



Students miss sixth day

Wednesday, Rockcastle County students missed their sixth day of the year because of snow.

According to Mrs. Rose Brown, local director of student services for the Rockcastle County school system, students are now scheduled to go to school through Tuesday, May 28th.

That is providing the school's calendar committee and the local school board approves.

Mrs. Brown said that school may be dismissed on Saturday, May 25th if no more days are missed, but that the ultimate decision will be left up to the calendar committee and the board.

The next scheduled break in the school system is Spring Break, which is scheduled for April 1-5.

Last year, school was dismissed 12 days because of bad weather.

As of press time on Wednesday, no announcement had been made as to whether there would be school on Thursday (today).

The recorded low for the month was Wednesday morning when the mercury dropped to 13, according to local weatherman Bud Cox.

The high temperature in February was recorded on Monday when the temperature reached 65.

The low for the winter has been ten degrees on January 2nd and the high has been 76 on January 31st.

Charter Rep to be here

Charter Communications General Manager David Hudson is scheduled to be at Monday night's Mt. Vernon City Council meeting.

Hudson said he would try to have more answers about the cable company's problems and remedies than he had at February's meeting.

Blood Drive

Donating blood is safe, simple and saves lives. Rockcastle County Donor Group and Central Kentucky Blood Center are urging all healthy (Cont. to A-8)

Needed mortgage loans available for low income

The USDA Rural Development office, formerly the Farmers Home Administration, announces funds are available for low income Rockcastle County applicants wishing to become homeowners through its Single Family Direct Loan Program.

According to Ken Arterburn, Rural Development Manager for this area, "Advantages to the borrower include: (a) No required down payment, (b) Loans may include closing cost, (c) 100% financing, (d) Adjusted income limits for family of four up to \$28,700, (e) Loans may be for purchase of new construction, existing housing or new manufactured housing, (f) Maximum loan of \$86,317.

These funds are available to individuals or families including minorities, females and persons with disabilities. For more information, interested applicants may call the local office serving Rockcastle County at 859-624-1622 ext. 4.



Jamie Wheat, Teddy Stallworth and Josh Ott, drum line players, were among members of the Rockcastle County High School Pep Band who have attended both games of the 49th District Tournament in Manchester this week. Members of the pep band will be on hand Thursday, as the Rockets face Clay County in the boys finals. The 13th Region Tournament will begin on Monday at RCHS.



The Rockcastle County High School cheerleaders recently won the 13th Region Boys Varsity KAPOs competition at Whitley County. They work in the 2.5 minute division. Members of the squad are pictured above, front row from left: Heaven Spoonamore, Kacey Scoggin, Jessica Jones, coach Misty Barker, Emily Wright and Tara Barnett. Second row from left: Kayla Bryant, Brittany Asher, Casey Taylor, Amber Thacker and Amanda Wright. Back row from left: Jamie Ornela, Jennifer Mullins and Brittany Offutt. They will compete in state competition on Saturday, March 16th at EKV.

On Thursday night

Rockets will play in 49th district final

The Rockcastle County High School boys' varsity basketball team has already established the best win-loss record in the 30 year history of the school, with a 22-5 regular season mark.

On Monday, they took a step toward being the first boys team to ever win the 49th district title.

The Rockets defeated Oneida, 70-61 to advance to the district final.

They will face Clay County on Clay's home floor, after Clay County defeated Jackson County 72-66 in the first game Monday night.

The final score of the game was not indicative of the closeness of the

game. The Rockets were behind as many as ten points in the first period, which ended with Rockcastle behind 17-10.

The Rockets used a 21 point second quarter to take a three point lead.

Rockcastle then outscored the Mountaineers three points in the third quarter and three points fourth quarter.

Senior Andrew Hammond, who has played extremely well in the second half of the season, had 22 points and 14 rebounds.

Freshman Aaron Cash had 13 points, four assists and two steals.

Junior Austin Miller, who gave the Rockets a much needed spark off the bench in the first half when he hit a couple of three point shots, had 11 points on the night.

Junior Aaron Anderkin also had 11 points in the contest. He had a team high seven assists and he grabbed seven rebounds and had two steals.

Junior Jason Reynolds had nine points, three rebounds, two blocks and one steal.

Junior Stephen Boring and Sophomore Devin Taylor both played, but did not score.

"We played hard, we made some mistakes early, but Oneida had a lot better team than their record. (13-16) reflected," said head Coach Clayton Cash.

"In the past few years we have played well against Clay at Clay and I am hoping for another good effort on Thursday night," Cash said.

Clay County is 15-12 on the season and the Rockets are, of course, 22-6. They have defeated Clay County both times they have played them this season.

Game time in Manchester is 7 p.m. Thursday night.

Besides Rockcastle and Clay, Middlesboro, Bell County, Cawood and Everts have all qualified for the 13th region tournament, which will be held for the first time ever at Rockcastle County High School beginning on Monday night.

It is very likely that Corbin will also advance to the regional tournament. The other team from the 50th district will be the Lynn Camp or Whitley County.

Huge event will be held in Lexington

Hall of Fame Celebration set for Thursday

By: Richard Anderkin
The complex for the Kentucky Country Music Hall of Fame at Renfro Valley is almost finished.

In conjunction with its opening, the inaugural Kentucky Music Hall of Fame Induction Celebration will be held on Thursday night at Marrio's Griffin Gate Resort in Lexington.

Kentucky Governor Paul Patton is among the guests who are scheduled to attend.

State Representative Danny Ford of Mt. Vernon, who has been largely responsible for the funding of Hall of Fame said that Thursday night's Celebration is a culmination of a lot of hard work.

"This is something many people have dedicated a lot of time to and something the state of Kentucky can be proud of," Ford said.

Renfro Valley founder John Lair is one of the twelve inaugural inductees into the Kentucky Hall of Fame and Museum, which is scheduled to open this Spring.

The other inductees are: Rosemary Clooney, Jazz singer and actress, who began her career at age 13 on Cincinnati radio, going on to star in her own television series in 1956, *The Rosemary Clooney Show*.

Everly Brothers, Don and Phil Everly began performing at ages 8 and 6. The duo hit the Top 10 on the singles chart 15 times and sold more than 35 million records. Their first hit was *Bye Bye Love*.

Clyde Julian "Red" Foley Foley, a gospel and country artist, headlined at the Grand Ole Opry in the late 1940's. His 1951 recording of *Peace in the Valley* was the first gospel album to sell a million copies. He died in 1968.

Renfro Valley founder John Lair founded the Renfro Valley Barn Dance in 1939.

Barbara Allen and *The Fatal Derby Dan*. He died in 1989.

The Osborne Brothers, Bobby and Sonny, Osborne invented the "High Lead Trio" style of bluegrass music. They performed at the Grand Ole Opry from 1944 to 1947.

The Hall of Fame is scheduled to open this Spring. The complex is located adjacent to the Renfro Valley Entertainment facility on the former Lair property.

Rockcastle native John Lair founded the Renfro Valley Barn Dance in 1939.



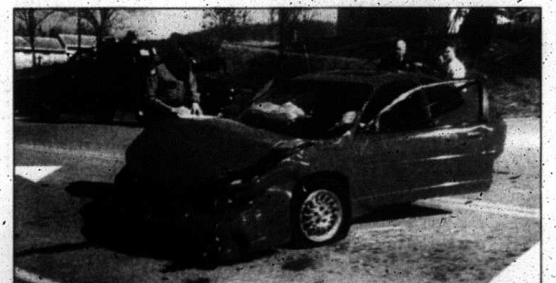
"Red" Foley



John Lair



Nikki Mullins and Stephanie Proctor won first place in the Bridge Building Contest for UK's Engineering Day which was held February 23rd. These freshmen prepared for this contest during Rockcastle County High School's after school program sponsored by Innovative ESS and 21st Century Community Learning Center.



Several people, including a couple from Ohio, escaped serious injury in yet another wreck on the Hwy. 461 bypass in Mt. Vernon Saturday morning. Above, KSP officer Coby Smith takes down information concerning the three car pile-up.

Points East

By: Ike Adams

There are few things that I enjoy less than being in a motel room in a strange place where I don't know anyone after the sun goes down. Which is not to say that I know a lot of folks in Oak Ridge and Marysville before I checked in at the Comfort Inn during daylight, but even those scenes seem to wind me well an hour or two before dark and go home to take care of husbands and wives and children.

They recommended places to eat that do not have chain logos and they will gladly join you for a drink around nine, but basically you're on your own there for a few hours unless you want to come home with them and help do the laundry, clean out the cat box, and provide harmony when they yell at the kids.

If I put up every acquaintance from out of town who shows up in Richmond or Berea, Kentucky on business or pleasure, I'd need a building something along the size of Blooming Tavern.

I don't have any kids at home anymore who need a reprimand every few minutes to embarrass me. The laundry is not a big deal anymore and we don't invite anybody home if we figure they can't help with the dishes. I have a spare room still

decorated with cheerleading trophies and numerous stuffed lions that daughter Jennifer accumulated when the room was here, but we celebrated her 25th birthday last weekend and she vacated the room when she was 20. She simply didn't take a lot of that stuff with her and I dare sure have no intention of moving it myself.

She's married now, teaching school, and has a husband pursuing a great career. They have a new home in an upscale subdivision in Richmond, but I still tell folks when I invite them to spend the night, that they'll have to sleep in Jennifer's room.

And, frankly, it's going to be Jennifer's room for a long time as far as I'm concerned. What happens to be unoccupied but it is well furnished. Best bed in the house. Best view from the windows. Big ole room too. Knock the stuffed Golden Lions (Garrard County High School mascots) out of the way and you'll feel right at home. But don't knock them too far and be gentle when you do because sometimes I go up there and pretend that my baby girl is still at home. It's a daddy thing—and one day I'll get over it.

Sorry Comfort Inn room here in

Oak Ridge tonight is costing me \$65.00 when you add in the tax, \$65.00 more that we charge for Jennifer's room and it doesn't even have lions. There's a sign outside that says, "welcome home." And they do bend over backwards to make you feel at home. You can walk down to the lounge and help yourself to the fridge and the coffee maker and all that. It's the cleanest place in town and inn-keepers from all over the country should come here to learn the definition of hospitality on a low budget.

The furniture is made out of real wood instead of glue and sawdust. The bed is big enough to play football basketball and the mattress just right for bouncing up and making two-hand dunks if the ceiling was 8 feet higher and we had a basketball behind the headboard. But it will sleep good. The coffee maker is loaded to go off tomorrow morning with half a dozen cups of oh-so-fresh, prime, gourmet, rattle-your-brains Columbian beans, coffee and I know coffee well enough to know, just from the smell that this is the good stuff.

Breakfast is also free downstairs tomorrow morning if I can make it work without eggs. Not a bad deal, all things considered.

In the meantime, I'm hold up for the night in Oak Ridge, Tennessee and I'm being treated like I was royalty. The mountains are stunningly beautiful. Not a strip mine in sight. The roads are clean. The desk clerk just called and told me she noticed I was still up at midnight and reminded me that the stuff in the lobby was still there and she'd be glad to make another pot of coffee before she left if I thought I needed it, but she had to hold her in five minutes. She was not monitoring me from the front desk.

I'm simply sitting at a desk, with the window open and she couldn't help but notice that I had my chin propped up in the palm of my right hand staring at a computer monitor and she walked by the window, arm in arm with husband. Almost anywhere else in the world that simple little observation would be called "invasion of privacy." In Oak Ridge, Tennessee on a Monday night in February, it is a gesture almost totally lost to anyone else in this country. And it is meaningful to me, at least.

I could get use to this Tennessee hospitality. If I wasn't so grounded in the UK, I could get used to east Tennessee. The Comfort Inn suddenly feels a bit like home.

Our Readers Write

Dear Editor:
This letter is actually directed to Dowell & Martin Funeral Home whose kind remembrance on the first anniversary (Feb. 26) of our son Ronny's death was so much appreciated. How could you possibly have known what your thoughtfulness would mean to us at this most difficult time?

If this is a customary business policy to help bereaved families get through their first annual heartache, we were totally unprepared for the way this anniversary date would hit us. After all, how could one day be more painful than another? Perhaps it's because you deal with parents like us so often, or perhaps you have had your own personal loss that lets you know there are certain times that a kind word or two makes a world of difference. Whatever the case, our family would like to thank you for what will be ever grateful. Thank you again.

God bless you all.
Sincerely,
Mr. & Mrs. Ivan McKinney & family
West Chester, Ohio

Dear Editor:
I recently wrote a letter in the January 17th issue of the Mt. Vernon Signal criticizing the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department. In that letter I stated that if anyone had anything to share about the service the Sheriff's Office provides to the community "Good or Bad" they should do so. I am a man of my word and feel it my responsibility to do what I encourage others to do.

In the past week we have had to call on the Sheriff's Department at least six times. I want to thank the Sheriff's Department for the way they have handled these calls in a

House approves mail order drug option

A bill that would create a mail order drug option for state employees passed the Kentucky House of Representatives 94-4 today.

House Bill 369, filed by Rep. Mary Lou Marzian, D-Louisville, would allow the state to offer employees in the state health insurance group the option of obtaining a 90-day prescription of maintenance medications, such as blood pressure medicine, for a two-month co-pay.

The legislation is expected to save the state \$3.2 million a year.
"As we mandate health benefits, we're always having to balance what we need mandate costs consumers," said Marzian. "For once, we can say we've passed some legislation that did not increase your premiums."

Marzian said most Kentuckians with private health insurance have had a mail order drug option for several years.
In response to concerns that local pharmacies may be disadvantaged by the mail order option, the bill requires that insurers charge the same co-pay for drugs whether they are bought at a retail pharmacy or by mail order. The mail order option would not cover Oxycontin and other Schedule 2 drugs which, according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, have a high risk of abuse.

The bill now goes to the Senate for consideration.

professional and courteous manner. Sheriff Smith, Officers Koubik, Roark, Joe Kush, Trevor Hensley and some officers I don't even know their names have been very helpful

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in these situations as well as the staff as 911. As I said in my previous letter, it is important to give credit to a job well done.

I thank the Sheriff, his deputies and everyone else who has helped us through a very trying week.

William M. Moss, Sr.
Mt. Vernon, KY



BY JACK FARIS

2002 Will Test the Mettle of Small Business

While small business scored a number of major legislative victories in 2001, don't expect 2002 to be a cakewalk. America's small-business owners may be breathing a sigh of relief now that our nation has successfully responded to the horror of terrorism, but the challenges facing Main Street's entrepreneurs are no less serious today than they were before September 11.

Small business won some hard-fought victories last year, such as providing major tax relief, rolling back the ill-conceived ergonomics regulation; expanding the number of business years that can use the cash accounting method and helping elect five more pro-small-business candidates to Congress. But we cannot rest on our laurels.

We must be alert to efforts by those who would expand the government involvement in our businesses. There will be attempts to raise the minimum wage. There is new talk about Clinton-era solutions to the health-care dilemma. All of this will play out even as Congress and the administration must devote considerable time and attention to matters of national security.

We must keep our small and independent businesses running with maximum efficiency to do our part in maintaining the strength of our nation's economy. At the same time, we must step up our efforts to convince Capitol Hill that small business will thrive and grow only if it is spared further government intrusion.

Expect 2002 to be a year of diversion, distraction and disruption. It is a congressional election year and the partisan posturing has already begun.

Fortunately, small-business owners possess an amazing ability to focus intently on things of importance. The challenges we face in a sluggish economy and a troubled international environment offer a unique opportunity for us to offer assistance and guidance to our elected leaders. By stepping up our political grassroots activities, by getting more active in key election campaigns, by showing our strong support for those who are staunch defenders of free enterprise, we can save our nation and preserve the principles we hold dear.

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Jack Faris is president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitals. More information is available online at www.nfib.com.

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Yes - I will keep well trained working deputies and respond to your calls.
Yes - I appreciate all who gave of their time and effort in the last election and ask for your continued support. Your vote does make a difference. I ran second behind Sheriff Smith last election.
Paid for by Bill Hammons No - I am NOT withdrawing from the race.

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Obituaries

Wallace Williams

Wallace W. Williams, 90, of Lambert Road, Berea, died Wednesday, February 20, 2002 at Berea Hospital. He was born November 10, 1911 in Berea, the son of the late Allen and Katherine Short Williams. He was a member of Fairview Baptist Church and had retired from the L&N Railroad after over 40 years of service.

Survivors are a son, Wesley W. Williams and wife, Dottie Ann of Berea; two daughters, Judy Cummins and husband, Jimmy of Berea and Dotty Parsons and husband, Bill of Mt. Vernon; three brothers, Allen Williams, Jr. and wife, Mary Ann, Volley Williams and wife, Thelma and Fred Williams; all of Berea; three sisters, Lillian Hurley, all of Berea; six granddaughters, Dorena, Jamaica, Julie, Monica, Jill and Janie and a grandson, Blake; Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Carl Williams, James Williams and Nick Williams, a sister, Jewel Robbins and one infant sister.

Services were held Saturday, February 23, at Fairview Baptist Church with Rev. Albert Griffin and Rev. Ken Parkey officiating. Burial was in the Berea Cemetery.

George Irvin

George Irvin, 79, of Rice Lane, Richmond, died Monday, February 25, 2002 at Berea Healthcare Center. He was born September 20, 1922 in Broughton, the son of the late Blufford and Myrtle Poynter Irvin. He was a former employee of Brown & Williamson and a WWII Veteran. He was an avid collector and trader of pocket knives.

