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Burdette first Circuit Judge from Rockcastle since 1950's

By: Richard Anderkin

Former Rockcastle County Attorney Jeffery T. Burdette, of Mt. Vernon was ceremoniously sworn-in on Thursday as Circuit Judge for the 28th district of Kentucky.

That district includes the counties of Rockcastle, Pulaski and Lincoln Counties.

Burdette is replacing long-time Circuit Judge William Cain, of Somerset, who retired on January 1st. Burdette had served as Rockcastle County Attorney for ten years and was actually sworn-in three days after he was appointed by Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher, which was on January 26th.

Kentucky Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Joseph Lambert, also of Mt. Vernon administered the oath of office to the 41-year-old Burdette who has been practicing law since 1989.

From 1989 until 1991 he practiced with the law firm of Farmer, Keller and Kelley in London and in 1991 he went into private practice with local attorney Willis G. Coffey.

Burdette, a graduate of Rockcastle County High School, Cumberland College and Chase College of Law, is also a part-time farmer who lives on his family farm with his wife Twila and two small children, Thomas and Zoe. Twila is Activities Director at the Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center where, before his appointment to the bench, Burdette served as legal counsel to the board of directors.

Burdette will be the first regular sitting Circuit Judge from Rockcastle County since the late Edd Denny presided in the 1950's.

The honorable Debra Lambert, wife of Justice Lambert, was elected to the Family Court Circuit Judge's position two years ago and serves the same three counties, but she and her staff deal only with family court issues.

According to statistics from the Kentucky State Police, under Burdette's watch as county attorney, convictions for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs rose over 100 percent in Rockcastle and child support collections rose to \$1 million annually.

"I credit my staff with much of those accomplishments and appreciate all of the hard work they put forth during my tenure as County Attorney," the new Circuit Judge said.

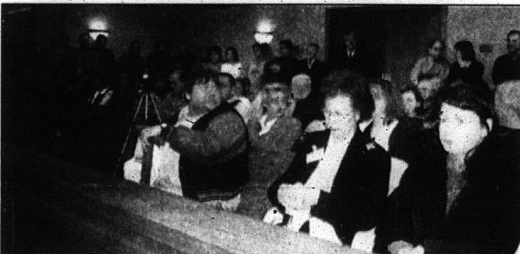
During his tenure he also filed over 200 law suits in order to collect delinquent taxes, which was unheard of in Rockcastle County and he also was instrumental in helping the county implement the current 911 system.

Burdette is also an active member of the Kentucky County Attorneys Association and is known

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Public Swearing-in held last Thursday



Former Rockcastle County Attorney Jeffery T. Burdette, right, who has served Rockcastle for ten years was ceremoniously sworn-in Thursday at the Rockcastle County Courthouse by Ky. Supreme Court Chief Justice Joseph Lambert, left. Burdette is the first regular sitting Circuit Judge since the late 1950's to be from Rockcastle County. He replaces a retiring William T. Cain and will fill his seat until November, when he will face off with Somerset Attorney Scott Lawless. Also in the photo are from left: Circuit Judge Robert Gillum, Burdette's son Thomas, daughter Zoe and wife Twila, who held the Bible for her husband. Shown in the bottom photo are the large number of officials and local citizens who attended the ceremony.

School board meeting set for Thursday night

The regular monthly meeting of the Rockcastle County School Board was re-scheduled for Thursday, (today) because of the district basketball games for the Rockcastle County Lady Rockets and the Rockets, on Tuesday night.

Tonight, the board of education will discuss several topics and will also hold their annual evaluation of school superintendent Larry Hammond, who has a contract with the local school system through 2006.

Hammond has served as superintendent for the past nine years and before that was a teacher and was also Director of Transportation and Direc-

tor of Student Services. He has been with the local school system for the past 26 years.

Tonight the board could approve a contract extension for Hammond through 2007.

Last month the board approved three construction projects for a total of \$280,000, but finance officer Richard Bray said Tuesday the estimates of the costs of those projects had changed from the \$280,000 to \$230,000.

"We have some done some more number crunching and we are pleased with the outcome," Bray said.

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As of Friday likely no officer on duty

Brodhead having police problems

By: Richard Anderkin

Unless a miracle happens between now and then, as of Friday the city of Brodhead will have no police officer.

Police Chief Joe Bussell, who has served the city for 17 years, and the city council were notified recently that he was not certified any longer to be a police officer in the state of Ky.

Bussell and the council discussed the situation at length on Monday February 2nd and the only solution they could come up with was that Bussell would step down.

To make matters worse for the city council, their other police officer, Jason Kirby is going to the Rockcastle Sheriff's office as a deputy.

The Criminal Justice Department has told the city that Bussell cannot serve because he did not complete his continuing education classes and has actually been non-certified since 2002.

Bussell admitted Tuesday that he had missed some of his required training, but that it was because of his work load and the never ending jumping of officers from his staff to other police agencies.

"I missed some training, but it was only because the city would have been left without police protection, after these other officers come and go," Bussell said.

However Bussell said he has not retired or resigned and will continue to make an effort to get the state to allow him to take the required classes so that he can continue his work for the city of Brodhead.

Brodhead Mayor Walter Cash said that he and Bussell met with officials at the Criminal Justice Department training center in Richmond on Monday, but got little good news. "They referred us to Frankfort and we are going to carry through with that," he said.

City Attorney John Ford said Tuesday he had also tried to get an extension for Bussell, but had had no success to this point.

"It is really unfair for someone, who has served the citizens of Brodhead so well, to not be allowed an extension on his continuing education," Ford said.

"Chief Bussell has been an asset to the city and after all, he has served 17 years, how much more education do you need," Ford added.

"Chief Bussell has worked on illegal drug cases, murders, you name it, he has worked on every case imaginable in order to help keep Brodhead a safer place," Ford added.

As for officer Kirby, Mt. Vernon Mayor Clarice Kirby, (no relation) is none too happy with him.

Kirby had been hired by the city, before the situation with Bussell occurred and was supposed to start full-time, with Mt. Vernon's police department on Saturday.

"We had already bought his uniforms and on Monday he called Chief Terry Jackson and told him he was going to the Sheriff's office," the Mayor said.

"Someone is at least going to pay for our expenses I don't understand how you can commit to a job and then back out a few days before you are supposed to go to work," she said.

"We are somewhat short-handed in our police department and conducted interviews and chose Jason," she said.

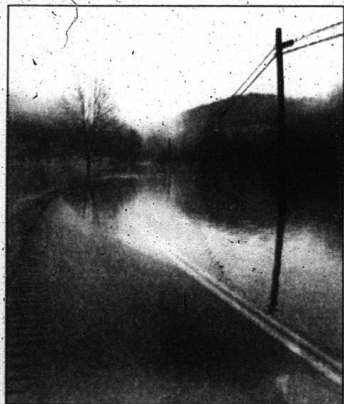
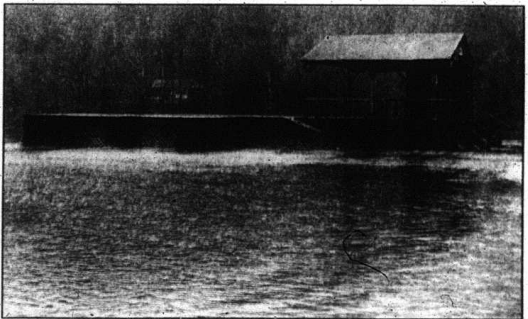
"I think we should all do a better job of working together and apparently right now we are not," she said.

Recently appointed County Attorney Billy Reynolds said on

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Dial Star 40 for 911 help

If you are a Cellular One customer, you can get 911 by dialing Star (*140) on your cell phone, according to Bonnie Roker, 911 Director. However, if you do not have Cellular One, you must dial 911 or 606-256-2121, or 606-256-1327.



Rockcastle County Schools were called off for the sixth time this year on Friday, after Mother Nature dumped 3.5 inches of rain on the county Thursday night. Before that, nearly an inch of rain had fallen in the previous 24 hours, according to statistics on file at the Cox Funeral Home Weather Station. With Friday's dismissal, school is scheduled to now be dismissed on May 19th, a Wednesday. Students will have May 18th off because of election day, which is required by state law. At left is the festival field at Renfro Valley, where the water from Roundstone Creek reached the concert stage.



Luckily Mt. Vernon police officer Edd Robinson and Mareburg resident Virginia Barron both escaped serious injury last Tuesday, after they were involved in a two car accident at the junction of Hwy. 150 and Mareburg Church Road. Robinson's cruiser was totaled in the wreck, as was Mrs. Barron's vehicle. Robinson had been called to Brodhead for back-up and was apparently traveling at a high rate of speed. Both Robinson and Barron were treated and released at the Rockcastle Hospital.



T.J.'s Journal
by: Tonya J. Cook

I was just sitting here at the table drinking a cup of tea and wondering what to write about this week's I have a case of "writer's block". Then, as I ran out our cat off the table it came to me. I'll share some stories about our pets.

You know, pets and pet owners are interesting. I hear that sometimes pets even resemble their owners. We usually have some kind of pet at an early age, most likely some fish, a hamster, dog, or cat. Their care teaches responsibility. Pets are often even brighter than the days of the sick and elderly. Nursing homes and hospitals have started with what is known as pet therapy.

Pets have a way of working their way into our hearts and making us feel better. I remember my mother didn't like pets in the house. She was beefy for the last two years of her life. I had a tomcat that I brought inside due to illness about a year before she got sick. I had taken him to the vet and he was going to require about two weeks of care and observation, so I had to keep the cat in a house. Needless to say, he became a housecat. Mom was still somewhat reluctant about him being inside, but in the months before she died, she always wanted to be sure that there was room for the kitty at the foot of her bed. Neither one could go to sleep

without the other. This tomcat's name is Tubby. He is named for Tubby Smith, the UK Wildcats coach because he is one-fourth wildcat, and the remainder is Persian. He is huge for a cat... about twenty to twenty-five pounds. He was always very protective of Mom. He always managed to stay between her and her home-health nurse whenever they came for a visit. I guess they had never counted on having to fight a wildcat in order to examine a patient.

Before Stanley and I married, Stanley would come over to my house at London for jumper every night. Soon Tubby started liking him, and got used to the time whenever he usually arrived. Around five o'clock, Tubby would place himself about a foot or two away from my front door and wait for Stanley. I accused Stanley of putting tuna juice behind his ears. I've never seen an animal of any kind take such a liking to anyone. He became Stanley's "four-footed furry son."

Stanley and I are animal lovers. I had Tubby's sister, Princess outside with her kittens as well as a Shepherd mix dog by the name of Molly, whom I saved from the pound. Stanley had a cat with beautiful blue eyes and long hair, a Persian/Siamese

mix named Smokey Joe. He is off-white with a smoky frosted look to his fur. Stanley also had a huge tarantula spider named Buddy Holly, due to the crickets it ate wandering around in its cage. He kept it in an aquarium in his bedroom. After we married, and I started staying over at Stanley's, I expect to wake up one night to find Buddy Holly sitting up on my head. While we were dating, Stanley got an English bulldog. He named it Lady Duchess Oxendine, after my maiden name, but we usually just call her Duchy.

Since we married, we're mostly at Mount Vernon due to Stanley's work. I brought Tubby and Molly over here so we have plenty of pets. Our two tomcats have waged war on each other. These pets are almost like our children. We've even considered adopting some children, too. I guess we'll have enough pets for them to love! In addition to the children, we've thought about getting a rabbit, a ferret, an iguana, fish, and maybe some birds. We draw the line just short of a snake.

I've had all kinds of pets at one time or another: dogs, cats, rabbits, and gerbils. I've even had a goat and some mice two different times. The first mice I got were two weeks old. I brought from a girl at school for fifty cents each. She brought them to school in a little container and I had to carry them from class to class all day. In one class, the same one I told you about where the teacher had her car put in the bed of a pickup, the mice escaped. It caused quite an uproar and even freed the teacher. They were soon caught and we helped the teacher off her desk. I hope that teacher got a good retirement. Mom was "overjoyed" to see my arrival from school that day with my two new friends.

The last bunch of mice I owned was about four years ago. They co-existed with my cat, Tubby. I had an aquarium full of about twenty-five mice. I learned a lot about rodent behavior from watching them. They made a big community nest in cold weather to stay warm, and in warm weather, they had about two or three nests so they could stay cool. They always rebuilt the nest back in the same location in the aquarium even after it was cleaned out. They always left one mouse to guard the others while the community slept, and when he got tired, he went and got another mouse from the nest to take over the

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Points East
By: Ike Adams

My Mom always planted a few rows of peas on Valentine's Day if the weather permitted. Come a warm day in February before the 14th and she'd plant them even earlier than that.

There was, and for that matter, still is, a huge sandstone boulder that we called the "big rock" right behind the little flat plot that was maybe fifty feet long and 25 feet wide. The big rock was roughly shaped like huge wedge. The back and both sides were nearly 90 degree angles and the front side was about 45 degrees. And the front side fronted Mom's garden, which we called the pea patch.

It was only fifty feet or so from the Kitchen door, but at some point in time my grandfather had fenced it in and used it for a hog lot or calf, sheep and goat pen and what not for many years. But that had ceased long before I was born. 'I'm just telling

you what I've been told. By the time I came along only a couple of fence posts still stood around to suggest that it had ever been enclosed.

At any rate, the soil was rich and black from manure deposited in days gone by and almost loose as compost because sand had eroded off the big rock for eons and mixed with the soil. There was a little mountain drain, just a trickle unless we had a heavy rain, that fronted the little plot on two sides and a natural spring that never went dry was situated just over the bank on a far corner of the lot.

In modern vernacular you'd call it the absolute perfect kitchen garden. Soil conditions could not possibly have been more perfect (assuming that its possible to be better than perfect) and a ready supply of water for plants was practically within reaching distance.

Several perennial rhubarb plants

grew around the border and Mom swore that they were flavored. (cherry, strawberry, apple, peach, grape etc.) but as far as I could tell rhubarb was rhubarb and as long as it was used as the main ingredient in a big Dutch oven cobbler pie, I never argued what flavor it was supposed to be.

Anyway, as soon as the ground was warm enough to work Mom was out there planting her snap peas.

The old time variety is gone now, but they were very similar to what we call sugar snaps today. Mom would space the rows so that she could walk down the balk between them and push short tree limbs with many shorter branches, mostly beech, into the ground between them as soon as the peas came up and they had been hood a time or two. You could hock in that garden with your feet, the soil was so loose. The peas would climb the tree branches from both sides and by the middle of May the whole thing would be a mass of vegetation.

In the meantime, she would put in rows of onion, a few cabbage plants, curly mustard, a row of early 'bunch beans (bush beans we call them now). A few bell pepper plants, carrots, radishes, beets, and a short row of Irish cobbler potatoes to be harvested when they were about the size of golf balls at the same time as the peas the peas were ready.

As soon as the peas were picked she was planting stick beans (pole beans to you yankees) in the same rows so they could continue to use the beech limbs. On the outer sides of the bean/pea rows, or wherever she could find room, she planted sweet corn and as soon as the corn was a few inches high she planted corn field beans to climb the stalks. And always a few tomato plants.

In the first of March Mom would take all the old branches she had used to stake her peas and beans the year before, pile them up around the front of the big rock and burn them into a pile of ash. She would work the ash into the ground with a hoe, rake it down and sow four of five different kinds of lettuce. By mid April we were eating lettuce and green onions scalded with hot bacon drippings 7 days a week at supper time and to this day, that is my favorite salad.

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Dear Editor,
Just finished reading my Mt Vernon signal dated January 29, 2004. You can see the postal service sure has bettered itself. I used to get the signal anywhere from one to two weeks late.

Anyway the reason I'm writing is the picture that you had on the front page of the Signal of the snow covering Old U.S. 25 sure brought back a lot of old memory's. I wish I had a nickel for every time I walked or rode my bicycle around Old 25 to get to my home on what is now the Juanita Davis Rd. The house in the upper part of the picture is where my good friend Dempsey Ramsey grew up, but the house is different than when he lived there. You could start walking up thru the woods from his house to where I lived or to where another of our friends lived and grew up which was Albert Gene Griffin. If you walked thru the woods from Dempsey's house over the hill to where I lived you had to go thru Leonard Davis's front yard which is now where Juanita Davis lives. Don't know who took the picture but I sure want to thank them for shar-

ing it with everyone. Boy what old memory's can do to cheer up your day. I sure would like to know what other old timers thought of the picture. Keep them coming and thanks again.

Bobby G Harper
Albuquerque, NM

Dear Editor,
I support Bush, because this man has lead this country in strength and morals. He demonstrates strength to other nations, who would have us sit and wait while sadistic leaders plan our deaths. I don't think that it matters if WMD's are found or not, he was certainly planning them.

We, the military and the president did the right thing, this nation is safer and more secure, we should thank the President and the military, they should have our full support and gratitude, that we are sleeping a baby's sleep at night now.

He will make sure another 9/11 never happens again, not like the panty-waist, cut and run countries, who wait for signatures while your enemy plans against you. He demonstrates morals and leadership. He prays, and that makes me feel better. He won't take any action unless, he asks for guidance from a greater power, not a man who goes on his own weak instinct.

A man who does not believe in God worries me, for he is his own God.
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Shingles, a painful rash

Presented By: Dr. Tony Arvin
Shingles, or herpes zoster, is caused by the varicella virus which also causes chickenpox, usually chickenpox, during childhood, builds immunity to the virus which can then remain dormant or inactive in the body.
During times of stress, illness or other health concerns, the virus may reactivate by causing early itching or burning in localized areas of the body, usually on the trunk and one sided, but can be anywhere on the body.
A red blistering rash then develops in this area a few days later. The rash can easily be mistaken for other rashes.
Pain and itching can be very troubling and there is a chance of a persistent nerve pain that can occur. Antiviral antibiotics, if started as early as possible, can decrease swelling, pain and inflammation and duration of the rash and prevent long term symptoms. Shingles can be contagious with direct contact with blisters. There are additional medications and treatments your physician may use and recommend that also help.



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City of Mt. Vernon Tax Administrator

Obituaries



Elнора Gray
Elнора Gray, 101, of Broadhead, died Monday, February 9, 2004 at Kenwood Health and Rehab Facility in Richmond where she had lived for the last three years.

Mrs. Gray was born November 30, 1902 in Broadhead, to Amy Pike and Captain Herman Frith, she died of laughter of ten children. She resided in Broadhead for 98 years and was a member of the Broadhead Baptist Church.

On her birthday in 1920, she married Dan Gray in the parlour of her parents' home. They owned and operated a drugstore, theater, jewelry store, photography business and furniture store over a period of 65 years.

Mrs. Gray celebrated her 100th birthday at the home of her niece Henrietta Fulz and husband, Bill, where she was interviewed by Channel 27 and greeted by 60 nieces, nephews, sisters, cousins and friends.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by seven brothers and sisters, James L., Alfred J., William Carter, Clarence (Ted) Frith, Rosella McQuaide, Christine Stewart and Evelyn Frith.

Visitation will be Thursday, February 12 (today) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Marvin E. Owens Home for Funerals in Broadhead. Services will be at 1 p.m. at the funeral home chapel with Bro. Mark Whicker officiating. Burial will follow in the Piney Grove Cemetery at Broadhead.

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Mrs. Alene Eaton
Mrs. Alene Eaton, 83, of 170 Perciful St., Mt. Vernon died Wednesday, February 4, 2004 at the Rockcastle Hospital. She was born on December 26, 1920 in Rockcastle County the daughter of the late Henry Eli and Flossie Mae Todd Bullen. She was a retired bookkeeper, and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors are: two sons, John G. Eaton Jr. (Linda), and David L. Eaton Sr. (Millie) both of Mt. Vernon; seven grandchildren, John Eaton III, David G. Eaton Sr.; one brother, John Bullen; two sisters, Helen Barrett, and Catherine Robinson; and by one infant great grandchild.

Services were held Saturday Feb. 7 at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Don Statton and Eddie Nation officiating. Burial followed in the Elmwood Cemetery.

Palbearers were Mark Eaton, Johnny Eaton Jr., David L. Eaton Jr., Shannon Eaton, Eric Thomas, and Kevin Coulter.

Armond Eugene Depetris

Armond Eugene Depetris, 75, of Climax, died Saturday, February 7, 2004 at the Rockcastle Hospital. He was a retired postmaster for the US Postal Service and an Army veteran of the Korean War.

Survivors are his wife, Sue Gilliam Depetris; three brothers, William Depetris of Mayfield Heights, OH, Salvatore Indrino of Chesterland, OH and Ralph Depetris of Concord, OH and four sisters, Georgetta Garmone of Highland Heights, OH, Philomena Black of Concord, OH, Carmela Stajnach of Euclid, OH and Gloria Depetris of Ohio. He was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Depetris.

Funeral services for Mr. Depetris will be conducted at the Orlando-Wonsante Funeral home (440-043-2466) in Wickliffe, OH.



Virgil J. Mullins
Virgil J. Mullins, 76, of Englewood, OH, died Friday, February 6, 2004 at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Dayton, OH. He was born in Wilbers, Ky. on Feb. 27, 1927, the son of William Daniel and Erma Francis Reams Mullins. He retired from Duriton as a general foreman with over 32 years of service, attended First Baptist Church of Englewood and was a US Army veteran of World War II.

Survivors are his wife of 53 years, Florence Ponder Mullins; one daughter, Debbie Warren (Al) of Clayton, OH; one brother, Danny Mullins of Centerville, OH and three sisters, Irene Heron of London, Wmoma Browns of Richmond and Fannie Hicks of Dayton, OH; two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Patricia Mullins; a sister, Norma Buschelman and a brother, Benton Mullins.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 11 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bro. Jack Martin. Burial was in the Red Hill Cemetery. Condolences to the family of Mr. Mullins may be made by visiting his online register book at www.dowellmartin.com

Mrs. Lorene Gentry Graves

Mrs. Lorene Gentry Graves, 89, of 810 Mt. Vernon Rd. Berea was formerly of Mt. Vernon died Saturday February 7, 2004 at the Berea Hospital. She was born on June 15, 1914 in Pine Hill, Ky. the daughter of the late Emmett and Louanna Jones Gentry. She was a retired cook & housekeeper at Berea Hospital, and was a member of the Calvary Apostolic Church.

Survivors are: one son, Harold W. Graves of Virginia Beach, Va.; four daughters, Mrs. Christine Hamilton, and Mrs. Barbara Ann Terrill both of Berea, Ky.; Mrs. Betty Detherage of Mt. Vernon, and Mrs. Judy Powell of Conway; nine grandchildren, and eighteen great grandchildren also

survive. She was preceded in death by: her husband, Robert A. Graves; one son, five brothers, two sisters, and two grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday February 10 at the Calvary Apostolic Church with Bro. Alan Fevler and Mrs. Frankie May officiating. Burial followed in the Elmwood Cemetery.

Palbearers were Christopher Powell, Frank Powell, Randy Crawford, Casey Hatcher, Robbie Terrill and Roger Terrill.

Arrangements were by Cox Funeral Home.



Rosa Lee Burke Nickell

Rosa Lee Burke Nickell, 88, of 75 Sigmon St., Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, February 3, 2004 at the Rockcastle Hospital.

Mrs. Nickell was born October 23, 1915 to Pete and Elizabeth (Lizzie) Brunmet Burke, the eldest of twelve children.

Survivors are four stepchildren, Gerald, Bill, Darrell (Eltaine) Nickell, all of West Liberty and Dema (Rufus) Miller of Dayton, Ohio; nine step grandchildren; four brothers, Paris (Sally) Burke of Crab Orchard, J.W. (Jean) Burke, Glen (Opal) Burke of Broadhead and Bobby (Pearlene) of Pensacola, FL; six sisters; Ella Mae Lanham of Berea, Jewell Maxine (John) Murphy of Colonial Heights, VA, Dorothy Barbery of Greenville, SC and Shirley (Bobby) Smith of Crab Orchard.

Besides her parents and husband, Bill Nickell, she was preceded in death by a stepson, Darman Nickell and three brothers, James Boyd Burke, Pete Burke, Jr. and Edna Burke.

There were no funeral services. Mrs. Nickell donated her body to the University of Ky. College of Medicine.



Annie Isaacs

Annie Powell Isaacs, 83, died Friday Feb. 6, 2004 at her home. Annie was born on July 2, 1920 in Rockcastle Co. to the late Alex and Mary Belle Smith Powell. Annie was a life long member of the Conway Baptist Church where she came to know Jesus as her personal savior more than 70 years ago.

