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Accident near Berea claims life of elderly Wildie woman

A Wildie woman died Friday at the University of Kentucky Medical Center after she was involved in a two car collision in Madison County on Thursday.

Lucille B. Owens, 73, died nine hours after the noon accident, according to Kentucky State Police in Richmond.

According to police, Mrs. Owens was traveling north on U.S. 25, when an elderly Berea man pulled his 67 Oldsmobile from State Lick Road directly into the path of her Plymouth.

Mrs. Owens, who was not wearing her seat belt at the time of the accident, was taken to Berea Hospital and transferred to U.S. 25.

The driver of the other car, Asa Forbes, 87, was treated at Berea Hospital for head injuries.

Kirby pulled from burning car; arrested after wreck

A Rockcastle County man probably owes his life to some local people this week but he'll have to wait to get out of jail before he can thank them.

According to Kentucky State Police Officer Jesse L. Owens, Earl Brent Kirby, 43, of Mount Vernon Road Berea, was pulled from a burning car after a head on collision on U.S. 25 Saturday night around 6 p.m.

Owens said that Rockcastle County Attorney Jeff Burdette, Luke Linville and Jeff Poyner probably saved Kirby's life, after his car caught on fire.

Owens said that Kirby caused the wreck when he made a left turn into the northbound lane of Franklin L. Young, 31 of Berea, about three miles south of Berea.

After the collision, Kirby's '84 Chevy left the roadway and came to rest in a creek, catching on fire.

Franklin Young and his eight-year-old daughter Kayla were injured only slightly, but his 24-year-old wife, Tonya, received a broken neck and severely broken arm in the accident.

Owens said that Burdette and Linville pulled Kirby from the car as Poyner managed to put the fire out with five gallon buckets of water from the creek.

After Kirby was treated at Berea Hospital, he was lodged in the Madison County jail and charged with fourth offense D.U.I., driving D.U.I. on suspended license third degree and second degree assault.

Kirby, who is also accused of the murder of his Uncle Frank Griffin several years ago, is scheduled to go on trial in Letcher County on May 9th.

Earlier this year Kirby went on trial for the murder charge in Rockcastle County, but prosecutors and defense attorneys were unable to seat a jury.

Brodhead truck driver dies in wreck

A Taylor Produce long haul truck driver was killed in a traffic accident in Duncansville, Pennsylvania, last Wednesday.

According to police, Russell E. Davis, 51, of Brodhead, was killed instantly when he lost control of his tractor trailer on Interstate 99, crossed the median and hit the guardrail on the other side.

Police said that after Davis' rig hit the guardrail another tractor trailer slammed into his truck.

Taylor Produce employees said the tractor and trailer were completely destroyed in the accident.

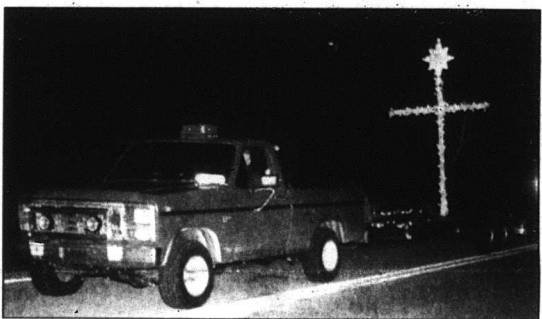
Funeral services for Mr. Davis were held in Indiana.

Office closed
The Avis computer system will be shut down in Frankfort for the first four days of January, 2000. Therefore Norma Houk's office will also be closed January 1 to January 5, 2000.



Parade Lights up Livingston

Livingston held their annual Christmas parade Saturday night with lots of colorful lights being displayed in the after dark parade down main street. Above, firefighter John Kuhn waves to the crowd and below Livingston Fire Chief Sam Stallworth towed a lighted cross. In the bottom photo is the bright red Kentucky Utilities truck.



RCHS rifle team wins state title

By: SGM J. Keith Taylor

The Rockcastle County High School Rifle Team won the Kentucky State Air Rifle Championship (Sports Category) fired in Owensboro the 10th of December. This wins comes midway into an extremely successful year so far. Rifle Team members won several local matches earlier in the year, and placed second in matches held at Fern Creek High School in Louisville and Clarksville, Tennessee in November. They also placed second behind Clinton High School from Clinton, South Carolina at Montgomery Bell Academy's Annual Fall Classic in Nashville, Tennessee, where they competed with 25 of the top teams from 14 states.

At the State Championship match Chris Phillips placed first with a score of 524/600, Tami Taylor placed fourth with 493/600 and Adrian Isaacs placed fifth with 492/600, all three earned spots on first All-State team. Jon Noe fired a 480/600 to place ninth and earn a place on the second All-State team. Joe Clark fired 449/600 to receive Honorable Mention.

After winning the Kentucky State Championship the team traveled to Atlanta where they again fired the next day against approx. 50 of the top teams around the country. They missed first place by seven points,

placing second behind a team from Hawaii. This time the Rockcastle B-Team fired a great score only 28 points behind the A-Team showing great depth and a bright future in store for the Rockcastle team. The official match bulletin is unavailable

at this time, so I can't say where the B-Team or individuals placed.

Members fired the following scores: Chris Phillips 519/600, Tami Taylor 514/600, Shannon Bullock 507/600, Joe Clark 507/600, Jon Noe 502/600, Chris Kirby 497/600, Adrian

Local officials seek \$7 million for new tech center at RCHS

By: Richard Anderkin

Local school officials and others are seeking \$7 million from the state to build a new technical-education structure adjacent to the Rockcastle County High School.

Last week Rockcastle County School Superintendent Larry Hammond and Kentucky Technical Center Principal Donna Hopkins, wrote a letter to Kentucky Governor Paul Patton asking for his support in the effort to build the new technical-education center.

Kentucky State Representative Danny Ford of Mt. Vernon and Rockcastle County Hospital Administrator Lee D. Keene, who is the Governor's liaison for Rockcastle County, have also met personally with the Governor on two different occasions concerning the project.

"The Governor has told us he would keep an open mind and consider supporting the project if money is available in next year's budget," Ford said.

"There are a lot of requests statewide for projects that cost a lot of money, so that will be a major factor, whether or not the funds are there," Ford said.

"I think because of the good economy in the state the money will be there - it is just going to be a matter of getting the Governor's full support and getting the support we need in the legislature, which of course Danny will be the major factor there," Keene said.

Mrs. Hopkins said that a new center is needed for various reasons. "We simply don't have enough space in our current building for all the classes that we need to teach," Mrs. Hopkins said.

She pointed out that even now some of the vocational/technical center's classes are held at the Rockcastle Hospital because of the lack of space. She also pointed out that the hospital is always expanding and the space may not always be available for the classes.

"Our district survey of industrial and business needs revealed a very high priority for a machine technology program, and currently we are unable to meet this community need because we do not have the space for the class," she said.

Mrs. Hopkins also said that it would be much more effective and efficient if the new structure were located on the high school site.

"Because we are located a mile from the high school on the other school campus, our students are shuttled a total of five times daily using two buses each time," Mrs.

Hopkins said.

Faculty communication between the two sites is reduced to that of using e-mail, F.A.X, and after school meetings," Mrs. Hopkins said. "That makes difficult for our faculty members to collaborate and team-teach with any degree of efficiency," she said.

"Our current building was built in the sixties and the electrical and technological wiring is completely outdated - equipment which supports current program needs cannot be fully utilized," Mrs. Hopkins said.

"If we are successful in obtaining the money for the new technical center, the existing structure could be used to house an alternative school which is a vital component of the district's safe school plan," Superintendent Hammond said.

Representative Ford said that the fact that a new building for the technical center would free up space for an alternative school, should give the project more merit with his colleagues and the Governor. "That may be the edge we need to get this pushed through the General Assembly," he said.

"As in all cases, available state funds will probably be the deciding factor," Ford said.

The state representative also said that some think the Governor will reveal a new package for the state that could raise the needed money for projects such as the technical center, but as of now the Governor has not really said what kind of package he may propose to the General Assembly. "We probably won't know anything definite about this project until near the end of the legislative session in March or early April. We will just have to work hard to see what we can get done," he said.

Of the requested \$7 million \$5.5 would actually be spent on the structure and \$1.5 on new equipment for a machine technology program and for funds to upgrade the existing allied health program.

Durham resigns from city council at Livingston

Livingston city council member Brady Durham has resigned from the council.

According to Rockcastle County Clerk Norma Houk, she received notice from the council that Durham had resigned effective December 13.

Houk said that Livingston council members and Mayor Sandra Tyrre have 30 days in which to replace Durham on the council.

The council has also replaced former city clerk Tim Hayes, who resigned recently with Michelle Carpenter.

Local man flown to U.K. following Thursday accident

A Brindle Ridge man was flown to the University of Kentucky Medical Center after a Thursday morning wreck in the Pine Hill churchyard.

Rockcastle Deputy Sheriff Darrell Doan said that Chad Burdette, 27, lost control of his 2000 Chevy truck around 8 a.m. and hit an embankment after crossing the roadway. Doan said that Burdette told police he lost control because someone was on his side of the roadway as he came around the curve.

Doan said that Burdette was operating his vehicle on a suspended license after a Thursday morning wreck in the Pine Hill churchyard. Burdette was treated for neck and back injuries at U.K. He has since been released from the hospital.

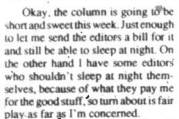


Members of the state champion RCHS Rifle Team are shown above from left: Joe Clark, Tami Taylor, Chris Phillips, Adrian Isaacs and Jon Noe.

The Signal Office will be closed December 22-December 26 and December 30 - January 2

Points East

By: Ike Adams



Okay, the column is going to be short and sweet this week. Just enough to let me send the editors a bill for it and still be able to sleep at night. On the other hand I have some editors who shouldn't sleep at night themselves, because of what they pay me for the good stuff. So turn about it's fair play as far as I'm concerned.

What I'm about to impart first of all is worth more than several pages of the average driver you have come to know and love so well here that I believe you may wind up realizing that this is the best thing I've done all year any way. It's a recipe for fudge. I love chocolate and you men should take note of this even if you don't because chances are your sweethearts do. And this is so simple that I'm still in shock. Not only that, but it is sooooooooooooo good.

You can't buy anything in any store any better no matter how much money you have.

So listen upread carefully because you have to follow the directions to the letter.

Dream Fudge

16 ounces of semi sweetened chocolate

1 1/4 oz. can condensed milk

1 tsp vanilla extract

1 cup chopped nuts (pecans, black walnuts, etc.)

Use the chocolate you can find in the baking goods section of the grocery store that look like tiny little candy kisses, but you can use the big bars if you slice it up well. Anyway put the chocolate and the condensed milk in a big mixing bowl and stir it up well. Put it in the microwave for two minutes. AT HALF POWER. Remove from the microwave and stir in nuts and vanilla until mixed well and return to microwave for two more minutes AT HALF POWER. Let it go another 10 or 15 seconds if it isn't pretty thin, but do not over cook. Pour the mixture into a lightly buttered baking pan — I use butter flavored PAM, the spray on stuff. Anyway, spread it out evenly in the pan and refrigerate for a couple of hours.

Remove from fridge, slice and serve. It's actually better if you let it come back to room temperature.

If this isn't the smoothest, creamiest fudge you've ever eaten, then send me your recipe and I'll put it in the paper. But be forewarned that I'm already making claims that this is the best stuff I've ever eaten period.

On a different note altogether, it wouldn't be right to talk about something that good and not gripe about something else, but I want to reflect on what I believe to be the most incompetent organization in government and the biggest waste of money known to man. That being the National Weather Service.

Saturday afternoon, I was listening to a radio station whose studio is maybe 12 miles from my house and between the guy kept announcing the weather forecast: "High in the low 40's," he said and, "turning colder this afternoon."

At 2:00 p.m. here in beautiful suburban Paint Lick the actual temperature was approx. high 40 and getting warmer all the time. Clouds the guy said. The sun was shining nicely with only a little puff ball here and there all afternoon and it stayed that way till dark. Apparently there is a darkroom in the studio or maybe he was broadcasting from a missile silo ten stories underground.

What kills me is when these guys can look outside and see what's going on and still refuse to use knowledge. At 5:00 p.m. I had a long sleeve shirt on and I was quite comfortable. The outside temperature here was 61 and the sun still shone pleasantly.

Then came Sunday's paper which reported a high on Saturday of 44! Apparently the Weather Service is so arrogant that nobody checked the thermometer so they just assumed that the forecast was right on the money. Or maybe they were talking about Detroit. Who knows? But when they can't tell what's actually happened, is it any wonder that they never get a forecast right on the button dollar business?

Barbara lived the latter part of her life in a rest home. Until the end of her life, she was bringing the Lord to the people in the home, hoping they would come to the Lord. She could read people, and when she was asked to pray for someone, that would come first.

The first time I met Barbara, I told her of Tony, my son who had been taken from me through an accident at work in 1995. I shared with her my memory of kissing him on the forehead and telling him it should have been me. When I showed her a picture of Tony, she said she would keep him right up at the top of her prayer list, along with her son, when she would pray.

Barbara would share things that happened to her. I told her that, at first, I did not believe all she told me. Once when I dropped in unexpectedly on her, we were talking and she got real serious. She said to me, "Give me your hands," I moved my chair out, away from the table and put my hands into hers. An electrical feeling came from her into me. She just shook. She told me that I was anointed by the Holy Spirit. She said the Lord told her to take my hands in hers. She did not do it at first, and then she said the Lord commanded her to take my hands in hers, now! We both could not get over it. At that time, I questioned how she could be so certain. I did not know many prayers; I did not know the words to beautiful hymns. I did not even know my Bible. But later, when spiritual things started to happen to me, I said, "I believe! I believe!"

The first time the Lord spoke to me was in January of 1997. During the night while I was sleeping, I felt as though all my emotions were being stripped from me. I was very frightened, and then I heard a voice which said, "Let no one keep you from Me." I told my mentor about this the next day, and she said, "That was a very powerful message from the Lord." And I thought, "Me?"

Our Lord has appeared to me several times since then. One other

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Our Readers Write

Dear Editor,
The top ten solutions to pay off the City of Mt. Vernon's financial deficit opposed to an imposed new tax.

- 1) Convict the party's responsible for selling these drugs to our county's youth, for a change instead of the same repetitive small repeat offenders. *(There is definitely more money with that method. Confiscate dealer properties and auction to pay on the city debt.)*
- 2) Stake out Hwy. 1505/Hwy 225 and bust all the people that are continuously attempting to set new land speed records.
- 3) Stake out the gravel pit, beside the court house on Main Street; and pick off the vehicles as they peel out and throw beer cans/pill bottles onto the pavement.
- 4) Vote Rockcastle County wet and the tax revenue will be the best thing since a fair County justice system.
- 5) Legalize growing marijuana. Some of Rockcastle County citizen's answer to the tobacco problem. *(not a good option)*
- 6) Figure out how an able bodied, healthy and unemployed person can afford a \$200,000 home and two new cars and apply that theory to the City's strategic plan to generate dollars to pay the city debt.
- 7) Institute a hotline, for people that want a better way of life for our County Citizens, to report knowing drug handlers and their corrupt partners. *(Of course this line will have to be monitored by a State Police post, preferably in Frankfort.)*
- 8) Charge \$1.00 each time a

vehicle circles through the city of Mt. Vernon after 9:00 p.m.

9) Buy and sell Pokemon cards.

10) When is the next election?

Kevin Saylor
Brookhead, KY

Dear Editor,
I was coming through out little town of Brookhead the other night, to my surprise all through town to the outskirts of town, it was lit up by new Christmas lights and decorations. I would like to commend our Mayor Walter Lee Cash for the wonderful job he is doing up making our community look better, not with just this project but our city park has even had a new face lift. The people of Brookhead have a track to walk on and the kids have a nice place to play. I also want to say thanks to all the men, women and council members that gave their time and effort to help Mayor Cash, to make our little town a better place. Keep up the good work.

Libby Ramsey

Dear Editor,
My name is Barbara Walker I have shared my story with family and friends and I would like to share it with you, writing from my heart to your heart. It is a story about my life with my Lord. I learned to know Him through the death of my son, Tony.

In order to share my experience with you, it is necessary you know a little about my mentor, also named Barbara. She went home to the Lord, March 12, 1999, at the age of 89. We were very close. I've never met anyone like her in my life. I've never had a friend like her.



Christopher Mullins, son of Doug and Janice Mullins, won the bike given away at our Main Street office.



Meredith Robinson, daughter of Tim and Renee Robinson, won the bike given away at our Hwy. 481 office. Tina Taylor presents the bike to Meredith.

One of the real joys of the holiday season is giving. The Bank of Mt. Vernon announces the winners of the bikes from our December 17th drawing. Christopher Mullins, left and Meredith Robinson, right.

Merry Christmas from The Bank of Mt. Vernon!

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Original Christmas Pie Was Made of Mince Meat

"Little Jack Horner Sat in the Corner Eating a Christmas Pie. He stuck in his thumb And pulled out a plum And said, 'What a Good boy am I!'"

Chances are the Christmas pie that Jack was eating was a mince pie because it was originally known as a Christmas pie and has been popular in some form for Christmas dessert for more than five centuries.

But the ingredients, while always containing some kind of meat, have changed over the years. During the Middle Ages, it was a mutton pie. And some of the earliest recipes called for chopped or minced partridges, pheasants and hares.

Gradually, the meat used became beef. Other ingredients were added to transform a meat pie into a special dessert. These ingredients included sugar, apples, molasses, cider, raisins, currants, citron,

cloves, plums and rutmeg. Still some early pies contained as much as six pounds of meat.

At first, mince pies were oblong in shape to represent the manger in Bethlehem. The latticed tops symbolized the hayrack in the stable. Apples were for growth and fertility for the season to come. the

Oriental spices were reminiscent of the gifts of the Wise Men.

Mince pies were also called "wayfarers' pies" since they were given to all holiday visitors. It was common belief that eating a mince pie brought good luck, especially if one ate 12 such pies between Christmas and Twelfth Night.

Good luck and good fortune along with happiness came to anyone who

ate those 12 pies in different locations.

Anyone who refused to eat a mince pie would lose a good friend during the coming year. The remains of the

"Christmas Pies" were always distributed to the poor at the end of the Yuletide season.

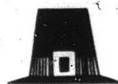
In 1770, Dorothy Patterson, who was the housekeeper for Sir Henry

Grey prepared what is possibly the most famous holiday pie ever baked in England. The pie was about nine feet in diameter, weighed 165 pounds and was served from a four-wheeled cart.

In the pie were minced meat of several different varieties, including partridges, pigeons, blackbirds, geese, rabbits, turkeys and ducks in addition to 20 pounds of butter and a couple bushels of flour.

What has been hailed as the modern "World's Largest Mince Pie" was baked in Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1949. It was three and a half feet across and weighed 140 pounds.

Puritans Wanted Thanksgiving to be Most Important



For Puritans, Christmas was a solemn religious event. They did not want celebration to overtake the religious aspect of Christmas. In an effort to keep Christmas as serious as possible, the Puritans tried to make Thanksgiving the most important annual festival.

It is obvious that they did not succeed for Thanksgiving is almost lost in the rush to begin the Christmas Holiday Season.

Letters

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apparition I'd like to relate involved a charcoal sketch of Jesus Christ which my son, Tony, drew. He won an award for it. I had placed a black and silver cross on the picture. I was sleeping with my back toward the drawing. I woke up because I was wondering where a bright light was coming from. I thought I had left the bathroom light on. I turned over, only to see that the cross was completely lit up. The drawing is six feet high, three and a half feet wide. The Holy Spirit light was across the width of the drawing. It gathered together at the right side of the cross and disappeared.

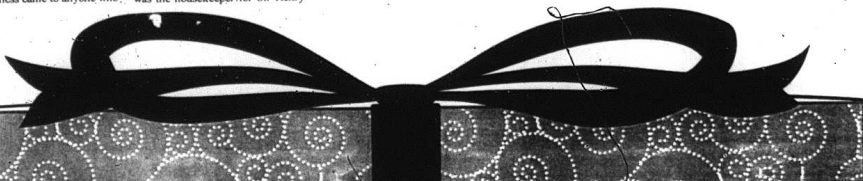
On March 2, 1999, I had a dream of Tony. He was with a group of young people. He looked good. I was so happy to see Him. I started crying. I woke up and saw the beautiful face of Jesus, transparent, soft blue, with a tear falling from His left eye.

I know now that Jesus is always with us, through the storms of life and beyond. He is with us when we weep and when we feel joy. If only we could look deeper into ourselves, invite Him into our hearts and say those special words, "Jesus, I Trust in You."

I am writing this letter as a promise to our loving Jesus, the King of Mercy and for his dear Mother Mary, the Queen of Mercy, with love for the Holy Trinity and the Holy Family, Glory to God.

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Written with a sincere heart,
Barbara Walker
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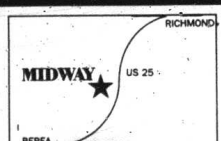
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Lady Rockets win one lose two in Lady Pirates Holiday Classic

The Lady Rockets had to meet top-ranked Bryan Station in their first game of the Lady Pirates Holiday Classic and though they lost 58-36, they kept Bryan Station's interest through the third quarter.

The Rockets got behind 6-1 in the first quarter, but Brooke Roberts and Brandy Reynolds went to work and actually put the Rockets up 11-9 before the Lady Defenders came back and took a 14-11 first quarter lead.

At the 7:33 mark of the second quarter, the Rockets lost Reynolds

to an ankle injury and that hurt their chances of upsetting the top ten ranked Lexington team.

But the Lady Rockets didn't quit. After getting down 23-17 in the third quarter, the Rockets came back to win their 23-20 but the Defenders then went on a 7-3 run in the second quarter to take a 30-23 half time lead.

The Defenders came out in a full-court press in the third quarter that the Rockets couldn't handle and suddenly the Rockets were down 37-23

But, again they played catch-up ball and cut the lead to 37-32 on a 9-0 run. That run proved to be their final hurrah as the Lady Defenders went to work on offense and defense and held the Rockets scoreless until late in the fourth quarter when Jessica Cobb put in a basket at the 2 minute mark.

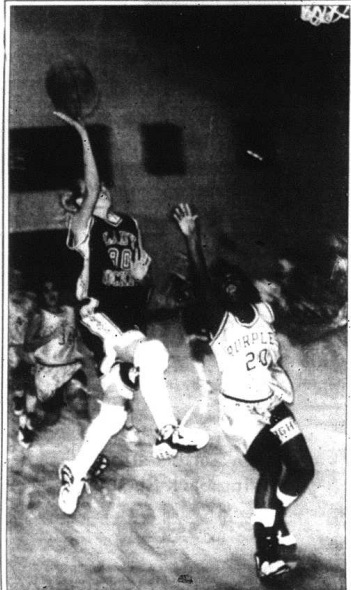
Four Rockets tied for scoring honors in the game: Brooke Roberts, Jessie Rickels, Rachelle Hammond and Jessica Cobb all had 7 points. Reynolds got 6 and Amber Denney got 2.

Besides Hammond's 14, Rickels got 13, Roberts 11, Reynolds 9, Denney 6, Cobb 5 and Ashley Hanson 2.

Unlike Sunday's game when the Rockets shot 31 free throw, making 21 of them, in their game Monday against Warren Central the Rockets were at the free throw line only twice, converting 3 of their 4 chances. However Warren Central got 23 chances at the charity stripe and made good on 17 of them.

Despite missing 9 of their 12 first quarter shots, the Rockets were down only one at the end of that period 7-6 but had fallen behind 24-17 at the half.

After getting down 26-17 to begin the third quarter, Hammond earned a shot, Roberts put in 9 points and Rickels got two free throws to pull the Rockets to within 4 at 34-30. However, Central outscored the Rockets 6-2 to end the third period with a 40-32 lead.



Senior Brooke Roberts goes high for a lay-up off a steal from the Bowling Green Purple's Sunday. Rockets scored 11 points in the game.

RCMS Basketball Roundup

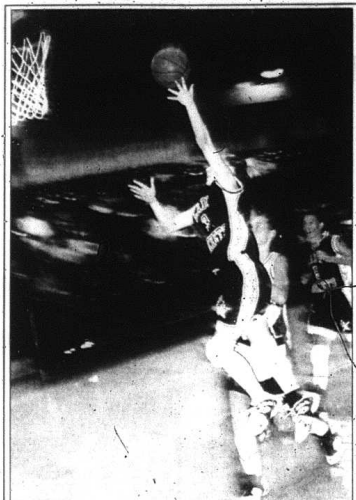
8th Grade
RCMS 52 - S. Laurel 39
 Devin Taylor 14, Devin Bussell and Tim McIntosh 10 each; Shane Nicely and Jarrod Burdette 5 each; Steven Coffey and Jesse Hamm 3 each and Matthew Silcox 2.

RCMS 47 - S. Pulaski 36
 Tim McIntosh 15, Devin Taylor and Jesse Hamm 7 each, Shane Nicely and Jarrod Burdette 6 each, Brandon Falin 4 and Steven Coffey 2.

7th Grade
RCMS 44 - S. Laurel 47
 Brandon Griffin 12, Derrick Hurst and Blake Roberts 11 each, Matt Allen 4 and Max Saylor, Rick Sandusky and Jacob Taylor, 2 each.
RCMS 44 - S. Pulaski 38
 Brandon Griffin 20, Blake Roberts and Matt Allen 6 each, Rick Sandusky 5, Ronnie McClure 3 and Jacob Taylor 1.

6th Grade
RCMS 28 - S. Laurel 48
 Colby Brown 15, Matthew Burkhardt 7, Gabe Stallworth and Jeremy Cook, 2 each and Weston Riddle and Jared Brown, 1 each.

RCMS 29 - S. Pulaski 24
 Weston Riddle 9, Colby Brown and Kyle Mullins 7 each and Matthew Burkhardt 6.



Junior Jessie Rickels goes in for a lay-up in action against the Bowling Green Purple's. Rickels got 13 points in the game, which included a three point basket.

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Happy Holidays

Larry, Kathy, Derrick and Katelynn

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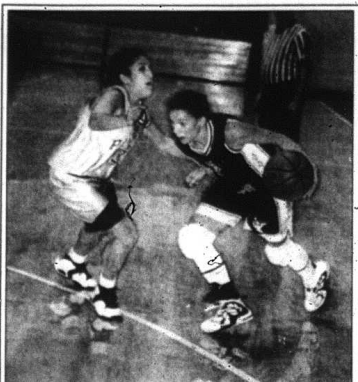
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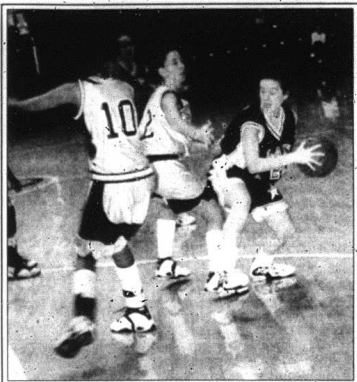
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Senior Brandy Reynolds drives on a Bowling Green defender during the Rockets-second game of the Lady Pirates Holiday Classic. Reynolds, who scored nine points in the game, severely injured her right ankle early in the second quarter of the Rockets first game against top ten ranked Bryan Station and had to sit out the remainder of that game.



Ashley Lawson looks to pass the ball in the Lady Rockets-Bowling Green game Sunday. Lawson hit two free throws in the game for her team.

"Lady Rockets" Cont. from A-4

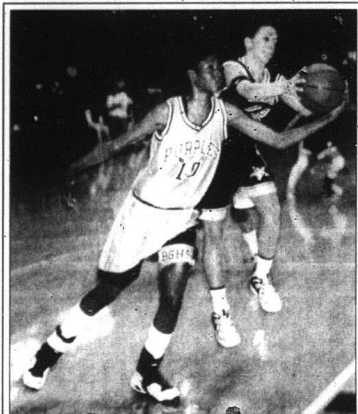
In the fourth, Hammond and Reynolds each scored and Roberts got two to pull to within four at 44-40 but, by the time Hammond got the next Rocket basket, a three at the 2:47 mark, Central was up 50-43.

Cobb and Amber Fain added baskets for the Rockets and Jessie Rickels put in two, one a three pointer but the Rockets couldn't quite catch

up.

Roberts led her team in scoring with 18; Rickels got 15, which included three three pointers; Rachelle Hammond got 9 points and 9 rebounds; Reynolds scored 4 and Fain and Denney each got 2.

The Rockets were scheduled to play their last game of the tournament Tuesday morning.



Senior Jessica Cobb grabs a rebound from a Bowling Green Purple during action Sunday in the Lady Pirates Holiday Classic. The Rockets won 60-49. Cobb scored five points in the game.

