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## Stallsworth elected to school board

# Fletcher carries county, state in Governor's race

**By Richard Anderkin**  
Rockcastle County voters went along with the rest of the state of Kentucky on Tuesday night when all 14 precincts gave Republican Ernie Fletcher a majority of the vote.

Fletcher is the first Republican to be elected Kentucky Governor in 36 years.

Fletcher carried the state of Kentucky by over 100,000 votes. In Rockcastle County he carried the vote 2,974 to 909.

"Although we thought the turnout might be a little better, we were pleased with the margin of victory in Rockcastle County," said Fletcher's local campaign chairman, Rockcastle County Attorney Jeff Burdette.

As did the rest of the state, Rockcastle Countians, obviously bleed blue, that is the "Big Blue" basketball program at the University of Kentucky. Former U.K. player Richie Farmer got 2757 to his opponent's 909. His opponent was Alice Baesler, wife of former U.S.

Congressman and Lexington Mayor Scotty Baesler.

Locally in the division one school board race, Angie Stallsworth defeated Donna Hasty, 233 to 192. Stallsworth will take her dad's seat for the next three years.

Stallsworth carried both East and West Livingston and Hasty carried South Mt. Vernon.

Stallsworth's dad resigned earlier this year from the board because of a conflict of interest. He is water superintendent for the city of Livingston and is not allowed to hold two government jobs.

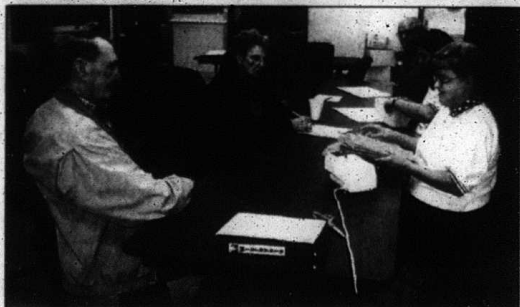
In the race for Circuit Judge, Somerset Attorney Robert Gillum carried Rockcastle, Pulaski and Lincoln Counties, the three counties he

represents. He defeated his closest challenger, Somerset attorney Mike Duncan, by a nearly two to one margin.

Gillum was appointed earlier this year to replace long-time Circuit Judge Dan Venters, who resigned to return to private practice. Judge Gillum will serve through 2006.

Ed McHargue and Charlie Newcomb were victorious over write-in candidate Bobby Proper in the race for Livingston City Commissioners. They will pin Kathy Carpenter and Todd Mink on the four member council, along with Mayor J.C. Griffin, who defeated McHargue in last year's county election.

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Rockcastle Election officers and Rockcastle County Clerk Norma Houk and members of her staff are shown above counting absentee ballots on Tuesday. Shown from left are: Joe Bullen, Juanita Davis, Rockcastle Sheriff Darrell Dean, Russell Houk, Janet Burdine and Mrs. Houk. U.S. Republican Representative Ernie Fletcher carried Rockcastle County and also won across the state with over a 100,000 vote margin.

## Man charged with theft of water

If you are a customer of Western Rockcastle Water District, have had your meter pulled for non-payment of your water bill and have installed an illegal "jumper" to keep getting water - you might find yourself in "hot" water.

One Western Rockcastle Water District customer, Robert K. Miller of Rt. 6, Mt. Vernon, finds himself in just such a predicament. Walker has been charged with Theft of Water over \$300. After Walker's water

meter was pulled for non-payment of a \$1,662.81 bill, he allegedly installed a jumper in place of the meter and continued getting water, free of charge, for 11 months, according to Denver Burton, president of WRWA.

The water association obtained a warrant for Walker's arrest and he was scheduled for a preliminary hearing this week.

County Attorney Jeff Burdette says that Theft of Water is a felony charge and is punishable by a one to

five year prison sentence, up to a \$1,000 fine plus restitution.

A spokesperson for the water district said that anyone found using a jumper, after a meter has been removed for non-payment of a bill, will be prosecuted.

The district also recently changed their policy on past due water bills. Now in effect, water meters will be pulled on bills not paid in full by the 15th of the month following receipt of the second month's bill.

## Carloftis to be on "Martha Stewart Living"

Also selected for Artwalk NY, Designer Showcase at Headley-Whitney Estate and Museum

Rockcastle native Jon Carloftis, renowned landscape and garden designer, will be appearing on *Martha Stewart Living* on November 17 and 19.

In one segment, he will show how to make terrarium centerpieces, using maidenhair ferns, hens and chickens, a bird's nest, "whatever you want to use," Carloftis said. He used unusual containers like a glass cake

plate, covering it with a glass bell jar. The second segment featured shrubs that look great in a container in the winter. "Real simple. Real clean look. Something you might put on either side of your doorway," Carloftis said. He also gives tips on picking a container.

According to an article in the *Lexington Herald*, "Word is that Martha, the Ice Princess was so charmed by Carloftis... she thawed a little, smiling and chatting. And her staff called Carloftis later to talk about making a return appearance."

Besides the appearance on *Martha Stewart Living*, Carloftis was also recently involved in "Artwalk NY," organized by Yoko Ono to benefit the homeless in New York City. *Architectural Digest* chose Jon as their only designer to represent them in this endeavor and he teamed up with artist Thomas Rose on an art garden. Rose, a distinguished sculptor whose outdoor installations grace many important public and private collections, such as the Brooklyn Museum and the Walker Art Center, will create a site-specific outdoor work. Carloftis will create a garden layout incorporating the artwork. Their design for "Artwalk NY" with their work was valued at \$20,000.

Also, Carloftis was one of twelve designers chosen for showcasing at the Headley-Whitney Estate and Museum recently for three weeks in Lexington.

He chose to completely remake an

abandoned greenhouse on the grounds into a Victorian Gentleman's Smoking Parlor.

One of the items he used in this project was brought from his home in Pennsylvania and got a lot of notice, especially after the movie "Sea Biscuit," was a 1930s era carnival game. The is a wind up game with horses running around the track. Carnival goers in the 30s would place

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## New free medical clinic opens in Berea

The new Berea Health Ministry Medical Clinic held an open house last week to give potential patients a tour of their facility.

The clinic is located in the Boone Square Mall, Unit 305.

The clinic will provide free medical care to patients without insurance in Madison, Estill, Jackson, Rockcastle, Garrard, Clay and Laurel counties.

There was music, entertainment, health information and tours held during the open house.

The clinic started taking patients on Wednesday. For more information, call (859) 986-1274.



Angie Stallsworth



## "Halloween on Main"

The first ever "Halloween on Main" was held last Friday night in Mt. Vernon with a great turnout and all kinds of treats for the children and, best of all, no tricks. The event was sponsored by Main Street Renaissance, in conjunction with the Kiwanis Club. Over 20 stations were available for children to visit. In the top photo, Angie, Amy and Lindsay Parsons "treat" Heather Allen. In the photo at right, Martha Cox was dressed for the occasion as a clown, and some might say it was an obvious choice of costume. She also showed her expertise with a paddle ball. It was estimated that over a thousand children took advantage of the very nice weather to stroll along Main Street and fill their goody bags.



Rockcastle native and renowned landscape and garden designer Jon Carloftis will be appearing on two segments of "Martha Stewart Living" in November. The segments will air on November 17 and 19, check local listings for times.



# The Journal

by Tonya L. Cook

For the past few days, I was wishing I lived at Frankfort. Our house is in total disarray with floral arrangements and floral supplies cluttering almost every corner due to the preparation of flowers for the upcoming marriage of Stanley's daughter, Kayla. However, our house usually needs a pretty good overhaul from time to time, anyway. I wished that I lived in Frankfort because I've been hearing for the past several weeks that there are a couple of guys going to "clean up Frankfort," and I want to put my place first on the list. I really envy all of those ladies who live in Frankfort. I'll bet they have "honey-do lists" a mile long. I'm glad they have a four-year term. It will probably take about that long to get around to everybody's house.

Seriously, I'm counting the days until the mud-slinging campaign ads are over and I can watch TV, listen to the radio, and read the paper once again in peace. It seems that the candidates, Fletcher and Chandler, are basing their whole campaign on who can make the other look worse. I'll always be unimpaired public to vote for the lesser of the two evils.

"Clean up Frankfort!" all I've heard for days. I wish I were that was that much better. Frankfort is cleaned. Yes, I know politicians have a reputation for being corrupt, but I just wonder specifically what needs to be cleaned up. True, Paul Patton had an affair with a woman leaving office anyway, and that will clean up. It was just wondering, since both Chandler and Fletcher have been in Frankfort for the past few years now, and I know all of these things to be cleaned up, why are they waiting until now to let the cat out of the bag and start cleaning? That is like wanting to clean your house when your guests are already knocking at the door.

It seems to me that Dr. Fletcher is the king of the mudslinging. In order to do what he is promising, he will have to turn his back on all of his fellow physicians and pharmacist friends to lower medical bills. How glibly does he think we are? Then he is selling about all of the seniors who have been kicked out of the nursing homes. I've never heard of it before the campaign began. It seems that all of the TV news crews around the state as well as the newspapers missed this great exodus of the elderly. Then the ad that is really outrageous is ad promoting Fletcher who says that he was an Air Force fighter pilot and god doctor, as opposed to Chandler who is supposed to be the career politician. Now let me ask you: If you need a tooth extracted, who are you going to get to do it? Will you get (a) a carpenter, (b) a mechanic, or (c) a dentist? I hope you see my point. Personally, I would think the career politician would do the better job. Sometimes, I think Fletcher is his own worst enemy, but he doesn't worry, things will come out in the end. I'm predicting a Fletcher.

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and all of his family. He went to church and Sunday school every week, has been a good boy to his kin-folks, and always helped friend and stranger alike. "I've never known him to lie or to steal." The reporter asked why the old gent wouldn't vote

for a man like that. The old man said, "Wouldn't want to see him go to Frankfort, and come back home crooked." I guess the farmer wanted to keep him home so he wouldn't have to be "cleaned up".

# ramblings....

by perlina m. andrkin  
For the first time in 32 years, Kentuckians awakened Thursday morning to a Republican Governor-Elect. I'm glad but, regardless of what Rick said, in his column last week, I was really ambivalent about the race because I felt that Ben Chandler had actually done an admirable job as Attorney General and would have done a good job as Governor.

I am Republican, but I am not Republican enough to ever walk into a voting booth and pull the straight Republican ticket. It may just be that I enjoy pushing buttons too much to only push one, and this election was no exception.

I do think Fletcher is a good person with the best interests of Kentucky at heart and will work hard to help our state in the many, many areas it needs help and his connection with these in power nationally should be a help.

Congratulations to the Main Street Renaissance Committee and the Kiwanis Club on their very successful "Halloween on Main" last Friday night. The crowd cooperated and everyone had a great time. The sense of camaraderie was prevalent and it was a highly successful social occasion.

## Our Readers Write

Dear Editor,  
Moving from a large city (Cincinnati) to a small town has been a great pleasure. It was with added delight our family joined the "Characters" on Main Street, Halloween night.

With only one or two exceptions, costumes on adults passing out candy were pleasant, preventing unnecessary fright for my younger children. The crowd was clean, the smiles, candy and friendly waves to keep everyone happy. Having an early evening activity enabled us to get home before dark.

Since I'm doing anything else, I appreciated the music being broadcast. It was just plain FUN and set the tone for the entire evening.

I hope next year you'll be willing to expand it further with games and a costume contest (and hopefully by then the Butcher's Wife will have chased away the Three Blind Mice so my children will have a chance to win prizes).

Thanks for such a great treat, Mt. Vernon.  
Deb Coffey  
-Rt. 3, Mt. Vernon

Dear Editor,  
On Sunday, November 2nd, we had a birthday party for four and six-year-olds at Pizza Hut at Burr.

As everyone was enjoying their pizza, my girlfriend looked over to talk to me. A mouse was crawling up the wall behind her. We let it go so it wouldn't take the fun out of the party. Then, all of a sudden, we heard a loud screeching sound and it was the mouse caught, still in the air, a sticky trap in an opening between booths.

When the kids discovered the mouse, even after we tried not to let them know, you can imagine the commotion it caused.

When we paid our bill, we told the cashier she was not concerned and acted like it was an everyday thing.

So, the next time you go to Pizza Hut for supper or have a birthday party there, will you be dining with mice?

Customers "Net" Always Right, Jeff Richards, Marsha Banks

Dear Editor,  
On Friday night, Mt. Vernon's Main Street was blocked off, businesses set up tables on the street and over one thousand children trick or treated.

This was one of the most successful and certainly the most fun things ever done in downtown Mt. Vernon. The children had a ball but, the business people had much more fun. The atmosphere was so cheerful I seem there was electricity in the air.

If we are serious about revitalizing Main Street, then we must encourage more of these kinds of events. This gives people an appreciation of this city, it encourages the merchants and we all feel good about ourselves.

The Renaissance Committee is being commended for having a great

idea. Along with that idea went a lot of hard work.

We were told that the Mayor opposed doing this next year because it interfered with one business. The Mayor should remember how vital and alive Main Street was on Friday night. All businesses on Main Street lose some business during parades, festivals, etc., but they know that when they're closed, they're not making any money.

As for me, I am looking forward to trick or treating next year.

Sincerely,  
Dr. John Parsons

Dear Editor,  
What a wonderful time it is to be a Kentuckian! Thanks to all those who care enough about our Commonwealth to get out and vote. We now have a new governor and a new era in Kentucky. An era that will be filled with new Kentucky jobs, cheaper health care costs, and an era where Kentuckians will be proud of their Governor!

On behalf of the Young Republicans of Rockcastle, I want to thank everyone no matter who you voted for, for taking time to vote. The simple act of going and pushing those buttons at the polls means so much. It means you are concerned about your community and are willing to do something about it.

I also want to add how exciting it is that our state overwhelmingly decided to send Jim Frazier to the Governor's office. He is an extraordinary leader and I truly believe he is going to make Kentucky proud. He is a man of character and compassion and we are extremely lucky to have him as our next Governor. The words to our state song, "The sun shines bright on 'my old Kentucky home'" will truly have new meaning.

Again, thank you to everyone that got out and voted on Tuesday. Better days are ahead of us under the leadership of Ernie Fletcher! God bless.

Sincerely,  
Travis T. Butler  
Rockcastle County  
Young Republican Chairman

Dear Editor,  
I operate the Rock of Ages Mission in Brodhead. It is Saturday, November 1 and I just read an article in today's Lexington Herald-Leader. It says "Report: Hungry grows in the U.S." It states that last year alone, 3.8 million families were hungry to the point there were someone in the household skipping meals because they couldn't afford them. It further says that one or more children, in an estimated 265,000 families, on occasion missed meals. I am sure that everyone that either couldn't afford it or didn't have enough food at home.

This is why we need financial support from the public. We feed families all year long, 365 days a year, not only for the holidays but we still need a lot of help to purchase canned foods for Christmas baskets and other

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"Christmas Time! Christmas T y y y y y y y y m m m m m m m 1 Christmasssssssssssssssssssssss (God knows I wish I could pen the music along with the lyrics so your piano-lesson-taking kid could plunk it out there on the lyre!) but you know the song and you know that it like an apophorethical that makes women all over the country go to spending money like it grows on trees instead of having any interest in smuggling up with those of us of the male persuasion.

Just this morning, my wife, Loretta, left home waaaaay before dawn to catch a tour bus, along with my normally sensible daughter, Jennifer, who teaches ABCs, and 1,2,3's and live values to innocent first graders here in Garrard County, and they took off with a huge bunch of other women to visit shopping centers in Tennessee with the single goal of shopping until they're clogged. Turns out that the tour group consisted of teachers, including principals, who are on Fall Break and apparently long-jolps for the hubbies are cheap in Tennessee, about what they can do to improve our community. Okay, I'm not one of them but I deeply appreciate those who do.

I dunno and I don't worry much about it. I don't have a thing in the world against the girls gangng up and taking some time off, but an 18 hour work trip on a bus is more punishing than anything I'd sign up for even if I was a young man and played on the UK Football team. Anyway, when Loretta and Jennifer read this in the paper, I can pretty much write off anything they may have purchased and wrapped for me. I'd rather buy my own socks anyway even though Jennifer does have great taste in shirts.

Christmas shopping. Get them early bargains and those socks and drawers in exactly the right color as if we men know the difference. Run that Fishing Tackle, Groff Stores, or Dawharts and buy a bunch of stuff that don't catch fish and has no place in our tackle box, balls we couldn't shoot ten yards with a cannon, or get us a sweater, way too small, or some silk boxer shorts (you gotta be kidding).

It's not even Thanksgiving here in Putt Lick. The jack-o-lanterns is still out in the front yard and my roses are still blooming. There's no sign of a turkey on the premises and the only hint we have of Thanksgiving is the sage and parsley and rosemary that may, eventually, become stuffing, filling in my herb bed.

But I digress. Ladies, if you missed the bus trips to Tennessee, and they seem to be the thing this year, I have wonderful

news. I have, along with various accessories, several of which were well-meant Christmas presents in the past, a bass-boat, which, with a bit of waxing could look just like new. I paid \$7,000 (betsment price from a guy who had clear title but had to have the cash right then) for about 4 years ago and I've actually had it on the water nearly a dozen times since I bought it. In the meantime, I've spent over \$500 for a new carpet, more than \$700 for a new protractor, more than \$200 for new batteries, and I've even treated a vinyl cover for Christmas a few years back. I've spent over \$700 for a new car, more than \$200 for new batteries, and I've even treated a vinyl cover for Christmas a few years back. I've spent over \$700 for a new car, more than \$200 for new batteries, and I've even treated a vinyl cover for Christmas a few years back.

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**LOST DOG**  
A black Lab/Rottweiler mix is missing from the home of Barbara Collins on Hwy. 150. The dog, who answers to the name Blackie, has been gone about two weeks and the family would appreciate any information as to his whereabouts. If you have seen the dog work know where he is, please call 758-0036.

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## "It is Written"

In Isaiah 6, Ezekiel 1, and in Rev 4-5 are three great texts. What they have in common, is that they are three scenes of God. In Isaiah's day the threat was the Assyrians. In Ezekiel's day it was the Babylonian threat, and in John's day it was the Roman threat. But the lesson to learn from all 3 texts is that God is on the throne. He is in control! He is bigger than any dominating power the world may have. No matter what the devil may hurl at the people of God, we have nothing to fear, for God is on the throne. "So that we may boldly say: The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." Heb 13:6. Jesus said it this way, "And I fear them which kill the body: but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body shall." Matt 10:28. Governments and men can beat, mock, persecute, imprison, torture, even take the life of a Christian, but that is all they can do. They cannot kill the soul! The blessings of a relationship with the one on the throne, assures us that his promises will come to pass. It is so important to see by the eyes if faith, that God is in control. Thanks be to God for these great chapters, so we can know and understand. Yet how much more glorious will it be to see for ourselves God on the throne in person. But we must serve and follow Jesus Christ the Son of God. Are you serving Christ? If we can help you in a study of the Bible, contact us.

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# Obituaries

## George M. Debord

George Marion Debord, 78, of Mt. Vernon, died Wednesday, October 29, 2003 at the Rockcastle Health & Rehabilitation Center in Broadhead. He was born in Pulaski County October 21, 1925, the son of Isaac and Anna Sowler Debord, was a retired self-employed construction worker and a member of the Fairview Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Thelma Smith Debord; two sons, William Debord (Roxanna) and Archie Debord (Veronica), all of Somerset; one brother, John Debord, of Willitsville, one grandchild and one great grandchild. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Bill and Junior Debord and two sisters, Mildred Whittis and Virginia Ellen Debord.

Funeral services for Mr. Debord were conducted Saturday, November 1 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Marvin Cromer, Burial was in the Friendship Cemetery.

Palbearers were: Billy Debord, Michael Debord, Mark Denny, Keith Denny, Joe Brown and Robbie Spence.

*Condolences to the family of Mr. Debord may be made by visiting his online register book at [www.dovefunerals.com](http://www.dovefunerals.com)*



## Oliver Durham

Oliver "Skinner" Durham, 73, of Copper Creek Road in Crab Orchard, died Monday, October 27, 2003 at his home. He was born in Rockcastle County on February 28, 1930, the son of S.V. and Gennis Abigail Baker Durham. He was a retired truck driver for Preston Trucking Company for 40 years, a lifetime member of Teamsters #135, a member of Valley Baptist Church and enjoyed making wood crafts.

Survivors are his wife of 24 years, Sue Johnson Durham; two daughters, Doris Vansickle (Charles) of North Vernon, IN and Mary Jane Lines (Gary) of Frankfort; one stepdaughter, Ellen Sue Smith of Rushville, IN; two brothers, Jackson Durham of Richmond, IN and Jimmy Wayne Durham of Liberty, IN; seven sisters, Geneva Pitcher of Connersville, IN, Edna Turner of New Richmond, OH, Hazel Marie Wright of Amelia, OH, Verla Scott, Gladys McVay and Mannie Croley, all of Richmond, IN and Betty Jean Riley of Centerville, IN; nine grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren and three step grandchildren. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by two children, Ruth Ann Robinson and Dennis Michael Durham and one brother, Harold Durham.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 31 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel with Bros. Greg Lakes, Arnold Pingleton and David Sargent. Burial was in the Durham Cemetery at Copper Creek. Palbearers were: Josh Bell, Roger



## William H. McFerron

William Howard "Billy" McFerron, 28, Dededo, Guam, died Sunday, October 26, 2003 from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident in Guam. He was born April 7, 1975, in Guam, the son of Hildeko "Peggy" McFerron and the late Robert "Bobby" McFerron. He owned and operated an automobile body shop in Guam.

In addition to his mother, other survivors are his grandmother, Marie Robbins of Mt. Vernon; his aunts, Frances Breedlove of Hamilton, OH, Joyce Lark of Broadhead and Janice Mason of Orlando; and his uncle, Randall Robbins of Mt. Vernon and several cousins also survive.

Services were held at Ada's Mortuary Chapel in Agaña, Saipan, Guam on Saturday, November 1.

## Wainwright Hensley

Wainwright "Windy" Hensley, 64, of Orlando, husband of Linda Hensley, died Tuesday, November 4, 2003 at the Rockcastle Hospital.

Mr. Hensley is at Dowell & Martin Funeral Home where arrangements are incomplete.

Durham, Nick Jones, Jeremy Lines, Justin Lines, Mark Moritz, Markie Moritz and Tyler Vaughn. *Condolences to the family of Mr. Durham may be made by visiting his online register book at [www.dovefunerals.com](http://www.dovefunerals.com)*

## Susie Mayes

Susie Darlene Johnson Mayes, 61, of Mt. Vernon Road in Berea, died Sunday, November 2, 2003 at the Terrace Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Berea. She was a native of Madison County, a nurse aid at Berea Hospital and a member of the Berea Church of God.

Survivors are two sons, William Dewayne Croucher (Bridget) of Mt. Vernon and Frank Joseph Croucher (Julia) of Crab Orchard; two sisters, Lela Mae Van Winkle of Lakeland, FL; Loraine Smith of Ritchey, FL; and three grandchildren.

Besides her parents, Harrison and Susie Isaac Johnson, she was preceded in death by a sister, Lida Roberts and a brother, Frank Johnson.

Funeral services were conducted at the Davis & Powell Funeral Home Tuesday, November 4 with Rev. Steven Hobbs officiating. Burial was in the Scaffold Camp Cemetery.

## Jane Mullins

Jane Mullins, 62, of Bandy-Willalla Road in Eubank died Friday, October 31, 2003 at her residence.

She was born in Clay County, April 7, 1941, the daughter of Homer and Fannie Gibbons, was a deli attendant at S&N Grocery and a member of Sunrise Baptist Church in Eubank.

Mrs. Mullins is survived by her mother, Fannie Gibbons Rogers of Crab Orchard; her husband, Lucian Mullins; three sons, Mike Mullins of Eubank; Rick Mullins (Liz) of Science Hill and Jim Mullins (Randy) of Hopkinsville; a daughter, Lisa Mullins of Somerset; one brother, Delmas Gibbons of Stamford; three sisters, Alva Cash, Faye Gwynn and Betty Simpson, all of Crab Orchard; seven grandchildren; two great grandchildren and a step grandson.

Besides her father, she was preceded in death by a brother, Denver Gibbons.

Funeral services were held Monday, November 3 at Morris & Hinson Funeral Home Chapel in Science Hill with Bro. Jesse McCoy officiating. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Sunrise Baptist Church, Deacon's Fund,

9240 E. Hwy. 328, Crab Orchard 40419 or Hospice of Lake Cumberland, College Street, Somerset, Ky. 42501.

## Tommy Lee Abrams

Mr. Tommy Lee Abrams, 45, of Fredricktown, OH, died Wednesday, October 29, 2003 at the Morning View Care Center in Sunbury, OH. He was born on February 27, 1958 in Hamilton, OH, the son of the late Lawrence and Mary Lamb Abrams. He was a carpenter, and attended the Pentecostal Church.

