



Points East

By: Iko Adams

First off, let me say that this is a plea for help. Secondly let me say that I don't expect to get any because I've made the plea before.

My problem is moles of shrews to a cross between the two. Actually I may have a mole-shrew cross that recently mated with a groundhog so the critter that is making huge ridges across my lawn and garden and inflicting huge piles of dirt may, in fact, be a mutant and those huge mounds may not be soil at all.

For all I know, they may be piles of rich ore and a tiny little smelter may be fired up overnight to extract some precious mineral. Maybe the Martians have landed and what I have underground are beings from outer space.

In any event, there are no mining permit signs up on my property nor have I seen any government jeeps around from the Department of Mines and Minerals, OSHA, MMSA, etc. I am content to believe that whatever is going on underground at my place has either not reached the attention of the government, or it has been ignored, and that makes it even scarier.

That's why I believe it to be moles. Even the US Government and the State of Kentucky, from whom you

need permits and bonds and reams of signed documents in triplicate to disturb the soil, are scared to mess around with moles. Start an illegal strip mine in Kentucky and starting a bunch of moles are aware of a new colony and the state will leave you alone until they actually see a bulldozer on the site.

A few years back I made this same plea and the most popular answer was from folks who advised planting "mole beans". They sent me seeds in the mail. A "mole bean" is a huge, ugly plant with huge, square-fleeced leaflets that grows ten or fifteen feet tall. It's actually a castor bean plant and almost everything about it is deadly poison. The moles are supposed to eat the beans and roots and die of the poisoning.

I planted these things all over the place and the moles even uprooted some of them. What I found out was that cats and squirrels like to eat mole bean plants and over the course of the summer I found three dead cats and two dead squirrels in the front yard without a mark on them. I never had them autopsied but I figure the plants got them. I am led to believe that moles are smarter than cats and/or squirrels and that they were probably underground, when I buried the

cats, lying on their backs, holding their sides with all four paws and laughing their little mole tails off.

Another writer suggested that I cartoox-moxicide them. This process involved getting 8 feet of flexible, 2-inch aluminum gas hose, (which cost nearly a hundred bucks) attaching it to the exhaust pipe of my truck with heat-proof duct tape and running the other end down into the biggest looking mole hole and tamping in clay so the gas had to go down the hole. After doing that I started the truck up and let her run at fast idle from about 4:00 PM until nearly dark.

Exhaust fumes were seeping out of the ground all over the lawn and in my neighbor's yard 300 yards away and we were separated by a major highway. (He had moles too). Along about dark he brought over his truck, because mine was running out of gas and we kept pumping in smoke until around midnight at which point we exhausted high-fives and departed ourselves mole free. Both his lawn and my own had dozens of little billows of white smoke erupting all over the place.

The next day I had several dozen new piles of dirt on my lawn and gardens, and an entirely new maze of ridges. The deduction here is that garbon-moxol-stimulates both reproduction and rapid growth in moles.

I called the Fish and Wildlife folks in Frankfort and they suggested snakes. "Get a big black king snake or a rat snake," I was advised, "and stick him down in a mole hole head-first and let him crawl down into the hole then lay a concrete block on top so he can't come back out."

"So where do I get a rat snake or a king snake," I wanted to know?

"Catch one," I was advised. "They're everywhere."

"How do you catch one?"

"Find it and pick it by the back of the neck."

"How big does this snake need to be?"

"Large enough to swallow a mole alive."

"These are very large moles. How long of a snake are we talking about, approximately?"

"Three '1' should do it."

"But what if it bites me anyway?"

"Wipe off the blood and apply some alcohol but DO NOT choke the snake."

"Should I give it some alcohol too?"

"Haanaa Haanaa Haanaa. Yuk Yuk"

Yuk. WIIOOEEEEEEEEEE. You sure are funny Mister Adams." (Covers the phone receiver and yells to a secretary, "Marsha June, do we have a tape recorder handy? This guy is scart of a snake bite!!!")

Funny indeed. About a week later I was fishing in a pond on the back forty and I saw a huge black snake trying to get into a bird's nest up in the crotch. He (or she) was at least five feet long. I managed to get her head pinned down with my fishing rod and grabbed it right behind where I think a snake's ears ought to be. It promptly wrapped itself around my arm and commenced constricting which is not as bad as it sounds but it did create a tight fit. I was not choking it, but it still did not seem happy.

I had stopped being aggressive only because it had decided it could not swallow me whole, that I was relatively harmless, and it had reached the point of being merely curious. I got the snake to the house, found a glove for my loose hand and managed to get him/her headed into the mole hole without bringing blood.

Once it got started it was unweaned and gone from my arm in a matter of short seconds. I can tell you with absolute certainty that I was never gladder in my life to turn something loose. I was also certain that the last thing in the world I wanted to be was a mole.

I plugged up the hole with a brick and all of a sudden ole blue started barking. About fifty feet away my snake was coming out of another hole and hanging for the back pasture and blue was hurrying it along. He had enough sense to not try and catch it but I thought that snake never even scarred a mole. It never even crossed my mind to chase him/her down and start over. I'm absolutely positive that the second catching would have involved bloodshed. Suffice to say that there comes a point when moles don't seem so bad after all even though we

did catch a smaller rat snake later on that seemed to cause some concern in mole heaven.

So how do YOU get rid of moles? We will try about anything that doesn't involve snakes or groundwater. We have tried the litter. (KA-WHOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO)

Our Readers Write

Dear Editor:
I am seeking an obituary, death certificate or any information regarding Elijah Lee Scott who died in Mt. Vernon, Kentucky July 13, 1978 at the age of 81. His Social Security death benefits were sent to Mt. Vernon at the time of his death so there was at least one person that survived him. Elijah was born January 25, 1897. I need to find out who his parents were. My great-grandfather was an Elijah Lee Scott. He married in Portland, Maine, December 18, 1920 to Ione Cook. His marriage certificate states he was born in Kentucky. They had one child, Pauline-Louise, before divorcing. I have a picture of Elijah taken in the late 1940's or early 1950's with his daughter and grandchildren. This is the last contact anyone can remember having with him. If there is anyone in Mt. Vernon that may

remember an Elijah Lee Scott, or someone who does genealogy what wouldn't mind checking the library for me I would greatly appreciate it. I need to prove that the man dying in Mt. Vernon, Kentucky is the same man who married in Maine. Please contact Michelle Thomas, 296 French St., Bangor, ME 04401, (207)942-7312 or e-mail at mhomasd3@auno.com
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Tract 5: Contains 27.431 acres and fronts on Old U.S. 25 at Burr. City water is available on this mostly wooded tract.
Tract 6: Consists of 36.129 acres and fronts on Halcomb East Road.
Tract 7: Contains 46.472 acres and fronts on Halcomb East Road.
Tract 8: Consists of 2.345 mostly wooded acres and fronts on Halcomb East Road.
Tract 9: Contains 2.690 mostly wooded acres and fronts on Halcomb East Road.
Tract 10: Contains 1.876 acres, mostly wooded, and fronts on Halcomb East Road.
Tract 11: Contains 2.110 acres, mostly wooded, and fronts on Halcomb East Road.
Tract 12: Consists of 1.476 mostly wooded acres and fronts on Halcomb East Road.
Tract 13: Contains 2.840 acres and fronts on Halcomb East Road.

There is the possibility of some timber on several of the tracts. There will be a tobacco base in the amount of 1087 lbs., selling separately from the farm. Note: The purchaser of a single family residence, built before 1978, has a maximum of 10 days to inspect the property for the presence of lead-based paint. The period for inspection begins April 4th through April 13th, 2001. The successful bidder must sign a waiver of the 10 day post sale inspection period.

Auctioneer's Note: Most of these tracts offer several good possibilities for house sites. If you would enjoy country living with some "elbow" room, then you should look at these properties and make plans to attend this absolute auction on Saturday, April 14th at 1:30 p.m.

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Dowell - Gabbard

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dowell are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Lindsay Ellen to William Brent Gabbard, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Gabbard of Berea.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Rockcastle Co. High School and the University of Kentucky. She is employed at Lifeline Medical in Somerset, as a Registered Dietitian. The prospective groom is a graduate of Madison Southern High School and Somerset Technical College. He is employed at S&S Custom Machining in Berea as a machinist.

Lindsay is the granddaughter of the late W.C. and Jamie Dowell of Mt. Vernon and the late Spencer and Lucy Carter of Tompkinsville, Ky. Brent is the grandson of Scott and Lola Smith of Connersville, Indiana and Virgil Gabbard and the late Alma Gabbard of Tyler, Ky.

The wedding will take place on Saturday, April 28, 2001 at half past four in the afternoon at First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon.

Mt. Vernon Persons

By Marie McKinney

Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kirby of Conway, Mr. and Mrs. C.S. McKinney had breakfast together at Hardee's Monday morning celebrating Mary Hunt's birthday.

C.S. McKinney celebrated his birthday April 2nd. Wishing him many, many more.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. C.S. McKinney were their daughter, Mrs. Lillian Renner and daughters, Mrs. Carolyn Short of Indiana and Mrs. Teresa Hurst of Florida.

Mrs. Ada Kirby and daughter, Barbara of Indiana visited Mrs. Bessie Kirby recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Graves of Cincinnati were down visiting relatives and friends over the weekend.

Weekend guests of C.S. and Marie McKinney were their son, Mr. and

Mrs. Jack McKinney of Reading, Ohio; their daughter, Mrs. Sharon Lovins; their grandson, Jack Lovins and great granddaughter, Samarah Lovins.

Mrs. Margie Cromer and Mrs. Ruby Hansel visited Mrs. Bessie Kirby Sunday afternoon.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lovins of Berea were his mother, Mrs. Sharon Lovins; his grandma, Mrs. Marie McKinney of Reading, Ohio; also his brother, Jack Lovins and niece, Sabarral Lovins on Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Mary Hunt celebrated her birthday April 9th, wishing her many more.

Sympathy goes out to all who have lost loved ones recently.

Local groups produce play

On Friday, May 11th, at 7:30 p.m. the Rockcastle Council for the Arts, the Rockcastle County High School/Rockcastle County Area Technology Center 21st Century Community Learning Center and the Kiwanis Club of Rockcastle County will present a "theatre and dessert buffet" production of the comedy "Just Desserts." The production is part of the 21st Century Fine Arts Series and will be presented at the Rockcastle County High School Auditorium.

"Just Desserts" is based on the statement, "Where there's a will, there's a relative" and this was never truer than in the case of the late Desmond Clairborn. Greed was never better represented than in the relatives of the deceased. There's a fast-talking nephew, a demigod son and his Marilyn Monroe look-alike wife, a stepchild niece and two aunts, one feisty, the other senile. The farce has more twists than a pretzel, and half the fun is watching who gets what and the other half is watching them get it.

Cast members for "Just Desserts" include Tony Arvin, Jack Lewis, Jeffrey Burdette, Allyne Cornelius, Gary Mink, Gertha Mink, Kristina Burk and Shelly Lewis. According to director, H. Allen Penso, "We've been able to put together an excellent cast for this production and a sprightly short rehearsal schedule, the cast is very close to production level!"

Due to the addition of an after performance dessert buffet; all tickets are by reservation only and will go on sale Monday, April 16th. Ticket prices are \$12.50 for adults and \$6.50 for children 4-6 years old. To reserve tickets and receive more information call Don Coyle at 758-0179 or see any local Kiwanis member.



Happy 90th Birthday

Hebert Wyatt of Livingston celebrated his 90th birthday March 23, 2001. He is the father of 11 children, 19 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren. May God bless you with many more. Dad, Love, Earl.



Kristina Burk and Jeff Burdette rehearse a scene from the theatre and dessert production of "Just Desserts."

Don't miss the big egg hunt

Saturday, April 14

The Fun Begins at 11:00 a.m. at Old Joe's Deli & Desserts in Renfro Valley Village

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Obituaries



Cynthia Cox

Cynthia Cox, 100, died Sunday, April 8, 2001 at her home at 335 Williams St., in Mt. Vernon. She was born on May 16, 1900 in Wootton, the daughter of the late Albert and Maggie Combs Brewer. She was a retired teacher and a member of the First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon.

Survivors are one sister, Mary Burke of El Reno, Oklahoma; several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon Cox; five brothers, Walter, Fred, Charlie, Clyde and Marcus Brewer and one sister, Nora Corbett.

Services were Wednesday, April 11, at the First Christian Church in Mt. Vernon with Bro. Eddie Hammond officiating. Burial was in the Elmwood Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Cox Funeral Home.



George Hayes

George Chan Hayes, 74, of Rt. 1, Mt. Vernon, died Friday, April 7, 2001 at the Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. He was born March 2, 1927 in Renfro Valley, the son of Gobel and Pearl Clark Hayes. He was a retired farmer, carpenter and machinery worker and a member of the Buckeye Christian Church having made a confession of faith while serving his country during World War II in the United States Navy.

Survivors are his wife of 54 years, Anna Marie Jones Hayes of Mt. Vernon; six sons, Robert Leo Hayes and wife, Debra, George Douglas Hayes and wife, Lois, James Edward Hayes, Charles Ray Hayes, Henry Chan Hayes and wife, Regina and Jerry Lynn Hayes; all of Mt. Vernon; five daughters, Norine Frith and husband, Leon, Dinah Marie Moore and husband, Eddie, Shelby Jean Proctor and husband, James Al, Dickie Ann Allen and husband, David and Phyllis Gail Napier and husband, Chris, all

of Mt. Vernon; three brothers, Norman Hayes of Mt. Vernon, Jib Hayes of Eubank and Donald Hayes of Orlando; two sisters, Daisy Kirby and Anna Kirby, both of Blanchester, Ohio; 15 grandchildren, Bobby and Skyler Hayes, Chris Frith, Jennifer Cantore, Stacy York, Tracey Moore, Douglas, Jason and Angie Houk, Matthew Allen, Joshua Brewer, Jesse and Devin Hayes and Clay Napier; six great grandchildren, Casey Hayes, Jordan Moore, J. D. Houk, Joy Brooke Frith, Elizabeth Pittman and Nastasha Caron. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by three brothers, James, Earl and Earnest Hayes and three sisters, Marie and Sally Hayes and Angie Bullock.

Services were Monday, April 9, at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home with Bro. James Adkins officiating. Burial was in the Martz Cemetery.

Funeralbearers were Chris Frith, Bobby Hayes, Billy Hayes, Alvin Hayes, Eddie Hayes and Stanton Hayes.

Honorary pallbearers were Larry Frith, Gary Frith, Matthew Allen, Skyler Hayes, Jesse and Devon Hayes, Clay Napier, Jordan Moore, Casey Hayes, Jason and Doug Houk and Josh Brewer.



Sybil Mink

Sybil Mink, 91, of Rt. 3, Mt. Vernon, died Thursday, April 5, 2001 at the Rockcastle Hospital. She was born on February 8, 1910 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of the late Pete and Sarah Mink Cummins. She was a retired hospital-cook, enjoyed boating, fishing and singing and was a member of the Brindle Ridge Baptist Church.

Survivors are four sons, Charles Busell of Rt. 3, Mt. Vernon; Bob Marcum of Richmond, Indiana, Dean Mink of Sapulpa, Oklahoma and James Mink of Satellite Beach, Florida; one sister, Ruth Chaney of Naples, Florida; 22 grandchildren, several great grandchildren and several great, great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Gilbert Mink; one son, Thomas Marcum; three brothers, Joe Edd and Charlie Cummins; three sisters, Nellie Nolan, Mable Hamm and Elsie Hall and one granddaughter, Debbie Busell.

Services were Saturday, April 7, at the Brindle Ridge Baptist Church with Rev. Mike Bryant officiating. Burial was in the Skaggs Creek Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Cox Funeral Home.

Funeralbearers were Tommy Buscell, Mike Buscell, Jesse Thacker, Mickey McClure, Dusty McClure, Chris Kirby, Tommy Marcum and Lonnie Marcum.

Carolyn Wilson

Joyce Carolyn Thompson Wilson, 63, of Mareburg, died Saturday, April 7, 2001 at her residence. She was born August 20th, 1937, the daughter of the late George Neal and Nannie Francis Hayes Thompson. She enjoyed being a homemaker, was a member of LEAP and Rockcastle Saddle Club, as well as a member of the Mareburg Baptist Church.

Survivors are her fiancé, Wayne Lear, Sr., of Rt. 3, Brodhead; two daughters, Rhonda Gail Robinson and husband, Roger of Orlando and Regina Joyce Chastain and husband, Tim of Webster, Indiana; two brothers, Glenn Thompson and wife, Reba of Mt. Vernon and David N. Thompson of Mareburg and five grandchildren, Andrea Christina Marie Chastain, Angelina Nicole Chastain, Kyle Dale Robinson, April Michelle Chastain and Cassandra Kayla Gail Robinson. Besides her parents she was preceded in death by one son, Roger Eugene Wilson and two brothers, William J. and Hugh Merrill Thompson.

Services were Tuesday, April 10, at the Mareburg Baptist Church with Bro. Wayne Harding officiating. Burial was in the Mareburg Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals in Brodhead.

Casketbearers were Tony Thompson, Tim Thompson, Tracy Thompson, William Ray Thompson and Mike Robinson.

Ina Hounshell

Ina Hounshell, 92, of Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday at Rockcastle Hospital. Arrangements are incomplete at Dowell and Martin Funeral Home.

Bertha Adams

Bertha M. Adams, of Brodhead, died Monday, April 8, 2001 at the Sowder Nursing Home.

Visitation was Wednesday, April 11th at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals from 6:00-9:00 p.m. and will be Thursday, April 12th from 10:00-2:00 at the church prior to services.

Services will be Thursday, April 12, at 2:00 p.m. at the Brodhead Baptist Church with Bro. Mark Whicker and Bro. Dan Jones officiating. Burial will follow in the Piney Grove Cemetery.



Rev. Thomas Gibbs

Rev. Thomas Edwin Gibbs, 75, died Monday, April 2, 2001 at Marymount Medical Center in London. He was born August 2, 1925 in Laurel County, the son of the late Thomas Payton and Bertha Marie Fluckiger Gibbs. He was a member and Pastor of Skaggs Creek United Baptist Church for nearly 28 years. He was a retired service technician for General Electric Company and a Veteran of World War II, having served in the United States Marine Corp.

Survivors are his wife, Mary Etta Jackson Gibbs; three daughters, Rosemary Spencer and Florence Marie Hayes of London and Yvonne Middleton of Gidder; three brothers, Norman Glenn Gibbs of Farrison, Donald Payton Gibbs of Burlington and Douglas Wayne Gibbs of Gidder; one sister, Nancy Dunn of London and three grandchildren, Jeremy Thomas Hayes, Brandon Dale Hayes and Stephanie Marie Hayes, all of London.

Services were Thursday, April 6, at House and Rawlings Funeral Home with Rev. Lowell Gilbert and Rev. Bill Mink officiating. Burial was in the St. Johns Cemetery.

Funeralbearers were Lowell Mink, Wendell Mink, Jeremy Hayes, Brandon Hayes, Jimmy Hayes, Lannie Middleton and two nephews.

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Perfect Opportunity you don't want to miss this 2 story brick building and lot is ideal for apartments, office or retail space, or even a bed and breakfast. Located on Rockcastle Street in Mt. Vernon, with lots of options and opportunities. It's a must see! Priced at \$289,900. M1417

By George, We've Got It! This 1 1/2 level home is located in the Woodland Place Subdivision. The home features living/dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, utility plus 1 car attached garage. City water & sewer, wash/dry hookups & electric. Heat is just a few of the amenities. Priced at \$67,500. Call Jeff Cooper for more information. M1410

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The Historic Lair Home - Renfro Valley, Ky. is now available for purchase. Recently renovated, this home has great commercial potential! Beautiful log exterior with quality stonework, and a great floor plan inside. Situated on 6 acres, m/s, with city water and sewer. Located across from Renfro Valley Entertainment Center on Hummel Road. M1388

Live It Up... with your own place in the country! This home offers living room, kitchen/dining combination, 2 bedrooms up and 2 down plus a bath and utility room situated on 30 acres, all fenced, all oaks. There are also two barns, garage building, pond and, oh yes, just to mention more. Call Jeff Cooper to make your appointment 520661. Priced at \$119,900. M1416

2 Acres - In Town! This vinyl-sided one story home is conveniently located at 177 Davis Street, Mt. Vernon on a lot partially fenced. Where else can you find a home on this size lot with all the amenities of living in town? Features 3 bedrooms, master living room, dining/kitchen combo w/dishwasher, plus a garage in the partial basement. Has hardwood electric. Priced at just \$59,900. Call Ray Adams to make an appointment to see this home. M1410

Big Home - Brand New Subdivision! This 1,850 sq. ft. home is situated on approximately 5 acres in the all new Rainbow Ridge Subdivision. This home offers master bedroom suite with private bath plus two more bedrooms and another full bath, living room with vaulted ceiling, kitchen/dining combo with beautiful oak cabinets and an additional breakfast nook. Call Danetta today to be the most convenient because on this home, the PRICE IS RIGHT! \$99,500. M1419

Count the Extras! This nice brick offers living room, dining/kitchen combination, 3 bedrooms and bath, as well as a full basement, central air, heat, recreation room and utility. Amenities include electric baseboard heat, deck, front porch, backstop drive and a 2 car detached garage. Ideally located on West Main, close to everything. Priced at just \$89,900. M1285

Gateway to Living! Designed with style and comfort in mind! Located on the Rolling Hills Subdivision, this nice vinyl home offers: 14 sq. ft. R, and features living room, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and sunroom plus a 1 car detached garage. Other amenities include heat pump/central air, oven, refrigerator, dishwasher and washer/dryer hookups. Also much more. \$119,900. M1334

Near The Lake! This home, situated on 22.85 acres on Barnett Road, offers a country atmosphere, yet isn't too far from town. This home, with over 1800 square feet, offers central heat and air and features living room, dining room, kitchen, family room, 3 bedrooms and 3 1/2 baths. The property is also improved with a 30x50 barn with 12 ft. chest, cedar fence and fruit trees. Priced at \$89,500. Call Ray to see M1450

Put on a Happy Face... We're ready for the home for you! This new home of 1,750 sq. ft. of living area w/4 bedrooms and 2 baths plus some appliances, propane gas heat, wall to wall carpet and a car garage, just to list a few of the amenities. In addition, there's a detached garage. Situated on 2 acres in the Bonnie Ridge section, this home is priced to sell at only \$68,900. M1461

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It's Almost Spring at 120 West Main Street! And you can feel the convenience of town living if you became the new owner of this 1 1/2 story vinyl-sided home, featuring 2 bedrooms, bath, living room, dining room and kitchen on first floor and 3 bedrooms upstairs, as well as an unfinished basement. City water and sewer, new roof on house. Priced at only \$57,900. M1468

Here's Start, This One Would Be Perfect! This home offers living room, 3 bedrooms, kitchen/dining combination, bath and a full basement. The home is situated on approx 2 acres, conveniently located on Hwy 1505 in Brookfield. Priced at \$69,900. Call Jeff Cooper to show you this new listing M1419

Location is Everything! If you're looking for a brand new home, this plot should be to your liking! Offers 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths and 2 car attached garage. Conveniently located on Lat 2 in the Valley Oaks Subdivision on Hwy 461 between Mt. Vernon and Somerset. Call for details. M1360.

Country 1 1/2 Acres! Are you in the home you want? Come see this home in the country! It has 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, living room, dining kitchen and utility room. Other amenities include: oven, range, refrigerator, washer/dryer hookups, front porch and a 2 car garage. Located on Philadelphia Road, Brookfield and driveway priced at \$57,900. M1310

Welcome Spring in this gorgeous new home, situated on 3 acres in the Bonnie Ridge section. This home has 1,800 sq. ft. of living area and features living room, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bath and sunroom plus a 1 car detached garage. Other amenities include: heat pump/central air, oven, refrigerator, dishwasher and washer/dryer hookups. Also much more. \$119,900. M1334

King-Size Comfort! This immaculate pine, cedar and stone exterior home is one that can't be overlooked. Features master bedroom suite, additional bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, living room, dining room, kitchen, entry hall and utility room on first floor and a full basement w/utility and full bath w/hairdrier. Also features an attached 2 car garage, 16x20 deck, central air and geothermal heat. Located in the Ottawa section on 5 acres, this home must be seen to be appreciated. Priced at \$215,000. Call Sandy Bullen to see this beautiful home. M1452

Comfortable Living in a Subdivision! This beautiful vinyl-sided one story home with living room, dining kitchen combination, 3 bedrooms and 2 baths offers wall to wall carpet, home heat pump/central air and a car garage. All kitchen appliances, including dishwasher and disposal. Priced at just \$94,900. M1397

Spring Setting, but Not a Season! You can enjoy it to the fullest in this 2 bedroom home. This vinyl-sided home also has living room, kitchen/dining combo, bath, partial basement and large front porch plus 2 cars extra wide double door to a garage. Situated on a landscaped lot on Sand Springs section. Priced at \$45,900. Call Jeff Cooper information. M1356

Welcome Spring in this gorgeous new home, situated on 3 acres in the Bonnie Ridge section. This home has 1,800 sq. ft. of living area and features living room, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bath and sunroom plus a 1 car detached garage. Other amenities include: heat pump/central air, oven, refrigerator, dishwasher and washer/dryer hookups. Also much more. \$119,900. M1334

SALE PENDING! 6 acres, more or less, located in the Wood/Oak section of Rockcastle County. Call today Hwy 461. M1422

Country Bay At Heart! Here's a nice spread in a quiet, private setting, on the Sandy river with good frontage on Hwy 39. Call Danetta for your appointment. M1213

NEAR 100 Acres of Woodland! Located in the Chestnut Ridge section of Rockcastle County and priced at \$44,900. Call Harold Buske to see this property. M1418

4 Acres located on Hwy 328 in the Quail section. 1 mile west of Hwy 70. This tract has good road frontage and city water is available. Priced at \$19,900. Call Ray Adams for details. M1417

Join the Deer! 5.875 acres on Beech Grove Road - located on backstop of Bonnie Ridge. This is a hunter's or farmer's paradise - would be great in deer season. All mineral rights go with property and there is good access. Priced at \$24,500. Call Jeff Cooper about M1419

45 Acres, more or less, located in the Sand Hill section of Rockcastle County. Aking only \$28,800. Call for more info. M1403

100 Acres of Privacy, Peace & Quiet! SOLD. Located tract has city water at the property and offers lots of backstop land, irrigation, 2000 sq. ft. with good building sites. Located close to Hwy 32, just a mile from of Livingston. Call 815-9555. Owner will consider offering. Priced at \$75,000. 1059.