Annie was married to her husband Charlie Isaacs on Oct. 24, 1938, and he survives her. Annie is also survived by her 12 children: seven sons, Raymond, Isaacs and wife Phyllis, Ralph Isaacs and wife Jean, Luther Isaacs and wife Nancy, Herbert Isaacs and wife Dora, Robert Isaacs and wife Rebecca, James Isaacs and wife Charles, and Leroy Isaacs and wife Rebecca of Springfield, OH; five daughters Mary Watkins and husband Jerry, Sarah Neely, Barbara Turner and husband John (Bill) Turner, Janet Vaughn, Joyce Thompson and husband Mike all of Berea; 33 grandchildren, 44 great grandchildren, and one great grandchild. Annie is also survived by a sister, Clyde Leona Hiatt of Dayton, OH; two brothers, Ray Powell of Lexington, and Oscar Powell of Crossville, TN.

Annie was preceded in death by: three brothers, Clarence Powell, Charlie Powell, and Rufus Powell; three sisters, Ruth Powell, Edna Powell Bowman, and her twin Amy Powell Smith; one grandson and two great grandsons.

Funeral services were Monday Feb. 9, at the Fairview Baptist Church, with Rev. Steve McKinney, Rev. Greg Lakes and Rev. Denton Sears officiating. Burial followed in the Isaacs Cemetery. Palbearers were grandsons.

Arrangements were made by Lakes Funeral Home.

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Cards of Thanks

This is to express our sincere thanks to Rockcastle County Hospital, the nurses, staff and ER doctors, nurses and staff. A special thank you to the nurses on the CCU to Dr. Arvin and all who made our sister's last days bearable.

Thank You
The Family of Rosa Lee Nickell

McFerron

We, the family of Maudie Ethel McFerron, would like to thank everyone who said prayers, sent flowers, cards, food or visited.

Thanks to the Rockcastle Health & Rehab, Rockcastle Ambulance Service, Rockcastle Hospital, doctors and nurses, Zed McClure for conducting the funeral and Dowell & Martin Funeral Home. Thanks to all the pallbearers, a special thanks to David Collins for all his help through the sickness and death of Maudie. Thanks also to the ones who visited her in the nursing home.

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Thank You from the family of Gladys Morris

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An inspiration to everyone who knew her, Gladys Morris, will be dearly missed. A piece of our hearts will never be mended. Our comfort lies in the reunion of her and her late husband.

The family of Gladys Morris wishes to send a heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful people who were so thoughtful and caring during the loss of our loved one. Our hearts are filled with special thoughts of each one of you that called, visited, brought food, sent flowers, sent cards of offered encouraging words. A special thanks to those who lifted us up in prayer, for we know the Lord has been, and is, the source of our strength.

Again, THANK YOU to all our family and friends for your thoughtfulness and support during our time of grief. May God bless each and everyone of you.

Anna Mae and Johnny (Buddy), Emma Lee and Robert, Tarina and Dominic, Jeff Dewey, Nickie, Nevah, Laurie and Tim; Melissa, Megan, Jenna, Stephanie, Ryan, Brook, Katelyn, Kylaah, Kramer and Elijah

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Mt. Vernon Message



Sarah Woodall
School Spelling Bee winner



Christina Pendery
Art Prize Winner

Upcoming Events

There will be school on Monday, February 16 - President's Day. Enjoy your long week end.

Dental screenings for P2 students will be on Tuesday, February 17. The PTO dance has been rescheduled for Thursday, February 26. Entry Level P1 and P2 students will attend the dance from 3:15 until 4:15. P3, 4th and 5th grade students will attend from 4:30 until 5:30. All proceeds go to MVES PTO.

Special Projects

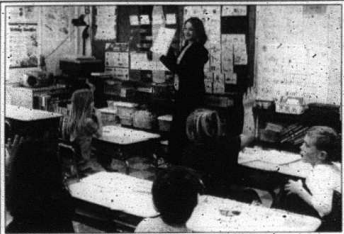
Fourth and fifth grade students participated in a spelling bee to determine who would represent our school at the Central Office on February 12. The winner of this bee will go to the star level to compete.

Classroom winners were: Nastasia Osborn, Chastity Burke, Jennifer Cox, Samantha Stewart, BB Cameron, Michael Brewer, Brianna Brown, Sarah Woodall, Robbie Bowman, Megan Martin and Chase Delaney.

Sarah Woodall was the school winner and will go to our Central Office to compete with other school winners. Congratulations and good luck to Sarah!
Project Wisdom readers for last week were Alexis Young, Timothy Renner, Tiffany Bowman and Cody Monk, students.



Classroom Spelling Bee winners from left: Chris Jackson, fourth grade; Ben Lake, fourth grade; Victor Coffey, fifth grade and school-wide winner and Joel Lakes, fifth grade and school-wide runner-up.



First grade students learning about Abraham Lincoln.



Front row: Nastasia Osborn. Second row from left: Chastity Burke, Jennifer Cox, Samantha Stewart, BB Cameron, Michael Brewer, and Brianna Brown. Back row from left: Sarah Woodall, Robbie Bowman, Megan Martin and Chase Delaney. Samantha Stewart was the Spelling Bee runner-up.

Eagle Echoes

The school-wide Spelling Bee was held on Tuesday, February 3rd. Classroom winners were: Chris Jackson, Ben Lake, Victor Coffey and Joel Lakes. The school-wide winner was Victor Coffey. Victor will be representing Roundstone at the district level on February 12th. Good luck, Victor!

What's happening in the Classroom?

Roundstone 1st grade students have been learning about famous United States leaders, including Martin Luther King, Jr., Abraham Lincoln and George Washington.

You can help Girl Scouts with baby item donations to give to needy families. The We Care! Drive began on Feb. 7th and will end on Feb. 20th. There is a box located in the Library Media Center where you can place your donated items. Any do-

nations will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about the We Care! Drive, call Trish Jett at 256-8252.

We are still saving the General Mills Box Tops - don't forget to send them in.

EKU announces

Dean's Award Recipients
Eastern Kentucky University has announced 308 Dean's Award recipients for the Fall 2003 semester.

Award recipients from Rockcastle county are:

Derrick C. Bussell, Brodhead, Sp Ed Pre-T/L&B Disord P-12 and Courtney Alexander, Mt. Vernon, Child and Family Studies

To earn the Dean's Award, students must achieve Dean's List honors at EKV for three semesters, not necessarily consecutive.

The lapel pin is presented to students by the dean of their academic college, according to EKV Registrar Jill Alliger. "Achieving the Dean's List three times is a significant accomplishment," Ms. Alliger said.

To achieve Dean's List honors at Eastern, students attempting 14 or more credit hours must earn a 3.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0. Students attempting 13 credit hours must earn a 3.65 GPA and students attempting 12 credit hours must earn a 3.75 GPA.

Youth Yak at RCHS

By Myrna Childress

Students who were scheduled to take the ACT this past Saturday here at RCHS and couldn't be here due to inclement weather will need to call 1-800-553-6244 to re-schedule. The next testing date will be April 3. If you plan on taking the ACT soon and would like to learn more about it, Ms. Nancy Bussell is offering a prep class. This will begin on February 14.

Project Graduation is selling Home Interior candles. Prices range from \$6.00 to \$19.00 no sales tax will be added. Money is due at the time of purchase. All money and orders are due to Youth Services by February 16. Orders will be back on March 8.

Drop by the Youth/Service Center for last minute Valentine gifts. We have a display case filled with silver jewelry. A portion of the proceeds go to Project Graduation. All items are 15% off.

Progress reports were handed out in Academic Advisory on Monday. Ask your child to show you his or her report. Also, you can always get a copy at the school. Be aware of what's going on with your child. Call the school at 256-4816 to schedule an appointment with your child's teacher or a principal.

A Parent/Teacher Conference is scheduled for February 19. Parents can visit the school starting at 3:00 until 6:00.

We have a double-header basketball game this Friday when both Rockets and Lady Rockets take on North Laurel here. The student body will be participating in Spirit Week this week at the ROCK. Tuesday is "Dress like a Rocket Day," Wednesday is "Inside Out Day," Thursday is

"Hawaiian Day" and Friday will be "Red, White and Blue Day." A pep rally is scheduled for Friday afternoon. We also had a pep rally at Tuesday, Jackson County Day. Several of our "peppy" (not preppy) students dressed as Jackson Co. ball players for the occasion. It was a sight to see. Thanks to Ms. Cash and Ms. Nancy Bussell for putting together the show.

Good luck to the Academic Team when they compete for the District Governor's Cup on Saturday, February 14.

Club day this month will be Thursday, February 12. Mr. Charlie Napier, Migrant Program Coordinator, will sponsor a pizza party for his students who have shown academic progress on that day. Also of note, students will have time to enroll in the Young Democrats Club. See Ms. Susan Norton, Sponsor.

As of Friday, February 6 we have missed six days due to weather. Remember we have a day off Monday, February 16 in honor of President's Day. Spring break is scheduled to begin April 5-9. The Junior/Senior Prom is scheduled for April 24. Remember if you have five or more unexcused absences, you will not be permitted to attend Prom.

From the Counselors Office:
February 15- EKV Scholarship deadline

February 27-April ACT deadline

February 28- EKV Spotlight Day and Farm Bureau Scholarship

March 1- Jackson County Scholarship Deadline

March 12- A-B. Happy Chandler Scholarship Deadline

March 15- State Financial Aid Deadline

School Menus

Feb. 16-20

Breakfast

Mon, Feb 16: President's Day.
Tues, Feb. 17: Gravy and biscuit or cereal, toast/jelly, juice, milk.
Wed, Feb. 18: Pastry or cereal, biscuit/jelly, juice, milk.
Thurs, Feb. 19: Pancake and syrup or cereal, toast/jelly, juice, milk.
Fri, Feb. 20: Egg/cheese biscuit or cereal, toast/jelly, juice, milk.

Lunch

Mon, Feb. 16: President's Day.
Tues, Feb. 17: Manager's Choice
Wed, Feb. 18: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, fruit dessert, milk.
Thurs, Feb. 19: Chili and sandwich, yeggies and dip, crackers, fruit dessert, milk.
Fri, Feb. 20: Pizza or sandwich, corn, garden salad, fruit dessert, milk.

Tiger Pause

Thanks to everyone who participated in the SOUP'er bowl at BES. Our students collected 645 cans of soup that were donated to the FBC Mission. Class winners were Mrs. Rita Shaffer's primary and Mrs. Sandy Brown's intermediate. PTA will treat these classes to an ice cream party.

Spring pictures will be taken on February 26th. If you plan to bring a child in for pictures that is not a student, please have them at school between 9 and 10 a.m. This will help to not interrupt class photos. Thank you. The February PTA meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 16 at 7 p.m. This will

be the night of the Science Fair and the opening night of the book fair.

Students in Mrs. Jenise's Counselor's Corner this week are: Christopher Shaffer, Jarrett Carpenter, Chris Sowder, Savannah Fain, Brittany Todd and Jeff Johnson. These students were recognized for their politeness and good behavior. They do a great job representing Brodhead Elementary.

There will be no school on February 16th because of President's Day. The SBDM Council will meet on February 17th at 5 p.m. February 20th is the last day to turn in year-book orders. The books are \$10 each and will be in full color.



BES SOUP'er Bowl primary winner - Mrs. Rita Shaffer's class. In the picture are Mr. Chuck Abney, FBC Mission volunteer; Mrs. Rita Shaffer and her class and Mrs. Caroline Graves, BES principal.



BES SOUP'er Bowl intermediate winner - Mrs. Sandy Brown's class. In the picture are Mrs. Caroline Graves, BES principal; Mrs. Sandy Brown and her fourth grade class; Mrs. Diane Ott, instructional assistant and Mr. Chuck Abney, FBC Mission volunteer.

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Mt. Vernon woman finds success in EKU Criminal Studies

Lillie Bengé, Mt. Vernon, made the brave decision about two years ago to quit her job and return to school full-time.

Time has shown it was also the right decision for this Manchester native.

Bengé, the mother of two teenagers, was named Outstanding Junior

Local student named to Dean's List

National College of Business & Technology in Richmond has named Lavada Adams of Mount Vernon to the Dean's List for the term. The honor is awarded to full-time students who earned a minimum grade point average of 3.5 out of a possible 4.0.

for 2003 in the Department of Criminal Justice and Police Studies, is the recipient of a Program of Distinction Academic Scholarship and earned a perfect 4.0 GPA for the Fall 2003 semester.

She began as a business administration major "because that's what I had always done." But Bengé soon began to consider other options. "I realized I had an opportunity to change the direction my life was heading," she said, "and I wanted to take advantage of that."

Because Bengé has served in the military, the College of Justice and Safety had a natural appeal. "I've always had a lot of respect for police, justice and that line of work," she said. "It's just part of who I am."

Having just completed her first year in the College of Justice and Safety, she's excited about her classes and her "wonderful" professors. "I have a real sense of belonging in this College," Bengé said.

As she progresses toward graduation in December of this year, Bengé

is interning at the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Office and with the DEA Office in London.

Eastern Kentucky University is a

comprehensive university serving more than 15,500 students on its 725-acre Richmond campus, at its educational centers in Corbin, Danville

and Manchester, and throughout Kentucky. Joanne K. Glasser serves as the 10th (and-first female) president of EKVU, which is embarking on

a significant transformation into a state leader and a university of national distinction as it prepares to celebrate its centennial in 2006.



Lillie Bengé

News deadline is Noon Tuesday



Ashley Cottrell

Ashley Cottrell, daughter of Darrell and Brenda Cottrell, of Rt. 1 Brodhead, was designated a Presidents Scholar at Western Kentucky University for the 2003 fall semester. Ashley has a 4.0 gpa and is a pre-veterinary medicine major.

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The annual FFA Alumni Chili Supper and Auction will be held Friday, February 20th at the high school. The Chili Supper will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the auction at 7 p.m. Come join us for a great time. Proceeds go toward helping FFA students with scholarships, state and annual convention expenses, camp and many other functions held throughout the year.

Bookmobile Schedule
Mon, Feb. 16: Calloway, Red Hill, Livingston, Lamero and Pine Hill Tues, Feb. 17: Day Health/Senior Citizens, Brindle Ridge. Wed, Feb. 18: No service.

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 females and coats of all sizes (male and female). Girls' accepting winter clothing. 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.

Narcotics Anonymous

Tired of drugs and/or alcohol controlling your life? Come join us at Narcotics Anonymous, every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church, located on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon. For more information, call 256-9263.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon. For more info: call 256-2129.

Kiwanis Club

Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at Kastle Inn. All visitors welcome.

GED Classes

Christian Appalachian Project Adult Learning Center holds GED classes on Mon. and Tues, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Wed., Thurs. and Fri. from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Online GED, computer classes and tutoring are also available. The Center is located on Hwy. 25, north of Mt. Vernon on Greenfish Hill. For information, call 256-2345.

Extension Notes

Mon, Feb. 16: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A workday for quilts and blankets will be held at the extension office. Help construct quilts and/or blankets for local needy families and children. All quilts will be made from donated supplies. If you can tie a knot, you can help with this project. Call 256-2403 for details.

Date Correction: Learn to weave a footstool using the New England Footstool Weave technique used for antique chairs. Class will be taught at the Extension Office on Wednesday, February 18 from 10 a.m.-11:30 p.m. Cost of \$20 will include the stool and case. Class is limited. Call 256-2403 to register and for a list of supplies. There will be a hunter education course offered February 19, 20 and 21 at the Rockcastle County Middle School. The course will begin on Thursday evening, 6 to 9 p.m., continue on Friday, 6 to 9 p.m. and conclude on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 256-2403 for additional information.

Republican Party Note

The Republican Party meets the first Tuesday of every month at Kastle Inn Restaurant at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Are you sick and tired?

of being sick and tired? S.W.A.T. team for alcoholics and drug addiction will meet at Northside Baptist Church Thursdays at 7 p.m. Beginning Feb. 2nd, meeting Monday through Saturday at noon, as well as Thursday night.

Youth Skating Party

There will be a Woodmen of the World 901 Youth Skating Party at Club Arena in Berns, 211 N. Broadway, on Thursday, Feb. 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. Bring a friend. No charge.

Northside and Pizza Hut

Team to fight world hunger! Northside Baptist Youth and Pizza Hut are teaming up to fight world hunger! On February 24, from 5 to 8 p.m., the youth will be serving at Pizza Hut, or you can eat buffet from 5 to 7 p.m., and all tips will go to help fight world hunger.

DBDC Directors Meeting

Daniel Boone Development Council will have a board of directors meeting on February 24th at 6 p.m. in Rockcastle county at the Rockcastle County Senior Citizens Center. The public is invited to attend.

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Biffle starts on Daytona Pole

By Gerald Hodges/
Racing Reporter

Greg Biffle and Elliott Sadler will sit on the front row for Sunday's Daytona 500.

Biffle had a time of 188.387 mph to Sadler's 188.355 mph. Both drivers will start on the front row while the remainder of the field must race for position on Thursday in one of two, 50 lap, 125-mile Qualifying Races.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. was third fastest, followed by Ricky Rudd, and Dale Jarrett, winner of Saturday's Bud Shootout, but only the two fastest times are locked in.

In all, four of the top-five fastest cars were Ford.

The Fords are looking strong, mainly because of a new engine cylinder head approved by NASCAR during the off season that produces more horsepower.

The complete 41-car field and starting positions will be determined after the two, 125 mile qualifying races on Thursday, Feb. 12. Both will be televised live on TNT, beginning at 1 p.m. (EST).

Jarrett holds on to win Bud-Shootout

Dale Jarrett's last-lap pass on Saturday night did more than help him win the Budweiser Shootout -- it helped erase some of the pain left over from 2003--his worst year ever.

Jarrett took the lead from Kevin Harvick on the outside as the field of cars went into turn 1 on the final lap of the 70-lap race.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. who finished second bumped Jarrett all the way to the finish line, but Jarrett maintained control of his No. 18 UPS Ford and won for the first time since Rockingham in 2003.

"I knew I could get out in clean air that nobody could pass it, so I just needed to get there," said Jarrett. "Mike (Ford) made some great adjustments on the car there at the end and I just knew I had to run wide open wherever that was and the outside lane was where I could run wide open."

"I couldn't have done it without Dale Jr. beating the back bumper off of this thing, but that's what I was needing, that push to go."

"I'm not saying that we're totally back, but we're gonna be a lot more competitive. The last two times we've won this Bud Shootout we went on to have a pretty good 500 after that."

Dale Earnhardt Jr. finished second, followed by Kevin Harvick, Mark Martin, and Jeff Gordon.

Kyle Busch wins debut at Daytona

Kyle Busch, who started the ARCA RE/MAX Advance Auto Parts 200-mile at Daytona, on the outside pole, rallied back from a pit stop violation and held off a four-car pack in the end to win Saturday afternoon at Daytona Int'l Speedway. It was his third RE/MAX Series win in his eighth attempt.

"We were penalized for being over the wall without a helmet or whatever it was," said Busch. "I just told the crew that this car is the No. 8 of the ARCA Series. Now I know how Dale Earnhardt Jr. feels and Michael Waltrip too: I came here when I was eight years old just dreaming of someday being able to race at Daytona. A win your first time out; it's pretty amazing and a dream come true. It's definitely over all of the rest of the wins."

Finishing order: 1. Kyle Busch, 2. Frank Kimmel, 3. Billy Venturi, 4. Shane Hmiel, 5. Ryan Kempbell, 6. Bobby Gerhart, 7. Chad Blount, 8. Clint Bowyer, 9. Mike Langston, 10. Jeff Kendall, 11. Brent Sherman, 12. Todd Bowsher, 13. Eric McClure, 14. Justin Jarrett, 15. Johnny Leonard, 16. Larry Hollenbeck, 17. Greg Sarff, 18. AJ Fike, 19. Mike Buckley, 20. T. J. Bell, 21. Mark Gibson, 22. Ron Cox, 23. Ed Kennedy, 24. Darrell Rathan, 25. David Ragan, 26. Dicky Williamson, 27. Christi Passmore, 28. Greg Sacks, 29. Wayne Anderson, 30. Chuck Kiers, 31. Norm Benning, 32. Brad Smith, 33. Andy Belmont, 34. Dan Shaver, 35. Paul Menard, 36. Andy Hillenburg, 37. Keith Murt, 38. Jim Walker, 39. Kim Crosby, 40. AJ Henriksen, 41. Brock Maggard.

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Daytona first on schedule, for fans and drivers

No other major league sport begins the season with its largest event; but NASCAR fans and drivers love it. Every driver on the circuit knows that Daytona can make, break, or salvage a career.

Dale Jarrett, winner of last Saturday night's Bud Shootout is a good example. He went on to win two more Daytona 500's after beating Dale Earnhardt Sr. in a fender-bumping, head-to-head duel in the 1993 Daytona 500. After that race, he won two more 500s, in 1996 and 2000, as well as the 1999 Winston Cup championship.

"Winning that first race opened the doors for me," said Jarrett. "Winning it was a big boost to my career as well as to me personally, and to my family. Nothing has changed. It's still the biggest race of the season, every season."

The first Daytona 500, held in 1959, which was won by Lee Petty, had 33 lead changes, but no wrecks and not even one caution flag.

Maybe all the drivers were scared. "We came out of the tunnel under the fourth turn, and away in the distance you could see that high banking of the first and second turns," said Lee Petty as he entered Daytona International Speedway for the first time in 1959.

"It looked like it must have been

30 miles down there to the banking."

The race that had been set up as the most important in the world had the closest and most controversial finish to that point in the history of automobile racing.

On the final lap, Lee Petty's Oldsmobile and Johnny Beauchamp's Thunderbird were side-by-side as they exited turn four. They were nose-to-nose as they came to the checkered flag.

Joe Weatherly in a Chevrolet was actually one-lap down, but he made it three wide at the finish line.

Bill France Sr. and flagman Joe Bruner were in the flag stand. Both called Beauchamp the winner, but Petty drove into victory lane, proclaiming he had won the race by two feet.

Bill France realizing what the moment meant announced he would begin to search for the best photo-finish equipment in the world. Meanwhile Petty stewed while France put out a bulletin appealing to wire services for photos and film footage that might help make a final decision.

On Wednesday, February 25, at 6 p.m., three days after the race had ended, France declared Lee Petty, the winner of the first Daytona 500.

Supposedly a movie newscast flown in from New York cinched the decision.

Beauchamp was considered a "foreigner" because he was from Iowa and had only run four previous NASCAR races. Petty, on the other hand, had run 337 races and had two NASCAR Grand National championships to his credit.

NASCAR at the time was getting its best media coverage in North and South Carolina, and Virginia, so it was only natural to favor a driver from Level Cross, North Carolina.

Lee Petty won the first Daytona 500, and that is official. But it also worked out in favor of the France family, Petty's, NASCAR, and Daytona.

Petty went on to win a third NASCAR championship, while Beauchamp got two wins in 23 more starts before retiring.

Weekend Racing

All three of NASCAR's major divisions kick off their season this weekend at Daytona.

Friday, Feb. 13: Craftsman Truck Series Dodge Dealers 250: Starting time: 8 p.m. (EST); TV: Speed Channel; Distance: 100 laps/250 miles; Defending champion: Rick Crawford, Ford.

Saturday, Feb. 14: Busch Series Hershey Kisses 300: Starting time: 12:30 p.m. (EST); TV: NBC; Distance: 120 laps/300 miles; Defending champion: Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet.

Sunday, Feb. 15: Nextel Cup Daytona 500: Starting time: Noon (EST); TV: NBC; Distance: 200 laps/

500 miles; Defending champion: Michael Waltrip, Chevrolet.


Daytona International Speedway Track Information: Size: 2.5 mile oval; Banking in turns 1-4: 31 degrees, tri-oval: 18 degrees, backstretch: 3 degrees; Length of frontstretch: 3.80 feet, backstretch: 3,400 feet; Seating capacity: 165,000.

Racing Trivia Question: Currently NASCAR has seven flags that may be displayed during a race, but during the 1960s and 670s, they used an eighth flag that consisted of yellowed vertical stripes.

Send your answer to this question along with your mailing address and if it is correct, we will send you an 8X10 photograph of Dale Earnhardt Sr.

Last Week's Question: What year did Dale Earnhardt win his first Daytona 500? Answer: Dale Sr. won the Daytona 500 for the first time in 1998 after 20 tries.

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The Family Room

By: Dr. Roy Don Whitehead

Men, it is that time of the year again. This is the time when the pressure and one mistake can ruin the whole year. No, I am not talking about the Super Bowl. I am talking about Valentine's Day.

If you have a girlfriend or wife, you know the pressure to which I refer. Purchasing the wrong present can haunt you at least until next Valentine's Day (and sometimes longer). Giving the wrong card can be worse.

