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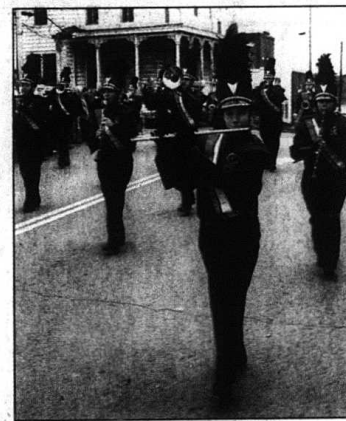
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Parading through Mt. Vernon



One of the largest ever Christmas Parades in Mt. Vernon took place on Saturday.

Shown in the top photo are members of the Rockcastle County High School Future Farmers of America Chapter. In the middle photo, David Bales drives Mt. Vernon's new fire and rescue truck and at right, Allison Carter is shown marching with the RCHS band. Inside this week's edition you will find numerous other photos from the parades at Mt. Vernon and Brodhead.

In upcoming elections

Clarice Kirby is Mayoral hopeful Dowell, Bradley also file

Mt. Vernon City Council member Clarice Kirby announced on Tuesday that she would be a candidate for Mayor in next year's general election.

Mrs. Kirby, who issued a statement on Tuesday said that she had decided to "take a big step up for the City of Mt. Vernon."

Mrs. Kirby has been a council member for a total of 13 years, serving under three different Mayors.

She said in her release that she would devote all of her energy to being Mayor and "a servant of the people."

She said that if elected, people would find her working in Mt. Vernon's City Hall as a "full-time Mayor."

Mrs. Kirby said she would work to promote team work among the city's numerous employees.

Current Mayor Karen King has indicated that she may not be a candidate for re-election next fall.

Mrs. Kirby is the first person to file for any city office throughout the county.

Those wishing to run for city offices have until August 13th to file. All city races are non-partisan.

Other filings this week include, incumbent Coroner Bill Dowell, who will be seeking an unprecedented, ninth term in office.

Incumbent second district magistrate Jack Bradley will be seeking his fourth term in office.

Ernest Alcorn will run for constable in district one and Donnie Cope will run for constable in district four.

Dowell, Bradley, Cope and

Alcorn are all Republicans.

Other candidates to file so far are Howard Saylor for County Judge, incumbent Shirley Smith for Sheriff, Wayne Lear Sr., for Sheriff, Darrell Doan for Sheriff, and John H. Kemper Jr., for Sheriff.

In the magistrate races, in district one, Democrat John Holbrook is the only one to file so far.

In district two, before Bradley's filings, William Denney filed. They are Republicans.

In district three, Bill McKinney a Republican is the only to file as of late. He is the incumbent.

In district four Fred Mullins Jr., has filed for re-election. He is joined so far by Roger Rucker.

In district five, incumbent Donald Bullock has filed. He is challenged by Mark G. Poynter, Merrill Keith Brown and George Renner.

Incumbents Norma Houk, Jeff Burdette, Margaret Offutt and James Miller have all filed.

In the constable races in district two, Delno McClure and Shannon York have filed.

In district five, Albert Wayne Carpenter has filed.

The filing deadline for all county offices is January 29th.

Those files must take place in the County Clerk's office.

The deadline for filings for school board races is the same as city races, August 13th.

Registered voters who may wish to switch their political party registration have until December 31st. That also can be done in the County Clerk's office.

Chief Justice Joe Lambert will seek re-election to the Kentucky Supreme Court

Chief Justice Lambert files

Joseph E. Lambert, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Kentucky, has today filed for re-election from the Third Supreme Court District. The Third District consists of twenty-seven counties located mostly in Southern and Southeastern Kentucky. Lambert, 53, was first elected in 1986 and re-elected in 1994.

Announcing that he will seek re-election, Lambert said, "I am grateful for the opportunity to have served the people of Kentucky on their highest court. I am also honored that my colleagues elected me as Chief Justice."

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McKinney bound to Grand Jury

Mike McKinney, 30, of Brodhead remains in jail this week after two hearings in district court on Monday.

McKinney is charged with attempting to kill his estranged wife, Melissa Lear McKinney a couple of weeks ago.

According to police reports, McKinney shot at his wife through the door when she went to their home on Hwy. 150 near Brodhead.

Mrs. McKinney was injured by fragments of glass. During the first hearing for McKinney, Rockcastle County Attorney Jeff Burdette asked that his \$5,000 cash or property bond be increased by District Judge Walter McGuire.

McGuire refused, but on Monday after an apparent heated discussion between Burdette and McGuire, the bond was increased to \$15,000. Burdette said that he asked for increase because he thought McKinney might be a danger to society at this time.

Besides the attempted murder charge the day of the shooting, KSP officer Lay Owens, also charged McKinney with driving under the influence (drugs), after McKinney fled the scene, according to court records.

During Wednesday's hearing, probable cause was found to hold McKinney over to the Rockcastle County Grand Jury.

RCHS Rifle Team takes state

The Rockcastle County JROT Rifle Team traveled to Shelby County on the 15th of December where they won the Kentucky State High School Air Rifle Team Championship (Sporter category) for the third year in a row. The match was fired against the top five teams in the state, with Rockcastle County firing a score of 2515,000, beating their closest competitor (Henderson County) by 110 points.

Two of our team members earned their place on the First Team All-

State. They were Shannon Bullock who was first in the state with a score of 534,600 and Josh Hayes who placed fifth in the state with 504,600. Tim Tyler earned a place on the Second Team All-State by placing 10th in the state with a score of 494,600. The other members of the winning team were Ronald Willey who placed 11th with 493,600 and Johnathan Noe who placed 12th with a score of

490,600. Our Precision Team, most who just started shooting in this category, placed 12th in the state. Members of this team were Adam Stallworth, Tara Thompson, Melissa Jones, Erik Stallworth and Derrick Hensley. Other members of the Rifle Team not shooting that day were: Sarah Steele, Chris Eldridge, Russell Willey and Karen Barber.

Woodrow Lamb pleads guilty to charges of attempted murder

A Rockcastle County man who has had numerous run-ins with the law over the past year has pled guilty in Rockcastle Circuit Court.

Woodrow "Woody" Lamb, 24, of Calloway, has pled guilty to two counts of attempted murder, according to Commonwealth Attorney Eddy Montgomery.

Lamb had been accused of firing shots at Mt. Vernon Police Chief Bill Mink and officer Barry Adams on

July 23rd. Montgomery did not say how much time in prison he would recommend for Lamb, who has been held on a high bond since his incarceration.

Billy Joe Spoonamore, 46, of Mt. Vernon also had his probation revoked and was sentenced to a period of three years in jail. According to Montgomery, Spoonamore admitted that he had violated his probation, by using illegal drugs.



Clarice Kirby has filed for Mayor of Mt. Vernon.



Incumbent Jack Bradley has filed for re-election in District 2.

Local residents plead guilty

The U.S. Department of Justice in the Eastern District of Kentucky announced Tuesday that they had received several guilty pleas from local residents.

Those pleas are in connection with the manufacturing of the illegal drug methamphetamine, (meth).

Jennifer Kirby, 22, of Mt. Vernon, Phillip Kirby, 25, of Mt. Vernon, James Earl Gray, 47, of Mt. Vernon

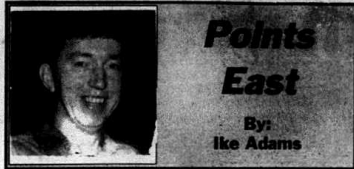
Jonathan Cromer, 22, of Mt. Vernon and Brian Pittman, 22, also of Mt. Vernon entered guilty pleas to manufacturing meth.

Phillip Kirby also pled guilty to conspiring to distribute the illegal drug and he also agreed to forfeit \$1,800.

The pleas were entered in front of Federal Judge Jennifer Coffman. Sentencing will take place on April 25, 2002.



The Rockcastle County High School Rifle Team won the State Air Rifle Championship last weekend in Shelby County. It is the third straight year the team has been crowned state champions. Those shooting for the team are pictured above, front row from left: Shannon Bullock and team captain Tim Tyler. Back row from left: Johnathan Noe, Josh Hayes and Ronald Willey. Bullock was the top shooter in the state scoring 534,600.



Points East
By: **Ike Adams**

Uncle Stevie Craft was married to my Mom's older sister Nancy (Nan). I'm ashamed to admit it but I'm not exactly sure where Aunt Nan was on the hierarchy because Mom had 9 brothers and sisters and they are all, including Mom, long since passed to "that land beyond the river" where they live in peace forever and they ring those golden bells for you and me," or so goes the hymn.

Anyway, Aunt Nan was considerably older than Mom, as was Uncle Stevie, and their children who were actually my first cousins, were more like aunts and uncles to me. Their daughter, Vada Caudill who still lives on Blair Branch and is the last living of that Craft family - for example, has always been an aunt to me and her kids and my younger brothers all went to school together. Her deceased husband originated the Bufford Caudill Fall Bean that I have made famous in this column and he is also long across the river.

What I'm trying to do for her is put things in perspective. My maternal grandparents were long gone by the time I was able to comprehend much. I was 4 years old when Pap died and he was 86. I can remember a few images distinctly but when he passed, two of my uncles took over as surrogate grandpas as did their wives as grandmas and over the coming months I intend to intersect some reminiscence about all four of them individually.

I'm starting with Uncle Stevie because he was sort of a combination Saint and Scrooge at Christmas Time. Wounded in the Spanish-American War, he wound up with a little pension of a few dollars a month and he managed to acquire a few acres of relatively flat land near the mouth of the hollow where he and Aunt Nan could grow incredible vegetable gardens.

They kept chickens and sold eggs. Fattened hogs and cured them out and milked a cow or two. Grew sorghum cane & made molasses and even tapped the maples in the head of Blair Branch to gather sap and boil it down into syrup and maple sugar.

Uncle Stevie could walk the woods and spot a locust or black gum limb perfectly curved for a sled runner and he could build a horse-drawn sled for hauling coal or wood or potatoes from the garden. He shod horses and mules and supervised the butchering of untold thousands of hogs for the neighbors in exchange for a mess of meat.

Aunt Nan was a cook's cook and her idea of Christmas was food. Chicken, one day, ham the next, and apple cobbler, cherry pies, a turkey that Uncle Stevie won at a shooting match and they would only let him win one because it wasn't fair to everybody else to shoot against the gen-

erally-acknowledged best marksman in eastern Kentucky. And he was that.

They'd put a plate of steel up and drill a hole in it and poke the turkey's neck through it. You had to shoot, standing up, off-hand, with iron sights, at the turkeys head, from a distance of 60 or 75 yards with a .22 rifle. The turkey would be wobbling his head all about and the more they shot the more he would wobble until Uncle Stevie raised his rifle and ended the misery on his first shot and took home the bird for a holiday dinner.

But best of all, for a preteen mountain boy, he made stuff that had more adolescent appeal. My first sling shot was a Christmas present from Uncle Stevie when I was 7 or 8 years old. Fashioned from the perfect fork of a dogwood branch, the sling straps were cut from an old, red-rubber, automobile tire, inner-tube and perfectly matched. The pouch was made from an old leather shoe tongue that he had softened with milk oil.

I walked out of the hollow at daybreak to Blair Branch. Grade School more than a mile on a muddy, rutted road and I was terrified of being dog bitten until I got that slingshot. With a back pocket full of carefully selected and rounded sandstone gravel I had biting dogs running under the floors of their owners homes in a matter of days because I could cause them a lot of agony.

I made believers out of two or three older local bullies, too, who told me Dad I'd shot them with a sling shot and he told them that he was going to teach me how to aim better because he didn't see any bruises between their eyes and that's what they ought to be aiming at instead of their tails. They squealed to Willie J. Back, the school principal and he called me aside, gave me a pocket full of marbles for ammunition and advised that I aim for the straddle.

"Them boys are too big for me to whoop," he told me. "Shoot 'em between the legs and they'll leave you alone and they'll be too proud to ever tell on you again." Mr. Back was right and, in hindsight, he was one of the best teachers I had in my educational career. Not because he taught me how to deal with bullies as much as he did in getting me academically ready for high school. The bully lessons came in handy there too. Bark 'em and they'll leave you alone no matter how big they are.

I remember flutes that Uncle Stevie crafted by somehow loosening the bark from a Pawpaw limb and whittling out the inner wood and then applying the bark back over it and letting it dry real tight for a few days and then whittling holes so that it

could be noted and in tune with a fiddle. And water guns made from elder berry bushes where he used the pith and somehow attached it to a hickory limb to make a pump that would suck the water up when you pulled it back and squirt it 20 yards when you pushed it forward. And to reload all you had to have was a ready supply of water. Men used to carry lovingly and precisely carved to look so remarkably like the real thing that it took a trained adult eye to tell the difference until they held them.

I remember a wooden sleigh that he made for me when I had been whining for a mail order thing with metal runners that was advertised in the Montgomery-Ward's Christmas Catalogue.

I must have been in third grade but several of the older boys wanted to swap me for the brought on ones they had gotten from Ward's when we went back to school after Christmas. Mine, made of bent hickory, had a

set of short runners in the front that pivoted like the front wheel on a bicycle. Their's just bent up front and basically went straight down hill. I could stam on the hill-sides like an Alpine skier. Uncle Stevie must have spent several hundred hours building it.

It occurs to me that Uncle Stevie was not much older than I am now when he was such a grandfather to me but it is impossible for me to remember Christmas Past without smiling and remembering my Uncle Stevie Craft. I'd give anything to be such a person to some kids today. I'd give anything if there were some kids out there who would appreciate it as much as I did growing up. I can't make a computer but I'm pretty sure I can still make a slingshot.

I know you're up there somewhere Uncle Stevie. And I know you're grinning. So am I. So am I.

I appreciate you more now than ever. Merry Christmas!

of them, especially in the three small towns are not paid extremely well. Can you imagine this country without police officers, although I do think there should be some kind of age requirements even if the pay is low.

A couple of local office holders, the Chief Justice and our State Representative spoke. I thought the County Judge-Executive probably should have gotten a few minutes, since he has considered the highest ranking local official, but that just goes to show you there is politics in everything, even a civic organization.

Two weeks ago I broke one of my own rules and wrote about a complaint we had received concerning not enough coverage for the JROTC at RCHS.

I know better, because I know they have not been slighted in anyway - so you just over look complaints such as we received.

And, I upset Mrs. Jenny Taylor and her husband Major Sgt. Keith Taylor, who are the main reasons the program is so successful at RCHS. They certainly made no complaints and I owe them an apology.

They do an excellent job of providing us with information about the accomplishments of their students.

Congratulations are also in order this week for the program's Rifle Team, which won the state title again on Saturday. It is something they were very proud of.

It has been a strange time in this country since September 11th and I think those events have actually helped some of us realize what is important and what isn't.

We should also remember that thousands of families will be celebrating this special time without loved ones who were killed for no reason.

Although we are the greatest nation in the world, the U.S. has its fault and I am a little concerned that we are about to lose some of our civil liberties. I think Americans will be tolerant, given the circumstances, but I am also satisfied that we will get them back.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us and there are a lot of us (which is a good thing) to all of you.

Another year gone by



Richard Anderkin
Editor
Mount Vernon Signal

are, so I will leave it at that. I would also like to thank the many advertisers who have once again chosen to advertise here.

Also a special thanks to Steve Owens who has been so helpful since Dad got sick.

Changing gears a little, the Rockcastle County Kiwanis Club is no doubt the most active civic organization in the county.

Last week they held an appreciation banquet at the Rockcastle County Middle School.

They honored local Veterans, firefighters and police officers. It was very appropriate and put on with a lot of class.

It was nice to see so many Veterans turn out for the event, because we all know they are worthy of any and all recognition they receive.

Kiwanis President Corey Craig did a very good job recognizing those who have given the ultimate sacrifice, losing their lives while serving this country.

And for those of us who know, the county would be in sad shape without the dedication of our local volunteer firefighters.

None of them are compensated and unless you have been called out in the middle of the night two or three nights in a row, sometimes in extreme weather conditions, you have no idea what a service they provide. Police personnel are also very worthy of the recognition they received on that Sunday afternoon. They are compensated, but many

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It is hard to believe that another year has passed. It seems like only a few weeks ago that we were entering a new millennium, but now two more years have passed.

For only the second time during the ownership of our family, (1966) we will not publish a newspaper next week.

Christmas falls on Tuesday making it difficult to put out much of a publication. (I know many people are probably thinking it never is much of a publication), but most weekly newspapers across the country do not publish the week of Christmas anyway - so this year we are going to use that as one of our excuses on top of the fact that it is just bad timing.

This office will be closed Friday December 21 through Friday December 28.

With another year passing I would like to thank everyone who has been so helpful.

It always amazes me the level of cooperation I receive from those I deal with on a weekly basis and the truly good in people.

There are so many people who I need to thank, and you know who you

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Main Street Branch
Front row from left: Melinda Osborne, Jenny Bray and Matt Cromer. Back row from left: Shauna Lawson, Jeannine Lawrence, Cathy Howard and Alice Faulkner. Not shown were Sue Owens, Donna Statton and Becky Mays.

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In Loving Memories

- In Loving Memory of Benny L. Phillips**
My way of grieving for a person who was good.
- Lord, I miss you more than I ever thought possible.
 - And now I am left to cherish all the memories you left me over and over again every day and night.
 - I will always remember how you helped me get started in life.
 - How our hardships in life brought us even closer together.
 - Our boyhood times together with all the secrets we shared.
 - I always looked to you as "my big brother".
 - Those years of trial I saw you working hard and trying to live the right life with family.
 - The many trips we took together and the great fun we had.
 - The times we lived together and the fun and parties we enjoyed.
 - All those times you would make me laugh until I cried.
 - How deeply believing your thoughts were.
 - Our houseboat trips on the lake, govt we were happy, in good health and having a ball, and you loved being the captain.
 - You were a person I could talk to when I needed you to listen.
 - The many nights we talked together and you missed your children.
 - The times you made me sad because you were lonely when we talked.
 - That certain smile you had I will never forget.
 - A person you could rely on.
 - Your voice so soft and so deep.
 - A person who loved family and his Mother and Dad.
 - The moments when we smiled together and also when we shed tears.
 - And I really miss especially this past year always before we hang up

you would sign off saying "I love you brother", I just want you to know that this made my night happy but I also sensed you maybe leaving.

- I always envied you looking so handsome and making all the ladies swoon.
- A person who had a voice for music.
- I was always proud to call you "my brother".
- Looking back you told many of us you were leaving in your very own way.
- I only wanted your handmade wallet and I read those words you pressed inside "God walk with me" I will treasure it always as well as keep.
- In closing brother Bart you left me too many memories too huge to either count or print.
- I don't think so much about the things that could have been different because no man lives that does not need improvement.
- The good thing about you is what I remember because I see the goodness you left behind.
- How could I ask for more?

Your Brother Bradley

In Memory of Christ's Birthday
By Lora W. Hamilton
I do not know the month or Lord was born.
But I do know He came to die for all our sins.
So as we celebrate his Birthday, I'm so proud that He was born.
My family have all gone to meet Him.
On that great resurrection day, They will see each other.
And every one meets.
All will lay their burden at his feet.
And there I will be.

He was born in a lonely manger
There we will stand by the master
with his hands.
He holds this golden book with the names written with blood.
No one with sin can enter in.

Dressed in white I know my name
is written in gold in that Big Book.
The Lord is the only one the can remove it.
In all His glory I will be waiting for the Lord to come for me.

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Dewayne Hutton and Jamie Alcorn for the beautiful music. Thank you First Baptist Church (Marantha Class) for preparing food and making visitors comfortable. A special thanks also to Mr. James Carpenter for his love and kindness in preparing the grave sight. Mr. David Ballinger for his help there. Also, May God bless each of you for sharing in our sorrow.

So Greatly Appreciated Robert Allen
To all the family and friends for your love, concern and support through cards, flowers, food and prayers, at a very difficult time in our lives. A special thanks to the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home staff for your services and your kindness. Sparks Flower Shop for your help in making flower decisions. A heartfelt thanks to Bro. Wendall Romans, former (retired) minister of the First Baptist Church, for his long travels and for his comforting words at the funeral. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs.

The Family of Robert Allen
Thank You
The Mt. Vernon Church of God congregation and Pastor Bro. Bobby Owens would like to express our gratitude to every one that made a donation of any kind to our auction for the church on December 14th. We appreciate it very much. May God bless you all. And hope you all have a Merry Christmas.
The Mt. Vernon Church of God

Cards of Thanks

Robert Howard
The family of Robert Howard would like to thank everyone who sent flowers and were so kind during the illness of our loved one. We would especially like to thank Dr. Arvin, the Sowder Nursing Home and Rockcastle Hospital for their care. Special thanks to Cox Funeral Home and pallbearers, Curt Roberts, Billy McClure, Bob Burdine, Charles McClure, Paul Martin and Paul Coldiron and preacher, Lester Caldwell.

love and support. Shirley Burton and her family for their continual support. Bro. Ova for his spiritual guidance and comforting words; Marvin and Judy Owens for their invaluable assistance. To Wayne's life long friends Ben Bullens, Daryl Johnson and Jack Baker, we could never thank you enough for the love and friendship you showed not only to our father, but to us while helping the family during our time of need and sorrow.
Sincerely,
Greg, Lynn, Scott, April, Beck & Boyd

Marvin Wayne Renner
The family of Marvin Wayne Renner would like to extend our most sincere gratitude to the many family and friends that showed their support throughout this difficult time. Your thoughts and prayers were greatly appreciated! We would also like to thank the following businesses and organizations for the gifts and excellent care: Gibson/American Greetings; Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals including Jack Bussell for his gifts of voice; Hospice; V.A. Medical Center; Ott Bond and friends; Berra Wal-Mart.
Most importantly we thank the following people: our mother, Imogene, for her much needed help,

John Rader
The family of John Rader would like to thank everyone who prayed for us, sent flowers or food, came by or called during the loss of our loved one, John Rader. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.
A special thank you to Bonnie Hummel, Bro. Jimmy Muncy, Bro. Redmund, Bro. James Chrisman and the special singer from Emanuel Baptist Church. We are grateful to the congregations and pastors of Flat Rock Baptist Church and Grace Baptist Church, both in Rockcastle County and to Landmark Baptist Church and Emanuel Baptist Church.

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Make holidays safe at home

By: Hazel Jackson, County Agent for Family & Consumer Services

It's easy to forget some basic safety precautions in the excitement of entertaining during the holidays.

Even people with many years of cooking and entertaining experience are susceptible to kitchen mishaps such as burns, cuts, slips, sprains, strains, falls and electric shock.

In the kitchen, the basic rule for stove safety is to never leave food cooking unattended because it could cause a fire. Turn pot handles to the inside of the cooking surface. Handles hanging over the front of the stove can be bumped or pulled down by a curious child causing severe burns. When lifting a pot lid, tilt the lid to direct steam away from your hands and face. Use dry potholders to remove hot pots, pans or casseroles from the stove or oven.

We've all heard the old saying "oil and water don't mix." In fact, water and hot oil can create dangerous splatters so be sure food is free of water and ice before you pour it into hot oil. Grease that smokes is too hot and could easily ignite. Never try to put out a grease fire with water. Instead, turn off the burner and slide a lid over the pan, or use a dry-chemical fire extinguisher.

When you're cooking, wear short or roll-up sleeves rather than loose, flowing clothing. Loose clothing can come into contact with the stove causing a fire. If clothing does catch fire, drop to the floor and roll back and forth to smother the flames. Rinse minor burns with cool water for at least five minutes.

Never treat a burn with grease or butter as these products will trap heat and make the injury worse.

Curious children are more excited, than usual around the holidays. It's important to childproof the kitchen, especially if small children are under foot. Keep potentially dangerous things inaccessible by using door locks on cabinets containing medicines, cleaning supplies or pesticides. Also tightly close garbage cans to keep children out, install stove shields to prevent access to burner and oven controls and put childproof plugs in unused electrical outlets.

Here are some more tips to make the holidays a safe time:

- Make the kitchen a clutter-free environment. By putting things away in their proper places, there's less chance of an injury. Keep cabinet doors closed because an open door can result in a bumped head or broken glasses.
- Replace worn flooring and promptly clean up spills to reduce the chance of slipping.
- Have sufficient lighting to provide good visibility, reducing the likelihood of an accident.
- Keep a fire extinguisher capable of putting out both grease and electrical fires in an easily and quickly accessible place. Also, have a first aid kit handy.
- Test smoke alarms regularly.

For more information, contact your Rockcastle County Extension Service at 256-2403.



Dr. Carolyn Reppert Morris recently received the 2001 President's Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence sealed and signed by United States President George W. Bush and United States Secretary of Education. Dr. Morris received this prestigious honor for academic excellence demonstrated in the counseling psychology research she has done at Emmanuel Baptist University. Dr. Morris' doctoral dissertation compared Christian Counseling Psychology to Secular Counseling Psychology. Her continued research focus is on how Jesus, the Greatest Counselor, taught and counseled. Dr. Morris is the daughter of Mrs. Mable Reppert Burdette of KenRiv Valley and the late Marcus Eugene Reppert. Dr. Morris and her husband Rodger Morris make their home in Florida, following Rodger's recent retirement from Ky. Department of Corrections.

Pictured are Dr. Morris, center, with her mother, Mrs. Mable Reppert Burdette and her husband, Rodger Morris at Emmanuel Baptist University in Connelly Springs, North Carolina.

Law enforcement technology program offered at Somerset Community & Technical College

The newest associate degree program in the Somerset Community and Technical College District is Law Enforcement Technology (LEN). The program is being offered as a joint effort between Somerset Technical College, Somerset Community College, and Laurel Technical College.

The LEN degree program has been approved by the Board of Regents for the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) and the Council on Occupational Education.

The law enforcement career has evolved greatly in recent years. No longer can applicants with minimal job skills expect to be hired. Today's successful candidates must understand and demonstrate a comprehensive knowledge of the profession and pass measurable performance examinations. LEN students receive this advanced instruction as part of their required course work. Graduates are prepared for entry in the field of police work, corrections and related occupations. The curriculum offers students instruction not only in theory, but in principles and techniques employed by law enforcement units and police agencies. Other courses in the program focus on the law as it relates to law enforcement, human behavior, government and communication. Specialized course

work is also included as part of the curriculum.

Graduates of the program will be qualified to seek job opportunities on the municipal, county, state, as well as, federal level. Many industries and private concerns now employ technicians who are skilled in security and protection.

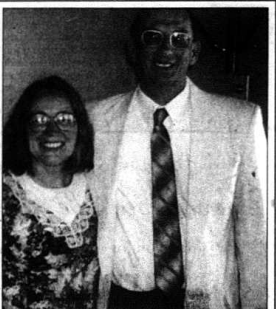
With experience, LEN graduates may also advance into administrative or supervisory positions in the security field or other areas of law enforcement.

Law enforcement careers are expected to increase by 52% by 2005, according to statistics.

For more information contact one of the Somerset Community and Technical Colleges near you or stop by for a visit and plan a new career move with one of our friendly staff members.

Colleges in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System change lives by providing accessible and affordable education and training through academic and technical associate degrees; diploma and certificate programs in occupational fields; pre-baccalaureate education; adult, continuing and development education; customized training for business and industry and distance learning.

Rodger Clay Morris, a recent retiree of the Ky. Cabinet of Justice, Department of Corrections, received several commendations for outstanding service from Ky. Probation and Parole Division, Ky. State Probation and Parole Officers Association and the Senate of the Commonwealth of Ky. "for 28 years of dedicated service in the field of law enforcement" and "working with great integrity to faithfully execute the duties of his post." Mr. Morris earned the much deserved admiration and respect of his peers and colleagues for the leadership role he assumed and for the instrumental contributions he made to Hazardous Duty and Career Ladders Program which ultimately benefits every Probation and Parole Officer statewide. "and" for his exemplary dedication to his profession and to this fine Commonwealth." Mr. Morris was Assistant Supervisor in District 8, serving 17 counties in the Commonwealth.



Mr. Morris and his wife, Dr. Carolyn Reppert Morris, pictured, formerly resided in Madison County. They now live in Florida, following Rodger's retirement. Rodger is the son of the late Linzie Morris and Mrs. Hazel Morris Burdette, formerly of Mt. Vernon.

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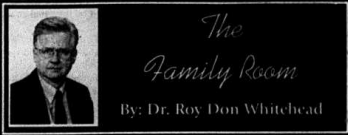


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Emotional Dependency Is Not Love

"I am miserable without Joe," he told his counselor. "You have got to help me get her back. I love her so much that I don't see a life without her. Can you help me? Will you talk to her? I've got to have her back."

Both Jane and Norm are making a common mistake. They are equating emotional dependency with love. They both believe that because they need someone therefore they love that person. This is not true.

Popular music, television and movies contribute to this myth that emotional dependency is the same as love. One of the worst offenders is that old country song by George Jones entitled "He Stopped Loving Her Today."

It tells the story of a man whose girlfriend left him more than twenty years ago, but he still lives in the past, hoping that she will return. He stopped loving only when "they placed a wreath upon his door" and "carried him away."

Some would see that as a shining example of true love. Instead, it is a prime example of emotional dependency carried to the extreme.

Abusive males are often emotionally dependent on the women they abuse. This may seem odd, but it is at the root of their abuse. They abuse and degrade the women in order to beat down their self-esteem and put so much fear into them that they will not leave.

Abusive males whose wives have left can be some of the most pitiful creatures one has ever seen. Strong, powerful men break down and sob. They go from person to person begging anyone to help them talk her into returning. "I love

her so much," they say. "I can't live without her."

Yet strong relationships are not built on need but on choice. It is better for two people to be together because they choose to be rather than because they have to be. "I need her so much that I can't live without her" is not love, it is emotional dependency. "I love her and choose to spend the rest of my life with her" is love.

One way to distinguish love from emotional dependency is to ask "whose interest does the lover put first?" Love is always concerned with what is best for the loved one. Love wants what is best for the partner even if that might mean losing him or her.

Emotional dependency is not concerned about the needs of the other. The emotionally dependent person always puts his needs first. "I want her with me no matter what" means he wants her with him even if being with her is detrimental to her health and happiness.

The emotionally dependent person is so caught up in her own needs that she cannot see the needs of her partner. The dependent one uses the word "I" very often. "I need him" and "I miss him" and "I can't live without him" are some of her favorite sayings.

The cure for emotional dependency is to develop strong self-esteem. Knowing that he can make it without her allows him to go on with his life when she leaves. Certainly he will be sad and will grieve, but it will not mean the end of his life. His life is more than her.

Being emotionally independent is not easy. Most relationships include some degree of emotional dependency. The healthiest relationships are those where each partner maintains some degree of emotional independence and where the two of them choose to be together rather than being locked together by intense dependency.

Support fight against lung disease by donating used car

Mrs. Kentucky 2000, Crystal Jacobson, is asking Kentuckians to support the fight against lung disease by donating a used vehicle to the American Lung Association of Kentucky, Jacobson, who will compete in the Mrs. America pageant next June in Las Vegas, is being featured in a series of new ads and billboards to promote the Lung Association's vehicle donation program.

The Louisville native says she wanted to lend her support to the fight against lung disease since three of her grandparents died of lung cancer. "Like so many Kentuckians, my family has been greatly touched by lung disease, so I want to do what I can," said Jacobson. She added, "As the mother of two girls, ages 11 and 13, the prime age at which young people start to smoke—I especially want to

help counter the misleading perception, fostered by cigarette ads that beautiful people smoke."

The aim of the new campaign is to generate revenue for programs and services such as asthma camps, lung disease support groups and medical research. Those who would like to donate a used car, truck, van, motorcycle or boat can call 1-800-577-LUNG. Fast, free pick-up will be arranged upon your call.

Donating a vehicle can spare you the hassle of a trade-in and the cost of repairs. It might even earn you a valuable tax credit since the tax benefits of this type of donation may vary depending on a vehicle's make, model and age. Those who have specific questions related to this type of gift are encouraged to check with an accountant.

KSP increasing checkpoints during Christmas holiday

The Kentucky State Police at London would like to remind motorists of the presence of additional traffic checkpoints during the month of December.

These checkpoints are utilized to enforce laws relating to the operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicants, licensing of drivers, registration of motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment safety. Other violations or suspected violations of state law observed at the checkpoints will be investigated and enforced.

The determination of where and when a traffic checkpoint will be held will bear a relationship to a public safety or traffic violation problem, which has been experienced or is anticipated in a particular location.

Traffic checkpoints will be established on roadways with clear visibility in all directions of travel.

Along with the additional traffic checkpoints, KSP Troopers at the London Post will be out in force on our highways utilizing our new Chevrolet Camaro along with both marked and unmarked patrol vehicles. This is to help reduce the number of accidents this Christmas and New Year's season, which are mostly due to excessive speed and those driving under the influence.

We are encouraging everyone driving to take time and not to be in a hurry when leaving on his or her trip this holiday season. Statistics show that if a motorist is ejected from a vehicle, there is only a 25 percent chance of survival. The best way to

avoid being ejected is to wear your safety belt.

State Police troopers want everyone to arrive home safely for the holidays. So please remember, don't let anyone who may have been drinking get behind the wheel. During this busy holiday season, and throughout the year, it is important for all drivers to be safe and sober.

During the 2000 Christmas holiday period, four people were killed in six fatal crashes on Kentucky's roadways. One of those fatal crashes involved alcohol and none of the victims were wearing a safety belt.

The State Police will work in conjunction with local police departments and sheriff's offices in an effort to reduce the number of fatal

crashes and intoxicated drivers on our roadways. The official Christmas holiday begins at 6 p.m. Friday, December 21 and ends at 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, December 25th.

Motorists can help law enforcement officers by reporting erratic drivers to the KSP hotline at 1-800-222-5555. Callers may remain anonymous and should give a description of the vehicle, location, direction of travel and license number, if possible.

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Poet's Corner

The following poem was written by a Marine stationed in Okinawa Japan.

"Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone, In a one bedroom house made of plaster and stone. I had come down the chimney with presents to give, And to see just who in this home did live. I looked all about, a strange sight I did see, No tinsel, no presents, not even a tree. No stocking by mantle, just boots filled with sand, And on the wall pictures of far distant lands. With medals and badges, awards of all kinds, A sobering thought came to my mind. For this house was different, so dark and so dreary, The home of a soldier, now I could see clearly.

The soldier lay sleeping, silent alone, Curled up on the floor in this one bedroom home. The face was so gentle, the room in such disorder, No how I pictured a United States soldier. Was this the hero of whom I'd just read? Curled up on a poncho, the floor for a bed?

I realized the families that I saw this night, Owed their lives to these soldiers who were willing to fight. Soon round the world, the children would play, And grown-ups would celebrate a bright Christmas Day. They all enjoyed freedom each month of the year, Because of the soldiers, like the one lying here.

I couldn't help wonder how many family alone, On a cold Christmas Eve in a land far from home.

The very thought brought a tear to my eye, I dropped to my knees and started to cry. The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice, "Santa, don't cry," this life is my choice, I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more, My life is my God, my country, my corps."

The soldier rolled over and soon drifted to sleep, I couldn't control it, I continued to weep. I kept watch for hours, so silent and still, And we both shivered from the cold evening's chill.

I didn't want to leave on that cold, dark, night, This guardian of honor so willing to fight. Then the soldier rolled over, with a voice soft and pure, Whispered, "Carry on Santa, it's Christmas Day, all is secure."

One look at my watch, and I knew he was right, "Merry Christmas my friend, and to all a good night."

