three to put the Rockets on top 47-46. Reynolds followed with a three, McClure added a two and the Rockets were up 52-46 and Clay took another time out.

Clay came out of the time out and got a basket but Suzanne Brown went on an offensive tear, getting the next two baskets for the Rockets and two free throws to put the Rockets back up 58-52. Brown's two baskets were

the last field goals the Rockets would score in the game because time was running out and the Tigers had to start fouling. The Lady Rockets were equal to the task however, putting in 12 of their 18 attempts with Hammonds adding three points from the charity stripe.

McClure got 12 of the Rockets 28 first half points and came back the second half to score 14 more, giving her high point honors with 26. After a poor first half offensively, Brown got 12 points in the second half (going 8 for 11 from the free throw line), for 16 points in the game; Reynolds got 12 points; Hammond 6; Rickles 5; Brooke Roberts 3 and Falin, 2.

The Lady Rockets are scheduled to take on Red Bird in the first game Thursday night at regionals at Knox Central and, the winner of that game will more than likely take on Harlan who is ranked number two in the region behind Rockcastle.



Juniors Brandy Reynolds and Brooke Roberts apply the pressure "D" to a Clay County Tiger during the girls district finals at Rockcastle Thursday night. The Lady Rockets won the first ever district basketball championship for Rockcastle County High School with their win over Clay County.

# Boys lose to Clay in district finals

The Rockcastle Rockets finished runner-up in the district tournament for the second year in a row, losing to powerhouse Clay County last Thursday night 74-55.

The score was not indicative of the game, as the Rockets played close with the Tigers throughout the first three quarters until Clay County pulled away in the fourth.

The Rockets scored first in the game with a three by Jacob Burdette. Matthew Brown hit a jumper to put Rockcastle up 5-4, and an offensive rebound by Christopher Parsons with an outlet pass to Andrew Cash for the three sent the Rockets up 8-6.

Clay County then went on a 7-0 run before Coach Clayton Cash called a twenty second time out to calm the Rockets.

Rockcastle went two possession after the time out without a score before Brown was fouled and hit two free throws to cut the lead to five, 15-10.

Clay County went back up nine before Parsons hit a three from the corner, but the Tigers hit a jumper at the buzzer to end the quarter up 21-13.

Rockcastle's first score in the second quarter came on a Parsons' basket and foul, giving him the old-fashioned three.

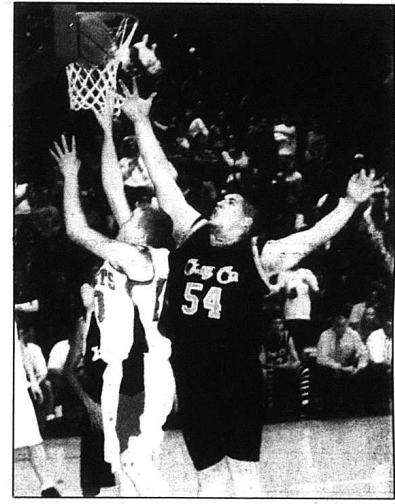
Layne Nicely scored his first points of the game with a three to cut Clay County's lead to eight, 27-19.

Brown was fouled on a wide-open layup and hit the free throw for Rockcastle's next score, and Cash hit two free throws to bring Rockcastle within eight, 32-24.

Nicely and Cash each scored again for Rockcastle, but Clay scored at the half time buzzer to go into the locker room up ten, 38-28.

The Rockets came out hustling in the third with good defense by Brown and Parsons to give Rockcastle the ball and the first score of the second half by Nicely.

Parsons, who was high point man for the Rockets, had an excellent game both offensively and defensively, this time getting another basket and foul and hitting his free throw for the three point play.



Junior center Matthew Brown gets two of his 12 points in the Rockets loss to Clay County Thursday night in district finals.

Down 40-33, Rockcastle and Clay combined for ten possessions without a score before Clay hit a jumper.

Cash answered with a driving layup for the bucket and a Clay County turnover gave the Rockets the ball back with Burdette being fouled on the jumper and hitting both free throws.

Parsons hit his second three of the night to cut the Tiger lead to four and give the Rockets the momentum.

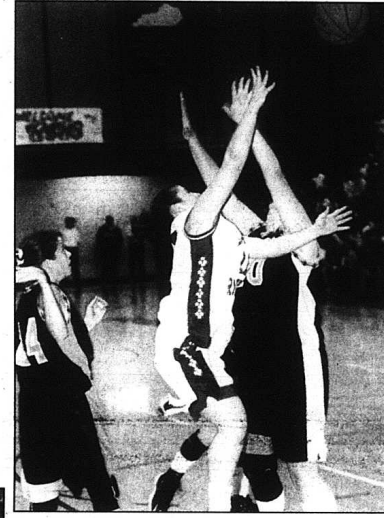
A Rocket foul and two consecutive possessions without a score killed the Rockets run, however, giving Clay County a twelve point lead.

Nicely scored the last basket of the quarter for the Rockets, cutting the Tiger lead to ten, 52-42.

The fourth quarter proved disastrous for Rockcastle, as the Rockets could only put together eleven points for the quarter, while Clay doubled the Rockets with twenty two.

Parsons scored five points in the effort for Rockcastle and Cash, Nicely and Brown each contributed a basket, but it was not enough as Rockcastle lost 74-55.

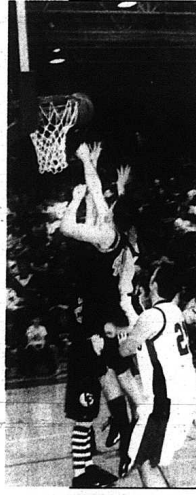
ROCKCASTLE	55		
CLAY	74		
PARSONS	16;	BROWN	12;
NICELY	11;	CASH	11;
BURDETTE	5.		



Senior Tiffany McClure played her best game of the season Thursday night. McClure scored 26 points to lead the Lady Rockets to the first ever district basketball championship for RCHS. The Lady Rockets play Red Bird in their first game in the regional tournament Thursday night at Knox Central.



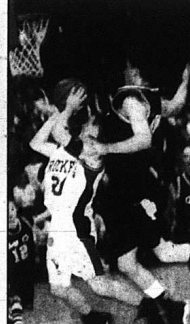
Senior center Suzanne Brown put in two of her 16 points against Clay County Thursday night in district finals. The Rockets came away with a 70-62 win.



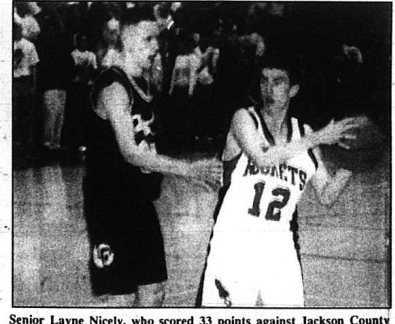
Andrew Hammond and Chris Parsons fight for a rebound Thursday.



The RCHS girls cheerleading squad came in second in competition during the 49th District Tournament held at Rockcastle last week. Members of the squad, shown with their trophy, are, from left: John Hankins, Chelsen Stratton, Cathy Midkiff, Jackie Kirby, Susan Gray, Stormy Ambrose and Ashley Miller.



Junior guard Andrew Cash goes for two.



Senior Layne Nicely, who scored 33 points against Jackson County Tuesday night, scored 11 against Clay in his team's losing effort on Thursday night. The boys played Corbin in the first round of the regional tournament Tuesday night. (See results from that game in the A section of this week's Signal).



## Lack of activities leaves teens with negative alternatives

by Angela Owens

*Boredom has struck Rockcastle County.*

*For those of you who haven't noticed, there is absolutely nothing to do. Where are the roller rinks, bowling alleys, and laser tags other communities offer?*

*Too far away for many Rockcastle County young people. And as a result, teens in Rockcastle County are finding local entertainment that is easier to obtain—drugs and alcohol.*

*Throughout the county, state, and nation teens have turned to drugs and alcohol as an escape from the pressures of teenage life. I believe if our community works together to provide alternatives, fewer teens will indulge in binge drinking and drug use on weekends. The area schools do provide sports and club activities, but that just isn't enough. Not all students are involved in sports, and not all are in clubs. Teens need something else.*

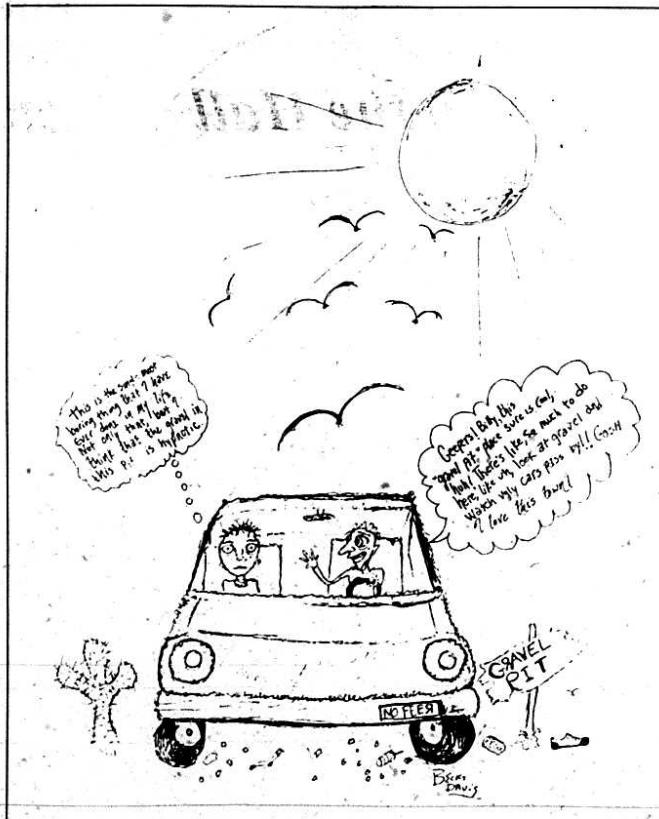
*"I think more activities in Rockcastle County would have a positive effect on teenagers. However, I don't think it would solve the drug problem but I do think it would provide an alternative for some," Youth Services Director Jill Ponder commented.*

*The county recently established a city park for Rockcastle County residents in an effort to give people something to do. However, the park is primarily for younger kids, and the use is limited due to the weather.*

*So, the majority of teenagers may choose to entertain themselves by cruising. Ten, fifteen, twenty years ago cruising town was great, but times have changed and teens need something else.*

*"I think the lack of activities contributes to drug and alcohol abuse among teens. If there were more things to keep young people occupied, the numbers of drugs and alcohol [use] would decrease," said sophomore Tara Abney.*

*Perhaps Jill Ponder is correct when she says that the drug problem cannot fully be solved, however, a partial answer is better than none at all. Teens need something to do on weekends; too many are finding their excitement by making choices that cause nothing but trouble.*



### From the Principal's Pen

Students,

Spring is almost here--what an exciting and busy time! A time of anticipation--spring sports, springbreak, the Prom and GRADUATION!

There is also assessment in April to see how well we are doing here at the Rock. All of us need to take the test prep activities and the tests themselves seriously so that we will do well.



Rockcastle County High School has been a successful high school, and I am sure we will continue to be successful. I know that you would not want the neighboring district to score better than we do.

If I remember correctly, two individuals mentioned something last year about pizza for seniors and a teacher talent show for everyone. If you heard those remarks, you might want to remind those two people. They might have forgotten.

Here you enjoy the approaching spring days, but remember to make the most of the remaining school days as well. You education is so very important.

