

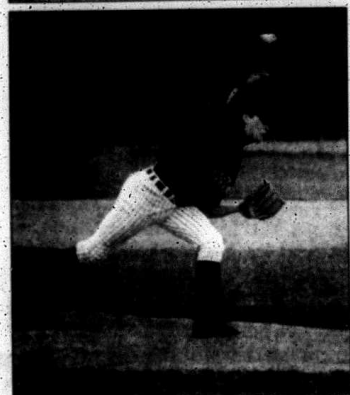
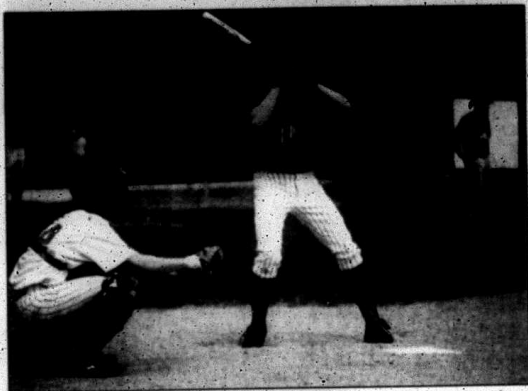


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In the top photo, Austin Miller goes-to bat against a team from New York. In the bottom photo, Stephen Boring takes the mound for the Rockets.

Rockets begin new season

The Rockcastle County Rockets began their quest for a third straight regional title on Friday at Pulaski County and then moved on to Florida the next day.

The Rockets lost 2-0 to PC in a game that was called in five innings because of lightning.

Within the next 54 hours the Rockets had made an overnight trip and played two other baseball games.

Those games were played in Coosa, Florida and both the junior varsity and varsity had lost.

The junior varsity lost to North Laurel High School from London 5-4. The varsity lost 11-5.

Within the next twelve hours the team had slept four hours and played two more games.

The good news for the Rockets was that both of those games were wins.

The bad news for second year head coach J.D. Buswell was that he had a very tired team on his hands and a lot of sore arms.

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Grant funds available for homeowner septic systems

If you are a homeowner and have a failing septic system or a "straight pipe" you may be eligible for a free septic system. The program is part of the \$9,000,000 "PRIDE Homeowner Septic System Program" in Rockcastle County, the Cumberland Valley RCD Council and the Rockcastle County Conservation District are jointly administering the project. The project is being funded by a grant from the Hal Rogers PRIDE program and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

To be eligible for the program the applicant must meet the HUD poverty guidelines and must own the property on which the septic system will be installed. The grant program is for existing homes and is not for new/unoccupied homes. If your home is near a municipal or county sewage line, the grant program will also pay the expenses to hook your home onto the sewage line.

This program is targeting a known 36,000 straight pipes and failing septic system throughout the 40 county PRIDE area. Pollution from straight pipes and failing-septic systems is the main water pollution problem in eastern Kentucky. Nearly 1/2 the private drinking water wells in Kentucky are contaminated with coliform bacteria, an indication that the wells may be contaminated water. By installing ad-

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The building that housed Bruce's Billiards on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon was completely destroyed by fire Monday night. Firefighters were called to the scene around 10 p.m. and reported the building heavily involved upon arrival. The fire apparently started in the back of the building. The building was formerly home to Food Fair, EC Porter and the Big B Supermarkets.

Mt. Vernon Council votes for huge raise for Mayor

By Richard Anderkin

The Mt. Vernon City Council voted in favor of a \$36,000 per year salary for the new Mayor during their regular monthly meeting on Monday night.

Besides the \$35,400 raise, the next Mt. Vernon Mayor will receive all benefits including health insurance and retirement.

The next mayor will also receive reimbursements for expenditures involved with the office and be required to work at least 35 hours per week.

That's not to say that the next Mayor will be required to spend those

35 hours in the office.

"There are a lot of after hours duties that come with this position," said current Mayor Karen King.

There had been talk among the council of a salary as high as \$50,000 per year, but King said the council agreed on the \$36,000 as a compromise.

"We did not think the Mayor should earn less than the highest paid city employee," she said.

Currently that employee is City Clerk Kaye Rader, who earns just less than \$36,000.

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Brother shoots brother Friday

Alcohol is expected to be a contributing factor in a family argument that ended in a shooting at Sand Hill Friday.

Rockcastle Deputy Sheriff Joe Rush said that Billy Gene Hubbard, 38, apparently shot his brother, Larry Hubbard, 45, three times with a shotgun.

Larry Hubbard was hit in the face, side and leg, according to Rush's report.

Rush said the shooting incident took place around 1 p.m. at Larry Hubbard's house. Both men live on Sand Hill.

Billy Gene Hubbard was arrested and charged with attempted murder.

Larry Hubbard was treated for gunshot wounds at Rockcastle Hospital and transferred to UK Hospital.

Over 100 turn out for forum

Well over 100 citizens came to RCHS last Friday night to learn how Rockcastle County can plan for its future.

Dr. Vaughn Grisham, from the University of Mississippi and a nationally recognized expert on community development, shared his experience in community and economic development. He told the story of Tupelo, once the county seat of the poorest county in Mississippi, which is now one of the most successful communities in the nation.

"It took a long time, and a lot of hard work," said Grisham, "they

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Two arrested

Helping Rockcastle County deputies track down a man for questioning in a drive-by shooting, Lincoln County deputies busted two people on methamphetamine charges.

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Mike Gates speaks to Equestrian Ministries

Mike Gates, Director of Christ's Outreach for the Blind in Mt. Vernon, spoke recently at the Equestrian Ministries International meeting held at Wears Valley Ranch in Townsend, Tennessee. Mike and his wife, Lori, his Mom and Dad, along with Bud and Shirley Cox, attended the bi-annual, two day meeting where Mike shared his vision to build a camp to help others who are blinded to become independent members of society.

Equestrian Ministries International is comprised of 409 members from 14 states and Belgium. Their mission statement reads: "Equestrian Ministries International (EMI) is an organization of believers in Christ who share an interest in horses and wish to be involved in a ministry designed to reach out and share the love of God." The Equestrian group has promised a "barn raising" for Christ's Outreach as a result of the meeting. Asbury College students from Wilmore, members of the Equestrian Ministry, also offered to bring their horses and help with camping activities.

Horseback riding will be only a part of the camping experience when Christ's Outreach for the Blind, a non-profit organization, officially opens. In addition, the camp will teach hunting, bow and gun, fishing, swimming, mountain climbing, hiking, rappelling, gardening and independent living skills.

When a hunting accident blinded Mike in 1989, he admits to having a death wish for a period of time. Then God spoke to him and told him that he could help others who are blinded like himself so he started to search for a place to build his camp. Beginning with a purchase of 100 acres, Christ's Outreach now encompasses 800 acres of Rockcastle wilderness. Mike and a skeleton crew have completed a barn, facility with two staff apartments, an indoor archery range, a hydrotherapy room, steam room, weight room and bathrooms. Another building, the Outreach center or Lodge is nearly completed. It has 10 bedrooms, 12 bathrooms, a cafeteria,

a commercial kitchen, an office, a laundry room and a maintenance storage area. Mike estimates that it will cost each participant only \$35 to attend. "Our activities are based on everything that everybody tells the blind or disabled that they can't do."

Christ's Outreach for the Blind can accommodate 600 participants each year and will run April - December.

Dr. Larry Martin, Missions Growth Team Leader for the Kentucky Baptist Convention, has been instrumental in introducing Mike to the Equestrian Ministries group and in getting 41 beds and mattresses for Christ's Outreach. He has also scheduled a group of Baptist Builders to help to complete the Center. In addition, work crews from the Coalition of Appalachian Ministries will be coming in April to help with further construction.

Mike attended the School of Ministry in La Mirada, California from

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Mike Gates, blinded in a hunting accident in 1989, spoke to the Equestrian Ministries International in Townsend, Tennessee.

Points East

By: Ike Adams

Twice, in the last 10 days, I've been stranded by high water, mooring the creeks were on in the road so deep that it was inadvisable to do anything through the overflow smaller than a Hum-Vee which, as most of you already know, is a military acronym big old four wheeled thing that can go anywhere.

Two guys, who live in Richmond, came along in army surplus Hum-Vees, which they recently purchased because they got out of on all of the old former UK coach's homes, and demonstrated to the stranded that three feet of water was scarcely more than a nuisance if you could afford floating.

"How much does one of them things cost," somebody yelled.

"Less than \$200 thousand if you have a trade in," one of the droogs yelled back. "But give me ten grand, and take over the payments and I'll sell you this one."

So they drove back and forth through the flooded dip in the road until we all were assured that they were macho as heck and truly deserv-

ing to live in a former (of which IJK has many coach's homes before they headed back to Richmond in the slench and clouds of black smoke from the diesel fuel they were burning at the rate of 1.8 gallons per mile. But eventually the rain let up and within a matter of hours, the flood waters subsided and we straggled managed to get from points A to points B. At least I assume we did because I saw an late news reports that any of us were missing. Actually a couple of single guys managed to hook up with a couple of single women and they all decided to return to somewhere in the vicinity of Point A where the bars were open. Stranger things, I suppose, have fostered new romances.

In the meantime, here on Paint Lick, the heavy rains and lodges have mostly been under several feet of water and their construction material has frequently been washed in the road along Highway 21. A where the bars were open. Stranger things, I suppose, have fostered new romances.

huge limbs back toward the creek, the residue moors gets cleaned up in the weeks out of human sight.

One morning the ground-oft tree limbs are there beside the road and the next morning they've gone. One day a man is gone and the next day it's holding water. The next day it's flooded again and the process is repeated.

There are at least five distinct beaver dams along route 21 between Paint Lick and Berea that are literally beside the road. T'd bet good money that another ten to 15 are just barely hidden from sight behind curves in creeks that don't directly parallel the road. Of the three I've seen, two were about the size of healthy ground hog. The third, and I swear this is the truth, looked more like a bear.

According to National Geographic and Animal Planet on television, they never stop growing and this big guy was practicing in downtown Paint Lick. I figure he/she was one

of the original founders of the first dam built in the late eighties that was constructed just above our bridge on US 52 and when we had a local company going as to whether it was beavers or high school boys building the dam every late at night to create a practical joke.

We finally settled that controversy by examining the building material and noticing all the teeth marks and subsequently determining that we had no local boys so talented or ambitious or with teeth that good.

What I don't understand is where the big beaver is staying during daylight hours because I've butchered smaller boys. All I know for sure is that we've had a terrible lot of rain over the last few weeks and the beavers are undaunted. I also know that they can rebuild in a hurry.

If I see one in a Hum-Vee next time it floods I will not be at all surprised. That's a good explanation as we've come up with yet.

Sweet and Sour

By Zi Graves



Friends

Friendship is often thought of as someone you know, or have known, familiar enough to be called by their first name, or living close enough to trade bits of gossip with or borrow a spoonful of baking powder when you find your out in the middle of baking a cake. Nice, this kind of neighbor is wonderful and may in time be called friend, but only time, and sharing the beauty of mountain tops in good times and dark shadows in the valley of times of trouble are the circumstances that form real friendship.

A favorite bit of poetry I love, and often quote to the special people I call friend, goes like this:

True friends are like diamonds, scarce and rare, searching may find one, but never everywhere.

But, sometime when you're dreaming, and awake with a start, You'll find this friend dwelling with the love in your heart.

Friends aren't made through good deeds alone, they are the dividends of loving care from those whom you least expect to give it. It comes from a widow who has nothing to give except her love and concern for a neighbor when a family member took sick and death and her neighbor needed a loving arm to lean on. Bessie, responded with not only temporary presence, but spending the night to help soothe Mat's pain by massaging his back while I rested my own arms. I did not have to call her to say I needed help, her love and understanding did that for me. It was Bessie and her sons that cleaned up the old flower beds and planted new flowers to be blooming when I returned from one of bedside vigils needed when Mat was in the hospital. Her explanation was, "She knew I had always had a bed of flowers there and wouldn't have time or energy to do it this year, so I was to have flowers blooming when I got

home it was up to her to see if it was done. She, Bessie Cromer, is a friend (a friend in need is a friend indeed).

Melba Mize, a one time neighbor and partner in playing scrabble, is another "friend." We have consulted each other, cried together when the world seemed to be all clouds and the sun had hid behind them. We have spent many evenings playing Scrabble with those who called themselves friends, but really were only neighbors with the same interest in the game. It was Melba who was called when I received a message my mother had broken her hip and would have surgery on it the following morning in Christ Hospital in Cincinnati and did not feel up to driving. Her reply was, "Get ready, I will take my car and we will be on our way." I was on my way but when I received the message and it was late evening before we could get started. Meanwhile, a thunderstorm had developed so the dark of coming night and a rainstorm was just the makings of a pleasant drive to Cincinnati. But Melba also knew and loved my mom and understood the importance of getting there before she went to surgery. We did, and Mom was able to thank Melba for her part in getting me there. Throughout the years of child-raising, marital problems, sickness, and death in both our families we shared lives that were interlaced with happiness as well as sorrow. Our relationship was such as, "I was Aunt Zi to her children, Johnny and Ronney," and accepted into the family as one of the. When David, Melba's mother died I went immediately to offer support or anything else. I could do to ease the stress of loss at such a time. A month later my own mother died and Melba along with her sisters who lived in another state were there offering their support. For the past several years our close relationship has been fractured by time and living conditions but Melba and

Bessie will always be what I call "friend." I am sure if I needed help they could perform, without asking questions of why someone else would do it. It would be more proving what real friendship is.

The other day I visited another "friend" of long standing that pricked my conscience of being negligent to one of them in their time of need. Inez Norton Hill is sick and feels her time is very short. I was astonished when I saw her condition and realized I had not been the good friend they had been to me throughout the years of our relationship. Inez is the daughter of Roscoe and Evelyn Norton I have often written about. The partners of 'mat' when we moved back to Rockcastle County. They were my very first acquaintance in the wilds of Rockcastle County and offered the hand of friendship to one who desperately needed it. At that time Inez aged a teenager with a younger brother, Leslie, Jr. at home. Roscoe was the wage earner and storyteller who could keep a room full of people entertained, specifically his tales of how their family arrived and settled in Kentucky and made their living farming, horse trading and raising big families to carry on the name and tradition of the Norton family. Evelyn was the mother and business woman who understood the fine print in contracts and saw to it that all were satisfactory for good business. She was a meticulous housekeeper and worker who spent her time as well as her money on her family. We always Christmas with them where gifts were exchanged and a wonderful dinner served with dessert being her own recipe of boiled pudding. As years went by we became real friends, each telling about the problems and failures and successes and joys they would experience with their families. Evelyn's background was a bit different, she

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In addition to the grocery and gas business there is a new modern full service deli with indoor dining accommodations. The deli features a modern hot buffet, meat slicers and scales, pizza, waffle, meat, icemaker, freezer, walk-in cooler, plus many other equipment items needed for operating a restaurant/deli.

The building has two restrooms, both 200 amp and 3 phase wiring, two separate central heat and air units, blacktopped parking area, and most of the windows have 1/2" Lexan.

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To all of our supporters, city and county, God bless you and keep up the good work. In the end we will win!

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Obituaries



Harold Cable

Harold H. Cable, 66, of Rt. 1, Broadhead, died Saturday, March 30, 2002, at Kings Daughters Medical Center in Ashland. He was born October 22, 1935 in Rockcastle County, the son of the late Roscoe J. and Bessie Carson Cable. He was a retired finishing department superintendent for Gulf States Corp., served in the United States Army and was a member of the Ottawa Baptist Church.

Survivors are his wife of 44 years, Patsy Chaney Cable of Rt. 1, Broadhead; two daughters, Deborah Laswell and husband, Jeff of Broadhead, and Linda Cable Loughmiller and husband, Mark of Broadhead; two brothers, Donald Cable of Crab Orchard and Shirley Ray Cable of Mt. Vernon and three grandchildren, Tricia Beth Laswell, Andrew Laswell and Benjamin Jonmark Loughmiller. He was preceded in death by a brother, Norman K. Cable.

Services were Tuesday, April 2 at Ottawa Baptist Church with Bro. Bob Turner and Bro. Peter Lamson officiating. Burial was in the Ottawa Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Dowell & Martin Funeral Home (www.dowellmartin.com).

Palbearers were Dean Jones, Clinton Brown, Bob Wright, T.G. Laswell, Jack Hayes and Henry Hayes.

Honorary palbearers were Michael Ray Cable, Norman Keith Cable, Jr., Michael Dean Jones, Jackie Bruce Blanton, Barry Lee Blanton and David Wayne Blanton.



Judy McFerron

Judy Croch McFerron, 53, of 100 McQuire St., Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, March 26, 2002 at the Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington after a long illness. She was born on May 15, 1948 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of Emma Calhoun Doan of Mt. Vernon and the late Fred Doan. She enjoyed quilting and sewing, operated the Mt. Vernon Florist and was a member of the Northside Baptist Church.

Survivors besides her mother are Bobby DeBorde of Mt. Vernon, a son, Calvin Creech of Berea; a daughter, Renee Creech of Richmond; a brother, Bennie Doan of Mt. Vernon; a sister, Glenda Smith of Reno Valley and two grandchildren, Rylee, Scott Creech and Vashaun Alexander. She was preceded in death by a sister, Vivian Sue Doan.

Services were Saturday, March 30, at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Chad Burdette officiating. Burial was in the McKinney Cemetery.

Palbearers were Chris Clegg, Scott Clegg, Paul Harper, Ernie Cromer, Ronnie Dike and David McClure.

Hurbel Saylor

Hurbel Ray Saylor, 70, of Waynesburg, died Monday, April 1, 2002, at Fort Logan Hospital in Stanford. He was born in Harlan County on March 3, 1932, the son of the late Elihu and Retha Hopkins Saylor. He was a member of the

Waynesburg Pentecostal Church.

Survivors are his brothers, Elbert Saylor and wife, Rita of Waynesburg, Robert Saylor and wife, Mickie of Fort Worth, Texas and Ronald Saylor and wife, Joan of Waynesburg and a sister, Flossie Mansel of Stanford. He was preceded in death by brothers, Clifford, Edward and Worley Saylor and sisters, Ruby, Pauline and Mae Francis Saylor.

Services were Friday, April 5 at Waynesburg Pentecostal Church with Rev. Billy Brown officiating. Burial was in the Elihu Saylor Cemetery in Stanford.

Barnet & Deniro Funeral Home in Waynesburg was in charge of arrangements.



James Parsons

James Roy Parsons, 78, of Cincinnati, Ohio, died Thursday, February 28, 2002 at his residence. He was born March 12, 1923 in Rockcastle County, the son of Thetard and Maymie Drew Parsons. He attended and graduated from the Rockcastle County School system in 1941.

Services were Saturday, March 30, at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Chad Burdette officiating. Burial was in the McKinney Cemetery.

Palbearers were Chris Clegg, Scott Clegg, Paul Harper, Ernie Cromer, Ronnie Dike and David McClure.

Deborah Ann Suddkamp and husband, Charles of Mansfield, Ohio; two sisters, Patricia Varner of Deltonia, Florida and Odetta "Tootsy" Neumann and husband, Donald of Port Charlotte, Florida. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Lorene and brother, Thetard preceded her in death.

Services were Monday, March 4 at the Saint Peters United Church of Christ in Pleasant Ridge, Ohio. Burial was in the Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Montgomery, Ohio. The Verbus Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Palbearers were sons, Luther, Wendell and Wayne; a son-in-law, Charles Suddkamp; a brother-in-law, Donald Neumann and a step-grandson, James Childress.