A Police Officer Speaks
(The author of this article was Trooper Mitchell Brown of the Virginia State Police. He was killed in the line of duty two months after writing this article. As a salute to the millions of police officers who put their lives on the line for us every day, please pass this one!)

Well, Mr. Citizen, it seems you've figured me out.

I to fit neatly in the category where you've placed me. I'm stereotyped, standardized, characterized, classified, grouped and always typical.

Unfortunately, the reverse is true. I can never figure you out. From birth you teach your children that I'm the boogeyman. Then you're shocked when they identify with my traditional enemy...the criminal!

You accuse me of coddling criminals...until I catch your kids doing wrong.

You may take an hour for lunch and several coffee breaks each day, But point me out as a loafer for having one cup.

You pride yourself on your manners, but think nothing of disrupting my meals with your troubles. You raise heck with the guy who cuts you off in traffic, But let me catch you doing the same thing and I'm picking on you. You know all the traffic laws...but you've never gotten a single ticket you deserve.

You should "foul" if you observe me driving fast to a call, But raise the roof if I take more than ten seconds to respond to your complaint. You call it part of my job if someone strikes me, But call it Police brutality if I strike back of the Patrol car.

Or perhaps save your son's life with mouth to mouth breathing, Or work many hours overtime looking for your lost daughter.

So, Mr. Citizen, you can stand there on your soapbox and rant and rave about the way I do my work, Calling me every name in the book, But never stop to think that your property, family or maybe even

your life depends on me or one of my buddies.

Yes, Mr. Citizen, it's me...the cop!

Speeding

Jack took a long look at his speedometer before slowing down: 73 in a 55 zone.

Fourth time in as many months. How could a guy get caught so often? When his car had slowed to 10 miles an hour, Jack pulled over, but only partially. Let the cop worry about the potential traffic hazard.

Maybe some other car will tweak his backside with a mirror.

The cop was stepping out of his car, the big pad in hand.

Bob? Bob from Church? Jack sunk farther into his trench coat.

This was worse than the coming ticket.

A Christian cop catching a guy from his own church.

A guy who happened to be a little eager to get home after a long day at the office.

A guy he was about to play golf with tomorrow.

Jumping out of the car, he approached a man he saw every Sunday, a man he'd never seen in uniform.

"Hi, Bob. Fancy meeting you like this."

"Hello, Jack."

No smile.

"Guess you caught me red-handed in a rush to see my wife and kids."

"Yeah, I guess." Bob seemed uncertain. Good.

"I've seen some long days at the office lately. I'm afraid I bent the rules a bit-just this once."

Jack toed at a pebble on the pavement.

"Diane said something about roast beef and potatoes tonight. Know what I mean?"

"I know what you mean. I also know that you have a reputation in our precinct."

OUCH!

This was not going in the right direction.

Time to change tickets.

"What'd you clock me at?"

"Seventy. Would you sit back in your car, please?"

"Now wait a minute here, Bob. I checked as soon as I saw you. I was barely nudging 65."

The lie seemed to come easier with every ticket.

"Please, Jack, in the car."

Plus, Jack hunched himself through the still-open door. Slamming it shut, he stared at the dash board.

He was in no rush to open the window.

The minutes ticked by. Bob scribbled away on the pad.

Why hadn't he asked for a driver's license?

Whatever the reason, it would be a month of Sundays before Jack ever sat near this cop again.

A tap on the door jerked his head to the left.

There was Bob, a folded paper in hand.

Jack rolled down the window a mere two inches.

Just enough room for Bob to pass him the slip.

"Thanks," Jack could not quite keep the sneer out of his voice.

Bob returned to his police car without a word.

Jack watched his retreat in the mirror.

Jack unfolded the sheet of paper. How much was that one going to cost? Wait a minute. What was this? Some kind of joke?

Certainly not a ticket.

Jack began to read:

"Dear Jack, Once upon a time I had a daughter.

She was killed by a car. You guessed it - a speeding driver.

A fine and three months in jail, and the man was free.

Free to hug his daughters. All three of them.

I only had one, and I'm going to have to wait until Heaven before I can ever hug her again.

A thousand times I've tried to forgive that man.

A thousand times I thought I had. Maybe I did, but I need to do it again. Even now.

Pray for me. And be careful, Jack, my son is all I have left."

"Bob"

Jack turned around in time to see Bob's car pull away and head down the road.

Jack watched until it disappeared. A full 15 minutes later, he too, pulled away and drove slowly home, praying for forgiveness and hugging a surprised wife and kids when he arrived.

Life is precious. Handle with care. This is an important message, please pass it along to your friends.

Drive safely and carefully.

Remember, cars are not the only thing recalled by their maker.

Funny how you can send a thousand "jokes" through e-mail and they spread like wildfire.

But when you start sending messages regarding the sanctity of life, People think twice about sharing. Funny how when you go to forward this message...

You will not send it to many of your address list because you're not sure what they believe, or what they will think of you for sending it to them.

A Christmas Prayer

Dear God, give us freedom from terror and strife. Give us joy in our hearts, and new meaning in life. Bring our troops home with honor and pride, And give those who hate us, no place to hide.

That is what we want for Christmas.

We have lots of gadgets and have lots of toys. We'll buy some more for our girls and our boys, But help us to give them what's good and will last. Things that won't break when the season is past. Give us a heartwarming Christmas.

Help us remember and never forget, We owe our freedom and we have a debt. To the men and the women taking a stand. To keep evil forces out of our land. Give them a wonderful Christmas.

Give us the will to do what it right. To let our light shine, like a candle at night. You saw us in need, and you gave your best. Because of your goodness our nation is blessed!

So we can celebrate Christmas. Submitted by Freda Warf

Merry Christmas Sayings
By William Jerry Ayers

A kind word is the best gift. Jesus is the real reason for the season.

At Christmas time or any other time, a friend is a true treasure. Christmas music gives life harmony. On Christmas, CARE givers are special Angels. Holiday friendship warms the heart. Christmas, and a family is a circle of love. Volunteers share and care. GOD bless your house and all those who enter this Christmas season.

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Christmas at the Country Church

By William Jerry Ayers
That little old country church is a hundred years old, and what memories of Christmas gone by it does hold. Of how on Christmas morning its steeple would ring calling its members to come to church to pray and sing.

Its pews were all handmade, not for money but for love, for the good Lord God, up in heaven above. Since the church was built the years slowly rolled away, and in its graveyard some of its older members lay.

How many more Christmas will that country church be there? It will exist as long as people go to sing and say a prayer. For churches such as this will never come to an end. As long as there are those that love and worship God attend.

If people of today's world will find a church like this to pray, I know it would bring all of us a brighter Christmas day. So please attend a little old church or one that's new. And you will find a happier New Year waiting for you.

Merry Legends of Christmas

By William Jerry Ayers
Rose ornaments on a Christmas tree are a symbolic meaning of beauty and are believed to be an expression of affection and love.

Legend tells us that the white of a candy cane symbolizes the purity of the Christmas season.

Red stripes are for the blood shed by Christ on the cross. The candy cane is formed into a "J" to represent the precious name of Jesus.

The star symbolizes the great light which led the wise men to the Christ child so many years ago. The star also symbolizes hope for peace and good fortune.

The guardian angel feather symbolizes God's care for his people through the presence of angels. Psalm 91:11... For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

Legends has it that mushrooms are a good luck symbol. Associated with nature and the beauty of the forest, finding one is considered to be very lucky and to mean good fortune is at hand mushroom ornaments are displayed on most of our Christmas trees.

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

Because it stays green all through the year, the evergreen tree is a symbolic meaning of eternal life offered to Christians through faith in Christ. The tree-top points heavenward. A star signifies the special star which guided the wise men to Bethlehem. The lights represent Christ, the Light of the world.

God Bless all of you this Christmas. **Santa's Favorite Christmas Jokes** By William Jerry Ayers
LAUGHTER, is one gift we can all give this Christmas.

Craig...The girl I went to the Christmas party with was a suicide blonde? What do you mean by suicide blonde????

Ron...??? who by her own hands.

Craig...Dyed by her own hands.

Christmas Eve Party Hangover
Breakfast - Raw eggs, tomato, juice, black coffee and our sympathy.

Willie Makeit...Last Christmas I got a book called "Man the Master of His House."

Craig...Was it any good?
Willie...I don't know my wife wouldn't let me read it.

Penny Kash writes to Santa every year, "Dear Santa, I don't ask a thing for myself, but please send my parents a son-in-law."

Craig...What do you mean your last date was like a Christmas tie?
Honey...Loud and useless.

The Night After Christmas

By William Jerry Ayers
Tis the night after Christmas. We can't even walk through our house.

Things are so cluttered, not even room for a mouse. Gift boxes and presents all over the floor.

My wife is so exhausted she is now taking a snooze.

It was so late last night when we all got to bed. Oh my poor, poor aching head. Paper, ribbons, tinsel and lots of pine needles too.

Have covered the living room floor, we can't wade through.

Tis the night after Christmas. Daughter and granddaughters have left for the day. Children had lots of toys with which they wanted to play.

They told me they thought Santa and his reindeer. Did a real great job with all their gifts this year.

As far as presents our family didn't do bad at all. And this Christmas everyone really had a ball.

'Tis the night after Christmas. It is late and the moon peeps into the room. Giving visions of objects all needing a broom. Our Son is sure moving around in a low gear. Santa Claus has departed for another year.

I heard him say as he flew out of my sight. Christmas is over for this year, so good night.

Around Christmas Children Dream Of

By William Jerry Ayers
Around Christmas time each year. What are children's dreams made of?

Wizards and warlocks and crystal balls, Dragons and Knights and castle walls.

Heroes and villains and kidnapped kings, Fairies, Weird Legends and magical things.

Beanie babies, space ships and trains, Cowboys, Disney toys and big plans. Courage and faith and true love. That's what children's Christmas dreams are made of.

Christmas Greetings Far & Near

By William Jerry Ayers
To those we love and see each day. And other loved ones so far away.

To all great friends who mean so very much. And those whom we're out of touch. To our dearest family and friends those near and far away.

This wish is sent along to you for a happy holiday. Christmas wouldn't be the same if we could not get in touch.

With friends and family like you who mean so very much.

Each Christmas we have shared with friends far and near. Who has made our years together so memorable and dear.

It wouldn't be like Christmas if I didn't get in touch. And wish the seasons happiness to YOU whom I care about so much. So with love this Christmas greeting I send your way.

Wishing YOU and YOURS a safe and happy love filled holiday.

The Greatest Christmas Gift of All

By William Jerry Ayers
For this Christmas story we must go back a few years.

A father punished his little seven-

year-old daughter for wasting a roll of silver Christmas wrapping paper.

Money was very tight and he became real mad when his daughter tried to wrap a box to put under the small Christmas tree.

On Christmas morning the little girl brought the same little silver box to her dad and said, "This gift is for you daddy, with love."

He was embarrassed by his overreaction the day before, but his anger, flared up again when he opened the little silver box and found it empty.

He yelled at her, "Don't you know when you give someone a present there's supposed to be something inside the box?"

The little girl looked up at him with tears in her eyes and said, "Oh daddy it's not empty, I blew kisses into the silver box, and you know."

The father was crushed. He put his arms around his little daughter and then he begged her forgiveness.

An accident took the life of the child only a short time later, and it is told that the man kept the little silver box by his bed and whenever

he feels very discouraged, He would take out an imaginary kiss and remember the great love of the child who put it there.

For this was his greatest Christmas gift of all.

An in a very real sense, each of us humans, have been driven a little silver box filled with unconditional LOVE and kisses from our children, friends, our family or GOD.

There is no more precious possession anyone could give. Merry Christmas & A Happy Love Filled New Year

Joking With Jerry, at Christmas Time

By William Jerry Ayers
Good humor will make this Christmas seem better. Today two can live as cheaply as one, but not as long.

Success is getting what you want this Christmas. Happiness is wanting what YOU get. Willie Makeit...On Christmas my wife thinks I'm a treasure.

Craig...You are lucky, some wives think their husbands are a TREASURE.

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Rockets win third straight

The Rockcastle County Rocket varsity basketball team won their third straight game on Tuesday with a 71-51 win over visiting Oneida Baptist.

The win ran the Rockets record to 4 and 2 on the season and 2 and 1 in the district.

Although the Rockets won by 20 points, they found themselves down 12 to 3 in the first period and ahead only 13 points at halftime. Much of their troubles were due to turnovers, which they basically eliminated in the second half.

"We got it together in the second half - our kids played better defense and made better decisions," head coach Clayton Cash said.

It also didn't hurt the Rockets that they were a perfect 8 for 8 from the free throw line.

Senior center Andrew Hammond scored 22 points on 11 for 17 shooting. He also had a game high 13 rebounds.

Junior Aaron Anderkin added 19

points, making 4 of 10 from 3 point range and 3 for 4 inside the arc. He also was one for one from the free throw line and had 7 rebounds.

Junior Jason Reynolds had 14 points, on a night that saw him go 5 for 6 from two point range and 1 for 4 from three point range.

Reynolds also was 2 for 2 from the foul line and had 3 rebounds. Freshman Aaron Cash had 10 points on 4 for 6 shooting and he made both his free throw attempts. He had 4 rebounds.

Juniors Stephen Boring, Austin Miller and Chris Settles each had two points.

Boring had 3 rebounds and Settles had 1. Settles and Miller were both 2 for 2 from the foul line and Boring was 1 for 2 from the field.

Overall the Rockets shot 54 percent from the field.

The Rockets have a couple of busy weeks ahead of them.

They will travel to McCreeary

Central High School on Thursday (today) to take on Southwestern Pulaski County at 9 p.m.

The Rockets will also play at McCreeary Central on Friday and Saturday.

Next week they will travel to Berea where they will also play at least three games, possibly four, beginning the day after Christmas when they take on Berea at 9 a.m.

In J.V. action the Rockets defeated Oneida 31 to 27 behind a balanced attack.

All nine Rockets who dressed saw action.

The Rockets lead 9-8, 18-10 and 24 to 21 at the end of the first three quarters.

Scoring for the J.V. went as follows: Brandon Cameron, 2, Darrin Harris, 6, Devin Taylor, 6, James Isaacs, 6, Derek Hurst, 4, Blake Roberts, 2, Ronny Lee McClure, 5.

Lady Rockets lose to Pulaski Co.

The Rockcastle Lady Rockets dropped their third game of the season last Saturday night as they lost to Pulaski Co., 54-35.

The Lady Rockets never could get much offense going as they managed only double digit once, 13 in the third quarter.

Pulaski County jumped out on the Lady Rockets 14-8 at the end of the first quarter and only added to that lead in the second by outscoring the Lady Rockets 16-8 for a 30-16 lead at the half. The Lady Rockets did manage to outscore the Lady Marmans 13-10 in the third quarter but managed only six points in the final period.

Tara Rowe led the Lady Rockets with 11. Heather Hammond scored eight, Johanna Abney, Jessie Hayes and Amber Denney each scored six.

The Lady Rockets will travel to Gatlinburg this weekend to take part in the Queen of the Smokies Invitational and will host their own invitational tourney Dec. 26-29.

Jayves win two

The Lady Rocket jayvee updated their record to a perfect 5-0 after whiting over Pulaski County and Whitley County.

The girls defeated Pulaski County 37-34. Lauren Clontz was the leading scorer for the Lady Rockets with 17. Katie Parsons had six, Stephanie Price scored five, Ashley Kimbel added four, Ashley Lunsford scored three and Holly Ann Colson scored two.

The girls also picked up a 42-28

win over Whitley County. Clontz again led the way with 10, Heather Hammond scored nine, Tara Rowe and Lunsford each added seven, Price scored three and Parsons, Kimbel and Anna Guilfoili each scored two.

Freshmen win two

The Lady Rocket freshmen picked up a win over Madison Southern last Friday. Colson was the leading scorer

The Racing Reporter

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with six, Jessie Asher, Allie Mink, Ashley Bell and Ashley Kimbel each scored four and Ainsley Bussell, Heather Hopkins and Lara Cash each scored two.

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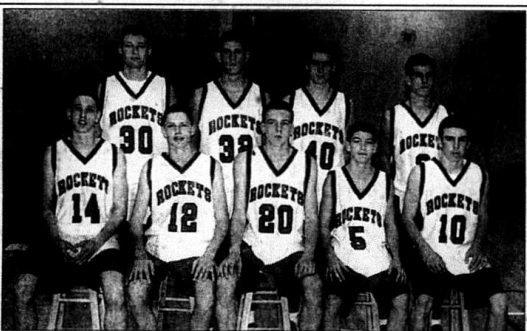
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The Rockcastle High School Rocket varsity basketball team is four and two this season after three straight wins. Their latest victim was Oneida Baptist Institute at home on Tuesday night. The Rockets will play in the Holiday Classic at McCreeary Central High School beginning Thursday night. They will take on Pulaski County at 9 a.m. and will play on Friday and Saturday as well. The 2001-2002 squad is shown above, front row, from left: sophomore Devin Taylor, senior Coty Reams, senior Andrew Hammond, senior Chris Childress and junior Chris Settles. Back row, from left: freshman Aaron Cash, junior Darren Harris, sophomore James Isaacs, junior Aaron Anderkin, sophomore Anthony Stevens, junior Stephen Boring, junior Jason Reynolds and junior Austin Miller. Following the McCreeary Central tournament the Rockets will go to Berea, where they will play all their invitational tournament. The day after Christmas the Rockets will take on Berea at 9:30 a.m. They could play as many as four days in a row in that tournament before stepping back to district play on January 4th when they will take on Clay County again at home.



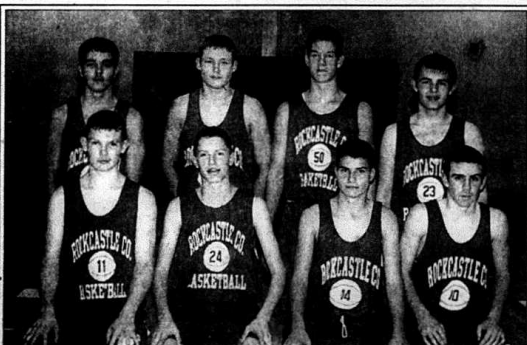
The Rockcastle County varsity Lady Rockets are three and three this season, and will play in the Queen of the Smokies Invitational Gatlinburg this weekend. They will host their annual Lady Rocket Holiday Hoopla December 26-29. Members of this year squad are shown above, front row, from left: Katie Parsons, Lauren Clontz, manager Laura Beth Bell, Amber Denney, Brianna Bussell and Stephanie Mink. Back row, from left: Ashley Lunsford, Holly Ann Colson, Tara Rowe, Heather Hammond, Stephanie Price, Jessie Hayes, Amy Barnett, Johanna Abney and Christine Abney.



Members of the Rockcastle County boys' junior varsity team are shown above, front row, from left: Jesse Hammi, Ronny Lee McClure, Elijah Lunsford, Brandon Cameron and Derrick Hurst. Back row, from left: Blake Roberts, James Isaacs, Darren Harris and Devin Taylor.



Members of the Lady Rocket junior varsity team are shown above, front row, from left: Anna Guilfoili, Katie Parsons, Allie Mink, Sarah Parsons, Lauren Clontz and Stephanie Price. Back row, from left: Ashley Kimbel, Doris Bismark, Holly Ann Colson, Ashley Lunsford, Ashley Bell, Leigh Ann Caldwell and Ashley Mize.



Members of the Rockcastle County High School boys' freshman are shown above, front row, from left: Josh Prewitt, Ronny Lee McClure, Phillip Boring and Derrick Hurst. Back row, from left: Tim Albright, Blake Roberts, Justin Taylor and Matthew Allyn.



Members of the Lady Rocket freshmen team are shown above, front row, from left: Ashley Kimbel, Sarah Parsons, Allie Mink, Ashley Bell, Leigh Ann Caldwell and Holly Ann Colson. Back row, from left: Ashley Mize, Heather Hopkins, Ashley Lunsford, Krystal Farthing, Ainsley Bussell, Lara Cash and Jessica Asher.

RCMS Linescores

6th Grade
RCMS 8 17 10 2 37
Wayne 2 3 3 0 8
Scoring: Devin Hasty, 10; Jake Woodall, 8; Kyle Lear, 5; Coby Smith, 4; Dustin Poynter, 3; Brian Mize, 3; Chris Lewis, 2; Jay Cobb, 2.

RCMS 6 16 2 9 33
Meece 7 4 9 5 25
Scoring: Coby Smith, 9; Jake Woodall, 9; Kyle Lear, 6; Devin Hasty, 5; Dustin Poynter, 2; Chris Carpenter, 2.

RCMS 8 15 13 6 42
N. Laurel 2 12 8 13 35
Scoring: Coby Smith, 13; Jake Woodall, 11; Kyle Lear, 6; Devin Hasty, 5; Dustin Poynter, 3; Brian Mize, 2; J.J. Barnett, 2.

RCMS 2 8 9 6 25
S. Laurel 7 0 8 18 33
Scoring: Jake Woodall, 12; Dustin Poynter, 5; Coby Smith, 4; Kyle Lear, 2; Devin Hasty, 2.

RCMS 9 9 13 10 41
S. Pulaski 7 9 2 2 15
Scoring: Coby Smith, 10; Jake Woodall, 8; Dustin Poynter, 8; Kyle Lear, 4; Devin Hasty, 4; Brian Mize, 3; Gary Caldwell, 2; Chris Lewis, 2.

7th Grade
RCMS 8 14 20 8 50
Wayne 6 5 5 10 26
Scoring: Lance Baldwin, 14; Izak McQuary, 9; Coby Childress, 6; Donovan Pigg, 5; Jacob Harding, 4; Paul Payne, 4; Chandler Hunter, 2; Clint Daugherty, 2; Steven Eversole, 2; Lynn Miracle, 2.

RCMS 2 8 21 7 38
Meece 1 10 3 11 25
Scoring: Donovan Pigg, 8; Coby Childress, 8; Izak McQuary, 7; Paul Payne, 6; Lance Baldwin, 2; Jacob Harding, 2; Chandler Hunter, 2; Steven Eversole, 2; Dusty Miller, 1.

RCMS 9 4 13 4 33
N. Laurel 12 6 9 7 34
Scoring: Donovan Pigg, 10; Paul Payne, 8; Lance Baldwin, 5; Izak McQuary, 4; Coby Childress, 4; Brandon Barnes, 2.

RCMS 11 6 13 6 36
Onida 6 5 13 8 32
Scoring: Jacob Harding, 10; Coby Childress, 6; Lance Baldwin, 7; Izak McQuary, 4; Paul Payne, 4; Brandon Barnes, 2; Steven Eversole, 2; Donovan Pigg, 1.

RCMS 3 4 3 12 22
Clay Co. 5 15 6 11 37
Scoring: Paul Payne, 4; Lynn

Miracle, 4; Jake Harding, 3; Dusty Miller, 3; Coby Childress, 2; Chandler Hunter, 2; Steven Eversole, 2; Lance Baldwin, 1; Donovan Pigg, 1.

RCMS 2 3 6 10 21
S. Laurel 20 22 17 15 74
Scoring: Jake Harding, 8; Lance Baldwin, 4; Coby Childress, 4; Izak McQuary, 3; Brandon Barnes, 2.

RCMS 9 7 8 21 45
Jackson 9 16 9 10 44
Scoring: Izak McQuary, 12; Coby Childress, 9; Paul Payne, 8; Jacob Harding, 8; Lance Baldwin, 4; Brandon Barnes, 2; Donovan Pigg, 2.

RCMS 10 6 10 4 30
S. Pulaski 9 13 5 14 41
Scoring: Coby Childress, 8; Paul Payne, 8; Lance Baldwin, 8; Izak McQuary, 3; Clint Daugherty, 3; Donovan Pigg, 2.

RCMS 12 12 11 10 65
Lincoln 6 4 6 6 22
Scoring: Coby Brown, 17; Kyle Mullins, 10; J.C. McClure, 10; Gabe Stallsworth, 8; Justin Albright, 6; Weston Riddle, 6; Jared Brown, 4; Ty Bottoms, 4.

RCMS 8 12 9 13 39
Wayne 15 8 11 12 48
Scoring: Coby Brown, 14; Weston Riddle, 12; Kyle Mullins, 11; Gabe Stallsworth, 5.

RCMS 13 11 16 9 49
Meece 12 12 10 13 47
Scoring: Coby Brown, 13; Weston Riddle, 12; Kyle Mullins, 9; J.C. McClure, 7; Justin Albright, 6; Gabe Stallsworth, 5.

RCMS 11 21 10 12 53
N. Laurel 14 7 15 11 47
Scoring: Kyle Mullins, 18; Gabe Stallsworth, 14; Weston Riddle, 11; Justin Albright, 7; Jarrod Brown, 3.

RCMS 5 12 6 8 31
S. Laurel 11 19 12 6 48
Scoring: Gabe Stallsworth, 7; Miller, 7; Gabe Stallsworth, 7; Weston Riddle, 6; Justin Albright, 2.

RCMS 11 12 7 20 50
S. Pulaski 26 10 4 15 55
Scoring: Weston Riddle, 18; Coby Brown, 17; J.C. McClure, 6; Kyle Mullins, 5; Gabe Stallsworth, 4; Terry Miller, 1.



Mike Dees killed this 8 point buck in Rockcastle County.

"Racing"

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If teams can cut these types of expenses, then it might be possible that some independent team, lacking the resources of one of the major stables, would actually be able to be competitive during the course of a race. Who knows, it might even attract some talent that has avoided Winston Cup because of the expense.

Day's Marcia Personal Staff: Born: March 1, 1941 (Wausau, Wisconsin); Wife: Helen; Children: Shawn Marie, Richard; Height, 5'10"; Weight: 165 lbs.; Residence: Avery's Creek, North Carolina.

First Winston Cup Event - 1968
 Daytona 500.
 Has scored 5 Winston Cup Victories.

Has earned 93 Top 5 finishes, 221 Top 10 finishes and 14 Pole positions.

Finished 2nd in Winston Cup Points in 1975.
 Finished 2 seasons in the Top 5 and 6 seasons in the Top 10 in Winston Cup Points.

Has started in 878 Winston Cup events (end of the 2000 season).
 Currently has the most starts of any active Winston Cup driver and second only to Richard Petty in all-time Winston Cup starts!

Holds the record for the most consecutive starts in the Daytona 500 with 32.
 Primary test driver for the IROC

series (International Race of Champions)

Became the 8th driver in NASCAR history to top \$1 Million in career winnings and the 9th driver to top \$2 Million in career winnings. Total career winnings to date exceed \$6.5 Million dollars.

Has raced more miles in Winston Cup events at Daytona, Talladega and Michigan than any other driver.

Member of the Darlington Record Club: 1972 AMC Matador / 1976 Dodge

Favorite motto: "We have done so much, with so little, for so long, that now we can do almost anything with nothing."

Hobbies: Fishing and Hunting

Brett Bodine's sponsor Wells Fargo will return again during the 2002 season, so his No. 22 team is secure for at least one more year.

Bodine made his Busch Series debut in 1985 with Robert Yates Racing, winning three of 13 events those years. In '73 starts, he won five races and had 16 pole positions.

In 1986 he made his Winston Cup debut in the Charlotte World 600 driving for Rick Hendrick. He started 32nd and finished 18th. Later he drove for Hoss Ellington, Bud Moore, and Kenny Bernstein.

He entered the world of owner/driver in 1995 after purchasing Junior Johnson's team.
 "I wear two hats," said Bodine. "When most drivers are relaxing during the week I'm out talking with potential sponsors and companies. Sometimes I leave the track on Sunday night and fly to another town for a Monday morning meeting."

However, there are other teams, maybe six more that also face extinction because of money problems. Given the current economic times that some major corporations are experiencing, it's going to be hard for everyone to survive, but owner/driver teams are the most threatened.

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AAA projects that 42.2 million travelers will go by motor vehicle this holiday, a drop of only one percent from the 42.7 million who took a trip last year. Another 11.5 million will travel by plane, train or bus, down 20 percent from the 14.4 million who traveled last Christmas.

"The recession and the nation's unemployment situation are two reasons for the expected drop in holiday travel, although, continued concerns about air travel security by some Americans also are a factor," said Dan Dickson, Public Relations Manager at AAA Blue Grass/Kentucky.

Spurred in part by gas prices that have fallen to their lowest level since March 1999, 79-percent of those comparing this holiday will go by auto traveled to 75-percent one year ago.

The Southeast will have the greatest number of auto travelers, with 11.4 million.

"Until people feel more comfortable about taking long airline trips, there are great travel opportunities and super bargains within just half a day's drive from home," said Dickson. AAA's holiday travel projections are based on a national telephone survey of 1,300 adults conducted by the Travel Industry Association, which does special research for AAA.

AAA is North America's largest motoring and leisure travel organization, providing 44 million members with travel, insurance and automotive-related services. Since 1902, AAA has been an advocate for the safety and security of travelers. AAA Blue Grass/Kentucky serves 123,000 members in 61 counties in central and eastern Kentucky and parts of Virginia and West Virginia. VisitAAA at aaa.com.

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The sight is so spectacular, Please wipe away that tear. For I am spending Christmas With Jesus Christ this year.

I hear many Christmas songs that people hold so dear, But the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up here.

I have no words to tell you, The joy their voices bring, For it is beyond description to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart, But I am not so far away.

We really aren't apart, So be happy for me dear ones, You know I hold you dear and be glad I'm spending Christmas.

With Jesus Christ this year.

I send you each a special gift from my heavenly home above, I send you each a memory of my ongoing love.

After all, "Love" is the gift, more precious than pure gold, It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.

Please love and keep each other, For my father said to do, For I can't count the blessings or love he has for you.

So, have a Merry Christmas and wipe away the tear.

Remember, I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

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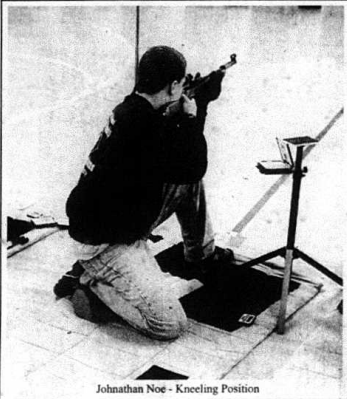
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In the year 2000, Lambert was selected Outstanding Judge of Kentucky by the Kentucky Bar Association, and in 2001, he was elected to the Board of Directors of the (National) Conference of Chief Justices. He is the holder of honorary doctor degrees from Georgetown College and Eastern Kentucky University. Lambert and his wife, Debra, and their children, Joseph and John, live in Mt. Vernon.

McGuire to run again

Judge Walt McGuire, District Judge for the 28th Judicial District for five terms, has announced his intentions to seek re-election in 2002.

In making his announcement, Judge McGuire said, "It is a humbling feeling to realize that my fellow citizens have permitted me to serve them for two decades in the important role as their district court judge. It has always been my goal to work hard to do my job fairly, honestly and effectively and to earn the trust and support of all our fellow citizens in Pulaski and Rockcastle counties. I will continue to do that if the voters see fit to return me to office for one more term."

Following his graduation from law school, McGuire served one year as an executive officer and staff attorney under former Gov. Louie B. Nunn, four years as assistant to the student affairs vice president and Associate Dean of Students at the University of Kentucky and one year as a specialist in criminal justice with the Council of State Governments in Lexington before returning home to Somerset to open his law office. He has also done extensive work for indigent defendants as a state public defender attorney before the creation of that State Office of Public Advocacy.

In addition to serving as District Court Judge, McGuire has also worked as an Assistant State Attorney General under former Attorney General Steve Beshear, and as Associate Director for Administration of the UK Tobacco and Health Research Institute for four years. He has also taught history and government courses for the Somerset Community College; served as an original appointed member of the former State Judicial Council, a member of the State Mental Health Task Force and a District Court Representative on the state Juvenile Justice Task Force. He is currently a member of the Executive Committee of the Kentucky District Judges Association.

SCC classes to be held at RCHS

Somerset Community College will be holding registration for individuals wishing to take college classes at Rockcastle County High School. New students may register Monday, January 9, 2002 at Rockcastle County High School or during open registration on the Somerset Community College campus January 8-11.

Any person attending New Student Orientation on Friday, December 14, may register December 14. The following classes will be available this spring at Rockcastle County High School.

The information is listed by Course No., Credit, Course Names, Days and Instructor.
 BIO 102-E082-3, Human Ecology, Tuesday, S. Blankenship.
 CIS 100-E082-3, Introduction to Computers, Tuesday, Calabretta.
 COM 181-E082-3, Basic Public Speaking, Wednesday, J. Lewis.
 ENG 102-E082-3, Writing II, Monday, Staff.
 HIS 109-E082-3, History of U.S. since 1865, Monday, R. Purcell.
 MAH 070-E082-3, Elementary Algebra, Wednesday, Craft.
 MAH 151-E082-3, Applied Math-

ematics (Graphing calculator needed) Friday, Bustle.
 PSY 223-E082-3, Developmental Psychology, Friday, Hall.

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Stearns studies in France

Brandi Stearns of Monticello is currently finishing a term in Strasbourg, France as part of Centre College's study abroad program.

Stearns is one of 17 Centre students chosen for the Strasbourg program last term, based on faculty recommendations and expectations of academic promise and social maturity. She remained there for the entire fall term, completing formal class work and taking advantage of travel opportunities in France and other European countries.

Mark Rasmussen of the Centre faculty is assigned to live in France for the fall term, teaching class and coordinating field trips and travel programs.

The students spent the term studying the history and culture of France and Medieval Europe, including the literature and art. During their stay in Strasbourg, the group experienced a visit to Paris, the Chateaux Cathed-

ral, visits into Germany and surrounding European countries and an overnight stay in the Vosges Mountains.

Stearns is the daughter of Garland and Renee French of Mt. Vernon and Jerry and Melissa Stearns of Monticello and is a graduate of Monticello High School.

Centre considers international education to be important, and the college maintains residential overseas programs in England, Japan and Latin America, along with the program in France.

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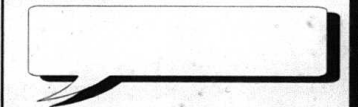
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What Saith the Scriptures

Today we want to discuss for a few moments the topic of Christmas. Let us begin by listing in the box below all the verses that talk about Christmas in the Bible.



This is the totality of what the Bible says about Christmas, NOTHING! If you wish to learn about the holiday, you must consult Roman Catholic and Pagan history to see how it developed. "Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain." Gal.4:10-11 Jesus is NOT the reason for the season. I am not a Roman Catholic, nor a Pagan, therefore I do not observe Christmas as a religious holiday!

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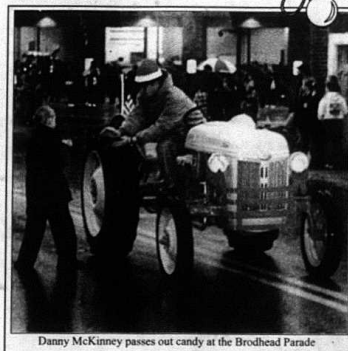
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Nothing Explains Santa Claus Better than a 100 Year Old Editorial to a Little Girl

This letter to the editor of *The New York Sun* from eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon first appeared in December of 1897. The letter and the reply penned by Frances P. Church were reprinted thousands of times. No one has come up with a better answer to the Santa Claus question than Church. The words "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus" have become a part of Christmas lore.

Church was considered a sardonic man. He was the son of a Baptist minister and had covered the Civil War. Church was usually assigned to write editorial opinion on controversial subjects and those dealing with theology. He would probably be surprised to know that his reply to Virginia has become one of the most memorable editorials in newspaper history.