Survivors are his wife of 54 years, Ruth Carpenter Irvin; two sons, David Irvin and wife, Shirley of Waco and Clay Irvin of Richmond; two brothers, Robert Irvin of Plano, Illinois and Milton Irvin and wife, Arlene of Broadhead; a sister, Maymie Reynolds of Carl Orchard; a grandchild, Donna Willis of Waco and three great grandchildren, Scott Colbenson, Jessica Colbenson and John Wesley Willis, all of Waco. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Grant, Sam and

Shelby; two sisters, Maggie and Grace; and a grandson, James Irvin. Services were Wednesday, February 27, at Williams Funeral Home in Berea with Bro. Wallace Richardson officiating. Burial was in the Madison County Memorial Gardens in Richmond.

Casketbearers were Jay Carpenter, Frankie Carpenter, Eddie Carpenter, Junior Poynter, Billy Carpenter and Gary Adams.

Gladys Roberts

Gladys Roberts, 92, of Hamilton, Ohio, died Sunday, February 16, 2002 at Wellington Manor. She was born on December 9, 1909 in

In Loving Memories

In Memory of My Sister,
Sarah Westfield,
who passed away many years ago.

Her memories still linger on. I cannot forget the words she repeated to me.

As she lay on her bed:
Lora, I want you to be happy.
For I'm going home.

I will be happy.
Her face was all a glow as she spoke.
She wasn't old, just 62.

I didn't know what to say.
My answer came very slow.
She had so much love for her master.

The token of love for her family and friends.
When that great trumpet sounds,
We will all meet.

She had so many pains and heart-aches.
She suffered so much.
She will be so happy.

The family will be all united again.
No more concerns to worry about.
As all the neighbors and friends gathered in.

She wrote in this book about her faith and love for others that she had in the Lord.

She is resting now.
No more pain for her.
I will be seeing you some day.

Your baby sister,
Lora W. Hamilton

In Memory of Bronnie Rader

You have no idea how often I cry.
How much I miss you since that day you said goodbye.

Daddy, you're in Heaven where you need to be.
I am saddened all the time,
I often wonder do you ever think of me.

Most kids my age have never had a parent to pass away.

I wasn't born too lucky, apart of me had been gone since that day.

I wonder, would I be a better person if you were still here,
I know I've made mistakes you wouldn't be to proud.

When that great trumpet sounds,
We will all meet.

Your baby sister,
Lora W. Hamilton

Rockcastle County, the daughter of Gather and Elizabeth Ballard Bradford. On October 3, 1930, she married Bob Roberts and he preceded her in death in 1975. She was a member of the Hamilton Christian Center.

Survivors are a brother, Lloyd Philbeck; a special niece and nephew, Greta and Larry Philbeck; caregivers, Danny Philbeck and many other nieces and nephews; a sister-in-law, Pearl Bullock; special friends, Jennie Jones and Ruth Holcomb. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a sister and brothers and a special brother, Wade Philbeck.

Services were Tuesday, February 19, at the Hamilton Christian Center with Pastor Larry Bailey officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Brodhead.

Cemetery Notices

Pine Hill Cemetery

Anyone who would like to send donations for the upkeep of Pine Hill Cemetery please send to: Lorene Ponder at 314 Jessica Circle, Richmond, KY 40475.

Briarfield Cemetery

We are having to purchase a new riding mower for the cemetery this spring.

We need donations at this time from all who have loved ones buried in the Briarfield Cemetery.

Our fund is low because of having some landscaping done and some dead trees removed.

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Let's not lose interest in supporting this worthwhile cause so we can

keep our cemetery looking good. Please get your donations to us as soon as possible. If we can buy the mower now we might get it at a better price.

Sincerely your caretakers:
Edward Baker, Roger Ely & Lonnie McGuire

Make checks payable to Briarfield Cemetery and mail to Edward Baker Rt. 5 Box 61, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.

McKinney Cemetery

The McKinney Cemetery Committee is taking bids for the mowing and upkeep of the McKinney Cemetery.

Anyone interested in the mowing and upkeep of the McKinney Cemetery should send their bid, name, address and phone number to the McKinney Cemetery, PO Box 1691, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 by March 21, 2002.

Cards of Thanks

Raymond Miller, Jr.

Sadly, Raymond Franklin, Miller, Jr. had to depart this life on January 16, 2002. Raymond really enjoyed going to church and he really loved God and we know he went to Heaven to see Him on that day. It puts our minds at ease to know that he is finally at peace.

This may sound crazy to some people, but his wife and children are thankful that Dad doesn't have to sat up all night anymore crying and screaming because his legs hurt him so bad and we are thankful that Dad doesn't have to use that oxygen machine anymore or wonder if the next breath of air he got would be his last. Dad's finally able to breath like he's never done before. We know Dad

I know you're watching over me from Heaven.

As I go through each day no matter what.

I'll always be Daddy's Little Girl!

We all missed you on your birthday, February 12th.

Your daughter,
Ashley Rader

would want you to be happy that he is finally at peace, but some days it's still hard for us to even face the day without him.

The family would like to thank all of the churches and people who sent flowers, food and money. Thank you to those who came and sat with us during our time of grief. Dad had made a lot of friends in his time here on earth, some very close to him and the family and some we didn't but they knew Dad and came and offered support to his family.

Thank you so much from Raymond's family.

His loving wife, Lucille and his children, Earnest, Robert, Timothy, James, Jerry, Lester, Danny, Betty, Debbie, Kathy, Sandy & Lavana

Thank You

From Victor & Millicent Bond

To everyone who has expressed their concern and generosity during this very difficult time for us. Thank you for everything you have done including cards, money, hospital visits, phone calls, and most important your prayers. A special thank you to every one who participated in and attended the Benefit Singing. Vic is doing much better and they have begun to wean him from the ventilator. Please keep praying and thank you again. God bless each one of you.

Twilight Absolute

Auction

of Citizens Bank's

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Friday, March 8, 2002 • 5:00 p.m.

Hwy. 25 South, Mt. Vernon, Ky.

Location: Directly behind the Rockcastle County Courthouse on U.S. Highway 25 South, Mt. Vernon.

Citizens Bank has authorized our firm to sell these repossessed vehicles at absolute auction. The automobiles, street bike and ATV to be sold include:

- 1990 Dodge Dakota pickup - blue/grey
- 2002 Suzuki street bike
- * 1996 Chevrolet S10 - black
- * 1996 Chevrolet Lumina, 4 door
- * 1987 Dodge Ram 4x4
- * 1996 Ford Thunderbird
- 1990 Chevrolet pickup
- * 1995 Mitsubishi Eclipse
- * 1993 Chevrolet Conversion van
- * 1997 S10 Chevrolet Blazer
- 4 door - green
- * 1998 Kawasaki 300 Prairie-ATV

Additional vehicles may be added to the auction before the sale date.

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Academic Honor Roll



Sheema McKinney, daughter of Ronnie and Virginia McKinney of Mt. Vernon, is ranked seventh out of 167 seniors in her class at Rockcastle County High School. She plans on attending the University of Kentucky and major in Elementary Education. She is a member of FCA and the National Honor Society. Sheema is also a co-op student at RCMS.

Academic Honor Roll



Courtney Alexander, daughter of Gerald and Irene Alexander of Mareburg, is ranked-ninth out of 167 seniors in her class at Rockcastle County High School. She plans on attending Eastern Kentucky University and is undecided on a major. She is a member of FCA, FCCLA, TLG, FFA, Beta Club, Rocket Club and Newspaper Yearbook staff. She is Community Service Chairperson for the Y-Club, president of the Key Club, president of the Senior Class and president of the Student Council. Courtney also took part in the Governor's Scholar program. She is a recipient of the Horatio Algier Scholarship and Regent Scholarship at EKU and was accepted into EKU's Honor Program. Courtney is a member of the First Baptist Church.

Academic Honor Roll



Tammy Peyton, daughter of Phyllis Renner, has a 4.0 GPA at Rockcastle County High School. She plans on attending Lindsey Wilson College and major in Pre-law. She is a member of the National Honor Society, FCCLA, Chorus and Honors Chorus. She has been a Dance Team member and cheerleader. Tammy was also voted Jamboree Bowl Queen. Her hobbies include Karate.

Asher & Vaughn named to Dean's List at UK

Two students from Rockcastle County have been honored by the University of Kentucky for outstanding academic work.

Brent Asher and Michael Vaughn, UK students were named to the Dean's List of their respective colleges for the fall semester and are among the top five percent of un-

dergraduate students enrolled at UK. The University of Kentucky is always proud to boast about the academic success of its students such as those who have been named to the current college Deans' lists, said UK President Lee J. Todd, Jr. "These achievements amplify our belief the UK students can compete anywhere, with any students, anytime."

Minds in the Middle

Several members of FCA has a great time Monday afternoon visiting with the preschoolers at CAP Jesse McKinney read *The Grinch* and *Lucy* to the students. The group then helped the children make ladybug cupcakes. Those students helping out were: Drew Davidson, Jessica Asher, Brandon Miller, Josh Naton, Rachel Killen, Josh Mullins, Dustin Albright, Natasha Howard, Matthew Burkhardt, and Victoria Kirby.

The 2002 Rocket softball team has been selected. Members are: Courtney Corday, Heather Hopkins, Elizabeth Scarborough, Tressie Robinson, Renee Taylor, Ashley

Kimbrel, Jessica Norton, Ashley Bullock, Rachel Killen, Kendra Blanton, Victoria Clontz, Meredith Robinson, Danielle Adams, LeAnne Holden, Lisa Robinson, Courtney Bullock, Tiffany Smith, and Monica Childers.

This Friday, there will be a dance after school in support of the RCHS project graduation. Tickets are \$3.00. Students must have team and parental permission in order to attend.

This Sunday, several of our Y-Club members will leave for KUNA (Kentucky United Nations Assembly). We wish them best of luck as they present their countries.

Helton and Mullins receive degrees at SCC

Two residents of Rockcastle County earned their two-year Associate Degrees from Somerset Community College at the conclusion of the Fall, 2001, semester in December. A total of 85 students graduated from the college in December.

Eric C. Helton, of Brodhead, earned his Associate in Applied Science degree in Computer Science.

Dusty M. Mullins, of Mt. Vernon, earned an Associate in Arts degree in English Language and Literature.

Somerset Community College is part of the Somerset Community and Technical College District. There are five locations that make up the district. They are Somerset Technical College, Somerset Community College, Laurel Technical College, the McClary County Center and the Laurel County Center. SCTCD is one of 16 districts that make up the Ken-

tucky Community and Technical College System.

The colleges of KCTCS prepare Kentuckians for employment in today's competitive workforce, provide upgrade or additional training for those already in the workforce, train those who desire to change occupations, offer degree and transfer programs to four-year colleges and universities and provide lifelong learning opportunities in a community-based setting.

Students receive honors from GC

Five students from Rockcastle County received honors from Georgetown College recently.

Andrew Hale and Bethany Blanton were named to the Dean's List at Georgetown College for the 2001 fall semester.

Hale and Blanton were also named to the "A" Honor Roll list along with Jessica Lynn Lowery and Jeremiah Myers.

Named to the "B" Honor Roll list were Amanda Chism and Christopher Parsons.

Georgetown College is a four-year private liberal arts institution affiliated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

School Menu

March 4-8, 2002

Breakfast

Monday: Ham biscuit or cereal, toast/jelly, juice and milk.

Tuesday: Gravy 'n biscuit or cereal, toast/jelly, juice and milk.

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

Thursday: Pancake and syrup or cereal, toast/jelly, juice and milk.

Friday: Egg/cheese biscuit or cereal, toast/jelly, juice and milk.

Lunch

Monday: Chicken nuggets,

mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, dessert and milk.

Tuesday: Sub sandwich, baked beans, lettuce/pickle, chips, pudding and milk.

Wednesday: Chili and sandwich, veggies and dip, crackers, fruit dessert and milk.

Thursday: Fish sandwich or corn dog, macaroni 'n cheese, fries, shape-up juice bar and milk.

Friday: Hamburger on bun or sandwich, lettuce/pickle, spicy fries, fruit dessert and milk.



Rockcastle residents paid a visit to Somerset Community College on Saturday, February 23rd during VIP day. All three colleges and two centers included in the Somerset Community and Technical College District were open for VIP day. Also shown from left are Skyler Bishop, Hank Bradley, Sean Ayers (SCC faculty member), Patricia Dinsan and Audrey Bishop. A large number of future college students and their parents obtained information about registration, financial aid and college life in general.



Nine RCMS Chorus students participated in the Central Kentucky Music Education Association performance in Lexington last week. The group received many recognitions throughout the two day event. Those students participating were Lori Miller, Justin Lear, Aaron Hughes, Morgan Cain, Christy Napier, Samantha Anglin, Amanda Blankenship, Melinda Lindsey and Holly Brown. Christy and Samantha were awarded solo performances.

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Major changes on horizon for turkey and deer hunters

Kentucky's hunting and fishing license year ends February 28, and beginning March 1, there will be some major regulatory changes for turkey and deer hunters in the upcoming seasons.

Those who've already bought next year's licenses at Wal-Mart, county clerk offices and other outlets may have already noticed that the license itself looks different, and there's an important reason for that.

For the more than 250,000 people in the commonwealth who hunt turkey and deer, new laws concerning recording and reporting the harvest

of these game animals will be in effect with the April 15 opening of spring turkey season.

In past years, hunters who bought paper turkey and deer permits received carcass tags as part of those purchases. Successful hunters were required to mark those carcass tags to indicate when the animal was taken and attach it to the animal.

This year, turkey and deer permit buyers will not receive carcass tags with a permit purchase, but will be required to follow a different, simpler procedure for recording, tagging and checking in their turkey and deer.

That's where the new license design comes in.

On the back of all 2002-03 licenses, hunters will notice a pre-printed series of six boxes to be used to record the harvest of a deer or turkey. The back of the license is called a Hunter Harvest Log. Blanks for the species, date, county and sex of the animal must be completed at the time of harvest and before the animal is moved from the spot it was found. When the animal is later checked in by phone, the telecheck confirmation number must be written in the final blank. After it is completely filled out, the Hunter Harvest Log is to be kept in the hunter's possession throughout the turkey or deer season, whichever applies. In most cases, the log is on the back of a permit or license that the hunter must carry in the field anyway to be legal. The Hunter Harvest Log is NOT to be used as a carcass tag. The spring turkey season limit is two birds with visible beards, but only one may be taken per day. Hunters who take their first bird must have a fully filled-out hunter log that includes proof of checking in their first bird, before they can return to the field legally to hunt for a second gobble.

This year, new tagging laws will also be in effect. The only time hunters who take a turkey or deer will be required to make and place a carcass tag on the animal is when the carcass leaves the hunter's possession. This tag must include the hunter's name and phone number, and a valid check-in confirmation number that proves the animal has been checked in. The tag must be attached to the carcass before the carcass leaves the hunter's possession, and attached in such a way that it remains on the carcass until processing begins.

Examples of when a carcass tag is needed include turkey or deer taken and left with a commercial meat processor or taxidermist. If the animal is left with someone else or transported in a vehicle that the hunter who took the animal isn't in, a carcass tag must be used. Deer left to hang in a landowner's barn must be tagged when the hunter who took the animal is not with the carcass.

Hunters who take a turkey or deer, has the carcass in a vehicle with them until they get home to call and check it in, and then personally butcher and package it for the freezer, do not have

to use a carcass tag.

Complying with the check-in requirements for a harvested turkey or deer is easy and free. Hunters simply make a toll-free phone call, provide the requested information, and then write down the confirmation number given at the end of the call on the Hunter Harvest Log they used in the field to record the animal they are checking in. It takes about five minutes.

Turkeys must be checked in on the same day they are taken. The toll-free phone call can be made from any touch-tone phone, 24 hours a day during the season. In fact, the number is call is preprinted on the back of every license.

Hunters not required to purchase a license or permit or those who buy licenses by phone or over the Internet, will still be required to make their own hunter log, or obtain a free log sheet from any license vendor. All turkey and deer hunters, including landowners, will be required to follow the same recording, tagging and checking procedures, regardless of whether they are required to buy licenses and permits.

According to KDFWR officials, the new recording, tagging and checking procedure will increase compliance with big game harvest reporting laws. Under the new system, wildlife enforcement officers will be able to quickly determine whether or not every hunter they encounter in the field has complied with the check-in requirement and other season laws. In fact, they will be able to tell if hunters complied with the check-in requirement for months after the season closes.

Hunters found with a harvested turkey, but who haven't filled out the required information on their harvest log for that the bird are subject to citation. Hunters found with a turkey who have filled in the species, date, county and sex, but not the confirmation number can easily be checked for compliance after midnight. (Turkeys must be checked in the same day the bird is taken.) When an officer checks a hunter's permit and harvest log, and the log indicates that a turkey was taken on a previous day, but no confirmation number appears on the log, hunters are subject to citation.


As a final reminder, it is very important that hunters realize they can

not use their hunter harvest log sheet as a carcass tag, if they are in a situation where a carcass tag is required. Hunters should never tie or attach any portion of a paper license or permit they buy to a harvested turkey or deer. Use an index card to tag harvested animals when you need to.

All hunters are strongly urged to obtain and read a copy of the 2002 Kentucky Turkey Hunting Guide booklet, available in March from li-

ense dealers and from the KDFWR by calling 1-800-858-1549 weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern. A sample hunter harvest log and carcass tag is included in the guide.