In Loving Memory

In Memory
Mama, I'm writing this note in memory of your birthday, which will be April 12th. It has been so long, but you seem so near me all the time. You were a great mother. We were taught right. How I wish I could hear you sing just one more time. It would be so sweet. But the Lord needs you to sing in the choir. When that great trumpet sounds, right there you will stand. Oh, how beautiful it will be standing at Jesus' feet. You will meet all your family. When that Big Gate opens wide. All your families will be marching in. Everyone will be dressed in white. Your face will be a shining light. You will never get old. Seems as if I can hear you call my name. You won't have to worry any more. You will be singing the songs that the Angels couldn't sing.

Your lonely daughter,
Lora Westerfield Hamilton

Card of Thanks

Vernon Doan
The Vernon Doan family would like to take this opportunity to thank all who were there in our time of sorrow. We would like to thank each prayer that was said, for the food, flowers, for the fellowship and most of all kindness of everyone. We would like to send a special thanks to Bro. Dewayne Carpenter, Kim Hines and Bessie Beale.

Vernon & Charlotte Doan and family

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.

We are all proud of our cemetery, and glad of all our support in getting it to this point.

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 located in the Blue Springs area of Rockcastle Co. 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 1491, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 by March 21, 2002.

Something To Think About



ROY MARTIN DIRECTOR

THE CONDOLENCE CALL

The condolence call is distinct from attendance at the viewing or funeral. It is a personal home visit made to a bereaved individual or family by relatives, friends, neighbors, associates, acquaintances soon after they have learned of the death. However, the individual who fails to go early to the bereaved home need not assume that he may not be made at any time, before the funeral or after, during the first weeks of

grief. The condolence call has several purposes. It expresses sympathy and offers help in a difficult time. The bereaved should know that they are not alone in their grief, that there are people who care about and understand their sorrow. It also helps maintain ties between that person and the society. This not only demonstrates community support, it can help the mourner from slipping too deeply into grief.

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Burley Tobacco Leasing
The MO-24, Notice of Acres/Reserves, Yields, Allotments, and/or Quotas, for burley tobacco are scheduled to be mailed to producers on Friday, April 5, 2002.

Producers may begin leasing quotas on Monday, April 8th. Tobacco Spot Checks
Producers who have reported unmarketed tobacco stored on the farms are subject for random spot checks. Spot checks are performed by local FSA personnel to verify the amount of tobacco reported. These spot checks will be carried out in the next few months. If you have moved tobacco from where you first reported the storage, please contact FSA to report the new location.

Burley Tobacco 2001 Season Summary
The 2001-02 Burley tobacco auction season ended after posting the highest sales volume and the second highest average acreage on record. The light volume at auction was due to the high volume of contract sales. Quality of this year's crop was better than last year.

Gross sales at auction and contract this season combined amounted to 348,190,497 pounds, averaging \$192.46 per hundred.

Nearly two-thirds of the estimated crop production was marketed

through 32 contract centers in 22 states.

Non-Insurable Assistance Program (NAP) Applications
Due by April 18

Producers have until April 18, 2002, to apply for coverage for certain eligible crops under the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Noninsured Crop Disaster Program (NAP). This deadline applies to 2001 and 2002 crops for which the coverage period would normally have begun prior to March 19, 2002, or within 60 days after March 19, 2002. Along with submitting an application for coverage, producers must pay applicable service fees and provide a certification of prior crop year production for the crop by April 18, 2002.

The deadline for submitting an application for payment for 2001 crop losses is the 2002 acreage reporting date for the crop.
Producers seeking NAP coverage of eligible crops are encouraged to contact their local USDA Service Center prior to the deadline to identify applicable crops and file an application. Producers are reminded there are no late-file provisions for submitting applications for coverage after April 18, 2002.

NAP producers financial assist-

tance to producers for eligible crop losses and prevented planting due to natural disasters. Eligible crops are those for which the catastrophic level of Federal crop insurance is not available and include those produced for food, livestock feed, fiber, mushrooms, floriculture, honey, maple sap, aquaculture (including ornamental fish), Christmas tree crops, ginseng, ornamental nursery and turfgrass sod.

Farm Changes
Producers who have purchased or sold land should inform the FSA office of the change. A copy of the deed or land contract sales is required to update FSA records with correct ownership. Farms involving corn and/or wheat must be properly constituted by June 1, 2002 with farms involving burley tobacco being constituted by July 1, 2002.

Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP)

Producers who retain beneficial interest in a commodity eligible for a loan or an LDP deficiency payment are eligible for payment if all the following remain with the producers: control of the commodity, risk of loss, title of the commodity, crop must have been produced on contract acreage (AMTA).
FSA realizes that many farmers may be beginning, thus, the loss of beneficial interest occurs. Anyone who has lost title, risk and control of the crop, is NOT eligible for benefits.

Final loan and LDP availability dates for the 2001 crop are:
Barley, Oats and Wheat - March 31, 2002.
Corn, Grain Sorghum and Soybeans - May 31, 2002.

Wheat Reporting

Small grains (wheat) crop reporting can now be completed at the FSA office after they are planted. Wheat crop reporting must be on file by May 31, 2002. All other crop reporting must be on file by July 15, 2002.

FY 2002 PFC Reminder

Producers who wish to receive their 2000 PFC (Production Flexibility Contract) payments early must sign a form for what month you wish to receive your 2002 payment. The deadline to sign or revise a PFC for FY 2002 is August 1, 2002.

Do not request a payment for your farm if you are considering selling a portion or the entire farm. Changes in your farming operation must be reported timely in order to reflect PFC payments to the current crop year producer.

All changes reflected on the CCC-478 Application for PFC Payment, must be signed by August 1, 2002.

For additional information on the PFC program contact the FSA office.

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he sits up there with his throne waiting to zap us on every mistake. Also, I cannot believe God would punish your children like this while hurting you.

"There are many people praying for her," Carl added. "I think everything is going to be alright. I believe God can heal her."

When a lumpectomy was unsuccessful, Donna elected to have a double mastectomy. "I'm not going to spend the rest of my life worrying about a recurrence on the other side," she told the doctor.

Some weeks after her surgery, Donna and Carl returned to counseling. "I really believed the lumpectomy would take care of it," Carl said angrily. "I am nupt at God for doing this to her."

Carl, Donna replied, "God didn't think to me. It just happened."

"Maybe he didn't do this to you," Carl agreed, "but he could have stopped it. With all those people praying for you, why didn't he listen? What good is prayer anyway?"

Carl said that God was not going to "strike him down" for expressing such thoughts.

While Carl was going through his crisis of faith, Donna's attitude was

amazing. Even after major surgery that forever changed her appearance and her life, she remained upbeat. "I have faith that I am going to be well," she declared to Carl and me.

The chemotherapy was hard on Donna. For six months she was tired and listless. Her hair fell out, and she wore a wig. She had bouts of nausea regularly. Donna sometimes lost her positive outlook. She grieved the loss of a part of her body. "She's still hanging in there," Carl reported. "She is an amazing woman."

Carl was taking a serious look at the meaning of prayer. "If I ask God to heal Donna," Carl asked, "does he hear that? Is anybody home up there?"

While assuring Carl that I did not have all the answers to his questions, I did share some thoughts with him. Most of us think of prayer as asking God for things. We see God as a celestial Santa Claus who grants wishes. Maybe that is not what prayer is all about. Perhaps prayer is a way of staying in touch with The Universal Source of power and love. Perhaps prayer is not so much about asking as it is about being - being still and becoming aware of the presence of God.

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Your Faith Affects Your Illness
Donna and Carl had come to see me (for marriage counseling). All characters are fictitious.) Donna was unhappy with the marriage. She wanted to get help before the relationship got worse.

Soon after the first two counseling sessions, Donna found a lump in her breast during her monthly self-examination. After further tests, the doctor recommended a biopsy. This

confirmed Donna's worst fear: she had breast cancer.

When Donna and Carl returned for counseling the next week, they were very different from the couple I had seen the week before. Carl worried and paced the floor through much of our session. Donna seemed calmer but was obviously dealing with some very strong emotions.

The two were both Christians, and they tried to understand what was happening in view of their beliefs. "I've had the thought that this is God's punishment on me for wanting to leave the marriage," Donna admitted sadly. "I don't like to think that way, but I do wonder."

"Donna, I don't think God works that way," I told her. "I don't believe

"What Saith the Scriptures"

In 1 Cor. 10:1-2 we are given the pattern of when the collection is to be made. "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you by him in store, as he hath prospered, share there be no gathering when I come." The collection is to be made on the first day of the week, which is Sunday. This is the day that Paul gave order to the church at Corinth and to the Galatian churches. This word gives order means: To arrange thoroughly, i.e. (spec) institute, prescribe, etc. appoint command give (set) an order, ordain. Paul has the authority as an apostle of Christ to bind the time of when the collection is to be made. It is according to the pattern set forth in the passage for a congregation to make a collection on some other day, or to take up a collection every night of a week long meeting. If we are going to follow new testament pattern, let us make the collection on the proper day, appointed by God. And let every Christian give with a willing and cheerful heart. For God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 Cor. 9:7

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Grocery Store Equipment

Saturday, April 12, 2002 at 1:30 p.m.

US 25 South, Mt. Vernon

Location: Approximately 6/10 of a mile from I-75 Exit 50 and one mile from the city limits of Mt. Vernon. Auction signs are posted.

TRACT 1: The above picture brick/concrete block building has 7,500 square feet on the main floor. In addition, there is an apartment with approximately 1,200 sq. ft. and has full bedrooms, living room, kitchen, bath, utility room and oil/air. There is a city water, septic and gas heat.

The building is situated on a lot measuring approximately 239'6" x 168'7" x 193'332 containing 1.75 acres more or less. There is approximately 239 ft. of frontage along US Highway 25.

TRACT 2: The extra lot measures approximately 160'160" x 160'160" and contains 0.545 acres more or less. There is approximately 160 ft. of frontage along US Highway 25.

When combined, there is a 2.228 acre more or less with approximately 399 feet of road frontage along US 25. The tracts will be offered separately and as a whole selling in the manner which reflects the best interests for the sellers.

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Absolute Auction

of Mr. Chuck Napier's and Ms. Suella Napier's

House and Two Acres M/L
Furniture and Personal Property

Saturday, April 6, 2002 at 1:30 p.m.

Sand Springs Section of Rockcastle County, KY

Location: Approximately 1 1/2 miles from downtown Mt. Vernon. Turn onto Highway 1249 (Sand Springs) and at the light in Mt. Vernon. An auction sign is posted.

Due to the dissolution of their marriage, the Napiers have authorized our firm to sell this property for the absolute high dollar.

The above pictured vinyl sided home has a floor plan of kitchen with appliances, dining room, living room, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and utility room. Other features include oak kitchen cabinets, heat pump, thermopane windows, carpet and city water.

In addition to the house, there is a 36x40 metal horse barn. The house is situated on a nice two acre lot.

Furniture and personal property that will be selling include: Speed Queen washer and dryer - dining table and four chairs - sectional couch - coffee and end tables - RCA Big screen TV / 3 pc. Bedroom suite - set of bunk beds - 5 pc. bedroom suite - several miscellaneous items.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: If you're looking for a nice home with enough acreage for a nice garden spot and room for a horse, then look no further. Be sure to mark your calendar to attend this absolute auction on Saturday, April 6th at 1:30 p.m.

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State Representative Danny Ford, second from left, presented Rockcastle County's first checks from Kentucky's Phase I Cost-Share Program at Rockcastle County Cattlemen's Annual Banquet. Phase I funds provided by the Kentucky legislature are being invested locally in forage improvement, genetic improvement and cattle handling facilities. The first to complete programs in each area and receiving checks were RK Wolfe, Jr., forage improvement, William Taylor, cattle handling facility and Joe Bullen, genetic improvement.

Phase I funds made available

Phase I tobacco settlement funds totaling \$435,000 are being invested in local agriculture cost-share programs. Funds were made available by the 2000 Kentucky legislative session, which provided each Kentucky county with funds based on their dependence on tobacco.

Rockcastle County farmers serving on the Agriculture Development Council, along with the Rockcastle Cattlemen's Association, have helped lead this program locally. Three areas of state-approved projects were identified for local programs, those being: forage improvement, genetic improvement, and improving cattle handling facilities.

Forage improvement involves seeding alfalfa, renovating hay fields with red clover, or renovating pastures with white clover. Cost-share includes certified seed varieties, plus lime and fertilizer according to U.K. soil test results. A total of 214 applications were taken during January and all will be funded. Over 3000 acres will be improved with \$200,000 of the cost-share funds.

Genetic improvement involves purchasing bulls or semen with production records from the top of each breed. Expected Progeny Differences (EPD)'s guidelines help farmers select better bulls based on weaning weights, birth weights and milk production. Sixty-two applications were taken by the February 15th deadline and all will be funded through \$100,000 of cost-share funds.

Improving cattle handling facilities promotes herd health practices for the cow herd as well as feeder calves. Eighty-four applications were taken during the sign-up period. Cost-share funds totaling \$125,000 will be invested in head gates, alley ways and holding pens.

Currently all application deadlines have passed. Any new programs will be announced in the fall and will depend on funds remaining in current programs or new funds made available through the current legislative session.

Not the one

Not the same David Mason? David Mason from Pine Hill is not the David Mason who was listed in last week's paper as being deceased, from Laurel County.

the hospital for the last TWO months. I am not the one.

My condolences to the late David Mason family for their recent loss.

My thanks for all the prayers, cards, calls and visits I received while I was in Saint Joseph Hospital.

Although I have been sick and in

Our Readers Write

Dear Editor,
I wish to correct some inaccurate statements recently made about the unpublicized riot incident ("Mt. Vernon man, sues 911," Thursday, March 21st, 2002) on your front page. This incident involved me being repeatedly threatened with arrest for various legal activities, detained, offered a night in the Mt. Vernon jail, told the FBI would hold me for seven (7) days, and purposely stared down from about six inches away by Mt. Vernon police officers Brian Doan, an officer I believe but am not positive was Eddie Delaney and Barry Adams.

First, I do not feel the issue involved & that I was "unfairly singled out" by the Mt. Vernon police. Rather it is their reprehensible conduct while I was stopped that is the core of the problem. And, most unfortunately, judging from the various letters to this paper, as well as what I hear from many others in town, their conduct in this case did not single me out. Instead being bullied and purposely intimidated by Officers Doan, Delaney and Adams includes me in a large class of people who have been subject to similar treatment.

Second, let me address County Attorney Jeff Burdette's often repeated claim that my "request is to determine the identity of the caller," as well as your paper's statement that I am "making an all out effort to obtain the name or names of those who may have called" 911.

To begin with this claim is simply untrue. Mr. Burdette features this claim in just about every one of his filings, but unless he's heard this from Cleo of the psychic hotline he has no way of supporting this statement. The issue here is the embarrassing conduct of the Mt. Vernon police, not the name of the caller. Furthermore, why the "name" is wanted is not relevant. As noted in the Michie's official version of Kentucky law, KRS 61.870, p. 223: "The purpose for which a person seeks access to a public record is not relevant." (OAG 82-234). Finally, I already know who called the police that night (a call was made directly to a police officer, 911 recorded subsequent police conversations about it). I have spoken with more than one person familiar with the conversation from it being broadcast over a public scanner, and the police identified the call according to Candy Kieker's rec-

denance: If Mr. Burdette is concerned about the identity of those calling 911 being known, he should instruct Officers Doan, Delaney and Adams not to broadcast it over a public scanner, instead of denying me access to all of the tape.
Third, while I very much like and respect the County Attorney, Mr. Burdette, I would like to address his role in this matter. I can understand Mr. Burdette's desire to withhold the name of the caller, however, Mr. Burdette's refusal to separate and turn over the rest of the tape has led to many hours of work for myself, the Attorney General's office and the circuit court, not to mention Mr. Burdette himself.

I have repeatedly noted that Section 1878 (4) clearly provides that the public agency shall separate the excerpt and make the non-excerpted material available for examination. I asked for separable material in my original request of Nov. 1st, as well as my informal appeal of Nov. 20th. Furthermore, I filed a separate request on Nov. 30th specifically designed to withhold the identity of the caller while still providing the content of the tape. It was also refused. In the Nov. 20th appeal I even noted that I wished to "minimize the work involved for all parties, including the Attorney General and the court." Instead we've all spent innumerable hours writing court briefs.

This, along with the claim that the case is still under active investigation, which is refuted by the MYPD's letter of October 30th, and the claim that the separable and non-separable information are all intermingled, which is refuted by the separated transcript of the tape finally provided, and the claim that personal information about the caller is relevant, which is refuted by a registrar's office in graduate school, all the reasons we are now in court arguing over whether I will receive compensation of up to \$25 a day of public money for the approximately 90 days I was detained access to the tape, as provided by Section 61.882 (5).

Michael Shiliga
Mt. Vernon, KY

Dear Editor,
Being lifelong residents of Rockcastle County, I would like for the citizens of the county to recognize what an Outstanding Job Darrell Doan has done for our family. He has worked long hours, weekends and even off duty to help solve a murder of a family member. Calling and meeting with the family to keep us up to date on the progress. I really eased up knowing that we had someone checking and searching for answers trying to bring someone to justice.

Family is the most important thing in people's lives and when a tragedy as this happens it is good to know that we can have a Sheriff that puts his community first.

I would like to ask the citizens of Rockcastle County to strongly endorse Darrell Doan as the next Sheriff.

Thank you,
HB & Kathleen Miller
Rick & Sheila Nicely
Rick & Brenda Miller
Mt. Vernon, KY

Dear Editor,
I would like to commend the sister of Darrell Doan for letting the people of our county know what caliber of a person he is. Our county needs a honest man in office. We all know that Darrell Doan has always been fair and the best deputy we have had to serve us. He has always come whenever he was called, no matter how early or how late it was. If memory serves me, in every week's *Signal* there was always pictures of him working wrecks, murder scenes, making drug arrests and trying to help people get back what someone has stolen. These are just a few of all the things he has done to help us. I know it was his job, but he always went beyond that because he is a caring person.

We need more Christian people like him in the world and it would be a better place to live.

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Bullock receives Millennium Fellowship Scholarship to study in Foreign Country

James Bullock, Mt. Vernon, is among 13 Eastern Kentucky University students who will enjoy the educational experience of a lifetime this summer as recipients of the University's Millennium Fellow Scholarship. Bullock received a \$500 scholarship to apply toward his studies in Italy this summer. Forty-nine EKU students applied for the scholarship, which is awarded based on academic promise and need. All the recipients have GPAs of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Bullock has a perfect 4.0.

Their studies will span about six weeks and several countries, including Ireland, France, Italy, Great Britain, Spain, Greece, Austria and Ecuador.

Dr. Dan Robinette, chair of the University's Millennium Committee, said he has received overwhelmingly positive feedback from students after they returned from studying abroad.

"Travel abroad, even for a short period of time, has changed lives completely," Robinette said. "It puts students into a culture where often they are a minority and forces them to re-examine their own ideals, beliefs and values."

International studies are more important than ever, Robinette said, because of an increasingly global economy.

"Many international people are flowing into Kentucky," he noted. "But, still, most of our students haven't been able to experience total immersion in a different culture." In fact, just one of 200 year's scholarship recipients has visited a foreign country.

EKU's membership in KUIS and the Cooperative Center for a Student Union (CCSA) reduces a student's tuition for foreign studies, but travel and living expenses can still run \$2,000-\$3,500, according to Robinette. Other scholarships and forms of financial aid are also available.