Church married shortly after he answered Virginia's letter. He died in April of 1906. He had no children.

Virginia O'Hanlon Douglas died in May of 1971, at the age of 81. She graduated from Hunter College and received her Master's from Columbia. She taught school in New York City for 47 years. In the final years of her career, she was assistant principal and teacher at a special school for chronically ill children in hospitals.

Throughout her life she received a steady stream of mail about her Santa Claus letter. For her, the editorial was an inspiration in her life. She believed that Frances P. Church was the one who should be remembered. It was from his pen that flowed the philosophy of hope and love that was the heart of the editorial answer to Virginia's simple question.

Here is the letter from Virginia and Church's answer:
I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in *The Sun*, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?
Signed: Virginia O'Hanlon.

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be man's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.
Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.

He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but this is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor man can see. Did you ever see fairies, dancing on the roof? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a well covering the unseen world which not the



strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is

nothing else real and abiding. No Santa Claus? Thank God he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, you may still continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Holidays can still be happy without alcohol

Alcohol is often a welcome guest at holiday gatherings, but isn't always cause to celebrate. Holidays can be especially dangerous because people often celebrate by over-drinking making themselves susceptible to alcohol-related troubles such as

drunken driving and ruined family celebrations.

Impaired driving can occur with very low blood alcohol percentages. At least 50 percent of all holiday traffic fatalities nationally involve alcohol, according to Mothers Against

Drunk Driving. Kentucky State Police statistics from the 2000 Christmas holidays show that 50 individuals were injured and one killed in automobile crashes where alcohol was a factor.

According to Healthy Kentuckians 2010, a health prevention report compiled by the Cabinet for Health Services, underage drinking kills six times more young people every year than all other causes combined.

There is an alcohol-related traffic fatality every 32 minutes and an alcohol-related traffic injury every two minutes in the United States, according to Western Insurance Information Service. Two out of every five Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash during their lifetimes. And, contrary to popular belief, 87 percent of drivers with a high blood alcohol content in fatal crashes have had no alcohol convictions during the past three years.

"Most people realize alcohol doesn't make a party. Overindulgence can really put a damper on the celebration, especially with the recent change in the DUI law which says that a blood alcohol level of .08 indicates illegal intoxication," according to Mike Townsend, director of the Division of Substance Abuse in the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services.

So, having a safe and sober holiday may be the best gift of all. Parties can be festive without alcoholic beverages. Hosts can serve alternatives such as non-alcoholic beer, puns, soft drinks or flavored coffee and tea.

Creating other holiday traditions such as caroling, cooking special dishes, playing favorite games and other entertainment prevent people from overindulging. Establishing traditions that don't center on alcohol with children early in life may help keep them away from a dangerous pattern as they grow into adulthood.

"Guests shouldn't feel embarrassed by refusing a drink and hosts shouldn't feel obligated to serve alcohol. People who are driving, taking medications, recovering alcoholic, pregnant or young should not drink alcohol period," said Townsend.

Townsend said that people tend to forget that alcohol is a drug, a depressant. It can affect people in a variety of ways and serves as an antihistamine that may lead people to say or do things they normally would not if sober. Drinking alcohol can lead to irresponsible behavior and unwise choices such as unsafe sex or getting into fights.

The following tips can help partygoers reduce the risk of alcohol use, if they choose to drink:

- * Drink slowly and avoid gulping an alcoholic beverage. On the average, the body can only metabolize one drink an hour.
- * Eat food with your alcoholic beverage to slow consumption
- * Realize that alcohol metabolism is based on the size of the individual. For example, a 200-pound person will be less affected than a 110-pound person who

consumes the same quantity of alcohol over the same period of time.

* Remember that wine coolers are not soft drinks. They have as high an alcoholic content as beer.

* Don't drink and drive or even ride with someone who is under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

* If you have a problem with alcohol or are a recovering alcoholic, decide how to handle the temptation to drink before going to a party.

If you or someone you know has a problem with alcohol, help is available by calling 1-888-729-8028, a toll free prevention hotline sponsored by the Division of Substance Abuse or by contacting your community mental health center.

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No paper next week

Due to the Christmas holiday falling the way it has this year, for only the second time in 35 years, there will be no *Mt. Vernon Signal* next week.

Our next issue of publication will be on January 3, 2002. The *Signal* office will be closed Friday, December 21st through Friday, December 28th.

Blood Drive January 2nd

We often take important things for granted - our family, our home and our good health. January is National Volunteer Blood Donor Month to honor the thousands of people who care enough to help the sick and injured by making sure blood is there when it's needed. Central Kentucky Blood Center, together with Rockcastle County Hospital urges all Rockcastle County residents to give blood on Wednesday, January 2nd from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. The community is welcome to attend.

There is no substitute for blood. When the ill and injured require transfusions, only another human being can provide this unique gift. The thousands of Kentuckians who donate blood each year are responding to a continuous and vital need for adequate blood supplies in hospitals throughout our area, such as Rockcastle County Hospital. Don't wait for an emergency. Give blood on Wednesday, January 2nd! For more information call Loretta Robinson at (606)679-7413.

NOTICE OF ENACTMENT AND SUMMARY OF BOND ORDER MUNICIPAL ORDER OF THE CITY OF BRODHEAD, KENTUCKY AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY OF BRODHEAD, KENTUCKY HEALTHCARE REVENUE BONDS (ROCKCASTLE HOSPITAL PROJECT), SERIES 2002, DATED THE 14TH OF DECEMBER, 2001 FOR THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$1,500,000.

As required by KRS 83A.06(9), I hereby certify that the City of Brodhead, Kentucky has read the above title was read (by summary) and enacted by the City Council of the City of Brodhead, Kentucky at its duly convened meeting held on December 10, 2001, and that the following is a Summary of such Order prepared by Charles S. Musson, of the firm of Rubin & Hays, Attorneys at Law, Louisville, Kentucky.

SUMMARY OF ORDER
Said Order:

A. Authorizes the City of Brodhead, Kentucky (the "City") to issue \$1,500,000 principal amount of its City of Brodhead, Kentucky Healthcare Revenue Bonds (Rockcastle Hospital Project) Series 2002 (the "Series 2002 Bonds"), on behalf of the Rockcastle Hospital (the "Hospital") pursuant to the provisions of KRS 103.200 to 103.286, for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction and equipping of an office facility for use by the Borrower as part of its existing healthcare facilities (the "Project").

B. Authorizes the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute a Loan Agreement by and between the City and the Borrower and to execute all necessary documents, instruments and obligations of the City in order to aid the Borrower in the acquisition, construction and equipping of the Project.

C. Authorizes the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute a Trust Indenture (the "Indenture") by and between the City and the trustee named therein (the "Trustee").

D. Authorizes the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute a Bond Purchase Agreement (the "Bond Purchase Agreement") among the City, Citizens Bank and Community Trust Bank (collectively the "Purchaser") providing for the sale of the Bonds to the Purchaser at the aggregate price at the interest rate stated therein. A copy of the full text of said Order is available for public inspection during the hours between 9:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, Rebecca S. Bussell, City Clerk, Brodhead, Kentucky.

E. Charles S. Musson, I hereby certify that I am an Attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, that I am a member of the firm of Rubin & Hays, Kentucky Home Trust Building, 450 South Third Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40202, that I prepared the foregoing Notice of Enactment and Summary of Bond Order pursuant to KRS 83A.06(9) of the City of Brodhead, Kentucky, and that I certify the foregoing Summary to be a true and accurate summary of the contents of said Bond Order. (Signed) Charles S. Musson.

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Obituaries

Anna Rose Carpenter

Anna Rose Carpenter, 97, of Sowder Nursing Home in Brodhead, died Tuesday, December 11 at the Rockcastle Hospital. She was born in Jackson County, on February 10, 1904, the daughter of Bob and Aideline Abrams Røse. She was a homemaker and a member of the Morning View Holiness Church.

Survivors are a son, Herman Carpenter and wife, Marcella of Livingston; three daughters, Ada Smith of Livingston, Pauline Harris of Mt. Vernon and Laura Mobley of Livingston; 21 grandchildren, several great grandchildren and several great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by both of her husbands, Thomas Harris and Boyd Carpenter, a son, Sherman; a daughter, Martha; three brothers and two sisters.

Services were Saturday, December 15 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Jasper Carpenter officiating. Burial was in the Carpenter Cemetery in Jackson County.

Charles Staton

Charles A. Staton, 61, husband of Kathleen Staton, of Hallandale, Florida and formerly of Brodhead, died Friday, December 14, 2001. He was born on November 21, 1940 in Greenville, North Carolina, the son of the late William L. Staton and Bettie Ruth Staton. He served his country in the U.S. Armed Forces. His special interests include golf, ball, fishing, swimming, working and billiards. He had a great love for farming and the outdoors. He was a member of the Providence Church of Christ.

On April 27, 1962 he was united in holy matrimony to Kathleen Brown, the daughter of Flora Mae Brown and the late Roy Brown of "Quail". From that union came to daughters, Michelle and Renee Staton.

Survivors are his wife of thirty-nine years, Kathleen Brown Staton of Hallandale, Florida; his mother, Bettie Ruth Staton of Greenville, North Carolina; his two daughters, Michelle Briley and husband, Keith of Greenville, North Carolina and Renee Staton of Davie, Florida; two brothers, Billy Staton and wife, Janet of Greenville, North Carolina and Lonnie Staton and wife, Joan of Bethel, North Carolina; a sister, Betty Carter of Greensboro, North Carolina and his extended family, his mother-in-law, Flora Mae Brown of Quail, his sister-in-laws, Christine Taylor and Virginia Hansel, both of Quail.

Visitation services will be Wednesday, December 19th beginning at 5 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals in Brodhead and Thursday, December 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Providence Church of Christ prior to services which will be at 11:00 a.m. with Dan McKibben officiating. Burial will follow in the Providence Cemetery.

Casketbearers will be Keith Briley, Troy and Jeff Taylor, Rick Anderson, Anthony Hansel and Marc Hopkins.

Expressions of sympathy may be made in the form of contributions to the Quail Community Park.

Glenn Elam

Glenn Elam, 66, of Salter Road, Berea, died Tuesday, December 11, 2001 at the Berea Hospital. He was born in Morgan County, to the late Chester and Ressie J. Elam. He has been in the Berea area for over 30 years coming from Ohio and also lived in Hyden. He was a member of the New Hope Holiness Church in Mt. Vernon and a retired self-employed electrician.

Survivors are his wife, Fern Morgan Elam; three children, Danny Elam and wife, Jenny of Lexington, Richard Dean Elam of Richmond and Tim Elam and wife, Judy of Richmond; a step son, John Hunt Morgan of Hyden; three sisters Naomi Gibson, Wilma Adams and husband, Denver and Nettie Buttry and husband, Mark, all of Berea; five grandchildren, Christopher M. Elam, Kelsey B. Elam, Amy Jo Elam, Katelynn Marie Elam and Terry Stone and three step grandchildren, John Tyler Ratliff, Hunter Lee Morgan and Andrew Chase Morgan.

Services were Friday, December 14 at the Crestview Holy Sanctuary in Berea with Rev. Paul Akers, Rev. Luther A. Akers, Rev. Herman Cress, Rev. Harold Eads and Rev. Fred Collet officiating. Burial was in the Madison County Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers were Danny Elam, Richard Elam, Tim Elam, Scott

Adams, Shane Buttry, Christopher Elam, Steve Gibson and Frank Napier. Honorary bearers were John Hunt Morgan and all of his friends from church.

Lakes Funeral Home in Berea was in charge of arrangements.



Pearlie Mae McClure

Pearlie Mae McClure, 82, of Paul St., Mt. Vernon, died Saturday, December 15, 2001 at the Rockcastle Hospital. She was born in Rockcastle County on October 28, 1919, the daughter of Fred and Georgia Henson Reynolds. She was a homemaker and a member of the Pillar of Truth Pentecostal Church.

Survivors are two sons, Edwin McClure and wife, Ida Mae of Cincinnati, Ohio and Troy McClure of Mt. Vernon; a daughter, Anita Shehan of Mt. Vernon; two brothers, John Reynolds of Mt. Vernon and Estil Reynolds of Hamilton, Ohio; three sisters, Dorothy Hurd, Bonnie Clontz and Mazie McClure, all of Mt. Vernon; six grandchildren and five great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Prince

(Pete) McClure. Services were Wednesday, December 19 at 11:00 a.m. at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Denzel Krahenbuhl. Burial was in the Elmwood Cemetery. Pallbearers were Chris Dooley, Larry Lawrence, Larry McClure, Michael McClure, Jason Philbeck and Brent Shehan.

Russell Hager

Russell David Hager, 36, of Boone St. Berea, died December 9, 2001 at his home. He was the son of David (Janice) Hager of Mt. Vernon and Jean (Curtis) Elliott of Richmond. He was a graduate of Madison Central High School and was a cook with the Columbia Mountain Grill in Berea.

He is survived by a brother, Darrell Wayne (Christie) Hager of Mt. Vernon; two step brothers, Thomas L. (Novelle) Elliott and Curtis Mikel (Janet) Elliott, both of Berea; grandmother, Goldie Tudor of Berea; step grandmother, Cleasie Reynolds of Crab Orchard; one special niece, Kelsey Green of Mt. Vernon; special aunt Elsie Centers of Berea and several aunts and uncles.

Funeral services were held Monday, December 17th at the Lakes Funeral Home in Berea with Rev. Alan Pédvler officiating. Burial followed in the Robinson Cemetery at Cartersville.

Pallbearers were Gene Collins, Mike Elliott, Roger Jones and Wallace Cromer.



Charles Burke

Charles D. Burke, 59, of Eubank and formerly of Mt. Vernon, died

Saturday, December 15, 2001 at the Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital in Somerset. He was born on March 13, 1942, in Rockcastle County, the son of the late Dave and Orbie Osborne Burke. He was an operations recreation manager for the Bluegrass Ordinance Depot, a member of the D. A. V., enjoyed reading, Nascar racing, was a Veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

Survivors are his wife, Connie Larkins Burke of Eubank; two sons, Charles D. Burke, III of Scottsburg, Indiana and Casey D. Burke of Eubank; two granddaughters, Skylar Lee-Anne Burke and Beckley Megan Lynn Burke.

Services were Monday, December 17, at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Arthur Bengt officiating. Burial was in the Elmwood Cemetery.

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Frances Jean Carter

Frances Jean Carter, 71, of Mt. Sterling and formerly of Mt. Vernon, died Friday, December 15 at the Mary Childs Hospital in Mt. Sterling. She was born in Whitesburg on October 22, 1930, the daughter of Charles and Mattie Halcomb Tyree. She was a retired restaurant cook and was a Sunday School teacher and member of the Liberty Avenue Baptist Church in Berea.

Survivors are four sons, Dexter Alcorn of Lexington, Mickey Alcorn and wife, Connie of Mt. Sterling, Ronnie Alcorn and Jerry Alcorn and wife, Frances, all of Berea; one brother, T.R. Tyree of Whitesburg; three sisters, Sue Kincer of Fialdale, Virginia, Jerald Garland of Barbourville and Lela Caudill of Somerset; her grandchildren, Cody Ray Alcorn, Tammy Jo Alcorn, Audrey Gail Alcorn, Stephanie Renee Alcorn, Jessica Lynn Alcorn and Tyler Eugene Alcorn and a great grandchild, Javon Hasty. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Gwendia Hasty and two grandchildren.

Services were Tuesday, December 18 at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Eugene Webb and Hobert Pearson. Burial was in the Elmwood Cemetery.

Tim Rowe

Tim W. Rowe, 41, of Greenfield, Indiana died December 13, 2001 at Hancock Memorial Hospital. He was born November 18, 1960, the son of Millard E. and Alma R. McKinney Rowe. He worked for Frady Excavating and Grace Insulation, both in Greenfield. He also worked as a horse trainer for Rowe Stables.

Survivors are a son, Dalton G. Rowe of Lake Worth, Florida; four brothers, Floyd J. Rowe of Greenfield, Ed Rowe of Fortville; Jack Rowe of Mt. Vernon and Gerald Rowe of Greenfield; two sisters, Glenda M. Frady of Greenfield and Linda Childress of Cuna, Indiana; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Alene Rowe and Frances Anders.

Graveside services were Monday, December 17, at McKinney & Bullock Cemetery in Sand Springs.

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News from the Rockcastle County Courthouse

District Civil Suits

Park Federal vs. Connie Childress, \$552.06 claimed due. C-00135.
Lake Cumberland Health Care, Inc. vs. Sherril McCowan, \$926.20 claimed due. C-00136.
Legal Recoveries, Inc. vs. Kenneth W. Graves, \$1,019.97 claimed due. C-00137.

Circuit Civil Suits

Commonwealth of Kentucky, Ex Rel, Doris Dees vs. Billy R. Phelps, demand for child support. CI-00310.
Connie Nance and Heather

Nance, a minor, by and through Connie Nance vs. Keith Nance, damages due from auto accident. CI-00311.

Middle Lois Bell vs. Renate Ryan, uniform support petition. CI-00312.
Conseco Finance Servicing Corp. vs. James A. Bradley, \$39,242.00 claimed due. CI-00313.

Mt. Vernon Financial Holdings, Inc. vs. Roger Alcorn, \$14,088.21 claimed due. CI-00314.
Sammy Darrah Stewart and Paula Marie Stewart, joint petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00315.

Robert E. Philbeck vs. Epperson Electric, Et Al, complaint. CI-00316.

Deeds Recorded

Lester A. and Rozetta Steele, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Garla E. and Linda C.

Johnson, Tax 30.00.
Community Trust Bank, real property located in Rockcastle County, to James and Rhonda Brummett. Tax 10.00.

Chad Williams, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Linda Williams. No tax.

Tony and Donna Hopkins, real property located in Mt. Vernon, to Raymond L. and Margaret Offutt. Tax 88.50.

Terry and Tammy Harris, real property located in Rockcastle County, to David E. and Jessica M. Smith. Tax 78.00.

James and Lois Noe, real property located in Mt. Vernon, to Donald and Ina F. Shaflo. Tax 42.00.

Marriage Licenses

Deborah Martina Sowder, 44, Mt. Vernon, Rockcastle Hospital, to Virgil Lee Alcorn, 50, Mt. Vernon, unemployed. December 13, 2001.

District Court

December 3, 2001
Hon. Walter F. Maguire
John D. Adams: Fines paid.

William F. Adams: Operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol/drug, 1st, \$200 plus costs, \$250 service fee, \$20 victim crime fund, 7 days.

Ronnie D. Anderson: Fines due (\$652.05), issue warrant, suspend license for failure to appear.

William Joe Ashlee: Operating on suspended license, \$100 plus costs and 10 days.

Jennifer A. Baker: Fines due (\$151.85), issue warrant, suspend license for failure to appear.

Robert L. Baker: Speeding, fines paid.

Derick D. Bishop: Fines due (\$583.35), issue warrant, suspend license for failure to appear.

Adrian A. Bowers: Speeding, fines paid.

Morgan J. Bryant: Fines paid.
Steven J. Burkett: Speeding, state traffic school authorized.

Rayann Caldwell: Fines due (\$1.85), issue warrant for failure to appear.

Andrew C. Cash: Operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol under 21, \$100 plus costs, suspend license 30 days.

Frederick Scott Combs: Driving, DUI, 1st, \$100 plus costs, 10 days, no insurance, \$500 - \$450 suspended.

William H. Dooley: Cultivation marijuana, issue warrant for failure to appear.

Earl D. Durham: Fines due (\$111.05), issue warrant.

Marty Evans: Fines due (115.85) 10 days.

Patrick Ferguson: Operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, 1st, \$200 plus costs, \$250 service fee, \$20 victim crime fund, 30 days.

Christopher Jones: Escape, third degree, 90 days.

Christopher Scott Jones: Criminal mischief, 3rd, 10 days.

Herman L. Phillips: Speeding, suspend license.

John D. Riddle: Operating on suspended license, 30 days.

Harold Ray Simms: Promoting contraband, 2nd, 6 months to serve 30 days.

Harold R. Sims: Operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, 1st, \$200 plus costs, \$250 service fee, \$20 victim crime fund, 30 days.

Daniel Arthur Adams: Speeding, suspend license for failure to appear.

Vincent Lyman Pflug: Speeding, suspend license for failure to appear.

Ben A. Richards, Jr.: Speeding, suspend license for failure to appear.

Chalis Ray Owens, Sr.: Alcohol intoxication, fines paid.

Geoffrey W. Fife: Nonpayment of fine, 10 days in lieu of payment.

Eric L. Payne: Theft by deception, two counts, \$20 plus costs, 20 days.

George T. Rittenhouse, Jr.: Speeding, fines paid.

December 5, 2001
Hon. Walter F. Maguire

Darrell G. Arvin: No operators license, \$50 plus costs.

Jolene R. Bell: No operators license, issue warrant, suspend license for failure to appear.

Kim Bishop: Fines paid.

Kenneth B. Cobb: Faulty equipment, \$25 plus costs; failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine.

Peter W. Convery: No operators license, \$25 plus costs; improper registration, \$50 fine.

Thomas L. Cromer: No insurance, \$500, \$450 suspended.

John Flannery: Menacing, \$100 plus costs.

Sherry Fuson: Operating on suspended license, \$100 plus costs, 10 days, no insurance, \$500 - \$450 suspended.

Joshua Adam Gabany: Driving too slow, \$25 plus costs; improper regis., \$50 fine; Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine; No operator's license, \$25 fine.

Linda F. Göver: Operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, 1st, \$250 plus costs, \$250 service fee, \$20 victim crime fund, 2 days; reckless driving, 30 days.

Deborah L. Hellard: Fines due (\$707.85), issue warrant.

Scotty L. Hellard: Fines due (\$176.85), issue warrant.

Jimmy D. Hughes: Fines due (\$45.45), issue warrant.

Tommy Dewayne Isaacs: Fines due, pay or appear.

Jeremy L. Kantz: Fines due, issue warrant.

Christopher E. Kincoer: Public intoxication, \$100 plus costs.

Angela Kirby: Operating on suspended license, issue warrant, suspend license.

Larry Kirby: Leaving accident, issue warrant, suspend license.

Patty J. Leager: Fines due (\$2.50), issue warrant.

Jack McCormick: Fines due (\$656.85), issue warrant.

Brian Powers: Speeding, \$60 plus costs, state traffic school authorized.

Brian Poynter: Unlawful transaction w/ minor, 3rd, 30 days.

Danny R. Riggs: No license in possession, \$100 plus costs.

John B. Stamper: Possession of marijuana, 30 days.

Alydas J. Budrys: Speeding, suspend license for failure to appear.

John D. Mangan: Speeding, fines paid.

James H. Siler: Speeding, state traffic school.

Anita A. Vanwinkle: Speeding, suspend license.

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Department is offering FREE stop smoking classes beginning January 9, 2002. Classes are from 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. If you or someone you know is interested, please call the Health Department at 256-2242 to register.

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Thurs., Jan. 3rd: Ottawa & Bee Lick.

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 The Republican Party meets the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at Kastle Inn.

Office Closed
 The Rockcastle County Extension Service will be closed December 25 through January 1 for the holidays.

Closure
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Happy Holidays

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Ready For A Change...... more convenient living? Then look no further than this brick sliding split level home located on **SELD** Street, Mt. Vernon. Features living room, and dining/kitchen combination on **POLISHED** floors and bath upstairs, and the basement level offers both, does, and walk in wall carpet, for the name of a new area. Includes a partial basement with utility room, and don't forget the two car garage. Situated on 1/2 acre in the Ottawa section. Priced at \$79,900. Don't wait - call today to make your appointment. M1433



You Can't Afford to Wait another minute! This 1 1/2 story vinyl sided home features 3 bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths on 2nd floor and 1 bedroom, 1 bath, living room and dining kitchen combination on 1st floor. This space offers new carpet, central air and walls to wall carpet. In the name of a new area. Includes a partial basement with utility room, and don't forget the two car garage. Situated on 1/2 acre in the Ottawa section. Priced at \$79,900. Don't wait - call today to make your appointment. M1433



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/m, with city water and sewer. Located across from Renfro Valley Entertainment Center on Hummel Road. M1388



Count the Extras! This nice brick offers living room, dining/kitchen combination, 3 bedrooms and bath, as well as a full basement w/kitchen, bath, (Sale Pending) utility. Amenities include electric baseboard heat, central air, blacktop driveway and a car detached garage. Ideally located on West Main, close to everything. M1285



Quiet Country Charm - This one story brick home's a must-see! Located on Browns Creek Rd., Williamsburg this 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, living room, dining, kitchen, family room den combo. The home also features an in-law apartment with kitchen, full bath, and a 20x20 storage barn plus much more. Situated on approx. 1.6 acres w/cedar and balanced woods. Call Phyllis today for your appointment. M1517



REDUCED! Settle in This Winter in this 1996 model 16x80 mobile home situated on a nice lot on Maple Grove Road. Features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room, dining/kitchen combo w/dining table and 4 chairs, plus utility room w/washer & dryer included! Has all the comfort of heat pumps/central air. Reduced to \$33,000. Call Jeff Cromer to see. M1526

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Close to Everything! This split foyer home w/brick & vinyl exterior has entry hall, living room, dining/kitchen combination w/refrigerator, new oven range, new dishwasher and microwave, 3 bedrooms and 1 1/2 baths on the upper level, plus a lower level w/utility room, utility room and a 1 car garage. Has ceiling cable heat, wall to wall carpet, new window a/c and new steps and sidewalks. Located in the Robert Ford subdivision and priced at \$79,900. Call Roy Adams for details. M1559



Settle in This Beautiful Brick/Vinyl Home this winter! This home features living room, dining/kitchen combination, family room, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, utility room and sunroom, plus a full basement. Heated by heat pump, as well as electric ceiling cable improved with a vinyl sided 2 car garage and a storage building. Situated on 0.70 acre on Brindle Ridge and priced at \$79,900. Call today to make your appointment to see this beautiful home. M1530



In The Valley! This home features living room, dining room, kitchen (w/oven range, refrigerator, dishwasher), family room that could be a bedroom, 2 bedrooms and bath, plus a basement. Has the comfort of gas heat and central air, plus wall to wall carpet. Situated on 7700 of an acre w/ a 1 car detached garage and located on U.S.25 in Renfro Valley. Priced at \$69,900. Call for your appointment. M1504.



Attractive, Affordable and Available! This mobile home on Poplar Grove Road may be the one you've been waiting for. This 14x70 has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room, kitchen/dining comb and a nice level yard with trees already planted. What a Find! Priced at \$31,900. Call Danetta today to make your appointment. M1520



Doll House! Everything about this home is picture perfect! This 1740 square ft. home features living room, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, plus offers the efficiency and warmth of an electric heat pump. Best of all, this home offers not only a 1 car detached garage, but also a 2 car detached garage, as well. Beautiful landscaping and concrete driveway top off! Priced at \$119,500. Located in the lovely Rolling Hills Subdivision, Mt. Vernon. L1334



New Listing! It's your opportunity - don't miss it! A 2800 sq. ft. building located on Main Street in Mt. Vernon with a partially completed apartment overhead. This building, with stone/brick exterior, has city water and city sewer and is priced at \$32,500. Call today for your appointment. M1509.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Opportunity's Knocking at the back door of Renfro Valley! 42 acres m/l located near KOA Campground. Owners asking \$106,383 for this commercial tract. Call Phyllis for more information. M1538

A Renfro Valley Opportunity is knocking on your door! 11 1/2 acres m/l located on Hwy. 25 next to KOA Campground. Priced at just \$79,500. Call Phyllis for more information. M1519

What is Your Dream? Maybe all you need is a large tract of land to make it become a reality. If so, then check out these 85 acres, located along Hwy. 25 in the Mt. Vernon/Renfro Valley area. Approx. 65 acres is wooded. Priced at \$150,000. Call Phyllis for more information. M1516

Make Extra Income! Looking for a great investment opportunity? Then you must check out this property! Includes a 60x140 concrete building, eleven (11) 10x20 mini-storage garages, 2 extra lots and an older mobile home. This entire property, located on Hwy. 70 near the Rockcastle/Pulaski line, is yours for \$99,000. Call Danetta for details. M1280

Come On By and See this commercial lot in a great location! Next to McDonald's in Mt. Vernon, this lot contains approximately 1/2 acre. Features some road frontage on U.S. 25. M1524

Here on the Market! Prime Commercial Investment Opportunity! This property is located near I-75 and the famous Renfro Valley on Highway 42, and consists of 26 acres, m/l, with city water and sewer. Call Jeff Cromer for more information. M1426

Race Fans - Your Opportunity is Knocking! This 14 mile asphalt track, known as the Corbin Speedway is now available for purchase. The entire property features 16 acres, the track, concession building, office, restrooms, plus grandstands w/seating capacity for 1800. Fronts on 25 (Hwy 25) and Spruce Creek Rd. in Corbin, Ky. For all the details, call Ford Brothers, Inc. Owners asking \$125,000 for entire operation. M1528.

FARMS

Weekend Retreat or Residence? The choice will be yours if you're the purchaser of these 11 ACRES m/l improved with an unfinished cabin, located on the Bloss Road in Rockcastle County, Kentucky. Call Roy Adams today about M1518

Hunter's Paradise! 59.40 acres, located near the Salt Packer Cave in Rockcastle County. All mineral rights go with the property w/some timber and a spring. There is good access. Priced at \$36,000. Call Jeff Cromer for more info. M1437.

100 Acres of Woodland! Located in the Chestnut Ridge section of Rockcastle County and priced at \$44,900. Call Harold Bustle to see this property! M1458



Right in Renfro! This stone exterior one story home with 2 car garage is perfectly located for someone who's interested in convenience - not to mention, space. It features living room, family room, dining/kitchen combination with new cabinets & countertop, 3 bedrooms, bath, and utility room. This home has a frame heat pump, a fireplace, and is carpeted throughout. New roof, new plumbing, and new light fixtures add to the quality of this home. Contains approximately 2,200 square feet and can be yours for \$79,500. Located just off U.S. 25 in Renfro Valley across from Wendy's. Call Jeff Cromer today for your appointment. M1539



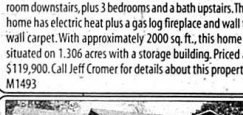
Lovely Rural Setting in the Brindle Ridge Section - this brick and vinyl home features 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, dining/kitchen combination with oven range and refrigerator, living room and utility room. Offers hardwood and carpet covered floors, electric ceiling cable heat, and also a wood fireplace. This home is also improved with a deck and a 2 car detached garage. Priced at \$85,500. Call today for your appointment. M1542.



"Reduced" Call Today - It Won't Last Long! 270 Rose Hill Drive is where you'll find the home with the most! This brick home offers a full basement w/living room, kitchen, bedroom, bath and storage building. The ground floor has living room w/fireplace, dining/kitchen w/dishwasher, family room, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths and utility room. Plus all the comfort of heat pump/central air and a 2 car attached garage. Reduced to \$52,500. Call Jeff Cromer today to see this home. M1495



Near the Lake! You'll want to see this 2 story vinyl sided home near Lake Linville in Rockcastle County. It features a living/dining combination, kitchen, 1/2 bath and utility room downstairs, plus 3 bedrooms and a bath upstairs. This home has electric heat plus a gas log fireplace and wall to wall carpet. With approximately 2000 sq. ft., this home is situated on 1.306 acres with a storage building. Priced at \$119,900. Call Jeff Cromer for details about this property. M1493



Postively Gorgeous! People stop to admire this brand new vinyl home on Hwy. 1326 (Old Brodhead Road). Situated on 6+ spacious acres, this home has all anyone could want, not to mention location! Features entrance foyer, living room, dining/kitchen combo, master bedroom w/bath, plus additional 2 bedrooms and additional bath and utility room. A Lennox heat pump keeps this lovely home comfortably and efficiently warm. An attached 2 car garage tops it all off! Priced at \$109,900. Call for your appointment today. M1471



Reduced! Joins the River! 57.875 acres on Beech Grove Road in Livingston - backs up to the Rockcastle River. This is a hunter's or fisherman's paradise - would make an ideal getaway. All mineral rights go with property, and there is good access. Price Reduced to \$62,500. Call Jeff Cromer about M1418

108 Acres with a 460 lb. tobacco base! Located in the Orlando section of Rockcastle County. Owner asking \$59,900. Call today for details. M1527

LOTS

Owner Will Consider Partial Findings! New Listing: Real Convenience! If you're simply looking for a lot, close to town, without a lot of hassle, then this may be exactly what you're looking for! Lot #51 of the Benton Bullock with city water, is yours for \$6,000. Call Phyllis. M1375

Two lots in a great location in the Renfro Valley area. Priced at \$8,500 and \$9,500. Near KOA Campground. Call for more information. M1443

3 Extremely Nice Wooded Lots - These lots contain approximately 1 acre each and road frontage from 180 ft. to 302 ft. City water available. Located on Brindle Ridge. Prices range from \$12,500 to \$14,500. M1344

Two lots, one measuring 97' 100' of an acre and the other measuring 1.13 acres, each priced at \$11,500. Located on Highway 70 in the Quail section. M1258

Brand New Development! Be the first to choose your lot and start building the home of your dreams in the all new Lear Crest Subdivision on Hwy. 1505, Brodhead. These restricted lots range in size from 1/2 acre to 1 acre each and are priced at \$11,900 each. M1259

We've got just what you're been looking for! Over forty spacious lots with city water and paved streets, all to secure your retirement, it's restricted. And, with its location on KY 61 in Pulaski County, you can enjoy the conveniences of easy access to Somerset, Lake Cumberland and I-75. If you're looking for convenience with a view, look no further. You'll enjoy the country backdrop of the hills and valley. Truly it's like we said...it's the best of both worlds! Each lot is priced at just \$12,500. Call for details. M1363

Wald Point - Restricted subdivision lots for sale in the new Wald Point Subdivision off Hwy. 461 in the Wald section of Rockcastle County. Lots 1-12 range from almost 1/2 acre to 2 acres and are also priced at \$8,900 each. Lots 13 contains nearly 4 1/2 acres and is priced at \$29,900. Call for details or a plot copy. M1466



Need a Place to Live and a Handyman's Workshop? Then make your appointment to see this affordably priced opportunity today. This mobile home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and the 3 car detached garage would make a great workshop for anyone. It's all situated on a nice level lot located 4 miles out Scaffold Cane Road. Don't miss out - call Danetta today. M1534




Brand New - Newly listed and newly built! This vinyl sided home in the Woodland Place Subdivision deserves to be checked out! This home features all the conveniences of living in town plus offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, central air/heat pump, and dishwasher. Also has a finished deck, front porch and 1 car garage. Priced at only \$82,000. Call today to make your appointment. M1432.