Sincerely, Ms. Allen

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# From Long Ago

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The following first appeared in the *Mt. Vernon Signal* on December 14, 1906. It was recently transcribed from microfilm of that issue of the *Signal*. With these submissions, I am sharing these gleanings with the *Signal's* present readers.

**PERSONAL NEWS**  
J.J. Cook was here Monday from Bell county. Charlie McKencie is visiting relatives in Stanford. Mrs. J.F. Griffin is with relatives near Gum Sulphur. R.M. Johnson, who has been very sick for some time is better. Mrs. H.L. Tate is visiting relatives in Brodhead and Crab Orchard. M. Baker, of Atlanta, is here to see his father, H.H. Baker. Judge J.B. Fish, of Williamsburg, was here Wednesday on business. Miss Lillie Thompson returned Sunday to her home in Crab Orchard. David Bryant is making considerable improvements on his residence. Charley Johnson after an illness of several days is able to be out again. Editor E.C. Walton, of the Interior Journal was here a short while Tuesday. Burdette McKencie is learning telegraphy under Agent J.A. Landrum. A.B. Furnish is suffering from a burned hand caused by an explosion of a lamp. J.D. Check, of Lexington, was here Wednesday to see one of young ladies. Judge Morrow and Hon. B.J. Bethuram are the visiting attorneys this court. Mrs. J.W. Newsbitt, of Pennington Gap, Virginia, spent several days here this week. George Taylor, of near Buck-

eye, is very sick. Mr. Taylor has been in bad health for some time. We are glad to be able to report A. Renner, who has been so very sick for several days, improving. Mrs. W.F. Champ, of Paint Lick, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. S.N. Davis, for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Rome Adams and daughter, Miss Cora, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives here. Harve Mink has moved from Jackson county to his old home in the Southern part of the county. Mrs. Lawrence, widow of the late Dr. Joe Lawrence, of Hyden, is visiting the family J.J. Lawrence. Mrs. A.W. Soward has returned to her home in Barbourville after a visit of several days to her mother, Mrs. J.C. Carmical. Miss Francis Sparks, who is attending the Conservatory of Music at Cincinnati, Ohio, will arrive Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Sparks.

## LOCAL NEWS

Sup. G.M. Ballard paid out to the teachers last Sunday over \$5000. Marshal Smith has begun the foundation of his new store house. Do you ever think of that subscription that is unpaid? The editor does. — Born to the wife of T.J. Pennington a fine baby boy. Call at Mrs. Cleo Brown's of Fish's store for Severin Post Cards of the town. S.H. Martin has purchased of R.B. Mullins two lots in West Mt. Vernon and will commence at once the erection of a residence. During the winter season, Dr. M.L. Meyers, dentist, will be at Brodhead on Monday afternoon and Tuesday afternoon each week. Rev. J. Barnes

has just closed a series of meetings at Hope Well 5 miles South of Mt. Vernon, with 32 additions, 21 by exorcism and baptism and 11 by restoration with good attendance and nice behavior. There will be a Christmas cantata and Christmas tree at Brodhead, Christmas eve night, also Xmas night. The members of the Brodhead Baptist School will play "Fruit of the Living Cup." A revived annual play that shows the evils of intemperance. Everybody cordially invited. Proceeds go to benefit the building fund.

## BRODHEAD NEWS

R.H. Metcalf, cashier of McKinney Trust Bank of McKinney, was here Wednesday to see cashier W. Hutchesson. Chas. Chandler, of Pitsburg, was here calling on our merchants. J.W. Hutchesson went to Campbellsville Thursday on business. Miss Jewel Francisco was in Stanford Tuesday shopping. The projected meeting of the Christian church is still in progress. Rev. Masters is a preacher of marked ability and is drawing large crowds. Already eight has been added to the church by baptism. S.S. Durham is on the sick list. Miss Ethel Parker, of Martinsburg, Virginia, has arrived here and will spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. W.E. Gravely. Miss Mac Magee left last week for home in Lancaster. Mrs. A.J. Pike and son, Goebel, are visiting Mrs. Pike's daughter, Mrs. Robert J. Hicks, in Louisville. Miss Cora Dickerson is numbered among the sick for this week. Miss Florence Tanner, of McKinney, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W.K. Shugars. H.H. Hutchesson, of Kirksville, was here Sunday. Don't neglect your duty by failing to attend the big entertainment Christmas eve night in opera house over the bank. Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Albright, of Lebanon Junction, are spending a few days at the Albright Hotel. Ed Heron, of Evansville, Indiana, is here to spend the holidays. W.A. Tyree, our boss carpenter, informs us that he will have the new Baptist church completed by February 1st if the weather will permit. Mrs. G.W. Brooks of Knoxville, Tennessee, has arrived here and will remain with her mother, Mrs. M.E. Wilcott, until after the holidays. Rals Wilcott, of Lebanon Junction, is at home sick of rheumatism. J.R. Cass is having erected a pair of new scales for his coal yard, which was the latest improved. H.L. Tharp will again be found in his office after being off for over a month which time he spent at Crab Orchard.

## PINE HILL NEWS

Mr. James Poteet is very sick this week. Will Cottingham of Lebanon Junction were with homefolks here Monday. Miss Rose McFerron returned home Tuesday after a pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. Childress, of Livingston. Fred Meyers, of Mt. Vernon was a pleasant visitor here Sunday. Come again Fred. Joe Southards and wife, of Gatlin, Tennessee, are here visiting the family of Hugh Honeycutt. John McHargue went to Mt. Vernon on business Monday. Mrs. Julia Morris, of Mullins Station is here visiting her daughters, Mrs. Lucy Cottingham, Elmer and Steve Carpenter, of Lebanon Junction were with homefolks here the latter part of the week. Willie McHargue, of East Bernstadt, was with homefolks Saturday and Sunday. W.M. Bond and Nellie Griffin attended court at Mt. Vernon Monday. Miss Leona Sears will return to her home at Pineville today after an extended visit with her aunt, Mrs. Mary Hansel. Joe Reams, of Orlando, was a pleasant caller here Sunday. There will be another box spring at the school house next Tuesday night. Everybody invited.

**"Court News"**  
(Cont. From B2)  
Lenzie Roy Bowes: Speeding, suspend license for failure to appear.  
Michael A. Brickner: Speeding, suspend license for failure to pay or appear.  
Dustin T. Brock: Speeding, \$20 and costs.  
Terri D. Burton: Speeding, suspend license for failure to pay or appear.  
Sherril O. Chasteen: Speeding, paid.  
Nathaniel R. Clark: Speeding, paid.  
Kimberly L. Couch: Speeding, paid.  
Dwayne L. Elam: Speeding, paid.  
Janet L. Hamby: Speeding, paid.  
Brittanie Neal Hammett: Speeding, paid.  
Joni L. Hancock: Speeding, paid.  
Laura B. Heflin: Speeding, suspend license for failure to pay or appear.  
George E. Henderson: Speeding, suspend license for failure to pay or appear.  
David Daywayne Johnson: Speeding, suspend license for failure to pay or appear.  
Dwayne D. Jones: Speeding, paid.  
Barry W. Ledbetter: Speeding, paid.  
Christopher T. Lohr: Speeding, suspend license.  
Norman S. Lyle: Speeding, state traffic school.  
Danny R. McNew: Speeding, paid.  
Anthony M. Rodgers: Speeding, issue summons for 4/12.  
Hertha A. Sen: Speeding, state traffic school.  
Patricia M. Tarter: Speeding, suspend license for failure to pay or appear.  
Bruce Lynn Voth: Speeding, paid.  
Robert W. Under: Speeding, paid.  
John E. Blackley: Speeding, paid.  
Anthony Woods: Operating motor vehicle under influence of intoxicants, \$200 and costs, \$200 service fee, \$20 victim compensation fund, two days time served; No operators license, \$50 fine and 10 days/probated on condition.  
Diana J. Abrams: Speeding, \$34 and costs; No operating license in possession, \$100 fine.  
Charles B. Anderkin: Speeding, suspend license.  
John Paul Barrett: Alcohol intoxication, issue warrant.  
David Lynn Berry: Speeding, paid.  
Edward Lloyd Black: Speeding, \$30 and costs.  
Daniel N. Blackburn: Fines due (\$154.00), issue warrant/suspend license.  
Timmy Ray Brock: Speeding, issue warrant/suspend license.  
Charles G. Carter: Speeding, state traffic school.  
Anthony E. Craign: Speeding, state traffic school; operating on payment of costs; Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine.  
Tony L. Curiss: Speeding, state traffic school; Failure to wear seatbelt, paid.  
Greg Darrell: Alcohol intoxication, issue warrant.  
Sondra R. Davidson: Speeding and other charges, issue warrant/suspend license.  
Richard A. Dean: Permitting an unlicensed operator, \$50 and costs.  
Roger Ray Dean: Speeding and other charges, issue warrant/suspend license.  
Darrin Denney: No Ky. Reg. Plates

## ORLANDO NEWS

Mont Clark was kicked in the face by a male Saturday and very severely injured. E. Hilton who has been on the sick list for the past three months is improving slowly. W.V. Reppert has been attending court at Mt. Vernon this week. His health is very bad. Miss Allie Laswell was the guest of Mrs. Dora Ball Sunday. Miss Hallie Singleton, of near Withers, is visiting Miss Cummins and her sister, Dr. W.D. Laswell is improving his residence by adding two rooms. Mrs. Susie Pennington visited her mother, Mrs. A.B. Ball. Major Ball who had his leg broken by a hand car several weeks ago is able to get around on crutches.

## GRIFFINS MILL NEWS

None of our farmers are done gathering corn. There is a bountiful crop of fat hogs in this section. Rev. J.M. Cummins filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Saturday and Sunday. Joe Brown and Elmer Cummins went to Mt. Vernon Tuesday on business. MARRIED: Elmer Cummins and Miss Patricia Cash were married Wednesday. Rev. F.L. Warren officiating. May their path be strewn with peace and happiness. Uncle John Hurst remains about the same. J.L. Hasty and daughter, Miss Sarah J. attended church at Woodstock Saturday and Sunday. Gaines Cummins and family visited the family of J.B. Cummins Saturday night and Sunday. Quince number of young folks from Level Green attended church at Poplar Grove Sunday. Luther Cummins, of Mt. Vernon, head Sawyer at C.C. Miller's the handle factor was in this part of the yard Sunday. J.J. Cummins, J.L. Hasty and Cal McClure attended court in Mt. Vernon Monday. Roy Cummins, little son of J.B. Cummins, is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Cummins in Mt. Vernon this week. Henry Payne from the Palaska side was in Mt. Vernon Friday and Saturday on important business. Hog killing and Xmas will soon be here. Oh! La! La! What a good time. Some of the boys around here have commenced plowing for next year crop; a great pity we can't begin now. Maybe we would help the beloved quail destroy many of the innumerable insects that are such a pest to the farmer. Say Bro, Farmer lets try more wheat, oats and grass and not so much corn especially we boys in the level sandy part of the old Rockcastle.

