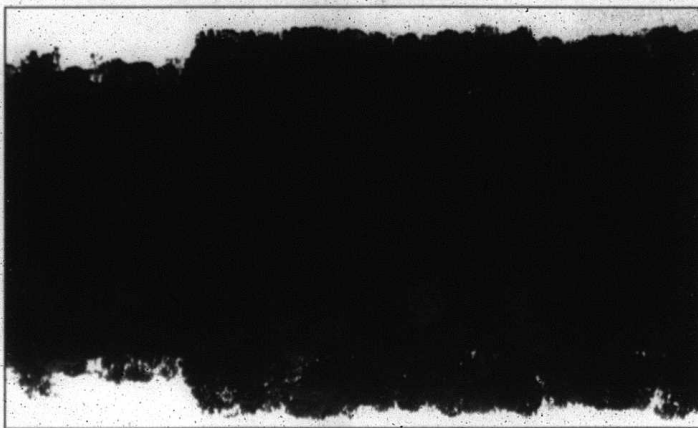




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Kentucky is known for its beautiful fall foliage. The above photo was taken at Lake Lindville last week before the leaves had turned quite as pretty as they are now. The reflection in the water has the staff at the Signal, wondering which end is up. And time does change this weekend. Remember to fall back an hour before retiring Saturday night.

School board race part of November 4th General Election

By: Richard Anderkin
Rockcastle County voters, along with other voters in the state of Kentucky, will have a lot of decisions to make in the 2003 General Election, which will take place on November 4th.

Locally, there is a race for a seat on the Rockcastle County Board of Education in Division One which is made up of the South Mt. Vernon, East and West Livingston precincts.

Former board member Sam Stallsworth of Livingston resigned his position after he learned he could not legally serve on the board because he is the water superintendent in Livingston, which creates a conflict, according to the state.

State law prohibits a person from holding two government paid jobs and although the pay for sitting on the school board is low, it is still con-

sidered a paid position by the state.

Stallsworth's daughter, Angie Stallsworth is trying to win her dad's vacant seat, as is Donna Hasty of Sand Springs who lost to Sam Stallsworth by 31 votes in last fall's election.

In Livingston, there are two people on the ballot for councilman.

Curt McFargue, who is a former Livingston Mayor, was appointed in January by the council to fill a vacancy and he is required to run this fall.

Livingston council member Jason Medley resigned from the council after he moved out of the city limits of Livingston, leaving another vacancy on the council.

Charlie Newcomb, who is the son-in-law of Livingston Mayor J.C. Griffin, is on the ballot with McFargue.

They will make up the four member council with Todd Mink and Kathy Carpenter, unless someone else files as a write-in candidate. Potential write-in candidates have until Monday to file. Unless write-in candidates file in County Clerk's Norma Houk's office, any votes received on November 4th will not be counted.

And locally there is also a race for the position of Circuit Judge.

Former Circuit Judge Dan Venters, who sat the bench for nearly twenty years, resigned this summer and was replaced by Solicitor attorney Robert E. Gilliam, who was appointed by Kentucky Governor Paul Patton.

A well known defense attorney from Somerset, Mark Stanziano, who is a past president of the Kentucky Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys, is one of his opponents.

Gilliam's other opponent is Mike Duncan, a former assistant Commonwealth Attorney, who was defeated by a large margin by local attorney Debra Lambert when he ran for Family Court Circuit Judge.

Stanziano, the Republican candidate is U.S. Congressman Ernie Fletcher of Lexington and the Democratic candidate is Ben Chandler, a Versailles native and grandson of the late and very famous Kentucky Gov-

Residents' daughter will file complaint with AG office

Claims fraud by out-of-town painter

A Richmond woman said Monday she will file a complaint with the State Attorney General's office after her parents, were charged \$5,000 by a South Carolina man for painting their small house, a barn, barn roof and

shed.

Joann True said that her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Engle of the Conway-area were approached last week by a South Carolina man about painting the buildings and given a price of \$200 plus paint.

Mrs. True said after her father gave her the go-ahead and, after he completed the job, told her father the cost would be \$6,800. When Mr.

Adult Education program offers many services

Do you need tutoring in a college class? Has your employer decided you need more education in your job area? Have you decided it's time to get that GED?

All of these things, and many more, are available through the Adult Education Program in Rockcastle County. This program is part of the governor's initiative to raise education of Kentuckians and is administered through the Department of Adult Education and Literacy and Christian Appalachian Project (CAP).

According to Bobbie Playforth, program manager for the Adult Learning Center, located on U.S. 25 N at the old Somers View Motel, the center is available "to help people get any degree of education they want or need."

The center is open five days a week and in the evenings on Monday and Tuesday. There are three instructors available and one volunteer. The center offers a computer lab with high speed internet and on-line courses are also available. On-line learning let you study at home when it's convenient for you, with helpful assistance from an instructor when needed.

"Our area is which we help employers to provide a qualified pool of job candidates to hire from," Ms. Playforth said. "We offer pre-hire screening that is tailored to the employer's needs and, for those who

do not pass the screening, we offer instruction in the areas needed," Playforth added. Businesses can also request on-site classes that deal with specific job-related issues or to just enable their employees to complete their GED.

One such business is Rockcastle Manufacturing (RM) offers the one hour class for its employees once a week where an instructor from the Adult Learning Center comes to the factory to instruct the class.

Several employees have passed the test for their GED through this program, including Loretta Napier of

London, a supervisor at the plant.

The company pays employees for half their time spent in the classrooms, the materials for the course are free and the company also pays for the GED test.

Ms. Napier, who quit school in her junior year to get married, has worked at Rockcastle Manufacturing since 1994 as a machine operator. After her promotion to supervisor, Ms. Napier had to obtain her GED to keep the promotion.

"It was hard, but it was worth it most definitely," Ms. Napier said. "It made me proud of myself and my

kids more proud of me. They even brought me flowers at graduation. It was good for my self-esteem."

First Halloween on Main Street is October 31st

You may have noticed that there are few tourists moving in on Main Street in Mt. Vernon.

If you will look around, there are ghosts, goblins and witches moving into the windows of our downtown buildings but -- business owners don't seem to mind.

It is all part of the first Halloween on Main Street in Mt. Vernon, scheduled for Friday night, October 31st from 5 to 8 p.m.

Decorations, lights and banners are going up for this event and business owners will close up shop and take to the streets on this night to hand out candy to youngsters. Main Street will be closed for the safety of the children.

The event is being sponsored by the Mt. Vernon Renaissance committee, in conjunction with the Kiwanis Club and Mt. Vernon businesses.

Any business operator that wishes to participate or contribute can contact Lynn Gilbert at 256-9223.

This is the first of many events the Renaissance committee will be planning for Mt. Vernon's Main Street.

RTEC working toward securing a trolley for Rockcastle County

Rural Transit Enterprises Coordinated, Inc. db/a RTEC is currently running several feasibility studies and trial fixed routes shuttling tourists to and from Remfo Valley and Mt. Vernon in an attempt to gain public interest and improve visibility of attractions to visitors.

The ultimate goal being that of securing a Trolley for Rockcastle and permanently having a link between two prominent areas of growing appeal to guests of our community.

The most recent trial run was during Mt. Vernon's annual Bittersweet Festival on October 11-12, 2003. RTEC Driver Lois Swinney shuttled

numerous visitors to our community from their Motel or RV Parks to the Bittersweet Festival and to Remfo Valley Village shops.

They welcomed the option of public transportation as an alternative to driving themselves in the Festival traffic. Driver Lois Swinney received several compliments from passengers as she navigated the heavy traffic with patience and skill.

Our guests were pleased with our Festival and hometown during the shuttle trial and wholly supported our endeavors for a more permanent fixed route they could utilize in their

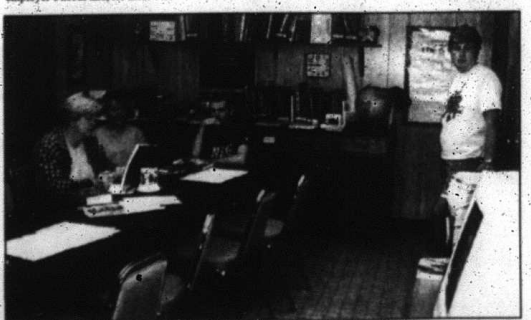
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Donna Hasty



Angie Stallsworth



Doris Grant, who taught for 20 years in the public school system, is now an instructor at the Adult Learning Center. She is shown in the above photo with three class members working toward their GED. Trina Ray of Rockcastle County, far left, is a truck driver, working to get a GED to get a job that will enable her to stay at home. Ms. Ray was 14 when she quit school and said she was adamant about her son and daughter staying in school even going to the extent to "promise her son a red Ford if he'll stay in school." Also in the photo are Lora Whisker of Berea and Bryan Yeager of Rockcastle County.

You really do "fall back" this Sunday

By: Felina M. Anderkin

After eating enough "crows" to turn me off the dish for the rest of my life, I wish to announce that Daylight Savings Time ends this Sunday morning, October 26th, at 2 a.m.

You should set your clocks back one hour Saturday night before retiring.

BVFD Notice

The Broadhead City Council has announced that that Broadhead Volunteer Fire Department, effective October 14th, will not respond to fires outside the city limits of Broadhead unless mutual aid is requested by another department.

It has also been announced, that John Dychehouse has been appointed interim fire chief following the recent resignation of Chief Tim Albright.



Eric Bullock, right, was recently presented with the Grand Champion trophy at the annual National Shaolin Karate Fall Tournament held this year at Lexington Catholic High School. The presentation was made by 10th degree blackbelt Grandmaster Sim Tai. Over 40 blackbelts from schools all over the United States competed for trophies and recognition. Eric fought and won five bouts of non-stop sparring and received a first place trophy, in Empty Hand Forms, he performed The Ground Dragon and received a second place trophy. In Weapons Forms, he performed The Three Sectional Staff and placed second. The points awarded for each totaled more than any other blackbelt competition and resulted in his winning the Grand Champion trophy.



A few years ago, I noticed my body was hurting severely and much more stiff than usual. I was sure it would pass in a day or so. I had been working a little harder than usual, too. I had just moved into a new apartment in London. I was exhausted from packing and then unpacking at the new apartment. My new apartment was on the second floor, so that made things even worse. I worked as a reporter during the day for the local newspaper in London, the Laurel County Weekly, and at Penderosa Restaurant when I wasn't doing anything else. I also worked at the local nursing home, Laurel Heights. I was a certified medicine technician, and worked third shift as the supervisor on first floor. First floor had two wings. I was responsible for about one-hundred twenty patients as well as the staff. I was having personal and family problems so I thought the best way to deal with it was to escape into work.

One night at about two A.M., I got a call from one of the staff on the other wing that I was needed right away on that wing. There was something seriously wrong with one of the patients, and they couldn't get her to respond.

I ran the length of one wing, across a huge dining area and living room, and the length of another corridor. While I was running to get to the patient, I hoped I wouldn't have to do CPR, as I wouldn't get much breath left. In turning the corner of one hallway, I almost knocked my left knee off, so I just hurriedly limped the rest of the way.

The patient was stabilized and sent to the hospital. By the next day, my left knee was swollen, bruised,

and quite painful. The swelling and bruising went away, but the pain and a stiff feeling grew in my knee as well as my whole body.

I finally decided to go to the doctor, who sent me to a specialist, a rheumatologist in Lexington. There he diagnosed me with three kinds of arthritis: lupus, fibromyalgia, and arthro-arthritis. I continued to work for about two years, but soon found I was only getting in the way. By this time, I could scarcely walk. I had to quit work after fifteen years at Laurel Heights.

The rheumatologist thought that at the rate I was deteriorating, I would probably be in a wheelchair in about five years, and suggested knee and hip-replacement surgery. I was in my early thirties, and the future didn't look very promising.

I had to stop and weigh my options, what few I had. I decided right away that I didn't want surgery of any kind. I decided to put myself in the best Physician's hands and hope for the best. I also stopped taking a barrage of expensive medications that weren't doing any good, anyway.

Now was the time when I had to draw my strength from the people I had taken care of for so long. I didn't have any plans to give up or give in, so I had to push forward daily.

I had taken care of patients who, as a hobby, planned and cared for flowers, but didn't have any hands. There was a totally blind woman who kept a spotlessly clean room, and could recognize you upon walking into her room or just walking past her door in the hallway. There was another lady who had both legs amputated above the knee. She made her own bed, and could get in and out of

her own bathtub by herself. Yet there are even more incredible stories of people who have overcome their circumstances to lead a virtually normal life.

I'm glad I chose the path I did. As you see, it was in January of nineteen ninety-two, ten years ago, I was diagnosed with arthritis; and given about five years to walk. Today, I walk without the aid of any device and don't plan to for many years. Neither do I take any medication except for over-the-counter medicines such as Motrin and Glucosamine

Sulfate. During the past ten years, the arthritis has spread to my whole body and there isn't a day that goes past without pain to some degree, but I still feel as if I've won the battle.

Today, I almost complained as I opened a childproof bottle of Ibuprofen as my hands were so sore and stiff. Then I remembered the lady whom I remember and still my back about how sore and stiff my back

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Our Readers Write

Dear Editor,
I want to say thank you to all the wonderful people of Rockcastle County! Last Tuesday I was able to make some campaign stops in your county and I was overwhelmed by the hospitality!

I want to say a special thank you to the city officials of Mt. Vernon, Broadhead, and Livingston for helping me make arrangements to meet with them and citizens. Also a special thank you to the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court. It was great to have a chance to sit and talk with so many fine people. I also was fortunate enough to be able grab a bite to eat at the Dan Delle, Jean's, and Li's. To be so small county, Rockcastle size several wonderful dining establishments! I know I will be back, if for nothing else but to eat! I must also say thank you to Mrs. Roberta Taylor, who was kind enough to invite me into her home for the night. [I will never forget her kindness!] I also want to say a big thanks to Travis Burton for helping to arrange everything.

As a 35-year member of an international trade union they have always provided me with medical coverage, and a prescription drug card, even in my retirement.
They are telling me that Ernie Fletcher is their moral nightmare, that he has voted 97% against every effort to control medical cost, even against importing much cheaper, and higher quality drugs from our neighbor Canada.
And they are also telling me that Fletcher wants to get rid of our prevailing wage laws. In other words, if you own a business, vote Fletcher, if you work, vote Chandler.

Rockcastle County is a place where most people get up and go to work, and the very last thing we want to do is put Fletcher in this powerful position of Governor.
Please, when you pull that curtain behind you and vote, vote for yourself, vote Chandler!

Thank you,
Jim Norton

paign headquarters, 502-897-5750. Thank you so very much.

I am attempting to make arrangements at this time to be back in your most gracious county on October 25th and hope to see and meet you then.

Sincerely,
Linda Greenwell
Candidate for State Auditor

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Dear Editor,

It takes a lot of good folk to put on a Bittersweet Festival such as we had and a lot of dedication to having a good festival and quality entertainment. There are lots of fine folk who work in the background that deserve equally as much credit for a quality show as those you see on stage and speak with on the phone and in person. Thank you to Mt. Vernon Fire Dept. for washing the streets, Blaine McHargue and Gary Barnett for measuring the streets and marking them, Bertie Cromer for the use of his trailer for the stage, Toshia Lear for coming early and staying late to get everything in place, Irene Ross for helping where ever she was needed, the guys from the Rockcastle County Work Release Program for all their help, Shelby Bradley for helping those from out of town find their spaces, Dana Mason for all her work on the race, Vicki and Jerry Cox for getting the race organized, Mike Barr and Health Essentials for sponsoring the race, and Mike for serving as our parade Grand Marshal, Carol Signon for decorating the street, the Renaissance Commission for the lights for the fiddler shocks, Main Street Flowers and Gifts for the ribbons, Buzz Carloffs and the Fiscal Court for helping with the electric, Mt. Vernon

Printing for the brochures, Rockcastle Tourism, The Banner, WRVK, Mt. Vernon Signal, Sherrill Proctor for helping with the race, Willis Coffey, Country Music Hall of Fame, Juanita Davis, Angela Leger, Gene Cromer, Danny Settles for decorating the Mt. Vernon sign, everybody who helped fold brochures, the Deputy Sheriff's for overnight security, and Lucille Bullock, Melanie Bullock, and Erica Toothman for helping me maintain a balanced load.

Thank you to Blaine McHargue for all the help in getting everything set up, Ron and Carolyn Klotz, Chad Burdette, and all the entertainers: C. Chance, Tyler Strunk and the Bad Temper Band, Fire the Choir, 40 Days West, the Bittersweet Cloggers, Wild River Band and Bentley's Crooner, Tamara Fuller and Hubby for singing at 8 in the morning, how we appreciate you, the Northside Baptist Church Puppeteers, the Northside Interpretive Music Guild, Behind the Curtain, and the Bluegrass Band, Michael and Betty Fredrick, behind the Cross and Steve Collins, Ruby Powell and J. B. Baker and Bud, and

James Miller for doing the cheer work.

Thank you to all the vendors and most of all thank you to all of you who attended the festival and made it successful. Without you it's a bust! And to all who were in the parade: THANK YOU! And to Durrell Cress, thank you for coming and clowning and thanks to Clyde Hodges for being a clown all day Saturday. Bittersweet 2003 was a great success. It took a lot of good folk to bring it off. Bittersweet 2004 is already in the planning stage. If you would like to volunteer call Toshia at City Hall at 256-2879.

If I left anyone out I apologize and truly thank you for all the help. Thank you to all of you who helped in any way. It could not have happened.

Fondly,
Bernice McHargue

Dear Editor,
On September 30 I had the opportunity to attend the Lieutenant Governor's Debate at Georgetown

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Infants Who Stop Breathing—SIDS

Presented by Dr. Kimberly Cornelius
Nothing is more frightening than having your baby stop breathing. Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, or SIDS, is the unexpected death of an infant without any other illness.

Who are the children at risk? The three main groups of infants who have an increased risk of apnea (lack of breathing) are premature infants, siblings of infants who died of SIDS, and infants who have been found breathless but were resuscitated.

Several other problems may cause an infant to have pauses in his breathing lasting over 15 seconds but are not necessarily associated with SIDS. These include seizures, anemia, lack of development of the brain, and many other illnesses.

Any baby who has had a period of apnea resulting in the skin turning blue or a slowing of the heart rate needs to be evaluated. This is often done by a 24-hour recording of the respiratory rate and heart rate for any abnormalities. Several other tests are done routinely to look for seizures, infections, or metabolic abnormalities which can be treated.

Premature infants are at greatest risk in their first months of life but their risk decreases as they grow older. On the other hand, healthy term babies are relatively safe the first month and then the risk increases and lasts until six months of age.

When a pediatrician determines that an infant should have apnea monitoring at home, the parents are instructed in handling the monitor and resuscitating the baby if it is needed. The monitors are often used until the infant is six months old.



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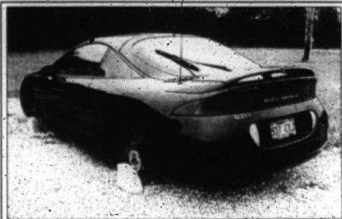
The Sheriff's department has been busy cutting marijuana plants recently. Plants in the Big Sandy area were cut and destroyed by Sheriff Darrell Dean and Deputies Ken Holt and Nathaniel Price.



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More marijuana plants in the south end of the county were cut and destroyed by Deputies Ken Holt, Williant Harris, Derrick Price and KSP Trooper Tommy Cromer.



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Correction

In last week's Signal, Linda Greenwell, Republican candidate for State Auditor, was incorrectly identified in two-photo captions.

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Republic Club Meeting
The Rockcastle County Republican Club meets the second Tuesday of the month at Kastle Inn Restaurant.
Banquet/Schedule
Mon., Oct. 27: Maple Grove, Onions, Citrus and Three Links.
Tues., Oct. 28: Spito, Level Green and Whitefish.

Food to speak at Kiwanis
Rep. Danny Ford will be the guest speaker Thursday, October 23 (6:30 p.m.) at the Rockcastle Kiwanis meeting. The group meets every Thursday at noon at Kastle Inn. Join us and hear Rep. Ford bring us up to date on what is going on in Frankfort.

Livingston School Banquet
The annual Livingston School Banquet will be held October 25, 2003 at the Rockcastle County Middle School in Mt. Vernon. All former students, teachers, faculty and friends are invited to attend. If you have not previously attended and need information, call Barbara M. Capriano, 256-9188 or Barbara F. Fink, 452-4061.

Clothing Donations Needed
The Rockcastle County Migrant Program is in need of all-winter clothing to replenish the clothing closet. Donations can be dropped off at the Migrant Office, located in the Central Office Building on Richmond St. or call for a pick-up at 256-3157.

Totes cancelled 10/24
Due to the donor's inventory error, notes having inventory on Friday, October 24, 2003, are void and all payments will be the donor's responsibility.

Emergency Meeting
The Rockcastle County Emergency meeting will be Tuesday, October 28th at 8:00 am at Kastle Inn. The public is invited.

Attention Retired Teachers
The next meeting of the Rockcastle County Retired Teachers Assn. will be Monday, October 27 at Kastle Inn at 6 p.m.

Daniel Boone Meeting
The Daniel Boone Development Council will be having their monthly meeting on October 23rd at 9 am at Daniel Boone's community center, located at 8335 Greenbush Road in Mount Vernon. The public is invited to attend.

Donations needed by First Baptist Mission
First Baptist Church Mission needs monetary and food donations, as well as monetary clothes, shoes, all sizes, plus-size for females and coats of all sizes (male and female). Please bring clean clothing and other donations to the mission on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and on Saturdays 10:30-11:30 a.m. Thank you for helping us to help others.

Trick or Treat in Crab Orchard
Trick or Treat hours in Crab Orchard, will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, October 31. The City of Crab Orchard will be giving out free Trick or Treat bags until 3 p.m., Halloween Day while supplies last.

RES Parents/Teacher Conf.
Parents/teacher conferences will be held at Broadhead Elementary School on Thursday, October 30 from 1 to 7 p.m.

Halloween Dance/Costume Party at NCMS
NCMS students are invited to attend a Halloween Dance/Costume Party. Cost: 25.00. 9 to 10 p.m. at the Senior Center 8042, in Mt. Vernon. Cost is \$5 per student and the event is sponsored by the NCMS. Cost includes: Free food and music and prizes for the best costume will be awarded (no masks allowed). ONLY NCMS students may attend! Photo Certificates on sale. The NCMS dance team is selling photo certificates for \$10. Get a 10x13 mounted canvas or 16x20 signed photo. Deadline for orders is 10/21/03. 256-236-9361 or 256-9114.