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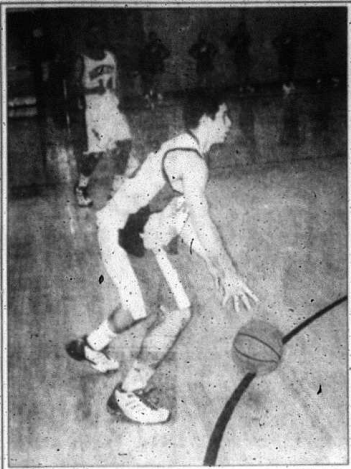
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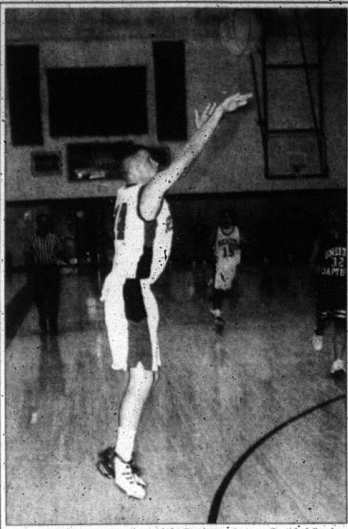
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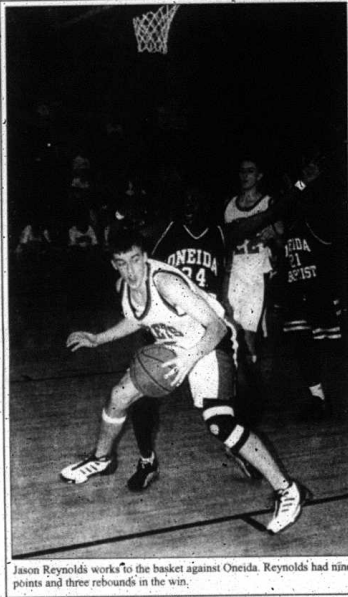
Aaron Cash had 13 points, four assists and two steals in the Rockets' 70-61 win over Oneida Monday night. The win puts the Rockets in the regional tournament which will be held at RCHS for the first time ever.



Aaron Anderkin puts up a three in the Rockets win over Oneida Monday night. Anderkin had 11 points, seven assists, seven rebounds and two steals.



Andrew Hammond fights for a rebound against Oneida Monday night. Hammond led the Rockets with 22 points and 14 rebounds.



Jason Reynolds works to the basket against Oneida. Reynolds had nine points and three rebounds in the win.

Lady Rockets lose in first round

The Rockcastle County Lady Rockets will not participate in the 13th regional tournament for the third straight year, after losing in the first round of the 49th district tournament on Tuesday night.

The Lady Rockets lost to Clay County 49-38.

The Lady Rockets were really never in the game, scoring only four points the first quarter and 12 the entire first half.

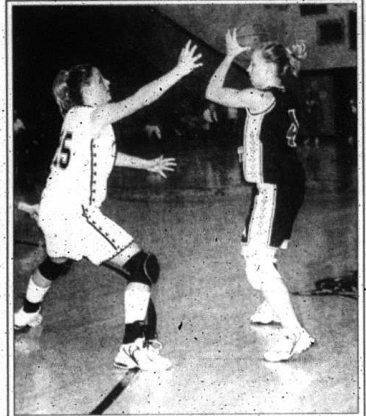
The Lady Tigers managed to slow the tempo down and the Lady Rockets never did seem to adjust to the slow play and it seemed the Lady Rockets basket had a lid on it for most of the game.

Clay led 8-4 at the end of the first period, 22-12 at halftime, 36-21 at the end of three periods, before put-

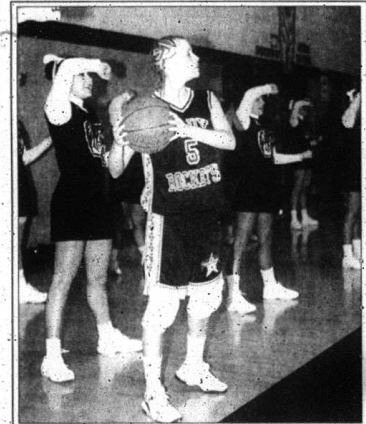
ting the game away with about four minutes to play.

The Lady Rockets, who had an excellent record in the regular season with a mark of 18-7, were led in scoring by freshman Johnna Abney who had 12. Freshman Heather Hammond had seven; freshman Tara Rowe had five, junior Jessie Hayes also had five, senior Amber Denny had four, junior Amy Barnett had three and junior Ashley Mink had two.

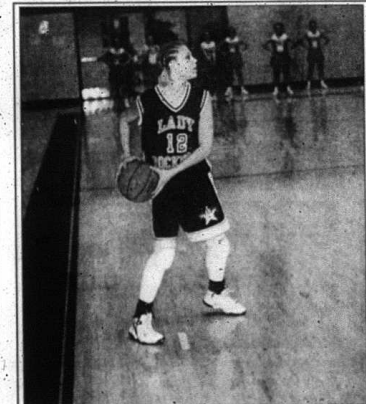
Clay and the Lady Generals of Jackson County will play in the 13th regional tournament, which is being held at the Rockcastle County High School for the first time ever, starting on Monday. Jackson, Clay and Rockcastle were ranked in the top four in the 13th round before district journey play began.



Johnna Abney led the Lady Rockets with 12 points in a losing effort to Clay County Tuesday night. The loss keeps the Lady Rockets out of the region for the third straight year.



Jessie Hayes rebounds the ball for the Lady Rockets in their 49-38 loss to Clay County Tuesday night.



Tara Rowe had five points for the Lady Rockets in first round action against Clay County Tuesday night.

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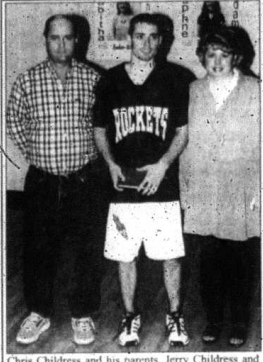
Rockcastle County High School honored seniors during a game with Monticello last week. Rockets, Lady Rockets, Cheerleaders and Dance Team members along with their parents were recognized between games.



Coty Reams is shown with his parents, Anthony Reams and Pam Reams and his grandmother, Delia Reams.



Andrew Hammond with his parents, Eddie and Roxanne Hammond and longtime Rocket fan David Brock.



Chris Childress and his parents, Jerry Childress and Connie McClure.



Amber Denney with her parents, Jerry and Kathy Denney.



Amber Thacker and her parents Kenneth and Sheila Thacker.



Tabitha White with her parents, Anthony and Cynthia Hansel.



Rachelie Riddle and her mother, Connie Riddle.



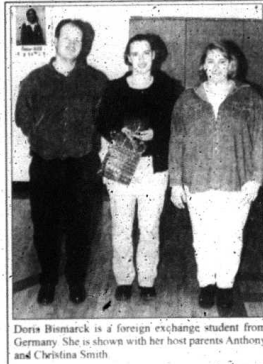
Jessica Jones shown with her parents, Judy Jones and Thomas Jones.



Emily Wright with her parents, Roy Wayne and Kathy Wright.



Clarissa Hubbard with her mother, Katherine Hubbard.



Doris Bismarck is a foreign exchange student from Germany. She is shown with her host parents Anthony and Christina Smith.



Daphne Adams and her parents, Tommy and Doris Adams.



Laura Beth Bell with her mother, Leshia Bell.



Kaleisa Robinson with her parents, Kehny and Sherry Robinson.

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30th Wedding Anniversary

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Church News

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Lighthouse Church, Inc.

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Come catch a wave of what God is doing at Lighthouse! For more info, or prayer call 256-9299.

Easter

Flat Rock Baptist Church's Easter Service will be March 31, starting at 10:00 a.m. Sunrise service at 7:00 a.m. Each Sunday there, you will get to enter to win a cool Easter Sock-in! Must be present on Easter Sunday to win.

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Concert

One Voice from Broadhead will be in concert Friday, March 1st at Old Union Holiness Church in London at 7 p.m.

Benefit Singing

Calloway Mission Church will be holding a benefit singing at Calloway Mission Church on Hwy. 25 for Cecil Bert and Linda Newcomb on Sat. March 9th at 7 p.m. Singers and everyone welcome.

Revival

Revival at Central Baptist Church, US Hwy 25 South, Mt. Vernon, beginning Sat., March 10th through Wed., March 13. Services begin on Sun. morning with Sunday School at 10:00 a.m., Church at 11:00 a.m. and Sunday evening beginning at 6:00 p.m. Mon. thru Wed. services will begin at 7 p.m. nightly. Evangelist: Bro. Dan Nickelbucker.

Monthly Singing

New Hope Baptist Church monthly singing will be March 2nd at 7 p.m. Featuring the Parker Brothers. Pastor Joe Vanwick welcomes everyone.

Fairview News

By Mrs. Hubert Chasteen

This will only be a very short column as I don't feel very well. So many people around here have colds, flu and pneumonia.

We weren't able to attend worship services Sunday, but I heard that our Pastor Bro. Albert E. Griffin delivered a wonderful message: "More power to him."

128 attended Sunday School. Our deepest heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family and loved ones of Wallace Williams, who passed away last week and laid to rest in Berea on Saturday. His wife, Mrs. Nancy Williams, who has been hospitalized is now home. The whole family is loved and respected by everyone.

I'm sure they have been and still are having many prayers prayed for them. They are wonderful friends and have always been there for us and the community and church when we needed them.

Our grandson, Rodney Chasteen and Tonya Barruff were united in marriage Thursday, February 14th, at the Renfro Valley Chapel. They both lived in Berea and will make their home there.

They are a lovely couple and we love them dearly, and wish them a long life of happiness and the greatest of God's blessings.

Please attend church and Sunday School every time you can. Love to all.

Abuse Prevention Awareness

In an effort to promote awareness and the prevention of abuse, the governor's office and the Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs and Victims of Crime Association have placed programs in action to raise public awareness on these crucial issues.

Abuse and neglect have been present in society, throughout recorded history. The impact of child abuse and neglect in our community is severe. According to Bureau of Justice Statistics - Criminal Victimization 1998 Report states that persons twelve and older reported an estimated 89,000 attempted rapes, 110,000 completed rapes and nearly 133,000 threatened or completed sexual assaults.

Definition of Abuse: Physical Abuse is generally defined as non-accidental acts, which cause injury to the body.

Emotional Abuse is more difficult to define but refers to any behavior, which endangers a child person's health, morals or emotional well-being.

Neglect pertains to negligent treatment or maltreatment of a child or person by an adult, which harms the child's health, welfare and safety. This may be the act of omission, which disregards the child's needs in these areas. Failure to provide food, care, clothing, shelter, or medical and dental care fits into this category. Sexual abuse includes any contact or interactions between a child and adult in which the child is sexually stimulated or being used for sexual stimulation of the perpetrator or another person.

If you suspect any type of abuse you are urged to report these suspicions to your local Cabinet for Families and Children. For more information please call the National Hotline 1-800-656-HOPE or Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-752-6200.

Information provided by Allison C. Jackson, Certified Professional Counselor, Cumberland River Comprehensive Care Center and Victims of Crime Association & Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs.

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Take or drug and/or alcohol counseling your life! Come join us at Narcotics Anonymous, every Thursday at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church, located on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon. For more info, call 256-2345.

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

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

Bookmobile Schedule
Please call the library at 256-2138 for schedule.

Smoke Detectors
Rockcastle Hospital Home Health, with the assistance of local volunteers fire departments, is distributing smoke alarms to the citizens of Rockcastle County who are over age 60 or disabled, and do not have a smoke detector in their home. To apply call 256-2138. Necessary information: Name, address, nature of disability (if under 60 years of age).

Clothing Donations Needed
The Rockcastle County Migrant Program, 245 Richmond St. (across from the Board of Education) is in need of clothing of all types. Call for a pickup (256-24157) or bring your donations by the Migrant Office any week day 8:00-3:00.

Center Hours
Rockcastle County Senior Citizens and Day Health Care Center hours are 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Mon-Fri.

Strawberry Plants
Orders for strawberry plants are now being taken at the Extension Office until March 15. Plants are \$10 per 100. Sure Crop, Allstar and Red Chief varieties are being offered. Payment required when order is placed. Limited quantities available on a first come, first serve basis. Call 256-2403 for additional information.

Blood Drive
The Rockcastle Extension Homemakers will sponsor a Blood Drive on March 12 from 1:00-6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. Call 256-2403 for info.

Dolphin News
Cedar Rapids Swim Team Meeting - Sun, March 3 at 7 p.m. at Cedar Rapids Country Club.

Fish Fry
BVFd and Ladies Auxiliary Fish Fry, Sat, March 2nd. Carryouts start at 3:00 p.m. Menu consist of fish, hushpuppies, cole slaw, baked potato or french fries, and a Little Debbie cake. All carryouts are \$5.00 each. Dine-in to start at 6:00 p.m. Dine-in are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Dine-in is all you can eat fish. All proceeds go to the BVFD. Thanks for your continued support.

Project Graduation
Project Graduation meeting Monday, March 4th at Rockcastle County Middle School at 6 p.m. Everyone invited.

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News from the Rockcastle County Courthouse

Circuit Civil Suits

Lisa Ann Bond vs. Harvey Dean Bond, petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00055.

Sandra L. Kland vs. Robert J. Kland, uniform support petition. CI-00056.

Citizens Bank vs. Robert E. Walker, et ux. CI-1:673.65 plus claimed due. CI-00057.

District Civil Suits

Rockcastle Villa Apartments vs. Theresa Harvey, eviction notice. C-00023.

Bobby Taylor vs. Samantha Shaffer, eviction notice. C-00024.

Citizens Bank of Brodhead vs. Shawna J. Bowles, et al. \$3,963.18 claimed due. C-00025.

Dan Epperson vs. Rosa Ibarra, eviction notice. C-00026.

Deeds Recorded

Masters, Whit and Plummer and Built/Wel Development Co., real property located in Brodhead, to Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc. No-tax.

Jorge L. Miranda, general war-

ranty deed for real property located in Rockcastle County, to Carol Paschee. No tax.

Leonard Chase and Cona Norton, real property located in Rockcastle County to Harold and Sandy Whitaker, Darrell Whitaker and Warren Whitaker. Tax \$5.00.

Willie G. and Flossie L. Cain, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Willie G. Cain. No tax.

Michael Wade and Judy Smith, quit claim deed for real property located in Rockcastle County, to Judy Brummett. No tax.

Gary and Cindy Johnson, Kris and Joyce Ponder and Benjamin and Kelly Ponder, real property located in Cedar Point Subdivision, to Robbie and Crystal Singleton. Tax 7.50.

James M. and Martha E. Miller, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Robert Harold Dittie. Tax \$0.00.

Terry Renner, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Alvin and Debbie Carpenter. Tax \$45.00.

Keystis Ballinger, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Burton Thomas Quillen, Jr. and Barbara Lynn Harold. No tax.

Lanny Mink, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Bellean Wilburn. Tax \$8.00.

Ella Quillen, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Burton Thomas Quillen, Jr. and Barbara Lynn Harold. No tax.

Marriage Licenses

Lisa Marie Griffith, 27; Mt. Vernon, factory, to Jason Michael

Witt, 25, Mt. Vernon, unemployed, February 22, 2002.

Alice Marie Hill, 23, Mt. Vernon, Claps to Ernest Ray Cromer, 36, Mt. Vernon, manager Wendy J. February 21, 2002.

District Court

Hon. Walter F. Maguire February 13, 2002

Philip Brandon Barnett: Operating on suspended license, \$50 and costs and 10 days conditionally discharged.

Kandi Compton: Theft by deception and fines due (\$117.35), warrant issued for failure to appear.

Pete Wesley Convey: Fines due (\$317.35), warrant issued.

Jose J. Daugherty: Theft by jinx law taking disphshpl, \$250 and costs and 180 days conditionally discharged one year.

Kevin M. Davis: No Ky Reg. plates and other charges, license suspended for failure to appear.

Kevin W. King: Operating motor vehicle under influence, alcohol/drugs, \$700 and costs, \$250 service fee, \$20 victim compensation fund, 2 days time served 30 day operator license suspension. No insurance, \$500 fine suspend \$450.

Keith R. Reed: Speeding, state traffic school authorized on payment of costs.

Gary L. Abney: Faulty equipment, \$50 and costs; Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine.

Woodrow Carpenter, Jr.: Criminal possession forged instrument, 210 days to serve 14 time served balance probated two years. Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, 210 days concurrent probated same as above.

Kevin R. Dew: Alcohol intoxication, warrant issued.

Andrea C. Garrett: Speeding, paid.

Larry Lee Vinson, II: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

February 26, 2002

Wesley C. Porter: DUI, \$200 and costs, \$250 service fee, \$20 victim compensation fund, 2 days time served 30 day operator license suspension.

David R. Alcorn: No Ky Reg. Plates, dismissed on payment of court costs.

William T. Bullens: Possession of police radio, warrant issued for failure to appear.

Joanna Chiamas: Fined due (\$75.85), warrant issued license suspended for failure to appear.

Jacqueline Curry: Fines due (\$142.35 and \$197.35); issue warrant.

Russell W. Demy: Alcohol intoxication, \$25 and costs.

Michael Doan: Criminal littering, \$100 and costs and 10 days condi-

tionally discharged one year.

