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## Stewart pleads to federal charges

An Orlando man has pled guilty to a charge of possession with intent to distribute a quantity of Tylor, containing oxydalone, a Schedule II controlled substance.

Elmer Boyd Stewart, 43, entered the plea before Judge Karen K. Caldwell in United States District Court, London, pursuant to a plea agreement which also included the forfeiture of Stewart's assets including \$43,353 in United States currency.

Stewart is scheduled to be sentenced on July 21, 2004 in United States District Court in London. The maximum potential penalties for Stewart are not less than 15 years, a \$2,000,000 fine and not less than four years supervised release.

The investigation preceding the plea was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Rockcastle Sheriff Darrell Doan's office and the Kentucky State Police Post 11, London. The United States was represented in this case by Assistant United States Attorney Roger W. West.

## Local blood drive set for next Tuesday March 23rd

There are few of us who would hesitate when given the direct and obvious opportunity to save the life of another human being. We have all envisioned ourselves racing into a burning building to save the life of a small child or pulling a car wreck victim from a mangled automobile.

Heroism, however, is not always displayed in the midst of flashing lights and sirens. One of the greatest acts of heroism is overlooked day after day... donating blood. Rockcastle County Community is joining together with Central Ky. Blood Centers to give you the opportunity to save lives.

In order to save lives, a blood donor must be at least 17 years of age and weigh 110 pounds or more. The Rockcastle County Community Blood Drive will be held Tuesday, March 23. Please join the crusade between 1 and 6 p.m. at Rockcastle County Extension Office in the Conference Room.

Donating blood is a quiet, simple act of heroism that gives life and new hope to those who desperately need it. As a special thank you for your act of heroism, all donors will receive a free gift.

For more information, please contact Loretta Robinson at 1-800-775-2622.



## Basketball boys and girls make history

For the first time in the history of RCHS basketball, the 13th region will be represented in the state basketball tournaments by Rockcastle County.

The boys accomplished the feat by barely downing a quick, feisty Knox Central team Saturday night, 49-48.

They advanced to the finals by easily defeating Cawood 73-56 and the Bell County Bobcats, in overtime, 79-74.

Against Bell Co., the Rockcastles may have set a record for shooting the most free throws in a tournament game -- 52 -- but also for missing the most -- 29.

Junior Aaron Cash, who got 31 points in the game to lead the scoring, shot 28 free throws by himself, hitting 18 of them.

Four Bobcat players fouled out of the game.

The Rockets had to play catch-up ball the first half, down 16-13 at the first quarter stop and 29-30 at the half.

And, Bell drew first blood in the second half, going up 32-29 and, with the Rockets missing four straight free throws, built a 38-33 lead. Then, with the Bobcats up 44-41, the Rockets went on a 7-0 run to finish the third quarter, which included a half-court shot by Devin Taylor at the buzzer that banked in to put the Rockets up 48-44.

The Rockets were ahead 55-51 with 5:8 seconds left in the game. A Bell County shot went in to make it 55-53. Cash then made two free throws and Taylor added one. Bell County made another field goal and it was 58-55 at the 28 second mark. Sophomore starter Colby Brown fouled out with 25 seconds to go in the game and Bell County made one of two free throws. They then fouled Cash who converted both shots for a 60-56 lead. The Bobcats then hit three to cut the lead to one but Taylor hit one free throw to give the Rockets a two point lead. With 4:10

of a second left in the game, Cash was called for a blocking foul and the Bobcats promptly sank both and it was on to overtime.

## Girls get 30 wins in season

It was a "fun run" for the Lady Rockets through the season and through the district and regional tournaments and it resulted in both the girls and boys basketball teams representing the 13th Regional in state tournament action for the first time in the history of the high school.

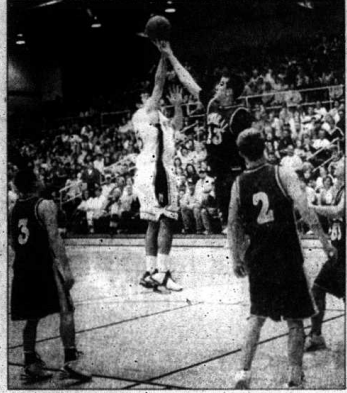
The Lady Rockets easily vanquished their nearest competition, the Jackson County Lady Generals for the championship of both tournaments and looked well on their way to making a lot of noise in this year's Girls' Sweet Sixteen. However, they will now have to regroup as they lost their junior point guard, and leading scorer, Johana Abbey in the championship game Monday night.

The Lady Rockets were enroute to a blow-out of Jackson County when Abbey stole the ball and was going coast-to-coast when, as best we can tell from an action shot taken at the time, she somehow got her right leg into a twist, falling and blowing out the ACL and ending her 2003-04 season.

The Lady Rockets had begun their trek to the state tournament with no-contest wins over Knox Central and Bell County.

In the Knox Central game, the Lady Rockets were ahead 30 to 15 at the half and wound up with a 61-31 win. Abbey led the scoring for her team with 16 points; Heather Hammond got 12; Tara Rowe 8; Sarah Parsons and Katie Parsons 6 each; Rachel Stöcker 5; Ashley Lunford 4 and Ashley Mizze and Hollyann Colson 2 each.

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## RCHS is State Tourney bound.....

For the first time in school history, Rockcastle County will represent the 13th Region at both the boys and girls State Tournaments. Above, the Lady Rockets defeated Jackson County 60-43 in the regional final but lost junior Johana Abbey for the state tournament due to a torn ACL which occurred on this play. At left, Junior Aaron Cash goes for two of his 14 points against Knox Central in the regional final. The Rockets will play Thursday (today) at 1:30 p.m. in Rupp Arena against Pleasure Ridge Park. The Lady Rockets will face Christian County Thursday, March 25th at 1 p.m. eastern standard time in Diddle Arena in Bowling Green. A community pep rally will be held next Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at RCHS for the Lady Rockets.

## Former Tax Commissioner, Louise Carter, dies Saturday

Former Rockcastle County Tax Commissioner, Lela Louise Carter, died Saturday, March 13, 2004.

Mrs. Carter, also known by many in the county as "Mama" Carter, had 195 names in her birthday anniversary calendar with which she tracked the next card to be sent to her Rockcastle-wide "adopted children."

Born in Breckinridge, OK in 1926, Mrs. Carter was 77 years old. She met and married Warren Clarence Carter, of Mt. Vernon, in California while he was in the U.S. Navy during WWII. They were married 57 years and had three children together: Jerry Warren Carter (Gwendolyn), Larry Dale Carter (Linda) and Claretta Carter Hodges (Tommy), all of Mt. Vernon.

Besides being Rockcastle County Tax Commissioner from 1966-68, she owned a beauty shop, antique shop and ceramic business during the late 70's and early 80's, was co-owner of Carter's Market from 1966-89 and Kastle Inn, Inc. since 1985. In 2000, she was honored with the Human and Spiritual Values Award

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Rockcastle County Schools Book Publishing Project artists and writers are pictured above, front row from left: Kyla French, Ashley Jasper, Jenna Bue Owens and Jeni Durham holding PRIDE Project of the Month plaque, Audrey Burke, Leslie Robbins, Ashley Kimberl, and PRIDE Executive Director Richard Thomas. Second row from left: Brian Hess, Josh Ott, Chris Mullins, H. Allen Pensol, Project Director, Scotty Cromer. Third row from left: Zac Pensol, Michael Lovell and Anthony Stevens. Not pictured: Adam Hensley and Chris Hagar.

## New book "Vanishing Waters" latest publication unveiled

An evening of recognition and presentation was held on Thursday, March 4, 2004 at the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and Museum (KMHF) to a standing room only crowd for the unveiling of "Vanishing Waters Vanishing Lives", the latest publication from the Rockcastle County Schools Book Publishing Project. Writings and music compositions from the publication were read and performed. A display of photographs recording the book development was also exhibited. During the presentation Ethan Eversole, staff member KMHF, performed the song "New Life" written and scored by Rockcastle County High School senior Josh Ott. Each student contributor and education partner was

then presented with a copy of the hardbound book, a CD audio recording of the written pieces and song along with a copy of the student generated coloring book of the same title.

Students from Rockcastle County High School began developing a proposal for the book-publishing project entitled "Vanishing Waters Vanishing Lives" in mid-May of 2004. Interested students submitted samples of previous writings and artwork as a proposal for the book-publishing project. The publication was to include, prose, poems, songs, reminiscences and visual images relating to the Rockcastle County landscape and waterways and the impact on water preservation. After acceptance for a PRIDE Environmental Education Grant,

partnering with several outside consultants and procuring additional funding sources, "Vanishing Waters Vanishing Lives" commenced with an exploratory field trip to the Rockcastle River, Officials from Eastern Kentucky PRIDE attended the March 4th book unveiling and presented the students with the PRIDE Environmental Education Project of the Month - March. Officials from PRIDE included Richard Thomas, PRIDE Executive Director, Karen Deaton, Deputy Director and Jennifer Johnson, Education Director.

On Thursday, September 25, 2003 the Rockcastle River field trip consisted of 16 high school student/writers. (Cont. to A-9)



New traffic light signals on the Hwy. 461 by-pass around Mt. Vernon were turned on Tuesday morning, after being in the flash mode for a week after being installed. The new lights are at the intersection of Hwy. 1326, (the Old-Bradhead and Mt. Vernon Road) and U.S. 25 across from McDonald's. There is also a caution light, which is shown in the background, on top of the hill of 461 before reaching the intersection at 1326.



# Obituaries



## Mr. James O. Bell

Mr. James O. Bell, 76, of Broadhead died Saturday March 13, 2004 at the Rockcastle Health & Rehabilitation Center in Broadhead. He was born April 20, 1927 in Rockcastle County the son of the late William and Margaret Hayes Bell. He was a retired Mechanic & Grocery Store Owner, enjoyed woodworking, member of the Ottawa Baptist Church and was a veteran of World War 2.

Survivors are: one son, Steven M. Kemper of Pompano Beach, Fla; two daughters, Mrs. Paula Bullock and husband Shane of Broadhead, and Mrs. Loretta Goodwin of Hamilton, Ohio; two sisters, Mrs. Mattie Lee Willoughby of Owingville and Mrs. Mildred Woolsey of Mt. Sterling. Seven grandchildren also survive.

Services were held Tuesday March 16, at the Cox Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Jim Craig officiating. Burial followed in the Green Hill Cemetery.

Palbearers were Kenny Woolsey, Gary Willoughby, Richard Willoughby, Bill Willoughby, Andy Goodwin and Joe Clontz.

## Walter Saylor

Walter Saylor, 65, of Noyacem Street in Crab Orchard, died Saturday, March 13, 2004 at his home. He was born October 16, 1938 in Crab Orchard, the son of Jack and Blanche Hopkins Saylor, was a member of the Church of Christ and a former employee of Ephraim McDowell Hospital in Danville.

Besides his mother, survivors include: three sons, Tony Saylor of Crab Orchard, Terry Saylor of Stanford and Tim Saylor of Broadhead; two daughters, Theresa Bohman of Broadhead and Tabitha Saylor of Mt. Vernon; four brothers, Ted Saylor of Somerset and Truman, Tommy and J.D. Saylor, all of Crab Orchard; three sisters, Elsie Stevens, Linda Dowell and Lily Parker, all of Crab Orchard; seven grandchildren and one great grandson.

Besides his father, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Fred and Jackie "Mack" Saylor.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 15 at McKnight Funeral Home chapel with Bro. Arnold Larkin officiating. Burial was in the Hopkins Cemetery.

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## Jackie Lee Cash

Jackie Lee Cash, 64, of Ottawa, husband of Mabel Irene Caldwell Cash, died Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at his residence.

Mr. Cash was born April 12, 1939 in Ottawa, the son of Edgar and Ellen Gentry Cash. He was a deacon and church treasurer for 28 years of Providence church of Christ at Oatli, was co-owner for 30 years of Cash Hardware in Broadhead and was a Master Plumber. He was also a member of the Broadhead Fire Department, past vice president of Rockcastle Co. Farm Bureau, member of Rockcastle Co. Rescue Squad and enjoyed his duties as "flagger" at the Cash Gokart Races.

Besides his wife, survivors are his son, Shannon Lee Cash and fiancé Melissa Albright of Broadhead; his daughter, Regina Colleen Cash of Broadhead; his stepmother, Mable McQueary Cash of Lancaster and his mother-in-law, Edna Caldwell who was a host of sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins, great nieces and nephews and a host of friends and neighbors.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, David F. Cash and Robert Edgar Cash.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 6 with Danny McKibben and Chris Craig officiating. Burial was in Providence Cemetery.

Casketbearers were: Noyce Gentry, Billy Long, Arlos Proctor, Wayne and Carl Caldwell and Herbert Ray Lawrence.

Honorary bearers were: Raymond Caldwell, Paul Hansel, Paul Blevins, Gatfield Craig, Joe French, Bill Gentry, Bert McWhorter, Reed Cash and Bobby Lawrence.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Providence Cemetery Fund. Condolences to Mr. Cash's family may be made on his online registry at [www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com](http://www.marvineowensfuneralhome.com)

## Cemetery Notices

### McKinney Cemetery

The McKinney Cemetery Committee is taking bids for the mowing and upkeep of the cemetery, located in the Blue Springs area of Rockcastle.

Anyone interested in bidding on this job, please send your bid, with your name, address and phone number, to Glenna Renner, 3026 Ocala Rd., Somerset, Ky. 42505 or call 606-379-0312 by March 28, 2004.

## Bobby Hurst

Bobby Hurst, 75, of Hurst Lane, Eubank, died Sunday, March 14, 2004 at his home. He was born in Rockcastle County Sept. 6, 1920, the son of the late John Thomas Hurst and Pearl Pitman Hurst, was a construction worker and farmer and a born again Christian.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Margaret McKinney Hurst; four daughters, Linda Ostermeier (Steven), Judy Fockler (Tom) and Brenda Thompson (Joe), all of Indianapolis, IN and Kathy Dick (Lindel) of Somerset; five brothers, Granville Hurst of Somerset, Charles Hurst of Level Green, Lawrence Hurst and Walker Hurst, both of Indianapolis, IN and Earl Hurst of Smyrna, TN; one sister, Lena Hurst of Louisville; 10 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services for Mr. Hurst were held Wednesday, March 17 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home in Mt. Vernon by Rev. Albert McKinney. Burial followed in the Poplar Grove Cemetery.

Palbearers were the sons-in-law and grandsons, Steven Ostermeier, Tom Fockler, Joe Thompson, Lindel Dick, Rick Ostermeier, Bobby Kelley, John Fockler and Kyle Thompson. Terry Reed will be an alternate.



## Amos Jennings

Amos Jennings, 73, of Richmond, IN, died Saturday, March 13, 2004 at his home after a short illness. He was born in Orlando on November 16, 1930, the son of Arthur and Mattie Allen Jennings. He retired from Belden Corporation in 1992, where he worked 34 years as an extruder operator. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War, a member of the Howard Thomas American Legion Post #715 and Kirk Little #137 Post #1108 and a Kentucky Colonel.

Survivors are his wife of 47 years, Josephine Jennings; a son, Chuck Jennings of Richmond, IN; his mother, Mattie Jennings of Richmond, IN; four sisters, Christine Golson, Marcella Shores, Virgie Markley (Dale) and Gladys Arvin, all of Richmond, IN and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 17 at the Stegall-Berthe-Ort Funeral Home in Richmond, IN by Rev. Elmer Hale. Burial followed in Goshen Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1401 Chester Blvd., Richmond, IN 47334.

This obituary courtesy of Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

## Gail Colson

Gail Colson, 57, of Versailles, IN, daughter-in-law of Clay and Nellie Colson of Broadhead, died Thursday, March 11, 2004 at Jewish Hospital of Cincinnati in Cincinnati, OH.

Mrs. Colson was born August 9, 1946 in Johnson City, Tennessee. Besides her in-laws, she is survived by her husband, Bill Colson; two daughters, Cynthia L. Colson of Kings Park, Long Island, NY, and Beth Colson of Scottsdale, AZ; a son, John Colson of Madison, IN; her parents, Ray H. and Dorothy Biddle of Phoenix, AZ; a sister, Deborah Fitchie of Phoenix, AZ; a brother, David DeArmond of Sevierville, TN; one granddaughter and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 14 at First Christian Church in Madison, IN with burial in the Good Hope Cemetery in Crab Orchard.

Obituaries  
courtesy of local  
funeral homes

## In Memory



### In Loving Memory of Ernest Lee Cope

Who passed away October 2001  
Dear Ernie: Are your work and chores done as you rest in God's hands? You did the best in everything you did. I think back on every-

fine Air Force career and our separation during times of war. After your military retirement, I proudly remember you working full-time and attending night classes to begin your second career as an insurance agent. You simultaneously took care of your wife and children, raised a garden, fixed everything around the house, and even helped with the cost of our new church!

This past week, it was time for church photos, and I had to go alone. The last church photo we took together was in the year 2000, and you were feeling weak. You are gone now, but not forgotten!

Ernest is survived by his mother, Mary D. Cope, who is 95, and brothers William, Kenneth, and sisters Alice, Jean, Christine and Helen.

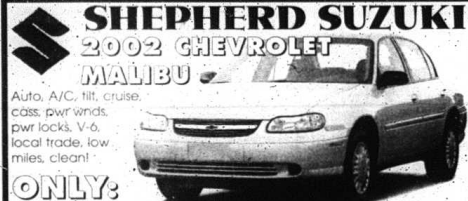
Ernest, your birthday is this month, and you are sadly missed by all your family and close friends, and especially your wife, Lena, who spent 50 years of married life with you, your daughter Diane, sons Don and Mike, and grandson Jeff, and your beloved pet cat "Angel," who is still frisky at three years old.

## Words of Hope

Recently, I tried to put a new coat of stain on an old chair. After sanding the chair and applying a coat of stain, I was surprised to see the old stain bleeding through the new coat. A guilty conscience can be like that old stain. We try to cover it up by denying the feeling, but it always comes back to our memory. Don't try to cover the guilt; seek forgiveness and free yourself from the mistakes of the past.

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## RCMS Student Ambassadors get ready to rock at KUNA.

By April Johnson  
Rockcastle County Middle School students are busily preparing for KUNA 2004. The Kentucky United Nations Assembly will be held in Louisville on...

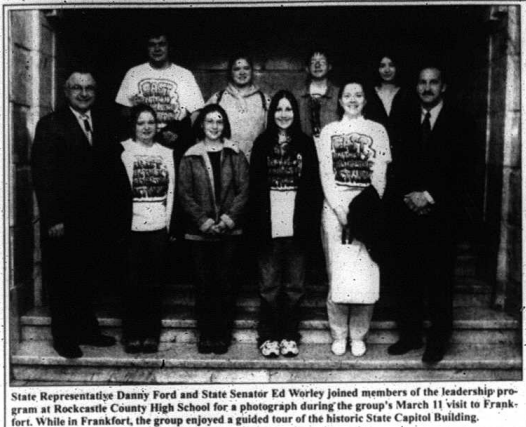
March 14-16. Students will be representing four countries: The United Kingdom (made up of the provinces of Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, and England), The Federal Republic of Germany, The Kingdom of the Netherlands, and The Republic of Ireland.