New Listing: Drive By and See this beautiful completely completed house located on Level Green Courts. There's a total of 17.54 acres available by a boundary fence. Property has a pond and city water is available. Minors are exceptions. Priced at \$94,900. Call Ray Adams for details. M1374

Reduced! Be Nature's Neighbor. Own this property on U.S. 25 in Livingston that sits the Rockcastle River. This property is improved with a 1962/1995 Clayton mobile home in immaculate condition. 2 baths, central heat & air and a 12x20 concrete carport. This is a nice building, recently used as a country store could be your business or used as a dwelling. Has bath, full basement, front & back porch. Call Mary for more information. M1322

Future Auctions

Absolute Liquidation Auction of
Bullock Sales and Service/ Heavy Equipment, Accessories and Parts
Thursday, April 12th at 10 a.m. - Highway 229, London

Absolute Auction of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mink's
16.66 Acres in Tracts - Sat. April 14, 2001 at 10 a.m.
- Villavilla Section of Rockcastle Co., Ky.

Absolute Auction of Mr. Pauline Estato's
142.787 Acres in Tracts - Sat. April 14, 2001 at 1:30 p.m.
- U.S. 25 Burn and Ralston Road East, Orlando

TWIGHT Absolute Estate Auction of the late Floyd Gambrell's
House and Lot and Personal Property - Friday, April 20th at 6:00 p.m.
- Valley Manor Subdiv., Mt. Vernon, Ky.

Absolute Auction of Mr. Albert Brandenburg's
Farm Machinery - Vehicles - Personal Property
Saturday, April 21st at 10 a.m.
- Kingston Section of Madison County

Absolute Estate Auction of the late Erwin & Effie Callahan's
60 Acres in Tracts and Mobile Home
Sat. April 21st at 10:30 a.m. - Lewis Middle Rd., Science Hill

Absolute Auction of M/M Marshall Schapp's
Farm Machinery and Personal Property
Saturday, April 28, 2001 at 10 a.m. - Lincoln County, Kentucky

Absolute Auction of House and Lot
Saturday, April 28th at 10 a.m. - 134 Joliette Lane, Georgetown, Ky.

Absolute Auction of Mr. Marjorie Prentiss's
Brookfield Stone House and Lot and Personal Property
Sat. April 28 at 10:30 a.m. - 15360 Highway 1247 N, Lubank, Ky.

Absolute Auction of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Blanton's
132 Acre Farm, Mt. Vernon, Ky.
Saturday, April 28, 2001 at 1:30 p.m.
- Goodtown Section of Pulaski County, Ky.

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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Make Extra Income! Looking for a great investment opportunity? You must check out this property! Includes a 100% concrete building, eleven 11' x 60' mini-storage units, 2 cars and an office mobile home. This entire property located in Hwy 70 near the Rockcastle-Parkville line is priced at \$89,500. Call Danetta for details. M1380

Special Investment 50 Acres - All located near the Chestnut Hills Subdivision in Mt. Vernon. Property will install sewer to the top of the hill and all utilities city water is available. Call Jeff Cooper for more information on this special investment property. \$149,900. M1334

Come On and See this commercial in a great location near to McDonald's! Mt. Vernon, this lot contains approximately 1/2 acre on Highway 28 frontage on U.S. 25. M1274

Now get the Market! Pricing Commercial Investment Opportunity! This property is located near 73 and the former Bonnie Valley on Highway 25 and consists of 26 acres, all with city water and sewer. Call Jeff Cooper for more information. M1426

FARMS

Owner's Payment 15.40 acres. Located in Rockcastle County. All mineral rights go with property with a 100% concrete building is good access. Call Jeff Cooper for more information. M1417

25 Acres - Located in the Sand Hill section of Rockcastle County. This property has some timber, water and electricity. Priced at \$56,900. Call Jeff Cooper for more info. M1416

It's Hard to Find! This much land with the protection of building restrictions. 18.00 acres, located on Holly Hill Road. Call Jeff Cooper for more information. M1420

Call David Henderson to see this property. M1316

This One Won't Last Long! 5 acres are located in the Negro Creek/Ottawa section of Rockcastle County on Hwy 16, 900. Call Jeff Cooper. M1444

LOTS

Owner Will Consider Partial Financing! New Listing! Rare Commercial! If you're planning to build for a lot, close to town, without a lot of hassle, then this one for you! Located on backstop of Bonnie Ridge with city water plus a 36,000 sq. ft. building. Priced at \$18,500. M1375

New Listing! 140 lots in a great location in the North Valley. Priced at \$8,500 and \$15,900. Near 424 Conspicuous Call for more information. M1443

3 Extensive Well Wooded Lots - These lots contain approximately 1/2 acre each and road frontage from 180 ft. to 360 ft. City water available. Located on Bonnie Ridge. Prices range \$12,500 to \$14,900. M1434

Two Lots - one measures 107,000 sq. ft. and the other measures 131 acres, are priced \$11,500. Located on Highway 21 in the Quail section. M1258

Expand Your Development! Be the first to choose your lot and start building the home of your dreams in the all new Leaf Hill Subdivision on Hwy 1200, Brookfield. These restricted lots range in size from 1/2 acre to 1 acre each and are priced at \$1,900 each. M1429

We've got just what you've been looking for! Over forty spacious lots with city water and paved streets, and to secure your retirement, it's situated in And, with its location on KY 461 in Brookfield County you can enjoy the convenience of easy access to Somerset, Lake Campbell and Hwy 461. If you're looking for something with a new look on luxury lots! Only 16 lots in the subdivision of the hills and valley lots! It's here and it's the best of both worlds! Each lot is priced at just \$12,500. Call for details. M1363

"Hiatt"

(Cont. from front)

and plenty of chances to use and misuse the language.

A host family is an essential part of an immersion experience. The son of my family, Tono Fernandez, met me at the school in a taxi and took me back to his family's lovely home on Avenida Marco Capaz.

Tono's mother, Aurora, is an elementary school teacher, his father, Antonio, is a former teacher who runs a small store nearby. Tono studies economics and English at a university in Cuzco.

Tono provided one of the highlights of the trip when he introduced me to *combs*. These *miravases* are cheaper than taxis (about half as old, or less than 20 cents). They operate like a bus system, only with school children and business people vacuum-packed inside. I once counted 25 people in one comb.

The family served fresh bread, juice and coffee or hot tea for breakfast, and fresh vegetables, chicken, rice and pasta dishes for lunch, the main meal, and dinner. One notable Peruvian specialty is *ceviche*, a white fish served with onion, celery, cilantro, potatoes, and lettuce.

The night of the presidential election in the United States, Antonio invited me to watch election coverage on CNN channels in English and Spanish. The ensuing voting debacle in Florida, along with a scandal in the Peruvian govern-

ment that would soon oust President Fujimori, made for lively conversation at mealtime.

Peruvians generally were surprised that voting isn't mandatory in the United States (as it is in Peru) and that the military can vote (their *com*). But just by reading headlines in the United States and Peru, it was hard to tell which was the third-world country.

"Cuzco is the Florence of South America. Known for its art and architecture. With a population of 300,000, it is Peru's oldest continually inhabited city."

—Host on a Lonely Planet episode about Peru

Amauta offers a free tour of Cuzco's top sites including LaCatedral, a church on the main square whose construction began in 1559. Not far away is the courtyard of Coricancha, once the Incan empire's richest temples before being looted by the Spanish. It features colonial architecture atop Incan stonework, a blending of Spanish and indigenous culture often seen in modern-day Latin America.

Ruins in the mountains above Cuzco include a 300-top stone at Sacsayhuaman ("sexty woman," in guides' jargon). There are other ruins nearby called Tambo Machay, Pucá Pucara and Quenko.

There also are notable sites near Cuzco: Pisac, a village about an hour away in the Sacred Valley en-

joyed by its remarkable ruins and a huge market held several days a week. Locals in traditional dress offer a large selection of stone carvings, wool scarves, ponchos and leather goods. Haggling is expected.

The ruins looting above Pisac are accessible by foot, taxi or bus. Because it was late in the day, we took a taxi to save time. From the parking lot, the ruins are a 20 minute walk around the side of a mountain with a breathtaking, and often hazy, view of the valley.

Even if you had become jaded by visiting too many ruins in too short a time, the setting at Pisac was something to behold.

It was hard for me to believe Machu Picchu could top Pisac.

I was wrong.

"Without the slightest expectation of finding anything more interesting than the stone-faced terraces of which I already had a glimpse... I finally left the cool shade of the pleasant little hut and climbed farther up the ridge and around a slight promontory."

—Hiram Bingham, in *Inca Land*, describing his arrival in Machu Picchu almost by accident in 1911

Machu Picchu is a journey unto itself.

Several Amauta students had hiked the four-day Inca Trail and were the experience like a badge of honor. There also is a two-day hike for the less rugged along the Sacred Path.

I got up for the train. I got up at 5 a.m. on a Saturday and took a train that zig-zagged up the side of the mountain to get out of the valley in which Cuzco resides.

The ride snakes along the Urubamba River and affords a view of the countryside, which gets greener as the train descends in elevation to about 6,000 feet at Machu Picchu. From the train station, a bus completes the unenvying ride up the mountain to the park entrance.

I had seen photos of Machu Picchu in travel magazines and slide shows in art history class, but the complexity of the Incan ruins, and their ethereal beauty don't translate well in film or video.

It's possible to imagine Bingham's excitement when he stumbled upon Machu Picchu and realized what he had found. I later saw photos taken by Bingham that showed the ruins overgrown with vegetation.

Today, Machu Picchu is immaculately groomed and, even with hundreds of visitors roaming freely, it never felt crowded. Four guides, speaking French, German, Spanish and Quechua, the indigenous language, explain Incan architecture, as seen in the Intihuatana, a carved rock pillar used to track the seasons, the Sacred Plaza and the Temple of the Sun.

Even without a guide or map, you can appreciate Machu Picchu by simply soaking in its magnitude. Stairs climb beyond the long agricultural terraces to a hut whose thatch roof is one of the few restorations. That vantage point is the one most often captured on film.

There was no mention of Machu Picchu in the Spanish chronicles, and one theory holds that it had been abandoned by the time of the Spanish Conquest.

Today, it is accessible to the world, an enduring shrine to the indigenous culture that survived assimilation and proudly maintains its identity to this day.

Indeed, that independent spirit is palpable all over Cuzco and the Sacred Valley, from locals hawking their goods in Quechua, to protesters on the Avenue of the Sun carrying signs stating, "Tierra o Muerte" ("Land or Death").

In the cathedral in the main

square, a painting from the Cuzco School appears to be in the same style as European art from the 16th and 17th centuries, with one notable exception.

There is a cuy (guinea pig), a culinary specialty of the Andes, in the middle of the table in an otherwise European setting.

It is a vestige of the surviving indigenous culture that makes a visit to Cuzco unforgettable today.

While Hiatt, the son of Barbara and Billy Hiatt of Mt. Vernon, is special sections coordinator for the Herald-Leader.

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"Marlow"

(Cont. from front)

a.m., after a deputy jailer allowed him outside the facility to dump garbage.

Marlow, who was being held on a \$75,000 cash bond is facing numerous felonies and had escaped from the jail on at least one previous occasion.

Police say that Marlow was involved in an armed robbery in Mt. Vernon earlier this year.

He is also charged with receiving stolen property, burglary, robbery, weapon endangerment and theft by unlawful taking and he will now be charged with escape and being a persistent felony offender.

Milner said that Marlow was being held in an isolation cell.

"Meth Lab"

(Cont. from front)

Rockcastle Sheriff Shirley Smith's office, police found ingredients used in the manufacturing of methamphetamine, a highly powerful drug, that can be using legal substances such as Drano and batteries.

No criminal charges have been filed, but Rockcastle County Attorney Jeff Burdette said that the case would be presented to the federal grand jury in London.

Members of the drug-enforcement agency cleaned up the lab.

"Abuse"

(Cont. from front)

but could not be substantiated.

He said that in the 387 cases, there was probable cause for an investigation.

Pope said that 237 cases of adult spouse abuse were also reported to the local office, most of them involved battered wives.

Pope said that 47 Rockcastle County children were also in foster care in private care, away from their parents.

During the last fiscal year, which runs from June 30 to July 1, 53,000 Kentucky children were reported to have been abused or neglected.

"Traffic"

(Cont. from front)

All together five people were injured in the three vehicle collision but none of them seriously.

Both sides of the interstate were closed for several hours.

"Rewards"

(Cont. from front)

Councils at the high school, middle school and Roundstone have until May 3rd to notify the central office as to how they want to spend their money.

The central office did not receive any reward money, as they have in the past.

More than half of Kentucky's public schools will share \$2.4 million dollars.

702 of the state's 1,200 schools will receive award money.

To be eligible for reward money, a school's accountability index for the Interim Accountability Cycle must have met or exceeded its predicted performance for that cycle.

Scores from April 1999 and 2000 administrations of the Kentucky Core Content Test, statewide non-academic data and the school accountability performance judgements based on the 1999 and 2000 results were released last September.

"Hammond"

(Cont. from front)

The vote to extend Hammond's contract was unanimous. Board members Dr. George W. Griffith, Terry Burton, Martin Vanant, Sam Stallworth and Mike Burdette were all present at the meeting.

Hammond's annual salary will be approximately \$85,000.

Hammond also informed the board of several teaching vacancies at the Rockcastle County High School in the coming year.

"Crusade"

(Cont. from front)

WHAS radio and television station. Since 1954, they have raised over \$83 million dollars for the aid and care and treatment of handicapped children.

The Crusade for Children accepts applications from any organization that provides services for handicapped children. Although the Crusade cannot approve all applications, each one is given consideration by a panel from the moral side of the news who then allocate funds to various places according to the organization's needs and willingness to use the funds wisely. The Crusade is operated on interest funds.

Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc. has received \$177,000 in the past years.

Funds have been used to purchase equipment for various departments at the Hospital including Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Nursing, Emergency Department, Pharmacy, Activities Department and Social Services.

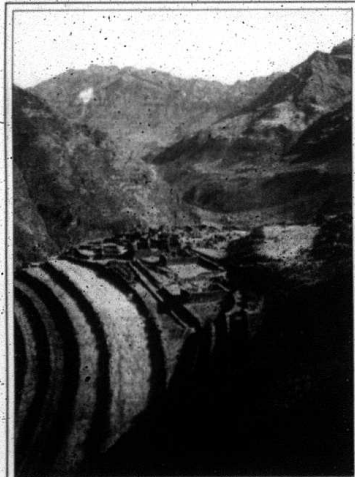
Additionally, the Crusade helped purchase a van for the ventilator unit. Last year, money was again received to replace this van.

This year, besides a roadblock at the intersection of Highways 150 and 461 on Memorial Day containers are being placed in local businesses for customers to donate their spare change.

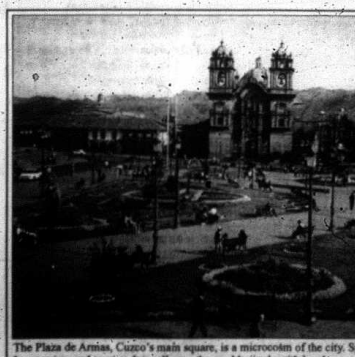
A softball tournament is also being held at Roundstone Elementary on Monday, May 12 beginning at 9:00 a.m. All proceeds from the tournament will go to this year's WHAS Crusade for Children fund drive.



Nearly every click of the camera produces a postcard in the Andes. Here a village about an hour by bus from Cuzco in the Sacred Valley.



There are some outstanding Incan ruins in the mountains above Pisac, a village about an hour by bus from Cuzco in the Sacred Valley.



The Plaza de Armas, Cuzco's main square, is a microcosm of the city. Spanish colonial architecture is built on Incan ruins, and tourists from all over the world mingle with locals.

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"What Saith the Scriptures"

Let us begin by looking at three passages from the book of Revelation *"Noting: Hurs not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, will I have saving the servants of my God in their foreheads." Rev 18:1 "And I looked and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Zion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his father's name written on their foreheads." Rev 14:1 "And there shall be no more sacrifice, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and his servants shall serve him; And they shall see his face, and his name shall be on their foreheads." Rev 22:3-4*

Notice that in all 3 of these texts, they speak about the foreheads of God's servants - The point that I hope that we will see, is that God only accepts willing service. In the mark of the beast in Rev. 13:16, it is as other in their right hand or in their foreheads, symbolizing either forced or willing service to the beast. But not so with God. God will not accept "forced service", from anyone. No, it must be willing service that comes from our hearts and minds in our service and worship of God. Are you serving God? Are you serving him because you want to?

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Church News

Bake Sale

Livingston Christian Church will sponsor a Bake Sale Saturday, April 14th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Revival

Callaway Mission Nondenominational Church will have revival services starting April 19, 20 and 21 with Bro. Steve Weaver as Evangelist. Special singing each night. Everyone welcome.

Revival

The members of First Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church would like to invite everyone to attend a week of Revival April 16-20, 7 p.m. nightly with Bro. Vestal Moore preaching. Come worship with us.

Youth Revival

Conway Baptist Church will hold a Youth Revival April 15-20. Sunday at 6 p.m. Monday - Friday 7 p.m. nightly. Different speaker nightly. Sunday - Andy Hale, Monday - Jason Whicker, Tuesday - Brian Sizemore, Wednesday - Josh Hale, Thursday - Lloyd Jordison, Friday - Kyle Rader. Special singing nightly. Pizza Fest Friday after services. Everyone welcome.

Sunrise Service

Maple Grove Baptist Church Sunrise Service Sunday at 6 a.m. Breakfast will follow.

Revival

Revival beginning April 15th at Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church. Evangelist will be Oscar Oadley. Services 7 p.m. nightly. Randall Adams, pastor, welcomes everyone.

Youth Revival

Youth Revival, Conway Baptist Church, April 15-20 with a different speaker each evening. April 15th at 6 p.m. and April 16-20 at 7 p.m. A Pizza Fest will be held after services on the 20th. Everyone welcome.

New Pastor

Town Hill Holiness Church has a new Pastor, Bro. Tim Singleton. Church services are Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 6 p.m.

Revival & Sunrise Service

There will be a Revival at Flat Rock Baptist Church April 22-27 at 7 p.m. Speaker will be Bro. Bill Jividen, from Cheyenne, Wyoming. There will be special singing. Pastor Dr. Charles Larry Burton welcomes everyone. We will also have an Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. April 15th.

Good Friday Service

Good Friday Service at Climax Christian Church Friday evening at 7 p.m. Dale Ballinger, speaker. Singers will be Calvary Echoes. Refreshments after service. Walter Ballinger, minister, welcomes everyone.

Youth Weekend

Youth Emphasis Weekend, April 27-29, at the Wildie Christian Church with John Parkey, Sr. HI Youth Minister at the Okolona Christian Church in Louisville, 6:00 each evening. Concert by "Cornerstones" on April 28th. Youth Sunday - April 29th.

"The Xtreme" with Xtreme games, fun, food, music, cave trip, and special message.

Cantata

Easter Cantata at Poplar Grove Baptist Church off Hwy. 70 on April 15th at 11 a.m. Cantata entitled "Nail Scarred Hands."

Revival

Revival at Poplar Grove Baptist Church, April 15-20 at 7:30 p.m. with Bro. C.E. Jacobson as Evangelist. Rick Reynolds, Pastor, welcomes everyone.

Community Prayer Service

Sick of having family and friends destroyed by drugs, alcohol, abuse, etc.? Tired of feeling like there is nothing that can be done? There is something that we can do. "Agam I tell you, if two of you on earth agree about whatever [anything and everything] they may ask, it will come to pass and be done for them by my Father in Heaven. For wherever two or three are gathered (drawn together) as follows in my name, there I AM in the midst of them." Matthew 18:19-20 AMP. Please join us for the following prayer services: April 20th at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church and May 18th at 7 p.m. at First Christian Church. Pastors, if your church would like to host a community prayer service, please contact Shelley Patterson at 256-2262.

Revival

Revival services will be held at Valley Baptist Church from April 16-20 Sunday at 7 p.m. nightly. Bro. Jimmy Williams from London will be the Evangelist. Pastor is Bro. David Sargent. There will be special singing each night. Everyone is invited to attend.

Songbooks Available

Pine Hill Holiness Church now has songbooks available. Books may be

picked up. Call 256-2535 for more info. or send \$14.00 (\$12.00 plus \$2.00 postage) to: Pine Hill Holiness Church, Rt. 2 Box 85, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.

Easter Drama

Easter Drama will be presented April 14, 2001 at 7 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon Church of the Nazarene on Fairview Hill. Join us for "Love was the Reason" immediately following the presentation, we invite you to join us for refreshments in the fellowship hall of the church.

Sunrise Service

Livingston Christian Church Sunrise Service April 15th at 6:30 a.m. Fellowship breakfast will follow the service.

Cemetery Notices...

Pine Hill Cemetery

Anyone who would like to send donations for the upkeep of Pine Hill Cemetery please contact Lorene Ponder at 859-986-7756 for mail your donation to: 143 Mason Lake Rd., Berea, KY 40003.

Philadelphia United Baptist Church Cemetery

All donations for the cemetery fund will now need to be sent to Philadelphia United Baptist Church Cemetery Committee. Receipt will be sent for tax purposes. Please do not send donations to anyone else.

Philadelphia United Baptist

Rev. James Bryant
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Broadhead, KY 40409

Briarfield Cemetery

The Old Briarfield Cemetery at Orlando belongs to the Robinson heirs. We all agreed for the markers and headstones to be taken up that has no one buried there. We want the jobs



David Shawn and Cortnie Anne Shearer are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Sara Kay Hannah Shearer. She was born at Partie A. Clay Hospital on March 18th weighing 6 lbs. 8 ozs. and was 20 inches long.

Proud maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Craig S. Arthur of Mt. Vernon and Cynthia L. Boyer of Minton, NV. Proud maternal great grandparents are Jerlene C. Arthur of Vero Beach, FL, Reginald L. Arthur of Florence, Ky., William Helton of Lebanon, Oh., and Iola J. Swafford of Monroe, Oh.

Proud paternal grandmother is Sandra Kay Shearer of Mt. Vernon. Proud paternal great grandparents are Suiko Shearer and the late Suzie Blair Isaacs; both of Mt. Vernon.

filled up with dirt when you take them up. This is just not right for this to happen. It has always been first come first serve. The cemetery will always be for loved ones to be buried there. We want the cemetery kept as it has always been all these years. You have until April 30, 2001 to take the markers up that-takes up empty spaces.

Clebert Robinson and the Robinson heirs

Smith Family Cemetery

Donations needed for mowing and upkeep of Smith Family Cemetery. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Please send to: Marvin F. Smith, Rt. 2 Box 384, Livingston, KY 40445.



Happy 12th Birthday Chris Decker (April 13th)

Love- Eddie, Myra, Brandon, Drake, Papaw Eddie, Manaw Sherry, Uncle Rod & Aunt Tina



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Hot Rods
Hot Rod Sign-ups, T-ball 3, 4 and 5-year-olds, April 14th and 21st, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rockcastle Teen Center. Special: Eddie Austin Mark McGuire Watch for as long as they last. \$10 sign-up.

VA Rep
VA Reg. Bill Livesay, will be at the VFW Post every third Sunday of the month from 1 to 3 p.m.

Bookmobile Schedule
Mon., April 16th: Broadhead and Copper Creek.
Tues., April 17th: Green Hill, Conway, Boone, Fairview, Lambert Rd., Respiratory Care.
Wed., April 18th: Mt. Vernon Manor, Day Health Care, Hammond Trailer Park, Brindale Ridge.

Offices Closed
The County Clerk's office will be closed Saturday, April 14, 2001 in observance of the Easter holiday. The Circuit Court Clerk's office will be closed Saturday, April 14, 2001. The Road Test, CDL Test, and Permit Test WILL NOT be given on Friday, April 13, 2001.

Walk-A-Thon
Help Rockcastle Adoption Agency for Pets continue construction on the animal shelter building. A walk-a-thon will be held Saturday, April 21st starting at 10 a.m., Mt. Vernon City Park. Be a walker. Call Terry at 758-9202 for a sponsor sheet. Be a sponsor. Call 758-9202, 256-5183, 758-4318.

Field Day
A High Tensile Fencing Demonstration Field Day will be held on Perry continue construction on the animal shelter building. A walk-a-thon will be held Saturday, April 21st starting at 10 a.m., Mt. Vernon City Park. Be a walker. Call Terry at 758-9202 for a sponsor sheet. Be a sponsor. Call 758-9202, 256-5183, 758-4318.

Fea Market Tables
Every Thursday and Friday, rain or shine, LEAP will have tables for \$5.00 a day for rent April thru Sept. Come on down to LEAP office down at Calloway on US 25 South. 2129

Al-Anon
Al-Anon meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon. For more info. call 256-2129

Cookbooks
Quail Homemakers Club is selling cookbooks for \$10. See any member of stop by Young's Pharmacy, Citizens Bank of Broadhead or Extension Office in Mt. Vernon.

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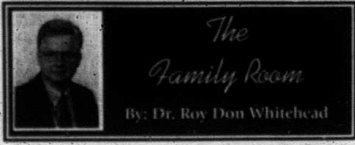
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Does Crying Help?

