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Tobacco markets open on Monday

Burley tobacco markets across the state are scheduled to open on Monday, one week later than normal. Danny McKinney, Chief Executive Officer of the Burley Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Association, said this week that the opening date was pushed back due to the flooding in North Carolina, which delayed tobacco sales there.

McKinney said that many of the same buyers must travel to Kentucky from North Carolina to purchase the burley and therefore the opening date had to be moved back.

McKinney said that he isn't sure what to expect next week, but that because of the extremely dry conditions, which have hampered the curing process of the tobacco, prices may be lower.

"The lack of rainfall has hurt the curing process and made much of our tobacco a lesser quality leaf than usual," McKinney said Tuesday.

The CEO said he hopes that Kentucky farmers will be paid at least as much as they were last year for this year's crop, which was an average of \$1.90 per pound.

McKinney said that he is also concerned about tobacco companies letting tobacco go to the pool, because of the poorer quality. There is approximately 180,399,300 pounds of "dried" burley in co-op pool. This year's tobacco estimate was 660 to 680 million pounds but because of the drought farmers will be lucky to produce 525 to 550 million pounds, according to McKinney. Although tobacco farmers were hit with a 28.8 percent cut in quotas this year, Mary Taylor with the Rockcastle Farm Service Agency said that many local tobacco farmers will be able to sell the same amount of tobacco this year as they did last.

"Many farmers were short of their quotas last year and will be able to make that up this year, if the drought hasn't hurt them too bad," she said.

In Rockcastle farmers will be able to market about four million pounds.

Taylor estimates that only about 30 percent of all the local tobacco is on the sale floor for opening day because of the lack of rainfall, which has slowed the curing process.

If you need information about your marketing card you should contact the local Farm Service Agency at (606) 256-2525.

KSP Checkpoints

On Wednesday, (today), the Kentucky State Police in London will be conducting safety checkpoints in the post counties, including Rockcastle.

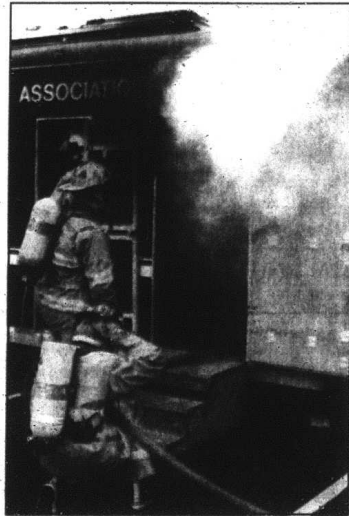
The checkpoints will begin at 2:00 p.m. and are part of the From This Point On campaign throughout the state.

The safety checkpoint in Rockcastle will be at the Rockcastle and Pulaski County line on Hwy. 461.



Firefighters attend class at local school

Members of three of the four local volunteer fire departments and members of the State Fire Rescue Training office participated in a training class at the Kentucky Tech Vocational School over the weekend. On Sunday, a burn trailer, which had temperatures as high as 1400 degrees, was used in the training classes. Each year firefighters must receive 20 hours of training to maintain their certification. To be a certified firefighter, volunteers must initially receive 150 hours of training.



No rain, burning ban still in effect

Rockcastle County remains under a 24-hour open burning ban this week because of continued dry conditions throughout the county and state.

Currently no fires are burning in Rockcastle County and Rockcastle County Forest Ranger Marvin Stone reported only one fire over the weekend in the Piney Branch area of the county which burned about 35 acres.

The only recorded rainfall during the past three weeks was .07 of an inch on Saturday morning at the Cox Funeral Home Weather Station.

Governor Paul Patton signed an Emergency Declaration last week. Included in the declaration is a ban on all outdoor burning in the state unless

first approved by the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet. The severe forest fire season and the drought conditions statewide prompted this action."

The declaration also states, "All state law enforcement personnel in the Commonwealth shall enforce this Executive Order. All local governments are also requested to direct their law enforcement personnel to aid in the enforcement of this order."

The declaration authorizes the Kentucky Division of Forestry to request federal assistance to minimize human suffering, restore public services, and alleviate unanticipated financial obligations resulting from this emergency. "The total cost of

this emergency may not be known for several months but the current estimate is well over 4 million dollars," said Mark Matuszewski, Director of the Kentucky Division of Forestry.

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Couple arrested by federal agents

Police find meth lab in Rockcastle

An Ottawa couple was arrested Sunday night at their home after police found what they are calling a methamphetamine drug lab.

According to police, Charles Franklin Ashcraft, also known as Monkey Stevens, 39, and his wife, Anna Ashcraft, 40, of Rt. 1, Brodhead were arrested by federal drug agents late Sunday night.

Police said that both are being held on federal drug charges of manufacturing methamphetamines and are lodged in the Laurel County Detention Center. No bond had been set as of press time on Tuesday.

Police said that they discovered the lab after Rockcastle Deputy Sheriff Doug Thomas and deputies with the Pulaski County Sheriff's office went to the Ashcraft home on Dug Hill Road about a mile from the Ottawa Baptist Church.

Police said they were looking for a stolen ATV and chain saw that had been reported stolen from a home in Pulaski County.

Police said that when Thomas asked Charles Franklin Ashcraft what was in his garage he told them, "just some paint," but when Thomas and other officers opened the garage door they discovered a methamphetamine lab, which apparently was in operation at the time.

Thomas and the other deputies summoned other officers including members of the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency and Kentucky State Police and obtained search warrants for the property.

In the search, police seized marijuana, three firearms, approximately \$2,000, and chemicals and equipment used to manufacture methamphetamines.

Police apparently searched the property for over 12 hours before leaving the residence at 7:00 a.m. Monday morning.

Kentucky State Police Detective Gary Lane said methamphetamine use has increased in the past few years and that it has a street value of \$2,000 an ounce or about \$100 a gram.

Lane said that in many cases methamphetamine has become as popular as marijuana and crack cocaine because the chemicals used to make the (meth) can be purchased legally across the counter.

Some ingredients used to make the illegal drug are Drano, Sudafed

and Lye. Apparently those items are placed in some type of container and boiled down to make a crystallized matter.

Lane said that the drug is then smoked much like crack cocaine.

Sundays arrest follows numerous other arrests in the county during the past year by state, local and federal drug agents.

Three Links man charged

A Three Links man has been charged with illegal sale of alcohol in a dry territory, second offense.

Local and state police executed a search warrant at the home of Arvel Branstetter, 58, of Three Links last Wednesday.

According to the citation, police found 39 cases of beer and 45 half pints of vodka and whiskey during the 9:45 a.m. search.

Branstetter is scheduled to appear in Rockcastle District Court on December 22.

Blood drive is Dec. 7

Before blood is available for patients in South Central and Eastern Kentucky Hospitals, a volunteer donor must first give the gift of life.

Rockcastle County Extension Homemakers join Central Kentucky Blood Center in encouraging local residents to help our community by giving blood on Tuesday, December 7, 1999, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the basement of the Rockcastle County Extension office.

"When you give blood, you help people in your own community who are battling life-threatening illnesses," said Loretta Robinson, spokesperson for Central Kentucky Blood Center. "There is no substitute for a volunteer blood donor."

Nearly 250 units of blood are needed daily for Central and Eastern Kentucky Hospital patients. A heart surgery patient may need five units of blood, a trauma victim may re-

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Tree of Love to help needy

Children will enjoy a brighter Christmas this year, thanks to the generosity of Renfro Valley visitors and staff. Those children will receive gifts of toys and clothing through Renfro Valley's Tree of Love program.

Now in its eighth year, the Tree of Love helps to connect children in need with the generosity of others, brightening the holidays for both. Each year, the tree is decorated with the names of children whose Christmas gift prospects look bleak. Visitors to Santa's Workshop, where the tree resides, are invited to select a child for whom to provide gifts. The child's age, sizes and gift suggestions are provided.

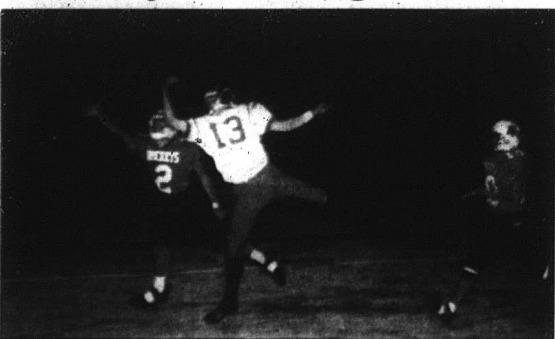
The children included in the Tree of Love program are selected with the help of several Rockcastle County agencies. Often the children's parents have suffered financial setbacks due to unemployment or health problems. The severity of these adult problems often translates to the absence of Christmas gifts for the children.

"As we celebrate the wonder and magic of the Christmas season, we want to ensure that the children in our area have happy holidays, too," explains Jane Thorne, Renfro Valley CEO. "We are so proud of the generosity of our visitors and staff who, through the Tree of Love, help make this season."



Renfro Valley's Tree of Love will help many local children have a better Christmas this year.

Rockets fall in title game . . .



RCHS football players, Junior Derrick Russell and sophomore Josh Hale are shown in pass coverage during Friday night's region championship football game at the Rocket's home field. The Rockets lost 48-14. See other details concerning the game on page A-9.

Points East

By: Ike Adams

I photograph a lot of weddings— not nearly as many now as I did when I was a more patient person actually trying to make a living with a camera—but enough that I don't normally get any more emotional at a funeral than say a funeral director at a funeral. For that matter, if you judged them by facial expressions only I have wedding photos of some folks who look like they were attending a funeral and after last Saturday I have a better understanding about that too.

I came face to face with what a lot of other fathers must experience when Brother Everett Priddy, the Pastor of Hyattsville Baptist Church smiled at the beautiful little blond hanging onto my arm and then looked me straight in the eye at 15 minutes til 3 that afternoon and asked, "Who gives this woman to be married?"

On the one hand there could not possibly have been a prouder papa on the face of the earth that I was at that moment nor one with a bigger lump in his throat. Her mother said I sounded more like a frog croaking than someone earnestly giving our daughter, Jennifer, away on behalf of her family. As far as I'm concerned, they're all lucky that I was able to make a sound other than a sob.

Somewhere her high school and college graduations never brought me close to tears nor gave me cause to ponder my status in her life. Those events, I suppose, though full of pomp and circumstance were seemingly natural occurrences in the process of growing up. They never made me stop to think that I was getting any older than I was at her kindergarten graduation which, incidentally, still feels like it happened some time back in the spring.

It's almost impossible for me to comprehend that my little angel now teaches in a classroom next door to the one where her kindergarten teacher still works. She is supervised by the same principal who ran the school when she was in kindergarten and several of her other grade school teachers are now her colleagues.

A couple of them gently reminded me at the wedding that they, too, had played major roles in her growing up.

And wasn't it also just this past year when I went to the first basketball game where she was cheering and all the other girls started forming a pyramid where three girls have

two others standing on their shoulders and Jennifer goes scrambling up to the top to stand on theirs and those two some how get a grip on one of her feet and lift her even higher. My knees still knock when I remember her family for what looked like several stories at the time into the arms of two others because I doubted that she'd live through it. Several hundred times I watched that routine over the course of four years and not one time did I feel anything but relief that she was still walking.

Wasn't it last summer that I taught her to drive in my old Jeep pickup? My approach to teaching kids to drive is based on the old learning to swim adage. Push em off the dock. Jennifer got in the truck but we'd had to scoot the seat up so much that I might as well have been in a straight jacket! She started up, revved the engine a couple of times, put it in gear and said now what? I told her to give it some gas and hold it in the road and to try to keep from weaving too much because I wanted to read the paper. It worked and for the next year and a half I had a chauffeur.

Wasn't it also just last summer when she was 12 years old and humbled all the high school boys by catching more night riders faster than any of them on any given night? And wasn't it only a few weeks ago when we sat side by side night after night discussing pollution in the Kentucky River for a 4-H essay she was writing?

I could write pages and pages of her life that seem like they happened just yesterday but this being Mrs. Kevin Ochs business is going to take some getting used to. While I'm sure that she was entirely ready to become a wife, I'm not ready to relinquish the notion that she is Daddy's little Angel. I told her new husband that I hoped they had a little girl sometime in the future for Grandpa to spoil rotten the way he did her mother and I told him that I hope she turned out just like Jennifer. But that might be too much to hope for.

My picture in the wedding shots may also look as though I'm attending a funeral but I'm smiling now. Nothing lasts forever and in the final analysis Jennifer's marriage has made me realize how especially blessed my life has been. So go with God, Little Angel, and may you have children that crown your life the way that you have crowned my own.

Sweet and Sour

By Zi Graves



Old Fashioned Stack Cake

Thanksgiving, the day set aside by our long forgotten ancestors to give thanks for the bountiful harvest and abundance of edible, wild life in the surrounding forest, to see them through another winter. This country had been good to those who applied their skills and labor to making it so.

Now we celebrate it by overeating the produce found in a super-market and watching someone else play games by sitting in a lounge chair beside a T.V. Guns are used now for pleasure, not supplying food for the table, and most vegetables are grown by corporations, not by the sweat of one's brow. Fast cars are used to transport the kids and their offspring from distant places on super highways instead of horse drawn sleighs or wagons wending their way over dirt roads or new fallen snow to Grandma's house. Time and the ingenuity of mankind does make a difference in the way we live even today.

My three kids will be here with their mates for the Holidays but I was instructed to leave it to them to do the cooking. And so will. It will be good to eat a meal prepared by other hands. But still I had to have a little hand in it, so I made the cranberry relish and baked a cake. The cake is not a fancy one decorated with icing and nuts, but an old fashioned "Stack Cake". The gingerbread cookie dough base made with molasses, and filled with dried apples seasoned with cinnamon is six layers high. This is an old recipe, probably handed down for generations. I know my mother made them when I was a child. And when I found the recipe in an old cookbook by "Cissy Gregg" and published by the Courier Journal in 1953 I knew I had to make one and share the recipe with my readers. So, here it is.

1/2 cup shortening, 1/2 cup sugar, 1/3 cup molasses, 1 egg (well beaten), 1/2 cup buttermilk, 3 1/2 cups flour.

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Our Readers Write

Dear Editor,
In response to Mrs. Ivan McKinney's letter to the editor that appeared in the 11-18-99 issue of the Mt. Vernon Signal, let me make a few observations.

My friend writes, "What those early followers did is not important to our mode of worship today... But no, the hair-splitting must not extend to that inconvenient level. Instead, each denomination has its own specific pattern for taking the Lord's Supper." This beloved, is the root of much of the religious confusion and division in the world. A disregard and disrespect of what they did in worship in the first century. Just follow your "own specific pattern" forget, ignore, reject the pattern set forth by the early church, just do your own thing! Paul said, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." 1 Cor 11:1. We are to be followers, to "mimic" to imitate, what Paul and other inspired men taught and did. What is so hard about having the Lord's Supper every first day of the week? They came together in the first century, and did it on the first day of

the week? Not the first day of the month, or the first day of the quarter. Is God asking too much of us, in following their example of having the Lord's supper on the first day of the week???

My friend brings up "raging, impassable waters" of yesterday. Yes, this would be legitimate reason for not being able to assemble. Just like lying in bed and having a temperature of 102, would be a legitimate reason for not being able to assemble. (God only requires what we are able to do.) But what does that have to do with receiving Biblical Pattern, for your "own specific pattern" of doing things??

My friend says, "Quoting from Acts 20, he should have started at verse 6 where Paul speaks of the 'days' of unleavened bread, indicating there may have been a week or more of preaching and daily taking of Holy Communion, somewhat similar to Catholic worship." Well now, let's quote Acts 20:6, "And we sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread, and came into them to Troas in five days, where we

abode seven days." Our friend errs in her thinking. They left Philippi after the days of unleavened bread a Jewish feast, and stayed in Troas 7 days. If you can read in "daily taking of the Holy Communion, somewhat similar to Catholic worship." I guess you can read in: praying to Mary, sprinkling for baptism, and the Roman Catholic Pope, there also!

My friend thinks that verse 8-11 teaches, "the preaching and the breaking of bread appear to have been going on simultaneously, certainly into the morning hours of the second day." She errs again. Acts 20:7 said, "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread." It did not say, "And upon the first and second days of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread."

May all of us, have the disposition of Jesus, concerning the Lord's supper, or anything else he commands us. "Not my will, but thine, be done." Sincerely,
Dan McKibben
Mt. Vernon, KY

Dear Editor,
I usually try not to respond to criticisms, but use those criticisms to learn how better to serve our county's residents. Regarding Jim Cass' criticisms, let me offer the following background information.

As you are aware, the road from Livingston that fords the river is an access to the civil war battleground known as "Camp Wildcat" or "Wildcat Mountain". A non-profit organization in Laurel County known as the "Camp Wildcat Preservation Society" was formed some years ago with the intent to purchase and preserve the battlefield site for future generations. One of the obstacles, of course, has been acquiring property, which the organization has been able to accomplish. Another obstacle has been to receive recognition by civil war preservation groups from other states. Also involved in the process was an effort to make the site accessible to visitors. Accessibility always poses problems, but we have to recognize that the more that people can visit an area, the more likely they will appreciate and be willing to protect the area in the future. Hence, it became necessary for the Laurel County Fiscal Court to rebuild the road from Hazel Path to the battleground. The preservation society approved of making the road accessible and driveable; I know, because I am a member of the society representing Rockcastle County.

Furthermore, there are not "two houses served", as Mr. Cass stated. There are four houses (plus another under construction) and a large cemetery - the Ward Cemetery. All of these are located in the Rockcastle County section of the road. When the river level is high, each of these residents have to walk the railroad trestle with groceries and children to reach home. This prompted former Judge Dennis Karr (Laurel County) to speak with me about improving the road so these folks could use their cars to reach home through Hazel Patch. I agreed, and the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court is on record to make improvements to the Laurel County line. We have now done that, and with very little cost.

I don't understand my friend's criticism especially since he serves on the same board as I that seeks road improvements.

These residents deserve a road - after all, it is one of our county's oldest roads, although I believe the original Wilderness Road headed centrally from what became the civil war battleground and forded the Rockcastle River near Horse Lick Creek, having passed through Merzbach's Crossroads.

Our county consistently has maintained this road on our side of the county line. I ordered the county's road foreman to reconstruct the road in a manner that would prevent constant wash-outs, ditch and tile the road, and make it passable to the county line. The new Laurel County judge, Jimmy Williams, has assured me that his county will now abide by their agreement and repair their section of roadway. After all, it is only fitting and proper to have access to the residences and the cemetery. It is very difficult to carry a coffin across the railroad trestle - I know, because I have also done that.

I hope that my friend, Jim Cass, whom I really do like, looks at this differently and understands that we do not seek to destroy historic areas - only make them accessible to all of us.

Respectfully,
Buzz Carlofus
County Judge-Executive
P.S. This is a gravel road.

Dear Editor,
Place our Trust Fund into a Trust! Most people correctly believe that Social Security has been our most successful social program, however as the program has matured it faces many obstacles to its viability. The first major crisis it faced was in 1981 when concerns were raised about the

Trust Fund running out of money by 1983. The Greenspan Commission was formed which made recommendations to resolve the short-term financing problems the program faced. A combination of legislation enacted the recommendations, low inflation and the economic boom has contributed to yearly Trust Fund surpluses until the proclaimed total \$5 now in excess of \$650 billion.