Richard L. Foster: Speeding and other charges, warrant issued license suspended for failure to appear.

Scott Goforth: Speeding, \$32 and costs; No operating license in possession, \$25, fine.

Tonya M. Gregory: Speeding and failure to produce insurance card, warrant issued license suspended.

Dennis M. Griffin: Speeding and Failure to produce insurance card, warrant issued license suspended.

William W. Harrisolt: Speeding, state traffic school.

Ralph Johnson: Speeding, \$34 and costs; Improper registration plates, \$25 fine.

Arthur Letifer: Fines due (\$501.85), warrant issued license suspended.

Mark A. Miller: Disorderly conduct, 180 days concurrent; Terrorism-Threatening, 180 days concurrent.

Eric Payne: Fines due (\$92.85, \$168.90 and \$244.62), warrant issued.

Timothy Renner: Receiving stolen property, 10 months to serve 5 day/time served balance condition-

ally discharged two years.

Terence D. Scurry: No insurance, \$100 and costs and proof of insurance.

Jamie Sillmont: Theft by deception (2 counts), dismissed on payment of court costs and restitution.

Darrell Strunk: Fines due (\$106.50), warrant issued license suspended.

Chadwick W. Williams: Possession of marijuana, \$100 and costs and 30 days conditionally discharged one year.

Jason L. York: Speeding, \$88 and costs; Failure to produce insurance card, \$100 fine and proof of current insurance.

Dana N. Howard: Speeding and No tail lamps, license suspended for failure to appear.

Kevin F. Buchanan, Sheila M. Fritsch, Jeremy C. Johnson, William R. Watters: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

Thomas D. Bundy: Speeding, state traffic school authorized.

Casey Jones: Contempt of court, 30 days in jail.

Curis D. Jackson: Contempt of

'court, 30 days in lieu of fines (\$588.35).

Cristen M. Smith: Speeding, paid \$30 fine and \$99.50 costs.



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My name is Samuel Stallworth. I have been a lifelong resident of Rockcastle County. I am married with one daughter and two granddaughters. Presently, I am a member of the Rockcastle Co. Board of Education but I am seeking the office of Sheriff of Rockcastle County. I believe I can help the youth and citizens more as Sheriff by trying to stop the flow of illegal drugs in our county. I have seen firsthand what drugs can do to a family. The terrorists who struck our nation in September 2001 are no worse than those who bring terror to our young people in the form of drugs. Whether it be those in the county who sell marijuana or manufacture crack, selling pills or going to doctors to get pain killers under false pretenses. This problem continues to grow in our county. I would be foolish to tell people that it can be stopped. It cannot, but drugs in our county could be slowed down with the proper work. This means all agencies working together - federal, state or local law enforcement. I feel that all department deputies should be out in the county working, not just around the courthouse. I feel that the Sheriff office should be open until late evening hours so working citizens can come in after they get off work instead of having to make a special trip to town on Saturday. The Sheriff office should be a business, not a place for leaders. Citizens should feel comfortable when coming in to pay taxes, discuss problems or ask for help. Citizens should feel they can talk to the Sheriff in confidence, not in fear of what they say being spread all over the county by someone.



I can problem you the citizens of Rockcastle County that if I am elected as your Sheriff, the things mentioned above will be carried out. If you, the taxpaying citizens of Rockcastle County, want to see good things happening in your county, please give me a chance. **Vote for Samuel Stallworth for Sheriff of Rockcastle County. I will give 110%.**

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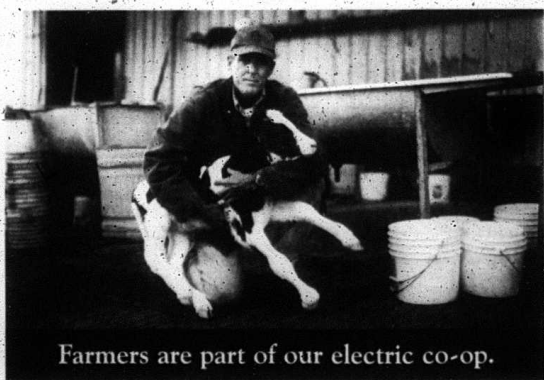
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This Cozy One Story Brick situated on about 1/2 acre and located in a country setting in northwestern Rockcastle County is quite possibly the property you've been looking for. Features living room, dining/kitchen combination, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and utility room. All the comfort of central heating and cooling. Also has a front porch and back deck. Also selling with the property in its history is a 1984 model 12600 mobile home. Priced at \$72,900 and located at 85 Highway Lane in the Copper Creek area. Call today to make your appointment to see M1599.

Spacious, Quality - Looking! This beautiful brick/vinyl split-level home is perfect! Lower level features a family room, utility room, and 1 car garage and upper level has living room, dining/kitchen combination with appliances, 3 bedrooms, and 1 1/2 baths. Ceiling cable heat, wall to wall carpet, new steps and sidewalk. Located in the Robert Ford subdivision, this home is yours for \$79,900. Call Roy Adams for your appointment. M1550

You Can't Afford to miss another chance! This 1 1/2 story vinyl sided home features 3 bedrooms and a full bath on 2nd floor and 1 bathroom. Hardwood floors and dining/kitchen combination on 1st floor. This home offers hard garage, central air and wall to wall carpet. Don't miss a show home. There is also a 20x20 mobile home with utility room and don't forget the rear car garage. Situated on 10 acre in the Ottawa section. Priced at \$79,900. Don't wait - call today to make your appointment. M1595

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 17 1/2 acre and has a 1 car detached garage and is located on U.S. 25 in the Valley Road. Priced at \$89,900. Call for your appointment. M1504.

Southern Living - Located in Williamsburg, this brick house features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, eat-in kitchen and family room/ den. Also has an unfinished basement, in-ground heated pool with deck, and a 20x20 storage building. Situated on 12 acres m/l. Call Phyllis about M1517.

Enjoy Happy Days in your own home without an outrageous payment! This mobile home and lot on Poplar Grove Road is attractive and affordable. Features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room, dining/kitchen combination, plus a nice level yard with trees already planted. At only \$31,900, you don't have to wait another day! Call Danetta to make your appointment M1520

A Best Buy! This darling 1996 model 16x80 mobile home is ready to go! Situated on a nice lot on Maple Grove Road in the Orlando section, it features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room, dining/kitchen combo w/ dinette set, utility room w/ washer & dryer, plus central heat and air. Priced to sell today at \$53,000. Call Jeff Cromer to see M1526.

Settle Before Spring! No reason why you shouldn't check out this vinyl sided one story home featuring living room, dining room, kitchen with dishwasher and oven range, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and utility. 1500 sq. ft. and is improved with a 2 car attached garage plus a 24x42 metal Shear garage. Situated on approx. 2 acres and located in Swamper Road in Crab Orchard. Priced at \$99,900. Call for your appointment. M1555

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, recreation room and utility. **SALE PRICED** - electric baseboard heat, deck, top drive and a 2 car detached garage. Ideally located on West Main, close to everything. M1285

Don't Wait Any Longer to start your new business! This commercial building is waiting on you! 2800 sq. ft. with city water, city sewer and partially completed apartment. Located on Main Street, Mt. Vernon and priced at \$32,500. Call about 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.

Renfro Valley Opportunity is knocking at 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 when you must check out this property! Includes a 40x140 concrete building, eleven (11) 10x20 mini-storage units, 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 McCollopy's in Mt. Vernon, this lot contains approx.

approximately 1/2 acre. Features some road frontage on U.S. 25. M1274

New on the Market! Prime Commercial-Investment Opportunity! This property is located near I-75 and the famous Renfro Valley on Highway 25 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 1/4 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 grandstand w/ seating capacity for 1800. Fronts on 25 (Falls Hwy) and Spruce Creek Rd. in Corbin, Ky. For ALL the details, call Ford Brothers, Inc. Owners asking \$325,000 for entire operation. M1528.

Your Chance to Operate on one of the oldest flower shops Rockcastle County! Current operator wants to sell business and equipment only. No buildings or land. Priced at \$25,000! Call Jeff Cromer to inquire about M1548.

LAND

Weekend Retreat or Residence? The choice will be yours if you're **THAT** person 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

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

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

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Right in Renfro! This stone exterior one story home with 2 car carport 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 oak cabinets & counter tops, 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



Need a Place to Live and a Handyman's Workshop? Then make your appointment to see this affordable priced opportunity today. This mobile home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and the 1 car detached garage would make a great workshop for anyone. It's all situated on a nice level lot located 4 miles west Scaffold Lane Road. Priced at \$29,900. Don't miss out! Call Danetta today. M1534



The Possibilities! This property features 27 acres m/l improved with a doublewide and a singlewide mobile home. The doublewide measures 24x70 with living room, dining room, kitchen with oven range and dishwasher, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and a utility room, and the 14x70 singlewide has living room with fireplace, kitchen/dining combo, 2-bedrooms, and bath. Both homes have electric heat. Located on Jim Weaver Road in Crab Orchard and priced in its entirety for \$55,000. Call Jeff Cromer about M1550.



Just Waiting for you to move right into this brand new one story in the Woodland Place Subdivision! (Just the extras - finished deck, front porch, attached garage, central heat and air, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Asking \$82,000. Call today. M1412



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 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 a 1.306 acres with a storage building. Priced at \$119,000. Call Jeff Cromer for details about this property. M1493



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. M1416

Lakeview Home! This A-frame style home right on Lake Linville in Renfro Valley is waiting for you to make it yours. Features living oof, dining room, kitchen w/ dishwasher, bedroom, bath, and utility on first floor, 2 bedrooms and bath upstairs, and a 1/2 unfinished basement. Central heat/air, carport. Priced at \$119,900. Call Roy Adams today for your appointment. M1560

You Just Can't Beat This - 65 acres m/l with a vinyl sided 2 bedroom home for only \$69,900. House is only 8 years old. Located 5 miles from Mt. Vernon on Maple Grove Road. Call Danetta to grab this one up. M1513

LOTS

Owner Will Consider Partial Financing! 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, Broadhead. These restricted lots range in size from 1/2 acre to 1 acre each and are priced at \$11,900 each. M1259

REDUCED! We've got just what you've been looking for! Over forty spacious lots with city water and paved streets, and to secure your retirement, it's restricted. And, with its location on KY 461 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 \$11,900. 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. Lot 13 contains nearly a 1/2 acres and is priced at \$29,900. Call for details or a plot copy. M1466

AGENTS

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Agricultural News

By Vernon Alexander, FSA Director

Marketing Cards

Producers who have sold the current year crop of burley tobacco MUST return their marketing card to the FSA office as soon as possible. Marketing records on the cards are compared to sales recorded for accuracy. Failure to return the marketing card promptly delays correct information for the 2002 crop year data.

Referenda on Mandatory Grading of Burley

The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2002 requires the Secretary to conduct referenda, no later than March 31, 2002, among producers of quota tobacco to determine whether producers favor mandatory grading of tobacco by USDA including burley tobacco. Burley (type 31) Mandatory Grading Referendum period is March 11-15, 2002.

If a majority of the producers voting in a referendum favor the mandatory grading of that kind of tobacco, USDA will ensure that kind of tobacco is graded at the time of sale for the 2002 and subsequent marketing years.

Voting in this referendum is prohibited by proxy, agent or power of attorney. However, a duly authorized officer of a corporation, association, or other legal entity may vote as the organization's representative.

A public meeting for counting the ballots shall be held March 19, 2002 at 8:30 a.m. at the Rockcastle County FSA Office, Hwy. 150, Mt. Vernon, KY 40356.

Federal Crop Insurance

Producers wishing to purchase Federal Crop Insurance (FCIC) must do so by the deadline of March 15th. Crops eligible for insurance in Rockcastle County are corn and tobacco. FCIC insurance is only available through private insurance companies.

Farm Storage Facility Loans

The FSA office has Farm Storage Facility Loans available to producers who have a need for increased storage. In order to be eligible a producer must have a satisfactory credit history, has no delinquent Federal debt, is a producer of facility loan commodities such as corn, soybeans or wheat, demonstrates the ability to repay the debt, in compliance with USDA provisions for highly erodible land and wetlands, and provides all pertinent insurance on insurable crops. For more information please contact the FSA office.

Continuous CRP Sign-Up

Eligible acreage devoted to certain special conservation practices such as riparian buffers, filter strips, grassed waterways, shelter belts, living snow fences, contour grass strips, salt-tolerant

vegetation and shallow water areas for wildlife may be enrolled at any time under CCC's continuous CRP sign-up. These practices are not subject to competitive bidding. For more information contact your local FSA office.

FY 2002-PFC Reminder

Producers who wish to receive their 2002-PFC (Production Flexibility Contract) payments early must sign a form for what month you wish to receive your 2002 payment. Do not request a payment for your form if you are considering selling a portion or the entire farm. Changes in your farming operation must be reported timely. The deadline is sign or revise a PFC for FY 2002 is August 1, 2002.

Agricultural Attrition Continues

The annual report published by USDA's National Agricultural Statistical Service (NASS), provides a yearly update which indicates a variety of agricultural trends. The recent 2001 report, NASS released last week confirmed a growing number of farmers and ranchers were liquidating their land assets, resulting in a large number of farms nationwide. Last year alone 0.7 percent of the total number 661.5 farms were eliminated. Some of the acreage was transferred to existing farms but the majority, 1.9 million acres, went for housing or commercial developments. Remaining farms increased in size by an average of only 2 acres each, bringing the national average to 436 per farm. While farmers may not yet be an endangered species, the trend of fewer producers on fewer farm operations is unrelenting.

Of the 23 states that saw their farm numbers reduced, the top three were Illinois, Ohio and Kentucky, each of which lost more than 2,000 farms. Iowa, Indiana and seven other states lost between 1,000 and 2,000 farms. Each of those states converted more than 100,000 acres to non-agricultural uses. This continuous attrition of productive farmland is largely due to urbanization, a result of increasing numbers of people wanting to reside in the growth area of America's heartland. Families will continue to locate in rural communities where businesses can build and expand economically. Workers need "financial security" and want a safe environment in which to raise their family. That is as much the American dream as the "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" sought by the founders of our great nation. Families and the neighborhoods in which they live are as important to American society as the farmers who provide the food and fiber needed by all.

The suburbs form a transitional zone where city meets country, and how folks get along in those settings has a significant impact on agriculture and the well being of urban households.

Fresh produce at nearby farm markets can be a win/win scenario for local residents as well as farmers. Fruits and vegetables in a natural setting can become a production opportunity for farmers who find themselves tilling the soil near the city limits. Offering families in the suburbs direct access to agriculture can cultivate new relationships and open doors to new mutually beneficial partnerships between producers and consumers.

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The Family Room

By: Dr. Roy Don Whitehead

Cancer Still Sears Us
Dalton had begun his chemotherapy and radiation treatments for "cancer," and he was not feeling well. (All characters are fictitious.) "The side effects have been worse than I expected," he told me. "Have you told the doctor?" I asked. "No," he admitted. "I don't want him to think I am a whiner."
"Dalton is like that," his wife Miriam reported. "He won't say anything even if he is miserable." The doctor told us that there was medication to help with the side effects, but Dalton won't even ask for it. I got so frustrated with him."

natural parts of cancer and the cancer treatment process, but stoically bearing the side effects accomplishes nothing. Miriam eventually talked Dalton into telling the doctor about the side effects he was experiencing, and the doctor prescribed some medication that helped.
Miriam went on to another topic. "One good thing that has come out of this is that I have learned more about the family finances," Miriam said. "Before he got sick, Dalton handled everything, and I knew very

little about where our money went. When he was diagnosed with cancer, he started teaching me about everything. I feel good that I now can handle the finances if I have to."
Often one partner handles the money and the other does not know much about the process. This can make for major problems if the one handling the money is ill or dies. "I would recommend to any wife that she learn about the finances," Miriam added, "because some day she may have to handle these on her own."

"We are considering getting some more help too. We've never been much for group things," Dalton told me, "but we have been invited to a support group for cancer survivors and are seriously considering going. I think it would help Miriam and me, too, to talk to other people who have been through this. There is a lot to learn about how to deal with cancer, and us looking for some help. We plan to go if I feel good enough physically to do it."

"One way I know Miriam needs some help is because she is getting short with me," Dalton added. "I think the strain is beginning to tell on her. I don't think the family of the cancer survivor gets enough attention. Everybody is so concerned about the patient that the needs of the other family members get pushed aside. I know my illness has been hard on her too, and I want her to talk to some other family members to find out how they cope with this."
"I'm willing to go," Miriam joined in. "I've never been much for groups but I know we need some help. All this is just too much to cope with alone. Maybe there is someone in this group who can tell me how to deal with this. It is the hardest thing I have ever had to bear."

Dalton was discouraged. "I tried to prepare myself for the side effects but they are worse than I thought. I know I have many more weeks of treatment, and I don't know if I can make it. This weekend has been especially bad. Why do I have to go through this?"
Weekends tend to be the easiest times, because I don't have my treatments then," Dalton said. "Boy, was I wrong! On the weekends I feel worse than during the week. I don't want to get up off the couch. I have no energy and no ambition. I'm not sure why, but I have talked to other cancer survivors who have told me that weekends were bad for them too."

