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Was former Mt. Vernon officer

## Berea police officer hurt on Monday

Police are investigating a shooting at the home of Brian Doan, Monday morning.

Doan, 24, of Mt. Vernon, was shot around 6:30 a.m. at his residence on Sand Springs Road, according to Mt. Vernon Assistant Police Chief Eddie Delaney.

Doan was sleeping when someone fired a shot into his mobile home striking him in the left foot.

Doan was treated at Rockcastle Hospital and then at the University of Kentucky where he was then released.

## Conway man charged after raid by police

A joint investigation, by Roger Pigg, Constable District 4, and the Rockcastle Sheriff's Department, led to the execution of a search warrant at the residence of Noel Keith Mason, at Conway recently. A large amount of marijuana, and other items common to marijuana trafficking were seized during the raid.

The search warrant was issued by Rockcastle County Attorney Bill Reynolds who said, "We are pleased with the progress that law enforcement made in this investigation. The County Attorney's office will continue its proactive policy of a comprehensive effort to combat drug trafficking in Rockcastle County."

Chief Sheriff's Deputy Nathaniel Price, who was present during the raid, stated on Monday that he was "pleased with the effectiveness and swift action of deputies and Pigg in conducting the investigation."

KSP K-9 unit Life Owens was also present during the search and was instrumental during the operation.

"K-9 units are essential not only to this particular search, but to law enforcement generally," Price said. The Rockcastle County Sheriff's Department has found this out firsthand with its new K-9 dog, which is handled by Sgt. Joe Rush.

## Three sentenced

Eddy F. Montgomery, Commonwealth Attorney for Lincoln, Rockcastle and Pulaski counties, announced today that three people were sentenced to prison recently in Rockcastle Circuit Court.

Sentenced were: Darrell Blackburn, 38, of Livingston, to a period of six years for possession of a controlled substance; first degree burglary, third degree and theft by unlawful taking over \$300.

Daniel Blackburn, 33, of Mt. Vernon, to three years for burglary, third degree and theft by unlawful taking over \$300 and Elliott Dooley, 25, of Richmond, to one year in prison for receiving stolen property over \$300.

## National Day of Prayer observed locally May 6th

The Rockcastle Ministerial Association wishes to invite the community to a celebration of the National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 6th, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

The program will be held on the steps of the Rockcastle County Courthouse. In case of rain, it will be moved into the Internet Room of the courthouse.

There will be scripture reading, prayer and a few remarks from a guest speaker.

The Kiwanis Club will provide a luncheon upstairs in the courthouse following the Day of Prayer events. Any questions may be directed to David Ott (758-8850), Buford Parkinson (758-8166) or Bruce Ross (256-2876).



In the above photo, family members are shown consoling Mrs. Lorella DeBord, after someone broke into her home and then set it on fire Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. DeBord's home, which is located on Sowder School Road at Sand Springs, has been broken into three times since December 30th. Thieves ransacked the house before they intentionally set the kitchen on fire by leaving a burner on the stove on. Mrs. DeBord's pain medication for cancer was stolen during the break-in. Mrs. DeBord had been gone from her house for only about thirty minutes when the 1 p.m. break-in occurred. Mt. Vernon firefighters were able to contain the fire to the kitchen area, but the house did receive smoke and water damage.

## On Sowder School Road Home broken into; set on fire

Mt. Vernon firefighters responded to a house fire on Tuesday on Sowder School Road at Sand Springs.

The fire caused the home of Mrs. Lorella DeBord to be heavily damaged by smoke and water.

The fire was intentionally set in the kitchen area of the house after it was broken into, according to Mt. Vernon Fire Chief Gary Hanesel.

Hanesel said it was the third time since New Year's Eve that Mrs. DeBord's home had been broken into.

Mrs. DeBord had gone to the post office and to run some errands around 1 p.m. She was gone only about thirty minutes when someone broke into the house and left a burner on the stove on, which caused the fire.

Hanesel said when Mrs. DeBord returned she found a window broken out and the fire in progress.

Whoever broke into her house had also ransacked the residence.

A son-in-law of Mrs. DeBord's, Steve Griffin, who is also a member of the Mt. Vernon Fire Department, said the thief or thieves took Mrs. DeBord's cancer medicine and video tapes of cameras which had been installed in the house to detect any intruders.

"Someone is watching my mother-in-law's house and knows when she is there and when she leaves," Griffin said.

Mt. Vernon's fire department was able to contain the fire to the kitchen area.

"The actual fire damage was limited, but the smoke and water damage was not," said Chief Hanesel.

Deputy Sheriff Bill Mink is investigating the break-in and Kentucky State Police arson investigators will be in charge of the fire investigation, according to Rockcastle Sheriff Darrell Doan.

## Annual Home and Garden Show set for June 17, 18, 19

The 2nd Annual Home & Garden Show, a fund-raising project by the Rockcastle County High School Band and Color Guard, will be held June 17, 18 and 19 this year.

The event, also sponsored by the Rockcastle County Master Gardeners and the Kiwanis Club, will begin on Thursday evening, June 17th with a tour of the home and gardens of Mrs. Lucille Carlotta, located at the Rockcastle River Trading Company near Livingston.

The Rockcastle River Trading Company carries home and garden antiques and is operated by Mrs. Carlotta. Stroll through the gardens with her son, Jon, as he shares garden tips and advice about the gardens he has designed that surround the home and shop. The gardens were featured in the August 2002 issue of *Country Home*.

Known as "Garden Designer to the Stars," Jon has designed gardens for actors Julianne Moore, Ed Norton, Bette Midler and the Lauder Family (Este Lauder).

Jon is a contributing editor to *Garden Design* and regional writer for *Country Home Country Garden*. His designs have been showcased in *House Beautiful*, *Country Home* and *The New York Times*. He has been featured on *The Style Channel*, *HGTV*, *Good Morning America* and *Martha Stewart Living*. He is also the recipient of a landscaping design award, for his overall body of work, bestowed by the Museum of the City of New York.

Master gardeners, enthusiasts and just plain ole' everyday, on-the-side, gardeners will be captivated by Jon's homespun Kentucky accent, along

## Greg Daugherty receives honor

RGHS and RCMS music teacher/band director Greg Daugherty has been named *Central Kentucky Music Teacher of the Year* by the Central Kentucky Music Educators Association.

The award is given annually for creating teaching and outstanding contribution to the profession and to the community and will be presented by CKMEA president, Charles M. Smith.

Daugherty will be honored with the award at the high school's Spring Concert on Thursday, May 13th at 7 p.m.



RGHS Band Director Greg Daugherty

## Garden Market Sale to include demonstrations

The Rockcastle County Garden Club's Garden Market Plant Sale, scheduled for Saturday, May 1st, beginning at 9 a.m., will include several demonstrations on the courthouse lawn.

Former Home Extension Agent, Cheryl Witt, will demonstrate "Selecting Roses" at 10 a.m. At 10:30 a.m., Barbara Congleton will be talking about annuals and perennials for Rockcastle County. Nancy Mullins will demonstrate taking a soil sample

at 11 a.m. and Glenna Robinson will finish up at 11:30 a.m. with a demonstration of culinary herbs.

The sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the city parking lot across from the courthouse and you are invited to bring any "mystery" plants you might have for identification by garden club members.

Garden club members will share many unusual plants from their gardens and several vendors will offer nice plants from their collections. The

local chapter of the FFA will have plants available from their greenhouse and the high school band will have a fund-rising booth.

## Veteran Rep here May 4th

You may be entitled to receive benefits from the Federal Veterans Administration that may include compensation for disease or injury received while in service, pension for wartime veterans, survivor benefits and assistance with medical expenses. Rockcastle County receives over two million dollars per year from Veterans benefits.

The Kentucky Department of Veterans provides counseling and assistance

to veterans and dependents in filing claims for state and federal veterans benefits. This is a service provided by the commonwealth with no charge or fee of any kind.

A veterans benefits field representative will be at the Rockcastle County Courthouse in Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, May 4th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For further information, please call 1-877-773-7747 to speak with a veterans benefits field representative.

## Local man charged with selling alcohol

Rockcastle Sheriff's Department Detectives Barry Adams and Matt Bryant, arrested a Climax man recently on the illegal sale of alcohol charges.

Arvil Branstretter, 63, of the Climax area of the county, was charged with illegal sale of alcoholic beverages in a dry territory. Over fourteen cases of beer and twelve bottles of liquor were confiscated during the search of Branstretter's residence.

## \$1,000 Reward is offered

A \$1,000 reward is being offered for the return of two all-terrain vehicles and a trailer taken from the residence of Jack and Dawn Stallworth last Wednesday night.

Mrs. Stallworth said the items were taken between 6 and 11 p.m., but probably around 7 p.m.

If you have information about the theft, you may call the Stallworths at 256-0110 or the Mt. Vernon City Police at 256-5372.

## Henderson gets national award

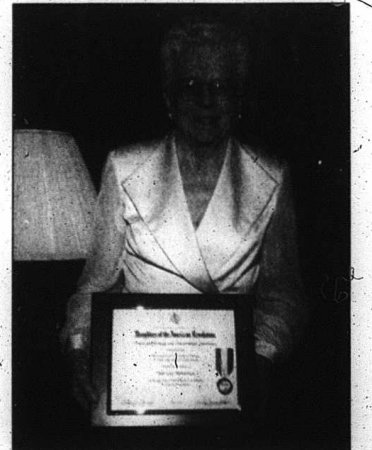
At the 108th State Convention of the Kentucky Society Daughters of the American Revolution (KSDAR) held at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Lexington on April 2, 3 and 4, a member of the Rockcastle Chapter D'AR was presented with a National Award for Historic Preservation from KSDAR.

Mrs. Ahn L. Henderson of Mt. Vernon received this citation and medal in recognition of her concept for, and continuing work with the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and Museum at Renfro Valley, as a means of preserving and celebrating the musical heritage of Kentucky. An excellent example of Kentucky's historic music, performed by Ethan and

Eric Eversole, was a highlight of the evening.

Those attending the ceremony in support of Mrs. Henderson were her sister, Barbara Smith; her daughter and granddaughter, Mary Fore and Sydney; Rockcastle Chapter Regent Iris Young; Mt. Vernon Mayor Clarice Kirby and husband Paul and chapter members Norma Eversole, Carolyn Brown, Belle Huff and Jean Towery. Karen King represented the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and Museum.

Mrs. Henderson is a charter member of the Rockcastle D'AR, as was her mother, Mrs. John Lair (Virginia Crawford).



Mrs. Ann Henderson

# Points East

By Ike Adams

Captain Mike Majority, fighter pilot for the US Air Force, currently stationed at Shaw AFB in South Carolina, and I struck up a friendship a couple years back. Mike is from Letcher County and holds the same affection for "home" that I do. Mike was heavily involved in missions during the first Iraq war, but mostly trains pilots these days.

And he is always passing along tidbits of historical significance. About every time he gets home to Whitesburg, I get a package in the mail along with a note telling me that I will know what to do with Woodrow Cornett's old general ledger wherein was detailed hundreds and hundreds of hog and cattle butchering, that his Grandpa did throughout the county, in an old "Old Hickory" scarping/dressing knife and most recently, a 1970 clipping from the Mountain Eagle having to do with Saly Adams retirement from the barbering profession.

Charlie (Sally) Adams had a barber shop on Cowan Creek, that he must have started in early forties after mustering out of the Navy. Sally learned how to cut hair in the Navy and brought that skill home and it served him well the rest of his life. His budding may have been small, but Sally was an institution for over 40 years. He retired in '70, and I'm not sure whether or not he ever re-

opened. All my visits would have been in the 50's and early 60's.

I'm not sure exactly how the family tree works or where he fit, but Saly had a little black building, maybe 10' x 12' there on the main road going up Cowan and all my uncles knew it. And even though we only lived 15 miles or so from Cowan, that was a road trip on the crooked mountain roads of the 50's and 60's. Too far to drive to get a hair cut unless you had other business close by.

Mostly I got my hair cut, until I was in high school, right there on Blair Branch. Dee Blair lived down the road about a quarter mile, three houses below ours, and he was the local barber. Go to Dee's house on a weekend and you had to wait in line. He used a comb and a pair of squeeze handle clippers and set you in a chair on his front porch during warm weather. In cold weather you sat in the living room in a ladder back chair in front of his stove. Men from all over the holler came to Dee's to get their hair cut. Dee was the first barber I ever encountered who would ask you if you wanted some left on top. He was so popular that I think he got up to charging a quarter before his clippers finally went out.

Then there was Russ Blair who had the first pair of electric clippers

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# Our Readers Write

Dear Editor,

We just wanted to use this means to express our appreciation to Dr. Whiteshead for his "Family Room" article in last week's Signal. Six months ago, we would have not given it much thought. However, now it conveys a powerful message on a topic we feel very strongly about.

For those of you who may have missed last week's article, it is well worth your time to go back and read it. In this article, Dr. Whiteshead addressed the FDA's March 22 public announcement strongly urging pharmaceutical companies to take "a little further" and place WARNING labels on 10 anti-depressant medications that could potentially cause an increase in suicidal tendencies.

Among these drugs are Prozac (fluoxetine), Zoloft (sertraline), Paxil (paroxetine), Luvox (fluvoxamine), Celexa (citalopram), Lexapro (escitalopram), Wellbutrin (bupropion), Effexor (venlafaxine), Serzone (nefazodone), and Remeron (mirtazapine).

These drugs, although "lifesavers" for many who could not otherwise function effectively on a daily basis, have caused a number of possible side effects including confusion, loss of personal identity, increase in suicidal tendencies, agitation, panic attacks, severe restlessness, mania and delusional thinking. While these side effects are listed in the fine print on medication printouts given out by some pharmacies, they go seemingly unnoticed by most consumers.

Wayne Taylor was one of those consumers, and the lack of knowledge of these risks cost him his life. Dad had begun taking Remeron just four days prior to taking his own life. He began his first dose on Thursday evening and by Friday evening was experiencing unusual feelings that he could not explain. During this "episode," Dad simply placed both hands behind his head and commented that he was feeling really funny. When questioned about it further, he would only say, "I don't know how to explain it. I have never felt like this before. I just feel really funny. I can't describe it." Because we were unaware of the possible adverse side effects of this medication, no one made the connection at that time. It wasn't until after his death, which came as a shock to not just family members, but to EVERYONE who knew him, that we began research into the possibility that medication

could have caused such unusual behavior. We were appalled to discover that this medication could have such drastic effects on a person. Upon reflection, we realize that the Friday evening "episode" was a major warning signal that the medication was working AGAINST him instead of FOR him. Had there been a warning label on the bottle, had public awareness been raised, or information

shared, we would have been monitoring him 24/7 and recognized the episode for what it was.

We have had a lot of skeptical questions asked and heard several untrue versions of the story of Dad's death so we would also like to take this opportunity to share the TRUTH, story and perhaps give you a glimpse into the days preceding his death.

Wayne Taylor, the loving husband, father of three and grandfather of eight, dedicated to avid sports, fathered a child with severe depression for several years. He always managed to function effectively in work, family, church and all other responsibilities without the aid of therapy or medication. He just seemed "down in the dumps" around the fall and winter seasons. This past Fall, under the encouragement of family who thought medication might help, he consulted with his friend and family physician. Based on his doctor prescribed Ambien as he believed sleep deprivation was the main problem. (After talking with his doctor after his death, we found that Dad's main complaint was that he had trouble sleeping and was tired all of the time.) One week later, he returned for a monitoring check-up, assessed and prescribed the antidepressant drug Remeron to be used in conjunction with Ambien as sleep deprivation was still the issue.

His first dose of Remeron was taken on Thursday evening. The following evening he experienced the episode of unusual feelings that we described earlier in this letter. This episode lasted only a few moments and once passed, he seemed to feel normal again.

Three days later on the morning of November 24, 2003, the patriarch of our family pulled his truck off of a main highway onto a side road, stepped out and shot himself. He had been off work for a few days because he was not feeling like himself. This particular morning, he had stopped by the pharmacy to drop off a couple of prescriptions to refill (one for Mom and one for himself). He then went to the auto parts store he managed to talk with his coworker and friend, Randy. He told Randy

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# T.J.'s Journal

by: Tonya J. Cook

Quite often when we watch TV, we simply allow the images to come and go without actually noting what we are viewing as we have our minds a thousand miles away thinking about our work, household duties, our children, or an upcoming event. Sooner or later the sound of the verbal blends into nothing more than background noise. This usually happens offering commercials or even the programming, depending on how interesting it may be. When commercial time comes along, our minds often slip into autopilot. Either that or we make a trip to the fridge, bathroom, go channel surfing, or even make a quick phone call.

Just as often, we are guilty of letting the TV play the part of a built-in babysitter. We put the kids in front

of the TV, turn it on, provide a lot of junk food, and with any luck at all, the parents can have hours of solitude. This is nothing new. I'm sure many remember those days, as it has been going on for quite a while now. The networks are well aware of how America watches TV. So are the writers. They think, "It doesn't matter how stupid, immoral, or how poor quality the show is, they'll watch it anyway." This is the norm for commercials too. The programs as well as the commercials are directed to a basic audience of sixteen to thirty-year olds. Networks figure that this age group is the movers and shakers with the big bucks to spend. They suppose that everybody else just likes to watch returns of Andy-Griffith, and

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# Preventing Migraines

Presented By: Dr. Tony Arvin

Migraines can be prevented in two different ways. The first is to avoid the foods, stresses, and changes in life that can trigger the headaches. The other is to use a medicine prophylactically to decrease the frequency and severity of the attacks.

Foods that should be avoided include cheeses, red wines, cured meats, pickled foods, alcohol and caffeine. Food additives such as nitrates and monosodium glutamate (MSG) should also be avoided. In addition, skipping meals can cause low blood sugar.

Stresses in life, irregular dietary habits, and lack of sleep or even excessive sleep can trigger migraines. A person should strive to maintain a regular routine; meals and sleep patterns should be kept consistent.

Medicines can be very useful in treating migraines. Some can be used prophylactically to prevent migraines, others can be started at the very first sign of a headache to abort the headache. When abortive medicines are used, it is very important to start them immediately at the onset of a migraine.

Prophylactic medicines have been very popular and there are many to choose from. They are usually started if the frequency of the headaches and their effect on your daily life warrant their use.

Propranolol is a blood pressure medicine that is often the first choice. It is safe and can be taken once a day. Another category of blood pressure medicine, called the calcium channel-blockers, provides useful prophylactic medicines.

There are also several other choices for migraine prophylaxis. If migraines affect your life, it may be time to keep a headache diary and discuss it with your doctor.



# Letters to the Editor

Letters must be 300 words or less and have a valid name and address. Letters are printed as they are received as space permits. Letters must not contain libelous material and must be in the office before noon on Tuesday of each week.

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The home is situated on 3.61 acres, more or less, with some fencing.

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## Safely handling and cooking ground beef

Family and Consumer Sciences

**Hazel Jackson**  
Rockcastle County Extension Office

Ah, the tantalizing aroma of grilled hamburgers. While tasty and nutritious, ground beef must be properly handled because it may contain bacteria that can make people sick. These bacteria can multiply rapidly when ground beef is improperly handled or not fully-cooked. Stay safe by following these suggestions on handling and cooking ground beef.

Put ground beef in the refrigerator immediately after you return from the store, and use or freeze it within one to two days. Refrigerate, cooked meat and use it within four days. Uncooked, frozen meat needs to be used within four months.

Ground beef is safe when the center reaches a temperature of 160 degrees Fahrenheit. Thus, you should cook hamburgers until the center is a grayish-brown, not pink. You can use a thermometer to ensure that the meat has reached a sufficient internal temperature. Juices dripping from the meat should be clear. Some studies have revealed a possible cancer risk from eating foods cooked by high-heat methods such as grilling, frying or broiling. However, research shows no health risk from eating moderate amounts of grilled meat, fish and poultry cooked to a medium temperature without charring. Have the grill grate hot before putting on hamburgers or steaks to seal them to retain juices; then cover to finish cooking on a lower heat. You may want to raise the grill cooking level to be sure the grill is thoroughly cooked, but not charred.

Cooking ground beef is different from cooking steak. The center of a steak has not been exposed to contaminants so a pink center is okay. Of course, both sides of a steak should be thoroughly cooked.

Keep grilled meat hot until ready to serve by putting it to the side of the grill, but not directly over the coals or in an oven at 200 degrees F. You also can use a chafing dish or warming tray.

When you've finished eating cooked ground beef, immediately refrigerate leftovers. Always wash all utensils, cutting boards, counters and plates or platters that came in contact with the raw meat during preparation and cooking. Never put cooked meat on a plate that previously held raw meat.

It's equally important to thoroughly cook poultry, pork and other meats on the grill. Whole poultry should reach an internal temperature of 180 degrees F and breasts, 170 degrees F. Poultry flesh should not be pink and juices need to be clear. All pork cuts should be cooked to an internal temperature of 160 degrees F. Beef, veal and lamb steaks, roasts and chops should reach 145 degrees F.

For more information and free grilling recipes, call the Rockcastle Cooperative Extension Service at 256-2403.

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Michael McGuire is shown with his completed hay barn. During the 2003 Phase I Hay Storage Cost-Share Program, 41 farmers received funding. The 2004 Hay Storage Cost-Share Program will fund 18 additional barns. Applications will be available May 3-31 at the Extension Office.

## Hay Barn Cost-Share

Agriculture and Natural Resources

**Tom Mills**  
Rockcastle County Extension Office

The Rockcastle County Cattlemen's Association and Agricultural Development Council will be accepting applications for Hay Storage Facility Cost-Share Program on May 3 - May 31, 2004. Applications may be picked up at the Cooperative Extension Service starting May 3.



**Fultz serving with Army in Iraq**

Christopher M. Fultz, of Fort Hood, Texas, is currently serving with the United States Army in Iraq. Christopher is the son-of Roxann Furnon Houchell, formerly of Rockcastle. Chris is the grandson of Amelia Furnon of Mt. Vernon. Please pray for our servicemen and women.

Applications are being accepted prior to state approval in an effort to move construction along for this year's hay crop. Local groups have requested state approval for constructing 18 new hay barns. This program is pending state approval.

Farmers will be required to complete a survey on their tobacco production history, farm income and hay production. From this survey applications will be scored and awarded cost-share. Since only 18 barns will be built, not all applications may be approved.

Prior to completing applications, farmers are required to develop a plan and budget. The plan should show barn design and all materials needed. The budget should show current material cost and contract labor required for completion. In the first sign-up, farmer estimates were inaccurate and 20% turned down their barns after approval. This slowed construction, causing some barns to be completed after hay harvest.

For more information, contact Tom Mills at the Cooperative Extension Office at 606-256-2403.

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## Mullins gets film award

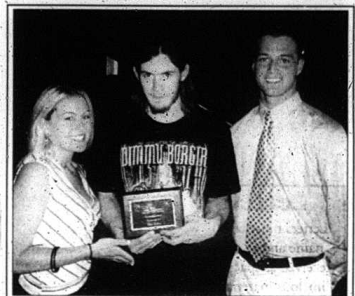
Chris Mullins, a senior at Rockcastle County High School, was the recipient of a production award for his student-produced film "Ravenous." The award was presented during the Corbin Independent Film and Video Festival Awards Ceremony, held Friday, April 23 at Corbin High School.

The film, written and directed by Mullins, is based on a poem of the same title from his collection of original poetry entitled, "The Perdition Passage." The hard-backed bound collection of poems is now on exhibit at the Rockcastle County High School Library and the Rockcastle County Public Library.

The film and video festival is held annually at Corbin High School with student films submitted in several categories, including animation, public service, news/entertainment, music video, promotional and sports. Mullins received his award in the narrative/story category. According to festival coordinator Mark Daniels, "These awards represent a sharing of media productions from students

across the state." A total of eleven school from Elizabethtown, Henry County, Painesville, Shelby County, North and South Hardin County, Eminence, Corbin, Jefferson County and Rockcastle County, participated with over 80 films submitted in eight different categories. The productions were screened and scored by students of Eastern Kentucky University's COM 200, Mass Media and Society Class. Productions were scored on artistic and technical merit. Mullins' film received the highest recommendation in his category by the selection committee.

Film credits for "Ravenous" include: Cast - Chris Mullins, Ethan Eversole, Actor Stand-in Zac Pennel; Cinematography and Editing - Chris Mullins, Brandon Reynolds; Original Music - Chris Mullins, Luke McCauley and Tim Morgan of Un-weathered Winter; Engineering - Brandon Reynolds; Chris Mullins; Production Assistants - Jamie McFerron, Jill Ponder; Special Thanks - June Stevens, KMHF Studio Renfry Valley and Rockcastle County Schools.