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Hubert G. Euter: Failure to wear seatbelt, suspend license for failure to appear.  
Douglas L. Euter: Failure to wear seatbelt, suspend license for failure to appear.  
Stephen C. Howerton: Driving DUI Suspend license, \$100 and costs and 180 days/serve 20/week-ends authorized.  
Bradford H. Hunt: No Ky. registration plates, \$25 and costs.  
Stanley W. Johnson: Speeding, state traffic school.  
Barry F. Jones: Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 and costs.  
Cory P. Jones: Speeding, #4 and costs.  
Larry J. Keaton: Speeding and other charges, issue warrant/suspend license.  
Daniel R. Kennedy: No Ky. Reg. Plates, \$25 and costs.  
Dallas Edward Kirby: Fines due (\$101.50), issue warrant.  
Kristin L. Marlow: Faulty equipment, \$25 and costs.  
Barry Monte Main: Speeding and No insurance, issue warrant/suspend license.  
Amanda W. McClure: Speeding, state traffic school; Failure to wear seatbelt, paid.  
Rodney L. Moberly: Operating motor vehicle under influence of drugs, \$200 and costs, \$200 service fee, \$20 victim compensation fund, 2 days time served; Possession of marijuana, confiscate and destroy any contraband.  
Jennifer R. Napier: Improper registration, \$30 and costs.  
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## Food Safety Important For Senior Citizens

By: Hazel Jackson  
County Extension Agent for  
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It is increasingly important for the elderly to use safe food preparation and handling practices because they have a higher risk for illness and, once sick, require a longer time to recover. Over time, the immune system becomes less adept at ridding the body of bacteria. And, the elderly might not be able to detect changes that indicate food is unsafe because they tend to lose some of their senses of taste, sight and smell as they age.

Here are some guidelines for safe food handling:

- \* Bring safe food into your kitchen. Check the use-by date on all foods. Examine packages for rips or tears. Don't buy cans that have dents, bulges or corrosion.

- \* Keep food safe. Refrigerate or freeze all perishable foods. Use a refrigerator temperature of 40 F or less. The freezer temperature should be 0 F or less. Use a

thermometer to check refrigerator and freezer temperatures.

- \* Don't thaw food at room temperature. Always thaw it in the refrigerator, cold water or a microwave oven. If you thaw food in a microwave, cook it immediately.

- \* Before handling food, wash hands with warm, soapy water. Wash hands, utensils, cutting boards and other work surfaces after contact with raw meat and poultry. Handling foods with clean hands and utensils on clean surfaces reduces the number of bacteria that come in contact with food. This helps prevent cross-contamination which happens when germs from one food infect another food. Other practices to prevent cross-contamination are to put dripping foods in a pan in the refrigerator. Also, store foods that might drip on the bottom shelf of the refrigerator.

- \* Never leave perishable foods, whether home-cooked, take-out or restaurant leftovers, out of the refrigerator for more than two hours. Temperatures of 40-140 F are favorable to bacterial growth. Since the temperature in most homes falls within this range, do not leave perishable foods out any longer than necessary.
- \* Thorough cooking is the single most important step in preventing foodborne disease. Be sure to thoroughly cook raw meat, poultry, fish, eggs and other foods of animal origin. Always set the oven temperature at 325 F or higher.
- \* Store and reheat leftovers safely. Wash hands before putting leftovers away. Divide large quantities of

leftovers into easier-to-cool portions and refrigerate them in a clean, covered dish. Put a date label on the refrigerator and use them within two to three days. Freeze leftovers that you won't eat within the two-to-three-day period. Since leftovers should be reheated just once, reheat only as much as you will eat at one meal.

- \* When in doubt, throw it out. Dispose of raw meat that appears greenish, has a slimy surface or has a bad odor. Also, throw out moldy bread, syrup, jelly, jam, fruit, vegetables, cold cuts, bacon, cottage cheese, cream cheese or spreads.

For food safety or food preparation questions, call the Extension Office at 256-2403.

(24-48 hrs) with the bleaching solution. Afterwards, the bleach solution should be washed from the trays with clean water or water plus a Q-salt listed below, followed by aeration to eliminate the chlorine and salts. Worker safety issues are also important with bleach. It is important that the bleach solution remain below pH 6.8 and that new solutions be made up every 2 hrs, or whenever it becomes dirty, whichever comes first. Organic matter will remove the active ingredients quickly.

- \* Q-SALTS (Quaternary ammonium chloride salts): These are marketed under such names as Greenshield, Phusan, and Prevent as solutions containing 20%

to any of the above mentioned methods.

Bottom Line: Remove as much soil from the trays by using soap and water or high pressure washes. Completely soak the trays in 10% bleach solution and cover with plastic for 24-48 hours, followed by washing and airing. Turn trays on their side for best air movement. Trays which are damaged allowing large amounts of last year's soil media to remain in crevices are candidates for being disposed of. Sanitation is very important. As trays are used more, more disease problems occur.

For producers with DIST 4 meters, an annual calibration is recommended. Contact the Extension Office if you would like to check your meters' accuracy. For more information on disease control in the float plant production, an Area Producers Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the London Community Center. Please register with the Extension Office at 256-2403 by Monday, March 8 to help with meal preparation.



## Farm News

By: Tom Mills  
County Extension Agent  
for Agriculture

### Cleaning Float Trays

The greenhouse and float transplant production systems offer many advantages to tobacco transplant producers. However, a disadvantage of the float system is that it provides an ideal habitat for the development and spread of transplant diseases due to the constant presence of water. Therefore, a key to success with these production systems is keeping the pathogens causing diseases out of the systems.

A diligent sanitation program is a MUST! The media and water being used should be pathogen-free. All equipment and tools that come in contact with the system should be pathogen-free. That means either new trays must be used or re-used trays must be properly washed and sanitized.

What is available to disinfect trays? Steam, methyl-bromide fumigation, chlorine bleach, and quaternary ammonium chloride salts are available in Kentucky.

STEAMING the trays has been the most effective disinfectant, but the cost is high and some items are damaged by steaming. Most studies indicate that the trays need to reach at least 160 degrees F for 30 minutes, but this method presents problems for farmers in developing equipment to meet the temperature and time required.

FUMIGANTS: Methyl bromide with 1% chloropicrin has been almost as effective as steam in some

of the tests. It provides excellent control of Rhizoctonia and other fungi on the surface of the tray. It will greatly reduce the level of Pythium, but has not been as effective as steam or proper bleaching in reducing Pythium, probably because a significant amount of Pythium is found embedded in the tray. It is important to have an air-tight plastic seal, to pre-wet the trays, and to avoid large stacks of trays. Methyl-bromide is heavier than air, so it sinks; therefore, best results occur with long, short stacks rather than tall, deep stacks. We have found little control is provided at the low rates, so use the maximum labeled rates (3 lbs/1000 cubic ft.). Certain types of styrofoam trays appear to be more easily damaged with this chemical. Pay special attention to ALL label precautions related to safety.

CHLORINE BLEACH solutions have given a high level of control. Just dipping the trays in the solution and allowing them to dry is not highly beneficial. We have found little benefit to using more than 10% solution. Without proper aeration and post-washes, salt residues can cause serious problems, especially with older trays that tend to soak up more water.

Bleaches work best when the trays are washed with soapy water, then dipped several times into clean 10% solution (1 gal/9gal water), followed by covering them with a tarp or plastic to keep them wet overnight

### LEGAL NOTICE The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

In accordance with KRS 176.051, Kentucky's noxious weed law, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will destroy noxious weeds on state-owned right of way at the request of the adjoining property owner. The noxious weeds named in this law are Johnson grass, giant foxtail, Canada thistle, nodding thistle, multiflora rose, black nightshade, wild cucumber and kudzu.

Persons who own property adjacent to state right of way and who are involved in eradication efforts on their property can submit a written application to the highway district office in their area. Applications and addresses of each district office will be located at state highway garages.

### "It Is Written"

Let us look at the words of our Lord found in Luke 12:37-40: "Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching; verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. And this know, that if the gentleman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not." Our Lord is teaching us the need to always be ready for his arrival. We should be watching and waiting for his 2<sup>nd</sup> return. Yet, one thing that is abundantly clear from the scriptures, is that we DO NOT know when he will come. We know the fact of his coming, who is coming, the events that will take place at his coming, why he is coming, those that will come with Jesus. But we do not know when he is coming. As we approach the new millennium do not be misled by the false prophets. Just be found as a faithful servant of God, whenever he comes.

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Cattle: 1618  
For The Week: 1755  
Compared to Last Week: Slaughter Cows steady; Slaughter Bulls steady; Feeder Steers steady 1.00 higher; Feeder Heifers steady 1.00 higher.  
Slaughter Cows: Breakers 75-80 percent 1150-1450 lbs. 37.25-39. high dressing individuals 40-41.25; Boners 80-85 percent 1050-1500 lbs. 35-36.50; Lean 85-90 percent 950-1150 lbs. 31-34.50; Lean 750-850 lbs. 26.50-30.50.  
Heifers: 950-1100 lbs. 50-54.75.  
Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade #1 1580-1720 lbs. indicating 79-81 carcass boning percent 49.50-53; Yield Grade #2 1380-1610 lbs. indicating 77-78 carcass boning percent 42-45; Yield Grade #2-3 1370-1695 lbs. indicating 73-76 carcass boning percent 36-40.75.  
Feeder Steers: Medium and Large Frame #1 200-300 lbs. 99-106; 300-400 lbs. 101-112; 400-500 lbs. 87-94.50; 500-600 lbs. 80-88; 600-700 lbs. 67-76; 700-800 lbs. 62.50-71; package 22 head 753 lbs. 67.90.  
Small Frame: #1 300-500 lbs. 81-89; 500-700 lbs. 68-76.  
Medium Frame: #2 300-500 lbs. 75-80; 500-700 lbs. 63-68.  
Large Frame: #2 (Holsteins) 200-300 lbs. 68-75; 300-400 lbs. 69-77; 400-500 lbs. 68-72; 500-600 lbs. 59-65.50; 800-900 lbs. load 60 head 848 lbs. 53.75.  
Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large Frame #1 200-300 lbs. 82-84; 300-400 lbs. 80-86; 400-500 lbs. 78-86; 500-600 lbs. 70-77.50; package 20 head 534 lbs. 75.10; 600-700 lbs. 64-70; 700-800 lbs. 60-65; package 27 head 735 lbs. 64.90.  
Small Frame #1: 300-500 lbs. 66-73; 500-700 lbs. 60-65.  
Medium Frame: #2 300-500 lbs. 69-76; 500-700 lbs. 65-70.  
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Reynolds, Suzanne Brown, Tiffany McClure, Brooke Roberts, Jessica Cobb, Angie Boreing and Leslie Carpenter. Back row, assistant coach Ken Hopkins, head coach Chrysti Noble and son Carson, assistant coach Dawn Quigley, Amber Falin, Angie Ford, Rachele Hammond, Ashley Lawson, Amanda Barnett, Lora Beth Bell, Amber Denney and assistant coach Barry Noble. The Lady Rockets play in the first round of the region on Thursday night at 6 p.m. at Knox Central High School in Barbourville. The Lady Rockets play Red Bird.

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## RCHS Principal issue leaves many questions unanswered

by Jimmy Payne

The RCHS school year started out with controversy. It now appears as though it will end in much the same manner as it began.

When the 1999 school year began most students at RCHS were shocked and upset when they learned that principal Ronnie Cash had been terminated. The upset has not only continued over the months but has grown due to the fact that the Site Based Council can't make a decision on who the next principal should be.

Board of Education Superintendent Mr. Larry Hammond posted the job for principalship of RCHS and began accepting applications. After close consideration, the Site Based Council had narrowed the number of applications down to the three local candidates: Mr. John Hale of the Rockcastle Middle school, Ms. Betty McKinney Consultant of Language Arts for Region six, and Ms. Ruth Allen.

The Site Based Council which included RCHS teachers Mr. Tom Larkey, Ms. Debbie Cash, Mr. Jeff Hayes, and Ms. Ruth Allen, as well as community members Ms. Debbie Brown and Ms. Yvonne Carmack

were in the process of developing question for the three local applicants when Ms. Cash was forced to have back surgery and was not physically able to attend the meetings for nearly two months.