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GED Classes
Christian Appalachian Project Adult Learning Center holds GED classes on Mon. and Tues. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Wed. Thurs. and Fri. from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Online GED computer classes and tutoring are also available. The Center is located on Hwy. 95, north of Mt. Vernon on Greenfish Hill. For information, call 696-256-2107.



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Virginia Darr, of Mt. Vernon, recently received an engraved lid for her accomplishments in the Horizon of Hope basket sales. She was among the top five sales people in the state of Kentucky. Longberger has donated \$4 million dollars to the breast cancer research and education fund. Along with the engraved lid she will be receiving a lapel pin which states "I Made a Difference." Names of the top sales people will be published in the October issue of "Your Success." This is a publication of the Longberger Company. The achievement and award recognized that Mrs. Darr is committed to making a real difference in breast cancer research with the American Cancer Society. A hearty thank you to each of you who purchased a basket and helped make this achievement possible.

Livingston and County sign proclamation

October designated as Roadside PRIDE Cleanup month

Whereas, Eastern Kentucky PRIDE funds the Roadside PRIDE Cleanup Campaign and promotes environmental responsibility in 38 counties in southern and eastern Kentucky; and

Whereas, The residents of the City of Livingston and County of Rockcastle intend to clean several miles of city streets and county roads; and

Whereas, The residents of the City of Livingston and County of Rockcastle are encouraged to join PRIDE in participating in the endeavor.

Be it resolved that we, Raymond Griffin, Mayor Livingston and Buzz Carlolofis, County Judge Executive, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2003 to be Roadside PRIDE Cleanup Month in the city of Livingston and County of Rockcastle.

Attention is called to six years of the Eastern Kentucky PRIDE initiative and encourage all citizens of the city of Livingston to get involved in

helping keep our communities clean. Gives under our hand this 13th day of October, 2003
Raymond Griffin, Mayor
City of Livingston
Buzz Carlolofis,
County Judge Executive



Jason Hamel passed out fire hats and coloring packets to all of the children.



Tuesday October 14th Mt. Vernon firefighters Steve Griffin and Jason Hamel pose with the Story hour children after presenting a fire safety program at the Rockcastle County Library. Thanks to our local fire fighters and rescue workers here in Rockcastle County for taking the time to do these programs in honor of fire safety.



Steve Griffin demonstrates the fire safety mask to help the children have a better understanding of the protective gear fire fighters wear.



Connor Cummins, Jesse Eaton and Caleb Eaton enjoy a view from inside the fire truck along with Steve and Jason.

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'01 Focus LX \$109/mo	'02 KIA Sportage \$249/mo
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Shown above are girls participating in a Girl Scout Sock Hop. In the top photo is Daisy Troop #657, from left: Shandi Johnson, Sierra Shargill, Lora Case, Katie Smith, Hanna Smith, Megan Cromer, Xanley Case and leader Christina Smith. In the middle photo is Brownies Troop #135, from left: leader Jennifer Case, Vanessa Cromer, Sarah Barnett, Britney Powell, Gheyenne Morgan, Virginia Case, Abby Eaton and Ashley Newland. At right is little Megan Cromer enjoying the Sock Hop.

Halloween Party

October 31st

Rockcastle Public Library
Children's Library Area
4:15 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Bring the children out for some candy, games and fun. Prizes awarded for Best Costumes!!
Let's have a safe and Happy Halloween!!

First Annual Harvest-time Tent Meeting

October 26th, 27th & 28th

The "Lift Up A Banner in the Land" First Annual Harvest-Time Tent Meeting will be held at Calloway, Kentucky October 26th, 27th and 28th. Services will begin each night at 7 o'clock with praise and worship, testimonies and preaching.

There will be a "Pizza and Praise" time on Monday at 5:30 p.m., for ages 12-21.

This meeting is a community effort and people from all denominations and churches are invited to participate.

If you need salvation, deliverance, infilling, healing, or just a good time of Christian Fellowship and Praising the Lord -- then this tent outreach is for you.

Due to the meeting being in late October, the tent will have an enclosure and a heat source.

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Current workers at Rockcastle Manufacturing, who have completed requirements for a GED, are shown in the above photo with their instructor from the Adult Learning Center, Keith Gilbertson. There are now four employees at the plant working toward their GED. In the photo are, from left: Loretta Napier, Pat Doan, Christina Abney, Judy Carpenter, Darrell Stephens, Reta McFerron, Wanda Howard, Melissa North-ern and Mr. Gilbertson.

"Adult Education"
(Cont. From Front)

Napier added:
 -Other projects offered by the center include:
 -Fresh Start - if you have a teen who is having trouble at home or in school, this service offers family counseling, parenting classes and other activities for the whole family.
 -ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) - for students who want to learn or improve their English grammar, conversation, reading and writing skills.
 -School on Wheels - even if you don't have a computer, or transportation, instructors will come to your home each week with this program. You can study at your own pace with weekly homework assignments.
 -College Admittance - offers help for those studying for the ACT, SAT or COMPASS tests for college entry.
 -Literacy - this program allows help to those who want to become better readers, learning one-on-one with an instructor and
 -Computer Classes - learning some basic computer skills with these classes can give you the tools many employers are looking for. Day and evening classes are available.
 -Adult Basic Education - a program to refresh learning skills, per-

haps enabling you to get a better job.
 Ms. Playforth also said there is homework help available to children whose parents will bring them to the center and stay with them.
 In Rockcastle County, in the 25 and older age group, 24% have less than a 9th grade education and 18%, with education levels between the 9th and 12th grades, are without diplomas.
 You may call 606-256-5307 for more information or visit CAP's website at www.chrisapp.org

"Complaint"
(Cont. From Front)

Engle protested that this was not the original deal and he did not have the \$6,800. Ms. True said the man lowered the price to \$5,000 and her father paid, giving the man \$3,500 cash and a \$1,500 check.
 After learning about the incident over the weekend, Ms. True tried to stop payment on the check early Monday morning but the check had already been paid.
 She then called the Better Business Bureau and the Attorney General's office, who is in the process of mailing her forms to make an official complaint. The AG's office also suggested that she call *The Signal* so that others could be aware of the possible fraud since the man told Mr. Engle that he had other paint jobs

to do in the area.
 County Attorney Jeff Burdette said Wednesday that an investigation by his office, the Commonwealth Attorney, the State Police and the Attorney General's office is in progress.

"Election"
(Cont. From Front)

ernon, "Happy" Chandler. Chandler is currently the state's Attorney General and has held other statewide public offices.
 Polls indicate the two men are in a dead heat in their race to succeed Governor Patton.
 If Fletcher were to win, he would be the state's first Republican Governor since the 1960's when Louis B. Nunn of Glasgow, was elected.
 In the race for Secretary of State Republican C.M. "Trey" Grayson will square off against Democrat Russ Maple.
 In the race for Attorney General Republican Jack D. Wood, and Democrat State Representative Greg Stumbo and veteran office seeker and perennial loser Gatewood Galbraith will face off. Galbraith is running as a Democrat.
 In the race for Auditor of Public Accounts, Democrat Crit Luallen, a former aide to Patton will face Republican Linda Greenwell, who campaigned in Rockcastle last week.
 Republican Adam Koenig will

try to unseat Democrat Jonathon Miller in the race for State Treasurer.
 Republican Richie Farmer is attempting to use his statewide notoriety as a former U.K. basketball player to win the office of Commissioner of Agriculture, but he faces a very tough challenge from Alice Baesler, who is the wife of former U.S. Congressman Scotty Baesler, also a former U.K. player. Scotty Baesler is also a former Lexington Mayor and the Baeslers are farmers in Fayette County.

There are 9,032 Republicans registered to vote in November's election and 2,742 Democrats registered to vote. The deadline to register to vote has passed. School will not be in session in Rockcastle County on Election Day.



RTEC driver Lola Swimney shuttling visitors to our community back land north between Renfro Valley and the Bitters-bet Festival in Mt. Vernon on October 11, 2003.

"Shuttle"
(Cont. From Front)

frequent visits to Renfro Valley and our town.
 RTEC is planning critical upcoming meetings with key players and interested parties while moving forward in its intent to provide Mt. Vernon and Renfro Valley a Trolley service.
 Time will tell whether the venture will prove successful, regardless, RTEC wishes to thank those who are already supporting the effort and a special thanks to Driver Lola Swimney for helping to make the trial run on October 11th and 12th a success!



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Shown above, from left, Citizen's Bank Vice President Delores Phelps, David Collins, his wife Wendy, and his Citizens-Bank Vice President Violet Cash.

Small businesses in the United States are the backbone of our economy. Besides providing much needed goods and services, they also provide employment opportunities—which are a must in small rural communities such as Rockcastle. But small businesses don't run themselves, it takes a lot of hard work and determination and it takes people like David and Wendy Collins who have been in the Respiratory Care business for ten years.

Collins' Respiratory Care is located on Main Street in Brodhead and open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.. They carry a complete line of medical equipment and supplies and they also have a Respiratory Care Pharmacy next door. Collins' Respiratory also provides 24 hour emergency service. Their phone number is (606) 758-9333.

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ROCK rolls over Eagles again; this time 44-0

The Madison Southern Eagles have never beaten the Rockcastle County Rockets in football and Friday night they suffered yet another loss to the Rockets falling 44-0 on Friday night.

The Rockets scored after receiving the opening kick-off and never looked back.

The Rockets racked up 326 yards of offense and Southern to just 124 total yards. 120 of those yards were through the air.

"I was pleased with the way our team bounced back after last week's loss to Bell County, but we have a much tougher opponent this week in

Perry, Central and I hope we are ready," said head coach Tom Lankey. Offensively Friday night the Rockets had 14 players who had offensive statistics.

"We were able to play a lot of younger players, which help us rest our varsity players and also cut down on the chance of injury," Lankey said.

Matt Burkhardt ran for two touchdowns and threw, for another. Devin Taylor rushed for two touchdowns and kicked four extra points. He also ran for a two point conversion and completed a pass to Bucky Skinner for a two point conversion.

Caleb Blair returned an intercept-

tion 41 yards for a touchdown.

Shawn Childress also caught a touchdown pass from 17 yards out.

Other offensive stats were as follows: Jamie Howard 12 rushes for 65 yards, Derrick Hurst had seven yards on one carry, Max Saylor nine yards on two carries, Brandon Reams, four yards on one carry, Kenny Barlett had ten yards, Leak McQuary had three yards on one carry, Gabe Stallsworth had one yard on two carries and Bucky Skinner had three yards on two carries.

Burkhardt completed five passes for 81 yards. Taylor caught two passes for 18 yards. Brandon Reams caught one pass for 39 yards. Childress had 17 yards and Billy Bales, seven yards.

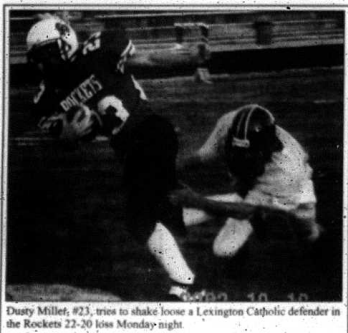
Defensively the Rockets stats were as follows: Saylor, one tackle, Jason Leger, five, Nick Thomas, three, Fay Graham, three, Brandon Campbell, one, Blake Loyall, one, Josh Bustle, five, Chris Croucher, four, Ricky Sandusky, four, Reams, four, Taylor, six, Hurst, three; Blair, two, Charles Cunnagin, one, Gabe Quifford, one, Phillip Boreing, one, Skinner, one and Brad Durham one. Leger also recovered a fumble and besides Blair's interception for a touchdown, Taylor also had a pick.

The Rockets will play Thursday night at home against Perry Central, a team which is 5-1 on the year.

It will be senior night and the game will start at 6:30 p.m. with the seniors being honored around 6 p.m.

The early start is because of Thursday being a school night.

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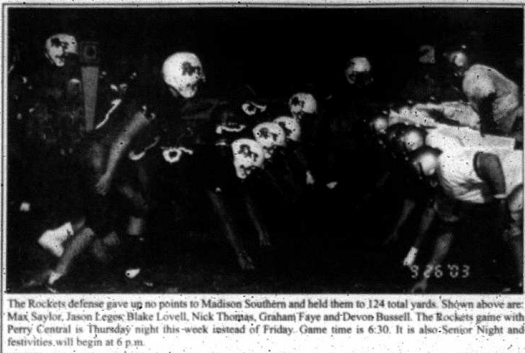
Dusty Miller, #23, tries to shake loose a Lexington Catholic defender in the Rockets 22-20 loss Monday night.



The 7th Grade Lady Rockets won third place in the South Laurel Invitational Tournament held Friday, October 10 and Saturday, October 11, 2003. Pictured back row from left: Kaly Mattingly, Rachael Cash, Ashley Robinson, Nicole Locklear, Tamara Blanton and Coach Ken Mattingly. Front row from left: Morgan Collins, Sarah McKinney, Sasha Bullbeck, Megan Mazurek and Jillisa Lay. Not Pictured were Sara Barnett and Kayla Cameron.



The 8th Grade Lady Rockets won first place in the North Laurel Invitational Tournament held on Friday, October 10 and Saturday, October 11, 2003 in London. The girls are 11-3 on the season. Pictured back row from left: coaches Becky Smith and Ken Mattingly. Middle row from left: Mary Saylor, Stephanie Barnett, Tonya Lunsford, Sara Barnett and Jenny King. Front row from left: Melinda Thomason, Sarah Rowe, Sonya Lunsford and Jessica Harmon.



The Rockets defense gave up no points to Madison Southern and held them to 124 total yards. Shown above are: Max Saylor, Jason Leger, Blake Lovell, Nick Thomas, Graham Faye and Devon Russell. The Rockets game with Perry Central on Thursday night this week instead of Friday. Game time is 6:30. It is also Senior Night and festivities will begin at 6 p.m.

Five Western Kentucky University swimmers set new meet records

Hammond-helps Red Team to win

Five Western Kentucky University swimmers set new meet records at the 35th annual Red-White Intra-Squad scrimmage Saturday, October 11 at the Preston Center. The exhibition meet serves as the two teams lone trial for the upcoming 2003-04 season which gets underway on Saturday, November 1 when both teams take on Louisiana-Monroe in Memphis, TN. The next home meet is against Wisconsin-Green Bay on Saturday, November 8 at 1 p.m. C.S.T.

For the Red team, juniors Paul Graves and Chad Walls both eclipsed the previous meet record in the 100 fly and junior Alex Handley bettered his old record of 1:55.7 in the 200 fly by finishing at 1:54.32.

On the women's side, freshman Veronica Cullen and sophomore Stacey Schortgen established new records in the 200 fly and 1000 free, respectively.

Sophomore Karl Swanson was the lone White team member to set a new

meet record with a recorded time of 9:42.42 in the 1000 free, nearly nine seconds faster than the previous mark.

Sophomore Andrew Hammond of Mt. Vernon helped his Red team to

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Western swimmer Andrew Hammond of Mt. Vernon prepares for 50 free at Red-White Meet.



Andrew Hammond, second from bottom, dives in for the 100 free at WKU Red-White meet.



Future triathletes Cedar Rapids swimmers Devin, front and Dustin Poyner, sons of Dwight and Carmen Poyner, strike off hand to cheer on WKU swimmer and Dolphin coach Andrew Hammond at Preston Center Pool on campus of Western.



The Brookhead Bengals cheerleaders would like to thank the following businesses for sponsoring them for the 2003 season: Citizens Bank, Mark's Hardware, Shoprite IGA, Dairyart, Davi Delite, Collins Respiratory, Brookhead Tobacco Barn, Roses One Stop, David Thompson, Betty's Used Clothing, and Marvin Owens Home for Furnishers. We sincerely appreciate your help this year. We also like to thank David Brock for the beautiful flowers! Members of the squad are pictured above, front row from left: Raven Davis, Cali Parker, Jaleight York, Jessica Thacker, Whitney Blanton and Maranda DiDamatò. Second row from left: Brittany Adams, Olivia Caudill, Caitlin Burke, Alivia Bállock, Crystal Reddington, Rachel Gleissner and Kaycee Hughes. Third row from left: Bridgette Denny, Lindsey Northern, Sarah Saylor, Makayla McFerron, Kaitlyn Delph and Stacey Lane. Back row: coaches Rachel and Amanda Wright.

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Births and Birthdays



We are proud to announce the birth of our baby girl, Mikahlyn Leigh Poynter. She was an early surprise arriving 15 weeks before her due date. Mikahlyn was born July 10th at Central Baptist Hospital weighing 1 pound 5 ounces and 11 inches long (see baby her dad's wedding band fit around her leg). After an extensive stay at UK Children's Hospital, Mikahlyn was finally welcomed home on October 1st weighing 4-pounds and 3 ounces and 16 inches long. Her maternal grandparents are Sharon and Carla Nicely, great grandparents are Norma Nicely and the late Carl Nicely and the late Esther and Sherman Renge. Her paternal grandmother is Vicki Poynter and great grandparents are Freida Poynter and the late Cecil Poynter.

At this time we would like to extend special thanks to all family and friends, area churches, Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center Administration and staff, UK, NICHU team, Dr. Mike Guiler, and the Ronald McDonald House for all the support and prayers. We are thoroughly enjoying Mikahlyn at home and she is thriving. She is our precious little miracle! *Michael and Shannon Poynter*



McKenzi Danyel-Louisford celebrated her first birthday with a Care Bear party and all of her family and friends on October 18th. She is the daughter of Tabitha Saylor. We would also like to give a special thanks to (Mrs. Netty) Evert Bullock, her babysitter, for attending our special day with her family.



Morgan Dawn Mullins celebrated her seventh birthday with a party with friends and family and Finley's Fun Center in Somerset. Morgan received many nice gifts. Morgan is the daughter of Deana Newcomb of Mt. Vernon and Donovan and Michelle Mullins of Irvine. She is the granddaughter of Gary and Freda Hayes and Jack and Karen Noe. Great grandparents are Kenneth Mink and the late Ruby Mink, Johnny and Christine McFerron of Mt. Vernon and Dorothy Brown of Brodhead.



Scott and Leigh Ann Robinson are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Morgan Leigh Ann Robinson. Morgan was born on September 13, 2003 at Patsie A. Clay Hospital in Richmond. She weighed 7 lbs. 12 ozs. and was 20 1/8 inches long. She is the granddaughter of Leon and Judy Rowe of Mt. Vernon and Gerald and Rachel Robinson of Copper Creek. Great grandparents are Virgil and Mary Robinson of Copper Creek. Morgan was welcomed home by her big brother, Lucas.



Ron and LaMonica Coffey would like to proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Karika Rennie Coffey. She was born in Richmond's Patsie A. Clay Hospital on Wednesday, September 17, 2003. She weighed 7 lbs. 8 ozs. and was 20 inches long. She is a celebrated bundle of joy by her three older brothers: Wesley, Shannon and Eric. Paternal grandparents are Barbara and Oscar Gregory of Conway and Ira and Lynn Coffey of Mt. Vernon. Maternal grandparents are Kathy and David Rudolph of Tucson, Arizona and Richard and Margaret Powell of Aledo, Texas. Paternal great grandparents are Benn and Sadie Johnson of Berea. Maternal great grandparents are Wayne and Betty Bequist of Tucson, Arizona.



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Yep! I'm having a birthday!! Happy a Happy One Jones!!

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In and Around Mt. Vernon

By: Vallie Burton
Mrs. Linda Eaton and mother, Patricia Holland, were in Lexington one day last week.

Mary Roberts of Rutledge, TN, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Roberts of Jefferson City, TN and Mr. and Mrs. Danny Petrey of Somerset visited Vallie Burton recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Eaton and sons visited Patricia Holland a while Friday evening.

Mrs. Vallie Burton has returned home after spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Danny Petrey of Somerset.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Burton were in Berea last Tuesday.

Mildred Hunt and Shirley Burton were in Lexington Tuesday to consult Shirley's doctor.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Jones of Louisville, Martha Thompson of Hamilton, Ohio and Carrie Vaughn of California visited their cousin, Vallie Burton, and also Lillian Anglin recently.

Mrs. Ora York celebrated her birthday October 11. We wish her many returns of the day.

Mrs. Viola Robinson of Ohio underwent surgery last week. Viola is the daughter of Mrs. Ora York. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Mattie Petrey of Somerset visited her mother, Vallie Burton, Sunday afternoon.

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"TJ's Journal"

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feels. The I can remember a lady in her twenties who was a elementary school teacher, wife, and mother who couldn't feel anything as she was paralyzed from the neck down.

I know it's easy for all of us to complain about our health or other circumstances, but let's try not to forget that in most cases, there are others who are in worse condition. I try

to remember that the apostle Paul, who endured many hardships, once stated that we should be satisfied in whatever state that we find ourselves. I also try to remember that God allows the circumstances in our lives for some purpose. We may not always know what it is, and may never know in this lifetime, but let me assure you, He has a reason. Let's all try to remember that we're all just human, and we all have our share of shortcomings or handicaps. Let's try to encourage, strengthen, and praise others instead of criticizing, judging, or neglecting others in the future. After all, we never know whom we may inspire.



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"Letters"

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College. Going into the debate I must admit, I was very unsure who I would place my vote for to be the next Governor and Lt. Governor. When I walked out of the debate, I realized the only real choice was Ernie Fletcher and Steve Pence.

I watched and listened very objectively to the two men debating. I had never really taken time to really think about all the issues facing Kentucky. The debate was very interesting. Though I must say, I was a bit confused by Charlie Owens who wanted to respond to almost every question by attacking Washington. I really wanted to ask him if the debate was on Kentucky issues or national issues. I was very impressed with Mr. Pence's performance. He really knew what he was talking about and it seemed to me like him and Ernie Fletcher have a real plan to fix things in Kentucky.

One other interesting point I took from the debate was that Steve Pence REALLY wants to serve Kentuckians. He gave up a federal position to be able to run for this office. He seems to truly care and I believe if elected he will use his position to benefit us, the people. However, it seems as his opposition wants to do with the position is use it to run for the US Senate. Steve Pence specifically asked Owens if elected was he going to serve Kentucky, or run for the Senate. Guess what, Owens would not respond! That sure says something to me!

Steve Pence in my opinion easily won the debate. After hearing both candidates, I can safely say, that I am voting for Fletcher and Pence for Governor and Lt. Governor. I really hope that anyone who believes in electing the best candidates will do the same.

Thank you very much,
Michelle Rowe

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Fouk - Sparks

Herman Joseph Sparks and Rebecca Lynn Fouk were united in marriage October 11, 2003 at the home of Jerry and Louise Sparks, the parents of the groom.