Chris Mullins, center, shown with award presenters received the Production Award for his film "Ravenous" at the Corbin Independent Film and Video Festival.

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# "TJ's Journal"

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wants to see commercials about Depends undergarments, Milk of Magnesia, and "male-enhancement" drugs. I guess they think we don't have any money to spend. (Ha-ha! They're just about right, too.)

I remember an old Twilight Zone episode from around forty years ago. The story line was about a little boy about five or six years old. His parents used TV as a babysitter. After work, quite often, his father would bring him a little toy or other product that was advertised by a certain show that the little boy watched every day. The show paralleled Sesame Street, or for the over-forty crowd out there, Captain Kangaroo. One day after learning all that he could from this "children's program" the little boy turned into a horrid-looking little demon and killed his parents. The show he liked to watch was called The Uncle Devil Show. Although this show may have been broadcast around forty years ago, doesn't the outcome seem familiar?

There is one commercial that plays frequently that has angered me to no end. It is the Rally's hamburger commercial. The lyrics to the commercial go something like this:

"Ya don't do nutthin' ya 'don't wanna do... Ain't nutthin' phony 'bout you. Keepin' it real... Do what ya' feel, Ya' gotta' eat... Eat Rally's."

This jingle is played while the viewer watches a group of approximately eighteen- to twenty-year olds at the beach living it up, and they probably wouldn't know what a hard days work was if it came about and bit them on the butt. However, they are driving about two or three brand new, rather expensive vehicles that I'm sure their parents bought and are insuring. I'm wondering if these parents ever had to do anything that they didn't want to do, like going to work to pay for their spoiled-rotten children's new vehicles and insurance? Then there's the gas money, a little pocket money, new clothes money... don't even get me started. None of these things include the price of an education.

There's a new Rally's commercial about two "skuzzy-looking" punks playing with a soccer ball. They are

obviously skipping school. It plays the same jingle. In either of these commercials, Rally's never bothers to mention the quality of their product, the good taste, or even the convenience of fast food. The Rally's writers have definitely gotten a finger on the pulse of the ideals of today's youth in most cases. If the adults of America took the same attitude (and some do), the whole United States would fold. What if one Monday morning absolutely nobody all over the United States went to work? Can you imagine the chaotic situation? When the alarm went off that morning, they just rolled over and turned it off and decided they "didn't have to do nutthin'; they didn't want to do it?" What about in World Wars I and II, to go back a generation or two? What if all these veterans had then just "did what they felt"? We all would be speaking German or Japanese.

I suppose that after the parents, the poor teachers are the ones forced to tolerate this attitude. Of course, proper discipline is out of the question these days. Something needs to be done. I plan to write a letter to the company, and tell them that the youth don't need any encouragement in going down the wrong path. If you should desire to write them as well, checkers can be sent to: Checkers Drive In Restaurants, 4300 West Cypress St., Suite #600, Tampa, FL 33607. Meanwhile, let's "keep it real!"

## "Points East"

(Cont. from A-2)

I ever saw. Russ lived nearly a mile down the holler below us and the living room/floor porch was also his shop. You just knocked on the door and told him or Dee that you needed a haircut and they would set to business. Russ was the first man I ever knew who could give you a flat top. He had ordered a set of clippers with various attachments such that he could leave the top of your head almost bald in the middle but with enough hair on either side so that when you combed it backwards and used a little butch wax, it was as smooth as a tennis court. If he'd been drinking a little, it might come out looking like a complicated golf green.

By the time I was ten years old,

my dad, Elmer Adams, decided that he had to have a set of electric clippers. He had suddenly fancied himself a barber. He could shear a horse's mane and tail to perfection (with hand held mane shears similar to hedge scissors) so he got it in his mind that he could cut hair too. Besides, Dee said he had 4 boys that were breaking him up on hair cuts so he talked Mom into ordering him the same set of clippers that Russ Blair had from a Montgomery Ward catalogue.

The clippers came in the mail and Dad propped me up on an old high chair and set to work. A modern day chain saw makes about as much noise, and those clippers pulled out as much hair by the roots as they cut. Before he was done he had tried on every attachment and run them through my hair.

He held up the mirror. My head looked like a blanket that had gone through a bad fire. I was clipped to the scalp in places, had holes in the middle, and had hair three inches long in other places and Dad said, "It won't look too bad if you part it right."

I promptly went down to Dee's and told him to cut it as close as he could. Dee said to me, "Well, Billie Lee, Russ, it won't look too bad after it grows a few weeks." And then he set into shaving my head.

## "Letters"

(Cont. from A-2)

that he was getting some more sleep and that he thought he would be back in a couple of days. He chatted for a few minutes and then left, saying he needed to go pick up the prescriptions. Twenty minutes later he was found lying in the middle of the side road, never having made it back to the pharmacy for the prescriptions he intended to pick up.

Just the day before, our family had enjoyed an early Thanksgiving celebration. During this celebration of the many things we have to be thankful for, Pappaw (as he was lovingly called) was very upbeat. He stood in the driveway watching the younger children play basketball. He was teaching his grandson Jacob to dribble between his legs. He commented on what a good athlete Lauren was and how he was looking forward to watching her out play all the boys in her age group. He also watched his oldest grandchild, Aaron,

'throw pitching practice. He talked of his plans to help coach Jacob's young basketball team and of following Aaron throughout his college baseball season. He even pulled out his Baymont Inn Frequent Guest card and commented that he was going to "burn it up." He smile, laughed, and even commented on what a fantastic day he was having.

Does this sound like someone who is planning to commit suicide???? We know not! We continue to have people come up to us sharing their sympathy and saying things like, "I don't know what happened, but I know that was not the Wayne I know!"

We knew the person—the man who planned to attend every home game (and many away games) on the EKU baseball schedule; the man who took pride in serving his church as a deacon; the man who deeply loved, and meticulously cared for every member of his family, never wanting to cause impositions; the man who knew those who loved him were concerned about his lack of sleep and responded, "I'll be fine. I don't want you kids worrying about me over the holidays;" the man who lit up every pipe his youngest grandson, Zachary, tolked through the door shouting, "Pappaw!!" The list could go on and on.

The only logical explanation is to suspect another "episode" of some sort that clouded his thinking beyond that of rational boundaries.

It is the mission of our family to do what we can to help raise this awareness. We are currently preparing a letter to send to numerous newspapers and magazines asking for their assistance in spreading the word and raising the awareness of the potential dangers behind these drugs.

Let me emphasize that we in no way are interested in any kind of lawsuit or in the banning of Remeron as a treatment for sleep disorders or depression. We simply want to make the general public aware of the potential dangers involved when taking these drugs. We know that the physicians that prescribe these medications cannot possibly monitor their patients on a daily basis during the first few weeks as is recommended, but they can educate the patient and family to do so. We can educate our friends, coworkers and those we spend the most time with to be alert when someone we care about is taking one of these powerful drugs. It is too late for our family! How-

ever, if the readers of Dr. Whitehead's column and this letter take notice and awareness is raised, we can only hope that other lives can be saved and other families spared the grief and devastation we have and will continue to experience.

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Jacob, Logan and Zachary

ing educators whose work deserves applause. Let's contribute to the efforts of improving our schools and reinforcing the quality of education in our community. Let's recognize teachers for the significant role they play in our lives and in the well-being of our nation. Let's take time to say "thanks" to the teachers of our community and throughout the United States.

Sincerely,  
Amy Hamm Nicely, president  
Broadhead Elementary PTA

Dear Editor

As Basic Arts Coordinator for Rockcastle County Schools I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mr. and Mrs. Roy Martin for their generous financial contribution to the Rockcastle County Schools Basic Arts Program. Roy and Pam provided funding for all district fifth graders to visit the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and Museum during the 2003-2004 school year. Funding included admission to the museum and transportation costs. We appreciate Roy and Pam's interest in the arts and instruction within our county schools. It is through individual and community partnerships such as this that will continue to strengthen our student's appreciation, enthusiasm and understanding of the importance the arts play in all our lives. I know the teachers, students and parents all applaud Roy and Pam for their encouragement and support in providing arts opportunities.

Thank You  
H. Allen Penso

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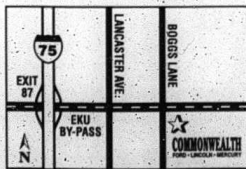
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# Library News

By Ms. Kathy McKibben  
Last week was National Library Week. We had a wonderful celebration at the Rockcastle County Public Library. In conjunction with National Library Week it is also National Poetry Month, and Earth Day Week. Our local Rockcastle County High School, Middle School and Broadhead Elementary School children sent us poetry they had written and we have a huge display on the wall in the adult library, children's library and career room.

Letha (Smith) French is a local poet, who has written five wonderful poetry books, these titles are on display Poems and Prose From the Heart / From the Heart Volume 11 / A Bouquet of Poetry / Life, a Little Blessings / and Windows of My Mind. Letha is a native of Kentucky, graduated from Livingston High School, moved away and came back to the hills of Kentucky she loved so well with her husband and family a few years after they retired.

Chris Mullins a Rockcastle County High School senior has written The Perdition Passage: A Collection of Poems which is on display in the adult area of the library. Chris is an up and coming poet that we are certain has a very promising future. Our own local RCHS students have written and illustrated a book called *Vanishing Waters Vanishing Lives*; this book was published along with a song on a CD, and a wonderful coloring book. The funding for the book came from Rockcastle Council for the Arts Pride and Environmental Education Grant.

At 1:00 p.m. last Tuesday we had Renfro Valley guitarist Ethan Eversole play the song entitled New Life and sing it for the story hour children. The words and music were written by RCHS student Josh Ott. There were six of the contributing teens here to show the book and read the coloring book. They sat with the children while they colored. Each child received a coloring book.

Our local community partner P.J.'s Day Care was in attendance with several of the regular children and parents. The book *Vanishing Waters Vanishing Lives*, song, and coloring book tied in with Earth Day because of its content, water pollution, environment, etc. Some of the pieces in the book were poems and prose. This program tied in the Rockcastle County schools, the book and coloring book, Renfro Valley with the song, National Library Week with a wonderful new book display,

and National Poetry Month, as well as last Thursday being Earth Day. Each child also received a tree from the Local Conservation District.

Early Headstart workers were on hand to pass out information and ribbons for Child Abuse Awareness Month. We took lots of pictures especially the teens that presented the book and coloring book to the library with the children. We believe the celebration was a great success!

According to Carol Baughman Children's Services Coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives "one of the big problems librarians have been facing this month is the gazillion observances--National Library Week, National Poetry Month, Earth Day Week, not to mention promoting summer reading before school is out. You [Rockcastle County Library] have managed to combine all these into one huge celebration. I am forwarding this information to Leslie Cole at the Environmental Protection Cabinet and also to Kelly Reed, our in-house public information person, because I know they are both looking for good pictures of reading events--yours are perfect!"

We would like to thank all of the participants in the celebration of these events, we have such wonderfully talented people in our community. This is just another effort to promote literacy, creativity, and the arts. It's working, let's continue to strive for excellence in this area, we can do it if we pull together. As always a special thank-you to H. Allen Pensol Basic Arts Coordinator for the Rockcastle County Schools.

Next month is going to be a special time at the Rockcastle County Library as well. We are inviting our local crafters and artists to bring their work and display them here at the library through the month of May. You may begin bringing your crafts, quilts, painting, woodwork etc. starting Saturday May 1st. Also Summer Reading dates are set. We will begin sign-up the last week of May, Monday May 24th and the first week in June, until Saturday June 5th. Make efforts to participate in these programs at the library. It is your library so make the connection. For more information about the library programs and Bookmobile service contact the Rockcastle Co. Public Library at telephone # 606-256-2388, e-mail [rcplb@mkrotech.com](mailto:rcplb@mkrotech.com) or check out our Website [www.rockcastlelibrary.com](http://www.rockcastlelibrary.com)



Mr. H. Allen Pensol talks to the audience about the book of poems and prose.



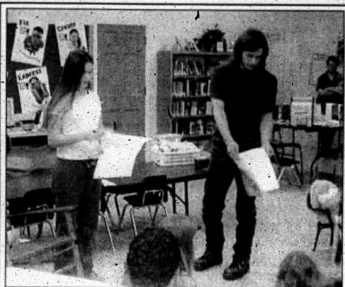
Ethan Eversole, Renfro Valley guitarist singing "New Life" by Josh Ott.



The children and teens take time to color and talk about the book.

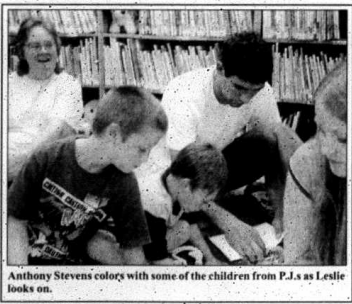


Pictured from left to right Jenna Blue Owens, Anthony Stevens, Chris Mullins, Kathy McKibben, Jeni Durham, Ashley Kemberl, and Leslie Robbins. These Rockcastle County Students presented *Vanishing Waters Vanishing Lives* to the Library.



Jenna Blue Owens reading the coloring book *Vanishing Waters Vanishing Lives* as Chris Mullins author of the title poem show the children the pictures.

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Anthony Stevens colors with some of the children from P.J.'s as Leslie looks on.

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Bring your crafts and have them displayed at the library beginning May 1st, make sure you have them tagged with your name and phone number on them! Whatever your craft, painting, crafts, baskets, quilts, the staff will be happy to display them in the adult library. Crafts should be picked up by May 31st.

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# Church News

## Monthly Singing

New Hope Baptist Church of Orlando will hold their regular monthly singing Saturday, May 1st at 7 p.m., featuring the Calvary Echoes and Bro. Jerry Ballinger will be preaching.

Homecoming at the church will be held Sunday, May 16th with dinner served after church. Bro. Jerry Ballinger will be preaching and there will be no evening services.

## Singing at Morning View

There will be a singing at Morning View Holiness Church on May 2 at 7 p.m. with Gordon Mink and The Praise Singers. Burgess Daugherty, pastor, and the congregation invite everyone to attend.

## H.O.P.E.

Anyone who has been affected by another person's alcohol and/or drug addiction is offered support and encouragement through our Heart of Peaceful Expectation (H.O.P.E.) "A Fellowship of Hearts" at Northside Baptist Church. We will assist individuals and families to see that no situation is without hope.

## Revival Services

Revival at Livingston Pentecostal

Holiness Church will begin May 5th with services at 7 o'clock nightly, except Sunday night service which begins at 6 o'clock. Evangelist will be Bro. George Baker. Pastor Donnie Fingleton and the church welcomes everyone.

## Revival at House of Refuge

Revival Services will be held April 30th - May 5th at 7 o'clock nightly at the House of Refuge Church on Hwy. 25 at Roundstone. Divine Purpose of Kingsport, TN will be providing special music.

## Singing at Pleasant Run

Pleasant Run Baptist Church at Lamero will be having a singing April 30th at 7 p.m. with the men's quartet from Bible Baptist Church featured. There will also be other singers.

## Revival at Mt. Zion

Revival Services will be held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church May 2 through May 5 at 7 o'clock nightly. Bro. Greg Deaton, assistant pastor of Swiss Colony Baptist Church, will be the evangelist. Special singing nightly. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Revival at Mt. Zion

Revival Services will be held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church May 2 through May 5 at 7 o'clock nightly. Bro. Greg Deaton, assistant pastor of Swiss Colony Baptist Church, will be the evangelist. Special singing nightly. Everyone is invited to attend.



Dr. Mike Bryant, senior pastor of Faith Harvest Fellowship in Mt. Vernon, and his wife, Carol Bryant, recently attended the Church Relations board meeting held at Cumberland College in Williamsburg, Kentucky, on March 22nd, 2004. The meeting gave ministers, youth ministers, missionaries, directors of missions, and others involved in ministry the opportunity to hear about the activities of Cumberland College students and staff.

# Cards of Thanks

## Earl Wayne Lunsford

The family of Earl Wayne Lunsford would like to thank Dr. Karen Saylor and staff for their kindness and help, also Dr. Rowe and the Rockcastle Co. Hospital and Hospice for their services.

We would also like to thank Dowell & Martin Funeral Home, Bro. Bobby Owens, Bro. McKinney for the nice service and Angelia Nicely, Norine Frith, Kathleen Houk, Tressa Adams, Greg Lear and Judy Rowe for their help, love and kindness.

Christine Lunsford, Roger Lunsford, Cecil Todd, Devin and Jamathan Todd and family.

## Ida Pearl Durham

The family of Ida Pearl Durham wishes to express their appreciation to those who came to visit, brought food, sent flowers and cards, or perhaps, whispered a prayer or two. We are so grateful to have friends and relatives who showed, in some way, that they cared during this difficult time.

Thanks to Rockcastle and Cumberland Home Health, to Collins Respiratory Care and to Dr. Arvin. A special thank-you to Bro. Eddie Nation for his comforting words, also to Dowell & Martin Funeral home for helping in our time of need, to Sparks Flowers & More for the beautiful flowers and to a wonderful daughter-in-law, Edna Durham, who faithfully took care of her for several years.

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## Three Links Cemetery

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If you have family members buried here, please send donations soon so the cemetery can be mowed when needed. Memorial Day will be here soon! Please contact any family members who does not read The Signal. Spread the word to anyone you think would need to be involved in the upkeep of the cemetery.

For several years, donations were enough. But, each year fewer and fewer are giving donations for the upkeep. In the last two years, I've had to pay for the mowing sometimes myself. This can't continue.

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## Christian Church Cemetery at Broadhead

Donations for the upkeep of the Christian Church Cemetery are needed.

Please give or send to Barbara Watson, Watson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 525, Broadhead, Ky. 40409.

## Maple Grove Cemetery

Donations for the upkeep of Maple Grove Cemetery should be sent to: Andrew Miller, Rt. 1, Box 207, Orlando, Ky. 40460.

## Pine Hill Cemetery

Donations for upkeep of the Pine Hill Cemetery should be sent to: Lorene Pender, 314 Jessica Circle, Richmond, Ky. 40475.

## Red Hill Cemetery Note

For the care of the Red Hill Community Cemetery, please send donations to: Dell F. Ponder, P.O. Box 238, Livingston, Ky. 40445 or Clifton "Rat" Bond, P.O. Box 239, Livingston, Ky. 40445.

All donations will be placed in the bank. If donations are made by check, make payable to the Red Hill Cemetery Fund.

## Johnetta Cemetery

It's time once again to clean our cemetery and we are asking for your help. If you have old flowers and what-nots that you want to keep, please go by and pick them up so we can start mowing. The flowers that are on the headstone and in vases will be left.

## Johnetta Cemetery Board

## Mareburg Cemetery

Donations for mowing and upkeep of the Mareburg Cemetery should be sent to Gloria Seals, Rt. 3, Box 622, Broadhead, Ky. 40409.

## Livesay Cemetery

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## High Dry Cemetery

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## Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

### Truth concerning undermarketing

Burley tobacco farms faced a reduction in pounds carried forward from 2003 marketing year to 2004 because of legislation that limits the total poundage carried forward (undermarketing) by all farms to 10 percent of the national basic quota for the preceding crop year. The undermarketing belts-wide for 2003 were 53,628,000 pounds. The amount that could be carried forward was 28,750,000 pounds. As a result, farms were allowed to carry forward 53.59 percent of the farm's prior year undermarketing.

USDA has determined based on current legislation that Burley tobacco harvested during the 2004 calendar year must count against the 2004 marketing quota established for the farm. Therefore, any tobacco harvested during the 2004 calendar must be recorded on the farm's 2004 marketing card, even if marketed before the beginning of the 2004 marketing year which begins October 1, 2004.

Because of the timing of this notice, people may have taken action to grow a crop to market prior to October 1, 2004 intending to sell the crop on the 2003 marketing card. If you have taken action prior to this notice, contact your local FSA County office to request relief. By granting relief the producer's 2003 marketing

card issued under the relief provision must be limited to only the quota pounds reduced under the 10 percent carry forward rule. Note: The number of pounds that relief is granted may not exceed the number of pounds that were lost to the producer because of the 10 percent limitation on undermarketing. Therefore, if you were short 10,000 lbs. the relief pounds would be limited to 6,441 lbs. All relief tobacco acreage must be spot checked by FSA prior to harvest. The deadline to file request relief is July 15, 2004.

### USDA sets date for soybean request for referendum

Farm Service Agency State Executive Director, Jeffrey S Hall, has announced that USDA will offer soybean producers the opportunity to request a referendum on the Soybean Promotion and Research Order as authorized under the Soybean Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act.

The request for referendum will be conducted at USDA's County Farm Service Agency (FSA) Offices. To be eligible to participate, producers must certify and provide documentation that shows that they produced soybeans and paid an assessment on the soybeans during the period of January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2003. Only those producers who desire a referendum on the

order will participate.

Beginning May 3, 2004 and continuing through May 28, 2004, producers may obtain a form to request a referendum from their local FSA County Office either in person or by sending a request by mail or facsimile. Forms may also be obtained from: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/ig/mpbrv-soy.htm>. Individual producers and other producer entities may request a referendum at the County FSA Office where their administrative farm records are maintained. For the producer not participating in FSA programs, the opportunity to request a referendum will be provided at the County FSA Office where the producer owns or rents land. Mail in requests must be postmarked by May 28, 2004, and received in the County FSA Office by June 7, 2004. All other requests made by facsimile or in person, must be received in the County FSA Office by May 28, 2004.

USDA will conduct a referendum on the order if at least 10 percent of the 663,880 soybean producers request a referendum provided that no more than one-fifth be producers residing in the county. The request for referendum is mandatory by the act. The act requires that the Secretary of Agriculture conduct a request for referendum on the order after the initial referendum, which was conducted in 1994.

### Maps

Due to new technology FSA is now updating farm producer maps by way of computer. Producers whose farms have been verified are now receiving maps in the mail with acreage listed in fields. Acreage listed on the map is what is considered cropland and does not reflect the farm's total acreage. If you no longer own this land please note that FSA cannot change the farm owner until the new owner brings their deed to the 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 contract sales is required to update FSA records with correct ownership.

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

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

Direct and Counter Cyclic Program sign-up ends June 1, 2004  
Grassland Reserve Program applications being accepted for 2004

fund.

Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) Program-signup continues  
Farm Storage Facility Loan Program-signup continues

Conservation Reserve Program-signup continues

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## Rockcastle Adult Day Health Care to kick off its anniversary celebration

To start its month-long celebration, the Rockcastle Adult Day Health Care, a non-profit center, will have a booth at the Garden Club's plant sale on May 1st. The booth will feature baked goodies such as homemade breads, cookies, cakes, candies and beef jerky! The center will have an open flea-market on Saturday, May 8th and tables are for rent to the public for \$10. If you don't want to rent a table but have items to donate, please call the center at 256-4316 or come by. Also on May 8th, the cen-

ter will have an information booth at the Old Fashion Tradin' Days on Main Street.

The month-long celebration to celebrate their 7th anniversary, serves a dual purpose. The center is celebrating and raising funds to buy new medical and therapy equipment for the center.

We encourage everyone to come out and support our community center. See the Signal for a full list of events and times!

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### Kiwanis Club

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

### RCBS Band Fundraiser

The Rockcastle Co. High School Band will hold a yard sale/car wash on Sat. May 1st in the vacant lot between the Rocket Car Wash and JFC. If you would like to make a yard sale donation, you may drop off your items at McCauley Egg Co. on W. Main St. on April 29th and 30th after 6 p.m.

### Open House at Great Saltpetre Cave

Open House will be held at Great Saltpetre Cave on Sat., May 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sun., May 16th from noon to 4 p.m. There will be free cave tours, live music and food. All musicians and singers are welcome. From 1-75, take Exit 59 onto U.S. 25. Turn left onto Rt. 1004 and continue until it comes to a T (at tracks). Turn right and continue to the cave preserve.

### Retired Teachers

Rockcastle County Retired Teachers meeting will be Monday, April 26 at 6 p.m. at Kastle Inn Restaurant.

### Republican Party Note

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

**Are you sick and tired...** of being sick and tired? S.W.A.T. team for alcoholics and drug addiction will meet at Northside Baptist Church, Thursdays at 7 p.m. Meeting Monday-through Saturday at noon, as well as Thursday night.

### Spring Yard Sale

There will be a Yard Sale at the Rockcastle Hospital Saturday morning, given by the nurses. Rain or shine.

**Brodhead Lodge Meeting** Brodhead Lodge #566 F&AM will meet at 7:30 p.m. the third Saturday of every month.

### First Baptist fund-raiser

Hay Petra Student Ministries Mission Team of First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, is teaming up in order to raise money so they may do their part in fulfilling the Great Commission! On May 16th, the mission team will be serving and bussing tables at Pizza Hut. The tip money will be help send these students on their mission trip to Atlanta, GA this

summer. So set this date on your calendar so you can have dinner with us at Pizza Hut, May 6th, 5 to 9 p.m.