Now that Ms. Cash has re-

turned the site based council has begun reviewing the applicants but so far have been unable to reach a consensus on who. From the bi-laws of the site based council everyone has to agree on who the next principal should be.

If the council does not come to an agreement by February 22, the job will have to be reposted and the Site-Based Council will go through the whole process again.

"Unfortunately, were doing what we think is best. I think the

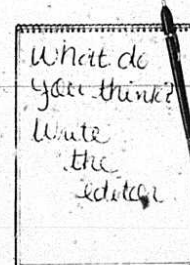
school is doing pretty good as it is," said Site Based member Mr. Jeff Hayes. "We probably won't reach a consensus by the end of February 22, I think it will be taken care of sometime this summer."

On August 18, the first Monday of the school year RCHS Principal Ronnie Cash received a letter informing him of his termination. The firing of Cash stunned Rockcastle students and left them wondering who would lead their school into 1999 and beyond.

Assistant Principal Ms. Ruth Allen was named interim principal until the Site Based Decision Making Council could decide who would be a permanent replacement for the title left vacant by Cash.



Mrs. Ruth Allen has served as Interim Principal since August of 1998. She is also one of the three local candidates for principal.



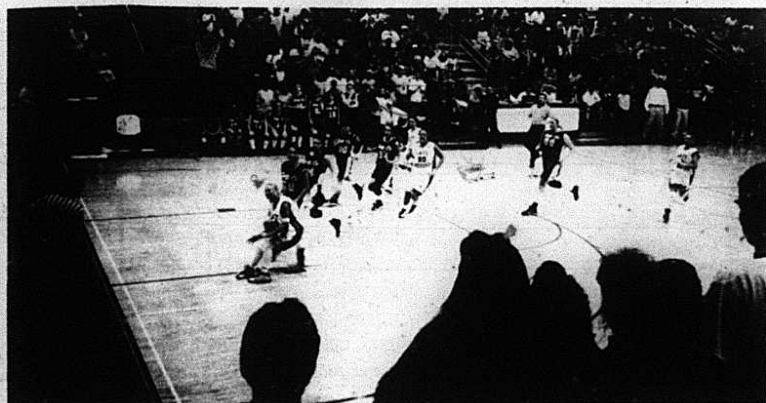
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During the first quarter of play against the Clay Co. Tigerettes Brooke Roberts accidentally knocked the ball out of bounds. The Lady Rockets went on to defeat Clay Co. 70-62 for the district title.



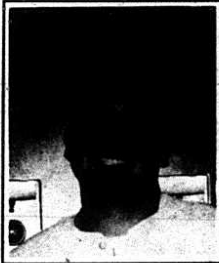
## Down the Hall

What types of activities would you like to see in Rockcastle County?

Kyle Parsons, freshman--"Racquetball, because it is athletic and a challenging sport."



Matt Smith, junior--"A water park, because it would be good to see all your friends in the summertime."



Brittany Owens, sophomore--"A laser tag, because it is a popular activity."



Jaci Durham, senior--"Movie theater, because everyone has to drive to another county to watch a movie."



## Were students really sick or were they just skipping?

By Christina Crawford and Christina Mahaffey

February began with an attendance drop which caused a major controversy at Rockcastle County High School. For a few weeks students claimed to be ill due to the flu or the contaminated water, but were they telling the truth or just using the flu as an excuse to skip?

CM: I think students were just skipping. Yeah, some may have been really sick but I think the majority of the student body are hypochondriacs and think they were sick when they really weren't.

CC: I can see your point of view but I do not fully agree with you. The way I see it, most of the people who missed really were ill. This could be caused not only from the water problem, but also due to the change in weather (cold-hot-cold).

CM: That's true but not that many people could be sick. If asked by their friends, I bet many of the students would say they were shopping with their mom or friends or some other invalid excuse.

CC: Well, if you had looked around you could have seen that many students and teachers who attended classes looked and acted sick. Those who came to school ill brought upon a greater chance of causing others to become ill. When someone attends school looking like a zombie, they are obviously sick. Some may not have been sick, but most were honest.

CM: I don't believe that there are that many honest people in this school. If lying were an art form, many artists would be out of a job. Not to say that everyone lies, but let me be honest. A lot of people in this school just plain out and out lie.

(Right now, punches are being thrown and Christina Crawford has the upper hand!)

CC: That's why you have to associate with people who are honest and don't lie. Why even lie about being sick? Is school really that unenjoyable that students actually want to take a day off when they aren't feeling even a little bad? But, I'm sure if you drank contaminated water, you wouldn't feel up to snuff either.

CM: Duh, do you actually think that people like to come to school? You can sure tell you're from Rockcastle County! And another thing, that's why you drink bottled water. If you know the water's contaminated, don't drink it. It's just not clean!

CC: I do drink bottled water. You wouldn't catch me drinking from the tap. So if you want to get well and stay well take my advice: drink bottled water and don't wear daisy dukes in February! Most important of all don't get to close too others who are ill, especially your sick significant other.

CM: You won this round! Wait till next time!

## Students need to volunteer their time, instead of wasting it

By Inace Evans

After school, many students flop on the couch and turn on the tube. After a hard day at school, they need their rest.

Lazy I'd call them--when there is so much work that can be done around our community.

I spend about 35% of my time working in the community. It makes me feel good knowing that I've done something to brighten someone else's day. I help out people with their groceries and I never mind to give my advice to the customers. Even community clean-up projects give me a sense of good leadership.

Yes, I know we're all very busy. Many students work after school jobs, while others are busy working within school clubs. Most organizations require some type of community involvement, so those students really don't have the time to stretch just a little more. I also know that there are many, MANY students who just don't want to help.

Volunteering within the community does not have to take a lot of time. The smallest things help drastically. Visit an older person at Sowder's Nursing Home in Brodhead once a week. Many of the patients there have no family, or the family lives too far away to visit regularly. They appreciate it when someone cares enough to say, "Hello," not to mention actually coming to visit. You can even help out by donating clothing to the Rockcastle County Migrant Program. Little effort is required.

If you don't want to volunteer out of the kind grace of your heart, think about this. Most college applications ask about community service. Will you have anything to say?

I urge you---spend your "Lazy Time" working within your community, and help others for a change.

**National Honor Society attends state convention**

By Angela Owens

The National Honor Society traveled to Louisville for the annual convention in Louisville, February 18-19. The conference was held at the Executive West.

The convention's theme was "Seize the Day" and urged students to make the best of what they have, and to find true happiness.

Assistant Secretary Crystal Mink commented, "Overall, the convention was a big success. We were all serious about competing but we still had a great time."

Rockcastle competed in various competitions, such as the quiz bowl and scrap book competitions.

Sophomore Bethany Brandenburg ran for state vice-president. Bethany based her speech on "The Secret of Life" and placed second.

"National Honor Society convention was an extremely exciting time for me because I ran for vice-president and it's really fun to meet new people from other schools," said Bethany.

**Hammond receives HOBIE award**

By Christina Mahaffey

Rachelle Hammond, has received this year's Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar (HOBIE) Award.

"I think it is a great honor to be a HOBIE recipient. I can't wait to go to HOBIE training," commented Hammond.

Hammond was chosen from several other students through an

application process. All students who apply must be classified as a sophomore.

HOBIE is held each year to teach leadership skills and allow the Kentucky's youth the opportunity to meet prominent citizens of the community.

The seminar will be held this spring at Transylvania University.

**National Honor Society sponsors school food drive**

By Shauna Hall

The National Honor Society held a food drive to benefit the R.E.A.P. food bank January 20-25. Two hundred seventy eight cans were collected school wide.

Ms. Dawn Stallsworth, NHS sponsor, was a little disappointed in the results and said that after this total came back to her she wished she had set a goal for the school and plans to do so for future drives.

Ms. Robyn Johnson's first block Practical Living class collected the most cans. They topped the charts at two hundred and eight. They were rewarded with a pizza party on February 2.

"I was real proud of how the students joined together to contribute to a worthy cause and I would like to thank Ms. Stallsworth and the NHS for the pizza party," said Ms. Johnson.

Junior Jason Bullock added, "It wasn't about winning; it was about helping the poor."

Derrick Bussel summed up the whole purpose of the food drive with these four simple words, "Felt good helping people."

"We appreciated all who participated, especially Ms. Johnson's class. Hopefully next time we will have a better turn out and my plans will be better," said Ms. Stallsworth.

The NHS is planning another drive called Triva to benefit Saint Jude's Hospital. This event will take place at the end of February or the first of March.



Jennifer Carmack, Derrick Bussell, and Tara Burton enjoyed the pizza party, along with the rest of Ms. Johnson's first block class, that they received for bringing in the most canned goods.



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## Students celebrate Valentine's Day at Rocketown

By Christina Crawford

How did you spend your Valentine's weekend? Like most teens you wanted to celebrate with the ones you love, right?

Several Rockcastle County Middle and High School students spent Saturday, February thirteenth at an event that would change the way they thought about love and relationships forever. The event? Rocketown!

Those students who have participated in this event before realized the last "get together" was special. Centered around Valentine's Day, the live action was not only romantic, but carried spiritual messages as well.

Craig Sowder, senior commented, "When it comes to telling the truth about love and sex, the message didn't hold anything back. It told it like it was, which could help anybody."

A teen magnet, Rocketown places high values on good morals and living for God.

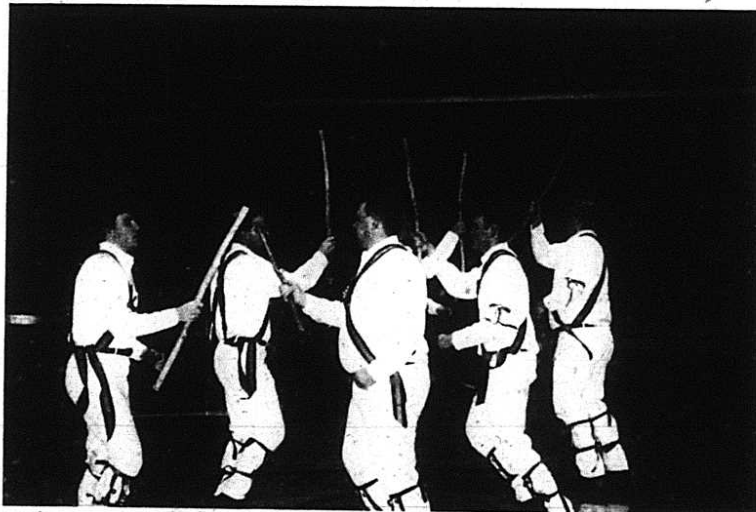
"It made you think about how high you were setting your standards around the opposite sex," said junior Lynda Renner.

The messages get across to members through songs, music video's, live skits, performances, and guest speakers

Angie Ford, junior, said, "I liked the part where around ninety kids signed the True Love Waits cards. It's great that they can do that together."

Rocketown is a production by the Bible Baptist Youth and community. Teens from Rockcastle Co. and other local areas have participated in this fun-filled event throughout the years.

## Berea College Dancers perform for juniors



The Berea College Dancers entertained the juniors Thursday, February 25, during first block. They also conducted workshops with the first and second block chorus and PE classes

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## Rocket Notes

Do you plan on taking the ACT April 10? The application deadline is March 5. The test will not be offered again until June 12.

**Financial aid** deadlines are nearing. Kentucky's priority consideration deadline is March 15.

Several **scholarships** are available for seniors, but applications must be completed. Check with Mr. Whitaker in the counselors' office for deadlines.

The **prom** date is set for Saturday, May 8. Prom committee applications were distributed during A/A Wednesday, February 24. Applications are due Wednesday, March 3. If you are interested, return your application ASAP.