Unfortunately within the Treasury, Social Security taxes are commingled with general tax revenues which allows Congress to spend Trust Fund surpluses to fund other agencies within the budget. For example, the 1998 \$70 billion surplus existed only because Congress included the 1998 \$99 billion surplus when the actual budget showed a deficit. To cover up the embezzlement of Trust Fund money by Congress, the Department of Treasury has been forced to issue non-negotiable IOU bonds to the Trust Fund.

In order to prevent further violations, the Trust Fund must be removed from control of the politicians (Cont. to A4)

Sweet n' Sour

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2 tsp baking powder, 1/2 tsp soda, 1/2 tsp salt, 2 tsp ginger (1 tsp vanilla optional).

(Cream sugar and shortening together. Add the egg, molasses, buttermilk, and mix well. Sift flour, baking powder, salt, soda, and ginger together and add to the other mixture. Mix well. Add vanilla. This makes a dough, roll out as for pastry, cut to fit a nine inch pan or skillet and bake at 350 degrees, for 10 or 12 minutes. When cool, stack the layers with highly spiced and sweetened sauce or

better still, old fashioned dried apples cooked sweetened and spiced. I found this dough rather sticky so I added enough flour to handle easily then patted it into the pan. This recipe made six layers. Have a Happy Thanksgiving. And remember to give Thanks for all your blessings.

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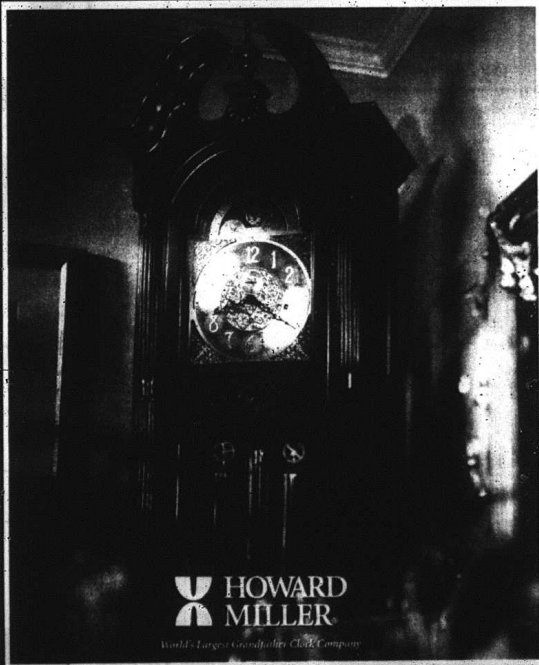
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Letters

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and made into an autonomous agency like the Federal Reserve having a charter to collect, invest and distribute the trust money in a prudent manner. Allow me to propose that the new agency be called the United States Social Security Trust.

Sincerely,
Robert A. Dabigust
3151 N. Heartside St.
Orange, CA 92865

Dear Editor:
One only has to open the paper weekly to obtain the new laugh for the week, just look for that bunch in Livingston, guarantee a laugh! Not that any of it matters but there are

serious issues that involve all the residents of the Livingston community.

Seems now the fight is over building a new fire department. Our existing (barely) volunteer fire department has slowly slipped almost to non-existence. The fire chief has left the community to follow other interests and now resides in another county, only a handful of men still volunteer their services and they have jobs and families so they are only here part of the time, this leaves four or five people to argue over the equipment or who is the "ranking officer" and who gets to ring the bells and blow the horns. With the chief now residing out of the county who is left to lead a crew of men to fight fires, they cannot decide. This leaves the community very vulnerable for fire protection.

The water and sewer bills are

simply outrageous, but we are told they must be, so that we can afford to pay the water and sewer personnel,

who happens to be one person. Who as a conflict of interest resides at the Mayor's home, and feels he must attend all city meetings even though this interest is only that of the city's water and his sewer. He is also the voice of many departments, one of such zealousness as who will drive a fire truck after they have been drinking and reprimanded for such behavior by the fire chief, or maybe to be self appointed police officer or ambulance when 911 sends one of these county departments to the end of the county, such a busy guy!

Our city council has become quite the quoted council of the county, what with such displays that have been publicized in the paper for the last three weeks. A lot of well placed recognition for our small town.

There are some people still left in our community that care what happens to what is left of this town. Councilmen that you never see public displays of temperament or violent outbursts for the whole county to imagine that "all those people who Livingston care what happens to our city. Have concerned people who would like to see a lot of changes and see the community prosper. These people cannot do anything because they have no power the city council and Mayor and her water boys make all decisions and we as citizens find out only after the fact!

Maybe there is someone who can step in and help, so many county departments have felt the wrath of these few glory grabbers in our community that it seems that nobody cares what tragedy befalls Livingston and its community. But all of us are not represented by these egotistical would-be leaders, we just can't get anyone to hear the rest of us. This may be our only hope!

As I said we do have competent, sober people here who have the ability to make honest decisions and do what is necessary for the community to survive. Let these people do it, step aside and take your personal gain efforts and go somewhere else to cause havoc. Let this little town try to rebuild and grow, let it try to stop being the laughing stock of the county.

Some of us still hope that with the few that can and will help we can rebuild this little community that has

almost been destroyed by these few people and can once again be a part of a community to be proud of!

Thank you,
Paul Owens
Livingston, KY

Dear Editor:

I would like to take a generic look at the timeless writing that we refer to as the Ten Commandments.

1. All mankind recognizes there is a superior being. Science has proven near death, a supreme power is recognized through pleas or prayers.....HOPE.
2. The Supreme Being is a spirit, not a rock, silver or gold. Those who pray may clutch something, but always the inner being searches for that spirit.....BELONGING.
3. The Hebrew term "in Vain", carries the idea "without result". Slandering God was not an issue with Israel; they were not allowed to speak God's name "Yahweh". The likely meaning is not to speak of God in vows unless one tends to keep them.....COMMITMENT.
4. Science has proven stress has no bounds it can inflict on human life. Rest is the way to relieve stress. Man is strongly urged to stop manual labor, reflect upon the spiritual being

for one day out of seven.....STRESS RELIEF.

5. Respect and honor those who provided for us, when we were unable to provide for ourselves, by not abandoning them when they need someone to look after them.....LOYALTY.

The Hebrew word is best translated murder, not kill, not related to self-defense, war, accidents or punishment for taking a life outside of these basic guidelines.....RESPECT FOR LIFE.

7. Here family unity/marriage is the focus. Preserve it as sacred, in self-defense, war, accidents or punishment for taking a life outside of these basic guidelines.....RESPECT FOR LIFE.
8. This is self-evident, this act robs not only the item, and it takes from the very basic principle of taking your own life.....FORNISTY.
9. Preservation of the judicial system, not slandering, or making false statements about your neighbor.....TRUTHFULNESS.
10. All before is the act of doing, this is controlling one's emotions, that if allowed to go unbridled can cause actions, which could have been stopped by referring to the previous nine.....THINK.

What could be wrong with teaching our children to Have Hope, Want to

Belong, Be Committed, Practice Stress Relief, Be Loyal, Respect Life, Be Faithful, Have Honesty and Think Before You Act.

Our Highest Court has a double standard? They rule it is illegal to teach the Ten Commandments, yet

people are sent to prison based on a judicial system from these very commandments!

Joe Fain
Berea, KY

Attention Mr. Jim Cass,
Concerning last week's issue: our names are Danny and Tina. We live back in the woods. Buzz Carlotts fixed our road and man he fixed it good.
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Sights & Sounds
Sights and Sounds, a Christmas Arts and Crafts Show presented by the London Woman's Club, will be at the London Community Center on Main St. Signs and Sound will open Friday, November 26 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday, November 27 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Items are for sale.

Attn.: Class of '80
Send address changes to: PO Box 27, Mt. Vernon, KY 40359. Plans are being made for the 20th reunion.

Offices Closed
All offices in the courthouse, except 911, will be closed Thursday through Saturday, November 25-27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Broadhead SDDM
There will be a special called meeting of the Broadhead SDDM Council on Monday, November 29th at 7 p.m. This will be a working session to review and/or revise council by-laws and policies.

Closed
The Circuit Court Clerk's office will be closed Thursday, November 25th through Saturday, November 27th. The Road Test, CDL Test and Permit Test will not be given on Friday, November 26, 1990.

Arts & Crafts Bazaar
Community Arts & Crafts Bazaar at Rockcastle Youth & Teen Center. No set-up fee, keep your profit, some space still available. Call for more info. 256-4191, ask for Glenna. Bazaar will be held Dec. 4th 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Dec. 5th from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., Dec. 10th from 6 to 9 p.m., Dec. 11th 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Dec. 12th from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Christmas Parade
6th Annual E.J. Taylor Memorial Christmas Parade will be held in Broadhead Sat., Dec. 4th at 3 p.m. Any churches, civic organizations, business, or anyone wishing to enter a float may do so. Christi Thomas from WKYT Channel 27 will be the Grand Marshal. Plaques will be given to the top three floats. Trees will be given to kids by Santa Claus at the Broadhead Fire Dept. after the parade. A drawing will be held at the fire dept. immediately following for four \$50 gasbooks savings account from Citizens Bank of Broadhead. Tickets for drawing can be picked up at Citizens Bank in Broadhead. Watch for details of County Breakfast at Broadhead Fire Dept. on Sat., Dec. 4th. For more info, call 606-758-6623.

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Attn: Broadhead Seniors
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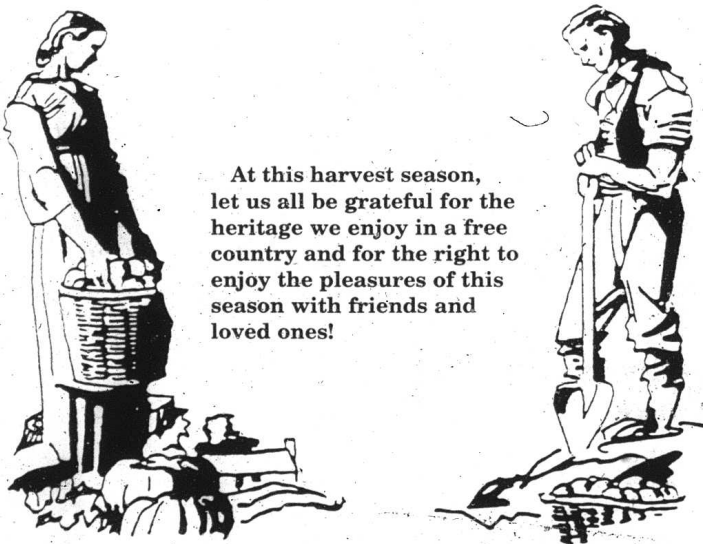
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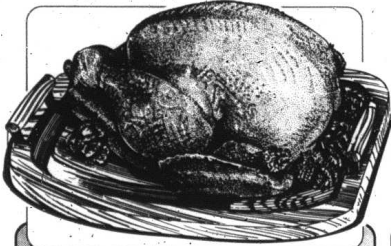
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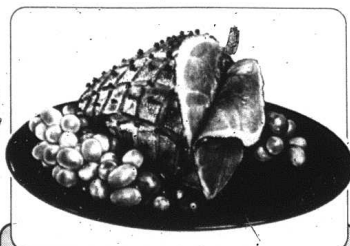


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Ford questions insurance company's position on Ten Commandments

State Representative Danny Ford, of Mt. Vernon, is releasing a letter that he has sent to the Attorney General concerning the position of a carrier of liability insurance for Kentucky school districts relating to the posting of The Ten Commandments.

The Insurance Company of the West, San Diego, California, recently informed Kentucky school districts that it would not cover any legal costs or judgments stemming from lawsuits over the posting of the Ten Commandments in public school buildings. Obviously, insurance companies are not responsible for claims arising out of illegal actions, but to my knowledge there is no state law or case law forbidding the voluntary posting of the Commandments in school buildings.

Stovne v. Graham, the 1980 U.S. Supreme Court case that overturned a 1978 state law requiring the posting of the Ten Commandments hinged on the word "requiring." The court basically held that the state had no secular legislative purpose in requiring schools to post the Commandments. In recent years, several school districts, acting on their own initiative, have posted copies of the Commandments in their buildings.

The Insurance Company of the West appears to be hiding behind its misinterpretation of Stovne v. Graham in order to avoid paying potential judgments that might arise out of lawsuits on the Commandments issue. In the process, this company is also having a chilling effect on districts that believe they have a legitimate secular purpose in posting the Commandments.

I have asked the Attorney General to look into the insurance company's contention that it can deny claims arising out of any lawsuit that may be filed over the Ten Commandments issue. The following is a copy of the letter.

Dear Attorney General Chandler, As you know, several public school districts in the Commonwealth have posted copies of The Ten Commandments in their buildings. In the course of the media attention surrounding profited legislation relating to the posting of the Ten Commandments, attention has also been focused on the school districts currently posting the Commandments. This attention resulted in a communication from the Insurance Company of the West, San Diego, California, to the Kentucky School Boards Association stating they would not cover any

judgments rendered against a school district posting the Commandments because, in the opinion of the insurance company, such postings are unconstitutional.

Obviously, insurance companies cannot be compelled to cover judgments resulting from illegal actions. I cannot find, however, any statutory or state law that prohibits a school district, acting on its own volition, from posting copies of The Ten Commandments. In Stovne v. Graham, 449 U.S. 39 (1980) (USSC) the Supreme Court held that a Kentucky statute requiring The Ten Commandments to be posted on the wall of each public school classroom had no secular legislative purpose, and was therefore unconstitutional as a violation of the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment.

The key word here is "requiring." The state has not required any school district to post copies of The Ten Commandments. Until such time that statutory or case law holds that voluntary posting of the Commandments is in public school classrooms is unconstitutional, it would seem that an insurance company cannot shirk its responsibility to insure school districts against judgments rendered against them for actions taken in the course of educating students.

I believe this action by the Insurance Company of the West calls for action by the Kentucky Attorney General to prohibit this company from attempting to hide behind misinterpretations and misapplications of the Stovne v. Graham decision as it relates to any judgments that may be rendered over a voluntary action that is not illegal.

I would appreciate very much hearing from you as soon as possible as I believe this insurance company is unfairly and illegally exercising financial power over its subscribers in Kentucky in a way that may stifle the will of the people to engage in what is clearly a legal action.

Sincerely,
Danny Ford

Wildcats seen in Rockcastle

By Lu Ed Nielsen
On October 27, 1999, the University of Kentucky Wildcats came to Rockcastle Emergency Assistance Program and Ashlee's House Homeless Shelter.

Yes, a Big Blue UK bus sat in front of the Bank of Mt. Vernon while 27 freshman students, along with Dr. Joanna Bodaglio, Ph.D. of Sociology at UK, came to have a lesson in hunger and homelessness in rural eastern Kentucky.

Dr. Joanna has been working with the Administrator, Lu Ed Nielsen, of REAP and Ashlee's House for several months. She is doing a research paper on "Hunger and Homelessness in rural eastern Kentucky" and has traveled in many counties. Several families who have been homeless and resided in the Ashlee's House Shelter have given permission to be followed for a period of two years and see how many families in this part of the commonwealth are able to get out of the welfare system and make it on their own.

The students who came to visit with us asked very good questions and were very attentive. I was very impressed in their attitudes and interest. We had a gentleman who was in the shelter come down and talk with

the students and explain to them that anyone can become homeless and not everyone is an alcoholic, on drugs, a bum, etc. like so many people think that homeless people are. We then paid visit to his apartment and all 27 students, Dr. Joanna, her cousin and myself squeezed into the 12x15 living-room-bedroom (like seeing how many we could squeeze into a Volkswagon) and took pictures.

Lu Ed had asked Mr. Charles Napier, of the Migrant Program to talk some with the students about the program and how it works, and who it helps. Everyone was interested in learning about our area and the help that we offer to those in need. I deeply appreciate the donation that was given to us. I feel very privileged to speak to these very well behaved young people. We had one male and one female. The group was made up of middle and upper income families and these students knew very little about poverty, hunger or homelessness. I hope that we made them understand that no one is immune to hard times.

Thank you to the University of Kentucky for transporting and letting these students spend the afternoon in Mt. Vernon.

Happy Thanksgiving from the
Mt. Vernon Signal staff

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- Clean spills immediately.
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- Check your vehicle regularly for leaks.
- Always keep fresh water available for your pets.
- Ask about the new non-toxic antifreeze available in many stores.



Savannah Brooke Owens recently competed in the America's Cover Miss and Cover Boy USA Pageant. Savannah won Best Fashion in her division and received a first place Best Fashion plaque and was named with a Best Fashion banner. Savannah also placed first runner-up for Toddler Miss and received a first runner-up trophy and her way paid to the state finals in the Spring 2000. Savannah would like to thank everyone who attended and showed their support at the pageant. Savannah is the daughter of Life Owens and Gloria Owens, granddaughter of Terry and Norma Owens and the late Herbert and Beulah Lear and the great granddaughter of Maggie Lear.



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Rock finishes 10-3, runner-up in region after loss to Lawrence

By: Richard Anderkin
 To say that the Rockets were completely dominated Friday night by the Lawrence County Bulldogs would be a major understatement.

The state's number one offense, rolled into the ROCK on Friday night and dished out a 48-14 loss to the Rockets in the championship game of the region.

But the game wasn't even as close as the final score.

Both of the Rockets fourth quarter scores came against the Bulldogs second team.

Friday night's loss was also the worst Rocket defeat since Lexington Catholic whipped up on the ROCK in last year's season opener and it was the most points the Rockets had allowed all season long.

All total the Bulldogs rolled up 497 yards of offense, against a Rocket defense that had been extremely tough all season long.

The Bulldogs actually ran about twice as many offensive plays as the Rockets.

"After we got down against such a good team, and kept giving the ball back to them, it was just hard to contain them," defensive coach Tony Saylor said.

On the other side of the ball, the

Rocket offense managed only 156 yards of total offense and turned the ball over six times, four of them interceptions and two were fumbles.

It was the least amount of offense generated all season long by the Rockets who managed only four first downs the entire game.

The Rockets two scores were on a pass play of 62 yards from junior quarterback Christopher Parsons to sophomore Josh Hale.

The other score came late in the game on a 25 yard run from scrimmage by senior fullback Josh Dooley.

The entire night the Rockets managed only 42 plays from scrimmage and gave the ball back to Lawrence County on six of those plays.

Rockcastle had only eight first downs to the Bulldogs 17.

Parsons was seven for 21 passing for 134 yards. He threw one touchdown pass and four interceptions.

In fairness to the junior quarterback he had very little time to throw most of the night because of the strong rush from the Lawrence County defense.

The Rockets also managed only a total of 22 yards on the ground Friday night after all the plays where yards was lost was figured in.

Senior Josh Dooley led the rushing attack with 32 yards on four carries.

Derrick Bradley carried the ball once for four yards and freshman Mary Reagan had nine yards on seven carries.

Junior Derrick Bussell carried the ball six times for no yards and Parsons was sacked three times for minus 23 yards.

On the receiving end, Josh Hale had 72 yards on two catches and one score.

Senior Neal Childress caught one pass for 31 yards.

Fullback Derrick Bradley had 20 yards on two catches.

Junior Greg Harper caught one pass for five yards and junior Dackery Larkey caught one pass for six yards.

Junior placekicker Greg Terry had another perfect night, kicking two extra points on two attempts.

"I simply don't see how Sheldon Clark beat that team," head coach Tom Larkey said. "I think that may be the best offensive team that has ever been on this field," the coach said. Sheldon Clark, a team Rockcastle dominated last week, is the only team to defeat the Bulldogs all season long.