Holiday Banana Bread

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup margarine, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 medium, ripe DOLE Bananas, mashed (about 3/4 cup)
- 2 teaspoons grated orange peel
- 1/2 cup finely chopped dried papaya
- 1/2 cup chopped macadamia nuts, toasted

1/4 cup flaked coconut, toasted
Vegetable cooking spray
Orange icing (recipe follows)
Combine flour, baking powder, ginger and salt in medium bowl; set aside.

Beat together margarine and sugar in large bowl until creamy. Beat in eggs, bananas and orange peel until

blended. Stir in flour mixture, papaya, nuts and coconut until combined. Evenly spoon into 3 mini bread pans (5 3/4 x 3 1/2-inch).
Bake at 350F 45 to 50 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. If bread begins to get too brown, cover loosely with foil. Cool in pans 15 minutes. Remove from pans and cool completely on wire rack. Drizzle with icing.

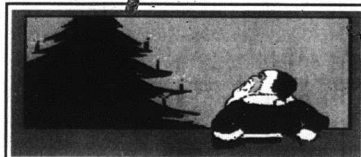
Orange Icing: Combine 1 cup powdered sugar with 1 to 2 tablespoon orange juice; stir until smooth.

Per serving: 258 calories, 47mg fat (2g sat.), 47mg cholesterol, 173mg sodium; 37g carbohydrate, 4g protein.

The New-year's Gift

By Robert Herrick
(1591-1674)

Let others look for pearl and gold;
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Rockets lose another close one 67-65; beat Bellevue

The Rockcastle County Rockets traveled to Albany on Friday night and dropped their fourth game of the season 67-65.

The Rockets led most of the game before losing on a last second shot in the lane.

Seniors Matthew Brown and Andrew Cash led the Rockets scoring with 20 and 18 points respectively, but it wasn't enough to offset the 29 point performance by Bulldog Daniel Latham.

Clinton County had lost only one game all season long.

Rockcastle hosted Bellevue last Saturday night, winning their third game of the season dominantly 72-46.

Bellevue scored the first two points of the game, going up 2-0; but that was the only lead they would experience as Andrew Cash and Christopher Parsons each hit a three, along with an age 27 fashion three by Matthew Brown, putting the Rockets up 9-4.

The Rockets ended the first quarter with a comfortable 25-14 lead.

The Rockets extended their lead to 13 at the end of the half, 41-28 with good free throw shooting and even scoring by Rockcastle.

The Rockets struck first in the third quarter with a basket by Brown. Rockcastle went up by 22, 58-36, to end the third quarter.

Rockcastle never looked back during the fourth quarter, extending their lead to twenty eight, with the final score 72-46.

Rockcastle begins play Monday night, January 27th at the Cumberland Falls Tournament in Corbin at

6:30 p.m. against defending champs Boyle County.

A tournament bracket can be found in the A section of this week's Signal

Rockcastle Linescores

Rockcastle 65
Clinton Co. 67
BROWN 20; CASH 18; BURDETTE 10; LEGER 8; HAMMOND 6; PARSONS 3

Rockcastle 72
Bellevue 46
BROWN 20; CASH 19; HAMMOND 12; LEGER 6; BURDETTE 5; PARSONS 5; ROWLAND 2; ANDERKIN 2; SMITH 1

Rockcastle Jayvees 5-1

The Rockcastle County Jayvee's extended their season record to 5-1, with a come-from-behind win over Bellevue last Saturday.

The Rockets were down 33-25 at the end of the third quarter but Rockcastle outscored Bellevue 21-8 in the fourth for the win.

Rockcastle tied the game 39-39 with 2:15 to go and then again 41-41 with 56 seconds to go.

Thomas Coffey was sent to the line with 32 seconds to go in the game, and Coffey hit both free throws to give the Rockets the 43-41 lead before they finished off Bellevue 46-41.

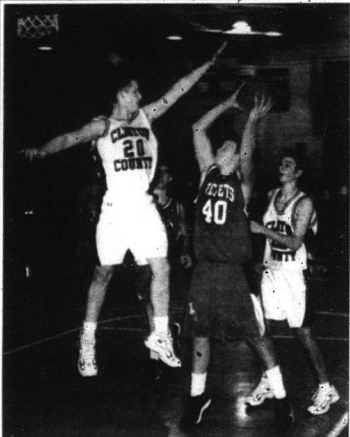
Rockcastle Linescores

Rockcastle 44
Onida Baptist 43
Jeremy Neeley 16; Josh Rowland 10; Thomas Coffey 8; Aaron Cash 7; Austin Miller 3.

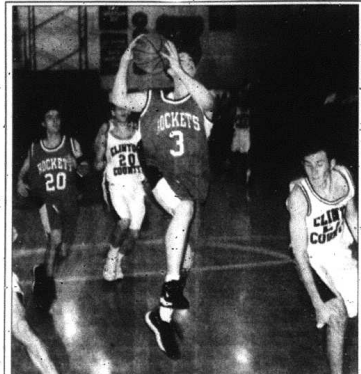
Rockcastle 44
Clinton Co. 33
Jeremy Neeley 16; Aaron Cash 7; Josh Rowland 6; Aaron Anderkin 5; Stephen Boring 4; Jason Reynolds 2; Stephen Miller 2.

Rockcastle 46
Bellevue 41
Josh Rowland 16; Thomas Coffey 12; Aaron Anderkin 9; Jeremy Neeley 5; Aaron Cash 3; Stephen Boring 1.

(Cont. to A7)



Matthew Brown goes for two of his game high 20 points in Friday night's action against Clinton Co.



Jacob Burdette goes in for an easy lay-up in Friday night's action against Clinton Co. The Rockets lost by two, 67-65.

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Members of the Wildcat Mountain Longbeards Association of the National Wild Turkey Federation along with Save-a-Job in Mt. Vernon recently collected food they donated to the food basket program at Rockcastle Emergency Assistance Program. The food will be used as part of the 100 food baskets being passed out this Christmas to needy families. Shown above, from left, Samantha Nielsen, LuEd Nielsen, REAP Director, Mike McGuire, Tony Mahaffey and Joan Garrison.

**In Loving Memory of
Russell E. Davis**

Mr. Russell E. Davis, 51, of Brodhead and formerly of Lebanon, Indiana was killed instantly in a tragic accident Wednesday morning, December 15th in Ducansville, Penn. Russell was driving on a long haul for R&F Trucking (Taylors Produce) in Brodhead. Russell had many friends in Brodhead and will be sadly missed. Russell had one special companion that will really miss him, that was his dog "Champ" who was with him at the time of the accident, but he survived Merry Christmas "Big Boy"

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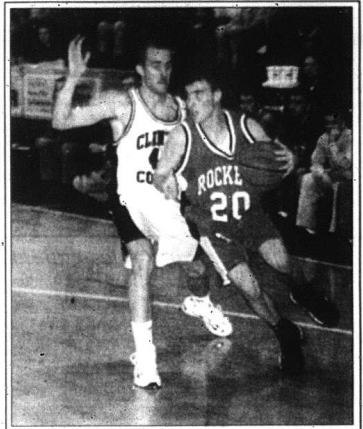
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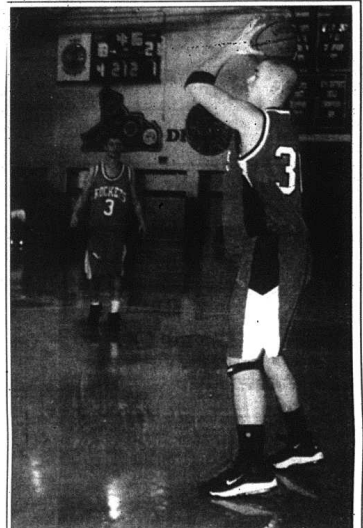
Freshman Linescores

Rockcastle 46
Oneida Baptist 36
Aaron Anderkin 16, Austin Miller 11, Jason Reynolds 11, Stephen Boring 6, Aaron Cash 2

Rockcastle 51
South Laurel 36
Aaron Anderkin 13, Aaron Cash 12, Jason Reynolds 10, Austin Miller 11, Stephen Boring 6, Chris Seales 2.



Senior Andrew Cash penetrates the baseline in Friday's action against Clinton Co.



Senior Nick Eger looks to make a pass in last Friday's game against Clinton Co.

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Please Note. . .

The Joshua Sowder listed in last week's District Court news is not the Joshua Sowder of Wildcat Road, Livingston. The Farley Newcomb listed in last week's District Court News was actually Farley Newcomb Jr.



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"What Saith The Scriptures"

I was reading the other day in the book of Job an interesting passage, Job 20:12-14, "Though wickedness be sweet in his mouth, though he hide it under his tongue, though he spare it, and forsake it not, but keep it still within his mouth, yet his meat in his bowels is turned, it is as the gall of asps within him." Doing wicked things is "sweet" while doing it. The Hebrew writer said in Hebrews 11:24-25 "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season." There is pleasure in doing things that are sinful! It is the enticement or bait that the Devil dangles in front of us to get us to do wrong. And yes it is "sweet" for the moment or for a season.

But then notice, that our text says that it turns into "gall" i.e. something that is very bitter. Sin has some very bitter consequences that comes after the transgression. Eve found the forbidden fruit very pleasant to eat, but there were bitter consequences to her sin. The shame, the guilt, the curses from God, driven out of the Garden of Eden; yes it was all so very bitter. Another example David, he partook of the pleasures of sin when he committed adultery with Bathsheba. Yet the consequences were very bitter in his life afterward. The agony of watching their little baby getting sick and then dying, also 3 other children dying, his kingdom taken by a heretic, son the betrayal and treachery of a forsaken friend. Think about the Judas Iscariot and the bitter guilt that followed his sin, that lead him to commit suicide. Remember, sin may be sweet to eat, but it will be bitter as gall in your bowels.

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Managing Holiday Stress

Although enjoyable, holidays are often stressful. Here are some suggestions for managing the season and the stress that may accompany it.

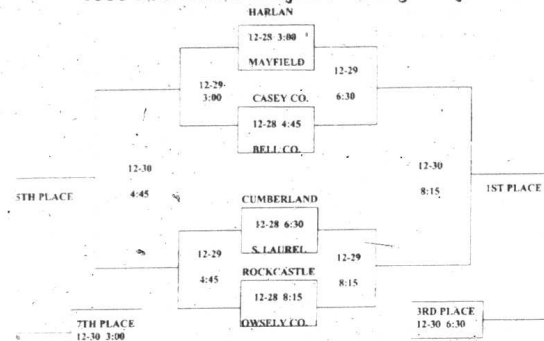
Be selective about activities in which you choose to involve yourself. Choose those activities which have meaning for you and your family. You will find that you can let go of many activities

demanding your attention without damaging your holiday spirits. Concentrate on the people and the process rather than the finished product. The fun of making cookies with the children is more important than a plate of beautiful cookies.

The children will remember the time together, not the perfectly decorated cookies.

Maintain as normal a routine as possible, with regular, nutritious meals. Healthy eating and a predictable routine both help to avoid feeling stressed. Do not expect everybody to be happy and appreciative all the time. Expecting everything to always be happy and perfect can result in disappointment. Take care of yourself physically and emotionally. Take time to exercise and relax every day.

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Rifle Team

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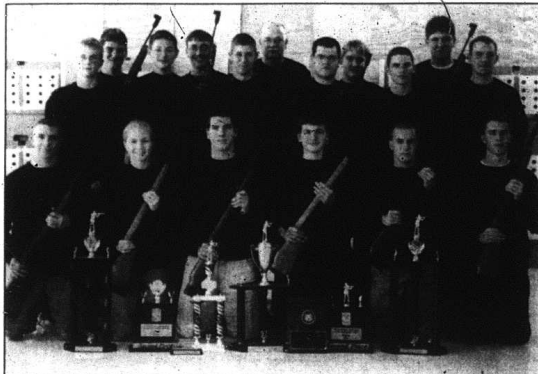
teams shooting in Precision category. The team is looking forward to

shooting in three more high level tournaments in Kentucky early in the year as well as several local matches. We hope to earn the privilege of representing Kentucky and Rockcastle County in the National Junior

Olympic Competition to be held in Atlanta this summer. Your continued encouragement and support of these fine athletes and great examples of Rockcastle County youth is greatly appreciated.



RCBS Rifle Team won second place in Atlanta at Wolf Creek Olympic Shooting Complex. Top four shooters are shown above, from left: Tami Taylor, Chris Phillips, Adrian Isaacs, Jon Noe and Coach SGM Taylor.



Members of the Rockcastle County High School Rifle Team for 1999-2000 are pictured above front row from left: Shannon Bullock, Team Captain Tami Taylor, Chris Phillips, Adrian Isaacs, Johnathon Noe and Tim Tyler. Middle row from left: Cole Hammond, Jacob Helton, Chris Kirby, Jeff Smith, Joe Clark and Steven Slate. Back row from left: Ronald Willey, Jason Martin, Team Coach SGM Keith Taylor, Ross McClure and Wayne Wagers.



Maggie Rose, Dylan Nicely and Tanner Nicely got a surprise-visit from Santa Claus on Monday afternoon. Maggie Rose is the daughter of Anna Rose of Mt. Vernon and participates in the Christian Appalachian Project's Parents are Teachers Program. The Parents are Teachers program is a provider of first step-services for home based activities that enhance a child's growth and development. Children with a developmental delay or disability are helped by the program. Tanner and Dylan are the sons of Steve and Angie Nicely and are cousins of Maggie. Parents wanting more information about the program can call (606) 256-3923.

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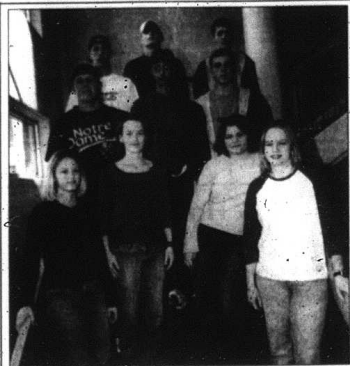
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Rockcastle County Robinsion Scholars are pictured above, front row, from left: Amy Barnett, Jennifer Carmack, Brittany Owens, Jodi Mays. Second row, from left: William Blair, Jeremiah Myers and P.J. Rowe. Back row from left: David Snyder, Mikey Howard and Cody Laswell.

Robinsion Scholars participate in workshops on SECC campus

University of Kentucky Robinsion Scholars from eight counties recently participated in a day of workshops and other activities on the campus of Southeast Community College in Cumberland. Workshops offered for the students included a variety of topics including speed reading, memorization skills, evaluating Internet resources, ACT preparation, study skills, note-taking techniques and use of an academic library.

Additionally, the newest class of Robinsion Scholars was introduced and welcomed to the program, and the Robinsion Scholars' 1998-99 video yearbook was presented at the close of the evening activities.

"We offer students an opportunity to participate in workshops that we feel will help them become stronger students," says Paula Whitaker, Regional Coordinator for the program. "It has become an annual event that we all look forward to."

Robinsion Scholars from Rockcastle County who participated in the

program were Amy Barnett, William Blair, Jennifer Carmack, Mikey Howard, Cody Laswell, Jodi Mays, Jeremiah Myers, Brittany Owens, P.J. Rowe and David Snyder.

"This is a chance for us to get each class from the SECC region on campus at one time, and I think that is an important thing to do," says Whitaker. "These students are forming a network that will support and encourage them throughout high school and when they are enrolled at the University of Kentucky or one of the state's community colleges."

Robinsion Scholars have been awarded full scholarships to the University of Kentucky and can claim the scholarships upon high school graduation if they complete the program requirements, maintain a certain GPA and meet UK enrollment stipulations.

Counties participating in the program at SECC were Bell, Harlan, Knox, Laurel, Leitcher, McCreary, Rockcastle and Whitley.

in Lexington to receive confirmation for the graduates. This is the third Somerset Technical College graduating class to receive KCTCS Board of Regents approval.

Each graduating class must have full approval from the Board in order to graduate. Each technical college has been delegated the responsibility to confirm that all qualifications and

requirements for diplomas have been met. Upon the recommendation of the technical college director, the KCTCS Board of Regents must certify diploma eligibility for its students prior to diploma conferral.

Kimberly Harris from Rockcastle County will graduate in practical nursing.

Browning wins two awards at Centre's football banquet

Senior linebacker Adam Browning, a graduate of Rockcastle County High School, won two awards at Centre College's annual football banquet.

Browning, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Browning of Mt. Vernon, was named Centre's Most Valuable Linebacker and received the Excellence Award. The awards were among ten presented by the Centre

coaching staff following a vote of the team.

Browning was a four year letterman for the Colonels and was named Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference (SCAC) Player of the Week for his defensive work versus Rhodes College.

Centre finished the season with a 3-5 record, 3-3 in the SCAC.



Cromer and Jones graduate from Berea

Rockcastle County High School graduates Kelli Sue Cromer and Vanessa Jones were two of 76 seniors who participated in Berea College's mid-year commencement ceremony on December 12 at the Union Church. Candidates recognized will receive degrees in February 2000.

Dr. John Wallhauser, Distinguished Professor of General Studies and Henry Mixer Pennington Professor of Philosophy and the Bible, was the commencement speaker.

Both, Kelli and Vanessa will receive a B.A. degree in education studies.

Kelli is the daughter of Glen and Melinda Cromer of Mt. Vernon. Vanessa is the daughter of Bonnie Jones Whitaker of Richmond and Tim Bullock of Brodhead.

Harris to graduate from STC

Recently, the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) Board of Regents approved 86 Somerset Technical College candidates for diplomas in December.

Dr. Carl Ann VanHook, Somerset Technical College Director, submitted the candidates' names for the Board's approval. She attended the Board meeting December 2 and 3



Lindsey Hall, daughter of Debbie Hall and granddaughter of Homer Brown, has a 3.92 GPA at Rockcastle County High School. She is a publicist for Creative Writing, member of FCA, ETS and the National Honor Society. She plans to attend the University of Kentucky. She received a Superior trophy being a member of the Dance Team and three time Science Olympiad at Cumberland College. Her hobbies include singing, dancing, and hanging out with friends.

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May your hearts be filled with happy thoughts of friends and family during this Christmas season.

Best wishes for a successful and happy New Year.

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A Tree-Trimming Dinner The Family Will Remember

For many, the Christmas season begins with the trimming of the Christmas tree, perhaps as early as the day after Thanksgiving. While you're busy decorating and creating a festive holiday home, make sure you take time to celebrate the season with festive food, as well. Surprise your family with a special, yet simple, holiday meal. Tree-Topped Turkey Casserole is the perfect dish for your tree-trimming dinner.

- 1/2 cup sliced celery
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 4 cups cubed cooked turkey (1 1/2 lb. turkey tenderloins, cooked and cubed)
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 1 package (2.75 oz.) Pioneer No Fat or Regular Country Gravy Mix
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cups shredded Swiss cheese (6 oz.)
- 1/4 cup chopped red bell pepper (optional)
- 1/4 cup chopped green bell pepper (optional)
- Tree-Shaped Biscuits
- 1 to 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted

Melt 1/4 cup butter in 13x9x2-inch baking dish; top with thawed potatoes and stir to coat. Bake at 400 for 20 minutes. Meanwhile, in large skillet, cook and stir onion and celery until over medium-high heat for 5 minutes.

Add turkey and water; bring to a boil. Dissolve gravy mix in milk; stir into boiling mixture until thickened and bubbly. Remove from heat; stir in cheese until well blended. Stir in bell peppers. Pour turkey mixture over hot potatoes. Prepare biscuits and place on top of turkey mixture. Bake 12 to 15 minutes more or until biscuits are golden brown and sauce is bubbly. Brush biscuits with melted butter. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Tree-Topped Turkey Casserole
This hearty dish is packed with turkey, vegetables and Swiss cheese, a heartwarming combination for a cold winter night. The tree-shaped biscuits make this casserole extra special. If you don't have turkey left from another meal, purchase precooked turkey breast for this dish.

- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine
- 4 cups frozen country-style hash brown potatoes, thawed
- 1/2 cup chopped onion

- 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh parsley
- 2 1/2 cup milk

In medium bowl, stir together biscuit & baking mix, bacon and parsley; stir in milk to form a ball. Turn out onto surface dusted with additional biscuit & baking mix; knead 8 to 10 times. Roll out to 1/4-inch thickness. Using a 3-inch tree-shaped cookie cutter, cut into 8 biscuits, re-rolling dough as needed. The final touch for most Christmas trees is a beautiful angel or a sparkling star carefully placed on top. Whichever tree-topper your family prefers, you can make Hazelnut Christmas Cookies to match. Simply cut out stars or angels from the rolled cookie dough, bake, and decorate with melted chocolate and white chocolate. Let everyone in the family get involved with "drizzling" the chocolate on the cookies.

Hazelnut Christmas Cookies
What a beautiful and tasty way to celebrate Christmas. Make these

cookies in your favorite holiday shapes. Whatever the shape, the cookies taste special.

- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened
- 1 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3/4 cups Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix
- 3/4 cup ground hazelnuts, toasted* and cooled
- 1/2 cup white "chocolate" chips
- 1/2 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 teaspoon shortening, divided

In large mixer bowl, beat butter and brown sugar until light and fluffy. Add egg and vanilla; beat well. Add biscuit & baking mix and hazelnuts, beat on low speed to combine. Chill dough for at least 1 hour. On surface dusted with additional biscuit & baking mix, roll out half of dough to 1/4-inch thickness. Cut out star or angel shapes (or other shapes as desired) using cookie cutters. Place 1 inch apart on baking sheet coated with cooking spray. Bake at 350 for 8 to 10 minutes or until light golden brown. Remove from baking sheet to wire rack to cool. Repeat with remaining dough. In separate heavy-duty resealable plastic bags, place white chocolate chips and

semisweet chocolate chips. Place 1/2 teaspoon shortening in each bag; microwave both bags on 50% power for 3 to 4 minutes, massaging bags every minute, or until chips are melted. Cut off tip of one corner of each bag. Drizzle melted white chocolate and semisweet chocolate

onto cookies as desired. Makes 4 to 5 dozen cookies, depending on size of cutter.

*To toast hazelnuts, place on a microwave-safe plate; microwave on High for 3 to 4 minutes, stirring after 2 minutes.



Holiday Hotlines

During the holidays, people cook more than at any other time of the year. And they try out many new recipes using exotic and unfamiliar ingredients. Sometimes a little help is needed. Several national food companies and federal agencies set up special Holiday Hotlines to help cooks in a panic avoid a disaster or to offer reassurance that the dish was prepared safely. Here is a list of a few of those Holiday Hotlines:

Reynolds Turkey Tips: 1-800-745-4000
Land O Lakes Bakingline: 1-800-782-9606
Pillsbury, Green Giant: 1-800-400-0127
USDA Meat, Poultry: 1-800-535-4555
Butterball Turkey Talk: 1-800-323-4848

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TOPS meets Thursday at 6 p.m. at Brodhead Christian Church basement on Main St. in Brodhead. For more info, call 1-800-932-TOPS or locally 758-4047.

Bookmobile Schedule
No schedule next week!
Happy Holidays!
Kiwanis Club
The Rockcastle Kiwanis meets Thursday at noon at the Kastle Inn Restaurant. All visitors are welcome.

R.A.P. Meeting
Rockcastle Adoption Agency for Pets Inc. meets the first Sunday of each month at 2 p.m. Help build an animal shelter in Rockcastle County. Call Terry at 758-9202 or Vickie 256-5183 for directions.

Free Rat Bait
The local Health Department, Daney Feed Supply, Adams Feed Supply and the Cooperative Extension office will make available free rat bait starting December 15th at the Extension Office and the feed supply stores.

Marine Corps League
Bluegrass Chapter 1012 of the Marine Corps League meets every fourth Thursday of the month at the Iglou Club at the Bluegrass Army Depot. For more info, call Jack Dimer at 569-7310 or Nathan Seals at 256-0714.

JobStart
Can't find a job? Need new skills? JobStart, a job skills training program, can help. For more info, call Jennifer at 256-9912.

Attn., Brodhead Seniors
Brodhead Seniors: Are you tired of eating alone? The Senior Center located at the fairgrounds at Brodhead has openings for congregating lunches served Monday through Friday. Join us in other social activities during 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Transportation can be arranged if needed. For more information call 758-4113.

Attn., Class of '90
Send address changes to: PO Box 27, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456. Plans are being made for the 20th reunion.

Closed
The Circuit Clerk's office will be closed Friday, December 24 through

Monday December 27th and Friday, December 31st through Monday, January 3rd. The Road Test, CDL Test and Permit Test will be given on Thursday, December 23 and Thursday, December 30.

Offices Closed
The County Clerk's office will be closed Friday and Saturday December 24th and 25th for the Christmas holiday. The Avis Computer System will be shut down in Frankfort for the first four days of January, 2000. This is necessary to upgrade the vehicle computer system and make it Y2K compliant. Therefore, the County Clerk's office must be closed January 1 through January 4, 2000 for the holiday. We will re-open on January 5th.

Closed
The Rockcastle Extension Office will be closed December 24, 1999 through January 2, 2000. The office will re-open on Monday, January 3, 2000 at 8 a.m.

New TOPS Chapter
TOPS, a non-organizational, no diet to follow, no dietary products to pay, \$20 annual membership fee - first meeting free Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Brindlee Ridge Vol. Fire Dept. in Conway, 256-2490 or 256-3633, 1-800-932-8677.

Fitness Conditioning Class
Fitness Conditioning Class began Dec. 14th at Lighthouse Assembly Center. \$1 per person per class. Meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 5:30 p.m. Registration will be during the Dec. 14th and 16th classes. The classes are designed for any age over 18 and any fitness level. The exercises are designed to improve flexibility and oxygen intake. Remember to check with your doctor before beginning any exercise program. For more info, contact Beverly Sexton at 256-2242 or 256-9796.

NWTF Meeting
Wildcat Mountain Longbeards local chapter of National Wild Turkey Federation will have a meeting at Kastle Inn on the 6th of January 2000 at 6:00 a.m. All members and public welcome to attend.

Closed
Sheriff's office will close for Christmas at 4:00 December 22nd and will re-open at 8:00 a.m. December 27th.

Hark, the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king"

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Front row, from left: Samantha Cromer, Brittany Cromer, Judy Cromer, Donna Gooch, Tracy Hiatt, Drew Hiatt and Angela Gooch. Back row, from left: Randy Cromer, Tommy Gooch, Larry Gooch and Andy Hiatt.

As we reflect upon this past year, the blessings have been many. We know, as a business, none of the good could have happened without the people of this area being willing to give us a chance. During the coming year, may each of you experience the joy and peace that comes only from walking with the "Prince of Peace."

Obituaries



Raymond Bullock

Raymond Bullock, 89 of McKinney Road at Ottawa, died, Monday, December 13, 1999 at the Rockcastle County Hospital after a long illness. He was born on November 11, 1910 in Pulaski County, the son of the late Telford and Ida Randolph Bullock. He was a member of the Ottawa Baptist Church and a farmer.

Survivors are his wife, Broniehi Niesley Bullock of Ottawa, one son, Denver Bullock and wife, Helen of Broadhead; two grandchildren, Billy Bullock and wife, Jean of Mt. Vernon and Ethel Hensley and husband, Ballard of Mt. Vernon and several great grandchildren. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Hazel Renner Bullock, one son, Freddie Bullock; one brother, Ted Bullock and one sister, Evelyn Bullock Purcell.

Services were Thursday, December 16, 1999 at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals Chapel with Bro. Rick Reynolds officiating. Burial was in the Ottawa Cemetery.

Casketbearers were Danny Conners, Ballard Hensley, Orvil Childress and Alan Higginbotham.



Kenneth Norton

Kenneth L. Norton, 70, of Rt. 1, Mt. Vernon, died Sunday, December 19, 1999 at his residence. He was born May 13, 1929 in Rockcastle County, the son of Bob and Mattie Norton. He was a member of the Freedom Baptist Church and a retired factory worker and truck driver.

Survivors are his wife, Bupnetia Bullock Norton of Mt. Vernon; one son, Marshall Norton of Lancaster; one daughter, Carolyn McKinney and husband, Charles S. of Mt. Vernon; a brother, Bobby Daniels of Somerset; one sister, Joyce Bullock of Mt. Vernon; five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Services were Tuesday, December 21 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home with Bros. Vola Brown and Steve McKinney officiating. Burial was in the Freedom Cemetery.

pallbearers were Robert Norton, Ray Bullock, James Murphy, Kenny Norton, Sanmy Young and David McCauley, Jr.

Otis Gabbard

Otis Gabbard, 75, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and formerly of Rockcastle County, died Tuesday, December 7, 1999.