There are two kinds of crying: productive and non-productive. Productive crying produces an improved mood. The one who cries feels some relief, as if a burden has been lifted. Non-productive crying does not help the person feel any better.

"I had been crying for three days," Jean told me, "and I don't feel any better. In fact I feel worse than I did. Usually I feel better after I cry. What is wrong?" (All characters are fictitious.)

Non-productive crying is the crying that depression produces. When a person cries but does not feel better, depression may be involved. A visit to her physician and some anti-depressant medication helped Jean to feel better. "Now when I have a good cry, it helps!" she told me excitedly.

Productive crying is a precious gift. It is God's way of helping humans deal with feelings, especially pain and hurt. Tears help to release the feelings that are pent up inside. Since these pent up feelings can cause depression, crying is a way to avoid becoming depressed.

Males often have a difficult time expressing hurt. This is because of what they learned as children. Phil was going through a divorce. His wife had left him for another man and had taken their two children. He could only see his children once a week, and it was killing him, but he could not cry.

As we explored the problem in counseling, he explained, "Dad told me that I was aissy if I cried. I never shed my dad's cry, ever, not even when his mother died. I don't understand how he could keep from it. I learned from him that I had to be strong, and being strong means not crying."

Other men have had similar experiences to Phil's. Being told that "big boys don't cry" and being called a "crybaby" teach young men to hold in those feelings of hurt. As adults, they may have a difficult time letting tears flow, when actually they would feel better if they could cry.

While men are often told not to cry, the expression of anger is seen as a manly thing to do. This sometimes causes the furious, and often dangerous, phenomenon whereby a male expresses his hurt by showing anger. The boy who was physically abused by his father and terribly hurt in the process may become an abuser, who deals with his hurt the only way he knows how -- by becoming angry.

Females may also find their tear ducts blocked at times. Natalie's father was dying of cancer. She was the eldest of three sisters and the one to whom everyone else in the family looked for strength. "I wish I could cry," she told her counselor, "but the tears won't come. I have to hold myself together for mom and my sisters. They cry a lot but I can't let myself."

Sarah had turned off all her feelings. After a childhood of physical and sexual abuse, she had no feelings. When her son died in a car wreck, she did not cry. "I don't even feel like crying," she told a friend. "Do you think there is something wrong with me?"

Sarah became more and more depressed in the months following the death of her son, eventually being hospitalized after a suicide attempt.

Tear ducts serve a dual purpose: they lubricate the eyes plus they provide release from emotional pressure. I hope your tear ducts are in good working order.

Agricultural News

By Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Burley Tobacco Lease Date
April 2nd is the first date producers shall execute a lease for the 2001 quotas. Leasing will end on July 1, 2001. Any producer wishing to post their name to the Tobacco Lease Ingr Lease Out Listing may do so now. You do not need to wait until April 2nd. If you are unable to come to the office you may notify the office staff to post the listing by calling 606-256-2525.

Burley Tobacco Acreage Reports
New legislation requires all farms with an effective quota greater than zero to report acreage planted to burley, including zero acres.

Farms with an effective burley quota that will not plant burley or lease quotas from the farm MUST report a zero acreage for burley tobacco, or the farm will be subject to quotas forfeiture for the applicable burley marketing quota next established for the farm, unless the State Committee and the County Committee determine that the reduction is not applicable.

Burley Tobacco Designation Announced
Jeffery S. Hall, State Executive Director of the Kentucky Farm Service Agency, has announced that Burley tobacco farmers will be required to report to FSA the pounds and specific warehouse, receiving station or dealer where they intend to market their tobacco this season. The initial designation period will begin

June 1, 2001 and end on August 12, 2001. Farmers will be allowed to re-designate pounds and sale locations at various times throughout the marketing season.

The Burley Tobacco Advisory Committee, established by the Secretary of Agriculture, recommended on June 14, 2000, that a method be developed that would enable a better allocation of tobacco graders and warehouses sales opportunity. Warehouse designation has been in place for Flue-Cured tobacco for several years.

"FSA is making this change in the tobacco program in response to a request from Burley tobacco growers and the industry," Hall said. Beginning with the 2001 marketing year, all Burley tobacco marketing cards will be issued for the specific pounds and selling location designated by the farmer. "Only those pounds designated on the marketing card to a specific buying location may be presented for sale at that location," Hall said.

Farmers selling at traditional auction warehouses will receive a marketing card similar to cards they have used in recent years. These cards will indicate the producer's designated warehouse. Marketing cards for producers selling at non-auction sites will be issued by thermal bar coded card. These cards will indicate the designated buyer.

For additional information contact your local FSA County Office.

Legislative Program Changes in the Burley Tobacco Program
The Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 (ARPA) enacted on June 20, 2000, and the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001 (the 2001 Act) enacted on October 28, 2000, changed the provisions of the burley tobacco program.

ARPA amended the Agricultural Adjustment Act, 1938 (1938 Act) to limit the total amount of undermarkings that can be "carried over" as quotas additions to farms nationwide, in total to 10 percent of the national basic quotas for the preceding year.

ARPA added a requirement that owners of farms for which a burley tobacco quota is established must report acreage planted to burley tobacco annually including instances in which the acres planted are zero acres.

The 2001 Act directs the Secretary to make direct payments to otherwise eligible persons on farms for which the quantity of quotas is eligible tobacco allotted to the farm was reduced from 1999 crop year to the 2000 crop year without regard to

planned or considered planted credit, for the 2000 crop year. Payments are to be made under the same amounts that otherwise applied to other payments. Signup dates and provisions will be provided at a later date.

ARPA limits the pounds of quota to be transferred to the lessee farm not to exceed the difference obtained by subtracting the effective farm marketing quota before the filing of the transfer agreement for the lessee farm from the total pounds of tobacco on hand and/or in the process of being produced, from the farm in the current year. The total quantity of tobacco that can be leased or transferred to a farm during any crop year may not exceed the quantity which equals 15 percent of the effective quotas on the farm before any leases or transfers filed after July 1 of the crop year.

Grazed-2001 Wheat, Barley, Oats (Graze-Out)
The Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 (ARPA) enacted on June 20, 2000 and the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act 2001 (the 2001 Act) enacted on October 28, 2000 provides for Graze-Out payments instead of Loan Deficiency Payments

(LDFP), for the 2001 crop year only, to eligible producers who elect to use acreage planted to wheat, barley, or oats, for the grazing by livestock and agree to forgo any other harvesting of the commodity on such acreage during the 2001 year.

Graze-Out is available to producers who are otherwise eligible for marketing assistance loans and LDFP, according to regulations to 8-L.P. graze 2001 crop acreage planted to wheat, barley or oats, do not harvest the same crop on the same acreage.

Applications for GRAZE-OUT begin on the first day of agricultural harvest, May 14th, as determined by JOC and ends on August 31, 2001. Producers may file an application for GRAZE-OUT anytime during this application period.

Regulations for GRAZE-OUT are available on the PSD home page at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/afppsd/> can be located by number, program area or agency name.

- Forms can be completed on-line and printed/downloaded to users PC along with the data entered.
- A frequently asked questions (FAQ) section to provide immediate assistance with common inquiries.
- Help links to provide navigational and web site use assistance.

- Links to the service center Office Information Profile (OIP) where customers can locate office addresses and telephone numbers and get directions to service centers.
- Links to other useful web sites.

Technical assistance will be available Monday through Friday from 5:00 a.m. to midnight (mountain time) and from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (mountain time) on Saturday and Sunday at 1-800-457-3642.

Dates to Remember

- CDP (Crop Disaster Program) began January 18th.
- Crop Reporting: Small Grains (WHEAT) by May 31st.
- Tobacco Leasing: April 2nd through July 1st.
- Crop Reporting: required for ALL burley tobacco farms by July 1st.
- Enrolling CAB's released from CRP: April 2, 2001 for CRP-F's that expired in FY2000.
- Enrolling farm into PFC after reconstitution: 30 calendar days after FSA 476 notice.
- Requesting farm constitution: June 1, 2001.
- Designating payment shares on PFC and meeting signature requirements: August 1, 2001.

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Bray named National Award Winner in Math

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Jackson Tyler Bray of Broadhead has been named a United States National Award Winner in Mathematics.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognized fewer than 10% of all American high school students.

Jackson, who attends RCMS, was nominated for this national award by Robbie Phillips, a teacher at the school.

Jackson will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and

improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Jackson is the son of Dennis and Rhonda Bray and the grandson of Don and Lorcia Bray and Vall Roy and Doris Wright all of Broadhead.

On March 4, S. and 6th, Jackson attended the Kentucky United Nations Assembly with his fellow Y-Club members and advisors from RCMS. Jackson was elected into the highest office of KUNA which is Secretary General. He will be presiding over the 2002 KUNA conference at Louisville.

Congratulations Jackson!



Jackson Bray

School Menus

Rockcastle County Schools Menu

April 14-20, 2001

Breakfast
Monday: Manager's choice, juice and milk.

Tuesday: Scrambled egg, toast, juice and milk.

Wednesday: Pancakes and syrup or cereal, toast/jelly, juice and milk.

Thursday: Cereal, toast/jelly, juice and milk.

Friday: Sausage biscuit or cereal, biscuit/jelly, juice and milk.

Lunch
Elementary & Middle School

Monday: Manager's choice.

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets and a roll or sandwich, potato wedges, corn on cob, fresh fruit and milk.

Wednesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garden salad, garlic bread,

dessert and milk.

Thursday: Fish sandwich or ham sandwich, potato rounds, peaches and milk.

Friday: Corn dog or chicken patty on bun, potato wedges, oranges and milk.

High School

Monday: Manager's choice.

Tuesday: Sub sandwich or bologna and cheese sandwich, potato wedges, lettuce/pickles, dessert and milk.

Wednesday: Pizza or breadsticks, garden salad, corn, dessert and milk.

Thursday: Fish, macaroni and cheese, green beans, cole slaw, cornbread, dessert and milk.

Friday: Sloppy nachos and cheese sauce, potato wedges, dessert and milk.

Mt. Vernon Elementary chosen as Kentucky Reading Project Demonstration Program

Mt. Vernon Elementary was recently chosen as a demonstration site for the Kentucky Reading Project. MVES was one of only sixteen schools to be chosen.

The Kentucky Reading Project is a statewide initiative between universities and schools. The KRP has several goals. One major goal is to promote collaboration between the university, schools and teachers. Other support and collaboration is provided by the Kentucky Department of Education through the Regional Service Center, in our area located in London. Our contact person there is Lisa Smith.

Another goal of the Kentucky Reading Project is for teachers to learn best teaching practices that are based on sound research and proven to work for the benefit of students. Among these practices is the teaching of phonics and other word recognition strategies. Reading comprehension is the most important goal of all. Very specific comprehension

strategies are to be taught and modeled by teachers. The real life connection between reading and writing is emphasized as well. Another component of the plan is family literacy where the whole family becomes part of the process.

Mt. Vernon Elementary is very honored to be chosen as only one of two schools in the state to represent Eastern Kentucky University. Next year other teachers from all over the state will be invited to come and see Mt. Vernon Elementary's reading program in action through contact teachers Kathy Howard and Delilah Brewer and Rosamond Brown, Principal.

Owens completes basic training

Marine Corps Pvt. Brandy N. Owens, daughter of Army Sgt. Maj. David W. Owens of Rt. 5, Mt. Vernon, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina.

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

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

close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

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

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

Owens is a 2000 graduate of Miami Trace High School of Washington Court House, Ohio.

Card of Thanks

A Word of Thanks

The family of Charles Shaffer, Jr. would like to thank all our family, friends and neighbors for the food, flowers, cards, kind words and money. We would like to thank the ambulance drivers who came so many times to get Junior. The staff at Rockcastle Co. Hospital for being so kind to him and the family; most

of all for them being so patient with him. Thanks to Dr. Laylor, Home Health and to Ousey Durham. Thanks to Watson Funeral Home for being so kind and to Linda Whit for the beautiful music. A special thanks to Bro. Mark Whicker for the kind words he spoke and for the very special song.

The family thanks everyone,
From all of his brothers & sisters

McFerron named National Award Winner in English

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Robert is the son of Nelson and Kim McFerron of Livingston and the grandson of George and Kitty Prockmeyer of Livingston and Gerald and Lucille McFerron of Mt. Vernon.



Robert McFerron



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Classes Offered at the Rockcastle County Middle School
For information or registration contact Anthony Coffey or Terry Parker at (606) 256-5118

Class Title	Date	Location	Time	Sponsoring Organization
Spanish	Wednesdays	Rockcastle County Middle School	3:30-5:30 pm	21 st Century Community Learning Center at Rockcastle County Middle School
Computer Basics	Tuesdays	Rockcastle County Middle School	4:00-6:00 pm	21 st Century Community Learning Center at Rockcastle County Middle School
Computer (Advanced)	Mondays	Rockcastle County Middle School	4:00-6:00 pm	21 st Century Community Learning Center at Rockcastle County Middle School
Introduction to Computers	Thursdays	Rockcastle County Middle School	6:00-7:00 pm	21 st Century Community Learning Center at Rockcastle County Middle School
Quilting Classes	Mondays	Rockcastle County Middle School	4:00-6:00 pm	21 st Century Community Learning Center at Rockcastle County Middle School
GED Course	Tuesdays	Rockcastle County Middle School	4:30-6:00 pm	21 st Century Community Learning Center at Rockcastle County Middle School
Cyberstudies	Saturdays	Rockcastle County Middle School	8:15-10:15 pm	21 st Century Community Learning Center at Rockcastle County Middle School
Computer Basics D	Thursdays	Rockcastle County Middle School	5:30-6:30 pm	21 st Century Community Learning Center at Rockcastle County Middle School

Classes Offered by the Extension Service
For information or registration contact Hazel Jackson at (606) 256-2483

Class Title	Date	Location	Time	Sponsoring Organization
Updating Your Bathroom	Monday April 30 th	Extension Office	10:00 am	Rockcastle County Extension Service
Sit-a-Sew	Monday April 30 th	Extension Office	8:30 am-2:30 pm	Rockcastle County Extension Service
Battery Class	Monday April 23 rd	Extension Office	9:00-3:00 pm	Rockcastle County Extension Service

Activities at the Rockcastle County Public Library
For information or registration contact Kristina Burk (606) 256-1388

Event Title	Date	Event	Sponsoring Organization and Location
Bookfest Begins	Tuesday March 20 th April 10 th and 24 th May 8 th	Reading in Motion... This Bookfest that travels a bookfest that focuses this spring on The South and Southern Writers. We will be taking a trip May 17 th -20 th to the place of the writings.	Rockcastle County Public Library, Richmond, VA
Monthly Radio Program	Thursday April 19 th	Monthly Radio Program Held in the Morning	Rockcastle County Public Library
Health Fair- Preschool Storytime Booth	Sunday April 22 nd	Health Fair- Preschool Storytime Booth 10:00-1:00 pm	Rockcastle County Public Library

Classes Offered at the Rockcastle County Area Technology Center
For information or registration contact Ralph Bostle at (606) 256-1111

Class Title	Date	Location	Time	Sponsoring Organization
Microsoft Word	Begin Monday March 12	Rockcastle County Area Technology Center	5:00-7:00 pm	21 st Century Community Learning Center at RCJHS and RALC
Microsoft Access	Begin Wednesday April 17 th	Rockcastle County Area Technology Center	4:00-6:00 pm	21 st Century Community Learning Center at RCJHS and RALC
Health and Wellness	Begin April 19 th	Rockcastle County Area Technology Center	4:00-7:00 pm	21 st Century Community Learning Center at RCJHS and RALC

Classes Offered at the Rockcastle County Health School
For information or registration contact Trina Bostle at (606) 256-4816

Class Title	Date	Location	Time	Sponsoring Organization
Basic Computer Skills	Begin March 6 th Tuesday (ongoing)	Rockcastle County High School	4:00-5:30 pm	21 st Century Community Learning Center at RCJHS and RALC
Basic Computer Skills	Begin Wednesday March 20 th (ongoing)	Rockcastle County High School	4:00-5:30 pm	21 st Century Community Learning Center at RCJHS and RALC
GED Tutoring	Wednesdays (ongoing)	Rockcastle County High School	5:00-7:00 pm	21 st Century Community Learning Center at RCJHS and RALC
Beginning Piano	Tuesdays, Beginning March 20, 2001 (consisting of 7 sessions)	Rockcastle County High School	3:00-5:00 pm	21 st Century Community Learning Center at RCJHS and RALC
Self Defense Skills	Mondays, Beginning April 23 rd (ongoing for 8 sessions)	Rockcastle County High School	3:00-5:00 pm	21 st Century Community Learning Center at RCJHS and RALC
Parenting Class: Why is My Teen so Angry and How Can I Talk To Them	Tuesday April 17 th	Rockcastle County High School	6:00-8:00 pm	Rockcastle County Community Education 21 st Century Community Learning Center at RCJHS and RALC, and James Gabbard, Upper Cumberland Valley Education Cooperative
Photography Class	Saturdays beginning April 21 st (4 sessions)	Rockcastle County High School	9:00 am-12:00 pm	21 st Century Community Learning Center at RCJHS and RALC
Parenting Class: Common Sense Parenting	Tuesday April 24 th	Rockcastle County High School	6:00-8:00 pm	Rockcastle County Community Education 21 st Century Community Learning Center at RCJHS and RALC, and James Gabbard, Upper Cumberland Valley Education Cooperative
Parenting Class: Why is My Teen so Angry and How Can I Help Them?	Tuesday May 1 st	Rockcastle County High School	6:00-8:00 pm	Rockcastle County Community Education 21 st Century Community Learning Center at RCJHS and RALC, and James Gabbard, Upper Cumberland Valley Education Cooperative

Classes Offered at the Rockcastle Technology Center
For information or registration contact Kathy Bolo at (606) 256-2125

Class Title	Date	Location	Time	Sponsoring Organization
Visit The Entrepreneur 123 Live! Meet Pro-Biznet	Tuesdays and Thursdays Beginning April 3 rd Ending May 3 rd 2001	Rockcastle County Telecommunications Center	7:00-9:00 pm	Rockcastle County Community Education and 21 st Century Community Learning Center at RCJHS and RALC

RCHS girls' track team ranked fourth in state

The RCHS girls' varsity track and field team ranks fourth in the state according to the first state rankings released by the Kentucky Track and Cross-Country Coaches Association.

The girls were ranked behind Russell High, Louisville Mercy Academy, and Fort Campbell High School. RCHS defeated all three teams this past outdoor season during the indoor state championships. They finished runner-up at the state to only powerhouse Paducah Tilghman who ranks fifth behind Rockcastle going into the outdoor season.

The RCHS girls' team was ranked between fourth and sixth during the entire 2000 track and field campaign. Going into this season, the girls' team has high expectations and figures to be one of the top teams in the state again this entire season and a possible favorite for their second straight regional championship title.

The team and individual state rankings compiled by the KYCCA are based on actual performances from indoor and early outdoor meets. The best individual and relay performances for each team are compiled and ranked, thereby determining a team score.

Team scores then determine placement in the state rankings. Important to note is the fact that RCHS had not yet competed in eight of the eighteen track and field events as opposed to most teams who have accumulated statistics in every event due to completed outdoor meets.

Amazingly, Rockcastle's girls' team has thirteen competitors ranked in the top ten in the state in their respective events.

Eighth grader Heather Hammond leads the way with a top ten ranking in five different track and field events. **Heather is tied for first place in the state in high jump, third in the 200-meter dash, sixth in long jump, sixth in the 1600-meter relay, and eighth in the 800-meter relay.** Senior teammate **Mindy Bullock** is also tied for first in the state with **Heather in high jump.** Senior **Cheyenne Carmack** ranks second in the state in the 400-meter dash. She also ranks second in the 800-meter run, an event she recently added to her resume this spring. **Cheyenne ranks sixth in the 1600-meter relay** as well. Freshman **Sheena Swinney** is ranked sixth in the 1600-meter relay and eighth in the 800-meter relay. She had not competed in her two best events yet, the 100 and 200-meter dashes. Senior **Tara Abney** ranks sixth in the state in the 1600-meter relay and eighth in the 800-meter relay. **Tara has not yet competed in her two best events, the 100 and 300-meter hurdles.** Senior **Rachelle Hammond** is ranked fifth in triple jump and also ranks ninth in long jump, despite limited opportunities this spring. Junior **Clorissa**

Hubbard ranks fourth in shot put and has yet to compete in the discus competition. Eighth grader **Chere' Embis** broke into the top ten with an eighth place ranking in triple jump. Eighth grader **Cacey Taylor** ranks eighth in the 800-meter relay. Seventh graders **Tressie Robinson, Kayla Hayes, Danielle Arnold, and Makyla Bryant** rank sixth in the 3200-meter relay, the highest ever for an RCHS team.

The first meet for RCHS was the Patriot Games Invitational held at Lincoln County High School this past Friday. The RCHS girls' team hoped to defend last year's Patriot triumph win, while the boys' team sought to win the meet for the first time.

The girls had to overcome the absence of five key team members due to injuries including seniors **Tara Abney, Theresa Chisham, and Martina Maizer.** Also unable to attend was junior **Clorissa Hubbard** and seventh grader **Mourine Ramsey.** All five girls are very valuable members of the team and account for over fifty points a meet average.

The depth and talent of the RCHS girls' team proved to be too much for the opposition as they dominated a field of ten teams to come away with the victory and defend their Patriot

Games' title. The girls' defeated runner-up Danville, ranked fifth in Class A, by an unbelievable margin of sixty-seven points. Other teams competing included Harrodsburg, Williamsburg, Lincoln County, Madison Central, Oneida Baptist, Pulaski County, Casey County and Pulaski Southwestern. Along the way, the girls established three new RCHS track and field records and improved upon their rankings in the state in many individual events.

The RCHS boys' team also had a tremendous meet and will be strong this season in many different track and field events. One of the outdoor season gets fully underway, the boys should have several competitors ranked in the top ten in the state. The boys did not compete in every event at Lincoln County due to the lack of depth; however, they remained in the top five teams up until the end of the meet. They finished ninth overall out of twelve teams. The boys had many outstanding performances and established two new RCHS records during the course of the meet.

Complete results and pictures from the Patriot Games Invitational and Lincoln County will appear in next week's Signal.

way into the lead on lap 143, a lead he never relinquished.

Riggs said he "just tried to remain calm" after the pit-road skirmish on lap 86 damaged the front end of his Dodge.

"I didn't know how many trucks were on the lead lap then, and I didn't know how good my truck was," said Riggs, who picked up \$35,560 for the win and retained his lead in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series points standings.

Rookie Travis Kvapil finished second to match his career-best finish while Terry Cook was third. Four-sister Joe Rutman wound up fourth while Randy Tolson was fifth.

Finishing order: 1. Scott Riggs, 2. Travis Kvapil, 3. Terry Cook, 4. Joe Rutman, 5. Randy Tolson, 6. Matt Crafton, 7. Rick Crawford, 8. Bryan Reffner, 9. Ricky Hendrick, 10. Nathan Haselton, 11. Carlos Contreras, 12. Rick Catielli, 13. Jason White, 14. Ronnie Hornaday, 15. Bobby Hamilton, 16. Billy Bigley, 17. Larry Gosselman, 18. Chuck Hoesfeld, 19. Dennis Setzer, 20. Jack Sprague, 21. Jason Thom, 22. Ted Musgrave, 23. Nathan Butke, 24. Lance Hooper, 25. Jimmy Hensley, 26. Coy Gibbs, 27. Lance Norrick, 28.

Jason Small, 29. Ken Schrader, 30. Michael Docken, 31. Jon Wood, 32. Richard Landreth, 33. Bobby Dotter, 34. Ricky Sanders, 35. Ryan McGlynn, 36. Morgan Shepherd.

Top-10 points leaders after 4 of 24 events: 1. Riggs 675, 2. Rutman 648, 3. Hendrick 610, 4. Cook 600, 5. Tolson 599, 6. Sprague 575, 7. Musgrave 569, 8. Kvapil 563, 9. Crawford 543, 10. Gibbs 485.

Joey Clayton wins South Boston

Georgia's Joey Clayton continued his dominance of the 400-mile South Boston Speedway on Saturday night, leading all 300 laps of the event and collecting his second win of the season and third career race, capturing the Textileme Medjique 300 presented at Harder's.

Clanton's race win came from the pole position, which he earned on Friday afternoon after being the fastest car all day during practice.

Clanton is the first driver since 1996 to lead a race from wire-to-wire, when Gary St. Amant led all 300 laps at Columbus Motor Speedway.

The unofficial final results from Saturday's \$189,660 American Speed Association's AC/DeLoe Series Textileme Medjique 300 at South Boston Speedway.

1) Joey Clanton, Chevrolet, 2) (5) Kevin Cypwinski, 3) Mike Curvey, 4) Gary St. Amant, 5) Scott Fraser, 6) Danny Edwards, 7) Billy Parker, 8) Mike Miller, 9) Butch Miller, 10) Glenn Allen Jr., 11) Mike Eddy, 12) Mike Cope, 13) Scott Hansen, 14) Tim Jodregick, 15) Chris Winner, 16) Tristan Dapuis, 17) Johnny Sauter, 18) Matt Sielsky, 19) Dennis Lampman, 20) Greg Stewart, 21) Ricky Bryant, 22) Tim Taylor, 23) Nick Woodward, 24) Robbie Pyle, 25) Russ Tuttle, 26) John Silverthorne, 27) Craig Smith, 28) Devin Scies, 29) Doug Stevens Jr., 30) Johnny Spaw, 31) Pat Kelly, 32) Greg Williams

Fanfare

Next week we will answer several fan questions regarding tires and pit strategy employed by Winston Cup and Busch teams.