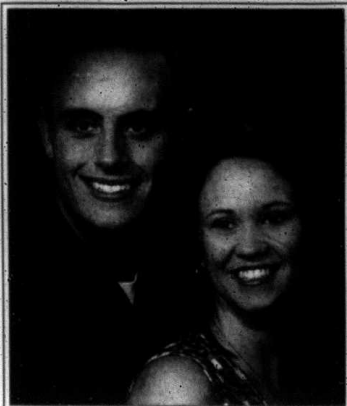
It was a beautiful fall outdoor event with a western theme. Rebecca was given in marriage by her sons, Allen and Brent, and her parents, Allen and JoAnn Fouk from Canton, Ill.

Special thanks is extended to Pastor Dwayne Carpenter, Anthony Modley, Kyle Sowers, Beverly Goins, Cally Toothman, Jerry Hayes, Orval Burkhardt and many friends and relatives for helping make their wedding day a success.



Day - Barnes

Lester Joe and Janet Day would like to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Renee to Scott Barnes, son of Glenna Overbay and the late Richard Barnes. Sr. They will exchange vows on October 25, 2003 at 3:30 p.m. at the Broadhead Baptist Church. A reception will follow. All family and friends are invited to attend.



Amyx - Canterbury

Christina Elaine Amyx and Cory Lynn Canterbury would like to announce their forthcoming marriage. The wedding will take place on November 15, 2003 at 6:30 in the evening at Bible Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon.

Christina is the daughter of Connie Amyx of Broadhead and the late Tex Amyx. Cory is the son of Kitty and Don Reese of Roundstone and Kenneth Canterbury of Berea. All family and friends are encouraged to attend.

In memory of Suzanne Graves \$2,283.62 has been sent to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation from the sale of Car Show t-shirts. Suzanne's family and the CFF wish to thank Mr. Charlie Napier and his wife, Carolyn, Mr. Fred Ryburn - Specialty Car Ins., Jeremy Reynolds for great art work, Charlie and Kathy Cheatham, Debbie Bugg and the middle school art class for the buttons, and The Cruise Buddies across the state. Also anyone who bought or sold a t-shirt. Thank you Kaye Shelton and Jerry Smith for raising \$86.34 this summer in memory of Suzanne. Hopefully, someday there will be a cure for this terrible disease.



RGHS Class of '93 Reunion

The RGHS Class of 1993 is in the process of planning their 10 year class reunion. Anyone who hasn't been contacted about your current address, should call Scott Mays, 758-9089 or Renee Bowman Turner, 758-9828

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News from the Rockcastle County Courthouse

Circuit Civil Suits

Tammy Swinney vs. Everett Swinney, petition for dissolution of marriage, CI-00249.
Dana L. Mobley and Jonathan M. Mobley, joint petition for dissolution of marriage, CI-00250.
Melinda Lou Dailey vs. Jack Burdette Dailey, petition for dissolution of marriage, CI-00251.
London Financial Services, Inc. vs. Philip Thomas, et al., complaint, CI-00252.
Michael Hook, et al. vs. Roger Lopez, et al., petition, CI-00253.
Ky. Farm Bureau Mutual Ins. Co. vs. INS Insurance, Inc., complaint, CI-00254.

Deeds Recorded

Robert E. and Darlene Phelps, real property located in Rockcastle County, to David and Paula Russell, Tax \$85.00.
Chaplet B. and Anne M. Farnon, real property located in Mt. Vernon, to Gary W. Witt, Tax \$40.50.
Jay Harold and Peggy A. Messer, and others, real property located in C.H. Frith Subdiv., to Henry and Thelma Nadine Woodall, Tax \$39.50.
Franky Denny and James Dean and Sandra Carpenter, real property located on Dooley Rd., to William C. and Connie Baker and Leroy Lamb, Tax \$15.00.
Charlote and Dennis Hayes, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Lynn McQueen, Tax \$41.00.
William Bertram, and Georgia McWhorter, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Larry Wayne McWhorter and Johnny Dale McWhorter, No tax.
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Jay Harold and Peggy A. Messer, and others, real property located in C.H. Frith Subdivision, to Henry and Thelma Nadine Woodall, Tax \$39.50.
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Charlotte and Donnie Hayes, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Lynn McQueen, Tax \$41.00.
American Investors, LLC, real property located in Rockcastle County, to James W. Bullock, Jr. Tax \$23.00.

Donald C. and Sue Brock, real property located in Mt. Vernon, to Larry A. and Gail F. Burdette, Tax \$70.00.
Carl and Trina Bustle, real property located on Negro Creek, to James Carpenter, Tax \$8.00.
Randall and Doris Durham, real property located on Chestnut Ridge Rd., to Albert and Delphy Price, Tax \$0.
Albert Hicks, Jr., real property located in Rockcastle County, to Donald R. Everage and Charlotte Collins, Tax \$26.00.
Dennis and Edith Brown, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Jenny Ann Smith, No tax.
Anita and Billy Bradley, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Margaret Lamb, Tax \$0.
Maryellen Lebo, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Terry L. and Tammy L. Harris and Johnny and Worth Ann Harris, Tax \$50.00.
Raymond and Lena McKinney, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Ronnie D. McKinney, Teresa McPherson and Jerry McKinney, No tax.
Raymond and Lena McKinney and Ronnie D. and Virginia McKinney, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Ronnie D. and Virginia McKinney, No tax.
Gary and Hazel Herbert, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Stacy Singleton, No tax.
Lloyd Bonnett, Sr. and Barbara Bennett, real property located in Mt. Vernon, to Philip and Regina Hull-Brown, Tax \$60.00.
Jeffery L. and Anna Marie Ruckel and Robert and Shirley Wilson, real property located on Copper Creek, to Royce C. Williams, Tax \$127.50.
Thomas E. and Jacqueline Dees, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Mary Ann Elam, Tax \$56.00.
Chris and Evonne Bullock, real property located in Brodhead to Ron Lamborn, Tax \$63.00.

Ind. factory, to Charles F. Delf, 55, Fort Wayne, Ind., factory, 1017/03.
Angela Michaels Leiger, 34, Mt. Vernon, unemployed, to Joshua David Charlif, 23, Rt. 5, Mt. Vernon, diesel mechanic, 1013/03.
Beatrice Corine-Pearson, 67, Scottsboro, TN, retired to Farmer Waddles, 72, Livingston, retired, 1016/03.
Sandra Kay Allen, 34, Sand Gap, housewife, to John Clayton Ingram, 40, Rt. 2, Mt. Vernon, painter, 1015/03.
Nettie Potts, 64, Berea, retired, to Harold Wayne Smith, 61, Berea, retired, 1016/03.
Irma Gale McDonough, 53, Rt. 2, Lanesville, housewife, to McCallister Eugene Smith, 65, Rt. 2, Lanesville, retired, 1015/03.
Pearl May Cunniff, 46, Mt. Vernon, disabled, to Jerry Lester Collier, 54, Mt. Vernon, disabled, 1018/03.

and costs.
Jerry A. Hoskins: Disorderly conduct, \$100 and costs and 10 days conditionally discharged one year.
Douglas G. Hubbard: No/Expired Registration Plates, and other charges, warrant issued/license suspended.
James H. Jones, Jr.: Possession of marijuana, \$100 and costs/confiscate and destroy contraband, carrying a concealed deadly weapon, \$100 fine and 10 days/conditionally discharged/forfeiture of weapon.
Marilyn Kates: Operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$50 and costs.
Tommy King: Contempt of court, dismissed on payment of court costs.
Larry Kirby: Operating on suspended/revoked license and other charges, warrant issued/license suspended for failure to appear.
Barbara Lovell: No operating license in possession, \$50 and costs; No/Expired Registration Plates, \$25 fine; No insurance, \$500 fine/\$450 may be suspended on proof; Failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, \$25 fine.
Bobby L. McKee: Operating vehicle w/expired operators license and other charges, warrant issued/license suspended.
Karen J. Mink: Reckless driving, \$100 fine.
Linda G. Mullins: License to be in possession, \$25 and costs.
Trina Ann Nicely: Criminal trespass, 120 days to serve 7.
Howard J. Troy Reed: Alcohol intoxication in public place, \$50 and costs.
October 8, 2003
Jimmie Moles: Faulty equipment, \$25 and costs.
Sabrina Blossie: Theft by deception (2 counts), \$25 and costs each and 10 - 30 days days/consecutive/conditionally discharged one year.
Joseph D. Downs, Jr.: No/Expired Registration Plates, dismissed on payment of court costs; Failure to wear seatbelts, \$25 fine.
Wayne R. Owens: Operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$100 and costs; Contempt of court, \$50 fine and 10 days/suspended.
Travis P. Acup: Speeding, \$84 and costs/state traffic school authorized; No insurance, \$500 and costs/suspended \$450/vehicle transferred.
Candie F. Allen: Fees/Fines due

\$224.50/m., warrant issued/license suspended.
Karl W. Bodie: Reckless Driving and No/Expired Registration Plates, license suspended for failure to appear.
Sherri Lynn Bowling: Theft by deception (2 counts), \$10 and costs and 10 days each count/conditionally discharged one year.
Mark A. Carpenter: Fines/Fees Due (\$100), 10 days assessed or payment; Operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine and costs, \$250 service fee, \$20 victim compensation fund, 2 days time served/30 day operator license suspension; Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine; Use/Possession drug paraphernalia, \$100 fine/confiscate and destroy contraband.
Harry Edward Couch: No tail lamps and other charges, warrant issued/license suspended.
Joshua L. Dooley: Fines/Fees due (\$910.50), warrant issued/license suspended.
Fred Durham: Fines/Fees Due (\$175.50), warrant issued/license suspended.
Darrell G. Griffin: Alcohol intoxication in public place, \$50 and costs; Assault, \$100 fine and 10 days/conditionally discharged.
Ricky J. Hale: Fines/Fees due (\$132.50), warrant issued/license suspended.
Larry C. Locklear: Fines/Fees Due (\$210.50) plus reasonable restitution, warrant issued.
Christopher M. McClure: Possession of marijuana and Use/Possession Drug Paraphernalia, warrant issued.
Larry Mills: Speeding and other charges, license suspended for failure to appear.
Charrell R. Miller: Fines/Fees due (\$179.50), warrant issued.
Tony C. Oliver: Fines/Fees due (\$100.50), warrant issued/license suspended/10 days prev: assessed now imposed.
Richard G. Pretry: Theft by deception, dismissed on payment of court costs and restitution.
Eric Powell: Fines/Fees due (\$607.49), \$443.87, \$356.95.

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Hon. Walter F. Maguire
October 6, 2003
Ruby C. Caldwell: No/Expired Registration plates and other charges, warrant issued/license suspended.
Gino R. Dellacava: Faulty equipment, \$50 and costs.
John Kevin Faltn: Theft by unlawful taking, 6 months to serve 30 days/balance conditionally discharged two years plus \$330 restitution or 60 hours public service; Reckless driving property, 30 days/concurrent/\$350 or 60 hours community service/concurrent.
Albrian Felmer: DUI, under 21, \$100 and costs and 30 day license suspension; No operators/moped license, \$25 fine; Possession of marijuana, \$100 fine and 10 days/conditionally discharged one year/confiscate and destroy contraband; Use/possession drug paraphernalia, \$50 fine.
Joe M. Franks: No operators license, and other charges, warrant issued/license suspended.
Matthew S. Gadd: No operating license in possession, \$25 and costs.
John M. Harding: Speeding, \$50

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Poplar Grove Baptist mission team works at Christ's Outreach

God's call to missions often involves long-term journeys to distant lands. Sometimes, however, the mission calls folks to a one-day mission closer to home.

Stephanie Hurst, WMU Director for Poplar Grove Baptist Church in the Willitsville Community of Rockcastle County, answered God's call by organizing a mission team of four men and six women to work at Christ's Outreach for the Blind and Disabled in Mt. Vernon.

The team spent Saturday, September 6, weed-eating, mowing, and re-planting flower beds. They also planted trees and sealed floor tile in several bedrooms of the Outreach Center.

"Most of the people in our group had not been there, (Christ's Outreach) but we couldn't get over the beauty. We are thankful for the camp

and I am thankful we could go there to do mission work." Bro. Rick Reynolds, Pastor of Poplar Grove, said.

Bro. Reynolds also installed recessed overhead lights at the Outreach Center. "It was a blessing just to get to motor and spend time with Mike and Lori Gates," he said. "Mike shared his personal testimony with me. The excitement of knowing their intentions of helping others who are blind and impaired in some way was a blessing."

Christ's Outreach for the Blind invites other local church groups to spend a week, one day or a few hours in mission work at the 900-acre camp which is nearing completion. Work opportunities are available for all age groups and lunch will be furnished. For more information, please contact Mike or Lori Gates-606-256-3888.



Members of Poplar Grove Baptist Church working at Christ's Outreach. From left: Holly Kirby, Stephanie Hurst, Betty Kirby, Charles Kirby, Jeremy Reynolds, Robin Childress, Joy Reynolds, Bro. Rick Reynolds, Lonnie and Teresa Vanzant.



Charles Kirby doing some planting.



Teresa Vanzant weed-eating



Lonnie Vanzant mowing



Jeremy Reynolds on the tractor



Betty Kirby blowing grass off the sidewalk



Arlet is Stephanie Hurst weeding



Joy Reynolds working on floor tile

"Court News"

(Cont. from B-2)

\$261.00, warrant issued.
 Jole N. Smith: Speeding and failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for failure to appear.
 Dawn M. Valdez: Operating on suspended/revoked operators license, warrant issued/license suspended.
 Terry G. Weaver: Operating on suspended/revoked operators license and other charges, warrant issued/license suspended.
 Danny Ray Woodall: No tail lamps and no operators license, warrant issued/license suspended.
 Marsha S. Banks: Speeding, state traffic school authorized.
 James D. Bradford: Speeding, warrant issued/license suspended.
 Owen Bryant: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.
 James D. Cornelius: Speeding and other charges, license suspended for failure to appear.

Juliana L. Eastridge: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.
 James E. Fletcher: Speeding, \$32 and costs/suspend fine in favor of state traffic school.
 Peggy S. Harper: Speeding, state traffic school authorized.
 Bobby J. Kidd: Alcohol intoxication in public place, warrant issued.
 Sima H. Patel: Speeding, license suspended.
 Vinh Trung Quach: Speeding, paid.
 Mohammed H. Shurtin: Speeding, license suspended.
 Bret P. Watkins: Speeding, paid.
 Gary Wayne Caldwell: Public intoxication, \$30 and costs and 30 days to serve 10 balance conditionally discharged one year.
 Henny Caldwell: Operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$30 and costs and 30 days to serve 10 balance conditionally discharged one year.

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News from the Ky. Music Hall of Fame & Museum

Hells once again from the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame & Museum.

September left us with some good memories. A great milestone was reached in the recent October 13th Press Conference announcing our 2004 Hall of Fame Inductees who are: Jerry Chesnut, J.D. Crowe, Coon Creek Girls, Vestal & Howard Goodman, Boozie Radeloff, Ricky Skaggs and Billy Vaughn.

The Induction Program will take place in Frankfort on February 19th at the Frankfort Civic Center.

The following night, February 20th, Ricky Skaggs and KY Thunder will headline a fundraising concert at the New Barn Theater in Remick Valley.

Call the Hall of Fame for ticket information concerning either of these events at 1-877-356-3263 or visit our web-site at: www.kymuseumhalloffame.com.

The Black Gold festival in Hazard and the World Famous Chicken Festival have both been great successes. We are putting our new Mobile Museum in good use. Look for us out on the road.

Famous singer/songwriter and producer, Norro Wilson, recently made quite a contribution to the museum by placing many of his awards, photos and memorabilia for display.

Norro has experienced unlimited success in every phase of the music business. He is one of Nashville's most successful songwriters, with songs recorded by nearly every artist on every major label. He has to his credit 38 BMI awards and 29 #1 awards as a producer. Two of his most recognized compositions are "The Most Beautiful Girl" and "A Very Special Love Song", which Charlie Rich recorded and went #1 hits in the pop and country charts.

For fourteen years Norro worked with AI Gallico Publishing where he

was responsible for the success of the Nashville operation.

Later he followed Chips Moman at Warner Brothers as A&R head for five years and was responsible for signing and producing records on Joe Stampley, Rex Allen, John Anderson and Gary Morris.

As well as working with Warner Brothers, Norro produced hits for other labels and their artists, some of which included Reba McEntire, Charlie Pride, Janie Fricke, Charlie McClain and Mickey Gilley. After leaving Warner Brothers, Norro became Chief Officer for Merit Music, where he built a strong catalogue and served as CEO until it was successfully sold.

Norro again experienced songwriting success with Loretta Lynn's recording of "A Picture Of Me Without You" and Aaron Neville's recording of "The Grand Tour".

In 1996, he was inducted into the Nashville Songwriter's Hall of Fame. Norro produced Shania Twain's first album for Mercury. Mandy McCready's first album for BNA Records and also co-produced several albums on Sammy Kershaw with Buddy Cannon for Mercury Records. Norro and Buddy have also produced two albums on George Jones for MCA.

In the past two years Wilson has received as producer gold album awards for "Single White Female", (Chely Wright), "No Place That Far" (Sara Evans) and "Brand New Me" (John Michael Montgomery). Platinum awards for Kenny Chesney's "I Will Stand" and "No Shoes, No Shirt, No Problems", and Double Platinum awards for Chesney's "Everywhere We Go" and "Greatest Hits".

Needless to say we are excited about having Norro Wilson evolved in the KMHOF&M. I recently received information concerning another song written by the name of Ron Hedford. I'd share some interesting facts about this great Ky. talent next month. Until then enjoy the beautiful fall weather and come see us at the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame & Museum.

P.S. One more thing, did I mention we had a very special guest dinner? After her September 20th concert, Loretta Lynn came by for a visit. She took her good easy time looking around and really enjoyed her visit.



While in Remick Valley for her show, Loretta Lynn stopped by the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame & Museum. She is shown here with co-directors Wayne Combs and Robert Lawson.



Look for our new Mobile Museum out on the road. Visits to the Black Gold Festival, World Famous Chicken Festival and Bittersweet Festival have been great successes.



Kivwanis Club president Connie Graham honored past president James Miller with a receipt contribution to the Kivwanis International Follow Up Program. This gift, in James' honor, enable the International Foundation to accomplish its mission, "to assist in serving the Children of the World."



Mae Philbeck, at left, Education Specialist at the Dependent Children's Services in Frankfort, was the guest speaker at the Rockcastle-Kivwanis meeting last Thursday. She informed the group of the need for volunteers from our area to sit on the Foster Care Review Board. This volunteer board meets monthly to review the case files of abused, neglected, and dependent children in the care, custody and control of the Cabinet for Families and Children. The purpose of these reviews is to guarantee that children receive adequate and appropriate services while in alternative placement, and to ensure that every effort is being made to locate permanent homes for these children so they do not linger needlessly in the state foster care. Gertha Mink, at right, Kivwanis Community Services Committee, presented a check to Sharon Langford, center, and the Rockcastle Foster Parents Association to help with their Christmas program.

Goat producers will hold meeting

By Tom Mills

Local goat producers have been working over the past 6 months to form a Goat Producers Association.

One task has been to identify producers who have goats and an interest in supporting association activities. The initial officers were set up to operate for 6 months, thus allowing a larger number of producers to be involved before a permanent officer rotation is established. On Thursday, Nov. 23, 2003, at 7:30 p.m., at the Rockcastle Co. Extension Service, members of the Goat Producers Association will elect officers.

For more information contact the Rockcastle County Cooperative Extension Service at 256-2403. Educational programs of the Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

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West Street, Brodhead, Ky.

Location: Turn off US 150 near Rockcastle Rehabilitation Center (formerly Sowder Nursing Home) onto West Street. Auction signs are posted.

In order to settle the estate of the late Mrs. Lucy Smith, her heirs have authorized our firm to sell this property for the absolute high dollar.

Tract 1: This tract is improved with a brick and wood siding home. The home offers a floor plan of formal dining room, living room with stone fireplace, kitchen with cabinets, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths and utility room with washer/dryer hookup as well as a full basement with a shower and an outside entrance. Amenities include: hardwood floors throughout, fuel oil heat, central air, city water and sewer. In addition, there is a two-car detached garage and a concrete block bank barn.

This home is situated on a nice lot containing 0.858 acres.

Tract 2: Contains 11.190 acres and joins Burton Lane as well as having two alleys and frontage on West Street. This tract would be well-suited for subdivision-type developments.

The seller reserves the right to offer the tracts separately, they together, selling in the manner which represents the best returns for the sellers. When combined, there is a total of 12.05 acres.

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M1761

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M1768

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M1776

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M1683

The Best Just Got Better! Price reduced on already outstanding brick located at 178 Maple Street, Broadhead...
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M1684

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Early Auction of the late Eugene Holt Bell's Commercial Property...
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Absolute Auction of the late Mary Lucy Smith's House...
Absolute Auction of the late Bobby Lee Reynolds' 30 Acres...
Absolute Auction of Mr. Lester Jensen's Mobile Home & 1.1 Acres...
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Absolute Auction of Mr. Donnie Landford's House...
Absolute Auction of the late Donald and Johna Row's House...

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Minds in the Middle

We were thrilled to see such a great turnout for our Open House on Monday. Thanks to the 21st Century Community Learning Center for sponsoring our chili supper and for helping coordinate our health fair. We appreciate our community so much for their participation and support. Thanks also to those who participated in our Arts & Crafts Expo. Those community artists were Charles White, Lydia McClanahan, Paula Whittaker, Benny Durham, Joe Howard, Christie Gentry, Darlene Clark, Chris Robbins, Rommie and Jackie Owens, Danny Stevens, John Holbrook, Charlotte Bullock, and our RCMS Holiday Express group. Yearbook sales will run through November 5th. The cost is \$23.00 and includes the student's name on the front cover. Order forms were given or mailed out earlier this week. Picture retakes will be next Thursday, October 30th. Students must present a note from their parent asking for a retake before they will be allowed to have their picture taken. The 8th grade Comets team enjoyed a visit to the police academy at Eastern Kentucky University on Friday. They also visited the planetarium. Health and Physical Education

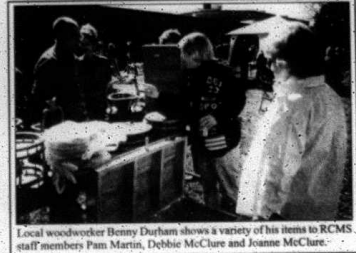
students will rotate classes on Thursday. We welcome James Allen Bradley to our staff as our 3rd shift custodian. All of our custodial staff does a great job of making our school look good. The RCMS Touring Theatre performed at Roundstone Elementary on Tuesday morning and at the public library on Tuesday afternoon. Students performing in the Touring Theatre are Jessica Cummins, Blake McKinney, Willie Martin, Sally Mizer, Stephen Riddell, Darrin McKinney, and Leslie Burdette. October 27-31 is Red Ribbon Week for Drug Awareness. We have designated each day with a special theme. Monday will be Red Ribbon Day and we ask that all students wear red clothing. Tuesday's focus is United We Stand for a Drug Free Land. Dress patriotically. Wednesday is Put a Cap on Drugs Day and students may wear caps that day. Thursday will be Team Up Against Drugs Day. Wear your favorite team sweatshirt. Finally, Friday will be Say No to Drugs Day and everyone will be wearing orange and black. Wednesday our RAP sessions will focus on drug awareness.