On defense, the Rockets were again led by middle linebacker Travis Ingram with 14 tackles and assists, all of which he managed before leaving the game in the second half with an injury.

Senior Joel Deatherage had two and a half sacks to go along with his 13 tackles and assists.

Greg Harper, had a quarterback sack, as part of his 13 tackles and assists.

Senior Matt Smith recovered a fumble, had 11 tackles and assists, and two sacks, while Derek Bradley also had 11 tackles and assists and a sack.

Senior Gary Coffey, had eight tackles and as did Derrick Bussell and Josh Hale. Bussell also recovered a fumble.

Senior Dustin Crawford had five tackles and assists, as did junior Shawn Smith.

Senior Chris Kirby had a sack and three tackles and assists, as did sophomore Adam Childress.

On a positive note, the ROCK had an excellent season with a record of 10 and 3 and finished as regional runner-up.

They made it to the final eight teams in the 3A playoffs, which to them was a new district and a step up from a year ago.

They also accomplished their excellent season with very few injuries, which is very good for the players themselves.

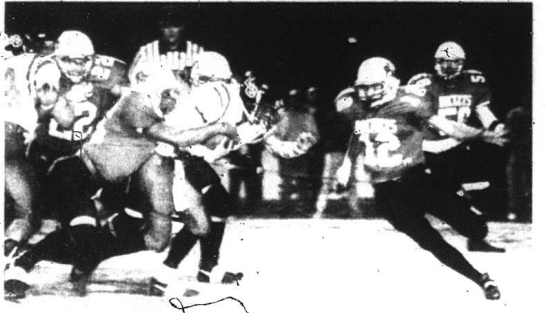
One final note:

Our deepest sympathy goes out this week to senior starting center Brad McNew and his mother Mary Ann.

On Friday night, Brad, a two year starter for the Rockets, played his final football game and on Sunday his dad, Wayne, died suddenly from an apparent heart attack.

Wayne McNew was only 49 and a very strong supporter of Rockcastle athletics.

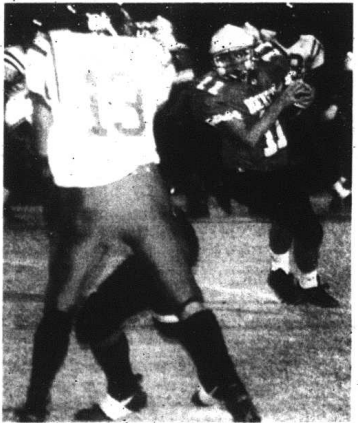
Friends and teammates of Brad will serve as honorary pallbearers at his dad's funeral on Wednesday.



#12 Gary Coffey, #15 Derek Bradley, #12 Greg Harper and #58 Matt Smith attempt to stop a Lawrence County running back Friday night.



The Rockcastle County Rocket offensive line had trouble containing Lawrence County on Friday night. Shown above, from left are linemen, Shawn Smith, Matt Smith and Jason Bullock.



Junior Dackery Larkey, #11, looks for running room after catching a pass from QB Christopher Parsons Friday night.



Senior Neal Childress breaks up a pass in the Rocket-Lawrence County game Friday night. The Rock lost 48-14.



The RCMS 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls basketball teams held their banquet last week and, members of the 8th grade team received awards. The 8th grade team finished third in the league and in the tournament. Members of the team are, front row, from left: Jenna Owens, 110% award; Courtney Parsons and Anna Guilfoil. Second row: Allison Anderkin, Workhorse Award and Krystal Parsons, Playmaker Award; Third row, Amanda Rogers, Defensive Award; Jennie Durham, Jennifer Kidwell and Sheena Swiney, 6th Man Award. Back row: Stephanie Price, Offensive Award; Rachel Childress, Lauren Clontz, Most Improved Award and Jessica Riddle.



Members of the Broncos Cheerleading squad are pictured above, first row from left: Michaela Hunter, Kimberly Stewart, Morgan Collins, Stacey Cope; Veronica Miller, Nichole Bumgardner, Avery Edwards, Amanda Doan, Samantha Stewart, Ella McQueary. Second row from left: Rebecca Alcorn, Kimberly Alcorn, Miranda Abney, Nancy Digkerson, Beverly Miller, Kayla Lawson, Lyndsey Reynolds, Courtney Thomas. Third row from left: Amanda Jones, Jennifer Bishop, Heather Spires, Sally Mize, Nikki Wynn, Kayla Owens, Robyn Lovell, Tamara Blanton. Fourth row from left: Stephanie Mason, Jessica Cummins, Tara Denny, Seira Carpenter, Felicia Chestnut, April Chestnut and Brooke Kirby. Back row are coaches Faith Sires and Jessie Denny. Asst. coaches not pictured were Sarah Snyder and Regina Skinner. At left are co-captains Heather Spires and Tara Denny.

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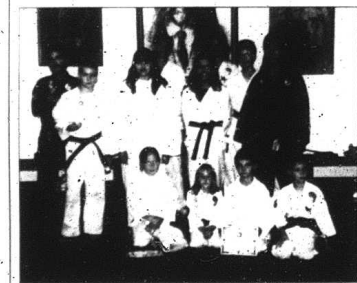
The Rockcastle County Rocket Middle School football team finished the 1999 campaign with a undefeated season and a conference championship. Members of this year's team are shown above, front row, from left: head coach Scott Parkey, Jeff Ramey, Gram Faye, Chris Croucher, Ben Graves, Justin Burkhardt, Brent Clontz and Max Saylor. Back row, from left: Phillip Borsing, Ricky Sandusky, Blake Roberts, Russell Willy, Nick Eaton, Scotty Cromer, Derrick Hurst, Josh Bussell and Gabe Gullfoil. The team was awarded trophies at last week's football banquet.



The 1999-2000 HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) officers from Rockcastle Co. Area Technology Center attended the Fall Leadership Conference in Louisville on October 19th and 20th. The program consisted of motivational and educational speakers, along with activities to influence our jobs as officers. Those attending were, from left: Rhonda Childers, advisor; Storme Ambrose, treasurer; Jamie McFerson, reporter; Cassie Bradley, secretary; Katina McClure, president; Robin Childers, vice-president; Heather Weaver, historian and Heather Kirby, parliamentarian.



Hammond inducted into leadership honorary at Transy
Rockcastle County High School graduate and Transylvania University junior Bethane Hammond has been inducted into the Lampas Circle of Transy Delta Kappa.
In the tradition of the idealism and leadership of George Washington and Robert E. Lee, the founders of ODK formulated the idea that leadership of exceptional quality and versatility in college should be recognized.
Hammond has served as a Student Orientation Leader and is a member of the Crimson Crew and the Beta Beta Beta biological honorary. A member of Phi Delta Epsilon medical fraternity and the Transylvania Pre-Health Society, Hammond also tutors and serves as the men's basketball team videographer.
Hammond, a biology major, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hammond of Mt. Vernon.



Ten students from Eric Bullock's Mt. Vernon Shaolin Karate Club participated in the September 26, 1999 rank advancement testing before Grandmaster Sin The' in Lexington. The students shown here are: front row from left, Jamie Sutton, white to yellow belt; Amanda Law, third brown to second brown belt; Aaron Graves, white to yellow belt; Thomas McClure, first brown to first black belt. Second row from left: Ryan Parsons, blue to green belt; Tammy Robbins, white to yellow belt; Jammy Peyton, blue to green belt; Grandmaster Sin The'. Back row from left: Eric Bullock, Joe King, blue to green belt; Darryl Coffey, first brown to first black belt and James Deborde, white to yellow to blue belt.



Two students from Eric Bullock's Mt. Vernon Shaolin Karate Club tested on September 26, 1999 and received the honor of first degree black belt. Shown above from left are Eric Bullock, Thomas McClure, first degree black belt, Darryl Coffey, first degree black belt and Grandmaster Sin The'.

Blood Drive

(Cont. from front)

quite 50 units, and an organ transplant recipient may use up to 200 blood components.

While it is estimated that nearly 85 percent of Americans will live blood during their lifetime, only five percent of those eligible to give blood actually do. The next person whose life depends on the generosity and civic spirit of a volunteer donor may be your neighbor, your family member, or you.

Give blood on December 7, 1999. All donors will receive a free gift. For more information, call Loreita Robinson, Human Resources Consultant, 679-7413.

Burning Ban

(Cont. from front)

fall is dismal. "It will take a substantial rainfall to improve forest fire conditions. Several inches of slow steady rainfall are needed," Ma tuszewski said.

Firefighters continue to battle fires occurring throughout the state primarily in Eastern and southeastern Kentucky. The National Guard con-

times to provide air and ground support, and several prison crews are also providing fire crews. Pumper Units with operators from South Carolina arrived in Betsy Layne. Tennessee has also provided crew boxes and equipment.

Anyone caught violating this order shall be subject to fines and/or imprisonment as provided in KRS 19A.990 and other fines, penalties, or imprisonment provided by other state laws. To report violations of this order, please call the state police or your local law enforcement officials.

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This 100 pound Doe was shot by Jimmy Thomas on his 30th birthday in Carter County. It's his first deer.



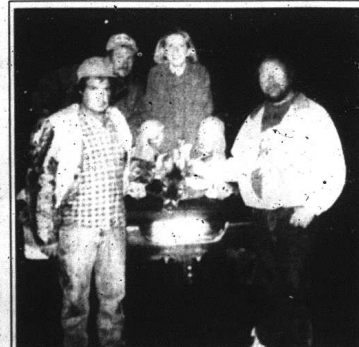
Joanna Lewallen killed this 10 point buck in Allen County on Saturday, Nov. 20th.



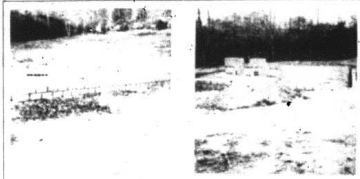
In 41 years I've seen many, many deer and this year I finally killed one.



Congratulations to Phyllis Northern on her nine point buck which she killed November 15th in Wayne County.



"The Drugging Gang" Joanna Lewallen, Edwin Robinson, Gary Marler and Leon Mason. Pictured was taken by Hürst Lewallen.



"A righteous man regards the life of his animal." - Proverbs 12:10

Construction has begun:
The footers has poured, and block work is now in progress on Rockcastle Adoption Agency for pets' animal shelter.

In this season of thanksgiving, we give our thanks to all R.A.A.P.'s supporters on behalf of the stray, dropped off, and unclaimed animals of the Rockcastle County area, we ask for your continued support, as their shelter becomes a reality.

How can you help?
- Volunteer to help with R.A.A.P.'s fundraising activities.
- Send your donations, to be added to the building fund.
- Save and mail in your labels from Heinz and Dad's pet products.
- Donate building materials or labor to R.A.A.P.'s building project.


Direct questions, donations, product labels to:
Rockcastle Adoption Agency for Pets, Inc.
Box 285 Tark Hill Road
Brookhead, KY 40409
or call Terry Lance 758-9226 or Vickie Myers 256-5183

Until the shelter building is completed, we have no place to care for unclaimed animals, however, YOU can
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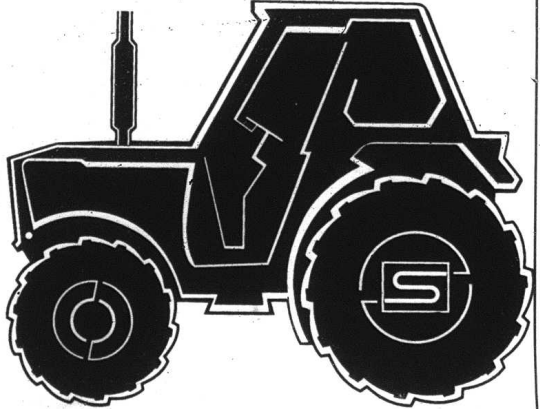
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Obituaries



Wayne McNew

Wayne McNew, 49, of Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, November 21, 1999, at the Rockcastle Hospital. He was born July 6, 1950, in Berea, the son of Irene Coffey McNew and the late Homer McNew. He was a member of the Livingston Christian Church, a mail carrier, a sand blaster for McNew Monument Company, and a member of Woodcroft of the World Lodge #888.

In addition to his mother, Irene McNew of Green Hill survivors are: his wife, Mary Ann Howard McNew and son, Bradley McNew, both of Mt. Vernon; three brothers, Ellis McNew of Conway, Alfred McNew of Beulah, Ridge and Dwight McNew of Clinton; two sisters, Fayé Flinger of Covington and Barbara Thacker of Conway and four nephews, four nieces and several great nieces and nephews.

Services will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday (today), November 24th at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home with Bro. Eddie Hammond and David Patton officiating. Burial will follow in the Bales Cemetery.

Funeralbearers are Lynn Parsons, John Parsons, Willie Hines, Roger Smith, Rudy Burdette, Darrell Collingsworth and Henry VanZant.

Honorary bearers are members of the Rockcastle County High School football, baseball and basketball teams.

Billy Wallin

Billy E. Wallin, 60, of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday, November 9, 1999 at his home. He was born in Brodhead and was a supervisor with Delta Air Lines for 30 years where he retired in 1992. He was a member of Liberty Hills Baptist Church and enjoyed woodworking, fishing and restoring old cars.

Survivors are his wife, Sonja Wallin; three sons, Michael Wallin of Markle, Todd and Keith Wallin, both of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Dana Schmitt of Greenfield; one brother, Roscoe Wallin of Brodhead; four sisters, Bernice Sanders of Brodhead, Joyce, Mink and Betty Ann Whittaker, both of Mt. Vernon and Rosella Wallin of Berea and eight grandchildren and one great grandchild. Services were Saturday, November 13, at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Kwik-Funeral Home. Burial was in the Covington Memorial Gardens.

Amy Smith

Amy Powell Smith, 79, of Dayton, Ohio, died November 17, 1999 in Lexington. Amy is the daughter of the late Alex and Mary Bell Smith Powell, and wife of Ernest Smith of Dayton, Ohio. Amy was retired from Republic Steel as a die maker and was a member of the Baptist faith.

Amy is survived by her husband as well as her daughter, Barbara Faye Winkle of Lexington; two sisters, Clyde Higo of Dayton, Ohio and Annie Jackson of Conway; three brothers, Robert Powell of Berea and Ray Powell of Lexington; two grandchildren and two great grandchildren; two brothers and two sisters preceded her in death, Clarence and Charlie Powell and Edna Bowman and Ruth Powell.

Funeral services were held Monday, November 22, 1999 at the Lakes Funeral Home in Berea with Rev. Charles Shearer officiating. Burial followed in the Isaacs Cemetery at Conway.

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In Memory of All My Family on Thanksgiving Day.
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Lora Westerfield Hamilton
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Their eyes will be hold all the beauty. That the Lord have bestowed. They won't be alone. Their Jesus will be by their side. As they sing to sing hallelujah to the King.

Everyone will be so happy. These little angels voices will be so sweet. They all will sit down by Jesus' feet. I'm so thankful that we can all be together some day.

All can meet at the family circle. Momma and Dad and all the family. When my name is called I will be there. Heaven will be so far.

In Loving Memory of **Thomas William Kirby** who passed away 13 years ago on **November 22, 1986**.

Don't grieve for me for I'm free I'm following the path God laid for me.

I took his hand when I heard him call I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day To laugh, to love, to work or play Tasks left undone must stay that way I found that place at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void Then fill it with remembered joy A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss These things, I too, will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow My life's been full, I savored much Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all to brief Don't lengthen it how with undue grief Lift up your head and share with me God wanted me now. He set me free.

Loved and still missed by wife **Marion**, daughter **Vicky**, sons **Thomas, Jr. and Shane**, grandsons **Rockbery and Joshua**, granddaughter, **Jerrica**, Leanne, Bethann, Rebekah, Lindsay and Ruthann, Mother **Bessie**, brother **Paul**, sisters **Louis, Dot, Lucy, Villa, Lorene, Sue and Jenny**, daughter-in-law **Deanna** and son-in-law **Shawn**.

Cards of Thanks

Herman Spires

Perhaps you sent a lovely card Or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray. If so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words. As any friends could say. Perhaps you were not there at all. Just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts.

We thank you so much whatever the part. The family of **Herman Spires**
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Carvis Powers

Carvis E. Powers, 63, of Crab Orchard, died Thursday, November 18, 1999 at the Rockcastle Hospital after a brief illness. He was born December 6, 1935, in Lincoln County, the son of the late William Emery and Dorothy Celeste Lane Powers. He was a member of the Independent Baptist faith, and the Crab Orchard Masonic Lodge #636. He was a retired mechanic with Consolidated Freight Trucking, an employee of the Lincoln County School system. He was an avid fisherman; enjoyed farming and woodworking.

Survivors are his wife, Grace Evelyn Smith Powers; three sons, Michael Powers of Cincinnati, Ohio, Steve Powers and wife, Connie of Mason, Ohio and Christopher Powers and wife, Jennifer of Cincinnati; two daughters, Karen McGee and husband, Billy of Stockbridge, Georgia and Amy Martin and husband, Tim of Houstonville; seven sisters, Lurlene Pétrey, Clarice Brown, Nellie Brown, Lydia Rogers, Juanita Godby, Annette Bussell, and Dorothy Rowe; five brothers, Harold William, Carlos, John and James Ishmael Powers and seven grandchildren, Chad, Britney, Sean, Elizabeth, James, Kate and Mason. Besides his parents he was preceded in death by three sisters, Lerry Mae, Betty Faye and Otha Lela and one brother, Lilburn Powers.

Services were Sunday, November 21, 1999 at the Marvin E. Owens Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Cecil Roundtree and Shelby Reynolds officiating. Burial was in the Ottawa Cemetery.

Casketbearers were Clint Powers, Donny Powers, Edward Brown, Kevin Bussell, Chad Powers and Mark Brown.

Honorary casketbearers were Charles Powers and Terry Hoskins. Masonic Rites were conducted Saturday, November 20th at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals by the Mason Lodge #636 of Crab Orchard.

Obituaries courtesy of local and surrounding funeral homes



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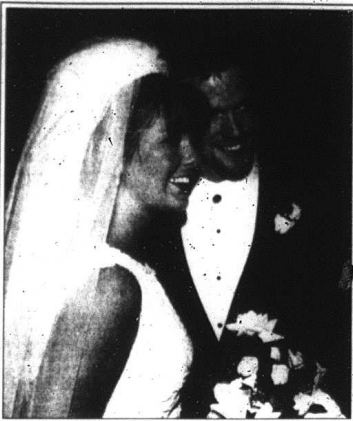
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Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, November 25, 1999



Denney - Wells wed

Jacinda Gayle Denney and William Kent Wells were united in marriage at half past one o'clock in the afternoon on the 7th day of August, 1999 at Broadhead Baptist Church, brother Mark Whicker performed the ceremony.

Ms. Wells is the daughter of Ray and Ramona Denney of Broadhead. She is employed as a Paralegal for Family Court. Mr. Wells is the son of Laura Melton and Larry Wells, both of Wootton, Kentucky. He is employed by Karmes Regional GM Center as head paint-technician.

Jenise Coffey served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Ann Craig and Jessica Wells. Anjelica Rae Craig and Mackenzie Lynn Craig, nieces of the bride served as flower girls.