Times of discouragement are

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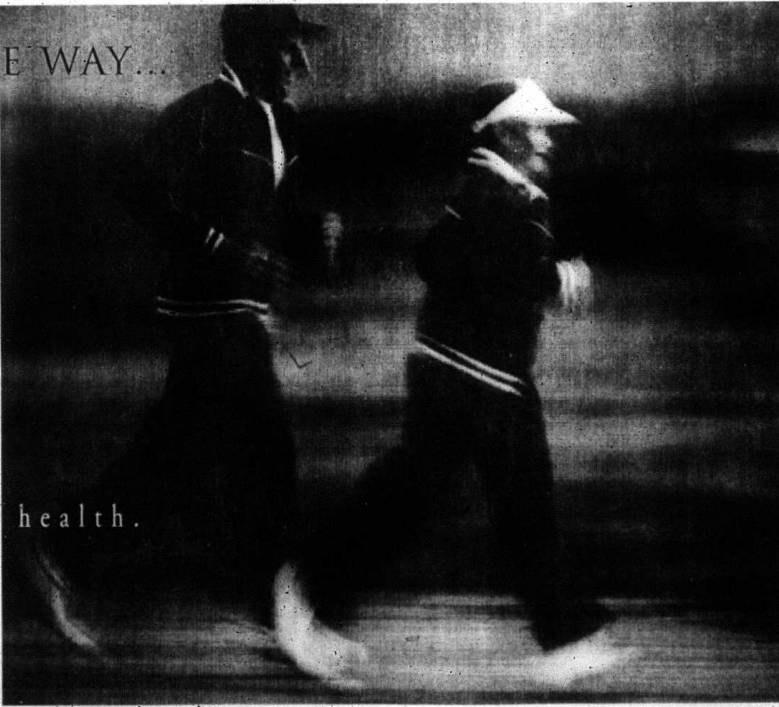
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February, 2002. Any person having claims against said Estate shall present them according to law to the said Charles Napier, Sr. or to Hon. Willis G. Coffey, PO Box 247, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 on or before August 13, 2002. 20hr. Owens Monuments: Grave markers and monuments - in stock. Main St., Brodhead. Phone (606)758-9600, 10hr. P & P Guttering: 5 & 6 inch seamless gutters, siding, soffit and window treatments. Call 256-4393. Free estimates. 21hr. Grave Markers & Monuments: In stock at all times. McNew Monument Sales, US 25, 4 miles north of Mt. Vernon. Phone 256-2232, 13hr. J&L Equipment Co.: 50 Williams St., Mt. Vernon. Selling farm fuels, motor oils, heating fuel and gasolines. Your Chevron Oil Jobber for Rockcastle County. Call 256-2114, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. 20hr. FIX-IT: Finish carpentry, remodeling, also vinyl installation and repair, door/window repair and replacement, tile repair and replacement. No job too small. Custom decks and patios. Call 606-256-4313, 48hr. Lovell's Gun Sales & Repair: New and used guns for sale. Ammo and gun accessories. Repairs, stock refinishing, hot bluing. Certified gunsmith. Licensed firearms dealer. Midget Grove Road, Mon-Fri. 5 to 8 p.m. 256-3539, 11hr. Gall's Pampered Pooch 57 West Main St. - Brodhead 758-0064. Professional Pet Grooming: lambs & Eukanuba pet food plus pet supplies available. 20hr.

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RD 416-1907
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1. Request for bid, General Conditions and Selection Process is available upon request.
2. Interested installers should send statements and proposals to the Rockcastle County Conservation District until March 8, 2002 at 3:30 p.m. Faxed or e-mailed proposals will not be accepted.
A selection committee will review, evaluate and rate each bid based on their submitted bid. The Cumberland Valley RWD Council, Inc. will contact the installer with the winning bid and enter negotiations. If the parties are unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement, the second ranked installer will be contacted. Once an installer has been selected, all unsuccessful installers will be promptly notified. The selection Committee will adhere to the provisions of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 3. No person shall be excluded from participation in, denied benefits of, or subjected to discrimination in the implementation of this program on the grounds of race, color, national origin or sex. Females and minorities are encouraged to apply.
The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration provides funding for this project. The formal solicitation of seeking qualified installers will be conducted to fulfill the requirements of the Working County. Those that wish to bid should provide evidence of \$500,000.00 in Liability Insurance and Bonders Compensation Insurance. The successful bidder will also be required to show evidence of a performance bond.
For more information contact the
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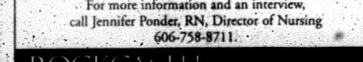
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28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court - Division I
Civil Action No. 01-CI-00473
Citizens Guaranty Bank Plaintiff
V.
Phillip D. Fox Defendants
NOTICE OF SALE
Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on January 28, 2002, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendant in the amount of FORTY FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND 70/100 (\$44,768.70), plus interest, costs and attorney fees, I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.
Said auction shall be conducted on the premises on Friday, March 1, 2002 Beginning at the Hour of 1:00 p.m.
Said property being more particularly bounded and described as follows:
Beginning at a rock culvert on the east side of Scalford Cane Pike about 131 feet south to the Burnt Ridge Road, thence with the Burnt Ridge Road about 190 feet to a pine tree on the north side of said road, thence north about 130 feet to three poplars, thence about 114 feet to the beginning, containing about one-fourth (1/4) acre, more or less.
Being the same real property which Phillip D. Fox obtained by deed dated July 9, 1997, executed by Blondagard Holt, et ux., of record in Deed Book 166, page 587 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.
The property shall be sold on the following terms and conditions:
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2. 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 surety for the payment of the purchase price.
3. Unpaid taxes or liens of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of sale.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 0002 local, county and state property taxes. All taxes and assessments for 2001 and prior years upon said property shall be paid from the sale proceeds.
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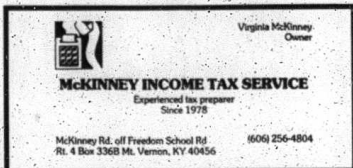
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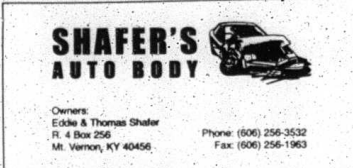
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INTEREST	2,536.16
INSURANCE REPORTS	165.00
GUN APPLICATION	5,055.00
FISCAL COURT	5,909.84
CALENDARS	500.00
PEPSI COMMISSION	252.60
TOTAL RECEIPTS	160,487.58
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OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	136,719.12
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Rep. Ford cosponsored House Bill 480, in 2000 that authorized Treasurer Miller to implement the KAPT prepaid tuition program. In KAPT's first enrollment period last fall, 2700 children across Kentucky were signed up. The spring enrollment period lasts until April 15.

KAPT allows families to cap college tuition rates by offering the cost of tomorrow's tuition at today's lower prices. Parents and grandparents can prepay tuition in one lump sum, or in manageable monthly pay-

ments over the course of several years. Better yet, KAPT investments grow completely exempt from state or federal taxes.

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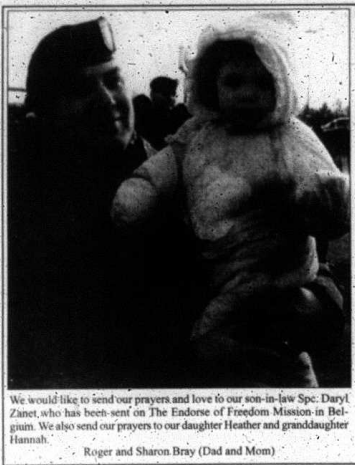
"I'm thrilled to have helped create this important program," Ford stated.

"With KAPT, thousands of Kentucky families will be able to afford higher education for their children."

"The price of college tuition is getting higher. The stock market is trending lower," Miller noted.

"What's a parent or grandparent to do?" "Get KAPT!"

For more information about the KAPT program, call 1-888-919-KAPT or log on to the program's website at www.getKAPT.com



"We would like to send our prayers and love to our son-in-law Spc. Daryl Zaret, who has been sent on The Endeavor of Freedom Mission in Belgium. We also send our prayers to our daughter Heather and granddaughter Hannah."
Roger and Sharon Bray (Dad and Mom)

VA Representative in Mt. Vernon March 5th

By: Homer Vanover
You may be entitled to receive benefits from the Federal Veterans Administration that may include compensation for disease or injury received while in service. Pension for wartime Veterans; survivor benefits and assistance with medical expenses.

Rockcastle County receives over \$2 million per year from Veterans Benefits. The Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs provides counsel-

ing and assistance to Veterans and dependents in filing claims for state and federal Veterans benefits.

This is a service provided by the Commonwealth. There is no charge or fee of any kind.

A Veterans Benefits Field Representative will be at the Rockcastle County Courthouse on Tuesday, March 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For further information, please call 1-877-773-7747 to speak with a Veterans Benefits Field Rep.

Give blood for the health of it

Donating blood is safe, simple and saves lives. Rockcastle County Donor Group and Central Kentucky Blood Center are urging all healthy Rockcastle County residents to support their community. Donate blood Tuesday, March 12, from 1:00-6:00 p.m. at the Rockcastle Extension Office in the conference room. The drive is being sponsored by the Rockcastle Extension Homemakers. Good health seems to be an important issue for everyone these days. Our mini-physical performed prior to donation already includes a check of your blood pressure, pulse, temperature and hematocrit (iron level).

Please come to the drive on March 12. It will not only make a difference to the health of patients in Rockcastle County Hospital - it could make a difference in your health as well! For more information contact Loretta Robinson at (606)679-7413. All donors will receive a T-shirt in appreciation for their thoughtfulness.

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Happy 2nd birthday to Kaitley Grace Lovell. We love you very much, Daddy, Mommy, Blake, Elijah and all your family

March is Severe Storm Preparedness Month

In a proclamation by Governor Paul E. Patton, March 2002 has been designated as severe storms preparedness month across the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The theme of this year's campaign being a storm survivor.

The National Weather Service Offices that serve the State of Kentucky along with the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management, KET-tie Kentucky Network, the Kentucky State Police, the Kentucky Broadcasters Association, the Louisville and Cincinnati Chapters of the American Red Cross, the Kentucky Cable Telecommunications Association and the Kentucky Department of Education have designated this month as a time for special severe weather preparedness.

Nearly 90% of all presidentially declared disasters are weather related, leading to nearly 500 deaths this year, and almost \$14 billion in damage across the United States. This is why being a storm survivor is so vitally important.

During the month of March, the Jackson National Weather Service Office will issue a series of public

information statements focusing on various aspects of severe weather preparedness. All statements will be broadcast on NOAA Weather Radio during the month.

The statewide tornado drill will be conducted on Tuesday, March 26th on this day the Jackson National Weather Service Office will issue a test tornado warning for the 33 Kentucky Counties in its service area. The warning will be transmitted to the media, schools, hospitals and emergency groups. All are encouraged to participate in the drill.

Please take time out now to mark your calendars for this important statewide drill. Being prepared, knowing the danger signs and knowing where to go during severe weather before it strikes can make you and your family weather survivors.

For more information on severe storms preparedness month visit the following websites: The Jackson Weather Office at <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/jkl> or the State Emergency Management Office at <http://www.kyem.dms.state.ky.us>

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Freshmen still falling behind

BY JESSICA DENNY

Despite several efforts to help freshmen they are still having trouble adjusting to high school. During the fall semester 35% of all freshmen failed at least one class.

"Problems with students begin during freshmen year," said RCHS Principal John Hale.

One of the problems is that 30% of the freshmen class will not graduate.

The school has made several efforts to prevent this, including two freshmen tutoring programs, ESS, and 21st Century. With all the help they are receiving why are they still not doing well?

Teachers seem to think attendance could be a problem.

"Attendance is a big issue," said Global Issues teacher Debbie Coffman.

She says they are still not used to the work load at the high school, so when they miss school they can't get caught up. This then leads to low grades.

Some teachers don't have any problems with their freshmen students. Freshman-English teacher Mrs. Nancy Bussell claims she can't complain.

"They're fine. They always do everything I say."

Mr. Chris Frith, also a freshman English teacher, says there is a higher failure rate at the beginning of the year. Mr. Hale hopes that a new grading policy will help bring the failure rate down. He thinks having just one grade every semester instead of one every nine weeks will help grades go up.

RCHS had a parent/teacher conference earlier than usual in hopes that this will also help combat the problem. The conference was held on January 31. 180-out

of over 800 students had parents sign in at the meeting. Fifty of those were freshmen. Mrs. Dawn Stallsworth had 10 out of 13 of her freshmen students' parents show up.

NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN ISS
FALL 2000 AND 2001

Grade	9	10	11	12	Total
2000	201	156	98	71	526
2001	314	123	137	92	666

RCHS is keeping its behavior under control with In School Suspension (ISS). Freshmen account for almost half of the ISS visits for the school. The chart above includes ISS data for RCHS. Grades are also influenced by bad behavior.

"Class disruptions, and disrespect are what get most students sent to ISS," said freshman teacher and ISS supervisor Rick Barnett.

He also added that their attitudes become more positive as the year progresses. This leads to an improvement in students' grades. Most teachers agreed on this matter.

After talking to several freshmen I have learned that they treat due dates as if they were still at the middle school. Some freshmen proceeded to say they had more time at the middle school for assignments, and homework was done in class. They also said it should be like that at RCHS.

However, some freshmen like Surprise Stallsworth are doing well.

She mentioned that there were disruptions from other students during class, but she has had no problems adjusting to high school.

There are probably more students like Stallsworth. Since 25% failed a class, that would leave 75% adjusting to high school just fine.

Students can expect new exit by summer

BY BRIAN REYNOLDS

If you have heard the rumors about the new exit for students by the baseball field, it's true!

According to the director of Buildings and Grounds Services, Mr. Doug Mullins, "There will be a new exit for students' only."

Mullins said he made the decision after the safety committee informed him about problems in the

parking lot.

"Assistant Principal Barry Noble, a member of the safety committee, said the parking lot was over crowded, which caused many accidents. Another exit would reduce the traffic flow, therefore reducing accidents."

"The new exit is an A+ idea. Mr. Mullins needs to be com-

mended on his decision making skills," said senior Kane Hofbrook.

Senior Tim McClure disagrees. "Only a section of the parking lot would use the exit. The idea is a waste of the schools' money."

Don't look for the exit too soon. "Weather permitting, the exit should be ready by the middle of summer," said Mullins.



Snowfall and rain have contributed to delays on the new parking lot exit. Located at the far end of the parking lot, the exit will be for right-hand turns only. (photo by Brian Reynolds)

Full year of English IV, end-of-course exams possibly in future

BY CLIFTON T. WILLIAMS

Future seniors might have to expect a full year of English according to a proposal presented at the latest SBDM (Site-Based Decision Making) Council meeting.

The proposal, presented by Jennifer Mattingly, Chairperson of the Curriculum and Instruction Committee, suggested that instead of requiring seniors to participate in both English IV and Transitions, English would be made a full year course. This would incorporate English, as well as a nine weeks of transitions-based concepts, namely the senior project.

"The senior project is the baby

of Transitions. It's what I care most about," said Mattingly.

Parent member Paul Abney said a research paper similar to the senior project in English would be very valuable to the students, however he would not vote for any proposal that did not "eliminate transitions."

"Transitions class is just a waste of time," commented Abney. "Stewart (Abney) played paintball, videotaped it and got an A."

Another main concern of the proposal is the amount of class time spent on portfolio writing during an eighteen week period of English IV,

in comparison to the time spent on other content material. The focus of this concern was on writing that will help prepare students for college.

"Academic writing at the college level is apparently not appropriate for the portfolio," said Mattingly.

This seemed to be the common opinion of the representatives of the English department. If the proposal is approved, English teachers would have at least one more full

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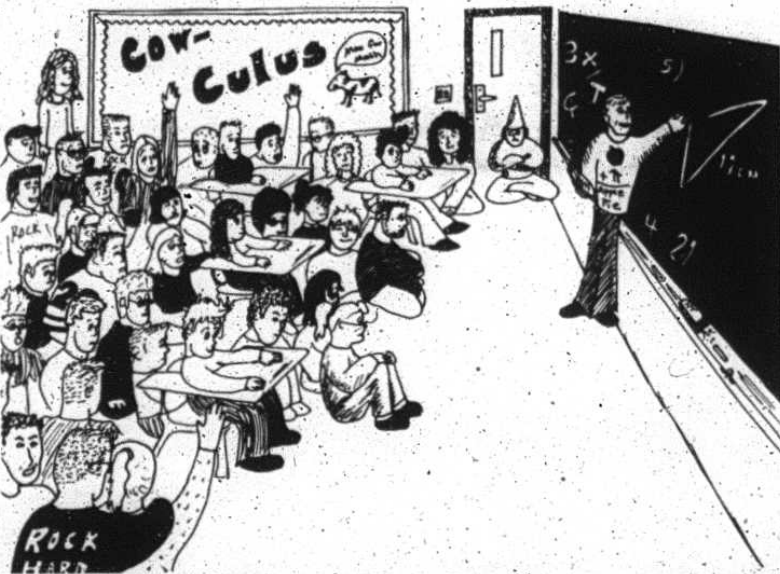
Dear Seniors,

I was cleaning out my room a few weeks ago when I decided that those boxes of old letters from the past, should be thrown away. But before I condemned the memories into the fire, I took a look at the folded papers. Chronicled through notes passed in the hallways between classes, my journey towards adulthood should have been titled "The Wonder Years."