The sixty-nine student ambassadors have divided up into working groups, gathering information, researching "their" country, writing proposals, designing display boards, painting displays and pictures for the Festival of Nations... and learning songs and dances to perform on the International Stage... They are also learning about the United Nations and its function and purpose as part of the international community. We have one student, Jessica Cummins, who is a candidate for the state office of Summit President. Laura Childers and Devin Hasty will serve as Summit Clerk and Page, respectively, while, I, April Johnson, will participate as a member of the Media Corps.

This year we have two teachers who are going to KUNA for the first time: Mrs. Doty Parsons and My-Kathy Bobo. We asked Mrs. Bobo what she thought about all the preparations for KUNA. She said, "It's been an experience, definitely! No, really, it has been a true learning experience for me as a teacher as well as for the students. It has been very exciting to see the kids pull it all together. At first, I was skeptical that we would be able to do it but now I can't wait to go on to Louisville and see all the other countries that will be a part of the Festival of Nations..." Mrs. Nancy Hale and Mr. Tracy Gabbard are our veteran advisors who have taken students to KUNA for a combined total of twenty years, we appreciate all they do each year in leading us and making this experience possible. Eleven parents will also be accompanying us to KUNA and they, too, have been busy working with us as we plan. They have sewn costumes, helped in research, taped educational programs on our countries from TV, painted displays, and fed us when we worked late after school. We also appreciate all the support we have received from the other teachers at RCMS and the Administration during these weeks of preparation. It takes a village!

On Friday, March 12th, our ambassadors will share with the entire student body what we have been doing in our own Parade of Nations. This will take place at 11:30 and 12:15 and parents and family members are welcome to attend and watch the Parade.

Each year, thousands of teens from across Kentucky rule the world at the Kentucky United Nations Assembly. Throughout the three-day conference students become global leaders, exploring the complex issues facing our world, and seeking to reach a common understanding. Rockcastle County Middle is proud to be a part of this great Assembly!



State Representative Danny Ford and State Senator Ed Worley joined members of the leadership program at Rockcastle County High School for a photograph during the group's March 11 visit to Frankfort. While in Frankfort, the group enjoyed a guided tour of the historic State Capitol Building.

## RCHS Y-Club News

By Genna Cummins

As regular as always, Spring is here. Flowers, fever and, of course, KUNA. The Kentucky United Nations Assembly is a three day, two night experience for middle and high school students sponsored by the Kentucky YMCA Senior KUNA March 21-23 in Louisville.

The Kentucky United Nations Assembly is an annual event. It is a chance for students across the state to step into the shoes of an ambassador and feel what it is like to live around the world. Students make proposals concerning the world, debate international issues and learn a little something else.

This year, RCHS has 22 students from the Y-Club participating in KUNA and will be chaperoned by Travis Brenda, Mrs. Angie Hendrickson and Mrs. Nancy Hale. Those students are divided into two countries that they must research and design a flag, placard and 10x6 foot displays for.

Senior Bonnie Briggs and junior Jackson Bray will participate in the

Security Council of the UN, a council to help control terrorism and other issues of international security. Jackson Bray is a candidate for president of the Security Council for next year and sophomore Allison Carter is a candidate for Premier Summit President.

Students in committees and summits present proposals. Other students can ask questions and debate the issue and then vote on whether the proposal passes or not gets dropped. Proposal authors from RCHS this year are Martin Abney, Josh Blair,

Elizabeth Bobo, Ty Bottoms, Sarah Bullock, Kayla Felmer, Zach Hale, Morgan Kinser, BreAnna Morgan, Josh Nation, Doug Ponder, Hilary Proctor, Courtney Rose and Michael Vanwinkel.

During those three days, I will write articles, conduct interviews and help to assemble two newsletters in the media corps.

All students attending have the chance to win Outstanding Speaker awards and fabulous prizes during the conference.

Please wish us luck and watch for a follow-up article reporting on our fun at the 2004 Senior KUNA!

## Youth Yak at RCMS

Submitted by Myrna D. Childress

We are state bound once again! The Rockets defeated Bell Co. Friday night and Knox Central Saturday night for the right to play at Rupp Arena this Thursday, March 18. We will play Pleasure Ridge Park at 1:00. Tickets can be purchased at the school for \$7.00 or you can purchase them on line at ticketmaster.com or by calling 859-233-3535. You can also purchase them at the door the day of the game. The Rock Shop here at RCMS has new tee shirts in honor of our Regional wins. Rock Shop hours for the general public are 8:00 until 3:00. Students can visit during their lunch time or during break only.

The Lady Rockets defeated Jackson County 60 to 45 in an exciting game Monday night. They will go on to play in Bowling Green on March 25. Way to go, Lady Rockets! To get the student body "pumped" for the tournaments, we held "Spirit Olympics" during pep rallies Friday and Monday. The staff won the contest for having the most people wearing "Rocket" clothes. We had competitions for all four class levels as well as the staff. Winners in the Door Decorating contest were: Best Doorway-Chorus Department, Best Hallway-Social Studies and most original-Tony Saylor and his ISS Department.

Also competing in at the State Level were Anna Guilfoill and Beth Coleman. The girls competed at the State Governors Cup on Monday, March 15, 2004. Anna competed and placed 3rd in Composition while Beth competed in Arts and Humanities. Congratulations, Anna and Beth! We're proud of you both! FCA will be collecting for St.

Judes Children's Hospital March 15-19 during first block. First place winners will receive a free breakfast while the second place winners will have an ice cream party.

Did you receive a copy of your child's progress report? If not please call 606 256-4816 and we will get you a copy. If you did receive the report and have questions contact the Youth Service Center at 606 256-4818 or the Counselor's offices at 606 256-4816. Remember, we offer tutoring as well as credit make-up. Call the school for more info.

Seniors, time is almost up! You have until April 2 to turn in pictures for the slide show to be presented at graduation. Please submit these to Ms. Nancy Bussell. No picture. No Show. Also, orders for your caps and gowns have to be turned in during lunch Tuesday, March 30.

From review for the Juniors and Seniors will be March 19. Admission is \$3.00. Also, if you need a prom dress we have a few in the Youth Service Center. Stop by and shop.

The student body was entertained Wednesday when they got to watch a live version of "MacBeth, A Musical Comedy" presented by The Rockcastle County High School Musical Theatre. A lot of preparation and hard work was put into this project. Hats off to Mr. Allen Peroul and the member of the Theatre for a wonderful job! The program will be presented to the general public at a later date. As they say in the business, "Break a leg!"

The Cafe reports an extremely large amount of over due lunch charges. Letters have been mailed home to inform the parents of debts but as of this writing, most have still

not been paid. Please make arrangements to pay the debt in full or make a payment plan. Even if you qualify for free or reduced lunch, your child may have bought doubles and therefore have a debt.

Project Graduation news: Due to the Lady Rocket's game on Monday, Project Graduation did not meet. Youth Service Center is the drop-off and pick-up spot for Avon orders, tickets for the computer and the television. The drawing for the T.V. will be this Saturday, March 20 at Brodhead Elementary School. Please have those turned in before Saturday. If you are interested in buying a chance on the car P.G. is giving away, say any senior or P.G. worker.

## Home Extension News

Goat Producers Meeting  
Goat producers are invited to hear DVM Beth Johnson speak on Goat Herd Health on Thursday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office.

Blood Drive  
A blood drive will be sponsored by the Rockcastle County Homemakers at the Extension Office on March 23, 1 to 6 p.m.

Free Self-Defense Lesson  
A free lesson on self-defense for women will be taught at 10 a.m. on March 30 at the Extension Office. Call 256-2403 for details.

## Project Graduation 2004 next meeting is Mon., March 22nd

**\*\*7 p.m.\*\* at RCHS**  
All volunteers are needed. Please Attend!!



On Friday, March 12th, the RCMS students who are representing the Y-Club at the Kentucky United Nations Assembly gave the student body a sneak peek of their Parade of Nations. The presentation consisted of students representing the countries of The Netherlands, Germany, Ireland, and the United Kingdom. The groups made their full presentations this past weekend in Louisville at KUNA.

## RCMS Parent Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, March 23, 2004  
3:00-6:00 p.m.

Meet with staff, See student work,  
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Free spaghetti supper provided for all families by the RCMS 21st Century Community Learning Center

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# Mt. Vernon Message

For the week of 3/18/04  
**Upcoming Events**

Our Family Resource Center is sponsoring Spring Enrichment Classes. These classes are scheduled to begin Monday, March 22 at 3:05 and end at 4:30. If you have any questions, please contact our FRC Center at 256-5173.

**Special Projects**

Mrs. Becky Isaacs, our Title One Coordinator, visited with students on Wednesday, March 10 to speak about the Reading Is Fundamental program. Students were allowed to choose a book to take home.

Also, Mr. Alan Pencil brought the RCMS Touring Theatre to our school

to perform for students during the RIF book presentation. Laura Childress, Megan Hood, Sally Mizze and Casey Powell performed their version of *The Cow Who Wouldn't Come Down*.

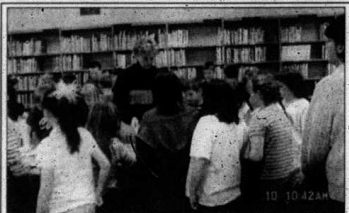
MVES students really enjoyed their performance. Thanks, Mr. Pencil and Mrs. Isaacs, for the presentation and books!

Project Wisdom readers for last week: Emily Mink, Waylon Mink, Amber Elam, Brandon Jones, students and April Martin, PTG president was our mystery reader.

Our quote for this week is: "A man with no imagination has no wings."



Rockcastle County Middle School Touring Theatre "The Cow Who Wouldn't Come Down" pictured above: Sally Mizze as Miss Rosemary, Laura Childress as Gertrude the Cow, Casey Powell as The Pig and Megan Hood as The Goose.



Mrs. Paula Cowan and Mr. Michael Roark's classes enjoy picking their books to take home from the Reading Is Fundamental presentation.



Mrs. Paula Cowan and Mrs. Linda Durham watch as students choose their books.



Mrs. Becky Isaacs, Title One Coordinator for Rockcastle County Schools, spoke with students about the Reading Is Fundamental program.

# Minds in the Middle

The nine-week grading period ended this past Tuesday. Report cards may be picked up next Tuesday afternoon at our Parent Teacher Conferences. This will be held from 3:00-6:00 p.m. A free chili supper will be provided for all families by the 21st Century Community Learning Center. The school year is quickly coming to an end, so we encourage all parents to come and check in with their child's teachers.

Also on Tuesday, we will be having our annual Reality Store. Our eighth graders are looking forward to this educational event. Students are given a salary based on their GPA, attendance, and career of interest. The students will then be required to pay all of the normal monthly expenses from their salary. This is a real eye-opener for some students. We appreciate the community and parent volunteers who are making this project possible.

Students will begin their last exploratory class on Monday. The monthly SBDM meeting will be held on Monday, March 22nd at 3:30 p.m.

Mrs. Kathy Bobo's classes held a China Poem contest last week. Winners from each class were: Aaron Edester, Ben Purcell, Amanda Blount, Michael Browning, and Holly Dees. Congratulations to those students. Those poems are on display in the Voyager team area so that parents may view them Tuesday evening.

Congratulations to Ashley Miller on being named as the Entrepreneurs' Student of the Week.

Seven students from RCMS competed in the Regional National History Day competition in Somerset this past Saturday. Holly Brown re-

ceived the 1st place award for her research paper. Beth Cromer received 2nd place for her research paper. Tyler Ingram-April Chesnut, Stephanie Barnett, John Mark Davis, and Jessica Simmons received first place honors for their exhibit on Bluegrass Music. All seven students are now qualified to attend the state National History Day competition in Frankfort on April 24th. Great job!

We enjoyed watching the KUNA participants display their parade of nations on Friday. We were glad to have the MVES 5th graders join us for that presentation. Y-Club students who participated in the Kentucky United Nations Assembly last Sunday morning and will return Tuesday afternoon. Check this article next week for more information about that trip.

The student council met last Wednesday to discuss testing. The testing window is April 26 - May 7. The students are motivated by the fact that Mr. Cogger has promised to shave his head if our assessment score reaches 82.

During our RAP sessions last Wednesday, the students watched an eye-opening video regarding the effects of bullying. Students should not be made to feel uncomfortable, insulted, or scared at school. If your child is being bullied, or has a friend that is bullied, encourage them to seek help from a teacher or the counselor. There are steps they can take to help prevent this from happening.

We enjoyed a visit from the RCHS boys basketball team on Wednesday and look forward to a visit from the Lady Rockets next week. Our staff and students are very proud and wish those teams the best of luck in the Sweet Sixteen!

## Dr. Seuss's 100th Birthday

March 2nd was Dr. Seuss's Birthday! The 6th graders at RCMS celebrated this event.

The Entrepreneurs team celebrated by playing Musical Chairs. This was a game, similar to musical chairs, where students went from chair to chair to read many of Dr. Seuss's books and to explore his life through articles. The object of the game was to read all of the books and articles that you could before the music stopped. They also celebrated by reading the book that Dr. Seuss was working on before he died, *Horry for Diddendoorfer Day*. The students were also able to see one of Dr. Seuss's many books that had been made into a movie. The students cre-

ated their own stories, Dr. Seuss style, and illustrated them. The stories included made up words and rhyming schemes. Some students also made up and drew their own characters. Many of the students were able to put on a play for their classmates, which included many facts about Dr. Seuss and his life.

The Voyagers team had guest readers during each class period. Some of the guests included: Mr. Cogger reading *The Sneetches*, Ms. Cromer reading *What Was I Scared Of?*, and Mrs. Miller reading *The Places You'll Go*. The students also wrote acrostic poetry with Dr. Seuss themes, and had the opportunity to write their own stories, Dr. Seuss style. They enjoyed doing word searches with Dr. Seuss words. Both teams played tic-tac-toe with Cats and Hats.

The teams appreciate everyone that helped to make their celebrations possible. Our students really appreciate Dr. Seuss's many books and the opportunity that they have had to read them!



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# Church News

## 3rd Saturday Singing

McNew Chapel Baptist church will be having their 3rd Saturday night singing on March 20th, beginning at 7 o'clock.

Featured singers will be the Calvary Fishes. Pastor Eugene Gentry and congregation invite everyone to attend.

## Revival At Sand Springs

Sand Springs Baptist Church will be in Revival March 14 thru March 20 with services on Sunday night at 6 p.m. and Monday through Saturday at 7 p.m. Bro. Steve Wilkinson and Donny Smith of London will be preaching.

Pastor Jason Ivey and the congregation welcome everyone.

## Benefit Singing

There will be a benefit singing at the Church of the Firstborn, 190 Hazelfork Rd., Gray, Ky. on Sat. March 20th beginning at 7 p.m. Featured will be The Reapers, The Soul Seekers, Victory Bound Singers and Dee Dee Sanders.

## Monthly Singing

Rose Hill Baptist Church will be having their monthly singing on Sunday, March 21, beginning at 6 p.m. Pastor Larry Mink and the congregation welcome everyone.

Sunday School at Rose Hill is at 10 a.m. each week with worship service at 11 a.m. with bible study at 7 p.m. each Monday.

## Gospel Singing

There will be a Gospel Singing at West Head Church of God on Hwy. 3245 on Friday, March 19 at 7 p.m. Local singers will be participating.

Pastor John Erwin and the congregation invite everyone to attend.

## Benefit Singing

There will be a benefit singing for God's Helping Hands Ministry at the Mt. Vernon Church of God on Sunday, March 21st beginning at 6 p.m. Featured will be God's Helping Hands singer Mary Reynolds and the Liberty Band.

## Benefit Singing

Union "Red Hill" Baptist Church will have a benefit singing for the Newcomb family, on behalf of Joel Newcomb, March 20 at 7 p.m. Featured singing will be Behind the Cross and Morning View Gospel Singers. Everyone is invited.

## Lighthouse rejoins Assemblies of God

Lighthouse River of Faith is glad to share with our community that our congregation, by unanimous vote, is once again affiliated with, and joined harmoniously to, the Assemblies of God.

We sincerely invite all past members, and those seeking a church home, to join us as we worship God and our Savior, Jesus Christ, under the pastorate of Brother Tim and Sister Kim Hampton.



## Bradley - Cash

Richard Cash and Regina Bradley would like to announce their forthcoming marriage. The wedding will be held March 27th at the Bendle Ridge Baptist Church at 3 p.m. No formal invitations will be sent. All family and friends are invited to attend.



## 50th Wedding Anniversary

In honor of celebrating the 50th wedding anniversary of Everett and Evelyn Adams, their children and grandchildren have requested the presence of family and friends of Everett and Evelyn Adams on Saturday, March 20, 2004 at New Hope First Church of God in Crab Orchard on Hwy. 39 south from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The family requests you bring no gifts, we would prefer a written event or photo to share as a treasured memory of their anniversary.

## Dr. Rob Ward joins Strauss Family Clinic

Dr. Rob Ward comes to the Strauss Family Clinic with 20 years of private family practice experience in rural Kentucky. A native of suburban Chicago, he attended Iowa State Uni-

versity where he received his Bachelor's in Science degree and the University of Illinois for his Medical Degree. He chose the University of Cincinnati Family Practice Residency to specialize in an area of medicine that was dear to his heart - holistic care. Dr. Ward established a rural family medical clinic in Butler, Kentucky, in 1984, upon completion of his residency, and has spent the last three years in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, practicing at the Central Kentucky Comprehensive Medical Center.

Family practice is not just his specialty at work - Dr. Ward's private life reflects a family theme as well, with seven children and two grandchildren to enjoy! He enjoys distance running and hiking when time allows. He and his wife, Patty, are planning to establish their residence in the Richmond/Berea area in the very near future. To make an appointment with Dr. Ward, call 859-626-9766.



Larry Smith, 65, Rt. 5, Mt. Vernon retired recently from Hanson Aggregate with 30 years of service. Mr. Smith, a crusher feeder operator, said at the time of the photo that he planned "on doing nothing" after retirement. Mr. Smith is congratulated by Ralph Tiry, Superintendent at Hanson Aggregate.

## Cards of Thanks

### Jackie Lee Cash

The family of Jackie Lee Cash appreciates everything that was done for all of us during Jackie's illness and death. Thank you for the beautiful cards, phone calls, visits, food, gifts of money, flowers and all those who helped at our home before and after the funeral.

A special thanks to Danny McKibben and Chris Craig and the Providence Church family at the funeral service, to all the great doctors and nurses, Mary and Judy Owens, they are wonderful, Marsha's Florist for the beautiful flowers, all the flower bearers and everyone that helped us during this troubled time.

Love,

The Jackie Lee Cash Family

### Ollie Leatha Durham Singleton

The family of Ollie Leatha Durham Singleton would like to take this time to thank each and everyone for helping and doing what they did. A special thanks to Dorell & Martin Funeral Home, Dr. Bush, Dr. Kim Cornelius, the U.K. Medical Center, Rice, the Gateway Club, for the food and flowers, Maple Grove Baptist Church, Bro. Keith Carr and Olen McGuire and his singers.

May God bless and be with you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

John, Gladys, Larry, Linda, Mary, Daniel and Husband Rosie

### Annie Isaacs

The family of Annie Isaacs would like to thank everyone for all the food, flowers, cards, gifts and especially the prayers during the loss of our Mother. It would be impossible to list each of you individually. The comfort and Christian love extended to our family will never be forgotten. Please continue to lift us up in your prayers. Again thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

The husband and children of

Annie Isaacs  
Charlie, Raymond, Ralph, Luther, Leroy, Herbert, Janet, Sarah, Barbara, Hobert, James, Joyce and James

We would also like to share Dad's poem with you.