He was the brother of, Denver Gabbard, David Gabbard, and Kenneth and Verma Gabbard, Beatrice and Eunice Burche. He was preceded in death by his wife, Beulah Sparks Gabbard.

Gravestone services were at the Berea Cemetery. Williams Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Paul Owens

Paul Owens, 64, of Livingston, died Monday, December 20, 1999 at his residence.

Arrangements are by the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

A more complete obituary will appear in next week's Signal.



Judy Croucher

Mt. Judy Croucher, 54, of Livingston, died Tuesday, December 14, 1999 at the Rockcastle Hospital. She was born November 18, 1945 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of Teddy Spiwey and the late Carol Parker. She was a former employee of A.C.S. of Berea and was a member of the Pine-Hill Holiness Church.

Survivors are her mother and stepfather, Dean and Teddy Carpenter of Livingston; two daughters, Kelly McClure and husband, Steve of Mt. Vernon and Tricia McGuire and husband, Tim of Broadhead and two grandchildren, Chas. McGuire and Caymen McClure. Burial was in the Morning View Cemetery.

Services were Friday, December 17, at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home with Bros. George Baker, Allen Hensley and Steve Weaver officiating. Burial was in the Morning View Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Henry Carpenter, Jack Carpenter, Steve McClure, Tim McGuire, Roland Carpenter and Willie Hines.

Lucille Owens

Lucille B. Owens, 73, of Wildie, died Thursday, December 16, 1999, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington as the result of an automotive accident. She was born October 18, 1926 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of Esther Brannaman Burdette and the late Astor Burdette. She was a member of the Wildie Christian Church where she taught Sunday School for 37 years, a former teacher and a retired instructional assistant for the Rockcastle County Board of Education.

In addition to her mother, Esther Burdette of Wildie, survivors are one son, Richard Gerald Owens and wife, Nancy of Rt. 3, Mt. Vernon; one daughter, Beverly Owens of Berea; three sisters, Bonnie Smith of Mt. Vernon, Tryna Rheinhardt of Richmond, Indiana and Myrtle Smith of Wildie and two grandchildren, Kara Owens and Samantha Owens.

Services were Monday, December 20 at Wildie Christian Church with Bro. Kenon Parkey officiating. Burial was in the Berea Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Darrell Smith, Scott Parkey, Matt Chaliff, Josh Chaliff, Stewart Abney and Tanner Abney.

Honorary bearers were Lyndon Smith, Keith Smith, William Smith, Lawrence Rheinhardt and Wade Rheinhardt.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Wade Damrell

Wade Hampton Damrell, 84, of Mt. Vernon Road in Berea, died Thursday, December 16, 1999 at Berea Hospital following a lengthy illness. He was the son of the late Emmanuel Damrell and Martha Evans Damrell. He was a member of the Baptist faith and a longtime resident of the Madison and Rockcastle County area.

Survivors are a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by seven brothers, Floyd, William, Arthur, Homer, Raymond, Sherman Damrell and an infant brother and two sisters, Josie Smith and Marie Lowe.

Services were Saturday, December 18 at Williams Funeral Home in Berea. Burial was in the Damrell Cemetery in Berea.

Joyce Mullins

Joyce V. Mullins, 64, of Dayton, Ohio died Thursday, December 16, 1999.

Survivors are one daughter, Fran-ne Merida and husband, Virgil of Cincinnati; three sisters, Alemda Love and husband, Ben of Cincinnati, Carol Turner of London and Jan Pangburn and husband, Robert of Centerville, Ohio; four brothers, Wayne Mullins and wife, Yvonne of Richmond, Indiana, Ronald Mullins and wife, Marcella of Frankfort, Robert Mullins and wife, Sandra of Richmond, Indiana and Fred Mullins and wife, Brenda of Sidney, Ohio and one grandson, Curtis. She was

preceded in death by one brother, William Mullins and two sisters, Marjorie Gibson and Elizabeth Clark. Services were Sunday, December 19, at the Rousing Funeral Home in Centerville, Ohio with Rev. David Tackett officiating. Burial of cremated remains were in the Elmwood Cemetery in Mt. Vernon. This obituary courtesy of Cox Funeral Home.

Cards of Thanks

Raymond Bullock

Broniehi Bullock and family would like to thank everyone for their support during Raymond Bullock's passing. We would like to thank everyone for all of the flowers, food, and friendship, which were given during this time. We would like to especially thank Marvin and Judy Owens and Bro. Rick Reynolds for their support. All of the help and kindness was greatly appreciated. Thank You.

Lela Mae Griffin

The family of Lela Mae Griffin wishes to express our deep appreciation for the kindness shown during her illness and at the time of her death. Thanks to everyone for the flowers, food, cards, visits, calls, and your prayers. A special thanks to Dr. Karen Saylor and Sowder Nursing Home. Also thanks to Bro. Eddie Hammond, Bro. Buford Parkerson and to Cox Funeral Home. The kindness and thoughtfulness you have shown has been very comforting and will always be remembered.

Pallbearers were Henry Carpenter, Jack Carpenter, Steve McClure, Tim McGuire, Roland Carpenter and Willie Hines.

In Memory Of

In Memory of our Mother & Grandmother, Ms. Nancy Helton, who passed away January 23, 1999 at the age of 100.

The following poem was found in her Bible which she had cut out of the Mt. Vernon Signal some 10 years ago.

My First Christmas In Heaven
I have just had Christmas in Heaven. A glorious, wonderful day! I stood with saints of the ages, Who found Christ the Truth and the Way.

I sang with the heavenly choir: Oh, how I wish you had been there: No Christmas on earth could compare, With all the rapture and glory, We witness in Heaven so far,

How Jesus to Bethlehem came, And how they had called His name Jesus That all might be saved through His name

I sang once again with the angels, While we listen to that best morn. When shepherds first heard the glad story,

That Jesus, the savior, was born, Oh, how I wish you had been there: No Christmas on earth could compare,

With all the rapture and glory, We witness in Heaven so far,

You know how I always loved Christmas.

It seemed such a wonderful day; With all of my loved ones around me, My family so happy and gay. Yes, now you see why I loved it And oh, what a joy it will be, When you and I family are with me.

To share in the glories I see, So, dear ones on earth, here's my greetings! Look up till the day dawn appears, And oh, what a Christmas awaits us, Beyond all our partings and tears! Kenneth and Reita Hopkins, Tony, Donna, Ken and Stephen

In Memory of Edward Mink
It's Christmas time darling, My first Christmas without you, I miss you so much, Your sweet loving smile, your gentle touch.

The memories I will cherish, Deep in my heart, Will keep us together, While we are apart. I know the time will soon come, When Jesus will say, "Come Cindy and meet Ed today." There won't be any sad times, I won't be lonely or blue. We will be together in Heaven darling, I love you.

Your loving wife, Cindy

In Memory of My Parents, Estel Gentry, who passed away January 11, 1991 Mary Gentry, who passed away December 25, 1996 The holidays are lonely without you, You're not far from my thoughts everyday.


I go through the motions of Christmas, But they're not the same in some way. Time doesn't change my heart's feelings, And the memories through all the years. I still can't even talk about you, Unless I hold back a flood of tears.

You both are missed by all of us, But I long for your kind, caring touch. You're in the Mom and Dad that I cherish, And today I love you so much!


Card of Thanks
Ruth Vanwinkle

We the family of Ruth Vanwinkle wish to express our appreciation to all those who gave us support in our time of grief. Special thanks to Dowell & Martin Funeral Home, and to Brother Wayne Henson and Brother Eugene Gentry for their kind words. Also Don Radwell for the reading of mom's poem and beautiful songs. Many thanks for the flowers and cards. Those who brought food for the family, many thanks to you also. May God Bless you all.

The Vanwinkle Family




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County Statistics

Deeds Recorded

Kim W. Alford, real property located in the Copper Creek area, to Melissa S. Saylor. Tax 62.50.
 Crawford and Shirley Griffin, real property located on the Gentry-Laswell Road, to Teddy N. and Marcelina S. Lawrence. Tax 70.00.
 Bettye F. Fraley, executrix of the estate of Daisey Fennell, real property located on the waters of Big Clear Creek, to E. Bruce Fraley, Bettye F. Fraley and David Bruce Fraley. No tax.
 James and Sandra Carpenter, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Harold L. and Cathy L. Renner. Tax 78.00.
 William C. and Kim Sexton, real property located in the Climas section, to Noah David Cope. Tax 10.00.
 Jack and Lillie McKinney, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Jeffrey S. and Michelle R. McKinney. Tax 13.50.
 Carl Clayton and Duane Mason Stewart, real property located in

Rockcastle County, to Dennis and Donna Doan. Tax 20.00.
 Clarence and Louise Carter, real property located in Rainbow Ridge Subdivision, to Larry and Linda Carter. No tax.
 Michael and Brenda Hanaway, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Bill R. and Carolyn McKinney. Tax 12.00.
 Emanuel and Rebecca Darrell, real property located on Ramey Road, to John S. Panzer. Tax 23.50.
 David and Barbara Lovell, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Floyd and Bernice Lovell. No tax.

Circuit Civil Suits

Michael Bray vs. Stacey Michelle Bray; petition for dissolution of marriage. 99-CI-00316.
 Elizabeth Annys Gray vs. Daniel E. Gray; complaint for child support and medical support. 99-CI-00317.
 Susan Kemper vs. John Kemper; complaint for child support and medical support. 99-CI-00318.

Citizens' Bank of Brodhead vs. Shannon York, et al; promissory notes claimed due. 99-CI-00319.
 Cynthia King Harmon vs. Jeffrey Harmon; petition for dissolution of marriage. 99-CI-00320.
 Beneficial Kentucky, Inc. vs. Larry Pingleton; et al. \$378.00 claimed due on contract. 99-CI-00321.
 Sharonda Foster vs. Randy Kirby; complaint for child support and medical support. 99-CI-00322.
 David L. McFarland, Jr. vs. Patricia Thacker; complaint. 99-CI-00323.
 Commonwealth of Kentucky Cabinet for Families & Children vs. Ret Angela Nicole Spoonamore vs. Joe Michael Spoonamore; complaint for child support and medical support. 99-CI-00324.

Marriage Licenses

Teresa M. Working, 44, Indianapolis, Indiana, project coordinator, to Dustin A. Murphy, 27, Indianapolis, Indiana, construction. Dec. 11, 1999.
 Marsha Ann Goins, 20, Rt. 3, Brodhead, respiratory therapist, to Andrew Graftman Fay, 20, Rt. 3, Brodhead, press operator. Dec. 9, 1999.
 Gayla Lecane Frith, 18, Crab Orchard, student, to Troy Lee Gotroth, 22, Mt. Vernon, NAACO. Dec. 9, 1999.

Small Claims

Larry P. Ponder vs. Mitchell Gilbert, et al. \$400 claimed due for timber. 99-S-00370.

District Court News

Hon. Walter F. Maguire
 December 1, 1999
 Lisa J. Ard; Speeding and Failure to wear seatbelt; suspend license for failure to appear.

Randy W. Chasteen; Fines due (\$310.25), issue warrant/suspend license.
 Darren B. Cole; Possession of marijuana, \$100 and costs and 180 days in jail to serve 15 balance probation one year; confiscate and destroy contraband; Possession of controlled substance, \$100 fine and 6 months to serve 15 days concurrent.
 John M. Coyle; Public intoxication, \$25 and costs, Drug paraphernalia use; possession, \$100 fine and 10 days conditionally discharged one year.
 Shannon Day; Simple assault, 30 days to serve 3 and criminal mischief.
 David Durham; Criminal mischief.
 Stacy E. Mason; Operating motor vehicle under influence drugs, \$200 and costs, \$200 service fee \$20 victim compensation fund, 2 days time served.
 Robert L. McClure; Fines due (\$84.50), suspend license issue warrant.
 Darrell E. McNew; Fines due (\$68.50), issue warrant/suspend license.
 James L. Mink; Operating motor vehicle under influence of intoxicants (2 counts) \$200 and costs, \$200 service fee, \$20 victim compensation fund, 180 days in jail to serve 7 balance probated 2 years on each count.
 Larry R. Mink; Alcohol intoxication; \$25 and costs.
 Robin R. Osborne; Possession of marijuana, \$100 and costs; confiscate and destroy all contraband.
 Timothy L. Owens; Assault, 4th, spouse abuse, \$175 and costs and 10 days conditionally discharged.
 Kirk D. Retzlaff; Reckless driving, \$109 and costs.
 John R. Saylor; Operating motor vehicle under influence drugs (under 21), \$100 fine and costs and license suspension for 30 days; No operators license, \$50 fine and 10 days conditionally discharged.
 Hugh B. Stamper; Prescription in improper container, \$100 fine; Drug paraphernalia use; possession, \$25 fine.
 Justin C. Whitt; Fines due (\$190.50), issue warrant suspend license.

Jamaal E. Wood; Speeding, \$54 and costs.
 Marvin R. Woodworth; Fines due (\$80.00), issue warrant/suspend license.
 Jandell M. DeBindre; Alcohol intoxication, \$25 and costs.
 Kolan P. Durham; Alcohol intoxication, \$25 and costs.
 Charles S. Holbrook; Alcohol intoxication, issue warrant.
 Bonnie S. Mills; Alcohol intoxication, \$25 and costs.
 Henry W. Thomas; Alcohol intoxication, issue warrant.
 Vester Parker; Speeding, paid.
 Rhonda J. Hudson; No Ky Reg. Plates and Failure to wear seatbelt, paid.
 William R. McCrelland; Speeding, paid \$138.15 total.
 Matthew S. Kirby; Operating on suspended license, \$100 and costs and 10 days conditionally discharged one year; No insurance, \$500 fine, Fleeing or Evading Police, \$100 fine.
 Danny A. Karriker; Operating motor vehicle under influence of intoxicants, \$200 and costs, \$200 service fee, \$20 victim compensation fund, 2 days time served.
 December 8, 1999
 Michael Wayne Alcorn; Criminal mischief, \$500 and costs; suspend fine upon payment of \$200 restitution.
 Peggy S. Alcorn; Operating motor vehicle under influence of drugs, \$200 fine and costs, \$200 service fee, \$20 victim compensation fund, 2 days time served. Drug paraphernalia.

Keith Carpenter; Fines due (\$89) and \$500 restitution, found in contempt, 90 days pay or appear 2 1/2/2000.
 Richard Lee Clay; Operating motor vehicle under influence of intoxicants, issue warrant/suspend license.
 Phillip Powell; Speeding, state traffic school...
 Glen Spoonamore; Assault, 4th, minor injury, \$100 and costs and 30 days conditionally discharged one year.
 Donald A. Adams; Alcohol intoxication, issue warrant.
 William Nicolas Wilson; Fines due (\$157.50), 10 days consecutive in lieu of payment.
 Matthew Daniel Lynch; Speeding, \$34 and costs; Failure to wear seat belt, \$25 fine; License not in possession, \$50 fine.

confiscate and destroy contraband.
 Dennis Ray Bowman; Fines due (\$169.50) and \$23.92 transport fee, issue warrant.
 Duane Bryant; Simple assault/physical contact, \$500 and costs and 12 months/conditionally discharged two years.
 Keith Carpenter; Fines due (\$89) and \$500 restitution, found in contempt, 90 days pay or appear 2 1/2/2000.
 Richard Lee Clay; Operating motor vehicle under influence of intoxicants, issue warrant/suspend license.
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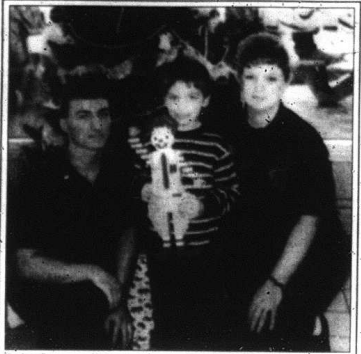
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A Christmas gift for children

In a world where even 2-year-olds are targeted by television commercials, and all of us are bombarded by unrelenting pressure to buy more stuff, it is easy to start believing that we're not good parents or grandparents if this year's pile of gifts is not the largest ever.

We keep hearing and reading that the economy is booming, so why don't we feel more confident about what we're giving our own children and all of Kentucky's children? Are these the gifts that should really matter? Just what is it we should be giving our children and all the children of Kentucky?

As we hurry to finish our Christmas shopping, these sobering statistics keep nagging at us: 25 percent of Kentucky's children still live in poverty, and the numbers of families headed by a single parent continue to rise, both in Kentucky and the United States, at 29 percent and 27 percent, respectively.

I don't question at all that most parents love their children. Many work long hours and more than one job to provide for them; they worry about their schools and their friends. They spend too much and go into debt to buy their children what they tell us they want for Christmas. Are we perhaps, too concerned about

giving them what they want and not concerned enough about giving them what they need?

What should we give our children for Christmas? What do they need?

In this season of love, it is almost too glib to say that children need love, but maybe that's because our definition of love is often too simple. The following is my definition of an expanded version of love: It is also my Christmas wish list for all of Kentucky's children.

Kentucky's children need warmth and caring. They need someone who listens to them every day and is ready with a hug and a kind word; they need love that is unconditional. Some of the best examples of warmth and caring come from Kentucky's foster parents, who love their children even when their behaviors are less than lovable. All children need that kind of love in order to thrive.

Children need discipline. Discipline is not achieved by enacting more punitive laws for youth, and it is much more than punishment for wrongdoing. Discipline is learning to control one's own behavior, with a final goal of becoming a self-disciplined person. Regular bedtime and study time, limits on TV and respon-

sibility for household chores are all part of becoming disciplined. Children learn discipline best from someone who genuinely cares. Our residential youth counselors have great empathy for the child who has been sexually abused, but she still must do her daily chores.

Children need encouragement, as we all do, on a daily basis. They also need our support to try new things— from different foods to different friends. School failure is particularly difficult for children, and it is likely that many school dropouts could be prevented by sufficient encouragement. What if, in the New Year, our schools would resolve to ensure that every dropout received a visit from someone who simply encouraged them to return?

Decision making, and the responsibility that goes with those choices, are necessary for children's healthy growth and development. At least two weeks in the fourth-grade band,

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District Court News

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William D. York: Speeding, \$5 and costs.

December 6, 1999

William Edward Alexander:

Speeding, issue warrant/suspend license.

Chad E. Beagle: Fines due (\$192.15), issue warrant/suspend license.

Billy Burnett: No Ky. Reg. Plates, \$25 and costs.

Donald W. Burton: Family equipment, \$20 and costs.

William E. Byrd: Fines due (\$111.87), issue warrant/suspend license.

Tiffany L. Carpenter: Speeding, \$42 and costs.

Frank P. Cotton: Speeding, state traffic school.

Dana Cromer: No insurance, \$500 and costs/suspend \$450.

Donald G. Enevoldson: Speeding, state traffic school authorized on payment of fine and costs.

Harold G. Harris: Speeding, suspend license for failure to appear.

Joshua P. Hartings: Speeding and failure to produce insurance card, issue warrant/suspend license.

Bradson D. Hester: Speeding, \$65 and costs/state traffic school authorized.

Tim Higinbotham: No license in possession, \$25 and costs.

Timothy Allen Igo: Speeding, \$40 and costs; Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25.

Eva M. James: No insurance, \$500 and costs/suspend \$450.

Kenneth D. McCowan: Speeding, \$20 and costs; Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine.

Paul S. Milburn: Fines due (\$69), issue warrant.

Christopher S. Mullins: Escape, 12 months in jail to serve 45 days credit 7 days time served plus court costs and public defender fee.

Johnny Pingleton: Harassing Communications, 180 days/credit time served.

Jonathan C. Price: Fines due (\$170.50), issue warrant/suspend license.

Kevin S. Slusher: Speeding, \$34 and costs.

Alva Sniff: Other hearing, issue warrant.

Freddie Wagers: Speeding, \$48 and costs.

Brent Dilen Witise: Speeding and failure to wear seatbelt, suspend license for failure to appear.

Jamie V. Brown: Speeding, suspend license.

Albert I. Calhoun: Speeding, dismiss on payment of court costs.

Jimmie R. McCowan: Speeding, suspend license for failure to appear.

Edmund Alexander Niles: Speeding, suspend license.

Martin P. Shearer: Speeding, suspend license.

William S. Ward: Speeding, suspend license.

William D. York: Speeding, suspend license for failure to appear.

Edward J. Adams: Operating motor vehicle under influence of drugs, \$200 and costs, \$200 service fee, \$20 victim compensation fund, 5 days/time served; Drug paraphernalia, \$50 fine confiscate and destroy contraband.

Charles S. Holbrook: Alcohol intoxication, \$25 and costs.

Joan Mrowiec: Speeding, \$36 and costs; Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine.

Nancy H. Shannon: Operating motor vehicle under influence of intoxicants, \$200 and costs, \$200 service fee, \$20 victim compensation fund, 2 days/time served.

Full-time Patient Aide Positions Available: In the Cabinet for Health Services, Department for MH/MR Service, Oakwood Facility, located in Somerset, Kentucky in Pulaski County. This position would provide direct care services in a residential setting for individuals with mental and physical impairments. Responsibilities would include ensuring the safety and welfare of the individuals who reside at the facility, providing training in self-help and leisure skills, serving meals and keeping the residents, and cottage clean-up. The excellent benefits include paid life and health insurance, ample vacation and sick leave, holiday pay, retirement and optional deferred compensation plan. To request an application, contact Oakwood's Personnel Office at (606)677-4068, ext. 242 or the Personnel Cabinet's TTY: 302-564-4306, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., or download a blank application from the Personnel Cabinet's Internet Web Site: www.state.ky.us/agencies/personnel/perhome.htm. Submit completed application to Oakwood, 2441 South Hwy., 27, Somerset, KY 42501-2935 or to Personnel Cabinet, 200 Fair Oaks, Frankfort, KY 40601. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. Equal Opportunity Employer. M/F/D.

Season's Greetings And Many Thanks To All Our Valued Customers

As you and your family enjoy this festive time, please accept our sincere wishes for a holiday filled with dreams come true.



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Church News

Special Speaker

Tim Hampton will be at Climax Holiness December 26th at 7 p.m. Ray Powell, Johnny Rader and church welcomes everyone.

Watch Night Service

Sand Hill Baptist Church at 8 p.m. on Dec. 31st. Everyone welcome.

Mass

Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Christmas Eve Mass 10 p.m. Sunday Mass 9 a.m. at Dec. 26th.

"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil..."

—Matthew 6:13

GOD'S LOVE HAS OVERLAID THE WHITE SPARKLE OF WINTER

The autumn colors now are gone. And icy winds will fill the night with snow, revealing at the dawn a world all blanketed in white. An awesome sight we can behold while also seeing just beyond. Despite the penetrating cold. Some skaters on the frozen pond. The nighttime sky becomes endowed with splendor, which will then appear when not obscured by any cloud. The brightest stars all the year. Your House of Worship will portray. The love of God, with which we're blessed. When winter's beauty comes our way. And shows the weary world at rest.

—Gloria Nowak

Frankincense & Myrrh

Frankincense and myrrh are oils distilled from the resin of two separate but related trees of the Burseraceae family which grows from east Africa through Arabia. Frankincense oil is yellow to green and has a fresh-resinous aroma. Myrrh is yellowish to amber orange in color. It has a warm-spicy balsamic fragrance. Myrrh is often used in perfumes bases.

Where Did "Christmas" Come From?

The celebration of Christ's birthday was not always called Christmas. The actual word "Christmas" is a combination of two words. Early Christians marked the birth of Christ with a special mass which they called Christ's Mass. Over the years the words were put together and came to mean not only the actual day of the birth of the Savior but to take in the entire holiday season.

Xmas really stands for Christ's name

Many people believe that the abbreviation of "Xmas" is meant to take Christ out of the word "Christmas." But this is not true. The X stands for the letter Chi which is the first letter of Christ's name when written in the Greek alphabet.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Adults Determine Attendance

When BOTH parents attend Sunday School, 72% of the children attend when grown.

When the FATHER only attends Sunday School, 55% of the children attend when grown.

When the MOTHER only attends Sunday School, 15% of the children attend when grown.

When NEITHER PARENT attends Sunday School, 6% of the children attend when grown.

Dad, may I talk to you, as a Dad and a Grandpa. You should know according to God's word that you are the spiritual leader of your home. As you live, you are influencing your children and whether for good or whether for bad. In God's light you are responsible for your family. You cannot be neutral on this matter. If it were not for the ladies taking the lead, many churches would be closed. But God's plan is for the man of the house to take the lead. There are grave consequences when God's plan is not followed!

TAKE YOUR FAMILY TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!

By: Art Young, Pastor

Mt. Vernon Church of the Nazarene

Berea Tabernacle
So. U.S. 25 across from Berea Ford
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday night 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ralph Chestnut

Bible Baptist Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m. - Broadcast
WVXK 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Vows available for sick-up
Nursery provided
256-5462 or 256-9131
Pastor: Don Stratton

"Can you walk together, except have been agreed?"
Amos 1:1

Brindle Ridge Baptist Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7:30 p.m.
Wed. Services & Youth 7:30 p.m.

Broadhead Baptist Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11 a.m.
Youth Meeting (6th Grade) 6:00 p.m.
Children's Choir 7 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Adult Choir Practice 8 p.m.
Wed. Even. Bible Study 7 p.m.
Mission Friends (M.F.) Actives 7 p.m.
Thursday Services - Broadhead Adult
Day Care Center
Sawder Nursing Home 10:30 a.m.
(First & Third Thursdays)
Voc. services available for Broadhead
& surrounding area.
Nursery provided - Birth to 4 years
Phones: 758-8316 or 758-8313
Pastor: Rev. Mark A. Whicker

Broadhead Christian Church
Main St. Broadhead
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Wednesday Youth Meeting 7 p.m.
Voc. Services Available
Minister: Wade Johnson

Brush Arbor-House of Prayer
Brush Arbor Village - 256-9463
Jumelle Rd., Benito Valley, 256-5575
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sun. Night 6 p.m./Wed. night 7 p.m.
Pastor: James Bretz

Brush Creek Holiness Church
Olathe
SS 10 a.m./Sun. Evening 7 p.m.
Tuesday Evening 7 p.m.
Pastor: Glen McGuire

Buckeyes Christian Church
(2 1/2 mi. east of Benito Valley on
Hummel Road)
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
WVXK Road 8:30 a.m.
Pastor: Bro. Cleadin Thacker

Buffalo Baptist Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.
Pastor: Larry Postle

Bumetts Chapel
Methodist Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Highway 934 off Highway 461
Phone: 274-5122
Pastor: Chris Jasper

Calvary Apostolic Lighthouse
Just off Richmond Street in
Mt. Vernon - on Negro Town Hill Rd.
Sunday Services 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
Ph: 256-4416
Pastor: Bro. James Stanton

Central Baptist Church
US 25 S. Mt. Vernon
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
There is a Difference - Come & See
Pastor: Dr. James W. Head

Church of our Lord Jesus Christ
US 25 South of Mt. Vernon
Sunday 1:00 p.m.
Jack Watkins, Pastor
Jeff McCadden, Asst. Pastor

Church of the Nazarene
P.O. Box 11, Mt. Vernon
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Children's Church 11:15 a.m.
Sun. Evening 6 p.m. - Wed. 7 p.m.
Pastor: Carl V. & Frances B. Dennis

Clear Creek Baptist Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7:00 until time chg
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
Sun. Leaders Music
Mt. Vernon - Mrs. Jerry Wiley

Climax Christian Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday evening 6:30 p.m.
Minister: Walter Ballinger

Community Holiness Church
Fairground Hill, Mt. Vernon
Sunday Services 7 p.m.
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Jack Weaver

Community Worship
Assembly of God
Off 150, 5 miles west on Hwy. 3245
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sun. Even. 6 p.m./Thurs. 7 p.m.
Pastor: Keith Asher

Conway Baptist Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Pastor: Jack Skidmore

Conway Church of God
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Pastor: C.W. Williams

Conway First Resurrection
Pentecostal Church
SS 10:30 a.m./Worship 11:30 a.m.
Sun. Even. 6 p.m.
Thursday 7 p.m.
Pastor: Arnold Akers

Copper Creek Baptist
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Pastor: Kenneth Thompson

Cornith Holiness Church
Second Sun. & Sat. night of each mo
Sunday 11 a.m. & Sat. night 7 p.m.
Even. Friday Morning 6 p.m.
Pastor: Saul Carpenter

Fairview Baptist Church
Just off US 25 at Fairview
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

Faith Chapel Pentecostal
Wed. 7 p.m./Sat. 7 p.m.
Sun. School 10 a.m.
Sun. Worship 11 a.m.
Pastor: Virgil Suttle, Pastor

First Baptist Church
West Main St., Mt. Vernon
SS 9:40 a.m./Worship 10:40 a.m.
WVXK Service 11 a.m.
Children's Worship 11 a.m.
Youth Ministry 4:30 p.m.
Discipleship Training 6 p.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wed. Youth Music 6:30 p.m.
Mission Groups 7 p.m.
Prayer/Bible Study 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Raymond Head

First Christian Church
West Main St. - Mt. Vernon - 256-2876
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Radio Program WVXK 1460 AM
Sunday 8:45 a.m.
Wednesday Youth Training
and Adults 7 p.m.
Minister: Eddie Hammond

First Church of Jesus Christ
Sand Springs
Sunday Evening 7:30 p.m.
Sunday Morning 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Bro. James H. Hickey

First Pine Hill Missionary
Baptist Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening 6 p.m./Wed. 6 p.m.
WVXK Church of the Nazarene
Pastor: Bro. Wayne Hammon - 463-3402

Fritch Baptist Church
Olathe, Ky.
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Philip Colett

Freedom Baptist Church
Cove Branch Road
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Discipleship Training 6 p.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service 7 p.m.
256-2948

Grace Baptist Church
US 25 Roundstone
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.
WVXK Radio 9:15 a.m.
Pastor: Bro. Raymond Offutt

Hickory Grove Free
Pentecostal Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Prayer
Youth Meeting 1 & 3 Saturdays
Radio: WVXK Sunday 1:45 p.m.
Pastor: Randall Adams

Lighthouse Assembly of God
Brush Creek Road
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Family Night
Activities 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Gene & Sister Brenda Casaman

Livingston Baptist Church
Main St., Livingston
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

Livingston Christian Church
Main St., Livingston
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship Services
begin at 6 p.m.
Minister: Arthur Hunt

Livingston Pentecostal
Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Service 7 p.m.
Saturday night Service 7 p.m.
3rd Sat. of each month
Pastor: Bro. James Miller

Macedonia Baptist Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Denton Sears

Maple Grove Baptist Church
Rd. 102 at Olathe - 256-4884
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
WVXK Service 2:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Tim Hampton

Marettburg Baptist Church
Hwy. 150
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Discipleship Training Youth 6 p.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Youth Groups 3rd Sat. each mo. 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Wayne Harding

McNew Chapel Community
Baptist Church
Cove Branch Road
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6 p.m.
Sun. SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sun. 6 p.m./Radio Sun. 3:30 p.m.
Pastor: Jerry Killinger

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 10:45 a.m.
Discipleship Training 6:30 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 7:15 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Randall Smith

Mt. Vernon Church of God
Next to the middle school
SS 10:15 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Evening Welcome
Pastor: Rev. Bobby Owens

Mt. Vernon Church of God
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Russell McFarren

Mt. Vernon Pentecostal Church
Lovell St., Mt. Vernon
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
WVXK Church of the Nazarene
Pastor: Buford Parkerson - 758-8146

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Radio Program Sunday 2:30
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Pastor: Arthur Bengt

New Hope Baptist Church
Olathe, Ky.
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Even. 6 p.m.
Wednesday Even. 7 p.m.
Pastor: Joe Vanavie

Northside Baptist Church
High Street, Mt. Vernon
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Discipleship Training 6 p.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Wed. Prayer/Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
For transportation, call 256-5577
Pastor: Bro. Babin Boon

Olathe Baptist Church
Pete Lamon, Pastor
Rt. 1 Box 240 - Broadhead, KY 40409
Radio: 758-8443 Home - 758-4428
E-mail: petelamon@aol.com
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sun. night 7 p.m./Wed. night 7 p.m.