Time is Flying - Don't Waste It By Just Looking! Come check out this nice mobile home and lot located in the Eugene Durham Subdivision, Mt. Vernon. This nice mobile home has living room, kitchen/dining comb, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths and utility room plus porch, electric heat and washer/dryer hookup. Priced at \$25,900. M1470



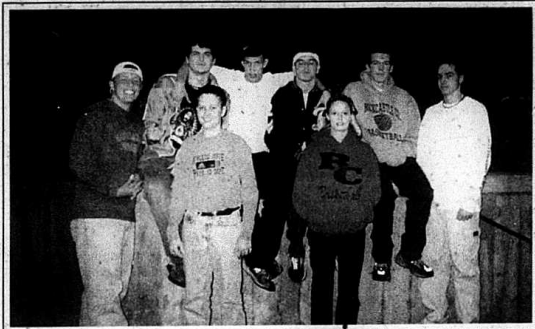
Very, Very Private! and in the country! This very well could be that summer home or permanent residence you've been trying to find. Features 4 bedrooms, beautiful front porch, eat-in kitchen, and living room with the comfort of central heat and air. Also features an above ground pool with lots of deck, plus a 24x30 metal building, not to mention beautiful landscaping. This house is only 6 years old and is located in the Red Hill Section of Rockcastle Co. Situated on 7.62 acres +/- . Reduced to \$62,900.00. L1416



Spread of Your Own - Make this 2 bedroom house and 65+ acres +/- your home. This house is only 8 years old and also has living room, dining/kitchen combination and bath. This property is located just 5 miles from Mt. Vernon on Maple Grove Road and is priced at just \$69,900. Call Danetta to take a peek. M1513



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
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Students from Rockcastle County who participated in the day on campus were: front row from left: Jordan Hall and Amy Barnett. Back row from left: William Blair, Mikey Howard, David Snyder, P.J. Rowe, Elijah Lunsford and Cody Lawwell.

Students attend Robinson Scholars Day at UK

High school students representing thirteen counties and participating in the University of Kentucky's Robinson Scholars Program recently participated in a day of workshops and other activities on the campus of Southeast Community College in Cumberland.

Students participated in a variety of topics focusing on a variety of topics, including leadership skills, public speaking, memorization skills, time management, study skills and speed reading. That evening, the students were treated to a performance of the University of Kentucky men's chorus, the Acoustikats.

date to participate in the program. The regional coordinator for the program is Paula Whitaker.

Jordan Hall and Elijah Lunsford also participated in the University of Kentucky's Robinson Scholars Program recently visited the Lexington campus where they attended a University of Kentucky football game and were taken on a campus tour.



By Cheryl Stone
I am very proud to announce my daughter, Dusty Marie Mullins, has completed her course of study at Somerset Community College and received her Associate degree in English.

Dusty is a 1998 graduate of RCHS. She has had articles published in the auctioneer magazine and her portfolio has been used as study guides to other students. Dusty has been employed at Ford Brothers Realty since high school. We sincerely appreciate Dusty and Sammy Ford for helping Dusty with her education by working her around her college schedule. A special thanks to Bobby and Kim Owens for their financial and moral support for her education.

Dusty is the granddaughter of John Hanly Mullins and the late Reese Rigby Mullins of Orlando and the granddaughter of the late Wade and Betty Wright of Liberty, Indiana. Dusty lives with her mom Cheryl Stone, step dad Shelby Stone, sister Dawn and brother Jesse. Dusty plans to get her teaching degree at EKVU next fall. Dusty is a member of Community Baptist Church of Somerset and a Sunday School teacher also.

Local students participate in Community Artist in Residence Program at RCHS

The Community Artist in Residence or CAR is a program that allows an artist to come into a community or school and work with young adults on art projects. The focus is on their activities and creative writing and other forms of art to show participants how to express themselves in a positive manner. This opportunity is open for students participating in Rockcastle County High School's Job Quest and 21st Century Community Learning Center Program.


The artist working with Rockcastle County youth is Hasan Davis, a lawyer, motivational speaker, pro. and actor from Berea. Hasan grew up with dyslexia and attention deficit disorder at a time when teachers were not trained to distinguish between bad children and children in need. Hasan spent his teen years in questionable situations and was expelled from several schools. However, he overcame these obstacles and went on to receive a GED, a Bachelor's degree in oral communications from Berea College and a law degree from the University of Kentucky.

This program is funded by the Kentucky Arts Council, Alternate ROOTS, Forward in the Fifth, the Workforce Investment Act-Job Quest Program, and the Rockcastle County High School's 21st Century Community Learning Center.

For more information on the program in Rockcastle County contact Trina Bustle, 21st CCLC Kyle Rader, Job Quest at 256-4816 or Jenny Sweet, Project Director 21st CCLC at 256-2125.



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368 LAMBERT RD. - 13.6 acres with a pay fishing lake. Property has 2 mobile homes. 1 mobile home is 1976 Winford 14x70. One is a 1986 Oakland 14x70. Old stone building in concrete block and wood with metal roof and porch. Needs some repairs. The land is 13.6 acres which 3.5 acres of lake. \$138,000. MLS 6602173. Call Lloyd Cain 606-256-2818
HWY. 3245 BROADHEAD - 3 bedroom, 2 bath mobile home sitting on 4 acres. Log outbuilding on the property. Mixture of cleared and wooded land. Possible other building sites on property. Creek on property. Well located on the property. \$50,000. MLS 6602144
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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, 361fn
Lots For Sale: 172 mile off Hwy. 150 at Freedom School Road. City water and electric, 3/4 acres or more, 4 miles from Mt. Vernon and 4 miles from I-75. Call 256-3213, 421fn
Land For Sale: 60 acres, 2 acres woodland, 40 acres of it is good alfalfa land with red clay bottom. No rocks. Barn 32x70 with large easterm, 1 cave spring, 4 ponds, city water, blacktop road frontage around 2/3 of it. In Rockcastle County off Hwy. 70 at Willalla on Poplar Grove Road. Call 606-758-8873, 10x4pd
For Sale: 42 acres, horse and business in Mt. Vernon. Call 256-4398, 10fn
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For Sale: 1985 Chevrolet S-10. Red Auto. Runs good. \$1,500. Call 758-0124 after 6 p.m., 11fn
For Sale: 1996 Cadillac Sedan Deville. White with burgundy interior. North star engine. 46k miles. Excellent condition. Must sell. Was asking \$14,900, now \$13,500. Call 256-4796, 44fn.
For Sale: 1993 Lexus LS 400 loaded, heat seats, moonroof, 6 CD player, hands free telephone, new timing belt, distributor caps, plus wires, plugs, water pump. Low book. (606)256-5451 after 6 p.m. 31fn
For Sale: 1989 Ford Bronco. Motor and transmission just completely overhauled. Rest in excellent mechanical condition. \$7,500. Call 256-5451 after 6 p.m. 31fn
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For Sale: 1996 Nomad 5th Wheel Traveler. 25 ft. Sleeps 8. Microwave, AM/FM cassette, heat and air, gas or electric refrigerator, bath-room. Excellent condition. \$10,500. 1977 Ford F-350 flat bed. \$1,700. Call 758-4177, 12x2
For Sale: 1990 Dodge Custom Cab truck. \$600. Call 256-1573, 12x2
For Sale: 1984 GMC 3/4 ton heavy duty truck. 305 overdrive, 16" tires. \$1,500. Call 256-5989, 12x1
For Sale: 1999 Oldsmobile Alero, 54K. \$9,950. 1999 Toyota Tacoma SR5 4x4, V-6, 39K. \$17,500. 1993 Chrysler New Yorker, 84K. \$1,800 obo. Central air and heat unit. \$250. Bass boat 70 hp. \$1,800. 1991 golf cart, needs work. \$500. Call 256-5990 ask for Coy. 12x2pd
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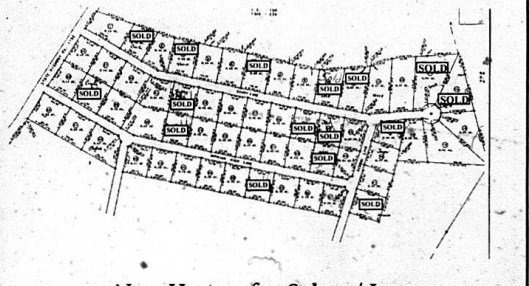
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For Sale: Minolta EP907Z Copier. Call 758-4818. 8th
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Notices

Notice: The Rockcastle County Board of Education is accepting sealed bids for surplus items. Bid proposals may be obtained at the Rockcastle County Schools Central Office, 245 Richmond Street, Mt. Vernon, Ky. The board will be accepting bid proposals until Friday, January 4, 2002 - 10:00 a.m. 12x1
Notice: No trespassing on Crawford Place-Old Brodhead Road. Danny Smith, 47th
Notice: No hunting, no trespassing on property belonging to Elvin Bowman and Benny Anglin on Todd Branch. Violators will be prosecuted. 29x25d
Notice: No trespassing on a property belonging to Earl Howard at Burr. Not responsible for accident. Violators will be prosecuted. 11x3p
Notice: Is hereby given that Bobby S. Sigmon, 8 Forest Place, Richmond, Indiana, 47374 has been appointed Executor of the Estate of Lorenze Sigmon on the 27th day of November, 2001. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Bobby S. Sigmon or Hon. Jerry J. Cox, PO Box 1350, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before May 27, 2002. 10x3
Notice: Is hereby given that Lisa Lovell, 214 Hallie Irvine St, Apt. 104, Richmond, KY 40475 has been appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Robert Willis Bishop on the 28th day of November, 2001. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Lisa Lovell or to Hon. Jeffrey T. Burdick, PO Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before May 28, 2002. 10x3p

NOTICE
The Housing Authority of Mt. Vernon will have a meeting for the Board to review their Annual Plan for 2002. This meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 21, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. Location is the office of 50 Lovell Lane. This meeting is regarding the update of the Annual Plan for 2002 and all the changes that will be adopted by the Housing Authority. Any questions please call free to call the office at 606-256-4185.
Aneta R. Vance
Executive Director
Housing Authority of Mt. Vernon

Janitor Position
The Cumberland Valley District Health Department is now accepting applications for two part-time 100 hour per month Janitors, one based at the Rockcastle Co. Public Health site and one based at the Rockcastle Co. Home Health site.
MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Elementary (8th grade) education. Up to 3 months experience helpful, but not required. On the job training acceptable.
STARTING SALARY: Hourly \$6.88
EXCELLENT FRINGE BENEFITS: with offer of hire, employment conditional pending criminal/background record check.
Applications may be obtained at the Public Health location at Richmond Mall, Mt. Vernon, Ky, or the Home Health location at 2210 Industrial Park, Mt. Vernon, Ky.
Complete application materials must be received at the Public Health/Home Health sites by January 4, 2002.
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Notice: Is given that Lelon Edward Bond has filed a Final Settlement of his accounts as Executor of the Estate of Edward Bond, deceased. A hearing on said settlement will be held on January 8, 2002. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before said date. 11x2
Notice: Is given that Dwight Griffin has filed a Final Settlement of his accounts as Executor of the Estate of Fannie Myrtle Griffin, deceased. A hearing on said settlement will be held on January 14, 2002. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before said date. 12x2
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Rockcastle County, Kentucky Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE
Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on November 9, 2001, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of FOURTEEN THOUSAND SIXTEEN DOLLARS AND 21/100 (\$14,016.21), plus interest, costs and attorney fees, I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.
At the Courthouse on East Main Street, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, December 21, 2001
Beginning at the Hour of 2:00 p.m.

REAL PROPERTY: Said property being more particularly bounded and described as follows:
Beginning at a corner located on the south-side of Silver Street, and on the east side of West Street at the intersection of the same opposite the property of Mr. I.M. Burns, thence with said West Street, south course with said street, 102 feet to corner of grantor and D.A. Robbins (now Denver Becker), thence with Robbins (Becker) and line of grantor 204 feet east course of the grantor and also corner to Beatrice Wright (now Mrs. David Wright), thence with the Wright (now Walter) line 114 feet to Silver Street, thence a west course with Silver Street 153 feet to the beginning corner on the south side of Silver Street. This property is subject to an easement dated June 7, 2000 from Jack B. Edwards, et. al., to the Rockcastle County Board of Education for a 20 foot wide surface drainage pipeline, as recorded in Deed Book 180, page 108.

Being the same real property which Jack B. Edwards and Tammy R. Edwards obtained by deed dated February 21, 1995, executed by James E. Hale, et. ux., of record in Deed Book 156, page 553 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.
Further, the Master Commissioner will offer at public auction immediately following the sale of the above described real property the following PERSONAL PROPERTY, a 1985 Chevy Blazer S-10, 2 dr., blue 6 cyl., Vin #1168C11B88F0207898.

The property shall be sold on the following terms and conditions:
1. The 1985 Chevy Blazer and the real property shall be sold separately.
2. The 1985 Chevy Blazer and the real property shall be sold for cash on a credit of sixty (60) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional security for the payment of the purchase price.
4. In the event that the plaintiff or the creditor of record of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of sale.
5. The purchaser shall be responsible for the 2001 local, county and state property taxes on the real property.
6. The purchaser of the real property shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
7. The purchase of the 1985 Chevy Blazer shall have possession of same upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
8. In the event that the plaintiff or the creditor of record of judgment shall not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
9. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold as is.
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Agricultural News

By Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Marketing Cards
Rockcastle County producers who have received marketing cards are reminded to carefully check their card for complete and accurate information. Please compare the farm number, warehouse number and pounds listed on the card to the information provided on the notification letter mailed with the card. If you find an error return the card immediately to the office for correction(s).
Remember: You are responsible for the information listed on the card.
When you have finished your sales of tobacco please return the marketing card to the FSA office as soon as possible.

Warehouse Designation
Producers who have not designated their place of sales of those who have designated and wish to change are reminded they may do so during the next regular redesignation period of December 28, 2001 through January 4, 2002.

Legislation now requires all farms with an effective quota greater than zero to file a designation of pounds to a specific warehouse, receiving station or dealer with which they intend to market tobacco by filling a form FSA 808.
If producers miss this deadline they must wait until the next and last designation period of January 28 through February 1, 2002.

Stolen Tobacco
Producers are reminded according to regulations stated in 10TB paragraph 941 pertaining a stolen tobacco police report must be filed within 15 days of the theft and be submitted to the County FSA Office. Filing the police report according to regulations will possibly avoid a penalty and/or a reduction of the next year's quota.

Disaster Leasing of Burley Tobacco
Producers wishing to lease tobacco to their farm for the purpose of selling excess tobacco may do so across county lines under the disaster leasing eligibility provisions. Farms leasing in pounds must have filed a FSA 578 (Crop Report), file a MQ 99 (Statement of Tobacco Production), be eligible for price support and have an approved FSA 375, Lease and Transfer. This year the pro-

ducer must also file an FSA 808, Designation of Burley Tobacco Sales and Request for Marketing Card. The amount of lease in pounds is limited to 15% of the farm's quota as of July 1st including last lease.
Producers who wish to lease out tobacco quota due to a natural disaster must have:

- Prior to harvest filled a FSA 574 (Request for Disaster Credit)
- Filed a FSA 578 (Crop Report)
- Planned sufficient acreage to produce the quota
- Made reasonable and customary efforts to produce the effective marketing quota
- Have less than 80 percent of the farm's effective marketing quota
- Natural disaster
- Meet all price support eligibility requirements.

For additional information on leasing quota under the disaster leasing provisions contact your local FSA office.

Office Closure
The Rockcastle County FSA Office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 24th & 25th in observance of the Christmas Holiday. The office will reopen Wednesday, December 26th at 7:30 a.m.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Farm Bill Debate Reaches the Senate Floor

This week there are two farm bill proposals ready to be reconciled by the full Senate in an attempt to reach one farm bill which the Senate can back. On December 11th, the Senate began a comprehensive debate of the Democratic-authored farm bill (S-1731), and the alternative bill offered by Republican Senators Chad Cochran (R-Miss) and Pat Roberts (R-Kan). President Bush and Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman have indicated their preference for the Cochran-Roberts bill over the version offered by Senator Tom Harkin (D-Iowa). However, Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle (D-SD) and other farm state senators are working hard to garner support for S-1731. To achieve a consensus may require some amendments that will make the proposal acceptable to more constitu-



The Rockcastle County Alternative School recently held a Survivor competition in which all of the students competed. The competition, based on the original SURVIVOR television series, involved the students in physical, emotional and endurance tasks and occurred over a 6-week period. The students began in two teams, but consolidated into one team once there were only ten participants remaining. These ten went on to face even harsher challenges and at every new challenge another person was voted out by their classmates and friends. Russell Jackson, of Mt. Vernon, won first place in the competition and received a trophy and \$75 cash. Shane Cox, of Flat Gap, won second place and a trophy and \$25 cash. Heather Didonato, of Mt. Vernon, received a trophy for her third place finish. Congratulations to these students for successfully completing the game.

ents. A spirit of compromise could result in a bipartisan vote by the Senate that would advance the farm legislation to a House-Senate conference where it would be compared to the House's farm bill proposal.

Whether the farm bill can reach final form before the end of the year is questionable at this point. Some political pundits speculate that the House and the Senate will most likely settle on a farm bill that will be ready for the President's signature sometime in January or February, after Congress has returned from their holiday recess. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has scored both the House bill, and Senator Harkin's bill. The House Bill when compared to the Senate proposal, both carry a ten year price tag of about \$73.4 billion above baseline spending. For the first five years the House proposal increases agricultural expenditures by \$35.8 billion while Harkin's version provides \$40.8 billion over baseline spending. The House's plan during the last five years increases

funding to \$37.6 billion. Harkin's proposal would trim extra agricultural funding during the second five years to approximately \$32.6 billion, effectively offering more money up front and less in later years.

The distribution of the proposed funding is the primary source of contention because the version originating in the Senate will provide more

money for conservation, which means lower payments for commodity support. As you might imagine, this may not satisfy the perceived needs of the large grain producers. The Harkin proposal also calls for expanding the Conservation Reserve Program from 36.5 million acres to 41.1 million acres over the next ten years, which favors the administration's policies and principles. The new farm bill will be forged in heated debates, and the final product will be aimed at the needs of both consumers and producers alike.

Phase I tobacco funds

By Tom Mills
Co. Ext. Agent for Agriculture/
Natural Resources

Doug Smith, president of the Rockcastle Beef Association and Roy Reynolds, president of the Rockcastle Agriculture Development Council are pleased to announce that local farmers will be eligible to share in \$425,000 from the Phase I tobacco settlement funds.

Three proposals from the Kentucky Agriculture Development Board have been approved as projects local producers can apply for. They include a Forage Improvement program, Genetic Improvement program and Cattle Handling Facilities.

Applications for the Forage Improvement program will start Wednesday, January 2, 2002 and continue through Thursday, January 31, 2002. Applications will be available at Adams Feed Supply, Dabney Feed Supply, and Rockcastle Feed Supply during normal business hours.

The Forage Improvement program covers three areas. Pasture improvement, which provides reimbursement at approximately 50% for certified white clover seed, lime and fertilizer according to U.K. soils test. Limits are 20 acres or \$1,500. See the application for complete details.

Hay Improvement, which provides reimbursement at approximately 50% for certified red clover seed, lime and fertilizer according to U.K. soils test. Limits are 20 acres or \$1,500. See the application for complete details.

Alfalfa Improvement, which provides reimbursement at approximately 50% for certified alfalfa seed, lime and fertilizer according to U.K. soils test. Limits are 20 acres or \$1,500. See the

application for complete details. Forage Improvement programs or combinations can not exceed the total limit of \$1,500 of Phase I

money. Soils test should be taken and results available by the January 31, 2002 deadline. Applications will require producers social security number and FSA farm number for fields being seeded. Farmers applying will be notified of approval following the February 5, 2002 work session.

The Genetic Improvement program will allow beef and dairy producers to purchase superior EPD bulls or semen. Applications will be available January 15 through February 15, 2002. All applicants will be required to attend a 2-hour producer meeting on EPD's prior to approval. Cost-share will be approximately 50% up to \$1,250 Phase I money. See application for complete details.

The Cattle Handling Facilities program will assist producers in improving their herd health program. This includes head gates, alley ways, crowding pens, etc. Cost share will be at 2 levels with both being approximately 50% reimbursement. At the first level, producers are required to become Beef Quality Assurance certified by attending a two hour producers meeting. This qualifies for the \$1,000 level. Producers who complete Beef Quality Assurance, plus market a group of CA-P-3 calves, will qualify for the \$2,500 level. See application for complete details.

The Kentucky Agriculture Development Board has limited any one producer to \$5,000 in cost-share payments.

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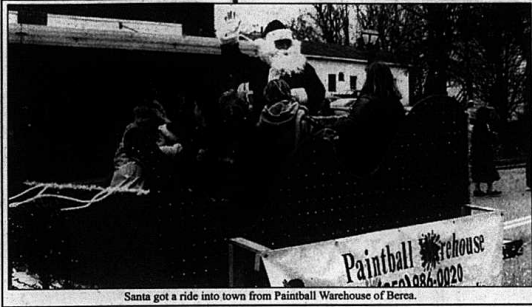
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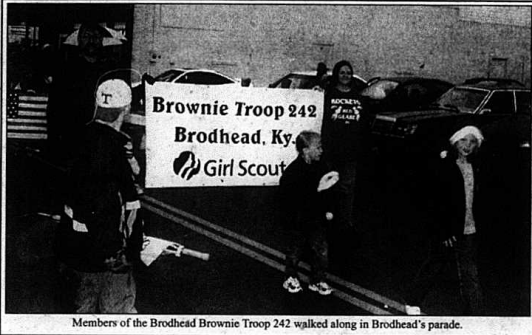
Scenes from the Brodhead and Mt. Vernon Christmas Parades



Santa got a ride into town from Paintball Warehouse of Berea.



Brad Wesley, Devon Bussell, Coty Reams, Jens Strietzel, James Michael Busgell, William Blair, Benny Northern, Derrick Hurst and Josh Lovell represented the Rockcastle County High School football team as they were Grand Marshals in the Brodhead Christmas Parade.



Members of the Brodhead Brownie Troop 242 walked along in Brodhead's parade.



As always, members of the Rockcastle County High School JROTC participated in Saturday's parade in Mt. Vernon.

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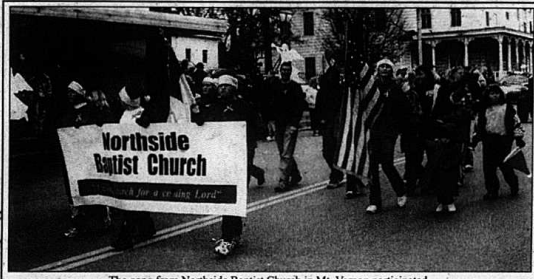
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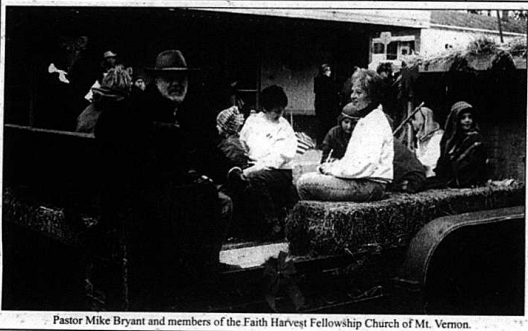
Shelley Parkerson and Angie Smith were all smiles during Brodhead's Christmas Parade.



Maple Grove Baptist Church's float celebrated Peace on Earth.



Sherry Asher, Seth Taylor and Patty Kirby rode along on Taylor Produce's float in Brodhead's Christmas Parade.



Pastor Mike Bryant and members of the Faith Harvest Fellowship Church of Mt. Vernon.



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Jackie McKinney waves to the camera.



Nick Leger rode along in Brodhead's parade.



Danny McKinney passes out candy.



Some RCHS football players got a ride from Rocket Josh Taylor.



Andy Barnett and his buddies were in Saturday's parade.



Other Rockets were in Saturday's parade.

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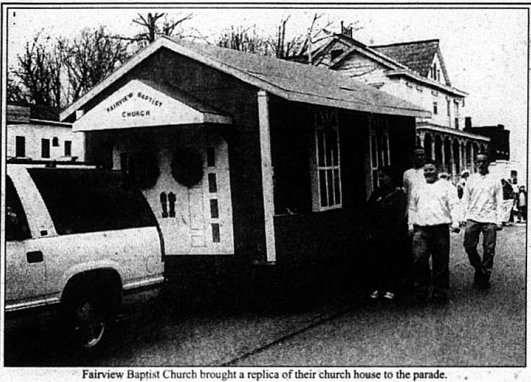




There were several ATV riders in Saturday's parade.



Members of the Roundstone Brownie Troop #135 were on hand Saturday.



Fairview Baptist Church brought a replica of their church house to the parade.



Members of the Rockcastle County High School cheerleading squad participated in the parade.



Livingston Volunteer Fire Department brought along their fire truck.



Mike Leger gave a ride to family and friends on Saturday.

Happy Holidays

The staff of the law offices of Jeffrey T. Burdette and their families wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We are very thankful for our citizens of Rockcastle County and our Nation. God Bless You.



From row from left: Patricia Hayes, Deanna Carpenter and Kathy Robinson. Back row from left: William D. Reynolds, Darlene Slusher, Tammy Martin, Julie Adams and Jeffrey T. Burdette. Not pictured was Amanda Collins (congratulations on the birth of new son, Christopher Douglas Collins).

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The RCHS Flag Corp participated in Saturday's parade.



Members of the Rockcastle County Middle School cheerleading squad participated in the parade.



Howard Saylor's float proves that the politicking has begun for the May Primary. Waving to the crowd were Sharon Saylor and Mary Saylor.



Chief John Kuhn drove the Livingston fire truck in the Mt. Vernon parade.



Cecil King brought along a few for the ride.



Sarah Bullock and Elizabeth Bobo led the way for the Rockcastle County High School Band and Flag Corp at Brodhead's parade.



Rockcastle County Attorney Jeff Burdette was on hand for Saturday's parade as were several youngsters.

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Gary Jr. and Hannah Prewitt got a ride in Saturday's parade from dad Gary, who was driving a Town and Country Chevrolet.



These two were all smiles on Saturday.



Members of the high school touchdown girls squad were in Saturday's parade.



Members of Rockcastle County High School's JROTC Color Guard participated in the parade.

Our Readers Write

Dear Editor,

The Rockcastle County High School basketball program boys and girls would like to say thank you to the following businesses and people for their support during Rocket Madness.

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Thank you,
RCHS Basketball Program

Dear Editor,

Mayor Karen King and Phyllis Deatherage, Parade Director would like to thank all parade participants for an exceptional Christmas parade this year. The initial parade date was December 8th, and was rescheduled for December 15th due to rain. We were expecting less attendance because of this. A special thanks to the community churches for their participation and beautiful floats, and all participants for their efforts and hard work. The VFW, The Rockcastle County School system staff, John Hale, JROTC (2001 State Championship Rifle Team), Greg Daugherty and the RCHS Band (with their new uniforms looking exceptional), Coach Tom Larkey, Tony Saylor and coaching staff, The Rockets Football team (2001 Runners-Up in State 3A Football), Misty Barker and RCHS Cheerleaders, Sharon Thacker a RCHS cheerleader, Roy Reynolds and the FFA Club, Darlene Larkey and the Quarterback Club, Mr. Scalf and the RCHS Art Dept., Dale Vinzant, John D. Bullen, Teresa Vanzant and staff, Darrell Doan and family, Howard Saylor and the Saylor

family, Norma Houk and staff, the Mt. Vernon City Police Dept. and the City Water Dept. employees, City Office Employees, the Mt. Vernon, Brindle Ridge, Livingston and Brodhead Fire Dept., the Rockcastle Ambulance Service, Maple Grove, Northside, Faith Harvest and Fairview Church members, the Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts, Gertha Mink and Gary Mink Builders, Pam Chaliff-Rockcastle County Bookmobile, RTEC, Matthew Doan, Mike Leger & family, Darrell Allen and son, the J-75 Speedway, four wheelers and horse riders, Donna Hopkins and the Rockcastle Vo-Tech, Ronnie Lashbrook/Clown & helpers, Town & Country Wrecker, Central Wrecker, Sheila Cromer and Justin, Jeff Durham and Computerate staff, Andy Barnett and friends, David Bishop, Ben Hunsucker, Mr. Billy Hiatt, Teresa Russell, Ray and Sherry Hensley, Frank Baker and son, Rick Anderson and The Mt. Vernon Signal, Larry Burdette and WRVK and Santa Claus.

If anyone is excluded from this thank you list it is unintentional and we apologize. Each and every participant was appreciated, and it took effort from everyone to make this a great parade.

Please send any comments or suggestions to: Phyllis Deatherage, PO Box 1465, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 or call (606)256-3437.

Thanks again!
Phyllis Deatherage
Mt. Vernon, KY

Dear Editor,

As we start another year of this uncertain new millennium, it's easy to feel worried, scared and pessimistic. But instead I feel a great sense of hope. Why? Because I know and trust the spirit of ordinary Americans. We here in this country don't like to be told we "can't." When life

pushes us down, we push back and raise ourselves up. I can think of no better example of that than the Muscular Dystrophy Association's 2002 National Goodwill Ambassador, Mattie Stepanek.

Mattie's body is severely weakened by a neuromuscular disease, but his spirit is extraordinarily strong. He's written two books of inspirational poetry which have spent weeks on the best-seller lists. Mattie would compel our hearts under any circumstances, but at this time of national crisis his message of peace and love has special resonance. He helps us realize the potential of every human being to give something of precious value to others.

It's imperative that we keep pushing back against the neuromuscular diseases that would rob us of people like Mattie. And during this holiday season, it's also important to heed the Mattie's life philosophy: "Remember to play after every storm."

Americans will weather this storm as we've weathered all others: By giving generously of ourselves, by fighting oppression in all its forms - and by pushing back against those forces that tell us we "can't."

May God bless all of us with a wonderful new year.

Jerry Lewis
National Chairman
Muscular Dystrophy Association

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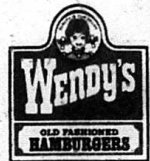
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First row from left: Juanita Stewart, JoAnn Robbins, Carol Johnson, Dion Howard, Jennifer McGuire, Crystal Mills and Barbara Hicks. Back row from left: Ernie Cromer, Lindsey Bell, Christ Bradley, Jamie Settles, Michelle Swinney, James Brown, James Hicks, Santa Claus, Cassidy Ramsey, Gaylen Settles and Danny Settles.

Wendy's will close at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve and close Christmas Day. Open New Years Eve and open at 9 a.m. New Years Day.

No paper next week

Due to the Christmas holiday falling the way it has this year, for only the second time in 35 years, there will be no *Mt. Vernon Signal* next week.

Our next issue of publication will be on January 3, 2002. The *Signal* office will be closed Friday, December 21st through Friday, December 28th.

Annual 4-H Speech Contest held at Mt. Vernon Elementary

By: John McQueary, County Extension Agent for 4-H/Youth Development

The Rockcastle County 4-H Council held their annual 4-H Speech Contest on Tuesday, December 4, 2001 at Mt. Vernon Elementary School. A total of 47 speeches were given and awarded ribbons. Champions and alternates were recognized in each age category 9 through 14. The 1st and 2nd place winners have earned the privilege of representing themselves and Rockcastle County in the Wilderness Trail Area 4-H Communications Day on Saturday, April 20, 2002 at West Knox Elementary School at Corbin, Ky. A big thank you goes to all those who served as judges for the event:

Deborah Cook, Betty Spires, William Leiger, Daniel Wayne, Beth Saylor, Seth Saylor, Chris McGuire, Melissa McGuire, and Zack Gentry. Also, a special thanks to Mt. Vernon Elementary School for hosting the program. Also, tip of the hat goes to all the school teachers and staff for helping work with the young people on their speeches. Below is a list in each category of the participants and their ribbons:

9 yr old:
 1st Place - Devin Davidson
 2nd Place - Amber Whitaker
Blue Ribbon Winners: Ashley Miller, Carly McClure, Adrienne Childress, Megan Perkins, Taylor McGuire, and Bethany Clontz.

10 yr old:
 1st Place - Brooke Martines
 2nd Place - Megan Hood
Blue Ribbon Winners: Brandon Young, Casey Sturgill, Kathy Mattingly, Lauren Graham, Brittany Calhoun, John Lambert, Rachel Woodall, and Brandon Bussell.

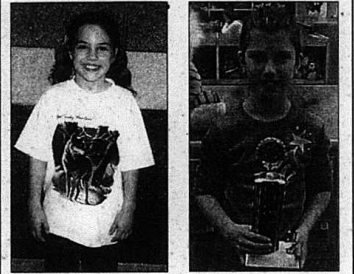
11 yr old:
 1st Place - Carri Hunt
Blue Ribbon Winners: Brooke Kirby, Morgan Thacker, Lewis Mink, April Johnson, Andrew Laswell, Devin Hasty, Cody Kirby, Rae Cowan, Michael Nicely, and Kayla Collins.

12 yr old:
 1st Place - Drew Davidson
 2nd Place - Morgan Kinco
Blue Ribbon Winners: Josh Nation, Josh Blair, Steven Renner, Erica McKinney, Westley Miller, Matt Martin, Christy Napier, Jay Cobb, and Dustin Poynter.

13 and 14 yr old:
 1st Place - Clinton Walker and also
 1st Place - Anthony Cook.
 Congratulations to each young person who participated in this year's event and thank you for being a part of 4-H.



Rockcastle County Middle School participants in the 4-H Speech Contest are, front row from left: Steven Renner, Devin Hasty, Bethany French, Morgan Thacker and Kayla Collins. Second row from left: Dustin Poynter, Jay Cobb, Morgan Kinco, Brook Kirby, Clinton Walker, Josh Blair, April Johnson and Michael Nicely. Back row from left: Andrew Laswell, Erica McKinney, Christy Napier, Drew Davidson, Josh Nation, Anthony Cook, Westley Miller, Lewis Mink and Matt Martin.



Ashley Miller and Carri Hunt of Broadhead Elementary School were participants in the 4-H Speech Contest.



Winners of the 4-H Speech Contest are pictured above, front row from left: Megan Hood, Bethany French, Carri Hunt, Amber Whitaker, Devin Davidson and Brook Martines. Back row from left: Clinton Walker, Anthony Cook, Drew Davidson and Morgan Kinco. All winners will go to the Wilderness Trail Area Communications Day on Saturday, April 30, 2002 in Knox County.



Mt. Vernon Elementary School 4-H Speech participants are, front row from left: Brandon Bussell, Megan Hood, Lauren Graham, Brittany Calhoun and Cody Kirby. Second row from left: John Lambert, Rae Cowan, Brook Martines, Megan Perkins, and Carly McClure. Third row from left: Amber Whitaker, Casey Sturgill, Rachel Woodall, Devin Davidson and Adrienne Childress. Fourth row from left: Taylor McGuire, Katy Mattingly, Bethany Clontz and Brandon Young.

Merry Christmas



Pictured, front row from left: Sam Ford, David Henderson and Danny Ford. Back row from left: Dusty Mullins, Danetta Allen, Clarissa Hodge and Roy Adams. Not pictured were Jeff Burdette, Jeff Cromer and Judy Ford.

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Students write to Santa

The following letters were written by Primary classes from Mt. Vernon Elementary. The letters have been typed exactly as they were written by the students.