It does not matter if the card is on sale: "Sympathy for Your Loss" does not get the job done.

Buying for a significant other is difficult. However, if you find yourself in the situation of having to buy for two significant others (two girlfriends, for instance), that is nearly impossible. If you are buying for two, it is high time you took stock of the situation and said goodbye to one of them. Remember the old country song "Trying to Love Two Women Is Like a Bull and Chaii?" That is never more true than at Valentine's Day.

Why is more emphasis placed on the gift of a man to a woman than the reverse? I do not have an answer to that question. All I know is that what you buy for her is a whole lot more crucial than what she buys for you. She may in fact buy you nothing at all, but that is OK. Do not let this lull you into a sense of complacency wherein you think you do not have to buy for her. No, no, no. Not buying something for Valentine's Day is one of the eight deadly sins.

Here is a brief warning about what not to buy. This can easily be summed up in one word: appliances. I do not care how great it looks or how useful it may be or even if it is new. I do not care if she has even said she wants one. Do not, I repeat, do not buy her an appliance for Valentine's Day. Toasters, microwaves, vacuum cleaners and blend-

ers can be purchased at some other time in the year. Buying one of these at Valentine's Day may mean you will be sleeping with the dogs for the rest of the year, and trust me on this one, it is way too crowded in that doghouse already. I speak from experience.

You cannot go wrong with one (or all) of the traditional gifts for Valentine's Day: flowers, candy (preferably chocolate) or jewelry; always accompanied by an appropriate card. Do not make your choice based on what is on sale. Purchase something nice for her.

There are some gifts that cost even less than these and may make an even greater impression, but I warn you, they require some work. If you are brave enough, try making the bed for a whole week. (I know it is a sacrifice, but bear with me here.) An honest-to-goodness scientific study concluded that women are more sexually attracted to men who take care of household chores. Making the bed may accompany by a little more exciting!

Other tasks around the home can be equally appreciated. Vacuum the living room or clean the bathroom. I know, I do not like to do toilets either, but somebody has to. Take out the garbage without being told. Fix that leaky faucet that you have promised to fix for months now. Cook dinner for her. Take care of the kids so she can spend a night out with the girls. (For the present we will ignore the fact that you should be doing these things all year long.)

Yes, it is crunch time, men, but you can do it. I have faith in you.

There will be no post game celebration, but the rewards will be there for you just the same.

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RECEIPTS	
LICENSE, TRANSFERS AND TITLE FEES	\$396,148.18
USAGE TAX	712,235.40
AD VALOREM- PROPERTY TAX AND PROPERTY TAX LIENS	743,879.99
APPLICATION FOR TITLES	3,010.00
RECORDING FEES--	
DEEDS, MORTGAGES, AFFIDAVIT OF DESCENTS, CHATEL MORTGAGES, LEASES, POWER OF ATTORNEYS, ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, STATE AND FEDERAL LIENS, LIS PENDENS, RELEASES, BAIL BONDS, WILLS AND ORDERS, PLATS, NOTARY PUBLIC BONDS, ETC.	95,784.84
DEED TRANSFER TAX	18,936.25
MARRIAGE LICENSES	5,934.00
OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES	951.37
DELINQUENT TAXES	89,234.19
MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS	38.40
COPIES	1,659.37
INDUSTRY FILINGS	100.00
POSTAGE	229.46
HANDICAP PARKING PERMITS	3,228.00
INTEREST ON SUPER NOW ACCOUNT	806.07
AUTOMATIC DEPOSITS IN ACCOUNT FROM IRS	146.00
PAYMENT ON COLD CHECKS	7,400.58
FROM STATE-- PREPARATION OF TAX BILLS, ELECTION EXPENSES	7,384.09
FROM COUNTY-- TAX BILLS, ELECTION COMMISSION, SOCIAL SECURITY	26,224.44
OVER/UNDER	136.66
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$2,113,467.29
EXPENSES	
OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	\$242,346.77
USAGE TAX REPORTS	689,824.37
LICENSE REPORTS	305,186.29
MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS TO STATE, COUNTY AND TAX DISTRICTS	812,013.94
DISBURSEMENTS TO COUNTY ATTORNEY	12,195.23
DISBURSEMENTS TO SHERIFF	1,550.61
POSTAGE	1,065.16
RENTALS, OFFICE SUPPLIES AND PRINTING, ADVERTISING	14,522.00
BONDS, DUES AND CONVENTION TRAVEL	5,002.20
TAKEN FROM ACCOUNT-- NO CHECKS WRITTEN (COLD CHECKS, PRINTING CHECKS, ETC.)	11,486.57
REFUNDS	2,533.12
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,097,726.26
RECEIPTS	\$2,113,467.29
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Your son, Leon Mason

A Birthday to Remember

Feb. 10, 1944 - Sept. 25, 2002

William "Duck" Durham

Would have been 60 years old today



When tomorrow starts without me, And I'm not there to see, If the sun should rise and find your eyes

All filled with tears for me. I wish so much you wouldn't cry

The way you did today, While thinking of the many things, We didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me, As much as I love you, And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too;

But when tomorrow starts without me, Please try to understand, That an angel came and called my name.

And took me by the hand, And said my place was ready, In Heaven far above.

And that I'd have to leave behind All these I dearly love.

But as I turned to walk away, A tear fell from my eye, For all my life, I'd always thought, I didn't want to die.

I had so much to live for, So much left yet to do, It almost seemed impossible That I was leaving you.

I thought of all the yesterdays The good ones and the bad, I thought of all the love we shared, And all the fun we had.

If I could relive yesterday, I'd say for a while, I'd say goodbye and kiss you And maybe see you smile.

For emptiness and memories Would take the place for me, And when I thought of worldly things, I might miss come tomorrow, I thought of you, and when I did, My heart was filled with sorrow.

And when I walked through Heaven's gates, I felt so much at home When God looked down and smiled at me,

From His great golden throne.

"Letters"

(Cont. from A-2)

He said, "This is eternity, And all I've promised you. Today your life on earth is past, but here life starts anew."

I promise no tomorrow. But today will always last.

And since each day is the same way There's no longing for the past.

You have been so faithful, So trusting and so true. Thought there were times you did some things

You know you shouldn't do. But you have been forgiven. And now at last you're free.

So won't you come and take my hand And share my life with me?

So when tomorrow starts without me, Don't think we're far apart.

For every time you think of me, I'm right here, in your heart.

We love and miss you Dad, Bill, Joyce, Frankie & Belinda

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"TJ's Journal"

(Cont. from A-2)

next shift. The males fought for dominance until one was established

the leader. I had each of these mice named and could tell each one apart.

They even had individual personalities. I had one named Larry that could "talk" or at least make little squeaky noises.

I told Mom that she could hear him "talk" if I put him up really close to her ear. She said that she would take my word for it.

About ten years ago, I had a little black cat. I always called it to eat just after supper every night. One day I was coming home from work and as I drove down our street, I gradually began to notice something very odd.

On almost every other porch or yard, there was a black cat. There must have been at least a dozen black cats within a mile of my house. After that, when I would go out and call my black cat I wondered if one night I might not end up with every black cat in the neighborhood. However, my cat knew my voice and would respond only to that. Reminded me of that Bible scripture about the Good Shepherd and His sheep responding only to Him. Hinn, sheep? I wonder where I could get some cheap sheep?

"Points East"

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leader, that means he only considers himself. A man who follows God is for all the people, for each and every life is important and sacred, even if every life does not agree with him, He still will do what he thinks is the best to keep them safe and secure.

I would say this is the same as a parent will protect his child. If someone was threatening your family and you felt they were going to hurt the ones you love, but no one else to prevent it, What would you do? This nation is great and secure, because we have leaders who will wisely choose and keep this nation great and respected. Thank you.

Sincerely, Sherry Tuggle Lancaster, Ky.

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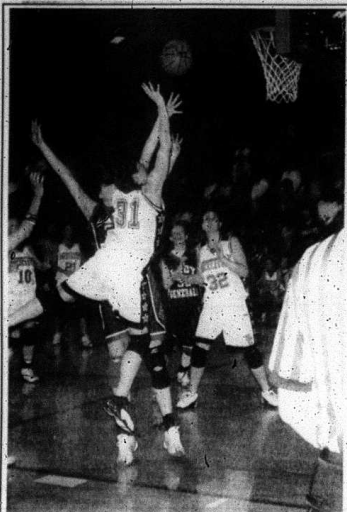
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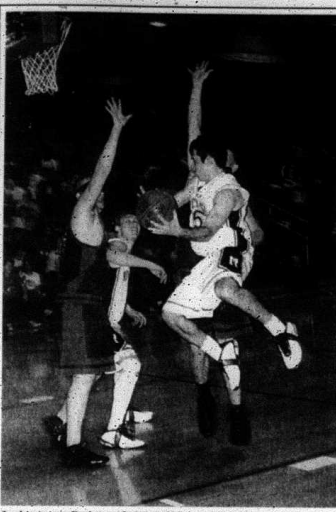
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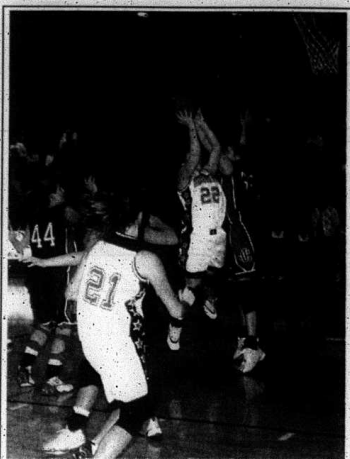
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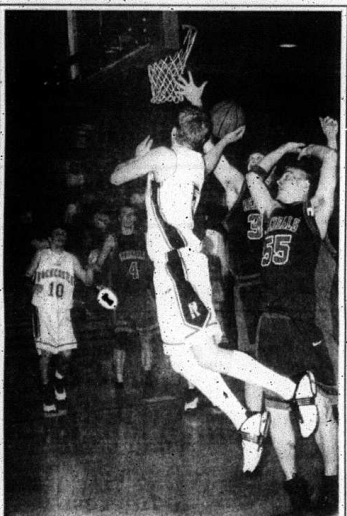
Junior Heather Hammond, No. 31, led her team in scoring in Tuesday night's loss to Jackson Co. Hammond had 21 points. Also in the photo is Rachel Stocker, No. 32.



Junior Aaron Cash goes for two of his career-high 41 points Tuesday night in his team's loss to Jackson County. The Rockets have beaten the Generals twice this season but lost Tuesday night 76-67.



Senior Lauren Clontz goes up for a shot against the defensive efforts of Jackson County General Sarah Elliott Tuesday night. After making an amazing comeback, the Rockets fell short 56-52 to the Jackson Co. Generals for only their third loss of the season. Also in the photo is Katie Parsons, No. 21. (Photos by Allison Anderkin)



Senior Blake Roberts tries to go around two Jackson County General defenders during action in Tuesday night's game. Roberts hit two clutch free throws midway through the fourth quarter to bring his team to within one at 56-57 but the Generals held on for the 76-67 win with the help of 21 free throws in the fourth quarter. Also in the photo is Derreck Hurst, #10. (Photos by Allison Anderkin)

Generals take two from Rockets

The Jackson County Generals and Lady General avenged earlier losses to the Rockets by taking both games of a doubleheader Tuesday night.

The Rockets boys and girls teams had beaten the Generals in games at Jackson County earlier in the year but it was a different story Tuesday night with the girls losing 56-52 and the boys 76-67.

In the opening game, the Lady Rockets couldn't get their offense on track until late in the fourth quarter, and time ran out on them.

Down 18 points to begin the fourth quarter, the Rockets put up a valiant fight. Down 54-48 with 1:25 to go, a steal by the Rockets and a basket by Heather Hammond put the Rockets to within four, 54-50. A full-court press kept the General from getting the ball across the center line and, with 52 seconds to go, the Rockets couldn't convert and were forced to foul. Two missed free throws gave the Rockets the ball back with 35 seconds to go but, again the Rockets failed to come up with a basket and were forced to again foul. This time, the General converted both to make it 56-50 with 16 ticks left. Tara Rowe got a two point basket and, with four seconds left on the clock, Johnna Abney stole the ball on the inbounds pass but the Rockets weren't able to come up with the miracle and lost for only the third time this season.

Leading scorer for the Rockets was Hammond with 21. Abney got 11, Rowe 8, Katie Parsons 6, Lauren Clontz 4 and Rachel Stocker 2.

The girls will play a doubleheader with the boys at North Laurel on Friday night and will host South Laurel on Monday night.

Following South Laurel, the girls will host Estill County on Feb. 19th and will finish regular season play at Wayne County on the 27th.

In the boys game, the Rockets scored the first five points of the game but the Generals came back to tie the score at 11 all and launch a see-saw battle, which saw Jackson County ahead 32-29 at the half.

Aaron Cash, who had a career-

high 41 points in the game, got a three point basket to tie the score at 32 all to begin the third quarter but the Generals scored the next six and were ahead until a bucket by Cash tied the score at 48 all. At the end of the third period, Jackson County was up 50-48.

In the fourth, the Rockets held on and were only down by one 62-61 with 1:56 to play. They followed this with two three point baskets, one by Colby Brown and one by Cash. But, the General hung tough and converted on 10 of their 15 foul shots in the closing minutes for the 76-67 win.

Besides Cash's 41, Brown got 12, Blake Roberts 8, J.C. McClure 4 and Kyle Mullins 2.

Besides the doubleheader with the girls at North Laurel Friday night, the boys will host Barbourville Tuesday night. After Barbourville, the boys have four regular season games left. They will travel to Lincoln on the 20th, host West Carter on the 21st; play at Somerset on the 24th and end


the season with a home game against McCreary Central on the 27th.

March 1-6 will be the 49th District Tournament at Oneta Baptist Institute and the 13th Region Tournament will be at Middlesboro on March 8-13.

Project Graduation CHILI SUPPER


Project Graduation 2004 will hold a Chili Supper on Thursday, February 19th in the RCHS cafeteria from 5 to 7 p.m. Homemade Chili will be served, along with sandwich, drink and dessert for \$4.00.


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44th Annual Farm-Business Banquet held Monday night

The 44th annual Farm and Business Banquet was held at the Rockcastle County Middle School on Monday night.

A large crowd attended the banquet and several awards were presented. The banquet was sponsored by the Rockcastle County Kiwanis Club.

Mrs. Eva Sparks, former owner of Sparks Flower Shop and a former owner of Sparks Funeral Home was presented the Lifetime Achievement in Business Award.

She and her husband the late, Alfred B. Sparks founded Sparks Funeral Home in October of 1951 and she became a licensed funeral director in 1958.

At the time she was one of the few women in the state to be a licensed funeral director.

She opened Sparks Flower shop in 1962 and continued to help her

husband in the funeral home business until it sold in 1969 to Bill Dowell and Roy Martin.

Mrs. Sparks died in 1989, but Mrs. Sparks continued operation of the flower shop until she retired and sold it in May of 2000.

Mrs. Sparks is now the holder of the oldest funeral director's license in Rockcastle County.

She was nominated for the Lifetime Achievement Award by Roy Martin and Tammy Cox.

Mrs. Terr Woodall, owner of A Cut Above Hair Salon in Mt. Vernon was presented with the Outstanding Business Person of the Year Award.

Mrs. Woodall has been in business in Rockcastle for twenty years. Local farmer Tommy Harold Mink presented local farmer James Cass and his wife Joan with the Master Conversationalist Award.

(See photos on Page B-1)

"Brodhead"

Cont. from Front

Wednesday that he was reviewing the limited number of cases that Bussett was listed as the complaining officer and would make a recommendation to the court soon.

"Chief Bussett has been a very big asset to the city of Brodhead and we hope he is reinstated," Reynolds said.

Bussett's problem with the state may also affect charges brought against two local men who are accused of trying to run him over on January 21st on a city street in Brodhead, after reportedly stealing a vehicle.

Matthew Steven Holden, 33, of Brodhead and Rodney Moberly, 24,

also of Brodhead, have been charged in the case. Reynolds said the two men will be prosecuted regardless of whether Chief Bussett is reinstated.

Moberly has made bond, but Holden is being held on a state felony conviction, involving the break-in of several local churches last year.

Both cases involving Bussett will be presented to the Rockcastle Grand Jury for possible indictment, according to Rockcastle Sheriff Detective Matt Bryant, who is heading up the investigation.

Mayor Cash said that while Bussett is on leave, he has been good enough to agree to lead funeral processions and work the school bus line at the elementary school.

Ford said that Rockcastle Sheriff Darrell Doan has committed officers to help in Brodhead, while the city attempts to hire new police officers.

Project Graduation 2004
 next meeting is Mon., Feb. 16th
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Republican Party Executive Committee

The Rockcastle County Republican Party met last week and selected their executive committee for the coming year and one which will ultimately decide who the county's Republican nominee for county attorney will be in this fall's general election.

They are current Republican

county chairman Alonzo McCollum, co-chairman Juanita Davis, former county co-chairman Juanita Witt, PVA Margaret Offitt, magistrates Bill McKinney, Fred Mullins, Jr., David Gibbs and William Denny, Coroner Bill Dowell, Circuit Clerk Teresa Vanzant, deputy circuit clerk Brenda McKnight, jailer James Miller and local attorney John Ford.

"Burdette"

Cont. from Front

state-wide for obtaining the largest ever convictions for poaching, which was against two local brothers. The fine was \$25,000, plus jail time.

After defeating former County Attorney James H. Lambert in 1994, he was unopposed in the next two elections.

His replacement as County Attorney, Assistant County Attorney Billy Reynolds, 39, also of Mt. Vernon worked with Burdette for the past two and a half years and was appointed by Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Buzz Carlotta to take Burdette's seat.

Reynolds will serve until November's General Election. The Rockcastle Republican Party Executive Committee, will choose a candidate and the Rockcastle County Democratic Party Executive Committee will also be able to choose a candidate for the Fall election. Reynolds is a Republican. They must

make their decisions by August 10th. Any potential write-in candidates have until August 22nd.

As for Burdette's current seat, the race is on. Somerset Attorney Scott Lawless, 38, who has worked in the county attorney's office in Palaski Co., filed for the non-partisan race by the deadline on January 27th, as did Judge Burdette.

"Board"

Cont. from Front

"We always try to save the taxpayer as much money as we can and still provide a quality education for our students," Superintendent Hammond said.

"Mr. Bray and others have looked at our best options as always and the outcome is savings to the school, money which can be used on instruction," Hammond said.

The three projects that Bray will present to the board again on Thursday are bleachers for visiting team fans at Rockcastle football games at a cost of \$105,000, down from the first estimate of \$155,000, remodeling of the old bus garage building across the street from the board of education building on Richmond Street at a cost of \$55,000 and \$80,000 for the construction of an indoor hitting facility at the baseball and softball complex at RCHS.

The board will also be presented with a proposal for an outdoor classroom at Roundstone Elementary, which the SBDM council at the school voted for and which will be paid for from state award money for Roundstone students' accomplishments on test scores.

Thursday night's meeting will begin at 6 p.m. with a recognition of the current board members, prior to the regular meeting. This month's meeting will take place at the Central Office in Mt. Vernon.

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Bobby and Clara Proctor of Brodhead were among those attending an Open House last Friday at the Kentucky Hall of Fame and Museum. The Open House was held to spotlight the 2004 Hall of Fame Inductees. Providing the entertainment were Ethan Eversole, Wayne Combs and Mark Eaton.



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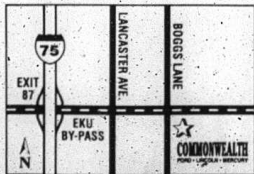


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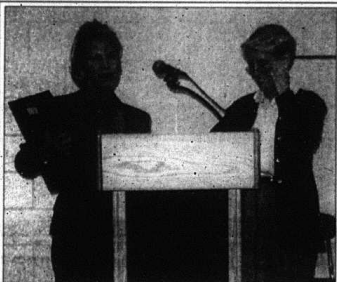
44th Annual Farm-Business Banquet held



James Cass, right, and his wife Joan, left, were presented with the Master Conservationist Award on Monday night during the Farm-Business Banquet. Presenting the award was Tommy Harold Mink, center, chairman of the local conservation district board and Randall Templeman, Rockcastle District Conservationist. The Cass' farm 160 acres in Rockcastle County.



Mrs. Eva Sparks, center, was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award in Business at Monday night's Farm-Business Banquet. She has been in business in Rockcastle County since 1951, first in the funeral home business with her late husband and later in the flower shop business. She is shown with Roy and Pam Martin, owners of her former two businesses and co-nominees of her award. (See related story on Page A-1)



Mrs. Terri Woodall, left, was presented with the Business Person of the Year Award at Monday's annual Farm-Business Banquet held at the Rockcastle Middle School. It was the 44th annual banquet. Presenting her with the award was Mrs. Martha Cox, a member of the Rockcastle Kiwanis Club. The club sponsored this year's event. Mrs. Woodall has been in business in Rockcastle County for the past 20 years.



Kiwanis Club member Carey Craig, right, presented Mrs. Eva Sparks with the Lifetime Achievement Award in Business on Monday night. (Banquet photos by Richard Anderkin)

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District Civil Suits

Mike McClure DBA, et al vs. Chris Kirby, DBA, et al, \$3,075.93 plus claimed due. C-00010.
Ford Motor Co. vs. Doug Fink, \$3,421.45 plus claimed due. C-00011.

Small Claims

Southern States vs. Bill Bradley, et al, \$445 plus claimed due. S-00002.

Michael L. Baker vs. Eric Moore, \$500 claimed due. S-00003.
Rodney Dale Lewis vs. Lee Felker, et al, \$1,500 claimed due. S-00004.

Circuit Civil Suits

Victoria Larkey Thomas, Individually and as parent and guardian of Amanda Peters vs. Darrell Dean, Administrator of the estate of Marlow S. Mullins, et al, verified complaint. CI-00031.

Wendy Dawn Sowler vs. Mark Anthony Sowler, petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00032.

Cabinet for Families and Children, Ex Rel Billie Durham vs. Kolin Durham, complaint for child support and medical support. CI-00033.

Cabinet for Families and Children, Ex Rel Billie Durham vs. Lea Cope, complaint for child support and medical support. CI-00034.

Bobby J. Hensley vs. Geoffrey Fugate, et al, complaint. CI-00035.
ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. vs. Thomas A. Watson, et al, \$173,197.40 plus claimed due. CI-00036.

Terrl Kidd vs. Oscar Gibbons, complaint for medical support. CI-00037.

Jacqueline R. Shoifner vs. Michael L. Shoifner, petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00038.
Equity One, Inc. vs. Tim Cottrell, 1,253.96 plus claimed due. CI-00039.

Russell Collins vs. Annette H. Collins, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Not The One
The Orville Shepherd listed in last week's district court suits is not the Orville Shepherd, former minister of Broadhead Christian Church.

Marriage Licenses

Brenda J. Martin, 47, Rt. 2, Livingston, housewife, to Frederick Lewis Horton, Sr., 51, McKee, Rockridge Farm, 2/07/04.

Samanta June Early, 29, Somerset, CNA, to Timothy Dale Remmer, 31, Somerset, diesel mechanic, 2/7/04.

Sheila Kaye Overbay, 31, Mt. Vernon, homemaker, to Timothy Dearl Robbins, 26, Mt. Vernon, American Greetings, 2/06/04.

Melissa Sue Saylor, 32, Crab Orchard, RCA - mail carrier, to Anthony Wayne Lear, 37, Rt. 3, Broadhead, sales agent/plumber, 2/04/04.

Tina Louise Kirby, 36, Rt. 6, Mt. Vernon, unemployed, to Jack Burdette Dailey, Jr., 50, Rt. 6, Mt. Vernon, self-employed, 2/04/04.

Deeds Recorded

Jeffery D. and Tracy Mink, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Johnny W. and Gledys J. Carpenter, Tax \$73.00.

Larry Clouse, Sr., real property located on Freedom School Road, to Mark and Keri Keizer. No tax.

Brian Dale and Melinda Carter, real property located in Rainbow Ridge Subdivision, to Diana M. Sealf. Tax \$10.00.

Earl L. and Beverly R. Hammons, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Roxanne and Earl E. Hammond. Tax \$7.00.

Bobby Singleton, real property located in Livingston, to Bobby Proper. Tax \$9.00.

Janet L. and Paul Blewins, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Ray and Maxine Reynolds and Dany and Kathy McKibben.

Johnny and Margie Wilcox, Johns and James Ward and Christopher Wilcox, real property located in Broadhead, to Dealya Bussell, Sr. and Mary E. Bussell. Tax \$45.00.