Our Lady of Mt. Vernon
Catholic Church
Williams St. Mt. Vernon
Mass 6 p.m. Saturdays
7 p.m. Tuesdays

Philadelpha United Baptist
Bryant Ridge Rd., Broadhead
2nd and 3rd Saturdays 7 p.m.
Sunday Services 10 a.m. & 8 p.m.
Ph: (513) 492-2650 or 758-4926
Pastor: James W. Bryant

Pine Hill Holiness Church
US 25 S. Mt. Vernon
SS 10 a.m./Sun. evening 7:30
Thursday & Saturday evenings 7:30
WVXK Church of the Nazarene
Pastor: Albert Henley - 453-4401

Pleasant Run Baptist Church
Lorraine
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening 6 p.m./Wed. 7 p.m.
WVXK Church of the Nazarene
Pastor: Bro. Steve Weaver

Poplar Grove Baptist Church
Hwy. 70 Willotta
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.
758-8095
Pastor: Rick Reynolds

Providence Church of Christ
Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.
Worship 10:35 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
Radio 8 a.m. Sunday
WVXK 1460 AM
Weekly Newspaper Article
758-9316
Preacher: Dan McKibben

Red Hill Baptist Church
(Union Baptist)
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Dale Walters

Rose Hill Baptist Church
- SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sun. Night 6 p.m./Thurs. Night 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Bob Bradley

Roundstone Baptist Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sun. Services 11 a.m.
Wednesday night 7 p.m.
Sunday night 6 p.m.
Pastor: Arnold Pingelton

Sand Hill Baptist Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Pastor: Tommy Miller

Sand Springs Baptist Church
Hwy. 124
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Pastor: Danny Robbins

Scalford Come Baptist Church
3 mi. east of Scalford, Come Rd.
Awakening Truth Broadcast/WVXK
Sunday 1 p.m.
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7 p.m.
Pastor: Woody Morrison
A real church family feeling!

Skaggs Creek United Baptist
Hwy. 1250
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 7 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. Ed Gibbs

Tabernacle of Love
Fairground Hill
Wednesday & Friday 7 p.m.
Saturday 1 p.m.
Evening Service 256-5884
Pastor: Bro. Clyde Hodge

Three Links Christian Church
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Pastor: Jack D. Martin

Trinity Independent Baptist
(Off old 461 on Keith Sower Rd.)
Pastor: Jackie Renner
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service 7 p.m.
Pastor: Jackie Renner
Everyone Welcome!

Well Hope Baptist Church
Chastnut Ridge
Sunday Services 1:30 p.m.
Pastor: Burgess King

West Broadhead Church of God
Negro Creek Rd., Broadhead
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m./Wed. 7:30 p.m.
Pastor: Bro. John Irwin

Wildie Christian Church
SS 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m./Youth 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.
Youth Choir 7 p.m.
WVXK Sunday 8:30 a.m.
256-4094
Minister: Denton Parkley

Morning View Holiness Church
Thursday night 7:30
Sunday School 10:30
Saturday Evening 7:00
Evangelist: Burgess Daugherty

Climax Holiness Church
Thursday 7:00 p.m.
Every third Sunday, services are on
Saturday of 7 p.m.
Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Ray Powell and church welcomes
everyone

Cupps Chapel Holiness Church
Copper Creek Road
Sunday Night Service 6 p.m.
Thursday night 7 p.m.
Dwayne Carpenter, Pastor

Crossroads Assembly of God
Hwy. 150, Broadhead
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m. - Evening 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

Union Chapel Pentecostal Church
Hwy. 1505
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m. - Evening 7 p.m.
Thursday night - 7 p.m.
Pastor: Ralph Reynolds

Faith Apostolic Church
Wed. 7:30 p.m. Sun. 10 a.m.
Evening 6 p.m.
Pastor: Tracy Host's Sower
Everyone Welcome - 256-3569

"Every creature of God is good, for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer" - 1 Timothy 4:5

"For ever's best of the forest is made, and the cattle upon a thousand hills" - Psalm 10:10

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Bro. Jack Bruce Director
256-1371

Poet's Corner

Christmas Is,
By William Jerry Ayers
Christmas Is,
A warm feeling of joy and excitement,
Caring and sharing with family and good friends.
The look on a small child's face opening a gift.
Beautifully decorated yards, trees and homes.
Large boxes, small boxes with lovely paper and bows.
Singing carols and spreading good cheer.
Remembering Jesus Christ's birthday.
A new sense of hope for a new year.
It's the time when we wish YOU our readers,
A Merry Christmas and A Happy Loved Filled New Year.

Don't Be a Scrooge on Christmas
By William Jerry Ayers
Smile and the world smiles with you.
Frown and you will always go it alone.
For a nice, cheerful Christmas grin,

Will always get you in,
Where the frowner is never known.
Grown, and the New Year will be dreary.
Laugh and the road is bright.
For a warm welcome smile,
Brings loads of sunshine, while
A frown shuts out the light.
Sing and the world sings with you.
Grumble and things go wrong.
While at Christmas time,
You are out of holiday rhyme.
With the busy, bustling throng.
Gripe and there's trouble brewing.
Whistle and life is happy and gay.
And the New Year is in tune.
Like a bright sunny day in June.
Don't be a scrooge on Christmas Day.
Frowns never get anyone anywhere.
Wear a big smile, show people you care.
Friends enjoy life each and every day.
And keep sadness and frowns far away.
Let Christmas be merry and the New Year be happy.

Bring on the snow

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is geared up with the very latest in high-tech equipment to keep Kentucky's citizens and travelers as safe as possible during the winter months.

This year, the cabinet has 275,000 tons of salt, 194 state salt trucks and 171 contract salt trucks. Twenty of these trucks will be equipped with a new Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) system which shows the truck's location on a map at the central office "War Room" in Frankfort and in each "War Room" of the 12 highway district offices. The AVL system will also monitor if the trucks are spreading salt or if the salt spreader is turned off. Trucks will also be equipped with infrared pavement temperature sensors. These sensors advise "War Room" staff of the amount of salt needed to prevent freezing. To aid in these snow removal efforts, the "War Rooms" will also receive information from seven Road Weather Information System (RWIS) units that continuously relay information such as air temperature, wind direction and speed, pavement temperature and precipitation type and amount.

New and improved methods for anti-icing will also be used. The cabinet has an automated anti-icing spray unit on the southbound I-75 bridge over U.S. 25 E in Corbin that was first used last year. This is the only unit of its kind in Kentucky. A combination of calcium and magnesium chloride is sprayed on the pavement prior to a storm and prevents the ice from bonding to the pavement. Eleven of the 12 highway districts throughout the state will also conduct anti-icing activities using truck mounted tanks filled with salt brine (liquid salt). The pre-wet dry salt helps to keep salt on the road and enables it to begin acting immediately, therefore making it more cost efficient. To enhance snow preparation efforts, a weather forecasting service is used in Frankfort and every district office.

Transportation Cabinet Secretary James Coddell believes the public will benefit from the cabinet's efforts. "We will continue to monitor our performance and make adjustments and improvements when needed. We are committed to making Kentucky's roads as safe as possible for the public during our winter months."

The cabinet will continuously make road condition information available to the public. Kentucky's twenty-nine welcome centers and rest areas display maps with current road

conditions. I-75 road condition maps are also displayed in welcome centers along the I-74 corridor in Tennessee and Ohio as well as I-65 in Indiana. The public may also visit our website (www.kytc.state.ky.us), phone 1-800-4KY-ROAD or fax (812-941-7422) to receive the cabinet's Road Condition Report.

When the weather outside is frightful

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has once again completed its yearly evaluation and announced the 1999-2000 snow and ice removal priority routes. Roads in Rockcastle County with the highest traffic volume will be cleared first, before moving to the less-traveled roadways.

Every year cabinet engineers analyze traffic volumes and patterns to determine which roads benefit the most citizens, taking into account geographic factors, before making changes to the road ranking system. Priority A routes in Rockcastle County include I-75, U.S. 25, U.S. 150, a portion of KY 70 and KY 461. This category includes interstates, parkways, urban expressways and other state roads with exceptionally large traffic volumes. The next roads to be cleared will be Priority B and C. Priority B routes include state primary roads, bypasses and roads with slightly less traffic than Priority A routes. State secondary roads, rural secondary roads and other routes with comparable traffic volumes fall under the Priority C category.

Luminaries Make Entry Ways Shimmer

An easy way to light driveways and walks for guests during the holiday season is to use luminaries. They are easy to make and add festive, dramatic lighting to your home.

Simply weight the bottom of a white paper lunch bag with sand. Secure the base of a short candle in the sand. As dusk falls, light the candles with a long-nosed lighter commonly used to light a grill.

Luminaries can be placed in yards to light additional parking spaces and dark walkways.

Farm Bureau wants changes in health care law

Kentucky Farm Bureau wants to change the state's health care law to create a non-discriminatory pricing structure for health care providers.

The state's largest farm organization adopted a resolution at its 80th annual convention calling for legislation that would stabilize Kentucky's health care market, encourage competition and increase the choices for consumers. The resolution directs the organization to "explore legislation that would allow individual providers to charge consistent fees for like services."

"Our members feel Kentucky needs to create a level playing field for health care service provider pricing," said David Beck, Farm Bureau's Executive Vice-President. "They believe the current system is discriminatory because it requires individual providers to charge varying fees for the same service, depending on who

is providing the health insurance coverage. We believe providers should be allowed to set their own individual rates. However, these individual rates should be consistent for the particular services rendered, regardless of who is paying for the service."

Farm Bureau is in the process of building a coalition of trade organizations to support such legislation. The Kentucky Bankers Association recently adopted similar policy and this coalition is also seeking support from Kentucky's health care providers on this issue, Beck said. A lack of market competition has been cited as a primary reason for skyrocketing health care and health care insurance costs in Kentucky. Current law creates an unfair advantage and near monopoly for the remaining statewide health insurance network.

Best Wishes

A Wish for the merriest Christmas ever, and a happy New Year

from
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1897 Christmas Menu

The December issue of *The Ladies Home Journal* carried this suggestion for a traditional Christmas dinner.

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Custard and Spinach Blocks
Deviled Spaghetti
Roast Turkey with Chestnut Dressing
Sweet Potato Croquettes
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Ginger Sherbet
Lettuce Salad
Cheese Balls
Toasted Crackers
Plum Pudding with Hard Sauce
Coffee Bonbons

This is quite a feast for the holiday. It certainly would not be a meal easy on the holiday budget nor would the meal be easy on the waistline.

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During this special season, celebrating the birth of Christ, please know that my family's sincerest wish is that you receive many blessings in the New Year.

So, from my family and my law office staff,

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

**Jeff, Twila & Thomas
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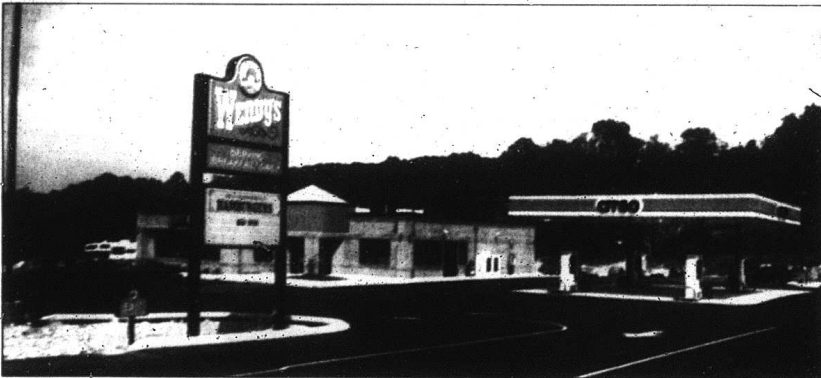
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Drs. Joseph and Wendy Gregory

Riggins - Gregory wed

Dr. Wendy Michelle Riggins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Sorrells of Birmingham, Alabama, and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy D. Riggins, Jr. of Alexander City, Alabama, was married on August 28, 1999 to Dr. Joseph Granville Gregory, son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Gregory of Mt. Vernon.

Dr. Gary Fenton performed the ceremony at the Dawson Memorial Baptist Church in Birmingham. A reception followed at the Carraway-Davie House. Matron of Honor was Mrs. Kellyann Dunning of Atlanta. Maid of Honor was Miss Kimberly Sorrells, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids included Miss Jennifer Shelor, Mrs. Cindy Crider, sister of the groom, and Miss Laura Neese. Groom's best man was Bill David Gregory, brother of the groom. Groomsman were Dawson Updike, Lynn Reeves and Jeremy Sorrells, brother of the bride. Special music was provided by Mrs. Rebecca Remley, flutist; Harry McAfee, trumpeter; Mrs. Lynda Little, pianist; Mrs. Dianne Norton, organist and Mrs. Melanie Thomas, vocalist. Special guests attending the wedding were Mr. Akiyoko Kusachi of Shizuoka, Japan, and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Sorrells of Oxford, England.

The bride wore a gown of ivory Italian silk satin with appliques of re-embroidered Alencon lace encrusted with pearls covering the bodice and onto the skirt which fell into a semi-cathedral train. She wore an elbow length veil of hand rolled silk illusion attached to a headpiece of ivory porcelain roses, re-embroidered Alencon lace and pearls. Her pearl earrings were a gift from the groom. She carried a handkerchief that had been given to the groom on the occasion of his birth for the presentation to his future bride.

Dr. Wendy Riggins Gregory is a graduate of Birmingham Southern University and the University of South Alabama College of Medicine. Dr. Joseph Gregory is a graduate of Rockcastle County High School, University of Kentucky and the University of Kentucky College of Medicine.

After a honeymoon to Cap Jaluca, Anguilla, British West Indies, the Drs. Gregory are at home in Tampa, Florida.



40th Wedding Anniversary

Jessie and Louise Nicely celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary December 21st. We thank the Lord for the 40 years he has blessed you both and for the years to come. Congratulations mom and dad! With all our love - Peggy, Bill, Kevin, Heather, Gary, Tracy, Suzanne, Linda, Steve, Michael and Jessica.



50th Wedding Anniversary

On December 24th 50 years may have come and gone,
But in your hearts, your love lingers on and keeps growing strong.
Love from your children -
Gloria, Gail, Greg and Gilda

Merry Christmas



Front row from left: Danetta Allen, Clarissa Hodge, Sandra Whitaker, Dusty Mullins and Dedra Poynter. Back row from left: Roy D. Adams, Roy Adams, Danny Ford, Dale Whitaker, Sam Ford and Jeff Burdette. Not shown were David Henderson, Phyllis Whitaker and Marga Umbarger.

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Third Section

Thursday, December 23, 1999

Library News

By Geraldine Robbins



"Happy Holidays" to all our friends and patrons from the staff at the library. It is impossible to send special cards to everyone, but we want each one to know how important you are to our library. It is a pleasure to have such wonderful people coming to visit with us. We are wishing for all a safe and enjoyable holiday with your families and especially a very Happy New Year! Also, to my friends that live out of the county and out of state, that can't come to the library, thanks for remembering me with cards and phone calls during the year and especially at Christmas. I'm hoping that when you do have the opportunity to be in Rockcastle County, you will stop by and say hello to me.

This has been a very busy year for us at the library. This is a time for looking back and doing a survey of our many accomplishments to help give our patrons better service. The five new computers were installed

this year and they are being used almost continually every day. Other new services have also been implemented, but nothing as outstanding as the computers.

We expect the new year to be even busier with the automation project being finalized early in the spring. This is my final goal as a library director. I definitely want to see this in place before I retire.

The automation system should be a great asset for the library as well as the patrons. It will certainly help us to keep up with the books and to remind patrons when their books are overdue and the number of books checked out.

I do want to ask you friends to come by the library during the holidays and pick up a good book to read, or a video to watch in your leisure time and everyone does need a little bit of time for themselves during the holidays. Or just come by and say

hello. We have coffee and cookies for our visitors.

Some new books for your enjoyment are Opal's Book Club Selection for December - *A Map of the World* by Jane Hamilton. This is the riveting story of how a single mistake can forever change the lives of everyone involved in ways that are beyond imagination.

Six years ago when the Goodwins took over the last dairy farm in the small Midwestern town of Prairie Center, they envisioned their home as a self-made paradise. A lover by heart, Alice Goodwin is torn between a yearning for solitude coupled with a deep need to be at the center of a perfect family.

On this particular day, Alice's children are misbehaving and she is watching her neighbor's two small girls as well. She abominably steals a moment alone that turns into ten and a devastating accident occurs. At the same time, a seemingly trivial incident from Alice's past resurfaces and takes on gigantic proportions leading the Goodwins into a maze of guilt and a shattering downfall for the family.

Smoke Screen by Marianne Macdonald. When her Majesty's orders Dado Hoag, London's most intrepid antiquarian bookseller, the opportunity to buy her personal library in Oxford. Dado cannot believe her good fortune. It turns out to be just a bit of good luck for some time.

"Her Majesty" is in fact the aged and rather daunting Claire Templeton Forbes, ex-lover of the famous American modernist, poet, Orrin Forbes. Dado can't understand why Claire is in such a big hurry to sell the book, but she knows her shop will do nicely from them, so she goes ahead with the deal. But then trouble arrives. Doesen't it always when Dado is involved?

A Kentucky non-fiction book, *Home Sweet Kentucky* by David and Laile Dick. A book to slow you down, warm your heart and lift you up again. Byron Crawford has written in the foreword to *Home Sweet Kentucky*: "We have come to admire the couple, not only for their wordsmithing, but for their loyalty to Kentucky, and for the deep sense of belonging that they share with us for this place. We count them now as our friends or as neighbors with whom we might hold an afternoon conversation across the garden gate or the old corner fence post."

Home Sweet Kentucky is a gentle reminder to stay as long as you like. Chances are you'll find that sense of place that binds you to the beauty and the goodness of a way of life.

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Again, "Happy Holidays" from the Rockcastle County Library and best wishes for a prosperous new year.

not even think about it. They assume its existence the same way adults assume the existence of air. Most children do not know what it's like to be without loving parents, and thus treat their parents the same way adults treat the air.

Parents sometimes look to their children to fill their own needs. A parent who does not feel loved or appreciated may expect that from his or her child. In the parent's subconscious mind, the child is there to fulfill his or her unmet needs. This is not fair to the child. Children were not put here to fulfill the needs of their parents. Rather parents were put here to love and nurture their children into adulthood. The parent is the giver, and the child is the taker and that is the way life meant to be.

There certainly can be a lot of satisfaction and love that come from a child to a parent. However, this is a

product of the child-rearing process and not the goal. The goal is for the parent to rear a happy, healthy child, not for the child to bring satisfaction to the parent.

If Diane and Don want appreciation, they need to wait awhile. Appreciation usually comes only after the child becomes an adult and sees the world in a different way. When Amy and Eric are thirty-five and have children of their own, they may express much appreciation to Mom and Dad for all they did. Even some children in their late teens and twenties express their thanks. As they get older and see what the world is really like, the children no longer take Mom and Dad for granted. Then they might just stop and say, "Thank you."

[I plan to begin a Stop Smoking Class after the first of the year. Call 679-4134 or 1-877-PASTOR-8 for more information.]

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and a wonderful New Year

From
Don Bradley's Garage
Don, Diane, Kevin, Phillip & Thomas

The Family Room

By Dr. Don Whitehead

Children often do not appreciate parents

Diane had been Christmas shopping for hours. (All characters are fictitious.) From an discount store to another she and her six-year-old daughter Amy searched the aisles. Gifts were piled in the basket. Sometimes Diane even managed to sneak in a gift for Amy without her knowing.

Finally, Amy began to cry. "I want to go home." Diane calmly told Amy that they only had one more stop to make and then they could go home. When Amy continued to cry, Diane lost it. "I do all this Christmas shopping for you, and you don't even appreciate it! I have a good mind to just put these presents back. Santa won't bring anything to a little girl who doesn't appreciate her mommy."

Don had a similar problem with his eight-year old son Eric. "He had a bad attitude," Don complained. "We provide well for him. He has all kinds of toys. We take him wherever he needs to go, but when we say no to

something, he snubs up and pouts. It looks to me like he would appreciate all that we do for him."

The complaint that these parents make is not the fault of the children. CHILDREN USUALLY DO NOT APPRECIATE WHAT THEIR PARENTS DO FOR THEM. Parents who expect appreciation have unrealistic expectations and are doomed to frustration. Perhaps children "should" appreciate all their parents do for them, but the fact is that they usually do not.

Why do they not appreciate parents? For the same reason that parents do not appreciate the air they breathe. Air is a constant in life. It has always been there, and, adults assume, it will always be there. Even though it is necessary to existence, humans do not usually even think about air. They are accustomed to it and take it for granted.

Children are the same way with parents. They have known their parents' loving care since birth and do

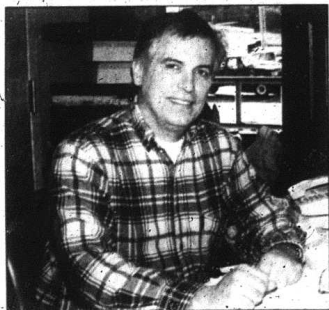


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Buzz Carloftis
County Judge-Executive



From Left: Kim Holcomb, Mary Mathis, Agent, Tracy Abel

May peace and joy come to you during this holy season.

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Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Livestock Assistance Program (LAP)

Rockcastle County has been approved to implement LAP to provide grazing loss assistance through

direct payments. Signup for LAP ends Jan. 21, 2000.

To be eligible for LAP a producer must have suffered a 40% or greater loss of normal grazing production for

three or more consecutive months during the LAP crop year, possess beneficial interest in eligible livestock (beef and dairy cattle, sheep, goats, swine, equine animals used commercially or kept by owner for food/fiber production, have owned or leased the eligible livestock for at least three months).

In order to complete the application, producers must list the number of eligible livestock kept by weight groups and have receipts for purchases and sales for the months of June-November 1st.

Because only a specific amount of money (\$200 million) has been approved for LAP, a national factor will be determined if application requests exceed the allocated amount of money. This factor will be announced after the end of signup.

For more details about LAP contact the FSA Office.

County Committee (COC) Election

The County Committee election, usually held in December each year, has been postponed until March 2000. However, we want to remind farmers of the importance of voting in the upcoming COC election.

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) needs everyone's help in obtaining names and addresses of all eligible voters before the COC election scheduled for March 2000. FSA continues to seek voters and candidates for the upcoming COC election. All eligible voters, including spouses, are urged to contact their local FSA office if they have not received election ballots in the past.

To work best, the COC must represent the whole of local agriculture. By seeking diversity, FSA will bring a greater range of expertise, different perspectives, and a broader understanding of the various business and marketing aspects to the committee's work.

Cross County Leasing Program

FSA is gearing up for a cross county leasing referendum to take place in the future. The referendum will ask producers "Are you in favor of lease and transfer of burley tobacco quota across county lines within the state of Kentucky beginning with the 2000 crop year?" Additional information on the referendum will follow at a later date.

Marketing Cards

Producers are reminded to return their marketing cards to the FSA office IMMEDIATELY after all sales are final.

If you've not received your marketing card by now, you know you need to complete some form of paperwork in the local FSA office. Producers are reminded to stop by the

office and we will assist you in the issuance of the marketing card.

Emergency Conservation Program

Sign-ups for all ECP practices have been extended until January 3, 2000.

EC6, Drought Emergency Measures, provides for assistance for producers to permit grazing of pasture by livestock, supply emergency water for existing irrigation systems serving orchards and vineyards and for emergency water for confined livestock. This practice is considered temporary and is to be cost shared at a rate of 64% of the actual cost, not to exceed \$300.00 per tank.

EC7, Other Conservation Measures, is a practice to enhance water resources during periods of recognized drought to provide water for livestock. Cost-sharing is provided to remove silt from existing water impoundment structures that are silted in and limited capacity exists for extended drought at 50% or actual cost not to exceed \$800.00 per structure. EC7 is a permanent practice with a 10-year maintenance lifespan.

For more information about these programs, call or stop by the FSA office.

LDP

(Loan Deficiency Payment)

The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2000 (2000 Act), amended the Agricultural Market Transition Act to increase the payment limitation for marketing loan gains and LDP's from \$25,000 to \$150,000 per person, for eligible crops produced in 1999.

The 2000 Act also provides that a producer who has marketed a quantity of an eligible 1999 crop, that did not receive LDP or market gain, may receive LDP or gain as of the date the quantity was marketed or redeemed.

For eligible producers who marketed a quantity of an eligible 1999 commodity that did not receive LDP, for any reason, the Farm Service Agency will:

- allow producers to request LDP
- have producers sign a CC-66f stating "I understand that I am allowed to request an LDP for a quantity of a 1999 otherwise eligible commodity which has been marketed, fed or used as seed, for only the 1999 crop year."

• for fed production, allow producers to certify the quantity and date fed, use the LDP rate in effect on the date the commodity was fed.

• for quantities used for seed, allow producers to certify the quan-

ty and date seeded, use the LDP rate in effect on the date the commodity was used as seed.

- for quantities sold, obtain production evidence meeting requirements and use the LDP rate in effect on the date the commodity was sold
- require producers to apply by the applicable final crop loan availa-

bility date.

If you have questions or need more information call the FSA Office at 256-2525.

Office Closure

Our office will be closed Friday, December 24th, in observance of Christmas. The office will reopen on Monday, December 27th.