Survivors are: one son, Tommy Lee Abrams, Jr. of Fredericktown, OH. Two daughters, Mrs. Jennifer Nicole Hoyer, and Mrs. Stephanie Joan Hancock both of Fort Mead, FL. His step-father Jack Nicley of Mt. Vernon. Three brothers, Lawrence Abrams of Hillsboro, OH, Billy, and Mike Abrams both of Lakeland, FL. Two half-brothers, Walter Abrams of Alabama, and Christopher Abrams of Ohio. Two sisters, Mrs. Tiny Butler of Mulberry, Fla. and Mrs. Paula Bradley of Lakeland, Fla. One grandchild, Christopher Hoyer also survives.

Services were held Tuesday No-

vember 4, 2003 at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Chad Burdette officiating. Burial followed in the Mareburg Cemetery.

Palbearers were Lawrence Abrams, Billy Abrams, Mike Abrams, Tommy Lee Abrams, Jr., Walter Abrams and Charles Hancock.

## Cards of Thanks

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who helped us celebrate our 50th anniversary. We love and appreciate each one.

Sincerely,

Glyn and Pat Bullock

Thank You

The family of Kimberly Childress would like to express their gratitude to everyone who reached out to them in their time of sorrow. Whether it was food, flowers or prayers, your acts of kindness are gratefully appreciated.

We would especially like to thank the staff at Cox Funeral home for their sincerity and courtesy. A special thanks also goes to Bro. Jim Richy for his words of comfort and Keith Bussell and Nancy Meadows for their gift of music at the service.

To everyone who lent a helping hand or a loving heart, we thank you. *The Kimberly Childress Family*

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## Robert Lee Baker

Robert Lee Baker, 80, of Orlando, died Wednesday, October 29, 2003 at the VA Hospital in Lexington. He was born in Rockcastle County on December 18, 1922, the son of George W. and Sylvia Hensley Baker. He was an engineer at the Bluegrass Army Depot for 30 years and was a World War II Army veteran. He was an engineer at the Bluegrass Army Depot for 30 years, a World War II Army veteran and of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include his wife, Bettie Baker of Orlando; three sons; three daughters; four brothers; one sister; 16 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Also surviving is a special aunt, Ethel Baker. He was preceded in death by his parents, a stepmother, four brothers and one sister.

Funeral services for Mr. Baker were held Sunday, November 2 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Larry Burton and Olen McGuire officiating. Burial was in the Brian Field Cemetery.

Palbearers were: Greg Philbeck, Jason Philbeck, Craig Baker, Kevin Cox, Clayton Cox and Dustin Baker. *Condolences to the family of Mr. Baker may be made by visiting his online register book at [www.dovefunerals.com](http://www.dovefunerals.com)*

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# FFA annual fall activities and contest

**Mark Dyehouse, Reporter**  
**Rockcastle County FFA**  
 The Rockcastle County FFA Chapter had an interesting and fun experience competing in the annual fall contests and activities.

In September, the FFA Chapter held the annual fall cookout. There was a great turnout of FFA members and several parents. The alumni members and other parents prepared the food. There was food and recreation for all to enjoy. Some of the more enjoyable events of the night were the annual FFA Bow Shoot and the first ever Agricultural Olympics. Senior Nathan Doan placed second in the Bow Shoot and junior Ben Graves placed first. In the Agricultural Olympics Matthew Whitaker received the bronze medal, Daniel Buschle received the silver medal and the overall winner receiving the gold medal was Brandon Cole. The chapter would like to thank all those who helped with this event. The members of the FFA chapter would like to encourage anyone with a child involved in FFA to become a member of the FFA Alumni, although you don't have to have a child involved in FFA to become an Alumni member. The Alumni is there to help the students. By being an active member of the alumni, you can help the

members of the FFA in various ways. You can also help your own child in opportunities for college. Consider joining the alumni. If you are interested in learning about the alumni, you can contact the Agricultural Department at the high school or a member of the FFA Alumni. The FFA Chapter appreciates all that the alumni do for the FFA Chapter.

Our chapter held the annual Fall Greenhand Ceremony on Tuesday October 21, 2003 in the RCHS lunchroom. The Greenhand Ceremony is held to honor newly active FFA members with his or her first stepping stone in the FFA Chapter. They will be able to achieve many more degrees in their experience in FFA. In order for an FFA member to receive their Greenhand degree, they have to complete several requirements relating to FFA. One of the requirements is memorizing and reciting the five paragraphs of the FFA Creed.

At the Chapter Greenhand Ceremony, the FFA held an FFA Creed Speaking Contest. There were two members who participated in the Creed Speaking Contest, those being Jenney Lynn Clark and Kayla Bishop. Jenney Lynn Clark placed first in the contest and Kayla Bishop received second in the contest. Both members did an excellent job in re-

ceiving the FFA Creed.

The other contest was an FFA Quiz Contest. In these events, members are quizzed on historical FFA events and dates. Several members participated in this contest. Izak McQuerey came out on top finishing in first place. Michael Clark received second place in the contest.

For their placement of first in the contest, both Jenney Lynn Clark and Izak McQuerey will be advancing to

the spring contest to compete for the overall chapter winner.

On October 23, 2003, the Rockcastle FFA Chapter participated in the Kentucky River Region FFA Fall Contests. These contests are held at Eastern Kentucky University. Our chapter participated in the land-judging contest. Land judging team members are Mark Dyehouse, Matthew Whitaker, Brandon Cole, and Kyle Owens. The team placed sec-

ond in the region, and will advance to the State Contest. Matthew Whitaker and Kyle Owens tied for third individual of the day.

Members of the chapter also participated in the JV Parliamentary Procedure Contest. This team placed first in the region. Team members and their names are pictured below.

Members participated in Regional JV and Varsity Tractor Driving contest. Brian Powell won the Varsity

Tractor Driving Contest. Jontcholy Robbins placed second in the JV Tractor Driving Contest.

Members of the chapter, who attended this event, were extremely pleased with the results of the day at Kentucky River Regional Competition Field Day.

September and October have been busy months for the FFA. There are still many activities and projects planned for the months to come.



Pictured above are the FFA members of the regional winning Fall Regional JV Parliamentary Procedure Contest. Team Members were: front row from left: Michael Clark - Sentinel, Jontcholy Robbins - member, Justin Lear - President, Max Robbins - member, Matthew Busell - member, Cody Robinson - Vice-President. Front row from left: Jenney Lynn Clark - Secretary, Danielle Adams - member, April Benedict - Treasurer, and Kayla Bishop - Reporter.



Pictured above are the newly installed FFA members who received their FFA Greenhand degree at our annual Fall Greenhand Ceremony that was held on Tuesday October 21, 2003. The FFA Greenhand Degree is the first stepping-stone to a great experience in the FFA. Back row L-R: Laura DeKawue, Kayla Bishop, Tina Hildner, Jontcholy Robbins, Cody Robinson, Justin Hensley, Dustin Lear, Russell Bullock, and Izak McQuerey. Front row L-R: April Benedict, Danielle Adams, Lisa Northen, Krystal McFerton, Michael Clark and Jenney Lynn Clark.



Pictured above are the contestants who participated in our chapter's annual FFA Creed Speaking Contest at our Fall Greenhand Ceremony that was held on Tuesday October 21, 2003. Contestants were Kayla Bishop who placed second, Jenney Lynn Clark who placed first, and Zach Hale who was in charge of the FFA Creed Speaking Contest.



Pictured above are the first and second place winners in our chapters annual FFA Quiz Contest that was held at our FFA Greenhand Ceremony. Shown are Izak McQuerey and Michael Clark fighting it out in the end for first place. Izak finished first and Michael finished second. Also shown in the picture is Karen Mink and Jessica Asher who were in charge of the FFA Quiz Contest.



Pictured above is freshman Jontcholy Robbins who participated in the JV Tractor Driving Contest at the Kentucky River Region FFA Field Day. Jontcholy Robbins placed second in the regional contest.



Pictured above is one of Rockcastle FFA's finest, senior Brian Powell the winner of the Kentucky River Region, Regional Varsity Tractor Driving Contest winner.



Pictured above are the winners of the first ever Rockcastle County FFA Agricultural Olympics. L to R - Daniel Bustle - Silver Medal Winner, Brandon Cole - Gold Medal Winner, Matthew Whitaker - Bronze Medal Winner.



Pictured above are the winners of the annual FFA Bow Shoot. L-R Nathan Doan second place and Ben Graves first place.

## RCHS Youth Yak

**By Myrna D. Childress**  
**Mission Statement.** The mission of Rockcastle County High School is to equip all students with sufficient skills to become contributing members of society.

**By the Numbers.** Rockcastle County High School has an enrollment of 821 students. We have 164 seniors, 202 juniors, 226 sophomores and 231 freshmen. We have 87 staff members.

**Our SBDM Council met** in its regular monthly session Wednesday, October 29 at 3:30 p.m. at the high school. Several items were on the agenda including a report on assessment. RCHS has made an improvement on test scores. Our goal is to improve even more. The next scheduled meeting is in November 19.

**Because we did so well** on our CATS test, Mr. H and Company treated the students to a CATS Celebration on Monday, November 3 during fourth block. We had food and had drinks plus time to socialize and have some "free" fun time.

**Students have received their picture proofs.** Money, if you wish to purchase your photos, is due back to the office by or before November 5.

**Reminder to those parents** who pick their children up in the afternoons: Pull in behind the buses. Do not enter the front parking lot. Cell phones have caused some problems recently. The rule is as follows: If a student drives to school, leave the phone in your car. If a student doesn't drive and has a need to bring their phone in the building they are to leave the phone in the office and pick it up at the end of the day.

**Volleyball-Our district winning girls' volleyball team** had the distinct opportunity to play in its first state volleyball tournament in Frankfort. We went up against the winning program from Sacred Heart Academy from Louisville who ended up winning the tournament game. Even though we lost to them by a score of 2-0, our girls are still number 1 to us!!! Keep up the winning tradition players and coaches. There's always next year.

**Our varsity football team** defeated Perry Central by a score of 43-19 and also defeated Knox Central 55-6.

**The Knox Central game** ended regular season play. The first round of the play-offs will begin this Friday when the ROCK versus Lawrence County here.

**Congratulations to Cody Alexander** for being named as one of the finalists in the Wendy's High School Heisman Award Program. One male and one female will be named state winner and compete for national honors. Good luck Cody!!

**Members of the mixed chorus**

staff does to teaching. His favorite book is the J.R. Tolkien Trilogy Series. His favorite movie Indiana Jones and the Lost Crusade and he also likes the Tolkien movies, Lord of the Rings, and The Two Towers. His favorite musical group is the Christian band, Mercy Me. We are lucky to have Mr. Hargis as part of the RCHS staff.

**Our Student Spotlight** is on Dallas "Butter" Skinner. Buttery is a sophomore here at RCHS. He just turned seventeen on October 2. He is the son of Ms. Johana McCormick of Livingston. Buttery attended Broadhead Elementary until the fourth grade after that he attended Mt. Vernon Elementary. He has played football since the fourth grade. He plays halfback and fullback for the RCHS. His favorite subject is Physical Education. Buttery says Mr. J.D. Busell is his favorite teacher because he's a good teacher and also a nice person. He likes country music and his girlfriend, Amy. His favorite movie is "Any Given Sunday".

**When asked what he likes most about RCHS,** he said the football program, "at least favorite thing about attending is the dress code. In ten years from now he sees himself having a career in welding and maybe be married with some children. He plans to pursue his interest in welding by attending a technical school after graduation. Best of luck Buttery.

**Deadline to have immunizations** up to date by October 31. If your child has been contacted that they are due a shot or a physical exam, please be sure to have this done. By law, immunizations must be kept up before a child is allowed to attend school.

**Students, if you are having trouble** in class or have gotten behind due to illness and absences, remember to take advantage of our after school services such as credit make-up or tutoring. Check the bulletin boards or ask the counselors or Ms. Dana Singleton about these services. Remember don't struggle when help is available. Also, remember our Lots of Privileges rule. If you have 3 unexcused absences, you will spend one day in ISS and not be allowed to attend any extra-curricular activities such as games, dances etc. for one month. If you get 5 unexcused absences you will lose driving privileges as well as all after school activity privileges for the rest of the school year. Don't find yourself in this situation. Juniors and seniors, remember, this includes the prom. Parents, if your child is absent you can expect a call from our school. We check on students daily so why they are not in school. Please call the school anytime your child is absent. We're not trying to invade your privacy, we just want to keep track of our students, your children.

The deadline for registration for December's ACT is Friday, November 7. Take your completed packets with payment and postage to Ms. Sondra Mullins in the front office. She will take care of it for you.

Rockcastle County High School Youth Center can always use clothing donations. Call 256-4818 for details.

We will be out of school November 27 and 28 for Thanksgiving. Give thanks.

## Three Local students named to Dean's List

National College of Business & Technology in Richmond has named three Rockcastle County students to the Dean's List for the summer term.

The following students earned a minimum grade point average of 3.5 out of a possible 4.0: Lavada Adams, Mount Vernon; Debra Chesnut, Orlando; and Lavada Gatlin, Mount Vernon.

**Cody Alexander, son of Gerald and Irene Alexander of Mareburg,** has been named one of the finalists in the Wendy's Heisman Award Program. One male and one female will be named state winners and will go on to compete for national honors.

The Wendy's High School Heisman is a high school award, which honors senior male and female students who have excelled in academics, athletics, and community service.

He is a member of First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon, and has participated in many projects geared toward improving his community.

Cody has been a member of both the football and baseball teams throughout high school, while maintaining his 4.0+ grade point average.



# Tiger Pause

The classrooms of Mrs. Rita Shaffer, Mrs. Jennifer Adkinson, Mrs. Beth Jones and Mrs. Duina Arnold visited Burton's Bear Wallow Farm in Nancy last month. Students participated in several fun activities, including walking a huge corn maze, a petting zoo with various birds, rabbits, pigs, buffaloes, a fish pond and goats to feed. There was also a nature walk with a scenic view of numerous labeled trees and bridges that allowed students to view a small waterfall. The "pumpkin chucking" machine shot out pumpkins as far as the eye could see.

The ultimate experience was a class hayride to the pumpkin patch where each person got to choose a pumpkin to take home. Everyone had a great day. Thanks to all of our chaperones. We couldn't have had such a wonderful time without their help! The STATIC Team also visited Bear Wallow Farm last month.

Students in Mrs. Kathy Dyehouse's second grade class had a special visitor on Tuesday, October 21, 2003. Students had been reading the story "Sand Dollar" which had been published each week in the Lexington Herald. Mrs. Dyehouse sent a message to the author and their class was chosen as one of the classes he would visit. On Tuesday, author Bob Rouse visited the classroom. He gave a presentation to the class and then gave each student a shirt with the story logo. The visit was educational and exciting for the students. They wish to thank Mr. Rouse for visiting their classroom.

The Cubs team are delighted by a wonderful guest Wednesday, October 15. Storyteller Mitch Barrett visited with the classes of Mrs. Jennifer Adams, Mrs. Beth Jones and Mrs. Duina Arnold. Mr. Barrett shared some Appalachian culture through his stories and music. He defined culture, discussed Appalachian culture and explained the importance of holding onto our heritage onto our heritage as being proud of our roots.

He shared his music by playing the guitar and a dulcimer that he made. The classes sang along with

Thanks to Mr. Barrett for visiting with us and thanks also to Mr. Alan Penzol for arranging our guest. We appreciate Mr. Penzol's hard work.

The annual Thanksgiving dinner at BES will be on Wednesday, November 19th, beginning at 11:05. Meal attendance surveys were sent home with students last week. Please remember to turn those back into the office if you are planning to attend the dinner. Those who don't have a survey form may notify the school that they are coming.

Congratulations to the following students for their accomplishments in the 4-H poster contest: Casey Hunt, 1st place county winner in 4th grade; Rachel Renner, 2nd place county winner in 5th grade and Kyle Messina, 3rd place county winner in 5th grade. Great job, Guys!!! It's St. Jude's Man/A-Thon time again. Students will be viewing a video and bring home information to participate in raising money for St. Jude's. This is optional. If you want your child to participate, please help them get sponsors. Money is due to Ms. Satica on Monday, December 1st.

In the Counselor's Corner this week are: Zach Ellison, Richard Collins, Jessica Lautenschlager, Katie Adams, Robert Reynolds, Rachel Hayes and Dalton Rhodus. These are well-mannered, helpful students. BES appreciates you! Congratulations to 4th grade teacher Sandy Brown on the birth of Halle Elizabeth. She was born October 16th and exciting! She is 14, 14, 14 and was 20 inches long.

Tuesday, November 18th, SBDM meets at 5 p.m. ADVISORY council meets at 6:15 and PTA meeting is at 7 p.m.

Mr. Barrett about a dog named Old Blue. He told the students a Jack Tale (based on Jack and the Beanstalk) about when Jack was a grown boy. His music and stories were such a wonderful display of talent. His visit as an inspiration to the students, showing them that everyone has stories to tell. The students and teachers enjoyed every second.



Bob Rouse, author of the story "Sand Dollar" spoke to Mrs. Dyehouse's class at BES.



Storyteller Mitch Barrett visited with the Cubs team at Broadhead Elementary.



Mrs. Dyehouse's students wearing the shirts presented to them by author Bob Rouse.



Mrs. Beth Jones's class from BES went through the large corn maze at Burton's Bearwallow Farm in Nancy.

# School 4H Poster Contest Winners

By John McQuary

The 2003 4H Poster Contest has been concluded. This fall, 4-H'ers from all of the elementary schools and the middle school prepared and entered 25 posters. First, second, and third place posters were chosen in each elementary grade category. The 1st place winners in each grade will be sent to the Wilderness Trail Area Competition in April 2004.

First place county winners receive a plaque, second place winners receive a plaque, and third place winners receive a blue ribbon. All participants receive a green ribbon for their participation. Congratulations to each participant.

Winners are as follows:

- 4th Grade 1st place Casey Hunt, BES/Powell; 2nd place Kadi Rose Cobb, RES/Vish; 3rd place Jordan Renner, MVES/Ashe.
  - 5th Grade 1st place Brandon Burdette, NVES/Kinder; 2nd place Rachel Renner, BES/Scott; 3rd place Kyle Messina, BES/Alcorn, Middle School.
  - 6th Grade 1st place Stacy Grubb; 7th Grade 1st place Tonya Brock; 8th Grade 1st place Holly Brown.
- Educational programs of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin.



4-H Poster Contest winners for Broadhead Elementary School are shown from left: Kyle Messina, 3rd place in fifth grade; Casey Hunt, 1st place in fourth grade; and Rachel Renner, 2nd place in fifth grade.



4-H Poster Contest winner for Roundstone Elementary School is Kadi Rose Cobb. Kadi took 2nd place in the fourth grade.



4-H Poster Contest winners for Mt. Vernon Elementary School are shown from left: Brandon Burdette and Jordan Renner. Brandon is the first place winner in fifth grade and Jordan is the third place winner in fourth grade.



4-H Poster Contest winners at RCMS are shown from left: Holly Brown, 1st place in eighth grade; Stacy Grubb, first place in sixth grade; and Tonya Brock, first place in seventh grade.

# Minds in the Middle

Seventy-five Y-Club members will be going to the Kentucky Youth Assembly on Sunday. The group will spend 3 days in Louisville and Frankfort working on various events. Christy Napier is a state candidate for the leadership team. She has previously made it through primary elections and will serve as a committee chair before the final election on Sunday night. Jessica Cummins and Gary Keith Caldwell will serve as judicial program advocates. Matthew Miller and Brooke Bowlin will be lobbyists. Hannah Ponder will serve on Media Corps, Darrin McKinney as chief page, and Zachary Davis as chief clerk. Twenty-eight RCMS student delegates will present eight bills in the House or Senate.

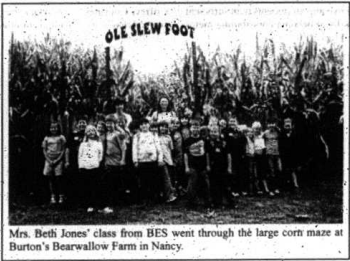
RCMS will be featured Saturday morning on WRVK's Know Your Schools beginning at 8:45 a.m. The 7th grade boys' basketball team had their first practice on Monday. Congratulations to the boys making that team: Allen Burdette, Máverick Whitehead, Tanner Perkins, Jordan Cash, Daniel Martin, Cody Mizz, Asa Adams, Cody Kirby, Dustin Bullock, Colby Yawwinkle, Bryan

Clontz, and Jake Riddle. The 8th grade Lady Rockets finished their season Saturday by placing first in the Lexington Christian Invitational. The Rockets defeated Conkright, Boyle Co., Mt. Washington, and finally Mecca Middle. The girls ended their season with a 2-1 record. Great job!

## YSC Update

Our RAP sessions this Wednesday focused on honesty. Again, we ask that you reinforce this topic at home with your child. Remind them that trust is something that must be earned and honesty helps to build trust. Particularly at this age, students are often pressured to be dishonest for their peers. Lying for peers, betraying a friend, or helping them cheat are bad decisions that will prove a student as untrustworthy. Parents can set a good example for their child by being fair, consistent and honest with them. Honesty is a good trait that will last a lifetime.

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Mrs. Beth Jones's class from BES went through the large corn maze at Burton's Bearwallow Farm in Nancy.

# Church News

**Benefit Singing**  
There will be a Benefit Singing Sunday, November 9, beginning at 2 p.m. for the Jeff Stewart Family at The Flat Rock Baptist Church. This event was rescheduled from Sunday, November 2nd.  
Singing will be the McGuire Sisters and others.  
Come and join us for the day. Hear

Bro. Larry Burton preach and dinner will be served after church.  
**Mobile Home For Sale**  
Mt. Vernon Church of the Nazarene at 30 Fair Street has a 12x60 mobile home for sale. The home is in good condition and includes appliances, air conditioning unit, electric heat. Must be moved. Contact Brenda Hayes at 256-2387. Serious inquiries only.

**Prophecy Seminar**  
The prophecy seminar is continuing at The Believers House of Prayer, nightly, except Monday and Thursday, through Nov. 22nd. Bro. Fred Calkins of London is conducting the seminar.

**Carolina Boys at Broadhead Baptist**  
The Carolina Boys will be singing at Broadhead Baptist Church Saturday, November 8th at 7 p.m.  
Join us for a great evening of Southern Gospel music featuring song of the year nominee, "God Sits on High." Admission is free but a love offering will be taken.

**All Day Prayer Session**  
There will be an all-day prayer session for those sick or suffering, additions on Saturday, November 8th from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the River of Faith Church off Brush-Creeker Road.  
Please join us.

**Classified Deadline is Noon Tuesday**



Several Rockcastle County residents recently took the COMPASS test at the CAP Center in Mt. Vernon. The COMPASS is an entrance exam used by Somerset Community College for students who have not taken the ACT. The testing session was arranged by Mary Crowder, standing left, and administered by Kim Cleberg, standing right. Ms. Crowder is a counselor with the Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) at Somerset Community College, and she provides assistance to adults wishing to enroll in a program of higher education. The EOC offers free help with college admissions and financial aid to adults needing those services. Marty can be reached at 606-875-0757, or by calling toll free 1-877-629-9722. Ms. Cleberg is the director of the assessment center at SCC.

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Coloring Contest winners Brent, Brianna and Gabby



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Costume winners Brianna Mink, Cody Brown, and Adison Atkin, Adison also won the pin the nose on the pumpkin game.

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### Republican Club Meeting

The Rockcastle County Republican Club meets the second Tuesday of the month at Kastle Inn Restaurant.

### Bookmobile Schedule

Mon. Nov. 10: No service  
Tues. Nov. 11: Seafood Cane, Disputanta, Anglia Falls, Clear Creek, Wildie.  
Wed., Nov. 12: Ottawa and Bee Lick.  
Thurs. Nov. 13: Buffalo, stops off old 461, Negro Creek.

### Health Department Note

The Rockcastle County Health Department will be closed November 11, 2003 in observance of Veterans Day.

### TOPS Open House

Every week, in their chapter meetings, TOPS members discuss information about sensible eating, exercise and other aids to weight loss and maintenance. To find out more about TOPS or to learn about chapters in your area, call 606-758-9612 or toll-free at 1-800-912-8677. Or you can log on to TOPS' website at [www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org) for that information as well as weight-loss tips, facts, and success stories. Visit our #476 Broadhead chapter, located in the basement of the Bethhead Christian Church, on Nov. 6th at 7 p.m. for Open House. TOPS is a non-profit weight loss organization for men, women and children of all ages looking for support and motivation.

### Clothing Donations Needed

The Rockcastle County Migrant Program is in need of fall/winter clothing to replenish the clothing closet. Donations can be dropped off at the Migrant Office across from the Central Office Building on Richmond St. or call for a pick-up at 256-2147.

### Donations needed by First Baptist Mission

First Baptist Church Mission needs monetary and food donations, as

well as maternity clothes, jeans of all sizes, plus-size for families and teens 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 1 p.m. and on Saturdays 10:30-11:30 a.m. Thank you for helping us to help others.