The four-member, interdisciplinary Millennium Committee was established at EKU in 2000 to plan events that heighten global awareness and emphasize the University's commitment to international education and the internationalization of the University's curriculum.

For more information about the Millennium Fellow Scholarship, call Robinette at 859-622-2408.

Brock graduates from basic training

Army Pfc. Wilburn E. Brock has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier received instruction and practice in drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, physical fitness, basic first aid, Army values, principles and traditions.

Brock is the brother of Navie Brock of Brookland.

He is a 1998 graduate of Black River High School in Sullivan, Ohio.



Tom Miller, Crab Orchard, recently competed in the Kentucky Derby Festival-Spring Bee, held March 23 in Louisville. Pictured left to right are Joe McGhee of Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance; Barbara Cox, Chairperson of the Derby Festival-Spring Bee Committee; Miller and David S. Beck of Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation. A total of 57 youngsters from Kentucky and Southern Indiana competed in the annual event sponsored by Kentucky Farm Bureau and Churchill Downs.

- School Menu**
- Breakfast:** Ham, toast or cereal, toast jelly, juice and milk.
 - Tuesday:** Eggs, in biscuit or cereal, toast jelly, juice and milk.
 - Wednesday:** Puffy or cereal, toast jelly, juice and milk.
 - Thursday:** Waffle sticks and syrup or cereal, toast jelly, juice and milk.
 - Friday:** Egg, cheese biscuit or cereal, toast jelly, juice and milk.
 - Lunch**
 - Monday:** Chicken nuggets, potato wedges, glazed yam, fruit, dessert and milk.
 - Tuesday:** Beef or corn, corn, garden salad, fruit, dessert and milk.
 - Wednesday:** Manager's choice.
 - Thursday:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, garden salad, Italian bread, cookie and milk.
 - Friday:** Pizza or sandwich, corn, garden salad, cookie and milk.

Students attend HOT Expo at EKU

Nearly 450 high school students from 21 schools in 18 countries attended the third annual Health Occupations Today (HOT) Expo on March 27 at Eastern Kentucky University. "It has become very popular with schools," said Brad Hall, director of the Southern Kentucky Area Health Education Center, the event's creator. The size of the event has grown enormously since the first year when approximately 150 students attended.

Rhonda Childress of Rockcastle County Area Technology Center and Jenny Sweet, of Rockcastle County High School took a total of 37 students to the event. At the HOT Expo, students had the opportunity to talk with more than 40 health care professionals, many of whom set up hands-on demonstrations for the stu-

dents to try. Hall points out that while participants can explore specific health care careers, they can also talk with representatives of academic institutions who can give them guidance about the course of study they would pursue to prepare themselves for their career goal.

AHEC work in conjunction with The Good Samaritan Foundation and School-to-Careers Local Labor Market Area #16, which is managed by Forward in the Fifth, to provide students with this opportunity. School-to-Careers helps teachers find ways to involve their students in career exploration beginning in elementary school.

AHEC and Forward in the Fifth invited new health care professionals to participate this year in response to requests for information about specific careers from students.




37 students from RCHS and Rockcastle Co. AHC attended the Hot Expo held at Eastern Kentucky University.



Several members of the RCMS Fellowship of Christian Athletes visited the Christian Appalachian Project preschool class on February 25th. Eighth graders, Natasha Howard and Matthew Burkham, above, help preschoolers Brandon, Cabady, Hailey and Savannah decorate cupcakes. Seventh grader Drew Davidson, below, helps preschoolers Alexis and Austin use chocolate chips to make ladybugs.





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*To keep progress moving forward for
Rockcastle County*

Your Support is Appreciated

FFA attends EKU Field Day

By Bryanna Bussell—
On March 26th, 16 members of the Rockcastle County FFA attended the Kentucky River Region annual FFA Field Day at EKU. Those 16 members participated in Speech contests, a Talent Contest, the Creed Contest and the Chapter Meeting Contest.

At the end of the day, Rockcastle came out with six first place Superior ratings, and five second place Superior ratings. Jeremy Rowe, Rebekah Lyons, Brad Bussell and Amber Thacker all placed with a Superior 1st in Impromptu speaking. Matthew Whitaker placed Superior 1st in the Creed Speaking contest. Chris McGuire, Bryanna Bussell, Eric Adams and Jordan Hall all placed Superior 2nd in their speeches. Brad Bussell, Heather Adams, Amber Thacker, Clifton Williams and Chris McGuire placed Superior 2nd in the Talent Contest.

The members of the Chapter Meeting team continued their excellence by winning the Regional contest the seventh time out of eight years. The members of the team were Eric Adams, Brad Bussell, Chris

McGuire, Bryanna Bussell, Jamey Robinson, Heather Adams, Nathan Doan, Jordan Hall, Daniel Bustle and Matthew Whitaker. The alternates on the team were Mark Dyehouse and Tiffany Hopkins.

All in all, it was a great day for the Rockcastle FFA. Those regional winners will now move on to state competition at the State Convention in June. Congratulations to all those who participated.



Talent Group, front row from left: Heather Adams and Amber Thacker. Back row from left: Clifton Williams, Brad Bussell and Chris McGuire.



Speech contestants, front row from left: Jordan Hall, Jeremy Rowe, Amber Thacker, Bryanna Bussell and Chris McGuire. Back row from left: Brad Bussell, Jamey Robinson, Rebekah Lyons, Eric Adams, Matthew Whitaker and Treton Harding.



Chapter Meeting team, front row from left: Tiffany Hopkins, Heather Adams and Bryanna Bussell. Back row from left: Daniel Bustle, Jamey Robinson, Matthew Whitaker, Nathan Doan, Eric Adams, Jordan Hall, Chris McGuire and Brad Bussell.



Mt. Vernon Elementary students have just completed 4-H Clothing Projects. Due to high participation, two sessions were scheduled. The first session was held March 18-22. Those participating were, from front row left: Tracie Jones, Whitney Whitaker, Courtney Ham and Megan Hood. Back row from left: Vicki Chasteen (volunteer), Stephanie Gross, Britaney Hayes, Nancy Dickerson, Samantha Smith, Brittany Calhoun, and Barbara Coogletton (volunteer).



The second session of 4-H Clothing Projects at Mt. Vernon Elementary was held March 25-28. Those participating were, from front row left: Carissa Alcorn, Bethany Clontz, Tiffany Mason and Courtney Bentley. Second row from left: Jessica Mink, Frank Weaver, Jessa Hellitz, Adrienne Childers and Rachel Hammons. Third row from left are volunteers Vicki Chasteen, Barbara Coogletton, Krystal Alcorn, Emily Mink and Anne Mink.

Bullocks among panelists at Honors conference

Thirty-seven Eastern Kentucky University Honors Program students made presentations at the Southern Regional Honors Council's 30th annual conference held recently in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Eastern students, accompanied by 10 faculty and staff mentors, were involved in 11 panel presentations. Both the number of students and the number of presentations led all other participating schools.

The participants included Mindy Bullock and Nate Bullock, of Mt. Vernon.

The panel discussions included "Casualties of America's War on Drugs," "Cinematic Shakespeare," "The Future of Terrorism," "Gender Inequality in Education," "Learning Styles and Honors Program Students," "Oxford Debate: Who Emancipated the Slaves?," "Tolkien: Influences and Inspiration," "Civil Liberties," "Female Genital Mutilation" and "Personal Computers and Social

Change."

EKU's Honors Program is designed for intellectually promising students who seek a strong grounding in the liberal arts along with their more specialized major. The 28-credit-hour program includes course work in the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences, with emphasis on effective communication, development of critical thinking skills and integration of knowledge across academic disciplines.

Students with excellent academic background are invited to apply to the program. National Merit finalists and semifinalists are automatically accepted. In addition, students with high school grade point averages of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale add with at least a score of 16 on the American College Test will be given priority. Other students demonstrating the potential for outstanding academic performance also will be considered.

For more information about the program, contact Dr. Bonnie Gray, director, at 859-622-1403.

Thanks 21st Century

We, the Business Law Class of Rockcastle County High School enjoyed a wonderful and very educational trip to our Kentucky State Capitol in Frankfort.

While there, we visited the House of Representatives and witnessed representatives present, discuss and vote on various bills. We then visited the Supreme Court and heard a case being presented before our Supreme Court Justices after which Supreme Court Justice Joseph Lambert personally greeted our class for a few minutes.

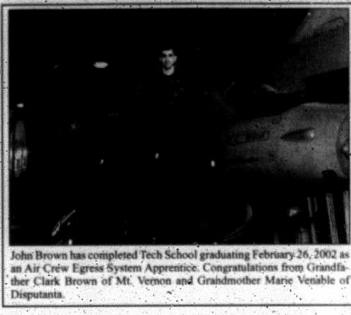
After a morning of watching our government in action and enjoying a bit of pizza in the Capitol, Representative Danny Ford and (our new) Senator Ed Worley greeted us in the Rotunda for questions and pictures.

Along with our thanks to 21st Century for sponsoring the trip, we want to also thank Supreme Court Justice Lambert, Rep. Ford and Sen. Worley for meeting with us. A big special thanks goes out to Ms. Sandy Bullock for making the arrangements and Rep. Danny Ford's staff for their assistance in planning the trip and taking such good care of us while we were there. The trip was fabulous and everyone should have the pure delight of visiting our beautiful Kentucky State Capitol.

Stewart Abney of Wilde, a sophomore at Centre College, is a member of the Delta chapter of Phi Kappa Tau, fraternity which recently received the Award of Distinction from the North American Interfraternity Conference. Out of the 5,500 fraternity chapters in the nation, Centre's Phi Tau chapter was one of only two collegiate chapters to receive this award, recognizing overall leadership excellence on campus and in the community, as well as the highest commitment to advancing fraternal ideals through example.



Students from RCHS took a Business Law trip to Frankfort on March 15th. They are pictured here with Senator Ed Worley and Representative Danny Ford. Pictured from left: Daniel Pingleton, Senator Worley, Tammy Peyton, Ashlee Kindred, Nick Renner, Brittany Himes, teacher Polly Abney, Nikki Houk, Tabitha White, Tony Fernandez, Genna Cummins, Amanda Forbes, Courtney Alexander, Representative Ford, Amy French, Sandy Bullock, Travis Burton and Dallas Todd.



John Brown has completed Tech School graduating February 26, 2002 as an Air Crew Egress System Apprentice. Congratulations from Grandfather Clark Brown of Mt. Vernon and Grandmother Marie Ventable of Disputanta.

McKinney named National Award Winner in English

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Erica McKinney of Mt. Vernon has been named a United States National Award Winner in English.

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

Erica, who attends Rockcastle County Middle School, was nominated for this national award by Karen Powell, a teacher at the school.

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

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

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for



Erica McKinney

EKU President's List

Three Rockcastle Countians are among 207 students at Eastern Kentucky University named to the President's List for the Fall 2001 semester.

Those three students are Nathaniel Bullock and Kevin Scott, both of Mt. Vernon and Tami N. Taylor of Crab Orchard.

All three students were also named to the Fall Semester Dean's List at EKV.

"We are delighted that some of Rockcastle County's best and brightest students are studying with us at Eastern," said EKV President Joanne Glasser.

The President's List was established by the University to recognize outstanding academic achievement. It is bestowed upon full-time undergraduate students who attain a perfect 4.0 grade point average for a semester.

"All of us at EKV are committed to academic excellence and the success of our students," Glasser said. "And we are especially pleased to recognize students who have excelled to the point of perfection during a semester's work."

Centre College fraternity recognized as nation's top two

Through 66 member fraternities, the NIC represents almost 4.5 million alumni and 400,000 college students. The NIC also represents over 5,500 chapters on more than 800 college campuses.

NIC President William Jenkins is to present the awards to Phi Kappa Tau at Centre's annual Grand Chapter Greek Awards Ceremony on May 9.

Abney is the son of Paul and Ann Abney of Wilde and is a graduate of Rockcastle County High School.

Sparks is a fire team leader regularly assigned to the First Battalion, 49th Infantry Battalion (Mechanized) in London.

Sparks is the son of Edna M. and Stephen T. Durham of Mt. Vernon. The sergeant is a 1992 graduate of Jackson County High School.

Conservation District holds banquet for Art/Writing Contest winners at Pizza Hut



The Rockcastle County Conservation District is proud to announce the winners for the Jim Claypool Art/Writing Contest. The district would like to thank everyone who participated in the contest. A special "thank you" to Pizza Hut for hosting the banquet. County Winners, from left: RCHS 1st/2nd Winner Tammy Peyton and BHS Art Winner Rachael Cash.



Two people recognized for their efforts: Kateka Cash -BES and Belinda Collier -RCHS



RCHS Essay Entries, from left: Shaina Lewis, 2nd place; Chris Sellot, 3rd place and Tammy Peyton, 1st place



BES Art Winners, from left: Joanie Alexander, 2nd place; Rachael Cash, 1st place and Brandon Mitchell, 3rd place



MVES Art Entries, from left: Cody Kirby, 1st place and Ronnie Lashair, 3rd place. Absent was Danny Barnes, 2nd place.



Dr Denise Hansel weds Daniel Lehman Metzger

Metzger - Rhoney wed

Dr Denise Hansel-Rhoney of Plymouth, Michigan and Daniel Lehman Metzger of Troy, Michigan, were united in marriage on November 17, 2001 at the First Presbyterian Church with Dr. James Skinnams officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mary Elwyn Rhoney of Hickory, North Carolina and Mt. Vernon, and Reginald F. Rhoney of Hickory. She is the granddaughter of the late Shorman Hansel and Mary Helton Hansel of Hickory, North Carolina and formerly of Mt. Vernon. The bridegroom is the son of Dr. Daniel Metzger of Santa Fe, New Mexico. Given in marriage by her mother and father, she wore a sleeveless, floor-length gown of white Italian bridal satin. The scooped-back bodice was made of satin cutwork with pearls and crystals. The full skirt swept the breeze wafting to a cathedral length train. Her double veil of illusion veiled shoulder and cathedral length. She carried a bouquet of white roses, English lavender and White Stephanotis designed by her sister.

Marla Rhoney Nutting of Hickory, North Carolina, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were: Margie Forest of Boston, Massachusetts, sister of the bridegroom; Dr. Christine Karapi of Plymouth,

Michigan; Dr. Peggy McKinnon of Novi, Michigan; Dr. Cindy Stone of Little Rock, Arkansas and Dr. Luau Welch of Charleston, West Virginia. They carried bouquets designed by Marla Nutting. Hannah Karani and Olivia Ferrey, niece of the bridegroom, were child attendants.

Robert Kurima of Houston, Texas, was best man. Groomsmen were Dr. James Forest of Boston, "brother-in-law" of the groom, Kent Hendricks of Norfolk, Virginia; Brad Moore of Houston, Texas; Charlie Nutting of Hickory, North Carolina; brother-in-law of the bride and Quince Ocho of Houston.

The bride is a graduate of Hickory High School and received a Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Pharmacy degrees from the University of Kentucky. She completed her neurology residency at UK and completed a Research Fellowship at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is employed by Wayne State University in Detroit, as an assistant professor of pharmacy and medicine. The bridegroom is a graduate of Los Alamos High, New Mexico and received a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering from Texas Tech University. He also received a Master's degree in engineering from the University of Illinois. He is employed by General Motors; Power Train, in Warren, Michigan, as a design engineer.

The bride's mother was hostess for the reception at the Woodgate Clubhouse. The wedding cake was designed and baked by the bride's mother.

The couple lives in Plymouth, Michigan.



Happy Birthday Kristy Chishum Joe, Robin, Levi & Arsel



Charlotte Wishing you a Happy Sweet 16th Birthday on April 5th Love - Mom, Dad, Sis "Papa" Fred & Granny Lil, Papa Chess



Kenneth and Kayla Cromer would like to announce the birth of their first child, Grace Lynn Amary, Croiter, Grace Lynn was born on January 27, 2002 at Patten A. Clay Hospital. Her proud grandparents are Jack and Teresa Cromer of Mt. Vernon and Willie and Kathy Hammond of Broadhead.



Jordan Dean Powell, son of Melvin and Melinda Powell, celebrated his ninth birthday Saturday with a party at his home. He received many nice gifts. Cake and ice cream were served and everyone had a good time. Jordan is the grandson of Junior and Ruby Powell of Mt. Vernon and Johnny and Pam Brown of Cumberland. Jordan's little sister, Alexia Lashae also helped him celebrate.



Ashley and Andy Doan would like to introduce to you their son, Cager Nishanuel Eugene Carl Wesley Doan. Cager was born at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital on February 25th weighing 9 lbs. 12.8 ozs. He is the grandson of Robert and Rhonda McFerron and Carl and Helen Doan of Mt. Vernon. He is the Great Grandson of Jim and Doris Sowler of Cincinnati, Andrew and Flossy McFerron, Sylvester and Mary McFerron and Geneva and Arles Dyan, all from Mt. Vernon. Bessie Kirby of Mt. Vernon is his Great Great Grandmother.

In and Around Mt. Vernon

By Vallie Burton

Mrs. Lori Eaton and children and Patricia Holland were in Lexington last Wednesday.

Loretta Eaton celebrated her fourth birthday March 26th. We wish her many returns of the day.

Mrs. Dorothy Ridenour of Henderson has returned home after

spending a few days with her mother, Lillian Anglin and brother Bobby Anglin.

Mrs. Perry Noe has been on the sick list.

Mrs. Linda Eaton and mother Patricia Holland visited Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Coulter of Mooresville recently.



Mrs. Lydia Powers Rogers celebrated her 75th birthday at a surprise party held on February 23, 2002 in Northern Kentucky hosted by her son, Wayne Rogers of Independence. She was joined by her other children: Donald of Hebron, Ray of Erlanger, Janice and Cathy of Mt. Vernon and the families which include 13 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Also in attendance were a sister, Nellie Brown of Goshen, Ohio, a brother, Ishmael Powers of Mason, Ohio and several nieces and nephews. We all hope that God continues to bless you with many years filled with health and happiness. Thank you for all the love and sacrifice you have given throughout the years.



Breana and Olivia would like to announce the birth of their new brother, Orion Nathanael Copenhaver. He was born February 23, 2002 and weighed 8 lbs. 2 ozs and was 21 inches long. Parents are James and Julie Johnson, Copenhaver III of Mt. Vernon. Grandparents are Byron and Tiny Bond Johnson of Clinch, James Copenhaver II of Texas, Patty Baker of Indiana. Great grandparents are Ida Abney-Johnson and the late Stanley Johnson, formerly of Clinch, Geneva Bell Philpot of Indiana and James Bond of Michigan.

cently. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Houston visited her father, Oscar Saylor of Crab Orchard recently.

Mrs. Mark Eaton and children visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wyatt of Harlan during the weekend.

Deepest sympathy is extended to all who have lost loved ones recently. May the Lord comfort each one.

Mrs. Mark Eaton and children and Patricia Holland were in Somerset recently.

Patricia Holland visited Mrs. Lori Eaton and children last Thursday.

Mrs. Kevin Coulter of Mooresville visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Eaton II last Friday and Friday night.

Recent visitors of Mrs. Ora York were Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Kemmer of Ohio; Lisa York and daughter Rachel and John York.

Darla Miller visited Patricia Holland while Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale McClure and daughter Miranda spent the weekend in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

Mrs. Angie Daugherty is on the sick list. We wish her a speedy recovery.

John David Hurley spent Friday night and Saturday with his Grandfather, Bobby Anglin.