**Open House** takes place April 1.

**Spring Break** is April 5-9. Have you made your plans?

**KATS testing** takes place April 19-30. All students will be tested this year. In the meantime, expect testing prep on a weekly basis during A/A.

## RCHS finishes 2nd in Governor's Cup

by Lindsey Parsons

Saturday, February 13, RCHS hosted the District 45 Governor's Cup Competition. Our school finished second overall.

The Future Problem Solving Team placed first in the competition. Members of that team are: Mary Beth Browning, Mindy Bullock, Melinda Coffey, Alex Tyler, and Clifton Williams.

Also placing was the Varsity Academic Team which finished second in Quick Recall. Members participating in this were: Beth Blanton, Mary Beth Browning, Nathaniel Bullock, Zach Gentry, Jeremy Saylor, and Alex Tyler.

Some members were also involved in written assessments. Amanda Chism placed first in Social Studies and second in Language Arts. Placing third in Language Arts was Nikki Wood. Amanda and Nikki tied for second place in Composition. Seniors Beth Blanton and Jeremy Saylor placed third and fourth respectively in General Knowledge, and Alex Tyler placed fourth in Science.

All of these students advanced to Regional Competition which was held at Madison Central on February 25 and 27.

The Academic Team's sponsor, Mrs. Stephanie Hammack said, "Although no one will be continuing on to state competition, our students worked hard and made a good showing."

## Mrs. Powell names Spanish Honorary

The following students maintained a B or higher while enrolled in Spanish 1 or Spanish 2 during the entire Fall semester. Each of them received a Spanish Honorary pin.

### Spanish 1

Courtney Alexander  
Angela Boreing  
Sandra Gay  
Andrea Hammond  
Chris McGuire  
Zach Powell  
Sarah Renner  
Cassie Sowder  
Shanda Stamper  
Blake Arnold  
Natasha Bishop  
Melissa Cromer  
Swantje Koislmyer  
Amanda Myers  
Shana Noe  
Kaliesa Robinson  
Warren Whitaker

### Spanish 2

Tara Burton  
Denise Clark  
Jesse Croucher  
Carla Croushorn  
Tony Hayes  
Sonya Hensley  
April Martin  
Angela Mullins  
Jeremiah Myers  
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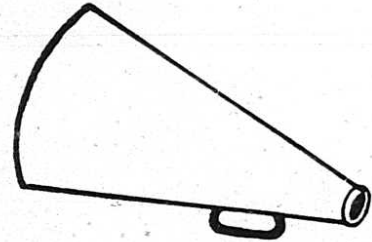
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### FFA Silent Auction a huge success

By Becky Davis

FFA held a silent auction at RCHS on Feb. 16. It was held to benefit the seniors who are actively involved in the FFA Alumni.

"The auction has been a tremendous success in the past two years. It's good to see something to benefit the students that has worked out as well as it has," commented sponsor Jeff Hayes.

Some of the items sold included a basketball autographed by Tubby Smith and a football signed by Coach Hal Mumme. Several other items were donated by local businesses.

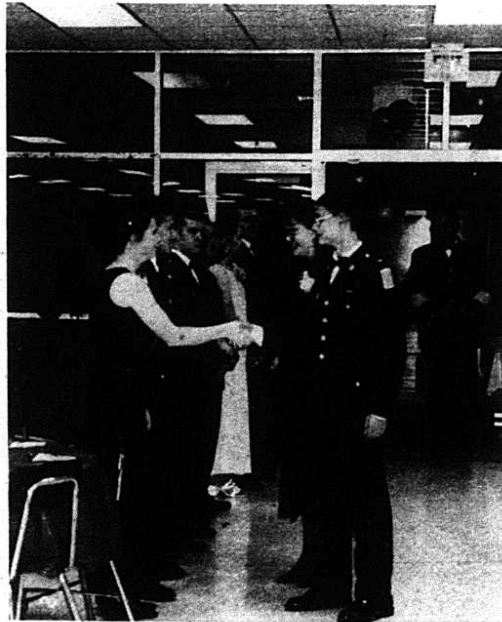
### FHA members place first in STAR Competition

Four FHA members placed first at the Regional STAR Events Competition held Saturday, February 20. The competition was held at South Laurel High School.

Students earning first place are Ashley Lawson, Consumer Analysis; Shalanta Nicely, Entrepreneurship; Jessica McClure, Facts Test; Jamie Settles and Kristy Lovell, Chapter Showcase.

Other students earning honors are Rachelle Hammond, Creed; Brooke Roberts, Job Interview; and Mary Beth Browning, Culinary Skills.

The first place winners will be competing in the state competition in April.



Melissa Looney and Jacob Helton were greeted by the Receiving Line during the Annual JROTC Military Ball.

### JROTC hosts Military Ball

Staff Writer

Rockcastle County High School's JROTC held its 4th Annual Military Ball Saturday, February 13 at the high school.

The Military Ball is a required formal function for JROTC.

The Receiving Line consisted of the Command Staff: Bn. Commander Cadet Lt. Colonel Kristen Cobb, Cadet Major Shaun Jones, Cadet CSM Kyle Fletcher, Cadet Cpt. Joe Gigold, Cadet 1st SGT. Jason Whicker, and their daates greeted all the guests and cadets at the door.

Chief Warrant Officer (retired) David M. Taylor of Clarksville, Tennessee, was the evening's guest speaker.

Guests who attended are: Ms. Ruth Allen, Paula and James Cobb, Ms. Pat Hopkins, Everett and Jean Albright, Chris and Crystal Frith, and Johnny and Debby Mobley.

The ball concluded at 11:45 p.m.

Music was provided by Mr. Charlie Napier.

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## Tobacco: the truth unfiltered

### Parents and teens play hide-and-peek

By Cheyenne Carmack

You're sitting in your smoke filled bedroom, puffing away on a Marlboro, when you hear a car door slam and the front door creak open. You dash for the window, spraying air freshener as you go. Just as your unsuspecting mom pops her head in your door you get busy chewing your last stick of gum.

For America's young smokers this is not an unusual occurrence. Teenagers have been hiding the fact that they smoke from their parents for years.

Where do they hide them? Everyone seems to have a special place for their packs. In a recent poll 49% of teenagers said that they would or do hide their cigarettes under their bed or mattress. The next most popular spot was an underwear drawer, pulling in 27% of the votes.

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Some teenagers have more creative ideas. They open up a stuffed animal or use air vents. One RCHS sophomore takes no risks with being caught.

"I cut a hole in my box springs and put them up there."

Another RCHS sophomore, Stephen Hopkins, said "If I were a smoker, I would put my cigarettes in a plastic baggy and drop them in the toilet."

Not a bad idea—until the toilet breaks! Then you could be in trouble, which is why you hide them in the first place.

Of course some parents could just get suspicious of the breath spray, the fan, or maybe just their kid's behavior.

Out of 50 local teachers and parents, all 50 said they would smell the smoke on their child.

"If I had a kid who smoked, I would know it because the smell," said RCHS teacher Dawn Quigley.

Yellowed teeth or burns in the rug or furniture are also things that tip off the parents.

If a tuned in parent does find some incriminating evidence, they don't need to know where to look. Most people say they would search until they found the cigarettes though.

Ironically, 35 parents said they would look under the mattress first—which is where most teens think to hide them.

Like most topics concerning teens and their parents, the opinions differ drastically. Some teens like to smoke because they think it makes them look cooler, or because they're already part of the 80% of teens who feel they are addicted. Parents tend to look at the facts.

Among addictive behaviors, smoking cigarettes is one of the most likely to begin as a teenager, and 42% of the teenagers who only smoke three cigarettes a day will find themselves becoming regular smokers. Most parents are aware of the future danger.

Smoking is the greatest cause of preventable illness and early death in the United States. It can do nothing good for a teenagers body, causing emphysema by the early thirties or even stunting a person's growth.

Of course, about half of the teenagers who smoke have at least one parent who smokes. About 70% of those people say they want to quit though.

"Even though I smoke, I would kill my kids if they ever started. It's something I wish my parents would have stopped me from doing it," said one concerned parent.

With so many dangers that are involved in smoking, teens should listen to their parents...Of course that could take a miracle. So for those rebels out there, beware of your hiding places. What you might not know is that your sweet, clueless mom was a teenager once, too.

## Smokeless Tobacco: A Growing Concern

By Jon Burdette

When health risks involving the use of tobacco are mentioned, cigarettes are the form of tobacco that gets the most attention. With cigarette smoking being promoted as a serious health hazard, many Americans have resorted to smokeless tobacco, also known as spit tobacco. With the widespread public concern of creating a smoke-free society, the effect of the increased purchase of the two forms of spit tobacco, chewing tobacco and "snuff" has created grounds for concerns equal to that of smoking.

It is estimated that 6.8 million Americans use smokeless tobacco. The consumption of moist snuff and other tobacco products in the U.S. tripled from 1972 through 1991. The health risks of smokeless tobacco include the cardiovascular, neurological, and psychological effects associated with nicotine.

Amazingly, the nicotine content in the one "dip" of snuff can be four times that of one cigarette. Problems in the oral area are the most immediate and visible effects of smokeless tobacco. These effects include attrition of tooth structure, staining, gingival recession, leukoplakia, and cancer of the mucous membranes. With these health hazards and the steady incline of spit tobacco use, the concern for mouth cancer has grown a great deal. In 1993, U.S. Surgeon General Antonia Novello, M.D. stated, "Within the next couple of decades the United States may face an epidemic of oral cancer due to the use of smokeless tobacco among teenagers.

Teenagers are, in fact, the most common users of smokeless tobacco, which is obvious by the number of students at Rockcastle County High who use it. Statistics show that one in five male students have used spit tobacco during the past month.

Smokeless tobacco users run a greater risk of developing oral cancer than non-users—two to eleven times more. The numbers may make a teenager think twice before he gets his next dip. However, due to the high nicotine level in smokeless tobacco, users



experience withdrawal symptoms just as smokers do when they try to quit.

"I like the taste of chew, and it has just become a daily habit. I don't think I could quit," senior Josh Jones commented.

Of course, some may agree with Josh Martin. According to Martin, "Dipping relaxes me and keeps me calm. I also think it tastes good. I could probably quit, but I don't want to."

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## When relationships get too serious

By Cheyenne Carmack,  
Lindsey Parsons, Jon  
Burdette

*You're standing at break with your honey and suddenly, he/she starts shouting at you just because you decided to spend the night at a friend's house instead of going out with them this weekend. The whole day is ruined because of a fight that started over nothing.*

Unfortunately, this isn't uncommon with many high school relationships. It's okay to be serious with someone as long as each person knows how to keep the relationship healthy. Sometimes relationships become too serious and it gets out of hand.

Signs of a violent relationship may start to take place and the couple doesn't even realize it. The hypothetical situation you just read is just an example of a teen relationship that is becoming too serious. **Extreme jealousy** occurs often with teens and they may not know it. Everyone gets jealous sometimes, but the key word is "extreme". Males and females both can become extremely jealous. Signs that you are jealous of your significant other is when you get mad because

they talk to other people, have good friends, or ex-

ingredient for a healthy relationship. If you can make your own decisions and choose your own friends, your partner will either respect you more or break it off. In that case, they aren't worth your time anyway.

The situations discussed in this article could at any time result in an angry or abusive relationship. The controlling or jealous person may withdraw, sulk, or begin drinking or using drugs. These are all very serious situations that one should

### The Facts

Number of teens who experience physical violence in their dating relationships

10%

Number of men and women who have directly witnessed an episode of domestic/dating violence

34%

Number of murdered women who were killed by a boyfriend/husband

42%

Number of dating relationships considered violent

1 out of every 3

data from Brown University and East Suburban Task Force

press warm feelings for anyone else.