### First Annual Gardening Day

The Rockcastle Garden Club is sponsoring a plant sale/exchange to be held Saturday, May 1st in the parking lot beside Cox Hardware. Area gardeners are invited to bring plants, bulbs, seeds, etc. to sell or exchange. Garden tools, containers, ornaments are welcome a well. Some commercial vendors will be among those participating. This is not a fundraiser, so no fees will be charged. Radio and newspaper will carry more details or interested parties can call 758-4844.

### Narcotics Anonymous

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

### Alcoholics Anonymous

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

### GED Classes

Christian Appalachian Project Adult Learning Center holds GED classes Mondays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Tuesday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. On-line GED, computer classes and tutoring are also available. The Adult Learning Center is located on Hwy. 25, north of Renfro Valley on Green Fish Hill. For more information, call 606-256-5707.

### Bookmobile Schedule

Mon., May 3rd: Brodhead and Copper Creek.  
Tues., May 4th: No service.  
Wed., May 5th: Green Hill, Conway, Boone, Fairview, Lambert Road and Restorative Care at RCK.

### Parker Seal Dinner

There will be a Parker Seal dinner at the Dinner Bell Restaurant in Berea on May 11 at noon. All retired and former employees of Parker Seal Co. are invited.

### RCBS Band Alumni

Efforts are underway to compile a complete up-to-date band alumni list. Please help by sending name, address, phone number to Robert N. Pybus, Rt. 4, Box 3971, Mt. Vernon, Ky. 40456. Friends and family members of band alumni, who now live away, can help by notifying alumni of these efforts.



### Perkins - Bengé

Scott and Gail Bengé Messer and Janis and Fred Alcorn would like to announce the marriage of their children, Chris Bengé and Christi Perkins. The wedding will be held May 15, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. at the Livingston Holiness Church. All family and friends are invited to attend.

### In and Around Mt. Vernon

By Vallie Burton

Mt. and Mrs. Danny Petrey and Vallie Burton visited Mary Roberts in Rutledge, TN recently.

Mrs. Dorothy Rideout of Henderson visited her mother, Lillian Anglin and brother, Bobby recently.

Mrs. Lori Eaton and children were in Lexington last Friday.

Vallie Burton has returned home after spending several days with her daughter, Mrs. Danny Petrey and Mr. Petrey of Somerset.

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

Mildred Hunt visited her sister,

Shirley Burton at Brodhead a while last Wednesday.

Mrs. Lori Eaton and children visited Patricia Holland Thursday.

Mrs. Judy Coulter and children of Munfordville and Angie Eaton of Newday visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Eaton last week.

Mrs. Shirley McClure and daughter, Miranda, were in Somerset Friday.

Mt. and Mrs. Mark Eaton have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob White of Hadan. Mr. White passed away Monday, night. Our sympathy goes out to the family.

### Richards - Turner

Stanley and Betty Wright of Orlando wish to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Sherri Lyn Richards to Donnie Turner of Berea, the son of the late Virgil and Pariet Turner.

This will be an event on May 15th at 2 pm at Liberty Avenue Baptist Church in Berea. All family and friends are welcome to attend.



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Pictured from left: Karen Kling, Carolyn Brown, Mary and Sydney Fore, Iris Young, Barbara Smith, Mt. Vernon Mayor Clarice Kirby and husband Paul Kirby attended the KSDAR Convention where Mrs. Ann Henderson, center, was presented with a National Award for Historic Preservation.



Guess Who's 50th! No need to write a poem just go in Rockcastle Health Dept. and ask for Hazel Mae

**"Show"**  
(Cont. from front)

year's garden gala event and also a cooking demonstration with herbs, edible plants and flowers.  
Advance tickets are recommended and will be available for \$15. Tickets, maps and garden descriptions can be purchased from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Rockcastle County Middle School on June 17, 18 and 19.

Contact Kathy McCauley, 606-256-9869; Anita Nation, 606-256-1530 or Kathy Bobo, 256-2934 for tickets or information. Tickets will

also be on sale May 1st at the Garden Market - Plant Sale Exchange in the city parking lot across from the Rockcastle County Courthouse, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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**Kids and marijuana: not a harmless high**

Users say it makes them mellow. Proponents of legalization say it's okay to smoke. Doctors warn of its harmful effects. Researchers say that from 1991 to 2001, the number of 8th graders who have used marijuana doubled from one in ten to one in five.

"There are many popular myths about the so-called harmlessness of marijuana, but we know from research that marijuana use is risky for teens at a crucial time in their lives," said John P. Walters, Director of National Drug Control Policy.

One common myth is that marijuana is safe. But the fact is, marijuana puts kids at risk. It's harmful to young bodies and minds that are still developing. Marijuana affects the brain and can impair mental health, leading to increased depression and anxiety. Other health risks associated with smoking marijuana are similar to those posed by tobacco.

Kids who use marijuana regularly show a decrease in academic achievement. Even short-term marijuana use has been shown to cause problems with memory, learning, cognitive development and problem solving.

Recent research also shows that kids who use marijuana weekly are more likely to get in trouble with the

law, struggle in school, have delinquent friends, engage in sex or end up in risky and dangerous situations. Drugged driving is another danger. One roadside study of reckless drivers who were not impaired by alcohol showed that 45 percent tested positive for marijuana.

It's also a myth that marijuana is not addictive. More youth enter treatment with a primary diagnosis of marijuana than for all other illicit drugs combined. Sixty percent of teens currently in drug treatment have a primary marijuana diagnosis. According to the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, of all the people entering treatment for marijuana in 1999, more than half (57 percent) first used the drug by the age of 14.

Parents can help kids by countering the folklore on marijuana with real examples of how marijuana can put their futures at risk. Studies show that parents are the single most powerful influence in their children's lives. Parents who are involved and talk to their kids about drugs can help keep their kids drug-free.

For a free copy of "Keeping Your Kids Drug-Free: A How-to Guide for Parents and Caregivers," call 1-800-788-2800. Or you can visit the web site [www.theantidrug.com](http://www.theantidrug.com).

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**LOCATION:** Approx. 12 miles east of Somerset and 13 miles west of Mt. Vernon. Turn off Hwy. 461 onto the Old Mt. Vernon Road and go 7/10 of a mile to Elrod Road (State Road 3268). Turn on Elrod Road and proceed 1.2 miles to the property. Auction signs are posted.

In order to settle the estate of the late Mr. Purcell, his wife authorized our firm to sell this farm for the absolute high dollar.

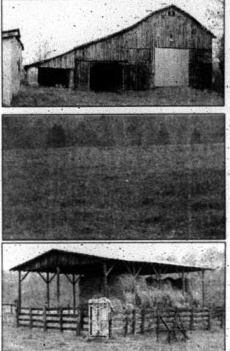
This dandy cattle-farm consists of 138 acres by the boundary. There is approximately 100 acres of crop and pasture land, balance being wooded with some marketable timber and lots of young timber. It is improved with the pictured 32x60 bank barn, which has a 16 ft. shed and a 12x42 shed. In addition, there is a 36x48 hay shed and cattle-working facility. Stock water is provided by a pond and creek; however, city water is available. The farm is mostly fenced with high tensile wire.

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## RCHS girls' track takes second at LCC; RCMS girls' win Bates Creek Invitational

The Rockcastle County track and field program has gotten off to a great start this outdoor season. Although the first few meets of the season were cancelled due to weather, RCMS, eventually got to compete in their first outdoor meet in Somerset at the 28th Annual Lake Cumberland Classic. Sixteen teams were on hand for the competition, which proved to be very competitive. The RCMS girls' team finished a close second to regional rival Casey County, who was participating in their third meet of the season.

Several RCMS competitors had outstanding performances in the competition. RCMS junior Heather Hammond led the way with 30 points scored. Heather placed first in high jump with an effort of 4'10". Heather won long jump with an impressive leap of 16'0.3". She also placed first in the 300-meter hurdles with an unbelievable effort of 12.91 seconds. Eighth grader Morgan Thacker placed fourth with a personal best effort of 13.47. Morgan also won first place in the 200-meter dash with a spectacular effort and personal best time of 27.26 seconds.

RCMS seventh grader Sarah McKinney ran a personal best in the 100-meter high hurdles, and finished 5th with a time of 18.16. Sarah also

placed sixth in the 300-meter hurdles.

Freshman Morgan Kincer, finished sixth in the 400-meter dash with an awesome race and a time of 1:08.9.

The distance runners performed very well for RCMS. Sophomore Kayla Hayes placed fourth in the 1600-meter run with an effort of 6:05. Sophomore teammate Jessi Asher finished a close fifth in 6:06. Kayla also finished third in the 3200 with a time of 13:45. Jessi placed fifth overall in the event with a time of 14:12.

Junior Chere' Embes placed sixth in long jump with an excellent effort of 14'10". Chere' also placed 3rd in triple jump with a performance of 31'5".

Seventh grader Tamara Blanton placed 4th in high jump with an excellent leap of 4'4".

Senior throwers Anna Guilfoif and Jessie Riddle performed well in the shot put competition. Jessie finished seventh with an excellent effort of 26'3". Anna placed 8th overall with an awesome effort of 25'8".

The 400-meter and 800-meter relay teams both placed second overall with times of 55.5 and 1:54.6, respectively. Team members included Morgan Thacker, Tamara Blanton, Chere' Embes, and Sheena Swinney.

The 3200-meter relay team of Danielle Arnold, Jessi Asher, Morgan Kincer, and Kayla Hayes finished 4th overall with an excellent time of 10:59.

The 1600-meter relay team of Sarah McKinney, eighth grader Courtney Bullock, Morgan Kincer, and eighth grader Katie Burdette finished in fourth place with an exceptional time of 4:41.

The boys' team also had many exceptional performances with junior distance runner Brandon Cole leading the way. Brandon finished 3rd in the 1600-meter run with an unbelievable effort of 4:51. Brandon also ran an awesome 3200-meter race, finishing third overall with a time of 11:26.

Sophomore Derrick Baker ran his best ever time in the 400-meter dash. Derrick finished ninth overall in 58.36 seconds. Derrick also ran well in the 800-meter run, finishing sev-

enth with an awesome time of 2:19.3.

Thrower Gabe Guilfoif placed ninth in shot put with an awesome personal best effort of 43'7.75".

The RCMS track teams got their season off to a great start with their first competition in Palaski County. Despite a talented field of ten teams, including second ranked Casey County, the RCMS girls' team dominated the competition, defeating second place Casey County by over eighty points. The RCMS boys' team placed ninth overall.

Next on the agenda for RCMS came the Bates Creek Invitational in Lexington. Twenty teams were present for the meet, as well as over an thousand athletes.

The RCMS girls' team sought to solidify their position as one of the best middle school track teams in the state. The team represented itself extremely well, winning the competition by an amazing 107 points over their nearest competitor. They would have won by 122 points; however, the 15 points RCMS scored in the high jump competition did not count in the overall team score.

Leading the way for the girls' team was eighth grader Morgan Thacker who claimed three first place finishes in the meet. Her most spectacular performance came in the long jump competition, where she bettered her personal best by over a foot. Morgan easily won the event with an incredible leap of 16'5". She also jumped 16'4" on her second attempt. Her mark represents the best jump in the state in Class 2A this season, as well as the best middle school jump by far in the state. Morgan also won the 100-meter dash with a very fast time of 13.46 seconds. In the triple jump competition, Morgan also claimed 1st with an effort of 30'7". Her only defeat came in a very close 200-meter dash race where she finished second in 28.16 seconds, nearly a second off her season's best effort and only a tenth of a second behind the seventh grader Tamara Blanton who also had a tremendous meet. She won the high jump competition with an awesome effort of 4'10". Tamara also finished second in the long jump competition with a new incredible personal best effort of 14'4". In the triple jump competition, Tamara placed 3rd overall with an awesome effort of 27'10". Tamara placed 5th in her final event, the 200-meter dash.

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RCMS sixth grader Grant Burdette gets ready for the handoff in the 400-meter relay, one of three relays that Grant competed in at Bates Creek.

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The RCMS girls' track and field team placed second at the 28th Annual Lake Cumberland Classic Invitational recently. Team members include: Front row (l to r): Samantha Smith, Jessi Asher, Jessie Riddle, Sheena Swinney, Anna Guilfoif, Middle row (l to r): Ashley Bullock, Courtney Bullock, Katie Burdette, Morgan Kincer, Morgan Thacker, Sarah McKinney, Back row (l to r): Tiffany Smith, Brooke Bowlin, Sara Hammond, Danielle Arnold, Heather Hammond, Chere' Embes, Kayla Hayes, Tamara Blanton (not pictured: Katy Mattingly).



The RCMS girls' track team won the 20-team Bates Creek invitational this past Friday in Lexington by 107 points. Team members include: Front row (l to r): Samantha Smith, Kristen Bullock, Michaela Hunter, Bethany Clontz, Cora Collinsworth, Back row (l to r): Coach Mark Brummett, Leslie Burdette, Kristen Baker, Brenda Hyden, Brooke Bowlin, Nicole Locklear, Katie Howard, Morgan Thacker, Courtney Bullock, Casey Thompson, Katie Burdette, Tiffany Smith, Tamara Blanton, Sara Hammond, Coach Linda Howard (not pictured: Sarah McKinney and Katy Mattingly).

### Track Stories and Photos Submitted by coach Mark Brummett

### RCMS Softball

### Lady Rockets avenge earlier loss to Lincoln County

Following a 15-0 district win at Oneida Baptist which gave the Lady Rockets a sweep of district opponents, the Rockets lost, for the second time in the season, 8-0 to South Laurel.

However, Tuesday night, the Lady Rockets traveled to Lincoln County for a rematch with the Lady Patriots. The Rockets got on the scoreboard in the first inning on a run scored by Allison Durham. With two out, Durham reached first on an error on the left fielder, took second and third on passed balls and scored on a wild pitch.

Senior Rachel Childress, who drew a walk in the second inning, repeated Durham's scenario, taking second and third and scoring on wild pitches.

In the third inning, the Rockets got their first hit off the Lady Patriots pitcher with Durham singling to left, and scoring on a walk by Jessie Barnes.

The third inning was also the first run for the Patriots, off of a Rocket error and two singles.

Childress led off the fourth inning with a triple and, one out later, came home on a double by Ainsley Bussell. However, Bussell was caught in a rundown between second and third. Mary Saylor also doubled in the inning but was left stranded.

The Patriots scored two runs in the fourth, to make the score 4 to 3 on two Rockets errors, a bunt single and a single to right. That would finish up the Patriot scoring for the night.

The Rockets added two runs in the fifth when catcher Elizabeth Scarborough drew a walk and later scored on a double by Cassie Hamilton. Hamilton then went to third on a wild pitch and later scored on a Patriot miscue to make it 6 to 3, the final score of the game.

Durham, the winning pitcher, scattered six hits in the game. The Rockets had seven hits.

The Lady Rockets are now 13 and 6 on the season.



The Rockcastle County Rockets have been ranked as high as 12th in the state and are 13-3 on the season. Above, Colby Brown takes a pitch during recent action against North Laurel. Brown is 3-0 as a starting pitcher, has one save and is batting .376. The Rockets will host their annual invitational tournament beginning Friday. They play at 5 p.m.

### Battle at the Rock this coming weekend

The Rockcastle County Rocket baseball team is 13 and 3 after wins over Lincoln County, 8 and 6 and a district win over Jackson County, 11 to 1 on Tuesday night. The winning pitcher was senior Adam Hensley, who has won five games against one loss this season.

The Rockets will be seeded number one in the 49th district tournament which will be held at the ROCK, May 24th and 25th.

The ROCK will play Oneida in the opening round of the district and is seeded number one for the fifth straight year.

This weekend the Rockets will host their own tournament, The Battle at the Rock, with teams from Bryan Station, Franklin-Simpson and 13th region opponent Middleboro.

The tournament will begin on Friday night when the ROCK takes on Lexington Bryan Station at 5:30 p.m., and the second game will pit Franklin-Simpson against Middleboro.

The ROCK will play Franklin-Simpson at 10:00 a.m. and at 5 p.m. they will take on Middleboro, which may be the two teams in the finals of the 13th region, come early June. The region will be played at Clay County.

The Rockets were ranked number 16 in the state last week and have not lost since then.

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Michaela Hunter, a third grader at MVES, easily won the 3200-meter run at the Bates Creek Invitational.



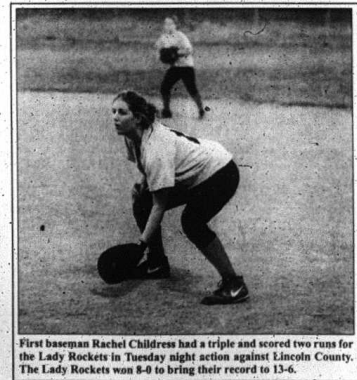
RCMS sixth grader Grant Burdette gets ready for the handoff in the 400-meter relay, one of three relays that Grant competed in at Bates Creek.



Members of the RCMS boys' track team that competed in the Bates Creek Invitational last Friday evening: front row (l to r): Ricky Hinds, Grant Burdette, Matthew Thomason; back row (l to r): Brandon Mitchell, Chris Lewis, Michael Thomason.



Bryan Gilbert, Gabe Guilfoif, and Brandon Cole led the RCMS boys' team at the 28th Annual Lake Cumberland Classic Invitational.



First baseman Rachel Childress had a triple and scored two runs for the Lady Rockets in Tuesday night action against Lincoln County. The Lady Rockets won 8-0 to bring their record to 13-6.



Essay winners from RCHS. From left: Devin Taylor, third place; Karen Mink, first place and county winner and Jessica Asher, second place.

## Students honored in art and essay contest

The Rockcastle County Conservation District recently rewarded several students for their efforts in the annual Writing and Art Contest. A banquet was held Thursday, April 22, 2004 at the Pizza Hut in Mt. Vernon to recognize the winners.

All students in the county were given the opportunity to participate in the contest. Wildlife was the topic for this year's contest.

The County Essay Winner was Karen Ann Mink, a sophomore at Rockcastle County High School. The County Art Winner was R.J. Smith, a third grader at Brodhead Elementary.

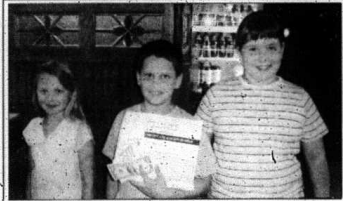
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Special recognition was given to the teachers who had the county winners in their classroom. Those were Melissa Fairchild, BEB and Roy Reynolds, RCHS.

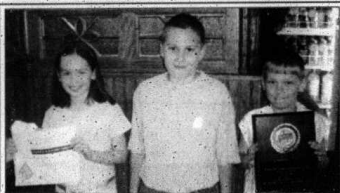
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Essay winners from RCHS. From left: Rachael Cash, first place; Katy Mattingly, second place and Joanie Alexander, third place.



Art winners from Roundstone Elementary. From left: Brianna Burdette, third place; Clay Burdette, second place and Bailey Lake, first place.



Art winners from Brodhead Elementary. From left: Casey Hunt, third place; Justin Poynter, second place and R.J. Smith, first place and county winner.



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**"Track"**

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with a fast time of 29.85 seconds. Eighth graders Katie Burdette and Courtney Bullock dominated the competition in the 400-meter dash. Both girls ran a very smart, fast-paced race. Katie won the event with an awesome time of 1:04.44. Courtney finished close behind in second place with a great race and a new personal best effort of 1:06.41. Seventh graders Sarah McKinney and Brenda Hyden continued their dominance in the hurdles. In the 100's, Sarah blazed her way to a first place finish in an impressive 17.63 seconds. Brenda was close behind, finishing second in 18.25 seconds. In the 300's, Brenda also ran very well with a smart race and a first place finish in 54.24. Sarah finished a close second, completing the race in 55.63 seconds.

Seventh grader Katy Mattingly finished fifth in the 100-meter dash with an awesome personal best time of 13.92 seconds.

Fifth grader Sara Hammond also placed fifth in high jump with an unbelievable effort of 4'2".

Sixth grader Cora Collinsworth ran an unbelievable 800-meter race. She led after the first lap and finished sixth overall in 2:50.21, a new personal best. Sixth grade teammate Bethany Cloutz also ran very well and finished 10th overall in 3:05.72.

Eighth grader Tiffany Smith and sixth grader Katie Howard performed well in the discus competition. Tiffany placed fifth overall with a personal best throw of 63'3". Katie also threw very well and finished 14th with an effort of 47'0.5".

Third grader Michaela Hunter had an awesome meet in the distance events. In the 1600-meter run, Michaela ran nearly the entire race with her shoe untied, but still managed to finish fifth overall in 6:13.47. 6th grade teammate Kristen Baker was close behind, finishing a great race in seventh in 6:34.99. Her effort in the 3200-meter run was even more amazing. She easily won the race with an awesome effort of 11:13.59.84, a new personal best.

The 400-meter relay team of Katy Mattingly, Nicole Locklear, Samantha Smith, and Courtney Bullock finished as in second place in an awesome race with a time of 57.54 seconds.

The 800-meter relay team of Katy Mattingly, Nicole Locklear, Samantha Smith, and Katie Burdette ran a great race and placed sixth in 2:02.93.

The 1600-meter relay team of Courtney Bullock, Brenda Hyden, Sara Hammond, and Katie Burdette easily won the race with an incredible team performance and an exceptional time of 4:45.29.

The 3200-meter relay team had one of the most inspirational performances of the day. Made up of sixth graders Bethany Cloutz and Kristen Baker, along with fifth grader Kristen Bullock, and third grader Michaela Hunter, the team ran an awesome race, finishing second overall in an amazing 12:15.99.

The KCMS boys' team also had a great meet with many outstanding performances.

Eighth grader Chris Lewis ran a great race in the 100-meter dash. Chris finished 22nd overall in 14.22

Seventh grader Matthew

Thomson ran very well in the 200-meter dash and finished 25th overall in 33.30. Matthew also ran a great 1600-meter race, finishing 20th overall in an impressive 6:32.73.

The 400-meter relay team of sixth graders Ricky Hinds, Grant Burdette, Matthew Thomson, and eighth grader Chris Lewis finished 13th in an impressive 59.66 seconds. The same foursome also finished 13th in the 800-meter relay with an exceptional team performance and an awesome time of 2:05.84.

In the 1600-meter relay, the team of eighth grader Matthew Thomson, Ricky Hinds, Grant Burdette, and Matthew Thomson race a superb race and finished 12th overall in 5:00.99.

Sixth grader Brandon Mitchell excelled in the high jump competition. Brandon cleared 4'2" on his way to an exceptional seventh place finish

in the event.

Results of the middle school all-comers meet at Cumberland College

and the Madison Southern Invitational for the varsity team will appear in next week's Signal.



James Bullen and David Nelson ran in the 108th Boston Marathon on April 19, 2004. This was the second trip to Boston for both men. James first ran in 1999 and David in 2003. The marathon is 26.2 miles beginning in Hopkinsville and ending in Boston.

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# Mount Vernon Signal

Second Section

Thursday, April 29, 2004

## Obituaries



### Joshua Mark Hendrickson

Joshua Mark "Josh" Hendrickson, 23, of Crab Orchard, died Saturday morning, April 24, 2004. He was born August 7, 1980 in Danville, was a 1999 graduate Rockcastle County high school, was a carpenter and a member of Watts Chapel Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Avery Taylor Bradshaw of Brodhead; his mother, April Dawn Volk of Carlisle; his father, Allen Hendrickson of Lexington; a brother, Christopher Allen Hendrickson of Crab Orchard; a sister, Angela Carie Hendrickson of Crab Orchard; his maternal grandmother, Mildred Jean Helton of Crab Orchard; his paternal grandfather, Bertha Hendrickson of Brodhead; a host of cousins and special friends, Vickie McFarland, Josh Lopez, Hillary Newcomb and Jessica Smith.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, April 27 at the Crab Orchard Church of God with Dr. Keith Asher officiating. Interment will be in the Crab Orchard Cemetery.

Palbearers include: Buddy, Jamie, Billy and Russell Hendrickson, Shannon Volk and Josh Lopez.

### Mintie Marie Baker

Mintie Marie Baker, 61, of Livingston, died Sunday, April 4, 2004 at her residence. She was the widow of Charlie Baker, the mother of Charles Lee Baker (Rosemary) of Livingston, Michael "Ray" Baker (Terri) of Berea and Joyce Mullins (Frank) and Frank Baker (Lora), all of Mt. Vernon.