Kathy Price's Class

Dear Santa,
I want too have a good Christmas.
Love,
Brittany

Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is my two fruit teth.
Love,
Heather Clontz

Dear Santa,
I want a gam boy and I want a dog for Christmas.
Love,
David Deaton

Dear Santa,
I want a cat for Christmas.
Love,
Jeffery Nicely

Dear Santa,
I want a dog for Christmas are a cat.
Love,
Dylan Stewart

Dear Santa,
I want the Move Cats & Dog.
Love,
Austin Lawson

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want one backpack.
Love,
Harley Riddle

Dear Santa,
I want a game boy for Christmas.
Love,
Logan Durham

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas Santa! I want a puppy. See you this Christmas.
Love,
Mary Lee Robinson

Dear Santa,
I want a play station for Christmas.
Love,
Eric McCracken

Dear Santa,
I want a bike for Christmas.
Love,
Adam Alcorn

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas is books, toys and CD.
Love,
Rebecca Barron

Dear Santa,
I want a dog for Christmas.
Love,
Bryson Amyx

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a robot and a toy truck and a puppy.
Love,
Marvin Carpenter

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll for Christmas.
Love,
Rita Morris

Dear Santa,
I want a dog.
Love,
Austin

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like a drum set and a Ford Batary power truck.
Love,
Benjamin Logan Allen

Dear Santa,
I like to have a dog for Christmas if you can git me one. I hop you can git me one I want a babby pig.
Bridgette LaShay Denny

Dear Santa,
I want some toys and books for Christmas.
Love,
Kayla

Jerri Smith's Class

Dear Santa,
Thanks for presents. I want to see your elf. When you come to my home I want you to ring the bell? I want you to bring me a remote control go cart. I like you Santa. Do you uivie at the north pole? I wana play station game. Say hello to Rudolph. Happy new year.
Love,
Joey Robinson

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me the makeup set. We know what our Nan and Mom wants. A candle and no boys.
Love,
Brittany Sellers
Happy new year.

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringin me gifts at Christmas. I have been good. I work hard at school. Say hello to Mis Cios. And Rudolph. For me please!
Love,
Sarah Martin

Dear Santa,
I love Santa's elfs. I have been a

good boy. Rudolph is nis. I wut a 20000 taotos four wheeler, big gun.
Love,
Justin Bowman

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the clothes last year. say hello to Rudolph. hello Santa.
Love,
Tiffany Barron

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy. All my friends have been good too. I want a pup.
Love,
Naman

Dear Santa,
I love you, you are special to me. you could bring me presents. I have been good.
Love,
Felicia Slasher

Dear Santa,
I love Santa. thank you for the presents.
Love,
Stacey Evans

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringing me some presents and toys. I want a teddy bear. My sis wants a toy elf and Elmo. My mom wants makeup, my dad wants a tool set.
Love,
Emily Mink

Dear Santa,
Thank you for bringin me presents and toys. I have been a good girl. I love dear Santa and Rudolph.
Love,
Brittany

Dear Santa,
Thank you for presents. I want a dog I want a coloring book I want a cat I want toys. My brother wants a CD. I want you elf to stop working. Our Christmas tree looks pretty.
Love,
Victoria Griffith

Dear Santa,
I hope that you bran toys. I hope that you bring my sister and brother gifts. I hope that you bran gifts.
Love,
Connie King

Dear Santa,
I want a ninemeter gun. I kild a rabbit last Sunday. ples brag me a skop and toys.
Your buddy,
Brandon

Dear Santa,
Thank you for all you have done. Thank you for the toys and the love you give us. I love you.
Love,
Jacob Singleton

Dear Santa,
Thank you Santa for bringing me presents. I want a puppy. I want a lamp.
Your truly,
J.D. Morgan

Dear Santa,
I want a bike. I can ride it in the spring. I play my play station, may my bed.
From,
RJ Collins

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I want a remote control reindeer. I would like to give presents to people who don't have any money.
Merry Christmas to everyone,
Austin Hodge

Dear Santa,
I live in Calloway. I have been a good boy at home. I want a toy truck for Christmas. Santa, I want you to get my Mommy a ring. I will leave

Dear Santa,
I live in Poplar Street. I want to get my Mom a brown bear and a gun for my Dad that won't aggravate him. I want a pink bear for my Mamaw, a black bear for my uncle, a purple bear for my other uncle and a stuffed tiger for my aunt. For my cousin I want a stuffed gingerbread boy and for Papaw Chester I want a black pig. I want a bow and arrow for myself. I will leave you some milk and cereal in the living room.

Dear Santa,
I live in Mt. Vernon. I've been on track on year. I want a CD player for Christmas. I have got milk and cookies waiting for you.
Love,
Justin Loudermilk

Dear Santa,
I live on Poplar Street. I want to get my Mom a brown bear and a gun for my Dad that won't aggravate him. I want a pink bear for my Mamaw, a black bear for my uncle, a purple bear for my other uncle and a stuffed tiger for my aunt. For my cousin I want a stuffed gingerbread boy and for Papaw Chester I want a black pig. I want a bow and arrow for myself. I will leave you some milk and cereal in the living room.

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Merry Christmas Santa,
Michael Abney

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a CD player, new shoes, a kitten and a dog for Christmas. Could you bring Mom a ring and a necklace. I live at Buck Creek. I will leave you a hat. I have been a good girl.
Love,
Samantha Caull

Dear Santa,
I want a stuffed cat and dog for Christmas. Could you bring my Mom a real puppy. Denise would like a Betty Boop doll, bring Dad a new watch and Eric would like a new gun. I've been good almost every day this year. I live close to Climax in a brick house with a black barn with a swing set in the front yard. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Love,
Miranda Clark

Dear Santa,
I want a Britany Spears CD, guitar, toy puppy and a baseball field. Could you bring Mom new shoes? Dad would like to have horseshoes.

Jesse wants a new car and games. I've been good all year. I leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
Justin Strunk

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a little TV for my room and a VCR so I can watch videos. I would like to get Bambi, Franklin, Little Bear and Rugrats for my videos. I would like a race truck. Mom needs some earrings, bracelet and a necklace. Dad wants a fishing pole. I will leave you some milk and cookies in the living room.
Love,
Jesse Stallworth & Merry Christmas

Dear Santa,
I live in Mt. Vernon. Will you bring Mommy, Dad, me and my friends some presents? I want a stuffed dog for Christmas. Get my Mommy a new dress, some make-up, and a new pair of shoes. Buy my brother and sister some teething rings and my Daddy some bar bells. I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies on the table in the living room.
Happy Christmas,
Chasity Minton

Dear Santa,
I live by the park in Mt. Vernon. I've been good at school and at home. I want a diamond ring, a new bike, yo-yo, a ballerina doll, a puppet show box, a real cat, a dog and dress up clothes. I want my Mommy to have

a diamond ring like mine. I want Daddy to have a new hat. I want Maw to have a statue of an angel. I will leave you some cookies and milk on the coffee table in the living room. I will leave your wife some cookies too.
Love,
Brianna Kates

Dear Santa,
I live in Marler Holler. I've been good at home and at school. I want a Barbie Jeep for Christmas and a big angel water fountain. I want a Barbie for my Siszy Nikki. I want a remote control monster truck for my brother, Jordan. I want a gold watch for my Mommy. I'm gonna leave you cookie and milk.
Merry Christmas,
Tiffany Renner

Dear Santa,
I live in a white & black house. I've been sort of good this year. I want a real black & white kitten for Christmas, a CD player, and some CD's. For my Dad I want a new watch & pocket knife. For my mother, I want a necklace and watch. I will leave cheese and cookies for you.
Your friend,
Danielle Cromer

Dear Santa,
I would like a bow & arrow, a Honda 50 dirt bike and a Mongoose red bicycle, and a small puppy. I've been good & helped Grandma & Mom at the house. Candice my sister would like a pink bicycle. I will leave you cookies and milk in the living room.
Love,
Blake Jones

Dear Santa,
I've been a good boy & I've stayed on track at school. All I want for Christmas is a Harry Potter Potion's Class, an extreme ant farm, plymboie police station and some mistletoe. My new house is in Cumberland Hills in Lexington at 972 Woodland Court. For Dad please bring a forest green digital analog watch. I will leave you CHEESE!
Merry Christmas Santa,
Zachary Hiatt

Dear Santa,
Please bring my Mom a ring and necklace, and my sister a stuffed puppy dog. I would like a CD player and a computer to type on. Please bring Dad an orange shirt & a

Rockcastle County hat. I will leave you milk and cookies. I live on Chestnut Ridge & it is a dark yellow house with a trampoline in the back yard.
Love,
Elijah Lovell

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a stuffed brown or black Teddy Bear, and for my Mom a silver necklace. Could you please bring Dad a digital watch? I live at Sand Springs. I help Mom at home and I have been good. I will leave you chocolate chip cookies and milk.
Merry Christmas!
Love,
Amy Jo Johnson

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want shot gun, bicycle and a model car. Could you bring Mom a new ring? Dad would like a dog. My little brother Conner would like a yellow truck. I have been a good boy. I live in a white house at Sand Springs. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Merry Christmas
Brett Noble

Mrs. Webb's Class
Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. I clean my room and wash the dishes. I want you to bring me a blue bicycle, a scooter and some roller skates. I will share my toys with my brother and sister.
Your friend,
Brittany Bretz

Dear Santa,
I will leave you some cookies and milk under my Christmas tree. I have been a good girl. I would like to see you bring me a Barbie doll. Also, please bring me some pencils.
Love,
Jessica Bledsoe

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a BB gun and a go-cart. I will wear my seat belt when I ride my go-cart.
Your friend,
Jonathan Graves

Dear Santa,
I have moved this year. My new trailer is blue. Please bring me a scooter.
Your friend,
Matthew Hasty

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a BB gun. Also, I would like a big bicycle. Please bring my mom a diamond. Oh, yeah, I almost forgot, I want a puppy too.
Your Friend,
Jacob Bussell

Dear Santa,
Thank you for the presents you brought me last year. This year I want you to bring me a paintball gun. I will put some cookies under the tree for you.
Your Friend,
Justin Cameron

Dear Santa,
I will be sleeping on the couch all myself waiting for you. I want you to bring me a scooter, helmet and kneecaps. I have been a good this year. One time I helped my mom make dumplings for our dinner. I will leave you some milk and cookies under my tree. By the way, I will be helping my mommy make the cookies. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls. Don't forget my mommy and my daddy too.
Love Your Little Friend,
Waylon Joseph Mink

Dear Santa,
I have been a very good girl this year. I'm leaving you some cookies and milk on the kitchen table. I want you to bring me a new purple purse and a jewelry set.
Love,
Laiken Coffey

Dear Santa,
My family is nice to me. I would like you to bring me a Barbie Doll and a baby doll. I will leave you some cookies and milk under my tree.
Love,
Lauren Denny

Dear Santa,
I love my family. I want you to bring me a Barbie Doll. Santa, I am a good girl. I play in the basement so I won't mess up the rest of the house. I would also like a Barbie car.
Love,
Alyssa Rodefer


Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want my family to be happy. I want you to have a great Christmas together.
Love,
Jade Ellison

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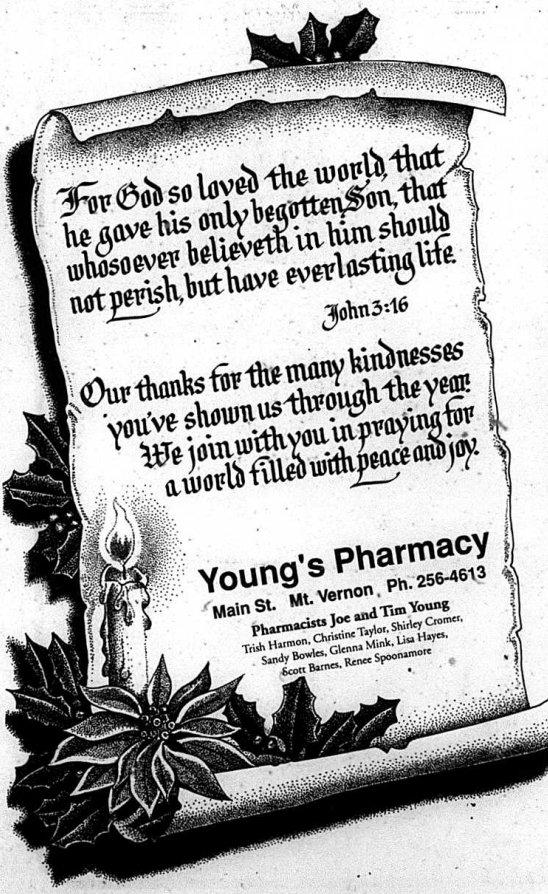
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Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a puppy dog. I will play with it and take good care of it. I hope my puppy will be white. I am counting the days until Christmas.
Your Friend,
Adam Young

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year. I help my mom clean the house. I help her pick out groceries at the store. For Christmas I want a quantum ranger megazord.
Your Friend,
Austin King

Dear Santa,
I want a big 18-wheeler truck for Christmas. I have been a good boy. My sister, Lauren and I play together. I will leave cookies for you under my tree.
Your Friend,
Andrew Hill

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a Scooby Doo wrist watch for Christmas. I have been working hard at school. I will leave you a gingerbread cookie in case you are hungry.
Your Friend,
Tyler Brown

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie car for Christmas. Also, I would like a baby doll. I will take good care of my toys. I'm a pretty good girl most of the time.
Love,
Lora Sowder

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a dinosaur computer. Please bring me a brown and white puppy. I will feed it. Be careful Santa!
Your Friend,
Zachary Lynch

Dear Santa,
I have just moved to a new trailer. Don't forget where I am. For Christmas I want you to bring me a skateboard. When I ride my skateboard I will wear a helmet so I won't get hurt. I am a good boy. I will be waiting for you.
Love,
Jacob Pearson

Dear Santa,
I love you. Bring me lots of presents. I want some lip balm and lip

stick. I hope I can learn to fly and be magic. I can't wait until you come.
Love,
Heather Holden

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie, new pup, snake board, and toothbrush cell phone. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
Love,
Betsy Ann Baker
P.S. I would also like to have a new teddy bear.

Pegey Phillips' Class
Dear Santa,
I live at Three Links, KY. In a White house I will leave you cookies and milk by the chimney. I want a black and white puppy, Barbie doll, toy cars and dinosaurs for Christmas.
Love,
McKenzie Owens

Dear Santa,
I will warn you a but my pups they will eat your shoes oh I want a dog and a new black pack. Dog Casey barks really loud. I'll leave you cookies in the living room.
Love,
Adam Poynter

Dear Santa,
I live in a white house with a green porch on Davis Street. I have a chimney for you to come down I will leave some cookies and milk on the kitchen table for you. Watch out for my brown spitz. He might be in the house if its cold outside. Please bring me a pup.
Love,
Hank Justin Denney

Dear Santa,
I live in a trailer with a bus bed it will live sun gingerbreadman bin the cat we eat fur my min bog he is chad up. I want a bell.
Love,
cody mccormick

Dear Santa,
I have a little pup, my pup is in my mamaw's room. I want a kumpout with game. I live at Mt. Vernon.
Love,
Michael Wardlow

Dear Santa,
I got a Barbey cash register and a scooter and a scatebord. I live in Mt. Vernon.
Love,
Samantha Pittman

Dear Santa,
I live in Vivin Valley View. I want a brown pup for Christmas. I do not hav a chimney come in the dor.
Love,
Darron Sturgill

Dear Santa,
I live at Sand Springs. I want a black and white pup. I well name it Jake. I do not have a chimney. I have a bad dog. I will leave you cookies and milk.
Love,
Brady McClure

Dear Santa,
I have a cat but naw I thak we have it trad for naw so we can have Christmas naw Sannaclaus.
Lüv
Samantha V.

Dear Santa,
I live in Mt. Vernon in the permits. I want a snobord, I want a mask, I want my dad and my mamaw, to come for Christmas and I want a dog and a tedbar, and a 4-wilur and a fofoel.
Love,
Tyler Davis

Dear Santa,
My gramll lives in Mt. Sterling and I wood like a dog too play with I want a white boxer dog, sanka I will leave shugar cookies and milk for you by the chimney.
Love,
Eli Haddix

Dear Santa,
I will be on Florid and dont we but I will have my dog out sid dot go at my has be there bet and came in no time and I will pat.
Love,
Tiffany Collins

Dear Santa,
You better whoch out becos i got cat oh ya come toow the front dor oh ya i want a red boll.
Love,
Brandon Alcorn

Dear Santa,
I live in brodded I will leave some chocolate chip cookies and some milk love Sara Adams merry christmas I want a jackrusal.
Sara Adams

Dear Santa,
I live in pinhill. I in a chrarl you betr wchoat it is a dog it is not fis in the has.
love,
joshua bullock

Dear Santa,
I live at livingston. i wot for christmas a black and white begle dog and a Barbie doll. I will leve the cookies on the table.
Love,
Sarah Burdine

Dear Santa,
I live in a brick humes I dot have a chimney so go to the bak dor I want a puppe for christmas.
Love,
brittany hines

Dear Santa,
I live at Mt. Vernon. I want a present and I want a truck and a cor and a sleigh and I wot a remot control truck.
Love,
tim nicely

Dear Santa,
I live in a hows in Mt. Vernon I want you to bring me a black and white puppy. I do not have a chiny come in the front door I will leave you cookies I leave it by the Christmas tree.
Love,
Bethany McKinney

Dear Santa,
I want a skat bord for Christmas it is fun I love you.
Love,
Matthew Hensley

The following letters were written by Preschool classes from Broadhead Elementary School.

Dear Santa,
I want a real motor boat that can go in the water, not the bath tub, but

the real water where the fish is. I want a two-wheel scooter. I've always wanted one, and I want a robot. I'll leave cookies and hot chocolate on the table in the blue room.
Love,
Avery

P.S. I want my robot to have a gun that shoots.
Dear Santa,
I want a Lego Dizzy. I want a shiny bell so I can ring it. I want a farm set and a red tractor with disks and plows and all kinds of stuff. I want a remote control Bob the Builder and a Bob the Builder hat and that's all I want for Christmas. I'll leave some milk and cookies on the coffee table.
Love,
Ryan

Dear Santa,
I would like rescue heroes, a remote control guy on a skateboard. I would also like an Aussie snake. I am going to leave you some chocolate cookies and some milk on the table. I have been good this year.
Love,
Carter

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie jeep with a Barbie. I would like Bear in a Blue House and Ojo. I am going to leave you a sucker and some water in my room. I have been good this year.
Love,
Makayla

Dear Santa,
I want a police car and a policeman. I would like a firefighter, a fire truck and a pig. I would also like a

jailhouse. I'm going to leave you some gingerbread cookies and Koolaid. I have been good this year.
Love,
David

Dear Santa,
I want more hot wheels, a lot of hot wheels cause I like them. I'm going to leave you a banana snack on the trampoline. I want some chocolate candy and some chocolate milk. I want a police car, too.
Love,
C.J.

Dear Santa,
I wish that you would bring me a Barbie and the Nutcracker. I want a new bike for my new house and I want a Barbie hotel. I'll leave you milk and cookies sitting on the table. I've been really good. I want a Christmas wreath to put on my house.
Love,
Sharia

Dear Santa,
I like your presents. I want you to bring me a swim Barbie doll. Please bring my brother some books. I'll leave some cookies and milk on the table.
Love,
Megan Houk

Dear Santa,
I want a new jump rope for Christmas. I want a new Barbie car because I've got lots of Barbies. I want a rocking horse. I've been good. We made a lot of chocolate chip cookies and I'm going to leave you some.
Love,
Hayle




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Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a teddy bear for Christmas. I want a Mickey Mouse toy, too and a Mimmie Mouse toy. I'll leave you some cookies in the refrigerator.
Love,
Tyler

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a bicycle. I want a bumping truck. I want a blue bear, too. I'm going to leave you chocolate cookies and hot chocolate because my Daddy said if I leave hot chocolate, you'll bring the best toys ever.
Love,
Tate

too. I will leave you some red cookies and milk. I've been good this year.
Love,
Maverick

Dear Santa,
I've been looking in the Christmas catalog. Then I found the Barbie airplane. I want the Barbie airplane and the girl motorcycle, too. That's the stuff I really like. I'll put some milk and cookies on the fireplace. I've been good this year.
Love,
Emily

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie jeep and a toy car. The car is for me to drive in. I want a Barbie set with a Barbie, a CD and some Barbie clothes. I'll leave you carrots, a piece of cheese and one piece of bread.
Love,
Mahala

Dear Santa,
I want a hot wheels fireball truck. I want a car that glows in the dark. I will leave some cookies and milk on the kitchen table. I've been very good this year.
Love,
Adam

Dear Santa,
I want a scowp, Wendy and Bob the Builder. I would also like Lofly and Rolly, too. I would also like Zizzy. I am going to leave you a sandwich and coffee on the table. I have been good this year.
Love,
Zachary

Dear Santa,
Happy New Year. I want one Barbie doll with clothes. I want a tractor for Chris. I really want to see you!
Love,
Haley

Dear Santa,
I want a police car with some lights and a Bob the Builder thing that you work in and you fix the broken stuff. I want the farmer and the tractor, and the pumpkins and some corn. I'll leave you some cookies and milk on the table where we eat our supper.
Love,
Devon

Dear Santa,
I want four baby dolls. They are Baby Go Boom. Doll that goes sleep and closes her eyes by herself. Scooter girl with a remote control. I just need three dolls. I will leave cookies and milk on the table.
Love,
Alyssa

Dear Santa,
I want a new four-wheeler. I want you to bring me a new Power Ranger. I think that's all I want. I'm going to leave you a cookie for a snack and some milk to go with it.
Love,
Morgan

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Please bring me a clear back pack, miracle baby, a clear back pack and a for-winner, and a VCR, and a TV, and a CD-s.
Your friend,
Taleigha

Dear Santa,
I want a bell to put on the top of my Daddy's Christmas tree. I want a treat jar like Mrs. Cindy's. I want a Christmas cup and a Christmas plate. I want some film for my Mommy 'cause she don't have much. My Ninny needs some new glasses.
Love,
Jagaham

Dear Santa,
I have bin god and I wot a gold retriever and a scard and a gamboy avast and mi mom was a puppl pants and mi dad was a newgm and mi bruther was a stuf ber and cusis was ashf.
Ur frid,
Rachell

Dear Santa,
I want a drum and a piano. I want a race track with a blue and orange cars. I will leave you some milk and cookies under the tree. I've been good. I love mommy and daddy and Jacob and Susie.
Love,
Zachary L.

Dear Santa,
I have bin good this year. Please bring me a pollicear that turns on its lights. I need some new clothes. A playset or would be nice too, my mom like angels. Please bring her one.
Your friend,
Dakota

Dear Santa,
I want a fire truck, some drums and a dump truck. I want some toys glasses, too. I want a big old full box of crayons. I'll leave you cookies and white milk by my fireplace. I've been good.
Love,
David Todd

Dear Santa,
I have bin good this year to mi mom and dad. Please bring me a gamboy and a skateboard.
Your friend,
Aron Blevins

Dear Santa,
I want you to bring me a drum. I want some crayons, too. I want yellow and blue and red stones. I'll leave you a gingerbread cookies on the table.
Love,
Brooke

Dear Santa,
I have bin good this year. I would like to have a computer, and nintedo and plastasin and robot and look a Bn home, a electric dtorbod.
Love,
Tyler

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy truck. I want a red toy car. I would like a fire truck

Dear Santa,
I have bin good this year. I would like to have a computer, and nintedo and plastasin and robot and look a Bn home, a electric dtorbod.
Love,
Tyler

Recently, Mrs. Rose's 11th grade American Literature class decided to express their patriotism and pride for our great country through poetic writings. "After the events of September 11, I have heard so many students commenting about the situation. I knew they needed a way to express their feelings and emotions about what has happened to our country. I felt this would be an appropriate topic to incorporate into our recent poetry unit," commented Rose. Below are the top ten patriotic poems, selected by the English department. These poems represent the thoughts and feelings of most of our adolescents across this great nation.

AMERICA THE FREE
By: Benny Northon
When Bin Laden hit the WTC, He thought he had achieved a victory.
He tried to stop the red, white and blue, But you're not successful, because our nation will pull through.
You can't stop the eagle from flying high, The pride in our nation will not die.
You can't stop something that runs so deep, Our freedom we vow to keep.
And as our nation these colors we bleed, To overcome, Unity is all we need.

OLD GLORY
By: Larry Newcomb
Wave victoriously in the sky Old red, white and blue, Like our dreams you fly so high. Others knock not of the power you hold and do.
Lift us up in times of sorrow Let us never fail, Your strength and faith, let us borrow, For if you are with Osama, we will not prevail.
Again put us on top, Show who we are, Never let the faith stop, The greatest nation by far.

WE GAINED ANGELS
By: Glenn Robinson
There are stains upon stains Of blood on the ground, From the crash that turned Our world upside down.
The innocent lives That were taken that day, Are in our thoughts, And will never fade away.
Our nation is strong We now hold the power And we will seek revenge For that blood shed hour.
We pray for the ones That were covered in red We haven't lost loved ones, We've gained angels instead.

THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE
By: Tanya Hasty
The land of the free, The home of the brave, Holds true to me now, That our flags still wave.
For our freedom was threatened, On September 11th, 2001, They will all find out, The U.S. will overcome.
"Take as long as it will," Bush protrudes, Don't mess with us Bin Laden, We're not in the mood.
Our guns are loaded, Our soldiers are packed, Watch out Afghanistan, We're coming to attack.

Oh yes, just will prevail, You will have your infliction.

Bin Laden say your prayers, Our bombs sent with no rejection.
But please God, Watch over the innocent and true. But also give victory, To the red, white and blue.

FOREVER FREE
By Chad Francisco
With terror around every corner No one will ever feel the same, And while it may never be over, We know now whom to blame.

The evil resides among us, And even is far away, Although our fear is still with us, To God in Heaven we pray.

We all wonder why it happened On that sorrow filled day, And we will always be saddened, But freedom will not go away.

This event has brought us together, And together we'll always be, Have faith in God forever, And forever we shall be free.

PEACE
By Jamie Weaver
PEACE: This is the USA The stars and stripes red, white and blue, Gives security and freedom to me and you.

Keeps us strong in desperate times Such as the tragedy in New York, Gracefully flying in the wind, The flag lets us know, That everything will be find So, Osama Bin Laden, We will show you no pity.

You invaded our country, Crushed our planes You caused so many families So much pain, Not to mention You collapsed our towers, you will get your punishment In your judgement hour.

PRIDE
By: Stephanie Bradley
As we watch on TV, The unfolding devastation, That was thought to bring down Our wonderful nation,
That thousands of lives gone, Now our nation must go on, To find the one who is the blame, The costly price, of playing a game.

Now when we look up to the sky, We see flags waving really high, I'm proud to live in a nation where I am free
Knowing no one has control over me.

Now in this time, all I can say Is... God Bless the U.S.A.

AMERICAN PRIDE
By: Michelle Rowe
America the beautiful The life where we are free The rights that we are given To be who we want to be

Time and time again We help others and take their side We show love and provide support To show our American pride
Others turn against us In hopes to bring us down

We'll do what it takes To keep her in flight, This is what makes Her such a beautiful sight.

The color of "Old Glory" Tells a wonderful story,

But we will get revenge Cause things do come around
The war that we are in Has surely been a strife But good-hearted Americans Are willing to risk their life
When times get hard, keep the hope Make the dream stay alive That we are Americans And together we will survive.

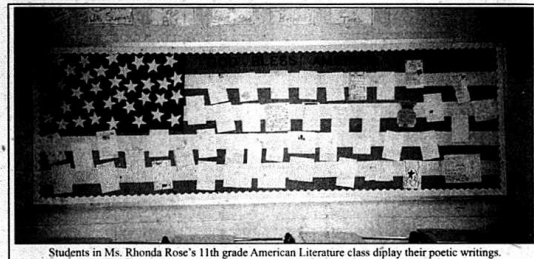
AMERICA
By: Nicole Nicely
As any other morning approached Men and women left their homes Expecting a normal, productive day Roaring through the air came two planes Interrupting diligent innocent individuals Causing the worst terrorist attack ever A part of America died that day.

RED, WHITE AND BLUE
By: Adam Stallworth
Red, White and Blue Land of the free These colors hold true For you and for me.

We live in a land Where freedom is held dear, We must take a stand To make it clear.

We'll do what it takes To keep her in flight, This is what makes Her such a beautiful sight.

The color of "Old Glory" Tells a wonderful story,



Students in Ms. Rhonda Rose's 11th grade American Literature class display their poetic writings.



From left: Tracyy Abel, Mary Mathis, Agent and Kim Holcomb

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Who Is My Neighbor

This was the question Jesus was asked by a certain lawyer who wanted to justify himself. (Jesus answered him in the parable of the good Samaritan—Luke 10:29-37). We all know the importance of having good neighbors and also how important it is to BE a good neighbor. Our neighbor is not limited only to the folks who live close by.

The first mention of "neighbor" is found in Exodus 20:16 where we read, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." In the very next verse (17) we read "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, wife, manservant, maidservant, ox, or anything that is thy neighbor's."

In a recent Sunday School class, we discussed the desire, temptation, and even high pressure in some instances to have as much materially as our neighbor has. This practice may not be a "good neighbor" policy. Certainly, there's nothing wrong with driving a new automobile, living in a new house or even having a yacht on the lake if God has blessed us financially to have these things.

We read about forbidden matters, concerning our neighbors, a total of ten times in the Old Testament. The New Testament also has much advice concerning our relationship with our neighbor. In Romans 13:9 we read, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor" (verse 10). Ephesians 4:25 reads, "Speak every man truth to his neighbor."

Virtually all New Testament statements, which refer to one's duty to his neighbor, is in reference to relations between Christians. This is not to be taken to mean that the Christian bears no responsibility to the non-Christian. To be sure, the New Testament clearly implies that we are to show due regard for the rights and needs of all our fellowmen, as expressed by Paul in Galatians 6:10. "Do good to all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

Bear Ye One Another's Burdens, And So Fulfill The Law of Christ.
Galatians 6:2 KJV

Submitted by Arnel E. Davidson

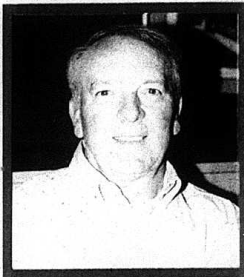
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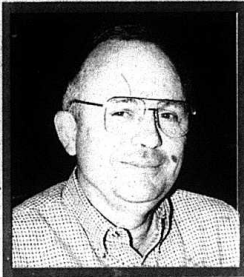
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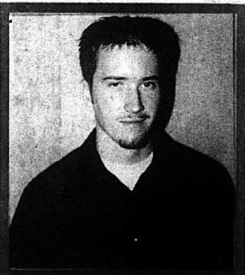
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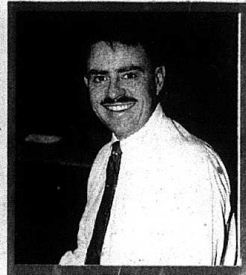
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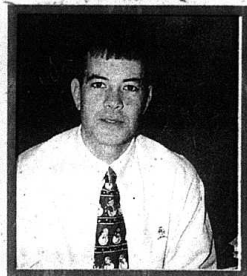
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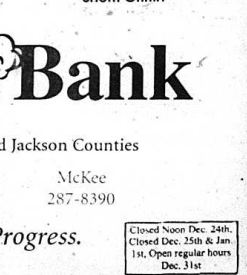
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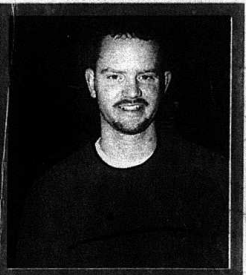
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Ty Bottoms elected as Governor

RCMS excels at KYA 2001

By Josh Blair, KYA Media Corps

It was a history-making event for Rockcastle County Middle School this year at the Kentucky Youth Assembly, Ty Bottoms, an eighth grader at RCMS, was elected Governor at RCMS. He will serve as the Junior KYA Governor during 2002 and lead next year's conference. It is a great honor to have the Governor from our school and we know that Ty will be a tremendous representative of our Y-Club, our school and our county.

Ty was not our only candidate at this year's KYA. Allison Carter, also an eighth grader at RCMS, ran for the State KYA Leadership Team on the first night of the Assembly. After her election, Allison served as Senate President during the remainder of KYA. As President of the Senate, she served as the presiding officer in the joint sessions, presided over the Senate, and also have the authority to cast the final vote in case of a tie. Serving as her President Pro-Tem was another RCMS student, Rachel Killen. Several of the state YMCA staff and other advisors commented that Allison and Rachel were two of the best leaders of the Senate that they had ever observed.

As usual, the RCMS Y-Club returned home with many other awards. Heather Hopkins received,

one of 10 Outstanding Speaker awards. Bill authors, Danielle Arnold, Jessica Asher, Ashley Bullock and Heather Hopkins received a certificate of recognition for creativity and relevance to Kentucky with their bill concerning school attendance. Their bill, which was assigned to the House of Representatives, was "An act to require all person receiving public assistance to make their children attend school regularly."

All 52-student delegates from RCMS were active participants at KYA this year. Our lobbyists, Morgan Kincer and Drew Davidson, did a super job lobbying for the bills from RCMS. Their intent speeches which they gave at the beginning of debates in the Senate and House of Representatives were extremely persuasive and much credit should be given to Morgan and Drew for their influence on the Assembly's voting or the RCMS bills. Megan Anderkin served with Governor Caitlin McQueen as a member of her cabinet. Megan's connection with the other cabinet members was a great plus for Ty as it gave her an opportunity to meet students from other schools and campaign for Ty. Advocates Ashley Dollins and Victoria Clontz represented RCMS in the Judicial Program. They were assigned a bill that was submitted by a school at a previous KYA conference and had to debate the constitutionality of that bill

before the Supreme Court. Ashley and Victoria spent many hours after the close of the Assembly preparing their case.

Each year, RCMS bill authors spend many hours preparing their bills. Our sixth grader Premier authors this year were Jessica Cummins, Daniel Myers, Zachary Miller and John Mark Davis, whose bill was entitled, "An act to require Life-Learning coaches and officials to be certified in First Aid and CPR annually." Anna Reynolds, Meredith Robinson, Rachel Wright and Jerica Poynter represented a bill before the House titled, "An act to require schools in Kentucky to develop or revise emergency plans to include bullet drills or drop drills." Meanwhile, over the Senate, Megan Griffin, Ainsley Bassell, Joshua Nation and Justin Lear were presenting their bill, "An act to require all college freshmen in Kentucky to receive the

meningococcal vaccine." Before we left the KYA, all the Y-Clubs across the Commonwealth received a letter from Mrs. Judi Patton, Kentucky's First Lady asking us to participate in a program called "Judi's Treasure Chest." We collected school and art supplies, which will be given to children who are the victims of abuse and are placed in foster homes. As usual, our students responded to the call and donated items and money. We would especially like to thank Danny Clark, one of our seventh graders, who donated his pencil collection to "Judi's Treasure Chest." All in all, it was a great year at KYA for Rockcastle County Middle School. I have enjoyed covering KYA as a member of the Media Corps. It was an honor to be chosen to interview our Governor, Caitlin McQueen, and to work on the KYA newspaper with the other reporters. I am looking forward to next year's Assembly.



Ty Bottoms is pictured with the gavel he received following his election as Governor of the Kentucky Youth Assembly.



7th Grade Bill Authors Josh Nation, Justin Lear, Ainsley Bassell, Megan Griffin present a bill before a KYA combined committee in the Capitol Annex.



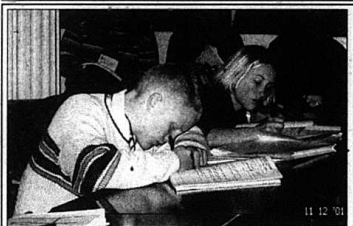
Lobbyist Morgan Kincer delivers an intense speech for one of RCMS' bills.



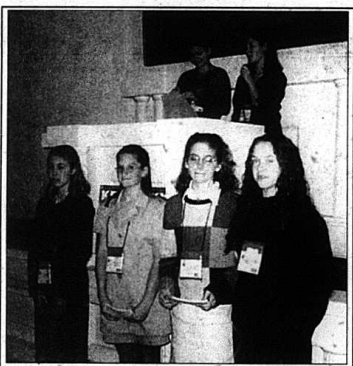
Megan Griffin, Ashley Dollins, Justin Lear and Daniel Myers show some of the items which students donated to "Judi's Treasure Chest", a program initiated by First Lady Mrs. Judi Patton for children who are victims of abuse.