Oscar and Wanda Hensley, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Dougie and Stephanie Newcomb. Tax \$5.00.

Federal National Mortgage Assn., real property located in Rockcastle County, to Bill Clontz. No tax.

Bobby G. and Kay Bolton, real property located on Crooked Creek, to Beatrice R. Barnes. Tax \$20.00.

David Shawn Shearer, real property located on Scaffold Cane Road, to Cortnie Davidson.

John and Rose Baker, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Adam and Leslie Higgins. No tax.

Elbert Carl and Trina G. Bustle, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Dan Epperson. Tax \$35.00.

Wendall Williams, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Troy K. and Judy Rowe Williams. No tax.

C. F. Mullins, Jr. and Shirley Mullins, Elmwood Cemetery lots, to Pauline P. Eaton. Tax \$1.50.

M.S.P.C. Development, Inc., real property located in Sunny Side Estates, to Anthony Bradley. Tax \$8.00.

Anthony Bradley, real property located in Sunny Side Estates, to James Noe. Tax \$34.50.

Beri V. and Anna R. Hopkins, real property located on KY 461, to Judy H. Marsh. Tax \$150.00.

District Court

District Court
Hon. Michael L. Henry
January 26, 2004

Robert G. Bowling: Speeding, \$34 fine and state traffic school authorized.

Kyle E. Bowman: Speeding and other charges, license suspended for failure to appear.

Dale J. Bradley: Operating on suspended/revoked operators license and failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for failure to appear.

Amanda N. Bullens: Fines/fees due (\$225.50), bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Satira L. Bullock: No/Expired Registration Plates and other charges, license suspended for failure to appear.

Robert D. Canam: Speeding and license to be in possession, license suspended for failure to appear.

Tiffany R. Cooper: Defective equipment, \$25 fine and costs.

Thomas W. Daves: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

Donald S. Hardy: Speeding, \$34 fine and costs/state traffic school authorized.

Danny Hicks: Theft by deception, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Nicole Howard: Failure to wear seatbelts, \$25 fine and costs.

Lee S. Katz: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

Dewey Lunce: Burglary, dismissed on payment of \$100 restitution; DUL under 21, \$100 fine and costs and 30 day suspension of operators license.

Enoch McCoy: Speeding and no/expired other state registration receipt, license suspended for failure to appear.

Michael J. Morgan: Speeding, \$62 fine and costs.

Anthony L. Powell: License not in possession, \$50 fine and costs.

Elton C. Simmerman: No tinting label on vehicle, \$50 fine and costs.

Patrick L. Smith: Federal Safety Regs. Parts Needed for sale (2 counts), license suspended for failure to appear.

Abram K. Umbarger: Failure to wear seat belts (2 counts) and No insurance, license suspended for failure to appear.

Raymond Wilham: Violation of foreign E.P.O./D.V.O., \$50 fine and costs; Terroristic Threatening, \$50 fine and costs.

Frandon C. Wren: No insurance and no/expired KY Registration Receipt, license suspended for failure to appear.

Jody L. Armstrong: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

Samantha Barlow: Defective equipment, \$25 fine and costs.

Grace K. Blanton: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

Justin W. Bowman: Defective equipment, \$25 fine and costs.

Lora A. Butts: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

Harold D. Cheney, III: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

Victor R. Curran: Speeding and failure to wear seatbelts, license suspended for failure to appear.

Renee L. Dabney: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

Jason M. Durham: Failure to wear seatbelts, \$25 fine and costs.

Elmer Huggley: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

Danny L. Fisher: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

Artez T. Huff: Speeding, paid \$210.50 fine and costs.

Elmer Huggley: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

Curtis L. Kendrick: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

Joseph A. Krantz: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

Douglas McWilliams: Speeding, paid.

Mark E. Raine: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

Teresa G. Reed: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

Ferenc Reszky: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

Derek A. Stevens: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

Enos G. Stocks, Jr.: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

Nazaleen Taylor: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

Michael J. Williams: Improper passing, license suspended for failure to appear.

Anthony L. Wilson: Speeding, paid.

Jerry D. Caldwell: Operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 and costs, \$250 fine, 30 day operator license suspension.

Brent F. Davis: Speeding, paid \$180.50 total fine and costs.

Rickey L. Hickey: Operating motor vehicle with expired operators license, 10 days in jail/credit time served.

Kelly M. Jones: Receiving stolen property, 120 days in jail to serve 12/ balance conditionally discharged two years plus costs.

Stephanie R. Nicely: Disorderly conduct, 30 days in jail to serve 5/ balance conditionally discharged two years.

Larry T. Smith: License not in possession, \$100 fine and costs.

Richard A. Spoonamore: Fines/fees due (\$300.50), bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

David J. Sutter: Fines/fees due (\$182.50), bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Jennifer R. Thacker: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

Shunguanca Thomas: No insurance and failure to wear seatbelts, license suspended for failure to appear.

J.C. Whitt: Criminal littering, \$500 fine/suspend \$250 plus costs and 30 days in jail conditionally discharged two years.

Cody Whitt: Fines/fees due

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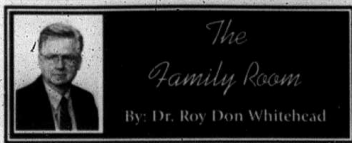
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The Family Room

By: Dr. Roy Don Whitehead

Some people who come to me for counseling know exactly what they want: they want me to save them from the consequences of their own actions. They do not put it in those words, but that is what they are asking.

Take Carla for example. (All characters in today's column are fictitious.) Carla is thirty-five years old and married to a man who has just become abusive. They have been married only six months and dated only three months before they wed. "You've got to help me," she pleads. "He's getting worse and worse. When he drinks, he is horrible! I don't believe in divorce, so how do I get him to change?"

How did Carla get in this mess? She married a man she had only known for three months. That is an incredible risk to take, but she took it, and now she is paying for it. She is asking me, her counselor, to save her from the consequences of her own actions.

One of the unfortunate things about being human is that we often must suffer the consequences of our own actions. Some of these consequences cannot be stopped by anyone, and all we can do is endure them. There are ways that Carla can get out of the mess she is in, but none of those is without pain. Her decision to spurn after a three-month courtship is costing her dearly.

Ted started doing drugs at an early age. About a year ago he graduated from smoking Oxycotin to shooting up. The needles gave him a quicker, longer lasting high, he said. He has finally checked himself into a rehabilitation center and is clean for the first time in years.

While at the rehab center, he had a physical exam. Tests revealed that

he has hepatitis C, a potentially fatal condition that he probably caught while sharing needles with other addicts. Now that he is clean and wants a different life, he will still have to deal with the consequences of his past actions. The hepatitis C will not go away.

David was recently arrested for burglary. He and some friends were drinking and decided to do something exciting such as robbing a convenience store. They were not very good thieves and were quickly apprehended. David now faces jail time or probation. Either one will be on his record.

David is just 18 and was planning to apply to several exclusive colleges. These plans will probably have to be changed. These colleges will not want to enroll anyone with his kind of record. Not thinking straight and being influenced by his friends will haunt David for a long time.

Terry had an affair last year. It lasted for nine months until his wife found out. When he admitted to one other affair in their ten-year marriage, she left and filed for divorce. Terry has now come to his senses and wants her back. "I don't know what happened to me," he said. "I went nuts for awhile, but now I want what I want. Please help me get her back."

He asked his wife to come to counseling with him; but she refused. He tried to talk to her but she refused. She finally got a restraining order to make him leave her alone. Terry is suffering the consequences of his actions, and it looks as if he will lose his marriage. As some wise person once said, "You can't unscramble an egg."

Sometimes there is no way to stop the consequences of our actions. Better we should think before we act.



Kidsight members known as the Lions Club "posse" from left: Steve Still, William Foster, Mike DeBoard and David DeBoard. Not shown was Billy Dowell.

At right is president David DeBoard presenting at the meeting.

Lions Club members attend special meeting

Mt. Vernon Lions Club members recently attended a special meeting in Jamestown at the Lake Cumberland Resort Park. Lions Club president David DeBoard gave a presentation on the events that were accomplished for 2003 and looking forward to events in 2004.

Lions Steve Still, William Foster, Mike DeBoard and David DeBoard were proud to announce that the community of Mt. Vernon will be receiving a new Kidsight Program for the Daycare centers and preschools.

The Lions Club has successfully received a camera that will capture the Lazy Eyes in children. Mt. Vernon Lions Club members will be

training in order to perform this special task. The Lions Club would like to thank the "Good Day Show" with Betty Lou York and WRVK for allowing president DeBoard to be a

guest on the Community Matters program. This show is a positive way of getting the message to our citizens what's happening in our community. The members would also like to thank local businesses and people in the community for all their donations.

They've issued a challenge to all businesses and citizens to make donations for a new lawn mower to raffish this spring. It would be deeply appreciated. Please call David DeBoard at 758-8785 for more info.

Quail Homemakers hold monthly meeting

The Quail Homemakers Club members met at the home of Carolyn Brown January 19th with several members in attendance. We were pleased to have one visitor, Bonnie Lawrence, meeting with us.

The lesson was "SHAPE UP FOR HEALTH". There was an example in the lesson sheet on how to calculate your heart rate. The members first did a preliminary check, using the example. Then they did exercises to speed up the heart rate followed by another check using the example. This determined the correct heart rate for each person.

Four jars of friendship soup were made and given to friends that couldn't attend the meeting. The next meeting will be at the home of Kathy McKibben on February 16th at 6:30 PM. The lesson will be "A Dash Diet For Hypertension". Visitors are always welcome and encouraged to participate in our meetings.

Letter of Forgiveness

By: Angela Chastean

To the ones that's ever been hurt, And the ones that's ever made to cry, We've done so many things to you, Some of which we don't understand why.

We'll make fun of, pick others apart, laugh at, Be cruel to or try and find gossip to start.

We love to pry our way into your life With intentions to steal your husband or wife.

We do these things and choose not to see just how hurtful this can be. We're destroying your life without looking around...

And don't realize that it's for hell we're bound...

We should know it doesn't pay to say or do mean things. If we only knew how much pain it brings...

People who do these things know who you are, And need to stop the push and shove...

Cause the day will come. When you have to answer to the man above. You'll pay your price one day to him if you do not change. For he doesn't agree with how you are.

When there's such a wide range of people, places and things to do. There's plenty out there just for you. You need to say to yourself: Why did I do that? Why didn't I see that wasn't fair to that person? Nor was it fair to me.

I'm a better person than this, I need to retrieve. A better life and need to believe. No one is perfect, you should never claim to be. Everyone is equal, everyone > you and me.

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Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Marketing Cards

Producers which have sold all tobacco for the current year are reminded to return the marketing card back to the FSA office IMMEDIATELY.

2004 is a burley referendum year and cards are being in the county office as sales are final. Also, this avoids producers' misplacing the card.

2004 Referendum and Burley Tobacco Quotas

National marketing quotas for the 2004 through 2006 crops of burley tobacco calls for a referendum by mail ballot during the period February 23 through February 27, 2004. At this time producers will vote to determine if they are in favor of marketing quotas for Burley tobacco for the next three marketing years.

The 2004 Burley Tobacco national factor for the quotas has been set as 1,050 (5% rise from 2003 quotas). Notices are scheduled to be mailed on March 19, 2004.

Leasing begins after notices are mailed.

Closed for the remainder of the 2003/2004 marketing year.

FSA has been notified the following Auction Warehouses will be CLOSED for the remainder of the 2003/2004 market year:

31241 London Tobacco Market

London, KY

31358 Home Tobacco Warehouse

Richmond, KY

31401 Farmers Tobacco Warehouse

Somerset, KY

Also, closed is Receiving Station

93601: Philip Morris Lexington, KY

If you are producer who has tobacco to be marketed and your card is designated to one of these warehouses

receiving stations listed above you must come to the FSA office and re-designate your card.

This redesignation is necessary so that FSA may order a new marketing card for your farm. The card currently issued for these which has the original designation number on it now is OBSOLETE.

It is CRITICAL producers come into the FSA office as soon as possible to redesignate the marketing location.

New Growers Applications

Applications will be accepted until February 17, 2004 for new grower's quota or allotment. Farms which do not have a tobacco quota or allotment and the owner does not own any land with a quota or allotment are eligible to apply for a new grower's quota or allotment. Eligibility requirements include experience raising

tobacco requested in 2 or the past 5 years, equipment availability and farm income. Interested persons should contact their local FSA County office immediately to meet the deadline.

Disaster Leasing

Producers who have suffered a 20 percent loss from a natural disaster with burley tobacco may be eligible to disaster lease by the deadline of February 17, 2004. To be eligible for a disaster lease the transferring farm must have filed a crop acreage report, planted sufficient acreage to produce the farm's current year effort quota, produced the tobacco in a workable manner, suffered more than a 20% crop loss and met all price support eligibility. If the producer has not previously filed for disaster credit, the producer may file a late file application which must be approved by the Kentucky State FSA Office.

Federal Crop Insurance Program

Rockcastle County producers who want to purchase Federal Crop Insurance (FCI) for their 2004 crops of Corn, Soybeans and Tobacco are reminded they must do so by the March 15th deadline.

For more info on these and other FSA programs, please contact your local FSA office.

Office Closure

Rockcastle County FSA and NRCS offices will be closed:

Monday, February 16th in observance of Washington's Birthday

Important program dates

Return marketing cards when sales are final

Disaster Leasing of Burley Tobacco ends February 17, 2004

Federal Crop Insurance purchasing ends March 15, 2004

Loan or Loan Deficiency Payments for 2003 small grains applications end March 31, 2004

Loans or Loan Deficiency Payments for 2003 corn and soybean applications end May 31, 2004

Direct and Counter Cyclical Program sign-up ends June 1, 2004

Grassland Reserve Program applications being accepted for 2004 funds

Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) Program-signup continues

Farm Storage Facility Loan Program-signup continues

Conservation Reserve Program-signup continues

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"Court"

(Cont. from B2)

(\$250.50), bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

Scott Willis: Fines/fees due (\$114.50), bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

James A. Zimmer: No expired registration plates, license suspended for failure to appear.

John P. Besson: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

*Stacey D. Binlack: Speeding, paid

Terry Lee Blanton: Defective equipment, \$25 fine and costs.

Melissa J. Carter: Speeding, unpaid fine and costs.

*Grace P. Dy: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

*Ancle R. Evans: Speeding, license

suspended for failure to appear.

Johnny R. Judd: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

Timothy Bradford Lenders: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

Shelley E. Looney: Defective equipment, \$25 fine and costs.

Lattisus McLellan: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

Steven C. Ratliff: Speeding and careless driving, license suspended for failure to appear.

Marcus L. Rogers: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

Cynthia D. Romero: Speeding, license suspended for failure to appear.

Joshua R. Spoonman: Improper windshield and inadequate silencer, license suspended for failure to appear.

Suzanne L. Wasson: Speeding, state traffic school authorized on payment of costs only.

Words of Hope

In Jeremiah 29:11 we are told, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Though written to give hope to the Israelites long before Christ was ever born, they are a testament to God's love for us even today. If times are tough and you worry about tomorrow, take heart in knowing that God knows you, loves you, and wants the best for you - today!

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Conservation District Cost Share Program accepting requests

The Rockcastle County Conservation District will be accepting requests for cost share funding under the Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Program, beginning February 2 and extending through February 27, 2004.

The Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Program was created to help agricultural operations protect the soil and water resources of Kentucky. This program is a result of House Bill 377 that was passed in the 1994 General Assembly. This bill established annual cost share funds to be administered by conservation districts with priority given to animal waste related problems and agricultural district participants where pollution problems have been identified. Initial funding for the program will be provided by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.

Funding for practices will be approved by the Soil and Water Conservation Commission at the Kentucky Division of Conservation, located in Frankfort, as funds are available.

For more information, stop by the conservation district office, located at the USDA Service Center, Rt. 4, Box 374-A, Hwy. 150, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ph. 256-2525, Ext. 3.

The Mt. Vernon Signal has a new email address - mvsignal@alltel.net

Ford Brothers, Inc.

would like to congratulate their 2003 Award Winners!

Ford Brothers, Inc. recently had its 2003 Agents Award Banquet and would like to congratulate the following agents for their achievements in the real estate and auction professions this past year.

Roy Adams won several awards including:
Top Producer of the Year and Auction Salesperson of the Year.
In addition, Roy was a member of the \$2,000,000 Club.

Jeff Cromer won several awards including:
Listing Agent of the Year, Sales Agent of the Year & Most Improved Agent of the Year.
In addition, Jeff was a member of the \$2,000,000 Club.

Dannetta Ford Allen won a Million Dollar Club Award.

Teresa Stevens was awarded the Rookie of the Year for doing exceptionally well in her first year of business.

Congratulations!

Rockcastle County Schools • School Health Services

Requirements for 6th Grade Enrollment

Just a reminder to parents that your child needs the following health records in order to enroll into the sixth grade this fall:

- **Immunization Certificate** that shows all the vaccinations that your child has had, including the requirements for 6th grade entry
 - (a) 2nd MMR
 - (b) 3 doses of Hepatitis-B*
 - (c) Tetanus-Diphtheria booster (if 5 years since last DTP)
- **Physical** that is recorded on the correct 6th grade physical form

We would appreciate if these records could be turned in *before* the end of this school year. Otherwise, the records will need to be turned in the first day of school this fall at the middle school. The Health Department and doctors' offices will be really busy this summer. You may have a difficult time getting an appointment if you wait until the end of the summer to take your child to get these records.

Your cooperation in providing us with these health records as soon as possible will be greatly appreciated. If you need assistance with any arrangements for your child, please call the Family Resource/Youth Services Center at the school. We will be happy to assist you in whatever way that we can. If you have any questions about these requirements, please call the school.

*****Reminders*****

1. **Hepatitis-B vaccination** takes 4-6 months to complete. This must be started no later than February to have completed in time for school enrollment this fall.
2. If your child will be participating in any athletics, you may want to wait until May to get the physical. **Two physical forms will be required for the 6th grader who is also an athlete (both a 6th grade physical form and an athletic physical form).** A doctor must sign the physical form.
3. If you have insurance you will be required to go to your primary healthcare-provider for services. Medicaid recipients can go to either the primary healthcare provider or the health department for services.

Rockcastle County Schools
Health Services

From Long Ago

Submitted by: Ray Evans
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The following first appeared in the Mount Vernon Signal on May 7, 1909. It was recently transcribed from microfilm of that issue of the Signal. With these subtitles, I am sharing these gleanings with the Signal's present readers.

Personal News
Scott Miller is visiting in Frankfort. - Dr. T. J. Price was in Louisville this week. - Mrs. J. Fish is numbered among the sick this week. - Judge Alcorn is very low at his home in Stanford. - Dr. Mrs. Mrs. Myers were in Louisville yesterday. - Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Beaty were in Louisville yesterday. - Commonwealth Attorney, B. J. Bethuram is here this week. - Mrs. Mesiah Gentry who has been reported very sick is better. - Misses Susie and Alza Thompson were in Louisville shopping Tuesday. - We are glad to see Mr. J. P. Lechleiter again able to be on the streets. - Mrs. Ellen Welsh, of Louisville, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. A. Welsh. - Mrs. R. A. Sparks is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Satterfield in Louisville. - Dr. Lewis and little daughter Beulah, of Wildie, are visiting in Tennessee. - Mrs. G. M. Ballard is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Cook at Cove. - Mrs. Fred Krueger and little daughter, Miss Risse McFerron, have returned from a pleasant visit to friends in Livingston. - Mr. J. F. Nicely, of Indianapolis, is here visiting his son, T. J. Nicely. Mr. Nicely is in very poor health and has been for some time. - Mesdames C. C. Williams, W. B. Whitehead, Cleo Brown and Misses Risse Williams and Louana Whitehead went to Louisville Mon-

day for a days shopping. - John Meadows has secured an appointment as storekeeper gauger [sic] at Danbury, Pulaski County. He will leave today to begin work. His family will remain in Mt Vernon until Mr. Meadows is permanently located. - Atty. and Mrs. John W. Brown went to Louisville Saturday to take the children of the late O. M. Wallen and place them in the Masonic home. Mrs. Wallen went along also and is still in the city hoping to be able to find employment that she may be able to stay there.

Local News
Marriage license was issued to Mr. Henry Nicely and Miss Rosa Dean. - First Lieutenant Charles H. Morrow, of Company H 18th U. S. Infantry, stationed at Mindanao, Philippine Islands has been awarded the Silver Cup which was offered as a prize for the second best Company in the Infantry. Charley's many Somerset friends will learn of this with much delight. Somerset Journal. - DEATH: Mrs. Kincor, mother of John W. Kincor. Died last Saturday after an illness lasting since last December of that terrible disease consumption. Mrs. Kincor was a noble Christian woman and was ready to meet that summons, when it came. Her remains were laid to rest in the family burying ground to await the resurrection morn. - In the last issue we overlooked the marriage of Miss Ula Coffey to Mr. Albert Reynolds, of Wildie. Mrs. Reynolds is the daughter of Mr. Lee Coffey and one of Rockcastle's most beautiful young ladies. Mr. Reynolds holds a good position as operator for the L & N. The happy couple will soon go to housekeeping in the Brooks property at Wildie. The Signal wishes them

much happiness. - The drug store of John Robins was broken into Wednesday night and something over \$100 in jewelry stolen. A small amount of money was taken from the boarding house of Mrs. Anna Summitt. Whether the same party or parties committed both deeds is a problem yet to solve. Bloodhounds were soon on the grounds and our last report, the trail had gone beyond Gum Sulphur. Whether the local talent or where they came from Broadhead seems to have its share of such burglary. It has only been a few years since J. R. Cass the night agent at that time was held up and the depot robbed besides several other robberies of stores, dwellings, etc. We certainly hope the thief will be safely landed behind the walls of the penitentiary. The following are the officers appointed to hold the Republican primary on May 15 th: East Mt Vernon: J. H. Beaty, J. W. Mamer, Judges: Will Hanel Clerk, Zack Hanel Sheriff. West Mt Vernon: W. T. Smith, W. B. Whitehead Judges: W. H. Miller Clerk, J. H. McKinney Sheriff. Roundstone: W. M. Hayes, U. S. Berry, Judges: George Ketter Clerk, Coleman Burdette Sheriff. Searfield Cove: J. J. Martin, R. A. Swinford Judges: J. J. Hamilton Clerk, Henry Abney Sheriff. Crooked

Creek: Callie Baker, John T. Durham Judges: S. Griffin Clerk and Mack Large Sheriff. Orlando: D. M. Singleton, John Grider Judges; Millard Farthing Clerk, Jack Laswell Sheriff. Livingston: J. T. Chewning, J. W. Baker Judges, Jacob Sambrook Clerk, J. Boreing Jr. Sheriff. Walnut Grove: W. S. Pitman Milit Deacon Judges; Louis Cooper, Clerk and W. N. Whitaker Sheriff. Brown, J. C. Bullock, Frank Morgan Judges, W. Thompson Clerk and D. G. Bullock Sheriff. Broadhead: John Sigmon, L. A. Testerman Judges; Hubert Barnes Clerk and J. Brown Sheriff. Powers: Reubin-Ballinger, Squire Abney Judges; W. M. Durham Clerk and J. R. Ballinger Sheriff.

Broadhead News

Owing to the fact that the primary election comes on the 15 th, the Hamiltonian Society will call in its announcement made last week as a date for one show given at this place. Announcement will be made later. - Don't forget the "Only Girl" to be played Saturday night 8. [sic] Tickets are being disposed of rapidly. Buy while you can get choice seats. - A. E. Albright was in Mt. Vernon Wednesday. - M. B. Bowling and Dick Albright are attending the races in Louisville. - R. H. Batson wife and little daughter, Cecil, of Lancaster, also Mrs. John Nevins and daughter, Glenn, were visitors in town Saturday and Sunday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cherry. - Rev. Lyte, of Louisville, filled the pulpit in the Baptist Church Saturday and Sunday. - Dr. J. W. Brown, of Stanford, came to see Mesdames Mat Cummins of this place and J. J. Smith of Hiatt. - A. M. Hiatt was in Louisville this week soliciting ads and securing special attractions for the Rockcastle County Fair Association. - Mrs. W. J. Sparks and daughter, Miss Bessie and Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Salin, Mrs. Cleo Brown, Misses Mat and Risse Williams and Susie Thompson were the guests at a most delightful six o'clock dinner at the pleasant home of Cashier and Mrs. Hutchison on Tuesday evening last. - Monte Roberts, Jopp Albright and Henry Brooks left Monday for Ga. where they will work with the construction gang. - Miss Katie Cass is visiting in Stanford. - The oldest boy of C. H. Frink fell while climbing a gate and breaking his arm. - Dr. Stone has returned from a three weeks visit to homefolks in Virginia.