Angie Eaton of Midway visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Eaton II Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chafic Zenni and girls of Cincinnati visited her grandmother, Vallie Burton Saturday and Sunday. They also visited Shirley Burton and Ms. Dixie Blanton of Broadhead.



Happy 86th birthday to the "Mayor of Dupsiana" Love - The Family.

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Meeting Location - Central Office Building

DRAFT AGENDA

April 9, 2002

7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Silent Prayer
- B. Roll Call
- C. Reading of Board Team Commitments

2. ADOPT AGENDA/ACTION

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Broadhead Elementary Construction Status Update/David Samokar, Architect
- B. KYTECH Student Performance
- C. 2001-2002 Rockcastle County Schools Attendance Audit/Rose Brown
- D. Overview of staffing/teacher schedules and class sizes at the various schools/Superintendent Hammond

4. OPERATIONS/ACTIONS

- A. Approve minutes of the March 12, 2002 regular monthly meeting
- B. Approve bids for payment
- C. Approve 2003 Professional Growth and Certified Evaluation Plan
- D. Approve Superintendent/Designee to advertise for bids for miscellaneous furniture
- E. Approve Title IX Report for 2001-2002 School Year

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION

- A. Review/approve School Facilities Construction Commission (SFCC) FY2002 offer of assistance for Education Technology funds
- B. Review/approve Independent Auditor's Contract for School Year 2001-2002
- C. Review/approve 2001-2002 School Calendar Amendment for District and BES
- D. Review/approve 2002-2003 School Calendar

6. DISCUSSION/REVIEW

- A. Review Monthly Financial Report
- B. Review Month 7 Attendance
- C. Review Superintendent's Personnel Actions Report
- D. Review KSBA Spring Membership Roundtables (April 27, 2002)
- E. Other

7. ADJOURNMENT

Bathtub Refinishing
REPAIRING
Call 629-8033

Vehicle Auction
Jackson Energy Corporation, Hwy 421, McKee, Ky Jackson County
selling 5 trucks and 2 new truck beds
Sale will be held at the McKee office parking lot
Saturday, April 13th • 10 a.m.
These vehicles have been serviced regularly.
Lot #37048 1992 International 4800 series 4x4 Digger truck. Has DT-466 diesel engine, 5 speed transmission, air brakes, Simon Telesco Digger Derrick Boom mounted on truck, 4-vourgeters, Boom tip mounted wheel, live fiberglass third stage, 2 speed digger loader motor, gale claws and front mounted 2 speed hydraulic winch. Mileage 169,040.
Lot #10319 1992 International 4800 series 4x4 Backhoe truck. Has DT 466 diesel engine, 5 speed transmission, air brakes, Simon Telesco over centering double bucket automatic handling serial device with a platform height of 42 feet, 4 vourgeters and a front mounted 2 speed hydraulic winch.
Lot #10320 1994 GMC 2500 series 4x4 with utility bed. Has 5.7L V8 gas engine, automatic transmission, (transmission is weak). Mileage 200,101.
Lot #10321 1993 GMC 2500 series 4x4 with utility bed. Has 5.7L V8 gas engine, automatic transmission, (transmission is weak). Mileage 205,785.
Lot #10322 1993 GMC 2500 series 4x4 with utility bed. Has 5.7L V8 gas engine, automatic transmission, (transmission is weak). Mileage 205,785.
Inspection: Monday thru Friday at Jackson Energy maintenance garage, McKee, Ky. during business hours between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Contact Carol Lamb at 606-287-8249.
Financing: All AS-IS with no warranty.
Financing Terms: in full day of sale with cash or good check with positive ID. Make checks payable to Jackson Energy Corporation, Terms announced day of sale take precedence over all prior oral or written statements.
Tax and Transfer Buyer will pay all taxes and transfer.
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606-287-7001 Home Phone

Church News

Need a Ride?
 Mt. Vernon Nazarene Church now has a van ministry. God has blessed. We invite you to come grow with us. Need a ride? We would love to come and get you. Call 758-0090 for more info.
Free Bible Course
 If you would like to receive a free 8 lesson bible correspondence course by mail, send your name and address to: Bible Course, Rt. 4 Box 297, Mt. Vernon, KY 40356.

Mission Hours
 First Baptist Church Food and Clothing Mission's hours are Mon. & Wed. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Mission is located on 30 Church St. Mt. Vernon.

Sunday School Shootout
 March Madness Jesus Style each Sunday at Mt. Vernon Church of the Nazarene located on Fairground Hill. Plenty of prizes plus, preaching, praying, singing, fellowship and all the food you can eat on the last Sunday. The Little Church serving a Big God.

Silent Auction
 The Mt. Vernon Church of the Nazarene is collecting items and services for a silent auction. All proceeds will go toward mission trips to a children's home in Guatemala and are tax deductible. If anyone would like to donate items or services, for this auction, please call Carla at (606)758-0090 or Betty at (606)256-4369. Your contributions and prayers are appreciated.

Gospel Singing
 Gospel singing at Parkview Baptist Church featuring The Gallatin Children's Home Choir from Casey Co., April 7th at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.


Gospel Meeting
 Mt. Zion Church of Christ, located on Hwy. 39 will be holding a meeting beginning April 13-19 at 7 p.m. The speaker will be W.G. Bass. Everyone welcome.

Benefit Singing
 A benefit singing will be held for the Rabahl-Walker Family at Brook Creek Holiness Church on Fri., April 12th at 7 p.m. Pastor Olen McGuire. All singers are welcome.


Upcoming Events
 New Hope Baptist will have an All Night Prayer Meeting on April 5 at 8 p.m. Everyone welcome.
 On April 6 - Monthly singing featuring the Family Circle at 7 p.m.

I-75 Speedway opens this weekend
 I-75 Speedway off Exit 59 at Cove Branch will hold their first weekend of racing for the new season this Saturday.
 Pit gates will open at 10 a.m., followed by fan gates at noon. Practice will be from 11:00 to 12:30 with qualifying at 12:45. Racing gets underway at 2 p.m. Admission is \$10 adults, children 10 and under free with paying adult.

April 8 - Revival starts at 7 p.m. with Evangelist Earl Anderson. Pastor Joe Varvickin welcomes everyone.
Gospel of Christy
 Providence Church of Christ invite everyone to a series of meetings to hear the Gospel of Christy - April 14-19 with Phil Morgan doing the preaching. Weeknight services at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 758-9316.



MARATHON



TACO BELL

Taco Bell

SPECIAL OF THE WEEK

10 Pack Tacos

\$5.99 tax

Redeem this coupon and receive \$10 off any combo meal

Located at Fair 62 - Mt. Vernon

CHILI SUPPER
FFA ALUMNI AUCTION
WHEN: APRIL 12, 2002
5:30 P.M. - WHENEVER
WHERE: RCHS CAFETERIA
(HARD ROCK CAFE')

This Chili Supper and Auction is to help benefit the FFA Chapter at RCHS. A fun time will be had by all. Come for some good food and then stick around and bid on your favorite item at the Auction. Some of the items include boyd bears, case knives, farm supplies, toy tractors, UK football and basketball, Renfro Valley show tickets, flower arrangements, baskets, and much much more.....

So come have a good time with us and help us support the RCHS FFA Chapter.....

Betty Lewis
Children's Service Award

NOMINATION FORM

The Betty Lewis Children's Service Award is an annual award presented to a person who is dedicated to the children and families of Rockcastle County.

NOMINEE: _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE # _____

Please describe the reasons why you believe this individual should receive this award:

You may attach more sheets if needed. Please be very descriptive in your reasons why. Add as much information as you can to help the judges decide.

Submit no later than April 12, 2002

Please return to:
 Community Based Services
 Betty Lewis Children's Service Award
 Attention: Amy Yates
 P.O. Box 1407
 Mt. Vernon, KY 40356

Your Name & Phone # _____

Spring Revival

April 14-17

Maretburg Baptist Church

with Evangelist David Aker

from Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Somerset and Director of Mountain Missions for KBC

Everyone Invited to Attend

Special singing and personal testimony presented by Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Sunday evening

Services 7 p.m. each evening
 Special Singing Each Service

PASTOR: WAYNE HARDING

Elect **Roger Pigg** 4th District Constable

My name is Roger Pigg and I am running for Constable in the 4th District of Rockcastle County.



As a partner of Discount Carpet, I have been serving Rockcastle and surrounding counties with honest, dependable hard work for more than 30 years. In the last few years, I have been in many homes in Rockcastle County. I stand amazed at how crimes such as burglaries, theft, have increased in our county. Many good people live in fear, even in their own homes.

I would like to be part of a joint law enforcement to help serve and protect the people of Rockcastle County. I want to help people feel they have a safe and better place to live. If elected on May 28th I will do everything in my power to protect and serve Rockcastle County and its people.

Thank you and may God bless you and our community.

Your Vote and Support are Greatly Appreciated!

Photo by Roger Pigg

HEALTHY KIDS FAIR

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Mt. Vernon Elementary School

SERVICES PROVIDED BY:

- ROCKCASTLE COUNTY SCHOOLS
- CHRISTIAN APPALACHIAN PROJECT
- ROCKCASTLE COUNTY HOSPITAL
- ROCKCASTLE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
- ROCKCASTLE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
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FOR CHILDREN BIRTH TO AGE 3

BRING YOUR CAMERA AND TAKE A PICTURE WITH "THE CAT IN THE HAT"

THIS IS NOT THE PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

Absolte

Auction

of Johnnie Edwards & Anita Edwards'

House & Approximately 1 Acre

Detached Garage & Outbuilding

Saturday, April 13th • 10:30 a.m.

Bee Lick Community of Pulaski County

Location: Take Hwy. 39 approximately 17 1/2 miles to Hwy. 328 and turn left. Follow Hwy. 328 approximately 1 mile to Eddie Reynolds Rd. and turn right. Property is located at 31 Eddie Reynolds Road. Auction signs are posted.

Due to dissolution of marriage, we have been authorized by the Edwards' to offer this property for the absolute high dollar.

The above pictured vinyl sided home has a spacious family room with cathedral ceilings and a beautiful stone fireplace, kitchen, two bedrooms, full bath and laundry room on the first floor and a large bedroom upstairs. It has a shingle roof, central heat and air, carpet and vinyl flooring, city water, plus much more.


In addition to the house there is a detached metal garage with concrete flooring measuring approximately 24x30. There is also a 16x28 workshop. All this is situated on a nice lot measuring approximately one acre.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: Even while you are at home, you will have a place to work! Your own country home with garage and workshop! Mark your calendar now to attend this absolute auction on April 13, 2002 at 10:30 a.m.

TERMS: 20% down day of auction with the balance due on or before 30 days with delivery of the deed.

AUCTIONEER/BROKER/SELLER DISCLAIMER: The information contained herein is believed to be correct to the best of the auctioneer's knowledge. The information is being furnished for the bidder's convenience and it is the responsibility of the bidder to determine the information contained herein is accurate and complete. The property is being sold in its "as is" condition.

For additional information or appointment to see the property contact
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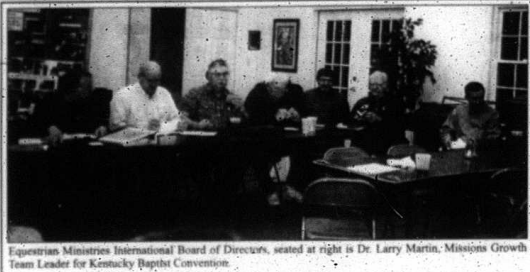
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Mike Gates, center, speaking at Equestrian Ministries International meeting at Townsend, Tennessee. Bud Cox is seated at left.



Equestrian Ministries International Board of Directors, seated at right is Dr. Larry Martin, Missions Growth Team Leader for Kentucky Baptist Convention.

"Gates"

(Cont. from front)

1996-1999 and graduated with a Certificate in Ministry. "One thing we learned in the ministry," Mike says, "is if God guides, God provides." Mike and his wife, Lori, are members of the First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon.

If you have any questions about this camp for the blind and disabled, please call Mike Gates at 1-888-254-6319.

"Mayor"

(Cont. from front)

Mayor King and council members Jackie Renner and Clarice Kirby have all filed for the office, along with Judy Adams.

The election for Mayor will take

place as part of the November General Election.

"The filing deadline for the office is in late August. The council had also briefly discussed a pay increase for council members, but did not take any action."

"Currently, Mt. Vernon council members are paid approximately \$25 per month. The Mayor's current salary is \$72.50 per month. Because all pay increases must be approved in a May/June election year, the pay for council members will not change for at least four more years.

The Mayor of Mt. Vernon is responsible for all personnel decisions, including hiring and firing as well as overseeing a combined budget in excess of \$2 million.

Mt. Vernon's water plant is also largely responsible for supplying water to the majority of residents in Rockcastle County.

"Arrested"

(Cont. from front)

The arrests came last Thursday afternoon as Deputies Toby Henderson and Ronnie Smith were helping the Rockcastle County officers search for Carl Jason Caldwell of Waynesburg in the southeastern portion of the county.

"They found Caldwell, 18, with

Arnon William McKinney, 25, of Broadhead on C.E. Helton Road in the Broughtontown area shortly after 5 p.m. on Thursday.

On stopping the two men, officers searched their vehicle and found materials used in the manufacture of methamphetamine, a homemade drug made from materials available over the counter at hardware and discount stores.

The two were charged with conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. Caldwell was charged with giving a false name to a police officer.

Henderson said he told police his name was Gary even after being warned that giving a false name is a crime.

McKinney, who was driving the vehicle, was also charged with carrying a concealed deadly weapon, a loaded .38 caliber revolver.

Participating in the arrest in addition to Smith and Henderson were Rockcastle Deputies Ronnie Roark and Aaron Matthews and Kentucky State Police Troopers John Allen and Eric Taylor.

"Guilty"

(Cont. from front)

amphetamine. Baker didn't have any of the drug made but said was cooking up a batch that was nearly ready if Todd could wait. While they waited, officers from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and the Kentucky State Police pulled up on front.

On seeing the officers, Todd told police that Baker began pouring a flammable liquid around the front room of the house where the meth-making lab was set up. Baker then allegedly lit a match and told Todd that he might want to get out of the house before igniting the room. Baker was arrested trying to flee out the back door.

Todd originally was also charged with arson, but that charge was dropped when he agreed to plead guilty to the drug possession charge.

As part of the plea bargain, Todd will have to testify against Baker and attend a drug rehabilitation program. The Commonwealth Attorney is recommending a prison sentence of four years for Todd.

"Grant"

(Cont. from front)

mation regarding these grant funds or to pick up an application, please contact the Rockcastle County Conservation District Office, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Telephone: (606)256-2525 Extension 3.

To date bids on 16 systems have been awarded. Five more bids will be awarded this week.

There is still time to apply for a free septic system.

"Rockets"

(Cont. from front)

As of Tuesday morning the Rockets had another nine games on the schedule. Each day starts at 5:30 a.m. for the Rockets and ends around midnight.

"We've got a lot of work to do and need all of the games and practice we can get right now," Bussell said. When the Rockets return home they will host Madison Southern. The Rockets are again one of the teams picked to win the 13th Region.

"Sweet n' Sour"

(Cont. from A2)

was used to fine linen, cut glass and crystal. Sparkling chandeliers over the dining table and dish cabinet full of treasures. Yet those facts were never mention when we talked of our family background. She bore all signs of being a genuine lady and I was pleased to call her friend. After she passed away Inez and Jr. tried as best they could to carry on tradition set by their parents by visiting me several times a year, especially Christmas and my birthday, and always with a gift in hand. They remembered my birthday because their dad, Roscoe and I had always celebrated it together, his being the day before mine and his request of wanting homemade doughnuts instead of cake

always being honored by me making them and serving them hot along with the coffee he also liked, black and sweet. Roscoe and Mat had been friends since childhood, as I was simply an addition to the family. Inez was married and had a son, Don, and later a second marriage and a daughter, Tanya, who is now taking care of her mother during this serious illness. It stayed single till he was older and does not have children. Now his health is also failing and here I sit in the comfort of my own home and not physically able to do my part in returning all the nice things they have done for me to have been widowed. I can look around and see the presents I have received and see the presents I have given them by birthdays, Christmas and their sympathy gift when the farm house burned. They had always claimed that house as a second home to them and grieved with me when it burned. And I call this "friendship" worthy of recognition. Today, I want to apologize to the family, Inez, Tanya, Don and their children for not being a "good friend" and doing unto others as they have done for me. And pray God to look over them in their time of need.

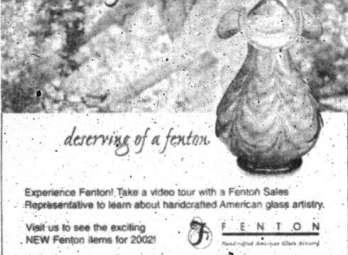
Grisham recognized that Mt. Vernon is well ahead of where Taylor stepped out. "You have laid a lot of the necessary groundwork, you're well ahead of many communities. Rockcastle County has enormous potential. Cooperation, teamwork and leadership will be among the keys to succeeding in this effort."

On Saturday morning, Grisham led a working session at Community Trust Bank. "We had hoped to get twenty or thirty people to come back on Saturday," said Rockcastle County Development Board Chairman John Conley. Friday's session must have lit a fire in those who attended, as over fifty people filled the bank's second-floor meeting room. At Saturday's session, task forces were established to oversee education, job creation, beautification, health care, tourism and leadership development. Over the next six months, the task forces will take on short-term projects and lay out a strategic plan for long-term development in each of these key areas. For example, the leadership task force hopes to establish an ongoing leadership development program for the county.

"Over the last two years, the Development Board has been focusing on planning, and they have really stuck with it. They recognized the importance of a strategic planning process, and now we are off to a great start," said Bige Towery, the Board's Executive Director. "The Development Board is committed to working for the whole county, and I'm particularly pleased that we had representatives from Livingston, Brodhead and the rural areas of the community at these meetings. We hope to see even more people get involved as this work proceeds."

For more information, or to join one of the task forces, contact the Rockcastle County Development Board at 256-9007.

Fenton Art Glass Open House



Experience Fenton! Take a video tour with a Fenton Sales Representative to learn about handcrafted American glass artistry. Visit us to see the exciting NEW Fenton items for 2002! Jerry Newton, Sales Representative, will be visiting with customers and will sign each piece purchased during our open house on April 13th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Narcotics Anonymous
Tired of drugs and/or alcohol controlling 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 256-9263.

AI-Anon
AI-Anon and Alcohol 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 Castle Inn.

Bookmobile Schedule
Mon., April 8: Calloway, Red Hill, Livingston, Lanero, Pine Hill.
Tues., April 9: Orlando, Maple Grove, Clinch, Three Links, Weal.
Thurs., April 10: No Service.
Fri., April 11: Spino, Level Green, Williams.

Smoke Detectors
Rockcastle Hospital Home Health, with the assistance of local volunteer 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 256-1808. Necessary information: Name of applicant, address, date of birth, phone number, nature of the 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 (256-2157) or bring your donations by the Migrant Office any week day 9:00-3:00.

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

Fish Fry
Broadhead Vol. Fire Dept. and Ladies Auxiliary will hold their monthly fish fry Sat., April 6 at the fire department. Carry-outs start at 3:00 p.m. \$5 per carry-out. Dine-in starts at 6:00 p.m. \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children under 12. All proceeds go to the Broadhead Volunteer Fire Dept.

DAR Meeting
The next regular meeting of the Rockcastle Chapter DAR will be held Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00 PM in the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall. The program will be on the logistics and protocol. All members are urged to attend and prospective members as well as guests are invited to attend.