Danielle Arnold, Heather Hopkins, Jessica Asher and Ashley Bullock received a certificate of recognition for their bill at KYA 2001.



RCMS Legislators, Martin Abney and Krystal Farthing, work on speeches to give in favor of RCMS bills at KYA 2001.



As Allison Carter, top right, President of the Senate and Rachel Killen, top left, President Pro-Tem present, RCMS bill authors Jerica Poynter, Rachel Wright, Anna Reynolds and Meredith Robinson wait to present their bill before the KYA Senate in the Qld Capitol.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
 Western Rockcastle Water Association
 10:00 a.m. Thursday, January 3, 2002
 A public meeting will take place at 10:00 a.m. EST on January 3, 2002 at Western Rockcastle Water Association office at 135 Highway 150 for the purpose of providing general information to the public regarding the proposed Western Rockcastle Water System Improvements project. The public is invited to attend and comment on such issues as economic and environmental impacts, service area, alternatives to the project or any other pertinent issues.

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SBDM Minutes

RCMS - SBDM Minutes

November 29, 2001
Present: Johnnie A. Coffey, Ken Mattingly, Angie Hunt, Ray Hensley, Pam Burdette, Pam Martin.

1. Meeting called to order by Principal Johnnie A. Coffey at 3:40 p.m.
2. Minutes of previous month's meeting read and approved as read.

3. Mr. Coffey consulted with the council on the recommendation of Anne Mink for the position of instructional assistant I for the Entrepreneur's team and David Riddle as head baseball coach for the middle school team.

4. Mr. Coffey informed the council that the University of Texas was very complimentary of our staff, students and parents during the evaluation of the school.

5. The new site-based members inquired about getting training here at the school as opposed to Nell Westbrook doing the training. Mr. Coffey stated that he would check on getting someone else to do the training.

6. The site-based council agreed by consensus to change the meeting day to the third Monday of each month at 3:15 p.m.

7. Mr. Coffey informed the council of the policy review of Nell Westbrook and stated that he planned to get a second evaluation. Once the evaluation is in Mr. Coffey stated that the council would need to look at the policies and make the necessary changes as requested by the review. He stated that the best thing to do this would probably be in January or February at the regular monthly meeting.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

RCMS - SBDM

Minutes
November 28, 2001

The Rockcastle County High School SBDM Council met on Wednesday, November 28, 2001 at 3:30 p.m. in the school's conference room. Present were Principal John Hale, teacher council members Dana Singleton, Connie Riddle and Travis Brenda, parent member Cindy Anderkir, Pat Greene and Betty Jo McKinney.

1. Call to Order: Mr. Hale called the meeting to order at 3:42 p.m.

2. The Council reviewed the meeting's agenda. Travis Brenda made a motion to approve the agenda. Connie Riddle gave a second. The Council approved by consensus.

3. Approve/Amend Minutes: The Council reviewed the minutes of the October 31st meeting. Dana Singleton said that the name Travis Burton should be removed from the first paragraph listing those in attendance. This change was made. The Council approved the minutes by consensus.

4. Project Lead The Way: Mr. Hale said that a group had visited Harrison County and observed the Project Lead The Way program there. Pat Greene spoke to the Council about this program. He said it prepares students for college and for an engineering program. To begin this program at RCMS we would need to begin a new course next year, then gradually add a total of five courses. This might require an additional staff member. The district is discussing a program for the middle school, Gateway to Technology, which would coordinate with this one. Project Lead The Way is a nation wide program with intent to raise math and science scores. Students who enroll must also be taking the highest level of math and science available to them. Mr. Greene pointed out that there are jobs (which could be filled with graduates of this program) which are being filled by applicants from outside the country. He explained that funding for Project Lead The Way would come from the district level, not from school funds. To begin the program, we must agree to include all five classes within five years. We would offer Introduction to Engineering Design in 2002-2003 as a 9-12 class. Overview of Technological Systems and Drafting classes would be dropped. Students who have planned career majors including those classes will have a couple of years to finish programs and then those would be phased out.

Mr. Hale and Mrs. Greene agreed that Harrison County was excited about their (Project Lead The Way) program. They reported no discipline problems in class. The class is self-paced. There were 24 students per class. Students designed projects on computer, then created the products they had designed. Cindy Anderkir made a motion to begin the Project Lead The Way curriculum by adding the Introduction to Engineering Design class next year and dropping Overview of Technological Systems and Drafting. The Council approved the motion unanimously.

5. Copier(s): Mr. Hale provided updated cost, lease and service information and discussed pros and cons of analog and digital copiers, including products from Xerox and Canon. One formerly quoted price, which we had considered to be rather high, is actually for two copiers. Mr. Hale also presented a brochure from Ricoh on a duplicator with a nettime cost of \$3995. The duplicator makes a stencil, and then produces copies from the stencil. It would not be cost effective for small number of copies, but would work for copies of 30 or more. Mr. Hale recommended the purchase of two Icon Canon digital copiers at a cost of about \$1400 per month. He said if we purchase these, we should have them by January. He also recommended purchasing the duplicator from Ricoh from SBDM contingency funds. Cindy Anderkir made a motion to approve the recommended expenditures. Connie Riddle seconded. The Council unanimously approved.

6. Personnel: In consultation, Mr. Hale told the Council there is a need for posting to a one-semester Language Arts position due to the fact that Ms. Wanda Burdine will be absent for that time. Dana Singleton made a motion to support Mr. Hale's recommendation to post the position. Connie Riddle seconded. The Council unanimously approved.

Mr. Hale referred to a letter from Baseball Coach J.D. Bussell, which recommends Bert King as Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach. After brief discussion about the steps and order of procedures for finalizing such an appointment, Mr. Hale said that

would be done through Central Office. Connie Riddle said that according to policy on consultation, no motion is needed on this issue.

7. Schedule Changed Proposed: Connie Riddle proposed that all students who are scheduled into fourth block Health and Physical Education during second semester of 2001-02 take Health during the third nine weeks and Physical Education during the fourth nine weeks. Clayton Cash, Physical Education teacher, would supervise In School Suspension during fourth block of the fourth nine weeks. Travis Brenda voiced support for Ms. Riddle's proposal. There was no dissent.

8. Comments: Connie Riddle commented that some teachers wanted Council minutes in 72 hours, on the previously discussed change in recording grades and class credits only at the end of a semester rather than after each nine weeks, and on a weighted grading scale. She said she has given information on the grading scale to Jennifer Mattingly for the Curriculum Committee.

Mr. Hale said KDE personnel who conducted our Tech Prep site visit recommended that (we offer) more Advanced Placement classes. The Commonwealth Diploma requires more than we offer. Betty Jo McKinney said that some teachers have suggested giving credit for Academic Advisory and that doing so might get more buy in from students.

9. Adjourn: Connie Riddle made a motion to adjourn. Dana Singleton seconded. The Council unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Jo McKinney,
Council Secretary
John Hale, Principal



Advocates to the Model Supreme Court, KYA 2001, were Victoria Cloutz and Ashley Dollins.



RCMS was well represented at KYA by 7th & 8th grade student senators and representatives. They are pictured at the Lexington Convention Center after their return from Frankfort and a long day of legislation.



Josh Blair, Media Corps reporter, had to use the floor of the Old Capitol as his desk since the antique furniture at the Capitol is not used by the public.



RCMS 6th grade students were Premier Delegates to the Senate and House during KYA 2001. Pictured in the Kentucky State Capitol are Brian Mize, Daniel Myers, Gary Caldwell, John Mark Davis, Jessica Cummins, Courtney Bullock, April Johnson, Jessica Barnes, Abraham Kirby, Monica Childress, Matthew Miller and Wesley Miller.

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From Long Ago...

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The following first appeared in the Mount Vernon Signal on June 26, 1908. It was recently transcribed from microfilm of that issue of the Signal. With these submissions, I am sharing these gleanings with the Signal's present readers.

PERSONAL NEWS

Uncle James Myers was in town first two days of court. - Mrs. B. J. Bethum is with relatives here during court. - Mesdames Mattie and Lena Lawrence made a flying trip to Stanford. - Miss Tanna Thompson is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. W. M. Foytner. - Judges J. W. Alcorn and T. Z. Morrow were visiting attorneys this week. - Mrs. Laura Proctor who has been very sick for several days is much better. - Victor Bullock, a son of J. J. Bullock, is very low from the effects of measles. - Dr. G. B. Lawrence arrived from Hyden Tuesday. He will probably remain in Rockcastle County. - Mrs. J. F. Griffin has returned from a visit to her mother, Mrs. Wallen, near Gum Sulphur. - Mesdames J. Fish and Jones Hiatt are visiting their sister, Mrs. H. C. Catron in Lincoln County. - Miss

Maude Graham has returned to her home in New Hope, after a pleasant visit with Miss Anna Tate. - Mrs. H. D. Forbes and two children, of near Richmond, Ky., were visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. A. B. Davis last week. - Mrs. Mollie Wright returned to her home in Berea Monday after spending a week here with her sister, Mrs. Felix Bowman. - Mr. O. E. Gibson, who has been here most of the week on the Rigby trial, says that his wife who has been very sick since last September is improving rapidly now and it is thought she will soon recover. - Miss Pet Sayers, of Spokane, Washington, but formally of this county, is visiting the families of J. F. Griffin and S. C. Franklin. Miss Sayers left this county about eighteen years ago, and has since that time has been engaged in teaching in the west. - Elza Langford continues to improve and hopes to be able to return home in about two weeks. - W. J. McLemore, of Blanche, was in London Sunday. He told us that his brother, Shade McLemore, of Wilton, had been very ill of appendicitis, but is convalescent. London Sentinel

LOCAL NEWS
On the 29th day of April 1893, J. J. Bullock and his two sons, W. C. and R. H. Bullock cut out the back of

a tortoise, the name of W. C. Bullock and that date, and turned it loose. They thought no more about it, until the 10th day of June 1908, more than fifteen years from that time. R. H. Bullock found the same tortoise, no more than 200 yards from where it was left. The name and date on the back was perfectly plain. The L&N will sell round trip tickets to Lebanon, Ky. July 16th to 25th inclusive for \$2.48 round trip, limit July 27, account of the Central Kentucky Chautauqua. - VANWINKLE/BOULWARE Wedding. It came as quite a surprise to a very large majority of our people, when the news was heralded over town last Monday morning, that Mr. John Vanwinkle, of Berea, and Mrs. Lou Boulware had been united in the holy bonds of matrimony on the night before, Rev. Masters, of the Christian Church, officiated. Mr. Vanwinkle, who for many years has been a leading educator, is a gentleman of rare attainments and character, but with all that may justly feel that he has won a great victory, in being able to claim as his life companion and help mate, one so noble in mind and pure in heart, as she who is now Mrs. Vanwinkle. - CIRCUIT COURT The June term of the Rockcastle Circuit Court convened Monday, with Judge M. L. Jarvis on the bench, and Commonwealth's Attorney B. J. Bethum at his post of duty. The following gentlemen were selected as jurors: Grand Jury: George Deatherage, Taylor Clark, Jonas Brown, Richard Barnett, John Brown, Julian Bordes, M. G. McKinney, J. M. Lear, J. W. Baker, J. C. Bullen, J. D. Pennington, A. J. Sams, Foreman. Petit Jury: Joe Wilson, John Hibbard, W. M. Barron, C. C. Cromer, Jason Robinson, John Grider, R. J. Abney, J. L. Rash, Chas. Mullins, Thos. Philbeck, Ed Fletcher, Frank Adams, Cam Mullins, Ranson Brown, M. C. Owens, P. Q. Griffin, W. A. Bloomer, Frank Cottogin, J. H. Coffey, Isaac Herron, Grant Cummins, Henry Parkerson, Alfred Bryant and John Mullins. The following cases have been tried or otherwise disposed of: James Dyer, false swearing, case dismissed. R. P. Norton for attempting to rescue a prisoner from an officer, case dismissed, Mat Foure for selling intoxicating drinks, dismissed, George Hall for concealed weapons \$25 and costs, Op Whittaker, Thomas Ball, Eli Ping, Bud Wise, George Arnold and Caleb Mullins \$20 and cost for gaming; George Mullins \$25 and cost for pistol. Jeff Dowell for malicious shooting and wounding, dismissed. - The case against Per Rigby for the killing of Greely Lezer was called Tuesday and same went to jury on Wednesday. There were two speeches. Atty. C. C. Williams for the defense and Commonwealth Attorney, B. J. Bethum for the prosecution. The following sat as jurors on the case: Frank Adams, Thomas Philbeck, Grant Cummins, Jason Robinson, John Hibbard, M. C. Owens, Frank Mullins, E. J. Williams, S. S. Kelly, Alfred Bryant, Ranson Brown and O. E. Gibson. After being out about six hours, the jury returned a verdict of guilty fix-

ing Rigby's punishment at confinement in the penitentiary for a period of two years. The verdict came as quite a surprise to a large majority of those who heard the trial, as the evidence showed that Lezer fired the first shot and every point in the testimony was made in Rigby's favor. A new trial will be asked for. - BALL GAME* About the best ball ever played on Mt Vernon's grounds, was witnessed here Tuesday morning between the Mt Vernon and Livingston teams. The score stood at 8 to 5 in favor of Livingston, and while Livingston carried off the honors, yet the Mt Vernon boys may well feel proud of the splendid work. The Mt Vernon boys say they would rather lose an 8 to 5 game than to win a 31 to 2 seven-inning game. Another game will be arranged with Livingston as soon as practical.

LANGFORD NEWS
W. H. Baker had two fine hogs killed by a train Tuesday. This makes nine hogs, one cow, two mules and one calf killed by a train in past year. Uncle Bob Lezer is having his dwelling improved by building a porch in front and a new roof. - Uncle Marvel Coffey remains very feeble. - Tom Baker and his wife were in Mt Vernon Thursday having some dental work done. - W. H. Baker is having a splendid trade at the store and mill. - Miss Mamie Lee is reported sick. - Lots of whooping cough in this neighborhood. - The people at Langford will have ice cream at the Langford school on July 4th for the benefit of the church. - Ever body invited. - Little Mamie Baker spent last week at Conway. - Rev. C. G. Wilson passed through here Monday on his way home from Macadonia where he and Rev. Phelps had a wonderful meeting with fifteen additions. - Call at W. H. Baker's for the best home ground meal. - The Kentucky Free Stone Company is doing a good

business. - The people seem to be enjoying themselves this summer on the banks of Roundstone Creek fishing. - W. H. Baker bought of Tom Taylor a cow for \$30. **WILDE NEWS**
We had a heavy rain Tuesday which was greatly needed. Mr. Granville Cox formerly of this place has moved to Brush Creek. - Dr. Hugh Gibson of Richmond was called to see Mr. Jas. Brown Monday who remains very poorly. - Mrs. Frank Doyle of Berea is spending a few days here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hayes. - Mart Jones was in Louisville last week. - Mrs. Laura Manis and children were

visiting Mrs. Elbert Mason of Dudley Saturday and Sunday. - Edith Laswell has whooping cough. - Mrs. George Johnson passed through here Sunday on her way to visit her father Mr. James Berry. - The two Dalton children who have been confined with typhoid for several weeks are convalescent. - Dr. and Mrs. W. D. Laswell were called to Brush Creek Saturday on account of the death of the infant of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Chestnut. It died of pneumonia and whooping cough complications. - Stephen Durham's children are convalescent after a long siege of typhoid fever. - "Aunt" Ann Phillips was in Mt Vernon Monday. - Little Ruth Chastain is improving. - P. Singleton the sewing machine agent was in town last week. - Mrs. Jesse Prentiss is on the sick list. - Mr. and Mrs. William Manus were visiting at Dudley Sunday. - Misses Anna Proctor and Ann Branaman were visiting last week. - Lucy Reynolds of Livingston last week.

PINE HILL NEWS

Quite a crowd from here attended court in Mt Vernon Monday. - Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Falm returned home Saturday after a several days visit with relatives at Cove and Corbin. - Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Meadows of Mt Vernon spent Sunday with relatives here. - Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Mullins spent Sunday in Orlando. - Miss Nell McFerron returned home from Mt Vernon Sunday. - Miss Byrda McHargue was visiting at Orlando and Wildie last week. - Mr. Prall Reed took L. G. Falm's place while he was gone. - Mrs. Elza Langford went to London Sunday to see her husband who is in the infirmary there. - Mrs. Nancy McHargue has about recovered from a spell of sickness. - Dr. and Mrs. Hendren and little daughter returned to their home at Blanche, Ky. Monday. - Gay Johnson who had his hand hurt in a ball game some weeks ago was in Mt Vernon Tuesday to see a doctor. - Mrs. Tom Manus was shopping in Mt Vernon Monday. - Dave Mullins went back to Hatch Pazel Monday to finish hauling telephone poles. - DEAD John Lunce of this place died at his home Saturday evening. He had been sick some weeks with cancer of stomach and his death was not unexpected. He was buried Sunday evening at this place. He leaves a wife and large family to mourn his loss.

BRODHEAD NEWS

Several from here are attending court at Mt Vernon this week. - Miss Beulah Wallin and brother, Homer, have returned home after spending two days with their aunt, Mrs. J. E. Wallin. - Miss Ada Wesley, of Liberty, is the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Mollie Durham. - Miss Alza Thompson, Hallie Broe and Mr. Ira Hollicof, of Preachersville, and Miss Lillie Albright, of Barbourville, were guests at the Albright hotel first of last week. - Walter Miller and Rals Wilmot, of Lebanon Junction are at home for a few days. - John E. Evans has returned home from a three-month's trip through Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia. - Miss Miranda McKenise was the charming visitor of Miss Elizabeth Pike a few days last week. - C. H. Frith has returned from Chicago, Ill., where he has been on a prospecting tour. - The Home (blank) Society of the Christian Church will present a great 5 act comedy "The Deacon" at the Brodhead opera house on Saturday night July 18th. This was to have played during Institute week but the Institute was put off until September they have decided to on that date, and will also present one during the Institute which begins on the first Monday in September. Don't forget the Date for "The Deacon" Saturday night July 18. Be sure and come. Mrs. Monie Dunn and daughter, Miss Ella, spent several days of this week with Mrs. J. G. Frith. - Miss Mattie Owens has returned from a weeks visit to Corbin and Keavy. She was accompanied home by Miss Lizzie Storms, a beautiful girl of Keavy. - A large crowd attended children's day service at Mareburg last Sunday. - O. C. Wilmot returned to Knoxville Sunday night after spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. M. E. Wilmot. - Mrs. Walter Miller and Mrs. Maurice Frith are numbered with our sick for this week. - The largest crowd ever known for a hayride, last Friday night attended a big party at

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Smiths in the Hiatt section. There were 44 from Brodhead to go. Mr. Ed Smith and Lillie Smith did the entertaining and you just bet they are good too. Supper was announced at the proper time and what that Brodhead crowd did for those things was a sight. We certainly appreciate Mr. and Mrs. Smith's hospitality and we all had a glorious good time. We all wish to thank Mrs. Mary Albright our chap- eron for being so good to us. - A. M. Hiatt has returned from Dunmore, Ky. - Misses Ethel and Susie Hillton of Stanford, visited their aunt, Mrs. Susie B. Cherry first of the week. - Dr. W. F. Carter has returned from a weeks stay with homefolks at Gratz, Ky. - J. E. Wallin, of Oakdale, Tenn., spent Sunday with his family here.

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Investing in agriculture success and thinking big

By John-Mark Hack
Exciting things are happening in Kentucky agriculture all around the state. Producers and business people are starting and expanding a variety of operations, large and small, and are playing major roles in the Commonwealth's future economy.

These innovations are locally-grown efforts, where farmers are making choices that will ensure their communities, counties and regions are places where families can live, work and prosper.

We are facing together the reality that change in agriculture is taking place. Tobacco will yield a smaller portion of income for many families. For some it will cease being a profitable crop at all. There are many reasons for this change. While tobacco will continue to be an important crop, we must look to additional ways of providing for ourselves.

Gov. Patton sees this economic shift as an opportunity to strengthen other agricultural sectors, and to plant seeds for new endeavors. That's why he created the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy and made it a priority to invest in farming and to provide a structure of support for farmers. This investment is serving as a catalyst for local efforts.

One of the landmarks of change in the tobacco industry occurred in late 1998 when 46 states were awarded billions of dollars in damages from tobacco companies for years of health costs related to smoking. Settlement money was awarded to 46 states over 25 years. Gov. Patton worked to set aside half of Kentucky's share for investment in agriculture through 2002.

Since its inception this year, the Agriculture Development Board, which oversees distribution of this money, has invested in more than 250 project proposals for over \$57 million. The Board reviews proposals monthly and targets the money to projects that have the most potential for impacting local economies. These projects have included significant funds to improve the livestock industry, expand farmers markets and build resources for agricultural education in schools. It has funded farmers who produce corn, honey, tomatoes, grapes and even shrimp. It has assisted cooperatives and businesses in building storage and processing centers for crops and livestock. And, it has funded business planning and marketing efforts that are crucial for agriculture's profitability.

Our state has been given the resources to make this time of change a positive development. It makes sense, in a state like Kentucky, to invest

significantly in agriculture's economic progress. Soon the Kentucky Legislature will begin reviewing the success of these investments and deciding whether to continue to set aside funds for agricultural development after 2002.

During the legal battles over tobacco, Gov. Patton fought for assistance for tobacco farmers expected to suffer income losses because of changes in the tobacco companies' practices. His efforts resulted in a "Phase II" settlement that directed the four largest tobacco companies to set up a separate fund that would be distributed to tobacco farmers only. In three years, almost \$300 million has been paid out and these annual payments will continue through 2010. This money is providing needed income in changing times, and providing resources to plan for the future.

If you are on a complex journey, you need a roadmap. One with details that can take you all the way to your destination. That's why Gov. Patton has spent time and resources on developing Kentucky's Long-Term Comprehensive Plan for Agriculture Development. The planning has been locally driven, literally hammered out county by county. Eleven regional meetings took place, and a two-day gathering of state, national and international experts and state agricultural leaders assessed issues critical to future success.

We've published a draft of the plan encouraging public comment that will continue to refine the information and goals. Gov. Patton encourages comments - negative or positive - that will add constructively to the plan.

The plan reviews the history of farming in the state, assesses its current status and strengths and points to a variety of promising investments into new and existing business ventures that merit support. It recognizes and calls for investment in cooperation among producers to achieve economies of scale, and a sophisticated marketing structure that explores every opportunity for farmers to sell their goods locally, regionally, nationally and even internationally.

A lot is happening in agriculture in Kentucky. Many people in small, rural communities are thinking big and taking risks to build an economy that can provide a high quality of life to future generations. Gov. Patton supports local innovation. We're asking for your continued support, too. Let your legislators know that investment in your local farming community is important to you, and give us your comments on the Long-Term Plan. You'll play a role in a bright future for Kentucky agriculture.



Modern Woodmen of America, a fraternal life insurance society, provided new furnishing and decor for the children's visitation area in the Rockcastle County Family Services office. Supervisor Cheryl Franklin, MSW, and Modern Woodmen of America district manager, Jan Gill are pleased with reaction of the children who have been able to enjoy the new surroundings. Gill said "Modern Woodmen is very supportive of any contribution that can be made to improve the lives of children and promote family unity."

Tips to help avoid holiday depression

"Happy Holidays!" These are the words we often hear this time of year. However, grief, loneliness, and stress are often intensified during the holidays, which can result in feelings of unhappiness instead of joy. Unrealistic expectations of a picture perfect, Norman Rockwell Christmas; over-commercialization; and the added pressures of shopping, gift giving and cooking may further accent these feelings.

Although many people experience feelings of depression and anxiety during the holiday season, these feelings may be even more prevalent this year due to the recent events like the Sept. 11 terrorist bombing, anthrax scares, the war in Afghanistan, and the recession.

"It is normal to experience feelings of anxiety in reaction to a stressful event such as the holidays and these reactions may be further compounded by the recent national tragedies," said Margaret Pennington, commissioner of the state's Department

of Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services.

If you think that you are experiencing the holiday blues or want to try to avoid them this year, here are some tips to help you cope.

• Keep expectations manageable by setting realistic goals; pace yourself and organize your time. Make a list of things you need to do. The take a look at your list and see which things must be done. Is there anything you can put aside for a while or let go of completely? Can someone else do or help you do things on the list?

• Realize that the holiday season does not automatically banish reasons for feeling sad or lonely. Allow yourself room for these feelings and then decide what you can do to move beyond them. For example, sometimes getting out of the house is helpful. Also, every now and then turn off the television and radio for a while and listen to a favorite compact disc, read or spend time on a favorite

hobby.

• Life is full of changes. Don't be disappointed if your holiday isn't exactly like the past. Each holiday season is different and can be enjoyed in a unique way. Try different ways to celebrate the holidays; create new traditions. Find small ways to help others, as it may help ease your own negative feelings.

• Enjoy holiday activities that are free, such as driving or walking around to look at holiday decorations.

Go window-shopping or visit with others. Check your local newspaper or listen to the radio or television for free activities you might enjoy.

• Avoid using alcohol and other drugs. Substances may block the pain for a while, but they will keep you from dealing with your pain and healing.

• Take care of your mind and body. While holiday foods are rich and yummy and you can enjoy them, try to do so in moderation. A little exercise can help to lift depression and also can help you sleep better.

• Spend time with people who are supportive and care about you. Reach out to make new friends or contact someone with whom you have lost touch.

Others may be experiencing the blues as well and appreciate your contacting them.

• Make time for yourself. Don't spend all of your time providing activities for your family and friends. Enjoy this time of year in your own way; be good to yourself, even if only for a few minutes.

• If you have experienced a recent loss, accept that your grief may be intensified. Allow yourself to have these feelings of loss, mourn, have a good cry. Then talk with others, establish new traditions, and get some physical activity. Go outside and breathe some fresh air and take a look at nature or telephone someone you know.

• Think about what makes you feel grateful and what gives you hope.

Then write them down and turn to your list whenever you are going through a difficult time.

• Most of all - remember to breathe, literally. Sometimes we get so caught up in life's events that we forget to breathe properly. Stop every now and then, close your eyes and take deep, slow breaths until you feel calmer.

If you think your feelings of depression and anxiety are more than just unhappy holidays, remember that it can be treated. Consider contacting your doctor, clergyman, or a counselor. Information is also available at your local community mental health center.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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Carly's Christmas wish

A Christmas Story
By: Lucille Bowling Carlotto

It was cold and snowy with only two days left before Christmas. Busy shoppers filed in and out of stores filled with Christmas Carols and the sounds of laughing children.

Everyone was bumping against one another with packages, not caring, because by now a numbness of the last minute rush had set in. Even the spicy odors of freshly baked cookies and cakes were dulled by the fast pace.

All were bustling except for the Salvation Army Lady who stood firmly planted by the front door — looking straight ahead, her eyes were fixed, seeing everyone, yet seeing no one as she rang her bell of love, hope and good cheer.

Inside, miniature sleighs and tiny reindeer with their flashing eyes and shiny red noses were bobbing up and down in the piles of artificial snow. The giant Christmas tree that reached toward the ceiling grabbed every eye.

Near this tree sat old Santa Claus in his big red suit, shiny black boots and long white fluffy beard. His arms were outstretched welcoming the crowd of little children that had gathered around.

As each child climbed up his knee he whispered in Santa's ear what he wanted for Christmas. Sometimes the lists were very long. Santa's eyes would light up and a broad smile crossed his face as he gave a jolly ho, ho, ho, waiting for the next child to come — and the next — and the next — until, finally, everyone had gone up to old Santa except for one little girl who stood near the tree. Her arms hung gently by her sides, she wore green tennis shoes and a gray flannel sweatshirt; Her face was framed with brown curly hair and her eyes had a forlorn look as she gazed at all the brightly wrapped packages. There were large boxes and small boxes in all shapes and sizes tied with colorful ribbons and elaborate bows. It was such a pretty sight. She thought they looked like butterflies.

Santa was very tired, and as he stood up to leave he noticed that the little girl was still standing there. He waited for a moment and then sat down and leaned back in his old chair.

"And what do you want for Christmas?" Still not moving, she took a deep breath and whispered, "Santa, I've looked all around the tree and I don't see what I'm looking for, Look," directing her eyes toward the tree that was filled with flickering



lights, colorful glistens and balls of every design, candy canes and toy soldiers — and drums. Dolls were dressed in fancy velvets and lace, giving the giant limbs of the trees a slight droop. It too, seemed a little weary under its burden of splendor.

For the very first time she took a step forward and said, "Santa, I want a skunk for Christmas." Now this gave old Santa quite a jolt. He had had a hard day.

A long silence followed as he re-positioned himself in his chair and cleared his throat. By now he saw the seriousness of the determined little face and was unable to give the traditional ho, ho, ho.

"Your wish is delightful — and very unusual," he said, "but why would anyone want a skunk for Christmas? Santa Claus can't put a skunk in a stocking and he can't leave it under a tree — it would run away. It would have to be put in a cage — and you wouldn't want that would you? Are you sure that's what you want for Christmas?" Well, she'd thought about a new pair of rubber boots, to wade the creek in and a little red wagon had crossed her mind a lot lately. By now, her heart was set on a skunk.

"Santa, I don't want anything, but a skunk — and I wouldn't keep it in a cage. I would feed it and take it walking down by the river and it could make friends with the mink and racoon that play near the water and if it ran away I would just blow my whistle and it would come back to me. Besides, nobody else wants a skunk."

"Oh — umm — mmm," said Santa. She moved closer now and as he lifted her up he looked around at all the toys to choose from, yet there was a child wanting something that could not be bought in a store.

"Little girl you've asked for something that God made — a little skunk. Most children your age overlook these simple gifts that are with us everyday."

She smiled.

Santa looked toward the star at the top of the tree and whispered to himself, thank you, thank you for giving me the real spirit of Christmas.

(Taken from a collection of short stories written by Lucille Bowling Carlotto.)



65th Wedding Anniversary

Sherman "Danny" and Ruth Sargent of Rt. 3 Brodhead will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on December 19, 2001. They have three children: Royce Sargent, Danny Bruce Sargent and Cherie Collins.



Farthing - Ponder

Mr. Harlan "Buck" Farthing and Mrs. Vicky Farthing along with Mr. and Mrs. Marvin "Mutt" Ponder would like to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, Kelly Lynn to Benjamin Travis. The ceremony will take place on Saturday, December 29, 2001 at 5:30 p.m. The event will be held at Hickory Grove Pentecostal Church located on Hwy. 1505 in Brodhead. All family and friends are invited to attend. No formal invitations will be sent. A reception will immediately follow the ceremony, everyone is welcome.



50th Wedding Anniversary

William Joseph Henderson and Ann Crawford Lair were married December 21, 1951 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lair, in Renfro Valley. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W.A. Fife, Dr. John D. Henderson served as his son's best man, with groomsmen Jack and David Henderson. The bride was attended by her sisters, Virginia Lee, Nancy Carolyn, and Barbara Burke Lair. Reception followed at the Lair home.

Dr. and Mrs. William Joseph Henderson are the parents of Lida Frances Evans, William Joseph Henderson, Jr. and Mary Blanche Fore. They are the grandparents of Caleb Fore, Anne Helen Evans, Sydney Bowers Fore and Jackson Charles Evans.




How to Care for Your Poinsettia

Colorful red, pink and white Christmas poinsettias are a part of the holiday decoration and gift-giving tradition in many homes. Poinsettias purchased early in December can last until May if given proper care.

Many poinsettias are used as dining room table decorations. Move the plants to the dining room table prior to a meal, but keep them growing by placing them near a window where they can get some indirect sunlight. Like all living plants, they need some sunlight and water.

Keep the growing medium evenly moist by watering twice each week, but keep water off the foliage and colorful bracts. Cooler temperatures will help keep the deep color so many consumers prize.

In the spring, plants can be grown outside. However, making them flower again is a difficult task best left to the professionals.

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Fairview News

By Mrs. Hubert Chasteen

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By Mrs. Hubert Chasteen
 Hope this finds you well and happy. This Monday morning, December 17th is rainy, dark and dreary. But "This is the day the Lord hath, made let us be glad and rejoice in it. If we could only do more complimenting than complaining we would be better off. As I've said many times God gives us more than we deserve. At least I feel that way. This is a very busy time, so my

news will be very short.
 Rev. Albert E. Griffin filled his regular appointment at the Fairview Baptist Church over the weekend with good attendance. Sunday school attendance was 128 we thank God for each one.

I wish for each and everyone who reads this a glorious and blessed Christmas season and may the year of 2002 be the best and happiest year of your life. God bless you all, take care and try to stay well and don't forget to pray for one another. We never outgrow the need of prayers.

Try to attend Sunday school and church every time you can. We all get discouraged at times, but I must remember that God is still in control and He loves us.



Hi! My name is Hayden Blaine Robinson. I was born November 7, 2001 at Pattie A. Clay Hospital. I weighed 8 lbs. 13 ozs. and was 21 3/8" long. My proud mommy and daddy are Michelle and Kyle Robinson of Brodhead. I was welcomed home by my maternal grandparents Frank and Sue Lamb of Calloway and my paternal grandparents Roger and Janet Robinson of Brodhead. Also there was my Aunt Crickett, Uncle Mike, cousin Madison and my Uncle Kevin. Kyle and Michelle would like to give a special thank you to our "good friend Mink".



Jason and Allison Campbell of Glasgow, Ky. are glad to announce the birth of their daughter, Emily Paige born October 4, 2001 at TJ Samson in Glasgow. She is the granddaughter of Vernon and Virginia Sowder of Mt. Vernon and great granddaughter of Fern Sowder of Salem, In.



Little Annie Ruth Johnson celebrated her first birthday with her great grandmother, Annie Isaacs. Also attending were her parents, Scottie and Carol Johnson, brother and sister Sean and Shandi, her aunt, uncle and cousins, Jennifer and Stephen, Virginia, Ashlee and Laura Beth Case and her maternal grandparents Luther and Nancy Isaacs. Paternal grandparents are Raymond Johnson and Faye Himes of Berea.

Births & Birthdays Celebrated



Happy 5th Birthday Grant Lee! Love - Mom & Zachary



Happy Birthday Pat! From - Mom, Dad, Family & Friends



Happy Birthday! These two great people had another birthday on December 11. My Mom, Alta Fricke, was 85 and my brother-in-law, Arlo Proctor, was halha! I'm not telling. Love - Jean.