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Kentucky Department of Highways District 8 (Rockcastle County) employees, Darrell Dillingham, below, and William Shafer, above, were among the 140 local and state government employees from across Kentucky this year to receive the "Roads Scholar" designation from the Kentucky Transportation Center at the University of Kentucky. The designation was presented by Kentucky Transportation Secretary James C. Codell III at the 35th Annual Transportation Forum held on November 30th at the university. To become a Roads Scholar, an individual must have completed a training course presented by the Center in cooperation with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. The program consists of a series of management and operations training courses designed to provide the basic knowledge necessary to manage a roads program.



Season's Greetings

from

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Clerk Teresa Vanzant



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Chief Deputy Clerk Brenda McKnight and JoAnn Miller

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



As we celebrate the Christmas season, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your friendship and kindness.

My deputies and I wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas. May your days be filled with joy, happiness and the best of health.

Merry Christmas

from

County Clerk Norma Houk

and Deputies Thelma Adams, Becky Smith, Janet Burdine,
Sonya McGuire and Tina Gibbs

Closed Christmas
Eve and
Christmas Day

Play With Your Children

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



Play can be a wonderful tool for parents to use for building strong, healthy relationships with their children. When you play with your children, you are putting yourself into their world. Children like to have their parents there.

Play has been described as a child's work. It is an essential part of his or her overall development. It is as important to a young child as your job is to you. Play gives children a fun way to learn skills that will prepare them for adulthood.

Play also motivates children and teaches cooperation and trust. It builds a child's self-esteem, sense of independence, and self-sufficiency. It gives children the chance to get to know themselves, their world, and people around them. Even as children grow into the teenage years and beyond, play continues to be important.

There are many delightful ways to play with your children. Here are some idea starters:

- Play board games. They're fun and also a good way to teach

children how to pay attention and take turns. Board games can also teach children that winning and losing aren't the most important things in life. They show that how you play and how much you enjoy yourself are much more important.

- If you have more than one child, chances are they do not all like to play the same games. Allow each child to take a turn picking what you will play as a family. Even older brothers and sisters can enjoy some of the games that younger kids like to play. Encourage siblings to participate in and take interest in what each other is doing.

- Here's another idea for helping young children play together. Put suggested activities in a hat and draw one out. Everyone participates—no grumbling!
- Turn housework into play. Take the time to share chores with your children by making a game out of it. Washing dishes in lots of detergent bubbles can be loads of fun, especially if you cover parts of your face with them while you work. Your children will enjoy this activity and get in on the working fun.

- Find out what you child likes to play and participate with him or her. Encourage outdoor or physical activity. If your children are older, why not join them in a game of tennis, volleyball or basketball?

- Try to limit the amount of time you play video games if this is the type of play your child requests. Encourage your child to develop other, interest as well. Variety is important.
- Set aside an hour or two each week for family play-time. This type of activity will open up the lines of communication between you and your children. Let the kids lead the play time. It will build their leadership skills. It also gives them a chance to feel like they are in charge for a change.

- Make one night a "no-TV" night. Don't even turn it on. Use the time to play games of hide-and-seek, charades, Pictionary, or put on your own production by acting out a skit or drama. Chances are it will be much more entertaining than that rerun you would have watched on TV.

- Make up stories with your children. Create imaginary characters. Follow your child's lead. You never know where your story might take you.

Maybe you don't think you have time to play with your children, or perhaps you feel too tired to play with them. Very young children can wear you out quickly with their high energy and activity. However, before you decide you cannot play with your child, think about how important the play time is to your child's growth and development. Consider the valuable communication that you and your child will share during this time together. Then remember how relaxed you feel when you play.



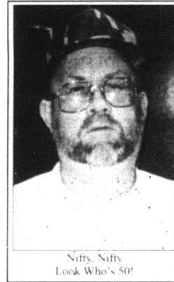
Jamie and Carrie Zapf wish to announce the birth of their twin daughters, Cassandra Elizabeth and Gabriella Madelin. They were born on July 19th. They are the granddaughters of Barb Price of Bristolhead and the late Paul and Arnie Whitaker.



To Jean and Bill Bullock: Happy Anniversary and thank you Bill for being the best thing that ever happened to Jean for I know she is the best thing that ever happened to you. I hope you all the best.
Love, Ella Jones



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It's Christmas

and our hearts turn to look back on different days.

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NOTICES

Notice: The Rockcastle County Board of Education is accepting sealed bids for surplus property at the School Bus Garage. Bid proposals may be obtained at the Rockcastle County Schools Central Office, 245 Richmond St., Mt. Vernon, KY 40456. Bid proposals will be accepted until Tuesday, January 4, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. 12x1

Posted: No hunting, no trespassing on Crawford Place - Old Broadhead Road. Danny Smith. 47fn

No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Victoria Reese on U.S. 25 at Rockstone. Not responsible for accidents. 5fn

Posted: No trespassing or hunting on property belonging to Eugene Lavers, 125 acres in Broadhead and Lincoln Co. 7x8

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Tom Leonard at Piney Branch. 10x2d

Notice: Is hereby given that Christine Brummett, Rt. 4 Box 376 E, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Administratrix of the estate of Charlie S. Brock, Rt. 4 Box 376E, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on the 24 day of November, 1999. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Christine Brock or to Hon. Jerome S. Fish, II, Clontz & Cox, PO Box 1350, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before May 24, 2000. 9x3

Notice: Is hereby given that Shirley Howard, Rt. 1 Box 59, Orlando, KY 40460 has been appointed Administrator of the estate of Leta B. Howard, Rt. 1 Box 59, Orlando, KY 40460 on the 29th day of November, 1999. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Shirley Howard or to Hon. William G. Coffey, Atty. at Law, 45 East Main St., P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before May 29, 2000. 10x3

Notice: Is hereby given that Brenda Saylor, Rt. 1 Box 501, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Administratrix of the estate of William H. Nicely on the 6th day of December, 1999. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Brenda Saylor or to Hon. Jeffrey T. Burdette, PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before June 6, 2000. 10x3

Notice: Is given that Effie Brummett has filed a Final Settlement of his accounts as Administrator of the Estate of James H. Brummett, Sr. deceased. A hearing on said settlement will be held on January 7, 2000. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before said date. 11x2

Notice: Is hereby given that Peggy Snyder, PO Box 708, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Limited Guardian of the estate of Alisha K. Snyder, a minor on the 13 day of December, 1999. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Peggy Snyder, PO Box 708, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 or to Hon. Jeffrey T. Burdette, PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before June 13, 2000. 12x1

Notice: Is hereby given that Joyce Houk, PO Box 1005, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Executrix of the estate of Ethel Vukosavljev, Rt. 1 Box 189, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on the 13 day of December, 1999. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Joyce Houk, PO Box 1005, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 or to Hon. William D. Gregory, PO Box 220, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before June 13, 2000. 12x3

Notice: Is hereby given that Russell Dennery, Rr. 5 Box 110, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 has been appointed Administrator of the estate of Billy Ray Cox, on the 13 day of December, 1999. Any person

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Advertisement for Bids
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The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

- WESTERN ROCKCASTLE WATER ASSOCIATION, P.O. Box 208, Brodhead KY 40409
 - MONARCH ENGINEERING, INC., 556 Carlton Drive, Lawrenceburg, KY 40342
 - F.W. DODGE CORP 2523 Harrodsburg Road, Suite 230, Lexington, KY 40504
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- Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office of Monarch Engineering, Inc.; 1009 Industry Road, Lawrenceburg, KY 40342, upon receipt in writing and payment of \$50 non-refundable for each set.

CONTRACTS shall be completed within 30 calendar days after date of authorization to start work. Liquidated damages will be \$300 per calendar day.

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract, Title VI, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109 and E.O. 11246. Local firms, minority firms, small and female businesses are particularly encouraged to participate. Also, if BIDDER anticipates the use of subcontractors as a part of this project, the use of local firms, minority firms, small and female businesses is encouraged. Any bid that is obviously unbalanced may be rejected. The Western Rockcastle Water Association reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive information.

Federal law prohibits discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, religion, age, handicap and sex in this project.

Western Rockcastle Water Association
/s/ Charles D. Burton,
President

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of Hospice Care Plus, Inc. on January 18, 19, 20 and 21, 2000. The purpose of this survey will be to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which, accreditation should be awarded to the organization.

Joint Commission standards deal with organizational quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representatives at the time of the survey. Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process. Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to:

Division of Accreditation Operations
Organization Liaison
Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
One Renaissance Boulevard
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

The Joint Commission will acknowledge such requests in writing or by telephone and will inform the organization of the request for any interview. The organization must notify the interview date of the date, time and place of the meeting.

This notice is posted in accordance with the Joint Commission's requirements and may not be removed before this survey is completed.

Date Posted: December 17, 1999

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:

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The Petition must be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury, as established by 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 time and circumstances of your acquisition of the right, title or interest in each item of property and any additional facts supporting your claim and the relief sought.

Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, §853(n) (2), **NEITHER A DEFENDANT IN THE ABOVE-CITIED CASE NOR HIS AGENT IS ENTITLED TO FILE A PETITION, ANY HEARING** on your petition shall, to the extent practicable and consistent with the interests of justice, be held within thirty (30) days of the filing of your petition. The court may consolidate your hearing on the petition with any other hearings requested on any other petitions filed by any other person other than the defendant named above.

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All petitions must be filed with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, London, located at the following address: United States District Court Clerk, P.O. Box 5121, London, Kentucky 40345-5121.

You must serve a copy of your petition on the United States Attorney at the following address: Joseph L. Formisano, United States Attorney, David Y. Olinger, Jr., Assistant U.S. Attorney, FortKuehn 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 CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S EXAM

The test required by Section 100 of the Kentucky Constitution and Supreme Court Rule 1.060 will be administered **Saturday, January 15, 2000**, in Davidson Hall at the University of Louisville. Sign-in is at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time. No late arrivals will be admitted after 8:20 a.m. **PRE-REGISTRATION FOR THE EXAMINATION IS REQUIRED.** To request a pre-registration form (and/or study materials), you must call 502-852-3535. No one will be admitted to the test who has not pre-registered. All pre-registration forms must be postmarked no later than January 5, 2000.

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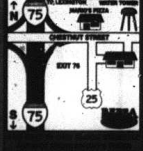


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Love,
Zachary Reams

Dear Santa,
I would give you milk and cookies. I have ben a good girl and I love you Santa. Will you git me a minne mouse chair, and I am in first grade. Merry Christmas
Love,
Brittany Boreing

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year but if you Dont think I have been good this year remember that I gave Jon a candy cane and I let hem ride my bike. I let hem play nintendow. I want a warrior game and a wrestling game and a war nor action figurer thank you.
Aaron Brown

Dear Santa,
I have been good this. I have ben helping my mom. I help my cat by feeding it cat food. I would like a luche box. I will take caer of my present. Sante you are Nice
Love,
Stephanie

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. I want a doll I will take care of it. You are a good guy.
Love,
Brooke Nicely

Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year.

I helped my cat by feeding it. I want Sakteboard Shannon, a Britany Spears CD, and a Spice Girl doll. I will tak care of them. You are a good Santa.
Love,
Crystal Lee Barnett

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy and I help people do ther work, and dackrat the tree and I put ornaments on the tree. I want a dog. I want a cat, and I want a good Christmas.
Thank you,
Brent Rayn Callahan

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Batman car and a Batman costume. I have been good this year. I am in first grade at Mt. Vernon school. Has your reindeer been working hard this year? I will leave you some milk Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Love,
Jesse Artley

Dear Santa,
Will you pleas bring me a Hoill wood nails Bairre. My name is Samantha. I liv in Mt. Vernon. My stocking is buy the Christmas tree. I will have some cookies for you and your rainder. Mymommy would like a new chair. My daddy would likea tool set.
Sam S.

Dear Santa,
I like your sled. What are you goig to bring me for Christmas? I like Christmas. I would like you to have a good Chrismus leve me a good present. Happy New Year
Santa
Love
Zach Napier

Dear Santa,
I want a CD player and a Briteny Spers CD. my sister waents a Comender. my dad waents som tuls. my mom waents som wolt unots. I will give you milk and

cookies under the tree.
Love,
Samantha Cromer

Dear Santa,
I want roller blades and my brothr would like a dog. My mom wons a candle and my dad wons a now truk. And my mampl is gowen to get drem kastir. I am going to lew you milk and cookies. Marrye and tell your Mps Santa hello.
Love,
Jon Miller

Dear Santa,
Im going to get you sum milk and sum cookies and you can eat it, and my sis wons a clok and my Mommy wons sum cologne, and my Daddy wons sum tools, and my brother wons a gun, and I want a big long dress. happy marry christmas Santa.
Love,
Rachel Nicely

Dear Santa,
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wish to write me my adress is rt. 1 box 13 a orlando ky 40466 please send me a story about rod doll
love
Jennifer Cox



Dear Santa,
I have been good and I love you Santa. I am going to give you milk and cookies. I am in first grade. Please bring me some jewelry and please bring my mommy a Bunny and please bring my daddy a football. please bring my sister a doll. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Love,
Courtney Campbell

Dear Santa,
I will lew you sum milk and cookies. Will you lew me a choeburd and sum gingerbrad man cookies. I like any cink and sum candy canes. I will lew the blue and black ones. I will lew you candy cane under my tree. Marry Christmas and Happy new year Santa
Love,
Heather Marie Bullock

Dear Santa,
Pleasee bring me a Batman car and a Batman costume. I have been good this year. I am in first grade at Mt. Vernon school. Has your reindeer been working hard this year? I will lew them some crachers to eat. I will lew you some milk. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Love,
Jesse Artley

Dear Santa,
Could you bring me a remote control dirt bike? Please bring my mom a corvette. I would like to ask a question. Whebe do the elves sleep at the North Pole?
Love,
Shannon Mink

Dear Santa,
Could you bring me a Barbie? Please bring my mom a new pil-low? I will lew you milk and chocolate cookies when you come
Love,
Briana Brown

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Love,
Jordan Paul Renner
"Cracker Jack"

Dear Santa,
I want a rask kor for Christmas. My mom nes a mik wave. I ned a tree to put in my house. I will leave you cookies en milk to eat Christ-

mas Eve. Have a safe trip. Merry Christmas

Love,
Jesh Staton

Dear Santa,
I would like a micro mushen for Christmas. Would you please bring my mom some erings? Would you please bring my dad a watch? My brother would like two woke tokes. I will ley you milk and cookies on the table.

Love,
Derek Jones

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a big Barbie jeep and a Skateboard Shannon. How

is Mrs. Santa Claus? Please bring my sister a toy too. I have been good this year. I will leave you a candy cane under the table.
Merry Christmas and Love,
Samantha Miller

Dear Santa,
I would like a race car. Please bring my brother one, too. Please bring my sister a Barbie. Would you eat supper with us when you come? I will leave you mashed potatoes and turkey for a snack.

Love,
David Harrison

Dear Santa,
I would like guitar playing Woody. Please bring a house for my dog. When you come I will leave chocolate cookies. I would like to know how do you fly around the world in one night? Also, how do your reindeer fly?

Love,
Dylan Bell

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I wod like a bike. How are the elves? How is Mrs. Claus? How are the reindeers? I will leave the reindeers and you some cookies and milk. Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year.

Love,
Rachel Gleissner

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a hotwheel for Christmas. I would also like to have a bell, and Christmas tree. I would like for you to bring my mom and dad something too.

Love,
Jeremy Miller

Dear Santa,
First I want my mom to quit work. I love her very much. I want everybody to have a good Christmas. I want a camera so I can take pictures of my family. I want a NBA 2000 game for Christmas. I will leave my white teddy bear under the Christmas tree for you.

Love,
Travis Carpenter

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a dirt bike for Christmas. My mom would like jewelry. Also, my bubbly would like a four wheeler. We have been good this year. How many elves do you have? How is Rudolph doing? When you come, I will leave you cookies and milk to eat. I will leave your reindeer some com. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Love,
Jon Raider

Dear Santa,
For Chrstmas will you bring me a wagon? I live in Mt. Vernon, KY. I am in first grade. I will leave you some cookies and milk. What are you doing on Christmas day?

Love,
Felicia Cameron

Dear Santa,
I have been nice. I want one of those babies that prays. I want a gymnastic Barbie. Please bring my sister Amy a teddy bear. Please bring my sister Melissa an N Sync Tape.

Thanks
Kila

Dear Santa,
I would like a Toy story 2 toy for Christmas. I want a Buzz Lightyear Toy story 2 Toy. I have been good all year, my sister wants a woody that plays a banjo. My sister has been good all year too. I want my Mom to have a beanie baby for Christmas. I want my Dad to have a holly bear for Christmas.

Love,
Dalton Dewayne Hutton

Dear Santa,
I want an electric guitar, and a drum set. I want you to bring my

mom a ring. I want you to bring my Dad a hammer. I want you to bring my brother a truck.

Love,
Ryan Gilbert

Dear Santa,
I want a talking Pluto for Christmas. I want a pocamon machine. game with it. I am a good boy. I mind my mom. I get my dad something to drink lam going to leve you some bookies and milk under the tree.

Love,
Billy Hensley

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me lots of toys. I like to play with them. Bring me a whole bunch of clothes so I will have clothes for school. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Love,
Jesse Hayes

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie jeep for Christmas and a Barbie. I have been good girl. I will have milk and cookies on a tray under the Christmas tree.

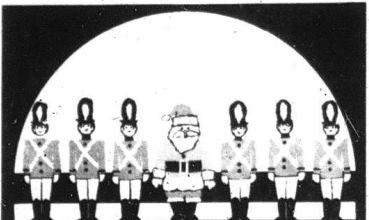
Love,
Casey Hasty

Dear Santa,
I want a batman car and a toy motorcycle. I would like them very much. I will play with them everyrday. Santa I think you are good because you give presents to people.

Love,
Jonathan Alexander

Dear Santa,
I want a barbie and a doll. I try to be a good girl. I help other children at school. Bring my mamaw a porcelain doll.

Your friend,
Kayla Hensley



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Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. I want a toy snuffed
moo'nom and all of the Generation
Girls. Please bring me a
glass baby Jesus set to put in my
room, and a new lamp with a S for
Susan on it. I will leave you some
cheese on the coffee table.

Love,
Susan Chesnut

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie for Christmas. I
want a baby doll too. I will keep
them in my toy box. I thank you
Santa. I love you.

Your friend,
Miranda Morris

Dear Santa,
I love you very, very much! For
Christmas I want a ballerina Barbie
and a toy dog that walks. I will
leave you some cookies and milk
on the desk. I also would like a
Barbie that takes her baby for a
walk.

Love,
Samantha Hasty

Dear Santa,
I wish that you will bring me lots
of toys. I want you to bring me a
cash register for Christmas. I want
you to bring my Mommy a necklace
and my Daddy. Some tools. I
have been good girl. Mom says
I have been good, too.

Love,
Amanda Cotton

Dear Santa,
For Christmas please bring me a
Barbie and baby chrissey, baby
chrissey nidesina stroller. Im being
a good girl. I go to school almost
every day. I want you to bring me
help you deliver my presents I
will leave you a hste under the
tree. It will say I love you.

Love,
Chasty Cope

Dear Santa,
I want a wrestling figure. I will
put it in my wrestling ring. I will
make it wrestle. I try to be a good
boy. I clean the house when mom
tells me to. I would like a computer.
I will play deer hunting on it.

Your friend,
Levi Bradley

Dear Santa,
I want a new game for my Nin-

tendo 64. I want a new Power
Ranger togy. I want you to bring
my Mom apouring pitcher. I want
you to bring my dad some new
tools, so he can work on house
roofs with them. If he don't fix the
roof you might fall in the house.

Love,
Michael Brewer

Dear Santa,
I want some presents. Please bring
me cars and trucks. My brother
and I will play with them. I also
would like a remote controlled
truck. I want a new blue bike.

Love,
Curtis Murrell

Dear Santa:
I want a new trapper keeper for
Christmas. I will use it for school.
Also Santa I would like a new blue
and yellow coat. I am good at my
mom and dad's house.

Your friend,
Theresa Uffman

Christmas is fun. My mom
comes and joins me. I play
outside on a nice sunny day.

Matthew F.

Dear Santa,
Can I have a computer, & a Present
just for me, & a present for my
sister. She won't julre & a present
for my Butheer. & bring present
for my Family. I bin good this
Deseber

Nikki

Dear Santa,
Wood you brang me sum tooes.
Dear santa, I bin good so give me
some toov, ann I mini it. Ann
osou o gib miu of the tooes. the
inu

Joshua

Dear Santa,
I wish I had a pretty black cat and
I like to have friends to. I wish I
had a christmas tree.

Brooke

Dear Santa,
My Toys I want a polly house
and polly moll. I rll be happy I
want a beby for my polly

Love,
rachel

Dear Santa,
I love you. Thank you for the
presents and talking Bubbu. I want
a Pooh bear watch and a bike. I
will like your sleigh. I will give

you sum milk. 12345678910 The
end

By Erica Smith

Dear Santa,
How I like Christmas Wen wetr
kaums Im gowen tow beod a
snowman. I am going sleiding. I
sing Christmas carols. Dear Santa
I want a pup. We got a present.
And a happy new year

By Amber

Dear Santa,
I wish Depr samta will come
tomyo hous. The reindcers will
come to my hous. they will bring
me prents

Lester Sesters

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year.
How are you? I am fine. I wud
like a dirt bik and a monster truk.

Love,
Wesley Robinson

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy gun. And toys
cars, and a toy fox, and bring my
brother anything but girl stuff.

Love,
Andy Hembre

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like Casy Cartwhell. And
a Barbie doll that skates. And I
would like for you to get me a
sleigh. Would you please? And a
CANDLE too that has not been
lighted. And a big and I mean big
bulletingbord.

LOVE
KASSIE ROBINSON

Dear Santa,
I want a toy for Chr istmas and a
dog to. I like Christmas because it
was the day That Jesus was born.
Thats why we gev not get. I
remember the part about the three
kings coming to gev the baby a
gift. Thats why we gev the end

By Abby

Dear Santa,
I like Christmas. I will give my
mom a present. I will give my
sister a present. I will give my
brother a present. Please bring me
some trucks and cars.

William

Dear Santa,
I wish I could see you once at
home it could be cool and could
you bring Mrs. Claus. Is rood off

coming? What are the other rein-
deer names? and could you shavr
your beard?

Love,
Zachary McClure

Dear Santa,
it Fun. I put up the Tree and
ormis. i alias Santa Claua. mad a
gingerbread mon. and me and my
mom ago of play in the snow-
man. and kala play in the snow-
man and sleigh

Kala

Dear Santa,
I wood like to have clothes for
Christmas, and sum toy cars. I
have ben a good boy. I will lev
you milk and cookies.

Love,
Justin

Dear Santa,
I would like a doll and ball and a
coat. I would like a pup and a cat.
I would get my mom a present. I
would get my dad a present. I would
get my freed s a present. The End

Love boy
Kayla

Dear Santa,
I want a capgun and caps. I also
want a pair of cowboy boots. I
would like a pair of socks to go
with them.

Love,
Matthew Alcorn

Dear Santa,
I think I want a doll and a furbee.
Do you like my furbee? yes You
are nice. Christmas is fun. I like
Christmas.

By Telsa Fuson

Dear Santa,
I wish I had 2 reindcers and a
sleigh just like you. I would ride
them to school and park them. I
would feed them. then I would
ride them to the North pool. I
would play with them at recess.

Love,
Christopher Bullock


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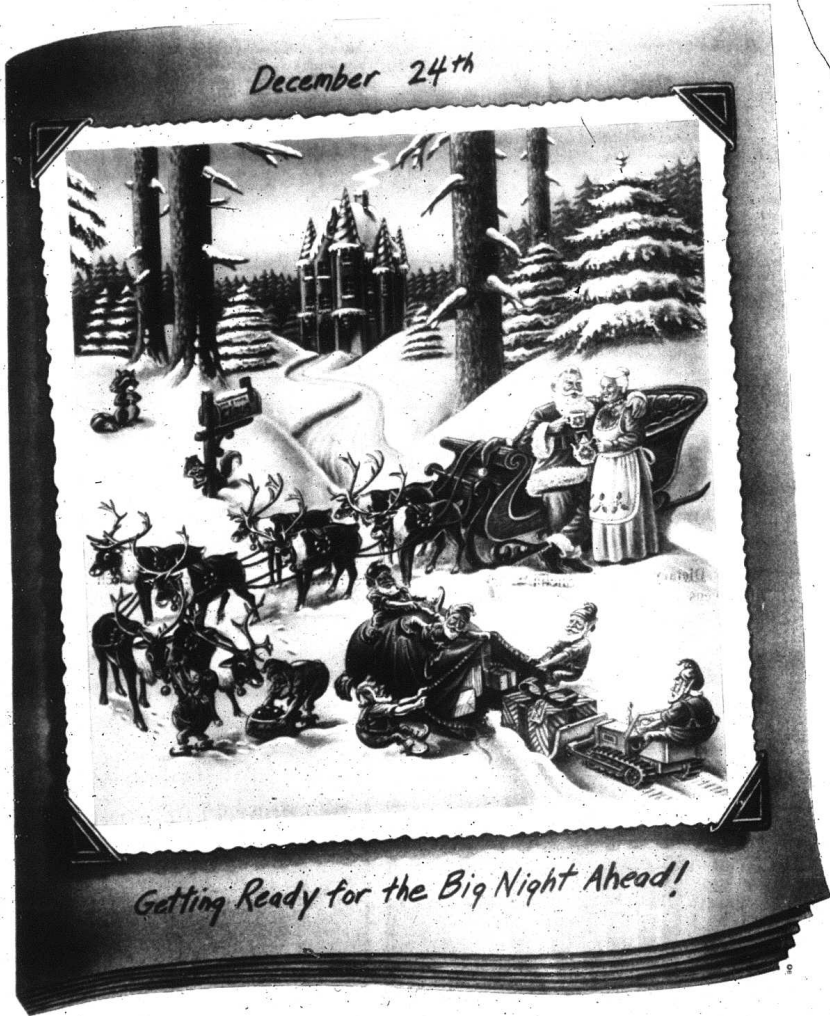
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A Christmas Wish

May the memories of past Christmases
warm your heart, and the bright hopes
and dreams of future Christmases
light your way.

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Lisa Barbie, a bean bag, hair barettes, walkie talkies and a baby doll. I have been as sweet as a whistle this year. I do my home work, brush my teeth, put my own nightgown on, and clean up everybodys bedroom. I will leave you a plate of Cookies and milk on the table.

Merry Christmas!
Tiffany Rae Barnes

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a microphone, telescope, calendar, and a mug. I have been really good. I'm nice to mom and I take out the trash. I will leave you cookies, crackers, and milk.

Merry Christmas!
Jesse Ray Bond Strunk

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a pink outfit book, games and some phonics books, games and some pants. I have been real good. I do what my mommy tells me to do. I pick up my toys and I help Mommy do the laundry and clean house. I will leave some biscuits and eggs.

Merry Christmas!
Laura Christine Kirby

Dear Santa,
I want a bed Christmas, a pillow to go on it, a toy dog, a toy dog

house, and a computer. I have been a good girl. I play with my sisters every day and I help Mom and Dad clean the house. I will leave you cookies and milk. Merry Christmas!

Sarah Grace Baker

Dear Santa,
Please bring me Pokemon toys and a Digemon movie for Christmas because I like these things. I help mom cook and I have been a good boy. I will leave you some cookies and milk on the table so you don't have to look for it. Thank you!

Christopher Dale Miracle

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a Barbie car, a new bedspread, Barbie Jeep, a walking dog, and a computer for me and mom. I have been very, very good. I picked up the house, cleaned my room and went out and got Dad a pop out of the boat. I will leave you cookies and milk on the table.

Love,
Megan Richards

Dear Santa,
I would like some candy for Christmas. I would like a doll and a puppy. I have been a good girl. I have helped Mom bake cookies. I have helped Dad work on the motorcycle. Would you please

bring me these gifts? I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Thank you,
Avery Lee Edwards

Dear Santa,
I would like a stocking for Christmas. I would like a present. I have been a good girl. I help my Mom with my baby sister. I would like to have a deer for Christmas. I would be happy with whatever you bring me. Please bring me a big Santa Clause. I will leave you some carrots and punch. I love you so much.

Thank you,
Tracy Michelle Slusher

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a red bicycle and a clock so I can learn to tell time. I have been very good for the past weekend. I will leave you 10 cookies and milk on the table. Merry Christmas Santa!

Thanks,
Jacob Darrin Stewart

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie for Christmas. Please bring me a reindeer, a sleigh and a gingerbread man to eat on Christmas. I will leave you some cookies and milk. Merry Christmas Santa!