Mrs. Baker was preceded in death by a daughter, Deanna Baker and two sisters, Jean Hellard and Lola Cromer.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 7 at the Sand Hill Baptist Church in Livingston with Bro. Billy Medley officiating. Burial followed in the Sand Hill Cemetery.

Palbearers were: Bill Johnson, Gary Wayne Shell, Jonathan Phelps, Albert Hellard, Donald Hellard and Jason Lear.

Bowling Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### Tully Clinton Parsons

Tully Clinton Parsons of Brindle Ridge, died Monday, April 26, 2004 in Berea. He is survived by his wife, Kathy Jo Parsons.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, April 29, 2004 (today) at 1 p.m. at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel. Burial, with military honors, will follow in the Saylor Cemetery on Brindle Ridge. A complete obituary will appear in next week's Signal.

### Lelamae F. Gaines

Lelamae F. Gaines, 87, of Bradenton, Florida died April 19, 2004 in Bradenton. She was born in Brodhead April 23, 1916 to William and Floy Francisco.

She moved to Bradenton in 1999 from Sun City Center, FL, after teaching in the Ft. Thomas school system for 30 years. She was a member of the United Community Church of Sun City Center, FL and a Hospice volunteer.

Survivors are two daughters, Jill Scott of Bradenton and Judy Young and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Gaines was preceded in death by her husband, John.

Arrangements were by Lewers Funeral Home in Ruskin, FL.

### Richard Lee Collett

Richard Lee "Ricky" Collett, of Paint Lick, formerly of Brodhead, died Sunday, April 25, 2004 at his home. A native of Danville, he was a member of the Wayside Christian Church, American Legion 101st Airborne Division Association, Vietnam Veterans of America and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees. He was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

Survivors are his wife, Charlotte; Burnett Collett of Paint Lick; a step-sister, Melodie Hauck of Germantown, Ohio; step mother, Mary Collett of Dayton, Ohio; He was preceded in death by his mother, the former Lillian Wallin and his father, Ollie J. Collett.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at the Wayside Christian Church in Berea with the Rev. Ron Lutes officiating.

Honorary pallbearers will be officers of the church. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Wayside Christian Church Building Fund.

Davis & Powell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



### Earl Wayne Lunsford

Earl Wayne Lunsford, 62, of Rt. 4, Mt. Vernon, died Tuesday, April 20, 2004 at the Rockcastle Hospital. He was born in Rockcastle County on July 21, 1941, the son of James Douglas and Martha Rector Lunsford. He was a retired explosives operator for the Bluegrass Army Depot and was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He enjoyed watching

Nascar racing and being with his family. He was of the holiness faith. Survivors are his wife of 37 years, Christine Jones Lunsford; a son, Roger Dale Lunsford (Angelia) of Mt. Vernon; one daughter, Brenda Gail Todd (Allen) of Berea; four brothers, Therland Lunsford of Brodhead, James Lunsford (Lisa) of Ohio, Randall Lunsford (Melody) of Danville and Arnel Paul Lunsford (Cheryl) of Georgia; one sister, Thress Adams (Jimmy) of Junction City and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Martha Lunsford and two sisters, Melba Lunsford and Doris Lunsford.

Funeral services were held Thursday, April 22 at the Dowell & Martin Funeral Home Chapel by Bros. Bobby Owens and Albert McKinney. Burial, with military honors, followed in the Cresthaven Memorial Cemetery.

Palbearers were: Alan Coyle, Chris Frith, Leon Frith, Doug Hayes, Eddie Moore, Doug Singleton, Keith Singleton and Lonnie Thomas.

Honorary pallbearers were: Jimmy Adams, David Allen, Matthew Allen, Danny Ford, Sam Ford, Jimmy Hacker, Leo Hayes, Robert Jones, Shelby Jones, Katie Kirby, Greg Lear, Therland Lunsford, Dylan Nicely, Tanner Nicely, Devin Todd and Jonathan Todd. Condolences to the family of Mr. Lunsford may be made by visiting his online register book at [www.dowellmartin.com](http://www.dowellmartin.com).

### Verla M. Scott

Mrs. Verla M. Scott, 70, of Centerville, Indiana, and formerly of Rockcastle County, died Saturday, April 24, 2004 at the Reid Hospital. She was born in Rockcastle County on January 4, 1934, the daughter of Sylvanus Durham and Gemina A. Baker Durham and had lived in the Centerville area most of her life. She was a former employee of Dilly McGuire, Motor Mower, Huff and retired in 1991 from MEG in Cambridge City.

Survivors are three sons, Dennis K. Scott of Richmond, Ind., Richard B. Scott (Cindie) of Centerville and

Mark A. Scott of San Diego, California; six sisters, Gladys McVay, Edna Turner, Hazel Marie Wright, Minnie Croley, Geneva Picher and Betty Jean Riley; two brothers, Jackson Durham and James Durham; two grandchildren; one great grandchild and two special friends, Opal Abner and Sharon Sheets. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Oliver and Harold.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 28, 2004 at the Mills Funeral home in Centerville by the Rev. Lester Maples. Burial was in the Crown Hill Cemetery. The obituary courtesy of Dowell & Martin Funeral Home.

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### Lonnie Vernon Halcomb

Lonnie Vernon Halcomb, 59, of Science Hill, and formerly of Orlando, died Sunday, April 25, 2004 at the Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital in Somerset. Mr. Halcomb was born July 4, 1944 to Rockcastle County and was a member of the Baptist Faith.

Survivors include one brother, Hershel Halcomb (Teresa) of East Bernstadt and a host of friends and relatives.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Bertha Lee Halcomb and his grandparents, James and Florence Halcomb.

Funeral services for Mr. Halcomb were held Wednesday, April 28 at the Flat Rock Missionary Baptist Church with Bro. Larry Burton officiating. Burial followed in the Halcomb Family Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Cox Funeral Home.



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# News from the Rockcastle County Courthouse

## Small Claims

Jeffery J. Robinson vs. Harlan B. Lawson, \$55 plus claimed due. S-00011.  
Parsons Gas and Appliance Service Center vs. John Denver Burton, \$1145.17 plus claimed due. S-00012.

## District Civil Suits

Rockcastle County on relation of Ky. Secretary of the Revenue Cabinet vs. Clyde Gentry, \$101.04, claimed due on delinquent property taxes. C-00080.  
Jeffrey Ellison, \$349.10, claimed due on delinquent property taxes. C-00081.  
Donnie McFerron, \$770.75, claimed due on delinquent property taxes. C-00082.  
Arnold McGuire, et al, \$469.82, claimed due on delinquent property taxes. C-00083.  
Carolyn McGuire, \$1,340.44, claimed due on delinquent property taxes. C-00084.  
Sheila McClure, \$239.42, claimed due on delinquent property taxes. C-00085.  
Martha Mason, \$327.77, claimed due on delinquent property taxes. C-00086.  
David Mason, \$383.42, claimed due on delinquent property taxes. C-00087.  
Anna Mae Lovett, \$1,015.06, claimed due on delinquent property taxes. C-00088.  
Bobby Lovell, et al, \$194.48, claimed due on delinquent property taxes. C-00089.

## Circuit Civil Suits

Roxanne Jackson v. Floyd Jackson, complaint for child support. CI-00121.  
Shane Campbell vs. Melanie Campbell, petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00122.  
Central Bank and Trust Co. vs. Amy J. Strong, et al, \$7,340.02 plus claimed due. CI-00125.  
Tammy Wynn vs. Billy Wynn, petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00126.  
Mary Hensley, administrator of the estate of Jack Hensley and Mary Hensley vs. John Caton, M.D., complaint. CI-00127.  
Christina Eyonone Mink vs. Larry Ray Mink, petition for dissolution of marriage. CI-00128.

Wanda Laswell, \$74.58 plus claimed due on delinquent property taxes. C-00090.  
Russ Kirby, et al, \$254.77 plus claimed due on delinquent property taxes. C-00091.  
E. Kirby, \$111.16, plus claimed due on delinquent property taxes. C-00092.

Estill Jones, \$155.82, plus claimed due on delinquent property taxes. C-00093.  
Pearl Jackson, \$758.82 plus claimed due on delinquent property taxes. C-00094.  
Harold Silas Heirs, \$758.82 plus claimed due on delinquent property taxes. C-00095.

Harold Holman, \$414.20 plus claimed due on delinquent property taxes. C-00096.  
Billy Hines, et al, \$108.88 plus claimed due on delinquent property taxes. C-00097.  
Stephen Hayes, \$280.46 plus claimed due on delinquent property taxes. C-00098.

Ruby Hayes, et al, \$349.10 plus claimed due on delinquent property taxes. C-00099.  
Edna Harper, \$160.14 plus claimed due on delinquent property taxes. C-00100.  
Ruth Smith, \$888.44 plus claimed due on delinquent property taxes. C-00101.

Security Leasing, Inc., \$1,652.31 plus claimed due on delinquent property taxes. C-00102.  
Freida Denny, \$354.45 plus claimed due on delinquent property taxes. C-00103.  
Duck Decator, et al, \$294.71 plus claimed due on delinquent property taxes. C-00104.

Steve C. Grubb, \$133.04 plus claimed due on delinquent property taxes. C-00105.  
Kevin Goff, \$443.97 plus claimed due on delinquent property taxes. C-00106.

Vernon, Tokico, to Alvin Floyd Knuckles, 35 Mt. Vernon, Tokico. 4/15/04.

## Deeds Recorded

Ervin and Fannie Barron and Lavada and Billy Ray Sowder, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Billy Ray and Lavada Sowder. Tax \$20.  
Lavada and Billy Ray Sowder and Ervin and Fannie Barron, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Billy Ray and Lavada Sowder. Tax \$25.

Jesse L. and Myra Helen Taylor, real property located on St. Rt. 618, to Angie Sue and Jason Arno Kirby. No tax.

April R. and Dallas Wayne Graves, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Stuart D. Martlew. Tax \$700.

Elbert and Kathleen Adams, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Gilbert Ray and Molly Rose Mullins. Tax \$43.

Bret and Eve Poynter, land contract for real property located on Hwy. 1505, to Bobby and April Miller. No tax.

Linda and Philip DeBorde, real property located near Wabed, to Benton and Theresa Bullock. Tax \$155.

Benton and Theresa Bullock, real property located near Wabed, to Henry Owens, trustee of the Henry Owens Trust and Thersell I. Owens, trustee of the Thersell I. Owens Trust. No tax.

Henry Owens, trustee of the Henry Owens Trust and Thersell I. Owens, trustee of the Thersell I. Owens Trust, real property located in Rockcastle County, to Benton and

Theresa Bullock and Jeff and Sherry Bullock. Tax \$45.

Larry Clouse, Sr., real property located in Rockcastle County, to Robert B. and Jennifer F. Napier. Tax \$12.50.

Donnie Ray Lamb, real property located on Copper Creek Rd., to Henry and Edith Cope. Tax \$62.00.

Scarflood Cane Cemetery, cemetery lots to Betty Sue Taylor and Gary Taylor. Tax \$0.

## District Court

**District Court**  
Hon. Michael L. Henry  
April 19, 2004  
Anderson J. Jarvis. Fines/fees due (\$280.50), warrant issued license suspended.  
Walter M. Abrams. No operator license. \$50 and costs.  
Charles W. Alexander. No expired registration plates, \$25 and costs.  
Donna M. Anderson. Endanger-

ing welfare of a minor, dismissed w/leave on payment of court costs.

Amanda I. Anglin. Fines/fees due (\$228.50 and \$355.98), warrant issued license suspended.

Donnie Barron. Theft by deception, \$10 and costs/10 days/conditionally discharged.

Veronica Deenette Bray. Possession of marijuana, warrant/issued.

Speeding: Tracy Bright, \$60 and costs/state traffic school authorized on payment; Tom E. Cardiff, \$52 and costs; Michelle N. Dugger, \$28 and costs/suspend fine for STS; Amber N. Hall, \$35 and costs/suspend fine for STS; Roland Harp, Jr. \$60 and costs/state traffic school (STS) authorized on payment; Stephen D. Hobbs, \$80 and costs/STS authorized on payment; Tanya L. Hockaday, \$60 and costs/STS authorized on payment; Thomas R. Jones, Jr. license suspended for failure to appear; Lazaro G. Lara, \$92 and costs; Adrien Lewis, paid \$30 plus court costs; Robert J. Rohlf, \$80 and costs; Angelita Boatright, paid; Todd D. Thomas, license suspended; Joel E.

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**Tracts 1 thru 4** range in size from 5.43 acres to 2.12 acres. Each of the tracts are all level and in grass with 200+ feet of frontage along Hwy. 3245.

**Tract 5** contains 6.43 acres of level grassland and is improved with the pictured home. The floor plan consists of 3 bedrooms, kitchen, dining room, living room, 2 1/2 baths, utility room and lots of closets. Added features include: basement, washer/dryer hookup, heat pump, gas log fireplace, wall to wall carpet, and a double carport. In addition, there is a 16x32 in-ground pool. This tract has 350+ feet of frontage on Hwy. 3245.

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Thompson, III, \$60 and costs/STS authorized on payment; Eric M. Wever, paid \$30 plus court costs; Stephanie Marie Wierse, paid \$60 plus court costs; Dean R. Alessandrini, \$60 and costs; Angela J. Allen, license suspended for failure to appear; Daniel L. Antle, license suspended for failure to appear; Sharon L. Bahorski, license suspended; Timothy D. Banks, license suspended for failure to appear; Suzanne L. Davis, \$34 and court costs; Stephen K. Dawson, \$40 plus court costs; Joseph M. Ferguson, license suspended for failure to appear; Jonathan W. Fortson, license suspended for failure to appear; Frank J. Fowler, license suspended for failure to appear; Donna L. Galloway, \$60 plus court costs; Melissa K. Gilliam, \$30 plus court costs; Jesse M. Hackler, license suspended for failure to appear; Nick O. Hardrick, license suspended for failure to appear; David L. Heath, \$34 plus costs suspend fine/STS authorized; Melville C. Howard, license suspended for failure to appear; Amy A. Hughes, paid \$120 plus court costs; Darren D. Kilburn, paid \$60 plus court costs; Darin G. King, paid \$98 plus court costs; Sean M. Latham, STS authorized on payment of costs; Johnny M. Lee, paid \$20 plus court costs; James B. Leisner, paid \$20 plus court costs; Kenneth Mackey, license suspended for failure to appear; Ian Macnevin, paid \$59.50 plus court costs; Johnathon R. Martin, license suspended for failure to appear; Ronnie D. MacAlister, III, license suspended for FTA; Maria K. McGuire, paid \$20 plus court costs; Gary W. McRill, license suspended for failure to appear; Kenneth D. Oakley, paid \$120 plus court costs; Kristofer R. Pjatts, license suspended for FTA; Cynthia Rabkin, license suspended for failure to appear; Kati Ada Reasner, \$52 plus court costs; Dale T. Robinson, license suspended for FTA; Mark A. Robinson, amended to faulty equipment, \$30 and costs; Barbara J. Rodmon, license suspended for FTA; Marcus I. Ruiz, paid \$40 plus court costs; Jeremy Combs, amended to faulty equipment, \$60 and costs; Ellen E. Schmidt, paid \$120 plus court costs; Felicia S. Smith, \$80 plus costs/STS authorized on payment; Joseph S.

Smith, license suspended for failure to appear; Stephanie M. Sturgill, \$30 plus costs/suspend fine for STS; Virgil G. Thompson, STS authorized on payment of costs only; Doris J. Titworth, paid; Gary L. Wagoner, license suspended for FTA; Cayce D. Willis, license suspended for FTA; Jenka D. Wilburn, paid \$32 plus court costs; Jovon Amothandey, license suspended for FTA; Otis Bernard Williams, license suspended for FTA.

William E. Brown: Operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 and costs, \$250 service fee, \$20 victim compensation fund, 2 days in jail/30 day operator license suspension.

Troy D. Bullen: Operating motor vehicle under influence of alcohol/drugs, \$200 and costs, \$250 service fee, \$20 victim compensation fund (VCF), 14 days/concurrent w/late time, 30 day operator license suspension.

Dallas M. Cope: No insurance, \$500 fine/\$450 suspend on proof of transfer.

Scotty W. Daniels: Speeding and operating on suspended license, warrant issued/license suspended.

Susan J. Darnaby: Speeding and failure to produce insurance card, warrant issued/license suspended for failure to appear.

Christopher S. Davidson: Speeding, and other charges, warrant issued/license suspended.

William Doan: Fines/fees due (\$100.50), warrant issued/license suspended.

Charles Dudney: Operating on suspended/revoked license, warrant issued/license suspended.

Tacita Evans: Improper registration plate, and other charges, warrant issued/license suspended.

Russell C. Frederick, Jr.: Overweight on AAA Hwy, \$75 and costs; Part 391 of Fed Safety Regs, \$25 fine.

Bonnie L. Graves: Speeding and no/expired registration receipt, license suspended for failure to appear.

Mitchell A. Hampton: Speeding and failure to produce insurance card, warrant issued/license suspended.

Anthony A. Hinsel: No/expired registration plates, \$25 and costs; No insurance, \$500 fine/\$450 suspend on proof.

Paul M. Hearn: No operators license in possession, \$100 and costs.

Mark E. Isaacs: Theft by deception, \$10 and costs and 10 days/consecutive/conditionally discharged.

Brandon E. Jones: Speeding and no/expired registration receipt, license suspended.

Thomas R. Jones, Jr.: Failure to produce insurance card, \$100 fine or appear.

Joshua A. King: License to be in possession, \$50 fine.

Elinor Anne Koleck: Speeding and no/expired other state registration receipt or plates, license suspended.

Jackie W. McKinney: Fines/fees due (\$150.50), warrant issued/license suspended.

Natasha McClure: Theft by lawful taking, warrant issued.

Joseph P. Nolasco: No/expired registration plates, and other charges, warrant issued/license suspended.

BuFord Pearson: Theft by deception, dismissed w/leave on payment of court costs and restitution.

Brian Phillips: No operators license, \$50 and costs; No insurance, \$500 fine/suspend \$450 on proof.

Bobby L. Robinson: No/expired registration plates, \$25 and costs.

Amy L. Schroeder: Fines/fees due (\$600.30), warrant issued/license suspended.

Shannon K. Sneed: Speeding and failure to produce insurance card, license suspended.

Steve Sponomator: Fines/fees due (\$153.00), warrant issued.

Joseph S. Stevens: Speeding and other charges, warrant issued/license suspended.

James D. Stringer: No/expired registration plates and other charges, warrant issued/license suspended.

Robert C. Strong: Speeding, \$18 and costs/suspend fine for STS; Improper registration plate, \$25 fine; Improper registration, \$50 fine.

Freddie Ray Taylor: Speeding and failure to wear seatbelts, license suspended for failure to appear.

Kelly J. Raison: Speeding and failure to wear seatbelts, license suspended for failure to appear.

Travis M. Vaught: Possession of alcoholic beverages by a minor, \$50 and costs/confiscate and destroy contraband; Possession open alcoholic beverage container, \$50 fine.

Bryan E. Welles: Possession of alcoholic beverages by a minor, \$50 fine/confiscate and destroy contra-

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### 95th Birthday Celebration

Vick Hysinger celebrated his 95th birthday April 19th with cake and ice cream and all his senior friends at the Senior Citizens Center. Community Trust Bank presented the cake for the celebration.

Three others also celebrated their birthday during the month of April at the center.

Vick is the oldest senior and drives to the center everyday. The center is very proud and thankful for him.

Good Luck "Vick", we all love you.

The Senior Citizens of Rockcastle County

Also, Happy Birthday to the senior April birthdays: Loretta Belcher, Marie Robbins and Ms. Clea Southard. They would like their age to be a secret.



Vick Hysinger



Chad and Tiffany Wilson would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Macie Lynn. Macie was born February 26, 2004 at Central Baptist Hospital. She weighed 8 1/2 lbs. and was 19 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Larry and Linda Carter of Mt. Vernon and paternal grandparents are John and Judy Wilson of Slaughter, Ky.



Peter and Kalisa McClure Tresco of Merced, CA would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Lauren Danielle. Lauren was born December 7, 2003 in Merced, CA. Grandparents are Judy Carter of Merced, CA; Gerald McClure of Goodlettsville, TN and Edith and Frank Tresco of Merced, CA. Great grandparents are Floyd and the late Iva Carter of Mt. Vernon and William and Renee McClure of Mt. Vernon.



Lucinda Rosemary Moore celebrated her first birthday Sunday, April 25th with a Winnie the Pooh party at the Broadhead City Park. She is the daughter of Ricky and Alice Moore and the sister of Chris Lee Hensley. Her paternal grandparents are Connie Moore of Broadhead, Ricky and Marian Moore of Trimble, KY and the great granddaughter of Betty Moore of Broadhead. Her maternal grandparents are Irvin and Cleve Hensley of Broadhead. She would like to thank everyone who attended for the wonderful gifts.



Happy 80th Birthday "Granny" Elizabeth Evans  
We all love you!  
Your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, daughter-in-law and sons-in-law.



You mean Hazel Parker is just now turning 50? She's been getting a senior citizen discount for the past 18 years!

Happy Big 5-0 from "The Gang" at work



Kaleigh Brooks Mosier celebrated birthday number four on March 26, 2004 with a party at her home. On April 4th Kaleigh helped her little brother and sister, twins Kaleb Thomas and Kara Joan Mosier celebrate their 1st birthday with a party. Their proud parents are Tom and Leigh Ann (Thomas) Mosier of Cartersville. Maternal grandparents are Richard and Sami Thomas of Seaford, CA. Maternal great grandfather is Everett Thomas of Brindley Ridge. Paternal grandparents are Phil and Wanda Mosier of Cartersville. Paternal great grandmother is Lillie Mae Robinson of Cartersville. Thank you to everyone for all the nice gifts.



No, she's not dead. She's just 50!

## Ford Brothers receive KAA Advertising Award

Ford Brothers, Inc. was named the recipient of the "Most Outstanding Brochure" Award for Real Estate Advertising by the Kentucky Auctioneers Association. The award was given at the KAA's annual convention held in Louisville this month. Ford Brothers, Inc. has won statewide awards for the past 14 years. In addition, Ford Brothers has also won national advertising contests.

## Jesus, as controversial figure, described in new publication

Critics of Mel Gibson's movie, *The Passion of the Christ*, often reflect widespread misunderstanding about the controversial figure of Jesus Christ.

To help dispel these misunderstandings and significant myths about Jesus Christ and his life, the United Church of God has released a free 132 page booklet, *Jesus Christ: The Real Story*. It describes the true, yet little understood story about Christ and his surprising message that few comprehend today. The booklet illustrates how Jesus Christ, and his original followers,

were maligned, discredited and persecuted. Even though the same is true today, very few people understand why. The booklet asks and answers such questions as: Who was Jesus Christ? Where did he come from? What did he teach? Was he God in the flesh? Was he only a man? Why did he die? What was the real message he brought?

A copy of this new booklet, along with a subscription to *The Good News* magazine is available free of charge at [www.ucg.org/realstory](http://www.ucg.org/realstory) or by writing to P.O. Box 541069, Cincinnati, Ohio 45254-1069.

## Words of Hope

When I was young I loved to watch ABC's *Wide World of Sports*. I loved their phrase, "Bringing you the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat." We all love to have victorious moments and fear moments of defeat. However, I believe that every moment in our life can be victorious if we learn to access God's power into our situations. *Philippians 4:13 states, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me." In each moment of your life remember to call upon the power of Christ to work through you. You will find victory.*

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

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**Classified deadline is Noon Tuesday**



# RCMS and KUNA '04

**By April Johnson**  
On March 14th - 16th, in Louisville, Kentucky, Rockcastle County Middle School rocked at KUNA 2004. The Kentucky United Nations Assembly saw nearly 850 middle school students from North and

Southeastern Kentucky representing over 50 member nations of the United Nations in the three-day conference.

Our middle school brought home several state awards and the student ambassadors (plus a couple of advisors) learned many interesting facts

about the countries of our world. (We also learned how to improvise for forgotten supplies needed for the international stage performance. . .)

Jessica Cummins was elected to the state office of Summit President and did an excellent job presiding over the largest summit at KUNA, the African Summit. RCMS also had two students, Laura Childress and Devin Hasty, who served in several summits as Executive Clerk and Executive Page. I served on the Media Corps and helped to put out a KUNA newspaper. I learned how much easier it is to put out a newspaper when everyone wants to help and does his or her job.

RCMS represented four countries at the Assembly - The Republic of Ireland, The Republic of Germany, Kingdom of the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Island.

The ambassadors from the Netherlands brought home the state award for Best Festival of Nations Display. Their display included a huge windmill built by Jamie Todd and oil reproduction paintings by Vincent Van Gogh, which were painted by Dustin Bishop and Ian Bullock.