### USDA Home Loans

Anyone interested in a low cost home loan to purchase or repair an existing single family home can meet with a USDA Representative on Tuesday, November 11 at the Farm Service Agency building on Hwy. 150 between Mt. Vernon and Brodhead. The representative will be available from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

### Board of Education Note

The Rockcastle County Board of Education will meet in regular session Tuesday, November 11, 2003 at 7 p.m. at the board of education administration building. The public is welcome to attend.

### RES SBDM

Roundstone Site-Based Council will meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 2:30 in Room 105. The next meeting is scheduled for November 11th.

### Fish Fry at BRVED

There will be an all-you-can-eat Fish Fry this Saturday, November 8th from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Brittain Ridge Volunteer Fire Department's new fire station in Coxsaw by the Ladies Auxiliary. Fish, fries, cole slaw, baked potatoes, desserts and drinks will be served for adults at \$5 each and \$3 for children under 12. Carry-outs available, call 256-4000.

### Chili Supper

There will be a Chili Supper Saturday night, November 8th at the Livingstone Fire Department beginning at 5 p.m. All you can eat including chili, peanut butter sandwiches, drink and dessert.

# Library News

By Kathy McKibben

Last-Friday October 31st the Rockcastle County Public Library hosted a Halloween Party in the children's area of the library. Approximately 50 children along with parents, grandparents and caregivers were in attendance. Games were played, prizes given, refreshments served, and treat bags handed out to each child as they left the library. Door prizes of special goodies for the children were passed out around every 15 minutes. From all appearances a good time was had by all.

All of the children looked so good in their costumes this year, we couldn't pick first, second and third place so we decided on three winners! Congratulations to Adison Reynolds is a senior mathematic's major and a starter for the Panthers basketball team. She is a 2000 graduate of Rockcastle County High School and the daughter of Gary Reynolds of Crab Orchard, Ky. and Regina Jet of Mt. Vernon, Ky.



Sydney Brown won the Ghost game.

## Reynolds in Homecoming at Ky Wesleyan

Brady Reynolds was recognized as a member of the 2003 Homecoming Court for queen at the Kentucky Wesleyan Panthers vs. Weber International football game on Oct. 11.

## Durham graduates AF basic training

Air Force Airman 1st Class Brady R. Durham has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.



Brady Durham is a 2000 graduate of Rockcastle County High School, Mount Vernon, Ky.

## Antique Appraisal Fair to be held

The second annual Antique Appraisal Fair sponsored by the Richmond Bileegras Rotary Club will take place on November 15, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm at the First Christian Church located on the corner of Main Street and Lancaster Avenue in Richmond.

Regional appraisers specializing in glass, furniture, toys, jewelry, books, art, clothing, quilts, fabrics, etc., will be available to appraise items brought to the church. A \$10 fee for appraisals will go toward Rotary's worldwide humanitarian projects. There will also be prizes, food, and a silent auction.

Atkin, Brianna Mink, and Cody Brown for being the costume winners.

We even had some trick-or-treaters from the neighborhood stop by the library door for candy. All total, including story hour kids approximately 100 treat bags were handed out to the children from the Rockcastle Library.

We encourage you as parents to take advantage of the extra activities we have to offer from time to time at the library. Make the connection, connect @ your library!

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LOCATION: In Renfro Valley, turn off US 25 onto the Lake Linville Road and proceed 8/10 of a mile to the auction site. Auction begins at 10:00 a.m.

In order to settle the estate of the late Mr. Cecil Lawrence, our firm has been authorized to offer this equipment and tools for the high dollar. The machinery, tools, guns and knives will sell at absolute auction. However, the Dodge Dakota will sell with reserve.

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Frost Lincoln County Chicken Brake collector knife \* K-Hyber 2 blade \* Winchester 3-blade, stag handles \* Bear Creek single blade \* shark \* 3-blade NC CC, Canon, OH \* small single blade KA-LOCK \* 4 blade stag blade, hen and rooster \* Victorinox double blade button knife \* two hand carved wood knives \* large 2 blade, stag handle \* Brown \* single blade Bear \* 2 blade press patron knife \* small 2 blade Imperial \* 2 blade Buck-Hammer/Atvill \* 6 blade \* abc's knife, \* small achard metal handle knife \* 3 blade Uncle Henry, stag handle \* 2 blade Barlow-style Schrade \* bone handle hunting knife \* Six Victorinox Red Cross knives in various sizes \* Gingsippi County Club 1922 Commemorative Knife \* Old 2 blade Schrade, stag handles (repaired) \* Farmers commemorative knife, \* Hunters commemorative knife \* Star handcrafted 2 blade \* large Leatherman super tool \* Leatherman micro tool \* Derringer pistol-style cigarette lighter.

GUNS: Trooper MK III 357 magnum, nickel plated with pearl handles \* Winchester 22 rifle with scope \* Browning automatic 20 gauge shotgun \* Winchester model 61 22-rifle \* Daisy BB gun \*

In addition to these items, we will be selling a Rascoil Squatter for another party.

Auctioneer's Note: This is one of the best collections of tools and equipment we've had at auction. Mr. Lawrence took extremely good care of everything. Make plans to spend this day with us.

Inspection: Morning of the auction only beginning at 8 a.m. until sale time.

Order of Sale: Truck, Farm Machinery, Guns, Knives, Tools and Miscellaneous.

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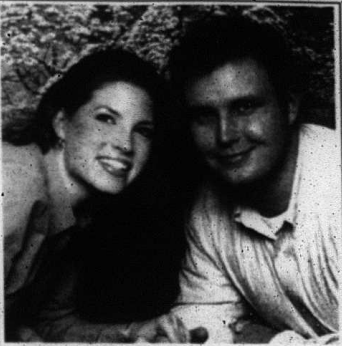
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### Little - Browning

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen D. Little of Paducah and Mr. and Mrs. James N. Browning of Lancaster announce the engagement of their children, Amy Lynn Little and James Adam Browning.

Miss Little is the granddaughter of Clara Little of Paducah and the late Robert Little and Mary Williams of Independence and the late Donald Williams. Amy is a 1998 graduate of St. Mary High School in Paducah, a 2002 graduate of Centre College in Danville and currently attends Watkins' School of Art and Design in Nashville, where she will receive an AFA in interior design.

Mr. Browning is the grandson of Geraldine Holbrook of Brodhead and the late Paul Holbrook and Barbara Chadwick of Lexington and the late James L. Browning. Adam is a 1996 graduate of Rockcastle County High School, a 2000 graduate of Centre College and a 2002 graduate of Northern Kentucky University College of Law with a juris doctorate degree. Adam is a member of the Kentucky Bar Association and has joined the law firm of Hargrove and Foster in Mayfield.

The wedding is planned for December 20th at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Paducah.



### 36th Wedding Anniversary

Happy 36th wedding anniversary mom and dad on November 6th. Lester and Ruth Etix Kirby. Love, Tammy, Renee, Leslie, Kendra, Tamara, Dylan and Tiffany.

### In and Around Mt. Vernon

**By: Mrs. Vallie Burton**

Weekend visitors by Mrs. Pauline Tackett were her sister and husband, Juanita and Don VonBarger of Blue Ash, Ohio and their daughter, Donita and husband, Biff Komad of Hamilton, Ohio.

Pauline Tackett and Mr. and Mrs. VonBarger and Will and Maxine Kincer helped Master Samuel Kincer celebrate his second birthday Saturday at his home in Richmond. Samuel is the son of Allen and Evonne Kincer. Other attending were Mike Kincer and family, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Moberly of Nicholasville and Evonne's family and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Woods, Erin and Nathan of Mealy, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Renner of Ohio and Joann Smith of Crab Orchard visited Mrs. Ora York Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Petrey of Somerset visited her mother, Vallie Burton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Eaton, III and children visited relatives in Ohio over the week end.

Little Isaac Eaton celebrated his second birthday last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Eaton and sons visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob White of Harlan during the week end.

Harris Burton visited his mother a while one day last week.

Deepest sympathy is extended to all who have lost loved ones.



### 10th Wedding Anniversary

Family and friends of Bobby and Kim Lovell, would like to wish this lovely couple a happy 10th wedding anniversary. Bobby and Kim, we love you both very much and wish you the best that life has to offer. God bless you both.

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### "Rates"

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etc. Kirby told the council that the rate was necessary since the city could not continue "selling water below cost." She further told the council that the water department had not been maintained in the past as it should have been and this was contributing to the necessity for the requested increase to bring the plant up to requirement.

Galloway told the council the increase would raise water bills across the board an average of 8%. Water districts served by the city are the City of Brodhead, Western Rockcastle Water District and Eastern Rockcastle Water District.

The Mayor said Tuesday that the inability of the existing intake and siphon structure, which she said is cracked and leaning, to get adequate water to the pumping station was keeping Western Water from proceeding with a planned expansion of their district for which they already have funding. "We simply cannot pump adequate water to meet the needs of more customers at this point," she said.

Mayor Kirby also emphasized that the increase would not affect sewer rates which will remain at \$9 for the first 2000 gallons of water used and \$1.50 per 1000 gallons thereafter for city residents.

During the meeting, the council also officially accepted a \$110,000 grant from the Kentucky Infrastructure Association to help with the planned \$1.4 million first phase of the project. This phase will build a new intake/siphon structure which will raise the present pumping capacity from two million gallons a day to four million. The city is financing for the rest of the first phase from Rural Development in the form of a 50% grant and the balance as a loan to the city.

In other business, the council approved allowing city clerk Kay Rader to begin accepting applications from employees for health insurance with CHA on the state rate. The city presently has health insurance for its employees with Anthem Blue Cross-Blue Shield and the new state rate will have the city approximately \$86,618 per year. The city pays 100% of the premium for employees (approximately 28).

The council held a discussion on if they will continue with the practice of paying 100% of the premium for employees until after a workshop scheduled for Monday, November 17th.

The council also heard a report from Mt. Vernon Police Chief Terry Jackson. Jackson told the council that two more police officers, Brian Carter and Nathaniel Swartz, have been hired, effective October 22. Both men are currently enrolled in the police academy at Richmond and will graduate in March, 2004. This brings the total police force in Mt. Vernon to eight.

Jackson said that both men have signed three year contracts and that, according to a state statute, that should either man be recruited by

another city, after completing training, the "recruiting" city would have to reimburse Mt. Vernon for all expenditures to date for that officer. Jackson also said that overall "inflation is high, the guys (police officers) are working and it is good work."

Mayor Kirby told the council that Mike Peters, at one time acting chief for the city, had left the force to take a job with the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department.

Jackson also told the council that over 300 children were fingerprinted and photographed at the Child Identity Booth set up and manned by the police department during the Bitter-sweet Festival. Jackson said he planned on repeating the program at a later date.

The chief also told the council that a task force to deal with major crimes in the county is being formed and would be composed of two state troopers, two members of the sheriff's department and two city policemen.

Jackson said that immediate response to a major crime was extremely important to successfully solve the crime and this would provide the city with the means.

However, Jackson also reported that the city had not been approved for a COP's Grant and he felt approval would probably not come this year.

A Mt. Vernon Police Explorer Program, for 12-17 year old boys and girls, is in the works, Jackson said. This program serves as an introduction to young people to a career in law enforcement.

Jackson also said he was in the process of rewriting his department's policy and procedures manual with an eye in getting the department accredited with two years. The manual, Jackson said, will cover every situation a police officer might encounter and, after accreditation, the city will realize a savings on their liability insurance.

The police report for October, presented by the chief, showed 55 citations issued, 24 arrests made - six of which were for driving under the influence, and 26 case reports were filed.

A request from the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court for use of the city's recreation area at Lake Linville was discussed by the council. The county is trying to centralize a county park system.

However, Mayor Kirby told the council that the area would have to be deeded to the county and she didn't like the idea of giving away any property the city owns. The council agreed and the request was unanimously denied.

The council did agree to donate some playground equipment at the park area at the lake, that had been given to the city by the owners of Valley View Apartments, to the city of Livingston for use in a park they are constructing.

The council also decided to keep the wrecker call list, used by the police department, to service wreckers located in the county. The list is used on a rotation basis by police in instances where drivers of vehicles are impaired or arrested. If a wrecker is needed and the driver is not impaired or arrested, then it is the vehicle owner's choice as to the service used.

### Mt. Vernon Personals

**By: Marie McKinney**

Those who visited C.S. and Marie McKinney recently were their daughter, Mrs. Sharon Lovins, their grandsons, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lovins, Jr. and great grandson, Dalton Blake, grandson, Jack Lovins and great granddaughter, Samarah Lovins, Wayne Bullock and son, Mike, of Covington, C.S.'s brother, Ivan McKinney, Bill Mize, Eunice Craft and granddaughters, Courtney, April and Alicia also C.S. and Marie's granddaughter, Mrs. Teresa Hurbert and husband, John of Florida.

C.S. and Marie visited their grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lovins, Jr. and great grandson, Dalton Blake, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Denny Sowder of Ohio visited Wanda's mother, Pansy Nichol in the Rehab Center in Brodhead and also visited his aunt,

Marie and uncle C.S. Mrs. Bessie Kirby is still on the sick list. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to all who lost loved ones recently. May God bless each and everyone.

C.S. and Marie McKinney visited Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Barnett a while Monday.

### "Readers Write"

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foots not to mention more toys. We need to have food here at the Rock of Ages 24/7. We want to be there when you need us.

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**Benefit Singing for Cole Dorsey**

There will be a benefit singing Saturday on Main Street in Mt. Vernon in front of the Family Cafe for the family of Cole Dorsey.

Ruby McFerron and her group will be singing and donations will be taken.

Cole, the son of Joyce Dorsey of Mt. Vernon is a junior at RCHS in St. Joseph Hospital suffering from Guillain-Barre syndrome.

This is a disorder in which the body's immune system attacks part of the peripheral nervous system.

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Meeting Location - Rockcastle County Board of Education

Regular Meeting  
DRAFT AGENDA  
November 11, 2003  
7:00 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
  - A. Silent Prayer
  - B. Roll Call
  - C. Reading of Board Team Commitments
2. **ADOPT AGENDA/ACTION**
3. **COMMUNICATION**
  - A. Recognition of RCHS Volleyball, Golf and Cross Country Teams (6:00 P.M.)
  - B. Recognition of Board Member Service (Samuel T. Stallsworth)
4. **OPERATIONS/ACTIONS**
  - A. Approve minutes of the October 14, 2003 regular monthly meeting
  - B. Approve bills for payment
  - C. Approve Board Policy 09.2241 (Dispensing Medication)
  - D. Approve request for Extended Disability Leave (03.2234) for Sharon Thacker
  - E. Approve 2003-2004 Student Teacher Agreement with University Of Kentucky
  - F. Approve Emergency Substitute Teacher Application TC-4: Chelsen Stratton; Tara Mann
5. **DISCUSSION/ACTION**
  - A. Review/approve Year-end June 30, 2003 Independent Audit
6. **DISCUSSION/REVIEW**
  - A. Review Monthly Financial Report
  - B. Review Month 3 Attendance Report
  - C. Review Superintendent's Personnel Actions Report
  - D. Other: 2003 KSBA District Board Member Training Report Health Insurance
7. **ADJOURNMENT**

## Boys' Advance to State with 4th Place Finish RCCHS girls' Cross-Country team wins second straight regional championship

The RCCHS cross-country teams competed in the Class 2A Region IV Championships held at Millennium Park in Boyle County this past Saturday. The competition featured three of the top ten girls' teams in the state, as well as two of the top ten boys' teams.

Coming into the contest, the RCCHS girls' team was ranked 8th in the state in Class 2A. Regional rival Boyle County was ranked 7th and Lexington Catholic came into the meet ranked 9th. The RCCHS girls' team has had a spectacular season thus far and hoped to repeat as regional champions after winning their first-ever regional title a year ago.

The girls' team got off to a great beginning in the meet with a very fast-paced start led by RCCHS sophomore Kayla Hayes, a first team all-state runner last season. Kayla is currently ranked 7th in the state in Class 2A and finished 5th at the state championships a year ago after winning her first individual regional title. Kayla led the entire race with a spectacular performance. She won the meet for the second straight season with an awesome time of 21:10.69, more than thirty-six seconds ahead of Boyle County's Abby Piper, the 5th ranked girl in Class 2A. Sophomore Jessi Asher, also an all-state performer last season and one of the top runners in Class 2A, ran an awesome race and finished 5th overall. She covered the 3.1-mile course in 23:02.86. Junior Heather Hammond, running in only her fifth meet of the season, came through with great performance. Heather, last year's Class 2A Female Athlete of the Year in track, finished 6th overall with an exceptional effort of 23:05.31. 3rd grade sensation Michaela Hunter, arguably the top young female prospect in the entire state, ran a superb race. Michaela finished 8th overall with an exceptional effort of 23:21.83. Sophomore Elizabeth Bussell ran a hard-fought race, battling a slight foot injury the entire time. She had actually taken two days of practice off prior to the regional meet. Her gutsy performance helped her finish in 23rd place overall with a respectable effort of 25:13.54. RCCHS 8th grader Courtney Bullock has had a spectacular first season of cross-country. The past few weeks, Courtney had been very ill. Just before her illness, Courtney was consistently running under 23 minutes. Still suffering those effects, Courtney fought her way to a 34th place finish with a great effort of 27:23.08. Senior Anna Guilfoi, running in her last regional cross-country meet, came through with a great performance. Anna finished the 5,000-meter course in 34th place overall with an excellent time of 28:00.87.

When all was said and done, the RCCHS girls' had won their second straight regional championship title, defeating Boyle County by one point, 37-38. Lexington Catholic finished 3rd with 71 points.

Upon advancing to the state championships, the girls' team will attempt to better their 7th place finish from last year's Class 2A State Championship Meet. This marked the 10th season in a row in which an RCCHS girl or girls' team has qualified for the state championships.

The RCCHS boys' team began the season ranked 9th in the state in Class 2A. After dropping out of the top ten, the boys have worked hard to work their way back to the elite of Class 2A.

The boys' got off to a fast start in the race. Senior Andrew Nelson, ranked 20th in the state, and junior Brandon Cole, ranked 19th, led the way for Rockcastle early in the race. Eventually, Brandon made his way near the front of the pack. He finished an amazing race in 3rd place overall with a spectacular performance, possibly the best ever for an RCCHS boy in regional competition. His time of 17:49.53 was only twelve seconds behind winner Patrick Morgan, one of the top five runners in the state in Class 2A. Andrew remained close to the front and finished a strong race in 6th place overall with an impressive effort of 18:18.17, despite having battled illness late in the season. Junior Bill Burdett continued to run as well as he has in the past few meets. Bill finished an impressive 8th overall with a superb effort of 18:41.44. RCCHS 6th grader Blake Parsons ran a spectacular race, finishing in 27th place overall with an exceptional effort of 20:37.11. Sophomore Derrick Baker, in his first season of cross-country running, performed very well. Derrick finished a great race in 31st place overall with a time of 21:20.97. 6th grader An-

drew Pensol ran an awesome race and finished 48th overall with a very impressive effort of 24:41.13.

The boys' solid team performance landed them a 4th place finish in one of the closest regional finishes ever among the top four teams. Boyle County took the team title with 44 points. Lexington Catholic placed 2nd with 54 points. West Jessamine finished 3rd with 62 points, while Rockcastle's 75 points placed them 4th. The boys' great team effort also earned them an opportunity to compete in the state championship meet.

The Class 2A State Cross-Country Championships will be held this Saturday at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington. The girls' race begins at 10:00 A.M. and the boys' race starts at 11:00 A.M.



The RCCHS girls' cross-country team captured their second straight Class 2A Region IV Championship title this past Saturday at Boyle County. Team members include, front from left, Elizabeth Bussell, Michaela Hunter and Jessi Asher. Back row from left: Kayla Hayes, Heather Hammond, Anna Guilfoi and Courtney Bullock. Not pictured were Andrew Nelson and Blake Parsons.



MVES third grader Michaela Hunter placed eighth in the regional meet. Michaela is arguably the top young female running prospect in the state.



The RCCHS boys' cross-country team placed fourth at the Class 2A Region IV Championships, claiming 4th in the state championships. Team members include, Andrew Pensol, Derrick Baker, Brandon Cole and Bill Burdett. Not pictured were Andrew Nelson and Blake Parsons.



RCCHS junior Bill Burdett finished eighth at the regionals.



RCCHS sophomore Kayla Hayes won her second straight regional championship. She currently ranks seventh in the state in Class 2A.



RCCHS junior Heather Hammond finished sixth in the championships.



RCCHS sophomore Jessi Asher finished fifth in the regional championships.



RCCHS senior Andrew Nelson finished sixth in the championship meet. Andrew ranks 20th in Class 2A.

## End season with win over Knox Central, 55-6 ROCK to host Lawrence in first round of play-offs

By: Richard Anderkin  
 Friday night the Rockcastle County Rockets will begin the play-off part of their season in an effort to win their fourth straight regional title.

The Rockets have also been state runners-up in Class 3A the past two seasons.

Last Friday night the Rockets traveled to Barbourville where they defeated Knox Central 55-6 and secured a second place finish in the district.

The Rockets ended the regular season 8-2.

This Friday the Rockets will host Lawrence County in the first round of the play-offs. The Rockets have met Lawrence County three times before in the play-offs and have won two of the three games.

Rocket head coach Tom Larkey said he like his team's chances against Lawrence County, a team that is 6-4 and also has to make the two and half hour trip from Louisa.

"We will have to do a good job of tackling, because they run the ball most of the time," he said.

If the Rockets win on Friday night they will have to face a Mason County team, which is highly respected and a team Larkey said is very capable of winning the regional title.

Mason County has at least four division one prospects and are 9-1 on this season, losing only to Dunbar in overtime, 20-14.

Because the Rockets finished runners-up in district play they will have to make the long trip to Mayesville for the game.

Friday night the Rockets racked up 394 yards of offense.

Offensive stats were as follows: Max Saylor, 87 yards on eight carries and he scored four touchdowns. Jamie Howard had 34 yards on five carries.

Devin Taylor had 17 yards rushing on two carries, he caught one pass for 59 yards, which was good for a touchdown and he kicked five extra points.

Quarterback Matthew Burkhardt threw two touchdown passes and had 101 yards passing. Both his completions were good for touchdowns. He also had ten yards on three carries.

Freshman Izak McQuary completed one pass, which was good for a two point conversion.

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Rocket defensive back Brandon Reams brings down a Panther runner in Friday night's 55-6 win. The Rockets host Lawrence County on Friday night in the first round of the play-offs.



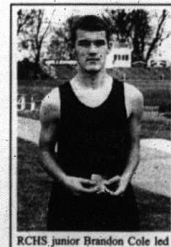
The Rockets defeated Knox Central 55-6 on Friday night. Shows above is Ricky Sandusky recovering a Panther fumble. Also shown in the photo are Chris Croucher and Caleb Blair making the hit.

## State Cross-Country Meet this Saturday

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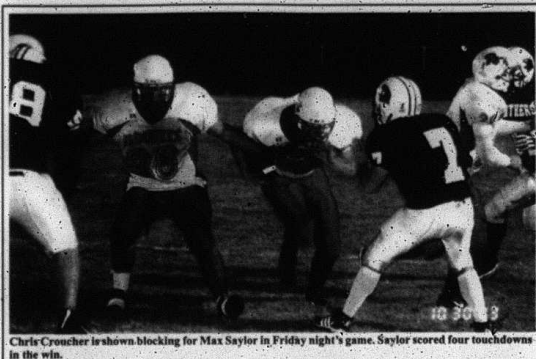
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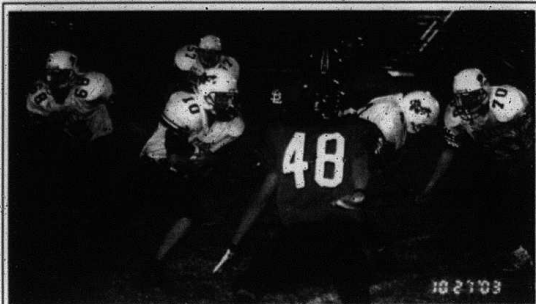


RCCHS junior Brandon Cole led the boys' team with a third place finish at the regionals. Brandon currently ranks 19th in Class 2A.





Chris Croucher is shown blocking for Max Saylor in Friday night's game. Saylor scored four touchdowns in the win.



Gabe Stallworth is shown making a run in the J.V.'s win over South Laurel 44-6. Also in the photo is #70 Gabe Gullfohl, #57 Travis Smith and #68 Brandon Lamb.

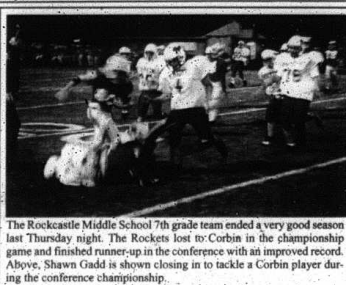
**Youth League Football**

**Wildcats 13 - Redskins 7**  
Wildcats: John Wilson, 2 TDs, Steven Thompson, 1 pt. conversion.  
Redskins: John Miller, 1 TD and 1 pt. conversion.