William Fugate served as best man. Groomsmen included Dallas Salmons and Larry Wells. John Ryan Lambert served as ring bearer. Ms. Caroline Graves served as vocalist and pianist. Sherry Spragens, cousin of the bride, attended to the guest book. Birdseed was distributed by Jenni Beth Neeley, friend of the bride. Videographer was Patrick Craig, brother-in-law of the bride. Floral design was provided by Laura Melton, mother of the groom. Debra Hembree Lambert served as wedding coordinator.

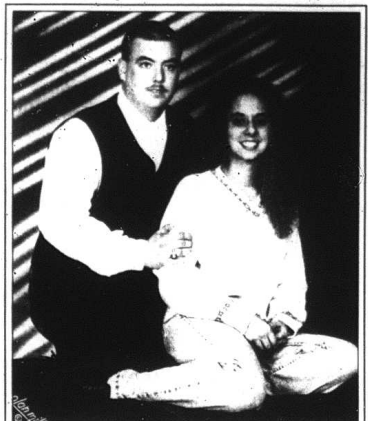
A reception followed the ceremony in the church fellowship hall. Hostesses were June Coleman, Jennifer Neeley, Sherry Spragens, and Joyce Lark.

The couple's wedding trip was to French Lick Springs Spa and Resort in Indiana. They reside in Bronston in Pulaski County.



Whittemore - McFerron

Mr. Randall McFerron and Ms. Marie Whittemore wish to announce their engagement and upcoming marriage. Marie, a data-entry clerk and reservationist at RTCC, is the daughter of Allen VanWinkle and the late Mrs. Jean Whittemore. Randall, a concrete truck driver for Concrete Materials Co. in Richmond, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McFerron. The ceremony will take place at The Rock of Ages Wedding Chapel in Berea on November 26th at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Formal invitations have been sent.



Engagement Announced

Home and Judy Mize of Broadhead would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Shawna Lynn to J.C. Jarris, son of Harold and Carol Harris, also of Broadhead.

It's Christmas time again

By Lu Ed-Nielsen, REAP

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. Thanksgiving Day is just around the corner. Kids are getting anxious to get their order in to Santa at the North Pole. Mom and Dad, Grandma and Grandpa, and even in many families, the Great-Grandparents, are also getting into the Christmas spirit.

My momma always told me that the older you get, the quicker the time flies. I do believe it. I feel like we just had the Easter holidays, and here it is time to look up and see if we can see snowflakes, or rain drops, cold breezes coming from the north, and the trees are now totally bare. We did have a real pretty fall, but it was over all too soon.

Did you sleep in a bed last night? Did you get up this morning and get a drink of water from the faucet? Did you have a nice warm room to get dressed in?

Did you have something to eat before you left for school or work? Did you have warm clothes?

Did you take a nice, warm bath?

If you were able to answer these questions with a YES, consider yourself fortunate. We have many families in Rockcastle County without water, heat, beds, blankets, warm clothes, food and the basic necessities for survival.

Rockcastle Emergency Assistance Program is combining efforts with the Migrant Program, the Family Resource Centers and the local school system to help many of our families have a Christmas holiday that they can remember with happy thoughts.

REAP gets the names that Christian Appalachian Project serves for Christmas, and we get the names from the school resource centers and migrant program. We have a meeting with a representative of the Rockcastle Ministerial Association and see that we do not duplicate names that have already been given to CAP.

This year CAP will serve approximately 250 families, and the list for the schools and migrant program cover another couple of hundred families. These families are referred by teachers, nurses and others who are familiar with the needs of the families. REAP tries to take care of those families who are left out of the above lists, and special needs families (illness, disability, elderly, etc.) who are missed in these lists.

This year we are hoping to take care of 100 special families but it will take donations of money and/or food to reach this goal. Several churches sponsor families and also the Plastic Plant takes families from each school. Renfro Valley has taken over 50 children and will have their wishes on the tree in the valley. Brindle Ridge Baptist Church has already taken several families and First Christian takes families from families. First-Inten is usually a sponsor.

To make this program work it is vital that we all work together. If you would like to make a difference this Christmas for a child, please call and say that you would like to sponsor a child, or a family—or make a donation of money toward a food basket.

REAP has only had \$3,000.00 to purchase food for a year, and monthly donations of \$75.00 for operating expenses. This doesn't go very far, but we appreciate every can good, or penny that we collect.

I would like to thank the National Honor Society at RCHS for their donation of 475 canned goods. This is a good start.


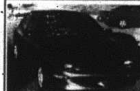

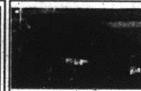
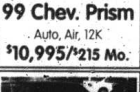
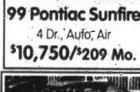








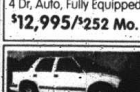
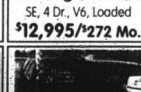
If you would like to take part in the program, please call REAP at 256-3217 or leave word.

The Ministerial Assn. will have a tree in the lobby at the High School on November 24, 1999 for the Thanksgiving program. You can take a card from the tree and be a sponsor.

Count your blessings and help someone else. The blessings come in giving to others—not in receiving. Help us give a HAND UP, NOT A HAND OUT.

Thanks to Ky Health Select and Joyce Bradburn, Mgr. Outreach Education and Development. The Canary Rd. office had a contest with the other Ky Health Select office in Lexington to see who could bring the most food. The Canary Rd. office brought 987 Food items to REAP Ashlee's House. The office in downtown donated their food items to God's Pantry.

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 98 Nissan Altima GXE, Auto, Low Ks. Loaded \$13,500/262 Mo.	 98 Mitsubishi Eclipse SOLD \$13,500/262 Mo.	 97 Toyota Camry 4 Dr. Auto, Fully Equipped \$12,995/252 Mo.	 97 Dodge Caravan SE, 4 Dr., V6, Loaded \$12,995/272 Mo.	97 Olds Delta 88 LS, 31K \$13,995/262 Mo.	97 Chev. Cavalier, 2 Dr., Z24, Alloys, Spoiler, 27K \$9,995/228 Mo.	97 Ford Aspire, 2 Dr., Auto, Air, 38K \$4,750/99 Mo.	96 Saturn, 4 Dr., Auto, Air, 36K \$8,500/179 Mo.	96 Olds Clera, V6, Fully Equipped, Local Trade \$6,500/139 Mo.	95 Chev. Camaro Z28, Auto, Loaded, Local \$10,995/259 Mo.
 96 Chev. Lumina Local SOLD Dealer \$8,500/179 Mo.	 96 Cadillac Sedan DeVille North Star System, Leather, Low Ks Save	 99 Chevrolet SOLD 4X4, 4 Dr., Loaded \$19,995/367 Mo.	 97 GMC Jimmy 4 Dr., 4x4, Sunroof, All Power \$17,995/335 Mo.	90 Cadillac Sedan DeVille Local Trade, Looks Great \$3,995	94 Nissan 4x4 X-Cab, V6, Auto, Local Trade \$8,995/229 Mo.	95 Pontiac Grand Air SOLD Auto, Air, Local \$4,995/129 Mo.	93 Pontiac Grand Am, 4 Dr., Auto, Air, Local \$3,995	99 Olds Cutlass, V6, Loaded \$13,995/272 Mo.	97 Chev. Cavalier, 4 Dr., Auto, Air \$7,995/169 Mo.
 96 Ford Explorer XLT 4x4, SOLD Dealer, 23K \$16,995/335 Mo.	 99 Chev. Silverado Z71, X-Cab, 3rd Dr., 4x4, All Power, UK \$26,500/479 Mo.	 96 Ford Ranger 5 Spd., One Local Owner \$5,995/129 Mo.	 96 Honda Accord 4 Dr., LX, Auto, Fully Equipped \$11,995	97 Ford Taurus GL, Loaded, 37K \$9,995/210 Mo.	97 Buick Skylark, 4 Dr., Auto, Low Miles \$7,995/169 Mo.	98 Nissan Frontier X-Cab XE, 4x4, 9K \$14,995/279 Mo.	92 Lincoln Continental, Local Trade \$4,995	92 Dodge Dakota, X-Cab, V6, Auto, 4x4, Local Trade \$5,995	94 Ford Taurus, Local Trade \$4,995

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County Statistics

Deeds Recorded

Oliver Ellison, real property located on **Clayton Chapel Road**, to **Anthony Langworthy**, Tax \$8,000.
Josephine Adams, executrix, **Bease Smith Estate**, real property located in **Rockcastle County**, to **James E. and Angela D. Mullins**, Tax \$0.00.
Ricky and Sheila Hobson, real property located in **Rockcastle County**, to **Joseph M. and Angela M. Cambson**, Tax \$1,500.
Jack and Betty Hensley, real property located on **Maple Grove Rd.**, to **Kathy Bangh**, Tax \$150.
James Goforth and Greg, and **Debra Poynter**, real property located in **Rockcastle County**, to **James Goforth**, No tax.
Gerald Hale and Donald Hale, real property located in **Rockcastle County**, to **Ranell Hale**, Tax \$3,000.
Masters Commissioners' Deed

from **Durra Kirby**, and others, **granulitis and arthritis and Ester Scriver**, and others, **debtors and real property located in Rockcastle County**, to **William H. Wynn and Wanda Wynn**, Tax \$2,500.
James and Lora, real property located in **Rockcastle County**, to **Darlene K. Myers**, Tax \$5,000.
Harold Patrick and Harold C. Cabell, real property located on **Highway 461**, to **Linda and Mark Linderlich**, No tax.
Bond Geaves, trustee of the estate of **William Leonard Geaves**, real property located in **Rockcastle County**, to **Lisa Lutzmeier Geaves**, Tax \$02.50.
Dennis Larry and Lori Reamer, real property located in **Rockcastle County**, to **Tommie and Lisa Reamer**, Tax \$4,000.

District Civil Suits

Larry Hubbard, \$2,000; **M. M. Munchester**, **Isabel Johnson**, \$1,000; **James Lee Howard**, \$8,000; **Tim Vernon**, **bookmaker**, to **Charles Owens**, **Northern**, \$1,000; **2 Mt. Vernon**, **farmer**, \$1,000.

District Civil Suits

State Automobile Mutual Insurance Company vs. Lomax Carpenters, \$1,097.34 claimed due as result of auto accident. 99-CV-00135.
Fred Hensley vs. James Noe, \$1,500 claimed due for outstanding. 99-CV-00136.

Marriage Licenses

Ann Courtney McKeen, 31, Rt 1, **Muncheystown**, occupational therapist.

Circuit Civil Suits

Rita Evelyn Carpenter vs. Henry Lee Carpenter, petition for dissolution of marriage. 99-CV-00138.
Maria Lyle Hask vs. Douglas Lee Hook, petition for dissolution of marriage. 99-CV-00298.

Plates, dismissed on payment of costs only.
Thomas E. Dines, No Ky. Reg. Plates and other charges, suspended license for failure to appear.
Diane E. Driscoll, **Fines due** (\$213,000), defendant failed to pay or appear. Found in contempt, 10 days in jail.
David J. Henthur, **Speeding**, \$20 fine and costs.
Dallas R. Hubbard, **License not in possession**, \$25 fine and costs, **Reckless driving**, \$100 fine.
Tracy Wayne Hart, **Speeding**, \$20 fine and costs.
Charles D. Leget, **Speeding**, state traffic school authorized on payment of costs.
Ricky L. Lowmes, No Ky. Reg. Plates and Failure to illuminate Head lamps, suspended license for failure to appear.
Gary Michael Lucas, **Fines due** \$490.50, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.
James D. Poyner, **Possession of marijuana**, \$25 fine and costs.
Vincent G. Redding, **Speeding**, \$32 and costs.
Daniel R. Robke, **Defective equipment**, \$20 fine and costs.
Donald D. Seaborn, **No operators license and failure to wear seatbelt**, suspended license for failure to appear.
Melvin Smith, **Dismissed on payment of costs and no contact**.
Mae M. Wynn, **Operating motor vehicle under influence of intoxicants and No insurance**, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.
Brendley K. Woody, **Speeding**, \$34 and costs.
Michael S. York, **Speeding**, \$32 and costs.
Lisa K. McCurry, **Speeding**, \$30 and costs.
Jill K. Ritchie, **Speeding**, \$48 fine and costs.
James R. Muse, **Speeding**, \$20 and costs, **No seat belt**, \$25 fine, **No Ky. Reg. Plates**, \$25 fine.

Work, previously assessed 60 days for failure to appear.
Theresa Gay Bramer, **Alcohol intoxication**, \$25 fine and costs.
Phonita J. McClure, **Giving false name/address**, 7 days in jail/civilize 7 days time served.
Jason B. Stewart, **Operating motor vehicle under influence drugs**, \$300 and costs, \$200 service fee, \$30 victim compensation fund, name serve, **Possession of marijuana**, \$300 fine, **Drug paraphernalia use**, possession, \$25 fine.
Fredley Newcomb, **Speeding**, \$20 and costs, **Driving DUI**, suspended license, 30 days in jail to serve 100 weekends authorized.
James A. Wilson, **Operating motor vehicle under influence drugs**, \$350 fine and costs, \$200 service fee, \$10 victim compensation fund, 30 days in jail/civilize 1-day time served, **Possession of marijuana**, \$300 fine, **No insurance**, \$15, 1999.
Matthew D. Bowling, **Faulty equipment**, \$20 fine and costs.
Trent D. Clark, **Faulty equipment**, \$20 fine and costs.
Alicia M. Cloud, No Ky. Reg. Plates, dismissed on payment of costs.
Dan Cotton III, **Operating ATV on property w/o consent**, \$25 fine and costs; **Operating ATV w/ headgear**, \$25 fine; **No operators license in possession**, \$50 fine.
Micky L. Creech, **Illegal possession pursue/turkey deer**, \$100 fine and costs and forfeit and confiscate 30 rifle and scope; **Res. Hunt fish trap w/ license stamp**, \$25 fine; 5 fine and costs; **Carrying concealed weapon**, dismiss on forfeiture of weapon.

Guerrity W. Fife, **Improper seat**, \$25 fine and costs; **Indiscreet admission**, \$25 fine.
James M. Flammig, **Faulty equipment**, \$20 fine and costs.
Gerard C. Hillman, **No insurance**, \$500 fine and costs, suspended \$150.
Adam R. Higgins, **Operating on suspended license**, suspended license for failure to appear.
James W. Hance, **Operating on suspended license and other charges**, suspended license for failure to appear.
Eddie J. Lamb, **Disregarding stop signs**, \$25 fine and costs; **License not in possession**, \$50 fine; **No insurance**, \$500 fine/suspend \$450.
Frankie Lynn Powell, **Owes \$500 restitution and other fees**, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.
Jonathan C. Price, **Improper seat**, \$25 and costs.
George Michael Rice, **Possession of Marijuana**, \$100 fine and costs.
Charlotte A. Remmer, **No Ky. Reg. Plates and other charges**, suspended license for failure to appear.
Christie Ann Scaff, **One headlight, dismiss on payment of costs.**
J.C. Whitt, **No Ky. Reg. Plates**, \$25 fine and costs; **Exp. Reg. Receipt**, \$25 fine.
Robert J. Woodbridge, **Improper passing**, \$25 fine and costs.
Walter L. Collins, **Improper parking-shoulder road**, suspended license for failure to appear.
William J. Wales, **Improper parking-shoulder road**, \$20 fine and costs.
Thomas J. Carpenter, **Operating motor vehicle under influence of drugs**, \$200 fine and costs, \$200 service fee, \$10 victim compensation.

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District Court News

Hon. Michael L. Henry
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Donald Abney Fines due \$400.50, defendant failed to appear, found guilty of contempt in absentia, 30 days in lieu of fines owed.
Cathy Diane Baker, **Possession of marijuana**, 30 days in jail, to serve 3 credit 3 days time served and \$250 fine and costs.
Ricky Barron, **Harassment**, \$100 fine and costs, fine suspended on condition of no contact, no trouble.
Jane K. C. mamon No Ky. Reg.


ABSOLUTE ESTATE Auction

of the late Ms. Martha Brown's

Bedford Stone House, Barn & 93 Acres, m/l Tobacco Allotment • Machinery • Personal Property

Saturday, November 27th at 10:00 a.m.

Clear Creek Section of Rockcastle County, Near Berea.



Location: From Berea, follow KY 100 to State route 1787 for the stone. Turn on 1787 (Clear Creek Road) and 1.1 miles to the old Bedford Pop. Office. Turn right and go about 1/2 mile to the auction site from the corner turnoff. 1.14 miles turn on 161754 (Old Clear Creek). Proceed approximately 6 miles to State Route 1787 (see the picture page).

In order to settle the estate of the late Ms. Brown, her heirs have authorized our firm to sell this picturesque farm at absolute auction.
 The farm consists of 93 acres m/l with 18 1/2 acres of crop and pasture land and a balance in woods. It is improved with a barn, pond and spring.
 The farm is also improved with the above pictured Bedford Stone home features 3 bedrooms, kitchen, dining room, living room w/ fireplace, family room, 1 1/2 baths and a large multi-purpose/recreation room. In addition, there is a full unfinished basement with space and 1 1/2 car garage. Other amenities include: ceiling cable heat washer, hardwood floors, washer/dryer hookup and spring water. However, city water is available.
 The 1999 barn, tractors & allotment of 1 1/2 lbs. will sell separately from the farm.

Auctioneer's Note: If you're looking for privacy, convenience and a fantastic view, consider this property. There is also the possibility of some marketable timber on the property. Remember, this is an absolute auction and the last bid will buy.

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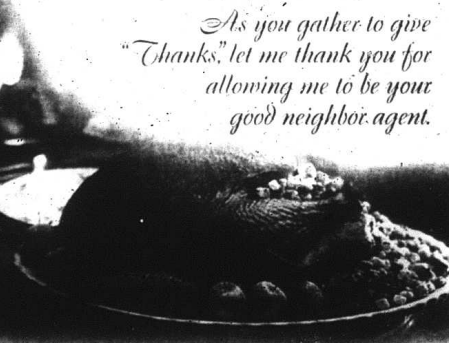
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Library News

By Geraldine Robbins



"Happy Thanksgiving" to all our patrons and friends of the library from the staff and trustees of the Rockcastle Co. Library. This is a special time for all of us to get together with our families and give thanks for the many blessings we have been allowed to enjoy this year. We all take a lot of things for granted but we need to stop and take time to count the wonderful blessings that God has provided for each of us.

I expect to have most of my family home with us for this special occasion. Some of them will be traveling from another state and we are always anxious until they arrive and then get back home safely.

There are a lot of cars on the road at this time and most have very safe drivers but we see some that are driving dangerously and doesn't have any consideration for others on the road. I'm hoping we will all be very alert to avoid an accident during this holiday season. The library will be closed on Thursday the 25th, Thanksgiving Day, but will reopen Friday the usual time.

Since the weather is getting much colder, we are hoping to see more of our friends coming to use the many services now available at the library. The *Lexington Herald* is here daily for our friends to browse through. There is a wide variety of magazines available, a good selection of videos and audio tapes. We have six computers for the public and they are all being used most of the day. I continually get new books for adults as well as children's books. The best sellers and Oprah Winfrey's selection of the month are always purchased. We have a waiting list for the best sellers since we can't buy enough volumes for each patron that request them.

Some new novels are now available. *Heating Buttons* by Tony Hillerman. In 1998 three heavily armed "survivalists" came out of the Four Corners canyons in a stolen truck. They murdered a policeman, had a shootout with pursuers, and then smashed eluding a manhunt that eventually involved hundreds of officers from more than 120 federal

and state agencies. The crime and the bungled FBI investigations left behind a web of mysteries.