The United Kingdom ambassadors received the Best Native Attire award. They chose to cover a broad spectrum of the history of Great Britain, Wales, Northern Ireland, and Scotland through their native dress and representing historical characters, such as Sir Winston Churchill, William Shakespeare, King Arthur, Queen Guinevere, Lady Jane Grey, Queen Elizabeth I, Paul McCartney, and the Scottish Highland Dancers. Although the costumes were long and hot, they looked like real people from the United Kingdom.

Our Proposal Authors did a fantastic job presenting and defending their countries' proposals in the summits and before the General Assembly. United Kingdom proposal authors were Christy Napier, Morgan Thacker, Sally Mize, and Jessica Witten.

Premiere ambassadors representing the Netherlands were Molly Coffey, Deana Gabbard, Jamie Todd, and Devin Davidson while Dillon Asher, Andrea Gonzalez, and Cheyenne Hensley presented a proposal for Ireland. The only proposal to be deemed of international importance and passed from the Summit to the floor of the General Assembly was from Germany. John Lambert, Logan Kinser, Loren Reynolds, and Meghan Nation presented it.

Because of his outstanding debate in the Summits and General Assembly, Cody Kirby was one of only fifteen students who received an Outstanding Speaker Award. Cody represented the country of Germany.

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Jessica Cummins, an 8th grader from RCMS (center), was elected Summit President at KUNA 2004. She did an outstanding job running the African Summit along with fellow students, Laura Childress and Devin Hasty (pictured on each side.)



Dutch Proposal Authors from the Netherlands were Devin Davidson, Jamie Todd, Molly Coffey, and Deana Gabbard.



Cody Kirby, Beth Cromer, Brooke Bowlin, and John Lambert are shown standing in front of Germany's display during the Festival of Nations, preparing to share information about their country with other KUNA delegates. Cody was one of only 15 students recognized at KUNA with an Outstanding Speaker Award.



RCMS 8th Grade Students represented the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland at the recent Kentucky United Nations Assembly. Student ambassadors were: (front) Sara Cain, Morgan Thacker, Jessica Witten, Laura Childress, Katie Burdette, Monica Childress, Jessica Cummins, April Johnson, Kelly Foyner, and Rebekah Gevedon; (standing) Brandy Owens, Christy Randolph, Christy Olivia Napier, Sally Mize, Abraham Kirby, Gary Keith Caldwell, Devin Hasty, Jake Woodall, Brittany Pruitt, and Matthew Miller. The United Kingdom delegates received the Outstanding Native Attire Award.



The Republic of Ireland was represented by RCMS 6th graders (front) Andrea Gonzales, Matt Bullens, Dillon Asher; (standing) Katelynn Thacker, Katy Howard, Jackie Alexander, Megan Cromer, Miranda Lowery, Cheyenne Hensley, and Katie Caudill.



RCMS 7th and 8th Graders who represented the Republic of Germany at KUNA were: (front) Reanna Hasty, Morgan Harper, Katy Mattingly, Rachel Woodall, and Jeff Albright; (middle) Brooke Bowlin, Loren Reynolds, Courtney Busle, Hannah Ponder, Megan Hood, and John Lambert; (back) Brady Lear, Lewis Mink, Brian Mize, Logan Kinser, Beth Cromer, Cody Kirby, Fanyia Mink, Meghan Nation, and Mrs. Doty Parsons, advisor.



The Kingdom of the Netherlands received the Outstanding Festival of Nations award at KUNA 2004. Student ambassadors were 6th grade RCMS students: (front) Megan Perkins, Joanie Alexander, Bethany Clontz, Courtney Ham, Adrienne Childress; (kneeling) Richard Barron, Deana Gabbard, Molly Coffey, Casey Sturgill, and Devin Davidson; (Standing) Andrew Pensol, Joseph Baker, Dustin Reynolds, Derrick Pittman, Dustin Bishop, Brandon Young, Mr. Tracy Gabbard (advisor), Blake Parsons, Cole Abney, and Jamie Todd.

## INSPECTION PERIOD FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL.

The ROCKCASTLE County real property tax roll will be opened for inspection from May 3 through May 17, 2004. Under the supervision of the property valuation administrator or one of the deputies, any person may inspect the tax roll.

This is the January 1, 2004, assessment on which state, county and school taxes for 2004 will be due about September 15, 2004.

The tax roll is in the office of the property valuation administrator in the county courthouse and may be inspected between the hours 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Any taxpayer desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the PVA must first request a conference with the PVA or a designated deputy. The conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period.

Any taxpayer still aggrieved by an assessment on real property, after the conference with the PVA or designated deputy, may appeal to the county board of assessment appeals.

The taxpayer can appeal his assessment by filing in person or sending a letter or other written petition stating the reasons for appeal, identifying the property and stating the taxpayer's opinion of the fair cash value of the property.

The appeal must be filed with the county clerk's office no later than one work day following the conclusion of the inspection period.

Any taxpayer failing to appeal to the county board of assessment appeals, or failing to appear before the board, either in person or by designated representative, will not be eligible to appeal directly to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Appeals of personal property assessments shall not be made to the county board of assessment appeals. Personal property taxpayers shall be served notice under the provisions of KRS 132.450(4) and shall have the protest and appeal rights granted under the provisions of KRS 131.110.

The following steps should be taken when a taxpayer does not agree with the assessed value of personal property as determined by the office of property valuation administrator.

- (1) He must list under protest (for certification) what he believes to be the fair cash value of his property.
- (2) He must file a written protest directly with the Department of Revenue, Property Valuation within 30 days from the date of the notice of assessment.
- (3) This protest must be in accordance with KRS 131.110.
- (4) The final decision of the Department of Revenue may be appealed to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

*Margaret A. O'Connell*  
Property Valuation Administrator

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## Students win at Region 6 FBLA Conference

Over 700 students traveled to Eastern Kentucky University on March 15th to compete with 20 chapters for various awards. Rockcastle County Area Technology Center's local chapter took home many trophies this year.

— Josh Prewitt, 3rd place, Technology Concepts

— Danielle Martinez, 2nd place, Impromptu Speaking

— Jeni Durham and Danny Pingleton, Emerging Business Issues

These students moved on to the State FBLA Conference scheduled in April at Louisville where they competed with other winners for the opportunity to advance to the National

FBLA Conference in Denver, Colorado.

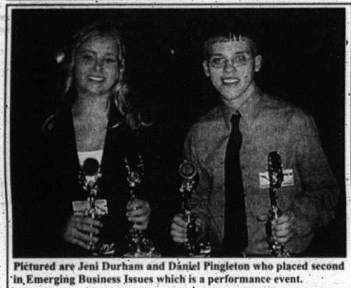
Also participating in the conference were: Ashley Harrison, Dustin Albright, Rose Prewitt, Amanda Wright, Serena Cunagin, Danny Clark, Holly Ann Colson, James Isaacs, Gina McClare, Heather Miller, Victoria Kirby and Stephen Powell.

A special thank you to those who assisted in transporting students to competitions: Donna Hopkins, Ralph Baker and Christina Smith.

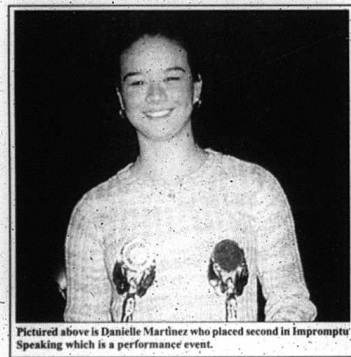
Thank you to Jerry Pensol of Godfather's Pizza for allowing FBLA to sell discount cards so that our members could compete at the regional and state level!!!



Pictured above is Josh Prewitt who placed third in Technology Concepts which is a written test event.



Pictured are Jeni Durham and Daniel Pingleton who placed second in Emerging Business Issues which is a performance event.



Pictured above is Danielle Martinez who placed second in Impromptu Speaking which is a performance event.

## Minds in the Middle

Our assessment got off to a great start on Tuesday. We are so proud of our students for their attendance during testing. We had only two students absent on Tuesday! We owe the parents a thank you for that also.

On Saturday, five students from RCMS competed in the state level competition for National History Day. Beth Cromer and Holly Brown competed in the Research Paper category. Both girls did an excellent job. Holly Brown finished second and qualified to compete at the national level. Jessica Simmons, Tyler Ingram, and Stephanie Barnett competed in the Junior Group Exhibit category with Music of the Mountains. The exhibit placed second out of 14 entries and qualified to compete at the National History Day competition in College Park, Maryland in June. Congratulations to these students.

The RCMS track teams competed in the Tates Creek Invitational this past Friday. The girls defeated 20

teams on their way to an easy victory and defeated their closest competitor by nearly 120 points. Morgan Thacker led RCMS with 38 points and won three events. Other event winners included Tamara Blanton, Katie Bardette, Courtney Bullock, Brenda Hyden, and Sarah McKinney. The boys team also did well with great performances by Brandon Mitchell, Chris Lewis, Matthew Thomason, Michael Thomason, and Grant Burdette.

Monday will be the last day for students to check out library books. Any overdue books should be turned in as soon as possible. Students should also pay any lunch charges soon.

Next Thursday, May 6, the eighth graders will be able to buy their caps and gowns for graduation. The cost for these is \$20.00.

Next Friday, May 7th, is the last day for parent nominations for the Site Based Decision Making Council.



### PRESCHOOL / KINDERGARTEN SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

#### BEFORE YOUR CHILD CAN ENROLL IN AUGUST, HE OR SHE WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

1. Complete registration information
2. Physical
3. Vision Exam
4. Birth Certificate
5. Immunization Certificate
6. Guardianship Papers (if applicable)



# Preschool/Kindergarten Registration & Screening

If you are considering or planning to enroll your child in Preschool, Head Start, or Kindergarten next fall, you need to register early!

#### **PLEASE BRING YOUR CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND SOCIAL SECURITY CARD TO REGISTRATION!**

#### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND PRESCHOOL?

**Priority 1:** any child age three (upon birth date) or four who has an identified disability

**Priority 2:** any child who is age four before or on October 1<sup>st</sup>, **AND** qualifies for free lunch

**Priority 3:** any other child who is four before or on October 1<sup>st</sup>, and resides within the attendance zone will be eligible as space permits

**Priority 4:** A qualifying child who is four before or on October 1<sup>st</sup> and resides outside the school attendance zone may attend another school, pending principal approval, if the parent provides transportation.

**Priority 5:** A non-qualifying child who is four before or on October 1<sup>st</sup> and resides outside the school attendance zone may attend another school, pending principal approval based on "hardship" if the parent provides transportation.

*Eligibility for Family Life Child and Family Development Center / Head Start differs slightly, please call (606) 256 - 5613 for more information.*

#### WHERE ARE THE PRESCHOOLS LOCATED?

- Brodhead Elementary School (BES)
- Mt. Vernon Elementary School (MVES)
- Roundstone Elementary School (RES)
- Family Life Child and Family Development Center / KRF Head Start - Call 256 - 5613

#### WHEN IS REGISTRATION AND SCREENING?

Registration will occur at each elementary school this spring. Family Life Child and Family Development Center / Head Start will register children in August.

Friday, April 23, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (Mt. Vernon Elementary only)

Saturday, April 24, 2004 from 9:00 - 2:00 p.m. (All three elementary schools)

Friday, April 30, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (Mt. Vernon Elementary only)

Saturday, May 1, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (Brodhead & Mt. Vernon Elem)

*You are encouraged to call for a registration and screening time. Brodhead attendance zone, please call 758 - 9756.*

#### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS MAY ALSO REGISTER AT EACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON THE SAME DATES. IF YOUR CHILD ATTENDED PRESCHOOL OR HEADSTART, THEY DO NOT HAVE TO REGISTER AND BE SCREENED. THE SCHOOLS WILL HAVE THEIR INFORMATION.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL Janet Burke or Elaine Hansel at (606) 256 - 2125 or Sarah Dixon (Head Start) at (606) 256 - 5613

# Reynolds inducted into Order of Oak and Ivy

Brandy Reynolds, daughter of Gary Reynolds of Crab Orchard and Regina Hull-Brown of Mt. Vernon, was one of six Kentucky Wesleyan College students inducted into The Order of Oak and Ivy, the highest honor given to juniors and seniors at KWC, on Friday, April 23.

Reynolds is a senior mathematics major and a four-year starter and captain of the Panthers basketball team. She is a 2000 graduate of Rockcastle County High School.

This is presently annually to the six students who best exhibit spiritual leadership, intellectual ability, strength of character, dedication of purpose and devotion to Christian ideals in seeking to promote the interests and welfare of Kentucky Wesleyan College.

Kentucky Wesleyan College is a four-year, United Methodist Church affiliated, co-educational institution offering a wide range of majors in the

liberal arts, as well as specialized programs in communication arts and criminal justice.



Brandy Reynolds



1984 Time Capsule to be opened May 14, 2004.

## Mt. Vernon Message

For the week of 4/22/04

### Upcoming Events

The Mt. Vernon Elementary Classes of 1984 prepared a time capsule, stored it at the courthouse and planned on opening it 20 years later. We will be opening the capsule on May 14 at 9:15 in our gymnasium. Any parents or community members who attended MVES in 1984, and placed something in the capsule at that time, may come to pick it up on that day.

After revealing the contents of the 20-year-old capsule, each classroom will submit a moment of 2004 to be put into a capsule to be opened in 2004!

Correction! The following students were inadvertently left out of the academic awards list: Miranda Clark, Lauren Coffey, Tiffany Denny, Stephanie Dixon, Monica Gray, Rachel Johnson, Elijah Lovell, Emily Mill, Austin Stewart and Jerred Burdette.

Project Wisdom Readers for last week were: Nakota Clifford, Brooke

Reed, Harley Riddle and Betsy Baker, students and Regina Hull-Brown, Family Resource Center Coordinator, was our mystery reader!

Our Quote for the week is "Strong character depends not so much on chances as upon choices."

### RGHS Greenhouse open for business

The Rockcastle County High School Horticulture classes have begun working in the greenhouse. They have been working very hard to raise exceptional plants this year. They have used methods learned in the classroom and applied them hands on in the greenhouse such as propagating plants, transplanting, fertilizing, etc.

They will also be selling plants out of the greenhouse. The greenhouse will be open 12:00-4:00 on weekdays and 9:00-12:00 on Saturdays. There are a wide variety of plants this year so please come and shop around.

# Lewis Mink named All-American Scholar

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Lewis Mink, of Mt. Vernon, has been named an All-American Scholar.

Lewis is an eighth grader at Rockcastle Co. Middle School and was nominated for this award by Melissa Singleton.

Lewis will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally.

The USAA has established the All-American Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3 or higher, grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor, or other qualified sponsor are accepted. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by the USAA.

Lewis is the son of Harvey and Wilma Mink from Mt. Vernon. Grandparents are the late Helen June Bennett, the late Daniel Pruitt, the late Joel Mink and Damoth Goforth of Ovid, Colorado.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Cer-

tainly, winners of the All-American Scholar Awards should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects All-American Scholars upon the exclusive recommendation by teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors. Once awarded, the students may be recognized by the USAA for other honors.



Lewis Mink

### "KUNA"

(Cont. from BS)

This was the tenth year for RCMS students to participate in the Kentucky United Nations Assembly and I think it was one of the best. We appreciate the way Mrs. Hale ties KUNA in with the Challenge Program and Y-Club and we also want to recognize all the work that Mr. Gabbard, as a Y-Club advisor, puts in each year helping us prepare for KUNA.

The Netherlands display was su-

per great! Also helping this year were Mrs. Doty Parsons (Germany) and Mrs. Kathy Bobo (Ireland.) And, we could have never made it without our parents and grandparents who went as chaperones. Ann Pittman, Anita Barron, Tammy Clontz, Kristi Reynolds, Marsha Caudill, Stella Young, Allison Reynolds, Anita Todd, Jone Cash, Anita Nation, and Tommy Adams.

Overall, I think all the other schools were very impressed with our efforts, everyone did a great job, kept out of trouble, and learned a lot about the world in which we live.

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**Large Country Lots - Highbrook Estates - Lots range from 3/4 to 1 acre, great views, city water, cable tv, restricted Brindle 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**

**Cedar Point Building Lot.** 1/2 acre plus, city water available. \$8,500. M1859

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

**Hall's Haven - Near Buck Creek Lake, Pulaski County.** Three nice building lots, priced at \$6,500 each. One lot has two electric hookups & a concrete pad for camper. M1852

**65 Acre Farm - Ottawa Section - 59.61 acres by survey plus 5 acre tract (this tract restricted) by boundary - 3x266 barn w/24x6 shed, 2054 lb tobacco barn. \$144,900. M1829.**

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

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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**

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**Perfect Country Setting** - Spacious vinyl/rock sided 3 bedroom, 2 bath home w/ basement, family room, heat pump/central air, some marble flooring, storage building, workshop, cellar, immaculately landscaped one acre Orlando section. \$98,000. M1808

**Just off Hwy. 461 - Sunnyside Estates - 3 bedrooms, 2 bath double wide. \$49,900. M1709**

### AGENTS

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**COMMERCIAL PROPERTY**

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

**LOTS**

Doublewide Home Lot - Lot #30 - Sunnyside Estates, just off Hwy. 461 - city water, utilities available. \$7,900. M1847

# Youth Yak at RCHS

It's here!!! Testing week!!! Monday morning students met in their classrooms to complete necessary paperwork. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday all students will be involved in testing. On Friday, only our Juniors will be tested. Last week, the staff were given tee shirts promoting C.A.T.S. testing to be worn during the week. "Skin the CATS" seems to be our theme for the week. Monday afternoon the students were treated to a "C.A.T.S. Kick-off" celebration. The students were allowed to socialize in the gym during fourth block. We encourage parents to see to it that their students are prepared for testing. First, be sure they attend school this week. This is most important. Anyone who misses this week, we have to take make-up tests. Second, encourage your children to get a good night's sleep, and eat a good breakfast. We will have extra breaks and snacks will be provided

each day during testing. If we all work together, we can make testing work. To quote Mr. Charles Dickens, "It was the best of times; it was the worst of times." That is what it has felt like this week at RCHS. Our sympathy goes to Mr. Pat Greene whose father passed away recently. Also, sympathy goes to Angie and Chris Hendrickson who recently lost Chris's brother, Josh Hendrickson. Josh graduated from here in 1999. At this writing, we are awaiting word from Coach Tom Larkey who is scheduled for heart surgery this afternoon at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. Mrs. Misty Barker, Chemistry teacher here, became a mother Saturday morning when little Matthew Allen Barker entered this world. Matthew couldn't wait for his June due date, therefore, he weighed in at whopping 3 lbs. and 11 oz. Mother and son are both doing fine.

## Rockcastle County Middle School SBDM Parent-Member Elections

Nominations for the Parent Members of the 2004-2005 Rockcastle County Middle School SBDM Council are now being accepted in the principal's office. Nominations must be written, signed and dated. The last date to nominate yourself or another parent is Friday, May 7, 2004.

There will be called meeting to elect SBDM Parent Members, Monday, May 10, 2004, 6:00PM, in the school library. All students who will attend Rockcastle County Middle School during the 2004-2005 school year are encouraged to attend and vote.

Thank you  
*Jason Coguer*  
Jason Coguer

### RCMS Parent Nomination Form 2004-2005 SBDM Council

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ to serve as a Parent Member on the 2004-2005 Rockcastle County Middle School Site-Based Decision Making Council. I am a parent/guardian, eligible to vote in the election and this nominee is a parent/guardian eligible to serve on the council.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Rockcastle County Middle School School-based decision making: a parent's role:

School-based decision making was created in 1990 to involve teachers, parents, and principals in the process of helping all students reach higher standards of achievement. School councils have legal authority to make important decisions about teaching and learning in their own schools.

This opportunity for parents to be key decision-makers in schools is unique in the nation. No other state requires virtually all schools to have councils with parents as full members and with legal decision-making authority.

#### Parents should:

**VOTE** - in school council elections.

**RUN** - for school council positions as candidates.

**PARTICIPATE** - in the school council committee structure, by volunteering to serve on a committee or attending committee and council meetings.

You can serve if you have a child who will be enrolled in the middle school for the 2004-2005 school year and do not have a relative employed in the school.

SBDM definition of relative: father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, son-in-law, daughter-in-law.

### PARENT SBDM Elections

**Friday, May 7** - Last day to nominate a parent. Submit nominations in writing to the principal. You must have a child who will be enrolled in the middle school next year before you can nominate or be nominated.

**Monday, May 10** PTG will conduct parent elections at 6:00 p.m. at the school.

#### NOMINATION FORM

I, \_\_\_\_\_, would like to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the position of parent member of the Rockcastle County Middle School SBDM Council for the 2004-2005 school year.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE NOTE \*Parents of fifth graders are eligible to vote, nominate, or serve if the student will promote to middle school this year.

He will have to spend a little extra time at the hospital, but is expected to be A-Okay. The staff is planning on giving them a baby shower soon. Actually, the shower was planned for Monday, April 26, but Matt missed that day.

Mary Brinson and Harold Burdette, members of the RCHS band, were recently accepted into the Lions Club All-State Band. Congratulations to them! Also, congratulations to Chris Mullins. His film production, "Ravenous," was entered in the Corbin International Film and Video Festival. Judged on artistic and technical merit, Chris's film received the highest recommendation in its category by the selection committee. While we're bragging, we're both forgetting Ms. Glenn Cummins and Ms. Gina McClure. They were both accepted into the Governor's Scholars program for 2004.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Color Guard will have try-outs Friday after school. Community Scholarship applications should be in to Mr. Whitaker. Yearbook sales will end April 30. Also, any senior pictures or ads have to be in to the yearbook dept. by April 30. If you have a prom picture you want in the yearbook you need to drop the photo off in Ms. Angie Hendrickson's room or see Rachel Childress, Lauren Clontz, Elijah Lunsford, or Jesse Hamm. Put the pictures in an envelope with your name on it so you will be sure to get them back.

The RCHS Greenhouse is open! You can stop by and purchase your plants weekdays 12:30-3:00 and on Saturday 9:00 until 12:00. All money will support FFA and the horticultural program at the school.

Project Graduation applications for officers. See Ms. Darlene Martin or Ms. Carla Parsons with questions and/or applications.

Seniors received their graduation announcements Tuesday, April 27, 2004. If you are a parent of a senior who didn't pick-up their announcements call the school at 606-256-4816 and ask for Ms. Sondra.

Project Graduation raffle tickets are still available in the Youth Service Center. Deadline to have tickets for the laptop and car raffles is May 17. Also, permission slips to attend Project Graduation were to be turned in last Friday. If you plan on attending your Project Graduation or if your parents plan on working that night,

please turn in your permission form, ASAP.

Our prom was held Saturday, April 24. According to Ms. Dana Singleton, Prom Coordinator, this was one of the most attended proms in the schools history. It was also recent memory of the prettiest proms in recent memory. A huge crowd turned out to watch the "promers" walk down our own version of the Grammy's red carpet. Ms. Singleton extends her thanks to everyone who helped to make this year's prom a huge success. Also, thanks to the juniors and seniors for using good judgment and keeping themselves safe and able to return to school or work.

The first RCHS sponsored Job Fair is scheduled for Friday, April 30 in our gym. If a student needs a job or a business needs help, the Job Fair will be able to help. If a business plans on attending but hasn't contacted the school to let them know, please call 256-4816 ASAP to assure your booth space.

### A Teacher

By *Allene Fields Cornelius*  
Amidst the hate of lesson plans; a teacher finds the meaning lost And shares it with that pupal art, who wants to learn ably cost

And a teacher starts a fire to learn through the child, most thought could not

And sits in an ember deep inside, acknowledged by the simple "What?"

A teacher works when others rest and looks for ways to enter in

And seeks an answer to the cause, made clearer when a child asks, "When?"

A teacher teaches virtues lost, the kind that makes the masses sigh But the teacher know that hope prevails as long as pupils inquire, "Why?"

A beacon in a darkened night, the teacher does all she can do And children know that light prevails and never have to wonder "Who?"

### Classified deadline is Noon Tuesday

# Tiger Pause

The Brodhead Elementary School SBDM Council election will be held Monday, May 17th at 7 p.m. during the PTA meeting. Deadline for nominations is Monday, May 20th. Nominator and nominee must be parent or legal guardian of a student in preschool through 5th grade, enrolled at Brodhead Elementary for the 2004-05 school year. Nominations must be in writing and must include the name of the person being nominated and the nominator. Nominations should be turned into the school.

The testing period has begun at BES and will continue through next week. Please remember how important it is that students get plenty of rest and have breakfast before coming to school. Also, please try to have students at school on time to avoid disruptions in the building.