Weekend Racing April 14-15 is Easter Weekend. This is a traditional off week for Winston Cup drivers. The Busch Series will be the only active series this weekend.

Nashville Superspeedway Track Facts: Location: Lebanon, TN; Size: 1.333 miles; Degree of banking in

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The Racing Reporter

Dale Jarrett gets second consecutive win
by Gerald Hodges
The Racing Reporter

Dale Jarrett took the lead from teammate Ricky Rudd with 6 laps remaining in the 500 lap Virginia 500 for his third Winston Cup victory of 2001.

The key to Jarrett's win was tire management. Crew Chief Todd Parrott had told Jarrett to come in for fresh tires after a late race caution. Back on the track, he began to close on Rudd, who did not stop for tires. "It was a great race all day," said Jarrett. "I was my man in the pits (Todd Parrott), that really made the right call. I know Ricky wanted to win, but I just had a lot better tires."

Rudd and his team had a brake hose problem on their No. 28 Ford Havoline early in the race that had to be repaired.

"We had to play catch up all day," said Rudd. "Because of the brake line we got out of sync on our tire stops and were a sitting duck at the end."

Jeff Burton led the most laps (202), but he had to make a stop for tires with 24 laps remaining and did not have enough time to catch the two leaders.

Finishing order: 1. Dale Jarrett, 2. Ricky Rudd, 3. Jeff Burton, 4. Bobby Hamilton, 5. Sterling Marlin, 6. Matt Kenseth, 7. Tony Stewart, 8. Bobby

Labonte, 9. Jimmy Spencer, 10. Jerry Nadeau, 11. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 12. Jeff Gordon, 13. Rusty Wallace, 14. Bill Elliott, 15. Stacy Compton, 16. Joe Nemechek, 17. Andy Houston, 18. Kevin LePage, 19. Steve Park, 20. Johnny Benson, 21. Elliott Sadler, 22. Ward Burton, 23. Terry Labonte, 24. Michael Waltrip, 25. Ken Schrader, 26. Casey Atwood, 27. Ron Hornaday, 28. Ricky Craven, 29. Dave Blaney, 30. Jeremy Mayfield, 31. Mike Wallace, 32. Mike Skinner, 33. Kurt Busch, 34. Kevin Harvick, 35. John Andretti, 36. Brett Bodine, 37. Kenny Wallace, 38. Buckshot Jones, 39. Mark Martin, 40. Robert Pressley, 41. Rick Mast, 42. Kyle Petty, 43. Todd Bodine.

Top-10 points leaders after 8 of 36 events: 1. Jarrett 1236, 2. J. Gordon 1113, 3. Benson, Marlin-1049, 5. Park 1042, 6. R. Wallace 1008, 7. Hamilton 995, 8. Rudd 970, 9. Elliott 943, 10. Sadler 924.

Scott Riggs bounces back to win truck race

Scott Riggs was able to bounce back from trouble early in Saturday's Advance Auto Parts 250 at Martinsville.

Speedway to record his first career NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series victory.

A pit-stop collision 86 laps into Saturday's race knocked Riggs out of the top 20. But the Durham, NC driver remained calm and worked his

Rockcastle County WHAS Crusade for Children

First Annual Class C and D Softball Tournament
5 Home Run Limit

May 12, 2001
@ 8:00 a.m.
Roundstone Elementary School

\$125.00 Entry Fee

Team:
Contact Person:

All proceeds go to WHAS Crusade for Children. T-shirts to be given to 1st and 2nd place winners.

Send to: Rockcastle County Hospital
C/O Mikhael Shaffer
P.O. Box 1310
Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

Or Drop off at the hospital.

Absolute Auction

AUCTION

Saturday April 21st, 10 a.m.

Located on U.S. 25
9 miles north of Mt. Vernon and 5 miles south of Berea

Wesley Lambert Estate Divided into 10 Tracts

Tract #2

is improved with a good tobacco barn and is mostly in woodland with a few small creek bottoms. Contains 73.004 acres. This tract is located in the Kirby Hollow.

Tract #1

consists of 22.50 acres and is located on the corner of U.S. 25 and Lambert Road and is improved with a good stock barn.

Tract #3

consists of 11.25 acres on the corner of U.S. 25 and Fairview Cemetery Road

Tract #4 (A.B.C.D.)

contains 0.75 acres each and front on U.S. 25 and back up to the railroad.

Tract 1A

contains 1.89 acres and is located on Flat Gap Road.

Tract 2B

contains 2.10 acres and is located on Flat Gap Road.

Tract 3C

contains 2.23 acres and is located on Flat Gap Road.

John Gilliam
Broker, Auctioneer

David Snyder
Salesman, App. Auctioneer

Charles King
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Doug King
App. Auctioneer

Dwayne Wells
App. Auctioneer

Youth Bash

At
Buckeye Christian Church

Pizza
Chips

Pop
Cup cakes

Live music by:
Comerstone

Amber Thacker, Jason Weaver

April 15

At

5:00 pm

Easter Egg Hunt 11:00 a.m. Celebrate Easter with The McKameys at Renfro Valley

Renfro Valley Entertainment Center is the place you will want to include as part of your Easter weekend when The McKameys return for their annual concert. The McKameys have won the hearts of Southern Gospel music lovers across the country. The McKameys have been singing gospel for almost four decades and although the composition of the group has undergone some change, the motive has remained the same-to honor Him who is worthy of all praise.

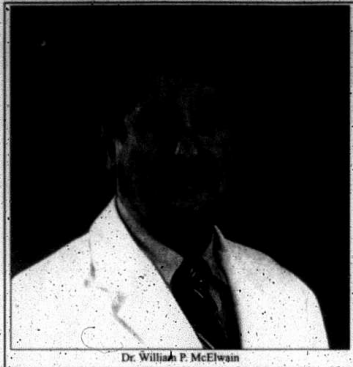
The McKameys have enjoyed tremendous success from the beginning but most of the national recognition has occurred within the last decade. They have been honored with many nominations and awards. Since 1984, they have recorded No. 1 Southern Gospel hits, two of which: "God on the Mountain" and "Amen" were named Songs of the Year. Almost every single released has charted in the Singing News Top 40 Chart. For six years, the Singing News Fan

Awards honored Peg McKamey Bean as the Favorite Female Vocalist.

The 7:00 p.m. show will take place Saturday, April 14 in the New Barn. Tickets are \$13.00 and \$15.00. For tickets and information, call 606-256-2638 or 800-765-7464. Visit our web site at renfrovalley.com

Renfro Valley will also hold their annual Easter Extravaganza the same day as the McKameys perform. The hunt for over 3,000 eggs will start at 11:00 a.m. in front of Old Joe's Deli. Colored time with the Easter Bunny will take place immediately following the hunt along with prizes and entertainment.

Come early and spend Easter at Renfro Valley Entertainment Center where you can enjoy 12 weekly shows; great home cooked food, a full-service RV park, accommodations and a shopping village with a Christian Bookstore all in a family atmosphere. Visit your friends in the Valley located just off I-745 at exit 62.



Dr. William P. McElwain

McElwain to receive Leadership Award

Dr. William P. McElwain, president of Health Kentucky, Inc., has been named the recipient of the 2000 "Community Health Leadership Award" sponsored by Community Health Charities. Dr. McElwain received his award during Community Health Charities annual Leadership Awards Dinner held on Tuesday, March 6 in Louisville.

An active member of Health Kentucky, Inc., since its inception in 1984, Dr. McElwain was elected president of the organization in 1999, and was re-elected in 2000. During his tenure, Dr. McElwain has furthered Health Kentucky's mission of delivering quality health care to Kentucky's indigent population. Under his leadership volunteerism has increased and new funding opportunities have been created. During the past year Dr. McElwain has spearheaded an effort to involve major pharmaceutical companies in providing low cost (and in

For more information about CHC, call (502) 327-0213 or (859) 276-0068.

Racing Reporter

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corners: 14 degrees; Degree of banking on straights: Front 9 degrees, back 6 degrees; Length of frontstretch: 2,494 feet; Length of backstretch: 2,203 feet.

The 2001 season marks the first visit to the brand new Nashville Superspeedway. The Busch Series has been a popular attraction in the Nashville metro area on and off since 1994.

Saturday, April 14, Busch Series Pepsi 300, event 8 of 33 series; Distance: 226 laps/300 miles; Starting Time: 7 p.m. (EST); TV: Fox Sports Channel; Defending Champion: This is the inaugural event.

There is no Sunday racing, April 15 by any NASCAR series.

Racing Trivia Question: What is the home state of Winston Cup driver Joe Nemechek?

Answer to Last Week's Question: Terry Labonte won the Winston Cup Championship in 1984 and 1996.

Gerald Hodges, the Racing Reporter is a syndicated NASCAR columnist. If you have a racing question that you would like answered send it to The Racing Reporter, P.O. Box 160711, Mobile, AL, 36616, or e-mail at: 110335.405@compuserve.com

Will Earnhardt autopsy case ever be closed?

By Gerald Hodges

The Racing Reporter

Even though the Orlando Sentinel has settled its case with Teresa Earnhardt to permanently seal the photos after an independent medical expert viewed them, other challenges remain.

Last week, after the Florida State Legislature passed a new law forbidding the unauthorized use of autopsy photos, there are other newspapers challenging the law.

The University of Florida's official school paper is one of them.

Managing Editor, Terry Cash, says he hasn't decided what he would do with the photos if he obtained them.

What the Earnhardt family and fans fear are the photos would wind up on the Internet. And their beliefs are fully justified. Last week, pictures of Rodney Orr and Neil Bonnett, who died at the Daytona International Speedway in 1994, were displayed on one Internet site.

The new law passed by the Florida Legislature requires permission of a judge or the family of a dead person to gain access to autopsy photos, but the site acquired photos of Orr and Bonnett when anyone could request them under the state's open-records law.

Earnhardt's photos are sealed, at the request of his widow, but The First Amendment Foundation and the Florida Society of Newspaper Editors will ask a judge to let them contest his sealing of Earnhardt's autopsy photos. They also want the new restrictions on autopsy photos declared unconstitutional.

No more free photos

The Dale Earnhardt photo giveaway is over. The response was overwhelming. Mail had several hundred Earnhardt photos on hand, but those were gone after the first day's mail arrived. We mailed at least one photo to everyone who requested it.

It was very difficult selecting the best statements made about Earnhardt, because all were from the heart and sincere. These are the four we chose.

"Dale meant racing excitement and for a few hours he could forget your life and live with him. He made you feel like you were there. Dale loved his fans and his family," Mrs. P. N. Lake, Wacacaw, N.C.

"I liked Dale Earnhardt because he is the best to ever drive in NASCAR. He inspired me to never give up on something that I want to do. After losing so many times at the Daytona 500 he never gave up. Finally on February 15, 1998, he won." K. D. Eastman, GA.

"Dale Earnhardt stirred excitement and anticipation in everyone, whether you were a fan or rival, I believe this response shows the life and style of Dale Earnhardt has a universal appeal."

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Cash recognized in Pathfinder Report

Lonnie Cash, of Broadhead, has been recognized nationally by the American Angus Association for having two registered Angus cows in the American Angus Association's 2001 Pathfinder Report.

Only 1,950 of the more than 35,000 members of the American Angus Association are represented in this year's report, according to Walter Spader, executive vice president of the American Angus Association with headquarters in St. Joseph, Missouri.

The Pathfinder Program identifies superior Angus cows based upon recorded performance traits that are economically important to efficient beef production. These traits include

regular calving and heavy weaning weights, reports John Crouch director of performance programs for the American Angus Association. All registered Angus cows that meet the strict Pathfinder standards are listed, along with their owners, in the Pathfinder Report that is published annually by the American Angus Association.

The 2001 Pathfinder Report lists 7,862 individual cows. It is published in the April issue of the Angus Journal and extra copies are available from the American Angus Association. The largest number of Pathfinder cows from a single herd this year is 70, and several hundred breeders have a single cow that qualifies for the exclusive listing.

some cases free) prescription medications to those who could not otherwise afford them. Health Kentucky's programs have provided enhanced health care to more than 220, indigent Kentuckians, valued at more than \$6 million.

A native Kentuckian, Dr. McElwain is a graduate of the University of Louisville School of Medicine, and also serves as the Medical Director of the Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center's Emergency Department.

The Community Health Leadership Award is presented annually by Community Health Charities to an individual or organization in the health care field that has significantly contributed to enhancing the quality of health care within Kentucky during the past year.

Community Health Charities (CHC) represents affiliates of twenty-three national health charities within Kentucky, including the American Alzheimer's Association, the American Cancer Society, the March of Dimes and the National Kidney Foundation. The goal of CHC is "Gathering Resources - Sharing Burdens and Finding Answers" by creating awareness and action, against many of today's most critical health problems. Community Health Charities of Kentucky is based in Louisville, but also has a Lexington office.

The Rockcastle County Courthouse will be closed Saturday, April 14th in observance of Easter.

ABSOLUTE Auction

of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Mink's
Two Properties
4 Acres, in tracts and
13 Acres, in tracts
Sat., April 14, 2001 • 10 a.m.

Willalla Section of Rockcastle & Pulaski Counties
Property 1: 4 Acres - Rockcastle Co.

Location: From Mt. Vernon or Brodhead; turn off Hwy 150 onto Hwy. 70 and proceed approximately 6 miles to Willalla Grocery. Turn off Hwy. 70 by Willalla Grocery and go past Fairview Church of Christ. Auction signs are posted.

From Somerset: Take Hwy. 39 north to Hwy. 70. Turn east onto Hwy. 70 and go approximately 2 miles. Watch for signs.

Since Mr. and Mrs. Mink have purchased other property, they no longer have a need for this property. Therefore, they have authorized our firm to sell these tracts for the absolute high dollar.

The owners reserve the right to sell these tracts individually, grouped, or as a whole to reflect the most favorable results.

This 4 Acre tract will be offered in 1 acre tracts w/1. These tracts are level, have city water available and front on a blacktop road. Any of these tracts would be an ideal building site.

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Property 2: 13 Acres - Pulaski Co.

Location: This tract of land is located about 500 feet down the road from the 4 acre tract.

Tracts 1-6 front on the Old Broadhead-Somerset Road and they range in size from 1.15 acres up to 1.20 acres and measure approximately 125 x 400 each.

Tract 7 contains 2.781 acres and tract 8 contains 2.779 acres. These two tracts have almost 170 feet of frontage on the Burton Road and city water is available.

Auctioneer's Note: If you're in the market for some good Rockcastle or Pulaski County land, then be sure to mark your calendar and attend this absolute auction on Saturday, April 14th at 10 a.m.

Terms: 20% down at sale, balance in 30 days.

Order of Sale: The Rockcastle County land will sell first, followed by the Pulaski County tracts.

Announcements day of sale take precedence over printed matter. For additional information, contact the auctioneer.

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Free Child Passenger Safety Check

Where? 910 West Hill Street, Mount Vernon, Kentucky

When? Tuesday, April 10, 2001

Time: 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM

NHTSA Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians from the Madison County Health Department, Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center, Youth Summer Kentucky Program and Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Kentucky SAFE KIDS Coalition and the Kentucky Child Passenger Safety Council will be on hand to check your child's car seat and provide proper installation, for recall and to answer your questions.

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NOTICE

The Lambert Law Office

will reopen for business at its previous location across from the courthouse on

May 1, 2001

P.O. Box 736
Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456
(606) 256-2774

In Loving Memory

In Memory of Easter Sunday
As everyone will be going to and fro.
But when Christ comes for us all
What a happy time when Christ arises.
He will be so shining bright, silver
hair.
He will out shine the sun with that
beautiful robe looks like gold.
His hands won't be scared. Every-
thing will be all right.
Ten thousand angels by his side.
There comes my family all dressed in
white.
I'm in that number.
That Golden Book will be laying
there.

But he won't have to look.
He knows all his children.
He calls them by name.
Those little angels that didn't grow
up, oh, how sweet.
They will be at Jesus' feet.
As you see they can sing.
Their voices are very loud.
I am so glad I will be in that number.
We will all stroll over heaven with
our master.
When that great big door is shut, no
one else can get in.
The daughter and sister,
Lora Westerfield Hamilton

Sportsman's License

Outdoors enthusiasts have a way to save time and money this year by purchasing a Sportsman's license. The \$80 Sportsman's license seems a little steep at first, but includes a hunting and fishing combination license, spring turkey permit, statewide deer permit, state waterfowl permit and a trout stamp. These licenses and permits bought separately run \$87.50. The only things not covered are the federal waterfowl and migratory bird permits and fall turkey permits. Persons who purchase a Sportsman's license do not receive carcass tags for turkey and deer, and

are required to make their own white hunting. Quota elk hunt applications are available until May 31, 2001 for Kentucky's first elk hunt. They are \$10 and available wherever licenses are sold and over the Internet at www.kdfwr.state.ky.us. You may also call 1-877-398-2401 (KY-TAG-Q1) to purchase an elk quota tag or other licenses. All applicants are eligible for a collector's patch commemorating Kentucky's first elk hunt. To receive a patch, send proof of purchase of the permit or your social security number and a self-addressed stamped envelope.

National Forest offers guided wildflower walks

Don't let that cool weather fool you. Spring is here and the wildflowers are beginning to bloom. The London Ranger District will be conducting wildflower walks on Saturday, April 21 at Rockcastle Recreation

Area (London Dec.) Trips begin at the marina parking lot at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Each trip lasts about two hours.

The morning trip will be up Dutch Branch Trail and is moderately strenuous. The afternoon walk will be along campground roads and will be handicapped accessible. Participation is limited to 15 people for each hike, and reservations may be made by calling the London Ranger District Office at (606)864-4163.

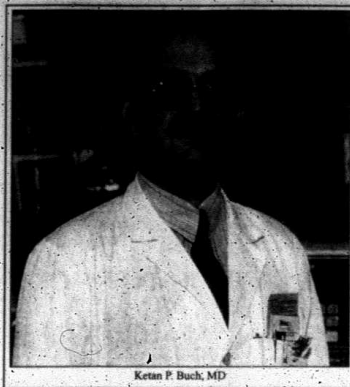
The wildflower walks offer participants a wonderful chance to learn about wildflower identification, folklore and natural history. They also provide a good excuse for skipping house cleaning on a spring day. According to Steve Kickert, information specialist on the London Ranger District, hikers are anticipating seeing more than 50 kinds of wildflowers blooming.

Fish Fry at BRVFD

Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Department will have an all you can eat fish fry Saturday, April 14th, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the fire station in Conway. Adults \$5, children under 12 \$3. Carry-outs available call 256-0000.

Menu includes fish, french fries, cole slaw, hush puppies, desserts and drinks.

All proceeds go to the Brindle Ridge Volunteer Fire Dept.



Ketan P. Buch, MD

Buch joins Hospital Consulting Staff

Ketan P. Buch, M.D., has joined the staff of consulting doctors at Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc. Dr. Buch is on staff in the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at the University of Kentucky Hospital.

He is already seeing patients at RRHCC and will treat both inpatients and outpatients.

"Over the past three years, many of my patients have received very high quality care at Rockcastle Hospital," Dr. Buch said. "After having visited the hospital once and having met with its extremely competent

staff, I am not surprised that patients are so well cared for."

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Buch call 256-4148. Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc. is a not-for-profit, community hospital, which is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. It operates inpatient and outpatient acute care programs, 60 long-term beds for ventilator-dependent patients, and a home health care service. The hospital was established in 1926 and treats patients from across Kentucky, Tennessee, and several other states.

Here's to your good health.

By Brandy Brady
VD? STD? Who, ME?

VD is the abbreviation for Venereal Disease; STD for Sexually Transmitted Disease; STI stands for Sexually Transmitted Infection. They all mean the same thing: Diseases that pass from one person to another, usually during sex or intimate contact. They are bad news for the person infected. They can cause infertility, birth defects if you are pregnant, cancer or other life threatening illnesses.

Most STD's are treatable and some are curable. All are preventable. Early treatment is next best to never getting an STD. Not being treated can be fatal.

For your own safety learn everything you can about all of the STD's: how to avoid them, how you get them, how you know you have them and how you can get rid of them (if you can). Any time you notice an unusual discharge, sore or swelling (especially in your genitals, don't take chances with your health).

Check it out with a health professional, if you have any STD, your chance of getting HIV goes up because your resistance is down!

"IT CAN'T HAPPEN TO ME!"

RCHS SBDM

The RCHS SBDM Council will meet in special session on Monday, April 16th at 6 p.m. and Thursday, April 19th at 3:30 in the Conference Room to being the selection of principal process.

MVFD attends classes at EKU

Ten members of Mt. Vernon Fire and Rescue attended classes at EKU this past weekend in an effort to advance with their training and ability to ensure the safety of others throughout the county. Those attending were Brian Hanel, Jack Weaver, Darrell Smith (instructional tech for company-officers), Steve Renfro, Jackie Wayne Weaver, Kevin Gibbons,

Wayne Waggers and Jason Alcorn (hazardous materials), Steve Griffin and Ryan Messenger (confined space rescue) Members of the Mt. Vernon Fire and Rescue will continue to attend training sessions in the effort to gain further knowledge and techniques in fire fighting and rescue to better serve the people of Mt. Vernon and Rockcastle County in their time of need.



EASTER DRAMA

Sunday April 15th

11:00 AM

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Twilight Absolute Estate

Auction

of the late Mr. Floyd Gambrell's

House and Lot • Personal Property
Friday, April 20, 2001 at 6 p.m.

175 Ford Drive
Mt. Vernon

Location: Turn off U.S. 25 at Carter's Market. The property is located near the Rockcastle County Public Library. Auction signs are posted.



In order to settle the estate of the late Mr. Gambrell, the executrix, Ms. Linda Gambrell, has authorized our firm to sell the house, lot and personal property for the absolute high dollar.

The above pictured bedford stone house has a floor plan of: kitchen/dining combination, living room, 3 bedrooms and 1 car attached garage. Other features include: like new roof, washer/dryer hook-up, wall to wall carpet, city water and sewer, heat-pump and central air. In addition to the house, there is a small storage building.

The home is situated on a nice lot, measuring 95x140 with a level yard.

The following is only a partial list of the personal property that will be selling: RCA Home Theater TV • Early American style living room suite • Two recliner chairs • coffee end table • table lamps • modern breakfast set w/glass front hutch • corner china closet w/glass door • Hardrock Maple 3 piece bedroom suite • Whirlpool automatic washer, like new • Kenmore dryer • Frigidaire refrigerator • Avocado Green • Whirlpool electric range • marble top lamp table • 4 piece poster bedroom suite • stereo system • Frigidaire microwave • microwave stand • Mr. Coffee coffee pot • several clocks • two utility shelves • water hose • baskets • lots of pillows, linen, pots and pans, plus much more.

Auctioneer's Note: If you're looking for a good home in a well-respected neighborhood in Mt. Vernon, then be sure to mark your calendar to attend this absolute auction on Friday evening, April 20th, at 6 p.m.

Note: The purchaser of a single family residence, built before 1978, has a maximum of 10 days to inspect the property for the presence of lead base paint. The period for inspection begins April 10th through April 19th, 2001. The successful bidder must sign a waiver of the 10 day post sale inspection period.

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April 15

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Rockcastle County High School overall school winner at Science Fair

Several students from Rockcastle County Middle School and Rockcastle County High School brought home awards recently from the Cumberland College Science fair held Wednesday, March 28, 2001. Students from Rockcastle County High School competed in the senior category and was the overall school winner. Several students from RCHS brought home awards. Awards were given as follows: Behavioral and Social Science category; second place, Rebekah Lyons. Students from

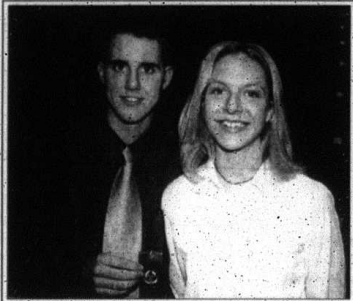
RCHS dominated the Engineering and Physics category; honorable mention: Josh Engle, third place - Ashley Lawson, second place - Granville Graves, first place - Stephen Hopkins and Cheyenne Carmack with their project entitled "Pipe Dreams." Carmack and Hopkins were Grand Champions of the Senior Division and were recognized as Naval Award winners. Naval Award winners must be Senior Division first place winners. Only four are chosen from six possible winners. In the Life Sci-

ences category; third place - Sheena McKinney, Cassie Sowder and Lora McFerron; first place - Melinda Coffey for her project entitled "Gee Height?" Coffey was also recognized as a Naval Award winner.

Students from Rockcastle County Middle School competed in the junior division of the competition. Six students from Rockcastle County Middle School received awards during the day-long competition. Karla Ashley, Megan Bradley and Katie Shelton received third place in the Life Science category; in the Engineering and Physics category Ainsley Bussell and Kayla Whitaker received third place and Chris Burton received first place in the same category for his project entitled "Out Reachin Rockets."



RCHS was the Overall School Winner in the Senior Division.



Stephen Hopkins and Cheyenne Carmack took first place with "Pipe Dreams," in the Senior Division English and Physics. They were also awarded Grand Champions in the Senior Division and were the Naval Award Winners.



RCMS students Kayla Whitaker and Ainsley Bussell took third place in the Jr. Division English and Physics.



RCMS students Karla Ashley, Megan Bradley and Katie Shelton received third place in the Jr. Division Life Sciences.



Rebekah Lyons took second in the Sr. Division Behavior and Social Sciences.



Granville Graves took second place in the Sr. Division English and Physics.



Sheena McKinney received third place in Sr. Division Life Sciences. Not pictured were Cassie Sowder and Lora McFerron.



Josh Engle received Honorable Mention in the Sr. Division English and Physics.



RCMS student Chris Burton took first place with "Out Reachin Rockets" in the Jr. Division English and Physics.



Melinda Coffey received first in the Sr. Division Life Sciences with "Gee Height". Melinda also was a Naval Award Winner.



Ashley Lawson took third place in the Sr. Division English and Physics.