Thanks,
Chasity Brooke Burke

Dear Santa,
I would like a Furbie for Christmas. I have been a good girl. I have helped my mom with my baby sister. I would like a reindeer for Christmas too. Would you please bring these toys for me. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Thank you,
Jessica Danielle Mahaffey

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a four-wheeler, a puppy, a goldfish, a new pair of shoes, and a gingerbread man. I have been a good girl because Mom lets me listen to my radio. I cleaned my room and mom was totally shocked! I will leave you milk and chocolate chips cookies, but if they are gone

my brother ate them. Merry Christmas.
Elizabeth Marie Guinn

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a B-B gun for Christmas so I can shoot at a target. I've never had one before. I want a new nintendo game because I have been a good boy. I will give you 3 gingerbread cookies, koolaid, chips, and a little truck. Thank you Merry Christmas!

Brandon Joseph Evans

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a jeep that I can ride in and a remote control car. Can you bring me some baby clothes and Dad a new hammer. I will leave you some milk. Thank you.

Merry Christmas
Cody Lawson

Dear Santa,
Are you Santa Claus? Yes you are Santa Claus. I will be good to you. Will you be good to me? Would you get me some Digemon trading cards? Can I have a gingerbread man? Will you be my friend?
Love,
John-Wayne Artley

Dear Santa,
Would you please bring me a computer for Christmas? I would like a Barbie with blue overalls. I've been very good this year. I will leave you a Thank you note. I will leave you milk and oreos to eat on Christmas. Merry Christmas Santa! Thank you
Brittany Lee Paige Marler

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a 4 wheeler, chalkboard, dry erase board, a dog, and a sled. I've been good for today, and for the week. I helped my mom wash the dishes, and the laundry. I drove the four-wheeler for Dad. Dad played ball with me and he deserves a new computer. Santa I will leave some

oranges and vegetables under the tree. I will leave you a present you can open.

Love,
Jordan Robinson

Dear Santa,
I want a wrestling man for Christmas. I like you Santa Claus. Would you bring my mom a angel? Will you bring my dad some tools? My sisters would like a new Barbie. I will put some milk and cookies on the table for you.

Love,
Brandon Cope

Dear Santa,
I do not have a chimney. I am going to make gingerbread. I bin Good. My rice sits up. I want a dress and a baby rocking chair.

Love,
Casey Correll

Dear Santa,
How are your elves doing? How

is Mrs. Claus I hope she is fine. I want a Britany Spears doll and a Britany Spears tape for Christmas. I want a Back Street Boy and NSYNC tape too. I would like a diamond ring. I will leave the door open so that you can get in my house. I will leave you some reindeer cookies and milk under the tree. My ouse is white, and has a green roof and a brown door.

Love,
Elizabeth Hering

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa? I bin gud. How are the reindeer? Are the elves working on the presents? tbr sacoz facn soan.

Love,
Heather Teague

Dear Santa,
I would like a giddy-up doll for Christmas. I don't have a chimney but you can come in my front door. Tell your elves I love them.

Love,
Natasha Osborn

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Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer doing?
This is what I want for Christmas.
I want a motorcycle. I want a pup
I will live Uou sum choelet cookies
and milk.

Love,
Brandon Overbay

Dear Santa,
Please bring a ras track to me. I
wont a red sno sla. I want a go
cart. Santa hal are your reindeer
doing? I have a chimney for you
to go down. I will lev otmel
cookez for you on the kitchen
tabol

Love,
Travis Miller

Dear Santa,
How are the elves doing? How is
you wife doing? How are the
reindeer? I would like to have a
Motorcycle. for Christmas. I
would like to have a new bike.

Love,
William

Dear Santa,
How is Mis Claus Santa. I bet
your house is pretty. I like red
nose reindeer Santa. I no yor elf
works hard. I bet you make kids
hape. Please bring me a Skate-
board Shannon for Christmas.

Love,
Stephanie Proffitt

Dear Santa,
How are the elves? Are the elves
working hard? What color is your
sleigh? How is Mrs. Claus? For
Christmas I would like to have a
Britny Spears doll. A Britny
Spears CD. A big pooh bear and
a Skateboard Shannon. My bear
is white and brown. I will leave
the window open for you on
Christmas Eve. I will leave you
some gingerbread men cookies
and milk on the table.

Love,
Casey Jo Carpenter

Dear Santa,
I have ben good Santa. I wont a
candy cane and a doll and a back
pack and a bear and a hole bunch
of books and a doll of Brin on
Back Street Boys. I will leave you
sum cookeys and milk. I love
you.

THE END
Love,
Kayla Carpenter

Dear Santa,
How is the elves? How is Mrs.
Claus? Are you bring me a pres-
ent in the sleigh with the Reinde-
er? I have been good. I want
'skateboard.

Love,
Johnny Denney

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph? How is Missis
Claus? I have been good. How is
the elf? I wont a baby Pluto.

Love,
Elijah Wynn

Dear Santa,
Have you rode your sled? I have
been good. I would like a baby cat
for Christmas.

Love,
Dustin Cromer

Dear Santa,
I want to no how the elves are
doing? I love you. Do you love me
to? I love your sleigh very much.

BES students write letters to Santa

Writing is a very important part of the curriculum at BES. One area of writing that many of us have been focused on is Transactive Writing. Transactive writing is letters, articles and other real world things.

Mrs. Annette's class has been working very hard on preparing letters for a very special person. Who could it be? Santa! We hope you enjoy reading some of their letters. These letters have been typed exactly as they were written by the children.

Dear Santa,
My name is David I am 7 years old I have been good this year This Christmas I would like a pokemon yeeo and game I thank you For last year I will try to be gud next year

Sincerely,
David

Dear Santa,
My name is Ben I am 7 years old I have been good this year This Christmas I would like a skatebord Thank you for the bedspred last year

Love Ben

Dear Santa,
My name is Christian. I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. This Christmas I would like Power Ranger Walkie-Talkies. Thank you for the things Last year. I will try to be good next year.

Sincerely,
Christian Dooley

Dear Sona,
My name is Dylan Im 7 yrs od

I have a Chridstmastree in my house. I love Christmas very much. I would like a Baby walking Pluto.

Love,
Natasha Lynn Catron

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? I like Santa because he is all dressed up into a red suit. I like his hat and his sleigh. How are your elves doing? Can I have a 4-wheeler for Christmas? You can come in the door at my house I do not have a chimney. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love,
Guy Smith

I will have a moke tho cat 995 I hope you r ready and get 995 I love you

Dylan

Dear Santa,
My name is Lindsey. I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. This Christmas I would like a Barbie. Thank you for the toys last year. I will try to be good next year.

Sincerely,
Lindsey

Dear Santa,
My name is Kourtney I am 7 years old I have been good this year This Christmas I would like Ginger Thank you for Barbie last year I will try to be good next year

Love Kourtney

Dear Santa,
My name is Lindsey B. I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. This Christmas I would like a cash Register. Thankyou for Walk and Crawl Babies last year. I will try to be good next year.

Sincerely,
Lindsey Brown

Dear Santa,
My name is Michael I am 6 years old I have been good this year. This Christmas I would liek toiseys. Thank you for wotatee last year. I will try to be god next year

Sincerely,
Michael

Dear Santa,
My name is April. I am 6 years old. I have bee good this year. This Christmas I would like

skates. Thank you for the toys last year. I will try to be good next year.

Sincerely,
April

Dear Santa,
My name is Nathan I am 6 years old. I have been good this year. This Christmas I would like fuiv Thank you for last year. I will Try to be good next year.

Sincerely,
Nathan

Dear Santa,
My name is Brittany. I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. This Christmas I would like a Barbie. Thank you for the stove last year. I will try to be good next year.

Sincerely,
Brittany

Dear Santa,
My name is Beth I am 8 years old I have Been good This Christmas I would like Bardez. Thank you for Ninardo Last year. I will try to be good next year.

Sincerely,
Beth

Dear Santa,
My name is Dillon. I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. This Christmas I would like a Pow-Pow. Thank you for the fishing game Last year. I will try to be good Net year.

Sincerely,
Dillon

Dear Santa,
My name is Dekota. I am 5 years old. I have been good this year. This Christmas I would like a train With water and something to hold it. Thanks you for the train Last year. I will try to be good Next year.

Sincerely,
Dekota

Dear Santa,
My name is Dustin I am 6 years old I Have been good this year This Christmas I would Like Skate Board and Skates Thanks you for the Beast Wars last year. I Will try to be good next year

Sincerely,
Dustin

Dear Santa,
My name is Ryan I am 6 years old. I Have been gud this year. this Christmas I would like the gray rajur Thank you for the toys last year I will try to be Good next year

Sincerely,
Ryan Roberts

Dear Santa,
My name is Mark I am 7 years old I Have been gud this year all This Christmas I would

Thank you for Ninardo Last year. I will try to be good next year.

Sincerely,
Mark

Like gloves Thank you for bike last year I will try to be gick next year

Sincerely,
Mark

Dear Santa,
My name is Jeanie Marie Tram-mil I am six years old I have Been Good this year. This Christmas I would like A Bike Thank you for cool last year. I will try to be Good next year

Sincerely,
Jeanie

Dear Santa,
My name is Ronnie I am 7 years old I have been Good this year This Christmas I would like a drset Thank you for Dynsors last year I will try to be good next year

Sincerely,
Ronnie

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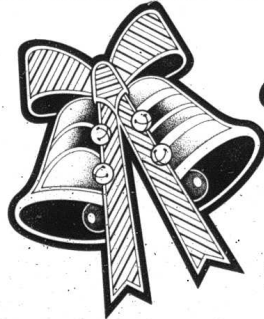
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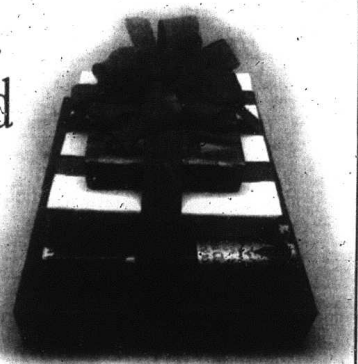


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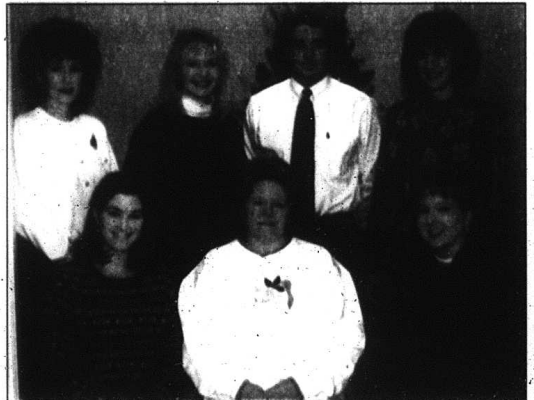
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Judge Lambert implements Divorce Education Program

Judge Debra Hembree Lambert, family court judge for Lincoln, Pulaski and Rockcastle Counties has announced plans to implement the family divorce education program throughout the Circuit. On Friday, December 10, Judge Lambert and fifty interested persons attended a luncheon presentation on *Families in Transition* by Dr. Joe H. Brown, Family Therapy Program, Kent School of Social Work, University of Louisville and Mary Lou Cambren, Jefferson County Family Court Support Worker. The fundamental mission of the FIT program is to reduce the pain and trauma causes children.

"A major emphasis of *Families in Transition*, or FIT, is the child and his or her adjustment to the stress, anger and disruption created by divorce," Judge Lambert said. "To deal with this, all parents whose divorce action was filed after October 11, 1999 must attend the divorce education program which consists of six hours of group instruction. Additionally, children ages five to seventeen must also attend six hours of age-based instruction. The course will be taught over either two or three sessions and fees will be based upon income. Each session will be led by a trained facilitator in each County in a community setting such as a Church or community room."

The *Families in Transition* curriculum was developed by Dr. Joe Brown and Dr. Carolyn Brown with

input from the Louisville Bar Association. The program has received national and international attention. It has been used as a model for developing a statewide program in Delaware, at 40 sites of the United States Army's Family Ministries and seven other cities throughout the country. Dr. Brown has trained facilitators and administrators in South Dublin, Ireland, as well.

Articles about the FIT program have been published in *Louisville Courier Journal*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Juvenile and Family Court Journal* and the *Family and Conciliation Court Review*. In a special issue regarding parent education in divorce and separation, the *Family Conciliation Courts Review* recognized the *Families in Transition* program as one of the three top programs in the country that offered a child's component.

Judge Lambert will be meeting with divorce education committee members on January 6, 2000, in Lincoln County. The purpose of that meeting is to locate meeting places in each county, develop schedules and implement the sliding fee schedule. Dr. Joe Brown will offer a full day of facilitator training on January 31, 2000. The first classes should be offered to the public by mid February, 2000. Any persons interested in attending the planning meeting or acting as a facilitator should contact Judge Lambert at (606)677-4186.



Dr. Richard Mortara

RHRCC expands neurological services

Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc. (RHRCC) is announcing the expansion of its neurosurgical consulting hours. Previously, Dr. Richard Mortara, a consulting neurosurgeon at RHRCC, saw patients on the third Tuesday of each month. He now sees patients on the first Tuesday of each month as well.

"We are continuously improving and expanding to better serve our community," said Lee Keene, President and CEO of RHRCC. "We strive to provide quality, easily-accessible care at RHRCC."

Appointments for Dr. Mortara or any of the consulting staff can be made by calling Gail Mason, R.N. at 606-256-4148, extension 318. Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care

Center, Inc. operates a full-service acute care facility and a long-term ventilator care facility serving patients from all across Kentucky. The hospital was established in 1956 and is nationally known for its respiratory care program.

Happy Holidays from the Signal staff

RES participates in Title I Recognition Program

Roundstone Elementary has recently been invited to participate in the 16th year of the Title I Distinguished Schools Recognition Program. The purpose of the Title I Distinguished Schools Recognition Program 1999-2000 is to identify schools that are (1) ensuring that all children have access to effective instructional practices and challenging academic

content, and (2) demonstrating success in ensuring that all children, particularly educationally deprived children, make significant progress towards learning that content. Highly successful Title I schools that are operating in high poverty attendance areas (50% and above) were encouraged to apply. The schools may be a schoolwide program or targeted assistance schools.

Information required within the application include attributes of suc-

cess, achievement data and program description. A state peer review panel will convene to read and rank the applications based on specific criteria. Site visits will be made to those schools selected by the panel to verify the accuracy of the description and quality of the program as submitted. Kentucky may select up to four Title I Distinguished Schools. Schools selected as Distinguished Schools will be recognized at the 2000 annual convention of the International Reading Association in Indianapolis (April 30-May 3, 2000). The state Title I office will provide \$1,000 for each selected school to use toward the IRA conference.

"Few schools qualify for this recognition," stated Title I Supervisor, Claudinna B. Cash. "It is an honor to be invited to participate in the Distinguished Schools Recognition Program."

"...For, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy..."

Luke 2:10

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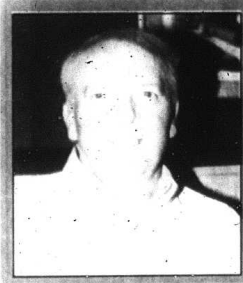
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From the Berea Hospital Family

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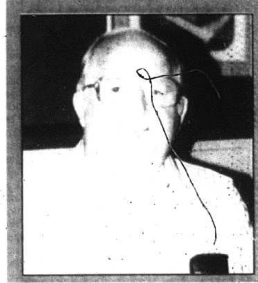
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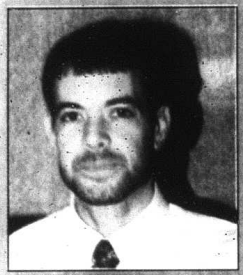
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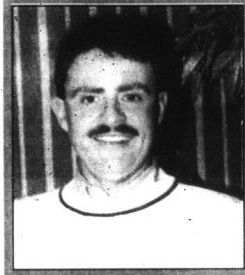
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Happy Holiday Sayings

By William Jerry Ayers
 Jesus is the reason for the Christmas season.
 A friend is a true treasure.
 Music gives live harmony.
 Care givers are special Angels.
 Friendship warms the heart.
 A family is a circle of love.
 Volunteers share and care.
 God bless this house and all who enter and depart.
 A kind word is the best gift.

Christmas Greetings

Far and Near
 By William Jerry Ayers
 To those we love and see each day.
 And other loved ones so far away.
 To all great friends who mean so very much.
 And those whom we're out of touch.
 To our dearest family and friends those far and away.
 This wish is sent along to you for a happy holiday.
 Christmas wouldn't be the same if we could not get in touch.
 With friends and family like you who mean so very much.
 Each Christmas we have shared with friends far and near.
 Who has made our year together so memorable and dear.
 It wouldn't be like Christmas if I didn't get in touch.
 And wish the seasons happiness to YOU, whom I care about so much.
 So with love this Christmas greeting I send your way.
 Wishing YOU and YOURS a safe and happy love filled holiday.

Only God Can

By William Myrick
 This old world it sure has changed since I was just a boy.
 Oh, all the wonders I have seen, man can send you up in space.
 Or blow up the human race.
 But he can't raise the dead, only God can.
 Cause God can move mountains or calm the raging sea.
 He can make the sunshine or the blind to see.
 He can walk on water.
 He can set us free, man cannot do these things only God can.
 Yeah this old world it sure has changed since I was just a boy.
 Oh, all the wonders I have seen, man can transplant a heart.
 And give us a brand new start, but he can't make it beat.
 Only God can.

Cause God can move mountains or calm the raging sea.
 He can make the sunshine or the blind to see.
 He can walk on water.
 He can set us free, man cannot do these things only God can.

Christmas Time Is Near

Mayzell Ries
 What is all the bustle and bustle about?
 "Christmas is coming," they all shout.
 Hey! Did you hear?
 Christmas time is near.
 People buying presents galore.
 Some just looking around the store.
 Children snatching and grabbing the toys.
 Wondering what Santa will bring the girls and boys.
 Some hoping that snow will cover the ground.
 It it comes, it makes not a sound.
 Ponds frozen, people on skates.
 Twirling around, doing figure eights.
 Christmas time is near.
 People stand and cheer.
 Parades in town with floats and such.
 People standing around, not doing much.
 Just watching the people go by.
 And Santa with a twinkle in his eye.
 The kids all flock, to get their treats.
 While their parents wait for them on the streets.
 So Merry Christmas to one and all.
 Here's hoping this Christmas you'll have a ball.
 Happy New Year, too.
 I wish you many blessings the whole year through.

Merry Legends of Christmas

By William Jerry Ayers
 Rose ornaments on a Christmas tree are a symbolic meaning of beauty and are believed to be an expression of affection and love.
 Legend tells us that the white of a candy cane symbolizes the purity of the Christmas season.
 Red stripes are for the blood shed by Christ on the cross.
 The candy cane is formed into a J to represent the precious name of Jesus.
 The star symbolizes the great light which led the wise men to the Christ child so many years ago.
 The star also symbolizes hope for peace and good fortune.
 The guardian angel feather symbolizes God's care for his people through the presence of angels.
 Psalm 91:11. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

Legend has it that mushrooms are a good luck symbol.

Associated with nature and the beauty of the forest, finding one is considered to be very lucky and to mean good fortune is at hand. Mushroom ornaments are displayed on most of our Christmas trees.

Pinecones symbolize eternity. Molds were developed by early European glass blowers to produce pinecones as glass Christmas ornaments such as we have today.


Because it stays green all through the year, the evergreen tree is a symbolic meaning of eternal life offered to Christians through faith in Christ.

The tree-top points heavenward. A star signifies the special star which guided the wise men to Bethlehem. The lights represent Christ, the Light of the world.

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9. NO
10. NO
11. Have it **THEIR** way
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From the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Office

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Season ending game a heartbreaker

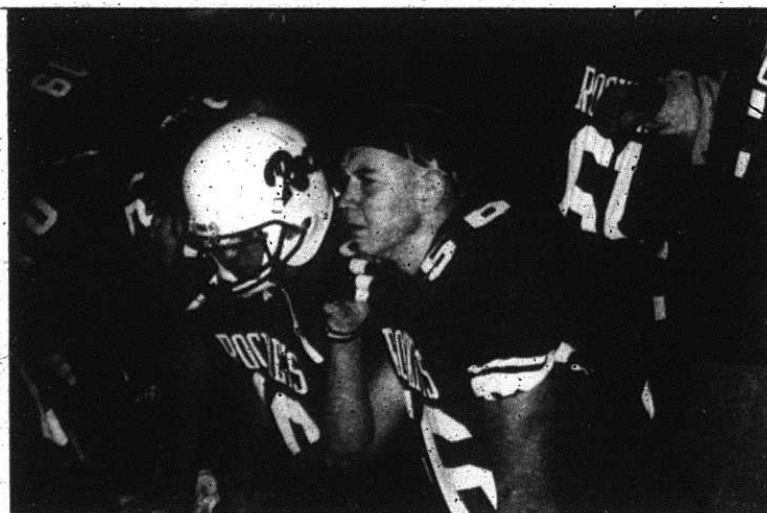
by Brandon Bishop

Sweat, blood, and tears were present in the huddle after the Rocket's season ending game on November 19.

Their 48-14 loss to Lawrence County gave them their first Class AAA regional runner-up trophy. The Rock's only other regional runners-up came in 91' and 92' while still in Class AA.

Coach Tom Larkey said, "It felt good to be regional runners-up our first year back into AAA. We hadn't been in a regional title game since 92' when we were in AA. I felt like there were five outstanding teams in our region, any of which could have won the title."

Not much was expected from this year's team, especially not a regional runner-up title. After being hit hard by last year's graduation and moving up to AAA, many suspected they wouldn't even have a winning season, much less go three weeks into the post-season.



Disappointment was clear on senior Joel Deatherage's face as he sat in the huddle after Rockcastle's loss to Lawrence County, 48-14.

Larkey also commented, "The expectations of this year's team were fulfilled. It was more than what was expected from the staff and community."

The game started off poorly for the Rockets with quarterback Chris Parsons throwing an interception on their first possession, the first of seven turnovers that Lawrence County could have capitalized on. The Rockets were then faced with the potent Lawrence County offense, which included a nationally ranked receiver.

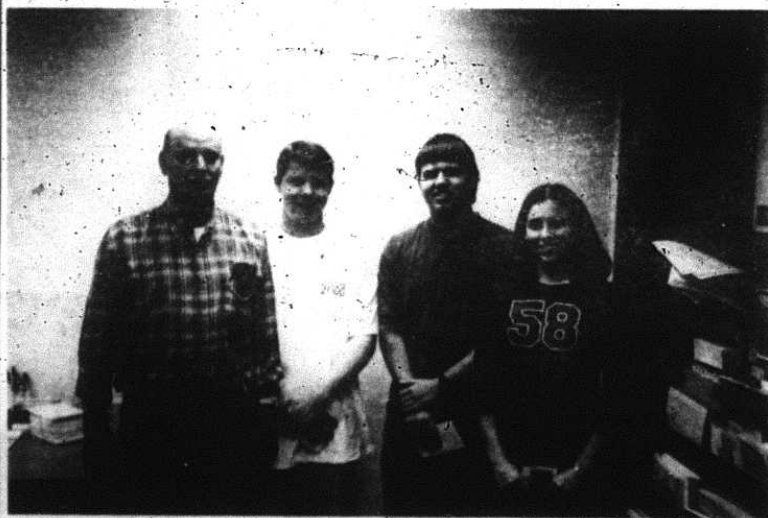
According to Coach Larkey, "Anytime you have seven turnovers in one game it will affect the outcome. It's like putting the football back into the hands of the other team. It is unusual for us to have that many turnovers in one game."

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VFW essay winners announced



Shown above is Alfred McNew, VFW Scholarship Coordinator with the VFW essay winners. Shown from left to right are McNew, Darin Poynter (third place), Alex Tyler (second place) and Brandy Reynolds (first place). A total of \$225 was awarded in prize money.

Students' lack of spirit frustrating

by Andrea Horner

Roughly eight hundred students are scattered among the gym's bleachers. The school's fight song is blaring, the cheerleaders are going nuts, and the dance team is encouraging the crowd, but there's something wrong with this picture. Something not hard to pick out if you have attended a recent pep rally at The Rock.

Only forty percent of the student body is standing.

"C'mon you guys; this is a pep rally not a sit-down!" blasses Mrs. Debbie Coleman.

Mrs. Coleman gives her all when she hosts our pep rallies. It's sad when a teacher has more school spirit than the students.

What's even sadder is that half the people standing are doing just that --standing. They aren't clapping or cheering. They look around as if they have better things to do. You can almost see them turn up their noses.

And these people wonder why pep rallies now only last twenty minutes instead of thirty.

Those of us who are participat-

ing and trying to lose our voices receive agitated looks and glares from the people around us. This isn't church, so what's the problem?

I would hate for a comedian to view one of our pep rallies. The crowd would be an instant inspiration for their act, because in all honesty, our pep rallies are quite amusing.

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The freshmen look around in shock. Judging by their faces, a herd of African elephants just stampeded through the gym, when what actually occurred was the class yell.

What has happened to our school spirit? Our football team made it to the state's elite eight, but, judging by the crowd's reaction, an observer would think it was the last game of the season and the team was 0-13.

We should be glad that our team accomplishes so much. If not for the team, at least be happy that students get out of class for about twenty minutes. It's not everyday that we are allowed to yell, scream, and just be silly if we want to.

Are gifted students being neglected?

by Tara Cox

Several students have been complaining about the advanced placement and honors classes at RCHS, or rather lack thereof. Yes, we do have 4 new honors English classes available, but is that enough? Are gifted students being set aside and neglected?

If you take a look at the course offerings from the past year, you will most likely notice an abundance of weightlifting and agricultural classes. While these classes are helpful to many people, what about the rest of the student body?

Is an exceptionally gifted and talented student supposed to sit in class day after day and learn nothing because others in that class do not understand the material?

In a perfect world everyone would learn and be taught at their own pace and not be held back. But we do not live in a perfect world.

Gifted students need more opportunities to challenge their academic intelligence and excel beyond their expected potential.

Several years ago RCHS offered classes in four different advanced placement areas (English, French, U.S. History, and calculus), but after Somerset Community College began offering college classes to students there was a lack of interest and the advanced placement classes were removed from the curriculum.

"More students elected to take the college classes from Somerset Community College than the AP. There was just not enough interest." Stated guidance counselor, Mr. Dale Whitaker.

While there are several gifted students at RCHS who would be more than willing to take these classes, is there enough interest to add these to the curriculum

again?

According to Mr. Whitaker, if any advanced placement classes are going to be brought back into the curriculum they will most likely be in the English, science, or history area(s).

If a student passes four advanced placement classes while enrolled in high school, they will receive a Commonwealth Diploma. There are no specific benefits to this, except the acknowledgment and satisfaction of knowing that you completed those classes. The recognition looks good on college and scholarship applications and sets you above hundreds of other applicants.

Also, in several schools, if someone takes an AP or honors course their GPA, or grade point average, is weighted. This makes it possible to have higher than a 4.0 GPA.



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Down the Hall

What New Year's Resolution would you like to make for RCHS?



"For the girls basketball team to win the state."
--Amanda Barnett, sophomore

"Center down, focus, and have more discipline."
--Mr. Rick Barnett, faculty



"Everybody would be more friendly to each other."
--Rebecca Lyons, freshman

"Quit interrupting classes with announcements all day."
--Mr. Clark Mullins, substitute



Dumb law: Loser not allowed

by Cheyenne Carmack

A daily agenda without something fun in it is like a Sunday paper without the comics...No one wants to read it.

'Loser' was that bit of fun that some of us looked forward to during our otherwise dull school day.

For as long as I could remember, the daily 'Loser' was a must-read. 'Loser' was usually an off-the-wall poem or kooky inside joke. Not only was it a highlight of the morning's news, but it was also as much a part of recent school tradition as a chaotic parking lot on Friday afternoons.

But like all good things, 'Loser' came to an end. For me, the disappointment of 'Loser's' retirement could only be compared to the news of Mr. Hånsel's real retirement.

Just like a new boyfriend or girlfriend can speed up the heal-

ing of a broken heart, RCHS students and faculty were soon consoled by a new bit of fun each day.

'Dumb Laws' brought to our attention odd ordinances and silly citeables. Comparable to 'Loser'? Not even close. However, it was a decent attempt to entertain us. This section of the daily agenda was short-lived.

December 1st brought the announcement that 'Dumb Laws' would no longer appear.

So the agenda is once more bland. The only thing we even want to see is what's for lunch...(Well, except for Mondays, when we automatically expect pizza and corn.)