Preschool and entry level screenings will be held Saturday, May 1st. Call Ms. Cindy Ellington at 758-9756 for an appointment. If your child did not attend preschool this year, but will be enrolling in the next year (kindergarten) next year.

They must be screened. BES PTA recently won two awards at the 2004 Kentucky PTA Convention. Our PTA was honored with the Outstanding Programs and Projects Award for Kentucky PTA Kids' Day and the Mighty Owl Award for having the PTA with the largest percent of members in our district.

Last week was Secretary Day. BES PTA recognized Mrs. Jennifer Brock and Mrs. Carol Riddle for their hard work and dedication to their jobs. They are greatly appreciated.

Students recognized in the Counselor's Corner for the past several weeks were: Natasha Bohman, Whitney Blanton, Kaci Willmont, Beth Denny, Terry Newman, Joshua Mason, Stacey Lane, Justin Hook, Dalton Stevens and Katelyn Brown. These students are thoughtful and cooperative. They have good manners and they represent BES very well.

Dates to remember: May 1st - preschool and entry level screenings. May 6th and 20th - Girl Scouts. May 18th - No school - election day. May 21 - last day of school, students attend 1/2 day.



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**Commonwealth of Kentucky  
28th Judicial Circuit  
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division II  
Civil Action No. 04-CI-00042**

**Walter Mortgage Company** Plaintiffs  
vs.  
**James Sparks, Tammy Sparks  
and Rockcastle County, Kentucky** Defendants

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on April 9, 2004, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of SEVENTY TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY NINE DOLLARS AND 67/100 (\$72,489.87) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street  
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky  
on Friday, May 7, 2004  
Beginning at the Hour of 1:00 p.m.**

Said property being more particularly bounded & described as follows:  
A certain tract of land situated in Rockcastle County, Kentucky, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:  
Beginning on a 1/2" bear found on the right of way of Little Clear Creek Road, said 1/2" bear being corner to Betty Sue Taylor (Deed No. 183, page 76-79); then with Little Clear Creek Road, North 56 degrees 14 minutes 22 seconds East, for a distance of 157.00 feet to an iron pin set, said pin being in corner to James Sparks (D.B. 183, page 76-79); then with James Sparks new division line South 49 degrees 06 minutes 16 seconds East for a distance of 284.31 feet to an iron pin set; then south 43 degrees 03 minutes 31 seconds West for a distance of 157.00 feet to an iron pin set, said pin being in Betty Sue Taylor's line; thence with Betty Sue Taylor's line North 48 degrees 03 minutes 21 seconds West for a distance of 300.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Together with and subject to covenants, easements and restrictions of record.

The property shall be sold on the following terms & conditions:  
1. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of thirty (30) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of twenty percent (20%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.  
2. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid in full. The bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment and shall be and remain a lien upon the property sold as additional security for the payment of the purchase price.  
3. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold as is.  
4. The purchaser shall pay a 2004 local, county and state property taxes.  
5. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.  
6. In the event that the plaintiff is the successful bidder and the sale price does not exceed the amount of the plaintiff's judgment, no deposit or bond shall be required.  
7. The sale shall be made subject to all easements, set back lines, restrictions or covenants of record or otherwise and shall be sold as is.

**Commonwealth of Kentucky  
28th Judicial Circuit  
Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I  
Civil Action No. 03-CI-00219**

**Citifinancial Services, Inc.** Plaintiffs  
vs.  
**Billy L. Bradley, et al** Defendants

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on March 24, 2004, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants in the amount of FIFTY THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWO DOLLARS AND 43/100 (\$53,702.43) plus interest, costs and attorney fees. I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

**At the Courthouse on East Main Street  
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky  
on Friday, April 30, 2004  
Beginning at the Hour of 11:00 a.m.**

Said property being more particularly bounded & described as follows:  
On the east side of Richmond Street in Mount Vernon, and beginning at an iron pin in the east right of way of Richmond Street and being a common corner to Nimrod Killian; thence North 87 degrees 30 minutes East, 15.10 feet to an iron pin; thence North 62 degrees 30 minutes East, 6.10 feet to an iron pin; thence South 85 degrees East, 165.50 feet to an iron pin; thence South 06 degrees 48 minutes East, 8.17 feet to an iron pin; thence South 79 degrees West, 184.50 feet to an iron pin in the right of way of Richmond Street; thence with the right of way of Richmond Street, North 05 degrees 30 minutes West, 54.52 feet to point of beginning, and containing 0.14 acres or less.

Being the same real property which mortgages obtained by deed dated December 4, 1998, executed by Bobbie Saylor for record in Deed Book 172, page 597 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

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

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

# Classifieds

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**For Rent:** Duplex w/2 bedrooms, all appliances furnished. Call 256-8700, 25xntf

**For Rent:** 800 sq. ft. of storage or office space, newly renovated. Call 256-2349 or 256-0369, 13xntf

**For Rent:** Duplex in Brodhead. All appliances furnished. Ph. 758-9666, 25xntf

**Accepting Applications:** For 2 and 3 bedroom units at Valley View Apartments. Rent based on income. Call 256-5912: Equal Housing Opportunity, TDD for hearing impaired only. 1-800-247-2510, 36th

**For Rent:** 3 bedroom trailer at 160 Poplar St., City Trailer Park. No pets. \$300 rent/\$300 deposit. 256-5770, 28x1p

**House For Rent:** 2 miles west of Mt. Vernon on U.S. 150 near industrial Park. \$400 month w/deposit. 859-254-7900, 28x2

**For Rent:** Small two bedroom house at Green Hill. Call 256-2383, 28x1

## Property For Sale

**For Sale:** 3-5 bedroom vinyl siding home. Fireplace, central H/A, new carpet and vinyl. Storage building, blacktop drive, chain link fence. Site on approx. 1/2 acre lot. \$63,000 firm. Call 758-0090 leave message. May be seen at 458 Barnard Rd., 2 miles from boat dock, 1 mile from lake. 28x4

**For Sale:** Two homes on Ferguson St. in Mt. Vernon. Call 256-0302 for appt. One extensively remodeled - new everything plus nice landscaping. 24x0

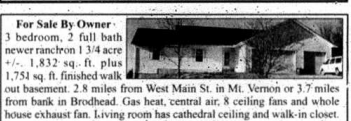
**Brodhead Homesites:** Hwy 1245, 2 miles west of Hwy. 150. Acre or more OK for new single or double manufactured homes. Paved road, city



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**For Sale:** By Owner 2,800 sq. ft. brick home on 1 acre +/-, plus additional (1/2 acre +/-) each building lots. Home has central heat/air (gas furnace), 3 or 4 bedrooms, 2 bath, full finished basement w/flu for wood stove. Detached 2 car garage. 12x16 outbuilding. Located one mile south of Roundstone School, 3 miles north of Round Valley on 175 East 12. Just off Hwy 25 on "Old Signpost Rd" at Green Hill. Asking \$139,500 or house and 1 acre +/- may be bought separately. Lots will not be sold separately. Shown by appointment 606-256-5429



**For Sale By Owner -** 3 bedroom, 2 full bath never rancid on 3/4 acre +/-, 1,832 sq. ft. plus 1,751 sq. ft. finished walk out basement. 2.8 miles west of Main St. in Mt. Vernon or 3.7 miles from bank in Brodhead. Gas heat, central air, 8 ceiling fans and whole house exhaust fan. Living room has cathedral ceiling and walk-in closet. Large kitchen has lots of oak cabinets, solid hardwood floors, pantry, dishwasher. First floor laundry has hardwood floors, 7 ft. folding counter, cabinets, laundry tub. Master bedroom has walk-in closet, 3 car garage is drywalled with openers and cabinets, 2 covered porches, 1 patio. The basement is poured concrete, masonry sealed, has 2 french drains, 3 person hot tub, mostly commercial grade vinyl tile flooring, the bath is ceramic tiled. Large yard partially fenced, main level carpet, will have new survey done. \$145,000. Call for appointment 758-9025 or 308-1118. From Brodhead - Mt. Vernon Road (1326) turn onto Rigsby Road go 1 mile. Turn right onto Barnett Road, 2nd house on left.

## Wanted

**Need Work:** Would like to stay with elderly people five days a week. Call 256-1845, ask for Melissa or 256-8660 and ask for Peggy. 28x1p

**Wanted:** To clean houses. Please call 256-1845, ask for Melissa or 256-8660 and ask for Peggy. 28x1p

**Wanted:** White male, 55, 6 ft., 200 lbs.; has a good job; looking for a country gal, 40 to 55, slender to medium build that likes to fish - I hope. Photo/phone letter. Write to J.B., P.O. Box 54, Lily, Ky. 40740, 28x3p

**Wanted:** Would like to do spring cleaning. Have references 256-8313 after 1 p.m. 28x2p

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Commonwealth of Kentucky 28th Judicial Circuit Rockcastle Circuit Court • Division I Civil Action No. 03-CI-00031

Oakwood Acceptance Corporation, LLC Plaintiffs
Norman Bolles and Brandi Bolles Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE
Pursuant to a judgment and order of sale entered in this action on March 29, 2004, for the purpose of satisfying the judgment against the defendants, the undersigned, DEBBY S. SPEN, CLERK OF THE EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY THREE DOLLAR AND 02/100 (\$7,823.02) plus interest, costs and attorney fees, I will offer at public auction the hereinafter described real property in Rockcastle County, Kentucky.

At the Courthouse on East Main Street Mt. Vernon, Kentucky on Friday, April 30, 2004 Beginning at the Hour of 11:30 a.m.

Said property being more particularly bounded and described as follows:
A certain tract or parcel of land, land known as Lot 2A (101 acres) as shown on plat of record in Plat Cabinet A, Slide 311, Rockcastle County Clerk's office, reference to which is hereby made for a more particular description.
The above described real property is improved with a mobile home.
Being the same real property which Norman Bolles and Brandi Bolles obtained by deed dated March 8, 2002, executed by Dean Nielson, et al., of record in Deed Book 188, page 399 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk. Further, this being the real property which Norman Bolles, et al., retained in Deed dated November 12, 2003 and recorded in Deed Book 197, page 380 in the Office of the Rockcastle County Clerk.

The property shall be sold on the following terms & conditions:
1. The real property and mobile home shall be sold as a whole.
2. The real property shall be sold for cash or upon a credit of forty five (45) days with the purchaser required to pay a minimum of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price in cash on the date of sale and to secure the balance with a bond approved by the Master Commissioner.
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4. Unpaid taxes or liens of record at the time of entry of judgment shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale.
5. The purchaser shall pay the 2003 local, county and state property taxes.
6. The purchaser shall have possession of the real property upon compliance with the terms of the sale.
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Final Notice of 2003 Property Taxes Due

You are hereby notified that your property tax bills for 2003 are past due. The total amount due includes the 21% penalty and \$5.00 sheriff's fee. If bills are not paid, they will be advertised as such in the Mt. Vernon Signal beginning May 5, 2004 for three consecutive weeks with additional fee of \$4.00 weekly. Any unpaid bills will be sold on the courthouse steps on May-27, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.
If payment has been made please disregard this notice. However, if not, please take care of this matter as soon as possible to avoid any further costs and penalties.

Bills may be paid to: Darrell Doan, Rockcastle County Sheriff 205 East Main Box 2 Mt. Vernon, KY 40456

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Huge 3 Family Yard Sale: At the home of Mrs. Gabbard on Hwy. 1505. Friday and Saturday, 9 to 7 Antique glassware and antique furniture, rethreading, Playstation 2 games, CD changer and CD player for car, Erics' wood navigators, Home Interior, Toys, Little Tykes toys, dishes, curtains, bedspreads, household items, and seats of all kinds, baby bed, bassinet and high chair. Wedding dress, shoes, ladies clothes, girls clothes 4-5, men's clothing, junior clothes - all name brands! Rain cancels.
Yard Sale: Sat, May 1, 9 a.m. to 7 Home of Patsy Morgan, 475 West Main St. 3 families. Furniture, clothes, household items, fishing equipment and lots more. Rain or shine.
Family yard sale: Take Old Broadbent Road on Hwy. 1250. to Purrr Rigby Road. Signs will be posted. All size clothing, lamps, glassware, flower pots, shoes, venetian blinds and much more. April 29 2004, 9 to 12 p.m.
3 Family Yard Sale: Fri., April 30th and Sat., May 1st in Benton Bluff Subdiv, guided by Beverly McClure, Cheryl Williams, and Rhonda Evans. Lots of everything. Rain cancels.
Big Yard Sale: April 30th and May 1st. 3 Families at 620 West Main St. Lots of kids clothes, what-nots, floor mats, home items, Queen Anne Chair, lots of other items.
2 Family Yard Sale: Sat., May 2nd, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Brick house across from Elmwood Cemetery. Lots of furniture, dishes, toys, lots of misc. items. Rain or shine!
Yard Sale: 4 Family, Clothes, shoes, children and adults, sheet sets, quilt tops, whatnots, toddler bed and stroller, lots more. 1 mile west of Broadhead toward Crab Orchard. Friday and Saturday, 9 to 5.
4 Family Yard Sale: North of Renfro Valley on U.S. 25 at Quiller's Home. Microwave, lots of Home interior, lots of clothes (some for bag sale), Liz Claiborne purses and bill-folds, figurines, little bit of everything. Friday and Sat. 9 to 5. Rain cancels until Monday and Tuesday.
Yard Sale: Sat. Only. 3 Families across from Broadhead Post Office. Home Interior, Patterned Chef, antique chairs, women's clothes, mobile, bumper pad set, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Lots of home interior, washer and dryer.
Yard Sale: Thursday and Friday at Renfro Valley Keepake Shop, 8 to 7 Families, Roberta McGuire and Tammy and Becky Smith and Steve.
Multi-Family Yard Sale: Williams St., Saturday, beginning at 4 a.m. Various clothing sizes, including maternity clothes and household items. Rain cancels.
4 Family Yard Sale: Fri., April 30th, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Behind Carter's Market in Berk King Trailer Park. Computer everything, bedspreads, clothes, home interior, knick-knacks, fishing equipment, what-nots, large clothes, boys an girls clothes, etc. Rain cancels.
Yard Sale: At the home of Holly and Steven Kirby, 85 Woodland Place. Saturday, 9 to 7.
2 Family Yard Sale: Houston Point, Sat. May 1st, 8 a.m. to 7 Children's toys and clothes, housewares, what-nots, books, etc. Rain or shine.
Yard Sale at 65 Ferguson at the home of Wade Graves. Dishes, quilts, antique dishes, and lots of other items. Friday and Sat., inside and outside, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Five Family Yard Sale: Sat., May 1st, 8 a.m. to 7 on Freedom School Road. Signs will be posted. Lots of everything. Baby clothes, adult and children's clothes, furniture, books, etc.

Notices

Free To Go Home: Two large dishes, part couch/part? Two 256-5336. 28x1
New Mountain Top Auction Sale: Beginning May 1st at 7 p.m. Every Sat. night at 7 p.m. Lots of furniture, antiques, odds and ends on West Hwy. 80 from London and East Hwy. 80 from Somerset halfway between London and Somerset on 80 at 36 mile marker at Heavenly View Lane. Everyone welcome. 28x1p
Notice: I Donald Renner will not be responsible for debts made by anyone other than myself. 28x1p
Reward: For anyone with information leading to the conviction of a person or persons who picked up a green Grand Prix 4 door, off #461 between August 15 and Aug. 25. Please contact Eric Payne, 1445 Hill St. #83, Redliff, Ky. 4001. 270-351-5428. 28x1
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Posted: No hunting or trespassing on property belonging to Shawn Simmons, 185 Oscar Isaacs Rd., Berea, Ky. 40403 has been appointed Limited Guardian of Erica Judkins, minor on the 12th day of April, 2004. Any person having claims against said estate shall present them according to law at the said Shawn Simmons on or before October 18, 2004. 27x2
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Posted: No hunting, trespassing or ATVs on property better known as Old Chester Robinson place. Violators will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. 25x3p
Posted: No trespassing on Crawford Place-Old Broadhead Road. Danny Smith 477p
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 Swanney Place, Brock Place, Henley Farm. 31x1p
Posted: No hunting or trespassing on land belonging to Mildred McKinney on East Fork-Skaggs Creek Road. 26x4p

Noticed is given that Stephen C. Bullen has filed a final settlement of his accounts as executor of the estate of Willie Bullen, deceased. A hearing on said settlement will be held May 26, 2004. Any exceptions to said settlement must be filed before said date. 28x1

Classified Deadline is Noon Tuesday your email address mvsignal@alltel.net

NOTICE

The Rockcastle County School Local Planning Committee will conduct a Public Forum on Thursday, May 6th, 2004 at the Rockcastle County Board of Education building at 6:00 p.m. This informal meeting is being held to explain a proposed Amendment to the current District Facility Plan. The Rockcastle County Board of Education has requested and received approval from the Kentucky Department of Education, Division of Facilities Management, to proceed with the Amendment process.
A copy of the proposed Amendment will be available for examination by interested individuals at the Board Office, 245 Richmond Street, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Questions may be directed to Mr. Doug Mullins, 606-256-2125. Those individuals wishing to comment on the proposed Amendment may do so during the public hearing.





# The Rocket

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## Mullins receives film award at Corbin festival

Chris Mullins, a senior at Rockcastle County High School was the recipient of a production award for his student-produced film "Ravenous" at the Corbin Independent Film and Video Festival Awards Ceremony held on Friday, April 23, 2004, at Corbin High School.

The film, written and directed by Mullins, is based on a poem of the same title from his collection of original poetry entitled "The Perdition Passage". The hard-packed bound collection of poems is now on exhibit at the Rockcastle County High School Library and the Rockcastle County Public Library.

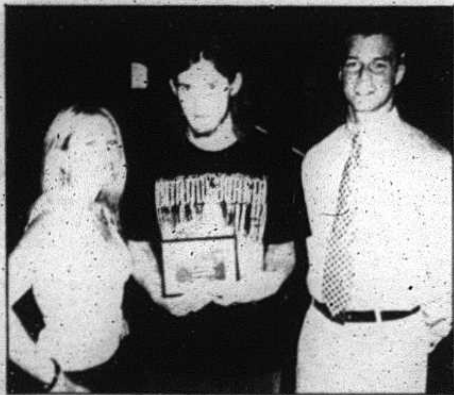
The Corbin Independent Film and Video Festival is held annually at Corbin High School with student films submitted in several categories including Animation, Public Service, News/Entertainment, Music Video, Promotional and Sports. Mullins received his award in the Narrative/Story category.

According to Festival Coordinator, Mark Daniels, "These awards represent a sharing of media productions from students across the

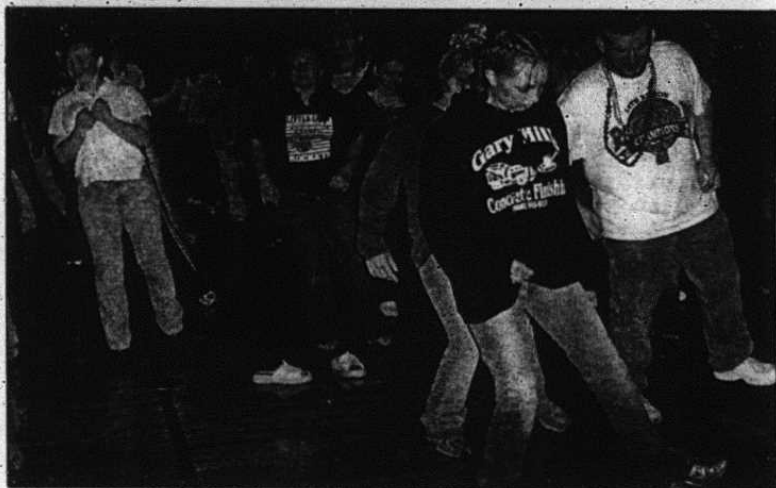
state. A total of eleven schools from Elizabethtown, Henry County, Paintsville, Shelby County, North and South Hardin County, Eminence, Corbin, Jefferson County and Rockcastle County participated with over eighty films submitted in eight different categories."

The productions were screened and scored by students of Eastern Kentucky University's COM 200, Mass Media and Society Class. Productions were scored on artistic and technical merit. Mullins' film received the highest recommendation in his category by the selection committee.

Film Credits for "Ravenous" include: Cast - Chris Mullins, Ethan Eversole; Actor Stand In - Zac Pensol; Cinematography and Editing - Chris Mullins, Brandon Reynolds; Original Music - Chris Mullins, Luke McCauley, and Tim Morgan of Unweathered Winter; Engineering - Brandon Reynolds, Chris Mullins; Production Assistants - Jamie McFerron, Jill Ponder, Special Thanks - June Stevens, KMFHM Studio Renfro Valley and Rockcastle County Schools.



Chris Mullins (center) shown with award presenters receives the Production Award for his film "Ravenous" at the Corbin Independent Film and Video Festival.



RCHS students kicked off CATS testing week with a dance on Monday.

## Risky procedure fights weight, health issues

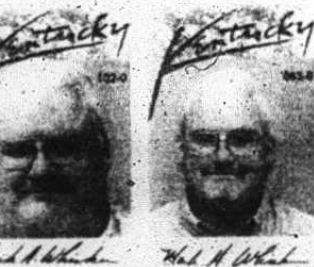
By SCARLET FREDERICK

What do Good Morning America's weatherman Al Roker, singer Carrie Wilson, RCHS's very own vocational instructor Patty Himes and substitute teacher Mark Whicker have in common? All have had the risky (but successful) gastric bypass surgery.

Gastric bypass is a procedure that can be used to cause significant weight loss in the very obese. It reduces the body's intake of calories by not only shrinking your stomach (you feel full faster, therefore, you eat less), but it totally skips over other parts of your stomach and small intestines, so fewer calories are absorbed.

With almost any surgery there are risks, and gastric bypass is no exception. However, when the benefits are weighed with the risks, the benefits come out the clear winner.

For Whicker, the choice involved a life-or-death situation. He has seven different major health



Pictures tell the story: Mark Whicker's physical transformation after gastric bypass surgery last year can clearly be seen in the identification photos. The photo on the left is from January 2003; the photo on the right is his most recent.

issues, including diabetes, that were life-threatening. Himes also faced health concerns, but they were slightly different: her weight had caused numerous broken bones, including vertebrae, and a stress fracture in her left foot.

"I knew it was time to start," she said.

Before opting for surgery, Whicker tried numerous weight-loss products, but couldn't lose more than fifty pounds at a time. "You name it, I probably tried it... Weight Watchers, clinical weight-

loss programs, drinks..."

Himes had also tried many products. "I have tried... Richard Simmons, Slim-Fast, diet pills and counting fat grams and calories."

Himes lost over 70 pounds in 1988, but, like many dieters, she eventually gained the weight back.

After dieting for many years, both finally came up with a solution: gastric bypass. In order to qualify for the surgery, the effort to lose

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**It Rocks... It Reeks...****The graduation date has been set!**

The date is set and the gowns are ordered.

**It's Spring!**

The calendar makes it official, but with temps in the upper 70s, flowers are blooming and it feels more like summer.

**Only 20 days remaining!**

The countdown to the last day of the year has officially begun. Only four weeks remain of books, homework, tests, quizzes, and essays which means the remaining days will be filled with activities that will make the days and weeks pass even more quickly. Before we know it school will be over and Summer officially here!

**Working in a group!**

An often used teaching technique, group work provides great opportunity: it gives students the chance to learn from one another and, let's admit it, to share answers.

**It's on a Friday...**

Though graduation on a Friday means school will be finished that much sooner, some seniors and parents are upset. Graduation is usually on a Saturday or Sunday, which makes travel easy for out-of-town well-wishers. Friday's date means some grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. may not make graduation.

**It snowed...two months late.**

After a disappointing winter with very little snowfall, it was no fun to see snow falling in mid-April, way too late for a snow day!

**School starts back 75 days later.**

The end of the school year means the beginning of next year is just around the corner. Students will report August 4, a mere 75 days after leaving the building—a mere 75 days of the sun, relaxation, swimming, hanging out...

**Being punished as a group.** Sharing answers within a group has its plus side, but when one student is out of line, the whole group has to suffer the consequences.**ATTENTION, SENIORS**

Every year, *The Rocket* allows seniors the opportunity to "will" an item to another student. However, after much deliberation, *The Rocket* staff announces it will no longer compile and print senior wills, effective this school year.