### Sadly Missed

By Charlie Isaacs  
She was mild and lovely  
Gentle as a summer breeze,  
Pleasant as the air of evening  
As it floats among the trees.

But she has gone and left me  
And her loss I deeply feel,  
But it's God who has bereaved me,  
And my sorrow He can heal.

And some day I hope to meet her  
When my days on earth have fled,  
Till there I'll get to see her,  
Where no farewell tears are shed.

## Happy Birthday

Everyday I think about you and keep you in my dreams at night. I want you to know that you and Jake are the most important people in my life and I love you with all the feelings my heart could ever love for another person. Without you this past year would have been unbearable, you have been my backbone and link to the normal world that has kept my head up at times and kept me looking to the future of our wonderful family together. I long to have you back in my arms and I'm years where we belong for eternity and beyond. Each time I hear your voice on the phone or get one of your many letters it brings a smile to my face as if I saw life for the first time. You have made me a better person and have shown me what life should and can be like for two people that have undying love. I look at the pictures of our son and appreciate now more than ever the life that we have made together. I hope you have a happy birthday and once I get home we will celebrate like never before. Love Ernest W., Mobley To Michele Mobley my wife and the light of my heart.

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4-H Clothing Projects were taught at Mt. Vernon Elementary on March 8-12. Clothing projects were very successful due to dedicated volunteers and parents who assisted the students in completing their projects. 4-H Clothing Projects will be offered at Roundstone Elementary on March 22-25, and Broadhead Elementary on March 29 - April 1. Call the Extension Office at 256-2403 if you are interested in volunteering. Shown above are the students and volunteers at Mt. Vernon Elementary, front row from left: Nikki Jones, Jerika Robbins, Courtney Vanwickle, Sarah Woodall, Holly Ham, Clarissa Stotts and volunteer Anna Looney. Middle row from left: Katie Cowan, Briana Brown, Sarah Offill, Britany Carpenter, Breanna Johnson, Jennifer Cox, Carly Asher and Felicia Cameron. Back row from left: volunteers Jessica Carpenter, Janice Hager, Mary Ann Vanwickle, Barbara Congleton, Betty Rife, Peggy Carpenter and Patricia Cox. Not pictured are students Jessica Mahaffey and Pamela Johnson and volunteers Sandy Dowell, Julie Asher, Paula Cowan, Mery Woodall and Jean Jackson.

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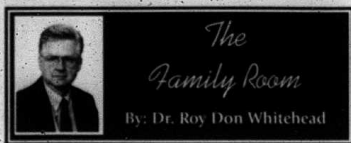
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## The Family Room

By: Dr. Roy Don Whitehead

Charlotte Tribble, executive director of Bethany House Abuse Shelter, announced today the First Annual Reverse Raffle to raise funds for the shelter. "In those days of tighter and tighter state budgets," she explained, "we have to be creative in finding funds to operate the shelter."

The Board of Directors thought the reverse raffle was a good way to raise money and have some fun as well.

The raffle offers a top prize of \$5,000 and a consolation prize of \$1,000. "Only 400 tickets will be sold," Ms. Tribble continued, "and, even if you don't win, you will know that your money is going to a worthy cause."

Tickets for the raffle are \$100. Contributors are invited to dinner on Friday, April 16, at 7:00 p.m. at the Center for Rural Development in Somerset. Prizes will be awarded then, but participants do not have to be present to win.

"If you can help these victims of abuse, make your check payable to Bethany House Abuse Shelter," Tribble explained. "Upon receipt of your check we will return to you the appropriate papers that take note of your tax-deductible contribution and provide details about the raffle. When you send your check, please note whether or not you and a guest will be attending the dinner."

Ms. Tribble talked about the mission of Bethany House. "We provide services in a ten-county area in south central Kentucky for women, children and men who are victims of domestic violence. Some of these victims come to us with only the clothes on their backs. They pay nothing for their room, board and counseling. We also provide a crisis phone line that is answered 24 hours a day by one of our trained staff members."

"We provide help not only for adult victims, but also for their chil-

dren who come with them to the shelter," Ms. Tribble noted. "Children receive both individual and group counseling. They take part in Play Therapy and maintain their school work through a homebased teacher provided by the Palanski County Board of Education. There is ample evidence that witnessing abuse is just as damaging to children as being abused."

Last Year Bethany House provided a safe home for 146 women, 161 children and one male victim of abuse. This adds up to 15,000 days of care to Lake Cumberland area residents. The staff also provided 8,076 counseling sessions to women and children and answered 840 domestic violence crisis calls. Forty-two women living in the Bethany House transition housing units in three counties. The staff also accompanied to court and advocated for 612 victims of domestic violence.

"Statistics only tell part of the story," Tribble added. "They cannot tell of the fear in the face of victims and their children whose lives have been threatened by the abuser. They cannot explain the terror of having a gun pointed to your head and the trigger pulled, only to find out the gun was not loaded."

In January of this year a woman in Somerset was murdered by her estranged husband who then shot and killed himself. Statistically a woman is in more danger from her partner than from a stranger on the street. Annually more than 4,000 women die at the hands of their abusers, and one in four women will be abused at some time in her life. Bethany House will be there for her.

If you can help, send your check for \$100 to Bethany House Abuse Shelter, PO Box 864, Somerset, KY 42502 and good luck in the raffle. The life you save may be someone you love.

## More specialists join staff at Rockcastle Hospital

Several more specialists have joined the medical staff at Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, the (RHRCC). The hospital now has nearly 50 physicians on staff and will continue to recruit others as needs arise.

"We are absolutely committed to making access to health care easier for the people of this community," Steve Estes RHRCC CEO said. "We enjoy good relationships with many doctors from Lexington who appreciate our mission of bringing good health care to Mt. Vernon and they are enthusiastic about bringing their medical expertise to our community."

One new program that is just under way is chemotherapy. RHRCC teamed up with the Markey Cancer Center to offer chemotherapy treatment for inpatients and outpatients. The program is led by Dr. Jussanne Arnold, assistant professor of hematology/oncology at UK. Dr. Arnold is a medical oncologist with an interest in general medical oncology as well as lung, head and neck cancer. She is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine with a subspecialty certification in medical oncology and is a graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Medicine. She served an internship and residency at the University of Virginia Health Services Center and a fellowship in medical oncology and hematology at the UK Chandler Medical Center. She is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine with a subspecialty certification in medical oncology.

Dr. Anthony Rogers, a cardiovascular and thoracic surgeon, also has joined the staff. Dr. Rogers is a graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Medicine. He served an internship and residency at UK Chandler Medical Center and a fellowship in thoracic and cardiovascular surgery at the University of Iowa College of Medicine. Dr. Rogers is certified by the American College of Surgeons, American Board of Surgery, in both surgery and general vascular surgery, and the American Board of Thoracic Surgery.

He sees patients at Rockcastle

Medical Arts the second Tuesday of each month.

Cardiologists Dr. Michael Jones and Dr. Azhar Aslam are seeing patients at Rockcastle Medical Arts on Tuesdays. Dr. Jones is a graduate of the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. He served internships and a residency at the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center and a fellowship in cardiology at UK as well. He is a diplomat in internal medicine, and cardiology diseases.

Dr. Aslam is a graduate of Dow Medical College in Karachi, Pakistan. He served a residency as well as a fellowship and an advanced fellowship at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester, Mass. He is board certified in internal medicine, cardiovascular disease and interventional cardiology. He is a diplomat with the American Board of Internal Medicine in interventional cardiology, cardiovascular disease and internal medicine.

Urologist Dr. John Tuttle also has joined the staff. A graduate of University of Kentucky College of Medicine, Dr. Tuttle served an internship at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, Ohio and residencies in urology at Michigan State University and Carolina University of South Carolina at Charleston. He is a diplomat with the American Board of urology and a fellow with the American College of Surgeons.

He sees patients at Rockcastle Medical Arts the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

Dr. Iraklis Livas, who specializes in the practice of allergies, asthma and immunology, is a graduate of University of Ioannini Medical School in Greece and served an internship there. He also served an internship at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, a residency at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and a fellowship at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

He sees patients at Rockcastle Medical Arts every Wednesday. Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center, Inc. is a not-for-profit community hospital that operates inpatient and outpatient acute care programs, 60 long-term care beds for ventilator-dependent patients, a home health care service, the Medical Arts Building and Rockcastle Health and Rehabilitation

Center, Inc. The hospital was established in 1956, is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), and treats patients from across Kentucky, Tennessee and several other states. For more information, log on to [www.rockcastlehospital.org](http://www.rockcastlehospital.org).



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From left: Ryan Tucker, Judge Debra Lambert and Darrell Noble.

## Noble joins family drug court

Judge Debra Lambert, Juvenile and Family Drug Court Judge for Lincoln, Paulsk and Rockcastle Counties has announced that Darrell Noble of Somerset has joined Family Court as Treatment Counselor for her program. Mr. Noble comes to the program from Somerset Mental Health where he was a service coordinator for several years.

Lambert has volunteered her time to conduct the Juvenile Drug Court Program, serving non-violent substance abusing youth since 2000. Family Drug Court, a program within family court, is for families who are not able to safely parent their children because of serious drug abuse and gets them treatment quickly, so they can be reunited with their families. Participation is voluntary. The program can arrange in-patient care, counseling and regular meetings with the court and Drug Court staff. We try very hard to restore families as quickly as possible. This just gives us another very effective tool to use," Lambert added.

"I am very excited to begin working with these young people and families," Noble said. "Drug courts offer a wonderful chance to change their focus and literally change their lives."

Judge Lambert was honored nationally for her efforts in leading the way for the first drug court in our community by being inducted into the Stanley Goldstein Hall of Fame for Drug Court Professionals in 2002.

Noble joins Ryan Tucker, case specialist, who has worked with Drug Court since September, 2002.

There are only two Family Drug Court Programs authorized in Kentucky," Lambert said. "Our program, which is in its infancy and Jefferson County's Family Drug Court, which is headed by Judge Eleanor Garber.

## Goat Diversification Program receives \$11,500

The Kentucky Agricultural Development Board, chaired by Governor Ernie Fletcher, mailed a check in the amount of \$11,500 in support of the Great Diversification cost-share program in Rockcastle County. The Rockcastle Goat Producers Association submitted a proposal for cost-share assistance to the Rockcastle County Agricultural Development Council and the Agricultural Development Board.

The Goat Diversification program provides cost-share assistance with individual producers in Rockcastle County to improve net farm income by improving the genetic base of Kentucky's goat herds, promoting animal health, encouraging science-

based solutions to herd management and providing marketing opportunities for local livestock producers. Kentucky's Legislature has made a historic effort to diversify away from tobacco production while revitalizing the farm economy by investing 50% of Kentucky's Master Settlement Agreement into the Rockcastle Agricultural Development Fund. To date Kentucky has invested over \$149 million to an array of county, regional, and state projects designed to increase net farm income and create sustainable new farm-based business enterprises.

The Rockcastle County goat program represents just one of the over 1500 projects that have been funded through Agricultural Development Fund since the inception of the program in January 2001.

**Project Graduation 2004**  
Next meeting is **Mon., March 22nd at 7 p.m.** at **RCHS**

For more information regarding this project, contact Jeff Whitaker with the Rockcastle Goat Producers Association at (606) 256-2403. To learn more about model cost-share and loan programs available in your area contact the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy at (502) 564-4627.

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## "Book"

(Cont. From Front)

ers and artists and the project educational consultants. The projects for the "Vanishing Waters Vanishing Lives" included Ben Perry and Andri Kukan of Appalachia Science in the Public Interest, Pat Banks representing "Shaped by Water," Artist and Environmentalist, Joan Garrison, Roundstone Creek Project Coordinator, Kentucky Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, Norma Everette, Literary Consultant/Author and Poet, Les Sealf, RCHS Art instructor and Nancy Hale, Gifted & Talented Coordinator. It was on the field trip that adjustments began brainstorming ideas for their individual pieces.

According to Scotty Cramer RCHS Junior, "Over the next several weeks, students developed their ideas into rough drafts through research and additional visits into Rockcastle landscape. By September 2003, the student contributors had established their interest and particular contributions to the project."

All student contributors were encouraged to write and illustrate about rock Rockcastle artists drawing on family and local histories regarding the changing landscape and environmental uses in Rockcastle county.

One example of utilizing real images is the illustration accompanying the story "River of Memories." The student artist went on location to take photographs of a child on the banks of a local pond. Taking the photos back to the studio, the student artist composed a pencil drawing of the scene. Other student artists followed the same process with images of Skaggs Creek, Roundstone Creek, Brush Creek and the Rockcastle River.

After all pieces were edited, reviewed and critiqued, several trips to CopyRite Printing in Richmond, KY were necessary in order to consult directly with the printers. Layout, page numbers, and page size were all part of the printing process. Adjustments were reviewed and printing costs were finalized according to the initial price quotes.

As noted by RCHS Junior Kyle French, "The most time consuming component in the book publishing process was reviewing and editing the first proofs from the printers. Each student was given an opportunity to see his or her work on the printed page. A careful examination of the text, page arrangement, color levels and overall appearance took approximately three hours. By late November 2003, the final printing was completed and preparations were made to begin the hardback binding process."

"An additional component to the book-publishing process was the development of a "Vanishing Water Vanishing Lives" coloring book for county pre-school and kindergarten students. Students created a visual and verbal storyboard addressing the importance of becoming active in water conservation and how pollution affects our lives. By using animal characters the high school students felt a water conservation message would be appealing to a young audience," commented RCHS Senior Jenna Blue Owens. Creators of the pre-school kindergarten coloring included Jenna Blue Owens, Anthony Stevens, Leslie Robbins and Ashley Kimber.

Having shipped the printed copies "Vanishing Waters Vanishing Lives" to the Art Guild Binders in Cincinnati, OH, and after many long distance telephone calls consulting with the binders regarding cover design and book cover color, the bound

copies were shipped to Rockcastle County Schools and arrived by mid January.

To tie in with March, Read Across America Month, and Youth Art Month, the student artists and writers delivered copies of "Vanishing Waters Vanishing Lives" to each county school and the Rockcastle County Public Library. Copies of the coloring book were distributed to each of the individual pre-school and kindergarten classes, with additional copies presented to the Rockcastle County Public Library Story Hour Program.

When asked what impact this publication will have on the community, H. Allen Pensol Project Director said, "Anyone who takes the time to read these writings or studies the visuals in this publication can't help but realize that these young people seriously think about their surroundings and the role they can play in preserving our natural environment. Each of these students through their art and their literature has challenged the entire Rockcastle community to do likewise. It will be interesting to see if the community is willing to accept the challenge."

For more information on this project contact the Basic Arts Coordinator, Rockcastle County Schools at 606-256-2125 or Eastern Kentucky PRIDE at 606-677-6150.

## Canterbury deployed

Marine Corps Pfc. Cory L. Canterbury, son of Kitty Y. Reese of Mt. Vernon and Kenneth R. Canterbury of Barre, and more than 2,000 Marines and Sailors assigned to the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit embarked aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Wasp, the dock land ship USS Whidbey Island and the amphibious transport dock ship USS Serrano to be deployed to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf regions.

Canterbury is a 2003 graduate of Rockcastle County High School in Mt. Vernon, and is married to the former Christina Amyx.

## Griffith completes basic training

Marine Corps Pvt. David T. Griffith, son of Marjorie L. Miller of Ashland and David B. Griffith of Mt. Vernon, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC.

Griffith is a 2001 graduate of Paul G. Blazer High School in Ashland.

## News Deadline is Noon Tuesday

**Houchens Industries** is sponsoring a **Community Pep Rally** **Tues., Mar 23 at 5:30 p.m.** **At RCHS** to honor the **Lady Rockets** **Everyone Invited!!**

## "Points East"

(Cont. From A-2)

still have a preponderance of raptors. Just this morning, perched on the lower limb of a walnut tree in my back yard, a red-tail hovered and then snatched a young rabbit and flew away.

I'm a gardener - I won't miss the rabbit. I may yet have peas.

(Thank you hawk)

"And I'm not going to order any baby chicks with my wonderful friends at McMurray's."

I do love chickens on the place but I love the raptors better and they don't cost as much to feed unless you're stocking them with chickens.

Last night at Winn Dixie, chickens were 89 cents a pound.

I would not take a thousand dollars for the big hawk who is feasting on and keeping the rabbits out of my garden.

My ain't it funny, how time slips away?????

## "TJ's Journal"

(Cont. from A-2)

suddenly following a long and terminal illness, Stanley and I had already planned a huge church wedding with all the trimmings and it would have been almost impossible to postpone, therefore we wed only twelve days after Mom died. Now, due to Stanley's work, we live primarily at Stanley's house at Mount Vernon. Beforehand, we had intended to live in London due to Mom's health.

The house here at Mount Vernon was built in the early to mid-70s. Also, Stanley has lived here as a bachelor for several years. Now I have a new challenge. There is a lot of '70s paneling that must go as well as getting rid of that "bachelor look."

I started decorating and remodeling the Mount Vernon house late last summer. I haven't progressed a lot except for two rooms and a hallway. I've decided to do the Mount Vernon house with more of a masculine atmosphere, but with a feminine touch, and the London house will remain more feminine. Stanley is resistant to drastic change, so we're taking it a little slow. I also use a theme in each room. This gives the house a little variety. This works out well, as I am a woman of many moods.

I was thinking of all the living that these two houses have seen. "If walls could talk," so to speak. I've always thought of houses as having their own personality. Especially like the older Victorian or the Southern Plantation houses. They remind me of grand old

ladies with taste and dignity. Remodeling and redecorating, therefore, are almost like changing a personal characteristic. What older lady wouldn't look better with a facelift and a new layer of paint? However, one should always be sure to leave a bit of the original charm.

Subconsciously, I guess I've changed somewhat during the past few years without really noticing, as it was so gradual. It could be that I change the atmosphere of these houses, it caused my outlook to change, too. You know what they say about changing your surroundings.

You know, it's never too late to remodel our lives as well as our surroundings. If there is a characteristic I don't like about myself, or even something that you don't like about yourself for that matter, now is the time to start that change. We don't usually change very much after our post-teen years, but it is possible if we really desire to change. Some change is good. Let's face it, none of us are so perfect that we don't need some improvement in some area of our life. If we really want to, we can stop smoking, lose weight, overcome alcoholism, start a new career, go back to school and finish our education, start a hobby, or take that vacation we've always planned but have never seemed to get there. It's up to us. After all, "today is the first day of the rest of our lives."

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**"It is Written"**

We have been studying the past few weeks on God's plan of salvation in the gospel system of things. Men must hear the gospel, they must believe in Christ, they must turn from sin and turn to Christ to repentance, and they must confess the name of Christ. Today we look at the first step in God's plan to become a child of God, we must be baptized. Jesus said, "He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned." Mark 16:16. Notice the Lord did not say, he that believeth is saved and then is baptized. This is the way men teach and practice in the denominations. On the day of Pentecost we read, "Now when they had this, they were pricked in their hearts and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Acts 2:37. "Then Peter stood up in the midst, and said, Men, these are the times fulfilled, and is now the time of our redemption, because of the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Acts 2:38. Bible baptism is an immersion, a burial, Col. 2:12, and pouring is based on human wisdom and tradition, and is not right. If you have been baptized in the wrong way or for the wrong reason, why not obey the Lord's command in this matter, using His way and His reason.

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Louise Carter

**"Louise Carter"**  
(Cont. from Front)

presented to her by the Kiwanis Club of Rockcastle County.