Board Meeting
The Rockcastle County Board of Education will meet in regular session Tuesday, April 9th at 7 p.m. at the Rockcastle County Board of Education Administration Building. The public is welcome to attend.

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Major (Ret.) James McGuire presenting Major Adams with a gift in appreciation.



Debbie Mobley talks with her son, Cadet Capt. Johnathan Noe.

Military Ball held at RCCHS

Eighty-six people attended Rockcastle County High School's JROTC Seventh Annual Military Ball held Saturday, March 23rd in the high school cafeteria. The military ball is a required formal event for JROTC.

The evening began with formal photos by Brock Studio of Broadhead. In full military custom, the receiving line, consisting of the Command Staff and their guests, Company Commander - Cadet Major Tim Tyler, Company Executive Officer - Cadet Captain Johnathan Noe, Cadet First Sergeant Shannon Bullock and guest speaker for the evening, William E. Adams, greeted special guests, parents, cadets and their guests.

After the welcome by the Company Commander, the

evening began with the traditional posting of our National Colors, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, the invocation (given by Second Lieutenant Joshua Whicker), the formal military toasting ceremony, and the introduction of guests. Cadet Sergeant First Class Anthony Northern led the JROTC Cadet Creed.

Preceding the introduction of the guest speaker, a power point presentation was enjoyed by all, consisting of photos of the past years' accomplishments with highlights of Community Service, Rifle, Raider and Drill team events set to music, with a special tribute of the past four years to our graduating seniors: Timothy Tyler, Johnathan Noe, Shannon Bullock, Josh Whicker, Brian Helton, Josh Robbins, Jacob Bullock, Jonathan Phelps, Josh Ramsey, Terry Glover, Anthony Northern, 4 years each, Tara Thompson and Chris Eldridge, 2 years each and Chris Kirby, 3 1/2 years.

Special guests for the evening were: William E. Adams, guest speaker, Larry Hammond, Richard Anderkin, Cindy Anderkin, Charlie Napier, Doug Brock, Melanie Lyons, Travis Brenda,

Judy Brenda, Renee French, John Tyler, Johnny Mobley, Debbie Mobley, Brenda Bullock, Lucille Bullock, Pastor and Mrs. Mark Whicker, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nicely, Jerry Looney, Regina Looney, Ms. Duina Thompson, Ronnie Arnold, Vickie Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ramsey and Kathy Toothman. Mr. William E. Adams, Major (1940-1946) U.S. Army WWII Veteran, was introduced by Major (Ret.) James W. McGuire, JROTC Senior Army Instructor. Major Adams has the distinct honor of being in the first ROTC class to graduate from Eastern Kentucky University in May of 1940 and served with General Patton during WWII.

Immediately following the guest speaker, the cadets recognized Major McGuire with a basketball signed by all the cadets, Sergeant Major Taylor with a plaque and Ms. Jenny Taylor with very special words of appreciation and a porcelain rose. The dancing began around 9 p.m. to music provided by Charlie Napier assisted by Matthew Allen. JROTC would like to thank Mr. Napier for, as always, a fun-filled evening and also to Doug Brock.

JROTC would also like to thank Cadet Major Timothy Tyler, Cadet Captain Johnathan Noe, Cadet 1LT Jacob Helton for all their long hours they put into the power point presentation that made such a memorable evening. Also to the decorating committee who worked extremely hard to make everything perfect for the event. Also thank you to Mrs. Kathy Toothman and Mrs. Debbie Mobley for their time helping with the refreshments.

Photos by Richard Anderkin & Jeniny Taylor



Presentation of colors to the JROTC team. From left: Josh Robbins, Josh Ramsey, Brian Bullock, and the JROTC team.



Larry Hammond and Jenny Zhou being welcomed at the JROTC Military Ball by William E. Adams, Cadet Major Tim Tyler, Cadet Capt. Johnathan Noe and 1SG Shannon Bullock (not pictured) and their guests.



Sergeant Major Taylor honoring all of the seniors.



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1999 Ford F250, V8, Auto, 8'	\$10,995
1998 Ford Windstar, Local Trade	\$6,995
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News from Rockcastle Courthouse

District Civil Suits

Cingular Wireless, LLC vs. James M. Chastrom, \$665.20 claimed due. C-00034.

Gary W. Mason vs. Leo Mason, notice of motion. C-00035.

California Casualty Insurance Co., et al. vs. Imogene Owens, complaint. C-00036.

Circuit Civil Suits

Robert Blake Wijek vs. Sherry Barron, petition to establish custody and visitation. CI-00087.

Community Trust Bank vs. William R. Graves, \$1,374.21 claimed due on note. CI-00088.

Midland Credit Management vs. Brian Cox, \$5,736.26 claimed due on note. CI-00089.

Deeds Recorded

Joe Martin, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Jewell Dean and David Frasier. Tax 3.08.

W.M., real property located in Rockcastle County, to M.M. No tax.

Hazel Moore, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Susan and Michael David Loyell. No tax.

Classified Deadline is Noon Tuesday

Marriage Licenses

Evelyn Leigh Powell, 32; Livingston, unemployed, to Frank Skochelak, 32, Dover, Delaware, warehouse foreman, March 8, 2002.

Kristy Lee Anglin, 20, Berea, Pharmacy Technician, to Thomas Steven Dees, Jr., 38, construction, March 25, 2002.

Ella Kipley Maupin, 31, Mt. Vernon, Derby City, to Charles Earl Gray, Mt. Vernon, deputy jailer, March 29, 2002.

District Court

Hon. Michael L. Henry
March 25, 2002

In last week's Signal it was reported a bench warrant was issued for Chester Lee Blevins, Jr. on March 20, 2002. This bench warrant was recalled on March 21, 2002 due to fines being paid. The Signal apologizes.

Phillip B. Barnett, Fines due (\$81.25), bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Jamie C. Bowling: Possession of marijuana, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Ben J. Bowman: Obstructed windsail, suspend license for failure to appear.

Denise R. Brown: Operating on suspended license, 30 days jail to serve 10. Balance conditionally discharged one year.

Rachel A. Cromer: Fines due (\$117.33), bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Greg S. Damrell: Fines due (\$117.33), pay fines or serve five days in lieu of fines, costs and fees.

Kevin R. Dees: Alcohol intoxication, \$25-plus costs.

Scott A. Goforth: No Ky. reg. plates, no reg. receipt, no insurance, failure to wear seatbelt, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Clarissa A. Hubbard: Defective equipment, \$25 plus costs.

John M. King: No insurance, \$500 plus costs (suspend \$450).

Brian D. Kirby: Fines due (\$212.50), bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Gina Leigh Martin: No insurance, \$500 plus costs (suspend \$450).

Tanner B. McAlister: Speeding, state traffic school authorized.

Debra L. Meese: No reg. receipt, \$25 fine plus costs.

James S. Mink: Fines due (\$112.85), bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

James E. New: Fines due (\$125.85), bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Kenneth R. Owens: No Ky. reg. plates, no reg. receipt, failure to wear seatbelt, suspend license for failure to appear.

Albera S. Quinton: Operating motor vehicle under influence alcohol/drugs, \$200 plus costs, \$250 service fee, 30 days suspend license.

Jackie M. Rayburn: Fines due (\$182.33), pay of appear.

Scottie Renner: Fines paid.

Christopher D. Sears: Fines due (\$75.85), bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Larry K. Wade: No reg. receipt, \$25 fine plus costs.

Maman E. Anderson: Speeding, suspend license for failure to appear.

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

Charles Ray Darr: Speeding, suspend license for failure to appear.

Edward J. Enderle: Speeding, suspend license for failure to appear.

William Paul Holt: Speeding, fines paid.

Lala T. Paintek: Speeding, suspend license for failure to appear.

Joel Adrian Chavez Ruelas: Speeding, suspend license for failure to appear.

Cynthia A. Smith: Speeding, suspend license for failure to appear.

Daniel S. Thurman: Faulty equipment, \$25 fine plus costs.

Kai Shun Wong: Speeding, fines paid.

Brandon Dishman: Speeding, fines paid.

Karin Leimart: Speeding, suspend license for failure to appear.

Heather E. Mathews: Failure to use child restraint, \$25 fine plus costs.

Ernesto Rivera: Speeding, suspend license for failure to appear.

Michael B. Turner: Speeding, suspend license for failure to appear.

Sandra G. Williams: Speeding, \$30 plus costs.

Denise R. Brown: Contempt of court, 10 days.

James D. Bowling: Speeding, fines paid.

Thomas L. Poyner, Jr.: License not in possession, \$100 plus costs; failure to wear seatbelt, \$25; no insurance, \$500 (suspend \$450).

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Isaac and Henry Blankenship were partners in farming for many years. Due to Mr. Isaac Blankenship's recent death, and as Henry is no longer able to care for this farm as he would like, the family is offering this dandy farm and equipment for the absolute high dollar.

Tract #1 measures approximately 8.95 acres and has approximately 300 feet of frontage along Hwy 39. This tract is all cleared and is fenced. It has old farm home and a combination stock and tobacco barn as well as several small outbuildings. This tract would be a beautiful site for building and offer a beautiful view of the entire farm.

Tract #2 measures 1.95 acres and fronts Hwy 39 approximately 193 feet. Again, this tract is all cleared and would be an ideal site for building or a mobile home.

Tract #3 is a corner lot consisting of .75 acre and has 428 feet of frontage on Hwy 39 and 151 feet of frontage along Hwy 70. This tract would be another great building or mobile home site.

Tracts #4 through 7 range in size from 1.73 acres to 1.97 acres, with each having approximately 195 feet of frontage along Hwy 70. These tracts are all cleared and each would be an excellent place for building or a mobile home with that additional space you have been searching for.

Tract #8 consists of 8.77 acres with approximately 375 feet of frontage along Hwy 39. This tract has a 26x36 machinery shed, is all cleared and fenced. This tract would be excellent for raising hogs and cattle or that small baby farm.

Tract #9 measures approximately 14.29 acres with 207 feet of frontage along the gravel drive fronting Hwy 39. This tract has a pond or stock water and again is all cleared and fenced. This tract would be excellent for building or placing your mobile home with ample space for small farming and grazing cattle.

Tract #10 consists of 5.82 acres with approximately 492.33 feet of frontage along the gravel drive fronting Hwy 39. This tract is improved with a nice metal storage barn, which measures approximately 48x60. This tract is again all cleared and would be an excellent site for building or mobile home placement.

Tract #11 measures 3.51 acre and has approximately 289 feet of frontage along Hwy 39. This tract would be another great building or mobile home site.

Tract #12 measures 12.33 acres and has approximately 190 feet of frontage along the gravel access. This tract is primarily crop and pastured land with an area of woodland having quality marketable timber. This is a small stream running through this tract. This tract would be a great place for the adventure of your family.

Tract #13 measures 14.16 and is a combination of crop and pastured with the balance in woodland, also having quality marketable timber. This tract also has a stream running through it. This tract offers a very secluded setting just off Brown Colyer Road.

Tract #14 measures approximately 70.30 with approximately 147.63 feet of frontage along Brown Colyer Road. This tract has a stock barn and would be another excellent area for livestock area in all cleared crop and pastured.

Tract #15 measures approximately 13.17 acres with 464 feet of frontage along Brown Colyer Road. This tract offers a pond for stock water, is all cleared, and is abided. This tract would be another ideal baby farm.

Tobacco house, consisting of 1,927 lbs. will be sold separate from the farm and not grouped.

Auctioneer's Note: If you have been looking to get back to country living, we have just the place! This farm offers an abundance of road frontage along Ky. Hwy. 39, Hwy. 70 and Brown Colyer Road and is available to all tracts. There are several beautiful spots for building your dream home, having that small farm you always wanted, or make your investment in operating the whole farm. There is also a vast selection of machinery and equipment to choose from to be safe and make your venture into this abundant auction on **Saturday, April 6th at 10:30 a.m.**

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TERMS: 20% down day of the auction with balance due on or before 30 days with delivery of the deed for the real estate. Cash or good check day of the auction for the machinery and personal property items.

Note: The purchaser of a single-family residence, built before 1978, has a maximum of 10 days to inspect the presence of lead-based paint. The period of inspection begins March 27, 2002 through April 5, 2002. All bidders must sign a waiver of the 10-day post sale inspection period.

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Civil Action No. 01-CI-00299

Community Trust Bank, N.A. Plaintiff

Rod Shelton and the unknown spouse of Rod Shelton Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on March 22, 2002, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendant in the amount of THIRTY SEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND 12/100 (\$37,678.12), plus interest costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street
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on Monday, April 22, 2002
Beginning at the Hour of 2:00 p.m.

Said property being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning on a 30' oak tree which is an old corner and said tree being located on the south side of gravel said; with south side of gravel road, an old line, N 79 deg. 51'37" E 360.97 feet to a stake in old line; thence leaving old line with center of gravel road N 31 deg. 31'21" W 704.76 feet; thence N 44 deg. 00' E 1269.29 feet to a point in old line; thence leaving center of gravel road with old line, S 85 deg. 11'35" W 150 feet; thence with old line in branch S 54 deg. 46'19" W 112.03 feet; thence S 51 deg. 41'23" W 269.08 feet; thence S 60 deg. 46'12" W 440.15 feet to a 6" poplar; thence S 81 deg. 39'42" W 104.05 feet to a 10" poplar; thence S 60 deg. 01'13" W 186.06 feet to a 6" poplar; thence S 37 deg. 49' E 251.40 feet to the point of beginning containing 4.8871 acres, more or less. Also a 1982 model 2660d doublewide mobile home, VIN #C1R0053107M4B.

Being the same real property which Rod Shelton obtained by deed dated December 1, 2000, executed by Fred R. Heiskler, et al., of record in Deed Book 182, page 402 in the office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

The property shall be sold on the following terms and conditions:

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- The purchaser shall pay ad valorem taxes assessed for the fiscal year 2001 and all subsequent years.
- The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
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Call today for details. L1479

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Throw Away Those Building Plans and move into this nearly new 2 story vinyl in the Hunter Ridge Subdivision. Features living room, dining/kitchen combination with beautiful cherry cabinets, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, utility room, den and entry hall. Plus has central heat and air and 2 decks. Asking \$109,900 for this first class home. Call Roy about M1525.

Like the Sparkle of the new? Located in the new Rainbow Ridge Subdivision, this home is waiting for a family to call it home! Features entry hall, living room, dining/kitchen combo, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, utility room and a 2 car attached garage. Priced at \$93,000. Call today for all the extra details. M1484.

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Close to Town! Lot #70 of the Benton Bullock Subdivision is available for whatever you have in mind. Contains approx. 1/2 acre and is priced at \$7,000. Call Phyllis about M1563.

Location! Location! Location! This block garage building w/great potential, features a two bay garage, office, storage and bath. Other amenities include city water and sewer. If you're looking for a great location for a new business, don't pass this one up! Call Jeff Cromer today for more details. Priced at only \$53,900. M1497.

If Unique and Rustic are words that describe the home you have in mind, then you'll want to check out this one! This 2 story log home with wrap around porch and an "open" floor plan is definitely one of a kind. It features a large living, dining and kitchen area, plus 1/2 bath on the first floor and a spacious, open, carpeted second floor with room for 3 bedrooms, plus there's a full bath. Also has a full basement with kitchen and bath. This home is heated by both a heat pump and a stove heater. Located on Freedom School Road and situated on 3 acres m/l, priced at \$79,900. Owner will negotiate additional land. M1547.

REDUCED AGAIN! The Home With The Most! is right here - a 1992 model doublewide, 3 car garage, and nearly 5 acres! This home features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room, dining room, kitchen, and utility room. Has all the comfort of heat pump/central air, and most appliances are included. A front porch and screened in back porch, plus two storage buildings are just a few of the extras this property has to offer. Located on Paul Hamer Road in the Willaha section. Priced reduced to \$53,000 for the entire property. Call Roy Adams today. M1537.

This Farm Has A Lot Of Extras! - without breaking the bank! Quality built home with four bedrooms, two baths, extra large master bath, large kitchen-dining area with beautiful oak cabinets, and french doors opening onto a 12x12 concrete deck. A chain link fence encloses about an acre with a 24' above ground pool with walk around deck. Also features a fruit orchard, 54x56 barn and stocked pond. Contains 86.2 acres by survey with about 20-25 in crop, land, and also features a tobacco base. Located on Hwy. 1955 in the Red Hill section of Rockcastle County. All for only \$148,500. L1457.

Listen Up! 33 acres, 1 1/2 story home and store with apartment on SR 1004, Orlando. OWNER WILL SELL OR TRADE! House has living room, dining room, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bath and fuel oil furnace. The 24x64 grocery store building has an apartment with bedroom, bath, kitchen/living room combination. Entire property priced at \$129,900, or owner will sell the store and lot for \$39,900 and the house, barn and acreage for \$89,900. Call for all the details. M1524.

Prime Hunting Land With a Cave! - Located in the Well Hope section of Rockcastle County, this tract contains 100 acres more or less and is improved with 2 mobile homes - a 14x70 with living room, kitchen, bath, and one bedroom, and a 12x50 mobile home only suitable for storage use. Entire property priced at \$48,500. Call about M1568.

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Absolute Auctions of the Henderson Family's 97 Acres - Farm Machinery - Sat. April 6 at 10:30 a.m. - Intersection of Hwy. 70 & W. Pulaski Co. Rd.

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Absolute Auctions of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Blankenship's House & Lot - Sat. April 6 at 10:30 a.m. - Bakery Road, Laurel County

Absolute Auctions of TAC, Inc. - Store Building & Lot in Wetzel Co. - Grocery Store Equipment - Fri. April 12 at 1:30 p.m. - E.S. Highway 25 South, Mt. Vernon, Va.

Absolute Auctions of Mr. Judd Jones' House and Lot and Car Lot - Sat. April 13 at 10:30 a.m. - Wilder City, Kentucky

Absolute Auctions of Red Top Farm LLC's - Store, Barn and Car Station - Sat. April 13 at 12 p.m. - Hwy. 601, Douglas Community of Pulaski Co. Va.

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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

What is Your Dream? Maybe all you need is a large tract of land to make it become a reality. If so, they 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. M1515.

Make Extra Income! Looking for a great investment opportunity? Then 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.

LOTS

A Little Land of Your Own situated on two tracts, is located on the backside of the Chestnut Heights Subdivision and would be the perfect spot. The tracts offer the prestige that comes with living in a restricted subdivision but also has plenty of backyard privacy as you enjoy the rippling creek. Buy one tract either 1.6 acres for \$9,900 or 2.3 acres for \$14,000 or both tracts for \$22,000. Call Danetta for more info. M1331.

Looking for Building Lots? Then check out the 2 lots on Lawless County Road. Approx. 1 acre each and priced at \$10,000 each. They may be just what you've been wanting for. M1500.

Two Lots for One Money! Lot 1 contains a 3/4 m/l with 50 ft. of frontage on Barnett Road and 150 ft. of frontage on Little Rock Road and lot 2 also contains nearly 1 acre and has 350 ft. of frontage on Little Rock Road. Both lots together priced at \$11,500. Call Roy Adams.

Land

Need Some Land? If so, here's 25.57 acres in a private country setting. Located in the Wolfe Creek section and priced to sell for only \$19,900. Call Jeff Cromer for more information. M1522.

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Gardening & Landscaping Tips

By: Max Phelps

Eat Your Landscape

(Common Edibles)

Trends come and they go, but picking something out from a plant that is visually interesting could hardly go out of style.