Ninety by Michael Crichton. This new science fiction novel opens on the threshold of the twenty-first century. It is a world of exploding advances on the frontiers of technology. Information moves instantly between two points, without wires or networks. Computers are built from single molecules. Any moment of the past can be actualized and a group of historians can enter, literally, life in fourteenth-century feudal France. Imagine the risks of such a journey!

Mr. Crichton combines a science of the future - the emerging field of quantum technology with the complex realities of the medieval past.

Oprah's Book Club selection, *River Cross My Heart* by Brenea Clarke... six-year-old Clara Bynum is dead, drowned in the Potomac River in the shadow of an apparently haunted rock known locally as the Three Sisters.

We see the effect of Clara's absence on the people she has left behind her parents, Alice and Willie Bynum, torn between the old world of rural North Carolina home and the new world of the city, to which they have moved in search of a better life for themselves and their children. Also, the friends and relatives of the Bynum family in the Georgetown community they now call home. But most of all, Clara's sister, twelve-year-old Johnnie May, who must come to terms with the powerful and confused emotions sparked by her sister's death.

A powerful first novel by Brenea Clarke.

From Our Files

35 Years Ago, Nov. 19, 1964
 Homer Neikirk was sworn in as Commonwealth Attorney by Circuit Judge R. C. Tartar.

Circuit Court was held for the first time in the still unfinished new courthouse.

Livingston High School placed first in the 4-H Talent Show Club Act and Livingston 5th and 6th Grade Club placed first in the Specialty Act at the seventh annual 4-H Talent Show held at Livingston High School.

The Mt. Vernon Red Devils, under the direction of Coach Jack Lawwell, were scheduled to open their season at Crab Orchard.

Basin and Robinson Dept. Store in Mt. Vernon was scheduled to open November 20th in the building formerly occupied by Barnett's Grocery.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Witt, Mrs. Hazel Mullins, Miss Darlene Lakes, Miss Rena Zimmerman, Stephen Bullen and Earl Roberts attended the Ky. Farm Bureau State Convention in Louisville.

35 Years Ago, Nov. 26, 1999
 Winners of the Gospel Sing at the Harvest Festival at Renfro Valley were Val Roy Wright and Dewey Roberts, accompanied by Doris Wright on the piano.

Rockcastle's Countians student teaching in their senior year at Eastern Kentucky State College were Nancy Parkerson, physical education, Bigge Towery, social studies and Harry Holland, physical education.

Jim Earl Hammock, dressed as Miss Cleo-Pat-Her, won the beauty contest at the Renfro Valley Harvest Festival. Taking second place was Miss Minnie Poe "Shorty" Moore and third was the Merry Widow Douglas Hysinger. Other participants were Robert Pybas, Ole Joe Clark, Lee Earl Hysinger, Alfred Sparks and Dr. Jack Lewis.

20 Years Ago, Nov. 15, 1979
 New officers and directors of the Rockcastle Kiwanis Club were installed. M.L. Becker, president; Harold Ballinger, secretary and treasurer; and Bill James, vice-president. New directors are: John Holbrook, Greg Stephens, Mike Bryant, Ron Cain and Gillis Craig.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cromer celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary November 7 with a dinner given by their children at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Bethada Mullins. Tammy Huffines won first prize.

Valerie Isaacs, second and Mary Sue Alsip, third, in the DAR Constitution Essay Contest.

30 Years Ago, Nov. 22, 1999
 The Rockcastle County Bass Club won the Kentucky Bass Association State Championships. Members of the club were: Mark Bray, C.K. Corneilus, Ronnie McClure, C.C. Ponder, Johnny-Hamm, Mark McKinney and Johnny DeBoard.

Charles Norris and Johnny Hamm were winners of the 7th and 8th tournaments held by the Rockcastle Co. Bass Club.

Attending the Tri-State Music Festival from the RCHS Choral Dept. were: Mona Bivins, Teresa Glovak, Michele Dick, Debbie Wallen, Ricky Pugh, Kerlin Russell, Billy Cameron, Tracy Gabbard, and Kathy Bullock. Selected to attend the Quad-State Music Festival at Murray State University from RCHS were: Michelle Dick, Ronnie Cameron, Teresa Glovak, Richard Burton, Ricky Phelps, Mona Bivins and Kathy Bullock.

5 Years Ago, Nov. 17, 1994
 Amy Jo McClure was crowned Homecoming Queen at Sue Bennett College.

The Rockcastle Rockets football team lost 30-0 to the Danville Admirals in the regional playoffs.

Ina Taylor of Livingston, Economic Alternatives in Progress (LEAP) won a \$1,000 Resourceful Women Leadership Award.

The Rockcastle Hospice Organization held an Open House at their new location at the Rockcastle Industrial Park. Mayor Gary Cromer officiated at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

5 Years Ago, Nov. 24, 1994
 Republican gubernatorial candidate Larry Forgy was the featured speaker at the annual Rockcastle Farmers-Business Banquet.

Open House at the new Rockcastle Co. High School was set for Dec. 4th.

Hal Hunt was the recipient of the Rockcastle Co. Master Conservatorist Award at their annual banquet.

The sixth grade Lady Rockettes, coached by John Harris and Melissa Singleton, won the first ever sixth grade invitational tournament by defeating Corbin in overtime of the championship game. Named to the all-tournament team were Jessie Rocketts, Amber Fain and Ashley Lawson.

Attending a National FFA meeting in Colorado were: Angie Parsons, president and other club officers; Lindsay Dowell, Sharon Hensley, Jaime Parkey, Shauna Stevens, Brandy Chastain, Ginger Mink and Julie Allen.

The Family Room

By Dr. Don Whitehead

What Is It Like To Be Abused?

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Abuse was a word - nothing that applied to me.

I lived my life thinking this was normal and the way things were to be. It was raised that your husband was the head of the house.

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As most women just like me, I never gave up on how I hoped things would be.

The rest of the world saw him as a really great guy.

No one would have believed me if they knew so why even try!

You live this way for so many years. In a brainwashed condition, hiding all your heartaches and fears.

The madness you live in becomes a way of life.

You build a wall around you and continue in the strife.

Each time when it's over, he says "I'm sorry I hurt you so."

You really believe if you so want it to be true.

Deep down you tell yourself if you stay and just better - refusing to see it's already too late.

My whole life's gone to be a good mother and wife.

I didn't have the courage to take the way but to a better life.

I thought that staying was something I had to do.

Refusing to realize this wasn't true. If I would just learn to do everything right.

Our lives would be happy, the days would be bright.

Feeling everything that happened was because of me.

I spent all my life trying to do what he wanted me to be.

I took the death of my husband and friend the abuse for me.

For thirty-eight years I buried my head and refused to see.

Now like a bird out of a nest I have to learn to fly.

There's a new life waiting, but I have to try.

Take the first step. Don't be like me. You'll then realize what it really means to be free.

Take one day at a time and don't look back.

Think about the future - keep your mind on the right track. The pain will get better - it will never go away.

But you'll see it gets easier with each day.

May God bless and keep you - close by his side.

Put your faith and trust in him - let him be your guide.

He'll never hurt you. He'll stay right with you.

The love of God - we know is forever true.

"Court News"

Cont. from B2

fund; Possession of marijuana, \$100 fine. Use/possession drug paraphernalia, \$25 fine.

Arnold Stacy Durham, DUI, 2nd offense, \$350 fine and costs, \$200 service fee, \$10 victim compensation fund, 30 days credit 4 days time served, Driving DUI suspended license, \$100 fine, 10 days credit 4 days time served; Possession of marijuana, \$100 fine; Carrying concealed weapon, 4 days credit 4 days time served; forfeit knife to MVPD.

Joseph T. March: Speeding, paid \$58 and costs \$92.15.

Tony R. Mills: Contempt court-slender libel, 30 days in lieu of fines and costs.

Thomas R. Poe, Jr.: Speeding, paid \$112.15 fine and costs.

Ronald D. Seaborn: License not in possession \$25 fine and costs.

Johnnie M. Tobby: Speeding, paid \$91.50 fine and costs.

Paul L. Wheat: Speeding, paid Bradley K. Woody: Speeding, paid \$34 fine and costs.

Andy Smekens: Exp. Plates, \$25 fine and costs.



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NOTICES

Notice: Applications will be accepted for the position of County Emergency Management Director for Rockcastle County. A listing of job duties and qualifications for the position can be picked up at the office of the County Judge/Executive, Monday through Friday, during normal business hours. Applications will be accepted through close of business on Dec. 10, 1999. Rockcastle County is an equal opportunity employer. 8a1

Notice: Rockcastle County Fiscal Court will be opening sealed bids to the highest bidder for sale of approximately 200 theater style seats that must be bolted to the floor. Sealed bids will be accepted until Dec. 2, 1999 at 9:00 a.m. at the office of the County Judge/Executive on the second floor of the courthouse. 8a1

Posted: No hunting, no trespassing on Crawford Place - Old Brookhead Road. Danny Smith. 476a

No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Victoria Reese on U.S. 25 at Roundstone. Not responsible for accidents. 56a

Posted: No trespassing or hunting on property belonging to Eugene LaFavers, 125 acres in Brookhead and Lincoln Co. 7a8

Posted: NO HUNTING OR TRESPASSING on property belonging to John or Pam Ramsey Chalfin on Clear Creek. (Property formerly known as Mac Ballinger/Ed Ramsey place) Not responsible for accidents. Violators will be prosecuted. 5a3

Posted: Absolutely no hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Margaret Jones on Copper Creek. Not responsible for accidents. Violators will be prosecuted. 6a3pd

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on any land belonging to Zi Graves, Judy Kennedy, Rodney Graves or Polly Abney located in the Buffalo area. Violators will be prosecuted. 8a3

Notice: Is hereby given that Ed Curtis McHargue, PO Box 17, Livingston, KY 40445 has been appointed Executor of the Estate of Mary W. McHargue, 420 Main St., PO Box 17, Livingston, KY 40445 on the 1st day of November, 1999. Any person having claims against said Estate shall present them according to law, to the said Ed Curtis McHargue, to Hon. William D. Gregory, PO Drawer 220, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before May 1, 2000. 6a3

Notice: Is hereby given that Carolyn Collins, Rt. 2 Box 92,

Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Guardian of the estate of Adam Collins, a minor child on the 15th day of November, 1999. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Carolyn Collins or to Hon. William D. Gregory, PO Drawer 238, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before May 17, 2000. 8a1

Notice: Is hereby given that Cleasie Reynolds, 595 Highway 328 E., Crab Orchard, KY 40419 has been appointed Executor of the estate of Lloyd Reynolds, 595 Hwy. 328 E., Crab Orchard, KY 40419, on the 16th day of November, 1999. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Cleasie Reynolds or to Hon. Rejey J. Cox, Clontz & Cox, P.O. Box 1350, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before May 17, 2000. 8a3

Notice: Is hereby given that Katherine M. Green, 4030 Taets Creek Road, #1142, Lexington, KY 40217 has been appointed Executor of the estate of Edward D. Mullins, Rt. 3 Box 167, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on the 17th day of November, 1999. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Katherine M. Green on or before May 17, 2000. 8a3

Notice: Is hereby given that John D. Cromer, Rt. 3 Box 830, Brookhead, KY 40409, has been appointed Administrator of the estate of Melvin Bassell, Apt. 45, Castle Village, Brookhead, KY 40409, on the 10th day of November, 1999. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said John D. Cromer on or before May 10, 2000. 8a3

United States District Court Eastern District of Kentucky London
Criminal No. 98-79
United States of America Plaintiff
VS.
Troy D. Bullock Defendants

Notice is hereby given, that on September 17, 1999 in the above-captioned case, the Honorable Jennifer B. Coffman, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky, entered an order condemning and forfeiting the following property:
Two Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars (\$26,697.00) in United States Currency

You are hereby notified that the United States intends to dispose of this property in such a manner as the United States Attorney General may direct Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(n) (l), if you have a legal interest in this property, **WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS** of receipt of this notice, you must petition the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of your alleged legal interest in this property. If a hearing is requested, it shall be held before the Court alone, without a jury.

The Partition Request signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury, as established in 28 U.S.C. §1746, and shall set forth the nature and extent of your right, title or interest in each item of property, the nature and conditions of your right, title or interest in each item of property, and any additional facts supporting your claim and the relief sought.

IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A PETITION TO ASSERT YOUR RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THIS NOTICE, YOUR RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST IN THIS PROPERTY SHALL BE LOST AND FORFEITED TO THE UNITED STATES. THE UNITED STATES THEN SHALL HAVE CLEAR TITLE TO THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED AND ANY FURTHER GOOD TITLE TO ANY SUBSEQUENT PURCHASER OR TRANSFEREE.

All petitions must be filed with the United States District of Kentucky, London District, at the following address: United States District Court Clerk, P.O. Box 5171, London, Kentucky 40345-5171. You must serve a copy of your petition upon the United States Attorney at the following address: Joseph L. Formulario, United States Attorney, David J. Olingo, Jr., Assistant U.S. Attorney, Forfeiture Unit, P.O. Box 3077, Lexington, Kentucky 40588-3077.

Joe R. Mullins
United States Marshal
Eastern District of Kentucky
Dated November 4, 1999

Notice of Bond Release
In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350, notice is hereby given that Browning Coal & Mine, Inc., P.O. Box 696, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456, intends to apply for bond release on permit no. 902-0049, increment no's. 1 & 2, which was last issued on Sept. 15, 1989. The application covers an area of approximately 44.96 acres located 3.00 miles east of Pongo in Rockcastle County. The permit area is approximately 0.3 miles East from Long Branch Road's junction with Skeggs Creek Road and located 0.2 miles NE of Skeggs Creek. The latitude is 37:14:50 and the longitude is 84:18:35. The total Letter of Credit bond now in effect for the permit is \$20,700.00 (\$85,900 for Inc. #1 and \$34,800 for Inc. #2) dollars of which 100 percent is to be included in this application for Phase III bond release. Reclamation work performed includes: (date completed) Backfilling, regrading, redistribution of topsoil material and the initial seed-

ing. **Permits** thus far achieved: The area has achieved a cover of grass and is suitable for the regulated area. In permit 209. **Written comments, objections, requests for a conference** must be filed with the Director of the Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 1027 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. **Requests** must be received by December 29, 1999, closing date (20) days after last advertisement.

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Holiday Treats

By: Hazel Jackson
County Extension Agent for
Family and Consumer Science



Holiday time is the time for food, food, and more food. Eating is a healthy, necessary part of life, but holiday treats should not become so common place that they are eaten in large amounts all year around. Moderation is the rule of thumb. At holiday time, food is often part of many traditions. Traditions are what make holidays different and special. Holiday treats should be considered special and reserved for these special times.

During the holiday season don't serve high fat and sugar-free sweet desserts, unless the dessert is part of the celebration. Some traditional desserts and treats can be altered to make them healthier. Children enjoy foods more if they help prepare them.

With a little thought, educational cooking sessions with kids can be meaningful and memorable. Establish some ground rules like:
Safety First - Instill a healthy respect for sharp knives and hot ranges. Talk about using hot pans, turning pan handles away from the edge of the stove and keeping towels and pot holders away from hot burners.

Wash hands - Emphasize hand washing before cooking and often during the process.
Clean up - Make sure that the

young cook understands that part of cooking is cleaning up, as you go and afterwards. Point out that spills are easier mopped up before given a chance to set.

The skills and ages of your children will determine what parts of these desserts they can make. The following is an easy recipe to share with your children.

Holiday Trifle

- 0.9 ounce pkg sugar-free instant vanilla pudding
- 8 ounce fat and sugar-free fruited yogurt
- 1 Angel Food cake, broken into bite-size pieces
- 1 3/4 cups skim milk
- 3 cups fruit, sliced

Within 2 minutes of making pudding mixture, start layering the dessert. Make the instant pudding with milk. Add the yogurt. In a large serving bowl, layer half the cake pieces, a third of the fruit and half of the pudding mixture.

Repeat layers. Arrange remaining fruit on top. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours.

Per serving: Calories 202, fat 7g, sodium 358 mg, fiber 1gm.

For more information on holiday treats, contact the Extension Office at 256-2403.

Farm News

By: Tom Mills
County Extension Agent
for Agriculture

Poinsettia Safety Rumors Surface as Holidays Approach

Each holiday season rumors surface about poinsettias being toxic, despite abundant scientific evidence to the contrary.

The telephone rings and a university scientist fields another question about the danger of this popular holiday plant.

In the grocery store, a woman is overheard saying that she wouldn't buy a poinsettia because they are poisonous.

Poinsettias are one of the most widely consumer-tested plants over the years, university tests consistently have shown no toxicity, behavioral changes or mortality, even at very high doses.

Public concern from poinsettia safety probably stems from an unconfirmed report that a boy died from eating a poinsettia about 100 years ago.

Poinindex Information Service, a primary resource of poison control centers, states that a 50 pound child would have to ingest 500 to 600 leaves to exceed experimental, no-

toxic doses. People might think poinsettias are poisonous because they have a milky sap. Plants with this type sap are generally considered poisonous. However, testing has shown the poinsettia is not toxic.

Although not poisonous, the poinsettia is classified as a non-edible plant. It has a latex sap that could cause a skin reaction in sensitive individuals who ingested massive amounts. The best advice is to keep non-edible plant material out of reach if you have active, curious children or pets at home.

Poinsettias are among the most popular potted flowering plants grown in this country. The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates 45 to 50 million plants are sold annually. More than 300,000 plants are grown in Kentucky each year.

Rockcastle County High School FFA members will be accepting poinsettia orders now through December 1. Contact a FFA member or officer to place an order.

Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Payment Eligibility

A limitation on the total annual payments that a "Person" may receive under agricultural programs has been in effect since the enactment of the Agricultural Act of 1970.

A "person" for payment limitation purposes may be many things including an individual, partnership, company, corporation, association, trust, etc.

For an individual or entity to be considered a separate "person," the individual or entity must have a separate and distinct interest in the land or crop involved, exercise separate responsibility and maintain funds separate from that of any other individual or entity for this interest.

The basic regulations apply to payments and benefits made under a variety of programs, including production flexibility contract (PFC) payments, loan deficiency payments (LDP), and conservation payments such as Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) and Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

The following summarizes payment limitation amounts for some of the programs for which payment limitation applies:

Program or Payment	Payment Limitation
PFC	\$40,000
LDP	\$75,000
EQIP	\$10,000
CRP	\$50,000

The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2000, amended to increase the payment limitation for marketing loan gains and LDP's from \$75,000 to \$150,000 per person, for

eligible crops produced in the 1999 crop year only.

Producers who have marketed a quantity of an eligible 1999 crop and/or did not receive LDP or marketing loan gain because of payment limitation, may now apply to receive LDP or marketing loan gain as of the date the quantity was marketed or re-deemed up to \$150,000 per person.

USDA Food Drive
The USDA is again holding a nationwide food drive through December 16, 1999, in all local, State, Regional and National USDA headquarters offices.
Please support this effort by bringing canned goods and nonperishable food items to the FSA office the next time you stop by our office for donation. These items will be taken to a local food bank for distribution in the county for those in need. Again, we solicit your help-jointly imagine if each one of us only brought in 1 can of food - what a difference that would make in our county!
Office Closure: FSA Office will be Closed - Thursday, November 25th in observance of Thanksgiving Day. The office will reopen Friday, November 26th at 7:30 a.m.