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News from Rockcastle County Courthouse

Circuit Civil Suits

Lora Gray Brown, et al. vs. Kevin Larry Goff, \$21,661.30 claimed due for auto accident. CI-00069.
 Gary Ramsey and Christy Ramsey, joint petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00070.
 Crystal Prescott Mink vs. Jessica Lynn Groebel, petition. CI-00071.
 Gary McClure vs. Michael McClure, petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00072.
 Buddy Feliner vs. Charlotte McDaniel Burton, petition for definite visitation. CI-00073.
 Chester Baker vs. Goldie Durso, complaint. CI-00074.
 Tony Smith vs. Donna Darlene Smith, petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00075.

Eva Sparks, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Roy A. Martin, LLC. Tax 25.00.
 Fred and Donna Brewer and Rebecca Northern, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Patricia L. McGuire and Kelly R. McClure.
 Amos Owens, Jr. and Janet Owens, Pauline Sowder and Fred and Lorene McClure, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Fred and Lorene McClure. Tax 50.
 Catherine and George Pridemore, Lloyd and Zannie Bugdine and Jackie and Barbara Rudine, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Catherine and George Pridemore. No tax.
 Diane Ederline, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Michael L. and Vickie Bishop. Tax 2.00.

District Court

District Court
Hon. Michael L. Henry
March 28, 2001
 Leo N. Cope: Fines due (\$176.15); found guilty of contempt, 7 days in jail in lieu thereof.
 Elisha Jasper: Fines due (\$246.75), 10 days in jail/credit three days time served.
 Morris Dean Miller: Possession of marijuana; \$500 fine and costs/destroy contraband; illegal transportation of alcoholic beverages in dry territory, 10 days in jail/conditionally discharged one year.
 Jason L. Adkins: Fines due (\$131.85), issue warrant/suspend license.
 James S. Bradley: Fines due (\$519.30 and \$196.00), issue warrant/suspend license.
 Angela L. Kirby: Theft by deception and operating on suspended license, warrant issued for failure to appear.
 Charles T. Kunst: Operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, issue warrant/suspend license for failure to appear.
 Wesley Miller: No operators license, \$50 and costs.
 Christina J. Mitch: Fines due (\$149.50), warrant issued/license suspended.
 Clenton J. Rétse: Reckless driving, \$50 and costs; Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine; Possession of marijuana, \$250 fine and 30 days/conditionally discharged one year/confiscate and destroy contraband.
 James Ellis Renner: Speeding, \$20 fine; No drivers license, \$100 fine and costs and 10 days/conditionally discharged one year.
 Michael D. Richmond: Operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, \$700 fine and costs, \$250 service fee, .01 victim compensation fund (VCF), 22 days/time served; Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine; No operators license, \$50 fine.
 Patricia L. Rogers: Fines due (\$704.10), warrant issued.
 Pierre Ströus: Overlength, \$50 and costs; Overwidth, \$50 fine.
 Eric R. Sizemore: Speeding and operating on suspended license; warrant issued for failure to appear.
 Ralph Gene Stacy: Fines due (\$597.85), issue warrant.

Heather D. Wallin: Operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, \$200 and costs, \$250 service fee, \$20 VCF, 2 days/time served/30 day operator license suspension.
 Lori Wells: Theft by deception, \$10 and costs and 20 days/conditionally discharged one year.
 Mitchell C. Wren: Alcohol intoxication, paid.
 Chad R. Hampton: Hunt/fish trap w/o license/stamp, warrant issued.
 Jason R. Pennington: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.
 Jessica K. Johnson: Operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, \$200 and costs, \$250 service fee, \$20 VCF, 30 days in jail/to serve 4/credit 3 days time served/balance conditionally discharged one year/90 day operator license suspension; Use possession drug paraphernalia, 360 days to serve 4/balance conditionally one year.
 Melissa C. Burton: Speeding, paid \$141.50 total fine and costs.
 Darrell W. Lamb: No insurance, \$500 and costs; Driving on suspended license, 10 days/concurrent; Contempt of court (slander/libel), 90 days to serve 30/balance prokayed one year.
 Timothy B. Martin: No Ky. Reg. Plates, \$25 and costs; No insurance, \$500 fine/suspend \$400 on proof of insurance.
 Shariene B. Nova: Speeding, paid \$112.30 total fine and costs.
 Matthew Scott Browning: Assault 4th/spouse abuse, 60 days/conditionally discharged one year.
 April 4, 2001
 Quentin Barnett: Criminal littering, \$20 and costs/30 day suspension of operator's license/one day in jail.
 Shayla L. Brown: No Ky. Reg. Plates, dismissed on payment of court costs.
 Lesley A. Bryant: Operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, \$350 and costs, \$250 service fee, \$20 VCF, 30 days in jail to serve 14/balance conditionally discharged one year/one year operator license suspension; Driving, DUI suspended license, 30 days to serve 14/concurrent/balance conditionally discharged two years; 4th Degree possession controlled substance, 90 days to serve 25 days/consecutive.

Aaron M. Curtis: Speeding, paid \$129.50 total fine and costs.
 Tommy B. Dooley: Theft by deception, \$25 and costs and 80 days/conditionally discharged one year.
 Anthony D. Frederick: Operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, \$350 and costs, \$250 service fee, \$20 VCF, 30 days to serve 7, 12 month operator license suspension.
 Tammie Green: Theft by deception, \$10 and costs and 10 days/conditionally discharged one year, plus \$50 fine for failure to appear.
 Douglas M. Grimes: Operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, \$100 and costs and license suspended for 30 days.
 Noel L. Hembree: Reckless driving, \$100 and costs; Alcohol intoxication, \$100 fine; Driving on suspended license, \$100 fine and 10 days/conditionally discharged.
 Justin B. Lykins: Speeding, \$14 and costs; No operating license in possession, \$25 fine; Possession of controlled substance, \$100 fine and 30 days/conditionally discharged one year; Use/possession of drug paraphernalia, \$100 fine.
 William Lynch: Assault, dis-

missed w/leave on payment of costs.
 William Pool: Fines due (\$58.35), warrant issued/license suspended.
 Casey L. Renner: Fines due (\$156.85), warrant issued/license suspended.
 Jay J. Stapleton: Operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs and Possession of marijuana, warrant issued/license suspended.
 Richard L. Taggart: Fines due (\$185.50), warrant issued/license suspended.
 Franklyn R. Kohl: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.
 Paul Rice, Jr.: Alcohol intoxication, warrant issued.
 Vernon Lee Parker: Harassment, \$250 and costs.

Deeds Recorded

Mae and Earl Howard, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Tony Smith. No tax.
 Carlos Cromer, Executive of the Estate of Joe C. Cromer, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Gary D. Cromer. No tax.
 William Spencer, Conover, real property located in Lake Side Subdivision, to New Covenant, LTD. Tax 1.00.
 Charles Edward Barron, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Carla Kathleen Howard. Tax 49.00.
 J.M. and Erva H. Albright, quit claim deed for real property located in Rockcastle County, to C. Frank and Katherine Bradley. No tax.
 Henry Lee and Vickie Lynn Carpenter and Rita E. and Clyde Fordyce, real property located on Rockcastle River, to Jimmy Glivens. Tax 34.00.

Marriage Licenses

Elizabeth Allen Zornig, 45, Rt. 4, Mt. Vernon, to Mark Anthony Tracy, 42, Lawrenceburg, U.S. government, April 7, 2001.
 Brook Ashley Carpenter, 16, Rt. 2, Livingston, unemployed, to Manuel Wayne Wilder, 18, McKee, construction, April 7, 2001.
 Catherine Sue Lamb, 23, Rt. 2, Mt. Vernon, Rockcastle Manufacturing, to Michael G. Todd, 23, Rt. 1, Brodhead, electrician, April 6, 2001.
 Kelli Renee Stevenson, 25, Lexington, teacher, to Stephen Brentley Schureman, 32, Georgetown, insurance agent, April 6, 2001.

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Feeding the Teen Machine

By Hazel Jackson
County Extension Agent for
Family and Consumer Science



You should continue to have meals, and continue to expect you child to be at them. Meals will provide you with a social time with your teen when he is so very busy with his adolescent life. Once you get him to the table, don't criticize the way he eats. Teenagers who are criticized about their eating skills more supportive and accepting.

Finally, you need to understand the fact that, no matter how much food there is in the house, or on the table, you teen may complain that there is nothing to eat.

For more information on controlling weight, contact the Extension office at 256-2403.

Parents, did you know that teen dieting can stop teens from growing to their full height? Bodies need calories and other nutrients to grow and develop fully.

Did you know that bones take in the most calcium during teen years and early twenties? Calcium gives bones strength. The best sources are milk, yogurt, and cheese.

Did you know that if teens don't eat breakfast, their body is like a computer without power? And, did you know that eating cookies, candy, or other sweet foods before an athletic event won't give an energy boost?

Should you be concerned if your teenager skips meals? An occasional skipped meal is no cause for concern. But when teens skip meals on a regular basis, they may be missing out on essential nutrients.

Teenage girls often skip breakfast or lunch as a way to save on calories. In so doing, they often miss out on foods needed for health, high-calcium foods, such as milk, iron-fortified cereals, and vitamin C-rich

fruits and juices. Often they satisfy their hunger later with high-calorie, high-fat snack foods. The net result: they may consume more calories and come up short on nutrients.



Farm News

By: Tom Mills
County Extension Agent
for Agriculture
Nodding Thistle
Robbing Farmers of
Pasture Land

A controllable weed is robbing Kentucky farmers of pasture production. The weed, called nodding thistle, can be controlled by attacking them at the right time: The weed produces thousands of seed

each year capable of producing thousands of new plants.

The key to controlling it is to take measures to control it before it sets seed, which is usually in late May and early June. Once seed has set, it is difficult to control. The seed of the weed and farmers will need to wait until fall or next spring to obtain control of even more weeds.

The nodding thistle emerges as a rosette which is a circular cluster of leaves with the growing point close to the ground. The dark green leaves are 6 to 8 inches in diameter. Rosettes appearing in the spring can be sprayed and killed. Herbicides such as 2,4-D and Banvel are more effective when the rosette is small and actively growing. They can be sprayed in the spring as long as daytime temperatures are above 50 degrees. Timing is critical for good control. The weed must be attacked when it is small if the sprays are to be most effective. This means late April will be the last chance for farmers to get an effective chemical control this spring.

If spraying is delayed until the plant is older, it can be controlled by either mowing the plants or hoeing it out by hand. However, with either method, the weed must be destroyed before it sets seed. Mowing, or after bloom may mean that the seeds produced will be scattered to a larger area.

Chemical control is the best means in eliminating seed production. The Department of Agriculture and local Extension Service will be conducting 16-acre demonstrations in April. If you have pasture or hay fields infested with nodding thistle and

would like to participate, call Tom Mills at 256-2403. The Department of Agriculture supplies the chemical and sprayer. The farmer supplies the water and applies the chemical with his farm tractor.

For more information, contact the Extension Office at 256-2403

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Mt. Vernon Water Works Annual Water Quality Report

FWSD # 1020299

We are very pleased to provide you with this year's Annual Water Quality Report. We want to keep you informed about the quality of our water and how we have adapted to meet the past year. Our goal is to provide you with the highest quality water possible. We are committed to ensuring the quality of our water resources at the highest level and the best possible water quality for our customers.

2001, a summary of the agency's responsibility to protect waters of commerce will be included in the plan and will be available for inspection at the City Hall and the County Water Development Office in Paducah, Kentucky.

Part per billion (ppb) - one part per billion corresponds to one millionth of a liter of water, or a single penny in 100,000,000 dollars.

Action Level (AL) - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, requires treatment or other corrective action which is more costly than follow-up monitoring.

In the past several years you will find more items and information on water quality in this report. We hope you understand these items have provided the information you need to protect your water.

Water Sampling Sites (WSS) - laboratory analyses conducted for the protection of our citizens.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in tap water. MCLs are set on all of the MCLs (as feasible) using the best available technology.

Water Sampling Sites (WSS) - laboratory analyses conducted for the protection of our citizens.

Part per million (ppm) - one part per million corresponds to one millionth of a liter of water, or a single penny in 100,000 dollars.

All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, must be regularly inspected to ensure at least small amounts of some contaminants. It is important to remember that the presence of these contaminants does not necessarily mean a health risk. Information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by contacting the Kentucky Department of Public Health, 200 Commonwealth Blvd., Frankfort, KY 40601-0001.

As authorized and approved by EPA, the State has reduced monitoring requirements for certain contaminants to less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data in this table, though representative, is more than one year old.

Contaminant (NTU) TT	Allowable Levels		Highest Single Measurement	Largest Monthly %	Violation Y/N	Likely Source
	Less than 0.5 NTU 95% of samples each month	0.24				
				100%	N	Soil runoff

REGULATED CONTAMINANT TEST RESULTS:

Contaminant (code) (units)	MCL	MCLG	Highest Detection	Range	Date of Sample	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Total Coliform Bacteria (TCB) (10 positive samples)	5%	0	0.0001	N/A	6/21/00	N	Naturally present in the environment
Alpha salivary (4000) (pCFU)	15	0	1.3	BDL - 1.3	9/13/99	N	Emission of natural deposits
Arsenic (ARL)	7	7	0.195	0.195	7/31/95	N	Decay of asbestos cement water mining, erosion of natural deposits
Copper (102) (ppb)	AL-5.1	1.3	0.08	0.08	6/25/98	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits, leaching from wood preservatives
Fluoride (102) (ppm)	4	4	1.4	0.86	6/15/00	N	Toxicity of natural deposits, water additive which promotes strength, discharge from fertilizer and ammonium factories
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (104) (ppm)	10	10	0.4	0.4	5/3/00	N	Runoff from fertilizer use, leaching from septic tanks, sewage, erosion of natural deposits
Diageo (203) (ppb)	200	200	1.3	BDL - 1.3	11/30/00	N	Runoff from herbicide used on right-of-way
Ethylene Glycol (204) (pp)	50	0	20	BDL - 20	7/29/00	N	Discharge from petroleum refineries
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene (204) (pp)	30	50	0.1	BDL - 0.1	8/30/00	N	Discharge from chemical factories
Carbon tetrachloride (204) (ppb)	5	0	0.9	BDL - 0.9	8/30/00	N	Discharge from chemical plants and other industrial activities
TTM (total trihalomethanes) (204) (ppb)	100 (80%)	0	77	1.145	4 th Quarter: 2000	N	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Xylenes (205) (ppm)	10	10	0.5	BDL - 0.5	7/29/00	N	Discharge from petroleum factories, discharge from chemical factories

UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS TEST RESULTS

Contaminant [204]	Unit	Average	Range
Bromochloroacetic acid [204]	ppb	6.7	4.5 - 9.4
Chloroform [204]	ppb	57.5	27 - 85
Dibromochloroacetic acid (Dibromochloro) [204]	ppb	0.35	BDL - 0.5
Dibromochloroacetic acid [204]	ppb	0.7	BDL - 0.7

* The current MCL for total trihalomethanes (THM) is 100 ppb but will change to 80 ppb in the year 2001.

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted.

Total Coliform: The Total Coliform Rule requires water systems to meet a stricter limit for coliform bacteria. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. If coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public by newspaper, television or radio.

Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL): MCLs are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for some regulated contaminants, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

Most water systems in Kentucky meet or exceed the maximum levels listed below. Some water systems are not required to conduct all of these tests. Some tests are not required every year. Only those contaminants that were detected are included in the test results table. For a complete listing of the tests actually conducted you may contact the water system office.

Contaminant:	Synthetic Organic Contaminants:	Volatile Organic Compounds:	Unregulated Contaminant:
Microbiological	2,4-D	Benzene	Arsenic
Total Coliform	1,4,5,7-Trichlorobenzene	Chloroform	Hexachlorobenzene
Fecal Coliform	Arylamines	Dichloromethane	Bromodichloromethane
Radioactive	Chlorobenzene	Trichloroethylene	Bromochloroacetic acid
Contaminants:	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	1,1-Dichloroethane	Carbon tetrachloride
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	Chloroform	1,1,1-Trichloroethane	Chloroform
Alpha emitters	Chlorobenzene	1,1,2-Dichloroethane	Dibromochloroacetic acid
Combined radium	DIC (dichlorodiphenyl ether)	1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	Dibromochloroacetic acid
Organic:	DIC (dichlorodiphenyl ether)	1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	Dibromochloroacetic acid
Contaminants:	Diethylene glycol	Diethylene glycol	Dibromochloroacetic acid
Arsenic	Diphenyl ether	Diphenyl ether	Dibromochloroacetic acid
Barium	Diethylamine	Diethylamine	Dibromochloroacetic acid
Bromine	Diethylamine	Diethylamine	Dibromochloroacetic acid
Calcium	Diethylamine	Diethylamine	Dibromochloroacetic acid
Chlorine	Diethylamine	Diethylamine	Dibromochloroacetic acid
Copper	Diethylamine	Diethylamine	Dibromochloroacetic acid
Fluoride	Diethylamine	Diethylamine	Dibromochloroacetic acid
Lead	Diethylamine	Diethylamine	Dibromochloroacetic acid
Magnesium	Diethylamine	Diethylamine	Dibromochloroacetic acid
Nitrate	Diethylamine	Diethylamine	Dibromochloroacetic acid
Nitrite	Diethylamine	Diethylamine	Dibromochloroacetic acid
Sulfate	Diethylamine	Diethylamine	Dibromochloroacetic acid
Sulfur	Diethylamine	Diethylamine	Dibromochloroacetic acid
Thallium	Diethylamine	Diethylamine	Dibromochloroacetic acid
Zinc	Diethylamine	Diethylamine	Dibromochloroacetic acid

Special Precautions: Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microorganisms/contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

This report is being published in the local newspaper and will not be included in customers unless requested. If you would like a copy of this report contact City Hall.

Free Child Passenger Seats

What? Free Child Passenger Seats for children under 12 years old.

When? From April 17, 2001 to September 30, 2001.

Where? At the County Extension Office, 256-2403.

Why? To reduce the number of child deaths and injuries caused by car accidents.

How? By providing free child passenger seats to eligible families.

Eligibility: Children under 12 years old, living in the county, and not currently in a car seat.

Contact: Hazel Jackson, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Science, 256-2403.

Fifth Annual Rockcastle Incentive Scholarship Trust Banquet

April 17, 2001 at 6:30 p.m.
Rockcastle County High School Cafeteria

Guest Speaker, Michael Pritchard

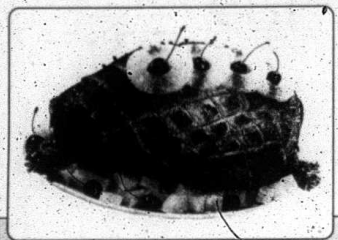
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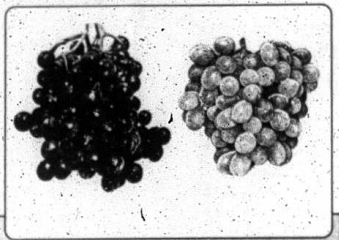
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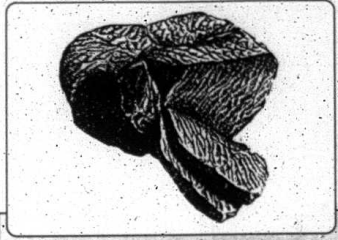
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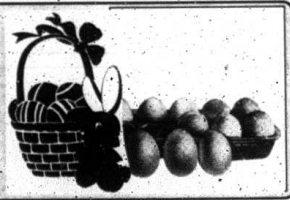
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26.7 oz. Instant
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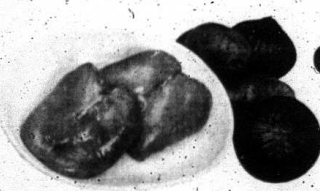


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BEREA - We have several nice homes listed in Berea. Call one of the above agents for a showing.
HOME ON LAKE LINVILLE - **SALE PENDING** - Attached garage. Large lot. Good view of lake. Only \$74,900. Call 859-986-8401.
1994 DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME - 28'x60'. Located within minutes of I-75. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, kitchen, dining room and entry room, central air and heat, new carpet, china cabinet, etc., well landscaped lot. Reduced to \$56,000.
BRAND NEW MANUFACTURED HOME with our basement. Under construction. Choice of floor plans still an option. Home will sit on nice wooded lot. 1 1/4 acres. Linnville Rd. \$99,900.
COFFER CREEK RD. 1 acre lot. Level with minor restrictions. Mobile home or new home acceptable. \$9,500. MLS 66601972.
425 SHADYDALE - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, almost new doublewide sit on 3.75 acres of beautiful wooded land. Home is immaculate inside. Lots of privacy on the property at the end of the lane. Sells for \$180,000. MLS 66602075.
436 HWY. 1504 - 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, gorgeous home on 11 acres featuring granite with live oak and Anderson windows. Wood stone with triple well. This has been converted to a vacation get away. 26x32 lot has beautiful water and 100 amp service. Reduced to \$229,000. MLS 66602001.
SUE JOHNSON RD. Beautiful wooded acre with several home sites. Pond in center of acreage. Very secluded area with new gravel road into property. 6 acres more or less. \$275,500. MLS 66602070.
294 BUFFALO HOLLOW - **SALE PENDING** - Nice wooded setting. Storage building. Located on blacktop.
111 TERESA LANE - 1600 sq ft new mobile home on 1.5 acre lot. Three energy buildings. Backyard gravel pool go with home. Nice level lot with trees. Paved. \$53,500. MLS 66602098.
1746 MT. VERNON ROAD - 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 1300 sq. ft. each. 2 bedrooms could use extra room. **SALE PENDING** - Jetty pump with central air. Each acre zoned for 6000 sq. month. \$67,500. MLS 66602097.
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BROADHEAD - 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, 980 sq. ft. mobile home being sold "as is" at \$12,500. MLS 66602112.
OWNERS WANT TO RETIRE - Great opportunity to buy a well established business in Mt. Vernon. Wholesale CD Electronics, hairdressing, hair care, Equipment and Inventory. MS 66602114. Call office for more info.
96 US 25 SOUTH - Beautiful brick home with full basement, 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths with 3.16 acres. Three barn and fenced lot. City water and electric in home. \$86,000. MLS 66602116.

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Houses For Rent: Call 256-5770 or 256-5341. 28x1nd
For Rent: 2 bedroom trailer in country. \$225 month. \$225 sec. dep. Call 256-4662. 28x2
For Rent: 2 bedroom duplex in Broadhead, Hwy. 70. No pets. Utilities included. Some restrictions. \$350/mo. Deposit and references required. Call Barbara Russell at 758-8692 or 875-5863. 28x2

Restricted Lots For Sale: 1/2 to 2 1/2 acres, 3 miles from Mt. Vernon. Priced from \$7,500 to \$12,000. Call 379-1339 or 758-0103, 36fn
Land For Sale: 60 acres; 2 acres woodland, 40 acres of it is good all alfalfa land with red clay bottom. No rocks. Barn, 32x70 with large cistern, 1 cave spring, 4 ponds, city water. Blacktop road frontage around 2/3 of it. In Rockcastle County off Hwy. 70 at Willuba on Poplar Grove Rd. Call 606-758-8873. 28x4pd
For Sale: 3 BR, 2 BA, 4 acres more or less, 2 miles from Mt. Vernon, 1/4 mile from Renfro Valley. Barn, pond, 56x25 additional building for rental or business. Property is all fenced in including yard, city water, \$200,000 lot. Call 256-3031. 24x2
For Sale: Lot and land on Hwy. 1349. Call 256-8641. 27x4pd
For Sale: 1970 Cardinal mobile home with 2 bedrooms, possible 3, 2 decks, 2 sheds, new carpet, new

vinyl. Serious inquires only. \$13,000. Located in Benton Bullock Subdivision on 3/4 acre. Lot. Call 256-8073. 27x8
For Sale: 3 bedroom brick home in Four Sons Subdivision. New central heat and air, 1 car garage, new carpet, concrete driveway. Excellent condition. \$70,000. Call 256-8089. 27x4
House & Farm For Sale: 72 acres more or less. State Route 3245. Call 758-8716 or 758-8818. 27x2pd
For Sale: 1 acre lot with septic tank, city water and electric. 26x28 new garage with electric. Located in city limits of Broadhead on Water Tank Road, Day St. \$25,000. Call 859-925-2083 after 4:30 p.m. or pager 925-8112 from 8 to 4. 28x2

GMC Sonoma V-6, 5-speed, \$4500. 1993 Geo Tracker 4x4, convertible, 4 cyl., 5-speed, \$3500. 1992 Saturn 4-dr., automatic, \$1800. 1987 Chevrolet Astro Van, \$1500. 1990 Mercury Cougar XR7 Supercharged, \$2800. 1995 Isuzu Rodeo V-5, 5 sp., 1989 Olds Cutlass-Catala 2-dr., auto, \$1200. 1990 Ford Probe 4 cyl. 5 sp. \$1000. Payne's Auto Sales: 256-1002 or 256-9795. 46fn
For Sale: 1998 Airc Car 234. Good condition. \$3000. Call 256-8989. 24x4
For Sale: '96 Olds Bravada, leather, loaded and sharp. Excellent condition at 84K, new Michelin tires. Will sell below bank loan. Call (606) 256-2066. 24fn
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Motor Vehicles For Sale

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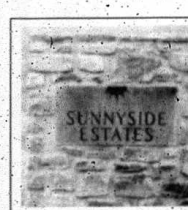
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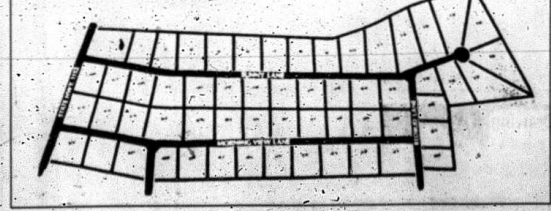
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lot. Call Dennis @ 606-528-6134, 28x2.