As a member of First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon, Mrs. Carter worked in the Sunday School department for 27 years.

Mrs. Carter was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence, who died July 15, 2003; a granddaughter, Ashlee Brook Carter, daughter of their son, Jerry; her mother, Lela Mae Nix and father, George Shields of Oklahoma; three brothers, Jess D. Nix, who died at birth; Jess W. Nix and Cecil Nix and one sister, Mary Ellen Robinson.

Besides her three children and their spouses, Mrs. Carter is survived by eight grandchildren: Nathan Warren Carter, C.J. Williams, Brian Carter (Melinda), Tiffany Lynn Wilson (Chad), Chad Hodges (Christie), Tim Ed Hodges (Loretta), Summer Shawn Brownman and Amber Camille Cromer (Jeffery) and 11 great grandchildren: Taylor and Anna Brook, Brianna, Macie Lynn, Jessica, Sydney Jade and Tate Edward, Cheyenne Grace and Chase Alan, Justin and Keevin Rank.

Burial was Wednesday, March 17. Pallbearers for Mrs. Carter were her grandsons, Tim Ed Hodges, Chad

Hodges, Nathan Carter, Brian Carter, C.J. Williams, Jeffery Cromer and Chad Wilson. Honorary pallbearers will be the deacons of the First Baptist Church: Chuck Abney, Alfred Cummins, Preston Nummelley, Harry Harmon, John Hale, John McQuary, Dale Winstead, Tracy Gabbard, Gary Mink, Charles Machal, Tuck Baker, Bill Bailey, Doug Hamm and Derrick Singleton.

Bro. Eddie Nation, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiated.

Cox Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**"Lady Rockets"**  
(Cont. from Front)

The second game was against the Bell County Lady Bobcats and the Lady Rockets got a stellar first quarter from Abney and Hammond, each with 8 points of the team's 20 first quarter score. Hammond finished with 17 points to lead her team in the 65-42 win; Abney got 13; Rowe 11;

K. Parsons 6; S. Parsons 5; Jessie Asher 3 and Mize, Ashley Kimberl, Lauren Clontz and Stocker, 2 each. It was obvious from the start of the championship game Monday night that the Lady Rockets were there to play - to leave no doubt in anyone's mind that they were the best team in the region. In the first quarter, behind an intense defense, the Lady Rockets forced Jackson County into six turnovers and stole the ball three times to build an 18-4 first quarter lead. It was 33-12 at the half and the Lady Rockets were ahead 38-21 when Abney was hurt. She later tried to come back in but, when she made her first attempt to cut to her left, her

knee gave away and she had to be carried from the court.

Sophomore Ashley Lunsford, who had scored six points including a three point basket in the second quarter, came on to replace Abney and, in the fourth quarter, calmly hit 11 of 12 free throws to seal the Lady Rockets' win, get scoring honors for the game with 17 and help the Lady Rockets to end Jackson County four-year tenure representing the 13th

Region at the state tournament. Senior Sarah Elliott, an early UK signee, was held to six points in the first half but came through with 19 the second half to lead the scoring for both teams with 25. Besides Lunsford's 17; Rowe got 14; Abney 12, all in the first half; Hammond got 10; Clontz, who fouled out early in the fourth quarter, scored 5 points and K. Parsons got 2. The Rockets are scheduled to take on Christian County in the state tournament next week at Diddle Arena in Bowling Green on Thursday, March 25 at 1 p.m. est

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

Center Blake Roberts got the tip for the Rockets in overtime and his team responded with the first five points before the bulldogs sank a three. Only two field goals were scored by the Rockets in overtime, the other 14 points came at the free throw line out of 27 chances.

Besides Cash's 31; Taylor got 15, including three three point baskets; J.C. McClure came through with 11; Kyle Mullins got 9; Roberts 8; Brown 4 and Derreck Hurst 1. The championship game was with the Knox Central Panthers, a team that had beaten the Rockets 77-65 in regular season. The Panthers and their fans were expecting a win but the Rockets had other ideas.

Cash got the first goal of the game and the Rockets jumped out to an early 7-3 lead before the Bobcats came back to tie the score at 7 all. The score was tied at 11 all when Cash and Brown put in back-to-back threes to put their team up 17-11 at the end of the period.

The Panthers put on a run in the second quarter that pulled them to within one at 21-20 but the Rockets put on their own run to build their half-time lead to 29-22.

Knox Central cut the lead to one - again at 32-31 but, once again, the Rockets came through with a 9-5 run to end the quarter ahead 41-33 on a last second shot by Brown off a Knox Central turn over. This would prove to be the last field goal of the

game for the Rockets. All their scoring in the fourth quarter came at the free throw line with the Rockets hitting 7 of 12. The Panthers tied the score at 41 all at the 3:07 mark and Roberts broke the tie with two free throws. Knox Central's Chris Mills was disallowed because of a lane violation, he made the second and it was 43-42. Cash then hit two free throws, as did Taylor to put the Rockets ahead 47-42 with 37 seconds left. However, Mills immediately got a three to get to within two. Hurst hit one of two free throws for the Rockets and Taylor added one to put the Rockets up 49-45 with 4.3 seconds left on the clock. The ball came into Mills who hit a three. But, it was too little too late as the Rockets claimed their second regional championship for RCHS.

Brown led the scoring for the Rockets with 17; Cash got 14; Taylor 6; Roberts and McClure 4 each; Mullins 3 and Hurst 1.

In the state tournament, the Rockets are scheduled to take on Pleasure Ridge Park out of Louisville at 1:30 Thursday at Rupp Arena.



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# Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, March 18, 2004

## New option in caring for elderly opens in Rockcastle

From education to health care to economic development, a generation of families from Appalachia, benefited from the good works of Wayne

Stewart. Mr. Stewart died in March 2001 at the age of 77. However, those he left behind look to carry

his efforts to continue improving the quality of life, work and health of our region.

That's why when Kelly Upchurch decided to name his Rockcastle County Adult Day location, he knew exactly what name to use - The Wayne Stewart Adult Day Center.

"It is a great honor that the family of Mr. Stewart would allow me to name our center after him."

"He was such an inspiration to me or anyone else who came into contact with him. I would like to think he would be pleased with the center and how we are trying to continue his legacy of quality health service in Rockcastle County."

Family, friends and associates of Wayne Stewart and American Health Management Inc. gathered on Tuesday, January 6, 2004 for the ribbon

cutting ceremony at the facility located on the 461 by-pass in Mt. Vernon.

"Daddy would be proud and honored to be associated with a business like American Health Management, Inc. and a true Kentucky entrepreneur like Kelly Upchurch," said Serena Stratton, daughter of Wayne Stewart.

The Wayne Stewart Adult Day Center allows people to continue working while their loved ones receive daytime care. The center provides the services found in a typical nursing home, except during daytime hours only. These services are offered:

- Care through a trained nursing staff
- Physical, occupational and speech therapy
- Case management services

•Activity/recreation activities coordinated by professionals

•Door-to-door transportation in adapted vans

•Nutritious meals and snacks

The adult day center's services are specifically tailored to the aging population. "People suffering from Alzheimer's Disease, Parkinson's Disease, dementia, post-stroke, and other age-induced physical and mental ailments are welcome at The Wayne Stewart Adult Day," Upchurch said. "We are fully prepared to care for all senior citizens— from those who need only occasional or temporary care to those who would be candidates for a nursing home."

The center is open from 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Costs range from \$28 to \$56 per day, depending on the level of care

needed. American Health Management, Inc. operates other daytime care clinics in Clinton, Wayne, Bell, Harlan, Perry, Whitley, Clay, McCreary, Jackson, Madison and Estill counties.

Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation, London, Kentucky, is a financial partner in American Health Management, Inc. and is proud to be associated with Mr. Upchurch and his staff. Kentucky Highlands has served Southeast Kentucky for 32 years providing financial support for visionary business leaders such as Mr. Upchurch.

For more information on American Health Management, Inc., which operates adult daycare facilities in other Southeast Kentucky cities, contact Mr. Kelly Upchurch at 859-623-4080 ex. 207.



The Wayne Stewart Adult Day Center recently held an Open House and ribbon-cutting ceremony for their new facility on the 461 by-pass. The facility offers skilled nursing services, meals, activities, exercise, etc. The center is open Monday through Friday. With members of Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation in the above photo are staff members and members of the Wayne Stewart family, Brenda Bullock, LPN, Julie Branham, RN, BSN, Betty Kirby, Recreation Specialist, Stewart's daughters, Serena and Lori, his wife, Ruby and daughter, Anna and husband, Paul. At far right is Kelly Upchurch, president and CEO of American Health Management, owner of the facility.

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Wed., March 24: 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). Only 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.

**Kiwanis Club**  
Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at Renoite Valley Lodge. All visitors welcome.

**Interagency Council**  
The Rockcastle County Interagency Council meeting will be Tuesday, March 23rd, beginning at 12 noon at Kasdie Inn Restaurant. The public is invited.

**Republican Party Note**  
The Republican Party meets the first Tuesday of every month at Kasdie 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.

**Project Graduation Note**  
TV tickets and money need to be turned in by this Saturday. The tickets are at the Broadhead Elementary School gym. The drawing for the wide screen TV will be Saturday night during the Project Graduation basketball tournament at Broadhead School.

**YRC Membership Drive**  
The Young Republicans are collecting membership dues for 2004. Current members, or anyone who is between the ages of 18-40 and wishes to become a member may turn in the \$7, along with contact information, to Brandi Thonias at County Attorney Billy Reynolds' office.

**Broadhead Lodge Meeting**  
Broadhead Lodge #566 FRAM will meet at 7:30 p.m. the third Saturday of every month.

**Hot Rod Sign-Ups**  
Hot Rod sign-ups will be held April 3 and 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Godfather's Pizza. This is for children ages 3, 4 and 5.

**Pie Supper Auction**  
There will be a pie supper/singing to help pay funeral expenses for Farley Newcomb's son who was killed recently in an auto accident. Everyone is welcome to attend the event on March 19th at 6 p.m. in the Livingston Gym.

**Portrait Fund Raiser**  
The Mt. Vernon Fire Dept. is holding a portrait fund raising project for a \$10 or more contribution, the contributor will receive an 8x10 family portrait which will be taken May 14-17.

**Hairdressers and Cosmetologists meeting**  
There will be a continuing education class held Friday, March 19, in the Rockcastle County area, that will meet the requirement for the hours needed for license renewal. The class will be held at the Poplar Grove Baptist Church at Willhalla from 4 p.m. until 11 p.m. For more information, call 606-546-7622 or 606-256-9888.

**Soup Bean Supper**  
Brindle Ridge Fire Dept. will have a soup bean supper on March 27th from 5 to 8 p.m. at the firehouse at Conway. Soup, beans, cornbread, fried potatoes, beans, sauerkraut and weiners, greens, desserts and drinks will be on the menu. The price is \$5 for all u-cas-out. Come out and support your local fire department.

**Homecoming Committee**  
The Broadhead Homecoming Committee will meet Thursday, March 18th at 6:30 at Broadhead City Hall. Everyone interested, please come.

**Stop Smoking**  
Stop Smoking! Join the Cooper/Clayton smoke-cessation support group at Rockcastle Hospital. Program begins April 6th. For more information, call Tammy Brock of Paul Abney at 606-256-2195.

**WRVFD Fish Fry**  
The Western Rockcastle Volunteer Fire Dept., at their Quail firehouse on Hwy. 70, will hold a Fish Fry on Sat., March 20th. Carryouts will begin at 3 p.m. for \$6 each. Dine-in begins at 5:30 are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. All you can eat fish dine-in only. Menu consists of three pieces of fish, three hushpuppies, baked potato or french fries, cole slaw, Debbie cake and drink. WRVFD appreciates everyone's support.

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# News from the Rockcastle County Courthouse

## District Civil Suits

**Ky. Collect. L.I.C. vs. Ronnie Goff.** \$972.63 plus claimed due. C-00023.

**Joann Clemons vs. James Marvin Smith, et al.** forcible detainer complaint, C-00024.

**Ron Vest, et al. vs. James Goforth.** \$1,500 plus claimed due. C-00025.

**Rockcastle Co., Ky. ORO Comm. of Ky. Rev. Cabinet vs. James Marvin Smith, et al.** forcible detainer complaint, C-00024.

**Rockcastle Co., Ky. ORO Comm. of Ky. Rev. Cabinet vs. Ronald Raider, et al.** \$3,287.21 plus claimed due for property taxes. C-00027.

**Rockcastle Co., Ky. ORO Comm. of Ky. Rev. Cabinet vs. Kevin Busell.** \$2,102.68 plus claimed due. C-00028.

## Circuit Civil Suits

**Cabinet for Families and Children, ex rel. Antiana Coleman vs. Berson Coleman,** complaint for medical support. CI-00075.

**Cherie Collins vs. Sherman Collins,** complaint for medical support. CI-00076.

**Berna National Bank vs. Delpha Cox.** \$5,400 plus claimed due. CI-00075.

**James Darrell Miller vs. Stephanie Nicole Miller, et al.** custody petition. CI-00078.

**Cabinet for Health and Family Services, ex rel. Georgie Cash vs. Charles Cash,** complaint for medical support. CI-00079.

**Cabinet for Health and Family Services, ex rel. Linda Hayes vs. Jessica Day,** complaint for child support and medical support. CI-00080.

**Cabinet for Health and Family Services, ex rel. Edward McGuire vs. Mary McGuire,** complaint for medical support. CI-00081.

**Cabinet for Health and Family Services, ex rel. David Burdette vs.**

**Misty Jackson,** complaint for medical support. CI-00082.

**Cabinet for Health and Family Services, ex rel. Edna Thompson vs. Janet Patterson.** CI-00083.

**Ramona Stewart vs. Randy Stewart,** petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00085.

**Chase Manhattan Mtg. Corp. vs. Earl W. Butler AKA, et al.** \$48,502.20 plus claimed due. CI-00086.

**Discoter Bank vs. Edith E. Smith.** \$5,855.52 plus claimed due. CI-00087.

**Eugenia Sue Wynn Robinson vs. Robert Dale Robinson,** verified petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00088.

**Commonwealth of Kentucky, Cabinet for Families and Children, ex rel. Alicia Davis vs. George Nolan,** complaint for medical support. CI-00089.

## Deeds Recorded

**Kathy and Elmer Jones,** real property located in Rockcastle County, to David and Darlene Newcomb. Tax \$10.00.

**Gerald Barnes,** real property located in Owens Subdivision, to William E. and Lisa Blanton-Sweeney. Tax \$28.50.

**Genesha B. and Charles Long and Delia Barnett,** real property located in Rockcastle County, to Fairview Baptist Church. Tax \$115.00.

**Danny and Betty Jo McKinney,** real property located in Rockcastle County, to James Michael and Sue A. Brown. Tax \$80.00.

**James Sandusky and others,** real property located in Rockcastle County, to Barry and Rissie Ballinger. Tax \$12.50.

**Edward and Linda Fielder,** real property located in Rockcastle County, to State Transportation Cabinet. Tax \$9.00.

**Henry Monroe Baker,** real property located in Rockcastle County, to Wayne Watkins. Tax \$1.00.

**Steve and Jill Ponder and Gary and Cindy Johnson,** real property located in Rockcastle County, to William Keith and Melanie Hewlett.

**Denny.** Tax \$4.00.

**Albert Easter and Tracy Easter,** real property located in Rockcastle County, to Albert Easter. No tax.

**Vivian Burton,** real property located in Rockcastle County, to George A. and Vertie E. Miller. Tax \$85.00.

**Kastle Investments, Inc.,** real property located in Rockcastle County, to Gordon and Jacquelyn Bullock. Tax \$200.00.

**Carly McClure,** real property located in Rockcastle County, to Bruce Cope Builders, Inc. Tax \$28.00.

**Leslie and Julianne Harris,** real property located in Rockcastle County, to Rockcastle Hospital and Respiratory Care Center. Tax \$162.50.

**Stacy Bailey,** real property located in Rockcastle County, to Shelly Lovell. Tax \$13.00.

**Eric and Tina Adams and Michael Adams,** real property located in Rockcastle Co., to Corey and Joyce Stewart. Tax \$10.00.

**David D. and Yvonne H. Gibbs,** real property located in Rockcastle County, to Robert Wilson. Tax \$64.00.

**Freda and Raymond Darnell, Jr.,** real property located in Rockcastle County, to James Marvin and Stephanie M. Urnezis-Smith. Tax \$38.00.

## District Court

**Hon. Michael L. Henry**  
March 8, 2004

**Charles D. Ashcraft.** Speeding - \$18 fine plus costs; No license in possession, \$25 fine; Driving from side to side of highway, \$25 fine and costs; License not in possession, \$25 fine.

**Judy Cox.** Alcohol intoxication, \$50 fine and costs; Possession open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle, \$25 fine.

**Jason A. Debord.** Public intoxication, \$50 fine and costs; Possession of marijuana, \$50 fine.

**Jeffrey T. Dove.** Fines/fees due (\$550.50), bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

**Lee Charles.** Fines/fees due (\$748.50), bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

**Judy Mason.** Fines/fees due (\$103.10, \$203.84, \$413.00 and \$307.33), bench warrant issued for failure to appear/contempt.

**Stephanie N. Miller.** No expired registration plates, \$25 fine and costs; Failure to produce insurance card,

\$50 fine.

**William W. Mullins, Jr.** Careless driving, \$100 fine plus costs.

**Wanda J. Murray.** No insurance, \$500 fine/suspend \$400 plus restitution.

**Rodney Wayne Owens.** Operating on suspended/revoked operators license and failure to wear seatbelts, license suspended/bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

**Danny Ray Pittman.** License not in possession, \$25 fine and costs.

**Paul C. Poore.** No registration plates, \$25 fine and costs; Failure to produce insurance card, \$50 fine; Operating on suspended/revoked operators license, \$25 fine.

**William H. Renner.** Reckless driving, \$100 fine and costs; No operators license, \$100 fine.

**Howard L. Rowland, II.** No registration plates, \$25 fine plus costs; Failure to produce insurance card, \$100 fine; Improper display of registration plates, \$50 fine.

**Daniel D. Settemier.** Speeding and failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for failure to appear.

**Speeding: Elizabeth A. Anderson,** license suspended for failure to appear; Aaron C. Fisher, license suspended for failure to appear; Adam J. Paquette, state traffic school authorized on payment of costs only; Matthew G. Taylor, license suspended for failure to appear.

**Freda P. Hays.** Improper turning and failure to wear seatbelt, license suspended for failure to appear.

**Jonathan E. Buckwald.** Failure to produce insurance card, \$50 fine plus costs.

**Roy M. Mullins.** License not in possession, \$25 fine and costs; No insurance, \$500 fine/suspend \$450 on proof.

**Danny Abrey Bond.** Driving on suspended operators license, \$100 fine and costs; DUI, 2nd offense, \$350 and costs; \$150 service fee; 60 days in jail to serve 20 1/2 month operator license suspension.

**Michael L. Lamb.** Operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 fine and costs; \$250 service fee; 30 day operator license suspension; No insurance, \$500 fine, suspend \$450 on proof; No expired registration plates, \$25 fine; Possession controlled substance - Controlled substance prescription not in origi-

nal container and use/possession drug paraphernalia, 100 days in jail/contempt to serve 30 balance conditionally discharged two years; Forfeit and destroy contraband.