So why has all of the fun left the daily agenda? It seems that some people around RCHS took offense to 'Loser' and just thought that 'Dumb Laws' were, well,

dumb.

It's a classic occurrence in a high school--a few students ruin the fun for everyone.

RCHS teacher, Polly Abney, told staff members through an e-mail, "All my classes seemed to enjoy the dumb laws and were disappointed that they can no longer be printed. It was the first thing they wanted to read when the agenda arrived."

To close, I would like to thank the office staff for taking the time to put the daily agenda together. Since *The Rocket* is only printed monthly, the agenda keeps us informed and current.

And to those of you who feel the need to complain and find fault in everything someone tries to give you (simply for your entertainment or benefit), you should feel like a loser.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

You've done it once again. *The Rocket* is a huge success! Every article was informative and interesting. But, my favorite section in the paper was the sports section, which was very detailed in the events that occurred.

Perhaps a suggestion for future papers is to cover the academic team as they enter into post season play.

Thanks,
Gretchen Phelps

Dear Editor,

The Rocket is a great newspaper because of the focus on the students. Everyone likes to open *The Rocket* and see their picture there.

Having your picture or your article in *The Rocket* gives you 15 minutes of fame. Everyone likes to open the paper and read about their friends achieving a new goal or winning

an award.

Also, bonus point coupons are my favorite part of the paper. Every time I get the paper I turn to the back and start searching the coupons for one with my teacher's name on it.

Brian Baker

Dear Editor,

I enjoyed the October/November issue of *The Rocket*. It was informative and well-organized. I think that you, the staff, are doing a great job. *The Rocket* keeps the community as well as students and staff in touch with the high school and allows opinions to be expressed. As for any suggestions for future articles in upcoming editions, keep writing articles similar to "The Absolute Worst Things to Say to a Police Officer."

Rest of luck.

Sincerely,
Angie Boring

Dear Editor,

I would like to congratulate you. *The Rocket* news staff, for the excellent work and time you have put into the monthly paper. I always read one and enjoy it.

I know it's not really possible but I sure would like if it you could make the paper weekly.

My favorite parts of *The Rocket* is the bonus points, CD and movie reviews, and the funny section.

I think you could make the paper a little better if you put in more articles on sports around RCHS.

I just wanted to write, and tell you how good a job you all are doing, and keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Chaz Cable

How are we doing? We want to know! Letters to the Editor should be submitted to Ms. Susan Norton or any Rocket staff writer.

Chorus hosts Madrigal dinner; four chosen for All State

by Amy Clark

Congratulations to Theresa Chislum, Brad Spears, Kristie Whitter, and Clifton Williams for making the All State Audition cuts. These students will represent RCHS for three days in February during the Kentucky Music Educators Conference in Louisville. They will rehearse 7-10 hours per day before performing a 2 hour concert, along with other top choral students from across the state. All State will be held at the Kentucky Center for the Arts.

The R.C.H.S. chorus hosted their second annual Madrigal Christmas celebration. As you may remember, the theme last year was medieval. This year, they celebrated in the New Orleans "Cajun" style. The evening was packed with entertainment and lots of Cajun recipes. The Madrigal dinner was held in the cafeteria on December 14, at 7:00pm and the cost was \$12.50 a person.

Spanish National Honor Society sponsors children for Christmas

The Spanish National Honor Society at RCHS recently sponsored six children in the Migrant Program for Christmas this year.

Chapter sponsor, Pam Powell, collected over \$100 from members in order to purchase new clothes. She, in turn, matched this figure and more so that these children would each have two, new coordinated clothing items. Ms. Powell purchased the clothes, and the club officers stayed after school to wrap the gifts.

Hopefully, as a result of this project, some children's lives will be a little brighter.

Creative Expressions attends production

by Jason L. Baker

Creative Expressions, formerly known as Creative Writing, traveled to Louisville, November, 11 to see the play *Tintinnabulation*. The play, which is based on the works of Edgar Allen Poe, was very well received.

Freshman Veronica Kirk said, "[the performance] captured my imagination, as well as my heart."

The play incorporated many of Poe's more popular works, including "The Black Cat", "The Cask of Amontillado", and "The Tell-Tale Heart", as well as events from his life and times.

Academic team concludes season; prepares for Governor's Cup

S.L. Hutchinson

The academic team concluded its season with an appearance in the Lake Cumberland Academic Tournament, December 6-7.

Academic Team Captain Alex Tyler, a senior, was named to the All-Conference Team.

In Written Assessment, RCHS finished 5th out of 13 schools. In Quick Recall, Varsity lost to McCreary Central 27-7.

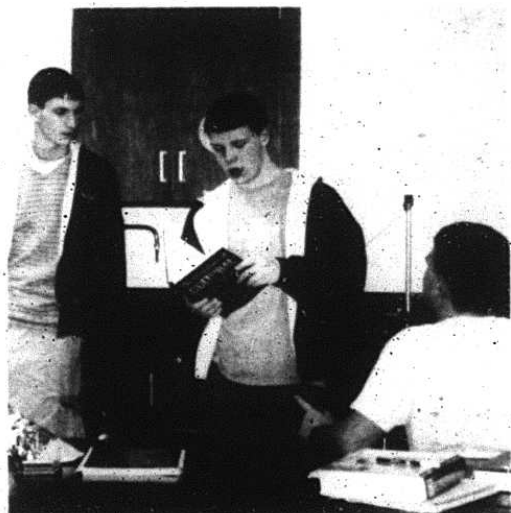
On Tuesday, December 7, Alex Tyler and Clifton Williams were named "Most Valuable Player" for Varsity and JV, respectively.

The Varsity Academic Team concluded its season with a record of 5-23. Junior Varsity won 9 out of their 27 meets this year.

"We have had a fairly good season this year," said Ms. Allene Cornelius, JV academic team coach.

Junior Varsity had an extremely good year, especially considering it consisted entirely of new members, added Cornelius.

Though the teams can stand some improvement in some areas,



Sophomore Ronnie Hess and seniors Daryn Poynter and Alex Tyler prepare for Governor's Cup.

there is one area in which they are not lacking.

"Everywhere we competed, we were the best behaved and the most courteous," Ms. Cornelius commented.

After Christmas break, "the team will begin preparation for Governor's Cup," stated Ms. Stephanie Hammack, Varsity

coach.

Any students who is interested in participating in the Written Assessment part of the Governor's Cup Competition needs to speak with Ms. Hammack in Room 110 on January 10.

Attendance is mandatory for any student who plans to participate.



Sophomores Gretchen Phelps and Andy Hensley look over practice problems with coach Allene Cornelius.



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Wishing you a joyous holiday season!

A CUT ABOVE

TLC attends training, rethinks club purpose

by Melissa Paquette

Trustworthy, dependable, easy to talk to and caring. Which club at RCHS does that describe? According to the handout that was given to the A/A classes at the start of the new school year, it describes the members of TLC.

Many members feel that people think it is just some popularity contest. Yet, while visiting with Ms. Ponder she discussed that the students aren't the only ones who vote on the TLC members, teachers do too.

She also continued by saying,

"sometimes the people with the most votes from the students are not the ones that get into the club."

TLC does more than just hang out and eat pizza during third block club days, they give up at least one of their weekends to go through training.

While in Jabez, Ky, at the Kentucky Leadership Training Center, TLC members learn the ropes of being peer helpers and became a very tight knit group.

"I just wish everyone else could know us like we know each other. I would trust anyone of the

other members with almost anything," said one TLC member.

Many people think that the people on TLC have to be perfect, but don't you think it would be easier to talk to someone who has been through your situation and knows what you are talking about?

Also, I don't recall the characteristics of a TLC member saying anything about being perfect.

TLC was created to help students out, to give them someone to talk to, and to be there in case you need them.



Mr. John Adams, an RCHS graduate, visited Mr. Chuck Cash's U.S. History class to share his knowledge of the Civil War, as well as some Civil War memorabilia, including swords and bullets.

Congratulations

to the JROTC Air Rifle Team for winning **first place** in the Kentucky High School Air Rifle State Championships and **second place** in the Wolf Creek 600 (held in Atlanta):

Team Members:

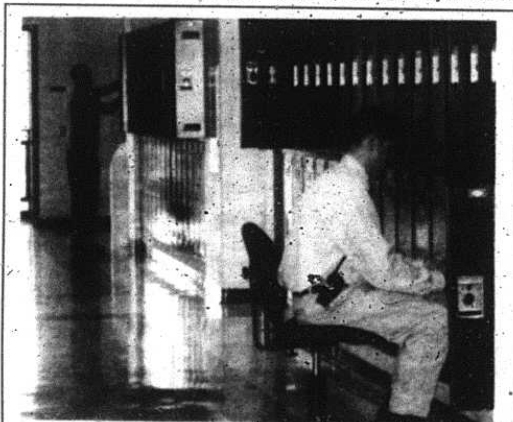
Tami Taylor

Joe Clark

Adrian Isaacs

Chris Philips

Jonathan Noe



Above: Assistant Principal Barry Noble and Coach Tony Saylor conducted a general locker inspection, December 7, 1999. Happily, they discovered nothing more serious than a few packs of cigarettes.

Teachers ordered on bed rest

by Kacey Taulbee

Portfolio scoring, discipline problems, computer glitches, and lesson plans. These are all necessary duties of any RCHS teacher. Now, imagine these responsibilities on top of morning sickness, mood swings, and back pains.

This, in itself, could drive a person mad. However, a few (female) teachers are doing just this. Even though some of us could never relate, these teachers still try to do their daily agenda while worrying about their unborn child's health, as well as their own. Two of these teachers have already been ordered to bed rest due to high blood pressure.

Glenna Carter, LD instructor, gave birth to Jaclyn Paige on November 23, 1999. The baby weighed six pounds, ten ounces and was eighteen inches long. Mrs. Carter had been on bed rest since November 16. After spending the entire summer with

morning sickness, Mrs. Angie Hendrickson, French and yearbook teacher, was put on bed rest on Wednesday, December 1, due to her high blood pressure and water retention.

"The grading and working with the yearbook helps keep me sane during bed rest," Mrs. Hendrickson replied about being at home by herself.

Through morning sickness, Mrs. Cindy Ham, has still been able to teach her biology class and coach the dance team. Even though she is just in her second trimester, she is starting to get signs of high blood pressure. In the next few months, will she, too, be ordered on bed rest?

So, as you are sitting in class, debating on whether or not you want to bug your female teacher, remember that they may be pregnant and the extra stresses from school could cause harm to their unborn child.

Band marches in Inauguration Parade



On December 7, the band had the privilege of marching in the parade during Governor Paul Patton's second inauguration. Above is the band practicing for the parade.

Owens to greet new millennium in England

By Ahlena Sebastian

Maybe you thought cheerleading was mainly about short skirts, ponytails, and football games, but for one RCHS cheerleader it has progressed into something more.

Angela Owens, senior at RCHS, was chosen to be a part of the UCA (Universal Cheerleading Association) All Star Team while at cheerleading camp in July.

As an All Star team member Angela will have the opportunity to perform in the Millennium Parade.

The Millennium London Parade is the most incredible event of its kind in the world. There will be at least 10,000 performers and over 20 million viewers.

"I am very excited to be one of the people chosen to go to London. I can't wait," said Angela.

Angela will be departing for her trip to London on December 26 and returning on January 2, 2000.

While in London she will be



Angela Owens, senior, has cheered for the Varsity squad all four years in high school. On December 31, she will ring in the New Year in London, England as a part of the UCA All Stars.

visiting places like the Buckingham Palace, home to Queen Elizabeth II, and The Tower of London, a medieval site where many beheadings took place.

Angela will also visit Madame Tussaud's, a famous wax museum, Windsor Castle, home to royalty for over 900 years, and St. Paul's Cathedral, the site of Princess Diana's marriage to Prince Charles.

Angela will be celebrating her New Year's Eve at a West End Show in the heart of London's Theaterland.

On January 1, she will be participating in the parade with many other UCA All Stars as well as other performers.



FYI

Check out the following dates for important deadlines.

UK Academic Scholarship—
January 15

UK Agriculture Scholarship—
January 15

Wal-Mart Scholarship—
January 20

EKU Academic Scholarship—
February 1

Kentucky Farm
Bureau Scholarship—
February 25

Jackson County
RECC Scholarship—
March 1

Cumberland College Bert T.
Combs Scholarship—
April 1

Other important deadlines

ACT Registration—
January 7

Governor's Scholar—
January 20

Miss Cumberland Falls—
February 1

See Mr. Whitaker for applications

A LITTLE BLUEGRASS TRIVIA

How much do you know about Kentucky?

- Who ran the fastest Kentucky Derby ever?
 - Man O'War
 - Secretariat
 - Sea Biscuit
 - Mr. Ed
- What does the name "Kentucky" mean?
 - Dark and bloody ground
 - Great western land
 - Hoop central
 - Land Of Explorers
- What is the state flower of Kentucky?
 - Rose
 - Daisy
 - Iris
 - Goldenrod
- In what year did Kentucky achieve statehood?
 - 1985
 - 1792
 - 1814
 - 1763
- What is the state bird of Kentucky?
 - Partridge
 - Oriole
 - Blue Jay
 - Cardinal
- Name the current and last five men's basketball coaches at the University of Kentucky

Answers: 1 - b; 2 - a; 3 - d; 4 - b; 5 - d; 6 - Smith, Pitino, Sutton, Hill, Rupp

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Participants feel the RUSH at First Baptist

by Billy Haddix

Teenagers and adults felt a RUSH the weekend of December 3-5, and it had nothing to do with athletics.

It was First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon's RUSH '99 (Are you Seeking Him?). Churches from around the county and across the state were invited to participate.

The evening promised to be fun and entertaining, and lived up to expectations. Guest speakers Craig Tackett and Chris Ross performed songs and preached the good news of Jesus Christ.

"The message and the music

"The message and the music were awesome..."; commented freshman Shane Cloud.

were awesome, and the performers were really friendly," commented freshman Shane Cloud.

An average of 60 people attended each night of the event.

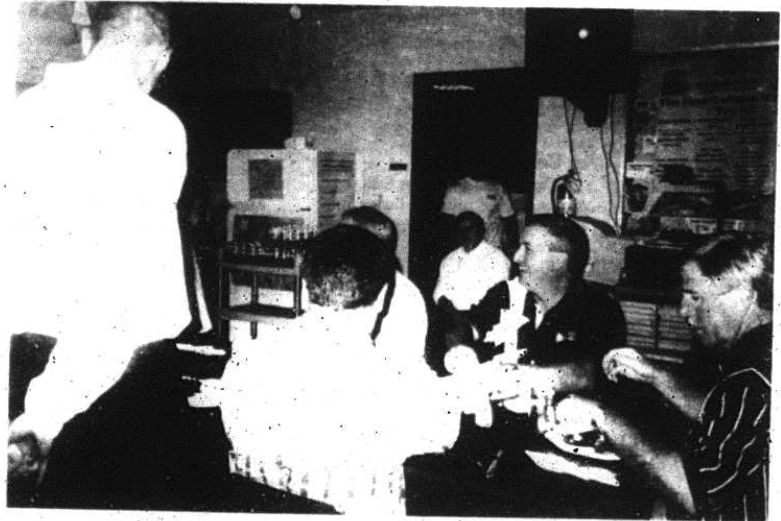
Many decisions were made for Christ, and four people came to know Jesus as their personal Savior.

"It was a really great experience. I enjoyed seeing the teens having a fun

time," remarked Mr. Jason Wilson, math teacher.

Organizers hope to make RUSH an annual event. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

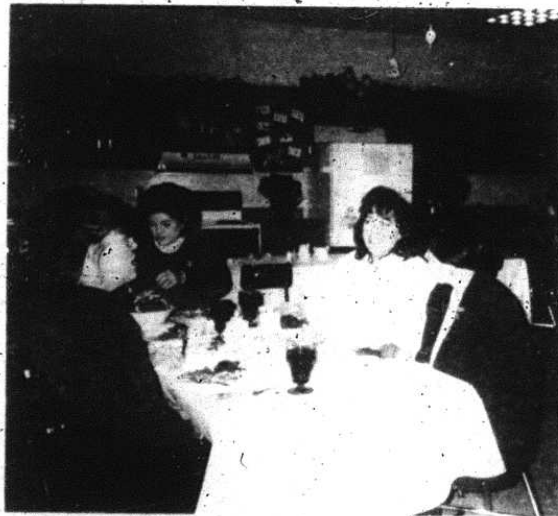
Students host staff luncheon



Science teachers host Career Day



Dr. Mark Lovell, a 1983 RCHS graduate, spoke during Science Career Day. Dr. Lovell works at the University of Kentucky as a research professor on Alzheimer's Disease.



On December 10, the Advanced Foods class hosted and prepared a Christmas luncheon for RCHS and Central Office staff members. The menu consisted of ham rolls with cheese sauce, a potato puff, green beans, cranberry salad, rolls, and a layered desert. Coffee and hot apple cider were also served. Pictured enjoying the meal are (above) Mr. Clay Dollins, Coach Clayton Cash, and Coach Tom Larkey, and (left) Ms. Myrna Childress, Ms. Kelly Pensol, Ms. Janice Miller, and Ms. Sue Rowe.

Students' cry for senior trip goes unanswered

by Jason L. Baker

Rockcastle County High School may excel at sports and academics but seniors here at RCHS feel as though they are being deprived. Seniors feel this way due to the fact that there will be no senior trip.

The students feel as though they deserve a trip for the entire senior class. The class of 2000

had an eighth grade trip to the skating rink. The seniors this year won't even get a trip to the mall.

The administration says it is a lot more difficult to take the seniors here at RCHS because there are a lot more students. You are required to have a chaperone for every ten to fifteen kids. That would require around a dozen chaperones for our 180 seniors.

Most seniors feel there should be a trip of some form for at least the students who meet certain requirements. Some of these include not allowing a student who has spent more than five or more days in ISS. Any trip would do for most seniors who just want to go somewhere with their friends. Carolyn Griffin said "I think if we work for it, we should get it!"

Most students agree that a senior trip would be a lot of fun and something to remember all their friends by.

RCHS principal Ruth Allen feels that school liability far outweighs a lot of fun.

"The senior trip used to be a popular thing for students, but times are different and schools are now very liable. I think when

planning there are so many issues to be concerned with. I agree that students should be rewarded with an educational trip outside the classroom, but they need to be very well behaved."

According to Ms. Allen, there is a better possibility of a trip next year if the juniors start planning right away.

Who we lost

1990

Ronald Dahl author of *James and the Giant Peach*

Sally Davis Jr. entertainer

Tom Fogerty musician

Grete Garbo actress

Alan Hale Jr. --best known as the Skipper on *Gilligan's Island*

Jim Henson puppeteer

1991

Dr. Seuss, *The Cat in the Hat*

Nigel Redden, actor, creator of *Star Trek*

Michael Lindsay, actor, *Star Trek*

Martin Granger, actor, *Star Trek*

Billingsley, actor, *Star Trek*

1992

Marlene Dietrich, actress

Alex Haley author of *Roots*

Anthony Perkins actor, best known for his role in *Psycho*

From our archives...April 1997

A Cinderella team gets to go to the ball!

by Cory Bailey

Thomas Edison, Jonas Salk, Amelia Earhart, Martin Luther King, Jr., Babe Ruth.....*The Lady Rockets*.

What do all of these have in common? They have *all* made history.

It's been twenty-five years in the making, but this year, after hours of work, stress and endurance, the Lady Rockets have finally realized the dream.

The Lady Rockets, coached by Ms. Chrysti Noble, are the breakthrough team, the first girls' team ever from RCHS to go to the regionals. But they didn't stop

there!

After a disappointing loss to Jackson County in the last game of district play, they advanced to regional finals where they defeated a tough Caswood team to become one of the Sweet Sixteen, the first Rockcastle team to do so since Brodhead High School in 1972.

The only other Rockcastle team ever to go to state finals was Mt. Vernon High School in 1953.

At the beginning of the season, few people dared dream that three months and twenty five wins later, the girls would be on their way to the State Tournament.



The 1996-97 Lady Rockets team won the 13th Region Championship and earned their first Sweet Sixteen bid in RCHS history.

What's your favorite memory?



"Starting high school."
--Leslie Morris, junior



"Being turned down by 50 girls in one day."
--John Abrams, junior



"All the church camps I have attended."
--Christina Amyx, freshman

No time like

by Cheyenne Carmack

Even though most of the focus in high school is on the future, most teenagers don't realize that there is any time other than the present. This is especially true of this new generation, that has grown up with loads of technology.

The past decade has been so full of computers and cell phones, the Internet and satellites, people have a hard time believing that life could be much more advanced, or that life will just be different. Of course, as many times before, people are wrong.

Ten years from now every current RCHS student will have graduated (we hope), will have probably already graduated from college or chosen a career (again, we hope) and could possibly have their families started. Lives and circumstances, perspectives and attitudes will all be different in 2010.

Imagine this...You receive an invitation to your 10-year class reunion. You're really looking forward to seeing everyone, but you're also nervous. How will you measure up? Has everyone fulfilled the role you expected them to as adults?

Most importantly, what will you wear?

Chances are, you wouldn't be caught dead in anything you wore in high school, a.k.a. the 90's.

So the day of the reunion finally arrives. Your mother made you RSVP, just so you would be forced to attend. You're still trying to decide what to wear and how to keep your spouse from totally embarrassing you in front of old classmates. Why are you so nervous? You would think you were getting ready for your first date...

Two hours later, you arrive at your old high school. Boy, do things look different. As you marvel at the new football field and athletic complex, you scout for cars that are

Ten years

- *Sandwich line con
- *Three Governor's Scholars
- *"Beach Party '89" is to be Pr
- *RCHS punter Coleman nar
- Editor's note: That would be*
- *Rockcastle captures 1st pla
- Regional Gover
- *PASS has proved to be a sue
- *RCHS makes atten

1993

Don Drysdale - Hall of Fame pitcher

Fred Gwynne - actor, best known as Herman Munster from *The Munsters*

Audrey Hepburn - actress, best known for *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, *Roman Holiday*, and *Sabrina*

Vincent Price - actor

Frank Zappa - musician

1994

John Candy - actor, comedian

Kurt Cobain - musician, songwriter

Richard Nixon - 37th President of the United States

Jacqueline Bunker Kennedy Onassis - former first lady

Telly Savalas - actor, best known as "Kojak"

1995

Howard Cosell - sports broadcaster

Like the present

What does the 21st century hold?

From our archives...May 1994

RCHS launches new era at modern facility

by Angie Parsons and April Cromer

The biggest question circulating throughout the local school system is whether or not the new high school building will be ready to move into on opening day of school, August 22.

Mr. Ronnie Cash, principal, stops by the construction site frequently to check on the progress and to talk to the project manager. He says that he believes by mid-July teachers will be able to start moving in.

If the new building is not completed, school will be delayed until it is finished. However, confident contractors and foremen keep reassuring the nervous staff of RCHS and the middle school that the building will be ready to occupy on schedule if not earlier.

Mr. Bige Towery, superintendent of Rockcastle County Schools, says he has "all assurance from contractors that the building will be ready by the August date.

When school does start, the students and staff will have many changes to get used to.

Not only will they have to adjust to a new schedule, but they will also have a building one-third larger than the present high school.

This space is particularly welcomed by the teachers who do not have a classroom they can call their own. Each teacher is expected to have his or her own classroom to use all day, even during planning period.

One of the most notable features is an auditorium for school and community programs (band and chorus concerts, plays, special concerts, etc.).

Located behind the lunchroom and gym, the auditorium, which seats 400, will have a stage with curtains and a pull-down screen for films. Band and chorus classrooms have direct access to the auditorium and the public has private access from a nearby parking lot.



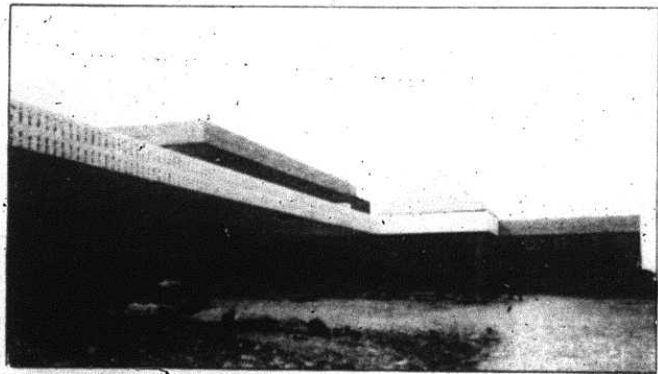
"We are gonna have so much technology, it will be the downfall of everybody."
--Kisha Saylor, junior



"Jesus is coming back, and the world is coming to an end."
--Ladonya Mink, junior



"Most anything will be like the Jetsons."
--Maggie Gray, senior



Builders have assured Superintendent Bige Towery that new RCHS will be ready to occupy by the August 22 school opening. Workmen were laying tile in the classroom the week of May 16.

nicer than yours, and tell your better half to stop slouching.

Inside, at last. You see familiar faces, some changed by age, while others look pathetically the same as they did at the turn of the century (quite literally!) As your high school clique spots you and makes their way to you, you begin to relax.

Over the course of the evening, you learn enough gossip and news to make your head spin. So and so couldn't make it because they were in a meeting with the President and What's-his-name is hung over. You get the picture.

Your favorite part of the night, though, is the reminiscing and chatter of your old high school life. The things you would do for fun back then! Oh, and who could forget the way you dressed! Your kids still wouldn't let you live that down. There are a lot of memories to choose from, you find yourself thinking between laughs.

You're suddenly glad you came, as you think, "Those really were the good old days... Where did time go? Have we really changed this much?"

When the reunion is finally over, the departures seem to be as hard as graduation day. Letting these people go is like waving good-bye to your childhood once again.

The future is not as far away as we give it credit for. In two weeks, we will be waving good-bye to the 90's. I think that most of us would agree that these past 10 years have lent us some of the best, and most memorable times of our lives.

Right now we think the present is all there is, but what will seem like "yesterday," to us years into the future, is what we are living today.

years ago...

line comes to RCHS

Scholars selected from RCHS

to be Project Graduation theme

eman named to All-State Team

that would be Mr. Adam Coleman

es 1st place District; 2nd place

al Governor's Cup

to be a successful plus for county

kes attendance history

- Howard Cosell - sports broadcaster
- Jerry Garcia - guitarist and vocalist for the Grateful Dead
- Mickey Mantle - baseball player
- Rose Kennedy - matriarch of the Kennedy clan
- Orville Redenbacher - popcorn magnate
- 1996
- George Burns - comedian, entertainer
- Minnie Pearl - country comedian and storyteller
- Tupac Shakur - rapper
- McClain Stevenson - actor, best known as Lt. Colonel Henry Blake on the series "M*A*S*H"
- P. L. Travers - writer and creator of Mary Poppins
- 1997
- John Denver - singer/songwriter
- Diana, Princess of Wales - wife of heir to British throne

- Camera
- creator of
- Allen Funn
- magazine
- George
- publisher of
- Kennedy Jr.
- John F.
- NBA player
- former
- Hambrham
- Will
- 1999
- singer
- Wendie
- Lamin
- singer, actor
- Roy Rogers
- adviser
- singer
- McCamery
- Linda
- Champion
- Joan
- Garth
- Flora
- comedian
- Phil Harnham
- producer
- Sigmund
- 1998
- Asper
- London
- Arness
- Garrett
- known for his
- actor, NS
- Simon
- comedian
- Robert
- Flora
- rapper
- 1998
- comedian
- actor
- Chris Farley

If you want to avoid holiday weight gain follow this simple plan

by Amy Clark

Do you put on a few extra pounds over the holidays? Well guess what! I've got a way to help you avoid those extra calories, but first you have to commit yourself to the cause. Here

are some ways to cut the fat in your typical holiday.

8:00am- You wake up to the smell of sausage and bacon and head for the breakfast table. Instead of eating biscuits and gravy, eat a bowl of oatmeal or a banana.

9:00am- Back to the kitchen for the last biscuit. If you're still hungry, grab a glass of water instead of that buttery biscuit.

10:00am- You're watching the parade on television. If you want a snack, go for the pretzels and not those cheesy Doritos.

11:00am- While watching the football game, you start to smell the stuffing and turkey cooking, snack on carrots instead of those full of fat Snicker bars.

12:00pm- The smell of stuff-

5 tips to avoid weight gain

- 1) Don't eat at every place you go to.
- 2) Lay off the sweets.
- 3) If you feel yourself getting hungry, drink water, hot tea, or chew gum.
- 4) Don't stack food higher than 1-2 inches on your plate.
- 5) Be sure to eat breakfast.



ing cooking in the bird is getting stronger. To tide you over, eat a cracker and go for a walk.