**Bengals 12 - Vikings 6**  
Bengals: Brandon Burkhardt, 1 TD, Boone Saylor, 1 TD.  
Vikings: Zack Reams, 1 TD.  
**Final Standings**  
6th grade 15-0  
7th Grade 7-3-1  
8th Grade 5-6

**Bengals 9-0**  
Vikins 5-4  
Wildcats 3-6  
Rdskins 1-8

This marks the eighth season that the Bengals have been undefeated.



The Rockcastle Middle School 7th grade team ended a very good season last Thursday night. The Rockets lost to Corbin in the championship game and finished runner-up in the conference with an improved record. Above, Shawn Gadd is shown closing in to tackle a Corbin player during the conference championship.

**Words of Hope**

Have you ever had your heart broken? The pain can be overwhelming at times. Sometimes we allow pain to turn into resentment. Resentment is worthless because often the person you resent has gone on with their life. Are you a bitter or better person? Romans 12:19 teaches us to give no place to wrath for vengeance will come from God. Don't seek revenge, but learn to forgive today and free your life from the chains of resentment.

—A message of hope from your friends at Mt. Vernon Pentecostal Church.

**"Rockets"**  
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Shay Mullins rushed one time for three yards and Phillip Boreing rushed twice for 13 yards. Bucky Skinner had nine yards on two carries.

Charles Cunnagin caught a two point conversion pass and Kenny Bartlett rushed the ball seven times for 54 yards.

Dusty Miller rushed six times for 61 yards and scored one touchdown. Shawn Childress caught one pass for 42 yards, which was good for a touchdown.

Derreck Hurst had 72 yards on the opening kick-off of the second half to set up a Rocket score.

The Rockets held Knox Central to 140 yards of total offense and sixteen Rockets had either tackle or assists.

Ricky Sandusky recovered a fumble and Charles Cunnagin intercepted a pass.

Other defensive stats were as follows: Saylor three tackles, Jason Leger, four, Brandon Campbell, one, Blake Eovell, two, Nick Thomas seven, Fay Graham, four, Sandusky four, Caleb Blair, three, Chris Croucher, four, Derreck Hurst, three, Taylor, two, Brandon Reams, four, Boreing, three, Cunnagin, five, Josh Bustin, two and Skinner, one. Game time at the ROCK Friday night is 7:30 p.m. and admission is \$5.00.

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# Seniors Honored



Senior night was held at Rockcastle County High School before the Rockcastle-Perry Central football game on Thursday night, October 23. Honored were football players, band members and the color guard. In the top photo is band member Charli Feltnier, daughter of Charles and Katherine Feltnier of Mt. Vernon. (Photos by John McQueary).



Thirteen senior football players were honored before the Rockcastle-Perry Central game. In the above photo is Devin Taylor, who was escorted by his parents, Coy and Linda Taylor of Brodhead.



Cody Alexander with his parents, Gerald and Irene Alexander.



Josh Hayes with his parents, Donnie Hayes of Brodhead and Connie Hayes of Berea.



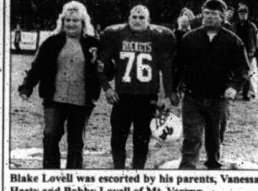
Band member Scott Cain with his parents Randy and Grashia Cain of Berea.



Jason Leger, the son of Mike Leger and Sheila Hürty, was escorted by his mother and stepfather, Garry Hurst of Brodhead.



Caleb Blair was escorted by his mother, Veronica Blair of Mt. Vernon.



Blake Lovell was escorted by his parents, Vanessa Hasty and Bobby Lovell of Mt. Vernon.



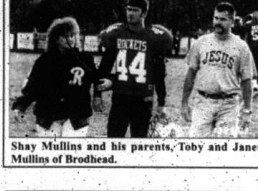
Band member Amy Gililand with her mother, Jackie Burdette of Brodhead.



Nick Thomas with his parents, Robert and Tammy Thomas of Brodhead.



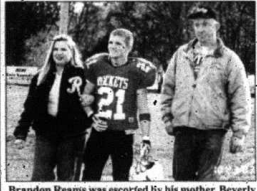
Billy Bales was escorted by his mother, Greta Bales and grandfather, Billy Bales of Berea.



Shay Mullins and his parents, Toby and Janet Mullins of Brodhead.



Band member Josh Ott was escorted by his parents, David and Diane Ott of Brodhead.



Brandon Reams was escorted by his mother, Beverly Fling of Anchorage, Alaska and his father, Kenny Reams of Orlando.



Brandon Campbell with his parents, Lee Earl and Teresa Adams of Brodhead.



James Isaacs with his parents, Herbert and Dora Isaacs of Roundstone.



Color Guard member Cassandra Nicole Ramsey was escorted by her grandparents, Robert and Lillian Ramsey of Brodhead.



Devyn Bussell with his parents, Tommy and Teresa Bussell of Mt. Vernon.



Heather Adams, a touchdown girl for four years, with her parents, Dwayne and Janice Adams.



Color Guard member Ginny Campbell, daughter of William and Carol Campbell of Crab Orchard.

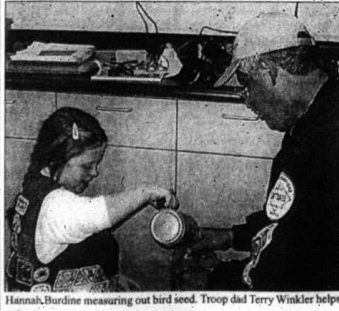
Photos by John McQueary



Kayla DeLong (left) and Olivia Caudill decorating their bird feeders.



Troop 606 is back together for another great year with three new members: Hazel Bullock, Kelsey Bullock and Kayla DeLong. They kicked off the new Girl Scout-year by making milk carton bird feeders. Thanks to John's Cellular for donating materials for our troop meeting (Pictured are from bottom left: Ariel Scheffler, Charvy Adams, Shanlyn Winkler, Hazel Bullock and Kelsey Bullock. Second row from left: Elizabeth Lawrence, Samantha Thompson, Jasmine Robinson, Kayla DeLong and Mary Bishop. Third row from left: Olivia Caudill, Assistant Leader Anigela Adams, Jessica Bentley, Crystal Reddington, Kimberly Brock, Hannah Burdine and Leader Sandy Tyler. Not pictured: Assistant Leader Marsha Caudill and Keeley Goff.



Hannah Burdine measuring out bird seed. Troop dad Terry Winkler helps out.

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# Willard and Olive Whitaker inducted into LHS Hall of Fame

The largest crowd ever to attend the Livingston School Reunion gathered October 25th at the Rockcastle County Middle School. More than 250 former students, fellow teachers, friends and family reminisced about their years at Livingston and celebrated the careers of Willard and Olive Mink Whitaker.

Pauline Baker Vanzant (1953) and Lois Thomas Sparks (1963) introduced the graduates of their respective classes. Former Livingston coach, Preston Parrett, read three of his poems about Livingston School. The poems included *LHS Reunion*, *Tribute to Lottie Mink, Jerry Mink, Kay Hammond and Paul Sturgill*, and "Closed."

Dr. Barbara M. Castleberry made a slide presentation covering the personal and professional lives of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Whitaker. Willard was the first born of four children to James and Pearl Arnold Whitaker. He graduated from Livingston High School in 1943.

On June 6, 1944, when he was 18 years old, Willard left home for the Army. In the Army, he spent much of his time in the South Pacific and rose to the rank of Sergeant. He fought in the Battle of Luzon and earned several medals and honors for his military service. These include the Pacific Theater Ribbon, Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Army of Occupation medal-Japan and a Bronze Battle Star. Mr. Whitaker was recommended for further military training but, after 2 1/2 years in the service, decided to return home to enter college.

He entered Union College in January, 1947. After one semester at Union, he was issued an emergency teaching certificate and began teaching at Whittaker School in the Sand Hill area.

Mr. Whitaker taught in several rural schools for the next few years while taking night classes and attending summer school to obtain additional college credits. He earned a BA degree from Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) in 1954, with a major in social studies. In 1958, he was awarded a Masters degree in secondary education. In addition, he completed graduate coursework in the area of social work in the schools.

Olive Mink was born, the last of nine surviving children of George D. and Susan Lakes Mink. She attended Livingston School for all her elementary and high school years and graduated as Salutatorian of the class of 1944.

About two weeks after graduating from high school, Miss Mink enrolled at Union College. During that first summer of college, she earned enough credits to obtain an emergency teaching certificate.

She took her first job teaching grades one through four at Victory School near Sand Hill. Victory School was a one-room school and the teacher for the upper grades was none other than Willard Whitaker. The couple had met previously at a pig supper when she was a junior in high school.

In order to get to the Victory School, Miss Mink walked from her home in Calloway. She traveled on a path that her father cut through the woods from Calloway to the top of Sand Hill ridge. She remembers this four-mile walk as terrifying in the



Willard and Olive Mink Whitaker

warm months because of her fear of snakes and treadeborns in the winter due to ice and snow. Meanwhile, Mr. Whitaker had a shorter trip because he lived at the foot of Sand Hill and merely had to manage to get to the top of that long curvy hill each day.

After one year at Victory School, Miss Mink transferred to Livingston to teach the fourth grade. She remained at Livingston until 1955. That year, the couple was married in Richmond, Indiana and their son, Dale, was born in 1957.

The couple spent two years teaching outside of Rockcastle County. In 1956, they taught in Carroll County and the next year they taught in Lincoln County. In 1958, they returned to Livingston School.

Mr. Whitaker taught social studies at Livingston for twelve years. He then transferred to the administrative offices of the Rockcastle County Board of Education where he served as supervisor of transportation and attendance for the next 15 years. He retired in 1985 and spends his retirement farming, raising cows, fishing and hunting.

Mr. Whitaker has been a member of the Livingston Lions Club for forty years. He has served as president and past president of the group. He has also served on the Industrial Authority Board for the past 25 years.

Like her husband, Mrs. Whitaker attended evening and summer school, while teaching full time. She earned a BS in elementary education from EKU in 1955 and an MA in 1969. She also completed additional graduate work above that required for her master's degree. She is certified in elementary and secondary education.

Over the years, Mrs. Whitaker taught the third, fourth, seventh and eighth grades as well as a reading and English in high school. In 1972, she left Livingston School to become a teacher in the homebound student program Mrs. Whitaker retired as a full-time teacher in 1985. After a couple of years in retirement, she returned to teaching part time as a homebound instructor. Mrs. Whitaker continues to serve in this position teaching students from kindergarten through grade 12.

The Whitakers enjoy spending time with their son, Dale, and his family. Dale and his wife, Sandra, have given their parents two terrific grandchildren, Jordan and Hannah. Dale continues the family tradition by serving as a counselor at Rockcastle County High School.

Following the slide presentation, former Livingston students Buzz Carlifos, George Poynter, Billy Wayne Bryant and Darrell New shared some of their memories of the Whitakers. Clyde "Butch" Phillips provided a highlight of the evening by playing a song he had written as a tribute to Mr. Whitaker. A well-known Nashville musician, Mr. Phillips graduated from Livingston in 1962. A copy of the words to the song accompanies this article.

At the conclusion of the program, Willard and Olive Mink Whitaker were presented with a plaque symbolizing their induction into the Livingston School Hall of Fame for 2003. They were honored for more than 90 years of service to their students and the community. It is hard to imagine a couple who has done more for education in Rockcastle County.

On behalf of his parents, Dale Whitaker thanked the planning committee members - Aletha Parker Bryant, Barbara Marshall Castleberry, Barbara Ponder Fain, Janet Kelly Owens, Carolyn French Ponder and Paul Ponder for their efforts.

The Livingston School Reunion is held annually on the last Saturday in October. During the evening, Mrs. Pauline Mink Waddles was given a certificate of appreciation and floral wreath in recognition of her tireless efforts as coordinator of the reunion from 1991-2002.

## "Mr. Whitaker"

By Clyde W. Phillips

Verse  
A teacher like you, a student like me  
You shining the light, one trying to see  
I could've studied harder but I've got no regrets  
I've only got God to thank for you  
and I ask Him to bless.  
Chorus  
Thank God for Mr. Whitaker for letting him be around  
At a time when we needed a gentle soul, look what we found.  
Thank God for Mr. Whitaker and the kindness he's shown  
God grant us the wisdom down the road to pass it on.  
Bridge  
Teachers stay, students go what road  
what road they'll take nobody knows  
But we'll all look back someday in a reflective way, I say  
Repeat Chorus

## CLOSED

By Preston Parrett

Strobe lights are flashing  
Buses are on the road  
They're traveling highways and byways  
And they keep on rolling  
Picking up their precious load.

When they get to Livingston  
They don't even slow down  
And they keep on rolling  
right on through the town.

Passing up a closed school  
That was the community's pride and joy  
For almost a century of service  
Was provided for each girl and boy.

They came from the hollers and hills  
Fighting the odds of nature and life's wrath,  
Joining together in a common cause  
That lifted the darkness from their path.

They were a very special breed.  
Who had a culture of their own,  
And through life's eternal wars and  
strife

Courage and resourcefulness they  
have shown.

They came from all over  
From Horse Lick to Cave Ridge,  
And Pine Hill, Calloway and Climax  
To Orlando, Gauley and the Brush  
Creek Ridge.

From Lamero to Three Links  
Chestnut Ridge, Salt Petal Cave, Red  
Hill and Bummer,  
Sand Hill, Luner, Burr and Poplar  
they enrolled every summer.

More than in the hallowed halls and  
rooms  
They learned to read, write and spell,  
And where there was once laughter  
and glee  
Now only the spiders dwell.

The rooms and hallways are now silent.  
With only ghostly footprints of  
disrupted memory.

Where students once walked the hallways  
of life  
Now is only folklore and history.



Class of 1953 - Front row; Harold Ballinger. Second row; Lorene Mink Ponder, Laura Ruth Bingham Kirby, Pauline Vanzant Baker and Lorena Phillips Mullins. Back row; Donnie Mink, Lois Kirby Elliott, Josephine Hammond Meadows, Faye Thomas Wehrle and Wil Kincaid.



Class of 1963 - Front row; Betty Clark Cauble, Doris Vanzant Durham, Lois Thomas Sparks, Edna Drew-Lakes, Minnie Haskombs Gentry and Charles Crawford Cole. Back row; Dean Carpenter, Clive Mullins, Randy Durham, James Kirby, Eddie Mahaffey and Sam Mullins.

# Mrs. Phillips honored on her birthday

Mrs. Christine Phillips of Dayton, Ohio was happily greeted with a surprise birthday party in September, following her return from Chicago, IL.

Attending were her children through to the fifth generation, her relatives from Hamilton and Dayton, OH and her friends.  
All started the day off with prayer, as is our custom to begin and end our days. Afterwards, everyone sat down to enjoy a well thought out menu of great foods and long conversations. A happiness of being together and seeing each other again on this, our Mother's Special Day.

Following dinner, Mom was presented with beautiful tiered cakes of buttercream frosting which were topped high with the palest of colors of pink roses and small green leaves. The cakes were roped and draped with our Mother's favorite, pearls. All stood and joined in to celebrate her while singing "Happy Birthday" as pictures were taken and the celebration visited. There was lots of fun and visiting the entire day into the night to help kick off our Mom's new year.

As her children, we watched and talked about how very graceful and attentive our Mother was while conversing with one or all, how earthy and without pretense she is; her many accomplishments in her life and the way she lives it; how she plans her goals in life and with prayer and work, succeeds; the many charities she funds and all the places she has flown to with more marked on her calendar. Her friends are countless and from everywhere and they stay in touch. For, if you know our Mother, you will know her as well as her children. That is to say, her warmth and her smile are as quick as her footsteps. Just as quick as her words and if she thinks we are slack in some part of your life - she will point it out to us - our age does not count. Her favorite words to us are, "It's all in the giving and never about one's self."

Today we wanted you to know how blessed we are to have you as our wonderful Mother. All the hard work for you and Dad to rear eight children, build a new home for us and all the things you taught us - never stopping even if Daddy passed away - and you taught us to never sit in judgment on others for we were up to God. You took us to the Baptist Church that your family had built. It was not only large, but always full of people. And, as adults, you gave us your blessing as we made our own decisions. Some, for decades are Roman Catholic members, some are Pentecostal and others are still members of the Baptist faith. You are as comfortable going to Mass as you are

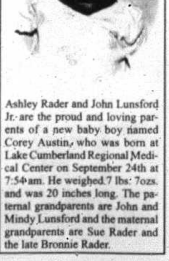


Christine Phillips

when you go to the Pentecostal and Baptist churches with your children. By your faith and wisdom, you have taught us the true meaning of worship. "There is but one belief. If you know the Father, you know the Son and they are as one, not one church, temple or parish is going to take you anywhere." Enough said.

Mom, you are young in the way you think, young in heart and you still outwork all of us. It doesn't matter to us if we've been on a jet for endless hours or if you have - the day or night is still young. We agree with your grandchildren when it comes to how you look and how proud they are when they are out with you. Grandma, you are one beautiful, well-behaved awesome lady." Well said in slang.

In keeping with all things that you and Dad taught us, we hope never to disappoint you Mom, for you have never disappointed us. We believe as Ann does, when she says, "Wie Die



Ashley Rader and John Lunsford Jr.

Arbet, so der Loh." After all Mom, you taught this to us as being the right way. In English, Brad's words - they remind us of what our Benny and Lois would say - Mom, in a world that has forgotten what true and real things are made-of - you are there with your feelings. In a world that has grown cold - you are there with your warmth. In a world filled with me-me - you are there with your unselfish heart. In a world that has forgotten what to believe in and how and why - you are there with your faith in all things good - you are a gift. So don't ever change. The world needs you just the way you are.  
Happy Birthday, Mom. We give you our deepest respect. Our deepest love.

Submitted by both: Ann Phillips, Daytona Beach Shores, FL and Brad Phillips, Centerville, OH; Brad's wife, Pam; Fritz and Linda Phillips, Dayton, OH; Gary and Carl Phillips, Dayton, OH; Lake Cumberland, KY; Juanita Rose, Centerville, IN; Shirley Miller, New Castle, IN.

Mrs. Phillips' children attended Livingston High and the



Lake Spencer Powell was born October 16th at Hardin Memorial Hospital in Elizabethtown. He weighed 8 lbs. 11 ozs. and was 21 inches long. Proud parents are Marty and April Powell of Elizabethtown. Maternal grandparents are Arlie and Patty Renner. Great grandparents are Joyce Holtzclaw and the late Carl Kirby and Artie and Dorothy Renner. Paternal grandparents are Buford and Wanda Stafford of Leitchfield. Proud aunt and uncle are Autumn and Dustin Renner.

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Happy belated birthday, Gene. I didn't forget you, I can't forget a young good looking man like you. Gene and I have been together around five years this December. He is a sweet man who is always by my side when I need him. He has always treated me like a baby. One thing I can say about Gene, he treats my kids like babies and will do anything we can to help them. That means the whole world to me. I love him with all my heart and want to spend my life loving him. He shows me the love I need. Gene, darling, I love you and we are really looking good. Gene's birthday was October 28 and mine was October 29.  
I love you, Gene  
Your woman with lots of love  
Sue Cameron

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Rockcastle County Senior Citizens Center recently enjoyed an outing that included a gospel show at our own Remfo Valley Entertainment Center, followed by dinner at Ryans in Richmond.

**"Fletcher"**  
(Cont. from Front)

Although he lost to Greg Stumbo in the race for Attorney General, career politician and Jose. Gatewood Galsbraith, received 449 votes in the county.

Besides the Republicans taking the Governor's seat and the seat of Commissioner of Agriculture, Trey Grayson, a northern Kentucky lawyer, who is just 31, won the race for Secretary of State. As in the Governor's race, he will be the first Republican Secretary of State since 1971.

Rockcastle voters pulled the lever for Grayson, 2558 times compared to the 867 times they voted for his opponent, Democrat Russ Maple. 3,981 Rockcastle countians went to the polls on Tuesday, or approximately 34 percent.

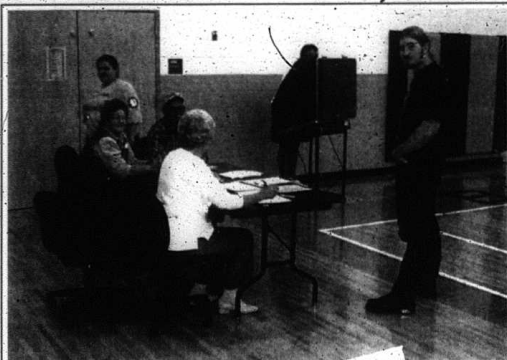
**"Carloftis"**  
(Cont. from Front)

Local builder Jimmy Brunmet of Brodhead helped Carloftis with this project.

Another recent charity event participated by Carloftis was the Victorian Society Scholarship Fund. The scholarship fund is headed up by the Malcolm Forbes family and Steve Forbes' son and family are friends of Carloftis who spent a week at their ranch last winter.

Carloftis contribution to the fun was a city garden consultation and design. Carloftis is considered an expert in rooftop gardens, balconies and courtyards. His work has been featured in *The New York Times* and on ABC's *Good Morning America*. Carloftis has designed gardens for many prominent New Yorkers.

Carloftis is the son of Mrs. Lucille Carloftis of Livingston and the late Carlos Carloftis.



Tuesday, 34 percent of Rockcastle voters went to the polls. Shown voting at West Brodhead is David McCauley, as his son Luke, waits to cast his ballot. Ernie Fletcher got more votes, 313, in West Brodhead than any other precinct in the county. Also in the photo are election officers, Sherry McKinley, T.G. Lawwell, Mary Lawwell and Joan Cash.

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Second Section

Thursday, November 6, 2003



The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club surprised Mrs. Louise Bengé with the Everett C. Brown Award at last Thursday's meeting. This award was established by the family of Everett C. Brown, as a memorial to his life's achievements. The family wishes to recognize outstanding service, leadership and commitment by our community leaders in his memory. The award is presented each year by the Kiwanis Club of Rockcastle County and has been managed by them for several years. She is shown above with Robert Lawson and Larry Hammond.



Pam Chaliff, Director of Rockcastle Co. Public Library, is presented a \$1,000 check from Janet Gill, Modern Woodmen of America district representative. The funds are the proceeds of a matching project sponsored by Modern Woodmen of America in conjunction with the Rockcastle Kiwanis Club. Ms. Chaliff stated the donation would be used purchasing a laser color printer for the library. Jessie Murray, Young Children Chairman of the Kiwanis Club is always looking for ways to serve the children in our community.



Lynn Gilbert, Main Street Renaissance Club member, received a \$250 donation from Jessie Murray of the Rockcastle Kiwanis Club to be used for the Halloween on Main Street project.

## Louise Bengé receives Everett C. Brown award

Nominating letter by Travis Burton

When trying to decide who I would like to nominate for the Everett C. Brown Award, I scanned my mind to think who had really made an impact in our community. I wanted to nominate someone hardworking, someone dedicated to service and someone who exemplified Christian traits. After much thought and consideration, I would like to nominate Mrs. Louise Bengé for this award.

Mrs. Bengé has proven to be a true inspiration to her family, friends and community. She lost her daughter, Suzanne, to Cystic Fibrosis and many could not even begin to imagine how to cope with such a loss. But, she has found strength from this tragedy and used that strength to become an asset to Rockcastle County.

Mrs. Bengé has worked extensively with organizations that help fight Cystic Fibrosis. Even after the death of her daughter, she has been extremely involved in events to help raise money to fund research on this terrible disease. She has dedicated

herself to working to help fight the illness responsible for her daughter's death so that others in the future would not have to experience the terrible pain inflicted by this killer disease.

Also, Mrs. Bengé is very involved in her community. She worked several years on the Broadhead Festival planning committee, she did most of the "bookkeeping" which is no easy job. She also continues to work very hard to raise much needed funds for the Quail Volunteer Fire Department. She can always be found helping at fish fries and is very dedicated. She is always helping put on community events that bring people together for a common good. She also has worked with students organizations such as Key Club in order to help her community.

Mrs. Bengé truly cares about her community and helping others. These are both traits not too terribly common in today's world.

I believe that if anyone is deserving of this prestigious award, it is Mrs. Louise Bengé.

## Early detection saves lives

Rockcastle County residents have not escaped cancer's touch. In the year 2000, the American Cancer Society reported there were 78 that were diagnosed with cancer. In that same year, there were 36 people in Rockcastle County who lost their lives to cancer. The most common sites where the cancer developed were of the lung, breast, prostate and the colon.

Cancer is the disease and the word that can strike fear in our hearts because it can be so devastating. However, if cancer is detected early and treated properly, lives can be saved. Early detection tests can be provided by your doctor, health department or even at-home. Breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed in women. Women can perform self-breast exams to any changes in their breasts. Women should know how their breasts normally feel and report any breast change promptly to their health care provider.