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Wanda Navarre located on both sides of Hwy. 1004 bottom of Birch Creek hill. Violators will be prosecuted. 26x2p.

Posted: No hunting, no trespassing on Crawford Place. Old Broadhead Road. Danny Smith, 47x1p.

Posted: No trespassing, hunting or four-wheeling in property belonging to Robert and Sallie Griffin, located on Red Hill. Violators will be prosecuted. 26x2p.

Notice: Is hereby given that Bernard, H. PO Box 103, Broadhead, KY 40409 has been appointed Administrator of the estate of Linda Marie Treasday on the 21st day of March, 2001. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Bernard Hill or to Hon. William D. Gregory, PO Drawer 220, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before September 21, 2001. 26x3.

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Steve Spoonamore Roofing: Free Estimates. Excellent references. Call 758-4318, 28x12.

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Help Wanted: Wendy's of Mt. Vernon is now hiring. Apply in person, 41x1p.

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Help Wanted: Apollo Pizza now accepting applications for all positions. Apply in person at 80 Hill Dr., 28x1.

Help Wanted: Now taking applications for full-time cook position. Second shift 12:30 to 8:30 p.m. Soudy Nusing Home, Inc. Apply in person Mon-Sat, 9-5, 28x1.

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For Sale: Carhart Stonewash Denim jeans, reloaded or regular fit \$26.50. Carhart Blue denim bib overalls \$38.00. Large selection of Carhart rugged and casual wear. Napier Bros. Clothing Store, 35 Public Square, Lancaster, 792-2535, 24x1p.

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All persons managing and working in food service establishments are required to obtain a Food Handler's Card prior to starting work.

Classes are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 9:30 a.m. Classes are held the second and fourth Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. All classes are conducted at the environmental office at the Rockcastle County Health Department.

A food handling card expires at the end of three years. Cost is \$3 per person. Any person needing to obtain or renew a Food Handler's Card should call the health department at 256-2242 to pre-register for a class.

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Mentor program helps students get answers they need

BY TABSHA VANZANT

Think back to those long ago years of middle school. At some point, you probably wondered what the mysterious world at the high school was like, especially since the time when you would be attending the high school was drawing near.

The same questions that you had then are still pondered by some middle school students.

"Can freshmen have cars? How many days can you miss? What kind of classes will I have to take?" asked one middle school student. "And exactly what are credits. Isn't that what they use on Star Wars to pay for stuff?"

Clearly, some students are slightly confused.

In order to aid these students in adapting to such changes, and with the demands of middle school, the 21st Century Community Learning Center has developed a mentorship program.

The middle school students have just entered their teen years, and are in need of guidance. The mentorship serves that purpose.

Several people have been involved in establishing the program, including Mr. Travis Brenda, a math teacher at RCHS, Mrs. Jill

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Seniors honored at KHSJA

BY STAFF WRITER

Seniors Mindy Bullock and Cheyenne Carmack were recognized at the Kentucky High School Journalism Association Conference Thursday, March 22.

Bullock received first place in column writing, as well as third place in editorial cartoons.

Carmack received third place in double page layout and design in a category otherwise dominated by Assumption High School in Louisville.

"I'm extremely proud of both Cheyenne and Mindy, and of every student I've had this year," said Ms. Susan Norton, newspaper adviser. "They've done an exceptional job."

Green means go, but watch for other drivers

BY TARA COX

Around 2pm on February 23, senior Jennifer Woodall's car was totaled when it was hit by a semi-truck.

"I was pulling into the school and the arrow was green, but I had the radio on and didn't hear the truck. It had jackknifed and hit me," Woodall said.

According to Woodall, the road was stained with skid marks, showing the truck's attempt to stop 185 feet before the stop light. She was knocked 50 feet from the place where the vehicles had first hit.

Traffic accidents had never been a significant problem in Rockcastle County until the installation of the stop light on the 461 by-pass outside the high school. Since it was erected around six years ago, over six wrecks have occurred, which have injured and claimed the lives of victims in the process.

One striking similarity in most of the accidents is that at least one of the persons involved either did not see the stop light, or noticed it, but did not have enough time to stop.

Several teachers, along with oth-

ers, have been involved in accidents at the stop light over the years, two of whom are Ms. Dana Singletoq and Mrs. Allene Cornehus.

Ms. Singletoq was hit by another driver while she was turning left out of the high school.

"[The other driver] just didn't

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Senior Jennifer Woodall's car was crushed when a semi hit her. Her wreck is just one of many that have occurred at the stop light outside the school.

Bridges eases transition into high school

BY STEVEN WARD

The Bridges program is helping this year's freshmen make the transition easier for this year's freshmen.

"The Bridges program was established to give incoming freshmen the support they need for the transition [from middle school to high school]," said Ms. Allen.

It seems to be working. This year's freshmen have improved over many past classes, with the number of failed courses has decreasing by 94 since the first semester of last year and 315 since the first semester of the 1998-1999 freshmen class.

Bridges meetings have been held after school so that students can get additional help from a teacher or discuss things that have caused them concern.

"I've really liked being in Bridges," said freshman KaSheena Bullock. "They [the Bridges teachers] told us that we wouldn't have

it easy. They let us know that the work would be hard and there would be a lot of it."

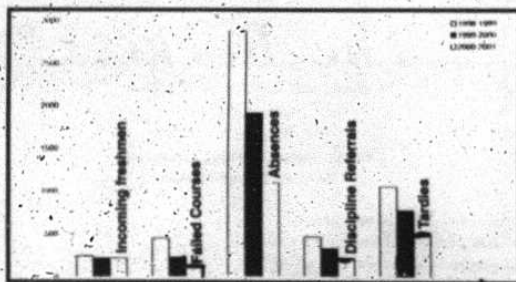
Also, Bridges students have ventured out to area businesses, where they meet with a manager or speaker who tells them some of the things that will be expected of them as adults and what they will need to succeed.

"The trips have been pretty cool," said freshman Brandon Thomas. "It was nice to see what we'll be doing in the next couple of years."

Fifty-five students who were thought to have needed special help with certain transitional aspects were targeted specially for the program.

"The middle school teachers made a list of some students of who they thought needed some extra help," said freshman English teacher Mrs. Nancy Bussell.

"Those were the students who



concentrated some of our efforts towards."

According to Mr. Chris Frith, who also teaches English I, the students who have participated in the program have failed fewer classes and have also increased their grades.

Ms. Allen and Mrs. Loretta K. Powell, Director of Student Services, have applied for the same

grant so that they can keep the program running next year.

The grant is a competitive one, which means they will be competing with several other schools to be considered.

Ms. Allen says she is very proud of the freshmen for their success in making the transition.

"I'm very hopeful that future classes will be as successful or more-successful than this year's."

Dear Seniors:

BY CHEYENNE CARMACK

When I was little, skinned knees, bee stings, and being the odd man out all sent me inside to my room more than one occasion.

Whether in tears of physical pain or wounded feelings, my mom was nearly always able to patch me up and send me back out to play.

I would romp and run for hours with the neighborhood gang, coming into the house at dusk, smelling of wild onions and play dough.

Often, mud would be spattered upon my grimy clothes, from the gourmet pies I had diligently constructed. My streaked blonde hair would be damp with sweat, while my mouth was Kool-Aid stained.

Many mothers would fret and worry over the mess that I often appeared to be.

But not my mom.

No, my mom would dip me in a tub of warm water, with Rub-a-Dub Doggie, and let me scrub.

Looking back, I wonder where the days of chasing lightning bugs went.

I can't even imagine how quickly it must have passed for my parents.

We seldom stop to question what our parents are thinking. Most of the time, we just don't care.

It's natural, I guess. We rely on our parents until a certain point, and then as we mature and learn more things on our own, our dependence lessens.

How many times have you mastered pedaling and steering, only to return to your dad to ask how to ride the bike?

More than likely, zero.

We spread our wings, learn our

own lessons and grow into our own person. That's how it was meant to be.

Yet, is there ever a defining moment that we won't depend on the people who gave us life, in at least some fashion?

Right now, we are at a point in our lives when we think we don't need our parents at all. Teenagers are notorious for that.

The irony is that now is when their support and guidance is so vital.

Whether you love, hate, or barely communicate with your parents at all, appreciate them for what they have been, what they are and what they will be in your life.

It won't matter if you like it or not -- many of the things they tell you will be eerily right.

They've been there and done that. If we let them be, they're our greatest teachers.

Either we see things we respect and admire in them, and want that for ourselves, or we take their mistakes and make ourselves better.

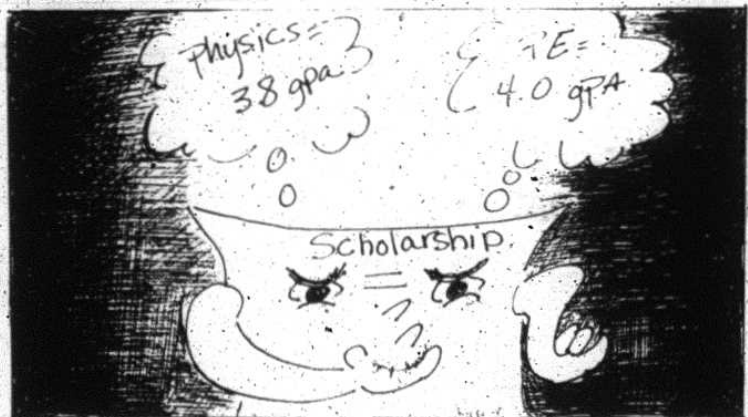
Sure, they get huffy when we miss curfew, tell us "no" when we can't find any good reason for us not to go, and ruin important phone conversations without remorse.

Deal with it (and them).

I know what a big step college will be for me next fall. Mom won't be just inside the screen door, ready to dust me off and wipe my tears.

And Dad won't be there to take care of the boy responsible for the tears in the first place.

I'll miss that, and deep down, I think you will, too.



How much does it count?

BY TARA BURTON

As a senior at Rockcastle County High School, planning to attend college next year, my grade point average is very important to me. This factor helps determine whether or not I get accepted into a specific college or not.

As a student I wanted to take some of the harder class in high school to gain experience rather than wait and be overwhelmed in college. Some chose to take easy classes like P.E. I, II, and III. They didn't even think about taking Physics and Chemistry, or a foreign language.

Here is where I get really frustrated with the whole situation. Those students who take those easy classes end up with a higher grade point average than many others and me because they do not challenge themselves, yet they get the scholarships and the recognition because of a number they maintain. I know that a 4.0 compared to a 3.89

11 hundredths of a point is crucial when it comes to this situation.

doesn't really look that much different but 11 hundredths of a point is crucial when it comes to this situation.

Some schools across Kentucky have different grading scales. Advanced placement and honors courses are weighted higher than general courses, so someone who has taken harder classes and has made decent grades end up with a higher G.P.A. than 4.0. Those types of courses are not compared equally to gym classes and home economics classes because they aren't equal. They are of higher standard. That is why Rockcastle

should have this type of grading system. Those students who take hard classes and maybe don't get straight A's don't receive the recognition because someone who has taken every gym class imaginable has gotten straight A's all four years of high school and in the senior year beat you out of a scholarship that depends on your G.P.A.

If Rockcastle would take this information and try to work something out, the education system would be an even more important part in this county. The county would receive its own recognition and praise.

Even though I won't be here next year, I have a lot of friends who will still be here who feel the same way. If I was a freshman and had to do it all over again, I would do my best to get this problem out in the open to the school board and site-based council.

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- Knowing that spring is in the air!
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- Being mentioned in *The Rocket*!
- School dances...if you get out there, boogie, and get down with your bad self!

It Reeks...

- Smokin' in the boys room...or any room, because smoking just stinks!
- The light turning green while you're in the middle of a Chinese Fire Drill!
- The stench of stink bombs in the hallway!
- Getting routine phone calls from credit card and long distance phone companies!
- Being published as a traffic violator when your parents aren't aware that you got a speeding ticket!
- School dances...if you don't know how to laugh at yourself and have a good time!

Down the Hall

What are you plans for Spring Break?



"I'm going to Hawaii just to get a tan for prom."
—Josie Bengel, senior

"I'm going to Tennessee and then going camping."
—Skyler Bishop, junior



"I'm going to see the Liberty Bell and George W. Bush's new house."
—Travis Burton, sophomore

"Going to Florida to play baseball with the baseball team."
—Derrick Bussell, senior



"Kick back, thrown down, cut some slack, and I won't frown."
—Josh Hale, junior

Are you ready for college life?

BY TARA COX

Now that most college-bound seniors know where they are going to spend the next four years of their lives, reality is beginning to sink in.

To say that going from a rural high school to college is a huge change, is an understatement. You will be surrounded by new people, places, opportunities, and cultures, but you must also leave behind much of what you've always had.

Mom and Dad can't move into the dorm room with you and sorry, no pets allowed. Precious few items can accompany you into a tiny hole in the wall that you will be sharing with at least one other person, and they'll be bringing all of their stuff, too.

You'll see some of your friends at football games, relatives on weekend visits home, and your parents may not be there in body, but the phone bills and your voice mail will prove that their presence never fades.

While you may welcome this new burst of freedom, it can definitely be overwhelming. Don't lose focus of why you're at college and what you plan to do when you've graduated.

Are you at college to study and prepare for the future, or is your main goal to have as much fun as possible while wasting your parents money?

Time management is considered one of the most important skills in college because you must have time to study (no, cramming is not considered studying), do homework (two page papers are not assignments, they're quizzes), work (this is not walking from one side of

campus to the other), and maintain a social life (read as: party).

A college experience would not be complete, without each one of these, but how much is too much?

Two to three hours of studying per hour of class is usually sufficient, but more time should be spent for harder classes or if you're having trouble understanding the material.

Homework should be thoroughly researched and completed as assigned. In college, procrastination translates to evil. You never know what will be going on the night before the assignment is due until it finally rolls around, and your schedule may be jam-packed with urgent activities.

Late homework is not accepted, and professors have enough experience to know when a paper has been done at the last minute, and may grade accordingly.

Unless you're lucky enough to have spending money from either the college or your parents, expect to have a job. Most try to work around your class schedule and finals, but they don't pencil in when you have a large project due and might come in late or leave early, and they're not very happy when you bring your class-work to work.

It wouldn't be college without the parties, but be safe and reasonable. When your social schedule begins overshadowing your education and you miss classes because of it (your grades will reflect it), you're in too deep.

Start spending at least half of that time studying and not only will your grades improve, but your par-

ents will be much happier and more likely to empty their pockets to you.

You may have the best of intentions of how you will spend your time when you get to college, but unless you begin developing those habits now, your efforts may prove to be futile.

With very little around to remind you of your high school days, most people tend to do things that they wouldn't normally do, thus college is referred to as "where you find out who you really are."

But before you begin packing for life in the dorms, think about who you are now. What are your morals, and the morals of those you care about and who care about you?

An immediate sense of freedom may be refreshing and well overdue, yet at the same time it can be destructive and corrupting, especially to those who have strict parents and have never experienced a true feeling of freedom. How will you react to being invited to a party every night, with no one around to tell you that you can not go?

Since your parents and other family members, who constantly bring you back down to Earth are no longer around as much, it becomes your responsibility to set your own boundaries and morals, and to stay within those.

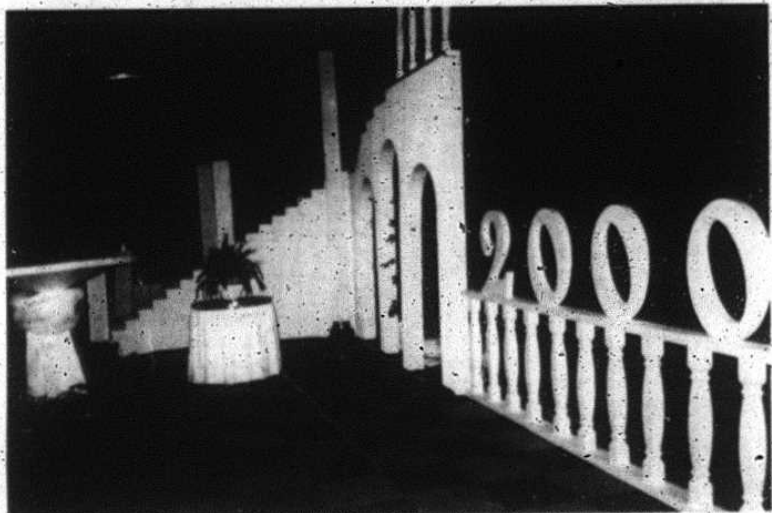
Have fun while you're there, call home to let your parents know you're still alive and to send more money, and remember that there is a life after college and you have no one to rely on except yourself.

Spend your time wisely and don't waste a second of it. It's too expensive to do over.

NOTICE Senior Wills

The Rocket staff will have a table set up during lunch April 16-20. All wills must be completed by Friday, April 20 for inclusion in the Senior issue.

The Rocket reserves the right not to print any item which is questionable in nature without prior notice to the student.



Last year's prom theme, "Amazed" featured a stairway and fountain. Details of this year's theme have not yet been revealed.

Prom date set, other details kept secret

by JOSH ROWLAND

A night consisting of fancy cars, short dresses, and plenty of dancing, prom is the biggest dance of the year and plans have already begun.

This year's prom will take place May 19 in the high school gymnasium. The theme will be Reflections.

"Think water," said Ms. Dana Singleton.

Other details are at a minimum. "We are not allowed [to tell anything]," said junior decorator

Mikey Howard.

Tickets are now on sale and are \$20 for a single, \$35 for a couple.

The first 200 to purchase a ticket will receive a commemorative key chain engraved with the prom theme and date.

No sophomores, freshmen or middle school students will be admitted into the dance.

Any student who purchases a ticket for someone of these grade levels will not have their money refunded.

According to Mrs. Singleton, this rule has come about because three eighth graders tried to sneak into last year's prom.

Decorating will begin the week before prom, and, as usual, the gym will be off limits.

This year's prom committee was selected by applications submitted to Ms. Singleton. After a review of their GPA and their current classes, she looked at their disciplinary records before making her final decision.

Juniors pick up where Seniors left off

BY SHANA NOE

At some schools, senior trips are included in your typical twelfth grade package: senior pictures, college visits, skip day, ect. But here, the tradition of a final gathering of the graduating class has long been disbanded.

"We didn't even have a trip the year I was a senior," English teacher Susan Norton, who graduated in 1989, said. "I think we went to the mall."

The last official senior trip, according to Principal Ruth Allen, was in 1971, when there were still three separate high schools. After consolidation a year later in '72, faculty at the new high school decided not to continue the tradition because the classes were so much larger.

This year's attempts of organizing a senior trip failed after a lack of student participation. Whether it was students wanting the trip, but not willing to work for it, or the failure of some teachers to communicate to their students, either way it's not going to happen. Juniors-it's your turn now.

"I think we need to organize a student committee to start the process," said junior Cassie Smith. "It's our trip, we should have to work for it."

According to Sergeant Major Keith Taylor, chairperson of the Student Support Committee, plans for a senior trip should begin sophomore year, but this year's juniors still have enough time.

"I'm all for a senior trip," Sgt. Major Taylor stated, "but I think it's entirely up to the students."

The juniors can start their planning by organizing a committee to be responsible for all the decisions

that need to be made. Eligibility requirements for the trip must be established first thing, because the students have to be presented with the criteria at the first of their senior year. Whether eligibility be based on grades, absences, and/or discipline is totally up to the committee.

Sgt. Major Taylor explained that there are only a few limits to where the seniors can go. The destination has to be within the United States, for obvious reasons, and some educational value must be attributed to places students plan on visiting. Washington, D.C. and Williamsburg, Virginia have been two suggestions thus far.

A proposal must be written stating criteria, destination, dates, chaperones and costs. The proposal must be approved by the Student Support Committee, Ms. Allen, the SBDM Council and finally the school board.

Spring break seems to be the most feasible time frame to travel, but a date during the summer could be arranged, although it'd be after graduation.

Funding could easily be one of the more debatable decisions of the entire planning process. Charter buses seem to be the more popular choice of transportation.

According to Sgt. Major Taylor, a flat fee of around \$500 would cover everything from transportation costs to hotel arrangements. Seniors could pay the full fee on their own, or try fundraisers. The downfall of that would be inter-

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BY TASHA VANZANT

If you've ever wished that you could have a private tutoring session without the interruptions that sometimes occur at school, now you can. The Skills Tutor program serves such a purpose.

Mrs. Trina Bustle, the 21st century coordinator, purchased a 3-year subscription to the Skills Tutor web-site for the students at RCHS.

"Originally, I first bought the program for after school hours, but I thought in-school hour teachers would benefit from it, too," Mrs. Bustle explained.

With the help of AA teachers, all students are supposed to be put into the program's list of registered users.

"Not all the students have been put into the program, but the homeroom teachers are working on it," said Mrs. Bustle.

So, if you can't yet get into the program, be patient.

The program offers a variety of study areas such as: Vocabulary

Building, Grammar and Usage, Word Problems, Geometry, Clear Writing and Paragraphs, and Life Skills.

"Skills-Tutor is not grade based, but skill based," said Mrs. Bustle. So, students may work in areas that are not taught in their classes, using the program to review or to work ahead.

"Teachers can get online, and assign tasks to their classes," Mrs. Bustle said. This option will be available as soon as all RCHS students are on the list of registered users.

The Skills Tutor program is also being used for tutoring that takes place after school.

According to Mrs. Bustle, some students and teachers have the misconception that there is no more tutoring on Tuesday afternoon.

"There's still tutoring, but it's in the computer lab on the computers instead of with teachers."

Currently, few people have made use of the program. However, Mrs.

Bustle feels that "If the teachers and students would really use the program, it would really be helpful."

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7. Make certain you hit the Log Out bar before you shut down your computer.

FEA, Ethical Explorers offer many opportunities

BY JARROD BURDETTE

If you're interested in becoming a teacher, or learning better decision-making skills, Rockcastle County High has two new clubs to offer. Special Education Teacher Mrs.

Judy Bradley and 21st Century Learning and Academic Specialist Mrs. Trina Bustle pieced together a club for students who want to become teachers. FEA (Future Educators of America) provides middle

and high school students with the opportunity to explore teaching as a career option.

"A group of our staff members thought it would be nice to grow your own teachers," explained Mrs. Bustle.

It allows students to realize the nature of education and the role of a teacher and also provides them

the opportunity for scholarships.

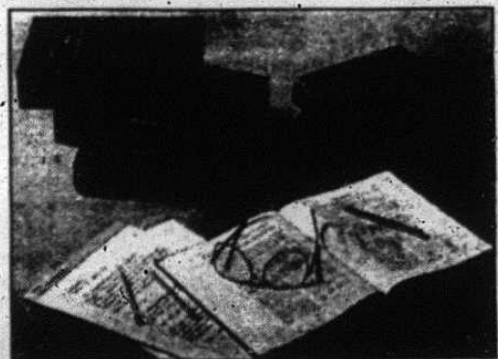
"I think it's a great opportunity for those who are considering a career in teaching," said Josh Mullins, a freshman.

Ethical Explorers, the other new club sponsored by Dana Singleton, is designed for students who are seeking to become more mature and responsible adults. This club helps the student make the decisions that are best for them and others.

Students who are seeking more information pertaining to either club, or are interested in becoming a member, can speak to Mrs. Trina Bustle or attend the next meeting from 3-5pm after school. FEA also meets from 11:50-12:45 in the library on club days. Ethical Explorers meet from 1:20-2:00.

It's a great opportunity for those considering a career in teaching.

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2001-02 calendar chosen

BY BILLY HADDOX

Rockcastle students always look forward to finding out when school starts the next year, how many days they get off for Spring Break, and when school will let out for the summer.

The school calendar committee has spoken and a calendar has been chosen for next year.

The first day of school for students will be August 15, and closing day will be May 18. Spring Break will be April 1-5, and we will have numerous days off throughout the school year.

"The board makes sure they have a lot of input from several different sources, inputs such as parents, students, teachers, etc. before they decide to make any final decisions about the calendar," said Mrs. Loretta Powell, Director of Student Services.

Another option, which included a fall break as well as a Spring break, was the second leading vote getter among all of the options that were given to the board.

The representatives at the middle school selected option number 4.

"Most of the teachers liked the idea of the built in snow days," says Mrs. Melissa Singleton a teacher at the middle school.

She also noted that schools who have adopted some type of alternative calendar shows increases in attendance and decreases in discipline referrals.

"The final decision was made to use option three [the calendar chosen] after the calendar committee presented it to the board," said Mrs. Powell.

Y-Club, NHS rock the convention circuit

BY STEVEN WARD

Eleven members of the RCHS Y-Club attended the Kentucky United Nations Assembly, or KUNA, in Louisville, Kentucky, March 18-20.

According to KUNA adviser Mrs. Angie Hendrickson, RCHS students prepared well in advance, making costumes, placards, and displays for Canada, their representative country.

For their efforts, they received an award for Best Native Dress.

Sophomore Aaron Anderkin presented a proposal which called for the establishment of a global fire-fighting network. This was inspired by the destruction of rainforests, however, it was deemed unfavorable in committee.

Many students actively participated in the event, including senior Stephen Hopkins, who served as President of the Security Council.

This is one of two offices where the officer is elected at the previous KUNA. The PSC oversees meetings of the Security Council, which is isolated from the rest of the conference.

This council decides on proposals with content pertaining to weaponry or war.

Sophomore Travis Burton was elected Premiere Summit President; junior Melinda Coffey was a member of the Media Corps.

Junior Brian Reynolds was defeated in his campaign for President of the Security Council.

"I did a great job campaigning. I'm proud of myself for that," said Reynolds. "When you run against a great competitor, you run the risk of losing. I had to take the good



Former Miss America Heather Renee French-Henry was the guest speaker at the National Honor Society convention. Her speech emphasized not giving up on dreams by discussing how she reached her goals in life. A highlight of the event was when members of NHS had the chance to hold the Miss America crown. Pictured above is junior Kim Mullins with French-Henry.

with the bad.