**Robert Shawn O'Neal.** Fines/fees due (\$168.50 plus arrest fees), fines and costs of 7 days in jail.

**March 11, 2004**

**Bobbie Acker.** Operating on suspended/revoked operators license and other charges, bench warrant issued/license suspended for failure to appear.

**Shawn Carey.** Fines/fees due (\$824.10), bench warrant issued for failure to appear/pay or stay 25 days.

**Speeding: Daniel W. Carter.** \$48 fine plus costs/state traffic school authorized.

**Dan Christian, Jr.** No expired other state registration receipt, \$25 fine and costs; Failure to produce insurance card, \$50 fine; No insurance, \$500 fine and costs/suspend \$450 on proof.

**Lewis Edward Davis.** Contempt of court, libel/slander/resistance to or two counts of bail jumping, \$500 fine and costs plus \$2,514.82 restitution.

**Christopher Fletcher.** Fines/fees due (\$125.50 and \$199.36), 13 days in jail/contempt or pay bail plus restitution.

**Scott R. Howard.** No expired other state registration receipt or plates, license suspended for failure to appear.

**Doris Mahaffey.** No expired Kentucky registration receipt and other

charges, license suspended for failure to appear.

**Jeffrey D. Mason.** Fines/fees due (\$700.50), 28 days of payment.

**Shannon P. Owens.** Failure to wear seatbelts, \$25 fine and costs; No expired registration plates, \$25 fine; Speeding, \$60 fine; Failure to wear seatbelt, \$25 fine plus costs.

**Pablo Peres.** No operators/moped license, license suspended for failure to appear.

**Brad Poynter.** Theft by deception, bench warrant issued for failure to appear.

**Carlos R. Redman.** Speeding and failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for failure to appear.

**Leslie A. Sainsbury.** Speeding and failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for failure to appear.

**Lawrence E. Shreiner, Jr.** Speeding and failure to produce insurance card, license suspended for failure to appear.

**Christopher W. Sparks.** Fines fees (Cont. to B4)

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# Library News

This week we would like to share the New Book List with the patrons of the Rockcastle County Public Library! These fiction books have been added to the adult collection: *Gypsy* by Carolyn Brown; *Sunny Chandler, a Return* / by Sandra Brown; *The last juror* / by John Grisham; *Murder walks the plank* / by Carolyn Hart; *The gate of heaven* / by Gilbert Morris; *God's handmaid* / by Gilbert Morris; *Dance with me* / by Duane Rice; *Divided in death* / by J.D. Robb; *Ransom* / by Danielle Steel; *Blinded* / by Steven White; *Where two see a met* / by Lynn Morris; *Bad business* / by Robert B. Parker. A couple of non-fiction books have been added as well: *Beyond Atkins* / by Douglas Markham; *Cottage Garden Flowers* / and a Complete Encyclopedia of Garden Flowers.

We continue our celebration of Read Across America Month. A very special cartoon and book character came to visit us at story hour today. Clifford The Big Red Dog! The children enjoyed him so much, Clifford was actually played by our own Christy Harper PTA Bookfair Chairman of Brodhead Elementary. The story hour children made Clifford puppets, bookmarks and a Clifford poster to take home! Why not take

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some time to sit down and read with your child or someone else, a child if you are their caregiver? The joy of reading must be instilled in children. Make those stories come alive. Take the children to world, s of fantasy and adventure, like our parents did when we were little. There have been several new easy readers by Paul Brett Johnson, (a Lexington native) added to the children's collection. We also have added some juvenile fiction, and young adult fiction to the collection. The wish list / by Eoin Colfer author of the Artemis Fowl books; *The tale of Despereaux* / by Kate DiCamillo which is a Newbery Medal winner. *Just Juice* / by Karen Hesse. *The beast* / by Walter Dean Myers. The river between us / by Richard Peck cited on the Best Fiction, Editor's Pick List. *Trickster* a choice / by Tamora Pierce, and *Eragon* / by Christopher Paolini. If you like J.R.R. Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* you will also like this book.

Remember to make use of your library card this month and the grace period that is being extended through the end of March to bring back any overdue items and be debt free. No fines will be charged! Your library staff appreciates your patronage. Let's put Rockcastle County on the map for the promotion of literacy, creativity, and the arts this which is very important. We salute all who participate in this kind - of promotion. Connect @ your library!



Dabney, Tri-County, Pulaski and Brodhead Farm Marts were recently awarded as Monsanto's dealer of the year. This award is annually presented to the business that has had the most increased volume of sales during the last year. The Fulcher family has been a Monsanto dealer since the 1950s. Pictured from left are: Barbara Fulcher Reynolds, co-owner of the Farm Marts, Leslie Smith - Monsanto representative, Jeff Hawk - Branch Manager of Brodhead Farm Mart, Nathan Keith of Tri-County Farm Mart (Branch Manager Sonny Hood was unable to attend) and Doug Whitis - Branch Manager of Pulaski Farm Mart. Farm Mart, formerly Dabney Feed Supply, has four locations to better serve you and can also assist with any soybean, alfalfa or corn needs. Should you need additional information please call 606-758-8513.

# 61 years ago.....

John W. Winkler was drafted into the Armed Services March 25, 1943. He was 19 years old, married and expecting his first child in May.

John took his training in Arkansas, was sent overseas in August 1943, went through Africa, was in combat in Italy, joined the 1st Ranger Battalion overseas, fought with Gen. Darby's Rangers and was wounded Nov. 19, 1943.

He was sent to a hospital in Africa then to Nichols General Hospital in Louisville on March 16, 1944 where he stayed until October 30, 1944. He was discharged with 100% disability, losing most of the use of his left arm.

He was awarded the Purple Heart, Good Conduct, Expert Rifle and several other medals. He was a good husband and a generous Christian for over 30 years. He helped many ministers and widows financially, monthly, sending money to them.

He also worked three winters at Border Missions in Hidalgo, Texas, hauling in fruits and vegetables for the poor.

He went home to his reward on August 27, 2002, leaving his wife, four daughters, one son, 12 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren and many, many friends and loved ones.

By Wife, Cleo Robinson Winkler



John W. Winkler and his cousin, Betty Smith, on Baker Street in Mt. Vernon where John was born and raised by his mother, Grace Barnett Winkler.

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**Between Mt. Vernon and Berea** - U.S. 25 - 3 bay garage, 3 racks, all inventory & equipment plus city water. Reduced to \$90,000. M1679

**SOLD! Maple Drive, Mt. Vernon** - Commercial building and lot known as former State Highway Garage. 1.36 acres m/l - metal building - 2400+ sq. ft., concrete floor. M1800B

**Along I-75 - Renfro Valley** - Just off Y.U.S. 25, this 25 acre tract m/l has city water & sewer available. \$600,000. M1807.

**Country Serenity!** 18 acres, m/l, lovely 4 bedroom home, gas heat, city water, 30x50 and 120x20 barns \$95,500. M1809

**120 Lewis Street, Mt. Vernon.** 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath wood siding home with basement, fuel oil heat, central air, wall to wall carpet, chain link fence, city water & sewer. \$94,900. M1800A

**Main Street!** Livingston - vinyl sided 3 bedroom home with efficient oil-fired hot water heating system, fireplace, nice lot, 24x30 storage building. **REDUCED** to \$62,500! M1691

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**Quality & Value!** 25 Mill Street, Mt. Vernon - 3 bedroom home with gas furnace, baseboard heat, fireplace. **REDUCED** to \$59,900. M1793

**Country Cute!** 3 bedroom vinyl home, electric & gas heat, central air, 2 car detached garage, 10x18 storage building on 1 acre m/l with plenty of shade trees. **Just Reduced** to \$74,900. M1806

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**LOTS**

**New Development** - 60+ lots - panoramic views - all underground utilities - blacktop streets - restricted for your protection. Range from 0.34 acres to 1.11 acres & priced between \$15,000 and \$22,000. M1625.

**Brodhead** - Lot 18 - Mountain View Estates - 100x175 m/l - \$12,900. M1795

**Large Country Lots** - Holbrook Estates - Lots range from 3/4 to 1 acre, great views, city water, cable tv, restricted. Brindley Ridge area - convenient to Mt. Vernon or Berea. \$9,900 to \$13,900. M1796

**City Water/Sewer Available** - 1.37 acres by survey - Dailey Ave., Mt. Vernon. \$24,900. M1742.

**Quail Community 2 country lots** on Hwy. 70. One lot measures 97/100 acre and one measures 1.16 acres. City water available. \$22,500 for both. M1799

**Between I-75 & Hwy. 461** - Over 100 restricted lots - Rainbow Ridge Subdv. Some has lake frontage & several offer lakeview - city water available. \$7,900 to \$16,900. M1798

**Land**

**65 Acre Farm - Ottawa Section** - 59.61 acres by survey plus a 5 acre tract (this tract restricted) by boundary - 32x96 barn w/ 24x96 shed, 2054 lb. tobacco bacs. \$144,900. M1829

**72 Acres Woodland** - Walnut, Oak & Poplar timber. Cove Branch Rd., Orlando section. **Reduced** to \$74,900. M1748

**Future Auctions**

**Absolute Auction of Hawkins Garage**  
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**Absolute Auction of Mr. Jasper Stull's Farm Machinery**  
Sat., March 27, 2004 at 10:30 a.m.  
Ottenheim Section of Lincoln County, Ky.

**Absolute Auction of Mrs. Ann Day's 2 Houses and 2 Acres m/l, Personal Property**  
Sat., April 3, 2004 at 10:30 a.m.  
Scaffold Cane Road Berea, Ky.

**Absolute Auction of Cumberland Valley National Bank's Commercial Office Building**  
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## Help Wanted

**Help Wanted:** B&L Grocery on Hwy. 70 is taking applications for full-time position. Apply in person. 22x2

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**Yard Sale - Big!** Fri. & Sat., March 19 & 20. 2470 Copper Creek Road, 9 to 7 Furniture, Home Interior, lots of other items. 22x1p

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**For Sale:** 1989 Lincoln and 1994 Ford Astro Van. 256-2686. 22x2

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0158 or see Everett "Red" Cash, Rt. 1, Box 420, Brodhead, Ky. 40409. 22x1p

**For Sale:** 1989 Dodge 3/4 ton pickup, 4x4, good condition. \$3,750. Call Corey Craig, 606-256-0133. 33xmf

**For Sale:** 1995 Isuzu Rodeo, four wheel drive, 59,000 miles. \$5,300. 1997 Ford Expedition, Eddie Bauer pkg., four wheel drive, 93,000 miles. \$10,000. Call 308-3432 or 256-0818. Ask for Danny. 22xmf

**For Sale:** 1999 GMC Yukon SLT. Loaded, 97K, leather. Reduced to \$10,900. 256-5710. 22x1

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Moore Jr. or Brenda Cottrell or to Clontz & Cox, P.O. Box 1350, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before August 25, 2004, 20x3.  
**Notice is hereby given** that Ruth Bullock, Rt. 1, Box 422B, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 has been appointed executrix of the estate of Howard Bullock. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law to the said Ruth Bullock or to Clontz & Cox, P.O. Box 1350, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 on or before Sept. 6, 2004, 21x3.  
**Notice is hereby given** that Tammy R. Short, 463 Angel Road, Berea, Ky. 40403 has been appointed alternate executrix of the estate of Wayne Edward King on the 8th day of March, 2004. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law, to the said Tammy R. Short or to Michael F. Eubank, P.O. Box 157, Richmond, Ky. 40473 on or before Sept. 8, 2004, 22x3.

**Posted:** No trespassing on property known as C.B. Owens Farm across from Farmingtons in Brodhead. Violators will be prosecuted. 25x1n  
**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Mildred McKinney on East Fork Skaggs Creek Road. 20x4  
**Posted:** No trespassing on Crawford Place-Old Brodhead Road. Danny Smith, 47x1n  
**Posted:** No hunting or trespassing on property owned by Doug and Judy Brock known as Brock's North Hill Farm at Mareburg consisting of the Swinney Place, Brock Place, Hensley Farm. 31n

**FREE:** Female cat 758-0163, 21x1  
**Legal Notice:** Wireless Co. by and through its agent and general partner, Sprint Spectrum, L.P. proposes to construct a 250 foot self-support lattice communications tower located on Juanita Davis Road, Mount Vernon, 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 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. Please call refer to Docket No. 2004-00004 in your correspondence.

**Commonwealth of Kentucky  
 28th Judicial Circuit  
 Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II  
 Civil Action No. 03-CI-00227**

**Principal Residential Mortgage, Inc. Plaintiff  
 V.  
 JACQUALINE KAYE RIBSBY, Individually and as the Executrix of the Estate of Franklin G. Brooks, unknown defendant, spouse of Jacqueline Kaye Rigsby, Donnie Brooks, unknown defendant, spouse of Donnie Brooks, George W. Brooks, unknown defendant, spouse of George W. Brooks, Commonwealth of Kentucky Defendants**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on February 24, 2004, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of FIFTY FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY EIGHT DOLLARS AND 10/100 (\$55,298.10), plus interest of 9.8% from April 1, 2003 until the date of judgment, 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 Tuesday, March 23, 2004 Beginning at the Hour of 1:30 p.m.

Said property being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a gate post, also a corner of Miranda DeVault's lot, known as the Jim Tate property; then West with Silver Street 130 feet to the corner of Lillie Borders' lot, better known as the corner of Larkin Hicks property; then North with her 160 feet to a stake in her line, also a corner of W.L. Brooks; thence East 130 feet with line of a new division line between W.L. Brooks and George W. Brooks to a stake in said Miranda DeVault's line; then South 160 feet with Miranda DeVault's line to the beginning corner on Silver Street, and containing one-half (1/2) acre, more or less.

There is excepted from the above real property and not herein conveyed that portion of real property already conveyed to Franklin G. Brooks et. al. and more particularly bounded and described as follows: Beginning at an iron stake in the northern right of way of Silver Street, corner to lands conveyed to Loyal Adams; thence northwardly with line of Loyal Adams approximately 160 feet to an iron stake, corner to Debert Lawwell, Hughley Taylor and lands conveyed; thence eastwardly with the line of Hughley Taylor approximately 59 feet to an iron stake; corner to lands to the northern right of way of Silver Street; thence westerly with the northern right of way of Silver Street approximately 59 feet to the point of beginning.

Being all the same property conveyed to Franklin G. Brooks and wife, Crema Brooks by George H. Brooks and wife, Mattie Brooks, by deed dated the 30th day of April, 1992, recorded March 12, 1993, in Deed Book 140, Page 339, wherein Franklin G. Brooks deeded full title to the aforesaid property by virtue of the survivorship provisions in said deed, records of the Rockcastle County Clerk's office.


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

1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of 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 60% bearing interest at twelve percent (12%) per annum.
  2. Unpaid taxes or liens of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of sale.
  3. The buyer shall pay the 2004 local, county and state property taxes.
  4. The buyer shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
  5. In the event that Principal Residential Mortgage, Inc. is the successful purchaser, it shall be entitled to a credit of its judgment against the purchase price and shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner, and any real estate taxes payable.
- Bobby L. Amburgey, Special Master Commissioner  
 Rockcastle Circuit Court**

**Notices**

**RING FOUND.** At post office. If you can describe it, the ring will be returned. 22x2  
**Notice is hereby given** that James E. Moore, Jr., Rt. 1, Box 232, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456 and Brenda Cottrell, Rt. 1, Brodhead, Ky. 40409 have been appointed co-administrators of the estate of James E. Moore, Sr. on the 25th day of February, 2004. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law to the said James E.

6th Annual  
**Commonwealth Cleanup Week**  
 March 21-27, 2004



*Too many hillsides in Kentucky look like this. Help us promote responsible solid waste practices.*

**What is Commonwealth Cleanup Week?**  
 It's a week designated by the 1998 General Assembly to receive a special focus on "spring cleaning" Kentucky. Civic, government and religious organizations are encouraged to coordinate cleanup efforts in their local communities.

**Why do we need it?**  
 Kentucky's beauty is tarnished by people who litter and dispose of trash illegally. Right now, the Department for Environmental Protection estimates that 7,000 illegal dumps are scattered across the state. Trashy roadsides and open dumps do not make a good impression on tourists and businesses who might consider locating in the Commonwealth.

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 James Renner at 256-1902**

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 BID #16-1186**

The Cumberland Valley RCAD Council, Inc. in conjunction with PRIDE (Personal Responsibility in a Desirable Environment) is soliciting bids from installers desiring to install septic systems for southern and eastern Kentucky. The successful bidder will be required to complete installation of the systems within sixty (60) days of the date of the award.

The Scope of Work, Request for Bid, and General Conditions is available upon request.

Interested installers should send statements and proposals to the Rockcastle County Conservation District until March 26, 2004 at 3:30 p.m. Faxed or email proposals will not be accepted. Liability insurance in the amount of \$300,000 and proof of workers compensation insurance or a worker's compensation exemption form is required with each bid.

A selection committee will review, evaluate and rate each bid based on their advertised Bid. The Rockcastle County Conservation District will contact the installer with the winning bid and enter into negotiations. If the parties are unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement, the second ranked installer will be contacted. Once an installer has been selected, all unsuccessful installers will be promptly notified. The selection committee will adhere to the provision of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, section 5. No person shall be excluded from participation in, deemed beneficiary of, or subjected to discrimination in the implementation of this program on the grounds of race, color, national origin or sex. Females and minorities are encouraged to apply.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration provides funding for this project. The general solicitation of seeking qualified installers is being conducted to fulfill the requirements of the funding agency.

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## Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

**2004 Tobacco Notices - No Gu.**  
Notices were scheduled to be mailed on March 19, 2004 but are now being withheld.

The new date for notices to be mailed will be determined once we get the actual download of the under-marketing factor.

No "official" word yet as to how much the under-marketing will be cut due to the 10% rule.

The 2004 Burley Tobacco national factor for the quotas has been set at 1.050 (5% rise from 2003 quota).

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

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

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

For sign-up and payment dates contact FSA.

**2004 Loan Rates for Corn, Grain Sorghum and Soybeans**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced the 2004 national and county loan rates for corn, grain sorghum and soybeans, as authorized by the 2002 Farm Bill.

The 2004 county loan rates also continue the market-oriented approach established in 2002 following the enactment of the Farm Bill. The relative levels of the county loan rates for each commodity reflect the most recent information available about price relationships around the country and will enhance the market ori-

entiation of the corn, grain sorghum and soybean loan and loan deficiency payment (LDP) programs.

The 2002 Farm Bill established specific national loan rates for each commodity. For corn and grain sorghum, the 2002 and 2003 national rates are \$1.98 per bushel. Beginning in 2004, these rates will be \$1.95 per bushel and remain at that level through 2007. These changes are reflected in the county loan rates announced today. The nation soybean rate remains unchanged at \$5.00 per bushel, as set forth by the 2002 Farm Bill.

The 2004 crop county loan rates for corn, grain sorghum and soybeans will be available on the Farm Service Agency Web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/da/psd/LoanRate.htm>

County loan rates for wheat, barley, oats and other oilseeds are also available on this site.

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

**Farm Changes**  
Producers who have purchased or sold land should inform the FSA office of the change. A copy of the deed or land transfer sales is required to update FSA records with correct ownership.

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

**Important Program Dates**  
Loans or Loan Deficiency Payments for 2003 small grain 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 sign-up continues.

Farm Storage Facility Loan Program sign-up continues.

Conservation Reserve Program sign-up continues.