YSC Update
In 1985, while working as an undercover agent for the Drug Enforcement Agency, Enrique Camarena was kidnapped and killed by drug traffickers. In response to his murder and the horrible effects of drugs on their society, citizens in Enrique's hometown began wearing red ribbons. The trend took hold throughout the country, and in 1988 Congress officially proclaimed the last week in October as Red Ribbon Week. We will be recognizing Red Ribbon Week and encourage parents to help us by talking to your kids about drugs. If you don't inform them, they will find out elsewhere! The National Education Association has a new web site:

www.camwetalk.org. It is designed to help parents talk to their children about healthy relationships and sexuality. It also has information about drug abuse and violence. The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy offers tax free parents can use to reduce the risk of their kids having children before they are adults. Check out www teenpregnancy.org/tpk. The eighth graders will be taking the ACT Explore test next week. The Challengers will take the test on Monday and the Comets will take it Tuesday. The purpose of the ACT Explore is to give students an indication of the skills that they need to work on in high school in order to better prepare for college and/or a career.



John Holbrook showed off his woodworking skills to RCMS students Tiffany Smith and Zach Robinson.



Local woodworker Benny Durham shows a variety of his items to RCMS staff members Pam Martin, Debbie McClure and Joanne McClure.



Former RCMS student Chris Robbins came back to display his broom making skills.



Local artist, Janice Owens and her husband Ron Owens both displayed their work to RCMS students and parents. Pictured is Ron Owens telling student Christy Randolph about his handcrafted willow furniture. A complete list of those who volunteered their time is in the *Minds in the Middle*. Thanks to all of you!

Printed below is a facsimile of the ballot which will be used in the South Mt. Vernon precinct in the General Election in Rockcastle County on Tuesday, November 4th.
Norma Hook, County Clerk

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GENERAL ELECTION HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2003		NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL BALLOT	
<input type="radio"/>	REPUBLICAN PARTY Straight Party Button	<input type="radio"/>	Circuit Judge Bill Justice (Class 1 - 2nd District) Unexpired Term (Vote For One)
<input type="radio"/>	DEMOCRATIC PARTY Straight Party Button	<input type="radio"/>	Mark J. STANIZIANO 35
<input type="radio"/>	Governor and Lieutenant Governor (Vote For One)	<input type="radio"/>	John D. DWICAN 36
<input type="radio"/>	5 Eric FLETCHER PENCE (Vote For One)	<input type="radio"/>	Robert E. GILLUM 37
<input type="radio"/>	6 A. B. "Ben" Charles CHANDLER OWEN (Vote For One)	<input type="radio"/>	WRITE - IN 38
<input type="radio"/>	7 WRITE - IN	<input type="radio"/>	'SCHOOL CANDIDATES'
<input type="radio"/>	Secretary of State (Vote For One)	<input type="radio"/>	MEMBER OF BOARD OF EDUCATION District 1 (Unexpired Term, Vote For One)
<input type="radio"/>	9 C. M. GRAYSON (Vote For One)	<input type="radio"/>	Donna HASTY 41
<input type="radio"/>	10 MAPLE (Vote For One)	<input type="radio"/>	Angela Lorie STALLSWORTH 42
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<input type="radio"/>	Auditor of Public Accounts (Vote For One)	<input type="radio"/>	
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<input type="radio"/>	19 Carl LUALLEN (Vote For One)	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="radio"/>	20 WRITE - IN	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="radio"/>	State Treasurer (Vote For One)	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="radio"/>	22 Adam KOENIG (Vote For One)	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="radio"/>	23 Jonathan MILLER (Vote For One)	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="radio"/>	24 WRITE - IN	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="radio"/>	Commissioner of Agriculture (Vote For One)	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="radio"/>	26 Dwight FARMER (Vote For One)	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="radio"/>	27 Mike Woods BARBLER (Vote For One)	<input type="radio"/>	
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Youth Yak at RCHS

Submitted by RCHS Youth Service Center
Myrna D. Childress

If you were unable to attend the Open House on October 14, a copy of your child's progress report has been mailed to your home. If you haven't received a copy of the report, please call the school at 256-4818. We may have the wrong address, and will need to correct that in our files.

Congratulations again to our Volleyball team!! We won the regional title here at RCHS by defeating Lyons and Clay Co. in regional play here at our own RCHS. The game were real nail biters but the ROCK came through in the end. We will play this Friday, October 24 in Frankfort at the STATE level. The game will begin at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are 4.00 at the door. No advance tickets are available. STATE BOUND-ONCE AGAIN!!!

Due to the volleyball tournament, Friday's varsity football game with Perry Center has been moved up to Thursday, October 23. The starting

time for that game has also been changed. It will start at 6:30. This will be Senior night. Our Senior Union members and their parents will be recognized that night. Due to the date change, the dance scheduled for after the game has been cancelled but will be re-scheduled for a later date.

Varsity football last Friday night ROCK defeated Madison Southern at home. 44 to 0. This was also Little League night. Congratulations to all teams, young and old.

The chorus will be performing at Berea Community high school on October 28. The concert is free and starts at 7:00. Congratulations to the Marching Rockets on their performance at the South Laurel Marching Invitational. The band earned fourth place in class, and color guard earned their third "best color guard" award this marching season. The band placed twelfth overall in the placement of the twenty seven bands who completed. Congratulations band!!!

Monday, October 27 our Senior class will travel to the Rural Devel-

opment Center in Somerset for the annual College Fair. This is a very enjoyable and education trip for our seniors. If you have any questions about the fair, call the counselors at 606-256-4816.

The JROTC Rifle Team were in competition in Nashville, TN this past Friday, October 17. On Tuesday, October 21, the junior class took the PSAT during first and second blocks. The seniors will do the survey during their English classes. The Academic team was in competition at Lincoln Co. on October 21. They will be at Somerset on October 23, Thursday.

Wednesday, October 22 we will be taking photos re-takes as well as club photos. Remember, the yearbooks are expected by November 1.

Letters to WRVK and read the Signal for more information regarding yearbooks.

The ACT test will be given at RCHS Saturday, October 25 starting at 8:00 a.m.

The opera "La Boheme" will be presented to the student body. Grades 9 and 12 will go to the auditorium for at 9:00 a.m., grades 10 and 11 will go at 1:30.

We still have several students who are behind on their immunizations and physicals required to attend school. Letters have been mailed out to the parents of those involved. Please help us to keep your child's immunizations up to date.

Don't forget to set those clocks back Saturday, the 25th, before you go to bed.

Academic Honor Roll



Audrey Burke, daughter of Jerry and Janet Burke, finished the 2002-03 school year with a 4.025 GPA. Audrey is active in Y-Club, French and Honors Club. She plans to attend Park Point College in Pittsburgh, PA or Webster College in St. Louis, MO where she will pursue a double-major in photography and international relations. Audrey is a member of First Baptist Church.

Forward in the Fifth presents mini-grants

Forty elementary schools in Local Labor Market Area #16 have received grants to implement a "What I Want to Be When I Grow Up" day at their schools. Forward in the Fifth awarded these grants through its School-to-Work program to teachers who plan this career awareness day at the end of October. It gives young students the opportunity to come to school dressed as the sort of worker they would like to be when they grow up.

Rockcastle teachers receiving the grant include Beth Jones, Rita Shaffer and Karen Powell, all of Broadhead Elementary.

Some teachers also use the day to bring in guest speakers and organize a variety of other career awareness activities with their students. Teachers who have participated in the past have said the day helps them expose children to ideas for possible careers that they might not have considered before. Considering a career also encourages children to set goals and improve their performance in school.

Forward in the Fifth's vision is that members of our communities will have the educational opportunities necessary to live full and productive lives. Our mission is to: raise educational levels in the region; en-

courage life-long learning by providing opportunities for parents, educators, and community members; and to foster partnerships between communities and schools.

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Lisa Smithers, a nurse from Rockcastle Hospital, gave BES teacher Patry Akorn an influenza vaccine. Kathy Reynolds, primary teacher, watched while waiting for her to be shot. Several members of the BES staff took advantage of this opportunity to get their vaccine at school.

Tiger Pause

October 20-24 is Make-a-Difference Week. Broadhead Elementary is collecting "change for change." This time of year is known for a time of change - time to change clocks back, change smoke detector batteries and change to warmer clothing. This year for "Make a Difference Week," BES students are asked to help their classmates when a change of clothing at school is necessary.

In conjunction with the Broadhead Family Resource Center, primary students are asked to bring in a package of new underwear (boys or girls, size 4-16) and intermediate students are asked to bring in sweatpants (boys or girls size 5 1/2 - 14/16). In addition, all students are asked to donate extra change to help the BFC purchase tennis shoes to have on hand for those who may need them for gym.

Please send your donations any time between October 20-24 and help BFC make a change easier for everyone.

On Wednesday, October 15, Lisa Smithers, a nurse from Rockcastle Hospital, came to BES to give influenza vaccines to staff members. Several members of the staff took advantage of this opportunity.

This week is National School Bus Safety Week. BES PTA recognized their bus drivers this week. They do a wonderful job transporting our precious cargo and we greatly appreciate them.

To raise school bus safety aware-

ness, materials were sent home with students to emphasize the importance of following the rules. Be cool - follow these rules:

1. Be on time.
2. Never run or front the bus.
3. Stand back from the curb.
4. Don't push or shove.
5. Stay in your seat.
6. Don't yell or shout.
7. Always obey the driver.
8. Wait for the driver's signal before crossing.
9. Always cross at least 10 feet in front of the bus and 10. Never crawl under a bus.

In Ms. Jenise Coffey's Counselor's Corner, the following students were recognized: Eris Simpson, Ricki Jean Lay, Faith Saylor, Lauren Gregory, Casey Thompson, Shalynn Winkler, Jacob McKinney, Caleb Dillingham, Hannah Shelton, Dylan-Hensley, Crystal Reddington, Jordan Johnson, Jon Paul Kidwell, Chase McGuire, Elizabeth Hering, Kenton Adams and Faye Saylor. These students were noticed for their good manners. They were respectful and thoughtful to others. Way to go kids!

We will be collecting used eyeglasses and prescription sunglasses until October 31st. Please help BES FTA with this project and send in your old glasses.

Parent/teacher conferences are set for Thursday, October 30th. The fall festival is on the same day. Volunteers are needed!

The Crusaders will be at BES on Friday, October 31 at 1 p.m.

Printed below is a facsimile of the ballot which will be used in the East Livingston and West Livingston precincts in the General Election in Rockcastle County on Tuesday, November 4th.

Norma Houk, County Clerk

SAMPLE BALLOT

0	GENERAL ELECTION FIELD	NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL BALLOT	0
0	REPUBLICAN PARTY	Cheryl Judge	0
0	DEMOCRATIC PARTY	Mark J. STANEKHO 35	0
0	GOVERNMENT	Miss DUNGAN 36	0
5	Charles FLETCHER PENCE	Robert E. GILLUM 37	0
6	A. B. "Bert" CHANDLER OWEN	WRITE - IN 38	0
7	WRITE - IN	SCHOOL CANDIDATES	0
9	Secretary of State	MEMBER OF BOARD OF EDUCATION	0
9	C. M. "Ray" GRAYSON	Donna MASTY 41	0
10	RAULPH MAPLE	Angie LORTH STALLERWORTH 42	0
11	WRITE - IN	WRITE - IN 43	0
13	Attorney General	NONPARTISAN CITY BALLOT	0
13	Jack D. WOOD	City of Livingston	0
14	Gregory D. STUMBO	Eric C. MARGUQUE 46	0
15	Garewood GALBRAITH	Charlie NEWCOMB 47	0
16	WRITE - IN	WRITE - IN 48	0
18	Auditor of Public Accounts	WRITE - IN 49	0
18	Linda GREENWELL		0
19	CR LUALLEN		0
20	WRITE - IN		0
22	State Treasurer		0
22	Adam KOENIG		0
23	Jonathan MILLER		0
24	WRITE - IN		0
26	Commissioner of Agriculture		0
26	Philip FARMER		0
27	Alvin BAELES		0
28	WRITE - IN		0

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Agricultural News

By Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Agricultural News
By Warden Alexander
County Executive Director

Burley Tobacco Opening/Delivery Dates Announced

Three auction warehouses are scheduled to begin opening on November 17, 2003.

Opening date for Burley auctions has been set for the following Monday after the first receiving station opens or no later than November 17, 2003.

The Christmas holiday recess will begin after auction sales on December 18, 2003 and will resume January 5, 2004.

Philip Morris has announced their opening date as November 12, 2003 with the Thanksgiving break as November 26, 2003. Philip Morris will begin receiving again December 1, 2003.

The Christmas break for Philip Morris will be December 19, 2003 close of business and will resume January 5, 2004.

Closing date for Philip Morris contract sales at this time has not been set.

Livestock Assistance Program (LAP)

Rockcastle County has been added to the counties as being approved for the Livestock Assistance Program for the 2001 crop year.

To be eligible for LAP, the county must have suffered at least a 40 percent grazing loss for three or more consecutive months in a calendar year. A producer may receive a LAP payment on a per head basis of eligible livestock when the producer has control of adequate grazing land to support the eligible livestock. Eligible livestock include: beef and dairy cattle, buffalo, beefalo, sheep, goats, swine and other certain equine animals.

To qualify, a livestock producer must have suffered a 40 percent or greater loss of grazing production for three or more consecutive months due to drought, hot weather, disease, insect infestations, flood, fire, hurricane, earthquake, severe storm or other natural disaster. LAP payments will be reduced by the amount of assistance received by that producer under previous Livestock Compensation program (LCP-1), (LCP-II) and the 2002 Cattle Feed Program. A producer must possess beneficial and maintenance interest in eligible livestock that have been owned or leased for at least three months. A \$40,000 payment limitation also applies to LAP assistance.

Farm Storage Facility Loans

The FSA office has Farm Storage Facility Loans available to producers who have a need for increased storage. In order to be eligible as a producer must have a satisfactory credit history, have no delinquent federal debt, be a producer of facility loan commodities such as corn, soybeans or wheat, demonstrate the ability to repay the debt and be in compliance with USDA provisions for highly erodible land and wetlands.

Continuous CRP Sign-up

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

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

Power of Attorney Forms

If you currently have a Power of Attorney on file with FSA, it is not valid for the new programs or transactions authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Farm Bill). If you wish to retain an agent to act on your behalf for the new Direct and Counter-Cyclical programs, a new Power of Attorney form is required.

The FSA Power of Attorney, form FSA-211, has been revised to cover programs in the Act (referred to as the Farm Bill). Non-FSA power of attorney forms currently on file are not valid for any new program authorized by the Act. Farmers are cautioned that either an FSA employee or a Notary Public must witness signature on the FSA-211.

Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP)

For a commodity to be eligible for a loan or a Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP), the producer must have beneficial interest in the commodity in addition to other eligibility requirements.

For LDPs, the producer must retain beneficial interest in the commodity eligible from the time of harvest through the date the LDP is requested. For loans, the producer must retain beneficial interest in the commodity from the time of harvest through the date the loan is requested or Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) takes title to the commodity. Changes to the 2002 Farm Bill permit all producers to be eligible regardless if the farm is participating.

For commodities immediately fed during harvest, the producer must complete a CCC-709, Part F within 60 calendar days after the date of harvest. Commodities must be mechanically harvested. Grazing is not con-



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sidered harvested and is not eligible for LDP.

All loans or LDPs requested shall be subject to a determination by CCC of such producers eligibility to receive a loan or an LDP, based on a review of any option to purchase of sales contract involving the commodity.

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. Producers are also reminded to inform the FSA office of any change of address.

Important Program Dates

Grassland Reserve Program sign up ends August 8, 2003

Crop Disaster Program (CDP) sign up begins June 6, 2003

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Conservation Reserve Program sign up continues.

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4-H Speech Contest held

By John McQuerry

The Rockcastle Co. 4H Council will hold their annual 4H Speech Contest at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, December 2, 2003, at Mt. Vernon Elementary School. Just as last year, the contest will be held by a joint project with the county schools. Through 4H, the winning speakers will have the opportunity to advance to area and state competition.

Speech Contest Rules:
1. Any boy or girl, age 9-19, may participate in the 4-H Talk Meet Program. (The participant does not presently have to be enrolled in 4H.)

2. The top speeches from each grade will compete against other youth of their own age category and not necessarily against their grade. The age category is determined by their age as of January 1, 2004.

3. 4-H'ers cannot use the same speech this year in the county speech contest if he or she won that speech at the county, area, or state level last year.

4. Junior categories are ages 9 through 13. Senior categories are ages 14 through 19.
5. Junior age category talks are to be 3 to 5 minutes long. Senior age category talks are to be 5 to 7 minutes long.
6. A participant may secure assistance from anyone he chooses in writing or preparing his talk. There is no specific topic; any suitable topic can be used.

7. The participant and those who work with him should be familiar with a.) objectives of the 4H Speech Contest program, b.) a judge's score sheet, c.) selecting and preparing the speech, and d.) pointers for giving a speech.

(Notes on these can be obtained from the participants teacher.)
8. Each contestant will be introduced along with the title of their talk, by the room chairman.
9. After being introduced, the speaker will present the talk. Speakers should not repeat the title of their talk.
10. Each representative for the Speech Contest must register by calling the County Extension Office at 256-2403 by Wednesday, November 26, 2003. Please furnish the participant's name, date of birth, full address, grade, teacher, school, and title of speech.
11. Each representative for the Speech Contest should be aware that if they win first or second place in their age category, they will have the opportunity to go to the area contest which will be in April of 2004 in conjunction with the Area Demonstration Contest and Variety Show.

For more information, contact the Rockcastle County Cooperative Extension Service at 256-2403. Educational programs of the

Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serves all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Mt. Vernon Message

For the week of 10/23 Upcoming Events:
Our Family Resource Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 23 at 11:30.

Don't forget to set your clocks back this week end. You get an extra hour!

Mark your calendar for the FRC sponsored Family Night on Monday, October 27, 2003.

Special Projects:
Project Wisdom Readers for last week were:
-Will McClure, Abby McClure, Kayla Carpenter and Kila French, student; Julie Asher, 4th grade teacher, was our mystery reader.

Our quote for this week is "A positive attitude is like a magnet for positive results."

Taco Bell 6 Pack Tacos 3.99 Eachrito 1.19 Redeem this coupon and receive 50¢ off any combo meal. Located at Exit 62, Mt. Vernon

Printed below is a facsimile of the ballot which will be used in the North Brodhead, North Mt. Vernon, West Mt. Vernon, Brown, West Brodhead, Bullock, Conway, Roundstone, Climax, East Mt. Vernon and Orlando precincts in the General Election in Rockcastle County on Tuesday, November 4th.

Norma Hook, County Clerk

SAMPLE BALLOT

GENERAL ELECTION HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2003. NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL BALLOT. Includes candidates for Circuit Judge, Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Auditor of Public Accounts, and State Treasurer.


Absolute Auction Saturday, November 8, 10:00 a.m. "The Cottage Under the Oaks" 632 Chestnut St., Berea, Ky.

Auction Cancelled. Includes details about the property and contact information for Harper Auction Co.

HARPER AUCTION CO. 138 North Keeneland, Suite A, Richmond, KY 40475. Phone: 606-624-8700.

Auto Auction

Sat., October 25th



Auto Auction will be held Saturday, October 25th at 5 p.m. Located 1/2 mile up Hwy. 70 off Hwy. 39. For more information contact 606-308-4760. 10 to 20 vehicles to be auctioned. '93 Dodge Van equipped with wheelchair lift.

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Bring with you (1) Social Security numbers for everyone living in the household, (2) Proof of your household's income for the preceding month, (3) Your most recent heating bills or verification from your landlord that the heating expenses are included in your rent. All eligible households that apply will receive assistance. Liquid resources cannot be over \$1500 and gross monthly income must be within the guidelines listed below. Households not receiving food stamps with no income will be required to fill out a self-declaration form prior to sign up. Note, DBDC will assure that persons who are working or commuting during the agencies typical business hours may apply for HEAP. Call 598-5127 for more information.

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F or G apply on Nov. 17	T apply on Dec. 9
H apply on Nov. 18, 19	U, V, W apply on Dec. 10
I or J apply on Nov. 20	X, Y, Z apply on Dec. 11
K or L apply on Nov. 24	

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Notices

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Posted: No trespassing and no cutting trees on property of Murrell Smith at Calloway and Sand Hill. Violators will be prosecuted. 1x3p

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Victoria Reese at Roundstone. Not responsible for accidents. 50x10p

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Patricia Reese at Roundstone. Not responsible for accidents. 50x10p

Posted: No hunting or trespassing or 4-wheeler riding on the old Reams Farm off Maple Grove Rd. at Orlando. Violators will be prosecuted. 50x4

Posted: No trespassing on my property located at Sand Springs. Violators will be prosecuted. Timothy and Jeanette Wheat. 2x1p

Posted: No trespassing on property known as C.B. Owens Farm across from Fairgrounds in Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 25x1p

Posted: No trespassing on Crawford Place-Old Brodhead Road, Danny Smith. 47x1p

Posted: No hunting or trespassing on property owned by Doug and Judy Brock known as Brock's North Hill Farm at Marsburg consisting of the Swinney Place, Brock Place, Hensley Farm. 31x1p

Notice: is hereby given that Jureta Smalley, 6091 Tedhunter Rd., Middletown, OH 45044 has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Charles Cupp on the 29th day of Sept., 2003. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Jureta Smalley on or before March 29, 2004. 52x3

Notice: is hereby given that Julia Taylor, 75 Newcomb St., Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Ad-

ministratrix of the estate of Dorette Jean Roach on the 1st day of October, 2003. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Julia Taylor or to Wilita G. Coffey, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before April 2, 2004. 52x3

Notice: is hereby given that Jerry Lee Denny, P.O. Box 557, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed guardian of Tara Lee Marie Denny on the 8th day of October, 2003. Any person having claims against said estate, shall present them according to law, to the said Jerry Lee Denny or to Jeffrey T. Baudette, P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before April 9, 2004. 1x2

Notice: is hereby given that Hon. William D. Gregory, P.O. Drawer 220, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Special Administrator of the estate of Oma Begley on the 6th day of October, 2003. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said William Gregory or to Marie E. Higginson, 109 West First St., Corbin, Ky. 40701 on or before April 9, 2004. 1x3


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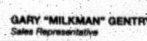
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Obituaries

Kim Childress

Mrs. Kim Childress, 47, of Mt. Vernon, wife of Jesse Childress, died Wednesday morning, October 22, 2003 at Rockcastle Hospital after a long illness.