"I wonder if he really likes me?" "I was wondering if you were going to the dance Friday?" Everyone I knew in eighth grade was curious about what the future held, whether it be boys/girls or how much freedom we'd have in high school. The worries of the time revolved around "she's not my friend anymore," and trying to sketch a last minute out of class drawing for art. Slumber parties ruled the weekends while the rest of the week was spent thinking up excuses to get out of gym class (for me at least). Fights were the highlights of our day, and as I look back now, I see exactly how funny they were. Discreetness was definitely not a strong point as the entire male population tried to crowd into the bathroom, the official battleground, at the same time.

Letter after letter, I found that over the years, some things just never change. In fairly legible eighth grade handwriting, I read inquiries about recent gossip and "Did anything interesting happen today in Mrs. Bussell's class?" After entering high school, the questions were about the same. "I wonder if the test will be hard?" "I wonder what we're having for lunch today?" Worries soon evolved into things such as clothes and makeup. And even now, as we're preparing for the beginning of yet another saga in our lives, our mind-frame is still set. "I wonder what life on my own will be like?" "I wonder if I'll like my roommate?" The game of wondering is just a fixture in our lives. Without all those questions, how would we ever find anything out? I suppose there's the "Why?" game, but when we wonder, we begin to see an image of what our future is going to be like.

Adulthood approaches with not the stealthiness of a cat on the hunt, but with the thudding of an elephant's feet. We've known all our lives that, at some point, we'd be forced to leave our cocoon and spread our wings in a familiar, yet unfamiliar world. So many of us already have reached the age to which true adulthood is attributed and it's finally sinking in that in a few months, life is ours for the taking. After looking at those letters, I see how drastically things have changed and I wonder: are we allowed to pass notes after high school?



Letters to the editor: Seniors express their views on class size at RCHS

Dear Editor,

This school year, classes have been exceptionally full. Every single class I have attended there have been at least 28-32 students. I think that is a little too many. Especially when it's a tough class, like English.

Ms. Norton was my senior English teacher. She had to practically pull her hair out just to help us all get our senior portfolios finished. That puts stress not only on the students when they need assistance, but also on the teachers when they're trying to get around to all of the students and help each

child with what it is they need.

I was also in a freshmen class, Typing I, this year. It was overwhelming. Freshmen are a little wild anyway, but about 32 of them all together in one room for almost two hours is just not my idea of fun learning.

Classes need to be shortened, more equal in numbers so they're not so crowded. It's hard to learn anything and it's even hard to hear with a lot of commotion going on.

Classes need to have fewer numbers.
Sincerely,
Jessica Jones

Dear Editor,

Classes this year at Rockcastle County High School have been ridiculously large. Well, the ones that students would need individual help in are. My elective classes are pretty small, but my required classes have been packed.

Transitions classes have really been a problem this semester. My class has over 30 people in it. I did have a different teacher, but I had to change my schedule at the first of the semester because he had too

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- ~ Having a sweetie for Valentine's Day
- ~ Meeting up with your friends in the hallway
- ~ Dreaming of your prince or princess
- ~ Exotic pets

It Reeks...

- ~ The groundhog is so scared of his shadow
- ~ Having no money to buy sweets for your sweetie
- ~ The "couple cholesterol" blocking the way
- ~ Waking up to your dog licking your face
- ~ Your tiger got out of its cage, and now the neighbor's dog is missing

Down the Hall

What do you think about having common end-of-course exams?



"People could help each other study."
-Kayla Bryant,
freshman

"That would be testing the teacher, not the student."
-Ben Taylor,
Junior



"We as a department are basically already doing it, and it works good."
-Mr. Adam Coleman,
teacher

"I think each teacher teaches differently, so they should do their own test."
-Jessica Lunsford,
junior



"It would be a lot easier to cheat, and that would be cool."
-Ben McKibben,
sophomore



compiled by Jessica Thacker

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many people in there. My new class has just as many people in it.

One thing that could fix it would be to have more than just two Transitions teachers so it would make the classes smaller. What causes so much trouble is when people fail a class, then the next year they have to put the person that failed in the class, so that he/she can go to the next class.

I feel that if RCHS staff can shorten the amount of people in our required classes, the results will be great. Students can get more one-on-one help.

Sincerely,
Shane Kirby

Dear Editor,

This year I have noticed that the classes I am in have had an exceptionally large amount of students in them. Although this may seem like it isn't a very big deal, I have noticed that it has created setbacks for not only teachers, but also students.

A good example is my third block Transitions class. We have so many students that there aren't enough desks to seat everyone unless there is someone absent. This is a hindrance to our teacher because it almost eliminates the possibility of group work and it creates behavioral problems. In my opinion, large classes have had more behavioral problems than smaller classes because the teacher can better control their class, and can give the students more one-on-one attention.

Another thing is there are so many requirements to meet that you almost have to put an overflow of students in classes in order to reach the criteria for them to graduate.

Learning environments are crucial for the actual development of students; for some it may not be a big problem to be in large classes. But for me, I prefer smaller over bigger because from experience I have discovered that I learn more from being in smaller classes, getting more of the teacher's attention.

Sincerely,
Emily S. Wright

One Tylenol not a cure all

BY JESSICA THACKER

How many times have you gone to the nurse in excruciating pain and been handed one Tylenol, then sent back to class?

Students may be unaware that there is a policy that only one Tylenol can be given if a parent has given their consent on the emergency card. If a student needs more, or needs it more than once a day, the parent should be notified, and the student is required to provide the medication with a note from a parent. A student asking for Tylenol more than twice a week should have their parents notified immediately to let them know of the situation.

This policy is not effective because one Tylenol doesn't always help what ails you. On the back of

the Tylenol bottle it is clearly stated that people 12 years or older are supposed to take 2 tablets every 4 to 6 hours.

Another problem is that Tylenol is the only medication that the nurse is permitted to dispense unless the student brings medicine from home.

Mrs. Jeanninge Parsons, who is the district school nurse and health coordinator, stated that family resource is the one that donates the Tylenol to the schools and they don't donate any other kinds of medicine. Why can't they donate some Pepto Bismol or Immodium, too? Say a student has a sore throat or is feeling nauseous. Tylenol doesn't help either of those problems.

Rocket Editor.

My opinion on class sizes is that things are fine. Because I am a senior I've had a lot of classes so I know what is full class. I am taking night classes for college at ECU. There are around 125 people in one of my classes, so learning is hard, but you have to teach yourself. Compare to college these classes are small.

It is hard on a teacher to have 32 students each block for three blocks, but chances are some students will learn quicker than others so you can have time to teacher those who might be slow. With small classes like my 2nd block with 11 people, it's not a waste of time if the teacher will teach.

A lot of the time students will change classes to be with a friend. That's why the class are full a lot of the time. But in my opinion, Rockcastle High has good class sizes and they are just preparing us for college where you teach yourself.

Class of 2002,
Josh Whicker

Also, the part of the policy that states that the parent has to be contacted if you need more than one Tylenol is not efficient because lots of parents are hard to get in touch with. So what happens if they can't get a hold of the student's parents? Is the student just sent back to class with only one and expected to deal with the pain?

There are ways that this policy could be improved. One way is to put on the medical cards that the students feel out at the beginning of each year how many Tylenol that the students can be given as a maximum. Another suggestion is to raise some funds or to have family resources donate some medicine like Pepto-Bismol or Immodium.

Fifteen Minutes of Fame

1. If you were given a million dollars, what would you buy first? *Take half and buy as much of Microsoft as possible, and give the rest to charity*
2. Pepsi or Coke? *Both*
3. Whom do you admire most? *Albert Einstein*
4. What's your fave holiday? *Thanksgiving*
5. What's your fave lunch item? *Capri Sun and Little Debbie cakes*

compiled by Jessica Thacker



Stephen Blair
Class: Senior

Staff hopes to make yearbook 'best ever'

BY JACOB HELTON

Yearbooks are on sale until March 1, and the staff is working hard to make 2002's the best one ever.

"We are trying to build off last year's yearbook to make it much better," said senior staff member Angie Boreing.

The staff is trying to get everyone in the yearbook at least twice.

"But it is really hard when people don't get involved, or actually refuse to let us take their picture," said adviser Mrs. Angie Hendrickson.

The staff is working to increase the number of pictures, however students can still expect to see an increase in the amount of writing compared to past yearbooks.

All photos must have captions, and "If there are less words, then down the road you [students] won't know who the people are or what they were even doing," explained Hendrickson. "Believe me."

Students can also continue to expect their yearbook in the fall.



Yearbooks are on sale now through March 1 for \$30. Above, seniors Melinda Coffey and Angie Boreing wait to take orders during lunch. (photo by Jacob Helton)

"Everything from the whole school year is in there, and most of the semester," said Hendrickson.

Going back to the old, end-of-school delivery would mean anything that happened after February 1 would not be included.

According to Hendrickson there has been some confusion concerning the fall delivery date.

Unless they missed picture day or transferred in after pictures were taken, "every RCHS student should be in the yearbook."

All new E-Club born at the Rock

BY TIM TYLER

"Wanna buy a T-shirt?" That's not the phrase students will be hearing from PCCLA members, NHS members, or even booster club members. It's the phrase they'll be hearing from members of the new E-Club, sponsored by social studies teachers Mr. David Vorbeck and Ms. Glenna Carter.

"E-Club is an entrepreneurship club in which we're going to be teaching the fundamentals of owning own business," explained Vorbeck. "The idea (to start the club) was posted to all teachers in the school."

However, only Carter and Vorbeck responded. They explained that the reason they responded was so they could help students understand the basics of starting one's own business. Selling t-shirts is the business that they are beginning with, but the club has hopes to build on their success, and eventually sell a wider variety of merchandise.

According to Vorbeck, the only major requirement to be in the club is to show up at the meetings. It's too late for new members though, admissions has already taken place.

"We meet Tuesday after school from 3pm-5pm and at the beginning of 3rd block on club days," Vorbeck said.

Students will run the club, thus the success of the club depends on the students' ideas and efforts.

Senior Chris Eldridge tried to drum-up business by mentioning, "E-Club will be selling these shirts soon. They're cool shirts, at a cool price!"

"With a little luck and a whole lot of hard work these E-Clubbers plan to build their business into a success and continue the club for years to come. It is something that only the students can make happen though."

"Continuing the club depends on the profits we make," Vorbeck explained.

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Juniors Chris Graves (front left) and Ross McClure sort through t-shirts with freshman Jackson Bray. As members of E-Club, they'll soon begin selling these shirts as part of their first club project. (photo by Tim Tyler)

RCHS welcomes new English teacher

BY ROBERT KIRBY

Rockcastle County High School has added a new teacher to their staff for the final grading period. Ms. Angela Baker is replacing Ms. Wanda Burdine, who is off on maternity leave, as teacher of English II.

Baker has been in the education field for 10 years. Not exactly sure of what she wanted to do, she started out as Family Resource Director at Kit Carson Elementary in Madison County. From there she went on to teach drug prevention to third and fourth graders. Now, as an English teacher, Baker says, "I have finally found my niche."

Students from her class say that Baker is a great teacher, and that even though she came in during the middle of the year she has settled right in.



"Ms. Baker teaches in a way that is easy to learn," says sophomore Kimberly Ayers.

Baker said that the hardest thing about coming to a new school was the same as for a student—not knowing anyone.

"The other teachers make it easy though. If I am having a problem with the curriculum all I have to do is step outside between classes and ask."

Baker is only here for the rest of the semester, however she would love to stay if a position did open.

JROTC, band, chorus add to RCHS awards

BY JESSICA DENNY

When you think of awards, and competition you sometimes limit yourself to thinking about sports. But if you take a look around the JROTC, chorus, and band programs bring plenty of recognition to RCHS.

The JROTC air rifle team won the state in mid-December. An outstanding performance was given by Shannon Bullock. He won the state individual championship in the sporter category. In the following months the JROTC will be competing in the Raider competition.

Members of the chorus will be performing in the winter concert which will be held near the end of February. The concert will be highlighting the musical *Evita*. They will hold a second concert in the spring. This concert will be "Disco in the 70's."

But chorus doesn't end there. All the practicing helped send four seniors to participate in All-State Chorus last week: Melinda Coffey, Ronnie Hess, Amber Thacker, and Clifton Williams.

"What more could you ask for? Two hundred people who like to sing in one choir, two days out of



Senior Ricky Barrett, on right, is the first RCHS band member to be named to all-state in 15 years. (photo by Tim Tyler)

school, and shopping, all in Louisville," said an excited Coffey.

Members of the band are bringing recognition to the school by participating in All-Regional Band January 10-12.

It was a two day rehearsal clinic, with a concert given on the second day. Band members participating in the clinic were freshman Cody

Moore, sophomore Scott Cain, and seniors Ricky Barrett, Cassie Smith, and Shana Noe.

"I'm a percussionist so there's a lot of heavy lifting, and your on your feet 15 hours day. But the final-product is well worth it," said

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A Snapshot Of Your 2001-2002 School Year...

My best friends are:

My favorite musical groups include:

My favorite class/teacher is:

When I finish school, I hope to pursue a career in:

(first choice)

(second choice)

The most exciting things that have happened this school year are:

The things I will most remember about this year are:

When my class has a reunion in several years, I want to be sure to remember:

Senior projects for dummies

BY TIM TYLER

It's a situation almost every senior finds himself in; year after year. After hours upon hours of research in the library and dozens of interview questions, you begin to think you're reaching the final stages for completion of your senior project. Then you realize that you've only begun, here is some advice from the "experts" to help you along the way.

Let's start at the beginning, what is a senior project? "It's a required research project of choice," said Mr. David Riddle, one of the senior transitions teachers.

To be more basic, a senior project is an oral/written researched topic to be presented in front of a community in hopes of persuading them to agree with your opinion.

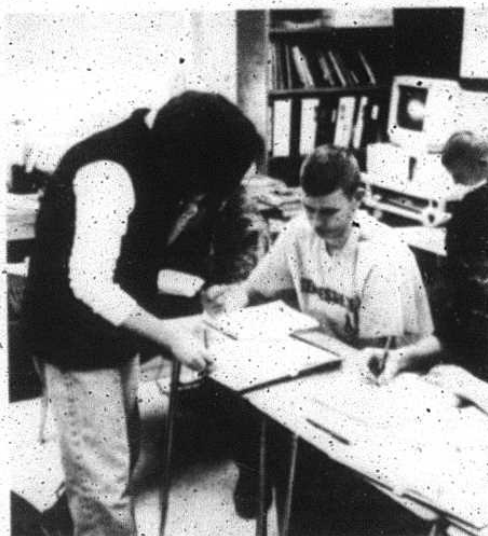
"Each project has four components: 1. A written research paper. 2. A product or demonstration of what was learned. 3. Presentation of what was learned. 4. Processfolio. (documented work on the project through out the nine weeks)," explained Ms. Jennifer Mattingly, the only other senior transitions teacher.

The next step is to choose a topic.

Music is one of the more common topics chosen, Riddle explained. According to Mattingly another common topic is career related choices, such as projects related to the hospital or teaching.

"Last semester one of my students researched the responsibility of primary teaching," Mattingly explained. "She developed a lesson for a primary class and video taped the lesson that she taught in the school. I think that she still wants to pursue teaching."

Senior Shena McKinney ex-



Drafting a proposal is just one stage of the senior project process. Above, senior Coty Reams receives assistance from teacher Jennifer Mattingly. (photo by Tim Tyler)

plained her topic as being fun. "I picked a topic that I wanted to pursue. My project was titled 'The ABC's of Primary Teaching'."

Just as McKinney has done, all students should choose a topic that interests them, but not one they know too much about.

"Choose four to five topics then narrow it from there. Just don't choose one you know too much about. Make sure you can dig for the information needed," explained Riddle after mentioning that "too often students choose a topic that they know a lot about and they don't research it at all."

Use effective and exciting visual aids.

"I used a power point presentation on my project to make it stand out," said senior Gretchen Phelps. McKinney recorded herself as she taught the lesson that she prepared for the primary students.

Don't waste time!

"Seniors, dedicate nine weeks to this project and it will be finished," Riddle said.

"Seniors, don't procrastinate and put things off to the last minute. Remember, research paper, processfolio, documentation," Mattingly stressed.

Students should take a word of advice: spend your time wisely. As my grandfather once said, "If a job is worth doing, then it's worth doing right!"

From car to inspirational speaker, ideas for Project Graduation wide and varied

BY ROBERT KIRBY

As graduation approaches, senior parents are starting to plan and organize Project Graduation, the seniors' last night at the high school as a class.

The night is filled with games, contests, and refreshments. It starts at 9:00 of the night of graduation and ends at 6:00 the next morning.

Last year some of the games were similar to casino games and some of the contests were jump rope and a male beauty contest. Playing these games can win students ROCKET BUCKS, which can be used to buy donated items at the auction towards the end of the night. Also, there are drawings for prizes and cash throughout the night.

"No one goes home empty handed" says Ms. Darlena Mays.

Project Graduation is organized by the parents, though the school

has a few teachers/staff members that help in the organizing of the event.

"Project Graduation is solely a parent ran event. The more parents that get involved the better that it has been in the past," said Mr. David Riddle.

The parents put it together, but what would students most like to see? Many would like to see a car as a door prize, but some have different ideas.

"I would like to see an inspirational speaker," said senior John Bray. "Someone to make us realize what we are going into is not a game."

Some students are concerned about more material things they can use for the rest of their life.

"I would like for them to give away scholarship money," said senior Gretchen Phelps.

Senior year no different from the rest

BY BLAKE ARNOLD

Senior year is supposed to be easy. Kick back, relax, and enjoy the ride. Well, that's what most of the seniors this year thought it would be like.