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WHAT SAITH THE SCRIPTURES

We conclude our series of short studies about the Lord's supper by talking about **who** is partake of it, and the **where** of it.
Consider what Paul said in 1 Cor 11:27-28: "Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup." A "man" a human being, is the one who is partake of this memorial supper. Each individual Christian is to eat the bread and drink the cup. Nobody can eat or drink for me. Each one is to examine themselves, and to partake worthily, i.e., in a worthy manner ASV.
Let us observe where the Lord's supper is partaken of. In Ac 20:7 the text said, "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread," the disciples came together. In 1 Cor 11:17-20, "For first of all, when ye come together in the church, when ye come together therefore into one place." So the Lord's supper is partaken wherever the saints gather together, at the appointed place. Whether they meet at the riverside, in a store front, in a building, at someone's house, wherever the disciples come together on the first day of the week, that is the place to partake of this memorial with fellow disciples. It is not right for me to forsake the assembling together, Heb 10:25, and go to the lake to fish, and pop out a little grape juice and bread and have the Lord's supper there. Let us follow the biblical pattern of the when, why, what, who, and where of the Lord's supper.
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RCHS makes the grade on CATS

by Tara Cox

"We are all winners!" Ms. Ruth Allen, RCHS principal, exclaimed during a pep rally after the football team's victory over Whitley County earlier this month. But she wasn't talking about only football.

Rockcastle County High School outscored 6 surrounding schools last spring on the CATS (Commonwealth Accountability Testing System) test. The only school scoring higher than RCHS was South Laurel High School.

The results of the test were released for public viewing in the Mount Vernon Signal on October 7 and an RCHS and Vocational School staff meeting was held after school the following Tuesday.

At the meeting Mrs. Betty Jo McKinney, RCHS assistant principal in charge of education and

curriculum, presented the scores to the staff members and reviewed the results.

"I was ecstatic to see that the reading scores were in the 70's. I was happy to see that the students had done so well." Ms. Susan Norton, English teacher, stated.

Over several years there has been a decrease in the amount of novice test scores in content areas (reading, mathematics, social studies, and science) and last year was no exception. The percentages of these scores range from five to eighteen percent.

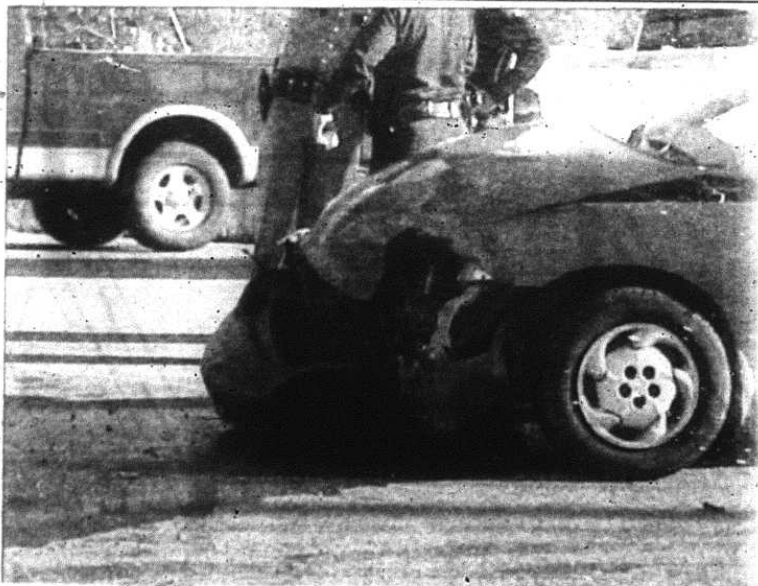
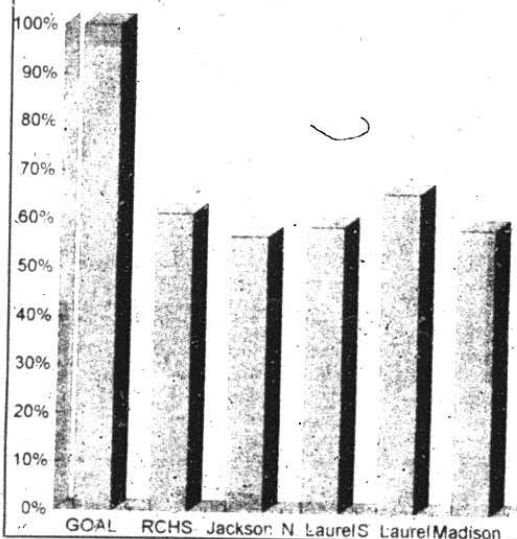
However, of last year's juniors, 49% scored a novice on the arts and humanities portion of the test. Also, 55% of last year's sophomores scored either a novice or nonperformance on the practical living/vocational studies test.

In response to these scores and how the practical living/vocational studies department plans on improving them, Ms. Robyn Johnson stated "We are going to practice open responses and core content in everything we do."

In addition to these plans, a new class has been added to RCHS. Arts and Humanities, taught by Ms. Allene Cornelius, is a required class for all sophomores and many expect it to aid in improving the test scores.

Very few people received distinguished test scores. The highest percentage of these was in mathematics and five percent of those taking the test received them. The next highest was four percent in the social studies category. Both tests were taken by last year's juniors.

How did RCHS compare to area schools?



October 22, Ms. Allene Cornelius' car was struck by a white pickup truck that ran the traffic light at the entrance to the school. Ms. Cornelius suffered torn ligaments in her left arm, while her son, Justin, who was also in the car, suffered a sprained right ankle. This was the second accident in just a few weeks to happen at the traffic light. Only a few days earlier, another teacher, Ms. Dana Singleton, was also hit at the light.

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School hallways, student highways

by Andrea Horner

Every school year starts out with the same problems, which lessen as the year goes by. This year, however, the crowded hallways of RCHS have yet to thin out. It is now the end of October and the halls seem to be getting worse.

Throughout the day many students use the stairs to reach the lower level of the school building. The simple act of crossing the hallway to reach these stairs now takes precise timing. As if in your car, you look left, right, then left again, and dash across the hallway. Be warned, you may risk getting shoved, pushed, or even knocked down by the traffic in the hallway.

One of the major contributions to hallway traffic are the large amounts of students waiting for their instructor who has hall duty. Why can't these students meet their teacher in the hallway in which he or she is on duty? The students could gather along the wall beside the bathroom. This should keep

Students still walk on the wrong side of the hallways as well. This adds to the traffic problems already in effect. At our school, there is an unspoken rule that you walk on the right side of the hallway. Apparently, some students are not

aware of this custom, or choose not to acknowledge.

Accessing your locker between classes becomes a hopeless mission. Prepare your fingers for a brutal smashing because that's what will happen when students bump and bang into you. On the other hand, you may be one who finds it difficult to make your way down the hallway because of the students who actually managed to make it to their locker, but take up half the hallway in the process.

The excessive loitering in the hallways is a large thorn in the student body's side as well. But what can we do? Treat the hallways as highways and put up road signs? Imagine having a "wrong way" sign on the left side of each hallway and stop signs at the "intersections" or better yet, have a hallway patrolman. Give someone a ticket if they walk on the wrong side of the hallway. Place "no loitering signs" up around the elevator entrances and trophy case, too.

Finally, here is a suggestion for all you "aggressive hallwayers": stop shoving, stay on your side, and don't stop in the middle of the hallway. Those of you who have trouble getting to class because of these people, ask them politely to let you by, if they choose not to acknowledge you, plow on through.

New dress code taking away students rights

by Sahlana Sebastian

Every year, students at RCHS are faced with a new dress code and punishments: following the violations of it. On October 5, the SBDM Council approved a new dress code for all formal events.

The only thing students had the slightest control over was the formal wear on such occasions as prom, the military ball, Jamboree Bowl, etc., but even those rights have been taken away.

Some of the dress code policies are necessary to keep a sense of decorum. For example, the neckline of the dress should be

suitable and not show too much skin. If there was no dress code, I know that some students at RCHS would bare most of their body, if not all.

Although most of these rules are understandable, some are ludicrous. Consider the new rule pertaining to spaghetti strap dresses: *At any formal events girls may wear sleeveless dresses, but no halter tops, spaghetti straps or revealing neck lines (except for prom).*

What is the difference between a skinny strap and a wide strap? They both show skin; they

are both revealing. The only difference I can think of is that the spaghetti strap is more elegant and formal for such occasions as Homecoming.

Why even have a dress code for the formal events?

Personally, I feel that the students at RCHS overall have a reasonably good selection of clothing for formal events. Yes, there have been some students in the past who went a little far, but making a new dress code for formal events isn't really going to solve the problem. There might as well be a rule for hair styles.

Girls responsibilities Vs Guys responsibilities

by Melissa Paquette

Think back to that recent day, when your father or brother asked your mom or another girl in the house where something of their's was. Most likely you remember this in detail. This is probably because it happens so often. Do you know why that is? See, most guys are irresponsible. We know it, so do they. They're just too macho to admit it.

Who cooks dinner in your house? Maybe it's your father, but probably not. If your mom for-

gets to cook dinner then you guys might have an empty tummy. It seems like a woman's responsibilities are rather important. Lets go back, way back, to the day you first came into this place. Hmmm... I don't think your father carried you for nine months and brought you into this world. That seems like a huge responsibility.

When you were younger you were most likely taught right from wrong, how to be polite and you

were given morals. Now lets say both of your parents work. Well as I recall, my mom taught me all those things and more, not my dad. In fact, many of you might recall that your mom taught you how to be polite and the right way to do things, at the same time she was holding a job. Wow, working and raising a child that seems like a lot of responsibilities. We should have two Mother's Days a year. One just isn't enough for the continued to page 13

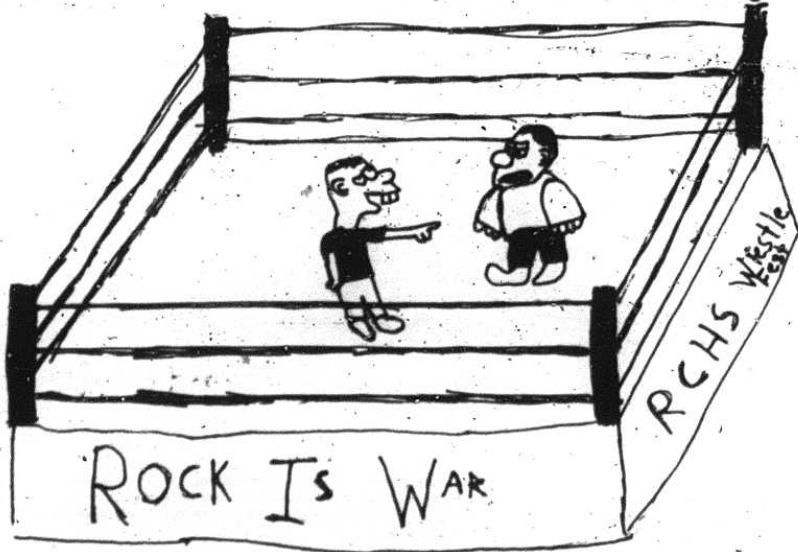
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Can't we all just get along?



Down the Hall

What is your plan for getting through the crowded hallways?



Marie Collins--freshmen
"I just push them (students) out of my way."

Daphne Adams--sophomore

"I get behind somebody really tall so they can push everyone out of the way."



Chelsen Stratton--junior
"If everyone would just stay to the right of the hall, and if people would stop hugging each other and just walk."



Michael King--senior
"I push them (the students) away."



Cindy Ham--science teacher
"I just pretend like I'm on the road. I stay to the right--except for on the Senior wall!"



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
I enjoyed this month's *Rocket*. The article that moved me was "Is there danger in meeting for prayer?"...

Meeting for prayer is a wonderful idea. But it's awful that it is impossible: you cannot even feel safe while praising God. The school has really been trying to put forth effort in keeping us safe, but I feel there's more they could do.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Miller

Dear Editor,
I really enjoyed reading this edition of *The Rocket*. I found the articles, as well as the students' opinion, very interesting. "Is there danger in meeting for prayer?" was an article that quickly grabbed my attention, simply because the article applied to me, as well as several of my classmates.

The students' opinions that are included allow me to understand and know what my classmates are thinking.

The Rocket is a great way to inform the students, as well as the community, about what is happening here at RCHS.

Sincerely,
Angie Boreing

Dear Editor,
The Rocket is a good school newspaper. But I think you should concentrate more on the school and the students and staff.

What I look for in a paper is the most interesting news that has happened lately.

Also, I believe that you should include the staff at the vocational school. They put out a great effort to help students that attend the vocational school.

The political cartoons that you put in the paper is very interesting. They get the point across very good.

Brian Baker

Dear Editor,
In the recent edition of *The Rocket*, I found the articles to be informative, as well as interesting. I believe that it is good to find out people's opinion and what is going on at school. Also, the newspaper keeps the community in touch with the Rock. As for any suggestions for future articles in upcoming editions, keep writing

articles similar to "Cool things to do at Wal-Mart." Keep up the good work.

Thanks,
Gretchen Phelps

Dear Editor,
I really enjoyed the September issue of *The Rocket*. It was very informative and well-organized. I hope you will continue the Teacher's Coupons and things like "Cool things to do at Wal-Mart." However, I was somewhat disappointed in the Sports section because the golf team didn't receive any coverage. We had an excellent year this year, but it wouldn't have been possible without our legendary coach, Mr. Noble and the best assistant coach in the game, Ken Hopkins.

Sincerely,
Joseph Lambert

Let us know how we are doing--write a letter to the editor. Letters must be signed and may be edited for length, content, or clarity. Your letters can be dropped by Room 116 or given to any *Rocket* staff member.

RCHS low on choices for extracurricular activities

by Melissa Paquette

Go! Fight! Win! We hear it often. Yet, at RCHS, maybe it's not enough. Think of the surrounding high schools--the majority have a soccer team and many other sports that aren't offered at Rockcastle.

It is widely felt that we here at RCHS will never get a better diversity of sports activities. For years, we have been deprived of sports such as rugby, field hockey, swimming, soccer, volleyball, tennis, wrestling and many other sports that are not mentioned. Yet, a survey that was given to many Academic Advisory classes might change that.

The survey asked RCHS stu-

dents if they would participate in many different sports if offered. The results were astonishing. Sixty-eight girls said that they would enjoy a volleyball team. Soccer received 57 votes, golf and field hockey tied with 8 votes each, and football earned 7 votes.

While speaking with Mr. Noble about offering certain sports, he made it clear that those that are in highest demand are the ones for the females.

In our conversation, we discussed the chances for having some of those sports at Rockcastle.

Mr. Noble expressed that there was a likely chance of having a soccer team and volleyball team, but it wouldn't be able to happen

quickly. The school would first have to make it into an intermural sport, then see how many people would truly participate.

Of course, if we have any sport and the same sport of the same or better ability is not offered for the opposite sex then students do have the chance to go try out for the team--male or female. Which brings me back to the survey.

Girls who marked golf and football as sports they would like to participate in can go and try out for the team, if they are serious about wanting to play. As for the intermural sports, we'll keep you posted

Students selected for mentorship program

by Lindsey Parsons

Fifteen juniors from Rockcastle County High School were selected to participate in a leadership program with Georgetown College.

The Georgetown College Presidential Mentorship Program provides a chance for high school juniors to improve their leadership and mentorship skills. Those chosen will attend small sessions and workshops throughout the fall and spring to develop these skills. The 15 who will participate are: Tara Abney, Mindy Bullock, Cheyenne Carmack, Amanda Chism, Tara Cox, Amber Falin, Rachelle Hammond, Stephen Hopkins, Heather Kirby, Ashley Lawson, Josh Lyons, Cathie Midkiff, Chelsen Stratton, Vicki Turner, and Kristie Whitter.

The students are excited about the program and ready to get started. Tara Abney was pleasantly surprised to be chosen for the program. "I was surprised that I was one of the 15 selected because there were so many appli-

cants that were beyond qualified," she said.

These students will be working closely with the Vice President for Leadership and Ethics at Georgetown, Dr. Judy Rogers. President Crouch and other Georgetown staff members will join the 15 in a mentoring relationship as well. Some of the activities they will participate in include a seminar in formal dining and etiquette, one cultural event, and assistance in planning for college and careers.

Mr. Whitaker, RCHS counselor, believes this is the most important part of the program. "The real benefits are exposing students to activities that will make them more aware of the opportunities in the world and how to take advantage of them," he said.

All students who complete the program will earn a \$1,000 scholarship to Georgetown each year or a 4-year total of \$4,000. They also enjoy the benefits of being a trained leader for RCHS, Mt. Vernon, and other Rockcastle



Juniors Cathie Midkiff, Josh Lyons, and Chelsen Stratton make business cards as a project for the Georgetown College Leadership Program.

County communities.

"I was concerned with becoming a better leader for my school and community," Chelsen Stratton said in reply to why she applied for the program.

To be qualified for the pro-

gram, high school juniors had to have a GPA of at least 2.75, demonstrate leadership skills, and be willing to commit to the program. Candidates completed applications which included an essay and three teacher recommen-

dations. The final 15 were chosen from a panel of judges from different businesses in Mt. Vernon using a blind selection process to review the applications.



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Information On-Demand up and running

by Brandon Bishop

Students, beware! Now your parents can call and get your homework, attendance records, grades and discipline records from a simple phone call. All they need to know is the teachers box number for each of your classes.

RCHS Chemistry teacher Ms. Rhonda Rose said, "I think it's a good idea if the teachers, parents and students will use it."

At this point, the students are still unaware of the program and how it can be used.

Josh Lyons, junior, said "I don't think it's a good idea. I believe it's a waste of money."

Many different views were given by students. Another junior, Tara Burton said, "I think it

will be easier for the parents to be connected with the school."

Chris Price, a junior, said, "I don't care. It doesn't matter. If I miss school my parents already know about it."

Information On-demand was setup by the RCHS technology coordinator, Mr. Ed Peterson. All teachers were trained for the use of the program during their planning period October 8. All parents have to do is call the number, then enter the student ID number/social security number and PIN number. Teachers can post messages for parents to listen to.

If you are interested, the phone number for the system is 256-0506. All the caller has to do is follow the instructions.

Columbine survivor visits Rockettown

by Brian Reynolds

Columbine survivor, Michelle Fox was on hand to speak October 2, at Bible Baptist Church's Rockettown. Of the 400 people in attendance, most were teenagers.

Michelle Fox gave her personal testimony and told of her experience with the Columbine shooting. She shared the effect the shooting had on her and the Columbine community.

Michelle also mentioned that she had an English class with the two gun men and spoke to them, but regrets she did not get a chance to share God with them.

The Rockettown service was full of songs, skits, and games for everyone. Peyton Rogers, a sophomore at RCHS, said, "Rockettown was an awesome event and, at that, a huge success... four people were saved!"

Rogers went on to say Rockettown is one of the few positive things to do in Rockcastle County.

A date hasn't been set for the next Rockettown but the public is always welcome to attend. If you have any other questions about Rockettown, contact Bible Baptist Church, or youth minister Scott Stayton at 256-3286.

RCHS students begin work on courtyard

by S.L. Hutchinson

RCHS will soon be receiving a new addition that will be welcomed by many students and faculty members.

The courtyard is a project that Mr. Roy Reynolds and Mrs. Cindy Ham have been working on for over a year.

They received two separate grants for the project. The first grant was received from the PRIDE (Personal Responsibility in a Desirable Environment) program and was found with the help from Mr. Randell Templeman. He also helped them write the \$5,000 grant. The second was received

from The Service Learning Center for \$300.