The body is at Cox Funeral Home where arrangements are incomplete. A complete obituary will appear in next week's Signal.

Ted Albert Scott

Ted Albert Scott, 82, West Main St.; Mt. Vernon, husband of Verla Scott, died Wednesday, October 22, 2003 at Rockcastle Health & Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead.

The body is at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home where arrangements are incomplete. A complete obituary will appear in next week's Signal.

Arlotta Norton

Mrs. Arlotta Norton, 77, wife of Bill Norton, died Tuesday, October 21 at Rockcastle Health & Rehabilitation Center in Brodhead.

The body is at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home where arrangements are incomplete. A complete obituary will appear in next week's Signal.

Obituaries courtesy of local funeral homes



Robert Lee Slusher

Robert Lee Slusher, 79, of Livingston, died Sunday, October 19 at his home. He was born in Hartin County on February 15, 1924, the son of Floyd and Margaret Ferrel Slusher, was a coal miner and farmer and a member of the Pentecostal Church. Survivors are his wife, Callie Slusher; six sons, Robert Lee, Jr. of Clopsint, Ky., Arnold Ray (Jean) and Ernest Slusher, all of Hyden, Roy Gene Slusher (Brenda) of London and Dewayne (Tammy) and Jerry Lee (Virginia), all of Livingston; five daughters, Christine Kelly and Geneva Kelly (Doyle), all of Clopsint; Glenda Jean Slusher and Norma Jean Slusher (Michael), all of Livingston and Carolyn Mae Carpenter (Albert Wayne) of Lameru, one brother, J.C. Collett of Blackmont; 34

grandchildren; several great and great great grandchildren and special friends, J.C. Whitt of Livingston and Amanda Clark of Mt. Vernon.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Alice Fry Slusher; his parents; his stepfather, Elsie Collett; seven brothers, Will, Saul, Henry, Johnny, J.C. J.T. and Gilbert and four sisters, Pearl, Della, Dora and Nettie.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, October 22 at 2 p.m. at the Red Hill Community Baptist Church by Bro. Saul Carpenter and Elze Doan. Burial was in the Red Hill Cemetery.

Dowell & Martin Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Condolences to the Slusher family may be made by visiting his online register book at www.dowellmartin.com

Frankie Wayne Mobley

Frankie Wayne Mobley, 55, of Copper Creek Road, died Tuesday, October 14, 2003 at his residence.

He was born March 13, 1948 in Stanford, the son of Ernest Elbert Mobley and Pauline Rebecca Mobley. He had been a heavy equipment operator and had a special love of mechanic work.

Besides his mother, Pauline Croushore of Grab Orchard, he is survived by a son, Ernest Wayne Mobley (Michele) of Brodhead; a daughter, Tina Renee Schneider (Jack) of Deland, IL; two brothers, Phillip Moberly (Judy) of Copper Creek Road and Johnny Mobley (Debra), also of Copper Creek Road; two grandchildren; six step grand-

children; three nephews and a niece.

Funeral services were held Monday, October 20 at the Marvin E. Owens Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Ralph Reynolds officiating. Burial was in the Piney Grove Cemetery in Brodhead.

Casketbearers were: Johnathan Noe, Tommy Woodall, Aaron Mobley, Jon Mobley, Billy Elam and Arnold McGuire.



Ruth M. Bussell

Mrs. Ruth M. Bussell, 75, of Mason, Ohio, and formerly of Brodhead, graduated this life October 16, 2003. She was born March 24, 1928 in Rockcastle County, the daughter of Arthur and Winnie Parrett Bryant.

Some of her special interests included activities in her church, cooking and needlework/sewing. She most recently was the director of the Deerfield Retirement Center and was a member of the Socialville Baptist Church.

Survivors include her son, Danny Bussell (Linda) of Mason, Ohio; a

daughter, Deborah Price (Wayne) of Brodhead; 13 grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; a brother, Kenneth Bryant; three sisters; Toy Addison; Aynia Moore and Lorena Klass as well as a host of nieces and nephews and many friends.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Jerry Bussell.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 18 at the Brodhead Baptist Church with Rev. Paul Carmichael officiating with burial in the Piney Grove Cemetery at Brodhead.

Casketbearers were Jim Brummett, Janice Gregory, Jeff Pennington, Ray Bussell, Bobby Bussell and Jerry Bussell.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cincinnati, Ohio. Marvin E. Owens Home for Funeral was in charge of arrangements.

Edward Lee Eaton

Edward Lee Eaton, 59, of Brodhead, died Friday, October 17, 2003 at his residence. He was born in Madison County on May 21, 1964 and had been a resident of Brodhead for the last year and a half.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra Bullock Eaton of Brodhead; one son, Justin Lee Eaton of Berea; two stepdaughters, Trina Bustle and Tammy Howard, both of Brodhead; his mother, Maxine Carter Eaton of Berea; three brothers, Glendon Dale Eaton (Keena), Gerald Scott Eaton (Bevety) and Tommy Joe Eaton, all of Berea; three step granddaughters; four nieces and a nephew.

He was preceded in death by his father, Edward Glendon Eaton.

Funeral services were held Monday, October 20th at Reppert Funeral Home in Berea with Bro. Cecil Burns officiating. Burial followed in the Berea Cemetery.

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The Rocket

Rockcastle County High School

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April prom date set

By JENNY SMITH

Prom 2004 has been officially set for April 24. Administrator's decided to take a different approach this year and set the date at the beginning of the year.

"I believe it's great that they already set the prom date, because we'll have plenty of time to prepare," said senior Kasheena Bullock.

Last year, prom was scheduled for May 17, the same day the RCHS baseball team was scheduled to play in Louisville. This conflict, which forced senior baseball players to decide between their team and their prom, has led many to believe that's the cause for the date being set so early this year, but Principal John Hale says otherwise.

"We tried to set the prom date around this same time last year, but with the unfortunate testing window change, the prom date had to be changed as well," he said.

The April date may seem early, but according to Dana Singleton, the prom coordinator, the date had to be moved to earlier in the year because school started earlier. This school year's last day is scheduled for May 10, one week before last year's date.

A decision on the actual date was a group effort.

"I sat down with the coaches and Mrs. Singleton. Together we decided which date would be best and that wouldn't conflict with school activities," said Mr. Hale.

As far as Mrs. Singleton knows there should be no conflicts with the prom date this year.

"We checked the baseball schedule, the track schedule, and the testing window, so we shouldn't have any problems this year," she said.



Senior Jennifer Kidwell works on the mural located outside Young's Pharmacy. Kidwell was just one of several local art students participating in the project.

Community art project underway

By JESSICA DENNY

Every town has a history—a story to tell—and a different way to tell it. Mt. Vernon will be telling its history through a series of murals created with help from RCHS's art students.

Art teacher Les Scalf is leading this historic crusade with the help of local artists and the promising young artists throughout his class.

"I saw it as a great opportunity to bring a historical Rockcastle County landmark to the forefront," said Scalf.

The first of the mural series is entitled *Spout Springs*. According to local legend Spout Springs was a regular resting place for settlers on their journey out west. Their animals would often rest and prepare for the rest of the trip. Eventually some settlers decided to stay. It is said, "Once you take a drink from Spout Springs you'll never leave Mt. Vernon."

The mural depicts a frontier setting with trees in the background. There are several settlers doing various tasks related to the time period. Animals are also included in the picture. There is a woman working on an animal skin and two children kissing.

Students recently began work on what was planned to be a two day painting, but were rained out on their second day. Instead,

they will now be invited to finish the mural on weekends, when the weather permits. The weather will decide the time it will take to finish the mural.

However, completing the mural shouldn't take long since the bulk of the painting is finished.

"We just need to work on the details of the painting, and making it more realistic," said Scalf.

Many of the students participating were very excited about their opportunity to beautify their community.

"It's a good way to add color, and make the town more appealing," said junior Zac Pensol.

Junior Kelli Frederick was happy to be involved with such a helpful project.

"I got to do something meaningful, and that will be a part of not only the town's history, but mine as well."

Scalf has already found a location for the next mural that will be on the side wall of Cox's Hardware.

With many students pumped up about the project the community is learning the real truth about most teenagers—they care.

**Basketball
admission
prices could
increase**

See the story on page 8

Dear Seniors...

Our senior year has finally begun, and with ten weeks already down, it seems as if the year is flying by. With the end of each day we are that much closer to graduation. Unfortunately, senioritis is also already making its appearance, pumping through our veins, but the amount in each person is different. There are those of us who do our homework diligently, thinking ahead to next year when there won't be teachers to hound and make certain we've done our work, begging us to make certain we get assignments in on time. Then there are those that can barely drag themselves in by 8:08. For them, the future may not be so clear, and real-life (aka, "life after high school") could be a slap in the face. Hopefully, we'll all have a clearer picture of the future as the weeks go by and the first semester nears an end.

Even though we are creeping ever closer to that graduation day, we shouldn't forget that we were once freshmen. We stood in the middle of the halls and giggled just like all the freshmen we have seen since then. At one time we were klutzy and clueless. We'll all be there again, soon enough.

As we celebrate our last year as children, we must prepare for our first year as adults. College, the military, and vocational schools won't wait. Applications are due and plans must be made. We still have to set goals for the years to come, but we can still make this year memorable and worth while.

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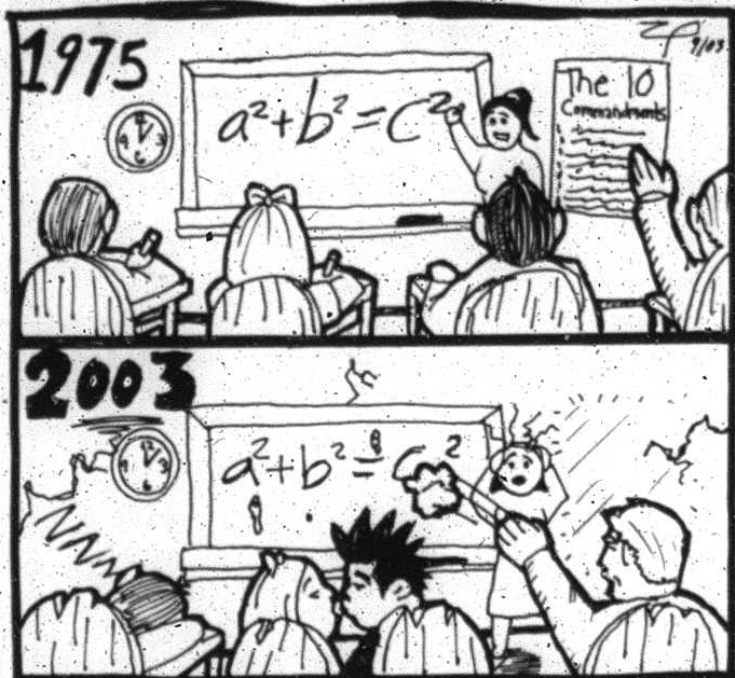
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Morals could return with Ten Commandments

BY ASHLEY MIZE
GUEST WRITER

As I walk down the halls and visit my classrooms each day at the high school, my attention is drawn to the many posters plastered on the walls. Although the posters may not apply to me, out of curiosity I may glance at them to see what they are pertaining to. As I read through these posters and flyers, I can't help but feel there is a very important one missing...the Ten Commandments.

Personally, I think that the Ten Commandments should be posted in schools, as well as other official public buildings. The Ten Commandments is a historical document, and should be treated as one. Just as the Bill of Rights which states our freedoms, the Ten Commandments states laws by which we should live. Some people may feel that the Ten Commandments shouldn't be placed in schools because of its reference to God, but there are many historical documents that already do. "America the Beautiful", "The Pledge of Al-

"There have been school shootings, drugs and many other things taking place that shouldn't. I don't think it would be as severe if the Ten Commandments were posted."

legiance" and even our money involve God. So why are these documents allowed to be posted and not the Ten Commandments?

Some of you may also feel that it would not be fair for those people who don't believe in God or the Ten Commandments to be exposed to them. They may not believe, and that is their choice. However, I do not believe in the "Big Bang" theory, or that people evolved from monkeys, but I have been exposed to that. Just because you read the Ten Commandments doesn't mean

you have to believe or agree with them, but wouldn't it be unfair to not let those who do believe have the opportunity to see them posted in their school?

School has changed a tremendous amount over the years. It used to be a place where a person could come and feel safe, but it isn't that way anymore. There have been school shootings, drugs and many other things taking place that shouldn't. I know some of these things will continue no matter what, but I don't think it would be as severe if the Ten Commandments were posted. If students just got the opportunity to read them, they may think twice about their actions, whether it be bringing a gun to school, or just simply letting a curse word fly.

I feel strongly that the Ten Commandments should be posted in schools. Really, what's the harm of being exposed to ten simple rules about how to live?

The Rocket welcomes guest opinion columns, as well as letters to the editor. Letters and columns will be edited for grammatical purposes, and may be adapted due to length of a piece. Submit to Miss Norton in Room 116.

OPINION

It Rocks... It Reeks...

New teachers. With a new year come new faculty members. They usher in excitement about what changes may be brought to RCHS halls.

Snacks at break. The perfect remedy to your, after-lunch stomach growls are the endless snacks they sell during break. A little caffeine and chocolate help keep you awake during that long fourth block.

New Clubs. The Young Democrat's Club and the Honors Club (a combination of Beta Club and National Honors Society) have both been added to the club schedule this year. Young Democrat's Club has added necessary competition for the Young Republican's Club and has provided an outlet for all student's opinions. The Honors Club allows students to join two respected clubs at once.

New Fall T.V. Season! All your favorite shows are back again. From *Will and Grace* to the new *Lyon's Den*, an entirely new era of television is approaching. This also means students now have to juggle homework schedules with television schedules.

Mrs. Corder and Ms. Powell are gone. Good comes with the bad. We will greatly miss Ms. Powell's antics and the sweetness of Mrs. Corder.

\$1.75 candy bars. Although we greatly appreciate the "pick-me-ups", we don't like having to sell our souls to afford a candy bar.

\$30 for single club due. To join the Honors Club alone, it is an unexpected \$30. It was not the student's idea to have these two clubs combined, so why do they have to pay for both? Leadership roles were also picked last year for NHS. It is up in the air now if they will still be able to keep their positions. Students won't pay extra money for a club they didn't initially want to join if the leaders they elected won't be in office.

The last season of Friends. Every Thursday night people turn on their televisions and are greeted with a "How you doin'?" However, the friends that have been with us for nearly a decade are completing their final season, leaving many avid watchers without their beloved "friends".

Parking lot changes could prevent accidents

All the years I've been here, I've heard complaints about the school parking lot. You can't see. You can't park. You can't even keep your own spot. I never thought much about these problems until I recently got my license. Usually, everyday is a breeze, but a sudden wreck in the school parking lot brought me screeching to a halt.

I leaned as far back as my seat would go, attempting to see if there were any approaching cars. Seeing nothing, I slowly began to back out of my space. I was close to re-extended right there by a car that came 90 miles an hour from nowhere. I quickly pulled back in my space, avoiding the collision. Thinking everything would be fine now, I

checked my mirrors again and slowly pulled onto the road. As I was switching gears, I looked up and saw a very worried expression on the face of a friend. I quickly glanced to my right, and before I could move, I was sideswiped by another car. We both quickly parked, and looked at the damage done to each other's vehicles. She had large scrapes on her bumper along with a dent, and I had a scratch all along the side of my car, with some paint removed. All of this could have been avoided with some simple parking lot planning.

As new drivers, we aren't experienced parkers. For this reason, don't give us straight parking slots that are half the size of usual ones. People are always

throwing their cars in reverse and having to give another go at parking in their allotted inch of space. Slanted spaces would give us more maneuvering room, and allow us to easily pull in to our spot each day.

The main problem, however, is that we are blinded as we back out of our spaces. Until we are at least half way out of our spaces, there is no way for us to tell whether a car is coming down the road and about to hit us. By then, it's usually too late to do anything about it. If we have large vehicles that park next to us, this only aggravates the problem. That was one of the

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The real animals among us

BY KYLA FRENCH

Animal cruelty occurs everyday, sometimes going unnoticed. However, after my recent experiences with it, I find myself questioning how this can go on and how people can get away with harming defenseless animals.

Every weekend, I go to Dad's house. One of the first things I do when I arrive is feed my Australian Shepherds, Comet and Dakota. As I walked through my yard one particular weekend, bucket of water in hand, I noticed that they weren't coming when I called to them. I froze midway through my trip, dropped the water, and ran out to the other side of our home. Not wanting to go any closer, I enlisted the help of my stepmother to check

on my beloved pets. As she paused by one of the dogs, I realized what had happened. The dogs I had since I was nine years old were dead.

After the initial shock wore off, my family began to question what had happened to cause this. We immediately ruled out natural causes, because one dog was half the age of the other. Our first assumption was that the outside temperature had just gotten too high for them. However, both their bowls of water were at least half full. This couldn't be the reason for their early deaths. After much thought, we can come to no other conclusion than they were poisoned.

I've always had a heart for animals, and for those people who have been affected by animal cruelty. I never realized how devastating it could be until it happened to me. We think we know who committed this crime, but are unable to prove it. I've met the boy before and I can't help but wonder what kind of person would do this to an animal. How can you want to murder a member of someone's family?

Too much leniency is put on the offenders of animal rights laws. A history of animal abuse has been found in 25% of aggressive male

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Down the Hall: Students & staff test their knowledge**What is a kaffeeklatsch?**

A social gathering for informal conversation and coffee



AP English students take the pizza prize

Ms. Jennifer Mattingly's AP English IV students won the door decorating contest held in the English hallway Tuesday, October 14. Their theme, "Pathways to Symbolism," won them a pizza party paid for by the other English teachers. At right, Becca Alsip applies some decorations to the door. Below, Sarah Mullins works to complete the project by the 2:00 PM deadline.



Freshmen participate in scheduling experiment

By BILL BURDETT

Over fifty freshmen are listed on English teacher Shane Shoemaker's first block attendance roster. So does math teacher Lana West.

The high numbers aren't caused by an increase in the student body; instead, it's the result of a split block schedule, an experiment that could lead to changes next year.

"We have two classes that are taking full block math and full block English, and two classes that are using split-block," said RCHS Principal John Hale. "They were randomly grouped so we should get a pretty good idea of how much impact the schedule's had on the students' performance."

By creating a class that is only 45 minutes long and meets all year (instead of 18 weeks for 90 minutes) split block scheduling is designed to allow the students more time to learn material.

"It doesn't allow the students to get bored in class, and we can go at a slower pace," said Mr. Shoemaker.

There have been some adjustments to make, especially for teachers who are used to planning for a 90 minute period. Modifying their classes to fit the 45 minute period has proven to be a challenge.

"It seems like the teachers never finish their lessons [in a single

class] because they aren't used to it yet," said Jonathan Robbins, one of the students taking the split block.

Mr. Hale is expecting enough data to be collected by the end of the year in order to compare the schedule's effect.

"If our research pays off we would probably increase some of the offerings for freshmen next year, especially in the areas of math and language arts. Any other offerings we would have would likely be in elective courses," Mr. Hale said. "We haven't made any definite decisions, but we are exploring."

Budget problems cause questions at RCHS

By KYLA FRENCH

Recent budget cuts at Rockcastle High may prove the school to be "a day late and a dollar short." Supplies have been cut from several areas, creating many difficulties.

RCHS Principal John Hale says the cuts are not the fault of the school itself, but the students play a major role in funding.

"The budget committee for the school can merely suggest to the [SBDM] council a budget. The council makes the final decision," says Hale. "However, student attendance boosts our financial aid."

The war in Iraq has also had an affect on the slowing of economy in Kentucky. This has trickled down to Rockcastle, worsening the financial crisis.

"Money is being drawn out of the treasury, leaving less for education," says Hale. "War is expensive. Freedom comes at a price."

Main departments at RCHS have been unexpectedly denied state funding for key materials.

"Our chance to get new textbooks was this year," says math teacher Morissa Hayes. "We were very disappointed." The textbook ordering has been put off until next year.

Chorus director Letha Hembree is anticipating problems for the future of her class.

"I run out of money in March," says Hembree. "Whatever we do in April or May will have to be paid through fundraising or out of our pockets."

Supplies in general are also depleting quickly.

"We have to use pocket money to pay for markers and other supplies," says English teacher Angela Baker. "Once these things are gone, they're gone."

Not only are teachers experiencing drawbacks in funding, but they are subject to new bid lists, preventing the ordering of customary materials.

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"We aren't able to order our usual supplies," says Social Studies Department head Debbie Coleman. "We have to be very selective about what we order."

Many are questioning how the school has suffered so many cutbacks with classroom necessities, but was able to fund the moving of the counselor's offices.

"That money came from capital outlay, which only funds building projects," said Hale. "We will hopefully be using that money to build an area technology center or bleachers on the other side of the football field."

Students themselves are becoming involved in the school's spending plan as they examine why the school has new benches and trashcans, but no new textbooks.

"The Spanish Club thought they would make the new additions for the convenience of the students," says Hale. "They and Ms. Powell paid the bill 50/50."

Even with cutbacks, RCHS has been very fortunate not to lose teachers.

"Our system has managed their money well," says Hayes. "I'm very thankful that there were no teacher cuts this year."

Students are also realizing the impact of the financial dilemma RCHS is facing.

"We can't have outdated materials," says junior Emily McKinney. "If the state wants us to go on, and be successful, they need to provide us with the proper resources."

Teachers have developed an understanding of the cuts, but not a comprehension of why the state will not emphasize education.

"I hate to see the cutbacks, but I understand that they are a necessity," says Coleman. "It's important that our state lawmakers take a look at our budget and keep education first."

"Money is being drawn out of the treasury, leaving less for education. War is expensive. Freedom comes at a price."
Principal John Hale

New teachers join RCHS, jump right in

BY ALLISON ANDERSON

This school year has brought about many changes and two of those are new teachers: Ms. Hope Benavides and Sergeant Keith Graves.

Ms. Hope Benavides is now RCHS's Spanish teacher while Sergeant Keith Graves is a JROTC instructor.

Last year when Ms. Pam Powell retired, it seemed as if there wasn't anyone who could replace her, but Ms. Benavides is up to the task.