Mercy Mercy Sakes Alive
 He looks just like he's 35!
 This first grade picture, it's really a keeper
 When he was small, neighbors called him the streaker. You can see he was mean, cunning and clever
 Everybody thought he'd be in prison forever and ever. But now he's all grown up with all his flair,
 He's already lost most of his hair. He's really old now. Older than dirt
 He's gonna get me back
 And it's really gonna hurt.
 Happy 30th Birthday on December 16th
 Willie Swinney
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 Rockcastle County High School Principal
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- Presentation of Colors..... Rockcastle Co High School ROTC
 Introduction by Mr. John Hale
- National Anthem with Band Accompaniment led by Greg Bullock
- First Address..... Bro. Larry Burton
 Pastor of Flat Rock Baptist Church
- Special Recognition of Armed Services Personnel..... Mrs. Margie Wilcop
- Recognition of County and local officials present..... Mr. John Hale
- Second Address..... Honorable Joe Lambert
 Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Kentucky
- Special Song..... *God Bless America or This Land is Your Land*..... Led by Greg Bullock
- Third Address..... State Representative Danny Ford
- Special Song..... **. I Pledge Allegiance to the Lamb*..... Jamie Alcorn
- Main Address..... Bro. Dan Garland
 Kentucky Baptist Convention Evangelism Team Leader
- Invitation..... Pastors serve as counselors & others who have been enlisted by their pastor
 Closing Remarks and Prayer..... Bro. Chad Burdette
 Pastor of Northside Baptist Church

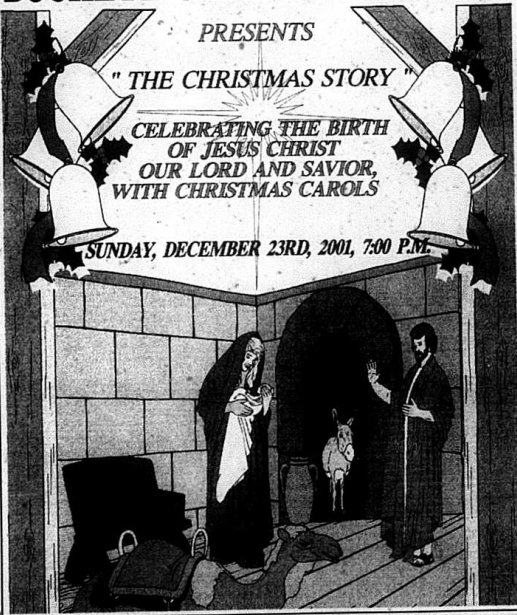
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Mt. Vernon Message

Enjoy your Christmas break. Be ready to return to school on Wednesday, January 2, 2002.

Project Wisdom narrators for last week included: Kathy Price, teacher; Courtney Ham, student; Delilah Brewer, teacher; Cody Kirby, student; Janice Davidson, former MVES teacher (current RES teacher) Mystery Reader. Thank you for taking time to participate in this project. The quote for this week is: "The best gifts are tied with heartstrings."

Artist of the month for December is Nathan Berryman from Mrs. Dana Bullock class. Nathan's picture is called, "Santa is Here!" Students in Nathan's class learned about ever-

green trees. Each child drew an evergreen tree. Some students put their trees into landscapes with sky and land in the background, and animals in the tree. Some students, like Nathan, added decorations to make a holiday tree. Nathan also drew Santa and presents around his tree!

Last week's art prizewinner was Ricky Lovell from Mrs. Todd's class. Ricky chose watercolor paints for his prize. Congratulations Ricky!

All of the Entry Level classes have been studying Christmas Around the World. As part of their study, students practiced Christmas songs and performed for the office staff and various classrooms throughout the building. Pictured are Mrs. Todd's p.m. class, Ms. Irene's a.m. class and Ms. Dana's a.m. class.

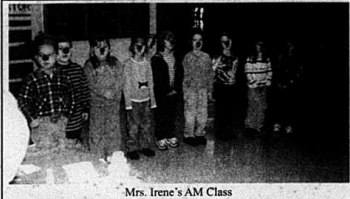
Academic Honor Roll



Gretchen Phelps, daughter of Phillip and Marlene Phelps of Mt. Vernon, has a perfect 4.0 at Rockcastle County High School and made a 28 on the ACT. She is a member of the Math Club, French Club, National Honor Society, Beta Club and Academic Team. She is also on the Math and French Club planning committees. Her hobbies include playing basketball and most other sports. She is undecided on which college she will attend but it interested in Georgetown, Cumberland, Centre and Lindsey Wilson. In college Gretchen plans on majoring in Math.



Mrs. Todd's P.M. Class



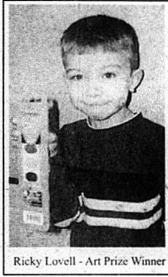
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Nathan Berryman - December Artist of the Month



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December 24th



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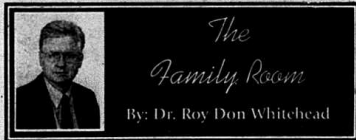
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The Family Room

By: Dr. Roy Don Whitehead

I Don't Need Anything for Christmas

I am becoming my father! Among other similarities I note that I now give the same answer as he did when asked, "What do you want for Christmas?" My reply is, "I don't need anything."

I remember how hard it was to buy gifts for the man who felt that way. Since he spent most of his time working, he had few hobbies. His clothing needs were few - socks and underwear seemingly his only desire. Buying DVDs for Dad every year quickly became boring.

I am resolving not to be so hard to buy for at Christmas. I hope the following list will be helpful to you.

MY CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

1. Christmas light bulbs that actually work for longer than just the first year.

2. Christmas lights that do not get tangled. Why is it always Dad who gets to untangle one of those 100-light sets for after three other family members have tried and failed?

3. A longer ladder. There is a 50-foot tree (OK, probably not that high, but it sure seems that it is) in our front yard that my family wants to decorate with lights every year. Guess who gets the privilege of putting lights on the top? That's right. Advancing age and leg problems meant we could not decorate it this year.

4. A wife, mother and sister who cannot cook very well, so that I will not eat as much as I know I am go-

ing to at Christmas and in fact already did at Thanksgiving.

5. Something to remind me to call the plumber first rather than attempting to fix that leaky faucet myself and suddenly finding water gushing into the room below. (We are still hopeful that the carpet will eventually dry.)

6. Stores that wait until after Halloween to begin selling Christmas items. I personally think July 4 is a bit early to sell Old Spice Gift Sets with Santa on the front.

7. No more Christmas recordings by country music singers. I like country music too, but "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" just does not work when sung with a Tennessee accent, a steel guitar and a fiddle.

8. Preachers who tell of God's grace as well as his judgment. If there was ever a story that lends itself to a sermon on God's love, it is the Christmas story.

9. A realization on the part of all of us "natives" that not everyone sees the world as we do and that not everyone celebrates Christmas. This does not make them weird or heathen, just different.

10. An end to terrorism and the conflict in Afghanistan.

11. Peace on Earth to men and women of goodwill.

[Divorce Recovery Workshops continue on December 13 and 20 at the Landmark Inn at 7:30 p.m. Call 679-4134 or 1-877-PASTOR-8 to register. Fee is \$10.]



The Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution held their November meeting at the home of Mrs. Virginia Darst. The guest speaker was Gary Cromer, a Vietnam War Veteran. Mr. Cromer gave a brief history of the war and its purpose. The personal experiences he shared were enhanced by slides of his comrades and the various locations where they were stationed in Vietnam. Through his explanations of his role in the war he helped the members present to a clearer understanding of the problems created by the Vietnam War.

Church News

Need a Ride?

Mt. Vernon Nazarene Church now has a van ministry. God has blessed. We invite you to come grow with us. Need a ride? We would love to come and get you. Call 758-0090 for more info.

"Live Nativity"

The Crab Orchard Baptist Church invites you to attend their outdoor "Live Nativity!" There will be two musical presentations, 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Thurs., Dec. 20. The church is located on Stanford Street in Crab Orchard. If you have any questions or need further directions, you may call 355-2626.

Gospel Meeting

Mt. Zion Church of Christ, located on Hwy. 39, will be holding a weekend meeting Dec. 28, 29 & 30 at 7 p.m. Sun. night 6 p.m. The speaker will be Danny Grider. Everyone welcome.

Christmas Play

Poplar Grove Baptist, off Hwy. 70 will host a Christmas Play entitled, "The Gifts" on Dec. 23 at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome to attend.

Christmas Play

Livingston Christian Church will host their Annual Christmas Play on Monday, December 24th at 6 p.m.

Watch Night Service

Livingston Pentecostal Holiness Church will have a watch night service on December 31st at 7 p.m. with

Evangelist Bro. George Calahan. He will be preaching Sunday night, Dec. 30th at 6:00 p.m. Bro. Jim Miller, Pastor welcome everyone to come and worship with us.

Christmas Program

West Brodhead Church of God on Hwy. 3245 will host a Christmas program on Dec. 23 at 6 p.m. Special guest will be Kyle Rader. Everyone welcome.

Mass

Christmas Eve Mass at Our Lady of Mt. Vernon will be Mon., Dec. 24th at 10 p.m.

Christmas Cantata

Mareburg Baptist Church Choir will host a Christmas Cantata entitled, "Let Earth Receive Her King" on Sat., Dec. 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

It's Your Money

By Jonathan Miller
Kentucky State Treasurer
Holiday Season 2001-2002

As the holiday season progresses and a new year begins, many of us have credit cards and credit bills on our mind. While this may be a source of stress for many of us, for some young people, it is a more serious issue.

Recent press reports and a study of the General Accounting Office have revealed that student credit card debt is a growing problem on college campuses. Students are building up mountains of credit card debt, often to pay their bills.

Credit cards, when used wisely, are a valuable tool for the consumer. Too many Kentucky college students, however, do not have the sufficient financial literacy to handle this responsibility. Further, the aggressive marketing practices of some "bad actor" credit card companies have compounded this problem.

This difficult issue was the focus of the second hearing of my new Commission on Personal Savings and Investment, co-chaired by State Senator Brett Guthrie (R-Bowling Green) and State Representative Susan Westrom (D-Lexington). The Commission met this week at the University of Louisville, and heard from representatives of student groups, the credit card industry and organizations that promote financial literacy across Kentucky.

The session shined a bright light on this problem. But it is only the first, small step on a long journey. To remedy the problems the Commission identified, and to better protect our young people, several actions need to be taken, through legislative, administrative and/or programmatic means.

1. Financial literacy should be

taught in every elementary, middle and high school classroom in the state's Principals and teachers can draw on existing curricula and resources, such as provided by the Kentucky Council on Economic Education, the Cooperative Extension Offices and/or the Kentucky Bankers Association.

2. Mandatory, meaningful financial literacy courses should be offered during freshman orientation of every Kentucky college or university. Commission members will offer their expertise to help design suggested curricula, in cooperation with the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) and the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities (AIKCU).

3. Credit card companies should be required to register with colleges and universities in order to solicit on campus, and to abide by a Code of Conduct governing solicitation methods. This Code should promote full disclosure of credit card terms and prohibit the more egregious marketing practices, such as dormitory room solicitations and the offering of prizes, gifts or other monetary incentives to encourage applications from college students. This Code should be developed by the state's colleges and universities, with assistance offered by the Commission and organizations such as CPE and AIKCU.

I look forward to working with the Commission and the state's colleges and universities as this journey towards better student financial literacy progresses. If you have any ideas or suggestions or you would like to lend a hand to these efforts, please contact us at 502-564-4728 or on the web at www.kytreasurer.com.

I wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season and a happy and healthy new year.

Enjoy a safe and happy holiday season.



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KFC will close at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve and be closed Christmas Day

With joy in our hearts, we extend our warm wishes to you and your family for a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

We appreciate your continued loyal support.



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Area Technology Center VICA students win regional offices

On November 13th, Rockcastle Co. Area Technology students participated in the Southeast Region Leadership Conference at Pine Mountain State Park. The Vocation Industrial Clubs of America held the workshop to train students in leadership skills. They also held officer elections for students to represent 104 schools in Southeastern Kentucky. Rockcastle students won six of those seven offices. Matt Mullins was elected president, Brad Wesley - vice-president, Chad Francisco - secretary, Stephen Powell - treasurer, Tyler Strunk - parliamentarian and Bryan Jones - Chaplain. These vocational school students will conduct the meeting for the Southeast Region for the school year of 2001-2002.

The students also competed in the Regional Statesman contest, which requires them to memorize 20 facts about the VICA organization and how to conduct meetings. This is the highest degree awarded at the regional level. 25 students from Rockcastle received this award. They are as follows: Jason Abney, Jeremy Bowman, Jessica Byrd, Darcy Clark, Danny Collins, David Cromer, Anthony Cummins, Chad Francisco, Bryan Jones, Alex Martin, Jason McKinney, Scotty Miller, Jason Moore, Matt Mullins, Coby Neal, Stephen Powell, Nick Renner, Bruce Smith, Tyler Strunk, Jeff Todd, Brandon Thomas, Chris Tolle, Scotty VanWinkle, Joe Wagers, and Brad Wesley.

Welding instructor Sherman Cook and Electricity instructor Gerald Hammons were the advisors for the group. Also attending were: Jeff Carpenter, Darcy Clark, Ken Cobb, Adam Collins, Matt Miller, Rodney Payne, Rick Santo, Erié Shafer, James Stanley, Jackie Weaver, Jeremy Davidson and Jeff McClernon.



Bridgette Lear, Kayla Bryant, Jennifer Kidwell and Natalee Taylor help their new friends make ornaments for Christmas.

FCCLA visits MVES

By Aaron Anderkin
FCCLA Reporter
The Rockcastle County Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) has been very busy spreading the Christmas spirit.

Recently, members went to Mt. Vernon Elementary School to work with the preschool children. With them they took a "special guest". Members conducted various activities which included reading stories,

making Christmas ornaments, games, songs and more.

Also, FCCLA members have been bringing in Christmas gifts for the last fortunate. Members gathered, sorted and wrapped those presents. Thanks to all members who brought in gifts!

This Thursday night, December 20th, the FCCLA will be Christmas caroling in Brodhead. Members are encouraged to meet at Sowder Nursing Home at 6:30. We will start there, do a bit of caroling in the town and end up in the basement of the Brodhead Christian Church around 7:45 for hot chocolate. Special thanks to everyone that has helped with our Christmas projects! Happy holidays to all.



Santa, better known as Adam Childress, hands out candy canes and listens to some very special Christmas wishes. Brittany Asher is on hand to help out.



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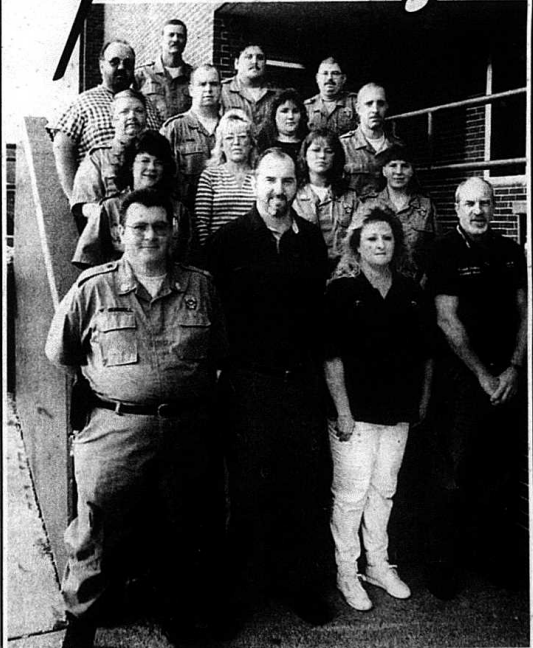
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from
Rockcastle Jailer James Miller
& Rockcastle Detention Center staff

Job Quest participants recognized for outstanding academic performance

Job Quest participants, ages 14-21, in-school and out-of-school receive an array of services including paid work experience, participation in programs such as the Community Artist Residence Program, which consist of eight after school sessions and two leadership development Saturday's on Berea College Campus.

Students attend a business etiquette dinner at Boone Tavern in Berea. Job Quest coordinator, Kyle Rader, provides supportive services by monitoring participant's attendance, grades and assistance needed to successfully complete high school, a GED, training program, or occupational skills training. Supportive services are available such as assistance with childcare, transportation, or interview clothes.

Coordinator Kyle Rader recently presented participants Brandy Hasty and Jon Burdette a certificate and t-shirt for maintaining straight A's and

Edna Allen a certificate and t-shirt for maintaining A's and B's all during the first nine-week grading period.

Rockcastle County School District sponsors the Job Quest Program with funding provided by the U.S. Department of Labor through the Cumberland Workforce Investment Board, administered by the Lake Cumberland Area Development District, Inc. with Workforce Investment Act Title I monies; an equal opportunity employer/program and auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

The school district received \$88,679.92 to serve in-school youth and \$23,699.07 to serve out-of-school youth during the 2001-2002 fiscal year.

For more information on Job Quest contact Kyle Rader, coordinator, at 256-4816 or Jenny Sweet, project director at 256-2125.



Coordinator Kyle Rader, right, presents new Job Quest participant Frank Christian with an Emerson CD player won in a recent attendance drive for the program. For more information on how you can enroll (ages 14-21 in-school or out-of-school) contact Kyle Rader at 256-4816 or Jenny Sweet, project director, at 256-2125.

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Sophomore part of Olympic Torch Relay

BY COURTNEY ALEXANDER

The Salt Lake 2002 Torch Relay is well underway, and as the famous torch passed through the Kentucky State Capital on Monday Dec. 17 RCHS sophomore Jamie Orniella was running along side it.

Serving as a support runner, Jamie had the honor of accompanying the actual torchbearer on their 2 mile trek and was to assume the responsibility should something happen to the torchbearer.

Jamie's brother nominated her for this honor on the Coca-Cola website, which is the official sponsor of the Olympic Torch Relay. After completing a thorough application process and a physical examination, Jamie was selected as an official support runner.

Unfortunately, Jamie's hectic schedule left her little time to prepare for this event, but she was confident in her ability to fulfill her duties.

"I'm so happy I got to do this and I love Coke," Jamie stated still unable to believe what she had been a part of.

The famous torch is still on its way to Salt Lake City, set to arrive just in time for the Opening Ceremony on February 8, 2002.

Rockets take state runner up title

BY MARIE COLLINS

On December 1 the Rockcastle County Rockets played on the carpet at Cardinal Stadium in Louisville, Kentucky for the first time ever, losing to Boyle County 49-14.

After failing to score in the first, second, or third quarter, junior running back Marty Reagen made it into the endzone in the fourth.

Reagen gives his linemen the credit for his touchdown.

"It felt great getting a touchdown on the same field where all the 'greats' have played but most people don't realize that it was my linemen (including Adam Childress, William Blair, Michael Brummett and Jason Leger) who got me there," said Reagen.

The next and final touchdown for the ROCK came only minutes later from senior running back Josh Hale, who also gives the credit to his teammates.

"It was one of the biggest honors of my life (scoring on the carpet), however, like everything else we did this year, we did it as a team," said Hale.

This year's seniors will be ending their high school careers with a perfect regular season, a district championship, a regional championship, and a state runners up title.



photo by Courtney Alexander

RCHS quarterback Aaron Anderkin gives senior wide-receiver Josh Hale a shoulder to lean on after a hard fought battle for the State 3A Championship on Dec. 1. Hale and Anderkin were the last to leave the carpet. The Rockets lost the game to Boyle County by a margin of 49-14.

"I enjoyed the success, but to me there is no complacency in second place," said Hale.

After the game, the team traveled back to Rockcastle and were met by the Mt. Vernon fire and police departments. They were then escorted around the city of Mt. Vernon and on to their home field

where Principal John Hale congratulated the team on their 14-1 season.

Mayor Karen King presented them with the key to the city.

Head Coach Tom Larkey and head assistant defensive coordinator Tony Saylor spoke to the crowd of approximately 100.

"We have no reason to be sad. We're the state runners up!" said Coach Larkey.

Coach Saylor credited much of the team's success to the parents, the quarterback club, and the fans.

"I'm sure your hearts and wallets will welcome us again next year," he joked.

New engineering class part of national program, exposes students to career field

BY JAMIE ORNELLA

When scheduling starts in February, there is a new elective to bubble in for next year. Introduction to Engineering Design is the first of five new engineering classes to be introduced into the curriculum.

The classes are part of Project Lead the Way, a program designed to attract more students to the engineering field.

Placing Rockcastle in a category with five other Kentucky schools, RCHS will gradually implement this nation-wide program consisting of five training courses over the next five years.

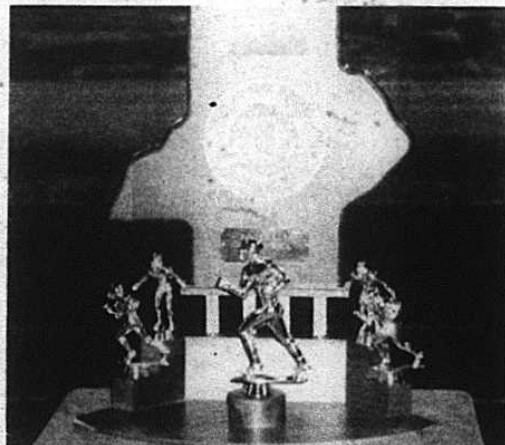
The other four classes will be implemented later: Digital Electronics, Principles of Engineering, Computer Integrated Manufacturing, and Engineering Design and Development.

"Project Lead The Way is intended not only to raise math and science scores, but to help students enter engineering at the college level," said technology teacher Pat Greene.

The program was reviewed by Mr. Greene and Principal John Hale after being brought in front of the SBDM Council by the county office.

The class, which will only be made up of twenty-four students, will focus on designing projects with the computer and then creating their design. Being self-paced, the students will be able to work within their own individual time frame. But with the addition of these new classes, some old ones will have to be dropped. Overview of Technological Systems and Drafting Systems will be dropped from the schedule.

Project Lead the Way offers an extensive website that has helpful information for both students and parents. It can be found at <www.pltw.org>.



Rockcastle's State Runner-Up trophy.

Dear Seniors:

Many subtle changes have occurred during this, our senior year, and many more are yet to come. Changes in the way we spend our time, who we spend our time with, and the amount of freedom our parents allot us are the biggest changes thus far. However, as we approach this holiday season, those pesky, subtle changes will be sneaking up on many seniors.

Do you remember what you asked for last Christmas? Clothing, a hot c.d., or a Play Station 2 probably topped many wish lists. This year is different though. The material possessions that we couldn't live without during our younger teenage years are proving to be useless as we venture on to higher education. No longer will we ask our parents for \$150 boots, a Britney Spears poster, or new drumheads. We now have to think about things we will need after we are pushed out of the nest.

Many seniors who will be attending college have requested dormitory items such as area rugs, lap tops, and cordless phones. Those who are a bit more concerned with money are asking for gas cards, cash, and vanity items they can stock up on now so they won't have to buy them during the first months of school.

When my mom asked me what I wanted for Christmas this year, I told her that I wanted microwave-safe dishes and a blender. Those gifts should go well with the bath towels my sister is getting me, the bed sheets my best friend has promised to me, and the computer I'm buying myself. Though these gifts aren't as magical as those I've received on past Christmases, I know that when I'm out on my own, I'll have all I need to survive on.

Subtle changes. We're growing up. Our interests and concerns are changing. We're beginning to realize that whether we are going on to a college, vocational school, or our first apartment, our present residence and all within can not go with us.



Grading policy change would be positive at RCHS

BY SHENA MCKINNEY

I believe that changing the grading policy at RCHS will be beneficial and helpful to the school and student body in many ways. By changing the grading policy students might be more likely to pass each class if only one grade was issued. Having only one grade per class every semester could help students to bring their grade up a couple of points, maybe to make a letter grade difference. This

would result in less failures and more students would be passing.

This new grading policy could also help students' GPA become higher. For example, is a student made a B in a class the first nine weeks, but the second nine weeks made an A, their overall GPA would drop due to that B they received during the first nine weeks. If grades were just issued every 18 weeks, students could bring up their grades

and have higher GPA's.

Scheduling for all students would also be easier and less complicated. The guidance counselors would have less to worry about and could help students get the classes they need by looking at their individual transcript.

I think that the grading policy at RCHS should be changed. It would be very helpful and it can benefit many students, as well as our school, in numerous ways.

The Rocket

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It Rocks...

- ~ Drinking hot chocolate on cold, snowy days.
- ~ All the new presents waiting for you under the tree.
- ~ Vacationing in warmer states.
- ~ Seeing family members who only come in once a year.
- ~ Snooping through your Christmas presents.

It Reeks...

- ~ Scorching your tongue while drinking your hot chocolate.
- ~ Unwrapping the same homemade sweater every year.
- ~ Not being able to catch your flight because of snowstorms.
- ~ Fighting off your great-aunt as she tries to pinch your cheeks.
- ~ Finding underwear and socks.

Down the Hall

What is the best gift you have ever given?



"Blood, after the Sept. 11th tragedy."
-Brandy Payne
Junior

"I let the girls look at me."
-Ben McKibben
Sophomore



"Mamaw Jewell stories, because you're guaranteed a laugh."
-Tammy Reynolds
Chorus Teacher

"I gave a woman at church a candy dish; it was the only present she got that Christmas."
-Christina Amyx
Junior



"Cookies and milk for Santa Claus."
-Josh Hale
Senior

Co-op students missing out

BY INDI RUHE

You have just gotten back to school from morning co-op and you enter the gym, which is where you were told to go for a program when you got back. To your surprise the gym is completely empty.

If you would have been able to listen to the morning announcements you would have known that the program was going to be held in the auditorium instead.

"It gets aggravating, because we never know what's going on," says co-op student Kaliesha Robinson.

Mr. David Riddle, who supervises the co-op program, said he tries to keep the co-op students up to date by giving them packets that contain the morning announcements and the other things that will be going on throughout the day, such as programs that may occur.

Morning co-op students are missing out on a lot of things, not just the morning announcements.

Voting is another concern. When you are a morning co-op student

you don't get the opportunity to vote for Homecoming Queen, Jamboree Bowl Queen, and also Who's Who for the yearbook. Not being present also decreases the chance that a student could even be nominated.

This may not seem very important to some, but when you're in high school, those things are important.

Attendance seems to be another issue that needs addressing.

According to the office, if a co-op student misses, then they will be caught up with the next day.

However, one teacher notes that a morning co-op student has missed third and fourth blocks at least three days this semester. This student presented an admittance slip, but computer records still indicate this student has only missed one day.

Perhaps most importantly, morning co-op students are missing A/A, and are unable to do any work on their IGP folders which are

required for graduation. They are done in A/A and morning co-op students are unable to attend A/A because of their work hours.

One solution to the problem is to move A/A to the beginning of first block, instead of between first and second, and make A/A daily, instead of once a week. In addition, require ALL students to attend, even co-op students.

If all students were required to attend a daily A/A, they would be able to hear morning announcements, attendance could be taken in A/A, students would be able to spend some time working on their IGP folders, and would be able to take at least some part in high school life.

According to Mr. Riddle, the co-op program continues to grow as more people call, requesting student workers.

As the program continues to grow, so can the problems teachers and students are facing.

What do you think? What issues are concerning you? Do you see a problem that administrators should be aware of, but aren't?

Express your ideas in a letter to the editor, and let your opinion count!

Fifteen Minutes of Fame

What do you do in your free time?

Work at Wendy's, go to the movies, hang out with friends

If you had to cut off any body part, which one would it be?

Ears, because it would look funny

Where do you think you'll be in 10 years?

Good nursing job, nice house and car



Name: Pam Shackelford
Class: Junior

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January 2

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January 20

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January 21

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ship Deadline

To Hale and back: *An interview with Principal John Hale*

BY TARA THOMPSON

It's 8:15 Monday morning and class has just begun. Suddenly, the beep of the intercom can be heard over the entire school.

"Good morning RCMS... I mean RCHS," a voice you've heard before says. You're suddenly thrown into a time warp. Could it possibly be? It is! It's Mr. Hale!

Making the transition from the middle school to the high school were not just the freshmen this year, but also our new principal, Mr. John Hale, who openly admits, "I joked with the freshmen class that I was a freshman too when I met with them earlier in the year, but in some ways I wasn't joking, I was being serious with them."

We know how the freshmen are handling the transition over, but what about Mr. Hale? How did his first semester go as a Rockcastle County High School Rocket?

"The reaction I got from the students when I came in those first opening days of school, and walked down the halls, most of the student seemed happy to see me again," Mr. Hale commented.

We all know that first semesters can be hectic and unnerving, not only for the freshmen, but for sophomores, juniors, and seniors as well. So it is no surprise that Mr. Hale himself got the "back to school jitters", too.

"It was scary and nerveing to come into a new situation. I had to work with teachers that I had never worked with before, and in a building that I had only been in certain parts of before. It's a big place and intimidating for adults just as it is for students," Mr. Hale confesses.

From helping the freshmen find their way to their classes, to remembering where we were going ourselves, the first semester is almost over. We've fallen back into

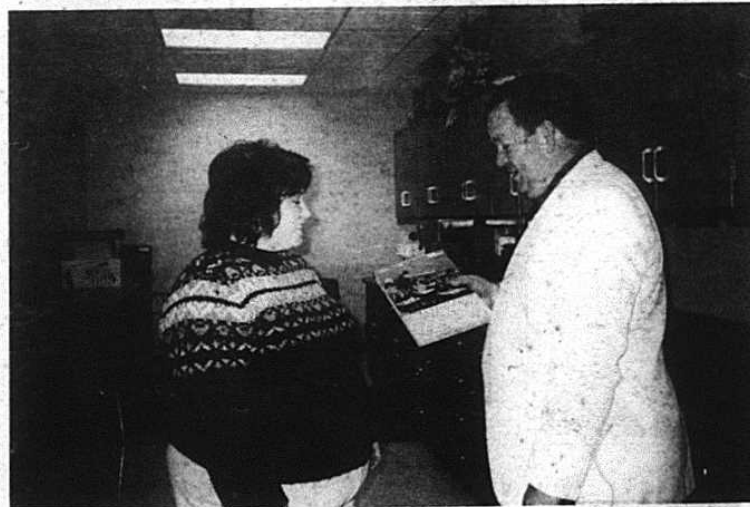


photo by Jamie Ornela

Mr. Hale makes sure he keeps in contact with all of his staff. Here he speaks with counselor Janice Miller.

the daily routine schedule for each day and the back to school jitters have finally left. Now is the time to look back on how it all went.

"I feel much more comfortable at the end of this semester than I did at the start of the year. But I've really enjoyed it. I didn't want to come in and make a lot of sweeping changes, until I at least knew what was going on to start with."

That leads us to question, are there any changes in store for next semester? Inevitably, there are. All for the best of course.

Everyone can remember needing a class changed at the beginning of the year, only to find a line a mile long in front of the counselor's offices. That's all going to change next year.

"We're going to try and do our scheduling a lot earlier in the se-

mester for next year," expresses Mr. Hale. "We're going to try and make things a little easier so when we end this school year, we're more likely ready to start the next school year, and not have students in the hallways all week waiting for their schedules to be changed. I found that to be really disturbing and I don't want that to happen again next year," he said.

An increase in the amount of AP courses available and a more rigorous curriculum to challenge the students more for the upcoming school year has also been suggested and set in mind.

"We want to challenge the students more. I think most of them are getting by too easy," he explained. "When they move on into college they'll be prepared and have a good background here."

Building high standards for our future after high school isn't the only thing Mr. Hale is concerned about. Keeping us in school is a major concern for him.

"The sad part about coming back is not seeing those people that I saw in the middle school, because they aren't here now. That really disturbs me because that's the future of Rockcastle County. If we can't keep our kids in school and help them get those high school diplomas, we're not going to be able to improve the standard of living in Rockcastle County."

As I interviewed Mr. Hale the concern about our future was what his entire focus seemed to be on, and for that we need to help him

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Rockcastle to rule 2002 Kentucky Youth Assembly

BY COURTNEY ALEXANDER

Rockcastle Co. High School returned to Louisville, KY on Sunday Dec. 2 to show the state that RCHS excels in every aspect of play. After losing a hard fought battle on the football field during the State 3A Football Championship the day before, the Rockcastle Co. High School Y-club was determined to win a new battle, this time in the form of the Kentucky Youth Assembly (KYA) Governor's Race.

RCHS junior Aaron Anderkin, ran a strong campaign from the very beginning and the 800+ students from the Eastern half of Kentucky must have agreed with Aaron when he shouted, "Go all the way with Double AA." Anderkin was elected as the 2002 KYA Governor.

"It's an honor to have one governor, but now Rockcastle has two. It just reinforces how strong Y-club is in Rockcastle County," proudly stated KYA advisor Mrs. Angie Hendrickson.

With Jamie Ornela serving as Premiere Speaker of the House and Brian Reynolds serving as Congressional President of the Senate, Rockcastle was well represented in the role of leadership. Two of the bills from Rockcastle were also signed into law by this year's Governor of KYA.



The RCHS Y-Club poses in the rotunda of the Capitol building in Frankfort during KYA. The room is filled with hundreds of poinsettias to help bring in the holiday season.

photo courtesy of Courtney Alexander

"As always, Rockcastle was a step above the rest," beamed RCHS Y-Club advisor Mr. Travis Brenda.

When KYA 2002 rolls around, Rockcastle Co. will have overall control of both middle school and high school conferences. RCMS

8th grader Ty Bottoms will govern over the middle school, while Aaron Anderkin takes care of the high school assembly. Such a feat has never occurred in Rockcastle Co. history before.



Local testing center step up in convenience

BY BLAKE ARNOLD

Since RCHS became a local ACT testing center many students have taken advantage of its convenience.

The ACT has been given at the high school twice this year, once on October 27, and again on December 8. The 45 available spots have filled up both times and some test takers who requested to take the test at RCHS have been given alternate test centers.

The fact that the test was given locally gave senior Brian Reynolds more time to sleep and was a step up in convenience.

"I was more comfortable taking the test here in familiar surroundings, with familiar teachers giving the test" stated Reynolds.

Staff members Ms. Debbie Coleman, Ms. Trina Bustle, and Ms. Dana Singleton proctored the test.

In the past Rockcastle County students have had to go out of county to towns like Berea, London, Somerset, or Richmond to take the test.

The next ACT test date is in February. The last day to register for that test is January 4.

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*I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men.
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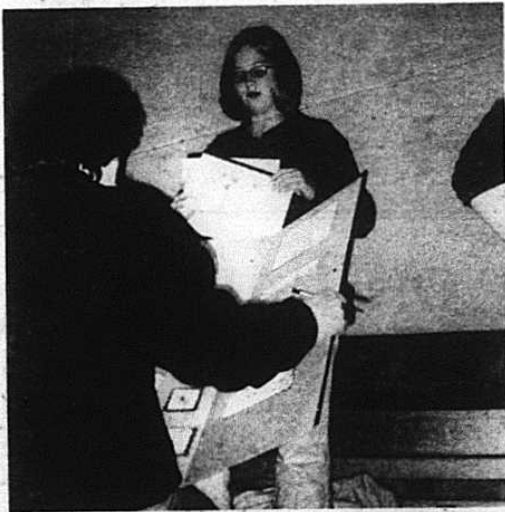
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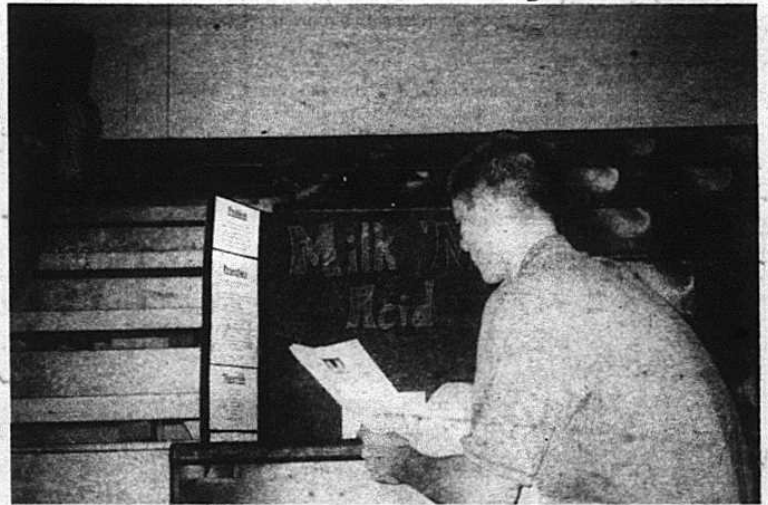
RCHS Science Fair December 12th



photo by Courtney Alexander
Freshmen Tosha Farris (standing) and Tausha Bryant wait to be judged.
At left, Mrs. Stephanie Harmon judges a project by senior Chris Childress.