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## Daughters of American Revolution

The Rockcastle Chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution held their March meeting at First Christian Church. Mrs. Ann Henderson presided over the program "Preserving Family Records". First she introduced Jean Shoemaker, President of the Rockcastle Historical Society, who shared information about available resources at the National Society Office located in the RTEC building. Next Mrs. Henderson introduced Mrs. Kathleen Hunt, who shared her extensive scrapbooking skills with the group. Her collection included nearly seventy years of family history for several family names. Both Mrs. Shoemaker and Mrs. Hunt answered questions from the group and offered suggestions about collecting and preserving important family records.

The hostesses were Mrs. Molly Belcher and Mrs. Sarah Faye Hamm.

The April meeting will be at the Rockcastle County Library and will be planned by Norma Eversole. The topic will be "Native American History in Rockcastle County".

## Poet's Corner

**My Shepherd**  
When I was born into His flock,  
He held me lovingly.  
My Shepherd knew before I was,  
Just who I was to be.  
And, as I grew, He guided me,  
By rod and staff, He sheared,  
Why I should never leave His fold,  
My Shepherd showed He cared.

Sometimes when storms caused me to fear,  
Always my Shepherd came,  
And led me through that darkest hour,  
And gave me peace again.  
When bear or lion would come against  
Our flock, we learned to trust,  
Because we saw our Shepherd would  
Lay down His life for us.

Sometimes I have to run to Him,  
A frightened, little lamb,  
And ask that He watch over me,  
He always says, "I AM."  
Oh, I have strayed to other fields,  
And wandered lost and lame,  
But my Good Shepherd left His flock,  
To bring me back again.

So, from my heart, I sing His praise,  
With everything I am;  
Grateful to have His love and care,  
Grateful to be His lamb.  
Regina Stokes

**The Wagon Wheel**  
Once there was a wagon wheel,  
With ten flesh-spokes in its hub.  
Oie for each Carter daughter and son,  
Each child born from God up above.  
They grew and learned upon a farm,  
But they would argue, as siblings can do,  
But they labored together, inside and out,  
They worked in the hot and cold, too.  
They were taught right, and taken to church,  
Where they learned the Golden Rule,  
They protected each other when neighbors picked fights,  
As they walked the two miles to school.

The children left home, as each came of age,  
To find a job, or a mate to wed.  
But stories to their kids told how they longed,  
To sleep again in that big feather bed.  
Then the human spokes of that old wagon wheel,  
Began to come loose from the hub,  
Each one made a mark here on this earth,  
Then God called them back home above.

Henry passed from this life, November '73,  
Three children left to carry his name,  
The oldest now gone home from this

life.  
The family was filled with such pain,  
September 2001, Dicie was called from this place,  
Her two sons and families by her side.  
They sang and had prayer as angels came.

To carry her over death's tide,  
July 2003, Clarence's suffering came to an end,  
His work on this earth was no more,  
He told all the family, don't look for me here,  
I'll be waiting at Heaven's bright door.

And then Elizabeth's time came to go,  
She slipped home January of this year,  
One son and his family there at her side,  
Now with Christ, never again she'll fear.

Each son or daughter of the original spokes,  
Steps in to shoulder the load,  
They fall into place to help Mom or Dad,  
As the wagon moves over life's road,  
They can never replace those original spokes,  
But the same Carter grit they display,  
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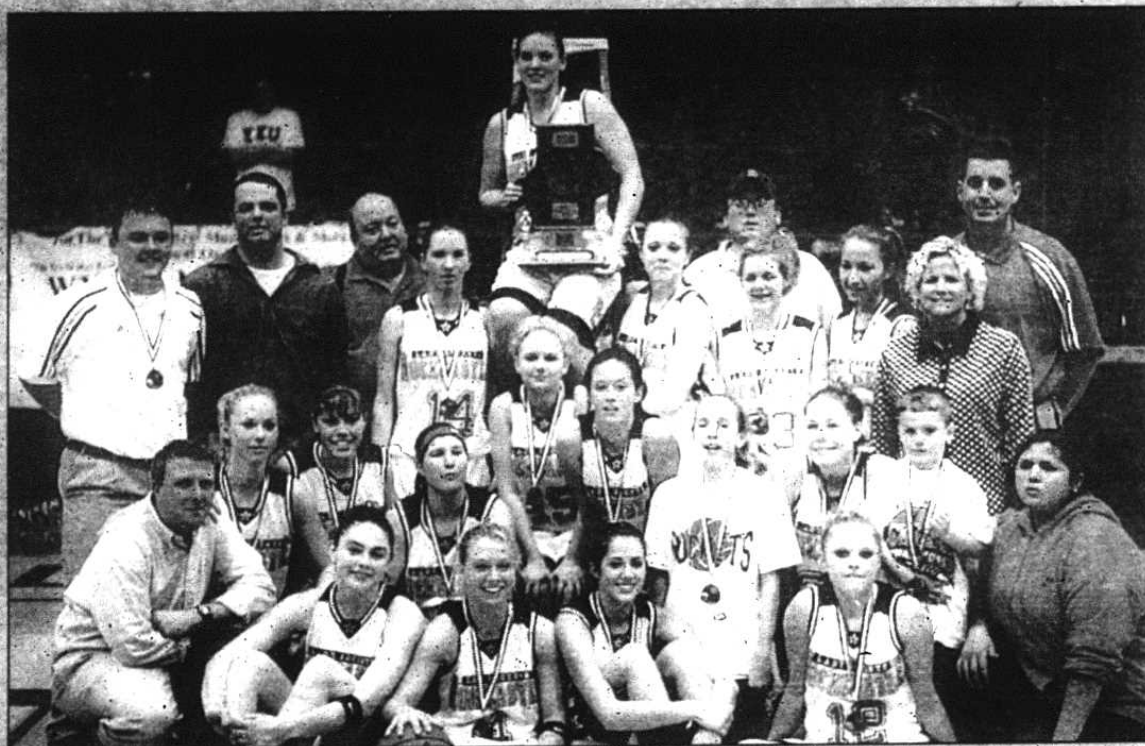
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# RCHS basketball teams win 13th regional titles

With a total of 21 wins on the season, against 10 losses, the Rockets, primarily through grit and determination, propelled themselves through the districts and regionals to their second berth in three years in the "Big Show" - the Sweet Sixteen at Rupp Arena.

It was a memorable season with the Rockets doing something they have rarely done - scoring over 100 points - in the first game of the season on December 2nd against Lynn Camp.

Also during the season, junior Aaron Cash became the leading scorer in Rocket history, scoring over 2,000 points and eclipsing the mark set by brother, Andrew.

The Lynn Camp game, a 110-52 blowout, gave head coach Clayton Cash a chance to look at all his players in action and thirteen Rockets got in the scoring column, led by Cash with 35; senior Elijah Lunsford, who would later leave the team, got 12 points in the game; Colby Brown scored

11; Kyle Mullins got 10; Derreck Hurst, Weston Riddle, Brandon Cameron and Devin Taylor and Coty Childress scored 6 each; Blake Roberts 4; J.C. McClure and Brad Durham got 2 apiece and Lance Baldwin 1.

The Rockets next game was with the Knox Central Panthers, the team they would eventually meet and beat in the 13th region finals. In their first meeting, the Panthers came out on top 77-65 with Cash again getting 35 points; Brown 13; Roberts and Mullins 5 each; Cameron 3; Hurst 2 and Lunsford and Riddle, 1 each.

For their next game, the Rockets traveled to McKee to take on district foe, the Jackson County Generals, a team the Rockets would meet four times, and during the season and in districts.

Their first meeting came out in the Rockets' favor 76-69 with Cash putting 28 points through the hoop; Brown getting 20; Taylor 14; Roberts 8; Mullins 4 and Hurst and Lunsford 1 each.

OBI, who played Clay County to within 7 points in the district tournament, gave the Rockets a scare in their first meeting but the Rockets prevailed 66-62. Cash again led the scoring with 24; Brown against got 20; Roberts 8; Hurst 5 and Lunsford 3.

The Rockets then made the long trip to Raceland to play in the Greenup Classic where they took the measure of Raceland 60-54. Cash got 32 points in that game; Brown 9; Roberts 7; Hurst and Lunsford 4 each and Mullins and Riddle 2 each.

During the Christmas holidays, and without the services of Devin Taylor who was out of town, the Rockets played in the 5th/3rd Classic at Lexington Catholic, coming away with only one win - a 1st Jackson County 71-66.

The Rockets lost their first game to Graves County 55-48 although they made a valiant effort in the second half, outscoring Graves Co. 33 to 21. Cash was held to 13 points in that game; Roberts and Brown got 11; Mullins 6; Hurst 5 and Lunsford 2.

The Rockets second game was against Eastern and again, the Rockets took three of the four quarters but it wasn't enough to overcome Eastern's first quarter 18-6 difference and dropped their third game of the season 56-58. Roberts led the scoring in that game with 14; Brown got 13; Cash 11; Lunsford 6; Hurst and Mullins scored 5 each and McClure got 2.

Their last game of the tourney was against Jackson County and the Rockets pulled off a 71-66 win behind 27 points by Cash. Brown added 16; Hurst 9; Roberts 8;

Mullins 6; Riddle 4 and Lunsford 1.

On January 3rd, the Rockets traveled to Clay County for the first of three meetings on the season - and the first of three losses to the Tigers. The Rockets just didn't match up well with the bigger Tigers and the first game set the trend for all three meetings with the Rockets losing 65-78. Cash and Roberts tied for scoring honors in that game with 19 each; Hurst got 9; Brown 7; Taylor 5; Mullins 3; Lunsford 2 and Riddle 1.

A 74-60 loss at Pulaski County gave the Rockets a .500 season at 5 and 5. It was a balanced scoring attack for the Rockets with Cash getting 16; Taylor and Brown 15 each; Roberts 6; Riddle 4 and Mullins and McClure two each.

The Rockets got back on track against Boyle County a game in which the Rockets must have thought they were playing for Clay County at Clay with the number of fouls called against Boyle. Unfortunately, the two point win, 62-60, would have been much larger if the Rockets could have capitalized on their free throw chances - missing 27 in the

game. Cash and Brown scored 24 and 20, respectively; Riddle added 7; Hurst 5; Mullins and McClure 2 each and Taylor and Roberts 1 each.

Southwestern Pulaski gave the Rockets their seventh win of the season 66-48 with Cash again leading the scoring for his team with 23. Brown added 14; Roberts got 12; Taylor 9; Hurst 6 and McClure 2.

The first team the Rockets would have to beat in the Regionals, Cawood, beat them in their only regular season meeting of the year, 71-65. Brown led the scoring with 19; Roberts got 18; Cash 15; Taylor 7; Hurst 4 and Mullins 2.

The Rockets lost their second meeting with Clay Co. 61-71 with Cash getting 22 points. Brown added 19; Taylor 12; Roberts 6 and Riddle 2. At this point, the Rockets were again at the .500 mark at 7 and 7.

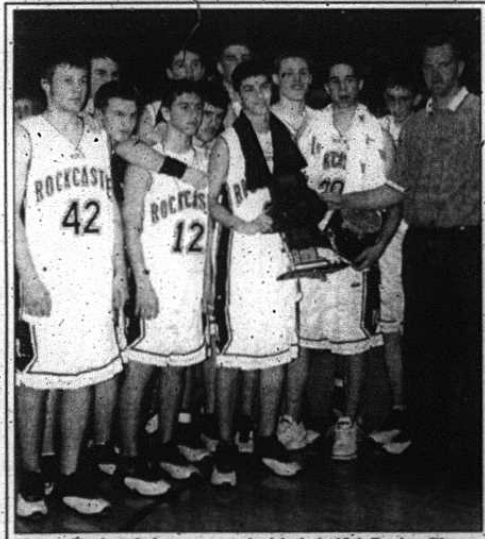
A one-point win over Madison Southern, 57-56, put the Rockets back over the .500 mark. Cash again led the scoring with 24; Brown got 13; Taylor 10; Roberts 5; Hurst 2 and McClure 1.

An easy win over Whitley (Cont. to 3)



Can you say Deja Vu? 32 years ago, as a player for the Brodhead Tigers, Rockets Coach Clayton Cash helped cut the net down for his team after winning a 13th Region title for Coach Bill Riddle - in the same gym at Middlesboro. Cash has now coached the Rockets for the past 12 years.

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Happy Rockets being presented with their 13th Region Championship Trophy included, from left: Weston Riddle, Coty Childress, Gabe Stallsworth, Lance Baldwin, Lynn Miracle, Derreck Hurst, Brady Durham, Brandon Cameron, Blake Roberts, Colby Brown, and Kyle Mullins.

## “Recap”

(Continued)

County, 75-55, followed with Cash getting 19 points to lead his team to their ninth win of the season. Brown scored 17; McClure got 14; Taylor and Riddle 6 each; Hurst 5 and Roberts and Mullins 4 each.

At the PRP Classic in Louisville, Hopkinsville easily handled the Rockets 61-75. Cash got 19 in the game; Roberts 18; Brown 11; Taylor 9; McClure 2 and Hurst and Mullins 1 each.

After a four point win over Oneida Baptist in their first meeting, the Rockets beat the Mountaineers 94-49 in their second. Coach Clayton Cash again got to clear his bench with 12 Rockets getting into the scoring column. Cash led with 29; Taylor got 21; Roberts 10; McClure 8; Brown, Hurst and Baldwin 5 each; Gabe Stallsworth added 3 and Mullins; Riddle, Coty Childress and Brady Durham scored 2 each.

In spite of Cash scoring a career-high 41 points, the Jackson County Generals handed the Rockets their ninth loss of the season, against 10 wins, in the only win for the Generals of the two teams four meetings. Brown was the only other Rockets in double figures, getting 12; Roberts got 8; McClure 4 and Mullins 2.

North Laurel beat the Rockets 73-57 but later had to forfeit their wins because the KHSAA ruled a foreign exchange student player ineligible for the season. Cash scored 30 points in the game, Roberts got 12; Brown 8 and Taylor 7.

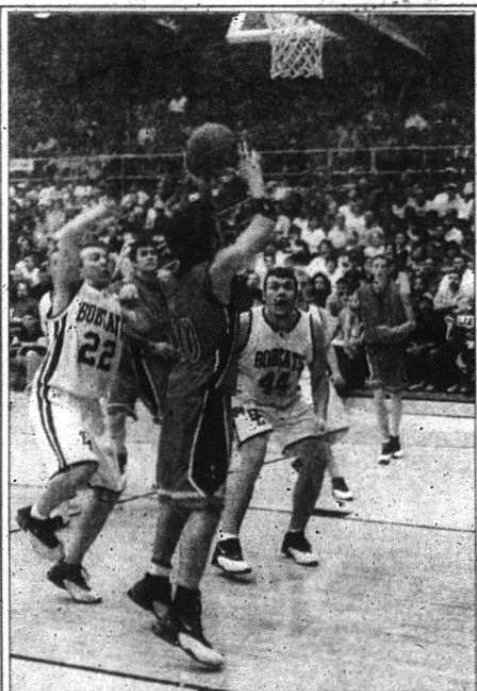
Barbourville was ranked #1 in the region when the Rockets met them on Feb. 17th and the Rockets came away with a 59-54 win. Three Rockets were in double figures for their team with Cash getting 20; Taylor 18 and Brown 13. Roberts and Mullins added 4 each.

At Lincoln Co. the Patriots jumped out to a 23-18 first half lead but the Rockets came back in the second half to take a 45-42 victory for their 13th win of the season against 10 losses. Cash scored 26 points in that game, Roberts got 9; Taylor 6 and Riddle and McClure 2 each.

West Carter was the Rockets next victim, losing 73-59. Cash again led the scoring with 27; Roberts got 17; Taylor 13; Brown 6, Mullins and Riddle scored 4 each and McClure got 2.

Cash and Brown combined for 43 of their team's 67 points in the Rockets 67-58 win over Somerset on Feb. 24th. Taylor added 8; Brown and Riddle got 6 each; Mullins 3 and McClure 1.

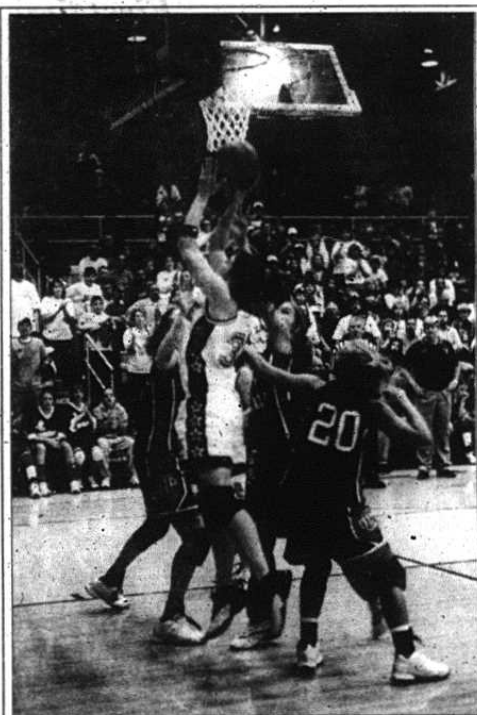
The McCreary Central Raiders had a long drive to become the



Junior Derreck Hurst goes for a short jumper in action against the Bell County Bobcats in semi-final action of the 13th Region. Hurst was fouled on the play and made one of the two free throws.



Johnna Abney stole the ball and beat the Jackson County Lady Generals down the floor for two of her 12 first half points. Abney was injured in the third quarter and will not see any state tournament action.



Junior Heather Hammond is probably the Rockets' best all-around player. She rebounds with the best, can shoot the short jumper well and gives opponents a lot of trouble with her defense. Hammond scored 10 points in the championship game and would have had a lot more but had a bad night at the free throw line.



Junior Tara Rowe got 14 points in the championship game against the Lady Generals and she's not afraid to take the ball to the hoop anytime. Rowe, always a force to be reckoned with on both offense and defense, joined the elite 1,000 point club this season along with Johnna Abney. Also in the photo is Lauren Clontz, No. 22 and Johnna Abney, No. 4.

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# Meet the Lady Rockets



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Tara Rowe



Johnna Abney



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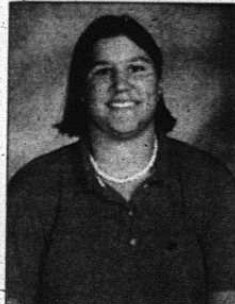
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Rockets 16th win of the season—losing 83-33 to the Rockets. Ten Rockets scored for their team with Cash getting 23; Brown 14; Taylor got 12; Roberts and Brandon Cameron 8 each; Hurst and Riddle scored 5 each; Mullins 4 and Coty Chidress and Brady Durham, 2 each.

In 49th District play, the Rockets squared off with the Jackson County Generals for their first game and advanced with a 52-48 win. Cash scored big for his team, getting 37 points; Brown got 6; Roberts 4; Taylor 3 and Mullins 2.

However, the championship game was a repeat of their other two meetings with the Rockets

losing to the Clay County Tigers for the third time this season 61-56. Cash got 22 points; Brown scored 16 and Taylor and Roberts got 9 each.

Although Cawood had beaten the Rockets by 6 in regular season, the Rockets jumped onto the Trojans early and hard in the first game of 13th Region competition, leading 19-13 at the end of the first quarter and never looking back. Cash's 27 was followed closely by Brown's 25; Taylor and Roberts got 6 each; McClure scored 4; Mullins 3 and Riddle 2.