As I see it landscaping costs money. A good investment to be sure, but it still means reaching into the pocket and spending some hard-earned dollars.

Selecting some edible things to landscape which not only gives increased property values usually equal to the expenditure, nor does it just give a more pleasant yard to look at, it gives a yearly bonus in food. Over a period of years a berry bush, a fruit tree or a nut tree can repay the investment many times by cutting the supermarket produce bill. Not to mention the inherent satisfaction of serving something up fresh from the

yard or garden!

Trees are a good thing to begin with in a landscape or in revising an old one. Think long and hard about where to put trees, and what kind you want. They are pretty permanent once established.

Well known trees to consider for your yard would include fruit trees such as apples, pears, plums, peaches and nut trees.

Peaches have nice pink blooms, with some varieties being prettier than others. Peach trees bear fruit about three years after planting, and are a fairly short lived tree. They should be pruned and sprayed for best results. (The dwarf "patio peach" is cute, to be sure, but the fruit is not that great.)

Pears make large trees with white flowers. They are slow to bear but may live for a hundred years. The

variety Klaffier is probably the most trouble free, but fruit quality is not that great. Consider Maxine, Barlett or Bosc. (Maxine is the same as Starking Delicious-but when the big crop comes bring out Black, Blue, and Gurney's and a lot of other family owned companies and then went bankrupt-some patented varieties are not currently available unless you are prepared to learn to graft your own.)

Plums are not real reliable fruiting, but they always have a wonderful showing of blooms in March. Most are white in flower, but a few are pink.

Apples come in hundreds of varieties. I have found a variety named Liberty to be the most trouble free when grown organically. Jonathan and McIntosh's are very versatile apples. Look's good for early cooking and pies in July.

Nut trees to consider planting are pecans, walnuts, hickories. But each can be messy, and black walnuts can kill nearby plants with a chemical they produce. Hardy grafted peach varieties can now be grown in Zones 5 and 6 with some success, definitely in Zones 5 and 6.

With fruiting trees, the most common complaint is the mess they make in the yard. Regular pruning and spraying with a general purpose fruit tree spray can help. But picking the right location and the right size tree are critically important. If you cannot possibly use a 3 to 10 bushel harvest of apples, plant a dwarf or semi-dwarf sized tree instead of a standard sized one. (Yes, I have twice picked over 35 bushels from a single full sized apple tree before!)

Be aware that most fruit trees except peaches and sour cherries require another tree nearby for cross pollination by bees in order to set fruit on.

Most any yard has room for a naturally dwarfed North Star pear tree, and it can be picked without a ladder.

There are many other fruiting trees, but these are the most common. A later story will cover exotic fruits. Shrubs and smaller trees can bear a lot of fruit in a small area. Begin with the above pie cherry. Then consider gooseberries, currants, blueberries, and erect thornless blackberries such as Arapaho.

Blueberries need a sunny spot with acid soil that is amended with organic matter and then well mulched and left alone except for once a week watering of new plants in dry spells. Once established they bear for years. The fall color is great too, especially the Bluegray and Nelson varieties. Bluegray has redder twigs for greater winter interest.

The amelanchier (service berry or sarvis) are a wonderful top-berry small fruiting tree no landscape should be without. It is a slow growing, ice small tree exhibiting very early white flowers. Fall color is very good. And if you can beat the birds, the small blueberry-like fruits are simply delicious. (A favorite of the Cherokee Indians.)

If you have a fence or arbor, consider a grapevine. There are even some that have reddish leaves, though the grape quality may not be as good. Besides grape juice and jelly you might even want to try winemaking. (Or plant a hop vine and grow flavoring for homebrew beer.)

Landscaping with edibles includes a herb garden, or perhaps just a couple sage and rosemary and lavender plants placed around a perennial flower bed. You're missing the point of this article if you go to Kroger or Winn Dixie for a \$3 bottle of rugged sage when a small pack of seed sage will supply you and the whole neighborhood. Not to mention that the plants bloom the second year, and that the fresh picked and dried leaves make that turkey dressing at Thanksgiving taste better!

So many of the herbs can be grown in a landscape even if you don't do a vegetable garden. Now that we are mentioning vegetables, here are some you can perhaps work into your landscape. Red cabbage and flowering kale are no-brainers. How about onions, a cherry tomato vine, a pole bean teepee, a small raised bed of strawberry plants? Jerusalem artichokes flower like sunflowers and have edible tubers underground like potatoes (a real treat for diabetics who cannot eat potatoes). Red lettuce, Osaka red-mustard, radishes and peppers are also attractive as well as delectable when picked fresh.

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At the Courthouse on East Main Street Mt. Vernon, Kentucky on Monday, April 8, 2002 Beginning at the Hour of 1:00 p.m.

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Yard Sale: Fri. 9 to 2, Sat. 9 to 12. Clothes (men, women, girls size 4-5, baby boys), maternity clothes, dishes, cookware, furniture, home interior, toys, Barbies, Barbie houses, lots of odds and ends. At the home of Tommy and Sonya Parker on Carl Brown Rd. off Hwy. 1250. 264pd

Huge Yard Sale: Saturday, April 6th in Broadwood on the corner of Albright and Tyree St. across from the city park. Lots of women's sweaters and

shirts, men's shorts and pants in size 34, men's M-XL shirts, women's and children's clothes, boys toddler shoes ranging from 3 months-3T, books, toys and much more! NO JUNK! Many brand name's such as Levis, Old Navy, Tommy Hilffiger, Ralph Laury and Lee. Given by Jamie McFeyron and Patsy Ramsey at the home of Libby Ramsey and Shelby Ashley. 264pd

Yard Sale: Sat., April 6, 9:30-2:00. Rain or shine. First book on left on Sowder School Road off Sand Springs Road (Hwy. 1249). Three families! Clothes, what notes, lots of new items, tools, angels, Indians, dolls, knives, watches and much more. Something for everyone. Come on out and browse. 264pd

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Commonwealth of Kentucky
28th Judicial Circuit
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II
Civil Action No. 01-CI-00276

Shirley R. Cable, Et Al Plaintiffs
vs.
Glady's J. Carson and her unknown spouse, if any Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE
Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on March 12, 2002, I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.
At the Premises located in Rockcastle County, Kentucky on Saturday, April 6, 2002 Beginning at the Hour of 10:00 a.m.

Said property being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Tract No. 1 - Beginning at the County Road at a gum and maple pointers; now a stone; thence a west course a straight line to Brush Creek; thence a south course with said creek to a stone; then an east course a straight line to a maple at the county road, now a stone; then northeast with the road to a stake, Jim Thompson's corner, now Willie Rogers; then a west course with his line to a stake corner at the county road; then a northwest course with the county road to the beginning, the above boundary containing about 49 acres.
There is excepted from Tract No. 1 approximately 3 acres, more or less which was deeded to Willie Rogers, formerly deeded to Steve Cash.
There is further excepted from Tract No. 1, 18 acres, more or less, which was conveyed to Edward Brown, et al, by deed dated April 26, 1943, of record in Deed Book 61, page 164.
Tract No. 2 - Beginning at a nail in the center of the county road with a white oak pointer on S 75 W 12 feet; thence S 50.1/2 W 82 poles to a corner of Homer Cash, J.W. Brown and Milton Brown; thence N 44 W 5 poles and 21 links to a stone, J.W. Brown and Milton Brown's established corner; thence N 50 1/2 E 82 poles to a stone at edge of school ground, established corner; thence S 44 E 5 poles and 21 links to the beginning, containing 3 acres, by survey.

The plaintiffs obtained their interests as follows: Thaddeus Donald Cable, Harold H. Cable, Norman Keith Cable, S. and Shirley Ray Cable are heirs at law of Berneise Cable, who predeceased Eunice Evelyn Brown. Norman Keith Cable, Jr. is the only heir at law of Berneise Cable. S. who predeceased Eunice Evelyn Brown, Thaddeus Donald Cable, Harold H. Cable, Norman Keith Cable, Jr. and Shirley Ray Cable each obtained a 1/32 interest in said real property by the intestate death of Eunice Evelyn Brown as shown on Affidavit of Decedent of record in Deed Book 187, page 81.
Georgia Canedy, Everett Brown and Kathryn Henderson are heirs at law of Minnie Brown, who predeceased Eunice Evelyn Brown. Each obtained a 1/24 interest in said real property by the intestate death of Eunice Evelyn Brown, as shown on the affidavit Affidavit of Decedent.
Johnny B. Carson is the only heir at law of Bill Carson, who predeceased Eunice Evelyn Brown. He obtained a 1/8 interest in said real property by the intestate death of Eunice Evelyn Brown as shown on the affidavit Affidavit of Decedent.
Glady's Lanter is the only heir of Milton Brown, who predeceased Eunice Evelyn Brown. She

obtained a 1/12 interest in said real property by the intestate death of Eunice Evelyn Brown as shown on the affidavit Affidavit of Decedent.
Rebecca Brown, Lugin Smith, Ronald H. Smith, Audrey Hurt and Alkabar Setum are the heirs at law of Leta Smith, who predeceased Eunice Evelyn Brown. Each obtained a 1/60 interest in said real property by the intestate death of Eunice Evelyn Brown as shown on the affidavit Affidavit of Decedent.
Danny W. Brown, Hazel Davis and Desie A. Keller are the heirs at law of Ernest Brown, who predeceased Eunice Evelyn Brown. Ernest Brown was the only heir at law of Herman Brown, who predeceased Eunice Evelyn Brown. Danny W. Brown, Hazel Davis and Desie A. Keller each obtained a 1/30 interest in said real property by the intestate death of Eunice Evelyn Brown, as shown on the affidavit Affidavit of Decedent.
Ted Hamby, Berry Hammy, Barry Hammy and Michael D. Hammy are the heirs at law of Wanda Hammy, who predeceased Eunice Evelyn Brown. Each obtained a 1/48 interest in said real property by the intestate death of Eunice Evelyn Brown, as shown on the affidavit Affidavit of Decedent.
Edna Pope, Albert Cash, Everett Cash, Dorothy Bishop and Alma Jean Cable are the heirs at law of Ella Cash, who predeceased Eunice Evelyn Brown. Each obtained a 1/60 interest in said real property by the intestate death of Eunice Evelyn Brown, as shown on the affidavit Affidavit of Decedent.
Clinton Brown, Marie B. Broughton, Robert G. Brown, Bonnie Lawrence, Doris A. Caldwell, Billy Joe Brown, Opita Brown and Bonnie Brown are the heirs at law of Tony Brown, who predeceased Eunice Evelyn Brown. Each obtained a 1/96 interest in said real property by the intestate death of Eunice Evelyn Brown as shown on the affidavit Affidavit of Decedent.
Defendant, Glady's J. Carson, is the only heir at law of Tom Carson, who predeceased Eunice Evelyn Brown. She obtained a 1/8 interest in said real property by the intestate death of Eunice Evelyn Brown as shown on the affidavit Affidavit of Decedent.
Decedent Eunice Evelyn Brown, obtained title to said real property by the intestate deaths of Milton Brown and Grace Brown as shown on the affidavit Affidavit of Decedent.
Decedent Grace Brown obtained her interest in Tract 1 by deed dated October 28, 1941, executed by Ernest Brown, et al, of record in Deed Book 59, page 259A in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk and by the intestate death of Milton Brown, as shown on the affidavit Affidavit of Decedent.
Decedent Milton Brown obtained his interest in Tracts 1 and 2 by the aforementioned deed.
The property shall be sold on the following terms and conditions:
1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of sixty (60) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (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 2002 local, county and state property taxes. All prior years taxes shall be paid out of the sale proceeds.
5. Tracts one (1) and two (2) described above shall be sold together.
6. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
7. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold as is.
Willis G. Coffey, Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court

From Long Ago...

Submitted by: Ray Evans
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The following first appeared in the Mount Vernon Signal on August 14, 1908. It was recently transcribed from microfilm of that issue of the Signal. With these submissions, I am sharing these gleanings with the Signal's present readers.

ROCKCASTLE COUNTY FAIR

Wednesday began the thirteenth annual exhibit of the Rockcastle County Fair Association. The unlucky "13" is not proving so in this instance, but on the other hand is showing itself a favorite (original spelling) number with the Fair Association. The crowd in attendance, the display in the Floral Hall and the exhibit of stock exceed any former year. More than a score of good horses, some having come as far away as Knoxville, Tenn., are on exhibition; the fruits and vegetables and field products of every variety show the marvelous improvement along agriculture lines throughout the county. Following is the list of premiums and showing to whom awarded:

WEDNESDAY - FIRST DAY - FARM PRODUCTS

Best one peck wheat, J. C. Gibbs first, Sam McHargue second, best 12 ears white corn, Henry Hysinger first, R. L. Smith second; best 12 ears yellow corn, G. W. Marler first, H. C. Jones second; best peck oats; J. C. Gibbs first, Sam McHargue second; best peck rye, J. B. Livesay first, P. H. Shurtz second; green beans, W. G. Brown first, N. J. Blanton second; sweet potatoes, J. B. Livesay first, Mrs. J. A. Johnson second; Irish potatoes, Mrs. Julia Ann Lunceford first, Jack Hysinger second, onions, S. D. Hysinger first, Clell Lunceford second; turnips, G. M. Sigmon first and second; tomatoes, O. H. Barnett first, R. L. Smith second; beets, G. M. Sigmon first, Clell Lunceford second; dried apples, S. E. Bradley first, Mrs. Emma Taylor second; cucumbers, Mrs. Minnie Hayes first, Mrs. Robert Hamm second; cabbage, James Brummett first; Mrs. Susie Coffey second; largest dozen apples, H. C. Jones first, Mrs. Mary E. Coffey second; peaches, Rev. A. J. Pike first, J. M. Sigmon second; pears, H. C. Jones first, Mrs. Bettie Jones second; white grapes, W. L. King first, Rev. A. J. Pike second; black grapes, Jerry Chesnut first; W. L. King second; water melons, Anee Messer first, Mrs. James Johnson second; musk melons, Mrs. James Johnson first, Sam Saylor second; cantaloupe, Mrs. James Johnson first, pumpkin, J. W. Owens, best display

of fruits, Ella Franklin first, Mrs. Willie Adams second; tobacco, H. C. Jones first, Tom Lear second; broom corn, G. W. Sigmon first, Mrs. Ella Blanton second; sugar cane, Gill Lunceford first, Sam Saylor second; milk, Gill Lunceford first, J. C. Gibbs second; timothy, Jack Sutton first, Sam McHargue second; clover, J. T. Tate first, J. C. Gibbs second; alfalfa, Fred Shivel first, W. T. Shaler second.

CULINARY DEPARTMENT

White cake, Mrs. John Cross first, Mrs. Granville Owens second; golden cake, Mrs. Minnie Hayes first; black cake, Mrs. John Crawford first; W. L. King second; pecan cake, Mrs. Dug Brown first, Miss Ina Roberts second; caramel cake, Miss Ina Roberts first; old fashioned corn pone, Mrs. Wood Peters first, Mrs. J. H. Barnett second; biscuit, Mrs. J. H. Barnett first, Mrs. Wood Peters second; salt-rising bread, Miss Lillie Rash first, Mrs. Ella Mahaffy second; yeast bread, Mrs. Dug Brown first, Mrs. Minnie Hayes second.

PRESERVES

Peach Preserves, Mrs. J. H. Barnett first, Mrs. Granville Owens second; pear preserves, Mrs. Granville Owens first, Mrs. W. G. Brown second; tomato preserves, Mrs. S. C. Franklin first, Mrs. Granville Owens second; apples preserves, Mrs. Granville Owens first, Mrs. Maggie Bowman second; best display of preserves, Mrs. Granville Owens first and second.

JELLIES

Apple jelly, Mrs. Granville Owens first, Mrs. J. H. Barnett second; grape jelly, Mrs. Granville Owens first, Mrs. S. C. Franklin second; grape jelly, Mrs. Wood Peters first, Mrs. Robert Hamm second.

HAND MADE ARTICLES

Calico quilt, Mrs. S. D. Hysinger first, Mrs. George Johnson second; comfort, Mrs. Robert Hamm first, Mrs. Sigler Leese second; coverlet, Mrs. Harve Bowman first, counterpane Mrs. Chas. Armstrong, first, Mrs. George Stevens second; worsted quilt, Miss Roberta Frith first, Mrs. S. E. Leese second; blanket, Mrs. Ellen Mahaffy second; door rug, Mrs. Emma Capps first, Miss Ella Dunn second; yarn socks, Mrs. W. L. Godman first, Mrs. Mollie Hiatt second; gentlemen's gloves, Mrs. J. Hopkins first, Mrs. J. R. Livesay second; ladies gloves, Mrs. Ellen Mahaffy first, Miss Georgia Miller second; table cover, Miss Lucy Thomas first, Mrs. D. K. Williams second; silk embroidery, Mrs. J. T. Murphy first, Miss Carrie Lat first; cotton embroidery, Mrs. Ella Dunn first; silk quilt, Mrs. S. C.

Franklin first, Miss Mattie Wilmon second; cotton crochet, Mrs. Mary Shivel first, Mrs. Miley Carter second; down work, Miss Mary Shivel first, Mrs. Tabitha Roberts second; bantam, Mrs. J. W. Hutchison first, Miss Ella Dunn second; pin cushion, Miss Ella Dunn first, Mrs. J. W. Hutchison second; sofa pillow, Mrs. Mollie Hiatt first, Miss Minnie Anderson second; chair cushion, Mrs. Tabitha Roberts first and second; umbrella, Mrs. Susie Taylor first, Mrs. Olive Williams second; display cloth flowers, Mrs. Ellen Mahaffy first, Mrs. Granville Owens second.

MISCELLANEOUS

Nicest corn honey, H. S. Brannaman first, N. J. Blankenship second; liphum, G. E. Painter first, W. L. King second; butter, Mrs. Wood Peters first, Mrs. W. L. King second; sweet pickles, Mrs. John Crawford first, Mrs. Floy Francis second; display canned fruit, Mrs. Granville Owens first and second; grape wine, W. L. King first, John Crawford second; blackberry wine, W. L. King first, J. A. Harmon second; cucumber pickles, Mrs. John Crawford first, Mrs. Wood Peters second; chow chow, Mrs. Sallie Owens first and second; apple vinegar, Mrs. Mary Shivel first, G. E.

Painter second; Hites up for ladies, Mrs. L. B. Hilton and Miss Ella Dunn first, Misses Lou Phillips and Myrtle Adams second; most graceful horse, back rider, Miss Lou Phillips first, Miss Maude Watson second; best running walker, J. T. Cherry first, Kin Anderson second; mule race, Harrison Burdette, Tom Mink second; Bill King third; combined saddle or harness mare or gelding, N. W. Rogers first, J. R. Beasley second.

It's Your Money

By Jonathan Miller, State Treasurer
Few of us look forward to the day. Because for most of us, April 15 is the deadline for submitting our tax returns to the Internal Revenue Service and the Kentucky Revenue Cabinet.

But this year, April 15 takes on added significance. That's because April 15 is the deadline for the spring enrollment period of Kentucky's Affordable Paid Tuition (KAPT). KAPT helps make it easier for families to afford a college education for their children and grandchildren by guaranteeing tomorrow's tuition at today's lower prices, all with a completely tax-free investment. KAPT has been an extraordinary success, shattering our enrollment goals, as thousands of Kentucky families (including my own) already have signed up. As I finish my travels to all 120 counties in the state, I have seen tremendous excitement about KAPT's positive impact on our children and our economy.