Teacher Debbie Cash judges freshman Courtney Rose's project.



Senior Andrew Hammond studies his notes before his project is judged. Poor Andrew had to present his project solo, since his partner was absent on Science Fair Day.

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Personal qualities determine your success

BY PAULINE CAMPBELL

Whether you are planning on continuing your education or scouting for a job there are personal qualities that are looked for. These qualities vary from job to job and college, but anyone planning for the future should be aware of what it takes to be successful.

Students should be motivated, have a desire to succeed, and be hard working, according to Brad Tate, Assistance Director for Lindsey Wilson College.

Mr. Tate also believes a successful student will be ambitious in and out of the classroom.

"Without them there is no focus or mission," he said.

According to Kay Spillman, counselor for Somerset Technical

College and Beth Hopper, counselor at Laurel Technical College, personal management is extremely important.

Skills like keeping priorities, managing time, and being self-sufficient are just a few of the skills future employees and students will use throughout their lifetime.

What are employers looking for? Different jobs require different personality traits.

"Volunteer work takes dedication and the will to work without being paid," said Kelly Martin, volunteer worker for Christian Appalachian Project at the Rockcastle Youth and Teen Center.

"Dedication is the most important because you can put up with

the really tough stuff, you're dedication shines threw," said Melissa Baumbach, also a volunteer at Rockcastle Youth and Teen Center.

People interested in the human services field should understand that it requires extreme patience, sincerity, dedication, and professionalism, according to Gwen Watts, Child Family Interventionist School Based Therapist from Cumberland River Comprehensive Care Center.

"In any job where customer service is applied courtesy toward the consumer is always number one," said Melinda Osborne, a teller at

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Beth Hopper was one of the representatives at the RCHS career and college fair November 29. Above, she speaks with senior Jon Noe at a college fair earlier this year.

College applications, essays don't have to be a stress test

BY COURTNEY ALEXANDER

Applications, applications, applications-your senior year consists of filling out one after another. Right now most seniors are looking for a break in the endless flow of applications to various colleges, technical, and vocational schools. All the forms you must fill out can be a little overwhelming at times. Well seniors, take a sigh of relief. Here are some helpful tips to help you fill out those stressful forms.

- ◆ Be as accurate as you can. The information on your application may be verified.
- ◆ Keep a copy of your application and all supporting information. The info on these will be helpful when filling out future forms.
- ◆ Watch your mail. Follow up quickly on requests for further information.
- ◆ If you need someone to write a letter of recommendation, let them know well in advance. (The extra

time could improve the quality of their recommendation.)

◆ Don't wait until the night before the due date to fill out the application. A great deal of helpful personal info may be forgotten if you're rushed for time.

◆ Include as many community service projects and honors as you can. Colleges look specifically at these and like to see students who have made a difference.

Try to set yourself above the rest of the students applying for a particular scholarship or for admission to a school. According to Mr. Whitaker, admissions counselors appreciate applications that are unique and somewhat entertaining to read. With a little effort, you'll have every school in the state knocking on your door, begging you to choose their facility.

Most applications include an essay, which is an opportunity for the reader to get to know the real

person behind the application. Although many applications give you a topic to write your essay about, some give you the freedom to discuss yourself and why you would be beneficial to that school. No matter what criteria your application consists of, the opportunity is there for you to shine above the rest. Follow these helpful hints to achieve an essay which will leave the admissions counselor breathless.

- ◆ Get off to a good start to hook your reader and keep their attention
- ◆ Do not be afraid to write your thoughts and feelings on any topic, for by sharing those you reveal the person you are.
- ◆ Use short, clear sentences to express yourself in a natural way. Let your imagination and humor show in your writing.
- ◆ Keep in mind that the admissions counselor has a foot high stack of 20 applicant folders. He's tired by

the time he gets to yours, how are you going to show him your above the rest?

◆ Honesty is the best policy. Don't make up some grand tale about you feeding the hungry children of Africa, when you've never been out of the state!

Eastern Kentucky University's scholarship chairman, Ms. Shelley Parks reiterated the honesty policy when writing essays. After reading through thousands of scholarship applications each year, Ms. Parks knows a genuine application when she sees one. EKU looks for personal experiences in volunteer work, mission trips, overcoming tremendous obstacles and school projects in which a difference was made in the school or community.

The application process is only difficult if you allow it to be. With the right preparation, you could have the application of all applications. Help is available at each step

of the application process, so don't be afraid to ask. Finally, remember this, you cannot receive scholarships if you don't apply for them. So apply to everything you can and ensure the most prosperous future possible for yourself.

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Are you at a loss about what you're going to write on your Christmas list, or don't have the slightest as to what you're going to blow all that extra money on? Maybe you can't decide what kind of gift to get that special someone or good friend? Well, take this quiz to help you decide what present would match you or your friends personality best.

1. You step through the front door of your home and sigh in relief that another hard day of school is done with. What do you do now?

- A: Make a mad dash to your beloved computer to get on-line.
 B: Plop down into your favorite chair and start flipping through your new self-help/beauty magazine.
 C: Pick up your guitar and come up with some new tunes before dinner.
 D: You don't know what you'll do, every day is a new adventure.

2. Your math teacher just handed you the dreaded word problem. To work it out so that it applicable to your life and makes sense, you pretend all the bake sell cookies are actually...

- A: On sale tees from your favorite shop at the mall.
 B: Candles. If all else fails there are always candles.
 C: You don't need to pretend anything, you have your top of the line graphing calculator to work it out for you to work it out for you with ultimate precision.

D: No sweat for you, just dream up a few ripped CDs to replace the old chocolate-chip cookies.

3. When you start day dreaming during class, you see yourself working at your dream job, which is?

- A: Climbing Mt. Everest. Wait, scuba diving. No, no, ...
 B: Gladly kicking Bill Gates out of your new office at Microsoft.
 C: On the phone with some self obsessed celebrity, directing them what to wear to the Academy Awards.
 D: Standing on stage playing or singing your heart out to hundreds of adoring fans.

4. When you wake up in the morning what is the first thing to pop into your head?

- A: What am I to wear?!?!
 B: I hope I can reformat that computer before school.
 C: What discoveries will I make today?
 D: You start humming the melody to your favorite song.

5. What type of music do you jam to?

- A: Singer/song writer. You don't care for all that manufactured pop.
 B: Techno all the way
 C: Britney, Christina, N'Sync; basically anyone with style.
 D: You like non mainstream inde-

pendent stuff or people like Enigma that have a unique sound

6. When you're out on Friday night the restaurants you eat at are...

- A: The arcade. You'll grab a quick bite before stomping your friends on a good old game of vintage Pac-Man.
 B: The Food Court. There's great variety, but best of all it's in the mall.
 C: Coffee shops. Friday open mic night rocks.
 D: Why set a place in stone when there's so much variety out there?

7. When that dateless, friendless, homeworkless night rolls around what do you watch on TV?

- A: You channel surf until you find something interesting.
 B: Your channel never goes beyond Much Music or below CMT.
 C: If conspiracies, science fiction, or informative gaming techniques are on, you're there.
 D: Nothing like prime time baby.

8. How do you get over getting dumped?

- A: Removing their loathsome picture from your Together Forever frame and burning it.

B: Throwing away all the songs you wrote about them.

C: Deleting all their e-mails
 D: You don't blame them only your lack of interest with each other.

9. On the other hand, your dream date would be?

- A: Justin Timberlake or Britney Spears. You would just have break up the two of them first.
 B: Someone intellectual and independent, yet true to his/herself.
 C: That cutie in the band that's playing in the garage next to you.
 D: You made your dream date in the computer. Now if you could only make it real.

10. What is one of thing you would take with you to a deserted island?

- A: The manual, "Useful Tips if You Ever Find Yourself Stuck on a Desert Island."
 B: Your designer swim suit or trunks.
 C: Your musical instrument.
 D: Your laptop.

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Vietnamese- Chung Mung Giang Sinh



A basic survival guide for the holidays

BY ASHLEY McCLURE

It's that time of the year again. A time to sneak a peek at your presents, eat leftovers for a week, and avoid the mistletoe. It's the good and the bad of the holidays, and the following tips will help you survive until next year.

The Surprise Factor:

During the week before Christmas almost everyone snoops for their presents. When successful, they are shocked, overwhelmed, or sometimes disappointed.

The key to being able to find your presents next year is to look surprised this year. By doing this, your parents will continue to hide your presents in the same spot. Therefore, you will always know where they are. If you don't seem too enthused your parents could become suspicious and think that you peeked, and they will hide the presents in a different spot next year. Or they may not buy you anything next year. So play it off like you never expected it. If you receive a portable tape player and you wanted a portable cd player, just smile while you remember "receipt and return."

Joy to the World:

Now it's time for caroling. You probably agree it is pretty boring, plus you are usually cold, holding a candle that gives off as much



light as it does heat.

Last year, you were singing "Joy to the World" when suddenly you remembered an alternative version that you used to sing. With a warm smile, you began singing the lyrics to yourself: "Joy to the world, the preacher's dead. We barbecued his head."

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nately, you weren't singing to yourself, after all.

The only way to avoid this kind of embarrassment is to always bring your lyric book or just don't go.

Ho, ho, the mistletoe:

Most families have the traditional mistletoe hanging over the doorway. The younger generation just isn't too fly about that. There are many ways to avoid it or you can just get rid of it. All it takes is a piece of thread and a fake spider.

Simply tie the spider to the thread, then tie the thread to the mistletoe. Now who wants to smooch with a big hairy spider trying to cut in? You won't have to worry about being put on the spot. The best part is the mistletoe will probably be pulled down in the rush to kill the spider.

I hate meatloaf:

Let's not forget the magical mouth watering Chris-

mas dinner. Almost everyone has those members of the family that always cook an extra dish or dessert that you are afraid to eat, but you can't hurt their feelings. Once again play it smart. Cut your food up into smaller portions, mix some peas with some corn. Hide other foods under your bread, or if it won't fit, cut or mash your food up. Make it look like you were starving. When you are done, place your napkin on your plate over the top of the remaining food that may smell, or move in some cases (and it may not be just the jell-o). Now watch and observe the rest of the family members. You may be amazed to see them doing it, also.

Turkey hash, turkey soup...:

The turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, and gravy were all delicious on Christmas Day. Now it is the week after Christmas and you're still eating portions of that once delicious dinner. You can avoid this dreadful week by knowing the correct way to dispose of them!

Everyone hates a hair in their food! Most people are disgusted by the mere thought of it. If there is a female in the household you know that she will spend a great deal of her time primping. She will brushing her hair until it's just right. All you have to do is retrieve the hair from the brush. Next, mix it into the food for the finishing touches and no more leftovers! When Mom sees it, you'll probably even get to eat out that



Japanese- Shimmen omedeto

Yiddish- Gute Vaynakhtn

Swedish- God Jul

Hawaiian- Mele Kalikimaka

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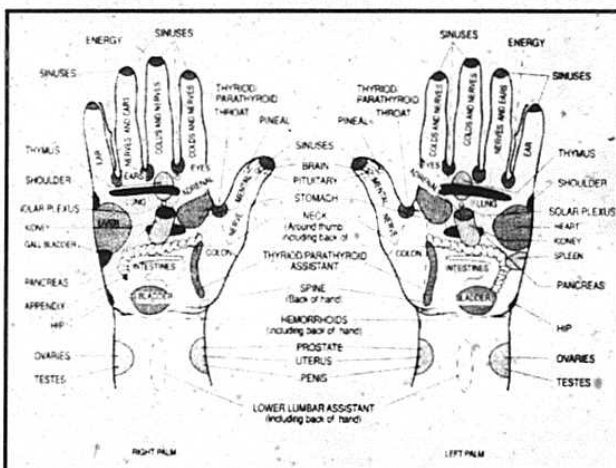
Use your 'reflexes' to ease common pains

BY SHANA NOE

In a culture like today's, hardly anything is considered "radical" anymore. People seem more apt to try anything in order to gain just a few moments peace. Acupuncture, though it supposedly heals ailments, must be done by a professional. Yoga, although relaxing, must be performed in a non-disruptive environment. Both techniques are said to provide one with a calming, relaxing effect, but they can't be used just anywhere. That's where a new form of therapy comes in: Body Reflexology.

Reflexology has been around for thousands of years. Used by the ancient Egyptians, Chinese and Indians, it uses the body's reflex, or pressure, points to alleviate pain and prevent illness. Sometimes being as simple as rubbing the muscle below your thumb, reflexology can be used anywhere, even while sitting in class.

Being divided into ten vertical zones, the body's reflex points all correspond with another part of the body, usually located nearby. Two



exceptions to the rule are the hands and feet, which are connected to every part of the body. By applying pressure to certain points, you can "cure" pain. Using your middle finger, which is said to have the greatest energy flow, you press on the area for seven seconds and then

release. You may repeat as many times as you need to for the ailment to ease.

Experts say that reflexology can also help save your life, in the sense that you can prevent major health problems. If you're practicing reflexology and you come across

tender spots, it means that there is a problem somewhere in that vertical zone you probably don't know about. By rubbing this spot, again using your middle finger, you can stop a health risk before it occurs. The energy flow is supposed to assist in loosening congestions.

Although reflexology seems a little on the "not so normal" side, it seems to be growing in popularity. It's cheap, easy, and you can put it to use anywhere, whether it be at the office or in the middle of

Advanced Topics.



Reflexology Quick Tips

The next time you're sitting in class and a sudden headache comes along, don't bother the nurse for a Tylenol. Use these quick tips to heal the pain!

Headache, cramps- Using your right thumb, work the area between your index finger and thumb on your left hand for a few minutes.

Nausea- Press the reflex area located three fingers down from your wrist with your thumb. Be sure you're pressing between the two tendons, and hold until the "button" starts to ache.

Relieving Stress- Clasp both hands together with fingers intertwined and press all reflexes between fingers 7 times. Close your eyes and breathe deeply.

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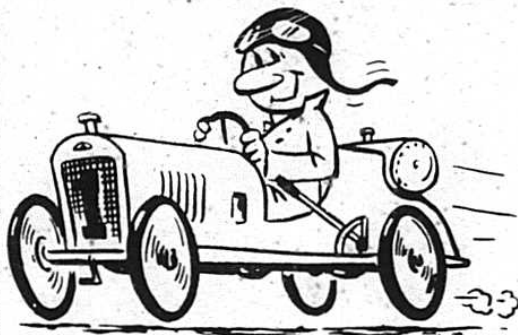
Common sense can keep you on the road, out of the ditch this winter

BY TARA THOMPSON

You've been locked up in your house all weekend. The snow just won't stop falling. Some of your buddies call and you're all going out. You start your car up, and wait for the heater to get warm, and then you're off, driving innocently down the road at the speed limit of course. Oops, you forgot to scrap the ice off your mirrors. You try to look behind you, but the ice blocks your view.

Suddenly, a deer careens out in front of you. You slam on your brakes. Your car does a complete 360 turnabout, and your car smashes into a tree. The sound of broken glass, and metal crunching together as your driver's side door caves in on you can be heard all around. Unfortunately, no one's there. Your head's bleeding. It hit the steering wheel because you weren't wearing your seat belt. You're trapped in your car. Now what?

As this scenario runs rapidly throughout your head, you must ask yourself, "What could someone do to prevent this horrific accident from happening to them?" Summer as we see it is beginning to drift



farther and farther away. Inevitably, winter is here. This is the time of year when the number of automobile accidents sky rocket.

"People simply can't get used to driving when the weather is more hazardous outside compared to the carefree climate of summer," states local tow truck driver Josh Thompson, of David's Tire Center.

People tend to think teenagers drive bad enough when it's 80 degrees outside and sunny. Imagine

what people are going to be thinking when it 29 degrees outside, and snowing, and they see one of us drive by. **PANIC AND CHAOS!** "All teenagers stay off the road!" But we all know that is impossible. We have places to go and people to see.

As you read on, you will find tips that will help you to "winter-

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Beware of winter weather

BY JACOB HELTON

It's a cold January day, and you're running late. You jump in the shower and rush to finish getting ready. Then you run outside, bust the ice off your windows, jump in the car, stick the key in the ignition, turn it over, and what do you hear?

Click.
Winter elements such as ice and snow can take a toll on vehicles, and unless you live in the Bahamas, you need to know these helpful tips on how to keep your vehicle in shape for old man winter.

"If you do only one thing to winterize your vehicle, check your antifreeze," said James Renner, who previously worked at Town and Country then moved on to open his own garage.

Antifreeze is used to keep all your hoses and pipes on your car from freezing up. It should be checked every spring and fall and changed every 2 years or 30,000 miles. Make certain your mechanic also checks for leaks around all the ends of the hoses and inspects the belts to make sure they are not cracked or damaged.

While your mechanic is under the hood you should have him (or her)

go ahead and check the oil and battery.

According to <www.vmrintl.com> 40% of cars that do not start in the mornings fail to do so because of the battery.

Most new batteries are designed to be maintenance free, but it is still a good idea to check the water level occasionally and to have a portable charger in your car just in case it does happen. If your battery is more than three years old then you should have a load test performed. This just checks to see how much power you have left on your battery.

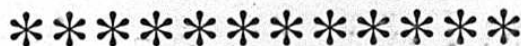
Another problem you may face this winter is sliding tires.

If your car is front-wheel drive, Bobby Bishop of Bishop's Tires, suggests having your tires rotated, this way your good tires are up front, or you could purchase a pair of new tires for the front.

If it is rear wheel drive, then you should have good tires all around. If you live around town you may want to look into all-season tires.

Now that you know these tips, it's time to get your car in shape and to be safe before that horrible sound---click--- gets you.

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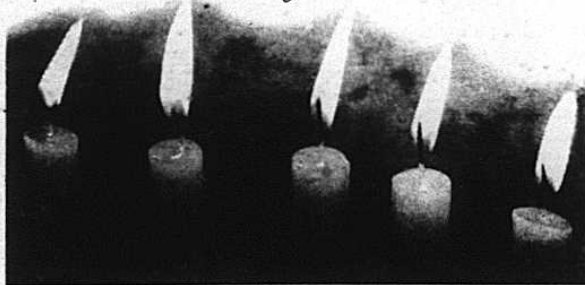


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RCHS: a time of sleeveless shirts and mini skirts

by AUDREY BURKE

You're getting ready for school, so you tie your new bandana around your head, don your sleeveless shirt and then, in a mad dash, gather your homework for your 6 classes that last for the entire school year.

It sounds like a strange morning routine now but it was once normal. Through time our school has not only changed buildings and location, but polices, schedules, and the technology has changed as well.

"The dress code didn't use to be near as strict," pronounces teacher Ms. Polly Abney.

You can see the differences by just flipping through old annuals from the 80s and early 90s. Things like bandanas, sleeveless shirts, and short skirts were once a common sight on campus.

Other more profound privileges that would never fly today were once nothing new. There used to be a smoke break for kids to go out side at lunch and light up. Yet with all these privileges former students remember there were many more fights. Plus things like food and drink weren't permitted in class



In their glory days, 1984's seniors were in style with bandanas around their necks and tons of bracelets on their arms. Fashion has changed quite a bit since those days at RCHS.

photo taken from 1984 RCHS Yearbook

at all.

Rules haven't been the only thing to change though. Living in the Information Age today it isn't uncommon to see technology change and improve at a fast pace. Can you imagine typing on a typewriter in business class instead of a computer? How about no internet to do a research paper with?

"We used to have to use The Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature to do research," conveys Ms. Susan Norton teacher and 1989 graduate.

The Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature are the giant red books currently collecting dust on the library shelves.

Most students believe technology is good.

"It makes things easier, and helps us to understand," relays sophomore Summer Owens. But, others such as Becca Alsip state, "Technology is good for students but it makes us lazy."

Even though students disagree on how beneficial technology is most agree that the transition from a 6 period schedule to our current block schedule in '94 after the new

building was a good thing.

"Time goes by faster," says Tasha Parsons, sophomore.

"You had to sacrifice some classes you wanted since you only had 6 classes," relates teacher and 1994 graduate Mr. J.D. Bussell.

He also said classes were taught at a much slower pace because teachers had the whole school year to teach the subject, but that time wasn't always used wisely.

With all the changes to the school policies, technology, and how things are scheduled and taught throughout time have the student's goals and ideas of fun changed, as well?

Students old and new still seem to define fun by cruising town, going to the football game, and meeting up with friends at the 'Hang Out.' Students still plan on furthering their educations going straight to work after graduation. Just as they have for years now.

So RCHS has seen many years of changes and will continue to do so, but whether the next generations to pass through these halls will be anything like we are now, only time will tell.

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Touchdown Girls Bridgette Lear, Heather Adams, Candice Blair, Rachelle Riddle and Brittney Perkins show their support for the team.

Behind every great team are great women

BY JAMIE ORNELLA

During football season, a small group of moms, friends, and volunteers come together to show their support for the RCHS football team. The Pigskin Mamas & Touchdown Girls not only cook and serve the players food, but they make floats, signs, and help to keep the Rocket spirit alive.

"We started this to let the boys know that we are behind them, not just on Friday nights," said Ms. Darlene Larkey, who organized the Pigskin Mamas/Touchdown Girls last year.

The major part of their work is done on Thursday nights, when a few mothers and volunteers from the community come together to cook a small dinner after pre game for the players. Most of the food is already prepared and is brought to the field or high school. Sometimes the food is donated to the team by other people in the community. The food is then served by the Touchdown Girls.

"The mom's should open up a restaurant because their food is the best ever!" Steve Blair, senior foot-

ball player, said.

Pigskin Mamas & Touchdown Girls also prepare a meal for the players after most of the away games. They have it all set up for them to eat after the game. This food is provided by the Quarterback Club.

"All the little behind the scenes work with Senior Night, we do that," said Rachelle Riddle, a senior who has been a Touchdown Girl since it began.

For Senior Night Ms. Larkey usually gathers pictures of all the seniors, then she goes and gets them blown up. Along with red and blue balloons, the pictures are handed out to the seniors on the field before the game. The float in the Senior Night presentation is also made by the group.

The football team and coaches enjoy the group very much.

Assistant Coach Tony Salyor feels that it "gives the boys support and lets them know that people are really behind them-- to go out of their way to help them get ready for each game."



photos by Courtney Alexander

Over nine thousand came to support the team of their choice at the 2001 State Championship game on Saturday, December 1, five thousand of them being Rockcastle Countians. The Rocket fans showed their pride using spirit sticks and holding up signs. Below, Brittany Adams and Brittany Boreing root for the home team.



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Being 'Cocky' not always braggin'

BY BLAKE ARNOLD

Kid Rock lets everyone know that he has become *Cocky* with his latest offering. With 13 tracks and a bonus featuring Snoop Dogg (only on the unedited version). The CD greets you with a dual salute reminiscent of *Devil Without a Cause*, which sets the tone of pure raw rock laid down throughout the album.

You are introduced to this album through the first track, "Trucker Anthem," which takes you into the first single released, "Forever." The title track, "Cocky," is a hardcore sounding tune which lets us know "It's not bragging... if you back it up." He sings about partying with country icon Bocephus and tells of where his inspiration to become a musician came from, and true to his word "You Never Met a... ..Quite Like Him."



Country, Rock, Hip Hop, it's all here. There has never been an album that covers as vast a musical difference as this (well, maybe there has but they weren't as entertaining).

He throws back to the style of "Only God Knows Why" with "Lonely Road of Faith." This song, as well as the entire album, is about living the rock-n-roll lifestyle and he certainly does "take the punk rock/southern rock and mix it with the hip hop."

This album, like its artist, has staying power and will infect you with feelings from sadness to rage and all others available are tapped into. You will be hard pressed to push the stop button. Go ahead, find a bad song on this album, I dare you. "You can't say that kid, Yeah Right, I Just Did."

Celebrate resilience with Dave Pelzer

BY PAULINE CAMPBELL

Have you ever been in a situation where all odds are against you? Dave Pelzer's book *Help Yourself* gives encouragement, so you can make the best of a difficult situation.

Pelzer was exposed to the third worst case of child abuse in the state of California. In this book he shares what he has done to bounce back into a positive world. Today, he is a very successful motivational speaker, and is married with a little boy.

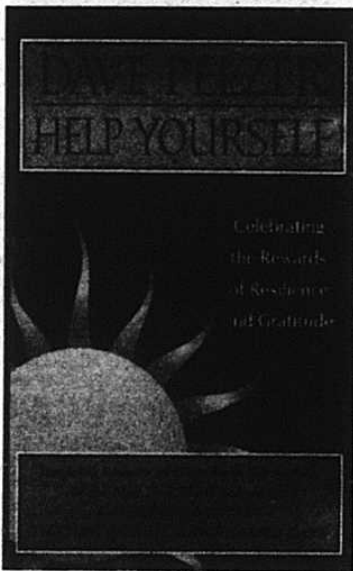
We are to learn from the situations of others and in his book he presents you with not only the things that he has done to better his life, but what others have done. For example, he talks about people such as Secretary of State Colin Powell, who was raised in a ghetto.

The book is a wonderful way to wake yourself up to the fact that other people can only help you so far. At the end of the day you're going to have to rely on yourself to get through. Pelzer realized this when his mother ordered him to lay on a hot stove and burn himself. There wasn't anyone around to help

him, so he knew then that he had to help himself.

Approximately 90% of our time is spent talking to ourselves and 40% of that time we are saying negative things to ourselves. You will learn that being positive when things are negative will improve the situation Pelzer had to tell himself all the time that he was going to survive, otherwise he would not have.

You will cry, you will rejoice, you will find yourself wanting to help yourself and you will know how to give yourself this help when you sit down and think about what Dave Pelzer and others have been through and how they have over-



came their obstacles. You will soon realize that you, too, can gain resilience.

Holiday favorite steals hearts of Whos, kids, and adults

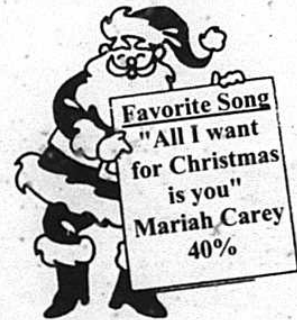
BY CASSIE SMITH

It's a Wonderful Life is not what I would consider an interesting holiday film. Though most find this film to be a classical favorite, I find the character's voices annoying and the plot too jumbled. While I can do without this "wonderful" film, there are five holiday movies that I enjoy watching during the Christmas Season.

Irving Berlin's *White Christmas* begins the countdown of My Favorite Holiday Movies, coming in at number five.

#5. After World War II, Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye join together with two sisters for what is meant to be a winter vacation in Vermont. However, they spend their vacation working to help the lodge owner, (who happened to be the guys' army general), recover from a tremendous debt. This musical is visually and musically interesting.

#4. Number four on my list is none other than the shiny-nosed reindeer himself. "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer" is the timeless tale of the ugly duckling who turned in to a swan. The outcast reindeer and his red-bulbed nose finally find acceptance among all of Santa's Christmas workers when he



helps Santa save Christmas.

#3. *Gremlins* is the ultimate portrayal of the Christmas gift gone bad. A teenage boy receives an unusual creature, Gizmo, as a gift from his father. Gizmo looks very similar to the modern day Ferby. However, after being exposed to water, this cute little "Ferby" produces many large, hairless, and slime-covered gremlins. Gremlins are nothing to be messed with.

The boy and his girl friend must now find and destroy all of the gremlins before the gremlins can find them. This is not your average Christmas story. That's why *Gremlins* joins my list at number

three.

#2. Rounding off the top of my list is Jim Henson's *Muppet Christmas Carol* at number two. The entire Muppet cast, from Gonzo to Kermit, takes part in the remake of this classic story.

The penny pinching Scrooge learns to soften his heart after experiencing a series of realistic dream sequences one Christmas Eve. The cute, furry Muppets provide a constant

comedic-relief, and eventually, Kermit and his family become

newly found generous.

#1. We're finally down to number one. I bet you're just bursting



with anticipation, waiting for me to reveal my favorite Christmas movie. Here's a hint: "He's a mean one...." Of course, it must be the Grinch! "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" may only be thirty minutes in length, but it is packed with color, music, description, and a very twisted plot.

The Grinch hates the Whos, the Whos love Christmas, so the Grinch hates Christmas and the Whos. He thinks that if he can steal every possession of the Whos, including their Christmas gifts, decorations, and food, that Christmas will not come. However, even after they are stripped

of all they have, the Whos still gather down in Whoville to sing Christmas songs and celebrate the season.

From the top of his mountain, the Grinch can hear the Whos' singing and his teeny, tiny heart begins to swell with Christmas spirit. He returns all of the stolen goods and celebrates with the Whos. I LOVE this movie!

No matter what movie is at the top of your Christmas video list, I hope you enjoy watching as much as I do!

Holiday Favorites results from random survey of 75 people.



MR. HALE:

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out and be focused on our future more, as well.

"It's the background they [students] make for themselves now that will determine what they're able to do with those opportunities they have now in the future. If they could really focus on those opportunities and focus on their education, then it would make a tremendous difference in their lives from then on. But most importantly, be happy," said Mr. Hale.

So with all this in mind, have a good day, and stay focused RCMS...I mean RCHS. As Mr. Hale put it, "Seven years of doing that is hard to overcome." We understand.



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Another fine quality to have is the ability to work in a team. Many jobs will require employees to interact with other workers, especially working in a hospital.

Betty Purcell, director of nursing at Rockcastle Respiratory Care Center, emphasizes the importance of being able to work effectively on a team.

These are all basic skills that all students began learning upon entering public school, however, many people lose jobs because they fail to have the qualities necessary to succeed.

In an economy that is seeing a steady increase in unemployment, these are skills all students need to be aware of.

*Have a
Happy New
Year
and safe holiday
break!*

What's the right gift? Here are the answers to the quiz!

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- 10. A:4, B:1, C:2, D:3

10-17: Fashion

You like clothes accessories, shoes, and anything that will make a statement and is fashionable. You don't necessarily have to look a lot to find an item to your taste while shopping. Get yourself or friend some type of clothing that will accent your personality and individuality.

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18-25: Music

whether you are a song writer, singer, instrument player, or you just like music, CDs that comply with the tastes of the receiver are a given. If you want something bigger though, you could always go with a concert. A new instrument for that old worn out one has potential, or you could just save the holiday cash toward it. If you are looking for something really different though there are several programs for computers and equipment that will work well for recording, editing, and burning to CD your own music.

26-33: Technology

If you are still without a gift for yourself or a loved one. HOW?

There are hundreds of items on sale for anyone who enjoys technology. DVDs, digital cameras, personal organizers, new software, and more that won't put you out a ton of money. If you can't decide, try Best Buy or on-line shops. You can ask sales people or read up about the items. Just make sure that the gift will fit the current set up that the receiver has.

34-40: Creative

Try to make something crafty and personal to give to someone or yourself. Craft books and net sites usually have good ideas. Or you could by some thing cheap from a junk or thrift shop and fix it up like new. It could be as simple as a day out with little extra surprises or indulgences.

ize" your driving habits. Making the road safer for you and the innocent bystanders that may also be on the road.

Respect the winter weather. "Plan extra time for a trip in the winter," says AAA spokesman Mitch Fuqua. "A trip that might take 30 minutes in May might take you 45 minutes or an hour in the winter."

Be ready for the changing conditions of winter, and how that will effect your car. This means any small problem you had in the good weather of summer will probably be a bigger problem in the bad weather of winter. If ole' Betsy doesn't want to start in warm weather, you can probably count on being late for school when the tem-

perature begins to drop. Also, this isn't the time to see how fast you can get your car going driving down a back road off of 461.

Winterize your car safety kit. Most of us don't even have a safety kit, so we should probably get one. This doesn't mean just have a cell phone either. I know as a cell phone owner myself, that in Rockcastle County those things just don't want to work. Have items like an extra set of gloves and socks, a first aid kit in general, and funny as this is, a bag of kitty litter, to put under your tires for traction when your car may have gotten stuck. Have some canned food, and a few bottles of water handy. You may never use this stuff, but I'd rather be safe than sorry.

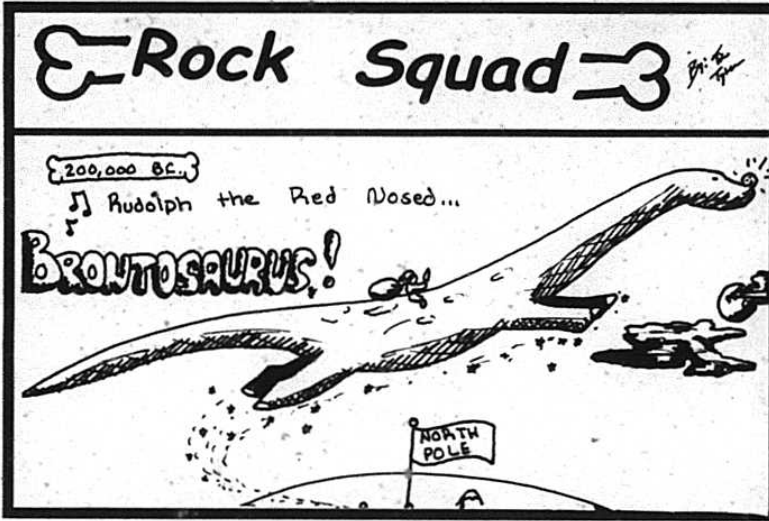
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I on the World

- Number of years that Osama bin Laden's half-brother owned the Houston Gulf Airport before his death in 1988: 6
- Number of years since then that the airport has been owned by his estate: 13
- Number of high-security federal buildings that undercover U.S. agents entered last year using fake ID: 19
- Amount spent last year on company credit cards issued to federal government employees: \$17,300,000,000
- Members of Congress who voted against this fall's resolution to authorize an armed response to September 11's attack: 1
- Chance that a U.S. soldier in the Vietnam War volunteered: 4 in 5
- Chance that a U.S. soldier in World War II did so: 1 in 3
- Number of deserters from the U.S. military last year: 5,320

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Add your birth date, month and year to find your number. Simplify each number to one digit. For example: your birthday is October 7, 1984. Add 7+10 (October's number)= 17. 1+7=8. 8+84 (your birth year)=92. 9+2=11. 1+1=2. Your number is 2.

Numerology

- 1** Your pain will only be relieved by true forgiveness. Harsh words don't mend. A special someone will share their love.
- 2** Friendships multiply in near future. Put on your best face. A trip lies ahead; don't get lost. Trust your instincts.
- 3** Life is waiting for you. Opportunities lie ahead. What you lost will come back to you. Accept it with open arms.
- 4** Hold what means the most to you close. Be aware of your surroundings. Base decisions on facts, not on gut feelings.
- 5** Your faults are starting to catch up with you. Don't assume things. A familiar friend has the key to the future.
- 6** Go with your heart. Success follows you wherever you go. Don't hold yourself back. Follow your dreams.
- 7** Life is good. Your biggest wish will come true. Believe in yourself. Hold your own against others.
- 8** Smile, life is great. Recent losses will turn into number one opportunities. Health issues will resolve. Be kind.
- 9** Watch out, setbacks could be down the road. Take pride in your accomplishments. Your talents are worth millions.

Jacob Helton

Season's Greetings

Tim Tyler



Cassie Smith

Jeffrey

James Thompson

Passion & Simplicity

Maria Gentry