Mammogram screening is recommended annually for women 40 and older. Mammogram screening is considered the most effective method of

early detection of breast-cancer. The Rockcastle County Health Department can provide some assistance for women who have never had a mammogram that qualify by income. Women are screened, receive a clinical breast exam and are referred to Rockcastle Hospital for a mammogram. Women also can receive pap tests and colorectal screening at the health department. Men, especially those 50 and over, need to be sure to get annual check-ups at their doctor to simple cancer detection tests for the prostate and colon. Men of all ages are also recommended to do self-testicular exams.

There are lifestyle choices that can help prevent the development of cancer and other chronic diseases: "Decrease your daily fat intake" Increase fiber in your diet. Fiber is found in whole grains, vegetables and fruits. "Eat fresh fruits and vegetables" Limit alcohol "Stay active" Don't smoke.

If you have questions about early cancer detection tests, please contact your health department at 256-2242 or contact your physician.

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**Maxwell House COFFEE**  
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9.4-14 oz. Asst. Var. Kraft Velveta Shells or Potatoes or Deluxe Mac & Cheese  
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**Kraft Cheese Singles**  
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# News from the Rockcastle County Courthouse

## Circuit Civil Suits

Cabinet for Families and Children, ex rel. Ky. Foster Care vs. Eric Payne, complaint for child support and medical support. CI-00264.  
Cabinet for Families and Children, ex rel. Ky. Foster Care vs. Gina Payne, complaint for child support and medical support. CI-00265.  
Cabinet for Families and Children, ex rel. Ky. Foster Care vs. Penny Allen, complaint for child support and medical support. CI-00266.

Greentree Servicing, LLC vs. Michael Kirby, et al. \$24,180.68 plus claimed due. CI-00267.  
Russell Collins vs. Laurie Roberts Alcorn, indv. and as admx. of the estate of Marlene Collins, complaint. CI-00268.

## Small Claims

William Howard Harding vs. James Bowling, \$1,400 claimed due. \$-0030.

## District Civil Suits

Omni Credit Services vs. Terry L. Winkler, complaint. C-00116.  
Community Trust Bank vs. Eva L. Marcum, \$2,904.68 plus claimed due. C-00117.  
Cleston Saylor vs. Richard York, et al., \$1,670 plus claimed due. C-00118.

## B&M Liquidators

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Friday & Saturday Nov. 7th & 8th

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## Auction

of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Goff's

Doublewide Mobile Home & Lot  
Sat., Nov. 15, 2003 at 2:30 p.m.  
Sunnyside Estates Near the Rockcastle/Pulaski County line

**LOCATION:** Turn off Highway 461 onto Ky 1152 near the Rockcastle/Pulaski County line. Turn on Ky 1152 and proceed 1/2 mile to the property. Auction signs are posted.

Since Mr. and Mrs. Goff have purchased another home, they have authorized our firm to offer this property auction.

The pictured 1996 model doublewide features a floor plan of living/dining room combo, kitchen, three bedrooms, and two baths (one with a garden tub). Other amenities include: central air, electric heat, washer/dryer hookup, oven range, refrigerator, dishwasher, front porch and a rear deck.

The lot contains 431/100 of an acre with a gravel drive and a concrete walk.

**Auctioneer's Note:** Looking for a well-kept-ready-to-move-into home in a nice area? Then be sure to mark your calendar and check out this nice home selling on Saturday afternoon, November 15th at 2:30 p.m.  
**Terms:** 20% down day of sale, balance in 30 days.  
Announcements day of sale take precedence over printed matter.

For additional information, contact the auctioneer.

Jackie D. Goff, \$2,721.96 plus claimed due. C-00119.

## Deeds Recorded

James and Lois Noe, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Lee and Tamara Feltes. Tax \$48.00.  
Gordon and Christine Graham, real property located in Mt. Vernon, to Kenny and Sherry Robinson. No tax.

Gerald McGuire, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Regina Hedgpeth. Tax \$100.00.  
David and Freida Saylor, real property located in Rockcastle County, to John and Patricia Saylor. Tax \$87.00.

Doris Proctor, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Helen Bernice Bowler. Tax \$57.00.  
Green Point Credit, LLC, real property located in Orlando Subdiv., to Jerry M. Smith and Kay Shelton. Tax \$20.00.

Sadguru Krupa LLC, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Narayan Svarup, Inc. d/b/a Ecologate. Tax \$801.00.  
Lucille Coffey, real property located in Cedar Heights Subdivision, to Carl Coffey. No tax.

Carla and Linda C. Johnson, real property located in Conway, to Ahn and Vickie Chandler. Tax \$6.00.

Keith Croner, real property located in Rockcastle County, to James E. and Jennifer L. Eaton. Tax \$50.00.  
John R. and Eva Bernice Parsons, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Edward W. and Joyce Ann Brock. Tax \$24.00.

William G. and Dooley Croner, real property located at Green Hill, to Rachel Croner. No tax.  
John and Edith Burnett, real property located in East Fork, to Amy Barnett and Jonathan Burnett. No tax.

Mark and Elizabeth Eaton, real property located in Rainbow/Ridge Subdiv., to Bobby and Katherine White. Tax \$23.00.  
Carl J. and Summer Price, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Shannon and Sarah Cain. Tax \$77.00.

## Marriage Licenses

Lisa Ann Buntz, 31, Mt. Vernon, desk clerk and Dennis Reagan Griffin, 39, Mt. Vernon, disabled. 11/3/03.

Jamie Alden Joy, 28, Rt. 3, Elizabethtown, WV, housewife; to Michael James Chandler, 23, Parkersburg, WV, construction. 10/28/03.

Jennifer Lynn McLemore, 21, Mt. Vernon, cashier, to Howard Wesley Roderick, 23, Mt. Vernon, technician. 10/28/03.

Lela Lee Wells, 73, Somerset, housewife, to James Robert Kirby, 65, Brodhead, retired. 10/28/03.

Vicki Sellers, 33, Mt. Vernon, to Michael Joe McFerron, 40, Rt. 2, Mt. Vernon, self-employed. 11/1/03.

Rebecca Alline Hale, 24, Rt. 3, Mt. Vernon, Burger King, to Shannon Martin, 34, Rt. 3, Mt. Vernon, framer-roofer. 10/27/03.

## District Court

Hon. Michael L. Henry  
October 22, 2003

George P. Marich: Operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drug. \$200 and costs, \$250 service fee, \$20 victim compensation fund, 2 days/time served/30 day operator license suspension; Possession of marijuana, \$100 fine and 10 days/conditionally discharged; Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine; Use/possession drug paraphernalia, \$25 fine.

Travis P. Acup: Fines/fees due (\$234.50), warrant issued/license suspended.

Michael D. Allen: No Expired Registration Plates and other charges, license suspended for failure to appear.

Thomas J. Bailey: No Expired Registration Plates, \$25 and costs; Improper registration, \$50 fine.

Phillip B. Barnett: Public intoxication, \$50 and costs and 10 days/conditionally discharged.

Eric M. Beckey: Failure to produce insurance on car, \$50 and costs; Spent of credit, \$50 fine; Contempt of Court, \$50 fine; Warrant issued/license suspended;

Stephanie M. Boswell, \$50 and costs/state traffic school authorized on payment; Bethany R. Bubenzer, \$30 and costs; Angela M. Creech; paid; Frankline L. Denney, paid; Joe D. Irwin, \$38 and costs; Bridley R. Lewis, \$38 and costs/state traffic school authorized on payment; Deann M. McFerron, \$32 and costs/suspend fine/authorize state traffic school; Patsack J. Powers; paid \$138.50 total fine and costs; Benjamin J. Carrender, state traffic school authorized; Marshall Leo Callard, license suspended for failure to appear; Travis Cain, \$10 and costs; Jason E. Friedl, license suspended for failure to appear; Arthur K. Hennerice, license suspended; Laura B. Hudley, state traffic school authorized; Kevin R. Jacobs, license suspended; Michael Johnson, license suspended; Stephen C. Kern, license suspended; Naveed A. Khan, license suspended; Godfrey A. Kytte, license suspended; Ella L. Malone, paid \$100.50 total fine and costs; Rena G. Patenska, license suspended; Arian A. Presswood, license suspended; Chastity P. Sexton, \$36 and costs/suspend fine/authorize STS; Alvia Williams, license suspended; David A. Coomer, paid \$100.50 total fine and costs.

Mark Bond: Fines/fees due, 30 days.

Rodney Bowling: Fines/fees due (\$210.50), warrant issued/license suspended.

Gary Brock: Alcohol intoxication, \$50 and costs.

John Richard Caciairas: Speeding and No insurance, warrant issued/license suspended.

Michael Cain: Operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$50 and costs and 20 days/conditionally discharged.

Kelly R. Caldwell: Assault, 4th degree, \$100 and costs and 30 days/conditionally discharged one year.

Antonio Canada: Operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 and costs, \$250 service fee, \$20 victim compensation fund, 2 days/time served/30 day operator license suspension; Operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$50 fine and 10 days/conditionally discharged.

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Eric Sharon Croner: Possession of marijuana, \$100 and costs and 30 days/conditionally discharged one year.

Clarence Cramble: Fines/fees due (\$3,000), warrant issued/license suspended.

James Timothy Coffey: No insurance, warrant issued/license suspended.

Jack B. Edwards: Improper start from parked position, \$25 and costs/suspend fine/STS; Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine.

Matthew Edward Farthing: Operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 and costs, \$250 service fee, 20 VCF, 2 days/time served/30 day operator license suspension; No insurance, \$500 fine/suspend license \$25 and costs.

LeRoy E. Foster: Speeding and No Expired Kentucky Registration Receipt, license suspended for failure to appear.

Kenny A. Gabbard: Terroristic Threat, \$100 and costs and 200 days/conditionally discharged 300 fine and 200 days/conditionally discharged disorderly conduct, \$100 fine; Menacing, \$100 fine.

Kevin G. Halcomb: Fines/fees due (\$150.50), license suspended/warrant issued; 30 days previously assessed/no imposed/30 days in jail.

Scottie D. Hensley: No Expired Registration Plates, \$25 and costs; Improper registration, \$50 fine.

Jerry A. Hoskins: Fines/fees due (\$200.00), warrant issued.

Gina A. Howard: Possession open alcoholic beverage container in motor vehicle, \$25 and costs.

Fred L. Johns: Speeding and Failure to produce insurance card, paid.

Marilyn Kates: Fines/fees due (\$141.50), warrant issued.

Christina Ann Lawson: Fines/fees due (\$200.00), warrant issued.

Donnie L. Lunford: No drivers license, \$100 and costs and 30 days/conditionally discharged.

conditionally discharged; Improper registration, \$50 fine; Failure to use child restraint device, \$50 fine.

Jose E. Martinez, Jr.: Improper registration, \$25 and costs.

Bryon Clay Mason: Illegal take/purse/molest any deer/wild turkey/elk (four counts), \$500 and costs/suspend \$450 plus 150 days/conditionally discharged two years/\$500 contribution for Rockcastle Co. Sportsman's Club/each count; Criminal littering, \$300 fine/suspend \$250 plus 30 days/conditionally discharged two years; Illegal taking of wildlife, \$50 and costs; Illegal take/purse/molest any deer/wild turkey/elk (four counts), \$500 fine/suspend \$450 plus 150 days in jail/conditionally discharged plus \$500 contribution for Rockcastle Sportsman's Club/each count.

Larry M. McFarland: Fines/fees due (\$200.50), warrant issued/license suspended.

Steven C. Moore: Theft by deception, dismissed on payment of restitution and sheriff's fees.

Romulo T. Moreno: Speeding and Failure to produce insurance card, warrant issued/license suspended.

William R. Oldag, Jr.: Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 and costs; Failure to use child restraint device in vehicle, \$50 fine.

Angela K. Samples: Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine and costs.

Walter T. Sniff: Fines/fees due (\$163.50), summons issued.

Matthew C. Whitaker: Faulty equipment on public place, \$50 and costs.

Derrick Bishop: Alcohol intoxication in public place, warrant issued.

Wayne A. Dexter: Speeding and License to be in possession, warrant issued/license suspended.

Richard D. Hagy: Speeding and failure to wear seatbelts, license suspended for failure to appear.

Jeffrey A. Baker: Alcohol intoxication in public place, \$50 and costs.

Connie F. Shaver: No insurance, (Cont. to B4)

Commonwealth of Kentucky, Boone Circuit Court, Case No. 03-CV-00181

## CLASS ACTION NOTICE TO: ALL PERSONS WHO, WHILE MINORS, WERE SUBJECTED TO ACTS OF SEXUAL ABUSE AND SEXUAL MISCONDUCT BY PRIESTS OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF COVINGTON, KENTUCKY FROM JANUARY 1, 1956 TO THE PRESENT

This Notice is given pursuant to Rule 23(b)(2) of the Kentucky Rules of Civil Procedure. Your rights may be affected by the proceedings described below if you are a member of the Class. You will be bound by the judgment of the Court unless you request exclusion from the Class by opting out. Members of the Class who are represented by Class Counsel and the Plaintiff's class-wide Representatives, any member of the Class who does not opt out may, if he or she desires, appear an appearance through his or her counsel at his or her own expense. If you want to be included in the class, you do not need to do anything at this time.

**The Lawsuit**  
Five individuals filed a class action lawsuit against the Roman Catholic Diocese of Covington, Kentucky in 2003. The plaintiffs, on behalf of a class of individuals, seek, among other things, a determination by the Court that the Diocese of Covington violated its duty to minors within the Diocese through a course of conduct from 1956 to the present that exposed said persons to sexual abuse and sexual misconduct by Diocesan priests or members of religious orders who were employed by the Diocese. The class action complaint alleges that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Covington, Kentucky has engaged in a policy, pattern, or practice of concealing, supervising its priests, pastors, or ministers of concealing the Diocese's conduct was unlawful in the Diocese was negligent, was grossly negligent, and that it constituted the Kentucky common law tort of "outrage" through the course of conduct set forth above. The Diocese generally denies the legal theories advanced by the class action complaint. The Diocese further asserts that some or all of Plaintiff's claims are barred by the statute of limitations. On October 1, 2003, the Court ruled that this case will proceed as a class action. The trial date has not yet been scheduled.

**Who is a Class Member**  
You are a member of the class if you fall within the following class definition:  
All persons who while still minors at anytime during the period January 1, 1956 through the present, were subjected to acts of sexual abuse and sexual misconduct by priests or members of religious orders who, at the time of the misconduct, were assigned to or employed by the Diocese of Covington.

For events occurring during the period 1956 to 1988, the geographic area of the class covers the area of the Diocese of Covington as it existed prior to the creation of the Diocese of Lexington in 1988 and includes the following counties: Bull, Boyle, Boone, Breathitt, Bracken, Breathitt, Campbell, Carroll, Carter, Clark, Clay, Elliott, Estill, Fayette, Fleming, Floyd, Franklin, Gallatin, Garrard, Grant, Greenup, Harlan, Hartwood, Jackson, Jessamine, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Madison, Magoffin,

**Further Injury and Inspection of Papers**  
This Notice gives you the opportunity to maintain the confidentiality of all of the issues and proceedings to date. If you wish to opt out of the class or determine whether you are a member of the class, additional inquiries in writing to Class Counsel at the above-stated address. All inquiries will remain confidential. If you would like to see the complete court file, the pleadings and other papers filed in this action, you are permitted to inspect and copy the records in the files of the Clerk, Boone Circuit Court, 200 WEST CAGLE STREET, BURLINGTON, KENTUCKY 41009.

**DO NOT CALL OR WRITE TO JUDGE BARBERGER OR THE CLERK OF THE COURT.**

**SO ORDERED, this 20th day of October 2003.**  
Hon. Jon F. Barberger  
Circuit Court Judge

**OPT OUT FORM**  
Carl Case (pseudonym) v. Roman Catholic Diocese Of Covington, Case No. 03-CV-00181, pending in Boone Circuit Court (Judge Joseph F. Barberger), Boone County, Kentucky

I wish to opt out and be excluded from the Class. I understand that this decision means that I will not be bound by any judgment of the Court in this matter, whether favorable or unfavorable.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
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E-mail Address (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

To be excluded from the Class, you must return this completed form by first class mail postmarked no later than January 31, 2004 to: Robert A. Steinberg, WALTER SCHNEIDER, BAYLESSA, CHESSLEY CO., L.P.A., 1513 Fourth and Vine Tower Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 (513) 621-0297

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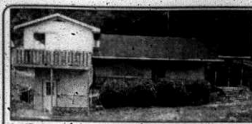
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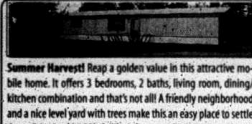
**Just Like Autumn Leaves...**...the price has fallen on this cute home and lot, on Hwy. 400 in Livingston. The house has living room, dining room, kitchen, utility room, basement and finished appliances to name a few amenities. There is also a garage building. In addition, there is a concrete 1 1/2 acre lot w/ septic and water. All for the reduced price of \$35,900. Call Bob someone takes up M1747



**One For The Money! Starter home-opportunity-extra-ordinary!** Located on 25 Paul Street, Mt. Vernon. This home is loaded with features, including 3 bedrooms, kitchen, living room, hardwood flooring throughout, new textured ceilings, front and back porches, city water and city sewer. Price reduced to sell quickly! \$39,900. M1719



**A Sweet Good Buy!** Reduced for quick sale! delicious deal awaits you on Bailey Avenue in the city limits of Mt. Vernon. This 1 1/2 story home features living room, dining room, kitchen, utility room, 2 bedrooms, bath and utility. Includes electric heat/central air, septic, city water and city sewer. For a sample taste, call for an appointment. M1737



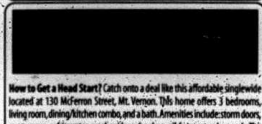
**Summer Harvest!** Reap a golden value in this attractive mobile home. It offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room, dining/kitchen combination and that's not all! A friendly neighborhood and a nice level yard with trees make this an easy place to settle down. Priced at \$31,900. Call for info on a cash-saving org. M1520



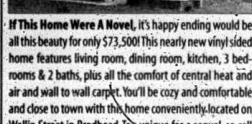
**Le Deal!** In any language, this double deal, located on McGuffey Street in Livingston, has a fantastic buy for the reduced price of \$88,500. The Bedford stone home features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, fireplace with insert, one-half basement and a detached 3-car garage. The vinyl sided 1 1/2 story home has 3 bedrooms, a bath, carport and new blacktop drive. Call to see for yourself. M1733



**Property With a Calculator!** It's counting all the money you can make on this investment! This property features a nice brick home and two metal storage buildings. The home also has living room, dining/kitchen, 1 1/2 baths and utility room as well as storm doors, washer/dryer hookup and electric heat. The storage buildings offer rental potential and contain 20 units measuring 10x20 each with concrete floors and overhead doors. To add up your opportunities, call for more details. \$165,000. M1764



**How to Get a Head Start!** Catch onto a deal like this affordable singlewide located at 130 McFormen Street, Mt. Vernon. This home offers 3 bedrooms, living room, dining/kitchen combo, and a bath. Amenities include: storm doors, oven range, refrigerator, washer/dryer hookup, oil furnace and a porch. The lot has city water and sewer, chain link fence and is also improved with a storage building. Timing's key to savings. Only \$15,000. M1765



**If This Home Were A Novel,** it's happy ending would be all this beauty for only \$73,500! This nearly new vinyl sided home features living room, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms & 2 baths, plus all the comfort of central heat and air and wall to wall carpet. You'll be cozy and comfortable and close to town with the home conveniently located on Wallin Street in Broadhead. Too unique for a sequel, so call today to thumb thru pages! M1760

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**Country Charm!** It's exactly what this house offers! Features living room, eat-in kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bath, utility room, and solar. This home has propane and wood heat, window A/C unit, and also includes 3 storage buildings. Situated on 1 acre m/l in the Orlando section. Priced at \$49,000. M1775



**Don't Settle For Less!** Get more of everyday living space in this 1997 14x40 mobile home, situated on a nice lot. The mobile home has living room, dining/kitchen combo, 2 bedrooms and a bath. This includes all furniture, deep freeze, washer/dryer hookup, electric heat and much more. Priced to sell for only \$25,000. Come make your own ruling. M1758




**A Win-Win Situation!** With this deal, you can't help but come out on top! Located on Mike Genton Road, Crab Orchard, this 14x70 mobile home, which must be moved, offers 3 bedrooms, bath, gas furnace, storm doors, oven range and washer/dryer hookup. And that's not all; a ceramic business with kiln and pouring table are included. Don't miss your chance - only \$15,000. Call today. M1705



**MORE! MORE! MORE!** Get all three with this charming home and country setting. This nice home offers living room, dining/kitchen, 3 bedrooms and 1 1/2 baths. So close to town, it has all wall-to-wall carpet, washer/dryer hookup, electric heat, and a central air conditioner. Located on John Cash Road and situated on 3 acres, more or less (partially fenced), this property is also improved with a carport and three storage buildings. Don't settle for less - all this and much more. M1761



**Repair a Little, Save A Lot!** Be a shrewd buyer, investigate this cozy 2 bedroom home. Located at 215 Williams, Mt. Vernon, this home also has a living room with fireplace, dining room, kitchen, bath and a partial basement. Value \$40,000 and convenience 21 Priced at \$55,000. Call for an appointment. M1645



**Come On! Come All!** To see this cozy country home, located on a quiet road not too far from town. Features living room, dining room, living room and very spacious family room. Call for your appointment and see what you've been waiting for! M1752




**Starved For Space?** Satisfy your appetite for private living with this 3 bedroom, 2 bath vinyl sided home. The property also features a large 2 car garage with ample space and can be purchased with a large yard or 10 scrumptious acres. The choice is yours! Call now for an appetizing preview. M1706



**Price! Price! Price!** Simply put, it's the DRASTICALLY REDUCED price that makes this cozy brick home very notable. The attention the 3 bedrooms, bath, dining/kitchen combo, utility room and storage building. Or the fact that it is situated on 5.9 private yet country acres in the Renfro Valley area. M1656



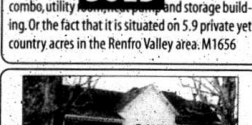
**Whatcha Need For Whatcha Get!** Match your budget with the reduced price on this feature-packed property located on Freedom School Rd. The property features a doublewide mobile home (only 9 years old) and a 4 car garage. The home offers living room, dining/kitchen combo, 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths and utility room plus it has central air electric heat, deck, wall to wall carpet, storm doors, thermopane windows and some appliances. You can buy for only \$62,900. M1664



**Home Ownership Never Looked So Good!** It's a beautiful thing in this 2001 model singlewide mobile home with living room, dining/kitchen combo, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and utility room. Also has heat pump/central air, some appliances and city water. Situated on 1/2 acre in the Burner Subdivision on Highway 70 and priced at \$39,900. M1763



**Anything You Want!** That's exactly what this 1986 singlewide, with additions with lots of potential, can become! Located in the Pine Hill section and situated on a nice lot with ample garden space, this home has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room, kitchen, dining room and utility. There is also 3 outbuildings. Act now b4 someone else does. Only \$35,900. M1739



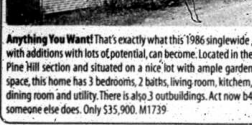
**The Best Just Got Better!** Price reduced on already outstanding bargain located at 178 Marble Street, Broadhead. This nice home has a floor plan consisting of living room, dining/kitchen (some appliances included), utility room, and a full bathroom. There are four fireplaces throughout the home and a heat pump and central air was just installed this year plus there's a 2 car garage. M1720



**Priced to Impress! Looks Equally Good!** Inspect this lovely vinyl sided home, located in the Woodland Place Subdivision. This home features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room, dining/kitchen combo with dishwasher, utility closet, city water and sewer, plus a one car attached garage and nice deck plus a fenced yard. Price has been reduced to \$75,000. Call for your appointment TODAY! M1684



**Double-Good Deal** on this doublewide and perfectly located off of Hwy. 461 close to Mt. Vernon and not far from Somerset! Situated in the Sunnyside Estates Subdivision, this home features living room, dining/kitchen combo, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and utility room. Also has heat pump/central air, dishwasher, and wood burning fireplace. Priced at only \$57,500. Call for an appointment! M1776



**Take to the Waters at Lake Linville!** Or behold them from the porch, porch of this 2 story vinyl sided home, located on Baker-Dowell Road! Offers living/dining combo, kitchen, 1 1/2 bath and utility on first floor plus 3 bedrooms and full bath on second. Also features gas heat, wall to wall carpet and blinds. Approx. 1800 sq. ft. situated on 1.3+ acres with a storage building and priced at \$99,000. Call today for your appointment to see M1713.



**Adjacent to What's Happening?** - This property's got better days ahead! 7.83 acres by survey located on the well-traveled US Highway 25-City water and sewer available. Call for more details on M1683.



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**Absolute Estate Auction**  
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 228 Main Street, Crab Orchard, Ky.

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**For the Investor With Savvy!** Excellent opportunity of these 9 acres located in the Woodland Place Subdivision. Privacy, city water and sewer available. A smart call to make! M1614

**IF Nature is Your Thing,** you will love this property! 157 acres, m/l of wooded land (with some coal) located off Chestnut Ridge Rd. Beautiful reefs and scenic views. Priced at \$89,900. Call today for your appointment. M1699

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**Undeveloped Mountain Land** in the Possum Kingdom section near Broadhead, located on 54 wooded acres with timber possibilities. **SALE PENDING** Call for an excellent hunting retreat. Call today for more information on M1785.