1:00pm- Finally, dinner is served. Careful though, you don't want to eat too much. There will be plenty left over at the end of the day.

2:00pm- Now you should be full. Instead of laying down for a nap, go for a jog, walk the dog, play with the children, or even help out in the kitchen.

3:00pm- You realize it's almost time for your trip to see Grandma. Just remember, you shouldn't eat at more than one place.

4:00pm- Grandma offers you some banana pudding. **JUST SAY NO!** Lay off the sweets if

you want to avoid weight gain.

5:00pm- You're back home and you really want to take a nap. You shouldn't lay down on a full stomach because then the

food is laying still and turning into fat. Splash your face with water to wake yourself up.

6:00pm- Now you're watching a little television while kicked back on the couch. This is fine if you followed through this far. You deserve it.

8:00pm- You're getting ready for bed. Before you take your shower do a 15 minute exercise like 15 jumping jacks.

8:30pm- Almost ready for bed. Go ahead and brush your teeth so that you won't eat anymore food.

If you follow through with this routine, you are sure to avoid those extra pounds.

Breaking up: the challenge

by Melissa Paquette

True love. We all hope to find it someday. Some of us may think we have already found that special person who we want to spend the rest of our life with. Yet, some of us are still going through the wrong ones. We all think that it is hard to figure out a way to end a relationship, you know isn't going anywhere. The hardest part is doing it without hurting the other person deeply.

It is really a lot easier than one may think. While many people will stay up all night reciting the big break up speech over and over in their heads, you can be sleeping snug in your bed without any worry.

HOW TO TELL THEM

The one thing that many people do wrong is the biggest part of the whole break up, that is how you will tell them. You don't want to do it through a letter, e-mail, on the phone, or have a friend tell them. If you do it any of those ways you will most likely lose the

friendship you could have developed. It's also known as lame, wimpy, and even cowardly. The main point is do it yourself and in person.

FINDING THE SPOT

Take the person aside, if you are not alone. Make sure that wherever you go is nice and quiet, with no interruptions. School is definitely not a good place. You must remember, wherever you take them you have to think about how emotional they may get when you announce that it is over. Somewhere hidden from the public eye would be best.

JUST SAY IT

There is no room for delay of slacking. If you don't get to the point then it will just make things harder for you to tell them. The longer you two are together the more feelings are being developed that you can't honestly return, because you think the relationship is over. In the end, it will make it harder for you to say that it's over and harder for them to get over the

fact you two aren't together any longer.

THE END

Finally, think of the break up as not only the end to a bad relationship but as the start of something new. You have just ended a chapter in your life and at the same time started a new one. Maybe this time, the new person will be the person you have been waiting for.

Are you having second thoughts about the break up and you want to get your pookie-pook back?

Turn to page 15 to find out how you can, or if you should, get them back.

Gifts for your girlfriend

by Tara Cox

Christmas. It comes around only once a year and every season we, think about it more and more, but when mid-November comes, we start to dread it. Why? Maybe because buying Christmas gifts for your significant other sometimes seems to be the most treacherous form of torture known to humankind.

That's where I come in. Here's a girl's perspective on what to buy us. Oh, and you might want to take notes.

Someone recently told me that the only way to satisfy your girlfriend was to buy something expensive. I completely disagree and so do most of the girls that I have talked to. Some have gone so far as to say that anyone that materialistic, insincere, and unromantic, is not worth the time or money that one may waste on her.

Idea #1

Girls, as a whole, would rather receive something from the heart, not wallet. For instance, cute little coupons good for such things as kisses, hugs, forgiveness, deep conversations, and winning arguments, costs absolutely nothing. You can get plain white paper from a teacher and borrow a marker to make the coupons, and the gifts themselves are priceless.

Idea #2

One gift that does cost money, but five dollars max, is a mixed tape of your favorite songs, as a couple, with a heartfelt message from you to her recorded on it. You could say why you chose certain songs or remind her of a memory you share.

Simplicity makes gift-buying a cinch

by Brian Reynolds

Ladies, if December means dread for those of you who sit wondering what to get the people you love for Christmas, you are not alone. But never fear, I have all the answers you'll need.

First off, it's very important to understand that satisfying the male gender doesn't take a rocket scientist. Now you probably saying that's not very nice. But it's true: the male gender is satisfied with things that don't take a long time to pick out (simple things).

I know you females reading this are sitting there devastated because you have been trying to figure this out for years, but this is all true.

Now that you know the basics of shopping for men, it's time to

Idea #3

Several people have to travel to see family over the holidays and if you must be separated, a sweet act that means more than you think, is to lend her your favorite shirt spritzed with your cologne. She can hold or wear it when she misses you.

Idea #4

Also, a calling card and basket full of her favorite things (candy, candles, lotion, pictures of the two of you, etc.) to accompany her on the long trip would be nice.

Idea #5

If you want to get her flowers, one or two dozen looks good, smells sweet, and is not easily forgotten. But even more sweet and romantic is a single red rose with a card saying how much she means to you.

Idea #6

If you have time on your hands and have been with your girlfriend for at least a few months, one incredible gift that she, or anyone else in her family or circle of friends, will never forget is an album of moments spent together. You can recall special events like how you met, when you started going out, first kiss, etc., or hopes for the future, and thoughts on your relationship.

Idea #7

The all-time, best-ever, can't-get-sweeter-or-more-romantic gift is a song or poem written by you, just for her. Enough said.

Good luck with your gift ideas and don't worry, you've got a whole year of R&R until you have to do it all over again.

Simplicity makes gift-buying a cinch

talk about what to get. Your first thought should be simple. I personally suggest a gift certificate. Where to? I suggest a fairly nice restaurant like Applebee's or O'Charley's. No guy will complain with food.

I would also suggest a shirt from somewhere like Abercrombie and Fitch or The Gap. You can take ten minutes picking it out; all you need is their shirt size.

Of course, the greatest gift is also the easiest to think of. Get something that deals with their favorite sport's team. Pure simplicity.

Now that you know what to get that special guy, go get him something he will adore.

RCHS students attend KYA conference

by Tara Cox

On November 21, 31 RCHS Y-Club students piled onto a school bus for a two and a half hour trip to Louisville, Kentucky. They went to represent our school at KYA (Kentucky Youth Assembly), a three day mock-legislature convention.

Sophomore Brian Reynolds was Premier Lt. Governor this year and plans on running for the office of Governor at next year's conference.

"It was really thrilling. I met a lot of people." Brian commented about his experience.

Junior Cathie Midkiff was a candidate for the office of Governor this year, but did not acquire the position. Fellow classmate Cheyenne Carmack was a member of the press corps and wrote several published articles.

Stephen Hopkins, also a junior, was a member of the Governor's Cabinet.

Freshmen and sophomores participate in a premier program which teaches them the fundamentals of writing, debating, and making amendments to bills. This prepares them for the senior program.

Freshman Travis Burton commented, "There were some things that I liked better about middle

school than high school, but I think I just missed going to the capital."

As middle schoolers, the attending students go to the capital building for one day and conduct meetings in the House of Representatives and Senate. This year, though, they had to stay in Louisville for meetings.

Melinda Coffey and Jessica Thacker authored a bill that the premier governor signed and made into a law. (Note: This is a mock-legislature and is for educational purposes. No laws are actually made, however, many congressmen get ideas for actual bills from this convention.)

Juniors and seniors participate in the Senior KYA program and on the second day of the convention they went to the capital building to debate and vote on bills.

This year's convention was the first year that teachers and Y-Club sponsors Mr. Travis Brenda and Ms. Wanda Gonzalez attended. Mr. Jason Woods was unable to attend.

When asked if he was impressed with the convention, Mr. Brenda replied, "Yes. Very much so. I was also impressed with our behavior compared to other schools."



National Honor Society members participated in the "Christmas for Families" project at Mt. Vernon Elementary School. Toys, clothes, etc. were given to over 20 children to make their Christmas a little brighter. Parents and grandparents of some of these children also attended.



Several members of FCCLA (formerly FHA) visited Fort Worth, Texas, November 11-15, to attend their National Cluster Meeting. Shown from left to right are: Rachelle Hammond, Ashley Lawson, Ashlee Alcorn, Jessica Cobb, Angela Owens, Shalanta Nicely, and Brooke Roberts.

Blood drive collects less than normal



Senior Robbie Gibson gets ready to give blood during the Key Club Blood Drive on December 6. Thirty-seven pints of blood were given which is less than normal.

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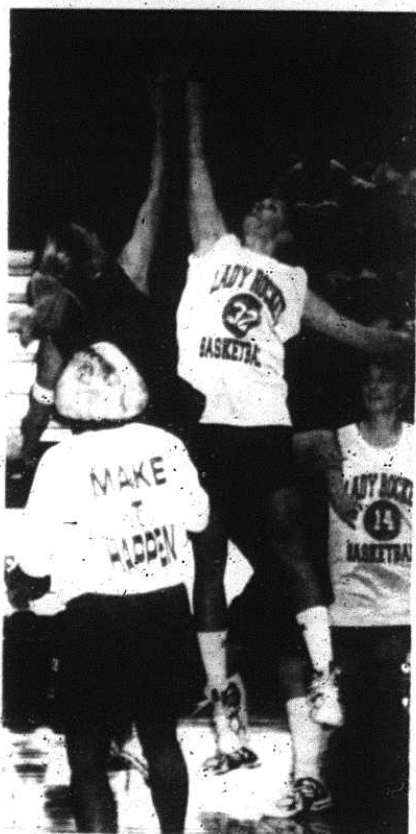
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Seniors Brooke Roberts and Jessica Cobb tipped off the girls' scrimmage at Rocket Madness.



The Rocket football team was sent off to the Sheldon-Clark game in style. Students and faculty wished the team luck with an outside pep rally. They came home with a victory.

Season ender is a heartbreaker

continued from front page

The heartbreak of the loss was the worst for the Rocket seniors because it was their last game as a Friday night warrior. Even though they have another year to look forward to, the underclassmen took it hard, too.

The Lawrence County fans arrived by the car load and were as numerous as Rocket fans.

The players were very pumped for this huge game, and a win would have meant a trip to Fort Thomas Highlands near Cincinnati, Ohio. There they would have played the defending state champions, the Highlands Bluebirds.

When considering next year's team Larkey added, "We will be losing good defensive players, and three offensive linemen. Our main concern this winter in the weightroom is to build an offensive and defensive line. And the

key to next year and every year is to keep healthy."

All in all, it was a great year for Rocket football, coming out with their third regional runner-up in the nineties; and making their presence known in their new

region.

According to junior Derrick Bussell, "We've got a lot of linemen's shoes to fill. We will return a lot of key skill players, and a lot of experience should help us through the first few games."



Ex-football team members Andrew Carrera (left) and Andy Hale (standing) consoled senior player Gary Coffey after the Rockets' loss to Lawrence County.

Pep rallies needed for all sports

by Dusty Richardson

Is this school just a football and basketball school?

Everytime I turn around the school is holding a pep rally for football.

Do they forget that there are more sports at this school besides football and basketball? There are more sports that would like to have a little bit of school spirit behind them.

I am not talking bad about the football and basketball teams, but just stop and think how the football and basketball players would feel if the administration only held pep rallies for the softball and baseball teams. They probably would feel the same way the softball, baseball, dance team, flag team, golfers, cheerleaders, and the track members do left out.

Angie Howard, a softball

player, says, "They only have pep rallies for football and basketball because they are the larger sports. I think they should have at least one pep rally for each sport we have. It may not be a pep rally, but a recognition just to let the student body know what sports we have and who is on their teams."

Tabitha Dees says, "They should have a recognition for all sports if not a pep rally."

Christina Cadena says, "They're not offered to the other sports because they're not as popular as football and basketball are."

According to Ms. Allen, some reasons why only football and basketball teams have pep rallies are because it is tradition and they are the two largest sports.

"The reason we don't offer pep rallies to the other sports is because it has not been an issue. To

have a pep rally or a recognition for the other teams you have to look at the structure, like how long it takes the students out of class, and you would have to ask the coaches."

All of the students that I talked to thinks that all sports should be recognized even if they aren't as popular or big as football and basketball teams.

As a softball player, I see all the other players that feel offended because they don't get recognized for the hard work they do to make the team the best it can be.

A parent of a softball player said, "I think softball and the other sports are just as important as football and basketball are."

So give us some recognition.

Congratulations

The following football players were selected to the All State Football team:

Defensive End - Gary Coffey
 Defensive Line - Chris Kirby
 Offensive Line - Matt Smith
 Defensive Back - Derrick Bussell

Congratulations

The boy's varsity basketball team defeated Clay Co. for the first time in school history on December 14, 1999. The 75-52 victory was a huge triumph for the Rockets.

Rocket Madness gives fans a taste of basketball

by Lindsey Parsons

Fans got a sneak peek at this year's basketball teams on November 22 at Rocket Madness.

Rocket Madness has become an annual event to tip off the basketball season. This year, the event introduced many different teams at RCHS.

Both the Lady Rockets and the Rockets took to the court for scrimmages throughout the night. The Lady Rockets played first and each player had a chance to display their talents to the crowd. The Rockets played the second scrimmage.

Senior player Matt Brown enjoyed the night, "I thought it was really fun. I've been doing it since my freshman year and it's a really good way to get the community aware of basketball starting. Too bad for the red team who got walked all over by the white team."

The RCHS cheerleading squad and dance team were also at Rocket Madness. The cheerleaders stood opposite each other during both scrimmages, cheering on



Senior Jessica Cobb shoots a foul shot during the girls' scrimmage at Rocket Madness.

their respective teams. The dance team performed between games. All members of each team were introduced to the crowd.

Sophomore dance team member, Cassie Sowder enjoyed the night but found one problem with it. "I thought it was fun, but there

wasn't enough people there," she said.

This was the feeling of some of the other fans, too. There was an estimated 200 people at Rocket Madness, but some still felt that wasn't many.

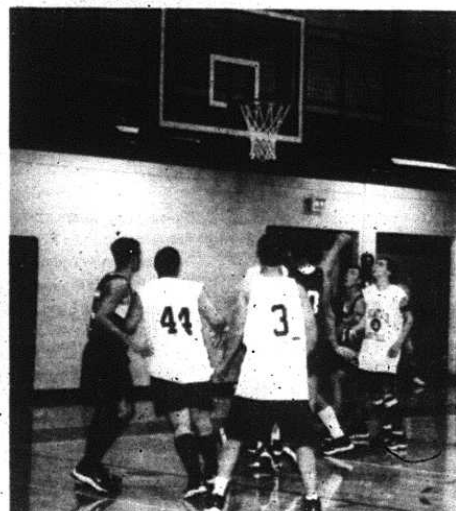
"It was the worst one I've been

to because no one was there," junior Benn Bray said.

Door prizes were given away throughout the night, and food was donated by local businesses for fans to enjoy, free of charge.

The official basketball season started off with wins for both

teams. The Lady Rockets defeated McCreary Central on November 29, and the Rockets began their season with a win over Somerset on November 30.



The Rockets scrimmaged during Rocket Madness on November 22.

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New releases plentiful as year ends

by Sabrina Bowles and Jason Baker

Kenny Chesney

"She Thinks My Tractor's Sexy"

If you have not heard the new single "She Thinks My Tractor's Sexy", you are missing Hick Fest 2000: How romantic can a John Deere possibly be?

Rage Against The Machine

The Battle of Los Angeles

The third album of Rage Against the Machine, The Battle of Los Angeles has lived up to and surpassed all expectations from guitar guru Tom Morrello's magic to Zach Del A Rocha's poetic lyrics. With the hit single "Guerilla Radio" this album is bound to be just as if not more successful than their last two installments.

When asked of the shape of music today Nine Inch Nails



frontman Trent Reznor told Rolling Stone in a recent interview, "Rage Against the Machine looked like the second coming of Christ."

Powerman 5000

Tonight The Stars Revolt

We are convinced no one in the Powerman 5000 band are actually capable of playing their instruments. The only compliment we can pay 5000 is lead singer Spider's big brother rocks. We are extremely disappointed that the same genes as Rob Zombie and did not inherit a lick of talent. Our advice to Powerman 5000, unplug your amps.

Various Artist

End Of Days

And last the new "End of Days" album has both good and bad points. Good includes Guns-N-Roses, Eminem, Sonic Youth, and Everlast. Bad includes Powerman 5000 and Limp Bizkit (Backstreet Boys In Flannel). End Of Days is the product of Geffen Records gathering the best in the industry and accidentally allowing two bands that deserve to be plumbers in Utah participate.

We close by reminding you this is only the opinion of Jason and Sabrina. We apologize for being correct.

Jawbreaker will keep you guessing

by Felicia Smith

Are you looking for a comedy with multiple twists and turns? *Jawbreaker*. (PG-13), in video stores now, has everything from accidental murder to jealous wanna-bes to blackmailing killers.

The initial plot isn't too complicated. On Julie's 17th birthday, she is awakened by three masked attackers who cram an extremely large jawbreaker into her mouth before tying her up and placing her in the trunk of a car.

The abductors turn out to be her best friends who are just pulling their traditional birthday prank.

Oops, looks like it went too far.

Courtney (played by Rose McGowan) opens her trunk only to discover the birthday girl is dead. She had panicked and choked on the jawbreaker.

Enter Fern, the school's unknown students who just wants to be popular. She looked up to Julie and when she doesn't show up for school, Fern jumps at the chance to deliver her homework.

Fern soon discovers the truth behind Julie's disappearance, and in an effort to keep her quiet, Courtney turns Fern into the teen queen of her dreams.

Does it work? Or does Fern turn into Frankenstein's monster?

Rent it this weekend and find out.

I wanted it that way

by Lindsey Parsons

Okay, I'm going to come right out and say it—I'm Lindsey Parsons and I'm a Backstreet Boys fan. But, I'm not just a casual, oh-their-music's-good fan. Nor am I a scream-my-head-off-whenever-they're-mentioned fan. I think my fan status is somewhere in the middle, though probably closer to the second if the truth was known.

So there, now everyone knows I'm a BSB fan and yeah, I'm proud of it. I've adored these guys for nearly three years.

Just ask my family and they'll tell you how I've driven them nuts over Brian, Kevin, Howie, Nick and AJ. Okay, so now maybe it's not such a big surprise for most of the school since what happened on Thursday, November 11.

Let's start from the beginning though. I saw the Backstreet Boys in concert last summer in Louisville. I was lucky enough to buy tickets that day and end up in row V on the floor. I was so excited and in the midst of my excitement forgot to lock memories in my brain. I barely remember the concert. I do remember that at the end of the show Kevin, who is from Estill County, said something like, "We'll see you next time at Rupp." Right when he said that I knew I had to see them when they came back.

I waited since that day in July for the new tour to be announced, and the US dates finally were in August. I planned my strategy for getting tickets early and on Saturday, August 14, forced my dad to get out of bed and drive me to Rupp Arena, only to stand in line for three hours and come away empty handed. It goes without saying that I was heartbroken.

I moped around the house for the next couple days then forgot about it, thinking I could always try to win some. Then one day I heard great news—a second show had been added in Lexington! There was still hope for me and the world was suddenly brighter.

So, on September 23, another Saturday, I rolled out of bed early to head back to Rupp. This time I bribed my older sister into driving me and again stood in line forever. My dad was nice enough to stand in line again at another

Ticketmaster. I just knew I would get tickets this time.

While standing in this line, I did receive my few minutes of fame. A lady from Channel 27 News asked if she could interview me and I agreed. Though I came away without tickets yet again, I did make it on the 11:00 news saying I hoped I would get tickets.

I was running out of time and ideas. I immediately started entering every contest possible to win. I was clipping entries from the *Herald-Leader* everyday, calling the

news stations in the mornings, and breaking my fingers filling out entry forms at Sears. Then I heard about it. "The contest that I was sure I could win. My favorite radio station (and more so now), 104.5 The Cat, was giving away two sets of tickets every morning to fanatics who sent in a video saying why they should win.

I can do this, I thought, and on a long weekend begged my little sister to help me make a mini-movie on why I needed those BSB tickets so badly. I pulled out the video camera and the coolest outfits I could find. I had to make this look good. With my sister as the videographer and me as the actress, we made a nine minute video full of me doing the Backstreet dances, showing off my BSB merchandise, and making fun of the Blair Witch Project, adding a Backstreet Boys twist to it. But it would be my poem, "Top 10 Reasons Why I Should Get Tickets," that would do the trick.

I got up early every morning after I sent in my video to see if it was played. I lost hope with each day that passed as my video was never played. Then on Thursday, November 11 at 7:15 am, I heard my voice on the radio. Oh yeah, I had won tickets and was going to see the Backstreet Boys—finally!

On November 26, I had the best night ever. I was on the floor, six rows from the Boys, having the time of my life. I sang, I danced, I jumped around, and you can bet I screamed my head off when they took the stage. All my hard work paid off and maybe it wasn't meant for me to get tickets the days they went on sale, because the seats I had were just amazing! Thanks 104.5!

*I'm a BSB fan,
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Superstitions become traditions at RCHS

by Sabrina Bowles

Black cats, pennies on heads, and four leaf clovers... all are superstitions we've heard of. But here at RCHS, students and faculty create their own.

For example, Assistant Football Coach Chris Larkey eats a pickleleaf and colby cheese sandwich every Friday. He also wears his red cap every Friday during football season.

But Coach Larkey isn't the only person who has a superstition dealing with football.

If you pass by RCHS and see a group of football players on the ground crawling around on all fours, no one lost a their contact lens. They are freshmen looking for four leaf clovers.

Coach Saylor is known throughout the school for his several traditions. He always parks his car in the same spot in the parking lot. Everyone who works at the high school knows this and if you get in his spot you will be asked nicely to move.

Senior Kristy Bullock washes her truck every Friday. It is not related to football though. According to Bullock, "A good clean

truck is the sign of a good clean weekend."

Superstitions have been around for generations. It was once believed by many that if your nose is itching, there is someone coming to see you, or if your ears are

burning, someone is talking about you. It is all a part of American culture. Over time,

superstitions have been developed into traditions and they are plentiful at RCHS.

Some nights at RCHS have nothing to do with superstitions, but are so common place, we wouldn't know what to do if we didn't see them.

- *Tom Mills without his Altoids
- *Floyd without Coy
- *Jeana Thacker without her black shirt
- *Mr. Chuck Cash without stripes
- *Mr. Coleman without a coffee cup
- *Ms. Sondra Mullins without her candy apron
- *Angie Ford without her backpack

So, you think you want your sweetie back?

Think before you act

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Before you take that big step backward, follow these two simple steps.

Think first: Are you sure you want to get back together? If the other person did the dumping then they must have not been too happy. So think about what went wrong and if you can make your special person happy. If you can't, then it most likely won't work out.

If you decide to go for it, you need to determine your...

Plan of Action: A recommendation is get to their soft spot, maybe by taking them to the first spot you two met or kissed. Explain how much they mean to you and that you think it was all a mistake. Tell them how sorry you are for whatever you did wrong (even if you didn't do anything).

If you do get back together, make sure you find out what went wrong so it won't happen again.



AOL gets personal

by Andrea Horner

America Online's new 5.0 software offers users a more personalized online experience. With new features such as My Calendar and My Places, America Online becomes more than your ordinary internet provider.

Your welcome page can be customized with shortcuts to your favorite channels. You can add shortcuts to your personal horoscopes and stock quotes as well. This is a great feature, if you happen to be playing the stock market game for Economics.

America Online now offers My Calendar. This function enables you to record special dates and appointments. A message will be sent to your e-mail address as a reminder of the event. Each date can be given a specific time. My Calendar also offers a repeat option for specific patterns. Along with a schedule of events, it also has an optional

seven day weather forecast for select cities.

The most unusual addition to AOL's new software would have to be You've Got Photos. You simply deposit your film at a local participating developer, and AOL will notify you when the film is ready for pick up. You can also have color copies of the pictures sent to your e-mail account for use on your web pages.

If you enjoyed AOL 3.0 and 4.0, you will find this software has improved, as well as added to, AOL's already easy to use software. If you are internet illiterate and need a fast, easy way to get online, I recommend this software. It's easy to understand. For example, each option has a caption that explains its purpose. To view the caption, use your mouse to hold the arrow over the icon for a few seconds and the caption will appear.

I've used many different providers, and I find that AOL is a wonderful "tour guide."



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Dear Gabby...

Dear Gabby,

I have quite a few problems. The first one is that I only have internet relationships. Is that normal?

Also, is it natural to stay home and clean house all day? And last, I'm obsessed with my daddy's Corvette. It's driving my friends insane!

Butterfly Girl

Dear Butterfly Girl,

You should feel free to have any type of relationship you want. Second, I think responsibility is important but you have to have your time. And thirdly, I would be obsessed if my daddy had a Corvette, too.

Much Love, Gabby

Dear Gabby,

As a senior this year, I have found that I have been under a lot of stress. This seems to be affecting my friendships, one in particular. We were always very close but lately it's as if we don't

even know each other. I want our friendship to be like it was, but I don't have the guts to talk to this person. What should I do?

Sincerely,
Missing My Friend

Dear MMF,

You have to talk to your friend. If you were as close as you used to be you should be able to confront her. If she wants to rekindle your friendship, she should be willing to talk to you about it. If she blows you off, you just have to realize that some things just aren't made to last forever. Good luck and I hope everything works out.

Much Love,
Gabby

Dear Gabby,

Me and this guy broke up about a month ago. At first it didn't hurt but now every time I see him with his new girlfriend I wanna cry! Is there any way I can get over him?

Love struck

Dear Love struck,

I know it sounds very cliché'd but time heals all wounds. It's very common for people to feel different about people after they've broken up. I think you should think long and hard about why you've developed feelings for him now. Is it because you care for him or because you don't want someone else to have him? Try to remember why you two broke up in the first place.

Much Love,
Gabby

Have a problem? Need some advice? Maybe Gabby can help. Her box is located in the library. Remember, she may not be able to answer all letters.



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Aries (March 21-April 20)--"Easy come, easy go," is the message this month. Ego massaging isn't your style, but it could make the difference between friends and no friends.

Taurus (April 21-May 21)--The more angry or frustrated you feel about a situation, the less you'll be to view it objectively. It's highly unlikely that anyone is deliberately trying to thwart your efforts. Take a few steps back and adopt a more detached approach.

Gemini (May 22-June 21)--A breakdown in communication is inevitable, but it's the way you handle it that counts: Just remember, some people are more sensitive than others, and unless you acknowledge their weaknesses, they're unlikely to acknowledge yours.

Cancer (June 22-July 23)--The more you try to convince relatives or loved ones that your way is best, the less likely they are to agree with you. It's far better to support their views of beliefs and then demonstrate what you can do.

Leo (July 24-Aug 23)--It's pointless to regret what might have been--especially when it comes to money. Nobody hits the jackpot every time and most people don't expect to. Success comes in its own good time, so try to be patient.

Virgo (Aug 24-Sept 23)--You may feel weighed down by obligations, but it's your fault for bearing so much on your own shoulders. Others with an interest should be made to share the load. Your sense of responsibility is legendary--you have nothing to prove.

Libra (Sept 24-Oct 23)--Don't sit back and let others make the decisions--especially when it comes to social activities or you'll find yourself in places you would rather not be, with people you don't particularly like.

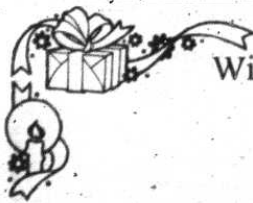
Scorpio (Oct 24-Nov 23)--A conflict of loyalties appears to be causing difficulties at home or school, but you need to take a close look at your priorities before making any decisions. Your heart is currently calling the shots--but don't forget that you've got a head, as well.

Sagittarius (Nov 23-Dec 21)--You appear to be trying to avoid an issue that needs to be addressed, so slow down and think it over. By facing up to whatever it is that's worrying you, you'll be able to deal with it rationally.

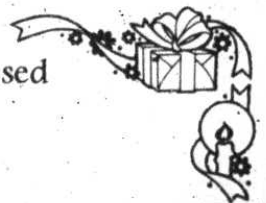
Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 20)--Disagreements are almost inevitable and it's important that you recognize who's on your side, and who isn't. Once you have that sorted out, you can concentrate on creating a spirit of cooperation, which will greatly improve your prospects for a joint venture.

Aquarius (Jan 21-Feb 19)--Try not to be oversuspicious--particularly toward someone in a position of authority or you could miss out on a golden opportunity. Just because somebody professes to believe you're the right person for the job doesn't mean that they're double-dealing.

Pisces (Feb 20-March 20)--With financial matters dominating your horoscope, the likelihood is that you're feeling somewhat uneasy and pressured just now. Don't let it induce an all-or-nothing state of mind when a cautious approach is very essential.



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