"I expected my senior year to be easy with only cake classes," said Adam Collins.

Brad Bussell thought he would have "only easy classes, no homework, and be the first one out of the parking lot."

"In reality, this year has been just the opposite," he said.

Senior year is supposed to be kind of difficult and prepare students for the future, whether that be college or a job. With classes like Transitions created to complete such a task they may be good in

theory but have a few shortcomings in practice.

"It's pointless," said Matt Mullins. "It should be used to prepare us for the real world but is really just filled with busy work."

In fact senior year falls short of almost everyone's expectations on the amount of fun and the work level that the teachers place on seniors.

"Actually it's no different than the other three years up here," said Mullins.

Not everyone agrees. "It's pretty hard when you end up taking five credits in a four

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Prom review offers students look at latest prom fashions

BY KARAH BOWLES

The date is set and the committee has been chosen. How ready are you for prom?

Prom is May 18 this year, which is only 88 days away and preparations have begun.

"At the end of this month the prom committee is going to be meeting to discuss the theme for prom," said Dana Singleton, who coordinates the prom every year. "Ticket sales will begin right before spring break."

RCHS students will be able to get a heads-up on the latest prom styles, courtesy of FCCLA's prom fashion show, Monday February 25.

"The fashion show is good for the students to get into the spirit of prom," Darlene Martin said. "It's also good to let students be aware of the fashion for this year's prom

and to let them know if the tuxes and dresses have to be rented or bought," said Martin.

The club was unable to hold the event last year because of testing and other activities.

All juniors and seniors who purchase a ticket can attend, but underclassmen have to be members of FCCLA. "Tickets will go on sale on this Friday, February 22.

"In order to pay for the rental of dresses, tuxes, flowers, door prizes, decorations, and other expenses, the cost will be \$3 to get in," FCCLA president Travis Burton says.

Students who buy a ticket during ticket sales at lunch will be entered for door prizes during the fashion show. The prizes will be prom-related.

What: FCCLA Prom Review
Cost: \$3
When: Monday, February 25
Time: 4th block
For: juniors, seniors, and FCCLA members

It's official! Date, price set for senior trip

BY ANDREA LESTER

A senior trip for the Class of 2002 is planned for spring break at an estimated cost of \$550 per student.

Students who choose to participate will depart Saturday, March 31, and return Wednesday, April 3. The trip to Williamsburg, VA, will last five days and four nights.

The estimated cost is based on a minimum of 35 students going on the trip. If less than 35 students

sign up, the price will increase.

Transportation, lodging, all admission to attractions and activities, meals, and the service of a professional tour guide are included in the price.

Some students already have plans for spring break, including the baseball team, which travels to Florida every year.

However, that time was selected because the school did not want stu-

dents to miss any school for the trip.

Why couldn't it take place during the summer?

Because punishing students for inappropriate behavior would be impossible on a trip that took place after graduation would be out of the question, according to RCHS principal John Hale.

"We got them the trip," said Senior Class President Courtney Alexander. "Now it's up to them."

Jared Rice portrays 'Johnny Appleseed'



(photo courtesy of Alan Pensol)

Wednesday, November 30, RCHS junior Jared Rice portrayed "Johnny Appleseed" for the students in Mrs. Pam French's primary class at Roundstone Elementary School. Jared presented a biographical monologue and then read a children's book about "Johnny Appleseed". The presentation was sponsored by the Roundstone Elementary School AmeriCorps Volunteer Project America Reads.

Conference attendance low

BY JACOB HELTON

There are over 800 students that attend Rockcastle County High School and only about 170 parents attended the parent teacher conference held January 31.

"Fourteen parents came to my room," stated English teacher Angela Baker.

The conference was held two weeks earlier than usual after the Site Based Decision Making Coun-

cil decided two weeks could make a difference in helping a failing student pass.

"I like it better early," said JROTC SAI James McGuire.

"That way if the student has a problem, it can be fixed before it is too late."

According to McGuire, there was one problem.

"The students' parents that needed to come didn't show."



Around 170 parents attended the spring parent/teacher conference. Above, Transitions teacher Jennifer Mattingly speaks with Nancy Hale, mother of senior Josh Hale. (photo by Jacob Helton)

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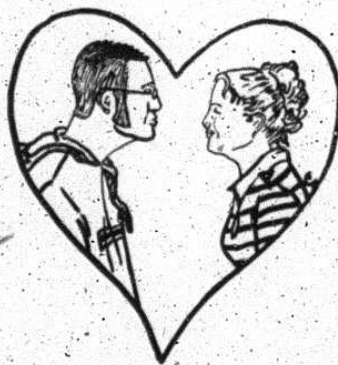
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Candy & chocolate & bears, oh my! The perfect gift for that perfect someone

BY KARAH BOWLES

It is six days 'til Valentine's Day and there is still shopping to do. Some of us may have already finished, but most of us still don't know what to get that special someone in our lives.

In order to try and take off some stress I completed a search to try and find the perfect Valentine's Day gift. After hours of searching online, I found that most ideas for females and males were the same-old-same-old classic Valentine's Day gifts: roses, chocolates, and stuffed animals. But how about that unique male or female who doesn't like the classic gifts? What do you get them?

On www.mydearvalentine.com, most female gift ideas were jewelry. This can be helpful to any

male in a relationship. For someone that hasn't been together long, why don't you consider buying her a simple hug and kisses bracelet? For a long-term, more serious relationship, why not a promise or engagement ring to show her how much you care.

A survey of RCHS females found that most like the classic gifts. They said that a person could not celebrate Valentine's Day right without roses, chocolates, and a teddy bear.

Lindsay Adams, a senior, would like something a little different for Valentine's Day.

"I want to be taken on a surprise romantic rendezvous," she said.

Now about those hard-to-shop for males. What can we get them?

Websites www.findgift.com and www.mydearvalentine.com suggest that a female can't go wrong with buying chocolates, CD's, a watch, cologne, treating them to a movie and meal, or jewelry. That's right ladies, males like jewelry, too.

While interviewing RCHS males I found that most wanted chocolates and to spend time with their special someone.

On the other hand, senior Adam Childress, wanted black roses-not red, they're too girly, and a big Hershey's kiss.

Those students who are broke and without a job, shouldn't sweat, there are plenty of things to get your Valentine.

On-line I found a website that gave many craft ideas for



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Valentine than big expensive gifts.

Just remember while you are out

and shopping for Valentine's Day

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Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and Barbie underwear: Rock crushes, heartbreak revealed.

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BY CLIFTON T. WILLIAMS

For the sake of digging up some Valentine's Day dirt, random students around the school were asked who their first crush ever was. What these crushers didn't know was that their crushees were also asked for their comments when informed of their adorners from the past. Needless to say, it made for some pretty interesting results.

"My first crush was Adam Childress in the sixth grade," said senior Lindsey Adams. "He had a cute butt and I hated Amber (Thacker) 'cause she was going out with him."

Senior Adam Childress was unavailable for comment, however, in the hopes that she had some pretty big friends in the sixth grade, we asked senior Amber Thacker for her comments, and they were more than satisfactory.

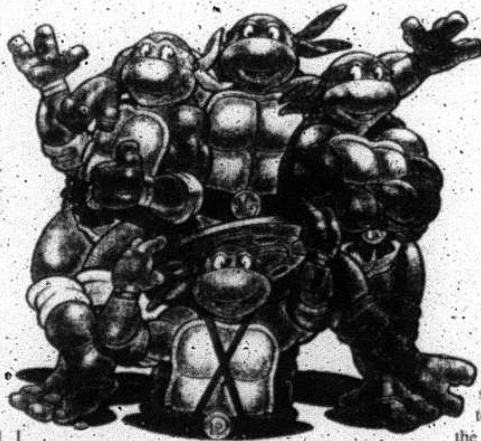
"I didn't know that Lindsey had a crush on Adam," Thacker replied,

"but if I had, she could have had him."

Gee, Amber, talk about kicking them while their down.

Senior M a t t McClure said that his first crush was Jessica Jones in kindergarten.

"We were boyfriend and girlfriend until I pulled her pants down," recalled McClure. "I got paddled, and she broke up with me."



Jones. "I was wearing Barbie underwear."

Here at *The Rocket*, we're always thankful for those who like to share information for a good story; but sometimes, as this demonstrates, somethings might be better left unsaid.

The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles were sophomore Jamie Orniella's first crush.

"I always watched their cartoon and had the little action figures and video tapes and everything."

Well, guys and girls, I'm saddened to have to report this, but after hours of scowering even the most grotesque of New York's sewers, the elusive "Turtles in the Half-Shell" were nowhere to be found. Sorry Jamie, but I guess you'll have to settle for one of the boys at The Rock.

Ouch, parents get your cameras ready!
"It's true," said senior Jessica

The Dating Game: Finding the perfect match

BY AMBER THACKER

Love can blossom anywhere. One look at someone can capture your heart or turn you away. Love, however, contains certain standards just as any other procedure in the world. Some of these standards were revealed when we asked RCHS students what things they considered when choosing someone to date.

To find this out, a survey was distributed to a total of 96 students in four different RCHS classes.

Out of 46 guys, the three most important traits were facial features at 26%, attitude at 17%, and morals at 13%.

"Their eyes and lips catch my eye, but the most important thing is their personality," sophomore Cody Alexander says.

The surveys were also given to 50 girls. The three most important traits to them were attitude at 38%, and both morals and sense of humor at 20%.

"If they have a good attitude

then all the other traits fall into place," senior Heather Allen says.

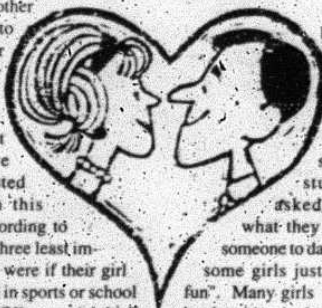
The least important traits were also accounted for through this survey. According to the guys the three least important traits were if their girl was involved in sports or school activities at 37%, material things at 28%, and hair color at 17%.

"Hair color is pretty much the last thing that you think about," says senior Kyle Parsons.

Guys apparently want all the other stuff to matter first!

The girls thought the three least important traits were being active in sports or school activities at 38%, hair color at 28%, and material things at 24%.

"I like guys with meat on their bones," says senior Becky McCoy.



She would prefer her man to not be involved in sports at all.

In addition to the survey, some RCHS students were

asked one on one what they looked for in someone to date. Apparently, some girls just "wanna have fun". Many girls at RCHS feel that laughing is the key to a good relationship. They're looking for someone that is able to take a joke and also give them a few wrinkles in their face from laughing so much.

"If they make me laugh, they win my heart," says senior Amanda Barnett.

Facial features were ranked the highest by the guys, while attitude was most important for the girls. Some of the guys' comments suggested they didn't want to date an

ugly girl and worried about what others may think. The girls, however, thought that a guy's attitude could be a big determinant on whether or not he was attractive.

If these statistics come as a disappointment, don't worry. Every now and then a guy and a girl would have their traits ranked the same. Just because most guys rely on facial features doesn't mean they all do. There was also a small percentage of the girls that preferred looks over everything else. Maybe Cupid will have a hand in matching up the right people, opinions, and personalities.

This supports the theory of "Men are from Mars and Women are from Venus". Will we ever be able to solve the compatibility problems between men and women? Who knows. Maybe with these surveys, we can all gather an idea of what the other gender considers an ideal dating prospect. If not, then good luck in finding a date and remember, Valentine's Day is just around the corner!

When it come to classroom numbers.

More is not always better

BY AMBER THACKER

There have always been problems with overpopulated classes, but this year at RCHS the problem seems to be a bit more obvious. Some classes have had as many as 37 students at a time. There are many reasons for the crowded classes and frustrated teachers.

The question that lurks in the air is, can improvements be made to the scheduling system to avoid the hassle of so many students in one room at the same time?

Talking to the school counselors Dale Whitaker and Janice Miller answered a great percentage of this question. It seems that the required classes have more of a problem with size because everyone has to take them. The more kids in the entire class, the bigger the required classes tend to get.

There is always the suggestion of getting more teachers so that

three or four teachers won't be loaded down with such a large number of students.

"It depends on staffing. You can't just simply hire more teachers," says Whitaker.

New required classes have also been added to the schedule. Whitaker also commented that each time a new class is added, there tends to be more of a problem with overpopulation.

The Arts and Humanities course has taken away an English teacher, Allene Cornelius, so she can solely teach Arts and Humanities.

Even now the Arts and Humanities classes are overcrowded with 26-31 students in each class.

"Providing activities and supplies for these numbers can be overwhelming," says Ms. Cornelius.

This class can serve as an advantage to students because they are basically able to take this class



Transitions classes have been especially large this semester. With at least 32 in each class, some numbers have been as high as 37. (photo by Tim Tyler)

at any point before graduation. However, this can come as a huge disadvantage for teachers.

This past semester, Chorus teacher Tammy Reynolds had to drop her freshmen choir because she needed to help teach Arts and Humanities. If the freshman choir had continued to sing, they would

have had to stay after school, instead of it being a daily class. But, due to many inconveniences, that wasn't feasible.

These girls have potential. It is unfortunate that 37 dedicated chorus

students had to resort to an after school choral program in order to meet the needs of the new Arts and Humanities class," says Reynolds.

This also came as a major shock and disappointment to the 37 girls in freshman choir.

"I don't think that it was fair for the freshman choir to be eliminated. The rest of the choirs have chorus as a class and we have to stay after school if we want to sing," freshman Courtney Hale says.

Although this incident occurred, Ms. Cornelius is still motivated to do her best at teaching this class.

Mrs. Reynolds is also excited about next year and the 50 students that are expected to come up from the middle school. She hopes that with the larger number of students, freshman choir will be able to resume next year for both semesters.

Something called a Master Schedule is made to help situations like this one. The goal of this

schedule is to basically balance everything out among every class in the school. It must accommodate to every individual department's needs, which can be virtually impossible at times.

The Master Schedule proves that required classes seem to have more of an imbalance of students. English, history, and Transitions are three of the main trouble makers.

"History classes are fuller because we have just now gotten our courses in sequence and this is the last year we'll have to offer World Civilization to sophomores and seniors," guidance counselor Janice Miller says.

Miller also commented on how Transitions teacher David Riddle has helped the English teachers by teaching two blocks of Transitions a semester for the past three years.

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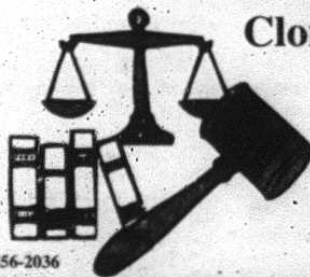
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Three RCHS seniors balance school, love, marriage

BY MACKENZIE LAMB

Everybody, everywhere has a different definition of marriage. The scriptural definition is "the blending together of two lives, two personalities of the opposite sex for as long as the two shall live in this world. It's the building of a home that respects the law of God and protects the morals of mankind."

Everybody, everywhere has a different opinion of the key elements needed for a successful marriage. Basically, it takes two committed people, who are willing to love, life, grow, and work together through good and bad times. There is one idea the majority of the population believes to be true: teen marriages just don't work.

That's not always the case.

Twenty-five years after exchanging vows at the age of sixteen, Jack and Dawn Stallsworth, who teach math at RCHS, are still married.

They dated for a quick nine month span and, without a doubt in their minds, they chose to exchange vows. Mrs. Stallsworth admits that being a teen still going to school and being married was stressful.

"You have the responsibility of cleaning house, washing dishes, laundry, fixing meals, managing money and homework added to that," says Stallsworth.

Still after twenty-five years of stress the two are more in love than ever before, and she doesn't regret her decision to marry young, but recommends, "Be a kid while you still can. Marriage isn't all fun and games."

Lisa and Chester Lamb have been married near twenty-one years. The catch? They too married as teens. Lisa opted to quit school and concentrate on the marriage and providing for her expected child. The young couple worked together to make ends meet, her pulling hours at Long John Silver's and him clocking in at Southern States. They now have two kids, own two homes, have great jobs, and are expecting their first grandchild.

"It was hard, yes, but together we made it. If that isn't love I don't know what is," said Ms. Lamb.

These lasting couples should provide hope for the three seniors



Senior Melissa Thompson and 2001 RCHS graduate Granville Graves.

married within the past few months.

Sandra Dawson-Carpenter and Greg Carpenter were married October 20, 2001. Sandra seems to work everything into a well-bal-

anced schedule.

"I get up at 6:00 am, sometimes even 4:00 depending on when Greg has to be at work, and get ready for school," she says. "I leave school at 11:15, go home, do a load of

clothes, then leave for work. After work I come home and cook supper. Next I usually straighten the house, do my homework, and get ready for bed."

Tina Powell-Payne and Dustin Payne were wed November 17. The two had dated for two years and two months and thought it was time to futher their relationship.

"There is more responsibility, but there's also more freedom. We get to decide on things in our own way," says Mrs. Payne.

Melissa Thompson-Graves and Granville Graves exchanged vows November 24. Her plans were altered for the future.

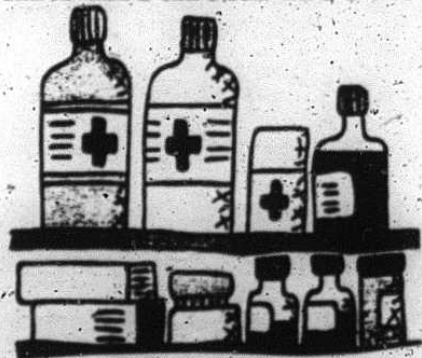
"I plan on going to part-time college and being a mom. After high school graduation my family will be the main priority."