As a Lexington native, Ms. Benavides is like a pro at working in a new school. She has been teaching for 11 years and has been at schools in Fayette, Clark, and Jefferson Counties. When asked why she chose another school, she gave an answer that many new teachers usually give: "to be closer to home."

"I also have a 22 month old son named Roman, and when I am not at school, the rest of my time is devoted to him."

Ms. Benavides, who lives in Richmond and even in the same neighborhood as Ms. Powell, now has a shorter drive to RCHS, which seems to give her more time to be



Sergeant Keith Graves recently joined RCHS's faculty as the new JROTC instructor.

with her son and husband. She also said that Ms. Powell has been a great help.

"Ms. Powell is very nice. She loaded the back of my van up with tons of materials to teach with," she said.

No matter what her motivation was to join the staff at RCHS, her students just appreciate that she did. Students who have not even had her a month already have good things to say about her.

"Ms. Benavides is really interesting. She has shown us

pictures from her trip to Mexico," said junior Jessica Alcorn.

Exciting plans are also being made for the Spanish students by Ms. Benavides.

"I would like to plan a student trip to Mexico, hopefully around 2005."

The arts and humanities department isn't the only one getting a new addition. Sergeant Keith Graves is a new instructor for the JROTC program. Sergeant Graves, who has been a recruiter and even substituted and drove a

school bus, is a native to Rockcastle. His son Ben attends RCHS and is a junior while his wife, Caroline, is the principal at Brodhead Elementary where his youngest son attends.

Sergeant Graves is very excited about his new position. He will be in charge of the drill team, which consists of everything from ceremonies and marching, to the color guard.

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New coach looks forward to challenge

BY MARIA HENBLEY

Coaches may come and go, but Mr. Jesse Mahaffey is definitely looking forward to taking on the challenge of becoming RCHS's next softball coach.

"I love coaching, working with young people, and I love a challenge," said Mr. Mahaffey. "This is definitely going to be a challenge."

Mr. Mahaffey will be taking over for Mr. Clay Dollins who left Rockcastle County schools to join the Madison County school system. Assistant coaches for this year's team will be Mr. David Riddle and Mr. Ken Hopkins.

"We will play it more like the game of baseball," explained Mahaffey about his strategy for this season. "I'm very excited; it's interesting. We will be learning something new everyday."

Conditioning will be after Christmas and tryouts will be held on February 15 for everyone "except for basketball players and cheerleaders," he said.

Depending on the number of those who try out for the team, between 18-22 girls will make the team. Although not everyone can make the team, all females interested in the sport are encouraged to try out.

"The more people the better."

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It is life itself."

-John Dewey

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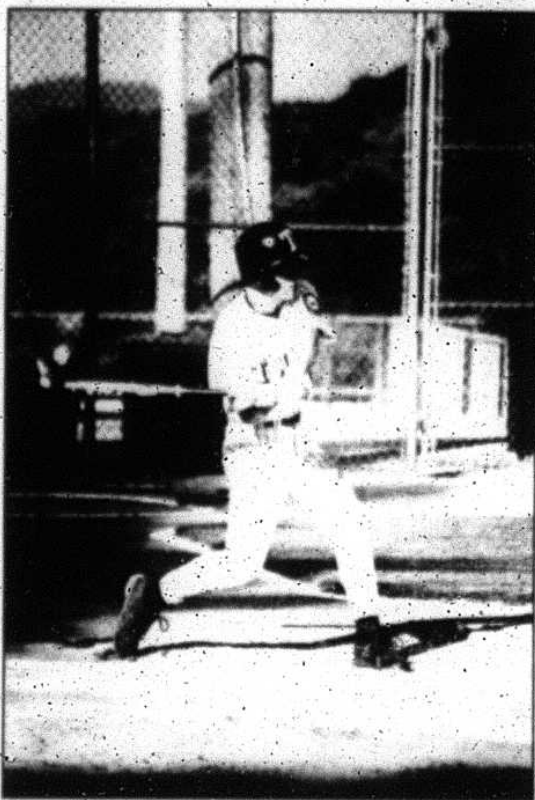
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Senior Devin Taylor takes a swing for the Somerset Twins. The Twins placed third in the nation.

Two RCHS athletes compete at national level

By ALLISON ANDERSON

Two RCHS students did more this entire summer than just enjoy a little R 'n' R. Senior Devin Taylor and sophomore Colby Brown played baseball for the Somerset Twins American Legion Baseball team which, with their help, placed third in the nation.

Taylor, who is the starting hind catcher for the RCHS baseball team, also started for the Twins. Starting June 6, he played a total of 62 games. This was after already playing for the Rockets who went to state for the first time in school history. The next day he went to a tournament for the Twins in Tennessee.

This is Taylor's second season with the Twins and one of the teams' most successful. They won their district and state before earning third in the Great Lakes region of the nationals. This is only the second time they have ever won state.

Brown, who began playing with the Twins late this summer just before districts started, is a pitcher. The Twins asked him to pitch after they lost some of their most important pitchers as the regular season was ending. He was also the starting pitcher in the state game for the Rockets.

Taylor has plans for the future and says playing for the Twins can offer many opportunities.

"It helps players from smaller areas like Rockcastle to be seen more by colleges. Coach, who is a professional scout for the Cincinnati Reds, also has great connections with anyone, anywhere."

Eventually, he would like to play baseball at FSU.

The Twins is a team filled with players from across the state, including Boyle County, Russell County, Corbin, Somerset, and Laurel County. It consists of high school players from ages 16 to 18.

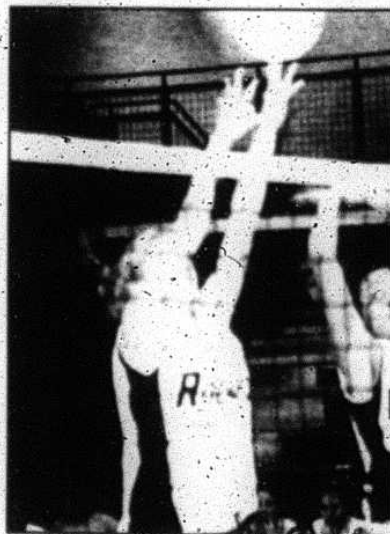
Both Taylor and Brown had conflicts with other sports because of baseball. Brown, who is also on the RCHS golf team, missed many of the practices and some of the first matches. Taylor, who plays football and was a starter last year, was not even able to practice until the week of the first game against Larue County at the Pigskin Classic.

"I am still suffering consequences in football, but I made a commitment to play for the Twins," he said.

Taylor does feel like all the practices, games, time and hard work were worth it after getting to play in a national tournament.

"The competition of the teams you play with is twice of that of the teams you will play with in high school. It's something different that you can't make with high school players. It helps make you a much better baseball player than you would have normally been."

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RCHS's volleyball team heads to state

Players hope three tim

By PAULA ROWLAND

Teenagers haven't always had a positive attitude when it comes time for school to start back. However, this year at RCHS, things have changed.

Girls are walking up and down the halls more excitedly, anticipation written on their faces.

"What has changed?" you ask. The answer is simple. New volleyball coaches have brought new-found hope to an RCHS team facing its third coach in three years.

With Coach Larry Lee's volleyball background of playing at EKU and Assistant

Coach Bill Yarnell's ten years in the sport, they feel the change has helped the team in a tremendous way.

"I think our experience will help the team wonderfully because we can teach the girls what we already know," said Coach Lee.

Senior Amanda Rogers has a positive outlook on her new coaches.

"The coaches know what they're talking about, and they're more our age so they can relate to us even better," she said.

However, the switch has

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been an adjustment.

"It's kind of hard to adjust to their expectations of us," senior Stephanie Price said. "We didn't know exactly what they were looking for, both physically and mentally."

How do the coaches feel about being the team's third coach?

"I feel bad about it," says Coach Lee. "If they [the volleyball team] would have had more consistency, they could have been better."

However, the girls couldn't have seemed too bad upon first glance, not according to Coach Lee.

"I heard a lot of good things about the girls and I knew I would be here for a while, that's when I decided to become their coach."

I saw they had a lot of talent, but were just rough around the edges. They've improved a lot with their offense and defense, and their techniques."

With such great improvement, the girls feel confident about their season.

"I expect a lot of wins this season," said Childress.

Rogers and Price agree, adding "We expect to go to state this year."

Coach Lee predicts a good

season for the team and foresees regionals.

"I expect it to be very good, a great season."

The senior volleyball team members all agree this year, they hope to get closer as seniors, to work hard, and to win.

When Coach Lee and Coach Yamell were asked what makes them any different than the prior coaches, a smile spread across their faces from ear to ear.

"We just make it fun," said Lee. "Now they know the correct things to do and they feel more confident in themselves."



The Rockets' record stands at 6-2. They defeated Madison Southern Friday night 44-0.

Editor's Note: The following article was written at the beginning of football season. Realize that players and their positions may have changed since that time. RCHS is now 5-2, with a 1-1 district record. This does not include the Rockets' October 17 game against Madison Southern.

Young Rocket team begins new season

By SERENA CUNNAGIN

It's always been said that the Rockcastle County Rockets don't rebuild their football team, they just reload. However, a lot of young players who didn't see much playing time last year, means this could be a rebuilding year, according to Head Coach Tom Larkey.

Senior Devon Bussell, #7, will be replacing Stephen Boring; Blake Lovell, #76, will be replacing Tanner Abney; and Nick Thomas, #62, will be replacing Michael Brummett. Jason Leger, the strongest player this year, will be a returning starter.

"We've got a young team, but a lot of good players that will make it," Leger said. "We have a lot to learn."

Many of the team leaders' goals are to make it to the carpet for the third time. The players have said that with a lot of hard work and dedication they may be able to pull it off. As a team they will have to work together and get in shape. As individual players, they will have to stay in shape and give it their best.

"I will have to look at the man across from me, tighten my chin strap, pin my ears back and tell him he's mine for the rest of the game," said Thomas.

Coach Larkey said that the strongest point of the team is, the offensive line lead by Leger and Thomas. Running backs this year are Chris Crucher, a returning starter, Max Saylor, who was injured last season, and senior Caleb Blair.

"Offensive needs help and I hope the other players will step up," said Larkey.

One coaching change was made this year. Coach Tony Saylor and Adam Coleman have switched positions. Coach Coleman will be stepping up as defensive coordinator; Coach Saylor will be assisting Coleman in game plans and Larkey with equipment preparations.

The Rockets defeated Larue at Corbin in their season opener 8-21. The coaches believed they played hard and were in pretty good shape for the game. Coach Chris Larkey said that the team did a good job blocking, but didn't do enough passing plays.

"We made a lot of downers, a lot of mental errors, but that was expected," said Tom Larkey. "I think we're going to improve in all that."

"We're young, but we have a lot of kids that know what they're doing. We have just got to pull it together," said Taylor.

European student studies at RCHS

By JESSICA RIDGLE

There is a new face at RCHS this year. It belongs to exchange student Claudia Schmidt of Erfurt, Germany.

She is enrolled as a senior, and is planning to participate in volleyball.

This opportunity to come to America is not only educational, but is also a "self-evaluation," she says.

Schmidt explains that she wants to see how she could do on her own, away from her family.

She says the reason for coming to America is for "experience and to test my independence."

Schmidt, who arrived in Rockcastle County August 24, has seen many differences in America and Germany after only a short amount of time.

"Everyone is so friendly, open and happy," she said. "The people always have a smile on their faces."

At age 17, Schmidt may have only one year left of school in America, but back home, in Germany, she must complete two more years.

"This year in America doesn't count as part of my education in Germany," said Schmidt.

This school is also very different from the one she left behind.

"The school is smaller, and my school in Germany has three stories."

Schmidt, who hopes to improve her English language and speaking skills while in the United States, is expecting this year to be a great one, full of surprises.

"I am really looking forward to learning more about the culture," she says.



Claudia Schmidt is RCHS's exchange student.

German for Beginners:

Guten Tag! = Hello!

Guten Morgen = Good morning!

Guten Abend = Good evening!

Gute Nacht = Good night!

Wie geht es Ihnen =

How are you?

Wie geht's? =

How are you? (informal)

Danke, gut. = Fine, thanks.

Sehr gut. = Great.

Es geht. = Okay. So-so.

Nicht so gut. = Not so well.

Auf Wiedersehen. =

Good-bye.

Have you ever traveled overseas? If so, we'd like to hear from you. Please contact Ms. Norton in room 116 for a possible story in the future.

Several reasons behind relocation

By INDI RUBE

When school started, I walked down to the office expecting to get my scheduled changed, but what I found was a different name on the door. It turns out I was in totally the wrong section.

If this sounds familiar, don't worry it happened to many students old and new this year. According to Principal John Hale the changes were made for various reasons.

One of the reasons for David Riddle's move to upstairs was that technology teacher Ed Peterson is teaching two new-tech classes. Riddle's former office is located next to Mr. Peterson's which meant that he needed Riddle's room in order to have the two new classes.

This change meant that Mr. Riddle needed a new space. The rest is the result of a domino effect.

Mr. Riddle, Jesse Mahaffey, Kyle Radar and Sandy Bullock were relocated in the former Youth Services Center, which was moved downstairs in the former guidance office so they could work more closely with attendance.

RCHS counselors Janice Miller and Dale Whitaker are now located in the upstairs hallways near the library.

Miller believes the move will, in time, be a positive change for both the staff and the students, but she feels that it is too early in the year to tell how big the change has actually been.

Sophomore Justina Denney agrees that the change has made it

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Literary magazine will be student led, student created

By JENNY SMITH

Rockcastle County High School students will soon have an outlet for their creativity. RCHS teachers Jennifer Mattingly and Les Scalf are working to create a student led literary magazine which will include work written exclusively by students.

Specific details about the magazine are still vague, but Ms. Mattingly, who teaches English, and Mr. Scalf, RCHS's art teacher, will select a group of students who will be the literary editorial staff, and a group that will be the visual arts editorial staff.

Members of the creative writing club will make up part of the literary staff, in addition to other

students who have not yet been selected, says Ms. Mattingly.

The magazine will be called *Corners and Cobwebs*. The title was selected by the creative writing club.

"The whole idea is for students to submit writings or artwork—that they select their best pieces," said Mr. Scalf.

Even though the year long project is still in the developmental stage, Ms. Mattingly and Mr. Scalf are certain that the writing, visual arts, editing, publishing, marketing, and layout will be student led.

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Council considers admission increase

By JESSICA RIDGLE

As John walks into the gymnasium doors, he reaches into his pocket to get out his three dollars he needs to buy his ticket to get into the basketball game. When he reaches the table to buy his ticket he realizes that he doesn't have enough money. Why?

The SBDM (Site Base Decision Making) Council is considering a raise in the ticket prices from three dollars to four dollars a game.

If approved, the school will offer a student pass which can be purchased for the original price for each of the remaining games on the schedule. These prices will be offered throughout the basketball season at the Rock Shop.

The SBDM Council met Wednesday, September 24 and

made a motion to increase the admission for double header varsity and double header jayvee/varsity games for both the girls and boys. The final decision for the raise in ticket prices will be Wednesday, October 22.

"Everyone will have to wait for the decision of the SBDM council until the next meeting in October. Every policy has to go thru two meetings before it can be passed," said council member Connie Riddle.

The reason behind raising the price of the admission is to help the boys' and girls' basketball team raise funds to support each of their programs. This will help buy new game and practice uniforms, along with other equipment needed but not in the budget.

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Washington Adventures

College reps begin annual tour

Students from RCHS attend Gear-Up conference

By Bill Burdett

Three Rockcastle County High School students represented Kentucky at the National Gear-Up Conference in Washington, D.C. this summer. Only 30 high school students were selected nationwide to participate.

"My favorite part was meeting people my age from different backgrounds," says representative Jenna Cummins, a junior.

At the conference the representatives, along with other Gear-Up enthusiasts from across the country, participated in various leadership training activities. One such activity was to construct a shelter using only newspaper. It had to be large enough for one person to fit in and the smallest, best-constructed shelter won.

The activity was designed to improve communication and leadership skills, explained Cummins, who was on the team with the winning shelter.

For Cummins one notable aspect of the conference was the development of a book, which was created by all 30 members at the summit.

Conference members had a "direct effect on the future of education."

"Everyone in the summit contributed to the book. We broke into groups based on educational topics such as money, teachers, etc.," said junior Harold Burdette. "We gave ideas on how Gear-Up can contribute to fixing such problems."

Copies of the book were presented to Congress.

When asked what about the summit will stick with her the most, Cummins responded, "That we had a direct effect on the future of education."

On the last day of the summit Kentucky's three representatives put on a skit in front of two

congressmen and 1,800 representatives from Gear-Up committees across the U.S. and a few other countries!

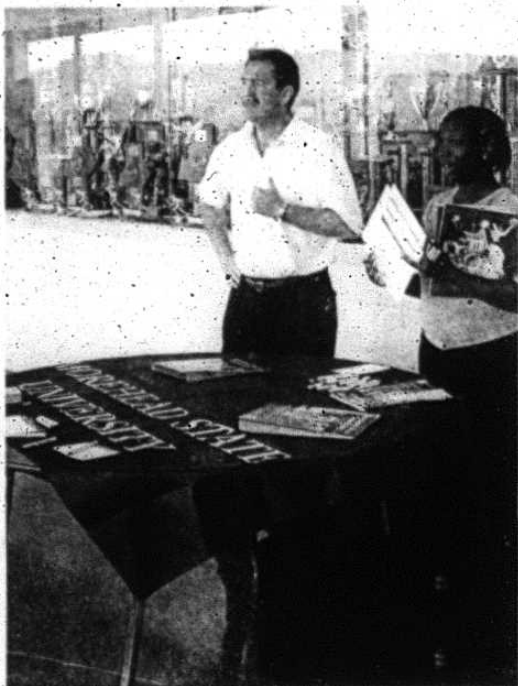
"We sat up late that night planning it out and finally we got the idea to do a construction theme. The entire play was set on construction site and had similarities to real-life school issues," said junior Cody Moore.

Moore feels that overall the trip was a great success, and "we should begin to see results in the next few years."

Burdette agrees.

"The trip to D.C. was a trip I'll never forget. I made relationships with people that won't be lost and I appreciate the opportunity of getting to go."

Gear-Up is a nationwide organization that provides regular fully paid trips and activities for middle school and high school students. Gear-Up also assists students in obtaining college scholarships and educating them about multiple college opportunities and programs.



Guidance counselor Dale Whitaker speaks with a representative from Morehead State University.

As Senior year begins

Don't be the one left behind

By Audrey Burke

It's that time, seniors. Time to start looking to the future or, more specifically, to college in order to get a jump on the game.

Guidance Counselor Dale Whitaker named off a few basic things that college bound seniors need to do now to prepare for their next step of education.

1. Research: Whitaker suggests "researching the colleges and technical colleges that the students themselves are interested in." Mainly they need to find majors and areas of study they are interested in.

"There have been students in the past that have gone to a school that didn't offer the major or area of study they wanted," said Whitaker.

2. Apply: The next thing to do, according to Whitaker, is to get application forms from schools you

are interested in, start filling them out, and go ahead and send them in. He says a common mistake is students waiting until they can take the ACT.

"Most schools have an admissions deadline date. More and more colleges are being selective, so the sooner you can get your name in front, the sooner they decide on you. Even if students apply by deadline the schools will already have admitted students, and they won't be able to take on many more," he added.

3. Take ACT: The next thing to do is fill out the ACT registration form and prepare to take the test. The test costs \$26, or \$42 if one applies late and has to pay the late fee. The deadline for the October test is September 19.

Even if students don't plan on

going to college, Whitaker still encourages them to take the ACT because plans change, and even jobs require people going back later on to further education.

"It's better to take it in high school, to take it while this education is fresh on the mind."

4. Apply for Scholarships: Obtain scholarship applications and be aware of the deadlines. There are approximately 21 local scholarships, but the actual number varies from year to year due to money. Some of the scholarships include National Wild Turkey Federation, Dix River Board of Realtors, National Honor Society, and others. To find out about these and other scholarships students can see Mr. Whitaker for information and applications.

5. Visit Possible Colleges: Stu-

dents need to take advantage of visiting colleges. Universities have open days for seniors to come and tour the campus.

"Going to a college without having seen the campus first, big mistake," Whitaker comments. The purpose of visiting is to find out the atmosphere of the campus. Some of the things to look at are the size, the friendliness, and safety.

"If you don't get by those things, then it makes it hard to perform well

in class," Whitaker also says.

Whitaker also said that he will be visiting senior English classrooms to give seniors a time line to go by as they prepare for college. He will also be arranging trips soon to several local colleges.

Finally, Whitaker advises students: "Don't let tuition be a factor in selecting the school, because you still have time to get money."

These sites will provide information on applying to college and give basic tips on getting ahead of the game. They also include links where one can enter all the characteristics they are looking for in a college, and the site will provide schools that match the criteria.

petersons.com
review.com
collegenet.com

The site listed below provides information on scholarships and financial aid. It also has a matching database for scholarships.

finaid.org

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January 2
February 27
May 7

October 25
December 13
February 7
April 3
June 12

Most Embarrassing Moments Breaking the Myth of The Rocket Staff

Not all stepmothers rival Cinderella's

BY KYLA FRENCH

I fell in the boy's locker room shower!

"I was cleaning out the hot tub in the boy's locker room, so I went to the showers to get a bucket of water. As I was walking back out of the showers, I slipped and fell. I landed in the bucket, and was soaked! The boys found me drenched in water, and cracked jokes the rest of the day. Worst of all, I had to do prom review the next day, and I had this huge bruise on my arm."

Jessica Riddle-Senior

That first step is a doozy!

"I was holding my boyfriend's hand and my purse as I was getting off the bus. When I was on the first step, I tripped, but that's not the worst of it! My purse strap got hung on the railing, and I fell down every single step before the concrete broke my fall. I had a bruise for weeks."

Jenny Smith-Senior

Hey...you!

"I was walking down the hall and I thought I saw this guy I knew, so I yelled to him. He never answered, so I just kept yelling. When he turned around I realized it wasn't even him."

Serena Cunnigan-Senior

Girls Night Out at the Drive-Thru

"Some of my friends and I were at McDonald's, and we all wanted some ice cream, but we were \$45

Everyone has those times that they'll never forget, their most embarrassing moments. These are usually kept secret...until now. People are telling their stories, and we're here to catch them. You won't believe what's been hidden.

cents short, so we searched the car over to find some change. We still didn't have enough money, so I thought I'd slip under the drive-thru window and look for some quarters. I got some change, but it still wasn't enough. The Ronald McDonald donation box started to look really tempting, but I passed it up. By this time everyone was staring at this poor little girl huddling under the drive thru window."