**LOTS**

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**Restricted Lot -** Containing 8/10 acre m/l, this lot is located on Wadd Jones Road and is priced at \$5,500. M1729

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 East Highway 150, Crab Orchard, Ky.



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## Agricultural News

By Warden Alexander, FSA Director

**County Committee Meeting**  
The Rockcastle County Farm Service Committee (CFC) will hold monthly meetings open to the public the first Thursday of each month beginning at 8:00 a.m. The meeting will be at the Rockcastle County Farm Service Agency located in the FSA Service Center on Hwy. 150 in Mt. Vernon. The next meeting has been re-scheduled for Thursday, November 6, 2003.

The CFC members are vital to the day-to-day operations of FSA. The CFC members help FSA as the local level by deciding the kind of programs their county will have and how they will operate. FSA committees operate within official regulations designed to carry out Federal laws and applying their judgment and knowledge to make decisions.

**Warehouse Designation**  
As a condition of price support of burley tobacco producers are required to inform FSA of the warehouse where they will market tobacco. This is acquired by completing the form FSA-808, Warehouse Designation, to indicate where the tobacco will be sold. Initial designation will end August 1st.

After the initial designation period ends producers will be limited to designating for the farm to any one day during the following regular re-designation period:  
- November 3 - November 7, 2003 with the marketing card being effective November 17, 2003.

The warehouse number will be indicated with a number on the marketing card. Therefore, if a producer decides to market at a warehouse other than the one specified on the card, the producer must return the card to the FSA office in a specific time period to request another marketing card.

FSA has a listing for public notice of warehouses, receiving stations and dealers posted on the bulletin board in the county office available through March 31st.

**Sign-up for 2004 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Programs**  
Warden Alexander, County Executive Director, of Rockcastle County Farm Service Agency wishes to inform producers that the enrollment for the 2004 Direct and Counter-cyclical program (DCP) began October 1, 2003 beginning the second year of successful implementation of the 2002 Farm Bill.

Producers must sign DCP contracts annually beginning with the 2003 crop year, which is a change from Production Flexibility Contract requirements under the previous farm legislation.

Producers have until June 1, 2004 to enroll for the 2004 DCP. Producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. Counter-cyclical payment rates, on the other hand, vary depending on market prices.

For sign-up and payment dates

contact FSA.  
**Livestock Assistance Program**  
Rockcastle County has been added to the counties as being approved for the Livestock Assistance Program for the 2001 crop year. Signup has been extended thru November 21, 2003.

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 (April 1 thru June 30, 2001) due to drought, hot weather, disease, insect infestation, 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 Programs (LCP-I, LCP-II) and the 2002 Cattle Feed Program. A producer must possess beneficial and financial interests 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 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.

**Office Closure**  
Rockcastle County Service Center offices of FSA and NRGS will be closed Tuesday, November 11, 2003 in observance of Veterans Day. The offices will re-open Wednesday, November 12, 2003 at 7:30 a.m.

**Rural Development Housing**  
Rural Development (low-income housing) is regularly scheduled to be in the Rockcastle County FSA office on the second Tuesday of each month. Due to November 11th being a National Holiday, RD will not visit Rockcastle County until December 9, 2003.

The FSA office is located on US HWY 150, the main RD office is located in Richmond, Kentucky at 2150 Lexington Road, Suite C and the phone number is 859-624-1980 ext.

**Important program dates**  
Warehouse Re-designation signup November 3-7, 2003

Grassland Reserve Program applications being accepted for 2004 funds.

**Crop Disaster Program (CDP)** signup began June 6, 2003

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The Rockcastle Community Health Council sponsored a Community Health Fair on Oct. 20 at the Rockcastle Middle School. The health fair was a great success. There were approximately 550 who participated in this event. Participants were able to receive many valuable health services such as: body fat analysis, bone density scans, blood pressure, blood sugars, cholesterol information, skin damage screening, flu shots, taste tests and vision screening. The Community Health Council would like to extend a special thank you to Rockcastle Middle School and Anthony Coffey, Director of the 21st Century Community Learning Center, for sponsoring this event. We would also like to thank those who donated door prizes to the health fair. Rockcastle Hospital, Rockcastle County Health Dept., Rockcastle County 21st Century Learning Centers, Cox's Funeral Home, American Cancer Society, Family Life Center, Wendys, Waffle House, Taco Bell, Subway and X-Treme Fitness.

## RCHS Class of '93 Reunion

The RCHS 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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# The Rocket

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## CATS scores improve

By MARA HENSLEY

The scores are in! That's right, last academic school year's CATS scores have been released to the public, but what *exactly* do they mean?

Annually, high school students across the commonwealth of Kentucky are given assessments to ensure that schools cover all proper curriculums. Soon thereafter, districts and individual schools receive the annual reports that determine how well or poorly the students have performed.

"Last year our scores slightly declined, but this year our scores increased," said Mr. John Hale, principal.

That is encouraging news for everyone, but there is a slight catch to how scores are calculated. Every two years, the single scores from those individual years are averaged together to create an 'accountability score'. This score is then measured to a set goal that increases bi-annually.

Whether the school meets our goal or not each year determines exactly how much funding our school receives and establishes if state assistance is required.

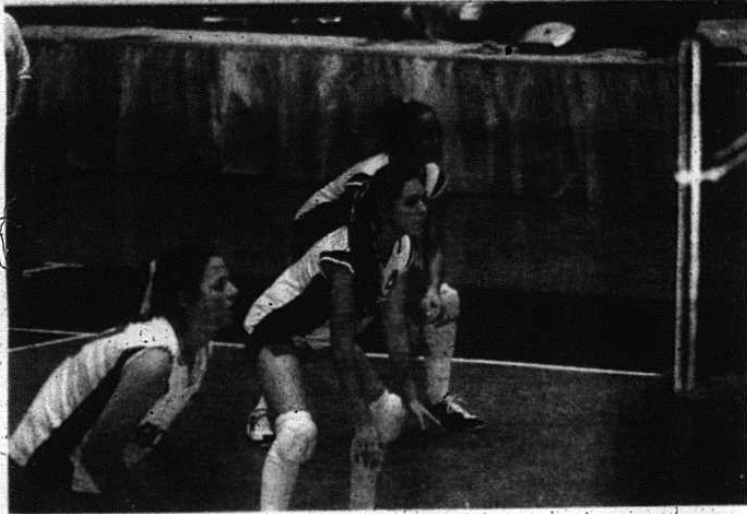
"We did not reach our goal of 74. We only lacked 3.2 points in reaching it," Mr. Hale said.

Despite the fact the school has not met our set goal yet, everyone still has this academic year to be combined into 2003's score. The good news is we are already 4.4 points above what is considered 'state assistance level' made by the content area of

"We are extremely proud of the hard work and school-wide effort shown this year's scores," pronounced Ms. Angie Hendrickson, French teacher and Department Head of Arts and Humanities, whose average score was 64.6680.

And there is much to be proud about. Test scores in every content area were boosted. The greatest visible improvement was Practical Living/Vocational Studies, rising from a 68.5 to an 84.8. Reading, as well as Arts and Humanities percentiles have also increased well over 10 points.

"We were excited to do so well in reading and in the writing pieces," reported Ms. Nancy Busseff, English teacher and Head of the English Department whose average score was 75.0581 for reading and 69.22 for writing.



Seniors Sarah Mullins, Jenna Owens, and Amanda Rogers prepare to receive against Sacred Heart's service. At left, senior Krystal Parsons prepares for an offensive hit.



## Lady Rockets DIG IT

### Lady Rockets finish winning season

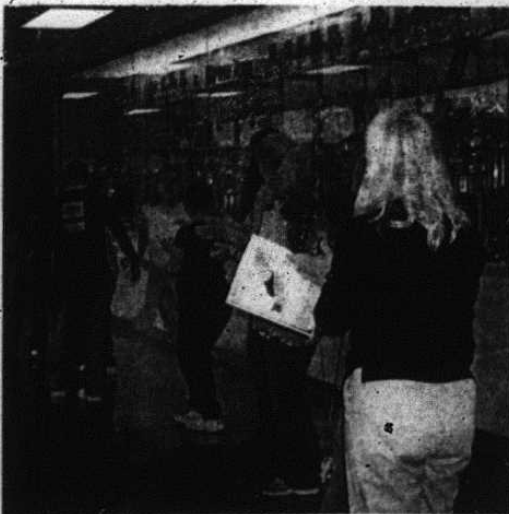
By ROCKET STAFF WRITER

Rockcastle's Lady Rockets Volleyball team made its first appearance in state competition Friday night, losing to eventual state champion Sacred Heart 2-0 (25-13, 25-11).

The team finished its season 26-17.

Earlier this season the team placed first in the annual Pulaski County tournament, second in the Madison Central tournament. They were also named district champions.

This season's team leaders were senior Allison Anderking in aces; senior Jessica Riddle in kills; Rachel Childress, also a senior, and Anderkin in blocks; senior Jenna Owens in assists.



Arts & Humanities teacher Alene Cornelius leads her class on dance day.

# Dear Seniors...

**BLAHHHHHH!** That is what myself and most of my friends feel like at the moment, so I'm guessing it's a general consensus. Already a fourth of the year has blown by and the fatigue is beginning to catch up. With ACT, SAT, college applications, and of course the ever looming dread of finals to come; not to mention school work, home work, work work, and still trying to have some semblance of a social life (whew) we've been busy little bees.

It seems like there is always somewhere to be, someone to meet, something to do. Just when you think you finally have that moment of perfect tranquil silence and freedom you have been longing after, you remember that portfolio piece due in first block tomorrow. I can't even describe the feeling of dread I get when I come home from a hard day at school and think of all the work I still have to do. It's enough to make one salivate over the prospect of **THE END**.

Then I think to myself, "Only ¼ of the year left", and I find myself wondering, "Will the rest of the year go this fast?" We only have ¼ of the year left with the people we have known since kindergarten, that we have laughed with, shared secrets with, cried with, and even fought with. We only have ¼ of the year left in the school hallways we have run through, screamed "FIGHT!!" in, held hands in, and at times even cursed. The truth is that there just isn't any getting around the fact that only ¼ of our last year is left, and love it or hate it, we still have lots to come, but there is more that we will never experience again.

When this year is over, that will be all she wrote, **THE END** will really be here. All there is to do is to make the best of the time left. Besides, just because it is the end of our time in high school, doesn't mean it is the end of our lives, we still have plenty to come.

## The Rocket

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### It Rocks...

**School Lunch.** Lunch is always the break in our day to socialize and fill our stomachs. **Seniors attend college fair.** Students were able to speak with representatives from actual colleges.



**We can have cell phones in our lockers.** This year the students of RCHS were positively giddy after being informed that it was OK to have cell phones as long as they were kept in lockers.

**Halloween is here again.** It's that time of year when all the ghosts and goblins come out to play for a night. Not to mention free candy by the bucket loads.

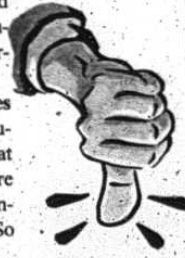
### It Reeks...

**Lunch announcements are never right.** Don't get your hopes up when you hear hamburgers are for lunch. Chances are, it will be chicken.

**There weren't many colleges.** Even though it was an opportunity, it wasn't what many of the students expected. It lacked the numbers and variety students had been looking forward to.

**We can't have cell phones PERIOD!** Wednesday students were informed that over 20 cell phones were confiscated during the random locker raid Tuesday. So much for the leeway.

**No Halloween Bash.** There will be no excuse for us older kids to get dressed up again this year since we have no dance.



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## Science Fair un-"fair" to Students Should be **OPTIONAL**

By JESSICA RIDOLE

When you hear "science fair" what do you think?

I think of long grueling hours of research, experimenting, decorating, and preparing. I also think of the two weeks of after school experimenting and writing I must do to complete my project.

Even though my science fair is over and done, I still believe the whole project should not be mandatory. Science fair should be optional for three main reasons. There are students involved in extracurricular activities, the overwhelming amount of time that is spent, and the amount of instructional time that is wasted on the projects that could be used to further teach the subject.

"Science fair is very important to exit standards and to the students. It is where the students have to make choice and budget their time," said science teacher Stephanie Harmon. "Extracurricular activities aren't required, science fair is, that is what should come first."

Teachers do make a great point, but I still say that it should be optional because of the time and also the money that must be spent for the projects. Some kids that aren't involved in sports or aren't part of a team yet they still have things like work and families that they have obligations to. Why should they have to put so much unavailable time and money into something that isn't life altering and just a grade in a class that they already have to do homework in?

Secondly many students at RCHS are involved with extracurricular activities from volleyball to academic team. This leaves those students in a bind for time when it comes to science fair.

Not only is time and involvement a factor, but the time lost in class is also. Your teacher may have to give up two to three days to science fair and those days are lost and cannot be gained back. This can cut down on more important things like preparations for upcoming test, labs, and even portfolios.

## Lessons, stories from the past give new outlook on the present

By PAULA ROWLAND

All of my life I have heard people say to take chances: "Seize the day, Paula Ann!" I just never took the time to think of how many decisions we make each day and how they truly affect us. However, as I have matured, I have learned that you do what makes you happy, as long as you also do what is expected. You have to choose white or black every day of your life--it's inevitable. Some decisions are going to be easy while others will take some deep concentration. This is all common sense. What I'd like to know is what choice do you make when both choices are expected of you?

Earlier this month, I had the choice of either staying an entire four days with my friends, or I could travel over 200 miles to Pikeville and visit my 92 year old great-grandmother. I knew that my friends expected me to hang with them and be crazy. But I also knew that my family would expect me to WANT to spend time with my great-grandmother. I had no idea how to decide...but I'm glad I finally made the decision I did.

The plans were to leave out bright and early that Thursday morning with my mom and travel the two and a half hour journey to the "mountains" (as we call Pikeville and Vicca). We would meet up with my grandmother who had been there for the entire week and then spend three whole days at my great-grandmother's house, enjoying the simple things in life.

I would be lying if I said I wasn't excited about the trip. Sure, I missed my friends, but I would see them

again. Besides, I figured that weekend to be a sort of "girl's weekend out." Four generations slept in that house that weekend: my mom, my grandmother, my great-grandmother, and me.

With no television or radios, most teenagers wouldn't have lasted past the first night. For me, however, the excitement just kept building.

I loved hearing the stories of how my Granny Fouts [great-grandmother] had sold moonshine during the early twenties; how their family worked in the coal mines and fields night and day, and how they had moved there as sharecroppers. I had never known these things about my family. I had always been taught that life back then was hard; and you just didn't bring back up hard feelings.

That weekend held many "firsts" for me. I'll be 17 years old in a week, and I had never in my life seen my Granny Fouts take her long silver hair down...until that weekend.

She carefully pulled the pins and hair bows out, smoothing her hair back with her hands, then slowly brushing in gentle strokes. I had learned from her when I was young that a lady doesn't take her hair down in front of people. This is why tears grazed my face as I watched her.

Picture albums, stories of old times, and strings of pearls awaited me that weekend. Memories passed down by generations of the three generations of that house, and memories made by me to pass down to other generations.

I didn't want to come home that weekend. The simple life of working hard to get what you deserve had made my heart ache for a better understanding of my past.

*Memories were passed down by three generations that weekend, and memories were made by me to pass down to others to follow.*

As I reached out to grasp facts and stories of the years that have passed, my grandmother and great-grandmother pushed for me to sustain a future for the years to come.

I'll never forget the lessons I learned that weekend. I believe God has miraculous ways of showing us the true meanings of life and the things that are really important. I'll never forget the words I heard my great-grandmother say as I walked out the door that Saturday: "I love you, Paulie, and do good things in life."

Never in my life had I heard her say she loved me.

Now the simple things, such as her telling me she loved me, and the necklace of blue pearls she gave to me that she had bought back in the 1930s, will mean more to me than ever. Words will never be able to express how lucky and blessed I feel. I've never been more thankful for the opportunity I was given. I only wish that everyone else could experience what I have. It gives you an entirely different outlook on what "life" means.

*I would love to receive your opinion on this matter. If you have comments (teachers and students), please send them to us in room*

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## Down the Hall: Students & staff fears revealed

What is your greatest fear?

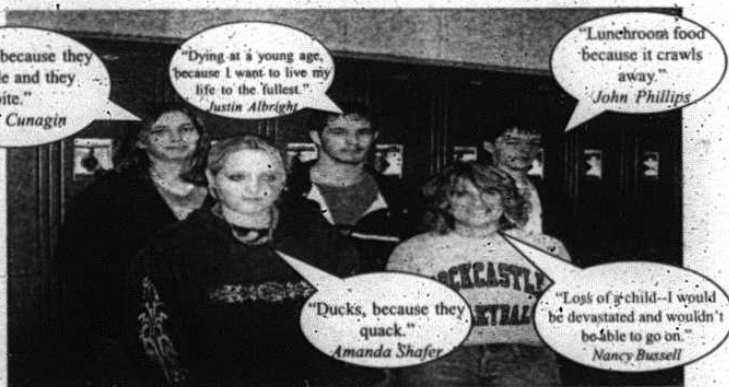
"Snakes, because they can hide and they bite."  
Cherl Cunagin

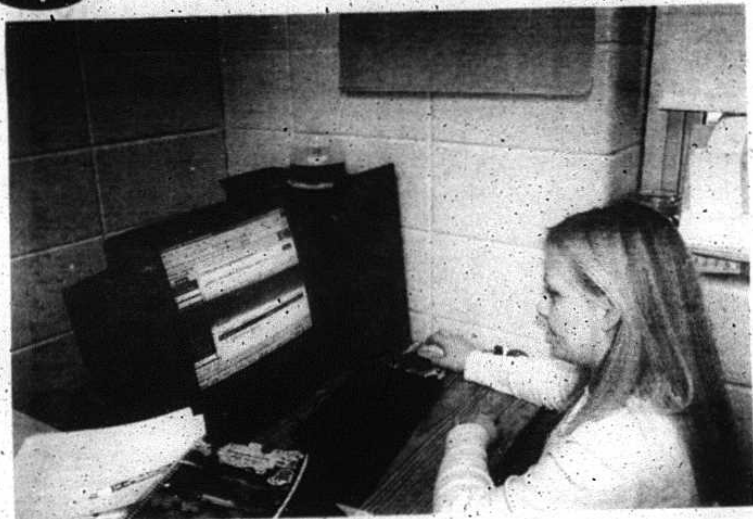
"Dying at a young age, because I want to live my life to the fullest."  
Justin Albright

"Lunchroom food because it crawls away."  
John Phillips

"Ducks, because they quack."  
Amanda Shafer

"Loss of a child--I would be devastated and wouldn't be able to go on."  
Nancy Russell





Three RCHS seniors are enrolled in Kentucky Virtual High School classes this semester. Above, Becca Alsip works on her AP French assignments via a computer in Angle Hendrickson's classroom.

## Technology, other problems mar KVHS experience

By JESSICA DENNY

The state of Kentucky advanced its classroom learning with the introduction of virtual classrooms but left the students with older technology. The three RCHS seniors who signed up for on-line classes this have run into several problems that have been rather easy to solve, but difficult to deal with.

Sarah Mullins, Anna Guilfoil, and Rebecca Alsip all signed up for Kentucky Virtual High School classes, and they all seem to have faced similar problems: internet access is not always available, the software that the students use to watch on-line video cannot be accessed, and KVHS uses older materials.

Earlier this semester the students were even concerned the classes, which are all identified as Advanced Placement, would not count toward their GPA, however, they have all been assured they will.

Mullins and Guilfoil have had problems with the school's computer technology. The

school's proxy server, which is intended to be a filter which prevents users from accessing inappropriate material, will not allow them to pull up the Real Player software, which means they cannot always complete their work.

However, Principal John Hale says that the school's computer technician, Mr. Ed Peterson, has been made aware of the problem and the girls should be able to use the software soon, if not already.

Guilfoil and Mullins have also found that the internet does not always work at school. Both girls have taken tests that have not gone through, and the answers are being trapped. Mullins rarely comes to school for this class. In fact she finds it easier only to come when she needs Mrs. Barker's help.

"If you can't get on the internet you have to miss class that day."

Hale says this problem should be fixed as well. "The virus that got into Frankfort's system has been taken care of."

Guilfoil and Alsip have had problems locating the older

materials the courses call for. Guilfoil's class calls for the 18<sup>th</sup> edition of a textbook and the publisher only sells the 20<sup>th</sup>. She looks up the name of the chapter and then finds the material that goes along with it. Alsip just recently received her materials after a long search, and still does not have the tapes she needs for her AP French class. She will have to make up the time she missed with the tapes on her own.

Alsip has an extra challenge the other girls don't have. She has to email her teacher in French, and she is expected to know the language well enough to do so.

These girls have had trouble starting the class, but things may be looking up.

Mr. Hale says the problems are being dealt with as they come up. The problems this semester's students are facing will hopefully be ironed out by next semester.

Every new program has wrinkles that need to be smoothed. "They [KVHS] offer opportunities we couldn't have had before."

## 'Lack of responsibility' could be cause of increasing thefts

By AUDREY BURKE

Many of us have experienced the momentary panic of reaching for our purses or wallets, only to find it just a moment later. Unfortunately, an unusually high number of thefts at the high school have left many students empty-handed victims.

The list of missing items includes purses, wallets, cell phones, class rings, and anything else of value, according to Assistant Principal Barry Noble.

Several factors may be contributing to the growing problem, but "I think the biggest part is lack of responsibility," he said.

Noble also encourages students to keep a closer eye on their belongings to try and prevent ones self from becoming a victim. He also recommends students not bring unnecessary items, like cell phones, to school. If a student drives, these items should be left in the vehicle.

Students should also try to carry only the money needed for the school day.

Perhaps the greatest contributing factor to the high number of thefts is trusting our fellow man. If you don't want to be the next victim, keep your items with you at all times. Students should also keep any locker combinations private, and keep their lockers locked.

## Football field soon to hold new bleachers

By Kyla French

For many seasons, fans have been forced to pack themselves into filled bleachers, elbows at their sides, to watch a Rocket football game. However, the addition of extra seating to the opposite side of the field is hoped to alleviate the problem.

The idea has been tossed about the high school for many years, but has only recently been caught by the right officials. The bleacher project was proposed by the principals and staff of RCHS, who trust that the bleachers will ease tension between fans.

"We've had problems in the past with fan and visitor crowd control," said RCHS Principal John Hale. "It was basically a safe schools issue."

The bleacher project has been passed through the public forums, as well as the local planning committee, and is currently being considered by the Kentucky Department of Education.

"We've already started preliminary work. We're just waiting for approval from Frankfort," said Rockcastle Director of Facilities Doug

see **NEW BLEACHERS** page 15

## Main Street closed tonight

By INDI RUHE

Halloween is coming to Main St. this year. From 6-8 PM tonight, children will be able to go trick or treating in a safe and supervised environment on Main St. in Mt. Vernon.

Local business will be decorating, handing out candy, and putting on their scariest faces to help make this event happen. Not only are the local businesses helping, but also the Kiwanis Club along with members from RCHS's Key Club and Y-Club.

Local police and constables will help make this event safe as well as enjoyable.

"The point of Halloween on Main is so that the local children will have a safe environment to collect candy and have a good time, as well as being safe," says Jerry Renner, who is director of the Rockcastle County Development Board. "It also keeps them from having to collect candy door to door."

Due to this event Main St. will be closed tonight from 5-8 PM.

**Remember, there will be no school Tuesday, November 4**



**RCHS joins Schools of Promise initiative**

By Audrey Burke

RCHS has joined in league with other schools across the country to participate in a new program, Schools of Promise.

America's Promise formed by

Secretary General Colin Powell, was created in response to a challenge set forth by America's living presidents for America to take responsibility for its youth.

One of the suggested methods for accomplishing the five promises is to create school/community partnerships. According to Principal John Hale, those relationships existed as part of RCHS's co-op program, even before joining with SoP.

An example of this relationship is the high school's connection with the county hospital, where many students work during and after school.

"There's even a class at the vocational school that sends students there," commented Hale.

In return for keeping up the five promises, the school receives an annual newsletter.

Schools of Promise is in partnership with that program, dedicated to fulfilling five promises:

1. An ongoing relationship with a caring adult.
2. Safe places to be after school hours with structured activities.
3. A healthy start and future.
4. Development of marketable skills through effective education.
5. A chance to give back through community service.

"Through their newsletter we get information about grant opportunities, resources, and internet sites that assist with planning," he explained.

One of the other things the school hopes for is to learn through the "network of information," as Hale referred to it, which will be established through the newsletter.

"Hopefully we will come up with some new ideas, and improve our school environment to make it a more inviting and safe place," says Hale.