These three couples may not end up as a teen statistic on failed marriages. Just because they married young doesn't mean it can't work out.

What do you think about getting married when still in high school? Let us know in a letter to the editor!

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## Earlier scheduling could mean fewer complications

BY JERRÉD STEVENS

RCHS students will soon be starting the scheduling process for the next year. Administrators hope to have all schedules complete and in the hands of students by the end of the semester.

According to guidance counselor Dale Whitaker, having the scheduling finished by the end of the year will allow more time for advisory, help with the size of the classes, get the word about the classes out to parents, and allow students to prepare for their classes in advance.

"One of the biggest problems with the scheduling is that they plan the schedule according to the number of request that students give us," said counselor Janice Miller, and that is the problem that we hope to overcome.

Mr. Whitaker agreed with Mrs. Miller when he said, "Scheduling is a never-ending process."

When scheduling does take place students may find there are several different classes added to a wide selection of classes already available. One reason for this is Project Lead The Way, a series of classes designed to lead students

into the field of engineering. Over the next three years, there will be five classes added to the program.

The first class to be added is Introduction to Engineering and Design (IED). IED provides students with opportunities to be creative and to apply their decision-making and problem solving skills to design problems. This will replace two classes: Overview of Technological Systems, and drafting.

Several new classes are still being considered by the SBDM Council.

AP US History is described as "a very challenging, college preparatory course designed to prepare students to pass the AP US History exam given each spring." If approved, the course will be a year long class that counts as two credits. Open to 11th graders only, this class will include one semester of American Government and Politics.

Seniors may be interested in Introduction to Criminal Justice, which will introduce students to the procedures and issues in the United States criminal justice system.

"We found that there are more

students wanting to take social studies classes, and we've never been able to offer them because of scheduling," said Social Studies Department Chair Debbie Goleman.

Students may be able to expect more AP (Advanced Placement) classes sometime in the future. In consideration is to add more AP classes, in the hope that some students will be able to receive the Commonwealth Diploma, along with the regular high school diploma students already receive. To receive the Commonwealth Diploma a student has to have at least four AP classes.

In AP classes there is the choice to take a test in the spring to receive some college credit for that class.

Many students seem positive about trying to complete scheduling early.

"I think it is really good and there will not be as much confusion," said junior Natalee Taylor.

Junior Ben Taylor, who is definitely not confused about his response says, "It's good, yeah it's definitely good."

On the other hand, there were

students that didn't like the idea. "It doesn't give me enough time to think about what classes I want to take," said freshman Tjara Rowe.

Would you like to see more classes offered at RCHS?

What do you think about the classes that are being suggested for 2002-2003?

Do you think it's a good idea to have scheduling complete by year's end?

Let others know your opinion in a letter to the editor! Deliver your signed letter to Room 116.

## ATTENTION SENIORS:

Every year, The Rocket creates a senior section in its final issue of the year. This issue includes senior wills and prophecies.

In order to get a step ahead on this process, The Rocket will be collecting senior wills February 25-March 1.

There will also be a list for students who do NOT want a senior prophecy.

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## With season winding down, tournament awaits Rockets, Lady Rockets

BY BRIAN REYNOLDS

While time on the Rockets and Lady Rockets season is winding down, there is always one question lingering in everyone's mind. How far will they go in district and regional play?

"As good as we've been playing, it's not going to be easy getting into the regional tournament due to the fact that 3 out of the top 6 teams are in our district," said Coach Clayton Cash, referring to Clay, Jackson and Rockcastle County.

The boys basketball team has a successful season so far with a 17-5 record, including two wins against Clay County (the first in school history), and a win over Jackson County 73-59 to claim the first seed in the district tournament.

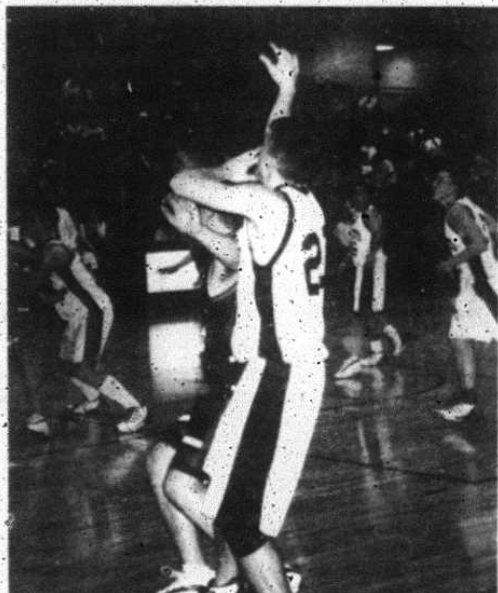
"The team has played better than expectations at this point," said Cash.

The Rockets will face Oneida Baptist in the first round of the district tournament Monday, February 25.

The Lady Rockets have played an exceptional season, as well, with a 13-8 record and a near upset of the All A state champions-Jackson County 64-60 here at Rockcastle.

"We've played right at expectations," said head coach Christy Noble. "We've beat teams we shouldn't have, and we've got beat by teams we should have."

In the district tournament the Lady Rockets will be facing the Clay County Tigers, who will be playing on their home court. Game



Junior shooting forward Jason Reynolds scored 7 points in the victory against Jackson County. (photo by Jessica Thacker)

time is 6:00 Tuesday, February 26.

The Tigers have defeated the Lady Rockets twice this season, once by a last second shot.

If the Lady Rockets make it to regionals they will be playing at home.

"Playing in the region tournament, which is on RCHS's home

floor has been a goal for us all year as a team," added Noble.

Before district play can begin, both teams must wrap up regular season play which will end Friday, February 22 when the boys meet McCreary at home. The Lady Rockets will end their season at Middlesboro.

## Seasons beginning for baseball, softball

BY JESSICA THACKER

Play ball!

The smell of hot dogs and nachos and the sound of the bat meeting the ball will soon be in the air as spring sports at the Rock start up once more.

Conditioning for both teams started at the first of February and tryouts were held on February 15. Practice will start as soon as tryouts are over because the teams are ready to begin their seasons.

"If it is dry outside, we will be out there," head baseball coach JD Bussell said, when asked about their conditioning plans.

He is ready for his team to work hard and he expects them to be ready to give it their all.

Both teams have numerous games and tournaments planned for this season. Softball has four games scheduled most weeks, and then some Saturdays the team will be traveling for tournaments.

"Last year we had three players graduate, so I believe that the team should be able to make it back to where it was last year at the regional tournaments," stated head softball coach Clay Dolins.

## Indoor track team looking ahead to Mason-Dixon games

BY ANDREA LESTER

The indoor track team is working hard to prepare themselves for upcoming meets, including the UK Invitational and the Mason Dixon Games.

"Six girls graduated last season. The task of finishing state runner-up or better for the third year in a row is much more difficult now," said coach Mark Brummett. "Several all-state competitors did return for the girls team."

Four members competed at the University of Kentucky's invitational meet Saturday. Results were not available at press time.

Senior Clarissa Hubbard participated in shot put and freshman Chere Embs competed in the triple jump. Freshman Heather Hammond was scheduled to com-

pete in three events: high jump, long jump, and the 400 meter dash. Eighth grader KayJa Hayes was also to compete in the one mile run.

Hubbard and Hammond were both named all-state last year, in addition to sophomore Sheena Swinney, who was short of qualifying for the UK meet.

Seniors Josh Hale and Josh Taylor returned for the boys team. Hale runs the 55 meter dash and the 400 meter dash. Taylor isn't currently competing due to a knee injury, but would normally be in the 60 meter dash, 400 meter relay, and the 800 meter relay.

The track team will compete in the Mason-Dixon games for the Class AA-Indoor State Championship Saturday, February 23.

# Good Luck, Rockets!

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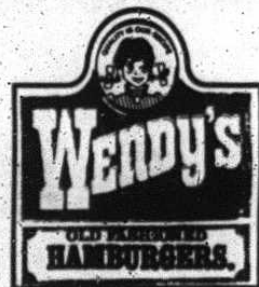
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## EA's gone mad in March

BY BLAKE ARNOLD

With the college basketball season in full swing, the video games that correspond with it are hitting the shelves. One such offering from EA Sports is March Madness 2002 (available on PS2).

This game plays superbly well with smooth animation and responsive controls. The skill of the players in real life has been programmed into the game giving it a definite feel of realism. You can't just take a no name team and beat a powerhouse like Duke or Kentucky without computer assistance.

This game is easy to pick up and play with intuitive controls (square=steal/pass, circle=shoot, triangle=block) on the standard PS2 controller, but it does have enough depth in the gameplay to hold even the hardcore gamer for an extended period of time.

The only downside I can find with March Madness is the lack of a dynasty mode which has been a staple on all previous editions of the game, allowing you to build you

own team from scratch and through the years lead them to a national title. This shortcoming could be counteracted with the inclusion of the ability to simulate a season. This too, has been neglected, leaving an otherwise perfect game lacking and forces me to score it as a 6 out of 10.

Only buy Madness if you love basketball games and can live without the dynasty or season modes. I recommend a week-long rental from Blockbuster as sufficient fare.

Game  
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## 'Remember' what life really can be like

BY MACKENZIE LAMB

Pop sensation Mandy Moore stars in a romantic love story, *A Walk to Remember*. Most definitely this movie can be classified as a major chick flick, but with Valentines Day right around the corner, it could be handy.

Moore plays Jamie Sullivan, a preacher's daughter growing up without a mother. She's a senior but, the focus of her fellow classmates' jokes. Moore participates in the senior play with one of the starring roles in her hand. Also forced to star in the play, by the school's principal, is Landon Carter, played by Shane West.

Landon is a popular, admired, senior who has a passion for mischief. His passion soon leads him to select one of two choices: school expulsion or starring in the play and community service. So near graduation, option two is an easy pick.

After rehearsing lines together Landon soon realizes he's fallen for the peculiar Jamie Sullivan, surprising not only himself but every-

Shane West and Mandy Moore star in *A Walk to Remember*.

one else, as well. Landon's love causes him to lose the popular image and so-called friends. He focuses on Jamie and tries to make her every dream come true but the love of his life has an ulterior secret that she isn't ready to expose.

*A Walk to Remember* is a per-

fect representation of how life can change once you meet that special one and how dreams can come true. Love is about learning to let go and learning to believe. On a scale of one to ten, one being the least, I'd easily give this movie eight bright shining stars.

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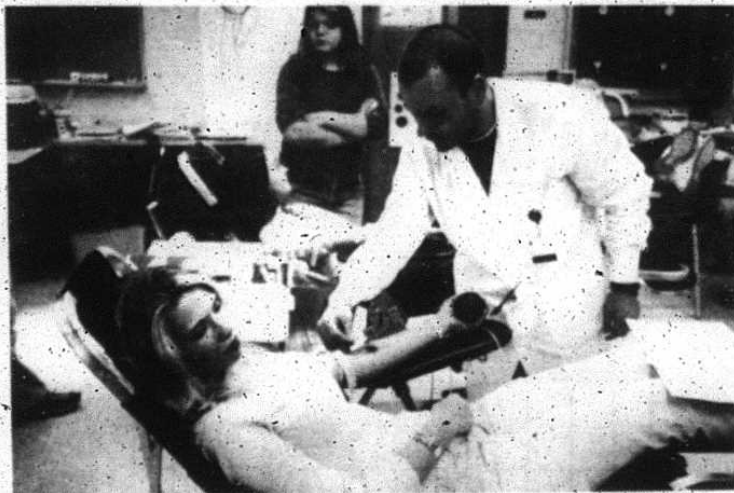
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## Giving the gift of life



Key Club held its annual blood drive for the Central Kentucky Blood Center Wednesday, February 6. CKBC received 55 units of blood, surpassing the club goal of 50. Above, seniors Kristy Chisium (front) and Jessica Hoover donate. Also shown is senior Bridgette VanWinkle, standing. (photo by Tim Tyler)



### RECOGNITION: continued from 5

Cassie Smith.

Senior Ricky Barrett brought recognition to the school when he was selected for All-State Band, the first band member from Rockcastle in the past 15 years.

"It's something I've been wanting for 7 years now. It's been my dream," said Barrett.

Band director Greg Daughtery says that Barrett's accomplishment has raised the bar for band members.

### PROPOSAL: continued from front

nine week period in a class to work further on academic writing for college, while giving a far more limited focus on the portfolio.

"As a teacher, I'm concerned because my spring semester students don't have half the time to develop their portfolios as my fall semester students," said English teacher Susan Norton.

Council member Connie Riddle, who questioned the proposal, said that any new program designed to raise reading or writing test scores should be implemented more around the sophomore grade level.

"The sophomores are being tested in this area also," said Riddle.

Sophomores are tested in read-

ing; seniors are assessed in writing. If the proposal were to be approved, it would involve many possible changes. Another English teacher could be added to the faculty.

Students could also expect common final exams across some classes. According to a proposal presented by Curriculum and Instruction Committee member Glenna Carter, teachers of classes that have more than one section would be required to give not just similar exams, but the same.

This, among many other topics discussed at the meeting, have yet to be decided upon, but will be presented again at the next SBDM Council meeting on February 27.

### FULL CLASSES: continued from 10

However, these particular classes are still very crowded. There have been as many as 37 students in Mr. Riddle's class and the capacity of students is only 31.

There is always the concern about students not receiving enough individual attention from their teachers in large classrooms.

"I can see in some of the required classes that need individual attention, overpopulation may be a problem. But my class works on personal projects, and that makes everything work out," Riddle says.

It can be difficult for students to function with so many students and so little attention from the teacher.

"Larger classes make it more difficult to conference with students on their writing, and give them the individualized attention that they need," says English teacher Jennifer Mattingly.

Obviously, more is not always better. It has caused many disrupting changes in the system that have frustrated teachers and students alike. Hopefully, over the next few years, everything will be at a steady pace and problems will be less likely to occur. Until then RCHS will simply have to deal with the hustle and bustle of overpopulated classes.

### SENIORS: continued from 6

credit semester," said Collins.

Some seniors that had lesser expectations for this year have met them.

"I expected to pick on freshmen and that's what I do," said Nick Rodriguez.

Josh Hale has also met his se-

nior expectation of making Tanner Abney's life miserable.

All in all senior year is just like any other year here at the Rock with homework and difficult classes. But when it's over, seniors won't be back.

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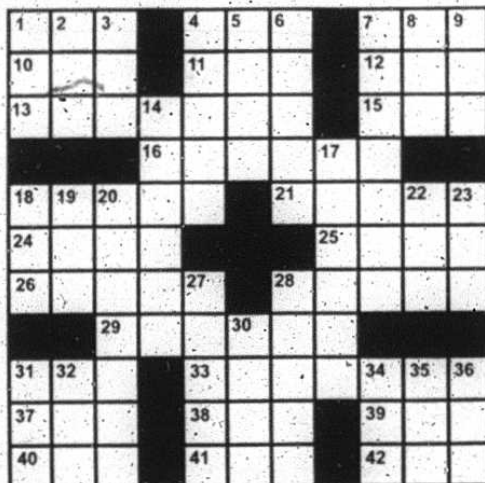
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## Crossword Puzzle



- A place to stay for the night
- Twining perennial plants
- Used for sports
- Of urea
- Saudi city
- Mascot of St. Louis football team (singular)
- Second person point of view when writing
- Harry Potter's position on quidditch team
- Tia and \_\_\_\_\_ twins on "Sister, Sister"
- Destroy a limb
- Doctors' professional group (abbr.)
- More comfortable
- Before
- Dreaded standardized test
- Mexican food (plural)
- Showing great kindness toward the distressed
- Class with numbers
- Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- Uncooked
- Grand \_\_\_\_\_ vintage
- Express pleasure
- Superhigh frequency

### Across

- The 22nd letter of the Greek alphabet
- Monkey in Aladdin movie
- Not wet
- What Forrest Gump did a lot
- A good score in golf
- Vietnamese currency
- Capable of being shaped, bent, or drawn out
- A Dalton (physics)
- A crude stone artifact,

### such as flint

- A spray to stop attackers (plural)
- Concerns
- Amuck
- Plant of a clone
- Edouard \_\_\_\_\_ Fr. painter
- Someone who makes frames
- California think tank
- National capital of Venezuela
- Car mechanics group
- Securities market

### Down

- Cheerleader's cry
- Uses water as a coolant and moderator
- Doesn't enjoy mixing with people
- Ultrahigh frequency
- Cathode-ray tube
- Own (Scottish)

## I on the World

- Number of US colleges and universities that were asked by law enforcement to release student information last fall: 220
- Percentage that released the students' information without informing them: 90
- Amount the Pentagon paid a private company last fall for exclusive access to satellite pictures of Afghanistan: \$3.8 million
- Percentage of Navy recruits from the New York City area last year who were green-card holders: 40
- Percentage of Americans who believe that the theory of human evolution is "probably" or "definitely" not true: 47
- Percentage who believe that the tenets of astrology "probably" or "definitely" have some scientific truth: 48
- Number of years after being executed as witches that six Massachusetts women were cleared of accusations last fall: 309
- Minimum number of Winter Olympics volunteers who were rejected last fall after a criminal background check: 273
- Number of Pop-Tarts dropped on Afghanistan as part of US airborne food aid in the first month of bombing: 2.4 million

Number of School Days Remaining Until Spring Break:

27