Paula Rowland-Junior

Falling head-first into high school

"The very first day of high school, all the freshmen gathered in the gym. I had to sit in the center of a section of bleachers. They called us down one by one to assign us to our homerooms. I had just bought a pair of boots the day before, and they weren't quite broken in yet. When they called my name, I was forced to go down the bleachers and weave myself through the crowd. On the very last step, I slipped onto the center of the gym floor, landing flat on my back in front of everyone. Just when I thought some people may have noticed, a couple of teachers yelled at me asking me if I was alright."

Kyla French-Junior

What is today?

"I was running track one day in middle school, when a bunch of my friends told me they'd give me \$600 if I ran all the way through the girl's restroom. Not wanting to pass up the offer, I hid my face with a piece of paper and sprinted through one door and out the other. It was not until I went back to collect my money that I realized it was April Fool's Day."

Bill Burdett-Junior



BY JESSICA DENNY

In Walt Disney's classic *Cinderella* the a stereotype of the evil stepmother was brought to the attention of society, and is still thriving today with angry mothers feeling replaced, and angry children feeling that their mothers are forgotten.

There are many people that still ride the Cinderella bandwagon but there are many more people that love and cherish their stepmothers.

Junior Kyla French, 16, has experienced the joy of having a stepmother. When she was six her parents divorced, but she wasn't too upset about it. As she recalls she didn't realize what was going on at that point.

Two years later her father remarried. She has always liked her stepmom, and in fact she brags about the friend she has found in her.

"She's really great to hang out with, and she is still a parental figure. She punishes me when she has to, but on the rare occasion that she does she usually gives advice."

She also brags about the twin brothers Mark and Paul she has to love now.

Junior Jessica Perez speaks to her stepmother everyday over the phone.

Like French, Perez's parents divorced when she was six. She says liking her stepmother has never been a problem, but at one point she was afraid of her. She thought she was going to take her daddy.

"Then she sat me down and told me she cared about me, and she

wasn't going to take my daddy."

Her opinion of the evil stepmother stereotype? "I think it's stupid in my case, but it could apply to some people."

Some students claim it is true in some cases. Fathers, have sometimes been persuaded by new wives to avoid relationships with their children.

RCHS junior Latoya Lamb's father left two months before she was born. She came to America from Germany when she was 15 months old. She has never met him but she talked to him over the phone until she was eight. She says her stepmother didn't want her father to have anything to do with her, and on Christmas Day eight years ago he called her for the last time.

"She didn't want him to have anything to do with me. He didn't even call for my sixteenth birthday!"

She had claimed not to know him at times, but she obviously still wanted his love, or at least his call.

In cases such as these the children are angry and agree with the evil stepmother stereotype.

Stepmothers have proven, like many people in the world, to be good and bad, according to the students of multiple families.

The evil step mother stereotype is exactly that: a stereotype. Often society's viewpoints on things have an effect on the way people see different situations. The myth is broken, and stepmothers can come out of the shadows to live in happiness again.

THINK YOUR EMBARRASSING MOMENT IS BETTER THAN OURS?

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BY INDI RUHE AND MARIA HENSLEY

In a modern world driven by name-brands and big deals, everyone is looking to save money and get more for their dollar. During a recent taste test we found out that name brands aren't always the best choice.

When it comes down to the decision of pop to drink we are all guilty of going for the name-brand, not because it tastes better but because it's the popular choice. This brings us to the age-old question: Is there really a difference in generic brands compared to name brands? What we found will shock you!

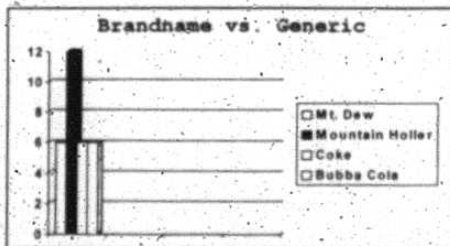
Thirty people tested two different flavors of pop: cola and citrus. For cola, Bubba Cola and Coke were tested. Guess what? They tied! People thought they had equally satisfying tastes.

When it came to the citrus, we experimented with Mountain

Holler and Mt. Dew. Again, guess who won? DING, DING, DING! If you guessed Mountain Holler than you are...correct! Twelve out of eighteen students who took the test between Mountain Holler and Mt. Dew selected Mountain Holler. Who would have guessed?

So, now you're probably thinking that's impossible. WRONG! Maybe it is just the fact that everyone's used to hearing that the more it costs, the better it will taste. It could even be that one brand has a catchier slogan of advertisement, but whatever it is, the majority of us are wasting huge opportunities on saving money just to get the name brand.

For all you consumers that thought you knew, what you actually liked, maybe you should reconsider and try a different brand of pop next time.



Coming October 31...
Looking for chills and thrills? Make certain to read about seven movies sure to make your Halloween scary.

Cold Creek Manor drifts up creek

BY KYLA FRENCH

Attention! Reading this article will save your time and sanity!

Over the weekend, I made my daily migration to the movie theater with hopes of seeing a "thrilling drama" in *Cold Creek Manor*. However, after sitting through what seemed like an eternity of mindless dialogue and predictable plot, I can only come to one conclusion: I should have drowned myself in a creek before I went to see this movie.

The movie begins as Cooper Tilson (Dennis Quaid) and his wife Leah (Sharon Stone) let their children roam the busy streets of New York without a watchful eye. They then act surprised when their son is almost hit by car. This incident prompts the family to move to a "safer place" outside of the city. They think they'll find peace in Cold Creek Manor, a former grand estate. However, all they find is the mysterious previous owner of the house and the perfect crime. (Insert eerie music here.)

If you're like me, when you watched the previews for this movie, you assumed the house was haunted. After all, the preview only had one moment of dialogue saying that a "house is a shell until you move into it and then it changes." It then proceeded to show those changes (sheets moving by themselves, a hand appearing out of nowhere, ect.).

Don't be fooled! This movie



Sharon Stone's lady-in-distress role isn't the comeback she was hoping for. (photo from movies.com)

has nothing to do with a haunted house!

Apparently the manor's first owner, Dale Massie (Stephen Dorff, *Blade*) had the home taken from him by the bank. He was then sent to prison, where he stood idly by while his house was sold from underneath him.

He returns once the Tilsons move in to "help around the house". What the Tilsons don't know is that he wants his house back, and is willing to do anything for it.

While Massie is working for him, Cooper discovers some startling evidence. He first finds a box of old family photos that had been left in the house that appear to be of Massie and his family, including his retainer wearing daughter. Although it is invisible to the na-

ked eye, somehow Cooper merely looks down one day and sees, buried under gravel, the broken pieces of a purple retainer. (Insert startled gasp here.)

Eventually, Cooper faces off with Massie, sending him spiraling down the center of the manor through a stained glass window that you knew someone would fall through the minute it was shown in the beginning of the movie.

Cold Creek Manor should have been Sharon Stone's "comeback" role. However after the typical female-in-distress role she played here, I would say it's her "don't call us, we'll call you" role.

The acting is atrocious, the plot is non-existent. You couldn't expect less out of a movie. *Cold Creek Manor* has been left "up the creek without a paddle."

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Scorpio (10/23-11/22) You and your significant other have been so busy you've put each other on the backburner. Take some time and catch up.



Sagittarius (11/23-12/21) Just because you are loyal doesn't mean you should let your friends pressure you. Your mind and will are your own, use them.



Capricorn (12/22-1/20) Those around you are for more than just propelling you. Maybe it is time to show your appreciation for their contributions.



Aquarius (1/21-2/19) Your family just doesn't understand, right? Perhaps it is time to at least consider what they have to say—it could surprise you.



Pisces (2/20-3/20) Take a deep breath and relax. Don't worry so much about your relationships, people care for you more than you realize.



Aries (3/21-4/20) Consider sharing the spotlight, and thinking before doing. If you give credit where it's due, others will be understanding.



Taurus (4/21-5/21) Getting into a new relationship is hard, but don't let the changes frighten you away from a potentially great relationship.



Gemini (5/22-6/20) You're always the one your friends come to when they need advice, but don't forget yourself. You have a life of your own and you should enjoy it.



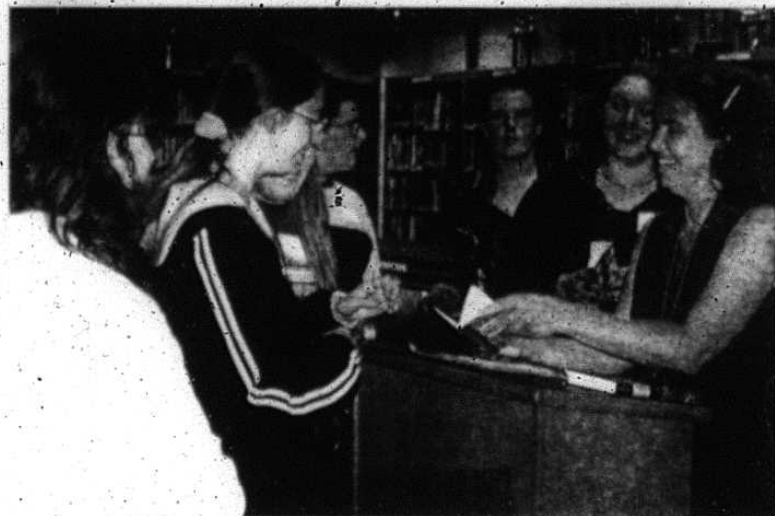
Cancer (6/21-7/23) It's been 9 weeks already, it's time to shake things up a bit. Do something spontaneous and for yourself. You may find you like a little spice.



Leo (7/24-8/23) Your significant other is beginning to feel smothered, so give them some space and they will be happier.



Virgo (8/24-9/22) You should consider being more understanding to the people around you. If you tone down criticism and are empathetic, then people will listen more.



Donna Jo Napoli speaks with RCHS students after reading an excerpt from her upcoming novel *Breath*, which will be released next month. Napoli's visit, attended by members of the book club, as well as several English classes, was sponsored by ECU.

Award-winning author visits RCHS

By MARIA HENSLEY

What do an award-winning author and a mother of five have in common? These are both items that you would find in the biography of Donna Jo Napoli, who visited RCHS on September 26.

"I received a phone call [from Eastern Kentucky University] offering this, and it was an offer that I could not refuse," said Mrs. Janet Wells, RCHS librarian.

The program was held during fourth block from 2-3p.m. ECU funded the \$2,000 cost for her appearance, as well as her transportation. The Book Club, fourth block

English IV, AP English IV, and Honors English III were permitted to attend the function. Napoli made a few opening comments, read a passage from her newest book, and held a Q&A session with the students.

Her writing style is "sort of fantasy and she also takes fairy tales and modernizes them," Mrs. Wells said. "For instance, her book *Zel* is a modern version of Rapunzel."

Besides *Zel*, Napoli has written other prized books such as *Sirena*, in which a mermaid is granted immortality when she rescues her new

love and faces conflict when he has to fight in the Trojan War. She also wrote *Beast*, a book that tells the point of the Beast from *Beauty and the Beast* and is set in Persia.

"I've had lots of requests for her books," said Mrs. Wells.

When it comes to Napoli's writing style, she has a widespread range of readers that involve everyone from picture-book beginners to novel-reading young adults.

To find out more information on Mrs. Napoli and her publications, visit her personal website at <http://www.donnajonapoli.com>

PARKING LOT: continued from page 3

reasons I was hit. The girl in the other car could not see me. Slanted spaces would also help us to be able to clearly see. The way the lot is arranged now, you may as well back out of your spot wearing a blindfold.

My weekend will be spent buffing scratches out of my car, and attempting to have the side repainted. I am not blaming the girl who hit me, I am blaming the layout of the parking lot. There was nothing she or I could do, but at least now we know something does need to be done.

LITERARY MAGAZINE: continued from page 8

A Service Learning Grant will fund the literary magazine, but both teachers hope that it will be self-supported through sales when it is distributed in May.

Ms. Mattingly got the idea last February when she attended the Kentucky Council for Teachers of English Conference and was introduced to the concept of a literary magazine by looking at literary magazines from schools across the state.

"By looking at their examples, I realized that the RCHS students are capable, if not more capable, of producing our own literary magazine," she said.

When selecting pieces for the literary magazine, Ms. Mattingly and Mr. Scalf are hoping to find a variety of writings, such as poetry, narratives, short stories, as well as visual art that includes sculpture, painting, drawing.

RELOCATION: continued from page 8

easier to gain access to the counselors.

"The change has been very positive for both the students and the staff," said Principal John Hale.

Even though the change does seem to be completely positive some students feel more uneasy about going to Youth Services now, due mostly to its new location.

"I'd go to the counselor's office now before Youth Services because of the location. It doesn't feel as confidential as it used to," said Denney.

Youth Service Coordinator Jill Ponder says the center is supposed to be a "welcoming, inviting, and confidential place where students can find what they need. I hope we can do that from any location."

NEW TEACHERS: continued from page 5

"I have wanted to work here since they started the program in '95. I only hope that we (JROTC program) can make a difference and that kids can enjoy this class. I want to help them do things they wouldn't normally do. People have a certain opinion of JROTC, but it is definitely not what it seems."

Students of the JROTC program are also glad to see Sergeant Graves arrive.

"Sergeant Graves is already very active; he is always doing things for the program. We are also really glad he is here to take some of the load off of Sergeant Major Taylor," said senior Justin Richards.

ANIMAL CRUELTY: continued from page 3

criminals, 30% of convicted child molesters, and 36% of those who assaulted women. (www.hsus.org) With signs like this, why aren't more cases being investigated? Why are these people only getting probation? It has also been found that most offenders are white male teens.

I don't understand how someone can get enjoyment out of the killing of an animal, especially someone my age. I would never do anything like that. It seems to be a rite of passage to injure another living thing, but all you're proving is that you're insensitive, uncaring, ignorant person. You aren't proving that you're smarter or more mature than you were before you committed this act. If anything, you are proving the opposite. You are far less of an adult than you were.

Anyone who commits a crime against a defenseless animal deserves just punishment. These people are truly only animals themselves.

RCHS student Zac Pensol designs county website

By AUDREY BURKE

While most students were sleeping in, watching TV, and laying out by the pool, junior Zac Pensol was building a web site for the county.

"Jenny Sweet, who's in charge of telecommunications, approached me about it because she heard I was good with computer graphics," Pensol said.

Pensol, who has also done work for the website Comics2Film.com, worked with Brandon Reynolds from the tech center at the court house, developed the page for Rockcastle County Board of Development Director Jerry Renner.

"Not having a web site leaves you at a disadvantage in tourism and business," Renner explains.

Renner expects the site to benefit the community by attracting industry, since one of the first

places businesses go to find new locations is the Internet.

"It's an open page that links to others—like a directory," is how Pensol describes the site. In addition to a link on the history of Rockcastle County, browsers will also be able to link with sites for county schools, health facilities, and industrial information.

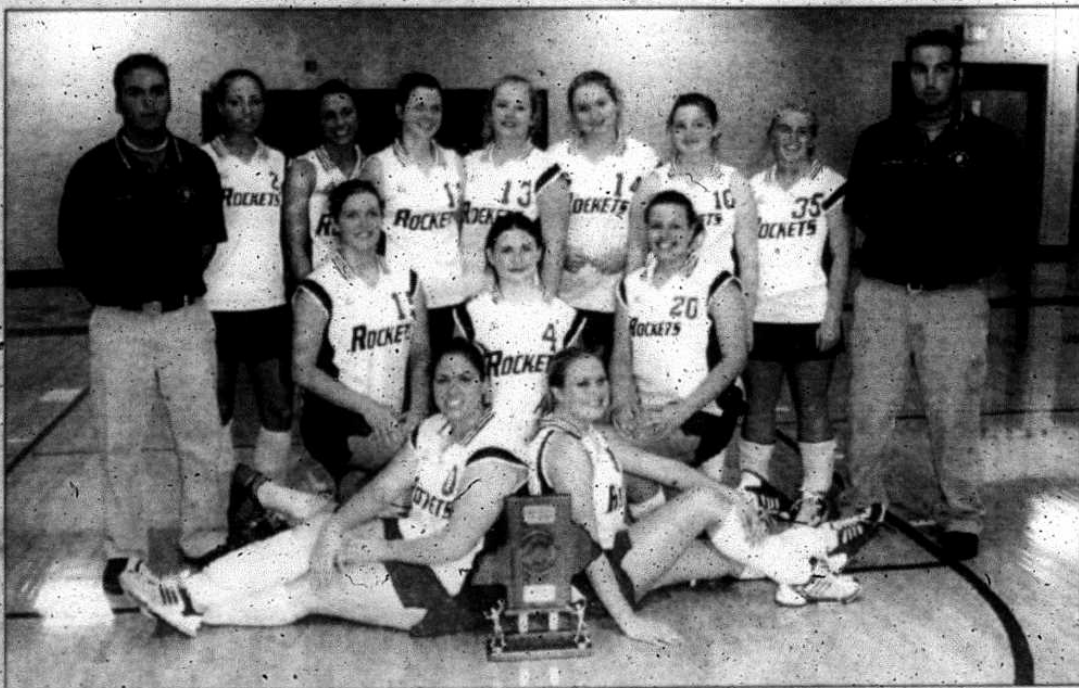
Pensol said one of the hardest things was when his computer crashed and he had to redo everything. Some other aspects of the design he said were difficult were building it and the web design of it. There was a bright side, however.

The most fulfilling aspect of making the web site has been, "Knowing I'm helping the county, making it look better."

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The Rockcastle Lady Rockets volleyball team recently made history. They won their first district championship and, followed that up with their first regional championship. Shown with their regional championship tournament are: front row, from left: Jessica Riddle and Stephanie Price. Second row: Rachel Childress, Jenna Owens and Allie Mink. Back row: Head Coach Larry Lee, Amanda Rogers, Allison Anderkin, Sarah Mullins, Jeni Durham, Tricia Beth Laswell, Krystal Parsons, Kayla Bryant and Asst. Coach Bill Yarnall. Not pictured is Megan Anderkin.

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RCHS volleyball team has season of "firsts" and 26 wins

The Rockcastle Lady Rockets began their historic 2003 season with a win over Southwestern Pulaski and, before the season was over, would rack up a total of 26 wins against 14 losses. It was a record win season for the Rockets and culminated with the first ever district championship in the sport for RCCHS and the first regional championship.

The Rockets began the season with 11 seniors on the varsity squad -- all members of the original class, taught by Kathy Short. Ms. Short also served as the team's first coach.

That year was a learning experience with the team's first win coming over Southwestern Pulaski. They improved throughout the season and wound up runners-up of the district which earned them a trip to the re-

gional tournament.

Last year, the Rockets were coached by Doug Mullins and there were several highlights during the 17-7 season, including a runners-up finish in the Pulaski Co. tournament. The Rockets were beat out in district play that year by Clay County.

The second year was also the last year of the sport for seniors Brianna Bussell and Jessie Hayes, two of the original class members.

In their third year, the Lady Rockets got another new coach, Larry Lee, a special education teacher at Mt. Vernon Elementary School. Coach Lee is assisted by Bill Yarnall, a student at EKV who is also a line-judge for the EKV Lady Colonel volleyball team.

This was the first year that the volleyball team was aligned with the school's

basketball district and regional, a good move for the Rockets since it took them out of the same district as perennial powers South Laurel and Pulaski County.

Under Lee's guidance, the girls racked up 26 wins against 14 losses, including winning the invitational tournament at Pulaski County and the runners-up trophy at Madison Central. Those wins also included two regular season wins over arch-rival Clay County, also in their third year of team competition.

The Rockets would later go on to defeat Clay in the finals of both the district and regional to earn their first trip to the state tournament and, guess what, a first-round drawing that pairs them against Sacred Heart, a private girls' Catholic School in the Louisville area

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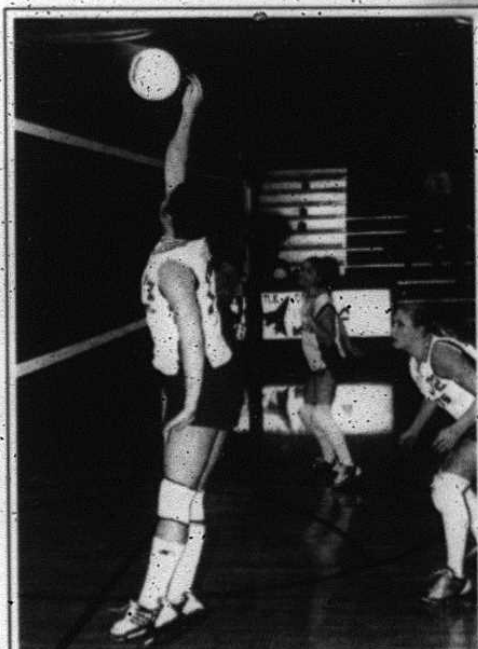
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Sarah Mullins goes high for a spike against Evarts in the semi-finals of the 13th Regional Tournament. The Rockets beat Evarts 25-8 and 25-9 to advance to the finals against Clay County who they beat for the fifth time this season to claim the championship.

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Seventh grader Jordan Cash finished first in regional competition and the Rockets advanced to the state tournament as the regional runner-up. Cash finished first out of 120 golfers in the region.

Good Luck Lady Rockets Volleyball!!