Livingston News

Arthur Rice is sick at this writing. - J. T. Johnson, bookkeeper for New Livingston Coal Company, is here fixing to move to Lancaster. - W. H. Burton took a hob to Mt. Vernon Wednesday charged with stopping a freight train. - The frost a few nights

ago did great damage to the fruit and gardens in this locality and lots of gardeners will have to replant. - Miss Nettie Rice is visiting. Miss Dora Dickerson in Mt. Vernon. - W. M. Begley, of Lee County, has purchased the farm of C. Cope. Price unknown. - Supt. Anderson, of the L & N, is here on special business. - Mrs. Fred Krueger, of Mt. Vernon, is visiting Mrs. App Taylor. - Special Agent Summers for L & N is here adjusting claims. - Mrs. Carol, who has been sick for so long, died Saturday night and was buried Monday at Walnut Grove on Skegas Creek. - Albert Mink and Linn Bates, the 14 year old girl, who were married about three weeks ago have agreed that they can not agree, and now a divorce suit. - On last Friday morning before day, by what cause no one is able to tell, a fire started in the oil room in the L & N yards and in a short time the room was burned down and then H. D. Mege's office was caught and was

burned. The foundation of the water tank caught from the burning office and had to be torn down to save other valuable property. It seemed at one time that the Eight Gables Hotel and H. L. Delph's store were doomed, but nature in the way of a hard rain helped the cause. The L & N carpenters are here rebuilding. They have H. D. Mege's office about done. WEDDING: Married at the residence of the bride's brother, Tuesday, Fred Owens to Rebecca Mink. Rev. Moberly officiated. May their path be one of pleasure. - Miss Mary Daugherty, of Big Hill, is visiting Mrs. Herley Mahaffey. - Judge L. W. Bethuram was in our town Monday. - G. T. Johnson, of Mt. Vernon has been here two or three days this week. - B. F. Lamb passed through here Wednesday going to visit his mother. - There are more widows and widowers in Livingston than any other town within a radius of 50 miles. I know this to be a fact because I am one of the numbers.

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Orlando Section - 2 bedroom 1997 model singlewide - electric heat - furnished \$25,000. M1758

Barnett Subdivision - 3 bedroom, 2 bath 2001 model singlewide. Heat pump/central air, some appliances, city water, 1/2 acre m/l. \$39,900. M1763

SOLD! Woodland Place. Lovely vinyl home - 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, city water/sewer - one car attached garage - nice deck, fenced yard. M1684

Near Lake Linville - 2 Story vinyl home, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, gas heat, 1.3 acres, storage building. \$99,000. M1713

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STEVE BULLOCK • 355-2045

Convenience on West Main! 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath, rock/vinyl sided home - city water/sewer, storage building. \$49,900. M1823

Hwy. 461 - Sunnyside Estates. 3 bedroom, 2 bath doublewide - garden tub - some appliances. \$39,900. M1801

Freedom School Road - Feature packed! 3 bedroom, 2 bath doublewide, electric heat, central air, some appliances. Nice lot. 4 car garage. \$62,900. M1664

130 McFerron Street, Mt. Vernon. 3 bedroom singlewide - some appliances - city water/sewer - chain link fence - storage building - I - \$15,000. M1765

LAND
Chestnut Ridge Section - 157 Acres m/l Wooded Lot - Some Coal - Beautiful Trees - Scenic Views - \$89,900. M1699

Hwy. 461 - Wabid Section. 5.6 Acres I - city water available. \$39,900. M1804
Hwy. 461 - Rockcastle/Pulaski Line. .581 acre tract just off Hwy. 461 - \$15,500. M1813
Orlando Section - 89 Acres m/l - just-off Maple Grove Road. \$50,000. M1810

Just Listed! Rainbow Ridge - off Hwy. 461. Lot #11 - Green Meadow Lane - 84/100 Acre I - City water available. \$9,900. M1828.

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City Limits - City Convenience at 345 Paul Street, Mt. Vernon. Cozy 3 bedroom vinyl home - city water/sewer - KU electric. \$43,500 - M1812

FUTURE AUCTIONS
Absolute Auction of M/M Johnny Loudenmilk's House & Lot
Saturday, February 14, 2004 at 10 a.m.
Near Rockcastle River, Hwy. 1329, Livingston

Absolute Auction of Mr. Newland Walker and Ms. Anita May's Five Farm Totalling 500 Acres m/l in Tracts Farm Machinery - Tobacco Allotment
Saturday, February 21, 2004 at 10 a.m.
Buckeye Pike Section, Garrard County, Ky.

Absolute Estate Auction of the late Mr. William Kelley's House & Lot
Saturday, February 21, 2004 at 2:30 p.m.
Main Street, Livingston

Absolute Auction of Prime Commercial Property 4.28 Acres m/l
Friday, February 27, 2004 at 3:1 a.m.
Danville, Ky.

23rd Annual London Farm Machinery Consignment Auction
Saturday, February 28, 2004 at 9:30 a.m.
Laurel County Fairgrounds
Highway 229, Near Levi Jackson State Park

Legislative Update

By State Representative Danny Ford

With one third of the 2004 General Assembly behind us, I joined my colleagues in Frankfort for the second month of this year's session. We spent a great deal of the week reviewing sections of the Governor's budget, a two-year spending plan totaling nearly \$14.9 billion.

The budget is our blueprint for state spending and takes several large volumes. Each cabinet/agency and program that receives state money is listed. The biggest spending happens in areas like education, transportation and Medicaid.

It's important to note that the Governor's budget is the first step in the budget process. The second step is well underway in the House and the process will continue as the Senate works to continue improving it. As you know, the budget given to the House by Governor Fletcher ad-

dresses the state's revenue shortfall by trimming spending, as opposed to increasing the tax burden. To help alleviate some of the cuts, the Governor has pledged to eliminate waste, fraud and abuse in state government, to ensure that taxpayers receive "a dollar's worth of service for every dollar paid in taxes," and to seek federal grants and different funding methods when possible.

I think we saw the first results of that commitment on February 4 when Governor Fletcher announced that by re-financing existing bonds, the state would save an additional \$213 million in revenue reduction. According to Governor Fletcher, the money will be put into education to help fund programs like safe schools and community education. The additional funding will allow extra cuts in education and help get more money into our local schools. Spending on education accounts for 43 percent of General Fund dollars.

The Governor also outlined his plan to reform Medicaid, the program which provides health care for low-income Kentuckians. Currently, nearly \$4 billion are spent to provide health care to the 673,000 Kentuckians who are covered by Medicaid.

Governor Fletcher would start with care management, benefit management and more emphasis on using technology to make the program more efficient. Kentucky Medicaid recipients average more than twice the national average in the number of prescriptions. For example, about 38,000 recipients currently receive eight or more prescriptions a month - placing them at high risk for deadly drug reactions.

In addition to working on education funding, Medicaid and the budget as a whole, legislators passed several bills out of committee. One of those bills, HB 303, would keep sex offenders off school and day care facility grounds passed the House Judiciary Committee last week. Those who violate these provisions would be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor,

which is punishable by a \$500 fine and possible jail time.

Another bill that passed committee, HB 162, would require the state to do a better job of collecting money owed it. HB 162 would require state agencies and the Administrative Office of the Courts to keep a tally of all debts and prohibit them from forgiving any liquidated debt. All debts for which appeals and legal action have been exhausted would be referred to the Revenue Cabinet. According to Finance Cabinet Secretary Robbie Radolph, the bill would allow the state to collect \$17.2 million in the next biennium - better than many of the tax increases that have been filed for consideration during previous sessions.

Both of these bills now advance to the Full House for consideration. On Wednesday of last week, the General Assembly had the opportunity to honor one of its members.

Representative Charlie Siler of Williamsburg. Representative Siler was presented with a medal from the Republic of Korea for his service in the United States Army during the Korean War. All Korean War veterans are eligible for this award, which was first offered more than 50 years ago but never issued because of an Army regulation in place at that time. More than 88,000 Kentuckians served in Korea during the war and are eligible to receive the medal. If you or anyone you know served in Korea, I would be honored to work

with you to get this medal. The medal is also available to surviving next of kin. After the courageous sacrifice that these Kentuckians gave, I would be honored to help right this historic wrong.

As always, I invite you to contact me to discuss issues or legislation of interest to you. You may leave a message for me in Frankfort by calling the legislative toll-free Message Line at 800-372-7181, and you can check the status of legislation this session by calling the Bill Status Line toll-free at 866-301-9004. You can also reach me or any other state legislator through the Legislative Research Commission's website at www.lrc.state.ky.us <http://www.lrc.state.ky.us>



Kaden Markus Fletcher turned two on December 11, 2003. Kaden had a Nemo birthday party on December 13th at his home in Broadhead. Kaden would like to thank all of his friends and family for all of the nice gifts that he received. Kaden is the son of Kyle and Audrey Fletcher. He is the grandson of James and Joy Payne and Timmy and Michelle York, all of Broadhead and Andy Lovins of Covington, Ohio. He is the great grandson of John Bullock and the late Sue Bullock and Robert and Treava Lovins, all of Mt. Vernon and Cookie Mason of Broadhead and the late Earnest Mason, of Livingston.



Hi, my name is Dylan James Bullen. I celebrated my second birthday January 26th, with a Bob the Builder party on January 24th. Me and my daddy and mommy, Kevin and Nikki, would like to thank everyone for coming and for all the nice gifts.



Happy Birthday Bonnie Barron!

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Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I Civil Action No. 03-C1-00240

Cuna Mutual Mortgage Corp. Plaintiff
v.
David Smith and Jessica Smith Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on January 26, 2004, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of SEVENTY NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINE DOLLARS AND 84/100 (\$79,909.84) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, February 20, 2004
Beginning at the Hour of 12:30 p.m.**

Said property being more particularly bounded & described as follows: Beginning at a 20 inch cedar tree, located in the east right of way of the Broadhead-Chestnut Ridge Road and being a corner to Richard Cozart; thence with the fence line of Cheatham N 33 deg 23'57" E 168.78 feet to a double oak tree a common corner to Cheatham and Dale Sowers; thence with the fence line of Sower N 37 deg 27'00" W 72.26 feet to an oak tree; thence N 44 deg 36'39" W 189.33 feet to an oak tree; thence N 16 deg 15'27" W 67.40 feet to a fence post; thence N 08 deg 43'27" W 45.11 feet to a fence post; thence N 24 deg 20'19" W 100.19 feet to a fence post; thence with a down fence line of Sower, N 84 deg 17'04" W 102.25 feet to a point, located in East right of way of the Broadhead-Chestnut Ridge Road and being a corner to Sower; thence going with said right of way S 94 deg 37'51" W 102.46 feet to a point of beginning; thence S 54 deg 35'11" E 75.89 feet to a point in right of way; thence S 26 deg 58'05" E 102.23 feet to a point in right of way; thence S 15 deg 28'25" E 68.40 feet to the point of beginning and containing 1.28 acres.

Being the same real property which David E. Smith and Jessica M. Smith obtained by deed dated December 7, 2001, executed by Terry Harris, et ux, of record in Deed Book 187, page 406 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

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

1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional security for the payment of the purchase price.
3. Unpaid taxes or liens of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
4. The purchaser shall pay the 2004 local, county and state property taxes.
5. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
6. In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
7. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold as is.

**Willis G. Coffey, Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court**

Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I Civil Action No. 03-C1-00200

Greenpoint Credit, LLC Plaintiff
v.
Gari S. Renfro and Kevin D. Renfro Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on January 22, 2004, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of FORTY SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND 97/100 (\$46,578.97) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky
on Friday, February 27, 2004
Beginning at the Hour of 1:00 p.m.**

Said property being more particularly bounded & described as follows: Beginning at a steel pin on north side of Kentucky 1229, 1931 N.E. of Kentucky 1650 at Ottawa, (corner to Harm); thence with Kentucky 1229 as follows: S 59 deg 40' minutes W -103 feet to a steel pin and S 72 deg 10' minutes W 20 feet to steel pin (corner to lot no. 2); thence with lot no. 2 N 5 deg 15' minutes E 217.65 feet to steel pin (new corner to W. Proctor); thence with W. Proctor and Hamm S 48 deg 40' minutes E 206 feet to the beginning and containing 0.44 acres more or less.

The above described real property is improved by a 2004 Clayton Homes, Inc. Loudon 1680 mobile home, serial no. CLM0755771.

Being the same real property which Gari S. Renfro obtained by deed dated March 24, 2000 of record in Deed Book 179, page 113 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

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

1. The mobile home and property, shall be sold together as a whole.
2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
3. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional security for the payment of the purchase price.
4. Unpaid taxes or liens of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
5. The purchaser shall pay the 2004 local, county and state property taxes.
6. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
7. In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
8. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold as is.

**Willis G. Coffey, Master Commissioner
Rockcastle Circuit Court**

Dear Frank,

I love you in every much. I know you are always with me. I rub your side of the bed every night. I always say I love you and miss you. Still got all of your pictures all over the house and your clothes are all still here where you kept them. I will be with you someday. We will be together again. God wanted you more for something. I still think something odd happened to you because they said your heart was good and your EKG was fine too. I hope people will leave my flowers alone on your grave. You don't disturb the dead. Let them rest, but I can't until I find out what really happened to you and I will never give up on you. (Until I do) I will have to talk to a lot of people and they think the way I do some people go to church almost every Sunday but they don't know really what church is. They might as well stay home. They are two faced and always talk about everyone behind their back, even me, their own family. I have found someone to help me you know what I mean. We were together for 12 years. We will always be together whether we are. I will meet you some day. I know you are watching over me every day. I love you with all my heart. Everybody has their ups and downs but we always work it out. They know what I mean in the heart. They over look that. They know I can prove it. I got a lot of mail. I save it all. It will come out in the end. I hope they sleep good at night but they can't do that they can see you everywhere they go. I love you forever - for you see, I do.

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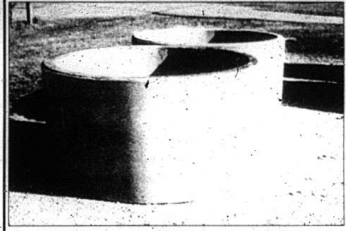


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Notice: I will not be responsible for debts may by anyone other than myself. **Timmy Kirby, Sr. 14x4p**

Notice is given that Clell Swinney, Rt. 5, Box 48, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed Administrator of the estate of Walter Keith Swinney on the 26th day of January, 2004. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law to the said Clell Swinney or to Jerry J. Cox, Clontz & Cox, P.O. Box 1350, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before July 28, 2004. 16x3

Notice is hereby given that Freda Marler, P.O. Box 1193, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 is given 26th day of January of the estate of Charles Denver Marler on the 26th day of January, 2004. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law to the said Freda Marler or to William D. Gregory, P.O. Drawer 220, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before July 28, 2004. 16x3

Notice is hereby given that Lora L. Lambert Todd, Rt. 3, Box 396, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456, has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Terence B. Todd on the 28th day of January, 2004. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law to the said Lora L. Lambert Todd or to Kendall Duerson, Duerson and Duerson, P.O. Box 523, Berea, Ky. 40403 on or before July 28, 2004. 16x3

Noted: No trespassing on property known as C.B. Owens Farm across from Fairgrounds in Broadhead, 256-1015 will be prosecuted. 21xmf

Noted: No trespassing on Crawford Pike Old Broadhead Road. Danny Smith. 47mf

Noted: No hunting or trespassing on property owned by Doug and Judy Brock known as Brock's North Hill Farm at Mareburg consisting of the Swimney Place, Brock Place, Hensley Farm. 31mf

Notice is hereby given that Mildred A. Broadbax, 517 Wood Lake Dr., LaGrange, Ky. 40051 and Freda F. Ferguson, 8352 Labarra Ln., Indianapolis, Ind. 46236 have been appointed co-personal representatives of the estate of Troy Mason on the 28th day of January, 2004. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Mildred A. Broadbax or Freda F. Ferguson or to Steven Connolly, 438 Chestnut Street, Berea, Ky. 40403 on or before July 28, 2004. 16x3

Notice is hereby given that Anthony Legor, 202 Buffalo Hollow Rd., Berea, Ky. 40403 has been appointed limited guardian of Amanda Leger on the 26th day of January, 2004. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Anthony Legor on or before July 28, 2004. 16x2

Noted: No trespassing on property belonging to Estill and Marie Kirby on Cupps Chapel Rd. in Broadhead. 16x3

Notice is given that William H. Wyatt has filed a final settlement of his accounts as executor of the estate of Robert William Wyatt, deceased. A hearing on said settlement will be held on March 1, 2004. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before said date. 16x1

Notice is hereby given that John B. Kelley, 408 Meece Ave., Nancy, Ky. 42544 has been appointed executor of the estate of William F. Kelley on the 12th day of January, 2004. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law to the said John D. Kelley or to Jeffrey T. Burdette, P.O. Box 1250, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before April 1, 2004. 14x3

Notice is hereby given that Janet Reed Palmer, Rt. 3, Box 300, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed executrix of the estate of Carrie B. Reed on the 12th day of January, 2004. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Janet Reed Palmer or to Duerson and Duerson, P.O. Box 523, Berea, Ky. 40403 on or before April 1, 2004. 14x3

Notice is hereby given that Mattie Miller, Rt. 4, Box 247C, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed executrix of the estate of Dener Miller on the 20th day of January, 2004. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law to the said Mattie Miller or to

Jeffrey T. Burdette, P.O. Box 1250 Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before July 21, 2004. 15x3

Notice is hereby given that Christopher Wayne King, 1095 Brewe Lane, Berea, Ky. 40403 has been appointed executor of the estate of Wayne Edward King on the 21st day of January, 2004. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Christopher Wayne King or to Michael F. Eubanks, P.O. Box 157, Richmond, Ky. 40470 on or before July 21, 2004. 15x3

Notice is hereby given that Suse McQueen, Rt. 3, Box 437, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed executrix of the estate of Herbert McQueen, Rt. 3, Box 437, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on the 21st day of January, 2004. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Suse McQueen or to Willis G. Coffey, P.O. Box 247, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before July 21, 2004. 15x3

Notice is hereby given that Donald S. Parsons, P.O. Box 127, Wildey, Ky. 40492 has been appointed administrator of the estate of Shirley Ballard

Parsons, Jr. on the 21st day of January, 2004. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them, according to law, to the said Donald S. Parsons or to Clintz & Cox, P.O. Box 1350, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before July 21, 2004. 15x3

Notice is hereby given that Vivian Barton, Rt. 1, Box 436B, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed administrator of the estate of Carryll (Carl) Barton on the 4th day of February, 2004. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law to the said Vivian Barton or to Clintz & Cox, P.O. Box 1350, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before August 4, 2004. 17x3

Noted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to J.B. Baker and located in the Climax Area. 18x2p

Noted: No trespassing on land belonging to Danny and Kathy McQuinn at Rt. 3, Broadhead, Ky. All violators will be prosecuted. 17x2p

Noted: No trespassing on land belonging to Ezekiel and Nancy Miller on Deborde Rd., Mt. Vernon. Violators will be prosecuted. 17x3

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Public Hearing concerning the proposed location of a 300 foot self-support communications tower located at 622 Water Tank Hill Road, Broadhead, Rockcastle County, Kentucky. Any questions or comments may be directed to Sandra Keene, 401 West Main Street, Suite 1400, Louisville, Kentucky 40202 or the Executive Director, Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, PO Box 616, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. Please call or refer to Doctok No. 2004-00005 in your correspondence.

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Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court - Division I Civil Action No. 03-CI-00154

Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas /k/a Banker's Trust Company As Trustee and Custodian By Saxon Mortgage, Services, Inc. /k/a Meritech Mortgage Services, Inc. as its Attorneys in fact

Michael P. Carrier, et al Plaintiffs
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on January 26, 2004, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of FORTY EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND 98/100 (\$48,237.98) plus interest, costs and attorney fees, I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street Mt. Vernon, Kentucky on Friday, February 27, 2004 Beginning at the Hour of 12:00 p.m.

Said property being more particularly bounded & described as follows: All that certain parcel of land situated in the County of Rockcastle, State of Kentucky, being and designated as Beginning at a stake in right of way of Old Kentucky 70 (corner to Ridge); thence with Ridge line S 45 deg 30 min E 1230 feet to stake; thence with G.D. Burton as follows: N 45 deg E 110 feet to stake, S 45 deg 30 min E 230 feet to a stake in the right of way, thence with same S 46 deg W 110 feet to the beginning, containing 0.5 acres more or less.

Subject to all restrictions, conditions and covenants and to all legal highways and easements.

Being the same real property which Michael P. Carrier and Regina J. Carrier obtained by deed August 9, 1993 of record in Deed Book 151, page 133 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk, Michael P. Carrier obtained the interest of Regina J. Carrier by deed dated December 26, 1998 of record in Deed Book 172, page 561 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

- The property shall be sold on the following terms & conditions:**
1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of sixty (60) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
 2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
 3. Unpaid taxes or liens of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
 4. The purchaser shall pay the 2003 local, county and state property taxes.
 5. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
 6. In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.
 7. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold as is.

Willis G. Coffey, Master Commissioner Rockcastle Circuit Court

Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court - Division II Civil Action No. 02-CI-00015

James Noe Plaintiff
Patricia Kirby and Lonnie Philbeck Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on August 18, 2003, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND 00/100 26/100 (7,500.00) plus interest, costs and attorney fees, I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street Mt. Vernon, Kentucky on Friday, February 20, 2004 Beginning at the Hour of 12:30 p.m.

Said property being more particularly bounded & described as follows: Beginning at a hickory tree in the right of way of the Chestnut Ridge Road, thence southwesterly 149 feet with Chestnut Ridge Road to a stone; thence eastwesterly with drive to a stone 50 feet; thence northerly 129 feet to a locust stake; thence northwesterly 37 feet to a poplar tree; thence northerly 90 feet to a locust tree; thence southwesterly 300 feet with the line of Jim South to the beginning corner.

There is excluded from this tract the northerly direction to a poplar tree, fifth corner, and being a width of twelve 1/2 feet.

There is further reserved an easement 12 feet in width for ingress and egress for feet in length.

Being the same real property which Mortgagees obtained by deed dated May 19, 1998, executed by Lonnie Philbeck, et al., of record in Deed Book 170, page 272 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

- The property shall be sold on the following terms & conditions:**
1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of sixty (60) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
 2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional surety for the payment of the purchase price.
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Willis G. Coffey, Master Commissioner Rockcastle Circuit Court

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Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court - Division II Civil Action No. 03-CI-00027

Martha Manning Plaintiff
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on November 14, 2003, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of TEN THOUSAND SIXTY SIX DOLLARS AND 36/100 (10,066.36) plus interest, costs and attorney fees, I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street Mt. Vernon, Kentucky on Friday, February 20, 2004 Beginning at the Hour of 12:00 p.m.

Said property being more particularly bounded & described as follows: Lot #1 in Four Sides Subdivision. Recorded in Plat Book #3, Page 448.

Beginning at a steel pin at the junction of Ky. 1326 and the West side of Cedar Street thence with Cedar Street N 34 degrees 15' 20" to steel pin (corner to Lot #2) thence with Lot #2: N 50 degrees 15' W-85 to pin in Rockcastle Villa Apt. line, thence with same S 34 degrees 15' W-105 to steel pin on N side of Ky 1326 thence with Ky 1326 S 50 degrees 15' E-85 to the beginning.

Martha Manning obtained title to the above described real property by Quitclaim deed along with her husband, Robert L. Manning, now deceased, dated November 24, 1986, executed by the United States Department of Agriculture, same being of record in Deed Book 130, pages 53-54 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

- The property shall be sold on the following terms & conditions:**
1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of sixty (60) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
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Willis G. Coffey, Master Commissioner Rockcastle Circuit Court

John Renner joins CAP in Community Volunteer Program

Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) would like to announce the addition of John Renner of Mt. Vernon to its group of volunteers in the Community Volunteer Program. Participants in this program volunteer their time, effort and skills, allowing CAP program personnel to use their time more efficiently. In exchange, volunteers have the opportunity to work with new people, learn new skills, and know that they are providing an invaluable service to others.

Renner first heard about the Community Volunteer Program from CAP president Bill Mills, who attends Renner's church. Renner then noticed a sign at one of CAP's offices, mentioning volunteer opportunities. Renner says he had been looking for a temporary work opportunity, so he called Kathy Kluesener, manager of the program.