Your family can join us, too. And when you do, you can transform April 15 from a day of financial burden to a day that starts your family on the road to an affordable college education. Also, April 15 can be a day of great tax savings: KAPT investments grow completely tax-free, so you will not have to pay a dime of taxes on your earnings on a future April 15.

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Rockcastle County defeated Clay Co. 61-59 to win the 13th Regional Tournament to advance to the Sweet Sixteen, for the first time since 1972. Above: Senior Andrew Hamond goes for a foul shot during the Sweet Sixteen at Rupp Arena in Lexington. Hamond scored 13 pts and had 8 rebounds against Paducah Tilghman in the first round Wednesday, March 13. Rockcastle lost 48-53. (photo by Jessica Thacker)

A REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AFTER 30 YEARS--TOO SWEET!



Aaron Cash (#15) scored 15 points and had five assists against Paducah. Jason Reynolds (#20) had eight. All photos by Jessica Thacker

Dear Seniors,

"Money, so they say is the root of all evil today. But, if you ask for a rise it's no surprise that they're giving none away, away, away." -Pink Floyd's "Money."

Money. The most prominent word in our vocabulary today, simply because we don't have it. Our birthday funds are wearing down and last Christmas' gifts are all returned and the money spent.

Seniors, we still have invitation balances, spring break, and prom to pay for, and we've already put either ourselves or our parents out for cap and gown money, senior pictures, down payment on invitations, letterman jackets, a car and all of its glorious maintenance, application fees for college, and ACT fees. Needless to say, money is getting tight and believe it or not, it's going to get a whole lot tighter!

The fast food restaurants that you once swore you'd never work at look to be your only opportunity to acquire funds for the next few months. Desperation kicks in, not only for those moving into the work force, but also those who are planning to attend college. Those who were not fortunate enough to receive funds from the first round of financial aid handouts are now reduced to scrounging around for scraps.

Okay, money is not completely gone, we still have our parents and our age acting as safety nets, but not forever. Enjoy your senior spring break while you can, because it's the last time money will flow freely for a loooooong, loooooong time.

In closing I leave you with some advice: remember that old piggy bank you've been filling with pennies since you were three? Pick up the hammer and then...SMASH!

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After school pick-up policy in need of a tune-up

BY CLIFTON T. WILLIAMS

"Halt, who goes there? Take one more step towards that building and you'll be arrested."

Does this sound like something that you would hear when trying to pick up someone from RCHS? If you said no, then you're absolutely right, unless you show up between 2:45 and 3:10 in the afternoon. If you happen to be the individual who does this, you may find that this is what you're likely to get.

Over a year now, RCHS has adopted a new policy about after-school pick-up. It says that no unauthorized vehicles are allowed on campus between 2:45 and 3:10. This is supposed to help get the buses out faster without having interference between buses, and par-

ents arriving to pick up their kids.

According to assistant principal Barry Noble, the policy does accomplish this very well. However, he also said that it has caused problems in other areas such as the backups that are ever too common now in the student parking lot. Although this is true, it is not what concerns me most about this policy.

About a month ago, when the school day was nearing its completion, I received a call from the office telling me someone was waiting for me. When I got to the office, my friend Eric VanZant told me that he had gotten there 10 minutes before, but wasn't allowed up to the school to tell me.

"She told me to wait until the buses left," said VanZant when

asked to comment on the school's security official. If he hadn't ignored the security guard when he did, and made his way up to the front of the school, I would have ridden the bus home and would never have been able to get to my 64-year-old father. He was in serious need of help at his job.

To top it all off, after the buses left and we were able to leave, the security guard stopped us and told us that if we ever did that again, we would be arrested for trespassing. A little harsh for trying to get your friend to his father, to say the least.

What does this factual account

See **PICKUP**
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It Rocks...

~ Boys basketball team going to the Sweet Sixteen

~ A new parking lot exit

~ Spring Break--a whole week off from school!!

~ After much hullabaloo, actually receiving a senior trip

It Reeks...

~ We only had two days to give them the send-off they deserved

~ The seniors won't be able to use it

~ The CATS assessment when we return from Spring Break

~ It was cancelled due to lack of participation

Down the Hall

What's the best April fool's trick you've used, or was used on you?

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"I loosened the lug nuts on my cousin's car, and when he drove away his tires fell off."

-Brandon Falin,
sophomore

"I convinced my mom her car was totalled."

-Ronald Willey,
junior

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"I put chili in somebody's pocket."

-Nick Alcorn, junior

"My dad called and told me school was cancelled, so I unplugged all the phones and went back to bed. My dad had to come home and get me. I was late for school."

-Randy Bussell,
freshman

"Berea had off-campus lunch. I took a friend to Pizza Hut and left him."

-Jarred Rice, junior

Frustrated teachers shouldn't blame students

BY KARA BOWLES

Approximately 250 occupations exist in the state of Kentucky, and some people chose to become teachers. It was not because of the amount of money they make or because it's a piece of cake job; it's mainly out of a desire to help that they picked teaching as an occupation. If this decision is based on wanting to pursue this career, then why do some teachers act as if they are unhappy and as if they hate their jobs?

Rolling eyes, ignoring a student's question asked during class, yelling at their students and telling them that they hate children and their jobs, saying that they don't get paid enough for what they have to put up with, discouraging students not to become a teacher—these are all comments and gestures

that have been seen and heard in the classrooms at RCHS by various students.

A person wouldn't think that these comments would come from someone that chose to pursue teaching as their occupation. These actions make some students feel as if they are unwanted at school, and the teachers' attitude towards the students make them believe that these comments and gestures are their fault. Eventually, I think that these problems will cause students' grades to drop.

Students have stress they have to deal with, also. For example, some students juggle working up to 40 hours a week plus dealing with school, death, problems at home and with friends, and significant others. So why can't we all consider each other's stress and get along?

Teachers, while at school don't

take problems out on students. Try to act as if you enjoy what you do. If not, it causes the students to stress. Always think about how you would feel if you were being treated the way you treat your students.

Yes, students all understand the stress that teachers have—working at sporting events, grading papers, coaching, taking classes on the side—but in most cases, teachers knew about the responsibilities this would add before they decided to add another event into their daily planner. In the cases that they had no choice in the matter, I feel that they should still be kind to the students because it's not the students' fault.

So why take this stress out on the students?

Shouldn't we respect our elders?

BY AMBER THACKER

As the three senior Homecoming Queen candidates walk towards their designated spots, their expectations slowly rise. They're seniors, surely one of them will take the crown. At least that's the way it should be and what most of the crowd is also anticipating. What a shock when the new Homecoming Queen is an underclassman. This occurrence isn't unusual at the Rock.

Changes should be made concerning the selection of Homecoming Queen. Seniority should be one of the first things considered. It not only comes as a shock to the senior candidates when an underclassman wins the honor, but also a major disappointment. It is a senior's last and only chance to be the queen and they should be granted the privilege of taking the crown.

Speaking of privileges, underclassmen should see winning homecoming as something to build up to. Having to wait until their senior year would give them a reason to work for what they want and try to be better so they will have a chance to walk. Underclassmen will also look at the seniors as role models, having standards to go by and something better to look forward to.

If any grade level is eligible to be homecoming queen, the whole meaning of the ceremony is somewhat decreased. Although it may be just as important to an underclassman in some cases, that

doesn't mean that it wouldn't mean even more to a senior. The crown is something that underclassmen should be willing to wait for, and work for.

"You have to wait to go to prom and get your class ring, and that same rule should apply to the Homecoming policy," says senior Lindsay Adams.

Underclassmen winning the crown isn't the only concern when it comes to Homecoming. Unfortunately, in some cases people that are chosen to walk only walk due to a prank among the student body. That idea in itself is utterly distasteful and cruel. If Homecoming procedures were revised, and the ceremony was better structured, students might take it upon themselves to be more responsible when choosing Homecoming candidates.

What can RCHS do to make Homecoming better?

The current Homecoming policy allows 12 female candidates, three from each class, to participate in the ceremony. From these 12 candidates, the top three vote getters are recognized at the football or basketball Homecoming. The queen is the top vote getter, regardless of grade level.

To change anything about Homecoming, a new policy has to be made. This policy would then be viewed twice by the SBDM Council, and then decided upon.

To make a policy, you must have ideas. Rockcastle could always resort to old ways. Homecoming

candidates used to be voted on by the members of the football and boys basketball teams, who also escorted them. The candidates would receive their votes by making a box for people to put money in. Then, the Queen was determined by whoever had the most money. But, when it comes to money, some of us are a little slim!

Perhaps the policy could be changed to where only a senior wins the crown, and one underclassman from each class be selected to create a court of princesses. If the procedure was altered to where all 4 grades were recognized and honored, then everyone would be happy! Many surrounding schools have Homecoming procedures, similar to this one. This would not only satisfy the seniors, but the underclassmen would also get awarded.

Not everyone thinks that it matters whether or not a senior wins the crown.

"Homecoming Queen should be whoever represents the student body," says Mrs. Connie Riddle.

Indeed, this is the main idea of Homecoming, but who's to say that more than one person in the Homecoming court fails to represent the school?

Changing the procedure would allow the crowd and student body to see the accomplishments of each class and also portray to them the importance of being a senior and the true meaning of taking the crown.

Freshmen win at UK Engineering Day

BY JESSICA THACKER

Freshmen Nikki Mullins and Stephanie Proctor defeated high school teams from around the state and even teams made up of university students in the Bridge Building Contest for UK's Engineering Day which was held February 23.

Who said freshmen were only dorks that don't account to anything?

Proctor and Mullins prepared for this contest during Rockcastle County High School's after-school programs sponsored by Innovative ESS and the 21st Century Community Learning Center.

The bridge had to follow strict guidelines. It had to be constructed from newspaper and tape and could weigh no more than three pounds. They got their idea on how to build their bridge from advice given to them by Mr. Greene.

"We spent about four and a half

hours working on the bridge and we didn't have to do any research, said Mullins. "We just read the requirements that were given to us."

Proctor commented that she had taken a class with Mr. Greene in the fall and enjoyed building the bridges, so she decided to try the contest.

Greene said that, "It was very fun to work with them on this project."

"With students like these the Rockcastle County Project-Lead The Way [program] will be a huge success," Greene commented, referring to a new set of courses that will begin next year at RCHS.

Linda Parsons commented that the accomplishment that Mullins and Proctor has made with this contest is great and she believes that it will make students more aware of what is going on with all the after school programs.

Courier-Journal writing contest winners honored



Winners in the Courier-Journal's annual water conservation writing contest were honored March 21 at an awards banquet held at Pizza Hut in Mt. Vernon. From left, Shaina Lewis, third place; Chris Settles, second place; and Tammy Peyton, first place and District Winner. Winners received t-shirts, certificates, and cash prizes. Peyton also received a plaque and a \$50.00 savings bond.

CATS preparations begin after spring break

BY KARAH BOWLES

Next week is spring break—time to sit back, relax, and forget about homework. However, almost as soon as students return to school, it will be time to get their minds back on track and on state testing.

"On Tuesday the 9, students will begin to prepare for the CTBS (California Test of Basic Skills) and KCCT (Kentucky Core Content Test)," said Assistant Principal Betty Jo McKinney.

Most students will know the KCCT by CATS.

"This will give students one day after spring break to get back on schedule."

Because of complications students and teachers had with last

year's test prep and testing schedule, all department chair members met to think of an easier and more productive schedule for 2002.

"This year we hope to have review that will affect each department," said Debbie Coleman, chair of the Social Studies department. "Thus helping the school to accomplish their goal for this year's testing scores."

In order to bring up test scores from last year, the department chairs began reviewing surrounding counties' testing techniques.

"After searching, we found that Lincoln County schools had higher test scores when students of their own age taught them. This allowed

test scores to raise 15 to 19 points," said Coleman.

Though some scores did increase, such as reading and writing, a look at last year's test scores shows RCHS dropped a drastic six points in social studies, and four points in mathematics. This year, the math department will be using Lincoln County's idea, and use students as teachers in the hopes that it will bring up Rockcastle's test scores.

"This year each department had to make their own goal," said Coleman. "For example, Social Studies's goal is to raise test scores 10 points. The overall goal for this year's test scores is to gain back the

points that each department lost," said Coleman.

Starting on Tuesday, April 9, each grade will review for a 40 minute period. The freshman will be reviewing for the CTBS, while sophomores will review math and language arts for the CTBS and Reading, Practical Living and Vocational Studies for the KCCT. Juniors will review math, science, social studies, and arts and humanities for the KCCT.

"During test prep seniors will have time to work on their portfolios. Three labs and every computer available will be open for the senior class," says Coleman.

"Seniors who are finished with

portfolios will be sent to the library. Co-op students who have completed portfolios will continue their Co-op schedule."

In addition to the writing portfolio, seniors are only responsible for the On-Demand writing. They will not review for it until April 16, which is one day before the test.

Testing this year is also set up differently. Instead of testing being over a two week period like before, hopefully all test will be completed in one week.

According to McKinney, "Having testing over a two week period cut out alot of teaching time, that's one main reason why we changed it this year."



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Teachers to begin common exams next fall

BY JESSICA DENNY

Typically in Biology I, students may have Mrs. Belinda Corder or Mrs. Debbie Cash. Both teachers would teach their students going by state guidelines, but they may have very different exams. However, this will all change next year. At their February 27 meeting, the SBDM Council voted for teachers to give common unit exams.

Common unit exams are tests to assure that students are being assessed over the same content; therefore, these tests would only apply to students taking the same class under different teachers. For example students taking Global Issues may have Mr. David Vorbeck or Mrs. Debbie Coleman. The students in these classes would take similar tests that included the same content.

"This will make a more consistent measurement of what the kids know," said Mrs. Cindy Anderkin, a parent member of the SBDM.

Common unit exams started out as a proposal that came out of the curriculum committee.

"The curriculum committee makes sure Rockcastle County

schools are offering courses to prepare you [the students] for testing and [life] after graduation," said math teacher Mrs. Morrissa Hayes.

Members of the curriculum committee, and some students agreed with Anderkin on the benefit of common exams.

"All students would know the same material," said sophomore Billy Bales.

All teachers interviewed for this article felt the same as Bales, this will ensure that all students know the same material. However, some students thought they could use the tests to their benefit.

"I think it would be easier to cheat," said freshman Matthew Allen.

However, World Civilization teacher Mrs. Glenna Carter says cheating on these tests would be just as easy as with any other tests.

"Teachers will meet periodically to change the tests."

Sophomore Danny Pingleton doesn't think these tests would be

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Approved English IV proposal opens whole new can of worms

BY CLIFTON T. WILLIAMS

On February 27, the Site Based Decision Making Council approved the proposal to eliminate transitions and turn Senior English into an all year class with a semester of English IV and Writing Composition.

The proposal is supposed to allow seniors more time to work on more literature and college appropriate material without having to spend most of the class worrying about portfolios.

"The change is necessary so we can teach more literature to the kids, to get them ready for college," said English department chairperson Nancy Bussell.

Although it may sound promising, there are many rising concerns about this new ordinance, that leave it a little edgy. One such concern was the hiring of a new English teacher to shrink down the class sizes of these relatively overbearing senior classes.

"For this to work we will have to have another teacher. We'll have to," said senior English teacher Jen-

nifer Mattingly.

This may be true, but it doesn't mean that it is going to happen. According to Principal John Hale, whether or not the school can hire another teacher depends on the number of freshmen students enrolling in the next year.

"You are allowed to have one teacher for every 20 students," said Hale.

As of now Hale said that the freshman enrollment for next year was at 240 students. If this number does not drop considerably, the school would be able to hire one more teacher for the next year. However, nothing final on this can be determined until enrollment for next year is complete.

Another growing concern is what will happen to David Riddle, whose main position in the faculty, along with the student co-op program, was as a transitions.

"I'll probably go somewhere in health education or vocational practical living," said Riddle. "I won't lose my job."

This brings on a whole slew of

new possibilities. Currently the arts & humanities class is being taught by two people, chorus teacher Tammy Reynolds, and humanities teacher Allene Cornelius. Reynolds teaches the music portion of the class to a group of students for a nine week period while Cornelius teaches the dance portion to another. Then the two switch groups and teach the same things to the new group.

This is one place where Mr. Riddle could wind up. If Riddle taught the dance portion of the class in place of Mrs. Cornelius, Cornelius, who is also an accomplished English teacher, would teach senior English. However, Cornelius, was a little more than sceptical of this proposition.

"I don't want to be switched to something new again," said Cornelius. "Senior English is the something I haven't taught, so I'd rather stay where I am."

Regardless of this, Hale agreed

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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:

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If you could go anywhere for spring break, where would it be and why?



Australia, because I want to catch a boomerang.
—Heather Adams, 10th grade



The Playboy Mansion, because I want to see all the hot girls.
—Jordan Stratton, 11th grade



Cancun, because I love spending time on the beach.
—Amanda Ballew, 9th grade



Greece. I love the history and architecture.
—Jeari Bullock, cafeteria

HAVE A GREAT SPRING

Rock baseball hits the beach

BY JESSICA THACKER

Most students will be spending their spring break waking up at three in the afternoon, watching TV, and relaxing at home. While most students are doing this, the RCHS baseball team will be waking up at five in the morning so they can eat breakfast before they go to the field for a game at seven.

For the past eleven years, since 1992, the players have traveled to Cocoa Beach, Florida to spend their spring break on the field.

"We come together as a team, accomplish a lot, and you can see the results when we have the 2002 13th Regional Championship," said senior Brandon McIntosh.

At first thought people may believe that these guys are lucky because they get to be feet away from the beach, but the team only goes to the beach for one day. The rest of the time is spent on an intense week of baseball practice and games against top competition from around the country like Tappan Zee from South Carolina and Kenston.

"Hard work and dedication is what it takes to sur-

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There's more to do than cruise town

BY ANDREA LESTER

Cruising town in Mt. Vernon seems to be one of the more popular past times of RCHS students.

Although driving around Mt. Vernon seems like something fun to participate in on Friday and Saturday nights, there are many other activities to do.

Spring break is coming up. If you have nowhere to go, here are some things to do for a week, other than cruising.

Around town

If you want something to do but you don't want to leave the county there's plenty to do.

"Buffet Pizza in Conway is where everybody hangs out, in the northern part of the county," said sophomore Jash Mullins.

If pizza is not your thing, there is plenty to do in town. REALLY!

You can find a pool hall in Mt. Vernon or Brodhead (which can keep up brushed up in your geometry), and Mt. Vernon's city park

even offers tennis.

Not in the tennis mood? Try putt-putt golf in Renfro Valley.

Let's all go to the movies

Wanting to stay inside? Consider driving about thirty minutes to Danville where you can catch a late movie for only \$2.

Speaking of movies. Whether you prefer Richmond, Danville, or Lexington, you can find several new films: *Big Trouble*, *High Crimes*, and *National Lampoon's Van Wilder* will all be released April 5.

Skate or bowl

If you like to skate you can go to Finley's in Danville or London for \$3.75.

For the bowling fan you can go to Danville Bowlarama and play a game or just shoot some pool (again, remember that geometry!) in the arcade.

Into cars, basketball, or horses?

The National Corvette Museum shows the history of Corvettes at the production factory in Bowling Green, Ky.

The basketball museum at the University of Kentucky has all you want to know about the history of UK basketball.

If you like horses then check out the Kentucky Horse Park or Churchill Downs.

Get outside

For those of you who enjoy being outside there are many campgrounds throughout Kentucky.

At Mammoth Cave you can stay at a campsite for a mere \$13 dollars, per site, per night and go on one of the cave tours.