Bell County, who took out Barbourville in first round action of the regionals, was the Rockets' next win on their trip to the Sweet Sixteen but it took an overtime to get it. The game was tied at 61 all at the end of regulation but the Rockets got a great start in over-

time and outscored the Bobcats 18-13 for the 79-74 victory. Cash led with 31 points; Taylor got 15; McClure added 11; Mullins 9; Roberts 8; Brown 4 and Hurst 1.

The championship game was a nail-biter all the way. Knox had taken Clay County out of the regionals in the semi-finals and, on paper, should have had a decided edge in their game with the Rockets. However, the Rockets didn't read that paper and came away with a 49-48 win and their second trip to the state tournament. The Rockets were up 29-22 at the half and 41-33 at the third quarter stop. However, the Panthers didn't give up, outscoring the Rockets 15-8 in the final period. It was also a game that saw all the Rockets' fourth quarter

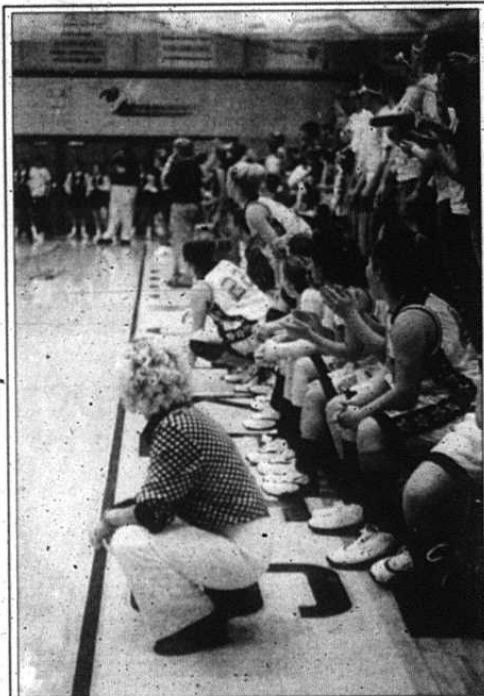
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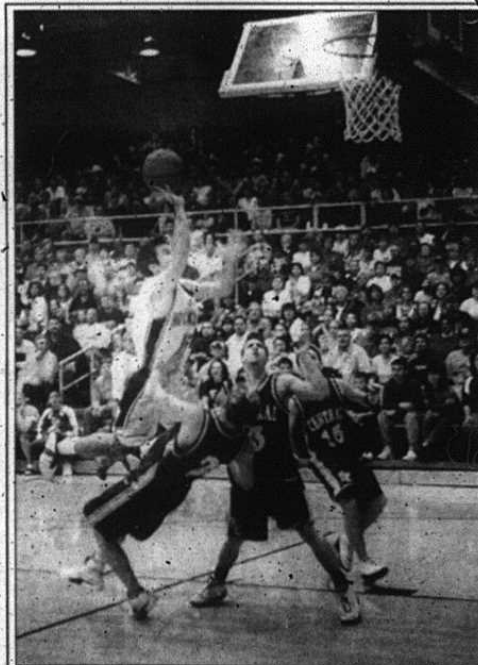
Named to the All-Regional Tournament Team were all five starters for the Lady Rockets. In the photo are, from left: Lauren Clontz, Katie Parsons, Tara Rowe, Heather-Hammond and Johnna Abney. (Photo by Dana Hurt)



Ecstatic Rocket fans swarmed the floor after the Rockets' defeat of Jackson County for the 13th Region crown Monday night. The Rockets win ended four straight appearances in the state tournament by the Jackson County Lady Generals.



Coach Chrysti Noble has taken her second Rockets team to the state tournament. The Lady Rockets go into the tournament with a 30-3 record and will face Christian County in first round of the Sweet Sixteen.



Junior guard Aaron Cash goes hard for the goal in 13th Region action Saturday night -- a little too hard, he was called for a charge on this play. In fact, all three of Cash's fouls were offensive fouls in the game. Cash got 14 points in the win.



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points come at the free-throw line and they were enough to give them the one-point win. Brown led the scoring in that game with 17; Cash got 14; Taylor 6; McClure and Roberts 4 each; Mullins 3 and Hurst 1.

The Rockets are scheduled to take on Pleasure Ridge Park out of Louisville in the first-round of the 2004 State Tournament at Rupp Arena. According to Dave Cantrell's rating of the teams in the Sweet Sixteen, PRP is ranked third behind Warren Central and Mason County.

There is no doubt in any Lady Rocket fan's mind that this is the best team that has ever been fielded in the history of RCHS. As junior Tara Rowe said Monday night, after the team's convincing 60-43 win over Jackson County, "we have it all - an inside game, an outside game, great shooting." And she's right but, and there always seems to be one, the Lady Rockets are going to have to do it without the services of point guard Johnna Abney. Midway through the third quarter of the 13th Region championship game Monday night, Abney, the leading scorer for her team and a member of the elite 1,000 point club, tore the ACL in her right knee and is fin-

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The RCHS Cheerleaders competed in KAPOs Regional Competition on Sunday, February 22nd at Whitley County High School. They competed in the 2.5 minute Small Varsity Division. The Competition Squad won first place and will now be competing in the State Cheerleading Championships at Eastern Kentucky University on Saturday, March 20th. They will face tough competition against national finalist and state champions North Laurel and Perry County Central.

The squad continues to work hard to overcome injuries and other circumstances that caused the competition squad to be narrowed to just eight cheerleaders. Members of the RCHS Cheerleading squad who support the competition squad but were not able to participate are Morgan Kincaid, Katie Stevens, Emily Reddington, Renee Taylor and Kayla Barnett. Shown in the photo with the first place region trophy are competition squad members and coaches, front row from left: Casey Taylor, Becca Alsip and Brittany Offutt. Middle row from left: Kim Cottrell, Courtney Cordier and Mercedes Burdette. Back row from left: head coach Misty Barker, Jerrica Poynter, Dustin Johnson and assistant coach Emily Wright.

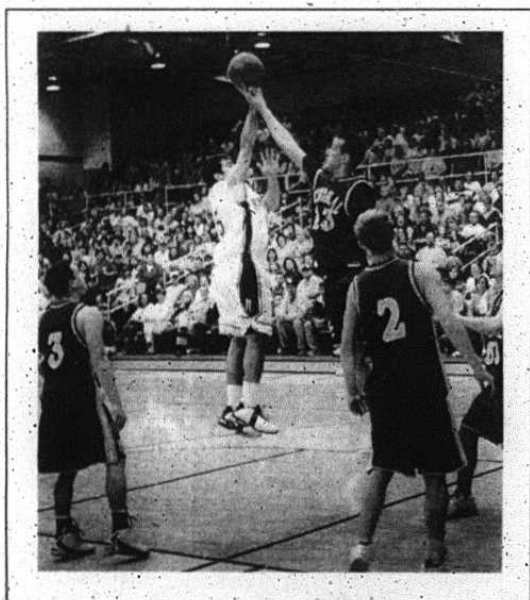
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ished for the season. Without Abney, the team will have to regroup if they are going to make a run in the state tournament next week at Diddle Arena in Bowling Green.

The Lady Rockets only suffered three losses this season, against 30 wins, one to the Mercer Co. Lady Scotties in the semi-finals of the 5th/3rd Prime Time Classic, held at Lexington Catholic, once to Jackson County and to Sacred Heart, the #1 team in the state which is also ranked 4th in the nation.

The Butler Bearettes were the Lady Rockets first victim of the season in the Louisville Eastern Extravaganza. The Rockets won 69 to 58 with Abney leading her team in scoring with 20; Lauren Clontz got 13; Tara Rowe 11; Heather Hammond 10; Ashley Lunsford 7 and Sarah Parsons and Rachel Stocker 4 each.

The Lady Rockets first district win of the season, 63-58, came at Jackson County where the Rockets' Johnna Abney put up 31 points. Tara Rowe added 20; Heather Hammond 10 and Rachel Stocker 2.

Lexington Christian Academy lost by 24 points, 57-33, to the Lady Rockets for their third win of the season with Abney again leading the scoring with 18. Tara Rowe added 14; Clontz 11; Hammond got 9; Lunsford 3 and Stocker 2.

The 5th/3rd Bank Classic began on Dec. 20th for the Lady Rockets with a 63-54 win over the Ohio County Lady Eagles. Abney and Rowe combined for 22 and 21 points, respectively in the win; Hammond got 6; K. Parsons and Clontz got 4 each and S. Parsons and Stocker contributed two apiece.

The Greenwood Lady Gators

were the Rockets second victim in the tournament, losing 75-49. Rowe led the scoring in that game with 20; Abney got 18; Hammond 15; K. Parsons 6; Clontz and S. Parsons 4 each; Rachel Killen and Stocker each scored 3 and Jessie Asher got 2.

Mercer County handed the Rockets their first loss of the season in the semi-finals of the tournament. The Rockets were up by two at the half but lost the second half 27 to 34 in the 62-67 loss.

It was a close game between the Rockets and the Henderson County Lady Colonels in the final game of the tournament for both team but the Rockets came out, on top 51-49. A strong third quarter, which the Rockets won 21-5, proved to be the difference in the game as the Lady Colonels came back in the fourth to outscore the Rockets 17-10. Rowe turned in a big game for her team with 19 points; Hammond got 14; Abney 10 and S. Parsons and Clontz 4 each. Henderson will not be at the Sweet Sixteen; losing out in the semi-finals of their region. The Rockets will face that region in the first game of the state tournament but it will be Christian County they will meet.

Hammond led her team to their sixth win of the season at the Owensboro Catholic Independence Bank Classic with 20 points in the Rockets' 73-48 win over Hopkins County Central. Besides Hammonds' 20, Rowe got 14; Abney and Clontz 11 each; K. Parsons 7 and Stocker and S. Parsons 5 each.

The Rockets got wins number 7, 8 and 9 in the same tournament at Owensboro, beating the Owensboro Apollo E-Gals 67-44; the Wayne County Lady Cardinals 55-41 and taking the measure of Henderson County once again, by two points again, 45-43 in the championship game.

Against Apollo, Hammond again led the scoring with 17; Abney got 14; Rowe 13; Clontz 10; S. Parsons 4; K. Parsons 3 and Ashley Kimberl, Ashley Lunsford and Allison Durham, 2 each.

Abney came through with 23 points in the Rockets semi-final, 55-41 win over Wayne County to set up the Championship game against Henderson County. Rowe contributed 12; Hammond 8; S. Parsons 6; Clontz 4 and Stocker 4.

Down by 7, 20-13, at half-time of the championship game against Henderson, the Rockets came roaring back in the second half to outscore the Lady Colonels 32 to 23 for the two point win. Abney got 17 to lead the scoring; Hammond had 13; Rowe 6; Clontz 4; Lunsford 3 and K. Parsons 2.

The Clay County Lady Tigers, long a perennial power in girls state basketball, are in a down year and the Rockets defeated them soundly all three times they played them. Their first meeting, on January 3, was won by the Rockets, 59-34 behind 21 points by Rowe and 20 by Hammond. Abney kicked in 13; K. Parsons 4 and Lunsford 1.

The Rockets 11th win of the season, 62-40, came at the expense of the McCreary Central Lady Raiders. Seven Lady Rockets scored for their team with Hammond leading the way with 23 points. Abney added 13; Rowe 11; Clontz 10; Asher and K. Parsons 2 each and Stocker 1.

It was a blow-out for the Rockets against the Corbin Lady Hounds, 65-37: This time 10 Lady Rockets got in the scoring column with Hammond leading the way with 22 points. Abney contributed 13; Clontz 8; S. Parsons and Rowe, 6 each; Kimberl got 3; Hollyann Colson, Lunsford and

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K. Parsons, 2 each and Stocker 1.

The Lady Rockets then traveled to Louisville to play and beat the North Hardin Lady Trojans, 72 to 56. Abney was the leading scorer for her team with 30 points; Rowe got 26; Hammond 6; K.

Parsons and Clontz 4 each and Kimberl 2.

A 40 point win, 74-34, over the Southwestern Lady Warriors gave the Lady Rockets their 14th win of the season. Hammond led the way with 22; Rowe got 19; Abney 15; Stocker 6; S. Parsons 4 and

Lunsford, K. Parsons, Clontz and Durham, 2 each.

The Whitley Co. Lady Colonels also proved no contest for the Rockets as eight members of the team got in the scoring column in

the 65-46 win. Abney led the scoring with 20; Rowe got 17; Hammond 12; Clontz 5; S. Parsons 4; Lunsford 3 and Kimberl and Stocker 2 each.

The Lady Rockets, for the sec-

ond time, took the measure of the Clay County Lady Tigers 58-29. Rowe led the scoring for her team with 13; Hammond got 11; K. Parsons scored 7; Abney and S. Par-

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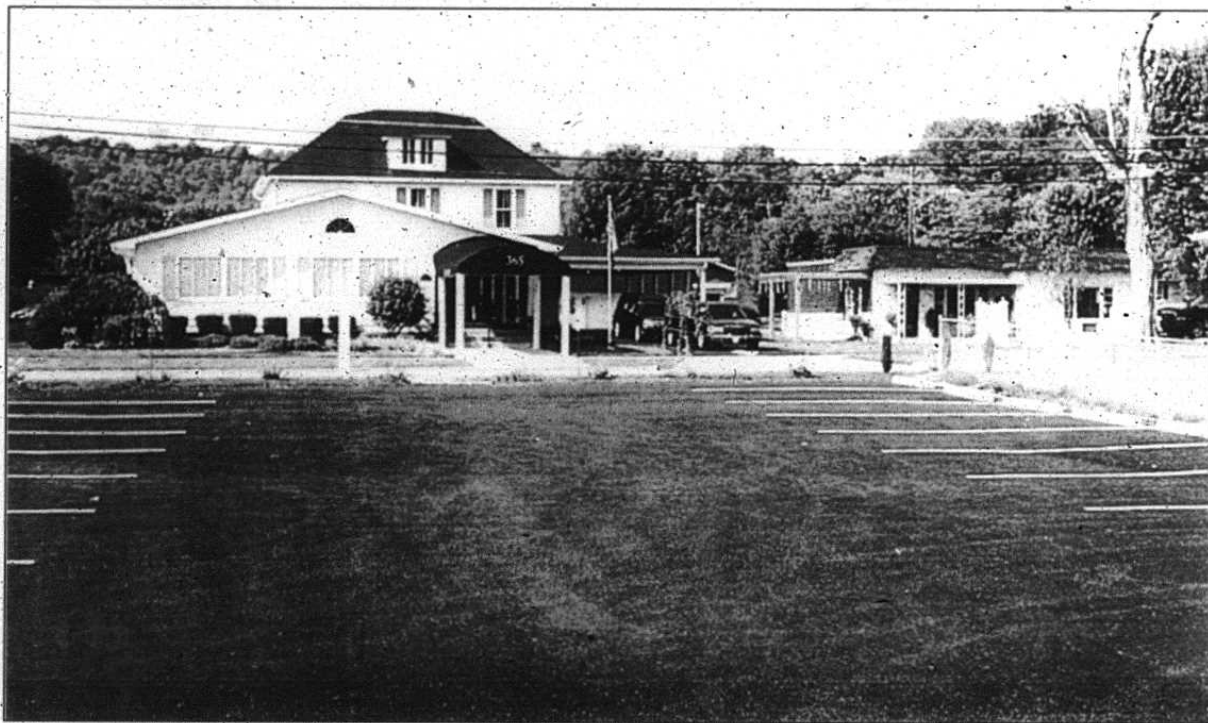
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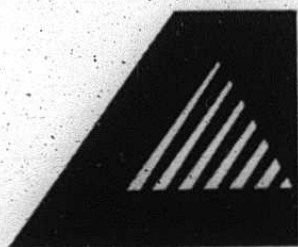


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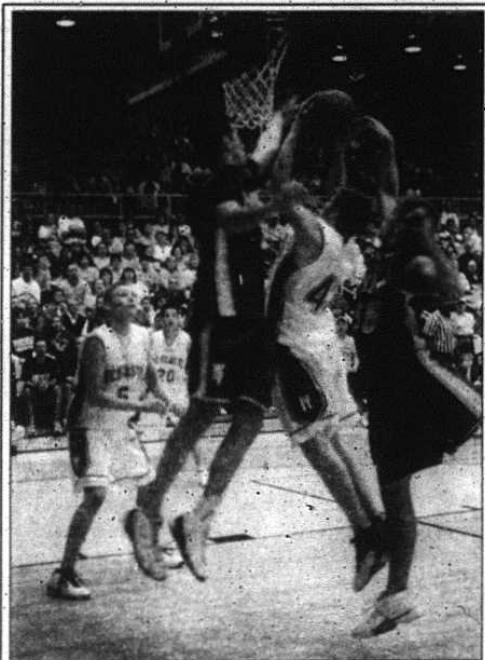
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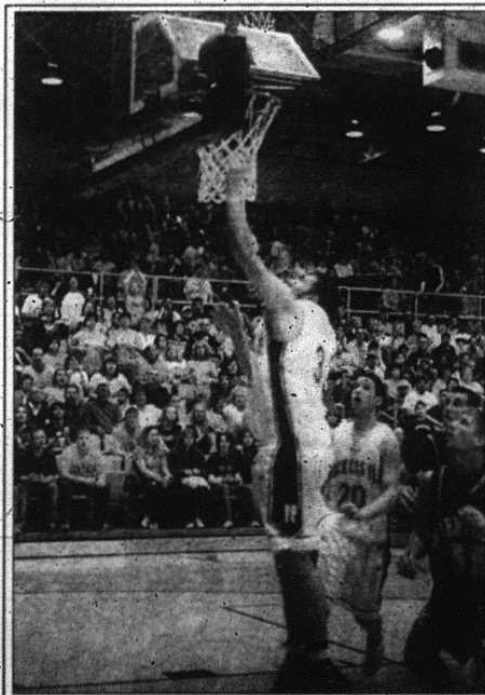
At the time of this play, the Rockcastle crowd got upset, to put it mildly, because from the stands it looked as though Weston Riddle had come in for a major mugging by two Panthers. However, the action shot shows that the referee might have been right in the no call. Also in the photo is Blake Roberts, No. 5 and Colby Brown, No. 20.



All five Rocket starters were named to the 13th Region All-Tournament Team following the championship game last Saturday night. Receiving honors were, from left: Devin Taylor, J.C. McClure, Blake Roberts, Colby Brown and Aaron Cash.



Sally Morris, center of photo, congratulates her grandson, Aaron, after the Rockets earned their second trip in three years to the Sweet Sixteen State Tourney. Cash scored 72 points in regional action, 14 in the Rockets one-point, 49-48, win over the Knox Central Panthers for the 13th Region crown.



J.C. McClure goes hard to the basket in 13th Region championship game action. McClure scored four points in the game. Also in the photo is sophomore Colby Brown.



The Lady Rockets had a great student cheering section Monday night and they had a lot to cheer about as their team easily defeated Jackson County 60-43 for the 13th Region Championship, 60-43; it will be the Rockets second appearance in the Sweet Sixteen and the first time for both the girls and boys team to make it to the "Big Show." The girls play Thursday, March 25 at 1 p.m. EST at Diddle Arena in Bowling Green.