Not only did Mr. Reynolds and Mrs. Ham want to make something that the current RCHS students would enjoy and be proud of, but something that the proceeding students would also enjoy.

The courtyard is not only going to be appealing to the eyes, but it will also be a learning center. All classes can use the courtyard area once it is completed.

Mrs. Ham stated, "You can't learn about the outdoors unless you go."

Work on the courtyard began

this fall and it is expected to continue through the spring. Even though it is expected to be finished, Mr. Reynolds commented that "It will continuously be worked on, and we will always try to improve."

The Soil Conservation Center for Rockcastle Co. donated 100 pine trees and also gave discounts on products purchased through them. Some things they hope to have in the future are birdhouses, a weather station and also bat houses. Benches were built by the woodshop to also be used.



Above left: Sophomores Justin Bradshaw, & J-Reams, Shannon Bullock, and senior John Renner dig holes for trees in the courtyard. Above right: Junior Stephen Carrera planted a tree. Below: Students fill soil around trees for a finishing touch.



This banner was placed for everyone to see at Rockettown in response to Cassie Bernall's reply to gunmen during the Columbine tragedy before she was shot.



left: These pumpkins, part of the Vocational School display, welcomed everyone as they entered, and invited them to "Eat at Joe's."

below: Junior Katy Powell, secretary of the Spanish National Honor Society, handed roses to members being inducted into the club. President Andrew Hammond, sophomore, and sponsor Pam Powell looked on.



right: The RCHS dance team performed in the auditorium. The dancers are (from left): Lindsey Parsons, Katy Powell, Peyton Rogers, Janelle Jones, Mindy Bullock, and Kristy Chisum.

below: Students and their parents waited in line to pick up their report cards.



Fall Open House a success

by Cheyenne Carmack

RCHS was a jungle of parents, students, teachers, and special activities on the night of October 19, 1999.

According to Principal, Ms. Ruth Allen, approximately 300 parents attended Open House. "As I walked around, several parents commented how much they appreciated our staff and all that we do for our students. They particularly liked the special performances and the student work on display," Ms. Allen told the staff, through an e-mail, after the event.

Some of the events of the night included the induction of the Spanish National Honorary Society, several performances from the dance team, and a rope bridge, put on by the JROTC.

Choral students and the band performed, as well as FHA sponsoring a hospital-ity room.

The halls of RCHS were littered with class projects. Teachers displayed tests, quizzes, journals—anything you could think of.

Good job, RCHS, for working together to make the fall semester open house a huge success!



ROTC cadets (left to right) Chris Kirby, Melissa Looney, Josh Ramsey, Josh Whicker, Sherri Glover, Brian Bullock, Jacob Helton, and Jonathan Noe wait in formation while Tim Tyler salutes.

SBDM approves prom dress code

by Billy Haddix

The SBDM Council approved the prom dress code on October 5. This dress code will carry over to any other formal school related dances.

Mr. Adam Coleman, social studies teacher, commented, "I personally voted for the dress code, and I feel that it is very fair."

According to this dress code, male students should have either a dress jacket, shirt and tie, and slacks, or tuxedo. No tee shirts, jeans, or cargo pants are permissible.

For female students, the attire selected should be formal. The length should be no shorter than finger tip length when standing straight up.

This length also applies to any slit that may be in the dress. No bare midriffs or excessively revealing necklines are allowed. No attire is permitted that reveals more than half the back.

Jessica Childress, senior, remarked, "This dress code is good. There are some dress that are too revealing."



This bib style dress is a no-no, according to the new dress code that covers formal functions.



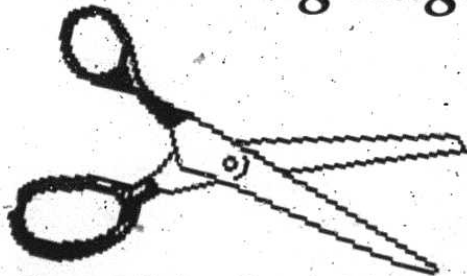
This month art students at RCHS made their own slip cast molds. Art teacher Mr. Lawrence Bullock is a strong supporter of slip casting, reasoning "slip casting gives the student a glimpse of the possibilities of working in the commercial production of cast clay products. The process is also beneficial in that the results are usually very positive and success oriented. Being successful is necessary to the development of a positive self image."

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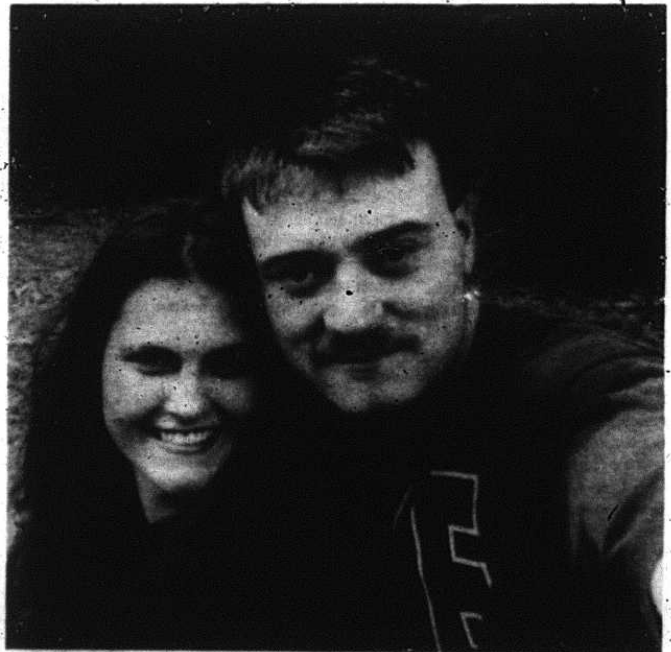
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Some Creative Uses for Milk Crates

Spider Condominium

Chairs (for unexpected guests)

Cool light shows when you put a candle under them

Milk crate basketball

Paper tray and printer stand

Jacking up old cars

Stringer (for fish)

Litterbox Strainer

Thou shalt not steal...milk crates

by Cheyenne Carmack

"You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say can and will be used against you in the court of law."

"You've just been taken into custody and you're being read your rights. Questions are cluttering your mind. What did I do? Why are they here?"

"And then you see the police officer remove the milk crates, that you were using to move some books, from your house."

An unlikely story? Maybe so, but it could happen. For using a milk crate? Absolutely.

I suppose you're wondering where this absurd story came from. If you'll practice some observation skills, and notice the milk crates while waiting in the lunch line, you will see that it is illegal for anyone other than the milk distributors to use them.

The lunch line is where I actually noticed it!

For several years it has been a federal offense to use a milk crate for personal uses. Milk companies were spending money replacing these crates because college students were using them

to move and pack-rats were using them for storage.

In other words, they were going in-debt because their form of packaging was so useful.

Pay close attention next time you visit Wal-Mart. In recent years we have seen a huge change in the storage products that they sell. You see these large tubs, as well as small crates, for sale in the home departments of many stores. Most of them are under \$10 and are economically friendly.

Could this change have anything to do with the fact that

people can't use milk crates anymore?

Another interesting tidbit that I found was the fact that milk distributors must be at least 18 years old. It wasn't really this fact that I found too amusing, however, I did think it was ironic that, as a specific requirement, no criminal convictions are permitted.

I guess they're afraid that they might smuggle out all of their crates!

Perhaps the most common offenders of the milk crate code are college students. How else are

they expected to afford furniture? In fact, on a recent college Top 10 list, the number two sign that you have been on campus too long is if you know more than five uses for a milk crate. Who said college kids weren't resourceful?

So, if you ever need to carry something to and fro, I would advise you to buy some boxes somewhere. You never know when the police will show up at your door!

The milk crate shown here can be found in the RCHS cafeteria. Most milk cartons have similar warnings on them.



Former RCHS student takes it to the mat

by Lindsey Parsons

Stone Cold Steve Austin. Hulk Hogan. Goldberg. They've become names most everyone recognizes. Soon, Brad Powell may be one of these.

Although he may not have a fancy stage name yet, he is well on his way to becoming one of the names that rolls off your tongue when you think of wrestling. Many may watch wrestling, but few actually decide they want to be a wrestler, and are serious about it. Brad, a former RCHS student and Rocket staff writer, is an exception.

Since graduating from the high school last year, he has attended the International Championship Wrestling (ICW) World Class Wrestling Academy. On October 2, he participated in his first major wrestling event.

Inside the Rockcastle County Middle School gym, the semi-main event of the ICW was Brad Powell versus the Atomic Dog. The Atomic Dog was, according to Brad, "a big guy." But, that

wasn't enough to stop him. He won with a move he called a modified sunset flip.

"I feel the Atomic Dog was a worthy opponent. He took me to the limit, but my advantages of speed and agility were just too much for him," Brad said.

Senior Brian Bell attended the event and thought Brad did well in his first public bout as a wrestler.

"He did pretty good for his first match. You could tell he was nervous, but he didn't do half bad. He did a great job getting the crowd involved, too," Brian said.

Last year Brad and his younger brother, Zach, a sophomore, built their very own regulation size wrestling ring in their backyard. On some nights they hold their own wrestling events that have gained the attention of such spectators as the Lexington Herald-Leader and WLEX-TV, and made Brad a sort of celebrity throughout Rockcastle County.

According to Brad, he became interested in wrestling at an early



Brad Powell, a 1999 graduate of RCHS, participated in his first major wrestling event on October 2 in the RCMS gymnasium.

age. "As a young boy I discovered that I had a gift and that gift was God-given, natural talent."

He felt he needed to share that talent with the world and that is why he attends the ICW school today.

Senior Daniel Morgan, a wrestling fanatic as well, said, "I think it's pretty cool that he actually did it. I plan on following in his footsteps, and I hate to admit it, but I'm actually proud of the guy."

So, what are Brad's goals for the future? He says he plans "to one day prove to the world that I am the best there is, the best there was, and the best there ever will be."

Do you know someone with an odd ambition or slightly off-center talent? Write to *The Rocket* and let us know!



The Beta Club and French Club held a yard sale on October 23 to raise money for each club. Freshmen French Club members, Robert Sandusky and Anita Collins worked at the yard sale.

Spanish Honorary Society members initiated

The Spanish Honorary Society announced its members at Open House, October 19.

This is a new club sponsored by Ms. Pam Powell.

In order to be in the club, students must have taken at least three semesters of Spanish and have a B average or higher.

Currently, the club has 22 members.

Club officers are: Andrew Hammond, president; Lindsey Parsons, vice-president; Katy Powell, secretary; and Carissa Settles, treasurer.

Dates to remember...

**Wednesday,
December 1**

Scholarship deadlines:

Y2000 SAE Engineering Scholarship
Transylvania William T. Young Scholarship

**Thursday,
December 16**

9 weeks tests:
1st & 3rd blocks only

**Friday,
December 17**

9 weeks tests:
2nd & 4th blocks only

**Winter
break
begins!**



RCHS Senior Night was Friday, October 22. Above are senior football players with Coach Tom Larkey. Pictured with their parents, from left to right, are: Derek Bradley, Kevin Childress, Neil Childress, Gary Coffey, Dustin Crawford, Joel Deatherage, Josh Dooley, Chris Kirby, and Brad McNew.

Golf Team Wrap-Up

The RCHS Golf Team ended their season on Tuesday, September 28th. The team finished up a great season in ninth place at Regional competition. They competed against 22 other teams.

Coach Barry Noble said, "To be as competitive as we have been in the past, we must work harder [next year]."

The Rocket would like to congratulate the golf team and Coach Noble on a tremendous season!

Sports Trivia

1. Name an athlete that has gone professional in 3 sports.
2. Which college football coach has had 12 seasons and counting with 10 or more wins?
3. How many World Series have the Atlanta Braves been in during the 90's?
4. Who has Kentucky's High School single season scoring record in football?

Answers: 1) Lawrence White (Box Lac, Football, Wrestling) 2) Florida State's Bobby Bowden 3) 5 (4) Shawn Alexander with 326 points

Rockets prepare for basketball season

by Tara Cox

Basketball conditioning has been going strong since September 1st and all the hard work seems to be paying off. The teams always start conditioning this early in the year in order to prepare for the season, and they are in better shape than before.

As with every team, there are strengths and weaknesses. According to boys basketball coach, Clayton Cash, the boys' team has great senior leadership and they handle and shoot the ball really well. However, they are not as quick and lack defensively in comparison to previous years. Also, a few injuries have set them back.

"It all depends on how the players work," Coach Cash re-

continued on page 13



The RCHS cheerleading squad participated in a competition sponsored by the YMCA in early October. They placed fifth and qualified to go to state competition. The cheerleaders are coached by Ms. Rhonda Rose.

Rockets end regular season 8-2

by Brandon Bishop

The regular season has ended for RCHS football. The last game of the season was against the Bell County Bobcats Friday, October 29 with the Rockets losing in the district championship game 19-7.

The Rockets are currently 11-2, with the only losses coming from the Southwestern Pulaski Warriors and Bell County.

So far The Rock's biggest victory came in a district game when they defeated Whitley County in a 21-20 thriller.

October 22 was senior night and a very emotional time for our Friday night warriors. With a 63-6 victory, our Rockets looked at the possibility of hosting three post-season playoff games.

Senior, Neil Childress said, "We have the potential to win. If we work hard we shall accomplish."

At least one school record has been broken this season. Greg Terry, the kicker, broke the record for the number extra points made in one game previously held by Mickey McClure.

Freshman running back, Marty Reagan said, "With the help of the scout team and a good week of practice, we can win playoff

games."

The hopes were high for Friday's game and the players really felt like they had a good chance at winning. Being our first year back into AAA football, THE ROCK has come through. One week we were ranked 16th in the

Herald-Leader for power rating and eighth in The Courier Journal in AAA football.

Junior lineman Jason Bullock, said "All I can say is that we're gonna win."

The Rockets played Greenup County in their first playoff game

Cross country finishes season well

by Cheyenne Carmack

Kentucky's Cross Country season ended on November 6, 1999, with the conclusion of the KSHAA State Championships.

RCHS had a great year, with many of its runners finishing high in every meet.

October 30 was the date of Regional competitions around the commonwealth. The girl's team finished in fifth place, while the boy's team came in ninth.

Regionals took place in Mercer County this year, instead of the usual Green County course.

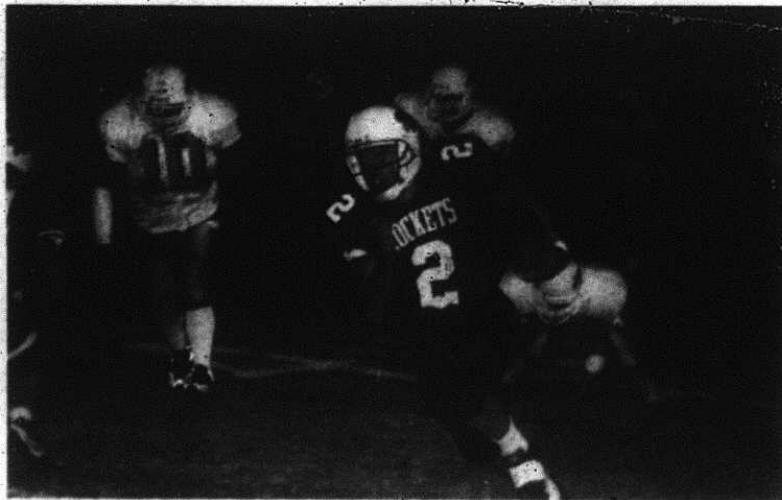
RCHS had one qualifier for State competition, Senior, Brandy Reynolds. Brandy finished 133 in a field of 205 girls.

Congratulations to the runners and coaches for a year of hard work and great finishes!



on November 5th. The 29-15 win on Friday sent the team to Inez, Ky to play their second game against Sheldon-Clark. The Rock

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"Football"



Junior Derrick Bussell ran the ball for a touchdown against Cawood on Senior Night. Bussell had three touchdowns in the 63-6 win for the Rockets.

JROTC staying involved and active

by Kacee Taulbee

High-school is supposed to be the greatest time in your teenage career, and being involved is supposed to make it even more memorable. Several of Rockcastle High School students do just this in many of the offered clubs and classes. JROTC has been one of the programs that continuously stay involved. From parking detail to competitions, students and faculty always see them involved in the community, school, and within their own program.

"We are proud of our cadets," SGM Keith Taylor said, "Even though we have a small program, we are extremely active with fifty-three cadets involved in after school activities."

The rifle team traveled to Nashville, on October 24, for the Montgomery Bell Academy to compete against thirty-one teams that included 127 participants overall. Twelve members of the Rockcastle team was divided into three teams, and did very well in the competition.

The first team, made up of Chris Phillips, Tami Taylor, Tim

Tyler, and Johnathan Noe, placed second. Team B placed fifth, which included Chris Kirby, Shannon Bullock, Adrian Isaacs, and Joe Clark. The freshman team, who placed nineteenth, included Ronald Willie, Cole Hammond, Wayne Wagers, and Jason Martin. Individually, Rockcastle also did very well. Tami Taylor held first position, until finals, when she received third place. Johnathan Noe and Shannon Bullock also placed in the top twenty.

Forty-two cadets and twenty-five parents helped host the JROTC Daniel Boone League held here at Rockcastle County High School on October 16. The overall competition had three hundred students from seven different schools. The Rockcastle JROTC Rifle Team did shoot during the Rifle Markmanship, but due to hosting the competition, did not compete.

Competition is much more than mere trophies, it is the opportunity to gain self-discipline while having fun at the same time. On October 8, twenty-six cadets spent a very wet weekend in McCreary

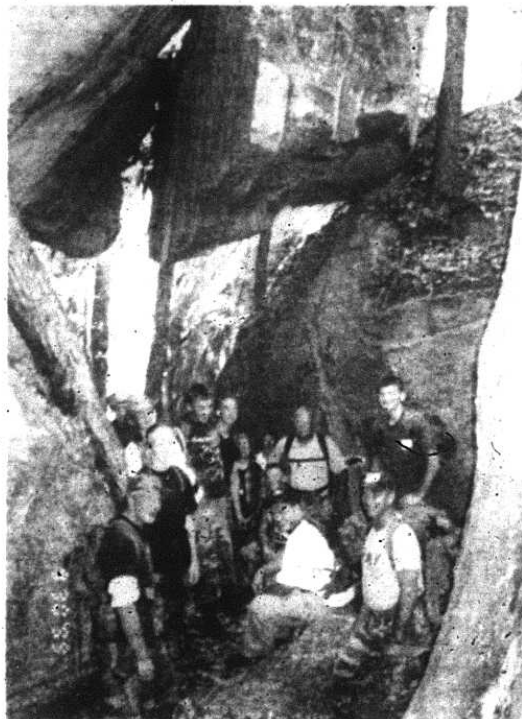
County for the Mountain Ranger Rendezvous.

Although the Rockcastle JROTC program were only a fraction of the overall four hundred participants, two teams were developed to compete in five events. Rockcastle didn't receive a top place; however, they did live up to the expectations of JROTC cadets.

"What we continue to develop in our cadets is leadership, self-confidence, and the ability to take care of themselves in adverse conditions," CSM Charles Robinson said.

On October 1, the following students, chaperoned by CSM Robinson, SGM Keith Taylor, and Mrs. Jenny Taylor, hiked from the mouth of the Laurel River thirteen miles into Cumberland Falls State Park: Brian Bullock; Justin Cornelius, Sherri Glover, Adrian Isaacs, Chris Kirby, Jason Martin, Anthony Northern, Jeff Smith, Jerred Stevens, Tami Taylor Jason Whicker, and Josh Whicker.