Renner is currently volunteering in CAP's Family Life Child and Family Development Center, located in Mt. Vernon. "I have a lot of fun," he said, noting that his volunteer experience is "going great."

Sarah Dixon, manager of the center where John volunteers, said she is very pleased with how much Renner has helped her program out. "John just came at the most beneficial time," she said, noting that they

were short-staffed and in need of extra help. "He was just a Godsend," Renner says his work at the center varies according to what the staff needs him to do. Dixon praised Renner for his flexibility and willingness to help wherever needed. "He's very accommodating to the program and its needs, and we really appreciate him," she said, adding, "He's just perfect for what we need."

Renner, 21, a native of Mt. Vernon, graduated from Rockcastle County High School in 2000, and is currently attending Eastern Kentucky University. He is the son of Michael and Cecelia Renner. Besides volunteering at CAP, Renner is also active in the children's ministry at Bible Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon.

For more information about the Community Volunteer Program, please contact Kathy Kluesener at (606) 256-5624, extension 229.

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John Renner, above, interacts with children at CAP's Family Life Child and Family Development Center as part of his Community Volunteer activities.

The CAP Corner

Outreach Program

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They're happy about the KEES awards they're earning to help pay for college.

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The CAP Corner

Elderly Services & Prescription Assistance Programs

Beware of the symptoms of a heart attack

A blockage in the heart's arteries may reduce or completely cut off the blood supply to a portion of the heart. This can cause a blood clot to form and totally stop blood flow in a coronary artery, resulting in a heart attack also called an acute myocardial infarction.

Irreversible injury to the heart muscle usually occurs if medical help is not received promptly. Unfortunately, it is common for people to dismiss the symptoms of a heart attack.

If you even think you are having a heart attack, call 911 immediately or go directly to a hospital.

Symptoms to look for:

- Uncomfortable pressure, fullness, squeezing or pain in the center of the chest, which lasts more than a few minutes.
- Pain spreading to the shoulders, neck or arms. The pain may be mild or intense. It may feel like pressure, tightness, burning, or heavy weight. It can be in the chest, upper abdomen, neck, jaw or inside the arms or shoulders.
- Chest discomfort with lightheadedness, fainting, sweating, nausea or shortness of breath.
- Anxiety, nervousness, and/or cold, sweaty skin.
- Fatigue or pallor.
- Fast or irregular heart rate.
- Feeling of impending doom.

Not all these signs occur in every

attack. If even some occur, seek medical attention.

According to Mr. Richard Diggs in "Senior Activities Planning Guide," if you are driving a car while you are alone and experience any of the foregoing symptoms, pull over and begin coughing vigorously. Take a deep breath before each cough and make sure each cough is deep inside the chest and prolonged. You must breathe and cough repeatedly, about every two seconds until help arrives or until you feel your heart is beating normally again.

Deep breaths bring oxygen into the lungs while coughing squeezes the heart and keeps blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it regain normal rhythm. But don't dismiss your episode as being trivial after you "feel okay," drive directly to the hospital and get checked out.

If you notice one or more of the symptoms in others, don't hesitate, call emergency medical services or drive the person to the hospital. In the event there is no pulse or breathing, call 911 immediately and begin CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation).

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Church News

Valley Baptist Info
Valley Baptist Church, at 4482 Copper Creek Road, has Sunday School each week at 10 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m. and evening service at 6 p.m. In addition, Wednesday night service is at 7 p.m. with a radio broadcast over WRVK each Sunday at 5:05 p.m. Greg Lakes is pastor.

Time Change for Services
Church of the Nazarene, 40 Fair Street, has changed the time of their services. Morning worship will still be at 11 a.m. Sunday School will begin at 6 p.m. on Sunday evening.

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Despite controversy, 2004 prom theme set

By JESSICA RIDDLE &
CHRISTA PHELPS

Misinterpreted or misunderstood, 2004's prom theme rapidly developed into a controversy for many RCHS juniors and seniors.

Some seniors began circulating a petition after learning about the Mardi-Gras theme.

Prom coordinator Dana Singleton spoke to the students about their concerns and would it appear all misconceptions have been resolved. Now the parties have spoken and decided the prom theme will stay.

"The prettiest prom we have done at this point" is how Ms. Singleton envisions the event.

The primary source of the controversy seems to have been over the connotation of the phrase "Mardi Gras."

Many seniors girls felt the theme was degrading and inappropriate for their senior prom.

"Topless girls, alcohol, and beads" were what came to senior Stephanie Price's mind.

The girls weren't the only ones bothered by the theme's image.

"I'd rather have something like, uh, I don't know, something, not like that," said senior Josh Mullins.

Some students just didn't see the fuss, saying that it's not the theme that is bad but just how Mardi Gras is sometimes represented on television.

"It's fun and it's just a fun theme," said junior Jamie Childress.



Senior Chris Campbell, 18, attends RCHS three times a week for 1/2 a day. Above, he participates in Ms. Angela Baker's fourth block English IV class.

photo by Allison Anderkin

Taking a Chance, Hoping for a Future

one
student's
story

Leger commits to UK



photo by Jessica Denny

Senior Jason Leger was the first RCHS athlete to sign with the University of Kentucky. He will receive a full scholarship beginning in the spring of 2005. Leger will play defensive lineman after a year of being "gray shirted". He is pictured with his stepfather and mother, Barry and Sheila Hurst.

By ALLISON ANDERKIN

Duchenne muscular dystrophy, also known as *Pseudohypertrophic*, is a genetic disease usually found in boys that weakens the skeletal or voluntary muscles in the arms, legs, and trunk. Eventually, the heart and respiratory muscles are also affected. This is a deadly disease RCHS senior Chris Campbell, 18, lives with every day.

Even though he suffers from this rare illness, he is attending school for the first time in over three and a half years.

A Life Changing Event

Eleven years ago, Chris, then seven, was just like any active, normal, healthy child. He played games in the sand, rode his bike, and especially loved to climb trees; tragically all of this soon stopped when he began losing control over his muscles.

"I started tripping a lot for no reason. And it was weird because one day I was perfectly normal, and then the next day I was trying

to get out of the car and I just fell. I also developed a hump on my back that made it hard for me to stand up after I would bend over."

This was when Chris' parents decided to have him checked for DMD, especially since his older brother Adam already suffered from it.

After being diagnosed, it was slow progress for the disease at first. Slowly, Chris lost the use of his legs and became confined to an electric wheelchair, which he also had to learn how to use. It's actually very difficult since Chris cannot move his head side to side, or even turn around to look behind him.

"It took a lot of time and practice, but I finally got it. I still have trouble with it sometimes, though."

Continuous Sadness

Chris is, originally from Monticello in Wayne County, where he grew up, went to school, and actually, was able to live at

home for many years. Chris has been through much more sadness than most of us will experience in a lifetime. Some would think that being told you had DMD would be the worst thing that could happen, but not for Chris. The worst memory he has came years after he was already diagnosed. Chris and his brother were roommates, and Chris actually saw something most of us only hope we'll never have to see.

He watched his own brother suffocate to death.

"They thought my brother only had pneumonia, but actually one of his lungs had collapsed. We get pneumonia and other things a lot so that's just what they thought he had. But instead, I actually saw his face turn white as he started to pass."

Chris's brother was only 18, the

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It Rocks... It Reeks...

It's finally snowing!

Inches of snow have been falling, leaving roadways too slick for buses to travel on.

Three months of school left!

There are less than 100 days of school left! Closing day is set for May 18, leaving many students anxiously awaiting the early release date.

Getting flowers for Valentine's Day!

When the big day comes, the cafeteria will be filled with the many assortments of colored bouquets. Being surprised with flowers from your "true love" is every school girl's dream.

Working in a group!

Group work gives students the opportunity to learn from one another and, let's admit it, to share answers.

Earlier scheduling!

This year's scheduling process will allow students to receive their schedules before the graduation, giving them more time to prepare for their upcoming classes.

It rains.

The snow showers we hoped for do come, but are quickly washed away by the rain showers, taking away our precious snooze time.

Pools won't be open.

School ending earlier has advantages, but being able to soak up rays by the pool isn't one of them.

Not knowing you got flowers.

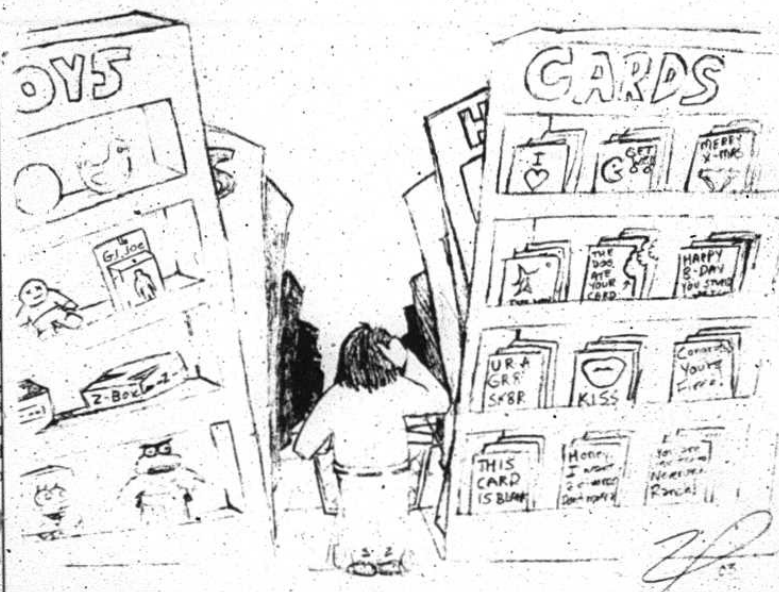
Getting flowers for Valentine's Day is always a treat, unless you weren't aware you received them and return Monday with wilted roses.

Being punished as a group.

Sharing answers within a group has its plus side, but when one student is out of line, the whole group gets punished.

Teachers and staff working overtime.

The goal of having students get their schedules back by May can only be reached by teachers putting in longer hours and more effort.



Wal-Mart: the ultimate conspiracy

By KYLA FRENCH

Going to Wal-Mart is always a hassle. The aisles are always crowded. Kids are always screaming in the toy aisles. You just want to get in, get what you need and get out of there. However, due to a recent visit of mine to this lovely store, I believe Wal-Mart is conspiring to keep us in their store...forever.

My mother needed a secret Santa gift for one of her co-workers, so where do we go? Wally World! We went in, grabbed one of those rickety, clanging carts, and headed off to hunt for a small gift.

There had been an entire section of poinsettias in the center of the store not three days earlier, and we decided to go pick one up. Oh, but what a surprise—they had been moved. We looked in the Christmas aisles, the flowers, everywhere. We finally found them where we should have known they'd be: next to the coffee pots! Where else would they be? How stupid of us to look in the flowers for a flower! Everyone knows you need a good poinsettia to go with your "cup of Joe."

On our way out, we grabbed a pack of cookies from the bakery. I don't know why. I figured the cookies would be in the sock aisle or something.

Seeing as we only had two items, we decided to take our first trip through the self-check-out lane. I

scanned the cookies, thinking everything was fine. As I reached for the poinsettia, however, I heard a voice saying, "Your scan code is invalid. Please remove your item from the bag."

I did, re-scanned, and placed the item back in the bag.

"Your scan code is invalid. Please remove your item from the bag."

I stared for a moment at my cookies in that wonderful blue bag with a huge smiley face on it. Now we know that smiley-face is on there to cheer you up at moments like this.

It doesn't work.

Fed up, my mother and I went to a regular check-out lane. After waiting an eternity for the lady in front of us to use all her coupons, we finally got to check out our measly two items. At this point, all I wanted to do was leave. The checkout lady apparently did not understand. She proceeded to tell us about how her children loved those cookies and her cousin's uncle's brother twice removed loved poinsettias. When we finally escaped, my mother and I ran to the doors and finally breathed the air of freedom.

So remember, next time you want to make a "quick run" to Wal-Mart, they are trying to keep you in. Talk to no one, and don't let that smiley-face bag fool you.

The Rocket

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The Annual FFA Alumni Chili Supper and Auction will be held this Friday, February 20.

Chili Supper begins @ 5:30pm and Auction @ 7:00pm in RCHS cafeteria.

Tickets for the Chili Supper can be bought @ the door or from FFA members for \$.53.

The Auction will be featuring:

UK football and basketball signed by coaches, farm supplies, tanning bed visits, hair salon coupon, Longaberger baskets, etc.

Immaturity by few equals reprimand for the many

By JESSICA RIDDLE

Do you look forward to those days that are shortened by pep rallies?

If you do, you should stop and think of how the recent acts of immaturity will affect the future of our pep rallies. I have noticed, over my high school career, that there have been patterns of injustice that are caused by a few people's actions. These few people take it upon themselves to make bad decisions, such as the decision to fight, and cause the student body to lose certain privileges such as break, pep rallies, having food out side the lunch room, etc.

Recently, we had our FIRST basketball/winter pep rally this year. This was supposed to be a glimpse of the future which included more pep rallies; I now doubt the future as I hoped it would be, filled with rallies that would pep up our student body along with members of our athletic teams.

After the immature fight between the two 'children' during our rally January 12, I foresee a reduction in any pep rallies scheduled for the remainder of the

year. This juvenile action was conducted by people who were oblivious to the consequences that the entire student body will have to face.

How do the rest of the students keep their privileges with those oblivious, selfish people who are willing to sacrifice everyone's privileges to vent their anger or frustration?

Fighting during assemblies isn't the only action that has disrupted the entire school's schedule. Adolescent actions such as running to and from the lunchroom now mean the students must be escorted both ways by the teachers. This has disturbed the teachers' and students' routine during their lunch time, and it's an example of how a foolish, uninformed handful of people caused a school-wide reprimand and eventually a new course of action. This was a justice to a few and an injustice to the multitude.

Our school makes rules because of behavior, not on a whim.

Students, you are the designers of your own fate, so watch what fabric you choose.

Have you ever had a song you just can't get out of your head?

By CHRISTA PHELPS

Have you ever had song lyrics stuck in your head? Singing it over and over again, never ending? That's what is happening to me.

I've recently seen the movie *Uptown Girls*. For those of you who haven't yet seen the movie, I advise you to because it's a great movie. If you haven't seen it, I won't tell you what occurs in the movie, thus making it so great. I will, however, tell

you a little about my favorite song performed by newcomer Jesse Spencer. The only words needed to describe Jesse are "young" and "Australian." Yes, he has an accent, all the better.

The best part of the movie, I think, is when Jesse sings his song. The name is unusual, but the lyrics very catchy. That's why it's been stuck in my head all week. The title of the song is "Sheets of Egyptian Cotton".

The basic lyrics are long ago forgotten, but the chorus will keep flowing from my lips. Trust me, I've been driving my friends crazy with it, resulting in the lyrics jammed into their own heads.

So let's end this with the forever stamped in lyrics, "Na na na na na na na na Sheets of Egyptian Cotton. Na na na na na na na na Sheets of Egyptian Cotton."

Lunchroom snacks a great idea

By INDI RUHE

Isn't it great when you hear Mr. Hale make the lunch announcements and he says we are having chicken again, and then you realize that they are selling cheese sticks and pretzels and you don't have to eat chicken today?

It's a good thing that the cafeteria is offering more snacks, even though we don't have Little Debbie snack cakes anymore. I feel that this

improvement should progress in the years to come. These extra snacks not only please the students, but also help out the cafeteria budget.

With these extra snacks we don't have to worry about not eating a certain day because we don't like what the lunch room is serving. We also don't have to worry about not getting enough to eat, because if we're still hungry after eating lunch we

have the option of buying a snack to fill us the rest of the way up.

Without a doubt I think that the lunch room should keep up the snack selling and even add more snacks to their racks. (Little Debbie cakes). I hope that many people feel the way that I do and will help encourage the lunch staff to increase the types of snacks the lunch room sells.

New English elective appreciated

By SCARLET FREDERICK

Many new classes are potentially being offered next year, among those being a class this high school has been in dire need of for quite a long time: Drama.

For those students who are planning to study theatre at the college level there were no classes of this type previously. Therefore students (like myself) had to find other ways of getting the experience that our college

of choice requires for admission.

Mrs. Bussell, along with Ms. Norton, have realized that there are those of us who would greatly benefit from a drama-oriented class, especially one that is not required. Having an elective drama class means that those of us who are serious about the art will be among those who take it seriously, not just students who are taking the class because they need it.

However, this drama class has not been approved as of yet. Those of us who have signed up for this class are impatiently holding our breath as we await the final verdict. It is with a nervous heart that we hope it will be approved.

An infinite amount of thanks must be given to both Mrs. Bussell and Ms. Norton for realizing the need for a drama class. It is much appreciated.

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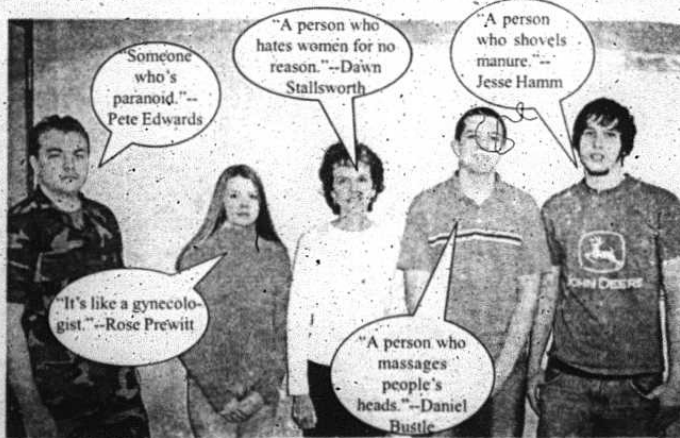
of it. For example, you may call a friend, soak in a tub, write in a journal, or even take a personal day off from everyone. Others also find a relief through exercise.

Stress isn't something that just happens to certain people,

everyone experiences it in their lives. However, holding it in won't solve anything, so just remember you can always talk to someone or even close your ears and scream bloody murder. It's okay when it comes to stress.

Students & Staff test their knowledge

Down the Hall
What
is a
misogynist?



Cafeteria manager faces life-threatening illness

By INDI RUHE

RCHS's cafeteria manager Jearl Bullock went into the hospital to have her spleen removed when the doctor discovered that she had another problem.

She is suffering from a potentially deadly illness.

During her December surgery, doctors discovered Ms. Bullock is suffering from a non-alcohol related form of cirrhosis, leaving her liver permanently damaged.

According to Ms. Bullock, only 1/3 or less of her liver is functioning correctly. Within the month she will be evaluated to determine how

long she will have until a transplant is needed. After this evaluation she hopes to discover what caused her illness.

Mrs. Bullock recently joined a support group to help her through this difficult period; but her greatest support has come from a different source.

"My daughter has been great through it all; she has really supported me a great deal," she said.

Mrs. Bullock, who is the former owner of Mt. Vernon Flowers and

Balloons, would also like to thank the high school's staff, central office personnel, and all the people she has worked with.

"The world is a better place because of caring people like you," she said.

At the time of this interview, Ms. Bullock was uncertain of her future at RCHS.

"I like my job and love the people I work with, but I can't say at this moment whether I will be able to come back," she said. "I have a long road to travel."

Cheerleaders hope for first at KAPOS

By CHRISTA PHELPS

Senior cheerleading captain Becca Alsip has high hopes for getting first place at the Kentucky Association of Pep Organization Sponsors (KAPOS) cheerleading competition February 7.

"We were regional champs in 2000 and 2001 but not last year. We're hoping we'll be [regional champs] this year, too."

The twelve member squad has been practicing four days a week after school and early Saturday mornings since December in order to prepare for KAPOS.

"We already know the routine, we're just perfecting it now," says junior Katie Stevens.

According to Coach Misty Barker, the routine is very hard with many stunts, but Alsip says the squad is working really hard, doing "the best we can with the hardest stunts and passes. It's our competition and we want to look real good."

KAPOS will be Saturday, February 7 at Whitley County High School. The competition begins at 12 PM.

Rose named HOBY recipient

By BILL BURDETT

Sophomore Kandace Rose is Rockcastle County High School's 2004 recipient of the Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership Award.

Rose, who first learned about HOBY through academic advisory, will attend a two day seminar in Lexington this spring. She will meet and work with leaders in the areas of business, education, politics and government, and other fields, in order to further her leadership skills.

Only one recipient is selected from each school per year.

This year, there were only five applicants from Rockcastle County High School. The winner's cost of \$150 to attend the seminar is paid each year by the local Kiwanis Club.

Hugh O'Brian is the founder of the program. Famous for playing television's Wyatt Earp in the 1950s, O'Brian was inspired by a German doctor-missionary, Dr. Albert Schweitzer, when he visited Dr. Schweitzer's clinic in Africa. During this visit, Dr. Schweitzer convinced him that the United States must take a leadership role in order to achieve world peace. Two weeks after O'Brian's return to the United States, he organized a prototype seminar for young leaders. This program later became known as HOBY.

HOBY is designed to stimulate and enhance the skills of young leaders. They are picked on the leadership qualities they possess and not on their grade point average.

The award is offered to all sophomores, so anyone who is a freshman this year will soon be eligible. If interested, you should speak with guidance counselor Janice Miller for more information.

Political clubs register voters



Young Republicans president Megan Parker and Young Democrats vice-president Brandon Reams assist Jesse Hamm, a senior, as he completes a voter registration card. Senior Stephanie Price looks on in the background. The drive registered over 60 new voters.

Students schedule classes early

By PAULA ROWLAND

"Teachers, today we'll be following our A/A schedule. It's been lengthened by 30 minutes in order for students to sign up for next year's classes. Check your e-mail for the day's class schedule. Thank you and have a good day."

RCHS students have all heard the announcement before. However, this year is a little different. Instead of making decisions for next year's schedule in April, students made their choices January 29.

"Mr. Hale REALLY wanted to do scheduling early this year because of staffing decisions," said guidance counselor Janice Miller. "He also wanted to have a round about figure of what kind of classes to have next year, and he thought it would be nice for students to have their schedule before the end of the school year."

Students having their schedules by May would benefit students and their teachers, but there's a another plus, as well.

"We hope giving students their new schedules by the end of May will mean we won't have to make changes in August," said counselor Dale Whitaker.

However, some changes might still be made to the scheduling process. "Split-block scheduling is definitely something that Mr. Hale is looking into for next year," said Miller. "We just have to watch the number of students per class and check out our staffing options before we can make any decisions."

Several new classes were offered on the schedule including accelerated math classes, drama, and an advanced world civilization course.

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Charities benefit from book club project

By ALLISON ANDERKIN

One hundred books will be involved in community service projects donated to one of four children's charities in the Appalachian region, thanks to the RCHS book club.

"There are many children who need books, but don't have them because they either can't afford them or their parents don't bother," said club president Scarlet Frederick. "This way we can help them."

The project is sponsored by *Classroom Care*, a donation program run by Scholastic Book Clubs. The four charities taking part are First Book, "I Have a Dream" Foundation, Reach Out and Read, and Save the Children.

Teachers or librarians such as Ms. Janet Wells who receive book flyers from Scholastic Book Clubs each month were asked to participate in the project. Club sponsor Ms. Wells believed it would be a good idea for the book club, not only since they're always reading, but also to get them

We shouldn't just be about one thing; we should always try to help others, too.

involved in community service projects.

Combining something the members already liked to do with service proved a successful combination.

The club was raffied to read 100 books by December 31, but they completed the task by mid-November. Some members, such as sophomore Justin Hazelwood, read more than their share. Hazelwood read a total of just over 20 books for the project, which he says, "was actually low for me." Since school has started he has probably read more than 60.

Hazelwood agrees with Ms. Wells that the book club should not just be about reading books, but also doing community service when they can.

"We should do community service, even though most people don't associate the book club with service. We all do enjoy reading but we shouldn't just be about one thing; we should always try and help others, too."

Alternative calendars lead to alternative viewpoints

By KYLA FRENCH

While many students were just dusting off their backpacks last August, many were already slaving away in the classroom.

Why? Traditional school calendars are rapidly being replaced by alternative schedules, causing many arguments as to how useful the change actually is.

Nationwide, alternative schedules have been gaining momentum over the past few years. Lincoln County schools recently implemented a new calendar that resembles the famous "Carrollton" schedule. Their calendar includes an eight-day fall break, along with a two-week spring break. If snow days are imposed during the winter, the first week of spring break can be used as make-up.

"I do believe that attendance and discipline has been better," commented Lincoln High Mathematics Department Chair Kevin Bandura via e-mail. "I love the two week fall break and came back to school totally energized and ready for nine more weeks."