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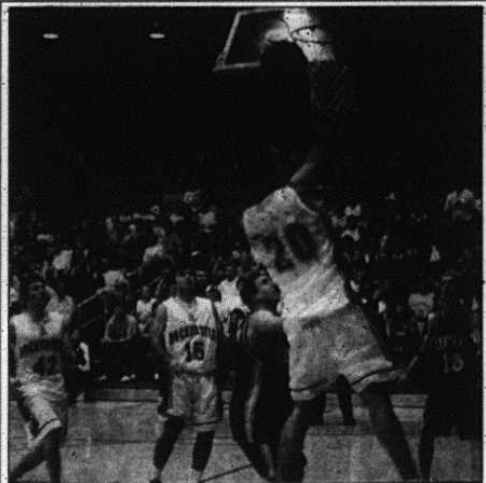
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Sophomore Colby Brown gets around his man for a basket against the Knox Central Panthers. Brown led the scoring for his team with 17 in the 49-48 win. Also in the photo is Aaron Cash, No. 15 and Weston Riddle, No. 42.



Senior Devin Taylor keeps his eye on the goal as a Knox Central defender tries to defend the three point shot. Taylor, always a major aggravation to the other team on defense, got six points, all at the free throw line, in the game.

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sons got 6 each; Clontz had 3 and Colson and Stocker, 2 each.

The Lady Rockets were then invited to take part in the Ky. Preps Plus Classic at Louisville Trinity where they got to meet the #1 team in the state, and fourth in the nation; Sacred Heart, Valkyries. The Rockets got their second loss of the season there with Abney leading the scoring for her team with 15; Rowe got 12; Hammond 11 and S. Parsons and Clontz 2 each.

The Cawood Trojanettes were the object of the Rockets’ “bounce-back” from their second loss of the season, being on the receiving end of a 73-44 loss. This time, nine Lady Rockets scored for their team with Abney’s 28 leading the way. Rowe added 17 points; Hammond got 10; S. Parsons 6; Clontz 4 and Killen, Lunsford, K. Parsons and Stocker scored 2 each.

Early in February, the Lady Rockets got revenge on Mercer County for one of their two losses

beating the Lady Scotties 75-63. Abney tossed in 25; Hammond got 21; Rowe 18; Clontz 6 and K. Parsons 5.

The Rockets third loss of the season came at the hands of the Jackson County Lady Generals. After being down 45-27 at the third quarter stop, the Rockets made a strong run at the Lady Generals in the fourth quarter and almost pulled off an amazing comeback, outscoring Jackson County 25-11 in the fourth before falling 56-52. Hammond came through with 21 points in the game; 10 of them in the fourth quarter; Abney got 11, 7 in the fourth; Rowe put in 8; K. Parsons 6; Clontz 4 and Stocker 2.

Abney put in 26 points and Rowe and Hammond added 15 and 13, respectively in the Rock-

ets bashing of the North Laurel Lady Jaguars 68-35. Other Rockets scoring in the lopsided win were; Clontz 4; K. Parsons and Stocker 3 each and Kimberl and Ainsley Bussell, 2 each.

A 21-point win over the South Laurel Lady Cardinals was the Rockets 20th win of the season with Abney leading the way with 27 points. Hammond got 19; Rowe 15; K. Parsons and Clontz 8 each; S. Parsons 4 and Kimberl and Stocker 2 each.

Twelve Lady Rockets scored in the Rockets 72-12 drubbing of the Estill Co. Lady Engineers. Coach Chrysti Noble substituted very early and often after her starters opened up a 26 to 2 first quarter

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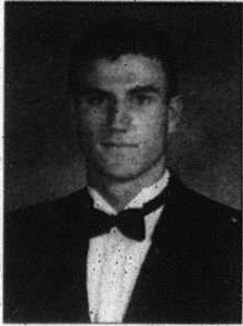
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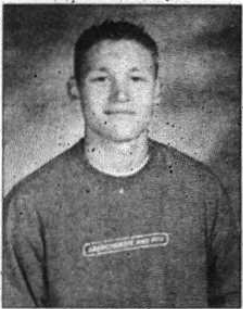
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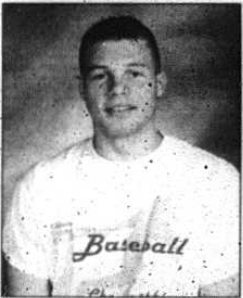
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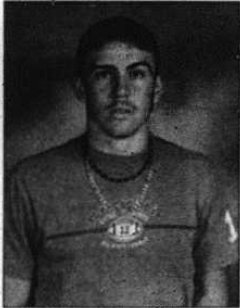
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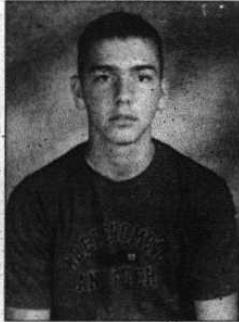
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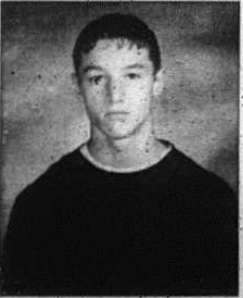
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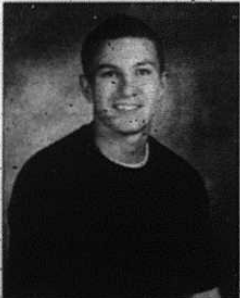
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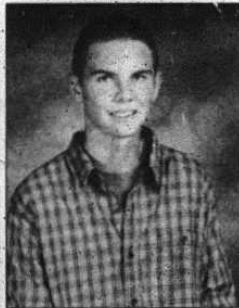
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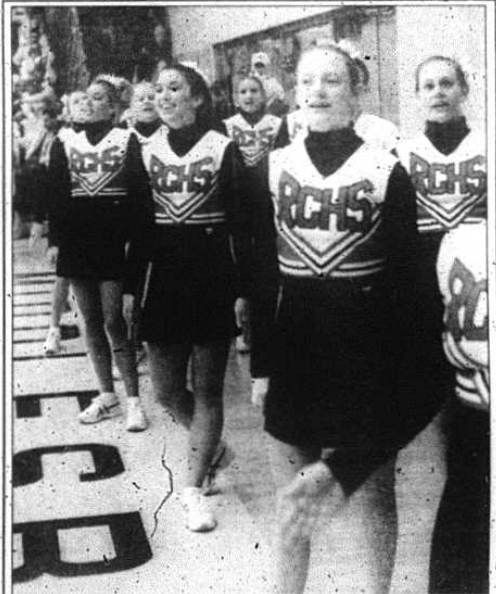
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Senior Devin Taylor got the honor of cutting down the first piece of the net after the Rockets won the 13th Regional Tournament last Saturday night.



The Rockcastle cheerleaders worked hard during district and regional tournament action, cheering their teams on. The cheerleaders were also a regional winner this year and will be in KAPOS competition at Eastern Kentucky University this Saturday. In the photo are, front row, from front to back: Morgan Kincer, Casey Taylor and Brittany Offutt. Back row: Renee Taylor, Dustin Johnson, Brook Smith and Courtney Cordier.



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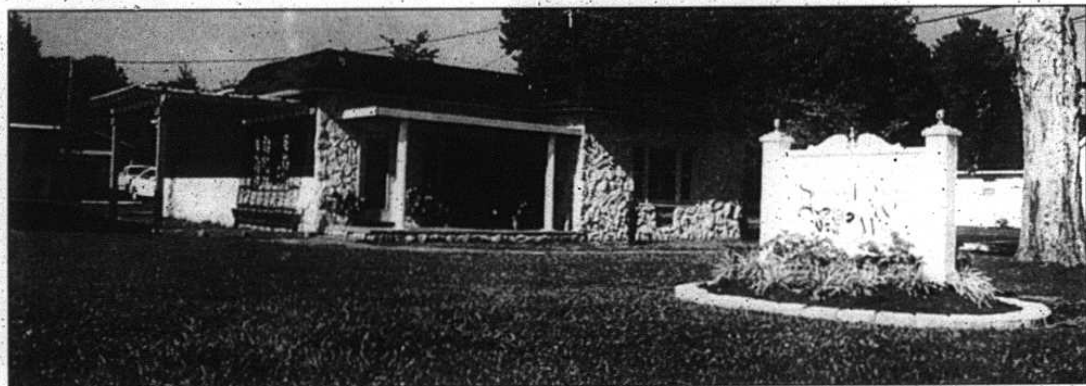
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Senior Lauren Clontz tried to go to the goal during the Lady Rockets-Lady Generals 13th Region championship game. Clontz did an excellent job defensively on the Lady Generals big center Sarah Elliott, and had five points, before fouling out of the game early in the 4th quarter. (Tournament photos by Allison Anderkin)



Junior Katie Parsons works to get around a Jackson County Lady General during their game in the finals of the 13th Region. Parsons played well during post-season, particularly on defense. (Photo by Dana Hurt)

## “Recap”

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lead. Abney got 17 points to lead the scoring. Hammond put in 12; Rowe 11; K. Parsons 8; Lunsford 6; Asher and Clontz 4 each and Ashley Mize, S. Parsons, Kimberl, Colson and Stocker, 2 each.

The Rockets next got an 18 point win over the Russell Co. Lady Devils with Rowe getting a season-high 31 points, 19 in the first half. Hammond put in 16; Abney 12; S. Parsons, Kimberl and Stocker 4 each and Lunsford and Clontz 2 each.

Abney's 24 points helped the Rockets to defeat the Bell Co. Lady Bobcats, 69-59, for their 23rd win of the season. Other Rockets scoring were Rowe with 12; Hammond got 11; K. Parsons and Clontz 10 each and S. Parsons 2.

The Lady Rockets finished regular season play at Wayne County where they defeated the Lady Cardinals for the second time in the season, 61-44. Abney and Rowe tied for scoring honors with 17 each; Hammond got 8; Lunsford 7; Clontz 6 and S. Parsons, K. Parsons and Stocker 2 each. The Rockets finished regular season with a 24-3 record.

49th District play at OBI began with the Lady Rockets beating Clay County, 60-46, in their third meeting of the season. Abney got 18 points to lead the scoring, followed closely by Rowe with 17; Clontz picked up 10; Hammond 9 and K. Parsons 6.

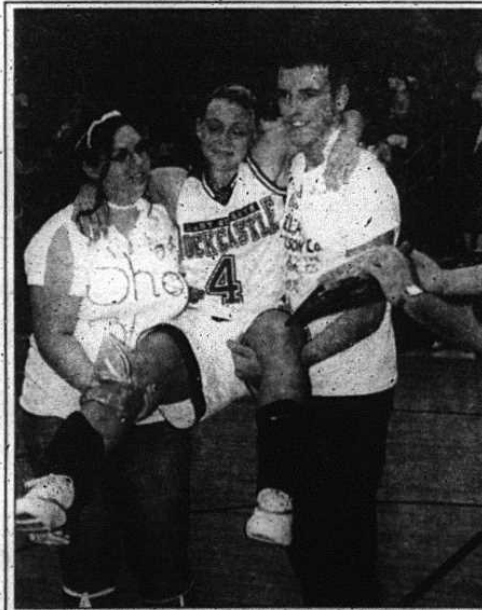
The district championship game matched up the Lady Rockets with the Lady Generals again. It looked bad for the Rockets in the first quarter as Jackson County's big center Sarah-Elliott put in 12 of her 35 points in that period and put her team ahead 20-12. However, the Rockets came back to outscore the Generals 16-10 in the second quarter to go to the dressing room down by only two. The second half belonged to the Rockets as they outscored Jackson Co. 36-26. Abney put in 21 points in the game; Hammond got 12; Rowe 11; Clontz scored 10 points; K. Parsons got 8 and S. Parsons 2.

The Rockets entered 13th Region action with 26 wins against three losses and any hope for an upset by the other team was quickly dispelled by the Rockets who came to play all the time.

In their first game against Knox Central, the Rockets forced the Panthers into 29 turnovers, against only 11 for the Rockets in the 61-31 win. Abney got 16 points in the contest; Hammond scored 12; Rowe 8; K. Parsons 6; Stocker got 5; Lunsford 4 and Colson 2.



Junior Tara Rowe goes around Jackson County's big center, Sarah Elliott, for a basket in championship game action Monday night. The Rockets easily took the measure of the Lady Generals and snapped their four-year-in-a-row appearance in the state tournament. Rowe scored 11 points in the game. Also in the photo is Rachel Stocker, No. 32.



Junior guard, Johnna Abney, injured in the third quarter of the Lady Rockets championship game against Jackson County, had to have a little help from friends Jessica Riddle and Elijah Lunsford to receive her all-region trophy. It was determined Tuesday that Abney had torn the ACL in her right knee and will be lost to her team for the state tournament.

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The Bell County Lady Bobcats didn't fare as well the second time as they did when the Rockets met them earlier in the season. This time the Rockets beat the Bobcats 65-42 behind 17 game high points for Hammond. Abney scored 13; Rowe 11; K. Parsons 6; S. Parsons 5; Asher 3 and Mize, Kimberl, Clontz and Stocker 2 each.

As expected, the finals of the region came down to the Rockets and the Generals once again. This time, the Rockets didn't mess around. Using a smothering de-

fense and dead-eye shooting, the Rockets built a first quarter 18-4 lead and wound up with a 60-43 win. This was the game that the services of Johnna Abney were lost in mid third quarter.

Abney had stolen the ball and was going in for a contested lay-up when she blew the ACL in her right knee. Lunsford came off the bench to score 17 points for team scoring honors, hitting on 12 of 13 free throws, 11 of them in the fourth quarter. Rowe got 14; Abney scored 12 points in the first half; Hammond got 10; Clontz 5 before fouling out early in the 4th quarter and K. Parsons got 2.

It was a record-setting 30-3 season for the Lady Rockets, and the good news is that the team loses only one senior, Lauren Clontz, a valuable member, no question, but a circumstance that bodes well for next year's team.

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The Lady Rockets defeated Jackson County 60-43 on Monday night to win the title and will face Christian County in the first

round of the state tournament.

The tournament will be held in Bowling Green in Diddle Arena 1 p.m.(est) on Thursday, March 25th at Western Kentucky University.

The Lady Rockets will be playing without the nucleus of their team, Johanna Abney, who was injured in the regional finals Monday night.

Abney, who has started for the Lady Rockets since she was a freshman tore the anterior cruciate ligament, ACL, in her right knee.

She is reportedly scheduled to have surgery April 1st.

"I am so proud of our team for the way they played in the district and region and we have a chance in the state tournament, even without Johanna," said an emotional head coach Chrysti Noble, who has led her team to winning seasons in the past ten years.

"All of our players are focused and we will miss our point guard but our team will be ready to play in the state tournament," Noble said Wednesday.

The Lady Rockets are 30-3 on the season and have been ranked in the AP poll in the top ten all year.

The Lady Rockets face Christian County who are ranked second in the state behind Sacred Heart.

Coach Noble said that all of the assistant coaches were shaving their heads in honor of Johanna and that if the Lady Rockets were to win the state she would shave her head as well.

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The Rockcastle County Rockets will play today (Thursday) at Rupp Arena in Lexington in the boy's Sweet Sixteen against Pleasure Ridge Park.

PRP is 25-6 and the champions of the sixth region.

They are a team which puts on great pressure, trapping a lot and playing defense from end to end of the court, according to RCHS head coach Clayton Cash.

"Our players are upbeat and ready," Cash said after the pep rally at RCHS on Wednesday.

"We've got players who have been in this situation before," he said.

His son Aaron Cash, who is the all-time leading scorer at the ROCK, and his running mate at guard Devin Taylor both have

state tournament experience.

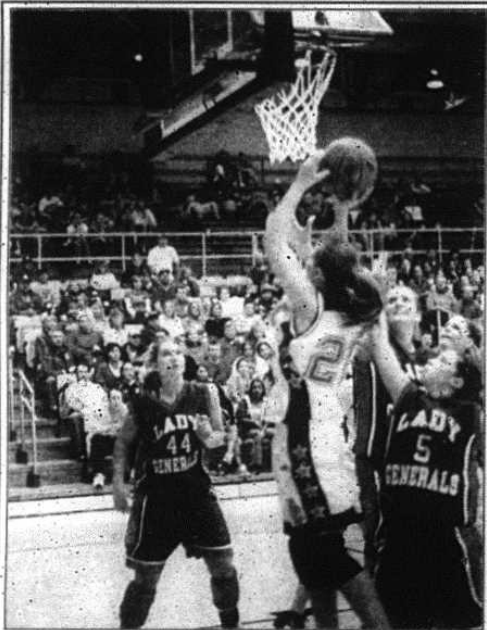
They were members of Cash's last state tournament team two years ago, when they lost to Paducah Tilghman, who was the eventual runner-up in the tournament.

This year's team is 19-11 and won the region as a runner-up

seed.

The ROCK won 49-48 over Knox Central in the regional finals, after defeating Bell County in the second round 79-74, in overtime.

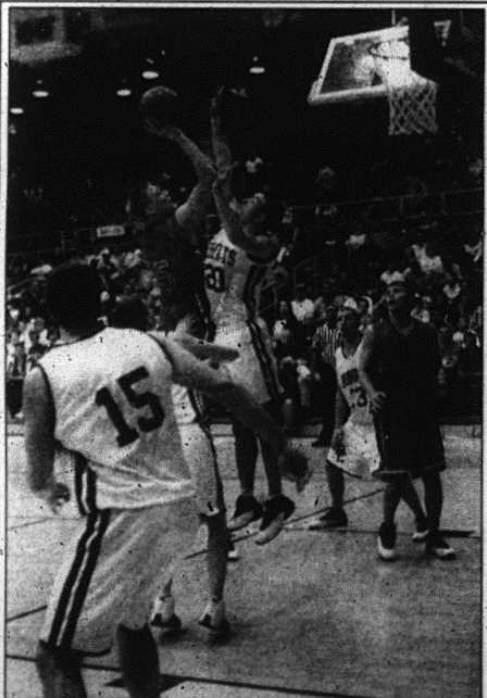
The region was held in Middlesboro.



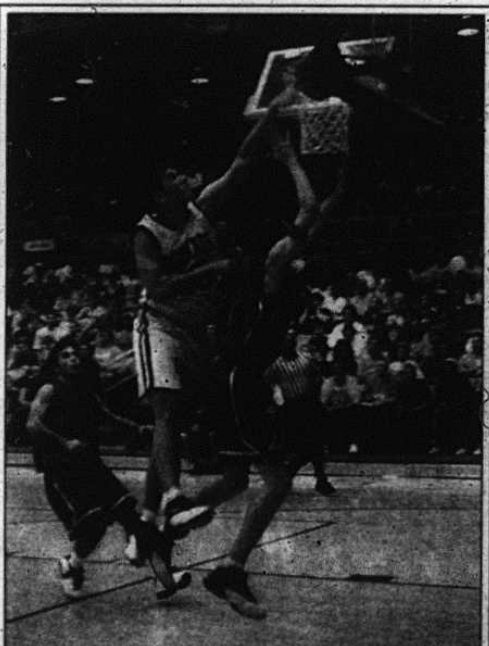
Sophomore Ashley Lunsford made a move around Jackson County defenders during 13th Region championship game action. Lunsford led the scoring for her team with 17, including 12 of 13 free throws.



A Jackson County defender gets a hand on the ball as junior Kathe Parsons drives into the lane for a shot in regional championship game action.



Junior Blake Roberts puts up a shot against a Bell County defender. Roberts had 8 points in the game. Also in the photo is Weston Riddle.



Kyle Mullins works his way to the basket against Bell County Friday night. The Rockets won that game 79-74 in overtime and Mullins contributed 9 points to the effort. Also in the photo is Aaron Cash, No. 15.

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