Another sign that the relationship is getting out of hand is when your boyfriend/girlfriend becomes **possessive or controlling**. They treat you as a belonging and don't want you to share time or give attention to anyone else. They may also rule the relationship and make all the decisions. Your point of view is not important and your partner tells you how to dress, who to talk to, and where to go.

Independence is a key

be aware of. If your partner really cares about the way you feel, then they will let you lead your own life and simply enjoy being part of it.

If you think you are in an abusive relationship, talk to an adult or someone you trust to try to get help. There are also many hotlines that you can call to get help. The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence is a hotline that a person being abused or being abusive can call anytime at 1-800-799-SAFE.

## A letter written by a Rockcastle County High School student

*To Whom It May Concern:*

*My boyfriend whips me all of the time. We've talked about getting married and I told him I wasn't ready to get married but he just whipped me and told me yes I was. The longer we stay together the worse he gets, but I'm afraid to leave him because he said I would regret it.*

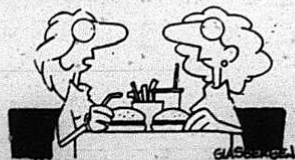
*Everybody tells me that I should leave him if he hits me, but always apologizes and tells me that he loves me, and I believe him. What should I do?*

*Sincerely,  
Need help*

## Practical Application

He's teaching her arithmetic,  
He said it was his mission,  
He kissed her once, he kissed her twice and said,  
"Now that's addition."  
And as he added smack by smack  
In silent satisfaction,  
She sweetly gave the kisses back and said,  
"Now that's subtraction."

Then he kissed her, she kissed him,  
Without an explanation,  
And both together smiled and said,  
"That's multiplication."  
Then Dad appeared upon the scene and  
Made a quick decision.  
He kicked that kid three blocks away  
And said, "That's long division!"



"Kenny hasn't spoken to me in six months, he won't return my calls and he goes out with all my friends. Do you think I should break up with him?"



"We've been spending too much time together. I think it's time we start hating other people."

Reprinted from Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul II.

Dan Clark



## Is there too much pressure to date in high school?

By Cheyenne Carmack, Lindsey Parsons, Jon Burdette

"Putting up with a girlfriend in high school just isn't worth the hassle," says senior Josh Hendrickson.

Obviously, he doesn't feel any pressure during his high school years to be constantly dating, but there are many teens who feel they always have to have a boyfriend or girlfriend. Some search for the perfect guy or girl because they feel they must be a part of a couple, yet they can't find the person that fits their criteria.

"I'm lonely because I just can't seem to find the right person--no guy makes me happy," says Beth Brandenburg, a sophomore.

Lynda Renner, junior, feels the same. "I just can't find a guy who's right for me, who is a Christian and will take a stand."

Many teenagers want to be in a relationship because they are seeking security or happiness. However, being frustrated over finding that "right" someone could only make matters worse. There is an old saying that goes: *Happiness is like a butterfly, the more you chase it, the more it will elude you. But when you turn your attention to other things, it will come softly and land on your shoulder.*

This may be the point of view other students here at R.C.H.S. have about their single status.

Sophomore Ashley Lawson explains, "I'm happy to be single because I don't like to be tied down, and now I can concentrate on my schoolwork and basketball."

So, maybe teens shouldn't worry as much about finding a relationship while in high school, and instead just have fun while they're here.

If you're in a happy relationship or are a happy single, that's great. But, if you are single and lonely, just put your search on hold. Good things come to those who wait.



Sophomore Heath Payne and Freshman Sheena Miller sit talking to each other at school. They are one of the happy couples here at RCHS.



"I'm happy because I just broke up with a guy and I'm free now."

Mary Beth Browning

"I'm single and things are going well for me so I'm happy. But that doesn't mean I'm not available."

Layne Nicely



"I'm lonely cause the person I love doesn't love me anymore. Why? He chose 'something' else over me."

Theresa Chislum

"I am lonely because I want a girl but I can't find the right one for me."

Derrick Bussell



"I'm happy to be single because I don't have to worry about being stabbed in the back."

Cassandra Falin



### Top Five Couples

(That make us sick!)

1. Michael Parsons & Ashlie Holt
2. Josh Taylor & Amber Thacker
3. Blake Calhoun & Chelsen Stratton
4. Billy Morris & Leslie Morris
5. Kyle Mink & Brandi Lee

### Love across the miles

by Cheyenne Carmack, Lindsey Parsons, and Jon Burdette

*Sarah is a sophomore in high school. She's been dating David, a senior, for a year and a half. It's almost May--which means it's almost the last day of school. Sarah is worried that when David goes off to college, he'll find another girl. David is worried the relationship won't last. Will they be able to make it?*

Long-distance relationships have struck fear in the hearts of many teenagers, past and present. And while many work perfectly, many fail.

Loving someone who lives in another city or county can have some perks. You wouldn't have the chance to get too serious. Your social life could also be ideal...You could talk to and hang out with your friends more than you could with a local boy, plus you would have something to look forward to on the week-ends!

"You learn to enjoy the time you get to spend with each other," Tara Abney, an RCHS sophomore, said. Her boyfriend, Nathan DeLeon, graduated last year from RCHS and goes to Lexington Community College. While it's not exactly long-distance, they still don't have as much time together.

Loving from afar also has its drawbacks. The long distance could put distance between two people, even if they liked each other a lot! If one of the partners isn't trust-worthy, it makes it easy to be cheat. Honesty can also be questioned in many long-distance flings.

It takes two special people who are truly caring and respectful of each other to pull off a successful long-distance relationship. But it can work--and many times it does.

### Top 10 Reasons to be Single

10. You didn't have to waste your money on flowers or candy on Valentine's Day.
9. You won't make us sick like the "Top Five Couples" do.
8. You could have the honor of appearing in The Rocket as a happy single!
7. You don't have to worry about saying "I do" when you're only 16.
6. You can wear your hair any way you want.
5. You can fantasize about dating Ben Affleck/Jennifer Love Hewitt without feeling guilty.
4. You actually have friends who still like you.
3. You can choose your own wardrobe.
2. You can see any movie you want.

And the #1 reason to be single...

You can be completely irresponsible, irrational, or even unreliable without someone there to whine about it!

# WrestleMania XV, an event of GIANT proportions

by Jimmy Payne

A prelude to the big show. For the last fifteen years the sports entertainment business has been graced each year by an event that has become as big to wrestling as the Superbowl has become to football. WrestleMania is the big show and since 1985 it has set a standard which all pay per view events must try to live up to.

For a wrestling fanatic such as myself, WrestleMania is much more than a pay-per-view it holds much more than the best wrestling year in and year out. WrestleMania has become an event where greatness is born and lost; it leaves memories of both legend making victories and career ending defeats. For three hours all feuds end and new ones begin. It is truly the best three hours a wrestling fan can have.

From the time WrestleMania I took place, every one knew something special was happening. Maybe it was the presence of Muhammad Ali or Liberace that made the event great. Maybe it was the genius of a young Vince McMahon to turn Hulk Hogan into the biggest wrestling star of all time or maybe it was the fact that wrestling had never seen so many larger than life athletes gathered together in so many quality matches together before.

From that one night, a tradition was born and not only lived on but it has actually gotten better almost every year. WrestleMania has always given us the matches we wanted to see

and thought we never would.

It was at W.M.III when Hulk Hogan took on Andre the Giant in a match that no one would have dreamed of seeing. Hulk Hogan was quickly becoming larger than life and the biggest superstar in wrestling. Andre the Giant was a man who hadn't been defeated in the last fifteen years; he had become a myth to the wrestling world. That night it was the irresistible force vs. the immovable object, the ninth wonder of the world vs. the immortal and it was to take place at WrestleMania III. This was the event that would set a standard for all pay per views. That night with 93,000 plus people looking on Hulk Hogan did the impossible, he not only body slammed Andre but he pinned him to the mat and became forever a sports legend.

Wrestle Mania III set another standard for the WWF showing matches that no one thought we would ever see. Later on that very same year Hulk Hogan would eventually drop the WWF championship to Andre after a blind referee counted his shoulders to the mat. After attempting to sell the title to the Million Dollar Man Ted Dibiase, WWF President Jack Tunney declared the title vacant.

The title would be decided in the biggest tournament the WWF title had ever seen at WrestleMania IV. The Macho Man Randy Savage defeated four superstars at the tournament to become champion and the first man in the ring to congratulate him was none other than Hulk

Hogan.

Over the year Hogan and Savage formed the Mega Powers and became best of friends, however; by the time the Royal Rumble rolled around there was clearly discension building between the two. By the time WrestleMania V rolled around the Mega Powers were ready to explode in one of the greatest title matches of all time. Hulk Hogan defeated Savage that night to become only the second man in WWF history to regain the world title.

At this point in time the World Wrestling Federation, owner Vince McMahon had began a tradition that still lives today. When you hear the word WrestleMania you must think of greatness, you must think you are watching the pinnacle of sports entertainment.

WrestleMania XV is once again prepared to live up to expectations. Scheduled is the main event that everyone has anticipated seeing since the Survivor Series. The Rock vs. Stone Cold Steve Austin for the World Wrestling Federation Championship. This match features arguably the two biggest superstars in wrestling today: The Rock is the most electrifying superstar in wrestling today and Stone Cold is the baddest S.O.B. to ever enter the squared circle.

Coming just in time to make an impact is the corporate's Giant Paul Wight, fresh out of his contract with World Championship Wrestling. The Giant should add an interesting new spin to

WrestleMania as the special guest referee for the main event. The Giant is a former WCW World Heavyweight Champion, World War 3 winner, and a two time WCW World Tag Team Champion with Scott Hall and Lex Luger.

Mankind is also scheduled to be a special guest referee at WrestleMania. Mankind and his dynamic partner Mr. Socko are definitely going to look to even

the score with The Rock after dropping the World title only weeks ago. Wright, however, will do anything to ensure that the Rock will walk out of what could be the biggest wrestling extravaganza of all time with sports entertainments most coveted title.

WrestleMania XV; the world should expect nothing less than one of the greatest pay per views of all time.

## Elway or the Highway

by Dackery Larkey

Who just won the Super Bowl? That's right, the Denver Broncos; again. Denver, who became the first team from the American Football Conference to win the Super Bowl in over a decade last year, was led once again to the big game behind the strong right arm of John "Comeback Kid" Elway, Super Bowl XXXII most valuable player Terrell Davis, and the many other defensive, and offensive weapons they have.

Denver's opponent in the Super Bowl this year was the Atlanta Falcons, who some considered a fluke just getting past the Minnesota Vikings in the National Football Conference championship game in an exciting overtime win, that advanced them to their first ever Super Bowl in their thirty-three year existence.

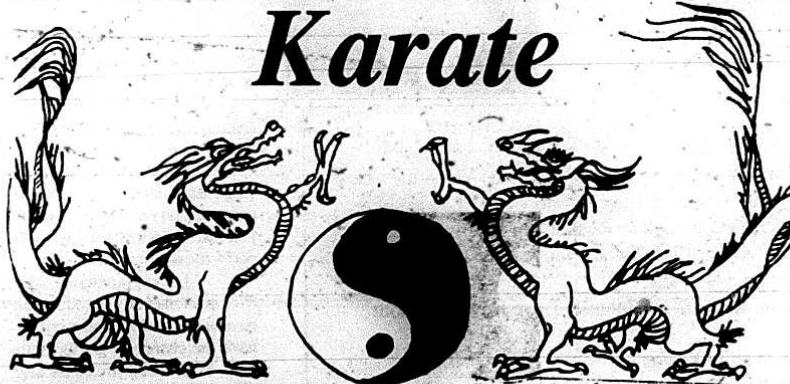
This year was much different than others; all the hype before the Super Bowl wasn't even about the game, it was John Elway v/s Dan Reeves, and how to perform "The Dirty Bird" dance. Speaking of the dirty bird dance, how many times was it performed during the game? Once by Bronco defensive end Neil Smith, in spite of the Super Bowl blowout.