The JROTC will be traveling to Atlanta in December for yet another competition. We would like to wish them good luck!



JROTC members on a thirteen mile hike along Sheltoee Trail in the Cumberland Falls area. SGM Taylor, and CSM Robinson were two of the three chaperons.

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RCHS enjoys fall talent show



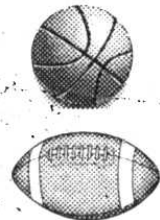
Above: Mikey Howard, Austin Miller, and Eric Vanzant performed at Friday's talent show. At Right: Rachel Fisher performing "Memories" from the Broadway musical, Cats. Also performing, but not shown, was Brad Spears.



GOOD LUCK TO THE ROCKETTS FOR A GREAT YEAR ON THE FIELD, ON THE COURT AND IN THE CLASSROOM.



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Education is growth...
Education is not a preparation for life,
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John Dewey*



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Real People. Real Progress.

New classes focus on real-world skills

by Sabrina Bowles

In the September issue of The Rocket two new classes were introduced: Global Issues and Visual Arts.

This month two more classes were evaluated. Transitions and Electronic Office.

Transitions is a required class that goes along with Senior English. This class is designed to teach seniors the basics. It covers subjects like resumes and job interviews.

Ms. Gonzalez said, "Transitions is beneficial for most students because it does prepare them for future activities."

She went on to say, "I have noticed gaps in instruction because there are some things we

have not covered and may not have time to cover."

The teachers of this course are Ms. Wanda Gonzalez and Mrs. Jennifer Mattingly.

The Rockcastle County Technology Center also has some new classes, one of which is taught by Mrs. Patty Himes. It focuses on spreadsheets and memos in the work place.

Senior, Kristy Bullock says, "We have a lot of time to play on the computers, that is the best way to learn."

It is also getting a very positive response.

Keep watching for more new classes.

How well do you know your school?

Do you think you know everything there is to know about the Rock? Maybe you can name every teacher and their room numbers, but we here at The Rocket are sure there are some things you don't know. Take our simple quiz to see just how much you really do know.

- 1.) How many steps are there in the school?
- 2.) Which sport at the Rock is known for its outrageous superstition?
- 3.) How many student parking spaces are there?
- 4.) Where can the only "hanging chair" be found in the school?
- 5.) How many books are there in the library?



answers will appear in next month's issue

Happy Thanksgiving from The Rocket



Crossword answers from page 14

100. Dreamy
101. Gold (Sp.)
102. Florida fruit
103. Terrible tsar
104. His and ___
105. Simpleton
106. Duration
107. Prepare to publish
108. Soak flax
111. Yelp
112. Spow runner
113. Decade
114. Child's napkin
119. Negative reply

"Football" from page 10

brought Sheldon-Clark their first defeat with a 31-14 victory.

The Rockets will play Lawrence County at home this Friday night.

Congratulations, Rockets, on making the Elite Eight and good luck on your quest for state competition!

*The results of Rockcastle Co. vs. Lawrence Co. were not yet known at time of print.



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Senior player Andrew Cash agrees, saying "It'll be alright if everybody works hard."

The RCHS Lady Rockets are in better shape, also. Their quickness and experience are to their advantage, but rebounding skills can be improved upon, according to coach, Christie Noble.

"The main goal for this year is to go back to region and the girls can do it, but they have to work hard for it," Coach Noble stated.

In addition to their usual conditioning routine, the new Tae-Bo workout has become a favorite with the girls.

Tae-Bo is a cardiovascular, full-body workout that has been the preferred exercise among thousands of people recently. The girls started this at the beginning of September and plan to continue throughout the year.

continued from page 2 Responsibilities

huge responsibilities women have.

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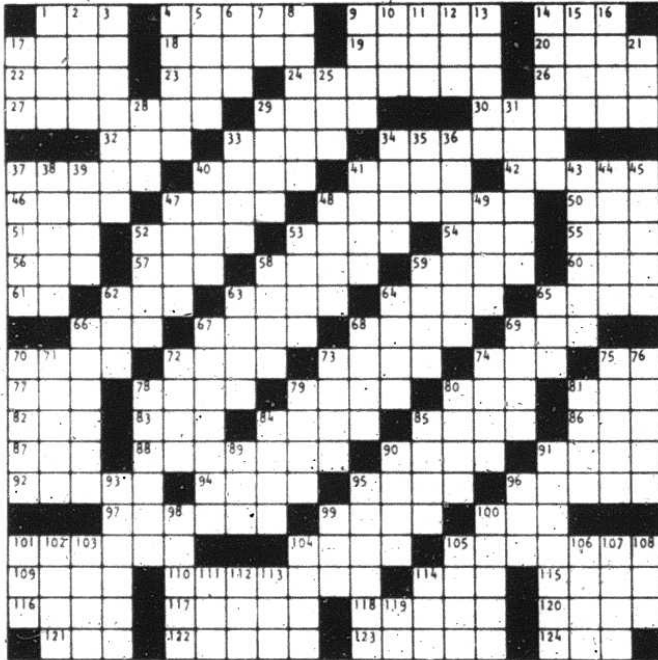
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The Rocket

Test your mind with a crossword



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| Across | 24. Guest in home | 42. Smallest amount | 57. Expression of disbelief |
| 1. taste | 26. Boy's nickname | 46. African plant | 58. Uncommon |
| 4. Spring month | 27. Writing implements | 47. Meat | 59. Mild oath |
| 9. Squirrel's lunch | 29. Fodder tower | 48. Recipe | 60. Zoo occupant |
| 14. Away from | 30. Spring bloomer | 50. Stitch | 61. One |
| 17. Size of type | 32. Hail! | 51. Wire measure | 62. Croon |
| 18. Liberate's instrument | 33. Valuable fur | 52. _____ machine | 63. Musical instrument |
| 19. Evade | 34. Levy | 53. Compassion | 64. Layer |
| 20. Resound | 37. Dowdy | 54. Cotton _____ | 65. Point |
| 22. English school | 40. Sudden loud noise | 55. Look at | 66. Male swan |
| 23. Pin | 41. Phial | 56. Sweet _____ | 67. Hit |

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|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 68. Whirling sound | 117. Tightway |
| 69. Buddy | 118. Pungent bulb |
| 70. Cabbage dish | 120. Eject |
| 72. School subject | 121. Compass point |
| 73. Govern | 122. Whirls |
| 74. Large | 123. Smart |
| 75. Egyptian sun god | 124. Matched group |
| 77. Triumph | |
| 78. Copenhagener | Down |
| 79. Exchange for money | 1. Location |
| 80. Prohibit | 2. Image |
| 81. Twice | 3. Breakfast food |
| 82. Actress Claire | 4. Gift for teacher |
| 83. Help | 5. Bakery products |
| 84. Not strong | 6. Dust cloth |
| 85. Thaw | 7. At home |
| 86. _____ Vegas | 8. Adoring |
| 87. Comedian | 9. Mexican dollar |
| Sparks | 10. Inventor Whitney |
| 88. Poster | 11. Carve |
| 90. Interest-bearing certificate | 12. Fuss |
| 91. Clever | 13. Courage |
| 92. Clutch | 14. Resist |
| 94. Arnold Palmer's game | 15. Touch |
| 95. _____ | 16. Destiny |
| Exchange | 17. Zest |
| 96. Free entertainment | 21. Allow |
| 97. Oldest | 25. Kind |
| 99. Small wheeled vehicle | 28. Climbing plant |
| 100. Dairy animal's cry | |
| 101. _____ Wendell Holmes | |
| 104. Pet store occupant | |
| 105. Fan | |
| 109. Split | |
| 110. Sea food | |
| 114. Scary wood | |
| 115. Flank | |
| 116. Persian poet | |

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| 29. Go to the bottom | 67. Bind |
| 31. Thousand _____ | 68. Mass |
| 33. Market | 69. Liquid measure |
| 34. Breezy | 70. Playground attraction |
| 35. American uncle | 71. Seagiving vessel |
| 36. Hard-hitting batter | 72. Postman's load |
| 37. City in Florida | 73. Enjoy a book |
| 38. Foreign | 74. Without head hair |
| 39. Soft drink | 75. Lariat |
| 40. Kick | 76. Thing of value |
| 41. Ballot | 78. Fleck |
| 43. Attack | 79. Peon |
| 44. Oozes | 80. Crooked |
| 45. Chirp | 81. True _____ |
| 47. _____ pudding | 84. Poet Whitman |
| 48. _____ engine | 85. Greatest amount |
| 49. Fibber | 89. Lettuce |
| 52. Stump | 90. Tire |
| 53. Trodden way | 91. Intersects |
| 58. Surge | 93. Stern |
| 59. Inshman's home | 95. Clergyman |
| 62. In what manner? | 96. Also |
| 63. Tardy | 98. Falls |
| 64. Cultivate | 99. Auto |
| 65. Laugh-provoking remark | |
| 66. Our-northern neighbor | |

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Have you ever wondered ...?

by S.L. Hutchinson

Are there some things that you have wondered about for a while? Or do you ever think about why certain things happen the way they do?

Of course we have all heard the age-old question: How many licks does it take to get to the center of a lollipop? Here at RCHS, some students had questions of their own. Here are just a-few of them:

Question #1

Q: What came first, the chicken or the egg?

A: Well, theoretically speaking the egg had to come first to have the chicken. Yet, you had to have the chicken to have the egg! So, there are arguments both ways. To tell you the truth, the answer is unknown.

Question #2

Q: How do they really get the

almond into the Hershey's kiss?
A: Hmm... That's a hard one! They use a vacuum to suck the almond into the Hershey's kiss! Just kidding!

The commercials say that there are many ways to get the almond in the Hershey's kiss, but that's probably just an ad gimmick. The real way they get the almond into the kiss is by using a mold to pour the chocolate around the almond.

Question #3

Q: Even though they say that there is, "no one way to eat a Reese's," we wondered what the most popular way is?

A: Asking around the halls of RCHS yielded some lackluster results. It seems that high school students have no creativity...they're favorite way to eat a Reese's Cup is to just bite in and enjoy.

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Some popular flicks to catch at home

by Felicia Smith

If you're sitting at home and have some extra cash to spend, check out these hit rentals available at local video stores.

The Mummy--Brendan Fraser keeps the excitement coming in this action packed film set in Giza, Egypt. While trying to find a mysterious treasure, the spirit of the mummy is released. Wanting to regain his lost love from long ago, the mummy won't stop until he gets what he wants.

Matrix--What's this world coming to? Computers are taking a step forward and the way things are looking life's becoming a virtual reality for Keanu Reeves. People are being hacked from a computer program and processed to run the world the "right way" supposedly without crime and violence.

Saving Private Ryan--Tom Hanks hit a new high in his career. This is the best film he has released since Philadelphia. The opening scene takes place on D-Day in Normandy, France with realistic violence. Searching to find a missing soldier about to be sent home. Based on actual events from World War II, this movie gives an in depth look into what war is really like. Featuring Matt Damon.

200 Cigarettes--Courtney Love, Christina Ricci and an all-star cast each have a dilemma. By tradition you're supposed to ring in the New Year with a kiss. Searching to find a date before the clock strikes midnight on New Year's eve, they'll keep you rolling in the process.

Release dates

The Messenger: The Story of Joan of Arc--November 12; stars Milla Jovovich
Sleepy Hollow--November 19; stars Johnny Depp, Christina Ricci
The World is Not Enough--November 19; stars Pierce Brosnan
Girl Interrupted--December 21; stars Winona Ryder, Angelina Jolie

Stigmata brings new twist to old tale

by Jason L. Baker

The movie *Stigmata* is a top rate movie from every possible angle. From music composed by Billy Corgan to the weird eerie special effects I was extremely impressed.

Stigmata is a daring theological thriller based on facts and recurring phenomena that are yet to be disproven or explained. The two main characters Frankie, an atheist, and Andrew, a priest, are brought together when Andrew is sent to investigate her wounds. Andrew stays with her against the wishes of the church trying to help her.

With multiple plot twists and exciting action you will stay on the edge of your seat, unable to leave no matter how many cups of 7-up you drink during the movie.

Stigmata has wide appeal to people of all ages. There isn't a single scene of nudity, drug-use, or extreme violence. There is however, harsh language and scenes that show graphic multi-



Gabriel Byrne as Andrew Kiernan, a scientist and vatican priest who investigates strange phenomena.

lations done by and invisible force. I have to admit that by modern standards the movie is clean and handles all the issues tastefully showing respect to both the audience and their beliefs.

The movie is centered around God and Christianity, but because it has rather different ideas about

the hierarchy of the Catholic Church, I would advise you to see this movie with an open mind, (especially if you are Catholic.) This weekend go to University Theater and buy a ticket for *Stigmata*. I promise you won't be disappointed.

Veteran bands NIN and Megadeth release new albums; Wierd Al dumber than ever

Music reviews by Jason L. Baker

Nine Inch Nails: *The Fragile*

Finally the return of Trent Reznor! After a very long hiatus from the creator of industrial music, Nine Inch Nails releases a double album. This could possibly be the darkest album ever released from NIN.

The cause of the long wait to release an album is due to Reznor's long battle with depression. Nails sole recording member Trent Reznor says he used this album to close the emotional wounds he has gotten since the making of his last album, the downward spiral.

If you enjoy Nine Inch Nails this album is for you. With more versatility than ever expected from NIN, the only way to describe *The Fragile* organized chaos.

Megadeth: *Risk*

Many were surprised to see Megadeth collaborate with country record producer Dan Huff and

change Megadeth's sound. This time they changed the line-up as well. Drummer Nick Menza is no longer with the band, Dave Mustaine (lead singer and founding member) has hired the fourth drummer in the bands history.

With a slightly more electronic sound the ninth Megadeth album is aptly named. Since the band has no support from MTV or radio stations *Risk* depends entirely on the cult following they have developed over the years.

Heavy metal is no longer a cool thing to do. To have your videos on MTV you have to rap your lyrics or change into an alternative grunge band (like Metallica).

The last four Megadeth albums have gone multi-platinum, be surprised if this one does, not do the sound of the album though.

It is the smoothest sounding album Megadeth has ever released and still rocks as much as the pre-

vious albums. If you enjoy a good metal album go out and buy *Risk*, if you can find it.

Wierd Al Yankovitch: *Running With Scissors*

Al's stupidest album yet! You will laugh before you even put the CD in just by looking through the inside of the cover.

Yankovitch doesn't only make parodies of new pop songs. The opening track is a spoof of the 1974 hit "American Pie" by Don MacLaren. There is also a cover of a seven year old NIN song "Terrible Lies."

Wierd Al does everything you'd expect and a little more with his new release. He does another polka medley, as you would expect, and surprises with a touching eleven minute ballad about a glow in the dark snorkel and crazed weasels.

Good for listening. Great for a laugh!



Dear Gabby,

Dear Gabby,

How do you make it to heaven?

Dear Seeker,

I am not the one to give you an answer like that, but I can tell you a place to look. In the *Holy Bible, John 14:6* says: "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto my Father but by me."

I wish you the best of luck in your journey and I pray that you find what you're looking for.

xoxoxo,
Gabby

Dear Gabby,

My boyfriend dumped me about two weeks ago for his ex-girlfriend. He said that if they broke up, I would be the first to know. Should I take him back? I really love him.

Sincerely,
Needs help

Dear Needs Help,

You shouldn't let someone just put you on the back burner and

come back when it best suits him. You deserve better than that. Find someone that will give you the respect and attention that you deserve. I suggest you try light dating for a while until you find someone you are serious about, who is serious about you as well.

xoxoxo,
Gabby

Dear Gabby

I'm a senior and I really like this guy who just graduated. I see him around every now and then, but I just can't find the words to tell him how much I like him.

Signed,
Don't know what to say

Dear DKWTS,

The three keys to a healthy relationship are honesty, trust, and communication. Without them, you can not have a healthy relationship. Speak from the heart and you can't go wrong. If he bolts then you didn't have a worthwhile guy in the first place.

xoxoxo,
Gabby

Dear Gabby,

I'm seeing this guy who seems okay, but he's 24 and wants to get married. Should I?

Dear Reader,

You are way too young to get married, and besides, you described him as seeming okay. If someone just "seems okay" then you are obviously not in love, so I say put it off for a while.

xoxoxo,
Gabby

Dear Gabby,

There is a guy that I like but he is way older than me and my mom refuses to let me see him. Is it a good choice to see him anyway?

Dear Reader,

You have to understand there is a reason that your mother doesn't want you seeing him. Try talking to your mom before you sneak out. That will only cause problems.

xoxoxo,
Gabby

The Absolute Worst Things to Say to a Police Officer

10. Aren't you the guy from the Village People?
9. Didn't I see you get your butt kicked on COPS?
8. Gee, that gut sure doesn't inspire confidence.
7. I pay your salary!
6. Hey, can you give me another one of those full cavity searches?
5. Sorry, Officer. I didn't realize my radar detector wasn't plugged in.
4. Do you know why you pulled me over? Okay, just so one of us does.
3. Gee, Officer, that's terrific. The last officer only gave me a warning too!
2. Hey, you must have been going about 125 mph to keep up with me! Good job!
1. What do you mean, "Have I been drinking?" You're the trained specialist.

*Editor's Note: This list is only for humor, and does not promote illegal actions.



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Aries (March 21-April 20)--You are not one to underestimate the power of money, but you shouldn't overestimate it either. Let caution be your guide while others take the risks.--Lucky Days 10,12



Taurus (April 21-May 21)--No matter how convinced you are that you know best, you shouldn't force your beliefs on others.--Lucky Days 5,9



Gemini (May 22-June 21)--Certain people want to see you succeed, but it won't happen without more time and effort. You should accept any advice that comes your way.--Lucky Days 4,16



Cancer (June 21-July 23)--Although you know your own mind better than others do, too many people are telling you what to do. Soon, you will let them know how it is going to be.--Lucky Days 14,26



Leo (July 24-Aug 23)--As one door closes, another door opens. Don't be so impressed by those who are in position of influence.--Lucky Days 15, 23



Virgo (Aug 24-Sept 23)--There is no point in trying to hide or disguise anything this month, especially from yourself. With cosmic forces focusing on the truth, any form of deceit is bound to fail.--Lucky Days 11,19



Libra (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)--The harder you try to get your point across to someone, the less inclined they will be to accept what you say. Since you appear to need their support, the best approach to adopt is a diplomatic one.--Lucky Days 3,27



Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)--You need to get out and about this month if you are to make the social connections necessary to get a creative venture off the ground. Someone out there is willing to help you, but you have to meet them first.--Lucky Days 1,22



Sagittarius (Nov 23-Dec 24)--It's all very well and good to be the flavor of the month, but don't let it go to your head. Your genuine friends are the ones who are more impressed by what you are than who you are.--Lucky Days 7,30



Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 20)--You tend to love the good things in life, and with cosmic forces encouraging you to let your hair down, the only restrictions are the ones you put on yourself.--Lucky Days 6,18



Aquarius (Jan 21-Feb 19)--Self belief is one of your greatest strengths, and this is not the moment to start doubting your talents and goals. They have worked before and they will do it again. Have faith in your dreams.--Lucky Days 17,29



Pisces (Feb 20-March 20)--You may have to prove you have what it takes to go it alone this month, because someone you rely on is about to withdraw support. Don't worry. Whether you realize it or not, this is a sign you've been waiting for.--Lucky Days 8,31