Another organization also recently attended an annual conference.

National Honor Society travelled to Louisville February 15-16, as a part of the Kentucky Association of National Honor Societies.

The RCHS chapter consisted of five representatives: seniors Stephen Hopkins, Josh Lyons, Katie Powell, Joanne Lake, and junior Kim Mullins.

The keynote speaker of the conference was Heather Renee French, former Miss America and wife of Kentucky Lt. Gov. Steve Henry.

"She was really sweet and had a lot of interesting things to say," said senior Katie Powell.

Students also attended various workshops with subjects ranging from public service to academics and ethics.

There was also a college fair held for the junior and senior members.

"I got to look at a lot of different colleges from both in-state and out-of-state. Seeing those will help me choose next year," said Mullins.

NHS members also participated

in different competitions.

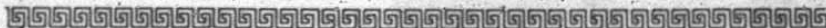
One contest was a scrapbook competition.

The other competition was a quiz bowl which is very similar to academo team competition.

Tests were given to those who chose to participate and the winners were presented with awards at the end of the conference.

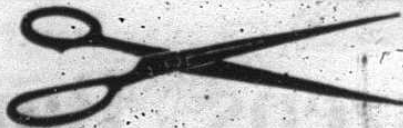
Though RCHS did not receive an award this year, adviser Mrs. Dawn Stallworth is hopeful.

"We're getting better [on the tests]. Hopefully we'll win something next year."



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Students battle Devil to meet precollege requirements

BY CATHIE MIDOFF

This is the time to stress as seniors prepare for graduation and what lies beyond, and underclassmen prepare for the continuance of their high school education.

Most will agree that required courses, ACT scores, FAFSA forms and college applications are the Devil.

Every student enrolled in a Kentucky high school must complete the state graduation requirements established by the Kentucky Department of Education.

These requirements are different for the graduating class of 2001 and for those graduating in 2002 and beyond. Students graduating in and after 2002 must also complete an Individual Graduation Plan consisting of letters of recommendation, test scores, resumes, and a record of activities the student is involved in during high school.

"The purpose of the IGP is to help keep track of the students activities and to focus them on classes that are necessary for their interests," said freshman and sophomore counselor Ms. Janice Miller.

The IGP is a state requirement, but many are still unaware of its existence. When asked about the plan, sophomores Kelli Bullock and Brittany Blair first presented a

questioning look and then simultaneously exclaimed, "Oh yeah, those blue things!"

Knowing about the IGP and the course requirements at the earliest age in high school is imperative for planning your course schedule on Wednesday. Those who do not begin taking these classes starting their freshman year may find themselves in a bind nearing their senior, while trying to complete the curriculum.

"Students need to take these courses at the appropriate grade level, and this helps to free elective courses you can take that are either career or college oriented," said junior and senior counselor Mr. Dale Whitaker.

For those seeking an education after high school there is a precollege curriculum established by the Council on Postsecondary Education. This curriculum is similar to the high school graduation criteria with only a few additional requirements.

Transcripts must include documented completion of this precollege curriculum upon entrance of any college in Kentucky.

Along with acquired credits, many colleges have ACT/SAT and GPA minimums. Students need to

begin taking the ACT/SAT around the eleventh grade in order to continue working to increase their score. I waited until my senior year and ended up taking the ACT almost every month, a head ache I could have avoided had I started taking it last year. The next ACT test will be given on June 9, 2001; register by May 4, 2001.

The PSAT, given to juniors, and the PLAN, given to sophomores, are also tests that need to be considered. The PSAT is the only qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship, and students need to submit either PSAT or ACT scores to be eligible for the Governor's Scholars Program.

College preparation is a four year deal. A personal data sheet and record of your activities throughout high school is a wonderful help when filling out college applications.

Be prepared. That's the moral of the story. As a senior, I know the tension of waiting til the last year before you even begin considering college. Face it, you're no longer a Toys R Us kid long before your freshman year. So why wait til you're a senior to realize it?

Dual credit earns students credit for college, high school

BY AMY CLARK

Taking college classes their senior year is nothing new for RCHS students, however something new is coming.

Next year, some students will be able to take college classes and get credit for both college and high school.

It's called dual credit, and it means a qualified student can take English 101 and receive three hours college credit, and credit for English IV.

According to guidance counselor Mr. Dale Whitaker, "The opportunity for dual credit has never been offered before because colleges had to track the students eligible for five years after they took the course. Now, they apparently don't require it."

Not all students will be eligible to take the classes.

"Students had to score at a qualified level [on the Asset] in English, Reading and Math to participate in the dual credit classes."

According to Mr. Whitaker, students had to make at least a 35 to qualify. The highest score is a 55.

Courses that will be available for dual credit are English 101, English 102, and Math 109. However, College History will remain college credit only because most seniors have already taken U.S. History.

The dual credit classes will be 18 week courses and senior portfolios will be done during that period of time.

"There shouldn't be any difference in writing portfolios in the dual credit classes," said Mr. Whitaker.

However, Mr. Whitaker says there are many unanswered questions about the courses.

"We should know more by the first week of May."

No decision has been made on who will teach the courses, though many teachers are eligible.

Dual credit gives students the chance to earn high school and college credit at the same time.

Public Library celebrates National Library Week

BY BILLY HADDOX

The Rockcastle County Public Library will be highlighting art work by Rockcastle Co. citizens as part of National Library Week through April 6.

A book sale will take place all week long, each book only costing 50 cents each.

According to Director Kristiana Burk, the books are all from popular authors such as Stephen King, and Danielle Steele.

Throughout the week several different activities will be going on, most of which pertaining to activities for the children.

Tomorrow there will be various arts and crafts activities for grades 2-5 starting at 4:00 pm.

On Thursday there will be a read-in, where several county officials will come to the library and have reading sessions. Thursday will also be family night with

games, refreshments, and several computer sessions.

"It will be lots of fun for the kids," says Miss Burk.

The library is open from 10am-5pm on Monday-Wednesday and Friday and 10am-4pm on Thursday and Saturday. If you have any questions call the Public Library at 256-2388.



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RCHS sweeps Cumberland science fair

BY JARROD BURDETTE

Rockcastle is tops in many things, and they've proven it once again, capturing two first place finishes and sweeping the physics category at the 2001 Cumberland College Science Fair Wednesday, March 28.

Seniors Cheyenne Carmack and Stephen Hopkins won first place in physics and were named Grand Champions with their project "Pipe Dreams," which dealt with sound amplification.

"We experimented with direct-

ing wave paths to see which path yielded the largest sound intensity without increasing electrical energy," said Carmack.

Senior Granville Graves came in second place, and Ashley Lawson, also a senior, came in third place. Senior Josh Engle, named Grand Champion of RCHS's spring science fair, placed fourth.

Mejinda Coffey, a junior, placed first in life science both at RCHS and Cumberland with her project, "Got Height?" Juniors Shena

McKinney and Cassie Sowder placed third.

Sophomore Rebekah Lyons placed second Cumberland with "Does Your Age Affect Your Memory?" She placed first in RCHS competition.

"All students were judged based on how well they were able to explain the science behind the experiments," said physics and earth/space science teacher Ms. Stephanie Hammack.



Students displayed their projects in the gym during the RCHS Spring Science Fair.

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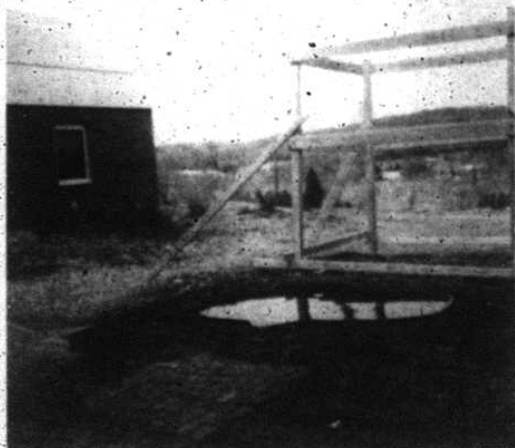
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Work is still underway for an outdoor classroom just outside the library. Mr. Reynolds' class is working on the project.

Work continues on outdoor classroom

BY JOSH ROWLAND

Through the window in the library, you stare at a wooden framed structure and some plants. You wonder, "What could that be?"

It is an outdoor classroom, a project that Mr. Roy Reynolds and his agriculture classes have been working that should be most enjoyable once it is finished.

"It's been an ongoing project for a couple of years, and it develops as we go," Mr. Reynolds said.

Recently, factors beyond their control have stalled their efforts.

"We can not work with the weather being bad as it has been," said Mr. Reynolds.

When the project is finished, there will be an archway beside a fountain where people will be able to take pictures and enjoy the beauty of the outside with the pleasant sight of blooming flowers.

Framing up the structure, fixing the fountain, and planting a couple more plants is all that needs to be completed at the time.

The agriculture department went through the Pride grant program to come up with the money to begin the project. At this time, the plants will cost \$1,000 alone.

"I hope all the future high schoolers benefit from our hard work," said senior Aaron Mobley.

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We're all rookies at the dating game

BY CHEYENNE CARMACK

Being a woman gives me the advantage of being able to admit when I'm wrong, and the ability to recognize that I can't be an expert on everything.

Furthermore, in relation to dating, I have only learned one thing: I know absolutely nothing.

Even when I think I'm beginning to understand some small portion of the male way, I'm thrown a curve ball and sent back to the batting cage to pound and refocus.

Millions of dollars have been spent researching and exploiting the obvious, as well as the more discreet, differences in men and women.

The only thing that I've gotten from scanning even the best sellers is this:

Women really are from Venus, and men from Mars, or at least completely diverse planets; and in the dating game everyone is a dummy. "Dating is a mind game -- the person you like always likes someone else," said junior Amber Thacker.

Still, there are people who claim to be way ahead in the love game. To those people I can only say, "Lucky you," or better yet, "Way to go, Sluggert!"

Honestly, though, if you've ever broken up with someone, experienced self-inflicted embarrassment, or suffered due to unrequited love, you're not exactly batting 1.000.

You're not alone. I'm still in the pee we leagues.

"I know I'm not an expert -- my relationships show it," said junior Cassie Sowder.

Peyton Rogers, another RCHS junior, agrees that it's impossible to be ahead in the dating game.

"People are always getting hurt," she said.

This is where the gender gap becomes evident and confusing.

Sophomore Rhonda Nottingham blames it on communication skills.

"[Guys and girls] are just on different wave lengths," she said.

The February 2001 issue of YM backs up Nottingham's belief.

"Guys are dumb when it comes to deciphering girls' actions," Der-

rick Lang told the teen magazine in their monthly column, "Wise Guys."

Males and females alike agree that 'mixed signals, mind games, and gender-based mishaps occur on a regular basis, simply due to different thought patterns and communication methods.

Freshmen Rachel Childress claims that girls play more mind games than guys.

"I don't think guys are smart enough to play mind games," she said.

While senior Thomas Coffey attributes the nu-

merous male-female conflicts to lack of explanation and openness, he also feels that girls are often fickle and moody.

"One day [girls] are hot, one day they're cold," Coffey said. "Plus, I know a girl who is talking to someone just to make someone else jealous!"

"You don't know what to think," he said.

Some RCHS students feel that the line is not drawn by gender, but by individual people.

"People are different -- not just guys and girls," said senior Eric Poynter.

"You can't be an expert at dating. Every person is different and you never know what to expect of another person," said senior Josh Lyons.

The blind are leading the blind. Either luck or fate have to be to blame for the fortunate souls who do find a person to hang out with and feel connected to.

"Every now and then we get lucky and find someone who actually likes us too," said Thacker.

Aside from a major breakthrough in "guy speak" or "girl gab," or perhaps Cupid's accidentally successful aim, we can only rely on two known facts:

Practice makes perfect, and you miss 100% of the shots you don't take.

Besides, there are no Babe Ruths in the dating game -- only rookies looking for some playing time.

"You can't be an expert at dating. Each person is different, and you never know what to expect of another person," said senior, Josh Lyons.

That doesn't mean that you're stuck in the dugout

BY JOE CLARK

Ladies, since the beginning of time you have often wondered what exactly it is going on in the male mind.

On the other hand, guys tend to think that they know anything and everything about females, when really we don't know the first thing.

Let's be honest. When it comes to dating we could use all the help we can get. Thanks to *Dating For Dummies*, a some RCHS students, I may have some helpful hints that could be of some assistance.

FLIRTING

When people flirt with one another is when they tend to mess with each other's minds the most, throwing them in all different directions, with no compass to find their way back.

According to *Dating For Dummies*, flirting is a sincere appraisal of what you really like in the opposite sex. However, many guys misunderstand flattery for flirting.

"Guys interpret everything a girl says toward them as flirting," says freshman Tara Barnette.

When a guy tells a girl she has a nice shirt, generally she takes it as a sincere compliment, only thinking the guy is really sweet and nothing else.

However, when a female tells a guy he has a nice shirt, he immediately takes it as flirting, later telling all his friends how much that girl wants him.

Of course, he also stretches the truth by saying how the girl complimented him by saying how well the shirt looked on his fine body.

Even though it can come off wrong it's still a big part of all relationships and the base of starting a new one.

"NOTICE ME"

If you're trying to get someone's attention, perhaps for a Saturday night date, there are a few simple procedures you can use to grab their attention.

Beyond any doubt you need to show you're interested in them,

according to *Dating for Dummies*.

Pay attention and show you have at least some common interests that may spark that special relationship.

"Start talking to them a lot, and show up to meet them unexpectedly," says senior Warren Whitaker. "It surprises them and shows a definite interest."

Locking eyes is also a casual way of showing you're paying attention to them. Catch those quick glances during a conversation. It makes that person know that you are paying attention to them rather than drifting off.

"As long as they don't stare at me too long. It makes me think they are some type of psycho-chick," says junior Chris Kirby.

So don't stare too much. It may turn them away. Also, use their name often -- but not too much, because you may come off as obsessive.

GETTING ATTENTION

Now, if for some odd reason you can't get that person to pay attention to you, it's time to change games. You need to let them know you're interested in them.

Back to flirting. It's the easiest way of getting someone to notice you. For example, go out of your way to see that special someone.

You can even use the oldest tricks in the book: notes, candy, and flowers. Guys usually use this one but I don't see anything wrong with females getting candy for guys. It's food, so you can't go wrong there.

Most people tend to think you should just come out and tell some-

LUANN By Greg Evans



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one how you feel.

"Don't hide anything. Just tell them how you feel," says freshman Alicia Nicley.

"I don't tell them," says senior Tara Abney. "I find out if they like me first. Keep it a secret. It's the better way out."

Just make sure not to lead them on with false hopes. There is no need in waiting for something that isn't there.

DON'TS

Let's talk about the don'ts of dating. There are those things that both sexes have in common that turns people away. For instance, poor grooming habits is a big turn off. Everyone likes their date to be neatly dressed and clean.

"A guy has to have clean nails," says senior Brittney Owens.

Senior Heath Payne believes that girls have got to have clean teeth.

"And don't even get me started on body odor," he said.

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"Truly loving another means letting go of all expectations. It means full acceptance, even celebration of another's personhood." - Karen Casey

Manual Alphabet (Sign Language)



Random quotes heard 'round the halls

"Well how would you like it if someone stuck one up your's and lit it?" (Discussing frog giggin')
 "Nick-D. from Bulgaria come to the office."

"Don't shake your chicken at me!"
 "Shhhh...stand completely still. His vision is strictly motion-based."

"No girl wants to date a cheerleader."
 "She has a humpty van too..."

"You can eat crayons. Really! They're non-toxic."
 "You say it's a duck, I say it's a goose. It's a gucky-doose!"

"I'm in my bed, I have my cat with me and I am not going anywhere for anybody."
 "Would you like to pull Post-It notes off my body?"

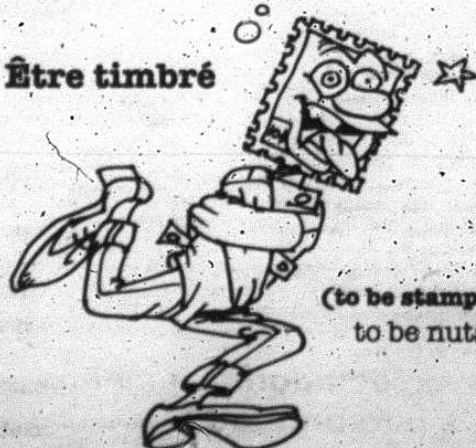
"Man! Smell that!"
 "Nobody wants to dance with corn."

"Teachers, there will be no A/A today." (announced at 10:09)
 "If you can't hear the intercom, let us know." (announced over the intercom)

"Putting words together in a way which is unique, to me is something. I still think is one of the most thrilling things that one can do in one's life."

~ Seymour Simon

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(to be stamped)
 to be nuts

The gif

Language says it all, whether

Foreign languages difficult, but useful

By AMY CLARK

Hola! Bonjour! Hallo! Ciao! Hello!

If you didn't understand the meaning of any of those words, then you probably aren't one who's taken a foreign language.

"I started learning French in the middle school so I already knew the basics, but it started getting really difficult towards the end of French II," said senior Brittany Owens.

Owens isn't the only one who thinks foreign languages are difficult. Many students find foreign languages very hard to learn and understand.

"I've taken French for two years because I need it for college [next year]," said senior Amber Falin.

"I found it very hard but I know it will be useful, because I want to travel to Europe some day."

Studying different languages has many benefits as you move further in life.

In some professions, you have to know a foreign language in order to get the job. It also helps when you are in a foreign country.

"Learning a different language makes a person more interesting and it will make you more employable because Spanish is the fastest growing language in America," said Spanish teacher, Ms. Pam Powell.

"Learning French has helped me understand my own language better, as far as grammar rules," said senior Mindy Bullock.

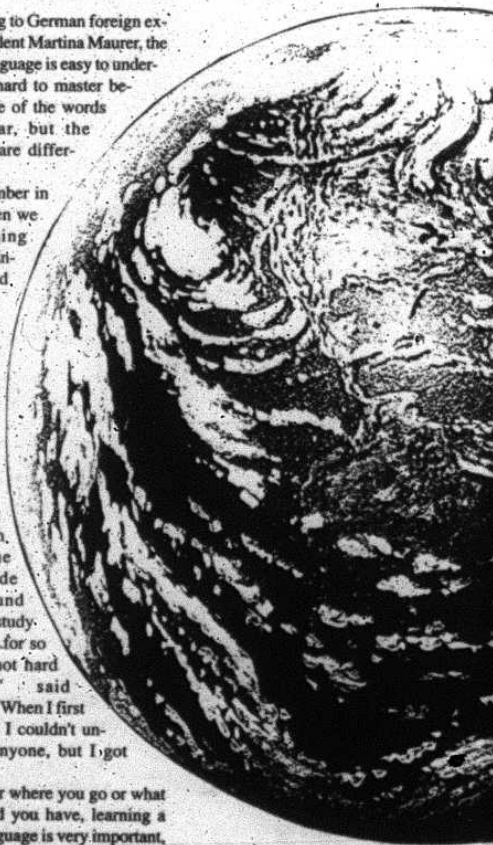
According to German foreign exchange student Martina Maurer, the English language is easy to understand but hard to master because some of the words are similar, but the meanings are different.

"I remember in kindergarten we used to sing songs in English," said Maurer.

German foreign exchange student, Claudia Vejrazka agrees.

"I have been studying English since the fifth grade and I found that if you study a language for so long, it's not hard anymore," said Vejrazka. "When I first came here, I couldn't understand anyone, but I got used to it."

No matter where you go or what background you have, learning a foreign language is very important, even, if it's hard. In the future it will pay off will pay off!



Many foreign languages use idioms, or phrases, that have no direct translation barrier! While some of these idioms flat out cause confusion, a few examples of what the French say, compared to our own slang.

-They say: "To lay a rabbit on someone." We say: "To stand someone up." (It's really notifying the other person.)

-They say: "It's not Peru." We say: "Nothin' to write home about." (It's really: Someone who is boring.)

-They say: "A real heap of mud." We say: "A clunker." (It's really an old car in poor condition.)



ft of gab

r in English, global gibber, or silent speak



What's the meaning of this?

Students sound off about what they think is the meaning of some odd English

The real meanings:

Detumescence—reduction or lessening of swelling

Picaroon—to act as a pirate

Vibrissa—any of the long, stiff hairs that project from the snout or brow of most mammals (ex. cat's whiskers)

Picaroon

"Really small macaroni."
Kristie Whitter, senior

"An Italian musical instrument."
Heath Payne, senior

"Pickled flavored macaroon."
Josh Taylor, junior

"Elbow macaroni."
John Hankins, senior

"Cartoon about pies."
Travis Ingram, senior

Vibrissa

"Vibrating."

Kandis Jamison, senior

"A fungus found on pigs."
Courtney Alexander, junior

"Something to do with music."
Katy Powell, senior

"Something in your back."
Jessica Denny

"An imported car."
Laura Bell, junior

Say what?

Coller un élève (to glue a pupil)

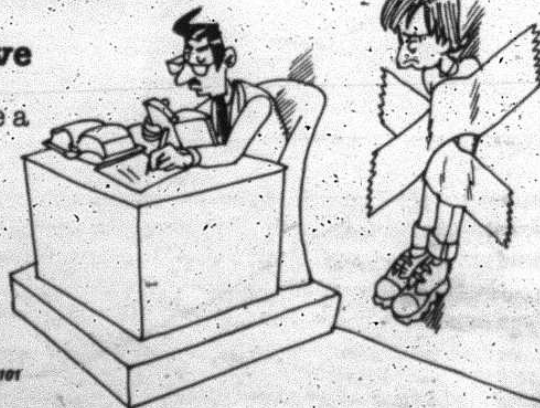
to keep a pupil after school, to give a pupil a detention

translation in English. No wonder there's a n, others make for a good laugh! Here are

really: To skip a scheduled meeting without

something that's no big deal.)

or condition.)



Phrases and Illustrations from 101 French Idioms

More to Pig Latin than just an oink

BY LINDSEY PARSONS

Remember those days in elementary, middle, or, for you late bloomers, high school when you discovered the zany language of the swine? Remember how you'd giggle

when your friend walked up to you and said, "Eyhay!"? (If you don't, just play along.) It was a fun language to speak, right? But, for those of you who haven't experienced this wacky way of conversing, here's how to "eakspay igpay atinlay!"

*For words that start with a consonant, move the first letter of the word to the end and add "ay." (Ex. Rockets = Öcketsray)

* For words that begin with a vowel (a, e, i, o, u), simply add "way" to the end of the word. (Ex. are = areway)

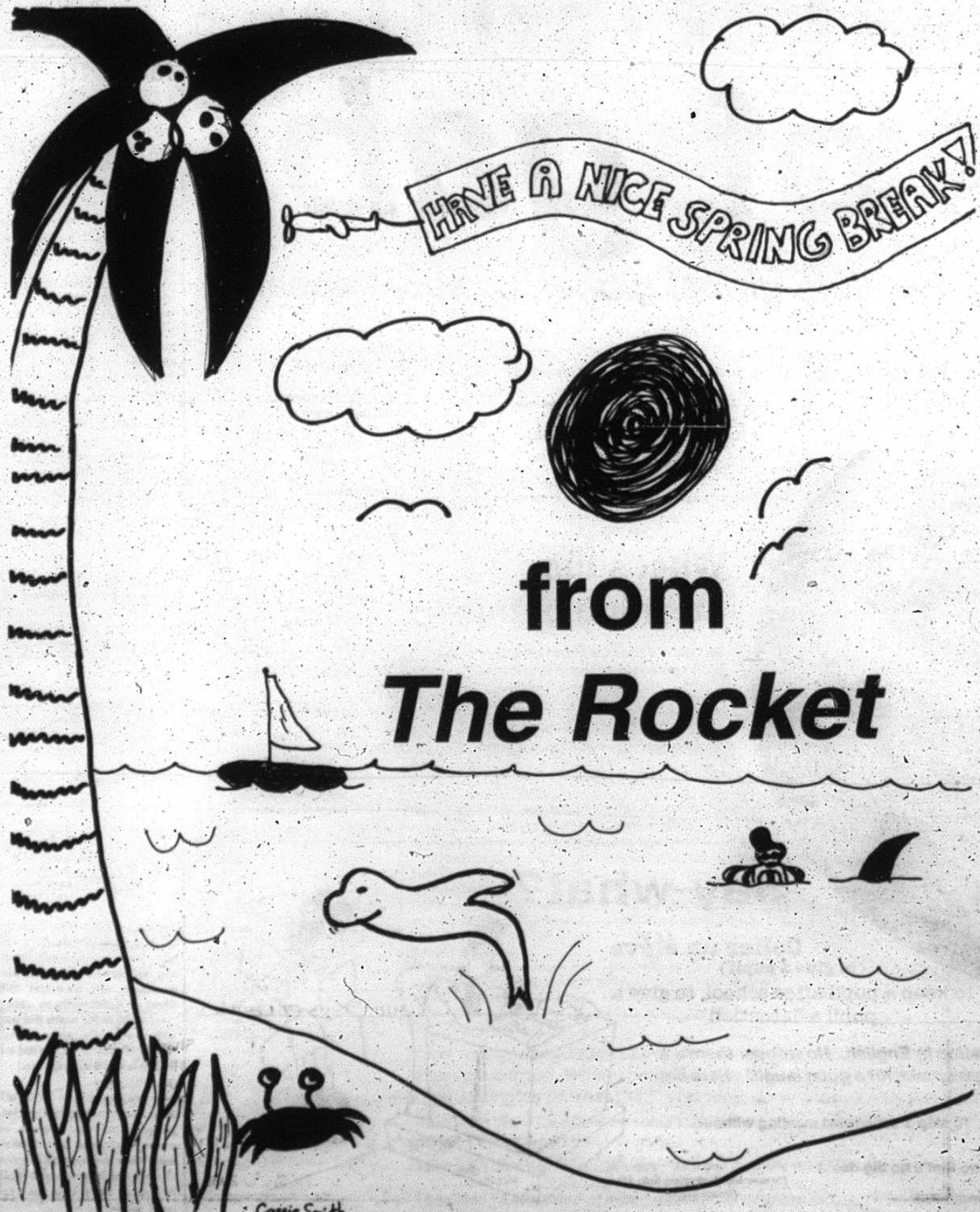
*Exceptions: Some words sound better when sets of letters are moved to the end. This is common when words begin with such clusters as "ch", "br", "gr", etc. (Ex. Great = Eatgray) There is no set rule for such cases; just use your good judgement and say whatever you think sounds best.