If you don't enjoy camping, but still enjoy the outdoors consider a

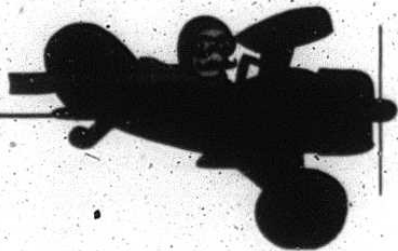


visit to the Knoxville Zoo for \$7.95 and see many different animals, from birds to zebras.

There are also hiking trails throughout the state that are open to pedestrians as well as bikes.

Fishing is a fun and relaxing thing to do, not to mention a way to get a free fish dinner, so grab your rod and run for the nearest pond.

SPRING BREAK!



If you could go anywhere for spring break, where would it be and why?

Low interest sinks senior trip

BY BRIAN REYNOLDS

Only 15 out of 194 seniors signed up for the much discussed senior trip to Williamsburg, Virginia. The trip was cancelled due to the lack of interest.

According to Sergeant Major Keith Taylor, who is part of the Student Support Committee, "The senior trip was not planned quickly enough. People did not have enough money or enough time to gather money."

Many seniors thought the senior trip was overpriced.

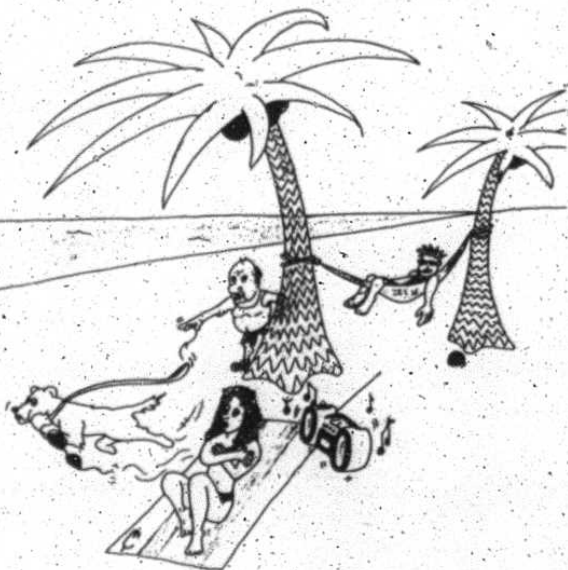
"Five hundred and fifty dollars is way too much for a senior trip to Virginia," said senior Shanda Stamper.

"For that price we could go to Florida or somewhere better than Virginia."

Though some students felt the cost was too high, Taylor said \$550 was probably the lowest price possible for a trip on short notice, with such a large number.

Discussion concerning a senior trip began as early as last March. The Student Council began taking action in September, but the information did not get to the seniors until early February.

Recommended Taylor, "If underclassmen are interested in a senior trip they should begin planning the beginning of their junior year."



Students, teachers ready for spring

BY JACOB MELTON

"ROAD TRIP," said senior Daphne Adams when discussing her plans for Spring Break 2002.

"Destination unknown, but I don't care, I'm just going."

Adams won't be the only person headed out of town. Spring break is next week, and that means one whole week off of school for students to do whatever comes their way.

There are several students who are going to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, including junior Elizabeth Matekovich.

"Because there is nowhere else to go and I don't want to stay here," she said.

Junior Tiffany Chandler will also be vacationing on the Atlantic coast.

"I always go to Myrtle Beach with my family," said Chandler.

Science teacher Debbie Cash also goes with her family to the



same place every year—Cocoa Beach with the baseball team.

"I have gone to Florida since my oldest son [Andrew] was a freshman."

But is going to Florida with the baseball team really that great?

English teacher Nancy Bussell thinks so. Her entire family goes along.

"The sun, the water, and the baseball—it has it all."

If she had the chance to go any where she wasted she would still go Cocoa Beach.

While some loll about on the sand, there are those people that just want to kick back and relax.

"I am going to spend the week at UTH (University of The House)," said senior P.J. Rowe.

Principal John Hale's plans are simple, too.

"I plan to have a few days off

without any telephones."

But while some kick it back at the house with their family others have to travel to see their family.

"I am looking forward to spring break very much," said Assistant Principal Betty Jo McKinney.

"My daughter and my son live in Nashville and I have a new granddaughter who is four and a half months old. I am hoping to spend a couple of days there and hold that baby."

Sophomore Jennifer Kidwell will also be spending time with her family.

"I am going to Florida to see my mom. I don't get to see her but like two times a year."



The Virgin Islands, because that's where I need to be.
—Michael Brummett, 11th grade



Jamaica, because it has very hot weather, and I love to see tropical places.—Brittany Offutt, 9th grade



The Bahamas, because I have never been.
—Angie Boring, 12th grade



Paris, because I have been once and I loved my time there.
—Amahda Cummins, 11th grade

RCHS junior lives music dream

BY JESSICA DENNY

Most kids dream about being on stage with thousands of screaming fans and blinding bright lights. One student at RCHS found this dream when he played at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, TN.

Banjo playing junior Joe Wagers is a member of the band The Mason Jars. They played in the Ryman Auditorium January 5. Other members in the band include Kyle Farmer who also plays the banjo, and David "Bass Boy" Mayfield, who plays the bass fiddle.

The opportunity to play in Nashville came when The Mason Jars won first place in the Siring Bean Memorial Youth Band Competition. They played two songs, then waited one hour to find out they won.

"It was unbelievable, but I felt like we worked really hard for it," said Wagers.

Wagers said the hard work paid off when they received their prize from the contest. The prize for winning the contest was the chance to play in the Grand Ole Opry.

After finding out the Mason Jars would be playing in Nashville,



Wagers's family was in shock.

"I didn't believe it," said Wagers's grandmother Gail Kirby.

According to Wagers's uncle Tony Mason, it's a day they'll never forget.

"It's a once in a life time experience," he said proudly.

A once in a life time experience, for some, but Wagers had other ideas.

"We played one song and got a standing ovation," said Wagers.

He went on to say Mike Snyder, a member of the Grand Ole Opry, invited him back to play in the new

auditorium this summer.

"I was really surprised they invited us back."

Wagers' passion for the banjo was inspired by his late grandmother, Dora Mae Wagers.

"When I was about 12 years old my grandmother had a banjo lying in the corner," he ex-

plained. "She asked if I wanted to learn how to play, and eventually I learned."

Since then Wagers has entertained many students at RCHS. Most students heard him play in the talent show last year.

"Joe is the best banjo player I've ever seen. He can really move his digits," said junior Ross McClure.

Wagers has dreams of being part of a full-time string band.

According to freshman Megan Parker, "He's going to make it to the big time."

Students know the positive effects of peer pressure

BY TIM TYLER

Peer pressure is a common cause of poor decision making skills that exist among teens. However, some teens disagree with the common stereotype of peer pressure: that it's bad.

"Peer pressure is when someone your age tries to convince you to do something," stated senior Josh Ramsey, who believes that peer pressure is mostly a good thing because good things come out of peer pressure more often than not.

Ramsey began to explain some of the bad effects of peer pressure starting with how he spent last summer.

"I spent a lot of time hanging out at a college. Now that's a place where peer pressure makes a world of difference. That's the summer that I first tasted alcohol," explained Ramsey.

He hesitated to tell some of the more personal bad experiences with peer pressure. But to find some more serious encounters with it he thought on back to a few years before the college experience.

"When I was younger I was pressured into smoking marijuana

by some of my friends."

Sophomore Heather Adams believes that peer pressure can be good also.

"It's a good thing because you need to experience the good and the bad side of things," explained Adams.

Ramsey stressed that peer pressure can be bad, but in the right situation or with the right people, it can change your life for the better.

"I've changed because of peer pressure, when my 'new' friends started telling me not to do that kind of stuff," explained Ramsey.

He went on to explain how his girlfriend has helped him overcome some of this pressure.

"My girlfriend is really great too. She kept me from going out and being pressured at the parties. She's my peer pressure that keeps me out of all the drugs and alcohol."

"Peer pressure can be positive or negative. I think a lot of people go on to college because of peer

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RCHS makes its own March Madness

BY BRIAN REYNOLDS

"The Rockets win the 13th region!"

The last time a boys team from this county heard something similar to these words was when the Broadhead Tigers went to the state tournament in 1972. Some people may have thought they would never be said again.

The regional tournament (which was held at Rockcastle) was full of Rocket faithful decked out in red and blue, yelling and cheering like mad barbarians (think Bravoheart!).

The spirit section was full of students who stood up the entire game, and gave the players their full attention.

"If there had not been school spirit it would have been much harder to win the region," said senior Chris Childress.

Not only did the school get involved, but the community did, as well. While the students at school were making colorful signs,

Wendy's, McDonald's, Cox's Hardware and other businesses in the community were painting signs on their business windows.

During the regional championship and the state championship, not only were RCHS students and faculty standing and cheering, but also alumni and people from the community was standing and cheering as well.

"I believe the school spirit brought the community much closer," said senior Courtney Alexander.

For other people such as players and coaches, it was a dream come true. Not only to win the 13th region but to play at Rupp Arena as well.

"It felt good just to step on the floor at Rupp Arena," said Coach Clayton Cash.

"It was flat out awesome," said Chris Settles. "To play in front of that many people was incredible."



Bill Hittler and John Haimm took the Broadhead Tigers to state in 1972. Also shown is Andrew Cash, who now plays for Berea College. (photos by Jessica Theaker)

Wrestlemania: past and present

BY BLAKE ARNOLD

Wrestlemania has been the major event in sports entertainment for 18 years and it has an incredible fan base as this year over 68,000 people attended the live event, not counting the millions watching world wide.

This year has brought us Wrestlemania X8. It's kind of hard to believe that this event has been going on for 18 years. Throughout its rich history of colossal battles.

This year was no different as it offered up the culmination of many feuds with decisive victories being achieved. This Wrestlemania saw the return of Hollywood Hulk Hogan to Wrestlemania as only Hogan can.

There were many incredible matches. Rob Van Dam won the Intercontinental title from William Regal in his first Wrestlemania appearance. Triple H achieved victory over Chris Jericho to become the second ever World Wrestling Federation Undisputed Champion.

There were other big matches including a battle between The Undertaker and Ric Flair. These were very good matches but the one on everyone's mind was the clash between the

ICON of the new age, Hollywood Hogan vs. The Rock. This match was put together to determine who is the absolute best ever.

Hogan came out first to a deafening roar of cheers for everyone's childhood hero. Next out was The Rock who to his surprise for the first time since his rise to superstardom he was rejected by the crowd everyone was there to see Hogan beat him. This match while not very technical did its job of keeping the



between the ICON of old and the

crowd interested very well with a good back and forth battle between two fan favorites like it was back at Wrestlemania VI when Hogan fought the Ultimate Warrior and like the battle with The Warrior Hogan came up on the losing end but unlike that historical match the victor was not well received. While The Rock was the winner it was determined that he most certainly is not the best ever.

As this Wrestlemania came as always people begin talking about

past Wrestlemanias and how the events that transpired at some of them had left a lasting memory in mind. Everyone that is even a sort of wrestling fan has a favorite Wrestlemania moment it might be a match with superior quality or just the appearance of a celebrity or the culmination of a story line.

My personal favorite is from Wrestlemania VI where Hulk Hogan fought the Ultimate Warrior these were my two favorite wrestlers and I was torn between them as I wished both could win but leaned more towards The Warrior.

I asked around and found out what other peoples favorite moments.

"My favorite thing from Wrestlemania was the match between Owen and Bret Hart at Wrestlemania X, because it was a great match between two brothers," said Zach Powell.

I would have to agree with Mr. Powell about this being a very good match.

"The best moment from Wrestlemania has to be the 60 minute Ironman match between Bret Hart and Shawn Michaels. This match was just incredible as both men put it on the line for a whole hour, it was just great," said Jeremy Rowe.

There is just nothing like Wrestlemania and there is something special about each one.

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Hubbard ready to take on Cheerleaders win region, place tenth at state

BY AMBER THACKER

When anyone thinks of the track team, they imagine people running their hearts out to win a race, but that is not all of what track consists of. There are many other field events such as the long jump, high jump, pole vault, shot put, and discus.

These events occur while the races are taking place and are sometimes hard to notice if you're not a hard core track and field fan. What many people also fail to realize is that these particular events require just as much effort as running.

As a matter of fact the members that participate in field events have to run in practice along with the runners of the team.

Senior Clarissa Hubbard participates in throwing shot put and discs.

At last year's 2001 2A regional outdoors track meet, Hubbard brought home first place in shot put and second in discus. She then went onto state and placed third in discus. Hard work obviously pays off!

In the past she was joined by team mates Cheyenne Carmack, Tara Abney, Theresa Chislum, Mindy Bullock, and Ashley Lawson who graduated last year. It can be very difficult to perform to the best of your ability when valuable team members graduate.

"I miss the seniors because it's not every year that you go to state with the same group of people," says Hubbard.

Although the seniors have left, it hasn't really affected the quality of Hubbard's performance. She

feels that shot put and discus is more of an individual event and effort than others. It basically just depends on the amount of commitment that one contains for the sport.

Anything, regardless of if it's a sport, requires practice. Practicing shot put and discus has allowed her to build up to the level she is today. She feels that putting time into practicing the event is the key to her success as well as anyone else's.

It is also Hubbard's chance to be a role model to the younger track team members.

"I feel I need to be a role model so the younger members won't resort to others that aren't role model material," says Hubbard.

Hubbard has a main goal as a senior, which could be extremely beneficial to the track team in years to come.

"I'd like to find more people, female and male of all ages, and teach them to throw shot put and discus," says Hubbard.

Track season and preparation for spring has been going on since late fall when indoor track was in session. All this practice pays off when you witness the tough competition as the actual meets begin.

The first varsity track meet is Friday, April 12 at Lincoln Co. High School. The boys and girls varsity track teams will be competing from various different schools.

It is guaranteed that you'll see Clarissa Hubbard displaying her dedication and endurance in shot put and discus along with the other 27 high school track members.

BY JACOB HELTON

Boy's basketball doesn't have the only regional champs at RCHS. The cheerleaders are 13th region champs and competed in state at KAPOS on March 16.

"We have just changed the first part of the routine," said RCHS cheerleading coach Ms. Misty Baker before the competition.

"The girls work good under pressure."

The girls placed 10 out of 16 squads. Even though they did not place, Barker said, "I think they did wonderful and I am very proud of them."

"They did their routine perfect,

but gymnastics is what we lacked."

Barker specifically mentioned skills like standing tucks. She went on to say that there were whole squads there that could do standing tucks.

Though they didn't win, most of the team felt that their performance was good.


"Over all, I thought we did good although we didn't place," Tara Barnett said.

The Co-Captain and senior Emily Wright also thought that they did a job to be proud of.

"I am so proud of our squad this year because everyone really stepped up and fulfilled many goals we had."

"I feel I need to be a role model..."

Best of luck to all our spring sports!



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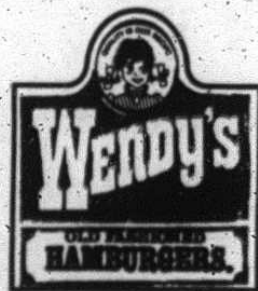
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BY BLAKE ARNOLD

Waylon Jennings died last month of complications with his diabetes, when his leg was amputated. His death brought with it a great sadness to many fans across the nation including this one.

He was one of the original bad boys in the music industry with a very expensive cocaine habit which made him fairly unpopular with the law. Jennings was such a great musician that even though he had some rather rough words for the induction committee, he was still placed in the hall of fame in 2001.

Though not always a model citizen, Jennings was a model of an incredible country musician. He contributed quite a lot to the music world and truly is a legend, his most notable song being the theme to *The Dukes of Hazzard*. My personal favorite is "Lonesome, On'ry and Mean" in which Waylon just tells it like it is.

Despite his rough and tumble ways Waylon Jennings is truly one of the greatest ever in the history of Country Music and will be sorely missed.

**Blade II slices
competition**

BY BLAKE ARNOLD

The story of *Blade II* comes in 2 years after the original and it has the makings of a great movie.

It opens in true Blade form with an intense action sequence in which we are reintroduced to the main character, Blade (Wesley Snipes). In this movie there is an enemy even worse than the Homminus Nocturna (vampires)—a new strand of the vampire virus. Deemed the Reaper strand, it has mutated from the original blood sucking strand and has adapted a taste for vampire blood, as well.

This movie is chock full of action and is really good but it falls short of the original in a few ways. Part deux doesn't pull you into the dark world of the vampire/hunter struggle as the first *Blade* did.

Blade II is more audience

friendly as the creators were trying to appeal to a broader fan base and does a good job of it. It has some parts with humor and more beefed up action sequences using computer animation not available for use in the first. These additions, while making the movie rather enjoyable, are part of what hinders it from being on par with the first.

Jared Nomak delivers a very good performance opposite Snipes, but the chemistry of hero versus villain just isn't there as it was with Stephen Dorf.

While this is an excellent movie, and a welcome continuance for fans of the first, it is also (as most sequels are) a let down for fans of the first. I would recommend watching this movie because it is excellent and I give it 4 stars.

While an excellent movie, Blade II is a let down for old fans.

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vive that week in Cocoa," junior James Bussell said.

Senior John Bray backed him up by saying that "once you get past the five thirty in the morning wake up call, the rest of the day is okay." This comment was followed by a good hard laugh.

Several family members and fans of the players travel along with the team each year. English teacher Nancy Bussell, and her family have gone nine years' while science teacher, Debbie Cash, and her family have gone for seven.

Many of the softball players wished they had the chance to be able to go to Cocoa this year and live the experience of it, but softball Head Coach Clay Dollins commented, "This year, we just didn't have enough time to plan for it but next year is a possibility."

While students are on their vacation, enjoying the sun or sitting around the house, think about the baseball team being out on the field playing and practicing in the hot Florida weather.

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that Mr. Riddle's position was not in jeopardy.

"It just depends on what he's certified in, and what he's comfortable with teaching," said Hale.

As you can see right now the whole idea is surrounded with little or no certainties, other than the fact that there will be no transitions next year and that senior English will be an all-year class. The only thing left for us to do right now is wait till next year rolls around and see which if any of these unpredictable scenarios takes place.

Have a safe spring break!**PICKUP:** continued from page 2

tell us? For one thing it's saying that our after-school pick-up policy is a little on the weak side. It is sometimes easy to slap a rule down in granite without thinking about all the consequences, but most of the time, you wind up with problems a lot like this one.

Notifying students of their rides home, when they arrive at the end of the school day, is a task that could be easily performed. The

security guard could radio the office and then the office could notify the student that they are being picked up. Such a solution is simple, but essential in eliminating this kind of problem in the future.

It's just a matter of what's most important, whether we have to give more responsibility to the security personnel, or that students are able to get where they are supposed to be safely, and without interference.

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fair since every teacher teaches differently.

Carter said the unit test would not have to be 100% identical and that flexibility can be built in.

Curriculum committee members feel that common unit exams will prove to be successful in the future.

"Using common unit exams should lead to student earned grades that can be compared," said Carter.

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pressure," stated Ms. Janice Miller, the freshman and sophomore counselor.

Ryansey explained that he had changed because of peer pressure several times before. That's why he believes that the good effects of peer pressure outweigh the bad.

It's obvious that often the spread of drugs and alcohol is a result of peer pressure. But most support groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous base their support on peer pressure. So it is not only a bad source (which it is often thought to be) but it is also a good source of positive reinforcement.

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