Thank you,  
The Staff

**Rockcastle County School Calendar 2004-2005**

August 4 -	First 1/2 day for students
September 6 -	Labor Day, NO SCHOOL
September 30, October 1 -	CKLA, NO SCHOOL
November 1 - 2 -	Election Day - extra day, NO SCHOOL
November 25 - 26 -	Thanksgiving, NO SCHOOL
December 20 - January 3 -	Winter Break, NO SCHOOL
January 17 -	M.L. King, Jr. Day, NO SCHOOL
February 21 -	Presidents' Day, NO SCHOOL
March 28 - April 1 -	Spring break, NO SCHOOL
May 10 -	projected closing date

**Teenage ignorance proves to be bliss**

By KYLA FRENCH

Teenagers are ignorant. Teenagers aren't involved. Teenagers are all on drugs. Teenagers don't care about anything but themselves. As I walk the school halls and flip the channels on my television, this is all I hear. I know this is not true. I am a teenager myself. However, I can't help but wonder when I hear these slanderous remarks who the truly ignorant ones are.

As I was watching the news one evening, I saw the preview of segment about how teenagers do not care enough about politics and do not vote. The show continued to give the percentages of how many adults vote compared to how many teens vote. The news program also toured several campuses and asked students who the vice-president was. Of course, they only aired the interviews with those students who did not know the answer. I would like to see them ask adults the same question and see how many had no reply. At least give a percentage of how many teens did know the answer: I automatically knew the correct response and plan to vote as

soon as I am able. Students should be involved in politics. However, why should students put their time into politics when the leaders of our nation so often let us down? I would be worried if teens praised Clinton for his escapade with Monica, or wanted to be just like Nixon. Why would a teenager hold these offices in high regard? Maybe we should look at the morals of our adults rather than the perceptions of our teenagers.

Disturbed by what I was watching, I decided to change the channel to a more unbiased program. Seeing as how all teenagers are oblivious to the world around them, I chose to pick up the slack and watch a different news program on behalf of my fellow brothers and sisters. Maybe I could be the light amongst us. This time, there was a segment on teens watching too much television. I started to agree, considering what I had just seen on the previous channel. However, this news program was also hosting a "teen bash." Two hours is too much TV, and video games take away from quality time with the fam-

ily. I know all teens don't spend their nights glued to the tube. I can't. With all the homework we are given, I barely have time to watch one show a week. Even if I did have the time, I couldn't watch all the news programs without exceeding my nightly limit. So I guess that's it for me and the news. Let's not worry about those teens who do spend their time doing drugs. We have to crack down on those avid television watchers.

Everyday in our classrooms teens are told that we hold the future, that we can change the world. All we have to do is set our minds to it. Why would we when all we hear is ridicule? Why would we feel motivated to make a difference when our minds are set on the stereotypes given to us? No one today would say that just because one African American robbed someone, they must all be robbers. It's wrong. So why is it accepted when we say one teen does drugs, it must be a national problem? Before teenagers can conquer the world of tomorrow, they must hear some positive reinforcement today.

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**YES**

The school calendar has once again been decided, while anyone who did not happen to like this year's was (can we say bluntly?) ignored. There is a long list of reasons why starting August 4 and completing the year in early May is not the best option for students or teachers.

First, the summer is now from May to July, and this makes it way too COLD! By the time, the summer begins to heat up, RCHS students don't even know it, because we're already in classrooms. Last year, we were out of school right at the end of May and it rained for the next two weeks. It was also too cold to swim, or actually do anything at this time. In fact, it seemed like it rained most of the summer, until school started again on August 6.

Second, everything was thrown into chaos here at the high school this year because the first semester concluded one week and a half before Christmas break. We are unsure how this will be handled. The first semester could end at Christmas break, however, how will the two semesters be equal?

Third, if Rockcastle County students have to come to school so early in the summer, then there should be a week allotted in the calendar for a fall break. Schools who have included the fall break in their calendars have used it for tutoring and other programs. Furthermore, these schools have reported fewer discipline problems and improved attendance for students AND teachers.

Fourth, Rockcastle County students have been put into a situation of choosing between county summer events and attending high school. This is often hard for some students, especially those who try to be involved in community activities (as we are encouraged to be.)

We as students, and Rockcastle Countians, were under the impression community involvement was a "good thing," and doing in well in school was as well. However, these two things are now hard to do during the summer. These events include, the World Famous Little World's Brodhead Fair, Kentucky State Fair, football camp, summer baseball, summer softball, etc.

# Is the calendar for 2004-2005 really that bad?

**NO**

Many people have pointed out the unattractive points of the school calendar chosen for the 2004-2005 school year, yet they haven't considered the attractive views of this new calendar. Believe it or not, there are many good aspects of this calendar and here are just a few.

First, the new school calendar really work to the advantage of high school seniors who have educational, military, technical, or alternative programs that begin earlier in the summer. Often, these programs begin in early June. An earlier closing date

gives them a little time to prepare, while in the past, they would have had to wait for another opportunity later in the summer, or in another year.

Second, we have been informed the first semester for high school students will not end until Christmas break. This is good news for all teachers and students who experienced the two weeks of chaos before Christmas-break that occurred this year, when we started a new semester and then were off for almost a month. Now, teachers don't have to worry about starting something new and having to review when students come back.

Third, even if there is not a weeklong fall break included, there are more four day weekends, which all high school students LOVE. These are always appreciated. The fact that these dates are scattered throughout the semester means students, and teachers will have several opportunities to relax and de-stress.

Fourth, high school seniors who plan on attending college, which doesn't usually start until late August or September, get an extremely long summer to rest or work to earn money before beginning another chapter in their lives.

Fifth, if there is by chance a huge winter snow storm, students do not have to wait until mid-June or July to finally get out of school. Next year's calendar includes several "make-up" days.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, students at RCHS get more instruction time to prepare for CATS testing, and less time remaining after CATS testing waiting for school to get out, so now when testing is over it will really mean "school is out!"

## The final episode of *Friends* airs May 6. How do you think it will all end?



"I hope they all end up staying together or I'll cry."  
-Allie Mink



"Ross and Rachel are going to get back together and ride off into the sunset."  
-Jennifer Mattingly



"I like the show, but I don't know how it will end. I hope Phoebe and Joey get married."  
--Jessica Barron



RCHS students enter Washington University in St. Louis while on their Spring Break Gear-Up trip.

## A Trip Not Easily Forgotten: Gear Up provides educational spring break

By SCARLET FREDERICK

When students imagine visiting colleges, they usually picture staying in vacant dorms, sitting in on lectures and eating in the cafeteria amid other students. However, 33 students touring five colleges from Mt. Vernon to St. Louis found it to be quite the opposite.

Sponsored by Gear-Up, the trip wasn't all bland dorms and bad college food. The trip, which was

scheduled for spring break, includes shopping, a zoo and even a baseball game.

Junior participant Paula Rowland said she was excitedly counting down the days prior to the trip.

The students, who left the first Monday during Spring Break, toured the University of Louisville, University of Evansville, Washington University, Missouri

Baptist University, and Murray State University.

One of the many perks of the trip is that it was free. It was originally going to cost around \$625 per student.

"It was a good experience for us academically and socially. We

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## No truth to rumored policy changes for prom

By AUDREY BURKE

Rumors circulating about possible changes concerning who can, or who can't, attend are just that—rumors.

Some of the rumored changes stated that freshman and sophomores from other schools, as well as graduated students, would not be allowed to attend RCHS's prom. Another rumor indicated students from other schools all together would be prohibited. Principal John Hale confirmed that the exclusion of any underclassman from the prom has been discussed by the student council; however, there have not been any confirmed changes.

"There would have to be several considerations when limiting prom so much," Hale said.

"There are situations where a student's spouse may be out of school," he explained. There have been prior cases when students were engaged, or even married, to people who were older.

Many students are against the idea of such changes.

"It's stupid," said senior Nathan Doan. "Lots of people date out of the county."

Others agreed, and some thought it would even cause more problems.

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## Cheerleaders disappointed at state

By CHRISTA PHELPS

After a first place finish at KAPOS (Kentucky Association of Pep Organization Sponsors) regionals, the 12 member RCHS cheerleading squad went to a disappointing finish in state competition March 20.

RCHS was the smallest team in the state competition, held at Eastern Kentucky University, where they competed against numerous squads. One was Perry County Central, who went on to win the 2 1/2 minute small varsity division.

"We did the best we could," said senior Becca Alsip, "but not everything stuck."

According to Alsip, the squad didn't have a chance against other squads which had been preparing for KAPOS since August.

"I was proud of how we did," she added. "It was a great experience."

The squad has already begun preparations for next year with tryout clinics the next two weeks. Tryouts will be in May.

## School newspaper receives honors at state

Rockcastle County High's school newspaper, *The Rocket*, received five awards at the Kentucky High School Journalism Association's conference Wednesday, April 21.

"I was very pleased with their performance this year," said adviser Susan Norton. "To place in four categories was a tremendous achievement for this group."

KHSJA recognized two staff members for their work in newswriting. Junior Kyla French received second place and Audrey Burke, a senior, earned an honorable mention for their stories on budget cuts within the school district.

Senior Allison Anderkin received third place in advertising while junior Zac Pensol garnered two honorable mentions: one in the editorial cartoon category and one for illustrations/graphics.

The staff hopes to improve for an even better performance next year. "Next year, we'll try to focus on more diverse features, as well as designing a more appealing layout for the paper," said Norton.

*The Rocket* is produced by students in the journalism class.

**There will be no school Tues-  
day, May 18 due to Election  
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## Odd habits? There could be more to those quirks than you think

By BONNIE BRIGGS

Ever just have to cut your toenails every Monday at 5:30 pm? Well...maybe not.

Most people have odd or compulsive habits. It is not unusual to find yourself counting steps wherever you walk or typing out signs with your hands or feet.

However, there are people who find themselves becoming more and more controlled by their compulsions. This is called Obsessive Compulsive Disorder. But never fear: unless you have quite a few habits that you feel you are becoming unable to manage, weird tendencies make you a normal human being.

Beware of habits that become time-consuming. For instance, victims can be obsessed with cleanliness - washing their hands all the time or taking an inordinately long time to clean up after themselves.

Senior Indi Ruhe has to wash her feet every night before she goes to sleep. "If I don't, I feel gross and can't go to sleep until I do."

It is traditionally believed that Obsessive Compulsion Disorder shows up most often in teenagers.

It can be identified, in the early stages, as bizarre habits that remove their victim further and further away from their normal activities. There is an easy way to avoid that, however: do not allow yourself to become dependent upon your compulsions.

One anonymous cafeteria worker claims, "I take a drink a water every night so I can sleep, but I have to hold it in my mouth and swallow it once I lay down so I won't be thirsty."

Junior Sara Snyder has to "go to bed, wake up in the middle of the night and get a glass of milk--then go back to sleep."

An early sign of OCD is "checking"--doing something repeatedly. This urge to perform the same task a certain number of times before being satisfied is common.

"I always have to turn the light on and off three times before I can move into another room in my house," says junior Stephen Long.

There are many other ways to identify OCD. Any kind of tendency that takes up an hour or more of your time is a possible indica-

tor. Other "symptoms" to look for are being extremely meticulous or overly concerned over small details, demanding everything around be kept asymmetrical, and avoiding certain objects or situations without fail.

"I always eat french fries in groups of three," says freshman Mackenzie Marrie. "If one or two of them is longer than the other, I'll just throw them away."

Senior Jamie Ornella says, "No matter what time I got to sleep, I can wake up at 7 A.M., but never at 6:30."

Sometimes these compulsions can get you into trouble.

"I have to look a person up and down whenever I meet them," says Sheena Fry. "I don't mean to--it's just a habit, but other people really don't like it."

If you think you might have obsessive compulsive disorder, or if you just want to have some fun, go to [psychcentral.com/ocdquiz](http://psychcentral.com/ocdquiz) and find out what you rate on the OCD test. However, considering I scored a 15, I will not guarantee the test's accuracy.

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also tacky. Auburn might also be your color of color.

**For Brown Hair Types-** If you plan on going darker (and hopefully you do; if you're hair is a dark brown) use an auburn, or one shade darker than your natural color. If you go any darker, then your complexion will wash out. If you have a lighter brown hair color, you may want to use a copper highlight or honey, or even a dark blonde. To achieve desirable subtle high lights, go for a richer blonde (such as honey blonde). If you used anything too bright or platinum, it looks extremely unnatural. Also, you don't want to use anything right next to your natural color, because it will probably not show up.

**For Red Hair Types-** I suggest using either a strawberry blonde to a natural blonde, but again no platinum. If you desire to go darker, auburn is the only color that would look natural unless you're hair is already auburn, then you can even go brown, if desired.

If you have already tried the home hair dye and made, oh can we say, a big mistake and now you're hair is red, gray, black,

white, and blonde, don't cry because we have the solution.

Get an appointment with a professional hair stylist as soon as possible and seek their help. Within no time, they'll have you calmed down with the tresses you were looking for in the first place. This makes it easier on your hair, and on you, in case you decide that's not the color for you. Temporary dyes come in 28, 24, 14, and 7 washes. That means it will more than likely wash out and fade within that many times you wash your hair. Plus, with temporary dye your roots do not show as much when they grow out.

Also, a quick tip for the actual dying process to achieve a great look is to make sure and massage the dye as much and as close as you can into your scalp. If you get too much for too long around your ends they will be darker than the rest of your head. This is because your ends are dryer and they will soak the color up more; while your scalp is more moisturized, it soaks up the same or less than the rest of your hair will.



"Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day."

-Sally Koch

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What you need to know for dorm life:

## A Guide for Making it Through Your Freshman Year

By AUDREY BURKE

If you are going to college then you are about to go from your own room, your fridge, your microwave, your clean shower, and many other luxuries you've had the benefit of at home, to sharing a small room with a stranger, cafeteria with actual hours, and possibly a public bathroom. Congratulations you've just entered dorm life.

So what will you need to know about campus life? What will you need to buy for next year? How can you avoid room mate throw downs? Well, here are some suggestions.

### What comes in most dorms

Generally speaking most dorms come with certain basic furnishing such as beds. Many dorms also include one or two desks, dressers, and closet space. Therefore, most of the major amenities are covered. Some dorms come with carpet and others are tile, so it is best to find out before hand how dorms on a campus are designed, in case you want a rug. If there is room, some students like to take a lounge chair, as well, but, it would be wise to assess how much space you have to begin with. This information can

be found by looking up residence halls on the college of your choice's website.

In terms of electronics and modern technology, most dorms today have basic cable TV and an internet connection in each room.

"Internet hook-up is the biggest thing now," says senior Counselor Dale Whitaker. He elaborated that many classes have online discussions, will post work there, and email is one of the fastest and easiest ways to communicate with professors.

Whitaker advises checking on air conditioning, which isn't always included in a dorm room, but they do have heating. If a dorm doesn't come air conditioned then check if you will be allowed to take an air conditioner or fan. If air conditioners are allowed, remember to also check the dimensions of the windows so you can determine what size you will need.

There are, of course, other things that many students can't (or won't) leave home without.

**What students will need to bring**

Most of the things that you will

need to bring yourself are pretty basic; these include bed sheets, towels, washcloths and anything else you need on a daily basis. Be sure to remember, as well, that such items as soap, shampoo, and so forth don't last forever, so try to budget some money toward buying those as needed. Things that students like to bring but that aren't a necessity include TVs, VCRs, DVD players, gaming systems, their own computer and printer, etc. Items that top most graduation wish lists are mini fridges and microwaves, but bare in mind that not all dorms allow them.

Also, be sure to check in with your roommate; having two of absolutely everything wouldn't really be practical. Room mate information is mailed out in the summer, and it includes contact information so you can organize who will bring what. Also, clear up the items that won't be brought or allowed in the dorm.

**What isn't allowed in most dorms**

Beyond the obvious, like drugs and other illicit substances, others things that often aren't allowed in

dorms are alcohol, either regardless of age, pets, and things with open heating elements such as hot plates, and it sometimes includes microwaves. Determining this will take individual research because different campuses have different policies. The only animals that are generally considered acceptable are fish, but even then there are requirements for the tank size. Microwaves and candles differ also; in some places they are okay while in others they are considered a fire hazard. So again, any items that you aren't sure about, research and find out if they are allowed before bringing them.

Other things that come to mind when thinking about what is allowed, is decorating and to what extent you can decorate if allowed.

### Decorating

Decorating is something else that tends to be relative to location; although most residence halls allow you to hang posters and pictures, many don't allow you to paint your room. Most other aspects, as long as they aren't

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Off to College magazine provided this list of items most often needed for college:

### Computer:

Computer, printer and ink, software, surge protector/expansions strips.

### Closets and Storage:

Desk organizer, hangers, shoe racks, under bed storage containers.

### Bedding

Blanket/comforter, mattress cover, pillow, pillow cases (2), sheets (2).

### Laundry:

Detergent, iron/portable ironing board, laundry basket, stain remover.

### Basic Toiletries:


Robe, bathroom tote, Plastic or rubber shoes, towels, wash cloths.

### Room Supplies:

Alarm clock, batteries, cleaning supplies, utensils (plastic), dust buster, extension cords, lamps, light bulbs, paper towels, small tools, poster putty, trash can.

### Room Decorating Supplies:

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# Will the reality TV trend survive?

The continuing flood of new series suggests the answer is YES!

By KYLA FRENCH

"Is this chicken or tuna?"  
"Will you accept this rose?"  
"Let's get ready to trade spaces!"

Following a new wave of reality television, fans tune in each week to catch their favorite show. While the jury is still out on how much is actually reality, "the tribe has spoken" and it's here to stay.

The new millennium ushered in reality TV, beginning with CBS's *Survivor* in 2000. Viewers tuned in each week to watch the rugged castaways compete for the \$1 million dollar prize.

"I like *Survivor* because it was the original and it's the most difficult," said Junior Bill Burdette. "It's the only show where they do physical stuff."

Just like the cast of *Survivor: Borneo*, fans were starved, but not for food. For more reality TV.

*American Idol* soon surfaced in 2002, offering hopefuls the chance to become an overnight music sensation. Fans watched each week to vote for their favorite performer. Eventually, the ultimate superstar was chosen. In season 1, *American Idol* announced Kelly Clarkson as champion, but America will never forget Keith from Atlanta and his moving rendition of "Like a Virgin".

"I love watching them make fools of themselves," said Junior Justin Prewitt.

The demand has grown tremendously for still more reality TV, leaving us with over sixty



The current season of *American Idol* has introduced many new hopeful superstars into the reality television genre.

shows airing now and ten on the way.

MTV has jumped on the reality bandwagon, adding such shows as *Punk'd* (2002), where you can see your favorite celebrities get pranked, and *The Newlyweds* (2003), where you can follow the daily lives of the recently wed Nick Lachey and Jessica Simpson. Simpson's antics have left America pondering exactly what a "platamapus" is.

*Average Joe* has been gaining much attention since it flipped the usual dating show upside down. Unlike *The Bachelorette* or *Cupid*, *Average Joe* gives a beautiful woman the opportunity to star on a reality dating series with the premise that she will get to choose a mate from a group of well-groomed men. However, she is greeted by a van of "average Joe's", which are far from the stereotypical "stud." A group of better looking men arrive midway

through the show to threaten the Joe's chances of getting the girl. The audience is glued to the show wondering whether the beautiful woman will pick the more average person like themselves, or if she will go for the "hunk."

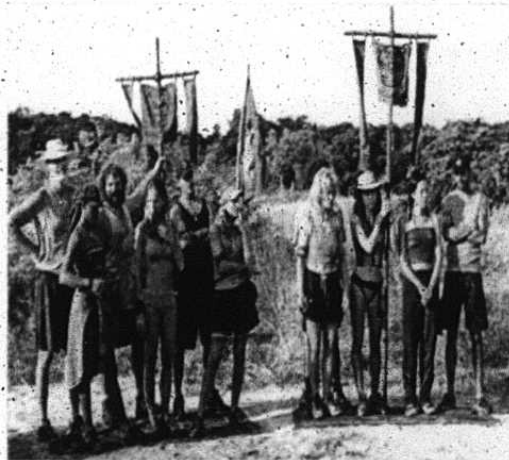
While the dating shows do typically end with a wedding proposal, some series go straight into marriage. These are what I like to call the "how to get a divorce in 1 season" shows. *My Big Fat Obnoxious Fiancé* shines in this category among others such as *Who Wants to Marry my Dad?* and *Married by America*. *Fiancé* hires two contestants with opposite personalities who have to convince their families that they are going to be married and to be at their wedding. If they succeed, they get \$250,000 a piece. However, what the soon-to-be wife doesn't know is that her future husband is a hired actor. His job is to give her a hard time by being as obnoxious as he

possibly can. Needless to say, her family is disgusted by the idea that the two will be married, and many refuse to attend the wedding ceremony.

Yet another genre of reality show has been introduced through the TLC station. The makeover show. This trend began with *Trading Spaces* in 2000. *Trading Spaces* gives two sets of homeowners the opportunity to switch homes for two days and let a professional designer redo a room in each other's home. However, they cannot see the finished project until the two days are up. *Extreme Makeover* has also joined the pack, giving everyday people the chance to have any plastic surgery they desire and to gain a personal trainer to help lose those pounds.

Whether it's makeovers, models, celebrities, or dating, one

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This season's *Survivor* brings former competitors together for an all-star edition.

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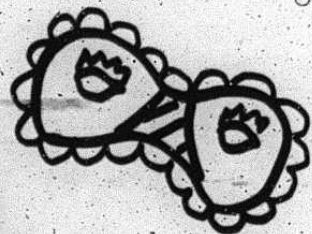


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# Mardi Prom

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Top: (left to right) Juniors Phil McFerron, Kyle Owens, and Matthew Whitaker do their best 007 impressions before Prom. Middle: Junior Courtney Hale and date Cody Laswell are all smiles before the big night. Bottom: Junior Tara Rowe and Senior Elijah Lunsford are caught off guard while waiting to hand in their tickets.



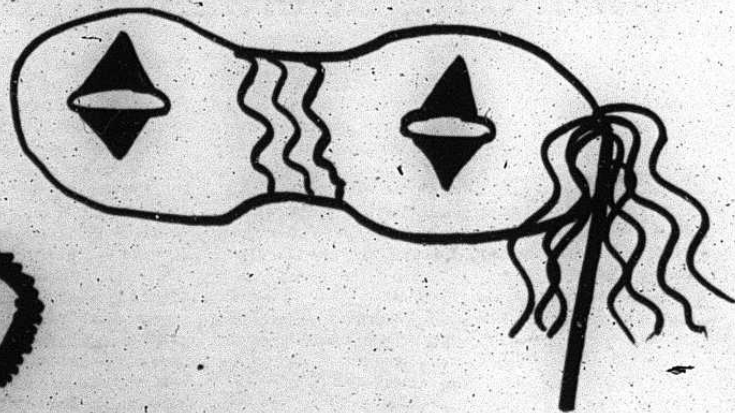
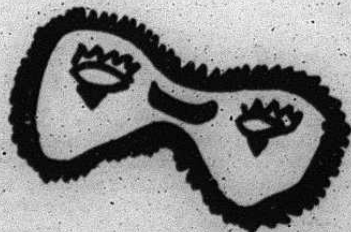
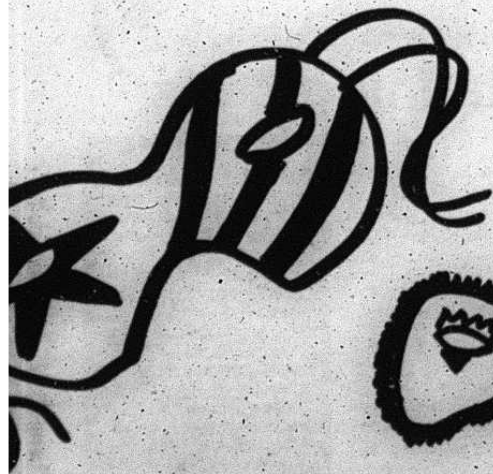


# Mardi Gras 2004

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Top: Senior Jamie Ornella hands in her Prom ticket as she is finally able to enter RCHS Mardi Gras. Bottom: Junior Stacey Purcell loses herself in the excitement of Prom as she blows a kiss to the camera.



## HINTS AND TIPS for home haircoloring

By ALLISON ANDERKIN

"Always wanted to try a new hair color but always been afraid of turning your dream hair bright pink or puke green? Well, now you can have the perfect color you've always wanted with only a few tips and tricks on home hair coloring.

Before you begin, remember different brands affect different people. Just because one brand looked great on your mom or best friend, doesn't mean it will do the same for you. There is a variety of brands and each is a little different, make a careful decision, but if you think you don't like the first one you use, try a different brand the next time.

Another vital decision you need to make is what kind of color you want: highlights, lowlights, or all over color? For anyone doing home hair color, and especially first time users, I recommend doing all over color. It is by far the easiest.

This is because trying to do highlights or low lights for that matter is often much harder. According to Hair Care: Hints & Tips on Coloring Hair At Home Review on the web and my own personal experience, it's too difficult to try and get the highlights even, or in my case hard to find a color that you're willing to risk using that is light enough for it to show.