*information from www.dinette.org/curiosity/igpay.html



*A few variations of the language are used, especially for the vowel rule. Some just put words beginning with vowels as they are, with no change. (Ex. are = are) Still others do it differently by adding "yay" to the end of words that start with vowels. (Ex. are = areyay) (So, decide which you like and use it daily, as you speak pig latin.)

Now you know how to talk the talk of the latin pigs. Use your new language to impress, confuse, or amuse your friends. And, if you already knew how to speak it, revive this age old language and recall how much fun it is to "eakspay igpay atinlay!"



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Rifle Team takes air rifle championship, Atlanta bound

BY SHANA NOE

After a year of outstanding riflery, JROTC's Rifle Team has once again proven just how good they are.

Four members of this year's team, Shannon Bullock, Johnathan Noe, Tami Taylor and Tim Tyler, brought home their second Air Rifle Championship in two years after winning first place at Shelbyville, Kentucky March 17. This gives the team the opportunity to represent Kentucky at nationals in Atlanta, Georgia on June 9-11.

The 2000 nationals were a disappointment when the team placed sixth after a bad first day of firing, partly caused by a malfunction in one of the rifles. This year, however, the confidence levels are already on the rise for the possibility of finally gaining the national championship title.

"This year we have every intention of winning," stated Sergeant

Major Keith Taylor, sponsor of the team. "And based on our performance so far this year, I believe we can."

The overall team score was a career high 2068 points out of 2400 possible. (Rockcastle beat second place winners Mulenburg South High School by forty-five points.) Compared to last year's qualifying match, the team raised the overall score by around thirty points.

"[The team performed] absolutely fantastic. That's the highest we've ever shot," SGM Taylor boasted of the group.

Individually, each member shot proficiently. Johnathan Noe-tenth place-495/600; Shannon Bullock- fourth place-514/600; Tim



Members of the Rifle Team are from left: Jonathan Noe, Shannon Bullock, and Tim Tyler. Not pictured: Tami Taylor.

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Come on spring, give me a break!

BY CASSIE SMITH

Spring is approaching and for many RCHS students, it won't come soon enough. So why does spring excite us so much?

Spring Break of course! However, for many students spring break doesn't offer anything other than a dust rag and an eight hour shift.

"It's gonna be hectic with all the work I have to do," said junior Ronnie Hess. "I would rather be in school than working spring break."

Why would someone say something as drastic as preferring to go to school, rather than having a spring break? The answer is simple. Work, chores, work, more

chores. Need I say more?

Tara Thompson, a junior, said that she would be working a regular job that week while doing some heavy-duty remodeling at home. "I'll be working at Wendys and painting my room."

Students, however, aren't the only ones doomed to a spring break full of things they would rather not do. Teachers feel



our pain as well.

"Half of spring break will be spent doing a few household

projects: remodeling my driveway and painting the baseboards in my house," said social studies teacher, David Vorbeck.

Math teacher Dawn Stallsworth, on the other hand, plans to relax. "I hope to enjoy the sun, so spring cleaning may or may not be finished."

So, whether you're spring cleaning with your parents, or putting in extra hours at work this spring break, you're not alone; other people here at RCHS are wondering where is the break in "spring break."

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Play Ball!



Sophomore Jessie Hayes throws a pitch at the Bell County game while freshman Cassie Hamilton looks on. The Rockets lost the game 13-2.



Rachelle Riddle, junior, at the Bell Co. game on March 26. The record for the season so far is 1-3 with a win against Clay Co.

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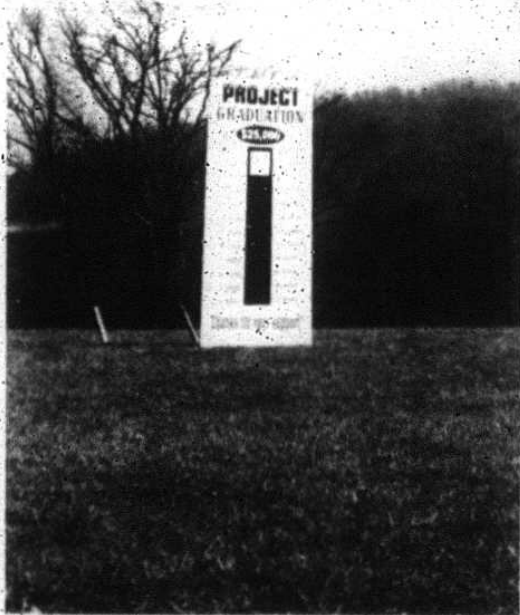
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from *The Rocket Staff*

RCHS Touring Theatre wins awards



Money for Project Graduation keeps rolling in. So far about \$23,000 has been raised, most of it from donations by local businesses. Projects such as a John Deere lawnmower raffle, Avon sales, Home interior candle sales, and a Longaberger basket raffle have helped raise money as well. Other projects are planned for the future to reach a goal of \$30,000.

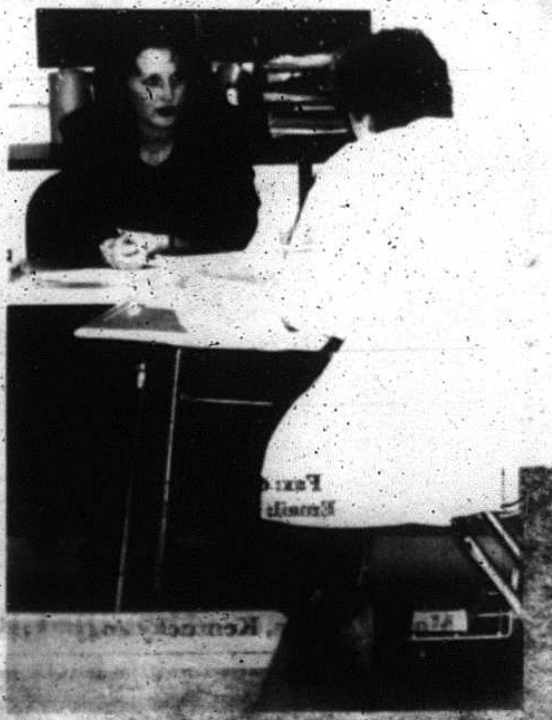


The Rockcastle County High School Touring Theatre participated in the Somerset Community College Theatre Arts Festival Regional Competition on March 3. Pictured are the actors, front row from left: Josh Hale and Jeremy Dawson. Back row from left: Kane Holbrook, Josh Taylor, and Kyle Parsons. The performance of "The Courters" received two Outstanding Merit awards for Josh Hale and Kyle Parsons. Hale also received the Best Actor award. Director H. Allen Pensoi said, "We are very excited with our showing at the festival. This is the third year for the Touring Theatre, but the first time for competition. With over 300 students at the festival representing eight different school districts, our students performed at a level unsurpassed."

Parents and teachers meet at open house



RCHS Open House was held Thursday, March 29. Parents met with their children's teachers to discuss grades and participation in class. Pictured above is a parent with Mr. Chris Frith and, to the right, Mrs. Glenna Carter talks with a parent.



Season comes to early end for the Rockets

BY LINDSEY PARSONS

The season of nets swishing and balls bouncing came to a disappointingly early end for the RCHS basketball teams as both the girls and boys lost in the first round of district play.

District playoffs for Rockcastle started Tuesday, February 27 in the Jackson County gym with the Lady Rockets facing Clay County. Senior Amber Falin led the Rockets in scoring with 13 points, and RCHS was up 40-32 at the end of the third quarter. However, Clay County came back in the fourth quarter with a 16-4 run to win the game 48-44.

Assistant coach Ken Hopkins said, "Most teams would have been satisfied with a 21-7 record, but this one wanted more and deserved more."

Senior Rachelle Hammond was disappointed with the season's end result, but proud of the team and their winning record.

Junior Amber Denney agrees. "I'm upset it had to end this way, but we have come a long way this year. Hopefully next year we will be able to go to region."

"I'm glad we ended up winning

some games that nobody thought we would," Falin said.

Coach Chrysti Noble was pleasantly surprised with the season. "After our summer, I didn't have very high expectations for the upcoming season, but as the season started and progressed, our girls would find a way to win," she said.

The boys' basketball team also fought a losing battle in the first round against Jackson County. After the third quarter, the Rockets were leading 53-52. After a 25-6 run, the Generals came back to win 77-59.

"I'm disappointed that we didn't go farther than we did," said senior Josh Rowland.

Sophomore Jason Reynolds led Rocket scoring in the game with 16 points, and senior Jeremy Neeley had five three's in the first quarter for his 15 points.

"It was very disappointing for it to end so early after having such a great season. I really thought we would go a lot farther," Neeley said.

The boys ended with a record of 18-8.

Reynolds found it painful to watch the District championship



Junior Andrew Hammond (#22) and sophomore Aaron Anderkin (#34) during the Rockcastle vs. Jackson Co. district game. Both the boys' and girls' teams lost in the first round of district play.

game because he thought the Rockets should be playing instead of Jackson and Clay.

However, he has a positive attitude about the year in whole.

"Other than our final game, the season went like I wanted it to and I look forward to the next two years."

Coach Clayton Cash said he was proud of the efforts the players put forth. "I just think we came a game or two short."

"I think we had a really good season that surprised a lot of people. We're young and have learned a lot from this season for next year," junior Andrew

Hammond said.

Both teams had a winning season that unfortunately didn't last as long as they hoped.

Senior Thomas Coffey probably expressed the opinion of all of the players when he said, "It was a heartbreaking loss to such a successful season."

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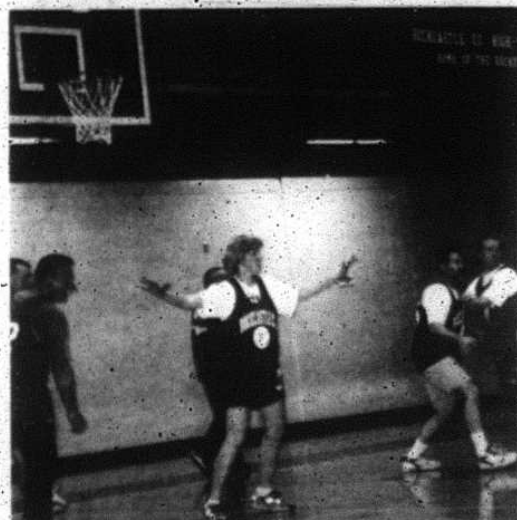
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Math teacher Dawn Quigley guards her goal during the Teachers vs. Preachers game on March 26.

Teachers prevail over preachers in a fourth quarter push

Winning by a single point, the teachers made a last minute comeback against local preachers. Besides the game itself, proceeds from concessions and a halftime basketball shoot-out went to St. Jude's for research funds. The RCHS Fellowship of Christian Athletes provided halftime entertainment.



The annual NHS Teacher/Preacher game tipped off on to raise money for St. Jude's Children Hospital.



Carmack, Pennix National cheerleading winners

BY LINDSEY PARSONS

Two RCHS cheerleaders are now national winners. Seniors Jennifer Carmack and Zach Pennix, along with their Kentucky Elite All-Stars squad, finished first at nationals earlier this month.

The Lexington based team competed March 9-13 in Orlando, Florida. After preliminary competition, Kentucky Elite was ranked fourth.

"Our routine was so hard we had to move on to finals. We did perfect in finals but we weren't expecting anything until they called our name," Pennix said.

When they called their name, it was for first place.

"I didn't know if we were going to win or not, but I knew we had to because they (Kentucky Elite) hadn't lost in two and a half years," Carmack said.

Both Carmack and Pennix were on the squad for one season. They practiced two times a week and more often as competition neared. Both are also on the RCHS cheerleading squad, but have differing opinions about the difficulty of being on both teams.

"[It is hard] because kids on All-Star teams have a different work ethic than kids on sports team," Pennix said.

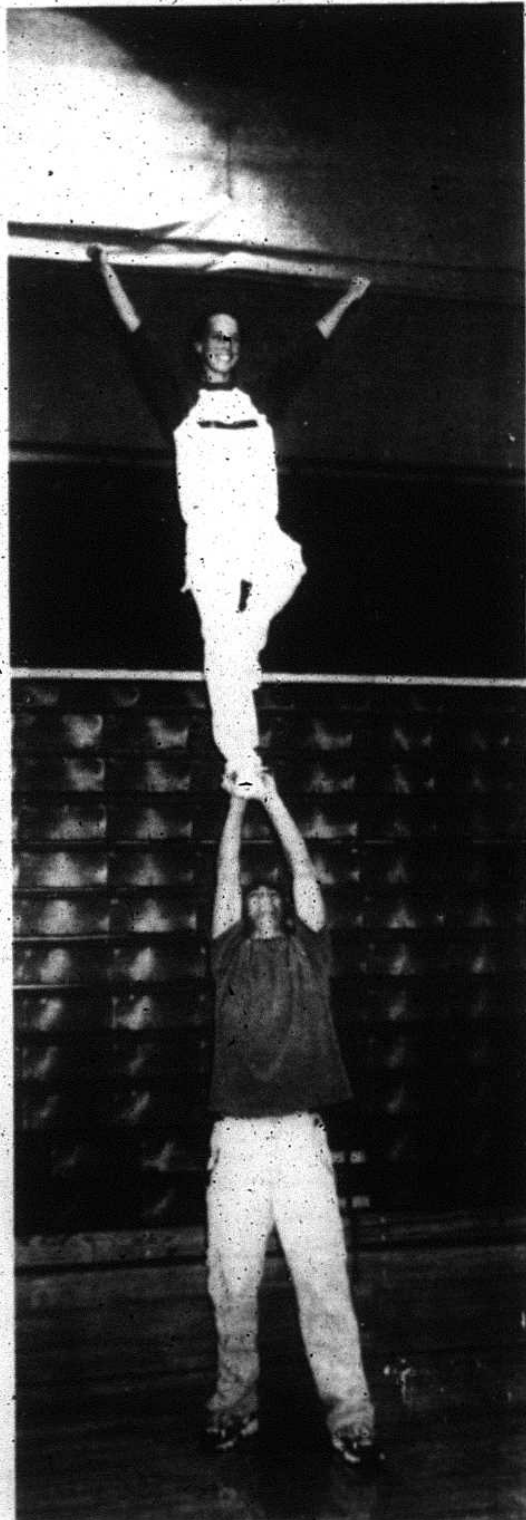
But, Carmack believes, "Actually it makes it easier because it helps us to improve our high school team because we can steal ideas. And, it keeps us in shape."

So, what's next for these two cheerleaders?

"UK tryouts in April," Pennix said.

The Nationals competition will air on ESPN sometimes in May and various other times throughout the year. Pictures of the competition can be seen at varsity.com.

Wanna be a cheerleader?
Tryouts will be held in April after Spring Break



Seniors Jennifer Carmack and Zach Pennix are members of the Kentucky Elite All-Star cheerleading squad who won nationals in March.

Covey helps teens help themselves

BY CASSIE SMITH

Today's typical teen juggles school, work, home, extracurricular activities, and a social life. With all these balls in the air, it's difficult not to drop one. Sometimes, when we're not paying attention, we drop them all. When this happens, it's our character that suffers. In his incredibly helpful book, *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens*, Sean Covey offers several suggestions teens can use to keep their character from stretching too thin.

The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens begins by teaching the reader how to identify old habits, break them, and then form new habits. Covey's philosophy is that a habit will break you or make you. With this in mind, he urges you to be completely honest with your-

self about major flaws in your personality. He also encourages readers to work hard at reaching their personal growth goals.

Participation is key to getting everything you can out of this book. Covey insists that the reader be active in his or her transformation from being less than productive to being a totally successful person. He il-

lustrates you in the right direction using entertaining recollections, cartoons, and famous quotes.

Covey is concise and to the point. The chapters flow easily from one to the next and the order of habits make perfect sense.

Being pro active, planning ahead, and synergizing are examples of the awesome habits Covey introduces to the reader. He explains what the habit is, how and when to use it, and the baby steps to take to achieve it.

This book is a big confidence booster. It is the most positive, energy-filled self help book I've ever read! I definitely recommend it to anyone. It will be a huge deposit in your personal bank account.

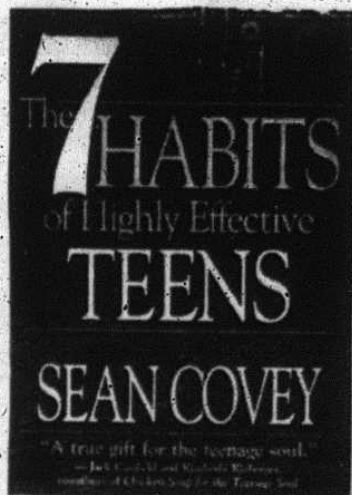


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Brad Pitt plays Jerry Weibach in his latest film, *The Mexican*.

Arriba! *The Mexican* is good fun

BY LINDSEY PARSONS

Big screen bigwigs Brad Pitt and Julia Roberts are living la vida loca in their new flick, *The Mexican*. But, their crazy antics are enjoyed separately on screen as Pitt and Roberts barely share any scenes.

Pitt plays Jerry, who works for an LA crime boss and must head to Mexico to fulfill one last duty—retrieving an antique pistol known as "the Mexican." His girlfriend, Samantha (Roberts), tells him not to go but instead to go with her to Las Vegas. He says he can't and leaves while she drives away to Vegas alone. En route to the city, Samantha is kidnapped by gang-

ster, Leroy (played by James Gandolfini from *The Sopranos*), who also wants the gun.

The movie continues as Samantha and Leroy become best buddies and Jerry runs into all sorts of trouble south of the border.

The Mexican, though slow in some parts, was an enjoyable movie overall. Perhaps the best part for the females were the close-ups of Brad Pitt. The same probably applies for the males and Julia Roberts. But, James Gandolfini puts forth the best performance in a surprising, somewhat comedic role for this *Sopranos* mean guy.

The simple, but fun humor in

this romantic comedy is made up of spastic jerking from Brad Pitt and screamfest babbles from Julia Roberts. If you're expecting to see much on screen pairings of the two lead stars, though, you'll be disappointed. They are only together in a few scenes which makes it hard to tell if these two have any acting chemistry.

If you don't walk into the theater expecting an Oscar-worthy performance, then *The Mexican* will be quite enjoyable for you. And, if you happen to get bored with the plot, you can always just sit back and wonder how Brad Pitt can be so caliente!

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Advice for the dating challenged

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Another important thing to remember is this: Don't tease. It not only makes people think that you don't actually like them, but that you only want to show everyone that you can control them.

It's okay to be a little forward, just don't go overboard. It may make you look cheap and easy.

The major rule of dating is, NEVER LIE! The date may lead to a relationship but then would be built on lies. Then you can't trust that person enough stay with them.

Dating For Dummies says that if you have to lie to someone to

get a date chances are you don't need to be with them anyway, which we all agree is pretty much the truth.

So remember, when you want a date the best thing you can do is pay close attention to them. Never play hard to get, and give occasional compliments, just to show you're interested.

The best dating advice of all is to be yourself. If they like you for who you are and not who they want you to be, then you don't need any advice, and you're on your way.

Learning center begins mentoring program

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Ponder of Youth Services, Mr. Coffey, a teacher at the middle school, and Mrs. Trina Bustle, the 21st-century coordinator.

According to Mrs. Bustle, thirty-five students from the high school volunteered for the program. Also, a student from Berea College, Mr. Khalif Morris, has put his efforts into the program.

Mr. Brian Trachte, from the YMCA office in Frankfort, led the group through a training session February 8.

After completing their training, the students went to the middle school.

"The mentors used this time to get to know the middle-school students," said Mrs. Bustle.

Mrs. Bustle said that during the third visit, a lot of the six graders had many of their questions answered.

"Once the program catches on, we hope to have one advisor per student," said Mrs. Bustle.

If you have any questions or comments about *The Rocket*, feel free to write a letter to the Editor. Just drop off the letter in Ms. Susan Norton's room.

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Tyler- third place-519/600; and Tami Taylor ranked first out of 24 shooters in individual stats with a 540/600.

"I shot at the level I expected myself to," said junior Shannon Bullock.

The team is excited and ready for competition this summer and will continue to practice weekly until then. High hopes seem to be the overall theme of their attitudes.

"With Shannon [Bullock] and I shooting, there's no way we can lose!" said smiling junior Tim Tyler.

After-school traffic not the only problem

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see the light," Ms. Singleton said.

Of thirty RCHS students who drive to school, twenty-one did not know that there are flashing school zone lights before the stoplight, cautioning drivers that there is a lower speed limit in effect.

"Near-misses happen almost every day," said one RCHS student.

Senior Jeremiah Myers experienced one close-call on the second day of school this year, when his truck died in the middle of the four-way. Luckily, no one was hurt.

While many near-misses occur before and after school, the true accidents usually occur during school hours, later on in the day, or on days when there is no school.

"When we didn't have a light, there weren't any accidents," Ms. Singleton commented.

Before the stoplight was erected, a policeman directed traffic until the end of the after-school rush, but was not present during the morning.

Despite the alarming number of accidents, there are currently no plans to decrease the risk of being involved in a wreck.

According to Mr. Jesse Mahaffey, Job Trainer/Vocational Rehabilitator/Y.O.U. (Youth Opportunities Unlimited) Recruiter at RCHS, there have been discussions for the installation of another set of lights for people who are exiting Mahaffey's Sporting Goods and Town & Country Motors, and also a new left turning lane for people heading toward Somerset.

However, according to Mr. Jerry Gadbury, Transportation Engineering Branch Manager-Traffic and Permits, who is in charge of the area of the stoplight, has not been informed of any changes.

Several solutions have been discussed by people around school, but the two that have been most widely spoken of are adding grids in the road before the stoplight and draping the school zone lights over the road instead of to the side.

One piece of advice that could have prevented most accidents at the stoplight, or elsewhere, was summed up by Mr. Barry Noble, RCHS assistant principal: "...even if your light is green, check to see if anything is coming."

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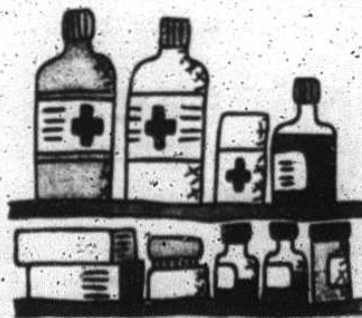
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Taurus (4/20-5/20)--Your month has been filled with special moments and new ideas. Put your creative mind to use and express yourself.



Gemini (5/21-6/21)--You need some serious help. Gossip is taking over your life, and the only thing you're doing is confusing people around you. Get your stories, and your priorities, straight.



Cancer (6/22-7/22)--Spring is here, and it seems as if everyone has a significant other--except you. Don't lower your standards; someone perfect is in sight! You will soon notice someone who will catch your eye.



Leo (7/23-8/22)--Lately you've been hiding out, but you need to hold your head high. Within the next month things will be sunshiny bright. However, keep an eye out for an ex; he'll either want revenge or another chance.



Virgo (8/23-9/22)--Spring has brought on a cleaning spree for you, so dig in and clean away. So far your love life is a big key. Set your priorities straight and figure out if you really need them or not.



Libra (9/23-10/23)--Take a chill pill, bud. You have been jumping down everyone's back and they're tired of it. Stay on task with school and try to diminish some of that stress. It's a beautiful day. Get out and relax.



Scorpio (10/24-11/21)--There is someone that makes you happy and you may have had a disagreement. Patch things up and try to be more mature and honest the second time around.



Sagittarius (11/22-12/21)--You have recently made a big decision in your life even if you haven't noticed yet. Don't take things that you have for granted. One day you may not have that special someone or thing around.



Capricorn (12/22-1/19)--Emotion flies as you learn how to express your thoughts and feelings to the right person. Your love life is going rather well, but maybe you should add a little more time and effort into that special someone.



Aquarius (1/20-2/18)--You're filled with arrogant thoughts, so just chill out and get focused. Don't take for granted what your mind cherishes because if you don't change, it may be gone.



Pisces (2/19-3/20)--A lot of changes have been taking place, mainly for the better. If you let your heart make all the decisions, you'll probably end up getting hurt.

Brain teasers, pleasers, and squeezers

Whether you need motivation, a good laugh, or simply have nothing better to do, you're sure to find it here!

- It has recently been discovered that research causes cancer in rats.

Compiled from the internet by Billy Haddix

- Psychiatrists say that 1 in 4 people are mentally ill. Check 3 friends. If they're okay, you're it.

- For people who enjoy peace and quiet: a phoneless cord.

- Homework is like a juicy steak -- rarely done.

- Have you ever noticed that the wrong calls are not busy?

- If Superman is so smart, why does he wear his underpants over his trousers?

- A truly wise man never plays leapfrog with a unicorn.

- Why is "abbreviation" such a long word?

- Never take life seriously. Nobody gets out alive anyway.

- A conclusion is simply the place where you got tired of thinking.

- Falling in love is awfully simple. Falling out of love is simply awful.

- You can only be young once, but you can be immature forever.

- If at first you DO succeed, try not to look astonished!

- Everybody wants to go to heaven, but nobody wants to die.