Atlanta came out with the running attack of Jamal Anderson, and was driving down Denver's throats, but they couldn't seem to ever put points on the board. The game was close in the first quarter, when Denver was leading 14-3. The Falcons did try to make a rally in the late portions of the third quarter, until Falcon quarterback Chris Chandler threw an interception to Darion Gordon for a fifty-five yard return. The interception would eventually lead to a John Elway touchdown that would cap the game for them. The Broncos went on to beat Atlanta 34-19, actually it shouldn't have even been that close, giving Atlanta scored a kickoff return very late in the game to give them their only touchdown.

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# Lady Rockets bring home first ever district title

By Stephen Hopkins

Thursday, February 25, 1999 will go down in history as a day long remembered by the members of the 1998-1999 Lady Rockets. These extraordinary captured Rockcastle County's first ever 49th district basketball championship by defeating the Clay County Lady Tigers, 70-62. The Lady Rockets, who assured their participation in the 13th Region tournament by defeating O.B.I. on Monday night, will play a team to be announced Sunday, the 28th.

Tiff McClure led the Lady Rockets in scoring with 26, while Suzanne Brown had 18, Brandy Reynolds - 12, Jessi Rickles - 5, Rachelle Hammond - 5, Brooke Roberts - 3, and Amber Falin - 2. Suzanne Brown made her presence felt inside with 11 rebounds and 1 blocked shot.

Sophomore guard, Jessi Rickles, was injured in the 3rd quarter. She did not return to the game, but is hoped to be ready in time for the first round of the regional tournament.

Assistant coach Ken Hopkin's feelings about Rickles after the game, "I feel she'll get the proper care needed to return as soon as possible. She has a big heart and I know that she wants to be on the court with a minimal downtime."



Amber Falin, Rachelle Hammond, and Amanda Barnett celebrate in the locker room after the Lady Rockets' 70-62 win over Clay Co.

**Best of Luck  
ROCKETS!**

# Rockets advance to region; but lose to Clay.

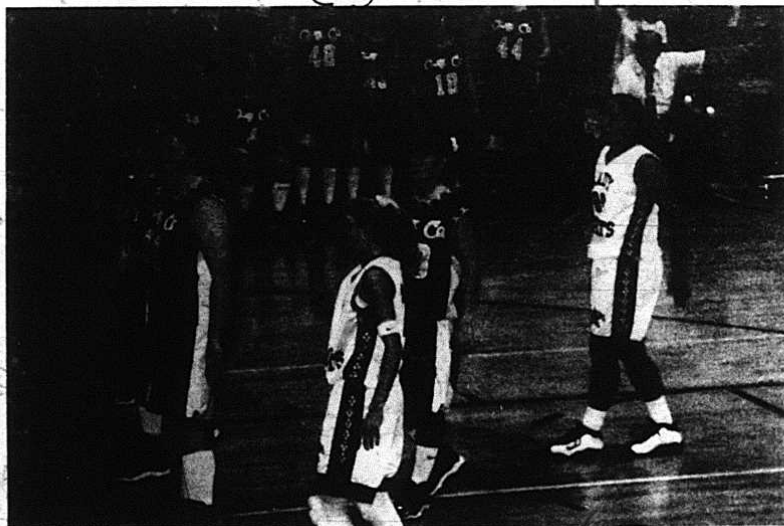
By Stephen Hopkins

The second game of Thursday night's 49th District Championship double header between Rockcastle and Clay wasn't as sweet as the girl's fairing. The Rockets lost to the Tigers 74 to 55. The Rockets hung close in the first quarter and went to the locker room with a halftime deficit of 10. They cut the lead to 4 in the 3rd but couldn't get any closer. The boys assured an appearance in the 13th Region Tournament by beating Jackson County on Tuesday night.

Scoring for the Rockets is as shown: Christopher Parsons with 16, Matt Brown with 12, Andrew Cash with 11, Layne Nicely with 11, and Jacob Burdette with 5.

Junior guard Andrew Cash commented after the game, "We played hard but just couldn't put the big runs together. Not having Blake hurt us, but we all played our hearts out, but sometimes you lose, it happens."

Right: Rachelle Hammond, Ashley Lawson, and Jessica Cobb are seen waiting for the ruling on a call in the first round of the district games against Oneida. The Rockets won with a score of 73-22.



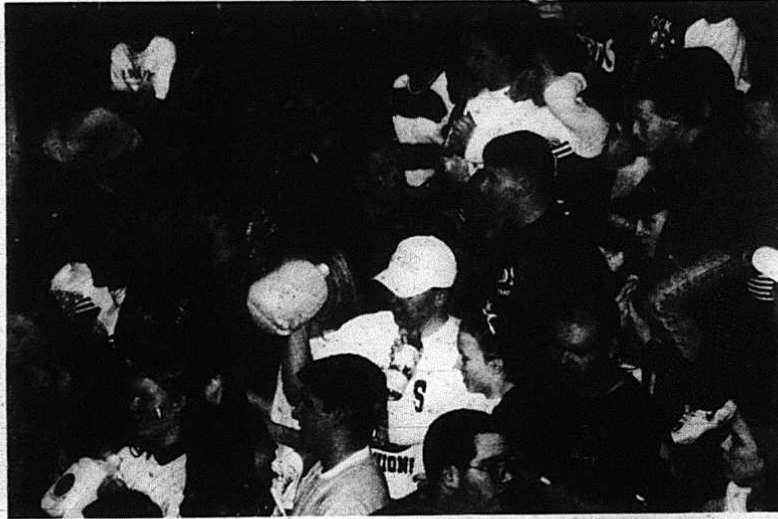
Lady Rockets Brooke Roberts and Suzanne Brown get a breather during the District Championship game. The Lady Rockets made history with the first 49th District Championship in the school's history.

# 1999 Rockcastle Baseball

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# Rocket fans invade RCHS



Rocket fans showed their support for the teams during the final district game against Clay County in the pep section that was organized by the Y-Club.



Senior band members, ROTC members, cheerleaders, dance team members, and basketball players were honored on February 19 at the Rockcastle/Williamsburg game.

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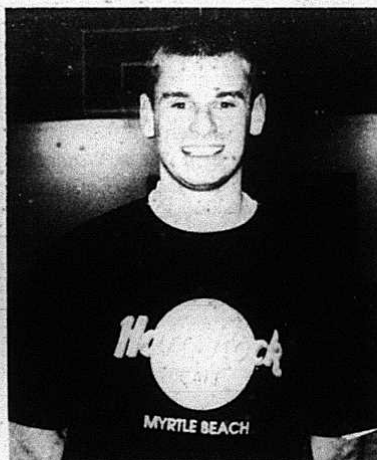


## Rocket fever takes hold



Many fans turned out for the district games to support both the Rockets and Lady Rockets. Above fans cheer on the team during the Clay Co. game.

Josh Lyons was the winner of the spirit award at the Rockcastle/Williamsburg game on February 19. He received \$25 from an unknown donor for showing the most Rocket spirit.



Jacob Burdette and Layne Nicely practice before one of the district games. The Rockets advanced to region despite a loss to Clay Co.

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# RCHS Spirit Week a big success

by Angela Owens

The Boys Varsity cheerleaders sponsored Spirit Week February 17-23. The week began on Wednesday with Crazy Hair Day and concluded on the following Tuesday with Red, White, and Blue Day.

Each day the person with the best costume was chosen. Angie Ford and Ashley Lawson had the craziest hair. Farm Day was won by Elizabeth Bullock in her cow suit. Nikki Moore was the hippie of the day on Friday. Vanessa Mink was a superhero on Monday. Red, White, and Blue Day was won by Steffany Gabbard.

"It was the best display of school spirit since I've been here. I really believe it had a key factor in the way our teams performed," said Mr. Barry Noble.

School spirit was so great that on Wednesday, after Tuesday night's game against Jackson County, students received an extra ten minute break.

"I think spirit week builds the player's confidence and makes them play better. I really do," said sophomore Tara Burton, who is also a Boy's Varsity Cheerleader.

Everyone did their job keeping the adrenaline up, either by making signs, noisemakers, or just coming out to cheer during the games. The end to that great week was a great district tournament!

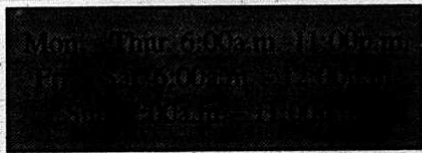


Nikki Moore participated in Spirit Week dressed in flowers and fringes for Hippie Day.



Ladonya Mink and Steffany Gabbard showed their Rocket spirit by dressing in these colorful outfits for Red, White, & Blue Day.

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**Army of Darkness -- "Come get some"**

By Brad Powell

From the deranged mind of Sam Raimi comes the third installment of the *Evil Dead* series, *Army of Darkness*. Released in 1992, this movie is by no means a blockbuster but horror fans everywhere agree that *Army of Darkness* is a modern classic.

Filled with outstanding visual effects, *Army of Darkness* will not only have you shrieking with fright, but also laughing until you cry.

Following the story of Ash (Bruce Campbell), the chainsaw-armed S-MART department store clerk-turned hero who has been time warped to medieval England, we find that in order for him to return home, he must defeat an army of the undead unleashed by the evil Necronomicon (The Book of the Dead).

Along the way, Ash is thrown into a pit of demons, romanced by a beautiful English maiden (Embeth Davidtz) and cloned by forces of darkness, with a few surprises in between.

A must-rent, *Army of Darkness* is best viewed on a rainy weekend with several friends. It is sure to give you an hour and twenty-one minutes of non-stop entertainment.

Rating-4

**ratings**

- 1-Waste of money & time
- 2-Worth watching
- 3-Definite hit!
- 4-Can you say Oscar?

**How to Irritate People is classic comedy**

By Luke McKibben

Are you searching for a classic comedy on video? Well then, I suggest you take a look at one of the funniest videos on the market today. Back in the 70's, Monty Python ruled the comedic world, but before then, there was John Cleese. A comedic prodigy that sprang out of England, Cleese began using his creative talent in 1971 with his first video, *How to Irritate People*.

Cleese and his fellow Python members use comic sketches to illustrate the best ways to irritate other people. From irritating your parents or your children to irritating somebody just because you need a ride in his/her car, Cleese and company do a great job of imitating the best ways to get on people's nerves.

If you are interested in very good humor, then I highly suggest you run out and rent this video. I don't believe there will ever be a comedic group as incredible as Monty Python. They were great even in the pre-Python years.

Rating-3

**Nicholas Cage can't save Snake Eyes**

By Brad Powell

One of the biggest disappointments in the history of my movie-viewing life would have to be the movie *Snake Eyes*. Even though it features the action star of the hour Nicolas Cage, good acting was no match for a plot less interesting than watching grass grow.

*Snake Eyes* is about an assassination conspiracy at a boxing match in Atlantic City. Attending the fight is corrupt Atlantic City police officer Rick Santora (Nicolas Cage). After the shots are fired, Santora must choose between his own well-being, a friendship, and the right thing to do, all while a hurricane is ravaging Atlantic City.