I wanted a shade lighter than my natural color, like a honey or soft caramel. However, instead I ended up with auburn streaks (thank goodness for semi-permanent hair dye.)

Then I tried to do it again, with the same brand, but one shade lighter from what I used last time. This time it didn't work again, but

it did seem to keep my hair brown, instead of auburn.

So, unless you plan on using all over hair color, make an appointment with a stylist. Also, it is often very hard to do the highlights to one's self and almost any type of home highlighting kits are almost always permanent.

It's worth it to do all over color, just to get semi-permanent dye.

Then after making this decision there is again another equally important one, the color you want to try and the durability you want to use. For first time user's this is probably the most important choice. There are three main types of durability: wash-out, semi-permanent, and permanent. For the first time I highly recommend the semi-permanent. It lasts a little while longer than wash out (which can last from one day to only a week) and they do not permanently alter the structure and color of your hair, and eventually can be fully washed out. This is because they sometimes contain ammonia or a developing cream but no bleach. After this one, you should decide, do you want auburn, blonde (platinum or dirty blond, black, honey, caramel, copper, and so on;

**For Blonde Hair Types-** If you're a natural blonde, always stay a blonde, even if it gets a little darker as you get older, it's okay to keep high lighting it. Never try to



go darker, unless you are wanting to put in a very few low lights that are similar to your own hair color, but do not go brown, black, etc. Darker on blondes can look unnatural and washes out your complexion. However, you might ask *lowlights*, what are those? And what's the difference between those and highlights. Lowlights are streaks of a shade darker or so of your own hair, just to give it a variety and add dimensions to dull natural hair color. Highlights are streaks of a shade lighter or more that will also add dimensions to dull natural hair color.

**For Black Hair Types-** Just as blondes aren't supposed to go dark, NEVER try to go blonde. Either use a deep or medium to dark brown; just to give your hair a richer, more healthy shine. If you use anything lighter than this it is definitely unnatural looking and streaking and I hate to say it but

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## Sally Hansen's new makeup gives "fast, flawless" finish

By INDI RUHE

Is your makeup getting old? Are you in the mood for something new? Here at the Rocket it was time for a change, so we tried Sally Hansen's Fast and Flawless airbrush makeup for all skins.



This product is a keeper. You can find it at Rite-Aid and other stores for about \$7.99.

All you have to do is shake the can well (yes, it's spray-can-like paint), spray, and rub in evenly. It's that easy. It sounded so easy that we here at *The Rocket* tried it out just to see how "fast and flawless" this makeup really was. We followed the instructions and after we were done we compared notes.

Staff member Christa Phelps said, "I liked it because it was easy to put on and it covered well,

but it was hard to get off of my fingers afterwards."

Jessica Riddle, who is also a Rocket staff member, said, "It was very light weight and had great coverage. I thought it was

great." So we all agreed that it was easy to put on and it left our skin feeling like we didn't have any makeup on, but you could see it. It rubbed in smoothly, didn't leave a makeup line, and it didn't wear off easily.

At the end of the day all we had to do was take some soap and water to remove it. (Getting it off your hands was another story.)

So, if you are tired of that old make up or just in the mood to try something new then Sally Hansen's Fast and Flawless airbrush makeup is for you.

Next month look  
for our review of  
the new "healthy"  
salads from  
Wendy's, Subway,  
and McDonald's.

## Airbrushing offers alternative to tanning beds

By INDI RUHE

Are you white as a ghost?

Yes.

Are you afraid to go to the tanning bed?

Yes.

Are you afraid self-tanning lotions will leave you a streaky orange?

Yes.

Then you may be just the candidate to try a new tanning alternative: airbrush tanning.

I hadn't heard about airbrush tanning till a friend of mine became really tan overnight. I couldn't believe that she had gotten so dark so fast so I asked what she had done. That's when she told me

about airbrush tanning.

This new tanning alternative is really quick and simple. All you have to do is get undressed (not totally undressed -- you can wear your swimsuit), stand still, and be airbrushed. When you are finished make sure you do not take a shower for 8 hours. If you do, your tan will fade and leave blotches all over your body. This is a result you do not want.

If you are thinking about getting airbrushed for a specific event then you should get it done two days prior to the event.

"When you first get it done you

look a little orange," said junior Katie Stevens, who has been airbrushed several times.

This tan will last for up to 3 weeks if you shower moderately and you don't scrub excessively. If you're someone who showers twice a day or more, and exfoliates all the time then your tan may only last up to a week, said Stevens.

It's important to remember that airbrush tanning isn't very easy to wash away when you want to get rid of it. In other words, you can't just sit and try to scrub it away overnight so you'll have to just tough it out until it decides to

wear away.

Some people have commented that when the bronzer starts to wear away it wears at the elbows, knees, and neck. This, along with the slightly orange tint the first day, may be the only downside to this tanning alternative.

Stevens said that she would recommend airbrush tanning to anyone who wants a tan fast. However, senior Claudia Schmidt, who experienced some slight orange color as well as some wearing away of the bronzer, says that it isn't worth it, and tanning beds are better.

### Get the scoop fast!

Where can you get it done? Sabrina's (MI, Vermont, Ocean Front, Richmond), and Contour's Express (Berwyn).

Does it work? "It worked for me. I was really tanned afterwards," said junior Katie Stevens.

How much does it cost? The price may vary from place to place, but it usually costs \$25-\$30.

How long does it take to be airbrushed? 15 min to apply and 15 min to dry.

How long does it last? Airbrush tanning can last up to three weeks or more.

# ROCKETS COMPLETE SWEET SEASON

In the world of high school sports, Rockcastle can be proud yet again thanks to two very successful teams, the Rockets and Lady Rockets Basketball Teams. Both teams surprised us and wowed us while representing Rockcastle as a powerhouse in sports.

The girls, who were ranked in the top ten for most of the season, won huge in districts and regionals, even against their top ranked opponent and rival Jackson County. After suffering the loss of junior Johnna Abney to an injury, the Lady Rockets still made a good showing at Diddle Arena in Bowling Green.

The boys team, who lost to rival Clay County in the district tournament, went on to win the tournament that counted, against three good teams in the 13th region. The boys had a bad draw in the state tournament, but they made the most of it.

Both teams had excellent seasons, and both also only lose one senior starter this year. This means the expectations for both teams will be high next year as well, and the fans will be excited to watch another excitement filled, action packed season.



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# Avoid Prom Disaster by Planning Ahead

By JESSICA RIDDLE

*It's Friday night and have set your alarm clock for your prom hair appointment. You're already in a bind because you waited so long to make this appointment and were stuck with the very first one of the day. You fall fast asleep, full of anticipation. Hours later, you frantically wake to the horror that your alarm didn't go off, you're late for your appointment and there is no possible way to get another one...then you wake-up. This nightmare is a common reality many people wake to the morning of prom.*

*Without proper preparations and appointments your day as royalty can turn into a day filled with disaster.*

## Gals

Local stylists have many suggestions for your prom hair appointments.

First, you need to get your appointment at least one month in advance (That means, like last week!).

Next you need to give ample amount of time for the style to be totally completed. Usually, up-dos should take around 30 minutes to an hour depending on which style you choose. This is an indication that you need to allow around an hour and 15 minutes for your hair to be completed. The cost range is from \$15 to \$20 for hair styles both up and down.

Another appointment that is a must have is your nails. You have two choices for your nails: natural and acrylic. For natural nails you need to get a manicure. Tina Abney of Sabrina's Hair Design offers both manicures and pedicures. The prices range from \$12-\$15 for the manicure and



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pedicures are \$40. The prices range depending on the style that is chosen by the customer, there is European and French to choose from.

If you want to go acrylic you need to go to nail salon. Sabrina's now offers full service nails. Along with the services in Mt. Vernon you have a large assortment of salons to choose from. They are located in Somerset, London, Richmond, and Berea.

Acrylic nails cost anywhere from \$15-\$25. If you get more than the basic acrylic nails, like French tips or any type of air brush, it will cost \$5-\$20 extra. If you want to make an appointment you can just call 1-2 weeks in advance. Although walk-ins are welcome, they aren't guaranteed prompt service.

## Guys

Now for all you guys out there your main focus is the tux. There are two establishments that offer tuxedo rentals in Mt. Vernon: Cox's Florist and Sabrina's Hair Design. Both businesses offer Geno's Tuxedos.

Cox's tuxes start at \$50 and extend to whatever price your heart may desire. An extra \$15-\$30 will cover the cost of shoes.



Visit [genosformalaffair.com](http://genosformalaffair.com) for more information on the latest formal styles. Find the right tux for your big night.

At Sabrina's, tuxes range from \$70-\$150 depending on the style. Sabrina's prices do include the shoes.

According to owner Sabrina Bishop, tuxedos should have been ordered three weeks before prom.

"This allows time for the tuxes to come in, which takes around one week, and the measurements to be double checked for perfection."

At Cox's you can order right up to the day before you need it.

"Just remember that the earlier you order the more choices you have to choose from," advises Tammy Cox, owner of Cox's Florist.

The only other thing that you guys should be worried about is the corsage. This can be bought at any florist in Mt. Vernon and even at Wal-Mart. Just remember to order a color that will match, not clash with, your date's dress.

For all of you prom goers out there, I hope your appointments and time management makes your prom night one that you will always remember.

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# BREAKING THE MOLD: Two RCHS students shatter stereotypes

By CHRISTA PHELPS

When you hear the words "dance team," who typically comes first to your mind? What about if I were to say "cheerleaders?" Females, right? Wrong! Here at RCHS two males come to our minds. These two males have shattered that hardened mold of "female only" activities.

Our very own mold breakers are senior Stephen Powell, a member of dance team for the past five months, and freshman Dustin Renner, who's working on his second year on the cheerleading squad.

Powell, joined dance team in October because "I love to dance," he explained. However, there was more to it than just enjoyment. He also joined "to open up opportunities for me in life like... meeting people, and college scholarships."

Renner, who was influenced by an older cousin who was also a cheerleader, joined the cheerleading squad simply because "I've always been interested in it."

Despite the thought of these guys being ridiculed because of their involvement in these activities, they have no trouble getting support from their friends.

"I met one of my first best friends through cheerleading at the high school," Renner admits. As for Powell, he receives support from his friends "in front of me," he adds with a laugh. "My biggest fans are Devin Taylor and James Isaacs."

Both Powell and Renner also receive support from their families, but Powell's parents didn't really believe it at first. When he first told his parents about joining the dance team they didn't think he would really do it.

"They thought it was only a joke." Despite the early surprise, the support is definitely there. "My dad acts like he doesn't like it, but he's only joking. They [Mom and Dad] both come and watch me."

"Very much supportive" is how Renner describes his family's attitude. His mom and dad are



Recent addition to the RCHS cheerleading squad, Freshman Dustin Johnson helps pep up the crowd during a home game.

especially encouraging.

"When people would call me names and make fun of me, they'd tell me to look at where I'm at and where they'll be. They wouldn't let me get down on myself."

When he first informed his parents that he was trying out for the cheerleading squad, his mom thought it was a great idea.

Renner's cheerleading season is currently over and Powell is

helping with tryouts for the new squad. Regardless of the future both have left a lasting impression on RCHS.

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## Wayfarer Redemption series an extreme must

By BONNIE BRIGGS

I have heard many of my friends discuss fantasy novels, but I was never interested in reading them. I figured they would be full of unicorns, wizards, and a myriad of forgettable names. Basically, I just knew the stories would alternate between confusing and boring.

One series that has completely changed my opinion on fantasy is *The Wayfarer Redemption* by the Australian author Sara Douglass.

In the first book, *The Wayfarer Redemption*, Achar, a.k.a. earth, is under attack by creatures who seek its complete destruction. The only way they can be defeated is if the three races roaming Achar can unite under an unknown leader—the Starman. The task seems all but impossible, especially since the Acharites (humans) had driven off and killed many Icarri (a race with wings) and Avar (people of the forest).

Achar is ruled by the cruel Way of the Plow. The Plow was responsible for tearing down the forests so cherished by both the Icarri and, especially, the Avar. The main enforcers of the Way are the Axe-wielders with the Battle Axe—Axis—as their commander.

The enigmatic prophecy of the Destroyer controls all that it touches. Axis discovers his real identity and his purpose, to become the leader of the three races—the Starman.

In the second book, *Enchanter*, two hauntingly beautiful women of noble birth, but with far different childhoods, seek the love of the Starman.

Victories, defeat, and betrayal wrack the lives of those caught up



in the prophecy. Icarri and Acharites stand together, but the bitter Avar refuse to join the cause unless directed by TreeFriend.

In the third book, *Starman*, The Destroyer then comes up with an entirely new monster, one that will destroy the Icarri in flight and tear apart the Acharites on the ground. However, the lover-spoken of in the prophecy, along with the star gods—can defeat with ease the new challenge only if she realizes the extent of her powers.

Not all is victory. Some of the characters introduced at the beginning are killed or lost to the evil side. The Starman's children almost defeat their father's cause, resulting in the loss of one's enchanter powers.

I enjoyed the series greatly. The books are pretty long, okay, they were around 600 pages each, but they are definitely worth it. I have to admit that the ending was a little... well, a lot different than what I expected, but that just made it more enjoyable. I strongly recommend this trilogy to anyone currently reading fantasy or those who wish to start.

## FEATURES

## Secret Window worth an opening

By KYLA FRENCH

The "scary movie" has gone downhill in recent days with the additions of ghosts, goblins, and the ever-present zombie in every tale. For this reason, I was overjoyed when Johnny Depp's new thriller *Secret Window* opened to provide a breath of fresh air for those of us who like a little Depp, excuse me, depth to our characters.

Based on Stephen King's novella, *Secret Window* follows the life of tortured author Mort Rainey (Depp), who is separated from his wife, Amy (Maria Bello, *The Cooler*) living in a secluded cabin while completing his next novel. One afternoon, Rainey is disturbed from his sleep by a loud knocking at his door. Upon opening it, he finds a disgruntled man in a large black-rimmed hat who identifies himself as John Shooter (John Turturro, *O Brother Where Art Thou?*). Shooter claims that Rainey has plagiarized one of his stories and wants Rainey to correct his ending. When Rainey denies any involvement, strange things begin happening around his home and threats are made against his wife.



Johnny Depp plays a troubled writer in *Secret Window*.

The suspense begins when Rainey goes on a hunt to find why these things are happening to him and who Shooter really is.

There is a large twist in the plot near the end of the film, adding even more to the already gripping tale.

Some things are predictable in the film, but Depp's portrayal of Rainey adds much to the movie. As in his recent hit *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl*, Depp adds many idiosyncrasies to the character, throwing some humor into the mix,

compared to more recent horror flicks where you simply watch the walking dead stumble across the screen. Many serious points in the film were broken by Depp's antics, which is unusual for such a film.

However, there are many dramatic moments in the movie that leave you questioning the people that you talk to everyday.

*Secret Window* flawlessly combines suspense, humor, and drama, creating a unique viewing experience. This is a window worth being opened.

### May marks beginning of summer's movie season

High Jackman appears as monster hunter *Van Helsing*, May 7. Kate Beckinsale (*Pearl Harbor*, *Underworld*) co-stars.

Epic hero Achilles and the Trojan War come to life in *Troy*, opening May 14. The film stars Brad Pitt (*Fight Club*), Eric Bana (*The Hulk*), Orlando Bloom (*Lord of the Rings* trilogy and *Pirates*

*of the Caribbean*), and Sean Bean (also of *The Lord of the Rings*).

Shrek returns May 21 in *Shrek 2* with the voices of Mike Myers, Cameron Diaz, and Eddie Murphy.

*Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* opens June 4. The third film in the series includes returning stars Daniel Radcliffe, Emma

Watson, and Rupert Grint.

Vin Diesel appears in the science fiction/adventure/epic thriller *The Chronicles of Riddick*, June 11.

Tobey McGuire and Kirsten Dunst return in *Spiderman 2*, June 30. The action begins two years after the first film left off and features and all new super villain.

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## PROM POLICY:

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"It would make some rebel because they wouldn't be able to be with the one they love," commented fellow senior Samantha Owens.

According to Mr. Hale, no recommendation has come to the SBDM Council, and "I'm not aware of any being developed." However, the council is always open to suggestion.

He did add, "Having people there who aren't accountable to the school means the only way to deal with them if they cause problems is by having them arrested."

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## WHICKER/HIMES: continued from front

the weight had to be documented. After months of tests and psych evaluations, both were finally approved.

Now, one year after his surgery, after years of being considered "super-morbidly obese," Whicker is now able to walk better, and he feels much healthier. His diabetes has reversed and his kidneys are no longer deteriorating. His Body Mass Index, which assesses your weight compared to your height, has also shown incredible improvement. A healthy BMI for an adult usually falls between 18 and 25. If your BMI is 30 or higher, you're considered obese; if it is 40 or higher, extremely obese. In January of 2003, his BMI measured 72. Today, it's down to 32.

Since his surgery, Whicker has lost a total of 280 pounds.

Himes' surgery took place in January, just two months ago. She began with a BMI of 44, and has lost 56 pounds so far. She says her weight has not stabilized yet, so she has no idea what her BMI is

now. Eventually, the doctors want her to reach a weight between 125 and 135.

Though Whicker and Himes have seen results, the surgery has had its drawbacks. If the receiver of a gastric bypass eats more than their stomach can hold, they will dispense of the extra food in the most readily available way (simply put, they will vomit). Whicker can't eat anything with a high-sugar content. He has almost reached the point of being able to eat a six-ounce steak, "but it takes me about twenty minutes," he said.

It has only been a few months since Himes' surgery, and she hasn't quite caught up to Whicker as of yet. "I can eat approximately three ounces of solid food right now and... feel completely stuffed," she said.

Excess bleeding and infections can occur, as well as other complications that require a follow-up surgery. Due to significant weight loss in a short amount of time, gallstones can form, along

with inflammation of the stomach's lining. Fortunately, Whicker hasn't had any complications that required such actions.

However, Himes has had her share of difficulty.

"About two weeks after my surgery I realized that the pain I was experiencing wasn't normal, and when my fever reached 104.5 °F one night, I knew something was really wrong," she said.

She was readmitted to the hospital for ten days and underwent numerous X-rays, blood work, and CT scans. After five days, she was still not improving. Following one of the CT scans, doctors discovered she had developed an abscess near her spleen, which was drained. The infection caused pneumonia and also caused one lung to partially collapse. She is still on IV and oral antibiotics, but returned to work just recently.

"Even though I've lost 56 pounds so far, I still don't feel that I'm over the 'hump' yet because of

the complications I experienced," Himes said.

What does Whicker plan to do with his newfound thinness? He is going to a theme park with his wife and two sons (ages 20 and 22) because he couldn't ride the rides with them when they were younger.

"I'm going to ride every ride until I throw up!"

## REALITY TV:

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show has outlasted them all. MTV's *The Real World* debuted in May of 1992, making it the longest running reality series with twelve years under its belt. *The Real World* chooses seven strangers to live in a house in a selected city and to have their lives taped. *Real World* is still going strong, airing now on MTV.

Perhaps even more than the shows, we love the people we get to meet on them. Who could forget Richard Hatch from *Survivor 1*, whose unclothed escapades left the image of his face burned in the minds of all viewers? Or, America's favorite, Simon Cowell from *American Idol*, who taunts the performances of hopeful stars by saying, "If you sang like that 2000 years ago, they would have stoned you."

With popularity comes the opportunity for downfall, but reality TV fans believe this trend will stick.

"I think reality TV will stay," said Prévitt. "People like watching other people make fools of themselves."

There is always a moral lesson that comes from a reality show. Whether it's that you are a horrible singer, or that you can't survive by eating only bug intestines for forty days, there will always be something to learn.

## DORM LIFE: continued from page 6

illegal or a health hazard, are left up to the occupants. If you do want to add a flare to the room then try curtains, festive bed sheets, or the like. But, again be sure to check fire codes and banned items. As for deciding how to decorate in the first place, that will be between you and your roommate. You do want to try to make it together at least the first week together.

## Roommate woes

One of the hardest things many students find about transitioning to dorm life is having to suddenly share close corridors with a stranger. Campuses have their own policies for dealing with problems, but they suggest first that such problems be avoided by roommates coming to an understanding with each other to begin with.

Suggested topics for the conversation are neatness, study times, regulations for visitors, how willing you are to share each other's things, and anything else that could become a problem later. For more money, though, you could try to get a room to yourself.

Another issue Whitaker suggested considering is whether you want to be in a coed dorm or a single sex one. In some cases, space and policy won't allow you the choice, but it is ensured that your roommate will be of the same sex.

## Bathrooms

Finally are the bathrooms. There are two basic styles of them: the public shower and the suite style. The public showers are basically consist of stalls with

shower heads and a curtain. However, in the suite style, there is usually a bathroom that connects two rooms and is shared by those two rooms. It affords more privacy and is generally more sanitary, since there are only four people using it as opposed to 20. This isn't something you will likely get a choice on, but if you find yourself in a public shower, you will probably want to have a pair of rubber flip-flops to shower in, since the floors of the public bathrooms aren't the cleanest in the world.

Whitaker encourages college bound students to live on campus, "It forces you to get involved. It's a world with in-itself. There are tons of activities to get to meet people and make new best friends."

## GEAR UP:

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were exposed to a lot of new experiences," said junior Beth Coleman.

Keri Mazurek, also a junior, was excited about visiting colleges, but was looking forward to the zoo visit as well.

"I fed the giraffes," she said. "I had a lot of fun."

On Wednesday, the trip was even more exciting with a trip to a St. Louis Cardinals game at Busch Stadium.

"After all the running around we did, it was great to sit down and relax for nine innings," said junior Genna Cummins.

Students were chosen for the trip based on how many Gear-Up meetings they had attended, which totaled to be about eight.

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## A fact of life, grief doesn't have to be dealt with alone

BY PAULA ROWLAND

Books, songs, and television series have been created to reach people across the world who are dealing with grief after the loss of a loved one. However, nothing has ever been able to ease the pain that someone can feel. In their most vulnerable time of need, it's common to feel alone and confused, but grief is something that everyone has to experience and no one has to go through it alone.

Teacher Polly Abney's mother past away in the summer of 2000 after a long illness.

"I was very close to her," recalled Ms. Abney, "especially since I was the baby of the family."

In tears, Abney explained how the pain of losing someone close never goes away, but does become more bearable over time.

"For me, death was easier than seeing her live in pain because of cancer."

It was Abney's faith which seemed to help pull her through

such a time of grief.

"I read my Bible every time I had a chance. Of course, I would talk to my family, but prayer was what I truly relied on."

Abney's advice to anyone in a similar situation is simple.

"Realize the pain won't go away immediately, pray all the time, and rely on friendship and family members."

Depending on faith not only helped Abney, but also helped Job Quest Coordinator Kyle Rader. His father was tragically killed in a 2000 car accident.

"We were just starting to get closer when he passed away," he remembers. "Losing him was the worst pain that I have ever experienced. I felt like my spirit had been broken."

Feeling as low as he did, he knew he could turn to his faith when things became too intense.

"I had gotten to one point that I just didn't care what happened to anything," he said as he took a deep breath. "So I asked God to help me because I knew with-

out his help I wouldn't have any help at all to deal with it. Praying to him didn't take my pain away, but it did send me peace."

Rader gave three tips for how people can try and deal with grief when they lose a loved one.

"First of all, you have to have faith. Secondly, you have to allow time for yourself to grieve. And last but not least, you have to know that it's okay to have emotions and to feel."

Sometimes praying or meditating alone doesn't seem to provide immediate relief from grief. That is why RCHS's school counselors' doors are always open.

"Kids come to us [guidance counselors] all of the time needing comfort while they're grieving a loss," said counselor Janice Miller. "Kids really need people that will listen to them and acknowledge that they are in pain. They don't need someone to pretend as if the person who passed on never existed. They need someone to talk to and

share good memories with."

Of course, everyone reacts differently to death, even people who don't seem to grieve.

Friends, even teachers, may become uncomfortable with the thought of talking about death with someone who is grieving, so they try to find ways to make people forget they have even experienced someone's death.

"If you just bottle up your grief, you will eventually get stuck in grief. Everyone has to allow themselves to go through it," said Miller. "It's okay to have feelings; therefore people should just acknowledge that it has happened and work through it."



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For many people, visiting the grave of a loved one is a very private part of the grieving process.

Sometimes it is even better when people find others who are going or have been through the same thing."

Of course, after a loss life can never be the same again. However, that doesn't mean a person should mourn until it controls their life. Grief isn't something that a person never gets over, but should be thought of as another one of life's spontaneous curve balls that we all just have to swing at.

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