Students may not see direct actions through the participation, because their assistance will be indirect. Through the program RCHS would possibly assist with career fairs and access to resources, but their involvement "won't jump out at you."

Hale has high hopes for how the new partnership with this program will help the student body.

"Any time we can help students make a connection with school and reaching their goals, it's good."

**Seventeen students begin PRIDE book project**

By Bonnie Briggs

Once again Mr. Allen Pensol, Arts and Humanities Director, and Mr. Les Scalf, RCHS art teacher, have put pen to paper in starting another book project at Rockcastle County High School.

Last year, several students assisted by Allen Pensol and Les Scalf created a book called *There's Music in Kentucky*. Students were able to get most of their materials from Renfro Valley as well as the surrounding rural countryside. The book was a success and is now displayed at Renfro Valley.

The new project is entitled *Vanishing Water, Vanishing Lives*. It will be a collection of short stories, poems, pictures, and some research material on the importance

of keeping a fresh water source for Rockcastle County.

The book will be used to "take a page from history to show how necessary a fresh water supply was," said Mr. Pensol. "We need to see the buildup, show the slow pace [of pollution] as well as draw parallels between us and the environment."

Supervisors of the project intend to educate the public and make them more ecologically aware of the importance of water. This will be accomplished by expressing themselves through art and words.

"We have students in every grade [at the high school] level that are very talented and can express themselves well," comments

Pensol.

Thus far, students have had assistance from Pat Banks who heads *Shaped by Water*. The high school students also took a field trip to the Rockcastle River where they conferred with different consultants. Supervisors were pleased, feeling that the students knew what they wanted to do after this trip.

*Vanishing Water, Vanishing Lives* is made possible through an environmental educational grant from PRIDE.

"Because the environment was touched on last year, we thought it was a good opportunity to work with the environment this time," says Mr. Pensol.

**School to provide student email access**

By Jenny Smith

Every student in Kentucky schools has to have e-mail access, according to a state mandate and a KETS [Kentucky Education Technology System] Phase I completion requirement. The deadline was June 30, 2003, however, Rockcastle County completed the project by April 9, 2003. Rockcastle District Technology Coordinator Trent Clark was in charge of the project.

"I coordinate all district wide technology projects for Rockcastle County Schools," says Clark.

Not only was Trent Clark involved with this on-going project, but numerous others were involved, as well.

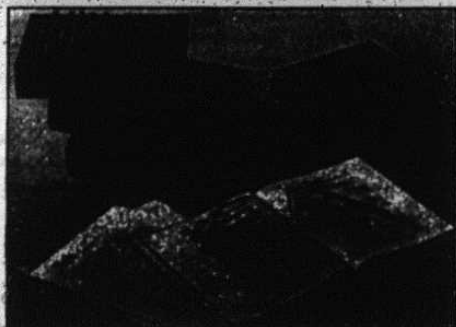
"There are many people who are involved with the project for example, principals, school technology coordinators, teachers, and most importantly students who

are becoming aware that this resource is available for student use," said Clark.

Every student will have an account, however, "student accounts will be deleted after graduation. It would be great if we could provide this service for our graduates, but there would be legal

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# The Value Of A Good Education Can Not Be Overestimated.



"Education is a social process,  
Education is growth.  
Education is not a preparation for life,  
It is life itself."

-John Dewey

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# IN THE TRENCHES: THE TRUE STORY OF A GIRL WHO FOUGHT ANOREXIA

By BONNIE BRIGGS

One out of every 100 young women between 10 and 20 are starving themselves.

Jamie's (NOT HER REAL NAME) problems first stemmed from massive fights between her mother and father. She felt so upset at the sound of them screaming at each other that it was easier to get that sick feeling out by throwing up.

She was six.

Soon, things spiraled into not eating any food at all. Since the family rarely sat down to meals, it was easy to throw the food to the dog. It started to get scary when, "I tried to take a drink of orange juice, [and] less than ten seconds later I was spitting it back out."

Her mother realized her daughter had stopped eating and she responded by trying to force Jamie\* to eat.

She tried to grasp her daughter by the throat and stuff food down her mouth. Understandably, the food came right back up. Jamie\* was taken to the hospital for dehydration. Her veins had shrunk

so much that the nurse had to stick a needle in her arm five times before finding anything. Doctors said the problem was due to a traveling stomach virus.

In her own words: "I had caught another break." The normal weight of a six-year-old child is 45 pounds, she weighed 25.

"After that my parents got along better. They united on the basis that their baby girl needed help."

She stopped making herself ill. However, at seven, she had broken bones in two different areas because her skeletal structure was greatly weakened by not having the right nutrition. Nonetheless, things were going great, she recollected; she was cute and petite, weighing 98 pounds at age nine.

Increasing age meant growth she considered ugly. Entering middle school, she had a stick figure and was ashamed of her lack of blonde hair and freckles. "Then I realized I had one up on them: I was still thin."

Holding on to being thin was threatened when her weight shot up to 110 pounds. She told herself, "You're better than they are, you're thin, you're happy with who you are... In reality, I was disgusted with myself, I wanted to vomit just looking in the mirror. I was hideous, bad hair, bad teeth, and I was gaining weight... I knew I had to do something drastic... I had to be thin, it was all I had. I came from a long proud line of beauty queens. I was the oddball, the ugly



Most teenagers look forward to lunch time as a brief period to relax and enjoy themselves. For an eating disorder sufferer, it's a stressful period surrounded by the very thing they're trying to avoid—food.

duckling, my weight was it - the only thing I had to make myself different and special. So I did what I knew would make me feel better, make me look better. I stopped eating."

The changes were horrifying. Lost weight made her ribs stick out. She was consistently ill in class. Lies now came easily at lunch time with regular excuses of 'too much breakfast' or 'not feeling well' or just 'not hungry.'

Soon her weight dropped to 94 pounds. She moved from a happy, bubbly student to a tired and non-active one. Getting sick a lot in class meant many visits to the school nurse. Teachers felt she was lazy and threatened to call in her mom.

Hating herself grew into thoughts of suicide. On the other hand, she considered her condition a slow form of suicide anyway.

"I had hit bottom. Every time I had gone to my home doctor, they passed off my symptoms as something else. The blood I coughed up was from my raw throat, not by regurgitated stomach acid. It was a simple viral infection that could be solved with an antibiotic. The heart palpitations that became a desperate cry for help from my weakened body were simple 'growing pains.' It wasn't until November when my 84 pound

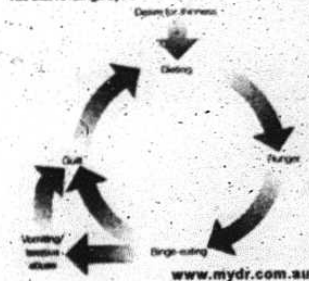
**EATING DISORDER TEST**  
For yourself or someone you know, please rate your response to the following statements:

- 1 - Often; 2 - Sometimes;
- 3 - Rarely; 4 - Never
- I feel proud of my thinness.
- I weigh myself often.
- I have fasted.
- I fear becoming fat.
- I feel fat, even though friends and family say I'm not.
- I feel the need to exercise every day.
- I enjoy preparing meals for others but eat little myself.
- I've eaten in binges. (A lot at one time very quickly)
- I like and anticipate eating alone.
- I eat even when I'm not hungry.
- I eat sensibly in front of others but not when I'm alone.
- I've made repeated attempts to diet or restrict my eating.
- I feel self-conscious or embarrassed about my eating behaviors.
- I sneak food when no one's around.
- I have lied about the amount of food I eat.
- I have vomited/made myself vomit after eating or binge-eating.
- I have used laxative, diet pills, appetite suppressants or diuretics to control my weight.
- I panic if I gain a couple of pounds.

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The starve-binge cycle



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If there's something weird, and it don't look good, who you gonna call???

## Paranormal Investigators!

By BILL BURDETT

All people have their own ghost stories. Some are just for fun, but some people really live with frightening environments, dreading their basements or attics.

Many people are afraid to tell their stories for fear of being criticized or made fun of. If you are one of these people, you may consider telling your story to a paranormal investigator.

Paranormal investigation is a serious science. Investigations are not "kooky witch-hunts", but are carried out as serious scientific studies. Like any occupation, there are professionals and amateurs. Some colleges actually offer courses in the supernatural.

You can even earn a PhD in parapsychology. Greenwiche University in Hawaii.

Several local organizations operate nearby such as the Lake Cumberland Ghost Research Organization and Southern Ghost Research that you could contact for assistance if you desire.

Generally, there are two types of spirits that are widely dealt with by paranormal investigators that may sound familiar to you.

One is a spirit of what was a human at one time and it has remained in this world due to unfinished business, guilt, love or other human related emotions or relations. They may not even know they're dead. These ghosts are like

the person when they were alive. They may be good or bad, but generally are not dangerous. You may also encounter residual haunting, which is a playback of past events happening again. This is like watching a video of the past replaying like a broken record: These human spirits account for about 95% of most hauntings.

Another type of ghost that could be found is a type that was never human and is generally a bad or evil presence. These presences are rare but are still worth mentioning and worth being aware of.

Some frequently haunted places could be cemeteries. Age does not matter, however, the older it is the more time it has had to accumulate restless spirits. Other haunted hot spots could be schools, theaters and battlefields.

Some paranormal investigators make their first priority to rule out paranormal implications, such as in the recent investigation of the Shelbyville police headquarters, which was carried out by the Louisville based Scientific Investigative Ghost Hunting Team (SIGHT). The brick building, which dated back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century, had reports of opening drawers and shifting temperatures. SIGHT members concluded that the desk which had the "haunted" drawers had soft catches and was off



Graveyards are traditional "hot spots" for paranormal activity.

balance which caused the drawers to open due to gravity. Also the cold spots and changing temperatures often associated with the presence of ghosts were due to a defective thermostat.

According to a recent article in the *Courier Journal*, SIGHT's building inspector, Danny Owen, said that 95% of the time everything can be explained.

"It's the 5% that keeps us interested," he said.

There are eight paranormal research groups in Louisville alone. About half use the scientific method using scientific instruments to measure or rule out

paranormal entities. The other half use more metaphysical methods such as psychics and other less scientific and technical means of investigation.

The SIGHT team mainly tries to rule out paranormal possibilities. This allows the team to be more confident in their findings of when they do find a possibility of a ghost's presence. It also causes people to not be as skeptical once they have heard the technicality of the investigation.

Of course, not all scientists believe in ghosts. At the national physical laboratory in England, recent research indicates that

spooky occurrences could be a result of very low frequency sound waves called infrasound. Inaudible to human ears, it is believed to be used by elephants to communicate over long distances or to repel enemies. Although humans can not hear the sound we can feel it. Caused by natural occurrences such as storms, weather patterns, seasonal winds and some earthquakes, this infrasound can have several unusual effects on people such as anxiety, extreme sorrow, or chills.

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## Close the curtains, lock the doors, and prepare for a creepy Halloween

By PAULA ROWLAND

It's what you feel at campfires, it's what is passed around by a flashlight in a group of friends, and can be passed on in the darkness by a single "boo"...they're called chills.

Everyone has heard the tales of Bloody Mary, The Candyman, and even Operator, Operator. These are the stories that make the hair on the back of your neck stand. The stories that send goose bumps throughout your entire body. However, once you've heard these stories so many times, they lose their zest in scaring the hoobaggees out of you. Which is why I'm here—to let you in on a few stories that should be told this Halloween night.

Close the curtains, lock the doors, and make sure to have a flashlight nearby if the lights suddenly go out...these are the TRUE ghost stories that your parents would never let you know as a child.

(CAUTION: these stories are NOT for the FAINT OF HEART...you read at your own risk.

### Two Eyes Shut, Too Many

In a house, not too far from here, there once lived a family with two kids. The little boy was six while the little girl was four and they shared nothing in common except for one thing...they were both terrified of the dark. The two never slept and their phobia was beginning to affect their lives as well as their friend's and family's. They didn't know of their house's past or what lurked behind closed doors and dark hallways, so the two came up with a scheme to overcome their paranoia of the darkness; one would stay awake for four hours and let the other sleep while the other would stay up the last four hours.

This seemed to work for both of the children, at least they were getting some sort of sleep. One

night however, as the little boy sat awake waiting for his last hour to be up, he heard a noise out in the hallway. He listened quietly, but heard nothing more and continued writing in his journal. But then he heard it again...the rattling of chains dragging against the floor "scrrreeeecccchhh". He started to say his sister's name when he heard it again at the end of his bedpost. This time the chains clinking against his bed, "clink clink clink clink clink clink..." He leaned down towards the end of his bed for a closer look, but the noise had stopped. He figured if he heard it again, then he would wake his sister. "clink clink clink clink c' mere clink-clink clink" He nudged at his sister as the noise grew louder. "CLINK CLINK C'MERE LIL BOY CLINK CLINK". The little boy was terrified as two fiery red eyes peered from the darkness. He tried to wake his sister, but he couldn't

make a sound. Before he could grab his sister hard enough to wake her, the huge dark figure rose and darted so quickly overtop of him that he didn't even have time to catch his last breath.

The chains wrapped around the small boy's body and he was drug off the bed in an instant. He was engulfed by the floating shadow and chains. The sister thought she heard a muffled scream and sat straight up in her bed only to find her brother not there. When she listened, she could hear chains being drug across the hallway outside her room. Her brother was never seen again, but legend says that soon after the little boy's disappearance the family moved and the shadow is still out looking for revenge upon little kids that can't sleep at night. So when you lay your head down tonight, don't be afraid to keep your eyes open. The only time to get worried is if you hear chains dragging across

your floor and see red eyes...and the faint noise of "clink clink clink"

### Knocking, Who's Knocking at My front door

It was Christmas eve and everyone at the Adams' house was settled down to watch Christmas-time movies and drink eggnog. The adults sat in the den, sharing memories of the past, while the young ones played on the floor with their newly opened toys. The wind was blowing fiercely outside, knocking the shutters against the house and making a snow storm in the yard.

Which is why no one paid attention to the FIRST knock on the door. KNOCK KNOCK. The kids sat startled, but came to the conclusion it was just the wind. Then it happened again, KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK. One of the

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**The Ring**  
(2002)

Rachel Keller, a divorced journalist, first becomes suspicious when she learns that her niece and three others died at the exact same moment. However, her suspicion turns to horror when she finds that these teens watched a hidden videotape that claims to kill you seven days after seeing it. Now Rachel must find the connections between the tape, a tragedy-stricken horse ranch and a young girl named Samara. You won't forget this movie for at least "seven days!"

**Night of the Living Dead**  
(1968)

Radiation from a fallen satellite reaches earth quietly, causing a few accidents, but no major problems. Not much is thought of it at the time, until a small group of people realize their greatest nightmare. The tables have been turned, and the dead now chase after those who live. This low budget film qualifies as one of the first truly "scary" movies. Although it is in black and white and lacks many of our recent special effects, this one will keep you up for quite a while.

**THE OMEN**  
(1976)  
GREGORY PECK

*"From the eternal sea he rises, turning man against brother, 'til man exists no more."*

Robert Thorn can't bring himself to tell his wife that their son died during birth. Wanting to convince her that nothing is wrong, he quickly adopts another baby, Damien, from a priest and vows never to reveal the truth to his wife. Nothing seems odd at first, but a few years pass and the family life goes awry. The nanny hangs herself at a birthday party. Damien cannot be brought near a church without experiencing tremors and screaming fits. Bad turns to worse when the priest returns, warning Robert that his wife is in danger if Damien continues to live in the house. That day the priest is killed and the wife is put in the hospital after a freak falling accident. It is soon revealed to Robert that he has the antichrist living in his own home.

**The Sixth Sense**  
(1999)

Malcom Crowe knows he couldn't help all of his child patients, but when the child psychologist meets a new patient with the same illnesses as one from his past, he decides to try again. He devotes all of his time to Cole Sear, hoping to cure the small boy of his illness. However, Malcom didn't know that while he was trying to help the living, he would get caught in the world of the dead.

HALEY JOEL OSMENT  
BRUCE WILLIS



## If you think there's nothing to do this weekend, take another look at what central Kentucky has to offer

By MARIA HENSLEY

It's fall in Rockcastle County and you know what that means—football fever, but not everyone succumbs. Football games and other sporting events are great entertainment for those who enjoy them, but is there really anything else to do around here? The answer is obvious. Of course! There is a widespread variety of places to visit during autumn all around Kéhfucky on weekdays and weekends.

Whatever your interests, there is something for everyone to enjoy (and still allow you to attend the Friday night football games!).

"Cedar Creek is a great place to go during this time of year" said Kandace Rose, a sophomore, about the new man-made lake located between Crab Orchard and Stanford. "The trees are so full of beautiful colors."

Cedar Creek is located on the new US Highway 150, three miles west of Crab Orchard. Although the new-found tourism spot is continually being added on to, it currently is limited to boat ramps, the historical Hebron Methodist Church built in 1896, and easy access to the William Whitley House. Progress on this site is constantly becoming visible.

It is just one of the many places to visit near Rockcastle County.

Deer Run Stables in Richmond just off Hwy. 627 (Combs Ferry) or Exit 97 on I-75, offers pre-made or personalized horseback trails. There are also hiking opportunities at Anglin Falls in the Rockcastle/Madison County line area that includes breath-taking waterfalls and untouched forests. If you enjoy hiking, then you may want to try the Natural Bridge Park, which offers many other activities, as



Many of the autumn leaves were washed away with Saturday's cold rains, but there are still many scenic views in Rockcastle like this shot taken from HWY 461.

well.

"The Natural Bridge State Resort Park is a great place to go four-wheeler riding in the fall," said Bryan Gilbert, a freshman.

The sandstone arch inside the Natural Bridge State Resort Park at Burnside is located on the 402 Mountain Parkway, just off I-64. The resort park allows access to cottages, camping sites, pool complexes, a sky lift, scenic pathways, and much more!

If nature isn't your thing, but motorsports is, then we have you covered, too. Freshman Bryan Robinson loves watching races at the Richmond Raceway because "they are full of action." Their events include late models (newer model cars), modifieds (faster

cars), and road hogs (older model cars).

The Richmond Raceway has stock car racing every Saturday night beginning at 8:00 p.m. Lake Cumberland Speedway also has racing on Friday nights until October 31.

Enjoy cars of eras gone by? Then try out the Cumberland Classic Antique and Collectible show/sale at the Center for Rural Development in Somerset on November 14-16.

"When I think of things to do in the fall, I enjoy going to Christmas Island at Burnside" said Brittany Bryant, a freshman. "It is a beautiful, moving tour of holiday lights. It really gets me into the holiday spirit!"

Christmas Island at General Burnside Island State Park will be opening its gates November 15 and will keep them open until December 30. Of course, Christmas Island is not the only thing that you can do during the fall to get excited for the upcoming Christmas season. There will be Christmas 'Round Bardstown Home in Bardstown, which begins November 28 and provides a variety of activities such as tours, music, crafts, carriage/train rides, fine dining, and shopping. Fort Harrod is also having a holiday celebration in Harrodsburg that includes shopping, tours of the 18th-century fort replica, and music that will begin on November 14.

## Breaking the Myth of Bloody Mary

By JESSICA DENNY

As a young child most people flirt with the idea of danger; some children jump from high places, some run with scissors, and others play with spirits.

Each girl takes their turn at a sleepover. They go into the bathroom one at a time where there is a candle lit at the base of the mirror. They start to spin as they chant "Bloody Mary, Bloody Mary, Bloody Mary..." Each time they say her name they get a little louder. On the thirteenth time as they look in the mirror Bloody Mary appears, so it is said. If the child is afraid

she will simply scare them with her presence, if not then she will strike the child dead, or scratch her face.

For the purpose of being properly informed I attempted this myth. After trying the Bloody Mary myth, I found that it didn't work. However, three of ten students say they saw Bloody Mary at some point during their childhood. Each of these students agree that it was probably their imagination that scared them with what they expected to see.

Counselor Janice Miller said she was also a child once, and tried

to summon Bloody Mary when she was about 12.

"I looked really hard," said Miller. "But I never saw anything." She says children have huge imaginations, and they want so badly to see Bloody Mary they probably do.

These myths are a sleepover ritual in the lives of young children. Bloody Mary was said to be a witch that was executed a hundred years ago for use of the black arts. Some

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### Information for Local Fall Activities

#### SPORTING EVENTS

Richmond Raceway (859) 623-9408  
Richmond, KY  
Lake Cumberland Raceway (606) 561-8994 Somerset, KY  
Somemite's Cruise-For contact info go to the official website at: [www.somemitecruise.com/contact.asp](http://www.somemitecruise.com/contact.asp)

Nov. 14-16 - Cumberland Classic Antique & Collectible Show/Sale at the Center for Rural Development (800) 642-6287 Somerset, KY

#### NATURE SPOTS

Natural Bridge State Resort Park (606) 663-2214 Stude, KY (South of Burnside)  
Deer Run Stables (859) 527-6339 Richmond, KY  
Lake Reba Recreational Complex (859) 623-8753 Richmond, KY  
Sheltöwee Trace Outfitters (800) 541-RAFT Whitley City, KY  
Big Red Stables (859) 734-3118 Harrodsburg, KY  
A Little Bit of Heaven Riding Stables (802) 223-8925 Frankfort, KY  
Cedar Creek Crab Orchard, KY  
Anglin Falls Berea, KY

#### HOLIDAY STUFF

Christmas Island 1-800-642-6287 Burnside, KY  
Old Fort Harrod State Park (859) 734-3314 Harrodsburg, KY  
Bardstown Home Tours (800) 638-4877 Bardstown, KY  
Christmas in the Valley at Renfro Valley (606) 256-2638 Mt. Vernon, KY  
Dec. 12: Celtic Holiday Celebration (859) 624-4242 Richmond, KY

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Hummel Planetarium & Space Theater (859) 622-1547 Richmond, KY

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Berea College Crafts Shop (859) 985-3225 Berea, KY  
Churchill Weavers (859) 986-3127 Berea, KY  
Promenade Gallery (859) 986-1609 Berea, KY  
Bybee Pottery (859) 369-5350 Richmond, KY  
Dec. 6: Pleasant Hill Craft Show Open House at Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill (800) 734-5611 Harrodsburg, KY

Are any of the events I have listed so far *not* your cup of tea? If so, don't fret. There are many things to do around the state this fall. For more in-depth information just check out frequently updated event calendars at [www.kentuckytourism.com](http://www.kentuckytourism.com) or [www.kentucky.gov](http://www.kentucky.gov).

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#### Haunted Hill Hayride

Louisville  
606-673-1492

#### Haunted Barn

Liberty  
606-787-8769

**Political Parties Divided on Variety of Issues**

By JESSICA RIDDLE

When it comes to abortion I feel:

A) that the child has done nothing. It is WRONG.

B) the woman has the right to choose. It's none of my business.

C) nothing. I do not have an opinion on this subject.

When you answer this question think about the political party that your answer corresponds with. If you answered B then you may be likely to consider yourself a Democrat. This means you are pro-choice. If you selected A, then your answer reflects the views of a Republican, which in turn means that you are pro-life. As for the answer of C, you really follow no one particular party.

Abortion is just one hot button issue in politics. There are two other issues that separate these political parties: the environment which includes the preservation of our forests and natural resources; and capitalism, which is our free market system including corporate and private owned businesses.

Democrats take pride in their national parks, where they fight for preservation of all natural resources and against air pollution and nuclear waste dumping.

"I have always felt like it is the responsibility of every human

being to work to preserve our limited natural resources and to protect our environment," says Ms. English teacher Jennifer Mattingly, a Democrat.

"My husband and I are trying to teach our three children to recycle and not to pollute. We think it's important so that our grandchildren and future generation will be able to enjoy the same resources for years to come."

Republicans aren't as concerned with environmental issues as Democrats are, which is reflected from their past actions and campaigns. They focus more on the issue of capitalism or money and the systems used to make it. The Republicans support our large corporations and the large private businesses such as Enron, Microsoft, and WorldCom.

"I think that it is important to have large corporations because it [mass production] gives us lower prices, giving the consumer the best possible deal," says Republican Mr. Travis Brenda.

Democrats support more of a small, family-oriented business. For example The Mt. Vernon Signal, Cox's Hardware, and Hiatt's 5 and 10 Store. They like the idea of a small business economy with fewer large corporations.

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**Most Embarrassing Moments  
Teacher Edition**

By KYLA FRENCH

**Who Is That??**

"I played a joke on two students once. Here I was thinking I had gotten them good when I saw a print-out of my face superimposed on Jennifer Aniston's naked body! The students had passed them around the entire school!"  
Jennifer Mattingly

**Falling Up**

"I was having a very serious conversation with a prospective employer as we were walking up the stairs. On the way, I actually fell up the stairs, in my heels and skirt! He didn't laugh though."  
Burdine

**Take the Stairs in Reverse**

"I was walking backwards down the hallway of the old

Teachers always seem so serious, never wanting to let their vulnerable side show, but we've uncovered some embarrassing moments that prove teachers aren't perfect.

high school one day talking to someone. In the middle of our conversation I ran into the stairs and fell all the way down."  
Polly Abney

**Am I My Brother's Keeper?**

"I was supposed to fill in for a pastor who was out-of-town. Somehow we got our wires crossed and I showed up 40 minutes late. They just had to sing until I got there. I gave my apologies and had to give my shortened message anyway."