Samdra Upchurch, a teacher in Lincoln County, also believes the

new calendar is beneficial.

"I really enjoyed the two week fall break we had," wrote Upchurch. "When we came back the students seemed to be in a better frame of mind and ready to go to school work again."

However, some critics say that higher attendance rates and longer breaks do little to combat the problems caused by year-round schools.

Many parents are being told to consider what their child's schedule means, rather than a simple "no" to an evaluation of the impact of year-round schools, citing a recent North Carolina Department of Education report. "The study found that the achievement differences between year-round and traditional schools are small, and that year-round students are reading or writing."

There are also worries about the retention rate in students. If students have such difficulty remembering what they have been taught over the summer break, how can they be expected to remember what they have been taught over the fall, winter, and summer breaks?

"More breaks give students more opportunity to forget," said Chris Newland in a report to the Auburn University School Board.

While year-round scheduling is working its way up the ladder, other alternative calendars are already at the top.

After researchers recently discovered that adolescents need only 8 1/2 hours of sleep to function properly, many schools are trying to do the same. "It's not a matter of if, it's a matter of when," said a researcher.

Parents, however, are worried about the late start of school. "Students who have to get up early to get to school are more likely to be tired, and that's not good for learning," said a researcher. "Some schools are starting school at 8:30, but that's still a half hour earlier than the start of the school day. It's not a matter of if, it's a matter of when."

The four-day school week has also been talked about for use in several schools. With this calendar, students have Fridays off, but add an extra hour to the school day on Monday through Thursday.

However, problems may arise if there are extra-curricular activities after school. These would have to be an hour longer, which may interfere with previously made plans.



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Forget telephones

Millions connecting instantly with computers

By BILL BURDETT

Imagine you're on your way home from school and the most exciting thing happens—I mean the most wonderful, intense, and wild thing that could possibly happen. You fling open the door, race to the phone, and dial your best friend's number and then it's busy! You call your other best friend because you have to tell someone, but their line is busy too. What's going on? What are they doing? Where are they? They may be part of a sweeping trend among the computer literate: instant messenger.

For years the telephone was the main form of communication among young people. Back in the old days "the 90's," before people were fully enlightened to the usefulness of computers, the classic simplicity of the telephone was more than an acceptable form of communication.

Who would have ever guessed that the telephone would ever be replaced by using a computer to type messages back and forth in a way more similar to the "ancient"

telegraph, but this is exactly what has happened with the use of instant messenger, the computer system that allows you to type messages to and from other people online in real-time.

The use of instant messenger has increased dramatically in just the last few years. According to a recent article on the news web site Techextreme.com, from September 2000 to September 2001 home I.M. use increased 28% from 42 million to 53.8 million.

Most students say that some of the reasons they use instant messenger is because they are not limited to talking to only one person; rather it's a virtual social gathering similar to a favorite hang out, but instead of going down to the local diner to see your buddies you rush home to check your buddy list on your computer. This holds true especially for younger people who are not allowed or are too young to drive to go see their friends.

Also, some people, like freshman Mackenzie Marrie, don't like



Like many students, freshman Ainsley Bussell enjoys using instant messenger daily.

to use the phone.

"I hate talking on the phone, and I'm on the net anyway," said Marrie.

Other people may dislike phone conversations because they are afraid of being overheard or afraid of nosy family members eavesdropping, such as in the case of freshman Rebecca Cummins.

"I'm afraid my sister Genna might be listening to me on the

phone."

I.M. is becoming more and more necessary for people to keep in contact and some people who never thought they would get involved in online conversations find themselves logging on every evening to talk, find out what's up, or just to see who's online, but there are still some people who don't have I.M. Either they don't have access to the internet or like Mr. Allan Pensol

says, "Instant messenger? I don't know what that is."

Despite the number of people who don't instant message, time spent chatting using I.M. increased from September 2000 to September 2001 by 110% to 4.9 billion minutes at work, and increased 48% at home to 13.6 billion.

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Teens looking for release take desperate measures

By AUDREY BURKE

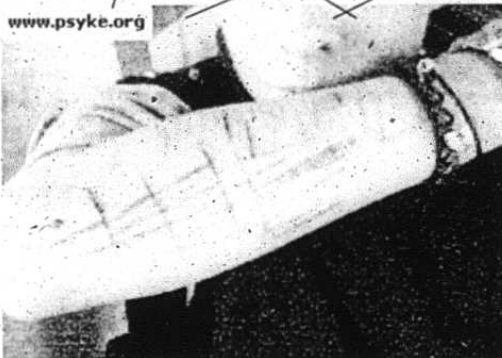
She stared at the blade, the sharp point. It felt good when she slid the blade into her forearm. Not too hard, just enough to break the ivory skin and bring the crimson blood to the surface. She knew she would feel guilty later, but for the moment all her pain was absorbed in the thin red line. She pulled her sleeve down and walked back out into the hallway.

This behavior is known as cutting, and it's a growing issue among adolescents today, but it is only the tip of the iceberg.

Cutting is part of a larger problem known commonly as Self-Injurious Behavior (SIB); it incorporates all methods which people use to hurt themselves, although cutting is the most commonly known. Other methods include burning, hitting oneself intentionally to bruise, purposely picking at wounds and scabs to prevent them from healing, biting, even banging one's head against the wall.

According to *Discovery Health Online*, a survey in *Psychiatry in Clinical Neuroscience* found the

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Cutting is just one type of self-injurious behavior.

rate of self-mutilative behavior among 862 high school students to be 21.4%, or nearly 1/4 of the students.

Why would someone self-injure?

People who self-injure generally have problems dealing with the outside world. Adolescents are particularly vulnerable with the physical changes of the body and the new pressures, responsibilities, and life decisions they suddenly

find themselves having to attend to.

Self-injury becomes a coping measure for many of those who can't find adequate ways of relieving the newfound stress, reported a 2001 letter from the *Child Study Center*.

"It is a way to release pain. To release they cut," says a counselor at Comprehensive Care.

An article by Dr. Andrea

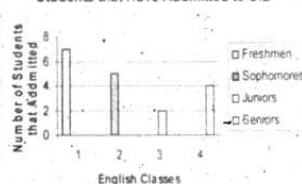
Pennington on *Discovery Health Online* explains there are often other issues which will cause someone to injure their self and act as a catalyst for the disorder. The most common are physical, emotional, and sexual abuse and/or

abandonment which induce psychological suffering and cause emotional disorders, also commonly linked with SIB.

Resulting disorders are often depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder, dissociative disorders, and Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD) which is viewed as one of the most common co-existing issues. Symptoms of BPD include unstable relationships, low self-esteem, mood swings, and impulsive behavior; self-injury is often described as impulsive behavior.

Child Study Center states that many patients report the impulse to injure is "irresistible." There is

Students that Have Addmitted to SIB



generally little or no pain felt, but rather there are feelings of "gratification, relief, and comfort." Another major reason for self-injury listed by *Child Study Center* is for an individual to increase a sense of power and control. This is often cited as the reason teens self-injure, a changing body and life often leave them feeling as though everything is out of control, so they turn to harming themselves, feeling that the pain is the only thing they have control over.

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Several factors work together to create a "romantic" movie, and everyone has their favorite—the MOST ROMANTIC movie. The one that will make you cry, sigh, or just wish "why can't that happen to me?" (as long as it's not the "tragic deaths" part) According to the American Film Institute, 1942's *Casablanca* ranks as the #1 most passionate love story of all time. Of course, a kiss may still be a kiss and a sigh just a sigh, but as time goes by these are our perennial favorites.

Beauty and the Beast (1991)

As the familiar theme song says, this is a "tale as old as time."

This true love story starts with a beautiful girl named Belle who loves to read books and dream of adventure, but actually encounters it one day and exchanges her life to an ugly beast (inside and out) for her father's freedom.

Reluctant to have anything to do with her captor at first, Belle slowly warms to the Beast and sees a side of him no one has ever seen before. Beast is no longer a beast on the inside, and falls in love with Belle. However, Beast's time is running short; unless Belle loves him in return, despite his terrible appearance, Beast will stay a beast forever.

Belle does fall in love with the Beast, but it's because of his heart, not because of his looks. Her love and her tears transform Beast into his original human form, and they live happily ever after.

Simply Irresistible (1999): starring Sarah Michelle Geller & Sean Patrick Flanery

Simply Irresistible has everything to give you a little faith in love. It shows that when things get tough, sooner or later something good is bound to occur.

The story focuses on Amanda Shelton (Geller), who has just taken over her family's restaurant. Successful for over seventy years, the business

fall apart once Amanda takes over. She's an awful cook, and everything in her life seems to be plummeting—that is until a magical crab is placed into her hands bringing her talent, plenty of customers, a buzzing restaurant, and a love interest, Tom Bartlett (Flanery).

This is an enchanting romance telling how much you should believe in love. No matter how bewitching and strange things become, love will always prevail. What makes this movie so romantic is the struggle between the two young lovers, the pushing away, the unbearable attraction, the kisses they share, and the (although predictable) reuniting of the two.

Love, when it comes to your doorstep, is simply irresistible.

Legends of the Fall (1997): starring Brad Pitt and Julia Ormond

Legends of the Fall is told by a Cree Indian called "One Star" and centers around Colonel William Ludlow and his three sons: Alfred, Samuel and Tristan. The three brothers fall in love with Samuel's fiancée Susannah, who he brings to the family ranch one day. Soon after, war breaks out in Europe and Samuel decides to enlist. His two brothers enlist as well, following promises to their father and Susannah that they will look after Samuel. Within weeks, Samuel is killed when he suddenly volunteers for a reconnaissance mission. Tristan is scorned by Alfred for his moment of inattention. Consumed by



Walt Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* is a tale "as old as time."

RCHS Students and Staff



Jessie Hamm
Snow White
When Prince Charming kisses Snow White and wakes her up with love's first kiss.

Phillip Boreling
She's All That
At the end, when Freddie Prinze, Jr. and Rachel Leigh Cook kiss. It's such a great end to a great movie.

Mr. Noble

Every Which Way But Loose

The best kiss is when the orangutan kisses his costar, Clint Eastwood. It was the first and only thing that came to mind.



Steven Cameron

Dirty Dancing

When they (Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Gray) are in his cabin this is because it shows what is going to happen.

Myrna Childress

Gone With The Wind

When Scarlett and Rhett kiss for the first time... It was so passionate.

grief, Susannah seeks comfort in Tristan, which Alfred learns of. After Alfred leaves to start his own business, Susannah decides to marry him after Tristan leaves her. When Tristan comes back, he decides to marry Isabella, daughter of a ranch hand. Tristan is hunted by the authorities after he takes up bootlegging, and is fired upon as he crosses a mountain pass with his family. Isabella is killed, and Tristan severely beats the policeman that fired the fatal shot, which sends him to jail. Susannah later visits him and realizes her love for him. Later that same day she commits suicide.

Legends of the Fall has everything—a love triangle, death, grief, suicide—that makes a great love story.

Pretty Woman (1990); starring Julia Roberts and Richard Gere

A modern Cinderella tale, *Pretty Woman* is the story of prostitute who is hired by a wealthy business man to be his personal companion for one week.

Over the course of that one week, instead of being a one nighter, Julia Roberts goes from a hussy to an elegant.

This turns into one of the greatest love stories ever when Julia Roberts kisses Richard Gere, breaking one of her "rules", and showing her true feelings for him at the same time. She never kisses her clients because she feels that a kiss means you care and she doesn't

care for her clients.

When Roberts leaves Gere and goes back to her apartment to pack up her belongings and move on to another town, her childhood dream comes true when Gere arrives on a white horse, or in this case a white limo, with roses. He climbs to her window (via the fire-escape), even though he's afraid of heights, to rescue her and take her home to live happily ever after.

It's a true love which is formed in an unstable and very uncommon environment. It's perfect, and it has a truly great and meaningful kiss.

City of Angels (1998); starring Nicholas Cage and Meg Ryan

City of Angels isn't your typical love story. It begins in the great city of Los Angeles with an angel named Seth (Nicholas Cage). As an angel, his job is to lead people on towards Heaven after death. He walks among the living each and every day.

However, being an angel has drawbacks. Seth can't see in color, touch things, or have emotional feelings—which is what he wants more than anything.

On an everyday visit to the hospital, he passes by the operating room where Maggie Rice (Meg Ryan) just performed a surgery that went unexplainably wrong. Seth tries to comfort her while being invisible, but fails.

He stays with her night and day, watching over and taking care of Maggie

until he falls in love.

One day he meets a man at the hospital who was once an angel. Now human, he explains to Seth that he can become human, too.

Seth decides giving up his eternal life in Heaven is worth the chance to be able to touch and love Maggie. Eventually, the two fall in love.

But like I said, this movie isn't your typical "happily ever after" story. In the end, Maggie dies after being hit by a car, going on to leave Seth on earth without her.

Don't let the twists in the ending of the movie stop you from watching it with your Valentine's Day sweetheart. Everyone wishes for someone to choose loving them over being in Heaven.

The Cutting Edge (1992); starring Moira Kelly and D. B. Sweeney

There really is a thin line between love and hate.

Moira Kelly plays Kate Mosely, the "ice witch" who loses out on Olympic gold in pairs figure skating when she falls during her program. Doug Dorsey (D. B. Sweeney) is the talented hockey player who misses his chance at the pros when he suffers an eye injury during the Olympic games.

When Kate is unable to hold onto her skating partners because of temper and sarcasm, her trainer becomes so

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Kate Winslet and Leonardo Di Caprio danced into the hearts of movie-goers in 1997's *Titanic*.

"I will have poetry in my life. And adventure. And love. Love above all. No...not the artful postures of love, not playful and poetical games of love for the amusement of an evening, but love that...overthrusts life. Unbiddable, ungovernable, like a riot in the heart; and nothing to be done, come nun or rapture."

Shakespeare in Love



Brad Pitt and Julia Ormond in 1997's *Legends of the Fall*.

on the Movies' Best Kisses

Mrs. Mattingly
The Matrix



Neo and Trinity, when her love resurrects

him. It's so romantic and it involves such self sacrifice.

Stephanie Price
Sweet Home, Alabama

It was so romantic when they (Josh Lucas and Reece Witherspoon) kiss on the beach as the lightning strikes them. It shows that love lasts like the glass made by the lightning.

Amy Parsons



Pearl Harbor
I love the first kiss between

Kate Beckinsale and Ben Affleck; it's the first time they show their love for each other.

Maggie Phillips

You've Got Mail
At the end in the park when they (Meg Ryan and Tom Hanks) kiss is the most romantic kiss because she lets all of her fears go and loves who she thought of as her enemy and now sees as her love.

Lauren Clontz



Love and Basketball
I like when they (Oona Epps and Sanaa Lathan) kiss on the grass after

they competed.

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desperate he tries recruiting a rough and tumble hockey player - Dorsey.

Sparks fly between them immediately when they compete against each other verbally and in the rink.

Eventually, Doug and Kate begin to discover their abhorrence for the other is love in disguise. Both refuse to admit it until the very end - when they perform a dazzlingly dangerous spin to snatch the coveted gold.

Kate tells her most hated enemy that she loves him. He replies, "Just remember who said it first."

It is a fantastic pick-me-up movie that makes its watchers believe that true love is possible.

What Dreams May Come (1998): starring Robin Williams and Annabelle Sciorra)

The most romantic movies are about two people who "click" instantly—soul mates. In *What Dreams May Come* fate starts a love destined for eternity, but Chris Neilson (Robin Williams) finds just loving his wife Annie (Annabelle Sciorra) is not enough. He literally goes to the depths of Hell for her.

The movie definitely does NOT start on a happy note. Both of their children are killed in an accident, and Annie and Chris struggle to hold the remaining pieces of their life together. It almost falls apart, but Chris's love for Annie pulls them through.

Then tragedy strikes again. On the way home to meet Annie, Chris witnesses an accident. When he runs to the aid of a woman trapped in her car, he is struck and killed.

"This is depressing. How can it be a love story?" you ask.

Just wait. Chris moves on to Heaven, his Heaven, a painting his wife had been working on of their place, where they would retire and grow old together.

Without Chris in her life, Annie sinks into a deep depression and commits suicide. Because she committed suicide, and is still so tormented in her own grief, Annie can't go to Heaven; she's been sent to Hell where she relives what went wrong in her life.

Firm in his resolve to be with Annie for eternity, he vows to find her and bring her back with him.

I won't give the rest of the movie away, but *What Dreams May Come* is the story of what every woman dreams of: a man that would literally risk Hell for her.

Titanic (1997): starring Kate Winslet and Leonardo Di Caprio

I've been catching a lot of flack for choosing *Titanic* as my most romantic movie. Some think it's cheesy, some think it's too over-the-top, and some agree it was not worth the viewing. However, no matter what they say, I will not let this movie go down with the ship.

The movie begins with Brock Lovett's (Bill Paxton) search for the Heart of the Ocean, a priceless blue diamond necklace that he believes was on the *Titanic*. After a rummage through the remains of the ship, he finds a drawing of a woman wearing the necklace, and locates her. The

story really begins when she retells her experiences on the *Titanic*'s only trip to sea.

Rose Bukater (Kate Winslet) is being forced to marry Caledon Hockley (Billy Zane), but she does not love him and, in true romantic movie style, escapes to the back of the ship during a first class banquet to throw herself into the icy waters below. It is here where the lowly Jack Dawson (Leonardo DiCaprio), who won his ticket aboard through a lucky poker hand, intervenes and saves Rose's life. The next few days are spent trying to repay Jack for his efforts. Through the first class dinners and third class parties, Jack and Rose realize they were meant to be together. However, as the story goes, *Titanic* hits an iceberg while trying to break speed records and is given only hours until it will be submerged. No help will arrive soon enough, leaving Jack and Rose to fend for themselves as the ship plummets.

Jack and Rose are forced to ride the vessel down into the ocean in the exact spot on the ship where they first met. They find a loose piece of wood from the ship floating in the ocean, but it will not hold them both, and Jack is forced to remain in the chilling waters. He succumbs to the freezing temperatures before help comes, and Rose allows his lifeless body to go down to the depths of the ocean, keeping with her only the promise she made that she would survive.

She lives the remainder of her

years, only revealing her story to Lovett and his crew. She dies after her story is told.

This movie is the most romantic because it is fate that brings them together. These two people never should have met, or even been in the same room together, but they end up leaving everything to be with each other. *Titanic* takes a well known story, and enhances it. Unlike many other romantic movies, there is the possibility that this could have occurred.

A Walk to Remember (2002): starring Mandy Moore

Move over Shakespeare, here comes a greater love tragedy. *A Walk to Remember* stars Mandy Moore as a quiet, shy, but sweet home-town girl; and Shane West, who's an aimless high school senior with no future plans.

Without warping these two people find each other and love. When Landon (West) thinks nothing could end his and Jamie's (Moore) relationship, the unexpected happens. Landon is faced with losing Jamie to leukemia.

Jamie has dreams, and Landon struggles to make each and everyone come true.

This movie should be ranked #1 on the top 10 list because it proves that love knows no age, and it is better to have loved and lost than to have never loved at all.

Pride & Prejudice (1996): starring Colin Firth and Jennifer Ehle

This mini-series, based on Jane

Austen's novel of the same name, centers around two characters; Miss Elizabeth Bennet, an independent young woman, and Mr. Darcy, a wealthy, proud newcomer to the neighborhood.

When Mr. Darcy first arrives in the village of Hertfordshire, everyone is impressed with his wealth, but they are soon unimpressed by his proud, snooty attitude. He especially manages to anger Elizabeth when he insults her at a dance; however, he soon finds himself falling in love with her despite her "lowly" connections and against his own better judgement.

Despite her own convictions, Elizabeth eventually begins to see a new, not-so-proud side to Darcy and begins to return his feelings.

But, when it seems they will at last get together, the impropriety of Elizabeth's youngest sister jeopardizes their whole relationship.


What really makes this movie romantic is how Elizabeth's and Darcy's opinions toward each other change as they get to know each other. It's romantic and funny; if you have six hours (yes, I know that's a long time) to kill, it deserves your attention.

What's your favorite romantic movie? Let us know in a letter to the editor. Deliver to Room 116.

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# Is your vehicle ready for winter?

BY INDI RUME

Winter is finally here and people are taking precautions to keep their animals, their lawn mowers, and their bikes safe, but what about their vehicles? If they are not protected than how can we be sure that we are safe when were in them? Here are some tips to help you get your car ready for winter.

## 1. Get a tune up.

Parts like bad hoses, distributor caps, spark plug wires, belts, and water pumps can leave you and your vehicle on the side of the road this winter.

## 2. Check your battery.

If your battery is weak it will need to be recharged or replaced. Otherwise, you'll be watching for a tow truck.

## 3. Check all your lights.

Make sure all lights (headlights, emergency flashers, side lights, parking lights, and brake lights) on your vehicle are functioning correctly.

If they aren't, have them repaired. If you don't, you can probably anticipate not only a hit

from behind by another driver but also a bill to have the vehicle which hit you fixed.

## 4. Check your brakes.

Adjust your brakes to ensure equal braking. In the snow or icy weather, brakes can mean the difference between life and death. Also make sure there are no holes or cracks in your brakes' fluid lines.

## 5. Check or change your tires.

For areas that receive light snow, like Kentucky, use all seasonal radial tires; if you're expecting severe icy and snowy roads use chains on all four wheels. Check your tire pressure to see if it needs to be restored. Also, check your wheel alignment and tire balance. Most garages that complete oil changes will check this as part of a package deal.

## 6. Check your cooling system.

To make sure your antifreeze will protect your car through the winter, you must make sure you have your antifreeze and water mixed appropriately. In most areas

you'll need to use a 50-50 mix to protect your vehicle. If the mix is prepared incorrectly, you can say good-bye to your engine block because the substances will freeze, causing them to expand.

## 7. Keep your gas tank as close to full as possible.

In the winter it is important for you to try to keep your tank full because your engine is your only source of heat. If you run out of gas and you're strapped in the middle of nowhere you won't have a heat source. This can be dangerous; if you are stranded for a long time this could cause you to get frost bite. You could even develop hypothermia.

Another reason you should keep your tank full is because condensation can form. This causes water to get into your tank and drift to the bottom. Eventually, this water will cause your gas tank to rust.

## 8. Check your heating / cooling system.

Make sure your vehicle always has a sufficient amount of antifreeze rated for weather. Check for leaks in your radiator or hoses. Check both your front and back defrosters to make sure they are working properly.

## 9. Make sure your windshield wipers are working efficiently.

Replace them if needed. You may also want to put on some winter wipers which will help get the heavy snow off your windows, but make sure you remove them when spring time comes. They are so much heavier than normal wipers, so they could cause the motor in the wipers to work harder. Eventually the motor would run down.

## 10. Check your exhaust system.

Check your exhaust system for leaks. When the exhaust system is properly sealed it reduces the chance of carbon monoxide poisoning.

This and other information can be found at [www.cohs.ca](http://www.cohs.ca) and [www.cartalk.cars.com](http://www.cartalk.cars.com).

Your parents warned you about being out on snowy roads, and now it's happened. You're stuck. However, with these essentials, you'll last until the tow truck arrives.

### Winter survival kit:

- first aid kit
- booster cables
- ice scraper
- snow brush
- bag of sand (kitty litter will work, also)
- warning devices such as emergency lights or flares
- candles or emergency matches (only use when a window is opened to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.)
- flash lights and extra batteries
- "emergency" food and water
- snow shovel
- blankets
- road maps

If you have a cell phone, carry it with you when you're driving in the winter. This will enable you to call for help.

## Gotta Cell Phone? We hope not...

## BREAKING CELL PHONE MYTH

By Jessica Denny

Walking down the halls at RCHS I hear students talking about the cell phone policy around every corner. Students and RCHS administration have never agreed about cell phones. There are many rules referring to cell phones, but students seem to be confused about them. Myths are common in

this school, and this paper is going to break any pertaining to cell phones.

**Myth #1** Students can put their phones in their lockers.

**False.** At the beginning of the year there was some confusion concerning where students could store their phones. Initially, students thought they were allowed to have cell phones if they were stored in a students locker.

Students later found out they were misinformed.

RCHS principal John Hale says students can bring

their phones to the office in the morning and collect them at the end of the day.

"If you have a car, leave it in your car and lock it. If you ride the bus, you can bring it to the office."

**Myth #2** Cell phones are purely a nuisance.

**It's all in the eye of the beholder.** Throughout the year cell phones

have been stolen, and they have also been detected by search dogs. Students realize this does waste the school's time. However, they argue that there are emergencies when a cell phone is necessary.