Although there were brief stints in which I was actually entertained, there were just too many long droughts of utter boredom. This is one of those movies that you watch only to say that you've seen it. You will definitely want this movie to be over prior to the dull ending.

I give this movie a rating of only 1, and pray that there is not a sequel.

Rating-1

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**Chandra McGuire--"Jane Eyre."** It's not for everybody. It's about this girl who has no family and she goes to boarding school."



**Jason Proctor--"Congo,"** for required reading in English. The apes killed people. It was cool when they smashed people's heads in."



**Nancy Mullins--"Little Altars Everywhere and The Secret Sisterhood of the Ya-Yas."** It was very interesting. It took place in Louisiana. It was funny and a little sad. I recommend it highly."



**David Murdock--"Is Anybody There?"** I liked it a lot. It was about this kid who had his keys stolen, and someone kept breaking into his house. I recommend it for other people."

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**Henry Rollins thinks about things**By **Luke McKibben**

From the mind of the leader of the Rollins Band comes a spoken-word album that is possibly his best work. The gritty, metal edged mind spanned out from his earlier musical albums to perform a solo act entitled *Think Tank*. His sole purpose is to criticize things that really get on his nerves. This double cd set is a work of genius.

Musical personalities usually don't perform monologues but he had received a bad vibe while in Africa and that he had to get a few things off of his chest.

The first cd is generally a set of tracks that deals with everyday things that are pointless to him and yet we make a big deal about. TV is a major part in his act. He talks about how TV makes everybody ignorant because we take it too seriously.

Comic relief is a big part of this act and his jokes really put these occurrences into perspective because they are so true.

Even with the introduction Rollins speaks his mind on his airport ride home and how he hates long lines and metal detectors. His anecdotes are hysterical which improves the quality of the cd even more.

As for the destructive weather pattern El Nino, Rollins would rather have something this big to be called the first four Black Sabbath albums.

From homosexuality to why we should have public executions, Henry Rollins provides an insight of what goes on his brain.

*Think Tank* is a very diverse album that somebody could really enjoy. If you really enjoy story-telling, then also give a listen the second cd of the set.

*Think Tank* is the proclamation of a man who knows what the world is like and that humans are not stupid. Rollins makes the world look stupid.

Rating-4

**Collective Soul back on track**By **Luke McKibben**

From the all-time mainstream rock leader in #1 hits comes an album that puts a twist on their musical genre. Compared to earlier albums, Collective Soul offers a more interesting mix of tracks on their new album *Dosage*.

They explore new areas of their musical prowess by adding new mixes and some more vocal blending to create a different sound.

"Heavy" brings out a bit of Collective Soul's older side. On the other hand, new blends and a nice echo bring a great sound differing from other tracks. "Heavy" is Collective Soul's at their best and I believe that this song is possibly their greatest ever.

Even lead and rhythm guitarist, Ross Childress, gets in on the action with "Dandy Life", which is one of the best songs on the cd. I would suggest that he would perform some more songs in future albums.

Using only bits of orchestra, Collective Soul had formerly relied on their electrical equipment. Finally, on "Dosage", Collective added what they needed eclipsing their earlier albums with more orchestra.

One last track you may not know about is a hidden song at the end of the cd which some bands like to include. "She Said" is from *Scream 2* Soundtrack. A fair song it is, yet if you really want to listen to it, I suggest you also purchase the soundtrack.

Much improved from *Discipline Breakdown*, Collective Soul seems to be on their way to running their tally of #1 hits to even greater heights. Look out mainstream rockers, because Collective Soul is back with a vengeance.

Rating-4

**Varsity Blues Soundtrack has all-star lineup**By **Brad Powell**

Behind every great movie there is a great soundtrack. *Varsity Blues* is no exception to this rule.

Released on Hollywood Records, the *Varsity Blues* Soundtrack has one of the best collections of bands assembled.

It includes songs from several chart-topping bands such as Green Day, Collective Soul, Fastball, Third Eye Blind, Van Halen, and the Foo Fighters, along with some up and coming artists like Monster Magnet, and Days Of The New.

I personally enjoyed Sprung Monkey's rendition of the song "Thunderstruck", by AC/DC, and feel that in some aspects it tops the original.

As of press time, there has only been one video released from the soundtrack. It is Collective Soul's "Run", which is a slow rock ballad on their latest album *Dosage*.

It is a good cd in that the list of bands is incredible but, on the other hand, you can find most of the songs on these bands' earlier albums. These songs are overplayed on the radio and it hurts the album.

Rating-3

**RATINGS**

1-Poor

2-Fair

3-Good Choice

4-Excellent Buy!

5-Classic Album!

**Reel Big Fish  
Why Do They  
Rock So Hard?**By **Brad Powell**

The super, cool, awesome, trendy band is back with their sophomore release from MOJO Records entitled *Why Do They Rock So Hard?*

Their previous release, *Turn The Radio Off* is one of the most influential and original albums to come out of the ska/punk genre in recent history, leaving audiences with great expectations.

The fish do not disappoint. *Why Do They Rock So Hard?* defies the critics and proves that just because you have a horn section, doesn't mean you can't rock.

From the opening track, "Somebody Hates Me", which attacks the subject that no matter what someone does, somebody else will not like it, to the humor filled "We Care", in which Reel Big Fish comically thanks their fans for calling them sellouts, *Why Do They Rock So Hard?* personifies what music should be.

Rating-5



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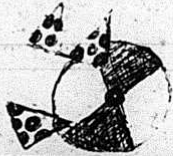
## Smokeless tobacco

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Of course, some may agree with Josh Martin. According to Martin, "Dipping" relaxes me and keeps me calm. I also think it tastes good. I could probably quit, but I don't want to."

If quitting seems too difficult, the discovery of leukoplakia, or "white patch", in the oral area may give you the motivation you need. White patch generally develops in the mouth where the tobacco is held repeatedly. It is also one of oral cancer's early warning signs.

Studies show that these bumps may disappear after discontinuing the use of tobacco, but if they are ignored and the routine continues, oral cancer is likely. Only half of all cancer patients are alive five years after their diagnosis, so self awareness and the prevention are very important.



## RCHS welcomes new staff member

By Brad Powell



RCHS has a new face this semester. Mr. Travis Brenda, a graduate of Berea College, replaced Mr. Daniel Stevens, who resigned in December.

Mr. Brenda, 24, is not a stranger to the high school. He completed his student teaching here in the fall of

1996 under Mr. Scott Adams.

His interests include farming, woodworking, welding, and hunting.

"I really like this school!" commented Mr. Brenda. According to Mr. Brenda, the entire staff has been very supportive and the students (for the most part) have been receptive.

**What are your plans for spring break '99? *The Rocket* staff wants to know! Contact a member of the staff or Ms. Susan Norton. You could be in the next issue of *The Rocket*!**

## Poet's Corner

### Who Am I?

Am I just a person  
Who is invisible to myself  
Or just living in a dream,  
Where everything keeps on  
Repeating over and over  
Where things don't change?  
Who am I and why am I here?  
I don't understand life  
And why life is so unfair.  
I feel too responsible  
More than a teenager should be.  
And in this life I'll  
never find true happiness  
But I guess there  
Is a lot that never will.  
Who am I?  
I guess I'll never know.  
*written by Nikki Walls*

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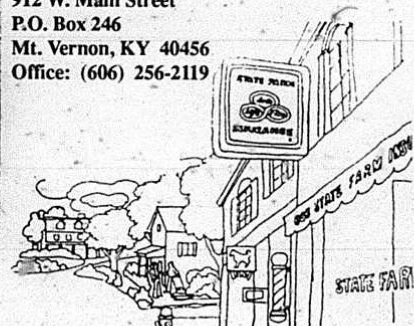


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# Downhome advice from Lylas & LulaMae



Dear Lylas and LulaMae:

My two-faced best-friend is trying to steal my man and keeps spreading dirty lies about me. I want to smash her face into a thousand pieces. Can you help me solve my problem?

Angry

Dear Angry:

First of all honey, where did you buy "your" man? At Wal-Mart? If he truly cares about you, he won't even notice your two-faced best friend. If your supposed best friend is going to treat you like yesterday's garbage, then she ain't no friend of yours. Don't use violence; it ain't going to help narry thing so just ignore your friend and show her that you won't sink to her level.

Lylas

Dear Angry:

Two faced back-stabbers are a part of everyone's life. Just throw your head back and forget everyone but yourself. If your "man" cares anything about you then he'll tell your friend to bug off.

LulaMae

Dear Lylas & LulaMae:

Everybody makes fun of me and they say that I stink. They make fun of me because I don't have the right clothes and they say I am gay. I want a real friend who will like me for who I am.

Lonely

Dear Lonely:

Don't take this the wrong way but maybe you should try a different kind of deodorant and see if that helps. For all those people who make fun of you, don't worry about it, a person isn't liked for their clothing. One day you'll have a friend-who likes you for what you are and not what you wear.

Lylas

Dear Lonely:

When I was younger, I didn't have narry a friend. Everyone thought I was a weirdo because I didn't have narry shoes, but when I got big I got to stylin' and profilin'. Quit mopin' around like your best pig just died and move on with your life. Life gets better as you get older.

LulaMae



# HOROSCOPES



2/20-3/20 Pisces: Being overcritical of the ones you love could land you in some deep water. Make a better better effort to be nice!

Lucky Days: March 4,5 A Famous Pisces: Cindy Crawford

3/21-4/20 Aries: You may come head to head with someone over an important issue. Your stubborn nature actually help you this time. Stand your ground!

Lucky Days: March 12,13 A Famous Aries: Mariah Carey  
4/21-5/21 Taurus: Put some trust in others this month. It's time to take your fear by the horns and open up to those around you.

Lucky Days: March 21, 31 A Famous Taurus: Al Pacino

5/22-6/21 Gemini: This month is full of ups and downs for you. Have you heard that "the mirror has two faces?" Well this month, so do you!

Lucky Days: March 18,22 Famous Gemini: the Olsen twins  
6/22-7/23 Cancer: Since Cancers can be so sensitive, they tend to get hurt easily. Don't let others make you crabby; just look over them and let it go.

Lucky Days: March 24,26 A Famous Cancer: Liv Tyler  
7/24-8/23 Leo: You wear a crown of responsibility well this month. Your natural leadership abilities will shine.

Lucky Days: March 15,17 A Famous Leo: Gillian Anderson  
8/24-9/23 Virgo: Honoring your sign this month could be vital to your reputation. Don't engage in anything you might regret.

Lucky Days: March 1,3 A Famous Virgo: Peewee Herman  
9/24-10/23 Libra: Busy, busy, busy! That's what you are this month. Just make sure you balance everything out so that you don't get overloaded.

Lucky Days: March 28,29 A Famous Libra: Neve Campbell  
10/24-11/22 Scorpio: Your intensity can be overwhelming for those less passionate about life and love than yourself. Be patient--you have a sharp sting!

Lucky Days: March 8,16 A Famous Scorpio: Bill Gates  
11/23-12/21 Sagittarius: The idea of bearing all this month is a little off target. Stay modest and you will shine!

Lucky Days: March 11,21 A Famous Sagittarius: Brad Pitt  
12/22-1/20 Capricorn: This is the month to do what you are told despite what your own opinion says to do. Be practical when making big decisions.

Lucky Days: March 24,25 A Famous Capricorn: Howard Stern  
1/21-2/19 Aquarius: You're so positive this month that all your former grudges wash away. Now you can only move forward!

Lucky Days: March 10,14 A Famous Aquarius: Oprah Winfrey

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