Rick Barnett

**If you wanted to open the blinds that badly...**

"I was working to get my masters, and I was late to class. I decided I would slide down the side of the hallway. However, they had these long blind cords draped down the wall. I got my foot tangled in the mess and fell in the middle of the hallway."  
Debbie Cash

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## Seven steps to a healthy relationship

By ALLISON ANDERKIN

They sometimes only last a week or can even last years. They can make you think your life is as good as it gets, but then cause you immediate grief. Does this description sound familiar? It probably does. That's because most of us have been involved in a high school relationship at one time or another, but the real question is: have they all been healthy for us?

The fact is that there are key components to a having a healthy relationship. The first one of those is **MUTUAL RESPECT**. This means if you respect a person in a relationship it means you value who they are, and you understand and would never pressure the decisions they make. Make sure that he/she likes you for the person that you are, like your dorky laugh, or your love for old movies. Also, all decisions made should be regarded in the same way.

Senior Sarah Mullins says that she and boyfriend Anthony Stevens also a senior definitely do this. "It doesn't bother us to be so different from each other and to not always like the same things, but that's partly why we like each other so much. Our relationship would be boring otherwise."

The next key component is **TRUST**. Does your relationship involve a lot of jealousy? Does your significant other get mad if you partnered with a person of the opposite sex in chemistry lab? Or are they cool with it and trust you and not even notice? Jealousy, because it is a natural emotion and response, can be okay sometimes but a healthy relationship can not exist if there is no trust. **HONESTY** is yet another key, but one that especially works with trust. If there has ever been lying or dishonesty

in a relationship then it can be really hard to trust.

Senior Brandon Campbell, who has been in a relationship with senior Britney Harris for almost four years, has no doubt that he and Brittany have this. "We never fight and that's because we completely trust each other. We know we would never do anything wrong, so we don't worry about it. We know each other too well to lie about anything. We have no need for dishonesty."

Another key component involves being available for your boyfriend/girlfriend...when times are bad and when times are good. **SUPPORT** needs to be present in a relationship in all situations, that includes when her favorite pet, "Princess" dies, or when he places first in a big cross country meet. All moments should be shared within a loving couple. There are some people who are great when things are going bad for you, yet they can't handle it when things are going just right. This is the type of person who doesn't need to be in any serious relationship.

Junior Bill Burdett says he had the support necessary for a relationship with his girlfriend even before they became a couple. "She always supported me even when we were just friends; she was even the person that I could talk to when I had problems with other girls."

Support, mutual respect, trust, and honesty are still not enough components to make a healthy relationship. The next key has three vital words to describe it, "Give and Take." **FAIRNESS** and **EQUALITY** are essential. While on dates take turns choosing the movie, or even take turns paying for things such as the movie or the refreshments once you get inside.

Senior Heather Adams says whether you are in a serious relationship or not there has to be fairness and equality. "When I go on dates, even if they pay for the meal I will definitely leave the tip, and we both always pick the movie. It's just more fun that way."

Conducting your relationship this way keeps one side from dominating. It makes it easier for everything to be equal. Sometimes it is okay for your boyfriend or girlfriend to try and always pay. This tends to be the boy, but as long as it is understood they do it because they are just old fashioned and not because they want to dominate or have complete "power" of the relationship. Another problem that often occurs in a relationship is forgetting the friends you both had before you had each other. Don't forget your friends. Do not drop them completely for your guy/girl, and if possible hang out with them together, but make sure you spend the same amount of time with each group of friends.

Knowing who you are and knowing who he/she is, needs to be done from the beginning. Before the relationship you were your own person, and there is no need not to still be after. The fact is a relationship can't be healthy unless you both love yourselves first. If you don't love yourself it's hard to love someone else. That's why **SEPARATE IDENTITIES** are crucial. You don't need to forget your friends, don't forget yourself. Keep the hobbies and interests you

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## Are you getting enough sleep? If not, it may cause more problems than you think

By INDI RÜHE

"Sleep deprivation is a common condition that afflicts 47 million Americans," according to [www.sleep-deprivation.com](http://www.sleep-deprivation.com). Sleep deprivation can cause many health problems which include early stages of diabetes, obesity, and also cause memory problems. Symptoms of sleep deprivation include exhaustion, lack of physical energy and fatigue. These are just some minor and more noticeable symptoms.

Memory loss is caused when the frontal lobe in the brain doesn't get enough rest to function properly. This also affects people's ability to control speech and solve problems.

Your mood is also affected when you don't get enough sleep.

"When I don't enough sleep I can't focus on my activities in class because I'm too tired," said senior Jeff Todd.

Senior Stephanie Cameron said when she doesn't get enough sleep she gets hateful and very aggravated, as well as annoyed easier.

The average amount of sleep a person needs varies depending upon the person. Many people function well on very little sleep when others can't function properly without a lot of sleep. The average amount of sleep a person between the ages of 16-65 is 6-9 hours a night.

Interference with sleeping patterns can also cause sleep deprivation. Emotional stress, medical problems, and excitement

can cause these interruptions in sleeping patterns.

"After I get home from a meet my energy level is so high that I can't get to sleep," said track and cross country assistant coach Linda Howard.

The average amount of sleep an RCHS student receives a night is 6-7 hours; 6-9 is what is recommended. When surveyed students said that there were many reasons why they didn't get enough sleep.

"I try to get to bed by 10:00, but I don't get there until 11:30-12:00 because I have practice, and after practice I have to run errands," said senior Allison Anderkin. "When I get home I have to eat, then do homework and it takes about 3 hours to get it all done."

Freshman Bethany Taylor says that she doesn't get enough sleep because when she gets home she has to help around the house and after that she has to do her homework, which takes her 3-4 hours to do.

The survey showed that 12% of the students said they weren't getting enough sleep because of athletics, 12% work, 30% homework, 21% out with friends, and 24% said it was for reasons other than listed on the survey.

Sleep deprivation can cause serious problems physically, as well as mentally.

If you think that the lack of sleep you are receiving is causing any threat to your health please consult your physician.

## Keep winter weight off through exercise, smaller portions

By SERENA CUNAGIN

A 17 year old girl stands looking in the mirror disgusted with herself because she has gained 5 lbs. in the last week and it's only Dec. 3. She isn't alone.

The average American gains 5 to 8 lbs. during the winter season according to many sources. Keeping pounds off during winter can be hard, but if you're determined to keep the weight off it can be done.

There are several reasons a person tends to gain weight in the winter, including

Thanksgiving and Christmas and all the big meals that go with them. Also it is cold out so people are not as active unless they are involved in a sport.

Most students, like sophomore Charles Cunagin, say that eating smaller portions of food will help keep the pounds off.

According to David Riddle, Co-op Director, if you eat six meals a day with very small portions of good nutritious food then your stomach will tend to shrink instead of stretch. Using

a smaller plate will help to regulate the food portion, he suggested.

Senior Caleb Blair, a football player here at Rockcastle, is expected to gain weight during the winter instead of lose weight, but through muscle.

"Workout in the house, do push ups, sit ups, crunches, and run in place," he recommends.

"Working out and staying active will really help the pounds from sticking to you," says Lynette Renner, a nutritionist at

the Rockcastle County Health Department.

"Since it is so cold outside, find things in the house to do that will keep you active. Also 3500 calories equal to 1 lbs. So to keep the pounds off in the winter time you have to watch your calories and if you only eat 500 calories a day then you could lose one pound a week."

To keep the pounds off, sophomore Jessie Asher, who also runs cross country, suggests going into a building

and run or run on a treadmill in a fitness place."

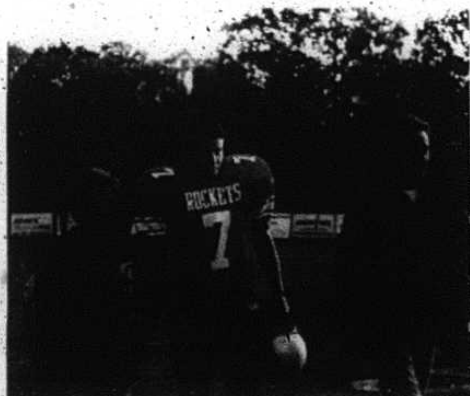
Extreme fitness center, located in Mt. Vernon next to Food World offers membership for \$20 dollars a month, which includes all equipment including the treadmill. Ten dollars a month is just for the treadmill. The hospital also has a fitness room in the basement. The fee is \$10 a month.

## Cross country prepares for regionals



The cross country team's season ends November 8, at state competition at the Lexington Horse Park. However, before advancing, the boys and the girls teams will have to qualify at the regional cross country meet in Boyle County at Millennium Park on November 1. If successful, this will be the fourth consecutive year that the cross country team from Rockcastle has participated in state competition. At left, senior Andrew Nelson and junior Brandon Cole begin race.

## RCHS continues tradition of senior night



Thursday, October 23, RCHS celebrated senior night before competing against Perry County Central in the team's final home appearance this year. Senior band and flag corps members, Touch Down girls, and football players were recognized.

Above, senior Devon Bussell is escorted by his parents Tommy and Teresa Bussell. At left, the Rockets run downfield for a touchdown. The Rockets defeated Perry Central 43-19.



# 'Traveling Pants' makes you feel part of the sisterhood

By JESSICA DENNY

Once upon a time there was a pair of pants. They were an essential kind of pants - jeans, naturally, blue but not that stiff, new blue that you see so often on the first day of school. They were a soft changeable blue with a little extra fading at the knees and the seat and white wavelets at the cuffs.

There is no one hero in Anne Brashare's *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*. In this 294 page novel, four girls discover how to survive when, after a lifetime of being together, they face their first summer apart.

Each of the girls prepares to leave for the summer, but just on the night before they are to separate, they unite around a single pair of pants. But not just any pair of pants. These are magic pants. How can a pair of pants be magic? Amazingly, the pants fit each girl perfectly, even though each has a distinctly different build. They comfort themselves in the thought of the magic within the pants and vow to each take turns wearing the pants that summer, mailing them to the next girl in line. They even go so far as to actually make rules for the wearing of the pants.

As the story of these four girls unfolds you meet four teenage girls that sound very much like the girl sitting next to you as you read this, or even yourself.

First is Carinen, who bought the pants and is responsible for the unification of the girls on their last day together. Her parents are divorced, which could be the reason she is a selfish brat. She is destined for South Carolina, where she'll be spending the summer with her dad. Carmen is a Daddy's Girl, and she's in for a big shock. When

she arrives at her father's she finds he has a new home and a soon-to-be new family. She isn't all her father has anymore and the result isn't pretty.

Bridgette (also known as Bee), a strong-willed athlete, is headed to a Baja, California soccer camp. Bee has her own problems. Her mother committed suicide and Bee responds with willful, rash behavior. When she decides she wants something she takes it. Her strong will, her athletic abilities, and her beauty don't always come through for her in the end. When Bee goes to camp she finds that all of her traits have helped her into a big problem.

Lena is shy and lives through her art, and keeps herself in the shadows of life. She and her sister visit her grandparents in Greece, and Lena attempts to get back to her roots. Greece is a very romantic place, and Lena is sucked in by the beauty of the land and into a relationship she is unsure of.

Tibby stays at home in Washington, D.C. and holds down the fort. She doesn't want her friends to leave for two reasons: 1. she will miss them, and 2. she doesn't get to go anywhere

exciting. She is the life line everyone writes to keep in touch with the events at home. In the meantime, Tibby gets her first job which takes her into a direction she didn't quite expect, and she makes a new, unlikely friend who gets her through her summer alone.

At the beginning of the book the girls laid out the rules of the pants. The girls were childish as they giggled about the various rules, but as they go through the summer they are faced with various obstacles that make them more mature. They are faced with their first serious romances, family problems, and death. Reading is not a top priority for me, but I had to make it one after I started reading this book. I enjoyed the reality of the problems the girls faced and the comfort they took in something as simple as a pair of pants.

## The Sisterhood of the



## Traveling Pants ~ ANN BRASHARE ~

# Eclipse breath strips outshines Listerine

By MARIA HENSELY & INDI RUBE

Do you have bad breath from drinking the Mountain Holler that we recommended you in our last review? Well then, we have just the remedy for it! This time around we decided to test a product that almost everyone in the entire school uses or would like to know more about—breath strips.

There is a variety of these little strips. Whether your favorite breath-freshening flavor is cinnamon or peppermint, more than likely, the breath strip manufacturers have you covered.

Why do so many opt for breath strips over gums and mints? It is simple—convenience! Each pack of breath strips comes in a nifty little container that can easily slide into anyone's pocket or purse.

Still need convincing that breath strips are right for you? How about this? They dissolve instantly, contain ZERO calories, (yeah!) and are diabetic and vegetarian/vegan friendly.

In our test we decided to try out a peppermint type of flavor in the strips. We chose Wrigley's Eclipse

Flash breath strips against Listerine's Cool Mint Pocket Paks breath strips.



The strips came in different amounts in the packs, but the size of the strips were identical. We found that 75% percent of the people we tested preferred the Eclipse strips over Listerine's. So, truly what is the difference?

Although it would appear that the Listerine strip cost more, the truth is that since there are more in the pack, the cost is slightly higher than that of the Eclipse brand.

Those 75% that enjoyed the Eclipse most of all said that the Listerine strips were slightly bitter, while the 25% that enjoyed the Listerine agreed that the Eclipse strips were somewhat hot when they first placed the strip on their tongues.

The majority in our experiment ruled, but as always, the choice is up to you. The two different brands were extremely similar. Although they were both great in their own ways, our experiment has shown that most of our consumers favored Eclipse Strips!!

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Two acoustic scientists at the national physical laboratory tested the effects of infrasound on 750 people at a London concert. The audience listened to four pieces of contemporary music, some of which were mixed with infrasound. After the concert the audience was asked to describe their reactions to the music. About 22% reported feelings of unease, sorrow, chills, nervousness and fear.

"Some scientists have suggested that this level of sound may be present at some allegedly haunted sites and so cause people to have odd sensations that they attribute to a ghost," said one of the scientists who conducted the experiment. "Our findings support these ideas."

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Mullins. "It should be two to three months for architect drawings to be approved and then we can start."

It will cost an estimated \$160,000 to complete the project, but the school will not feel any budget crunch.

"The money comes from capital outlay," says Hale. "It is used for buildings only."

Rocket fans are excited to see the future of the stadium unfold.

"It's great to provide seating for the fans," said RCHS teacher Nancy Bussell, who has seen two sons go through the Rocket football program. "It will make a better Friday night atmosphere."

**Remember,  
Have a Safe  
and Happy  
Halloween!**

**EATING DISORDER****QUIZ:** continued from page 6

\_\_\_\_\_ I think about food frequently, deciding to eat or not eat.

\_\_\_\_\_ I feel out of control when eating or binge-eating.

\_\_\_\_\_ I often feel depressed or anxious after eating.

\_\_\_\_\_ I eat more when I'm upset or under stress.

42 + Average attitudes toward eating, weight and body image. 41-23. There may be an eating disorder problem starting 22 or less. There is a strong possibility of an eating disorder.

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confuse the "mirror witch" with Mary I of England.

With the confusion that lies in the true identity of Bloody Mary, she has many names. She is known as Mary Worth, Bloody Mary, and Black Angus. In the early 1970's most homes had large mirrors only in their bathrooms. As this was the time in which Bloody Mary became popular, so did the bathroom.

As popular and thrilling as Bloody Mary is as a young child, it is not real. Children can see anything in their imagination if they believe it.

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There are people who are neither Democrat or Republican. These people are known as the third party. They have ideals shared possibly by both major parties, or neither party.

Some moderates (Republicans and Democrats who have mixed feelings but are in agreement with most of what their party stands for), like chemistry teacher Misty Barker, have the same views as some third parties.

"I believe that the election and politics is more about the people who are running and their views than the party," Barker explains.

Where do you stand?

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body went to sleep one night and did not wake up for 27 hours that my parents took me to the hospital again. I was not diagnosed with anorexia or bulimia. Those words were never spoken."

The spiral stopped, and she was able to build up her eating again. No one ever talked about those issues. Determined to do it on her own, she was able to find herself. These days, 'pig-out' sessions are fun. Being bubbly and happy has come back, and she intends them to stay. At sixteen, she is proud of her weight, while, "I truly love myself."

As crazy as it can sound, eating disorders are a rising enemy in the world of teenagers. About eighty percent of the people who suffer from eating disorders are girls, but boys too have the problem. In a survey recently given at RCHS, 62% of the students claim to know someone who has or had an eating disorder. Of that number 11% surveyed state that they themselves have had the problem. There were nine girls and one boy.

An eating disorder results from the drive to be thin. There are two main kinds. Anorexia nervosa, which starts with the intense fear of being thin, is accomplished when a person stops eating. Those who

suffer from bulimia throw up or purging food after bingeing.

A good portion of these students cite media as the main cause of eating disorders. All of them agreed that low self-esteem was also responsible.

Jamie\* referred to control: "When your whole life seems to be falling apart, eating or not eating your food is a method of control that you have on what happens around you."

Doctors cite genetics, competitive activities, perfectionist personalities, and some forms of physical abuse as reasons for the fear of being overweight. Complications from the testimony such as spitting up blood, weak bones, a loss of energy, thoughts of suicide, and heart palpitations are not uncommon. Starving oneself can lead also to osteoporosis, a condition that typically affects the elderly, heart failure...and death.

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adults rushed from the kitchen to open the door and greet a new guest, but when she looked out the window, no one was there. A few hours later, as everyone was getting ready for a good night's rest, there came a final KNOCK KNOCK. This time the force of the knock was so strong that the entire door came off of its hinges, swirring a cold winter breeze into the living room. The closest men to the door quickly shut it tightly and went onto bed.

Later on that night, a tall dark figure was seen walking through the hallway then slowly disappearing into the

grandparent's room. The next morning, the grandmother had passed away. The same knocking happened again a few nights later at another house, and the son had died in his sleep that night.

Legend has it that death always knocks twice before ever coming into your house, and that when you open the door to the knocking, you'll never see anyone there. Later on, you'll see a dark figure walking through your hallways and corridors. This should make you think twice to opening a knocking door when you see no one standing outside.

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both had before you became a couple.

Senior Caleb Blair says he and his girlfriend junior Surprise Stallsworth have really kept their identities during the past year.

"Surprise is on the dance team and I support that; I am on the football team and she supports that. We never get jealous about losing time with each other for things like that. It's really no problem for us. These are things we've been doing for a long time that we still do."

Probably one of the most important key components in any kind of a relationship whether it be with your parents, your best friend, your teacher, or your significant other is **GOOD COMMUNICATION**. Often men and especially women don't say exactly what they mean. This means that if you don't know exactly what they are trying to say or exactly what they're trying to not say...ask. Ask them what they meant. Ask them why they feel that way. Ask them what you can do to help. It is much healthier for a relationship to be honest with each other and this even means emotions and feelings. If you're afraid to say something because you think it is not what they want to hear, then you might not be with the right person. The right person will give you space, be there and listen, be there and give advice, and hopefully try to understand you when you need it.

Senior Billy Hayes and senior Becca Alsip have a very healthy relationship that does include good communication.

"We talk about anything, and everything that's why we are so cool with the way we both feel about things," said Billy.

Whether you have just one key component or all but one, it is important to try and find a relationship that has ALL of them and is just right for you. High school relationships should not cause stress or anger, or even sadness; they should be fun and make you happy.

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**A gymnast? world traveler? and all with a cat named PIG? Who is this teacher?**

By JERRY SMITH & BONNIE BRIGGS  
I used to kill frogs for a living at the University of Kentucky.

I normally caught them while they were tadpoles, then I raised them on spinach. When they grew big, I drained their blood and other frog fluids. Sometimes, I grew attached to the frogs, so I would sneak them out of the lab and release them into ponds.

I have a fascinating pet.

My beloved PIG is beautiful, but dumb as anything. His name is Poncho Ichabod Gonzalez, and he is the most handsome cat I have ever seen. On one occasion, I had left a lighted candle in the bathroom. My husband's aide and I smelled something burning sometime later. We both rushed to the bathroom and discovered PIG dozing off ON TOP OF THE CANDLE! His fur was so long he didn't realize he was on fire, but he was plenty scared when the aide dumped him in the sink and doused the poor cat in water.

I have had stimulating travel abroad.

I decided to travel to Italy for vacation and spent time in Japan

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issues and it would cost additional funds to provide server space," said Clark.

Junior Corey Powell believes it's great that Rockcastle finally has student e-mail.

"In have-to cases students could e-mail homework to their teachers, if for some reason they had to miss school," said Powell.

Senior Kim Ayers also believes it's great having student e-mail.

"It's good because some seniors don't have e-mail at home and there are many websites that offer great scholarship information that could be sent to e-mail."

Sophomore Tabatha Nickel disagrees with Powell and Ayers.



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and Scotland for work. I worked in quality assurance. I have visited two nuclear power plants, a military base, and factories all over the United States. To make a long story short, I have held the following positions: Advanced Quality Systems Manager, Quality Engineer, Quality Systems Engineer, Process Engineer, QC Area Controller, and Laboratory Technician, before becoming a teacher.

Here is some extra information to help you along.

I was on the gymnastics team in college. Not to mention, I was a member of the chemistry club in high school. Yeah...I have to admit I was vice-president.

"I don't think we should have it because even though student e-mail is monitored, students could easily find ways around that, and could send e-mails with violence, or pornography in it. Also if, for example, the drug dog was to come to school, students could easily e-mail other students by computer to warn them about the drug dog," said Nickel.

Students like Sarah Mullins actually depend on student e-mail because she takes college classes online while still attending RCHS. So even though some students have different views about student e-mail, others take advantage and use it for great opportunities.

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stairs. I was going to go scare them, so I jumped out of the bed, and jumped out into the hallway from the corner."

Nobody was there, and when she looked down the stairs, the rest of the house was pitch black.

Senior Jessie Denny says that not long ago she lived in a haunted apartment. According to Denny, the doors would shut and lights would turn on and off, even though there was no problem with the electricity. Other incidents occurred, too.

"There was this one drawer in the kitchen, the third drawer. When something would go missing it would turn up there—like a picture and someone's keys."

Another student with frightening encounters prefers to remain anonymous, but related their experience.

"One night I was sleeping in our new house for the first time and I was woken up by a woman all dressed in white. She had white hair, too."

The woman asked her what her name was, where she was from, and about the rest of the people that were in the house.

"I told her all about them, then she told me she'd see me later, and was really happy I'd moved there."

Immediately after recovering from the shock of her ghostly visitor, she went to her parents' room, woke her mom up, and told her about the woman.

"She told me I was just dreaming and to go back to sleep. The next day I told my dad about the woman, and he looked like he'd seen a ghost."

He had heard from the houses's previous inhabitants about a woman who would ask questions. Every time she would show up, the man in the house, if there was one, would end up with scratches on his neck.

"Weird thing was, that morning, when my dad woke up my mom asked him where did he get all those scratches on his back from. Soon after, more weird things continued," she said.

"We moved."



**Horoscopes**

by serena cunnagin

**Scorpio (10/24-11/21)** – This is your time to shine, so make this month count. School work has been playing second fiddle to other concerns, but now is the time to start to focus.

**Sagittarius (11/22-12/21)** – After weeks of working with out a break it's time to plan a night for yourself. Plan a night on the town and make it last, with the end of the semester looming, it's the only break you're going to be getting for a while.

**Capricorn (12/22-1/19)** – You feel like romance is all people talk about, but right now you want to slow your relationship down. Stop dreading the situation and sit that special someone down and tell them how you feel.

**Aquarius (1/20-2/18)** – You're all pepped out! Take a break and put your school spirit on hold because the next sports season is coming up soon.

**Pisces (2/19-3/20)** – New friends are great, but don't get caught up in what they're about. Remember: you are your own person and you need your own time and activities.

**Aries (3/21-4/19)** – You want to be a leader and it fits you well but you are always watching your step. This month, don't worry about everyone else and take that giant leap.

**Taurus (4/20-5/20)** – Sometimes you feel like you can't gain control but don't lose sight of the fact that this is your life and you're making your future now.

**Gemini (5/21-6/21)** – School's going great, no friction with your friends or family, and work—couldn't be any better. Don't let security make you too secure...be prepared for the rocks ahead.

**Cancer (6/22-7/22)** – Funds are low right now. With Christmas and other occasions coming up, you'll be really feeling the crunch in a few weeks. You need to budget but don't forget about treating yourself, too.

**Leo (7/23-8/22)** – School has always been fairly easy to you, but lately you've been struggling. Remember those study skills because you've got a shocker ahead.

**Virgo (8/23-9/22)** – Decisions are common in your life but lately they have overwhelmed you. Slow down and think them through because consequences always last.

**Libra (9/23-10/23)** – With a new crush your head is in the air but don't get to far up into the clouds, because you'll come crashing down.

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