"There are phones in every classroom and in the office for emergencies," responds Hale. Some students feel not all of their emergencies are recognized.

Junior Carlista Bond says she had a temperature of 101.4 and was not allowed to call home.

If she had her cell phone she could have called on her own.

**Myth #3** The school just goes looking for phones.

**False.** When the search dog alerts to something there is no way to know what it is until the purse, backpack, or locker is searched.

"We carefully examine what has been alerted to, and try to put it back in the order we found it," said Hale. If a phone is found, it will be confiscated.

Senior Nikki Brock had her purse searched after the search dog alerted to the odor her cell phone was putting off. She seemed to understand the situation, but not the way the search was conducted. She says her purse was grabbed from the bottom and dumped out.

A cell phone was found, and confiscated. Situations like this may contribute to students' impression that the school goes after phones.

"I've never seen anyone get their stuff dumped out," said Assistant Principal Barry Noble. "Students have many misconceptions about personal belongings. Anything brought on to school grounds can be searched."

Text messaging is another issue the school deals with. Students can thank their friends for that. Something has to happen for the school to make a rule.

### To Clarify

Many students were upset by the locker search performed in late October. Students felt like they were tricked. They thought they could have phones in their lockers, but felt betrayed when the school confiscated them.

The school was not looking for phones that day. They had a tip that there was a weapon in the school, and were acting on that. Luckily that was a false alarm.

**Myth #4** Teachers can have cell phones.

**True.** There is no law or school board policy prohibiting teachers from having cell phones. However,

their time in class is supposed to be devoted to instructional time, said Hale.

Senior Michael Mills says teachers have their phones off or on silent, and if students can use the school's phones so easily, why can't the teachers?

"I don't feel they are doing their job if they are talking on the phone. I understand emergency situations, but they don't happen every day, and they don't involve dinner plans."

He also feels that substitutes should limit cell phone use.

"Substitutes are teachers for that day, and should act like the teachers they are substituting for."

### The End

Hopefully, everyone can respect the rules the school has made. They have the students' best interest in mind.

With two opinions voiced maybe there can be an all around consensus on cell phone policy.

To clarify one more time: Students are permitted to have phones in their cars or in the office only under the staff's supervision.

**Editor's Note:** This article was originally written for publication in the December issue.

## Feeling stressed? You're not alone

By PAULA ROWLAND

BEEP BEEP BEEP  
BEEP BEEP BEEP

At the sound of the 6:15 alarm clock, you sleepily open your eyes, knowing you need to throw your legs over the bed, but you just can't seem to see the messages in your body. After all, you stayed up until 1:00 AM trying to get your homework done.

You finally manage to grab the doorknob, slip the sheet off, then tripping over the curtain, I even the wind whips open the door, you complain. You fumble through your closet and fluster preparing to get up on time. Just when you think you've gotten it all together, you realize there is a deep hole on the ground. Not wanting to really look, you glance at your car, also covered with frost. Not running very late, you're forced to run to the car and bring out the ice scraper.

You squint to see through the small hole you created in your windshield. Driving almost blindly, you make it into the school parking lot just as the ice clears from your windshield. You walk hurriedly into the building, noticing the clock that says 8:08. You pick up your pace as you round the next three corners, glide down the flight of stairs and slide into your seat as the clock clicks 8:10.

This is when you realize: your entire day is still ahead of you.

"I have so much stress just because I have so much going on in my life," said senior Rebecca Alsip.

"Between my AP classes, cheerleading, and gymnastics, I just don't have much time for anything. AP is hard enough as is, without adding stress onto it, but then I have cheerleading and gymnastic five days a week for

three hours or so. I just never have time these days."

Alsip isn't the only student trying to deal with stress. In a recent survey of over 200 RCHS students, 14.0 percent



said they are dealing with stress.

"I think if my classes wouldn't give me so much homework, I'd be less stressed," says freshman Billy Carrier.

"I get stress from school because they want everyone to make such good grades. So when I try to finish all of my homework every night from my classes, I get stress at home because my grades have to stay up."

Other students agree that school and schoolwork is their Number 1 stress in their life right now.

"I'm stressed right now," said junior Gabe Guilfoil, "but I don't mind it so much because I'm used to dealing with a lot. In dealing with school work and sports, I'm used to having so much expected of me."

Alsip agrees with Guilfoil.

"I knew when taking my AP classes that I was going to have to work harder. I could have taken an easier way out and not have them... but I knew I needed these classes."

Sometimes doing what you need to do can also be stressful. Seventy-one percent of students surveyed participated in the survey at RCHS, and their jobs and lives were just as stressful as schoolwork.

"With going to work five nights a week, trying to spend time with my family, and dealing with school work and activities," said junior Danielle Savage. "I hardly have time for myself."

Not having enough time seems to weigh heavily on the minds of RCHS students, but there are always ways to deal with stress.

"When I'm stressed," says freshman Kyle Bussell, "I like to sit and think things through."

Students relieve their stress through various ways, but the number one way that students said they dealt with their stress was to hold everything inside, which isn't as healthy as some may think. Holding emotions inside might relieve stress temporarily, but eventually the tension will just build up.

Instead of holding in stress, there are plenty of ways to get rid

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## Most Embarrassing Moments:

### Student Edition

By KYLA FRENCH

#### Slippery Socks

"I had decided to spend the night at a friend's house. I wanted to surprise her, so I was going to run up behind her and scare her. I had taken off my shoes and was just in socks. Not realizing how slick the floor was, I took a running leap towards her. My feet slipped out from under me and I went sliding

past her on her hardwood floor."

Holly Colson

#### Is that your Final Answer?

"We were taking a test in P. History when Mr. Coleman gave us a trick question about early campaign slogans. If you knew one out of two slogans, you automatically had the answer. In the middle of the test I said one of the slogans and gave the answer away to everyone." Jackson Bray

"Everything is funny as long as it is happening to somebody else."

—Will Rogers

#### Trashean Obstacle

#### Course

"Our coach was having us jump over trashcans at practice one day. I thought I would be fine since I jump hurdles all the time. But as I was clearing one, my foot got caught in the lid and I rolled into the wall, followed by the trashcan. All I

Those people you pass in the hallway also have their moments. These hilarious stories will leave you tripping and slipping up the hallway, too.

could say was "I'm dying, I'm dying!"

Heather Hammond

#### Must have been Dreaming

"One time I fell asleep in church and started dreaming something about picking up a log. I ended up jumping in the middle of the service and kicking the seat in front of me."

Anonymous

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# Lady Rockets look ahead to post-season

By SCARLET FREDERICK

With twenty-one games out of the way in this 2003/2004 basketball season, the Lady Rockets are off to a winning start.

After losing only two games and beating some of their biggest rivals, Jackson County and Clay County, earlier in the season and Clay County again January 23, the Lady Rockets have been ranked as high as third place in the state's top twenty.

Their last loss came against #1 Sacred Heart 42-57, January 24.

"It's been a great year so far, but we haven't played to our abilities yet," said Assistant Coach Barry Noble.

Although juniors Sarah Parsons and HollyAnn Coleson have faith in their team, both agree that the Lady Rockets have a long way to go as far as "working out the little things."

Point Guard Johnna Abney says that the chances for making it to the Sweet 16 this year are good, then jokingly adds "because the Magic 8-Ball said so."

The last time the Lady Rockets made it to the Sweet 16 was in 1997, and they lost during the first round to Assumption High School. Noble believes that fact "helps motivate them to an extent."

He also hopes that their best games aren't behind them, as do the Lady Rockets who face Jackson County for a second time February 10. (Results were unavailable at press time.)

Abney, Parsons and Coleson all agree that if the season were to be described in one word, it would most definitely be "successful". As for the beloved Magic 8-Ball, they definitely won't be relying solely on that; their skills will be up to Sweet 16 standards by the time March shows itself, as long as they "focus on each individual game and not look too far ahead," says Noble.

Despite the fact that district tournament is still three weeks away, fans have already begun talking about a Sweet Sixteen appearance.



Junior Tara Rowe shows defensive action as she guards a Whitley County player.



At left: Junior Rachel Stocker plays a part in the Lady Rockets' 65-46 win over the Whitley County Generals January 15.

At right: Lauren Clontz, senior, eyes the ball.



## 2003-2004 RECORD

|             |                      |             |
|-------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Dec 6, '03  | Butler               | 69 - 58 (W) |
| Dec 9, '03  | Jackson County       | 63 - 58 (W) |
| Dec 11, '03 | Lexington Christian  | 57 - 33 (W) |
| Dec 20, '03 | Ohio County          | 63 - 54 (W) |
| Dec 21, '03 | Greenwood            | 75 - 48 (W) |
| Dec 22, '03 | Mercer County        | 62 - 67 (L) |
| Dec 23, '03 | Henderson County     | 51 - 49 (W) |
| Dec 27, '03 | Hopkins Co. Central  | 73 - 48 (W) |
| Dec 28, '03 | Apollo               | 67 - 44 (W) |
| Dec 29, '03 | Wayne County         | 55 - 41 (W) |
| Dec 29, '03 | Henderson County     | 45 - 43 (W) |
| Jan 3, '04  | Clay County          | 59 - 34 (W) |
| Jan 5, '04  | McCreary Central     | 62 - 39 (W) |
| Jan 8, '04  | Corbin               | 65 - 37 (W) |
| Jan 10, '04 | North Hardin         | 72 - 56 (W) |
| Jan 13, '04 | Pulaski Southwestern | 74 - 34 (W) |
| Jan 15, '04 | Whitley County       | 65 - 46 (W) |
| Jan 23, '04 | Clay County          | 58 - 29 (W) |
| Jan 24, '04 | Sacred Heart         | 42 - 57 (L) |
| Jan 31, '04 | Cawood               | 73 - 44 (W) |
| Feb 2, '04  | Mercer County        | 75 - 63 (W) |
| Feb 6, '04  | Breathitt County     | cancelled   |

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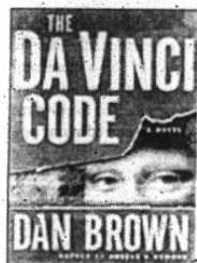
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## Controversial 'Da Vinci Code' worth a weekend read



BY KYLA FRENCH

*The Da Vinci Code*, author Dan Brown's newest creation, has been put under much scrutiny recently. From religious organizations to historians, everyone seems to have a strong opinion on the book. It was exactly this fact that caused me to attempt reading the hardback with an unbiased point of view, and to examine the book, not the facts.

Set in modern-day Paris, the book begins with the startling murder of the Louvre's curator. Moments before his death, he manages to scrawl several riddles throughout the museum that can only be deciphered by his granddaughter, cryptographer Sophie Neveu, and symbologist Robert Langdon. Langdon is called to the scene shortly after the murder is discovered to help translate one of the riddles, or so he is told. He is soon met by Neveu, who informs him of the danger he is in. Not only are the police secretly recording and watching his every move in the museum, but it turns out he is the chief suspect in the homicide.

Neveu and Langdon escape the museum, narrowly avoiding the watchful eye of police Captain Fache. In an effort to unscramble the mixed messages left by Neveu's grandfather, the duo discover several

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## Last Samurai, an epic film

BY AUDREY BURKE

Tom Cruise's latest film, *The Last Samurai* combines elements of self-discovery, love, philosophy, progress, humor, and tragedy to make a truly epic film.

For those of you not up on the finer points of Japanese history, the film takes place during the 1870s, the beginning of the Meiji Era in Japan. The Meiji Revolution overthrew the 300 year old Tokugawa Regime and instated a new, westernized, social system, illegalizing the samurai class. The movie deals with the fast paced industrialization which Japan resorted to in order to compete against the possibility of western colonization. The film also concentrates heavily on the conflict between tradition and progress, as well as the moral justification for war.

The latter is mostly dealt with by the main character Nathan Algren, played by Tom Cruise. His character is a war hero, but he is tortured by his past actions and feelings that those he killed were innocent.

Katsamato, portrayed by Ken Watanabe, leads the rebellion that the imperialists are trying to quell. As a character he represents the old honor codes and traditional ways of life. He rebels because he believes it is what is best for his country. After seeing Algren fight, he takes him prisoner to "get to know his enemy." Eventually, they come to respect each other.

The climax of the movie comes when Algren and Katsamato lead the last of the samurai warriors against the imperialist army, despite being greatly outnumbered. Going up against the guns and cannons, carrying only swords, they charge in the name of the samurai way.

This film overall was very well done. The acting is believable, and the story itself is deep and engaging. Most importantly, however, it goes beyond the realm of just being a movie by raising the question: Is progress always worth the sacrifice?

## REVIEWS

### Sisterhood sequel an amazing end

BY JESSICA DENNY

In 2003's *The Second Summer of the Sisterhood*, Ann Beashares continues the stories of Lena, Carmen, Tibby, and Bee: characters that were introduced in her first book *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*. The sequel was even better than the first book.

The story catches up with the four friends as the summer between their sophomore and junior years approaches. All of the girls plan to stay near home for the summer. However, the girls' plans soon change, sending them off into new directions which gives the book interesting twists.

Former high-school soccer star Bee is the first to change her plans. After finding letters from her grandmother, she decides she needs to know more about her family and soon heads off for Alabama to find her roots, and come to terms with her mother's suicide.

Tibby starts her summer at Williamstow University to develop her film-making skill. She struggles to forget Bailey, a young girl who died in the first book. Tibby also struggles to understand the concept of friendship and "being cool."

While Tibby and Bee spend their summer out of town, Carmen spends her summer at home, miserably watching her mother fall in love. Jealous of the time her mother spends with her boyfriend, Carmen lashes out—forcing her mother to choose between her daughter and a new relationship.

All of the girls' stories are interesting, but most girls will probably identify with Lena.

In the first book, Lena visited her grandparents in Greece. There, she met and fell in love with Kostos, an older boy who was also a favorite of her grandparents'. When the second book begins, the wonderful love she had embarked upon with Kostos is over. Lena broke off the long-distance relationship, but it is soon rekindled when Kostos comes to visit.

But events don't go as Lena hopes.

If you read the first book, you'll know the girls' mothers weren't really involved in the story. However, during the second book the mothers try to build a bridge to make up for their lost friend (Bee's mother), and lost time.

The girls' tend to develop more of a relationship with their own mothers, also, especially Lena and Carmen. Bee also learns more about her mother, even though she committed suicide years before.

As a reader I felt like I needed a foundation for Bee's mother's life, and was happy with the closure Bee had at the end of the summer.

By the end of the book, the girls realize their mothers really aren't so different from them. Tibby brings

*The Second Summer of the Sisterhood*



—ANN BEASHARES—

this point home when she shows her friends a picture:

"It was a picture of friendship, but it wasn't the Sisterhood. It was their mothers, long ago. Tibby noted with joy that all four of them were wearing jeans."

*The Second Summer of the Sisterhood* was an amazing end to the girls' stories. As each problem was resolved and each story came to an end I was relieved. The emotional rollercoaster this book had sent me on was over. Reading this book was worth my time. It was easy to read, and it grabbed my attention in the prologue.

Have you seen any good movies lately, or some not so good? What about CD's or books? If so, we welcome guest reviews from our readers. Submit to Ms. Norton in Room 116 for consideration.

## Which pizza's tops? When in doubt, go 'Lean'

BY INDI RUHE, MARIA HENSLEY

Our last review may have left your breath smelling wonderful, but left your belly feeling empty. If that was the case, then how does pizza sound? This pizza isn't just any pizza; it's not delivery or homemade...it's microwaved!

Our testing consisted of three different brands—all pepperoni and cheese. Our testing group consisted of eight volunteers. These volunteers weren't permitted to see the boxes prior to

testing the pizzas, so they didn't have a clue about what kind of pizza they were eating.

The brands our brave volun-

teers eagerly tested were: Lean Cuisine, Tony's, and Weight Watchers Smart One's (all in personal pan size).

Here's the break down of our results, and I must say we were very surprised with which pie came out on top.

| Brand and nutritional facts                          | Crust Comments            | Sauce Comments                                         | Cheese Comments                                         | Pepperoni Comments                                             | Appearance                          | Overall taste: |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Lean Cuisine:<br>Calories: 350<br>Total Fat: 9 grams | It was crunchy and thick. | There was just enough sauce on the pizza.              | The pizza was very cheesy. The cheese was good.         | There were a lot of them and they had a great taste.           | It looked good and fresh.           | 4              |
| Tony's:<br>Calories: 560<br>Total Fat: 29 grams      | It was too chewy.         | It had too much sauce, but the sauce had a good taste. | The cheese didn't have a great taste.                   | The pepperonis were too small to taste.                        | The pizza looked too greasy.        | 3.5            |
| Smart One's:<br>Calories: 400<br>Total Fat: 9 grams  | The crust was too tough.  | The sauce was too bland tasting.                       | The cheese was too stringy and there wasn't much of it. | The pepperonis were large but they didn't have a lot of taste. | The pizza looked old and dried out. | 2              |

What product reviews do you suggest for our upcoming issues? Let us know by contacting Indi Ruhe or Ms. Norton in Room 116.



## CHRIS CAMPBELL: continued from front

age Chris is now, yet Chris is worried about other things, like school.

**Coming to RCHS**

Chris was diagnosed with respiratory problems about three and a half years ago. He was then moved to the University of Kentucky Children's Hospital and from there to Rockcastle.

"I was scared to go to another new place with a lot of new people, but my mom gave me the choice and I decided to come. I was told the staff was really nice and that Rockcastle was one of the best respiratory places in the United States."

Now, three years later, Chris attends RCHS after deciding not to go for two years.

"I went to prom last year, and that gave me a taste of school I wanted to try and get. This year, when they asked me, I definitely did want to go. I was finally ready," he said.

Chris's main concern in life at RCHS is passing English IV, the only required class he has to have to graduate this year, which he does plan on doing. To help him with English IV and other classes, Chris comes to RCHS three days a week for half a day instead of just studying at the hospital.

He mainly decided to come because it was his senior year, but now he is really glad he took the chance.

"I love it; I wish I had started coming last year when they had asked me if I wanted to come. I really shouldn't have waited so long."

He likes the high school mainly because he gets to be around lots of kids his age.

"I especially like lunch where everybody is talking to each other and even come up and talk to me."

Chris hopes he will be able to eventually attend five days a week.

"It was good for Chris to finally come to the high school, but it was also really good for all of us as well," said senior Amanda Rogers, who has two classes with him.

"Chris really shows us how we can all have a positive attitude no matter what."

There are several teachers and other adults who Chris says have really helped him, but he says, "Ms. Cathy Short is probably my favorite teacher. She is really nice. For my birthday, she bought me a Rocket sweatshirt and made cookies, and she had only just met me."

**Family Matters**

Chris has a very supportive family, as well. When Chris had to move to Rockcastle his family moved, too, to be closer to him. They are able to come and see him every other day. His little brother, Patrick, 16, attends Lincoln County High School. He also has a three year old sister named April. Patrick and April are both lucky enough to not have the disease. April, who doesn't quite understand what is wrong with Chris, knows enough that she wants to help him all the time when she sees him.

"When she is here she always tries to feed me and says, 'Let me feed bubby, Mommy.'"

Chris says he also has a wonderful mom as well, and "she is the best cook ever."

Chris also has a hospital family. He has had fellow patient Dewayne as a roommate for almost 2 years. "Dewayne is like a brother to me. I adopted him."

**Game Times**

Chris' first love is his Playstation 2. He plays seven hours straight every day.

"Playing helps keep my hand strong so I can control my wheelchair. If I didn't play games so much I would have probably already lost control of my hand."

He already has around 60 games and claims Final Fantasy is his most favorite. Games like Final Fantasy are "role playing games," or a.k.a. RPG's, and are the most fun, according to Chris.

"They really make you think and give you all kinds of different situations with different characters."

The last game he bought is, as you could probably guess, Final Fantasy x 2, The Sequel. Chris also has his sights set on working in the game industry. After high school he plans on taking classes on the internet. He would eventually like to become a game designer and, of course, preferably be a designer for RPG's.

**Hope for the Future**

Chris may have a disease to live with, but he has the same aspirations as anyone else. When asked what he hoped for, he gave an answer you might expect from any high school senior, except he seems to be asking for more of the simpler things in life: "One day I want to be able to do more things on my own, without anyone's help. I would also really like to walk again."

Yet Chris does hope for many other things, as well: to get married, have kids, be the boss of a big company, and own a house. However, Chris also has another, more personal, list: "I hope to be able to see my sister grow and be happy and have a good life."

## DA VINCI CODE: continued from page 14

hidden meanings in Leonardo DaVinci's works of art, there for all to see, but veiled by the painter. With this beginning, the pair uncover many more things kept quiet by secret societies for generations, and go on a quest for an item that has been debated about and searched after for centuries. The Holy Grail.

There have been several books written, and many movies made, about searching for the grail, but this book takes a historical perspective on the quest and leaves you wondering where the grail actually is, and what it actually is.

All documents referred to in the book are factual, as are the secret societies mentioned. I found this book particularly interesting because it goes over many practices of these societies and how they operate. One such society, the Priory of Sion, is building a headquarters in New York as we speak. Past heads of this secret organization have

included Isaac Newton, Victor Hugo and DaVinci, among others. These facts mingled in the storyline of the book make for a much more engaging read, because you wonder how much of the plot may actually have occurred at one point in time, and you know these things are happening around you as you read the book.

One theory presented in the book is that Jesus may have been wed to Mary Magdalene. Many people refuse to read the book simply because that theory is mentioned. However, this is one of the reasons that makes *The DaVinci Code* so interesting. Even though this may not be something that you accept as true, it opens your mind and makes you more tolerant to those who may believe differently than you.

While *The DaVinci Code* may not be extremely well written, it is very fast-paced and thought-provoking. Don't take the book too seriously, though. Just read and enjoy.

COMPUTERS:  
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Most services such as MSN, AOL, and Yahoo, will not communicate with each other, so many users have multiple messaging services. The number of people who use two or more competing brands of instant messenger services increased from September 2000 to September 2001 from 24% to 29%.

Of course, there are some advantages to internet conversations such as sending pictures and being able to talk to multiple people at once while viewing the internet "if you're talented." However there are disadvantages: people rarely use voice or web cam attachments, therefore, there is no way to communicate emotions except, of course, the smiley faces, and there's always LOL.

Who is that mystery teacher?

Mr. Noble

## Ever wonder what made this staff member who he is today? Can you guess who this is?

By BONNIE BRIGGS

**Which Staff Member has had the Worst Day of School?**

My first day of first grade, my two sisters and I were at a new school. My teacher wanted all of the students in her class to bring their lunch money, so she would know how many of us were going to eat lunch. I told her my sister had the money, so she had me go into the hallway to find her class.

I could not find her classroom for anything. I saw a man in a suit with a paddle in his hand walking up the hallway. I figured he was the principal and could help me, so I started walking after him. He just did not slow down, and I ran to catch up. He turned right around

and said, "And just what are you doing running up this hallway?"

I told him I was looking for my sister, but instead of helping, he paddled me! After that, he sent me back to the classroom.

My teacher wanted to know why I was crying and why I did not have my lunch money. I just could not tell her what had transpired because I was so embarrassed. Besides, I was crying too hard to make out any words. That teacher demanded my hand and beat the fire out of it!

The teacher ordered me into my seat then told me to do my work quietly. I informed her that I could not possibly get back to work because she had just whacked the

hand I wrote with. She got really mad then, saying, "I told you to give me the hand you didn't write with." That teacher called me to the front of the room and whipped the dickens out of that one, too!

After classes on the same day, my sisters and I were waiting for the bus. There was a pole in the front of the school that had chains hanging off of it for kids to swing on. I and a boy were swinging on it when I guess he got bored. He dropped his chain without warning me. That chain came around, whacked me in the head and 'busted' it wide open!

**Check Out the Home Life.**

When my mom thought she

might have gotten pregnant again, she went to the doctor's. While she was in the office, she heard that Kennedy had been shot. Right then, she decided to name this new child after JFK. That is how I got part of my name. The other part comes from a famous singer my mom was in love with at the time.

I am a definite army brat. My father and my stepdad were both in the army. I spent a lot of my early childhood on bases.

I had seven brothers and sisters and was the first one in my family to go to college.

**Speaking about School...**  
I could never make up my mind in college about my major. My

major had probably changed three or four times. The majors were communications expert, broadcasting, and veterinarian from what I can remember. I graduated with 161 hours, and I only needed 128.

I taught for two years, and they were the worst years of my life.

**Some more interesting facts...**  
I once tried to grow a mullet, but it did not work because the hair kept curling in the back.

A dog is my favorite animal which is kind of weird because I was attacked by one when I was two years old.

I do not think people see the person I really am.