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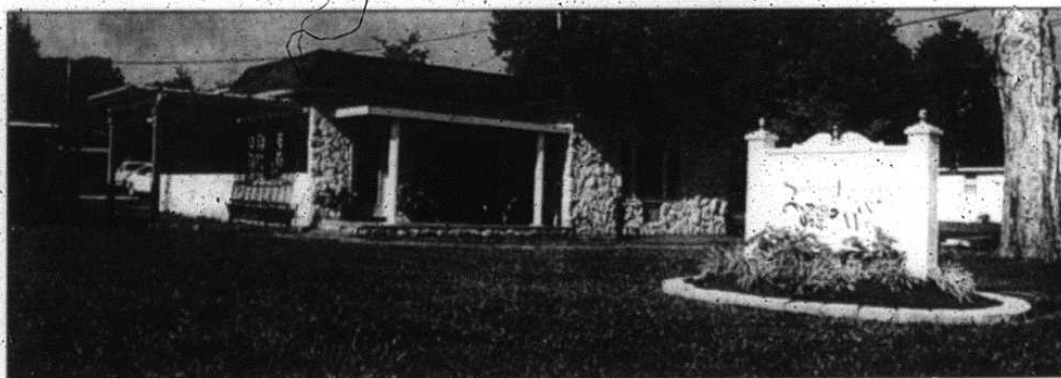
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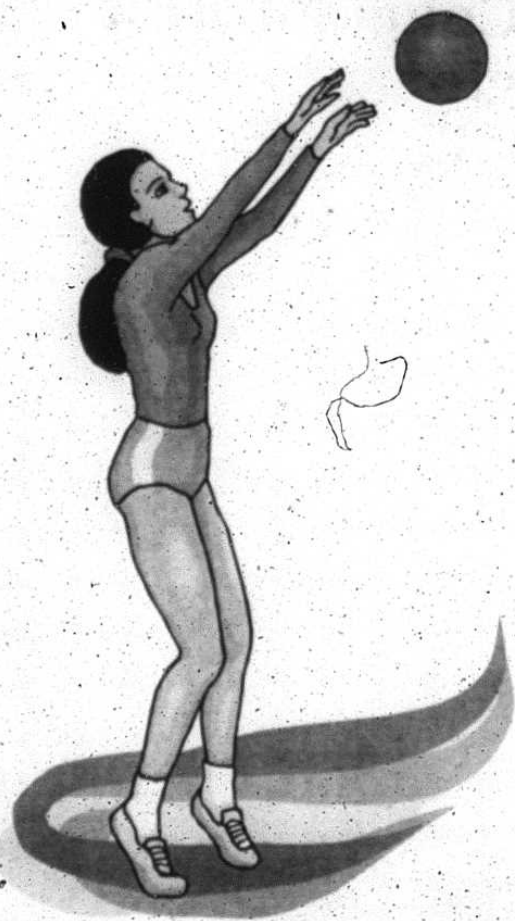
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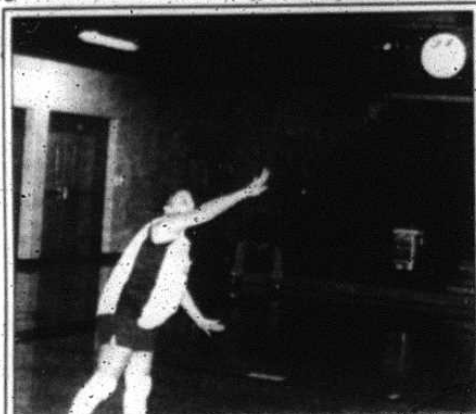
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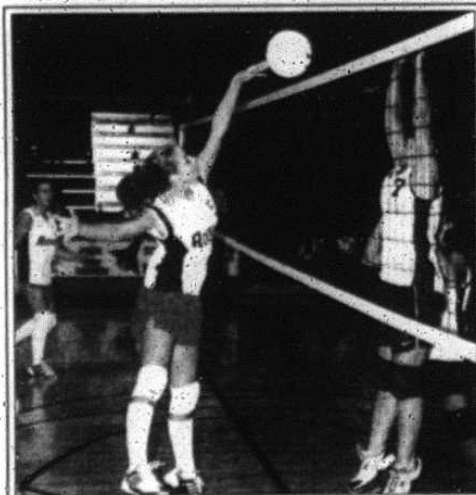
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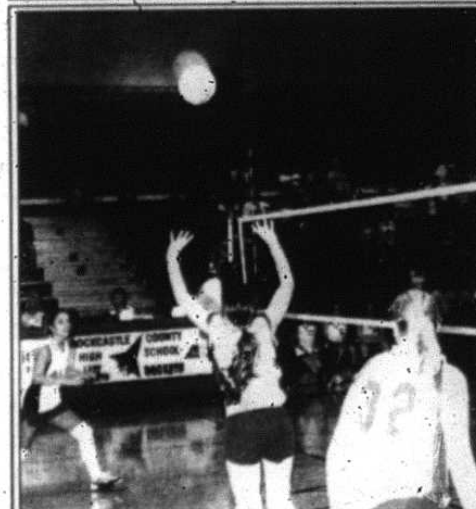




Senior Kristal Parsons serves up the ball during a recent game. Kristal was one of 11 seniors honored during their last home game of the season. Academically, this is also one of the best sports teams at the school, averaging a 3.25 GPA.



Amanda Rogers goes for a tip in action by the Lady Rockets volleyball team against Lynn Camp.



Senior Jenna Owens sets the ball to Allison Anderkin. Also in the photo is Stephanie Price, No. 32. Following this win over Clay County, the Rockets were 18-13 on the season. They were runners-up in the Madison Central Lady Indians Tournament held in Richmond.

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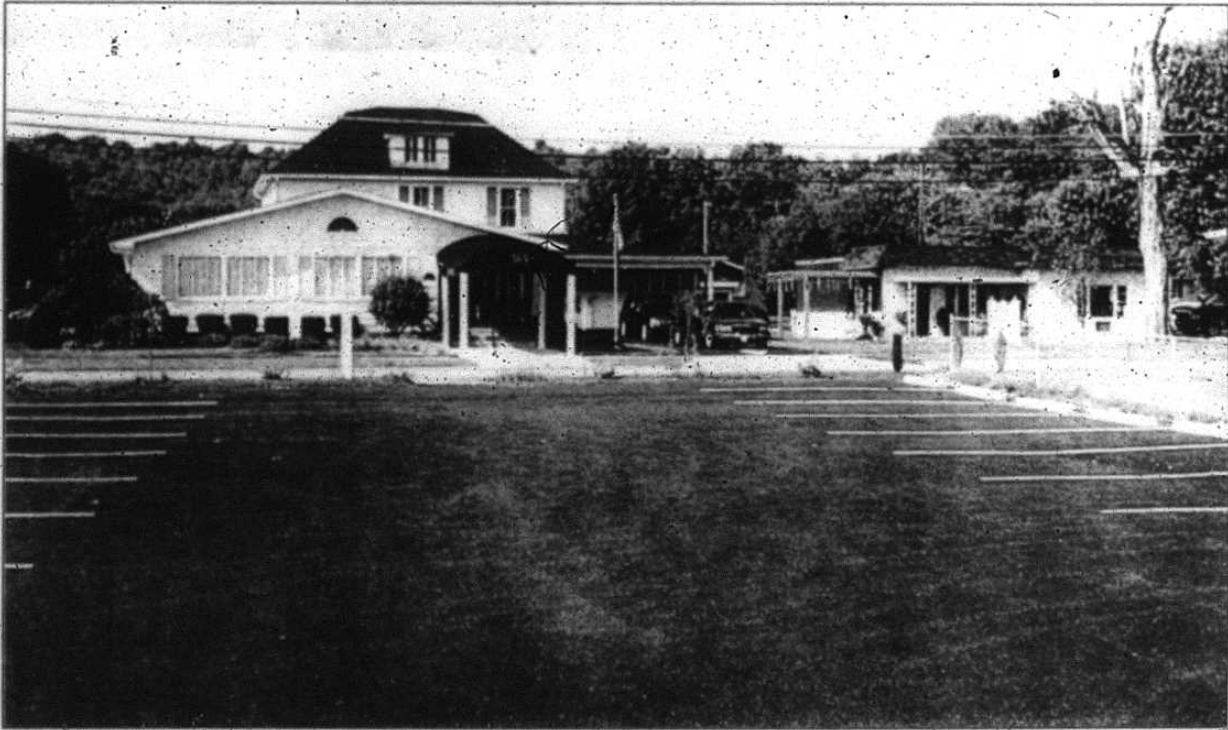
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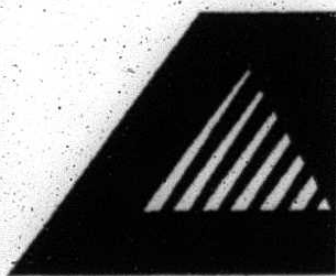
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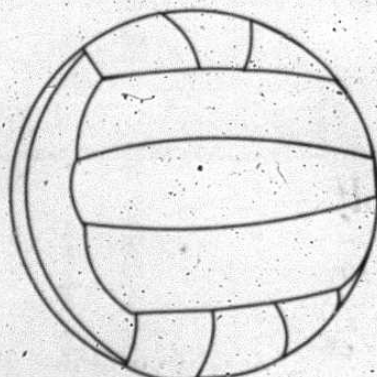


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which is reportedly ranked fourth nationally.

After their regional championship win, Coach Lee said, "I am so proud of the girls. They have worked hard and earned their trip to the state tournament."

After the Southwestern Pulaski win to begin the season, the Lady Rockets traveled to Woodford County to play in their 18th annual invitational tournament. The team won their first match of the tourney against Bryan Station, beating the Lexington School 20-15 and 15-10, losing the middle game 14-21.

After that, it was pretty much down hill for the Rockets, losing to Bellevue and Shelby County. However, because of the number of points they scored in their matches, the Rockets got to advance to the seeded part of the tournament. There they were paired against the number one seed, Calvary

Christian from northern Kentucky. The Rockets actually acquitted themselves well in the match in a losing effort, 25-14 and 25-18.

The next match, a home game against North Laurel, was the first of four the Rockets would lose to the Laurel County teams during the season. In their home game with South Laurel, the Rockets had them on the ropes during the match but couldn't deliver the knock-out punch. South Laurel wound up 12th region champions, defeating Pulaski Co. in the championship game.

After the tourney, it was back to regular season play with the Rockets hosting district foe Oneida Baptist Institute. The Rockets took care of business with the Lady Mountaineers, winning the match by identical scores of 25-16.

The team then traveled to Somerset for the Pulaski Co. Tournament and this was

where fans really got flashes of the best and worst of their team.

The Rockets won six matches, losing only to Carroll County in probably their most inept outing of the season.

McCreary Central, who was on the Rockets schedule for two regular season games but who forfeited both matches, was the first victim, losing 25-21 and 25-12 to the Rockets on Friday night. Then on Saturday, the Rockets met Adair County and won 27-25 and 25-16.

With these two wins, the Rockets won their pool but had one more game to play in the prelims -- against Carroll County and losing two out of three.

However, with the number one seed in the tournament, the Rockets got to meet Clinton County in the first round and won easily, 25-5 and 25-8.

Against their next opponent, Whitley County, it looked as though the rockets might make an early exit, losing 25-19 in the first game and tied at 19 all in the second before Krystal Parsons came through with four straight service winners to make it 24-19 and the final point of the game came on an out-of-bounds serve by Whitley. The Rockets took

the final game of the match 15-8.

In the semi-finals, the Rockets had to face a hot Wayne county team and it was a close match throughout with the Rockets prevailing 25-23 and 25-20.

The championship game featured the Rockets against Russell County. The first game was tied at 15 all before the Rockets took over the 25-18 win. The second game was even closer, the Rockets had played three

straight matches, two hotly-contested, and fatigue set in toward the end of their second game. After leading 21-15, the Rockets allowed Russell County to tie the score at 23 all before the Rockets scored on an out-of-bounds serve by Russell and finished the game on a winning serve by Rachel Childress.

But, things got all better with a district win over Clay County, 25-17 and 25-21.

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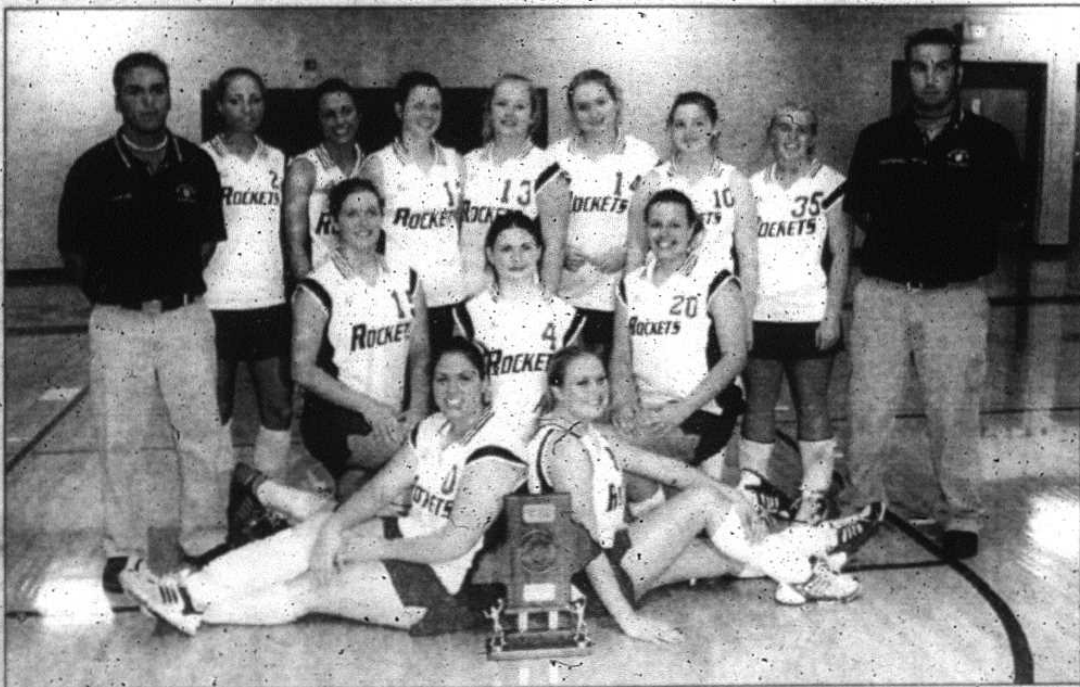


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Headed to State Tournament

Lady Rockets Volleyball Team Regional Champs



The Rockcastle Lady Rockets volleyball team recently made history. They won their first district championship and, followed that up with their first regional championship. Shown with their regional championship tournament are, front row, from left: Jessica Riddle and Stephanie Price. Second row: Rachel Childress, Jenna Owens and Allie Mink. Back row: Head Coach Larry Lee, Amanda Rogers, Allison Anderkin, Sarah Mullins, Jeni Durham, Tricia Beth Laswell, Kcystal Parsons, Kayla Bryant and Asst. Coach Bill Yarnall. Not pictured is Megan Anderkin.

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The Rockets then traveled to Lynn Camp and came away with wins of 25-18 and 25-16.

After taking their second win of the season from the Lady Warriors of Southwestern Pulaski, the Rockets lost to Lincoln County in three games, 22-25, 25-19 and 15-11.

The Rockets then beat Oneida for the second time this season, but lost to Casey County, 25-15, 21-25 and 11-15.

Against Pulaski County, the Rockets acquitted themselves very well -- not winning, but losing with class.

The Rockets won only five points on their serve in the first match and lost 13-25. However, in the second match, they had calmed down considerably and made the Lady Maroons work hard for the 30-28 win.

After their second match and second loss to South Laurel, the Lady Rockets then played in the Madison Central Lady Indians tournament and it was a hard day's work with their day beginning at 7:45 a.m. when the bus left the high school and ending about midnight when the rockets finally returned home with a runners-up trophy.

In between, the Rockets beat Estill County 21-14 and 21-9, lost to Madison Central and Harrison County and then beat Somerset before advancing to the single-elimination tournament with a third place seed.

The first game was a rematch with Estill County and they Rockets again prevailed, 25-4 and 25-8. The second game was a rematch against Madison Central and gave the rockets a chance for revenge against their tourney host. They came through, besting the Lady Indians 25-19 and 25-15.

With those two wins, the

Rockets were in the championship game against Harrison County, who had handily defeated the Rockets in their first meeting.

The Rockets came out strong behind good serving to take the first game 25-18. The Rockets got down 7-0 in the second game but Anderkin put her team ahead 8-0 with seven service winners. However, the Rockets couldn't hold serve the rest of the game wound up losing 25-23, putting the match into a tie breaking third game. The Rockets fell behind 0-6 and wound up losing 8-15.

Then came another rematch with the Lady Tigers. It was senior night for the Rockets and there was a big crowd. The Rockets were obviously emotional and nervous and had a hard time getting their game together for the 26-24 and 25-22 match win.

In the first game, the Rockets were down 22-15 before Amanda Rogers won the first service point for her team with an ace serve. But, things still looked bleak for the home team, down 24-19 when Stephanie Price stepped to the fore and served the last seven points of the game, including three aces, for the 26-24 win.

Price again came to the rescue in the second game when, with the score tied at 18 all, she served five straight winners, with one ace to put her team up 23-18. A Childress kill and a net serve by Clay gave the Rockets the second game 25-22.

The Rockets next lost to North Laurel for the second time this season, 25-12 and 25-17.

However, the Rockets finished their regular season with wins over Madison Central and Boyle County before beginning 46th district tournament play.

District play was held this year at Clay County and, with only three teams, a

double-elimination tournament was set up.

The Rockets had to defeat OBI for the third time this season in the first game and did, 25-13 and 25-7.

The Rockets then had to meet Clay County for the third time this season and promptly lost the first game 20-25. However, they came back in the second game to win 25-19 and won a thriller in the third, 17-15.

Clay then had to play OBI to get into the championship match against the Rockets the next night.

As expected, they did and it set up the fourth meeting of the year between the two teams. It was a close match and the score was tied at 17 all in the first game when Rogers and Jenna Owens put together good service games for the 25-18 win.

In the second game, the Rockets got down 6-1 and couldn't catch up. Clay put together an excellent service game for the 20-25 win.

It looked bad for the Rockets in the third game after getting down 9-5 and they were down 13-10 when Allison Anderkin came through with five straight serves, including two aces, two kills by Childress and one by Jessica Riddle to give the Rockets the 15-13 win and the district title.

Named to the All-District Team were Riddle, Childress and Owens and Anderkin took MVP honors.

It was on to regional action with the Rockets slated to meet Whitley County in the first round.

The Rockets lost the first game against the Lady Colonels 21-15 but came back to win the next two, 25-17 and 15-2.

The next night, the Rockets had to play Everts, who got a first-round bye, and easily dispatched them 25-8 and 25-9. Owens came through in the first game

with 17 straight serves, including three aces.

The Rockets then advanced to 13th regional finals against, guess who, Clay County, in their fifth meeting of the year.

It's hard to beat a team five times in one year but that's exactly what the Lady Rockets did. After losing the first match 16-25, the Rockets came back to take the second game 26-24 and the third game 15-8.

With that win, the Rockets claimed the first-ever 13th region girls volleyball title. Up to this year, there had only been eight regions

in the state in volleyball and the winner and runner-up of each region would advance to state play, but that number was expanded to 16 this year with only the winner advancing.

Named to the All-Region team from Rockcastle were: Jessie Riddle, Rachel Childress, Jenna Owens and Allison Anderkin was named MVP of the tournament.

The Rockets will play the opening match of the state tournament Friday at 6 p.m. at the Farnham-Dudgeon Civic Center in Frankfort.

Golf Team finishes second in regional, advances to state

This year's Rockcastle County High School golf team finished second in the regional tournament six shots behind Clay County but ahead of 22 other teams.

The Rockets advanced to the state tournament, for the second time in school history.

In 1997 the Rockets also advanced to the state tournament.

In regular season play this year, the Rockets won 13 of 16 matches and they did well in the six invitational tournaments they played in, winning their own in August and finishing fourth in the Allen County Invitational.

The Rockets only losses were to Corbin at Corbin, by one shot, to South Laurel and Clay County.

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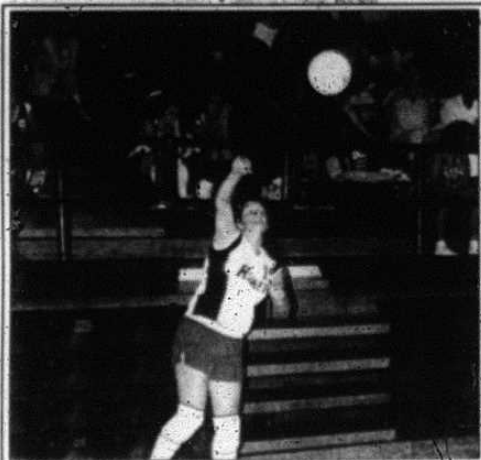
Clay and South Laurel on the road as well.

In the state tournament the Rockets finished 21st out of 24 teams, but sophomore Colby Brown made the cut as an individual player, shooting an 80-81.

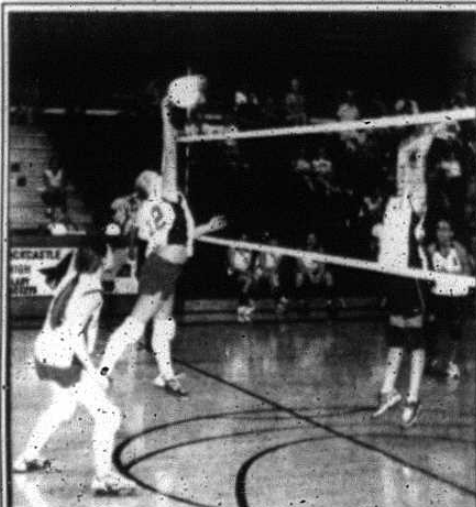
In the regional tournament, seventh grader Jordon Cash finished first, out of 120 golfers.

"I appreciate the hard work of our golf team this year and with the young players we have coming back we should have a very good team again next year," said head golf coach Jesse Mahaffey.

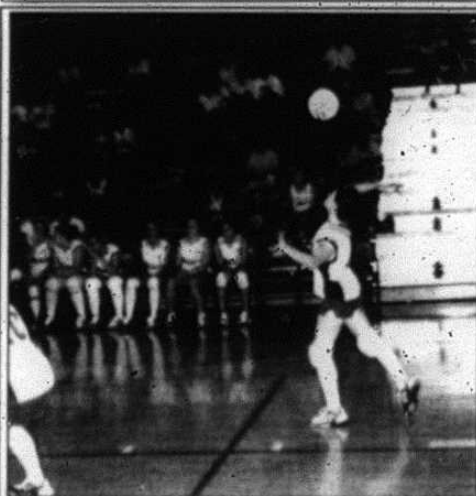
Members of the year's team were Brent Clontz, Jordon Cash, Matt Silcox, Allison Durham, Aaron Cash, Ronny Lee McClure, Blake Roberts, Colby Brown and Nick Williams.



Senior Rachel Childress serves the ball in the Bryan Station match at Woodford County. Besides Bryan Station, the Rockets met Bellevue, Shelby Co, and Calvary Christian in the tourney.



Senior Stephanie Price goes for a kill against North Laurel. The varsity lost the match, taking only the middle game.



Senior Jenna Owens serves the ball against the North Laurel Lady Jaguars. The varsity lost the match, losing two of the three games for their first regular season loss.



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RCHS Golf Team finishes season as regional runners-up



For the second time in school history, the RCCHS Golf Team participated in the State Golf Tournament. Members of the team participating in the tourney are pictured above, from left: coach Ken Hopkins, Ronny Lee McClure, Matthew Silcox, Colby Brown, Jordan Cash, Aaron Cash and coach Jesse Mahaffey. Jordan Cash was the Regional Champion in individual play and Colby Brown was the lone Rocket qualified for second day competition in the state tournament.



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